15 Theses Of Reformation

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God is changing the Church, and that, in turn, will change the world. Millions of Christians around the world are aware of an imminent reformation of global proportions. They say, in effect: "Church as we know it is preventing Church as God wants it." A growing number of them are surprisingly hearing God say the very same things. There is a collective new awareness of age-old revelations, a corporate spiritual echo. In the following "15 Theses" I will summarize a part of this, and I am convinced that it reflects a part of what the Spirit of God is saying to the Church today. For some, it might be the proverbial fist-sized cloud on Elijah's sky. Others already feel the pouring rain.

15 THESES

1. Church is a Way of Life, not a series of religious meetings

Before they where called Christians, followers of Christ have been called "The Way". One of the reasons was that they have literally found "the way to live." The nature of Church is not reflected in a constant series of religious meetings lead by professional clergy in holy rooms specially reserved to experience Jesus, but in the prophetic way followers of Christ live their everyday life in spiritual extended families as a vivid answer to the questions society faces, at the place where it counts most: in their homes.

2. Time to change the system

In aligning itself to the religious patterns of the day, the historic Orthodox Church after Constantine in the 4th century AD adopted a religious system which was in essence Old Testament, complete with priests, altar, a Christian temple (cathedral), frankincense and a Jewish, synagogue-style worship pattern. The Roman Catholic Church went on to canonize the system. Luther did reform the content of the gospel, but left the outer forms of "church" remarkably untouched; the Free-Churches freed the system from the State, the Baptists then baptized it, the Quakers dry-cleaned it, the Salvation Army put it into a uniform, the Pentecostals anointed it and the Charismatics renewed it, but until today nobody has really changed the superstructure. It is about time to do just that.

3. The Third Reformation

In rediscovering the gospel of salvation by faith and grace alone, Luther started to reform the Church through a reformation of theology. In the 18th century through movements like the Moravians there was a recovery of a new intimacy with God, which led to a reformation of spirituality, the Second Reformation. Now God is touching the wineskins themselves, initiating a Third Reformation, a reformation of structure.

4. From Church-Houses to house-churches

Since New Testament times, there is no such thing as "a house of God". At the cost of his life, Stephen reminded unequivocally: God does not live in temples made by human hands. The Church is the people of God. The Church, therefore, was and is at home where people are at home: in ordinary houses. There, the people of God: share their lives in the power of the Holy Spirit, have "meatings," that is, they eat when they meet; they often do not even hesitate to sell private property and share material and spiritual blessings, teach each other in real-life situations how to obey God's word- dialogue- and not professor-style, pray and prophesy with each other, baptize, 'lose their face' and their ego by confessing their sins, regaining a new corporate identity by experiencing love, acceptance and forgiveness.

5. The church has to become small in order to grow big

Most churches of today are simply too big to provide real fellowship. They have too often become "fellowships without fellowship." The New Testament Church was a mass of small groups, typically between 10 and 15 people. It grew not upward into big congregations between 20 and 300 people filling a cathedral and making real, mutual communication improbable. Instead, it multiplied "sideward" -like organic cells-once these groups reached around 15-20 people. Then, if possible, it drew all the Christians together into citywide celebrations, as with Solomon's Temple court in Jerusalem. The traditional congregational church as we know it is, statistically speaking, neither big nor beautiful, but rather a sad compromise, an overgrown house-church and an under-grown celebration, often missing the dynamics of both.

6. No church is led by a Pastor alone

The local church is not lead by a Pastor, but fathered by an Elder, a local person of wisdom and reality. The local house-churches are then networked into a movement by the combination of elders and members of the so-called five-fold ministries (Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Evangelists and Teachers) circulating "from house to house," whereby there is a special foundational role to play for the apostolic and prophetic ministries (Eph. 2:20, and 4:11.12). A Pastor (shepherd) is a very necessary part of the whole team, but he cannot fulfill more than a part of the whole task of "equipping the saints for the ministry," and has to be complemented synergistically by the other four ministries in order to function properly.

7. The right pieces - fitted together in the wrong way

In doing a puzzle, we need to have the right original for the pieces, otherwise the final product, the whole picture, turns out wrong, and the individual pieces do not make much sense. This has happened to large parts of the Christian world: we have all the right pieces, but have fitted them together wrong, because of fear, tradition, religious jealousy and a power-and-control mentality. As water is found in three forms-ice, water and steam-the five ministries mentioned in Eph. 4:11-12, the Apostles, Prophets, Pastors, Teachers and Evangelists are also found today, but not always in the right forms and in the right places: they are often frozen to ice in the rigid system of institutionalized Christianity; they sometimes exist as clear water; or they have vanished like steam into the thin air of free-flying ministries and "independent" churches, accountable to no-one. As it is best to water flowers with the fluid version of water, these five equipping ministries will have to be transformed back into new-and at the same time age-old-forms, so that the whole spiritual organism can flourish and the individual "ministers" can find their proper role and place in the whole. That is one more reason why we need to return back to the Maker's original and blueprint for the Church.

8. God does not leave the Church in the hands of bureaucratic clergy

No expression of a New Testament church is ever led by just one professional "holy man" doing the business of communicating with God and then feeding some relatively passive religious consumers Moses-style. Christianity has adopted this method from pagan religions, or at best from the Old Testament. The heavy professionalisation of the church since Constantine has now been a pervasive influence long enough, dividing the people of God artificially into laity and clergy. According to the New Testament (1 Tim. 2:5), "there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." God simply does not bless religious professionals to force themselves in-between people and God forever. The veil is torn, and God is allowing people to access Himself directly through Jesus Christ, the only Way. To enable the priesthood of all believers, the present system will have to change completely. Bureaucracy is the most dubious of all administrative systems, because it basically asks only two questions: yes or no. There is no room for spontaneity and humanity, no room for real life. This may be OK for politics and companies, but not the Church. God seems to be in the business of delivering His Church from a Babylonian captivity of religious bureaucrats and controlling spirits into the public domain, the hands of ordinary people made extraordinary by God, who, like in the old days, may still smell of fish, perfume and revolution.

9. Return from organized to organic forms of Christianity

The "Body of Christ" is a vivid description of an organic, not an organized, being. Church consists on its local level of a multitude of spiritual families, which are organically related to each other as a network, where the way the pieces are functioning together is an integral part of the message of the whole. What has become a maximum of organization with a minimum of organism has to be changed into a minimum of organization to allow a maximum of organism. Too much organization has, like a straightjacket; often choked the organism for fear that something might go wrong. Fear is the opposite of faith, and not exactly a Christian virtue. Fear wants to control, faith can trust. Control, therefore, may be good, but trust is better. The Body of Christ is entrusted by God into the hands of steward-minded people with a supernatural charismatic gift to believe God that He is still in control, even if they are not. A development of trust-related regional and national networks, not a new arrangement of political ecumenism is necessary for organic forms of Christianity to reemerge.

10. From worshipping our worship to worshipping God

The image of much of contemporary Christianity can be summarized, a bit euphemistically, as holy people coming regularly to a holy place at a holy day at a holy hour to participate in a holy ritual lead by a holy man dressed in holy clothes against a holy fee. Since this regular performance-oriented enterprise called "worship service" requires a lot of organizational talent and administrative bureaucracy to keep going, formalized and institutionalized patterns developed quickly into rigid traditions. Statistically, a traditional 1-2 hour "worship service" is very resource-hungry but actually produces very little fruit in terms of discipling people, that is, in changed lives. Economically speaking, it might be a "high input and low output" structure. Traditionally, the desire to "worship in the right way" has led to much denominationalism, confessionalism and nominalism. This not only ignores that Christians are called to "worship in truth and in spirit," not in cathedrals holding songbooks, but also ignores that most of life is informal, and so is Christianity as "the Way of Life." Do we need to change from being powerful actors to start "acting powerfully?"

11. Stop bringing people to church and start bringing the church to the people

The church is changing back from being a Come-structure to being again a Go-structure. As one result, the Church needs to stop trying to bring people "into the church," and start bringing the Church to the people. The mission of the Church will never be accomplished just by adding to the existing structure; it will take nothing less than a mushrooming of the church through spontaneous multiplication of itself into areas of the population of the world, where Christ is not yet known.

12. Rediscovering the "Lord's Supper" to be a real supper with real food

Church tradition has managed to "celebrate the Lord's Supper" in a homeopathic and deeply religious form, characteristically with a few drops of wine, a tasteless cookie and a sad face. However, the "Lord's Supper" was actually more a substantial supper with a symbolic meaning, than a symbolic supper with a substantial meaning. God is restoring eating back into our meeting.

13. From Denominations to city-wide celebrations

Jesus called a universal movement, and what came was a series of religious companies with global chains marketing their special brands of Christianity and competing with each other. Through this branding of Christianity most of Protestantism has, therefore, become politically insignificant and often more concerned with traditional specialties and religious infighting than with developing a collective testimony before the world. Jesus simply never asked people to organize themselves into denominations. In the early days of the Church, Christians had a dual identity: they were truly His church and vertically converted to God, and then organized themselves according to geography, that is, converting also horizontally to each other on earth. This means not only Christian neighbors organizing themselves into neighborhood- or house- churches, where they share their lives locally, but Christians coming together as a collective identity as much as they can for citywide or regional celebrations expressing the corporateness of the Church of the city or region. Authenticity in the neighborhoods connected with a regional or citywide corporate identity will make the Church not only politically significant and spiritually convincing, but will allow a return to the biblical model of the City-Church.

14. Developing a persecution-proof spirit

They crucified Jesus, the Boss of all the Christians. Today, his followers are often more into titles, medals and social respectability, or, worst of all, they remain silent and are not worth being noticed at all. "Blessed are you when you are persecuted", says Jesus. Biblical Christianity is a healthy threat to pagan godlessness and sinfulness, a world overcome by greed, materialism, jealousy and any amount of demonic standards of ethics, sex, money and power. Contemporary Christianity in many countries is simply too harmless and polite to be worth persecuting. But as Christians again live out New Testament standards of life and, for example, call sin as sin, conversion or persecution has been, is and will be the natural reaction of the world. Instead of nesting comfortably in temporary zones of religious liberty, Christians will have to prepare to be again discovered as the main culprits against global humanism, the modern slavery of having to have fun and the outright worship of Self, the wrong centre of the universe. That is why Christians will and must feel the "repressive tolerance" of a world which has lost any absolutes and therefore refuses to recognize and obey its creator God with his absolute standards. Coupled with the growing ideologisation, privatization and spiritualization of politics and economics, Christians will-sooner than most think-have their chance to stand happily accused in the company of Jesus. They need to prepare now for the future by developing a persecution- proof spirit and an even more persecution-proof structure.

15. The Church comes home

Where is the easiest place, say, for a man to be spiritual? Maybe again, is it hiding behind a big pulpit, dressed up in holy robes, preaching holy words to a faceless crowd and then disappearing into an office? And what is the most difficult-and therefore most meaningful-place for a man to be spiritual? At home, in the presence of his wife and children, where everything he does and says is automatically put through a spiritual litmus test against reality, where hypocrisy can be effectively weeded out and authenticity can grow. Much of Christianity has fled the family, often as a place of its own spiritual defeat, and then has organized artificial performances in sacred buildings far from the atmosphere of real life. As God is in the business of recapturing the homes, the church turns back to its roots-back to where it came from. It literally comes home, completing the circle of Church history at the end of world history.

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2005 Year Of Accountability

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2005 is the year of accountability. God is calling and bringing His people about to accountability towards Him, and His purposes for their lives.

It is a year of uprooting of the old things, the old traditions, the old and familiar ways of doing things. He is replacing these with new things so that there may be a new growth, and more fruitbearing and more abundance in all areas of the lives of His believers.

This is a time of purging, purifying, and cleansing to remove the old dross, so that what remains is pure. He is going to be doing a shaking of His people, so that the chaff is removed from the wheat, so that what remains is good and pure.

This is a year of tearing down of strongholds that the enemy has had on His people's lives, removal of footholds, even strongholds that have enabled Satan to have over certain areas of people's lives. This is a year of great victories and great conquests in defeating the enemies powers over people's lives. Strategies will be revealed, and released to God's people, darkness will be exposed, shedding new light to the believers, so that they may walk in the paths of victory ordained to them by god. Paths of victory and provision will be set before them, to be able to walk into new places they have not walked or traveled before, even places that once seemed remote, distant or even unsurpassable to them.

Exceeding great and precious are His promises to them that are believers, who walk according to His will, for He desires an intimate relationship regarding His bride, therefore:

Let us be a pure and spotless bride before Him, and let us purify and prepare our hearts, cleaning ourselves from all impurities and defilement. Let us be pure and spotless, without blemish before Him, for He is holy. Let our hearts and minds be sanctified and set apart for His purposes only, and not our own agendas or those of the world. For He has great plans and purposes for each and everyone one of lives, to be wholly sanctified, set apart, and holy before Him.

Let the wedding feast begin. Let us partake of His banqueting table. Let his banner over us be love. The Lord is calling out to the bride and saying, "Come the time is near, the banquets tables are prepared and ready. The feast is about to begin. Come one, come all, come and dine. Feast on me, take your fill. Partake, and drink from the river of live, that you may thirst no more. Come and eat of the bread of life, and be hungry no more. Come, receive fresh manna,. Take your fill, come. Come one, come all. The invitation has been sent."

2006 A Year of The At Hand Kingdom

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The kingdom of God is being revealed. The reality of the issues of the kingdom of God are becoming more apparent to many more pure hearted sons of God.

From the valley of decision the mountain peak looms ahead beyond the foothills that are immediately before us. The easier path of less resistance would be to continue in the valley of non-decision. But even that is a decision to not make the decision to ascend the hill of the Lord. The hill of the Lord is an upward walk of increased resistance but one that promises the great reward of the New Jerusalem kingdom of God lifestyle.

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels,

The glorious mountain of the kingdom of God is within sight. It is at hand and may be approached by those who will turn and change their direction upward toward it. A generation that has continued the downward slide of previous generations into the corruption of prideful self life and man focused religion now has the opportunity to stop, turn, look upward and see the glorious light of the kingdom of God coming into view through the thinning clouds of deception.

A new holy and humble generation is coming forth.

A people made holy by the indwelling Christ in the Holy Spirit. A people reborn, in whom all things are fresh and new. A people with pure hearts in whom there is no guile. These are the people who can see the kingdom of God in view and at hand. These are the people who will ascend from their past lives of religion and self worship to press upward into the righteousness of God.

Psa 24:3-4: Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart,...

Religion has made a mockery of being "born again". Those who are truly spiritually born again have a totally new and different life. Natural birth was from the corruptible seed of the first Adam. Spiritual birth is from the incorruptible seed of Christ through the living Word of God. A mature spiritually born again soul is purified by the Spirit of Christ into pure love.

Only those who are really born again can even see the kingdom of God. And only those who see the kingdom of God will turn from their path of pleasure seeking self life and man focused religion to move toward the glorious light of the New Jerusalem lifestyle in the kingdom of God.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, ***unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."***

1 Pet 1:22-23: Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ***having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,***

Many people who believed they were "born again" when they joined a church or prayed a prayer or completed some other religious form but have continued living a self focused life are seeing their need for more. Some are now being truly born again into a life of spiritual intimate oneness with God in the Holy Spirit. These are the ones who can see the New Jerusalem kingdom of God potential and are moving toward it with strength and abandonment of all else.

Seeing the "at hand" kingdom motivates people toward real repentance. Real repentance is a total death to all that is not of God and a true new birth (resurrection) experience into the pure and holy life of Christ in the Holy Spirit. Repentance is a life of leaving the past and pressing on toward the goal of the high calling to become one with God. And to intimately know Him and be intimately known of Him - to be really born into the God family as mature sons of God - to be in the world as Christ is in the world.

Enough is enough.

God and His new generation of pure hearted people have tolerated the weak idolatrous religion and the resulting immoral pleasure seeking corruption spawned by it long enough. In the past there seemed to be hope and a continuing space for repentance for the perverted systems built by the self focus of misguided spiritual adulterers. But now that the kingdom of God is in view there is no more room for tolerance of evil ways and passivity toward the kingdom of God and His righteousness. **Human compassion for the dead must become spiritual passion for the living.** Let the dead bury the dead. The kingdom is in view and it is not our part to bury the dead systems that fathered us into spiritual adultery. Our part is seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness. We must follow Jesus into the New Jerusalem kingdom of God life.

Mat 8:22 But Jesus said to him, ***"Follow Me, and let the dead bury their own dead."***

Luke 9:60 Jesus said to him, ***"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."***

The love of Christ compels us to follow Him and take up our cross of repentance from dead works including dead religion. Christ died for all and rose again, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but instead the resurrected Christ should live within them.

2 Cor 5:14-15 For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, ***that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.***

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; ***it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;*** *and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

The love of Christ flows through the lives of the "Christ in you" people.

God's love is the foundational and most powerful force of the kingdom. It is the only force that will destroy the darkness of evil and fill the earth with the glorious light of righteousness. **To combat hate with hate and evil with evil only produces more hatred and more evil.**

God is love and in Him there is no darkness at all. There is NO evil in Christ. There is no death in Christ. There can be no sin and no sickness in the resurrected Christ. Christ Jesus is life. He suffered death at the cross but in the resurrected Christ there is no death. It is not the Christ on the cross that indwells sons of God, It is the resurrected Christ that abides in true sons and it is the resurrected Christ in whom they abide.

Phil 1:19-21: For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of ***the Spirit of Jesus Christ,*** *according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always,* ***so now also Christ will be magnified in my body,*** *whether by life or by death.* ***For to me, to live is Christ,*** *and to die is gain.*

In the truly born again son, **the new life is Christ. Therefore there is NO evil in the new life. There is NO sin in the Spirit of Jesus Christ and the Spirit of Christ is the new life of the born again son of God.** Those who say they are born again and love God but continue in **internal sin** are deceived and liars. Those who yet carry hatred for a brother or the **inner** attitudes of self, pride, and arrogance, which spawned the hatred, do not have the Spirit of Christ and are not fully born again.

Repentance is a process of death to self and life to Christ.

Repentance and death to self-will and self desires is a process. Being born again is a process of repentance or death that leads to life. We daily meet the cross of death (repentance) and daily participate in the resurrection life of Christ. In this process sin is fully dealt with and has no reign over us and no part in our inner lives. Lust and pride are destroyed in the continuing process of repentance (death) and the continuing experience of new birth (resurrection).

The inner evidence of the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy **in the Holy Spirit.** The outworking evidence of the kingdom of God is the rule and reign of righteousness, peace and joy of God manifested into the earth through the fully born again sons of God in the Holy Spirit. Christ living by the HOLY Spirit in mature sons governing the earth with the love and wisdom of God.

The gospel (good news) of the kingdom is in the Christmas message. The same message the angels announced at the birth of Christ Jesus,

Luke 2:10-14: Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, ***I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.*** *"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior,* ***who is Christ the Lord****..... And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:* ***"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"***

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2006 Breaker Anointing

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And the Great Divide of the Church

(Break/her- the will and soulish emotions)

> Through the thick darkness quickly sweeping over the earth there doth arise a Light from within; God's glorious army adorned in His humility and arrayed in His love. Resting quietly upon the thighs of this great army is the silver sword of redemption, the reflection alone will not only invade this gross dark mass but will break it in two through His power, it will shine forth His glory for all to see. Yes, vision to the blind and a veil to those who have seen; a voice to the silent and a muted tongue to those speaking deaf words, may we hear and see what the Spirit is saying to His church.

When asked by the Father to bring a portion of His word forth for the year of 2006 I set my heart greatly on doing so, pressing in deep while also myself being exposed but oh how things did strategically move forward and quickly. Upon awakening this morning, November 17th, my spirit was quickened to bring forth the message when I was taken up in His Spirit and told to begin the word with the vision He now laid bare before me and His words first came forth like unto thunder as His breath caught in my ears and He said: **'My Key Holders are under attack!'**

No earthly time can compare to God's quickness as I found myself upon an Island with Jesus, it was The Five-Fold Island of Christ; heavily adorned in plants of every kind, great foliage of the earth but very overgrown and unattended. Located in the very center of this island was a man and a woman side by side as if one cutting down the vines, trees and other plants, creating a path for others to follow, they were both apostles yet not limited in their calling; they were unknown apostles making a way through the jungle for the body, they were vital key holders to doors in His Kingdom yet they were under heavy and violent attack.

Each time they would swing their sickles and chop down the vines another well known leader whether apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher would come along and immediately sew another over grown plant in its place, making it appear to be working in unity but under the spirit of control and instantly the plant would grow larger in size, weaving a web of its own thus creating more constriction for the clearing. Jesus began to share with me the critical error of 'their' ways, many in leadership roles unwilling to be repositioned, unwilling to allow the merger of the old with the new; they are unable to see through the eyes of the Lord for their eyes are clouded in pride. Church can not exist any longer like she is for the walking, living and breathing 'church' with no walls have arrived, I am one myself among ***many***.

As in Isaiah 22 the valley of vision, we have been called to a time of mourning and weeping for His body, for those who are emerging from His bosom and under attack.

The overgrown plants are those who have tarried too long in their positions when already called by God to move; they have become the 'unwilling' ones and are walking in fear of what they may lose or have to leave behind. The Lord is asking of them to leave everything, even their former vision and be ye willing. Some are being uprooted and taken right back into the deep with Jesus, while others a changing of guards from a gatekeeper to a knight. The Father than expressed to me the urgency of prayer for these key holders for our prayers are like sweet smelling incense and will be a healing balm to the offense for some were even now retreating back into the caves to lick their wounds because of the battering. This company of people hold specific and strategic keys that will unlock many doors for His people, doors of great opportunity and prosper for His body and that we must not only pray in agreement for His peace, His bridge of peace and truth to prosper but also that we, that all of WE His body have eyes and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to His church. The Father than again expressed much grievance towards the pride in the hearts of His people and that if they did not repent and turn from their wicked ways they would become like Sodom (burning) and Gomorrah (submersion) and there was a dispatching in His words, a quickness in His warning.

Luke 17:28-33 “So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;

But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.

That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.

On that day let him who is on the housetop, with his belongings in the house, not come down [and go inside] to carry them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back.

Remember Lot's wife!

Whoever tries to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve and quicken it.”

Oh the agreement in prayer will set His Word in motion for the year of 2006 is almost upon us and so on this note of joining our hearts together I want to bring you great encouragement and joy from the Father’s heart to yours that the year of 2006, will be one of great **BREAKTHROUGH and VICTORY!**

I was shown in a vision two people walking *side by side* whether man or woman it did not matter but it was two joined in the unity of Jesus and in His Name. We are on the very precipice of an awakening of both men and women, side by side in their unique gifting and calling’s,

“Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree (harmonize together, make a symphony together) about whatever [anything and everything] they may ask, it will come to pass and be done for them by My Father in heaven.” Matthew 18:19 This vision was a symbolism of the double anointing of man(there is neither male nor female, Galatians 3:28) in the year of 2006 for the number 2 means ‘witness’ and the number ‘6’ man.’ A year of friendship and Covenant blessing, (Hebrews 8) a year for husband and wife, male and female to walk side by side, together in Him. Hebrews 8 speaks of the new covenant blessing in Christ, a rich and new beginning in 2006 (2+6=8) A merger of the soul and spirit man together in freedom. Genesis 2:25 “And the man and his wife were both naked and were not embarrassed or ashamed in each other's presence. The word ‘ashamed’ here is the Hebrew word ‘Buwsh’ which means ‘to feel shame or to delay.’ We will see this bareness of both man and woman, side by side, no shame or ***delay*** but total freedom to let God rule, to let God reign in His fullness.

Oh the laying down the wills and the soulish realm of man, the soul in alignment with her spirit, this will bring in the breaker anointing through a people made ready and trained by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not by way of man. This will cause a great disruption and holy division from inside the walls of the church, one of fear, religion and debate but God Himself has gathered His people to not only tear down the walls of man but build up a church, a Holy people gathered together in **HIS NAME ONLY;** much breakthrough of mindsets that have held His body in bondage and slavery, a severing as spoken in Hebrews 4:12

> *"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.”*

A few months ago while sharing with a friend about the recent events that had taken place in both of our lives we were caught up in a vision and the edge of a silver sword came from her belly straight into mine. No handle to display came forth from this sword but only two sharp points on both ends running parallel and we were pierced with His justice while Holy Spirit came down in the heaviness thereof, like a weighted shadow and covered us both in righteousness and much hidden truth was revealed. *Isaiah 28:17 “I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plummet; and hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, and waters will overwhelm the hiding place (the shelter).* Oh the severing that must take place before the joining and establishing.

> *"And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. And at once the curtain of the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:50, 51*

A year of man also means a year of great exposure of things of the flesh and this will be where those who carry the breaker anointing will become like walking circuit breakers of the Lord, they will cut through, divide and put asunder all that is not of God because of the fullness of His presence abiding in them.

They will cut through with a two-edged sword, generational curses, roots of disease and all that is keeping man from attaining their true calling in Jesus.

> *"The Breaker [the Messiah] will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head." Micah 2:13*

The Greek word for 'breaker' here is parats, *paw-rats'* to break through or down or over, burst, breach, to break out violently upon. Webster Dictionary defines 'breaker' as one that breaks, as a machine for breaking up or crushing a substance, such as rock, coal, or plant fibers. A circuit breaker. A wave that crests or breaks into foam, as against a shoreline.

Recently Holy Spirit whispered to me, "breaker, breaker 1-9" and then Psalms 19 came into view. Breaker, breaker 1-9 is what truck drivers say over their radio's to check to see if the channel is clear so also the Lord is doing with His body, clearing us from any hidden faults.

> *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows and proclaims His handiwork.*
> *Day after day pours forth speech, and night after night shows forth knowledge.*
> *There is no speech nor spoken word [from the stars]; their voice is not heard.*
> *Yet their voice [in evidence] goes out through all the earth, their sayings to the end of the world. Of the heavens has God made a tent for the sun,*
> *Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber; and it rejoices as a strong man to run his course.*
> *Its going forth is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the ends of it; and nothing [yes, no one] is hidden from the heat of it.*
> *The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the [whole] person; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.*
> *The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and bright, enlightening the eyes.*
> *The [reverent] fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.*
> *More to be desired are they than gold, even than much fine gold; they are sweeter also than honey and drippings from the honeycomb.*
> *Moreover, by them is Your servant warned (reminded, illuminated, and instructed); and in keeping them there is great reward.*
> *Who can discern his lapses and errors? Clear me from hidden [and unconscious] faults.*
> *Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!*
> *Then shall I be blameless, and I shall be innocent and clear of great transgression.*
> *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my [firm, impenetrable] Rock and my Redeemer."*

Over and over again I hear the Lord saying as though in a whisper but in shouts of thunder; *"how hungry are you, how hungry are you for My presence?"*

A cry escapes from somewhere deep inside, a cry to the Father to make me, to make us starving for

His presence, more than anything, anything in our lives! This is His cry to us, 'how hungry are you for My presence' to be satisfied no longer from the crumbs of man, ask yourself how hungry are you for a face to face, holy encounter and then fight like you are fighting for your very life!

Arise oh mighty men of Valor, Arise!!

Emerging from the depths of the Lord's bosom, from the very depths that can not be found in any structure, book or manual of 'how to's' but in the very deep part of God's heart are mighty warriors already enlisted and in active duty from the army of Gideon and the army of Joel, now we will see the **merger of these two anointed armies like never before; the *minstrel* of the word with the *minister* of the word. Gideon's army will be armed with the sword of the Lord through their radical music straight from the heart of the King and Joel's army is the Word being brought forth in Living Form; No more one man shows, yes, side by side, amen!!**

Let me share with you a vision I received from the Lord of Joel's end time army, which you can also find in the book 'Coat of Arms.'

(Pg.116-119)

Coming forth from the fire was an army of white horses and their riders as one; it was the end time army of the Lord as spoken of in Joel 2. *(1) "Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord is come.*

They covered the land in the strength of the Lord, an awakening of much that had been hidden. They had long white hair that spoke of the wisdom of God they tarried in; and their thighs were as strong as armor**.** *(2) 'And the day of darkness and gloom is near, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, like the morning spread upon the mountains; it shall come upon a great and strong people; there has not been ever the like from of old, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.'*

Along their left thigh was the silver sword of Redemption; their oath to God. Written upon the right thigh was Truth and Righteousness and upon their hearts the seven Spirits of the Lord. 'And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.' (Isaiah 11:2) Nothing remained hidden in their flight. *(3) 'A fire devours before them; and behind them a flame burns; the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; and nothing shall escape them.'*

The horses were fitted in silver armor of redemption that looked like giant locusts; appearing as if one with their riders and moving in perfect unity. Along the right thighs of the horses read:

'A priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.'

Into the darkened places the army of God will travel; into the tall walls of man they will go. They know to Whom they belong for they have waited on the Lord for many years; rested at his feet and fed by his manna alone. Their words are the words of the Lord that will devour all sin in its path.

They walk in pure and holy truth having been purged by the fire of God; trained one on one by the King himself and not by man.

> *(4) 'The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and like horsemen so they run;*
> *(5) Like the noise of chariots that rumble on the tops of mountains, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, like a mighty people arrayed for war.*
> *(6) Before their presence the people shall tremble; all faces shall be dismayed and confounded.*
> *(7) They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the walls like men of war; and they shall march in order every man on his way, and they shall not turn aside from their ranks.*

Their eyes are on the King of Kings, where he leads they will follow. They do not compete with man but will march together in the harmony of the Lord and in his perfect will; no weapon formed against them shall prosper.

> *(8) Neither shall one push another; but they shall walk in order every one in his path; some of them shall fall down because of the weight of their armor, they shall not trample them.'*

Who can withstand the sword of the Lord as it reaches into the depths of the hearts; into the hidden places of the church? This mighty priesthood of God will not look the part of the former 'man trained army' for they are unique vessels. The voice of one crying in the desert 'prepare ye the way of the Lord.' They will look straight into the eyes of another and right into their soul, their deepest hidden sin exposed; utter darkness to behold. They too will see man's destiny, call it forth from the darkness of the womb and into the Light.

> *(9)They shall go up against the cities; they shall run upon the walls, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter through the windows like thieves. (10)The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble; the sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars have withdrawn their shining.*

The soul will yearn to escape from the wrath of God but it is in the wilderness of despair when God will cleanse her from all impurities and make her whole. It will be like a mighty army invading the darkness but his light will prevail.

It is the same for the church, she will be cleansed from all impurities and looking very desolate as the fire of God purges away the dross.

> *(11) The Lord has shouted before his army; for his host is very great; mighty is the work executed by his word; for the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; who can endure it? (12)Therefore now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, and with fasting and with weeping and with mourning; (13) And rend your hearts, and not your garments, and turn to the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, patient and of great kindness, and he averts disaster. (End of pg.119)*

Gideon's name means 'a tree cutter or hewer, he that bruises or breaks; a destroyer' and Joel's name means 'he that wills or commands, Yahweh is God.' Oh the precious breaking through in His power, the laying down of self to the complete will of the Father. "Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth: **Break forth** and sing for joy, yea, sing praises. Psalms 98:4 (ASV)

Oh the precious anointing on Papa's women arising from the deep, great victory through a company of women this year, a company of Deborah's that will bring His justice to His body through divine love and kindness but in His power and boldness that will loose those in mindset slavery. This is the divine merger of men and women that is so badly needed in the church to break through and set her free; they are supernatural, superhero, superwomen sent by God during the uprooting, during the upheaval to lift many a weakened hearts up unto the Lord.

We are seeing our hidden Jael's arising that will be used of God to break through the obstacles set by man, breakthrough the mindsets of the sleeping church as Jael did while driving the tent peg into the temple, of Sisera. Judges 4:21 *"But Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent pin and a hammer in her hand and went softly to him and drove the pin through his temple and into the ground; for he was in a deep sleep from weariness. So he died."* While seeking the Lord on November 1st I was shown in awesome display the Lord Jesus holding a holy drill, it was now activated and released within His body. This holy drill looked much like a normal drill one would see a carpenter use but Jesus, the Holy Carpenter was using it to drill through mindsets keeping many in the body of Christ in heavy bondage and attaining their callings in Christ. I have had many visions of this holy drill over the years but this was even more unusual for there was a *corporate breakthrough released*. Be careful not to judge what you may not understand or see for in the coming season this breakthrough will cause many in the body of Christ who have been holding up the banner of the Lord and pointing the way to be called back 'in' and into positions we may not understand or even agree with but it is to make room for the hidden warriors now emerging with the Lion of Judah anointing and all for such a time as this;

A reversal of positions will bring in a reversal of fortune to His Kingdom and a Holy Spirit reconciliation and renewal.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. {2} And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:1, 2 (KJV)

(Titus 3:5 KJV) “He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and **renewing of the Holy Spirit.”**

The word "renewing" in both of the above verses is the Greek word "anakainosis" and means "renewal or change." The laying down of mindsets that keep us bound and not free to be who God truly created us to be **“to be or not to be: that is the question.”**

***Renewing is a continuous process of sanctification; an elimination which brings illumination*.**

This renewing is like unto the sound of thunder as it awakens many from their sleep, 'Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, break out in song!
Arise, O Barak! Take captive your captives, O son of Abinoam.' Judges 5:12

(Pg.135-136 “Coat of Arms”)

The mighty blast of a trumpet resounded through my spirit and I was taken up in the Spirit of the Lord and set back on the grounds just outside the cave where Joan of Arc was waiting. This time she was sitting upon a brilliant silver horse and in her left hand the Celtic cross. Beside Joan was my horse Amber, no longer the color of amber but pure white while her veins were pumping victoriously in silver all throughout her body; redemption was the cry. There was rich excitement in the air so thick you could cut it with a knife as Joan raised her fingers to her lips and let out a whistle that sent shivers down my spine. It echoed throughout the nations as it pierced the earth with the sound of the King and then a rumbling began beneath my feet that shook the earth with a great blast!

The rumbling was the sound of many horses and their riders; they were women from every tribe and nation upon the earth, marching in unison into battle. Written upon each and every horse were the names of women from the past, from Sarah to Miriam, Deborah and Hannah, from Hulda to Esther and so many more and their names were alive! Written upon Joan’s horse was the name Abigail, ‘*oh the Father’s joy*!’ The site was more than breathtaking; it was pure victory for the Spirit of the Lord was moving in and out through these women in total freedom to reign. Then Joan cried out in song as we all met her voice together in harmonious waves of the Father’s glory:

> *“Arise, shine; for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord shall rise upon you.” Isaiah 60:1*

This was sung over and over again until Joan the humble maiden raised the cross high towards heaven and the light of the Lord met it in song as his mighty breath began to blow in and throughout the Celtic cross.

The breath of God began to turn the circle upon the cross much like a wheel would turn and with each and every spin light beams would hit like fire bombs upon many churches in Europe igniting them in reformation that would spread through out the earth. There was such love and unity flowing through the cross and we knew it was now time to ride as we mounted in joy, we mounted in love and we mounted in the unity of Christ. We were then given a camel colored, leather tool belt positioned around our waist in gentle humbleness yet in courage and a three-cord lariat in our hands.

The belt was full with many tools such as hammers, chisels, crowbars and knives as we set out in the

Spirit of the Lord to tear down the walls of man. The ropes were used much like one would do when lassoing but instead of cattle their grips were on tent pegs as they were pulled up from the earth;

The hidden ones now illuminated in the light of the Lord. Many women began to chisel on the walls outside the church until the walls crumbled to the ground. Some were climbing the roof tops like mountain climbers as they too began to tear the 'covering' off of the church; man's ways were being exposed unlike any move of God before as I bid farewell to all my sisters in the Lord; until we would meet again!

How long I tarried there in the spirit it I do not know but oh how my soul did ache in love pains for the Lord Jesus; quicken me oh Lord.

"Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me, O Lord, according to thy lovingkindness." Psalms 119:159 ***(end of page 136)***

This is a call to the Potter's house, to lay before the Lord and be ye willing, yielding and obeying in His Mighty, Mighty hands. Have you been to the Potter's house lately for the door is always open while the room is full with the fragrance of wet clay and fresh cut wood, oh to be healed, delivered and transformed, to know that all that was used against you, the sabotaging of your youth will be the very thing that God will use to set man free, all for the Glory of God!

Some of you may know 'my story' as I continue to share little sound bites along the way, not to reflect on the past in anger or despair or the need for anyone to feel sorry for me; it is the opposite for it is a great and glorious testimony and a gift I have received to know that all the evil that was leashed upon me, afflicted upon you through out our lives, oh the darkness we did enter was not in vain but a pure treasure, a gift of strategic keys that has given us authority in Christ to set the prisoners free **in His love** for greater love has no one than this that a man lay down his life for a friend. (John 15)

The darkness I entered as a child began even before I had verbal skills of communication, a web of sexual abuse beginning with my father and weaving its way both inside and outside the family walls. The summer of 1970 seemed to be marked out by the enemy like a large x upon my forehead, horrific sexual abuse at a local Christian camp, I was seven years old and the call of God was deep in my heart as I fought to know who He really was through the lies and abuse inside the church. As summer was coming to a close I was walking along a dirt road outside my house when I was kidnapped and dragged into a local wooded area, brutally raped and about to be killed when God intervened and pulled me out from the pit of hell in awesome victory and display.

The drunken man with clouded glasses began to express his grief in having to kill me and how sorry he was for what he had just done and I spiritually saw past the man and into a horde of demons; there were so many surrounding him that I could no longer see his face when the light of God shown down through the shadowing trees and two glorious angels appeared in the natural;

As real as the man who was abusing me, there they stood, 7ft. maybe taller, both Gabriel and Michael the archangels of God and the man loosed his hold upon me and fled. I was later told by the Lord that he never abused again and is still alive today, living a life of gruesome guilt and despair, my prayer is that he will be set free oh to know the true love of Jesus and be totally and wonderfully set free!

This was my first encounter with Gabriel and Michael and I was commissioned and dispatched on the spot and I knew that I would never return to the former ways of how man did church. I was given a new lease on life, new hope even through the pain and I was told many future events even the death of my own father. I knew that my life had been spared because of His love and so too for the release of many, many others bound in darkness. This is God's Holy Amber Alert for His missing children, the sound has gone out and we are taking back the land that the Lord God prepared even before we were born.

> *Exodus 23:20-22 "Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep and guard you on the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.*
> *Give heed to Him, listen to and obey His voice; be not rebellious before Him or provoke*

> *Him, for He will not pardon your transgression; for My Name is in Him.*
> *But if you will indeed listen to and obey His voice and all that I speak, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.*

There are many angels being sent out before you and to you; even unto those who are blinded and cannot see from whence they choose to reveal themselves and through whom for God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. 1Cor. 1:27(NIV) Yes, they are coming through the broken, the meek and humble, just like in Gideon's army the clay pots were broken to reveal His Light and the trumpets, the voices in the unity of Jesus sounded and the enemy not only fled but turned upon one another. We must be willing to get over ourselves and keep our eyes on the King of Kings, do not be rebellious with hardened hearts and refuse to see for you just might miss the excitement in the exposure and the tearing down of man's walls for the eviction notice has been given out to the man made church and now the church on foot has not only emerged but they too have been given their walking papers from out of the caves and deserted places of the Lord and they are speed walking my friends towards the higher calling in Christ Jesus, may we merge together in His Name, Amen!

"Speak, Lord, for your servant hears". 1 Samuel 3:9 (all scripture is Amp. Unless otherwise noted)

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2006 Shepherd's Rod

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Last year at this time, I had it confirmed to me that I'd been given a Shepherd's Rod for 2005. I prayed and wondered whether I'd get another one this year for 2006, and believe I did.

For those of you who do not know what a Shepherd's Rod is....The term "Shepherd's Rod" refers to the belief that God's people pass under His Shepherd Staff for evaluation and promotion, in much the same way that sheep pass before and are evaluated by their Shepherd. The term also refers to the prophetic revelation and interpretation that the Lord releases on and around the Day of Atonement. - Basically, "New Year's Prophecies" and instruction for His people.

The following is what I believe the Lord gave me this year:

SONS OF ISSACHAR CLOCK
The Lord spoke to me about a spiritual Sons of Issachar clock we have been given in this time and showed me that every minute that passes is like money passing through our fingers. It came with directions:

Value the time you are given as you would value money.

Spend time wisely. Time is life. Time can be used to make money, but money can't be used to buy time. Every minute is far more valuable than money.

Invest time wisely. I love people. But some people are time wasters and can wear you out. They won't take any advise you give to them, and they simply abuse your kindness by sucking up valuable time. Invest your time into those who appreciate and receive from you.

Save time. We can save time through a variety of things. (1) Delegate instead of micro manage. That is even helpful when training others. It gives them a sense of responsibility, accountability and trust. And it delivers us from a spirit of control! (2) Make "to do" lists. (3) Don't drive all over town for the things you are looking for. Let your fingers do the walking through the phone book and find the place that has what you need and go there.

Reserve & Make time. Set time aside for what is important - the Lord, family, friends. - Vacations. - Even Jesus, who is perfect, knew that He had to take time aside to be refreshed. You'll be a better spouse, parent, friend, and person for doing so.

Mark/Measure time. Keep a journal of what you do with your time. Keep a journal of your prayer requests and when they are answered and how. There are many times of "spiritual markers" and it is important to mark those times. The Lord writes a book of remembrance about us, and we need to do so for Him!

Time sensitive. Handle time sensitive things in an appropriate manner. Don't miss out on those "Kairos" moments when you have a small window of time in which to do something.

Don't waste time. Don't window shop and drool over things that you know you won't buy. It just brings on a spirit of discontent. Don't worry over things you can't change. Don't daydream over things you wish could be. And by all means, don't waste time in unforgiveness or in trying to get revenge or get even with someone!

Be timely/on time. We make time for what we count important. It is rude to make appointments and be consistently late. If you find you are going to be late, call and let the person know. Manners are always appropriate. As Christians, we should use them.

Don't be discouraged by or waste time delays - sometimes God allows us to be delayed in a traffic jam to keep us from an accident. Sometimes the delays to our goals take longer than we desire - months or years longer. Don't get into murmuring and complaining in that time frame. - Use them wisely as time to draw closer to Him.

Know the time of your visitation. Acknowledge the Lord in all your ways and He will direct your path. (Prov.)

REPLACE FEAR & DOUBT WITH HOPE & FAITH
I awoke one morning to hear this: "Know that your worst nightmare (worst experience) is the seed bed of your greatest miracle."

It is important in these times to remain rooted in the Word and keep our focus upon the Lord. As we do that, the Lord promises that we will be kept in perfect peace, if our minds are stayed on Him.

The word panic comes from the root word "Pan" which is the name of the Greek god of panic and fear.

Even as the terror alert has been elevated in our nation in the natural, the enemy has tried to elevate levels of terror spiritually as well.

Terrorism means "Use of force or threats to intimidate or control."

Terrorize means: (1) To terrify; (2) To coerce; (3) To make submit by filling with terror.

Remember, God hasn't given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind. (II Tim. 1:7)

Don't let the enemy steal your peace of mind or your hope, and if he already has, I pray this scripture for you and over you: "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

"PASSOVER"
The enemy is trying to hasten death of those who are not yet sealed for the Kingdom. I heard "Pray for Passover." Pray that the storms and terror pass over and not hit our families and our nation.

I also saw that taking communion before the Lord would be of great value in our personal times with Him. I also encourage you to take the communion juice/wine and anoint the door posts (temple area) of yourself and your family members, as well as the door posts of your home and it's parameters, your vehicles, work areas, schools, churches, and wherever the Lord speaks to you to do this. Some intercessors groups may even want to mark the gates of their cities in this manner. As you do this intercessory prophetic act, it would be symbolic of the protection of blood of Jesus, much as when the Israelites put the blood of a lamb on their door posts and experienced Passover when the death angel passed by.

DIVINE POSITIONING/RE-POSITIONING
Go where you are anointed to be and where you can fulfill the purpose and destiny for which you have been called. You were born for this time! To be a deliverer and encourager in these perilous times!

Be flexible and willing to change, that your circumstances will not hold you back, but rather, will fit into His plans for your life and calling. There is nothing more fulfilling than doing just that. There are some who may feel to sell homes and belongings, get a Motor Home, and go on the road. If you are married and come into agreement on that, do not worry about what the neighbors or relatives think! This is a time to hear and obey the prompting of the Lord and "Go for it!"

WOMEN
The Lord continues to call for the "draft" of the Psalms 68:11 great Army of Women.

Many women were sent to the prayer closets to pacify them in years past, but there are now great explosions coming forth, and they are "coming out of the closet" in tremendous power and anointing which they got from that time with Him, and they are becoming a force to be reckoned with and set many free!

There is neither male or female in heaven. Churches dominated by all men or all women are not healthy. They can be likened to a homosexual marriage. There is no reproduction.

Nurturing and reproduction comes from true mothers. Not from those women who try to be men. That is spiritual Lesbianism. True mothers may not have even had natural children, but they have that sense of nurturing in them and the heart of the Lord with a spirit of adoption, and they will raise many children in the Kingdom in these times!

It is also time for the Titus 3:5 mature women to come forth and raise the younger ones.

I fully realize that some of you may have had mothers who were like mother hamsters that eat their young. Even they will be set free when they see and experience the love and nurturing of these Spiritual Mothers that are now come forth!

These loving, Apostolic Mothers will be used in this time to restore The Lord's nurturing "El Shaddai" (as nurture from the many breasted one - ref: http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Names_of_G-d/El/el.html) to the church.

DISASTERS
Record breaking natural disasters (even man made ones) will increase, as well as National disasters. BUT...

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14)

God is God. Nothing is impossible with Him. He can make suitcase atomic bombs peter out and not work. He can unwind the power of hurricanes and tornados. He can take volcanic lava and send it into earthquake fault lines and cause it to be like welding material to seal up the cracks and stop earthquakes. He is God. No one else is.

Stand in the authority the Lord has given to you and speak peace to the storms! Command the twisters to unwind! Demand that the terrorists become confused and fall into their own pits! Speak death to the viruses and plagues! Pray Psalm 91!

"No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling!" (Psalm 91:10)

STIRRING UP OF RACIAL ENMITY, ANTI SEMITISM & RIOTOUS SPIRITS
Fear and panic does strange things. The enemy is trying to use it in these times to stir up a enmity between the races, and to revive KKK and Nazi spirits, and a riotous spirit, even in areas where there has been much racial reconciliation. We must not let the enemy destroy what God has accomplished.

God will not allow a spirit of elitism to crush His people of any background. He is no respector of persons. We must pray that the enemy's plans be thwarted.

ALASKA, CANADA & GREENLAND
Alaska, Canada, and Greenland will be in the news regarding weather, disasters, and global warming related problems.

FRESH BREAD!
For days, I smelled fresh bread in the air. Many are prophetically getting the urge to bake fresh bread. It is a sign of what the Body of Christ is hungry for, and what the Lord is giving. Fresh Bread. Not canned, pre-packaged sermons. It may take longer to "get it on your own," but that is what relationship with Him is all about. Once we have it, He says then, "Feed My Sheep."

"Give us this day our daily bread." (Matt. 6:7)

Jesus is the Bread of Life (ref.: John 6:33, 35, 48, 51)

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." (John 6:33)

I am the bread of life. (John 6:48)
I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world." (John 6:51)
MANY THUNDERS
The Lord again spoke to me about thunder. God speaks in the thunder. There has been much rolling thunder, and I believe He is speaking.

I live between two Air Force bases - Hurlbert (special operations) and Eglin (flight training). One morning when I woke up, I heard a lot of "booms" that rolled and shook the area. I said, "Lord, is this thunder or are they on maneuvers?"

He said, "Both. My angels are on maneuvers and I'm speaking in the thunder because the battle is heating up."

The Lord speaks in the thunder. In John 12:28 & 29, a conversation between father and son is recorded. The Father made a promise that He has and is going to again glorify His Name. Those that stood by just heard thunder. We don't want to be those who hear only thunder when the voice of the Lord speaks.

Years ago, someone had a prophecy that the Lord was bringing forth "Sons of Thunder" in worship. Don't take that term as gender specific. If the men can be the Bride of Christ, women can also be "Sons of Thunder!"

I believe deep is calling unto deep, and His Thunders are speaking to the spirit inside of those "Sons (and Daughters) of Thunder" to call them forth, for such a time as this. James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James were referred to as "Sons of Thunder" due to their passionate (sometimes volatile) personalities. Some even refer to James to as "the lightening bolt." - I believe they were also soul winners, and the Lord is bringing forth his "unconventional," passionate soul winners.

There is a territorial war over our nation in the heavens right now. "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12) Yet we know, to fight, it is "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. (Zech. 4:6) and that, "...The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds," (2 Cor. 10:4)

Many others have commented recently about the thunders, and I believe that the Lord truly is speaking. Like Samuel, we need to say to the Lord, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening," and then DO just THAT! - LISTEN!

"Hear attentively the thunder of His voice, And the rumbling that comes from His mouth:" (Job 37:2)

POWER WITH OUR WORDS
Proverbs 31:26 says of the virtuous woman, "She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness." I believe the Bride of Christ will be noted as such a virtuous woman.

He is putting the coal to our mouths, and cleaning them up, so that our words will become purified - even the prophetic words we speak forth to others.

In the process of this, there will be power coming forth from our words - creating as they flow forth - healings, deliverances, signs, wonders, and miracles.

"ALL HANDS ON DECK!"
I heard what sounded like a Navy ship's siren and heard, "ALL HANDS ON DECK!" This happened once before prior to some serious things occurring. I knew immediately that it was a call to the intercessors to get sober and do some "hit the deck, hands down, on our face" serious intercession.

I then saw the Ezekiel 9:1-4 inkhorn brought forth to mark all of those willing to spend time before the Lord and listen for His commands for prayer. - Not to be seen or heard by man, but to be heard by and obey the Lord.

"The Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it." (Ezek. 9:4)

"I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden." (Zephaniah 3:18)

"But if they are prophets, and if the word of the Lord is with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the Lord, in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, do not go to Babylon.' " (Jeremiah 27:18)

OVERDUE BABIES BORN & RAISED QUICKLY!
The longer the wait, the bigger the baby you're going to birth! COME FORTH! This is "due season!"

I saw big, out of proportion babies being birthed. They were awkward to even be handled. But when they were taken in arms of love and nurtured, they became properly proportioned and healthy. Don't be afraid. Don't give up on your babies. The Lord will teach you all you need to know, and you and your babies will make it!

A while back, the Lord showed me that "Due" season was spelled three ways:

(1) Due Season: The harvest is due; The babies are due.

(2) Dew Season: We don't want to go if He is not with us, but the heavy dew, heavy presence of the Lord is here.

(3) Do Season: Time to just DO it!

Some of you have been through a lot of "doo-doo" to get to this point! Don't expect sympathy! That just makes you fertile ground!

"MY HUSBAND"
I again heard Hosea 2:16: "And it shall be, in that day," Says the Lord, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' -And no longer call Me 'My Master.'

This will truly be a time of knowing the Lord as Husband, Provider, and protector.

Many are coming forth from their desserts, leaning on the arm of their Beloved, to fulfill their purpose and destiny. Hold tightly to His hand! - You are etched on it!

GO FOR IT!
Many of you have passed beneath the Shepherd's Rod for inspection and gotten promotion. GO FOR IT! Don't acquiesce the purpose and destiny for which you have been born. Do not let anything start stopping you, or it will never stop stopping you. DO IT! You were born for it! Jesus paid the price for it for you, and He deserves to get what He paid for!

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2006 The Coming Kingdom

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‘He said, the knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of God has been given to you’.(Luke 8:10).

Watch in 2006 as the order (government) of God begins to be birthed throughout the earth (Luke 11:2/Isaiah 9:6-9). God’s order will produce chaos when it touches anything that is out of order. Think it not a strange thing to see the institutions of man fall into disarray and confusion as God’s order rises in the earth in the days, weeks, and years to come. ONLY those who are led of my Spirit will truly grasp the meaning of the times that are upon us, and the events that these times will spawn.

Light will shine into darkness and those hidden evil things will be revealed as never before (John 1:5). Much of this exposure will come through here-to-fore hidden vessels that step forward in obedience. During much of 2006 the world will get its first modern day glance at the power and government (Kingdom) of God operating in power and authority in the earth. Many changes will occur during the beginning of 2006 as God’s order and rule begins to be established (Revelation 11:15). A new day is coming in which the true Saints of God will rise in His power and into prominent positions of power. Great wealth will transfer into the hands of the faithful as God releases His hand of favor and blessing upon His people in unprecedented ways. Clearly, what is spoken of here will only happen to those who hear and obey. This will happen proportionate to their degree of total surrender (Revelation 2:26/3:21).

Erase all doubts as the Kingdom’s presence upon the earth as 2006 gives rise to the Kingdom and demise to The World’s System. The things of man will weaken as the things of God strengthen. Once again, the world will recognize the one true God as His hand of favor touches His people (Isaiah 60/61).

Those walking in the light will expose darkness by their very presence, as this light will first offer repentance (Matthew 3:2) to all in darkness who touch the light (Acts 9:3-5). So too will light weaken darkness by simple exposure as the schemes of evil are exposed for what they are. Those who fail to repent (Matthew 3:2) unto salvation will diminish in strength and no longer occupy places of strength and power. These things will begin in earnest in 2006 and continue until the end.

2006 - Year of Visitation

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2006 will be my year of visitation. I will visit my people in a new way. I will push those who are called into new levels of anointing. I will make a way for them that know me to rise upon the name of the Lord till that new level is formed - saith the Lord .

What an awesome word from the mouth of the LORD. We have his word. So lets be expectant for its going to be awesome. What GOD has spoken will surely come through.

I believe we all should pray this season for 2006. Lets seek God. He’d speak to us.

I feel in my spirit that the devil has marked out 06/06/06 for himself and I just want us all to pray for the church and the nations so that God’s wish be done. Lets pray against the devils wish for that day.

Rapture is about the corner though we do not know exactly when. Lets keep ourselves pure for Jesus is returning soon. I believe very much that the time of his return very much depends on our readiness. Is the church ready for his visitation? I don’t think so. Therefore lets get ready to welcome the king of kings in a new way. Should he come in 2006, we would be ready. Selah

24-7 Prayer In New Orleans
Chad Taylor

24/7 Prayer In New Orleans Flourishing But Much More Help Needed

12 states and innumerable people have come through the threshold of 24/7 prayer and worship in New Orleans at our first of many 24/7 beachheads at 2001 Airline Hwy off of I-10. Literally teams are and have come from as far away as New York, Minnesota, Washington state and Florida to create a perpetual sound and act of worship and prayer in New Orleans which has become a vortex of spiritual possibilities. I believe the entire nation is in the balances and her continued response to the Gulf Coast and New Orleans will be a determining factor for the future. Though we have had a incredible response from people across the country we still need a great number more to accomplish true 24/7 prayer and worship in New Orleans. There are many gaps to fill especially in December and the months to follow. Our commitment to sustain 24/7 prayer and worship is indefinite so please respond with your dates and times that you and a team could come and lift the standard.

BAY ST. LOUIS AND GROUND ZERO

When you visit Bay St. Louis and the surrounding areas of Waveland etc., you witness something out of a science fiction movie as 20 blocks of what once was habitable neighborhoods and livable land is simply non-existent. Reports have come in that there is still recovery of dead bodies. Bay St. Louis is literally where the eye of Katrina hit. Consuming Fire has joined forces with Streetscape Ministries who consequently have been on the ground in Bay St. Louis 3 days after the hurricane struck and Blaze of Glory Ministries from MS. to raise up another 24/7 prayer and worship tabernacle! We will circulate teams from New Orleans into Bay St. Louis, MS. near Gulf Port and Biloxi and seize this divine opportunity with 24/7 prayer and praise. Please contact us now so we can begin strategizing and filling the gaps thus seizing this divine moment to literally lead hundreds of thousands of people into the Kingdom of God.

STRATEGIES, ALLIANCES AND A CONCENTRATION OF FORCES

The frontlines are being forged as the church allows the destruction and devastation to be its clarion call of action and outreach. The question is how many will sit idle while one of the greatest thresholds of revival stands open to us? How much does it take to shake the dust of predictability and apathy from the altars of our heart and say, "Here am I, send me"? If we knew the gravity of our obedience to this historical landmark in American history we would be leaping into it with absolute abandonment. We still are extending the invitation for you to come to these strategic areas to give yourself to prayer and worship; please respond now. If you are a church or ministry in the Gulf Coast area and desire to network and possibly create a 24/7 prayer and worship beachhead in your city or region please make contact as well. This concentration of forces on the frontlines of this nation's future will set the stage for revival for the next 40 years. Let's seize the moment!

"AN ARMY OF RV'S" AND OTHER OPPORTUNITY

A word was given from a brother Kevin Frasure in Aug. of this year which one caption read, "ARMY OF RV'S" here is portion of that word: "I see an army of RV's. I see RV ministries beginning to pop up. Some of the RV's will be ministries to feed the poor and heal the sick. These RV's will be equipped to pick up and go, set
up and leave. It will be a portable strike force. They will operate in the
Glory and Power of God. I hear the words "Trail Blazers" They will go and rebuild cities...."

How true this word has become in the Gulf Coast where it is reported 40% now live in a RV or Travel campers. In most places there simply is no housing. The portable "strike forces" are God's way of getting us into these uninhabitable places to set up camp and sustain 24/7 prayer and worship. The challenge is getting enough RV's, motor homes, 5th wheels, and campers to accommodate the need. We are currently functioning in one RV in New Orleans and desperately need more. Can you help? Do you know anyone that has a RV or camper that we can use during this campaign? What price is too high to see cities and 1/3 of our country rebuilt that has been impacted this year by hurricanes and floods? We need some radical faith-filled believers that can help us secure this enormous need. Please pray with us and use any practical means possible to help. We will need at least 4 more portable trailers or motor homes to accommodate teams in New Orleans and now Bay St. Louis. To help with this specific need go to www.consumingfire.com/NONEEDS.htm

Contact Info. And Online Donation For New Orleans And Bay St. Louis

Our teams on the ground need gas money and other practical expenses to be met you can help right now by going to Operation Rescue Link: Hurricane Katrina, online calendar of 24/7 prayer teams and donations go to: www.consumingfire.com/operationrescue.htm see new pictures from Bay St. Louis area and the prayer and worship tent go to: www.consumingfire.com/katrinapics.htm

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24 Hour Prayer And Worship In New Orleans
Chad Taylor

After 3 consecutive trips into very eye of devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina we knew right away that sustained 24 hr. prayer and worship was critical if not the hinge by which the door of true restoration will open. Last week we were allowed into downtown New Orleans in the French Quarter, Bourbon St. etc. It was one of most astonishing and overwhelming things I have ever witnessed. Yet in the midst of all the destruction and utter hopelessness I had the most powerful sense of hope and the incredible possibilities that awaited us. I could literally see the hand of God upon this entire ordeal and His plan to rebuild New Orleans on the foundation of prayer and worship.

As of last week we have secured the location to stage the 24 hr. prayer and worship literally 5 minutes from downtown New Orleans. I met with Lance Rowe of Cross Country 4 Jesus Ministries and others that have been coordinating relief since Katrina stuck. They share the same vision and passion to see 24 hr. prayer and worship sustained in New Orleans. Lance has a outdoor tent that will be up as soon as next week to accommodate 24 hr prayer. We are still locating a flat bed truck or something similar for live worship to occur. Global Impact will also be in the same location feeding approximately 10,000 to 15,000 a day - can you imagine the people this can reach? Do you want to be a part of this? You can be.

We are ready to receive requests from teams around the world that desire to bring worship teams, join prayers teams, daily outreach into the streets and ultimately 24 hr. intercession and live worship in the shadow of downtown New Orleans and in the parking lot of a church that only weeks ago was under 9 ft. of water. If you or someone you know wants to join a concentration of forces and help make this happen you can email me at chadtaylor@consumingfire.com and we can help you coordinate this now. Even if you are a simple prayer warrior and want to fill the tent with prayer, please respond. Maybe you have a youth group or church group that wants to volunteer and stand in the gap each day and night, please respond. Possibly a worship leader and you desire to use your gift to rebuild a city, please respond. Anyone that can come and pray, please respond...

PERTINENT NEEDS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN

We still have a number of pending needs and without a concerted effort from many we can never hope to achieve something so dramatic. Accommodations are a challenge though an enclosed building will be available for those coming, Lance Rowe who is literally giving his life 24/7 in New Orleans needs a 5th Wheel or motor home for him and his family. Currently his wife and children are staying 1 1/2 hrs. away as he labors in love literally day and night. Please, if have a motor home or any kind of travel trailer/5th Wheel could you contact me immediately? What a chance to use what you have for such a time as this. We can pick up and bring back if necessary. Extreme times demand extreme measures and extreme givers. We are forever gracious for your radical unprecedented commitment to revival and harvest.

Our team is returning sometime next week (Oct. 9-14th) to help with the set-up of the prayer and worship location and will have a permanent base camp in New Orleans by Oct. 31st. We need your support to make this happen. It is a challenge with current gas prices which have tripled since hurricane Katrina but it will not be enough to stop our efforts. Please visit our Operation Rescue Website for updates, picture and the means to donate online. THANK YOU!

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Two Churches Two Kingdoms

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Exodus 33:7 Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was **outside the camp**.

Hebrews 13:12-14 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him **outside the camp** and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Brothers and sisters, make no mistake about it, we are in the end times. There are a few things we need to realize about these days that we live in. Mainly we need to understand that there is a “cosmic struggle” being played out in the heavens, and of course it has its counterpart down here on Earth. The battle is spiritual but it manifests itself in the physical also. I am afraid, however, that we are somewhat ignorant of both the spiritual and physical elements of this struggle. Maybe we can change that today.

There are two kingdoms aligned against each other: The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the devil. Jesus was sent here to represent the Kingdom of God. The Antichrist will be here soon to represent the kingdom of the devil. It is hard to see the Kingdom of God with the naked eye, but the kingdom of the devil is all around us. Perhaps we would be surprised to know how pervasive the devil’s kingdom is. I wonder how we would feel if we found out we were helping to build the devil’s kingdom? Let’s take a look.

When Jesus came to Earth, He preached the Kingdom of God, which He also called the Kingdom of Heaven, or just, The Kingdom. While He was preaching the true Kingdom there was also a false kingdom operating. Of course these two kingdoms clashed violently. Eventually the devil’s kingdom, represented by the religious system of the day and by the political government of the day, killed Jesus and persecuted His followers.

The Pharisees and Sadducees, who were supposed to be “God’s authority”, teamed with the political government of Rome and put Jesus to death. Jesus did His Master’s bidding and the religious and political people did their master’s bidding. This same configuration was seen in Elijah’s day. Elijah, more or less single-handedly, represented God’s Kingdom, while Jezebel and her false prophets represented the devil’s kingdom. This clash has played itself out since Adam and Eve listened to the serpent and disobeyed God. Are we so foolish as to think it isn’t being played out today?

Yes, the battle still rages. We need to be very frank and very serious at this point. Today’s churches are either representing the Kingdom of God, or, the kingdom of the devil. WE are either helping to build God’s Kingdom or we are supporting and building the devil’s Antichrist system. Of course we recoil at the very suggestion. We would NEVER help the devil. Would we? Would we have been one of the Pharisee’s who teamed with Rome to kill Jesus? Would we have been eating at Jezebel’s table? Yes, I am afraid that many of us would have done those evil things. Why do I say this? Because we take part in a religious system today that is building and supporting the Antichrist’s coming kingdom: A religious system that is teamed up with our political government. Sound familiar?

Let’s break it down and see where we stand. Let’s look at our modern church system and compare it to the apostolic church in the Bible and in the first few centuries of its existence. Let’s see if we are in the devil’s camp or if we are going to Jesus outside the camp.

“Outside the camp” versus “mainstream.” Until Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom, the true church will NEVER be “mainstream”. The devil is always “mainstream." After all, we know we are of God and the whole world is under the rule of the evil one. The “mainstream” world and its newspapers and televisions and governments WILL accept the Antichrist. So if our churches are accepted in the “mainstream” world, what does that tell us? The true church is always a remnant: A peculiar people who are sojourners. We are destined to meet with Jesus outside the camp. So how is it that our modern churches are so widely “accepted” by the world? Where is the violent clash? How is it that a church can sit on the road next to a palm-reading witch and there are no sparks flying? Why don’t our church “leaders” clash with the world like Jesus did? If Peter and Paul were here today whom WOULD they clash with? Would they clash with our church “leaders?” Yes, they would.

“Approved by God” or “Licensed by the State?” This is one of the main indicators. Where is our approval from? Jesus was approved by God but rejected by the political and religious system of His day. The Apostles were beaten and forbidden to preach in Jesus name by the religious leaders of their day. John Bunyan was jailed for 12 years for preaching without a license. Upon his release he refused to get a license and was jailed again 3 years later. Remember that there are two kingdoms in place. The devil’s kingdom will ALWAYS run the governments of the world until Jesus returns. Whereas early Christians died rather than be licensed, today we VOLUNTEER to be “licensed” by the state. In America we now APPLY for 501c3 status from the IRS. Why we can’t see through this trap is beyond understanding. In return for some nice tax breaks, the pastor agrees to a number of things that Jesus or Paul or Peter would never agree to. For instance, a 501c3 organization cannot try to affect legislation. A pastor of a 501c3 church can’t even tell you who to vote for. So for 30 pieces of silver our modern churches have been gagged and bound in numerous ways. The sad thing is that the IRS clearly states in their documents that churches aren’t taxable anyway. A true church is a church that is free to speak what Jesus would speak. A true church doesn’t take “hush money.”

“Simple and Straightforward” or “Complex and Organized.” This is another basic difference between a true Kingdom of God church and a false, man-made, kingdom of the devil, church. The bible shows a very simple setup for church leadership. There were to be plural elders at each church. We don’t find complex hierarchal structures in the Bible. Yet, in the churches of the devil’s kingdom, we find all varieties of intricate leadership structures with dozens of titles and positions: Popes, Cardinals, Rectors, Senior Pastors, Assistant Pastors, 3rd Junior Pastors in charge of washing the Senior Pastor’s car, Left Handed Worship Leaders twice removed. Where are all these titles in the Bible? What is the purpose of all these titles and positions? The devil is all about centralized power. Through his hierarchal networks he is consolidating his religious and political and business structures into one tight unit so that the Antichrist can then assume power. The true church is under the headship of Jesus alone. The Bible never puts us under any “mother church” or into any “convention.” If our churches are full of hierarchal complexities and titles and positions, we need to ask ourselves what kingdom do our churches belong to. If our churches belong to councils that are working to unite all of the world’s churches under one roof, we ARE building the devil’s kingdom. (Hint; something is wrong if you need an appointment to speak to your “pastor.”)

“Newness of Spirit” or “Oldness of Letter.” Until Jesus returns, the Kingdom of God will remain largely invisible. It is hard to point to the true Kingdom and say, “here it is” or “there it is.” It is even somewhat hard to define or explain it since it needs to be spiritually discerned. Jesus told parables to try to explain the Kingdom. The devil uses another method for his kingdom; he likes to write it all down and define it in minute detail. Whereas Jesus spoke in simple terms, the devil likes complexity and small print. Think about it. How did the gospel spread? It spread by people talking to each other. Of course most of them couldn’t read anyway and that didn’t seem to hinder them. How does the devil gain his power and spread his influence? He uses laws, contracts, fine print, creeds, and constitutions. We lose something when we try to commit the things of God to paper. We already have the Bible and that should be enough. But the devil needs more. He likes to have creeds written down so that we can have something to argue over. He likes to pass thousands of complex laws every year that boggle the mind in complexities so that he can continue to gain power. The Kingdom of God doesn't need these things. So why do our "churches" have creeds, mission statements, bylaws, contracts, bulletins, tithing envelopes, offering envelopes, doctrinal statements, programs, visitor cards, brochures, flyers, and magazines. Seems we are getting away from the work and methods of those unlearned fishermen. Are we using the devil's methods to build God's Kingdom? Unfortunately it doesn't work that way: the devil's tools only build his own kingdom. What is born of flesh is flesh, what is born of Spirit is Spirit.

We could talk about many other things but we should be getting a clear picture now. God's ways are not man's ways. What is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the eyes of the Lord. We need to wake up to what is going on around us. Our "institutions" are NOT building the Kingdom of God. We have allowed ourselves to be duped into building the kingdom of the devil. We have settled for convenience and the lowest common denominator. We have rejected the headship of Jesus and therefore we have been given children and blind men to lead us. We have adopted man's business model and ignored the Lord's model. We are so much like the world that they have no need to persecute us. We have rejected the Living Water and we prefer broken cisterns that can hold no water. We have taken Jesus off the throne and put human reasoning there instead. So what can we do now? How can we get back to the biblical model? The Bible tells us what to do.

2 Cor 6:17 Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

We need to come out from these unclean churches whether they are from Rome or America or Israel or wherever. We should come away from liars and perverts and pedophiles and millionaire con artists. We should stop using God's money to build the devil's kingdom. We should stop relying on the arm of the flesh and the vanity of the human mind. We need to start relying on the Spirit. We should spend more time with other true Christians at their homes. God is the God of the living, not of the dead. We don't need to assemble with the dead and their professional clergy hirelings. We need to come out from among those who worship at the government's table. We need to go to Jesus where He is: outside the camp. Let those who bow to Nebuchadnezzar's statue continue to do so, but let us worship the true God and build the Kingdom of Heaven.

Three Kinds of Unbelief

by Bill Somers

> *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Cor 10:11.* (KJV)

I see this verse quoted by some of my favorite writers. It is usually as sign that the writer has some scriptural insight.

One factor that strikes me as important is the way it deals with three levels of unbelief.

First take the verse out of context and generalize it to apply to the entire bible. [It really is OK to do this.]

Then we see that is says [paraphrasing] that the things written in the bible
A. actually happened.
B. Happened as examples for us to learn from. and
C. the examples have special meaning or depth for those of us living in the end times.
Daniel says after all that the books are sealed till the time of the end.

So the levels of unbelief are:
1. Not believing that the things in the bible actually happened
2. Not believing that these things have any relevance or lessons for us
3. Not seeing or seeking to apply these things to the end time context.
Those at level 1 are 'liberals'
Those at level 2 are 'historicists'
Those at level 3 are 'literalists'
Those who get past these levels are 'prophetic'.

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A Three Question Test
by Bill Somers

I've recently been made aware that there are very many who are having a hard time figuring out what God is up to with the current refreshing/revival. Where should you look for answers?
Let me give you a hypothetical multiple choice test.

1. Amos 3:7 "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the ___________ ".

a. theologians
b. best selling authors
c. prophets
d. talk show hosts

2. 2nd Chronicles 20:20 "....Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his ___________ , so shall ye prosper".

a. theologians
b. best selling authors
c. prophets
d. talk show hosts

3. Ephesians 4:11-12 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, ___________; .... for the edifying of the body of Christ"

a. theologians
b. best selling authors
c. prophets
d. talk show hosts

The answer is C, C, C!
See what the prophets are saying!

God has given us prophets. He has given them to us for a purpose. "Brethren, I would not have you ignorant."
Let us seek them out and hear, through them, what the spirit is saying to the church. Then let us also seek the Lord and hear for ourselves.

This website, End Time Prophetic Vision, is a good place to start. There are many others as well.

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The Time is Come

by Bill Somers

This is a 4 part word I received from the Lord on May 14, 1997.
Part A is a short parable about a disobedient son.
Part B is a look at Why Judgment must begin at the House of God.
Part C is speculation about what to expect in this Judgment.
Part D is a prophecy employing various scriptures concerning the Judgment and the Redemptive Work that the Judgment will bring about. It also ties these scriptures together to convey many insights that the Lord has given me in this area.

Part A. A Story

On a certain day, young Johnny's dad comes home in the afternoon after being away for some time.
Johnny is downstairs in the family room when his father calls down to him.
"Johnny, you need to get outside and finish cutting that grass. It's fixing to storm soon."
"I don't even see any clouds dad!" the boy replies.
"They're just over the horizon. I saw them as I came over the hill on my way home. Now hurry up."
So right away Johnny goes to the fridge and gets a coke and grabs some snacks from the pantry. He sits down in the family room and resumes playing his Nintendo. After a while, the father calls down to him.
"I thought I told you to get out there and cut that grass!"
"OK Dad, I'll get right to it!"
About 10 minutes go by and Johnny is deep into his video game.
"Son", we hear, "are you going to cut that grass or not?"
"OK Dad, just a minute, I'll do it."
Some more time passes and the father calls out again.
Johnny says, "OK Dad, I'm almost done here."
Now the father is angry, and he comes down stairs.
"Son, I thought I told you to get out and cut the grass! What are you doing?"
The son says, "OK Dad, just one more round of this game."
Now the father is furious.
The first thing he does is take away Johnny's coke.
"Hey, what are you doing dad?" Johnny says.
Then the father takes away the snacks.
"Dad, that's my snack! Where are you going with my snack?"
The father says, "Now what was it I told you to do?"
"I'll do it, Dad! I'm gonna do it!" says Johnny.
Then the father turns off the Nintendo.
"Hey Dad, I was almost done!"
Then the father takes a scissors and cuts the plug off the Nintendo!
"DAD! Johnny cries, you ruined my Nintendo!"
"You're not going back to that, son." his dad answers.
Then the father, still furious, grabs hold of the son and begins to shake him, quite violently.
"OK, Dad, I'll cut the grass, I'll do it, I'll do it. Stop shaking me, you're hurting me, Dad!"
Johnny is getting really scared.
Then the father gets his paddle and whips his son to the point of tears. He does this so that he won't ever have to do it again.
"Son, I told you what to do, and you keep ignoring me. You seem to forget just who I AM."
By this time, Johnny is crying, I'm sorry, Dad. I'm sorry. I'll do it. I'll cut the grass. I'm sorry dad!"
When the father is satisfied that Johnny has been punished enough, he puts away the paddle. Then He goes and gets a Kleenex and wipes away Johnny's tears. This father loves his son very deeply and does not stay angry for long.
"OK Son, now let's get that grass cut. Look, you can see the storm clouds already."

As Johnny goes outside, his father gets out the fuel can and gasses up the lawnmower. The father even starts the mower and hands it to his son. Johnny quickly finishes the grass with his father helping him in the rough spots.

Now of course the Father stands for God and the son, Johnny is the church.
The snacks and drinks are the comfortable lifestyle.
Inside the house speaks of inside the 4 walls of the church.
The Nintendo is all the worldly distractions that keep us from God's purposes.
The Grass is the harvest field, and the gasoline is the power of the Holy Spirit.
The coming storm is the Wrath of God upon this world!

Part B Why Judgment

There are two issues here. Why Judgment on the House of God and Why Judgment must begin at the house of God.

Why Judgment on the House of God?

The Lord goes to great lengths in his word to spell this out. Just read Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel applying it to the Church instead of Israel and see how accurate it is.

Why Judgment must begin at the house of God.

Because we have heard but not done. We have been hearers of the word only.
Because we have called Him Lord, Lord, and then disobeyed.
Because we feared the Lord, but served other gods.
Because we have repented but not fully.
Because we have been refreshed but not revived.
Because we have been in the river, but have not gone into the deep.
Because the Bride has played the Harlot, and has to get back her virginity.
Because the Lord of the Harvest must first be Lord of the Laborers.
Because the Church must repent before the World can.
Because the World must see Jesus in us, or it will never see Jesus till too late.

Part C What can we expect these judgments to be like?

Organized Christianity will be shaken to pieces.
The accuser of the brethren will go all out. Using the worldly media and also using the Church against it self.
Unprecedented amounts of accusation, envy, jealousy and division.
The Church will have her sin exposed to the world and become a laughing stock.
Intense strife and conflict in the Church.
Increasing persecution by the World.
Many horrible accusations will come, mostly false but some true and very devastating.
Many believers will back away or fall away.
Some Christians will be martyred.
Many ministries will fall.
The furnace to be 7 times hotter that in 88-90, when we saw big name ministries fall right and left.
Increasing signs in the natural reflecting changes in the spiritual.

Part D The Prophecy

For the Lord would say to his people:
The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: For I am setting my Throne in the midst of my people to establish my kingdom on this earth. And That Throne that I set in your midst is a Judgment Seat. The Judgment seat of Christ.
Yea there is Judgment coming to my house, for I shall set my house in order.
My House must be fitly framed before I can allow it to grow.
Yea there is Judgment coming but my word says, that when my judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?
Yea the dragon stands before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. But I say this manchild shall come forth as I have ordained.
Yea, The enemy shall come in like a flood, but I shall raise up a standard against him.
Yea, there are many weapons being formed against you, but I say No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;.
Yea, many tongues shall rise against thee in judgment; but I say thou shall condemn them all.
When Jesus said to Peter, 'thou are Peter' he pointed at Peter.
When he said "and on this rock I will build my church" he pointed to Himself.
Yea the gates of hell are open. They are the doors you have opened by sin.
Yea the foxes have holes, the gates of hell. They are the holes that the foxes can use to enter my vineyard and spoil my vine.
But I will build my church on this rock - The Lordship of Jesus - and even though the gates of hell are open, and even though the hordes of hell flood in, they shall not prevail against you.
Submit unto God! Come under the Lordship of Jesus, then when you resist the Devil, he will flee.
Yea the enemy has dug a pit for you, but he shall fall into that very pit himself which he dug.
Yea the wolf shall come and the sheep will be scattered, but the hireling shall flee, because he is just a hireling. And I shall give you true shepherds which shall be men after my own heart.
Yea Judgment is coming; Zion shall be plowed like a field. but that is how the fallow ground will be broken up. Then that fallow ground will receive the seed of my word. And my word shall go forth to the nations.
This great mountain that man has built in his image will be bought low and humbled. It will become a plain. Then I will bring forth the Chief cornerstone, the Headstone. and He that believeth shall not be ashamed.
Yea my hand shall lay the foundation and my hand shall finish the work and the glory of the latter house shall be greater than that of the former house.
You have said show us the Father and that will be sufficient, and I say the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.
For whom the Father loveth he chasteneth, and if ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for this coming Judgment is for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.
Yea this Judgment that is coming to my house shall be grievous: nevertheless afterward it shall yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness to my people.
For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.
Behold I have told you these things before hand so that when you see them come to pass, you will believe.
And when you see these things begin to happen, look up for your redemption draweth near.

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Ashes To Embers

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, Sept. 23, 2005

In these last hours of the age, a holy nation, a holy people, a sanctified stick that has Ephraim's name written on it by the hand of the Almighty Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, is literally being raised from the grave.

We were cremated by the fires of YHVH's judgments and our ashes (e-ph-r) were scattered by the four winds to the ends of the earth. But now, today, the same Spirit that raised our Messiah from the dead is raising us up from that grave, or ash heaps, as live embers, to become a nation on fire with His Spirit, a recognizable stick/tree, nation and people. This is not a religious denominational issue for Ephraim - it is a national one!

Before the Father brought our brothers back to this land and restored to them their national identity, He moved upon their hearts to return to Zion. The sons of Judah came from all nations, backgrounds and people groups to form this present nation. Zion is our mother too, our homeland, the emblem of our nationhood and is still holy ground, because it is the abode of the Holy One of Israel. Every single one of us, who has had his eyes opened to his Ephraimite/Israelite identity, should have a burning desire within him to be part of this second recognizable stick, or nation, in the hand of the Almighty.

We are Judah's brothers, but we are not the nation of Judah. We are Ephraimites/Israelites with our own peculiar identity. We have our own testimony of the Elohim of our fathers, which is not the same as Judah's (at this time). The Father has two witnesses, two nations, two sticks in his hand. Yes, we will be one, but in His time and in His way. The nation of Judah has already come together and is seen, but Ephraim's is in the process of being gathered. Many in Orthodox Judaism have been reasoning that, "Yes we are a nation with a land, but democracy is not supposed to be our government." They are beginning to realize that the scriptures say that they are to have a king, priests, judges and a temple. Without those they really are not the nation that HaShem planned for them to be.

On the other hand, the redeemed remnant of the nation/stick of Joseph, in the hand of Ephraim, (ref Ezekiel 37: 16) has a King, a High priest, a Judge and a temple (not made with hands). But what is lacking in Ephraim is an exclusive national identity. This nation of Joseph is to be a flame (ref. Obadiah 1:18), a mighty weapon in the hand of our Elohim (Zepheniah 9:13). We are to be His servants. "We are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light; we once were not a people but are now the people of Elohim, we had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy" (1 Peter 2: 9-10)(see also Hosea 1: 9-10).

Do not despise the day of small things; one "live ember" can set an entire forest on fire!

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Ascend To Zion
Musa Opiyo

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I have called you My people to ascend the hill of Zion by way of praise. For many of My own have been weighed down and afflicted with what is going on down below that many have forgotten that I indeed rule and reign and that I sit upon the throne. The Lord God Almighty is calling His people to leave all that is behind them to come up higher. Do not allow the baggage of the past to be as an anchor but instead let go because I am doing a new thing says the Lord.

I speak to you now to spread your wings and let the wind of My Spirit carry you higher. It is not something that is done by the flesh or by your own strength but as you stop struggling and cry out to Me, I will fill you with new strength and stamina with which to run the race ahead. I am calling you upwards. It is a constant call to look heavenwards at what I am doing throughout this earth and in and through your lives.

As you soar high, you will see things as I see them. Even as the eagle has sharp vision, so I am redefining the vision that My people currently see. What was once blurry is now being made clear in your lives. I am bringing a new level of truth that will clearly demarcate that which is real from that which is not. Yet in spite of all I am doing, I say again, ascend the hill of Zion by way of praise. I do indeed dwell in the praises of My people, and as you praise Me this season you will not only see walls crumble and breakthrough coming, but you will step into the next level of intimacy and coming to a deeper knowledge of who I AM.

Yes indeed the call has gone forth and I am indeed calling My children higher in Me. No longer be satisfied with the normal, but reach forth, climb higher into the realm of the impossible where there are no limitations of the expression of praise.

To My people who desire more of Me, I say, ascend, come up higher,

Blessings,
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The Seed And The Fulfillment Of The Promise
Musa Opiyo

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The Lord is releasing the fulfillment of the promises He has made to His children in this day. Many of these promises have occurred almost as instantly as they have been spoken. Yet for many of God's people, you have waited long and hard and have wondered whether God really did mean what He said. Some have even doubted that it was God who spoke at all.

But the Lord says that many of these promises are likened unto a baby in the womb. Once that word was spoken and imparted, it was put in the belly to grow and mature. To the natural eyes it may have seemed that there was no outward manifestation. In fact, if anything, circumstances went from bad to worse. Supports and comforts that were once available are no longer there to sustain, and as the child of God gropes for support, they realize that there is One who has been their rock and their fortress the whole time, the Risen Christ, Jesus Himself.

As they learn to trust in the Lord, their faith begins to rise and grow. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith causes God to act. As the faith is activated through the word and through victory after victory won, that seed of the promise planted deep within begins to grow and form. As God brings more tests and trials, sometimes ones harder than the previous, God reminds His people of who He is. He reminds His beloved of the inability of their strength and the supernatural power of His. As this promise grows after a period of molding, testing and the furnace, the time of birthing arrives.

Pushing, that last final advance before the promise, is always the hardest. But God promises never to leave us nor forsake us. That child pushes past oppositions, forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forward toward the prize of the high calling of God. Forget the voices of unbelief and circumstances that do not line up with their vision, and push forward. Like a bull in the ring that focuses on red, so the child of God focuses on the red crimson stream that flows from the cross to the throne of God.

He never said that it would be easy. But it is in the journey that He has formed Himself within you. He could not have done it any other way. There are some aspects about the journey to the fulfilled promise that God chooses not to reveal because if He did, we would refuse to move forward and cause that growth to be stunted through words of unbelief on our part.

Be encouraged. The Lord has not brought you from one hellhole to let you rot in another. The only thing at this point that rots away as we behold Him is our flesh which grows more corrupt everyday, but we arise in the new man who is built according to the design of God. If the road is narrow, you are on the right road. When you find mountains on your path that are insurmountable, that is God's opportunity of showing Himself as the Almighty. When you find the words of mockery, rejection and slander come forth, rejoice for Jesus suffered the very same things.

Your wilderness time is over. It is a new day for the fulfillment of your promise. It is the day when the Lord is bringing many out of the caves into the battlefields. It is a day when He is bringing many out of the pits into the palaces. Do not give up now. God is getting ready to birth something new in the lives of those who simply say yes to Him. It is the season and it is the time of transition from one place to another. Shut the doors of the past and go through the new doors He is forming for you.

Step in and do not look back. Keep your hand to the plough and activate those gifts and talents that God has placed in you. Some are saying, "I have no gifts and callings." Pray and ask God to stir those gifts within you for the glory of His kingdom.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven." - (Eccl 3:1).

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us... Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us." - (Rom 8:18,37).

"Nay but O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, 'Why hast thou made me thus?' Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor?" - (Rom 9:20-21).

Ask For The Fear Of The Lord

Priscilla Van Sutphin

Do you suffer from intimidation or the fear of man ? The word of God says, "The fear of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous run into it, and they are saved !" So what is the fear of the Lord ? The church in this age has said we are not to be afraid of God, but be filled with "reverent awesome fear". And we know that when we come before Him, we can come boldly it says to His throne of GRACE !

Psalms 111:10 NKJV says
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever So fearing the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; If you love Him, you'll obey Him.

Lev 19:14 KJV Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD. This warns against placing yourselves above others in your own mind, and warns to be compassionate so these are also part of being filled with the fear of the Lord.

Ex 18:21 KJV Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.

If you have the fear of the Lord you will HATE covetousness of others, you will follow the Truth, and be a leader among men/women.

Lev 19:32 KJV Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

We are commanded to fear the Lord !

Lev 25:17 KJV Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.

Lev 25:36 Take thou no usury of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee.

Lev 25:43 KJV Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God.

These all again show we are not to be ensnared by pride and try to rule over others out of our own ambition, and are to be compassionate towards others who are believers. And indirectly shown God is the avenger we are to depend on Him and obey Him if we have proper fear of the Lord.

Ex 23:27 KJV I will send My fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

If we obey Him in proper fear He will make our enemies even to be friends with us He will avenge us; no need to do it ourselves.

Deut 4:10 KJV Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.

Remember the time the people wanted to hear God too like Moses, and they were asked to consecrate themselves for three days, not even to sleep with their spouses, then they would all come before the Lord together and when God spoke it was too much for them...they ran in fear ? If you don't have INTIMACY with the Mighty God...it will make you RUN from Him in fear, instead of towards Him when He appears or speaks.

I think AWESOME is a powerful word and that what they heard and saw were too awesome for them to behold because they were not accustomed to the voice of the Lord, because they had no intimacy with Him. They just had selfish ambition, and jealousy, wanting to be like Moses. But they were not fasting 40 days back to back for each other They did not have to speak to pharaoh directly like He did. The Lord once told me in a prophecy that the day is coming when the heavens will part, and we will hear the sounds of horses hooves, and angel's trumpets, but for those who don't know Him, the sound will be TERRIBLE !

Deut 6:2 KJV That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

Deut 13:4 KJV Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

Deut 28:58 KJV If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

So according to these scriptures, again is the theme of obedience so that things go well with us, that we would live a long life, being filled with the fear of the Lord.

1 Chron 28:20 KJV And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Judg 6:10 KJV And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

So does the Lord get upset when we fear others, or satan more than HIM ? Yes, because He knows this means we do not trust HIM more than what they can do to us.

"Some trust in chariots, some trust in horses, but we will trust in the name of the Lord." So it is necessary to trust in the Lord. If we are to have proper fear we need to understand Him; How loving and how just and mighty He is. How much He loves those who love Him. We need to understand His ways. If we do, we will have proper balance, for we are not to be manipulators ordering God around, nor are we to lack trust in His ability to care for us, whatever it takes.

1 Samuel 11:7 NKJV So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen." And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

Now to me this looks like fear, real fear, not just a wishy washy,. running away fear, but fear for your life.

1 Sam 12:24-25 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

Again I see fear of the wrath of the Lord and His holy presence consuming us.

2 Kings 17:28, 34-37, 39 KJV Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; With whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: But the

LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. v.39 But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.

Our God is an all consuming fire. The priest could not stand in His presence. If he came into the Holy of Holies with sin he was killed. The priests even had a rope tied to their feet for this purpose, such that if he was killed by the Lord they could drag his body out. Our God is returning not as the humble servant but the mighty LION OF JUDAH. He is awesome and He has ALL POWER and authority in heaven, on earth and below the earth.

If we don't press into Him for the healing we know we need in His presence, will we be killed like Ananias and Sapphira ? In 1989 I spoke with a pastor from New Zealand whose body had prayed for the glory for a year and when it came 9 people fell dead. You can bet that after that there was a fear of the Lord in that church! There is a truth about getting too familiar with God, so that we don't reverance Him as we should.

The Israelites thought they knew Him when Moses went out with them...but they found out...that they were not ready...they acted familiar, as if they had that intimacy Moses did, but they did not...

1 Chron 16:29-31 KJV Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness . Fear before him, all the earth: the world also shall be stable, that it be not moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice: and let men say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.

2 Chron 20:29 KJV And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel.

2 Chronicles 14:14 NKJV
Then they defeated all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD came upon them; and they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

2 Chronicles 17:10 NKJV
And the fear of the LORD fell on all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jehoshaphat.

Fear of the Lord here also seems like they feared for their lives because they saw the hand of the Lord God of Israel on His chosen people. Whoever He told them to fight against were killed . But there is not dreadful fear in the hearts of those who KNOW HIM.

Job 4:12-15 KJV Now a thing was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a little thereof. In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men, Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake. Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up:

Now here Job is experiencing the other spirit of fear in reaction to something he heard , secretly brought to him.in a vision of the night. We don't know if it was a good or evil presence....Now this seems to be the experience of a supernatural presence as when the spirit passed before his face hair on his arms stood up. We fear what we have not experienced often and this was foreign to him.

Here is the antidote for fear:

Ps 27:3-6 KJV Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

Ps 22:23-25 KJV For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him

Ps 27:1 KJV The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear ? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 31:19 KJV Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Ps 33:18-21 KJV Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His mercy; To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD: He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name

Ps 34:7-10 KJV The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.

Read these outloud as you read this.it is prophesying over ourselves to do so.

Ps 46:1-5 KJV God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

Ps 56:4 KJV In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Ps 60:4-5 KJV Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah. That thy beloved may be delivered; save with thy right hand, and hear me.

Ps 64:1-4 KJV Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy. Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:

That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

Ps 64:9-10 KJV And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing. The righteous shall be glad in the LORD, and shall trust in him; and all the upright in heart shall glory.

Ps 67:7 KJV God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Ps 72:5 KJV They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.

Ps 85:8-13 KJV I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Ps 86:11-12 KJV Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

There are so many scriptures on this is amazing . Here is David saying come, I'll teach you the fear of the Lord.

Ps 34:11-22 KJV 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD. 12 What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. 16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Ps 103:11-13 KJV For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him

Ps 103:17-18 KJV But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

When you pray these, they are not to be recited presumptively but because of the blood of JESUS. We don't recite them to get what we want from God in a manipulative way but to speak into existence the truth of what HE SAYS out of relationship with Him. New Agers speak things into existence they think they want like magic This is not magic, though his love is amazing , we do it out of covenant relationship with the King of Kings...

Ps 115:11-14 KJV Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he is their help and their shield. The LORD hath been mindful of us: he will bless us; he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron. He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great. The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Ps 118:4-7 KJV Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me? The LORD taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

Ps 119:38-39 KJV Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear. Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

Below, David sure sounds like he is in something other than just an awesome fear But he considers the punishment God would do if he does not obey. Our relationship with God is like that of Father with children indeed, but didn't we also fear offending our fathers and mothers as children? We did not want to feel the wrath of their hand or belt on our backsides. We know there is a law of sowing and reaping, and we do not want to reap the whirlwind as it says.

Ps 119:119-122 KJV Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: therefore I love thy testimonies. My flesh trembleth for fear of thee; and I am afraid of thy judgments. I have done judgment and justice: leave me not to mine oppressors. Be surety for thy servant for good: let not the proud oppress me.

Here is some wisdom from Isaiah

Isa 41:13-15 KJV For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

Isa 41:10 KJV Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Isa 43:1-3 KJV But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:

This can seem contradictory if we don't understand the ways of God Now he is saying fear but it is because sometimes we lose heart and our flesh is weak and we fear what we should not fear. We don't understand how much God loves us, and all who fear His name. If we are doing all we can to try to do according to His word, even if we are not fully healed and delivered, He will uphold us through the hard times. He will vindicate us. He is a Mighty Warrior and the LOVER of our souls and He WILL UPHOLD US ! We can have confidence in that . It is the hope of our salvation.and we must keep on that helmet and not take it off; not allow the enemy to say we are disqualified.

Isa 29:23-24 KJV But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

I believe this is a word for our times, in that God is releasing the apostolic teaching, and that the fear of the Lord will be restored to the house of the Lordand those who have erred will be confounded. The wise in their own eyes will be dismayed and come to their senses when the Bridegroom enters the church. They will see the fire of the love in His eyes for His own and He who is WISDOM will prevail.

Isaiah 33:6 NKJV Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.

Isa 35:4-6 KJV Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

I love the imagery of Isaiah; streams in the desert is like cool refreshing waters that come ;The power of the love of the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit breaking down every wall of resistance in our hearts and peace like a river enters inpeace that goes beyond all understanding.

Isa 54:4-5 KJV Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more. For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

Here is an indictment that keeps ringing in my head ,"their fear of Me is taught by the precept of men" but then The Holy One gives a promise of restoration

Isa 29:13-19 KJV Wherefore the Lord said, For asmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from ;me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

Don't you know oh beloved of God, how much He loves you and does not willingly cause you to suffer? He is so enraptured with you ! He loves you so much! He is now releasing judgement; like when Miriam got jealous of Moses and instantly was stricken with leprosy. He will not be silent when those who hate us come against us. So be careful of your words. They have the ability to bring life or death. Life and death are in the power of the tongue, so speak LIFE to all, for He is not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to the saving knowledge of Him.

Isa 59:16-19 KJV And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Remember this scripture? When the enemy comes in like a flood, which he is in the process of doing. THE SPIRIT WILL LIFT UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM. Hallelujah ! The gates of hell will NOT prevail against His church. Christ gave Himself for the church, will He let it fail ? What it looks like will hopefully change to the better to be more like Him. How we meet will change, but it will not fail in it's mission, so be confident of what He has told you, and go forth in HIS POWER. !!!!

Isa 60:3-6 KJV And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of the LORD.

The abundance of the sea refers to the sea of peoples like in Revelation. The harvest is coming; the end-times harvest; the fullness of man predicted throughout the old testament and new. And HE promises all we need of money and resources will be ours !!!! Believe it son of man , that He will fulfill all prophecy ! This will come and it is soon, so steady your heart; fix your eyes on HIM for the days draw near.

Isa 63:17 KJV O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear ? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

This indicates He allows our hearts to be hardened from fear of Him so Isaiah cries out for Him to returncome and change us oh GOD he is saying. Return and refresh us.this should be our hearts cry now !!! WE DESPERATELY NEED HIM TO COME WITH HIS LOVE. PERFECT LOVE CASTS DOWN ALL FEAR (the wrong kind of fear ie fear of man, fear of demons, fear of loss, fear of death, fear of losing control, etc) We need HIM to fill us up with the fear of the Lord, that we might endure and not succomb to the spirit of this age.

Jer 2:19-20 KJV Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts. For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.

Jer 5:22-24 KJV Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good from you.

Jer 10:7 ASV Who should not fear thee, O King of the nations? for to thee doth it appertain; forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like unto thee.

Below sounds like the condition of the world today. Babylon comes from Babel and meant confusion because that is where God confused the tongues of man after Noah's time when some rebelled from the word . He told them to go forth and multiply to scatter across the face of the earth , and some disobeyed and wanted to build a tower thinking they could reach heaven. God is trying to take all the Babylon out of us; we have rebellion so much in our hearts, even in the church. We do not want to go for Him. We want to dictate what we do for Him. Even so, yet He loves us, but corrects us and leads us in the way of understanding. We are not to hold on to anything of this world. We are Christians, bought and paid for with the precious blood of Jesus. We are love slaves to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jer 51:43-46 ASV Her cities are become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby. And I will execute judgment upon Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and save yourselves every man from the fierce anger of Jehovah.

Lam 3:47 KJV Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction

Here are promises in Jeremiah of restoration

Jer 32:38-41 ASV and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them: and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land assuredly with my whole heart and with my whole soul.

Jer 33:9 ASV And (this city) shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure unto it.

Prov 3:7-8 KJV Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

Prov 1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Here are some promises from God for those who fear Him. They will have health. Your navel represents the center of your being. Marrow to thy bones - marrow is one place where red cells are produced.the life of your blood. And it says that you will dwell in safety and be quiet from the fear of evil if you obey and fear HIM. I know I want more of the fear of the Lord !

Isaiah 11:2-3 NKJV The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

Eccl 12:13-14 KJV Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

This indicates there is a portion of His 7 fold Spirit called the fear of the Lord, thus we can ask for the Spirit of the fear of the Lord in our lives, to fill our homes and churches. It says the Lord delights in the one who fears Him who obeys His words. There are eternal rewards for us who do.

Isa 8:13-15 KJV Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

If you are filled with the fear of the Lord you will be a stone of stumbling to others, a rock of offense. You will also be untouched by the wickedness of the world, for those who touch you, will be dealt with by the Living God ,Who is your sanctuary, your hope, your defense.

Isa 25:3-4 KJV Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

This I found interesting. So if you are strength to the poor and needy in their distress, and a refuge from the storms of life and a shadow from the heat when people are being oppressed, others will be fearing you. You will be a threat to those who are lukewarm. Strong people will glorify you and nations will fear you ! In other words God will be your rear guard and will deal with all. He will make even your enemies to be at peace with you !

Ezek 3:9-11 KJV As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

God has told His prophets to not fear the faces of men, though they be rebellious. If He gives you a word to speak to others, you must speak it; you must be obedient. Do not fear what man can do to you Jesus said, but fear him who has the power to cast your soul into hell.

Dan 6:26-27 KJV I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and steadfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

Dan 10:19 KJV And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me

Hos 3:5 KJV Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days. This is encouraginga promise of restoration for Israelfor the latter days.that is now

Amos 3:8 KJV The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

When the true voice of the Lord is heard, it is accompanied by the fear of the Lord. This was seen when Moses gathered the children of Israel and the Lord spoke great fear came upon them.

Jonah 1:9-10 KJV And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Fleeing from the presence of the Lord is definitely not a good place to be ; been there, done that, as they say. Being on your own, doing your own thing, instead of what GOD wants you to do is always a bad idea. He will often let us go our own way till we fall on our face, or till we do what we want, then realize that it was not fulfilling and the best for us.

Mic 7:17-19 KJV They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us;

In Lamentations 3:33, God declares that He does not willingly afflict or grieve the sons of men. His heart is one of compassion and mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment. His judgment is His love greatly provoked. Here in Micah he says they shall be afraid because of us.!!! We have not fully comprehended the heart of God for His own if we don't understand this. A good parent does not ignore his child when he sees him heading for self destruction.

When my son was only 10 months old, he crossed, by himself, a busy street near Wheaton College when a soccer game was going on. I guess he saw the people across the street and followed. Perhaps he thought I'd gone there, but I'd gone in the house and my sister and mom were supposed to be watching him. I came out and panicked when I didn't see him in the yard, then saw him on the other side of the street !!!!

Imagine, that God sees you slipping into complacency or apathy, into indifference that is a dangerous place to be. So what might He do ? What would a good parent do if they knew their kid was doing drugs at 11 yrs old ? They would do everything they could to draw him back to right behavior and to know they love him. We have lost our fear of the Lord in so many churches. God is drawing us back to make HIM our FIRST LOVE. Sometimes the only way to do that is to shock us

Mal 4:2-3 KJV But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts

Here is a wonderful promise of healing in Malachi, not only healing, but prosperity of soul, and a promise of treading down the wicked if we are among those who fear the Lord. WE are living in the days this will be fulfilled.

Matt 10:26-29 KJV Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Luke 7:14-16 KJV And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people

Luke 8:37-38 KJV Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.Now the man out of whom the devils were departed besought him that he might be with him: but Jesus sent him away, Acts 2:43 KJV And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Acts 5:3-5 KJV But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Acts 5:10-11 KJV Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

In all instances of the new testament scriptures here, fear of the Lord returned with great displays of His power. This testifies that UNBELIEF is the companion of a lack of fear of the Lord. Just as the children of Israel were unbelieving when Moses did not come down when they thought he should. The desires of their flesh along with the enemy taunted them into creating God in their own fashion.

We are no different today than they were. In many places of worship who proclaim Jesus as Lord, there is unbelief, lack of proper fear of the Lord, and disobedience to dependence on HIM. He said, unless you become as a little child, you will not inherit the kingdom of God. Many say things like " God can't do that " or " God doesn't do that anymore", or "God wouldn't do that anymore" presuming to know what God might want. That is unbelief !!!! Also the Lord told me once that DISCONTENTMENT is the mother of presumption. Timothy warned of these times when the church would have a resemblance of looking like believers, but with no power thereof.

Isa 64:1-7 NKJV Oh, that You would rend the heavens ! That You would come down ! That the mountains might shake at Your presence2 As fire burns brushwood ,As fire causes water to boil--To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned--In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.

6 But we are all like an unclean thing and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.

OT:3372 yare' (yaw-ray'); a primitive root; to fear; morally, to revere; caus. to frighten: KJV - affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing), (be had in) reverence (-end), see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

Father, in the name of Jesus, we ask You to restore in us, our homes, our churches and our nation, the Spirit of the fear of the Lord. We ask for You to rend the heavens and come down Lord, change the face of Your church. Deliver us oh Lord ! Pour out Your mighty LOVE in our hearts that we would love, as You love. Bring a mighty awakening to our nation and to the world, that every knee would bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord !

Forgive our petty jealousies Father, our sibling rivalry, and our self-centeredness and greed, and help us to live as You lived, to walk as You walked, to give as You gave, to speak as Your spoke. We will not be satisfied oh Lord till we awake in YOUR IMAGE ! Have mercy oh Lord on us. Forgive and deliver us from our unbelief, our discontentment and pride. Give us a humble heart oh Lord. Forgive us and come down OH LORD ! Make Yourself known to the nations. Give us the grace to stir ourselves up to take hold of YOU !

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Extended Forgiveness
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Matt 6:14-15 AMP   For if you forgive people their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their trespasses [their reckless and willful sins, leaving them, letting them go, and giving up resentment], neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses.

“I want to talk to you about forgiveness beloveds, because it is the root of much torment that many are going through. Forgiveness is not a one time,
“I forgive you”. That is the obedience of forgiveness, but it is only the beginning. For unless you forgive from the heart, you will still have resentment. Verbal agreement with forgiveness is good, but it is what is in the heart that counts. Can you now pray for that one without your own anger getting in the way. Do you still hold on to RESENTMENT, even though you have forgiven. I will tell you a true test. Can you send love to them from the bottom of your heart ? Then and only then are you FREE.

Forgiveness is a process with most people because of their human nature.
I have given you MUCH GRACE in your life, and likewise you should give much grace to others. To whom much is forgiven much is required. As I have forgiven you over and over every day since you said you wanted ME in your life, so must you forgive EVERYONE who you perceived to offend you. I don’t mean you have to trust everyone right away, and some you may never trust. But you must forgive.

I hear a lot of rationalization these days of bitterness and resentment in hearts that say they belong to ME. But bitterness is not a fruit of the Spirit. Bitterness is a stench in My nostrils. Resentment is not a fruit either. I want you to search your hearts and if you cannot remember, to ask ME to help you sort out anything you are still holding on to. For these bitter roots bring fear and resentment, and are still holding on to anger and vengeance, which I said belongs to ME alone. I AM THE JUDGE. I AM the One Who knows every heart inside and out. I alone know what is in the heart of a man ! Cast aside all your ASSUMPTIONS and OPINIONS and come to ME for MY OPINION.

I do not care how grievous the offense is. The requirement is still forgiveness. I know how hard it is for some to forgive those who have bludgeoned them through betrayals, and thievery, through adulteries, and
all manner of taking advantage of others. I know the sins of all. Believe ME, when I say that I know ALL THINGS. And not to forget that you also MUST forgive YOURSELF for all the blunders and mistakes, all the sins of omission and commission you have made. THERE is nothing I cannot forgive save the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. There is nothing too big for ME to erase, if there is true repentance of heart.

I know who are the Sauls and who are the Davids. I know who are the Jacobs, and who are the Esaus. It is not up to you to decide what punishment they deserve. I hear my own people CURSING EACH OTHER with ungodly prayers. It also is a stench in My nostrils. Yet some in the pulpit have taught others to pray JUDGMENT on their own families, on their enemies, and do it themselves ! What has light to do with darkness ? Did I not tell my disciples “ You do not know what spirit you are of” when they wanted to call down fire from heaven ? So who are you to judge anyone ?
Who are you to command sentence and verdict when you cannot see the deep recesses of their hearts as I can ?

I will judge and I will separate.
It is MY JOB, and it is not for you to tell me who should or shouldn’t be judged. If you remember rightly, The judgment with which you use to judge, will come back on your own head. So if YOU would desire mercy, then YOU GIVE MERCY ! You cannot continue receiving MY forgiveness, if you do not forgive.

Go back as I show you any resentments you have held on to, and ask ME to help you to fully forgive, deep in your heart. I will help you if you ask!
I will give you vision and ability to heal your heart of all that is necessary to be free. TAKE the wounds to the cross and leave them there, and do not demand back your rights. IF YOU HAVE TRULY GIVEN ALL TO ME, AND SURRENDERED TO YOUR ADONAI , THEN YOU HAVE NO MORE RIGHTS.

I AM YOUR KING. I AM YOUR RULER NOW THEN. AND I AM TENDERLY CALLING YOU TO LAY DOWN ALL BITTERNESS AND STRIFE. I AM NOT CALLING FOR UNSANCTIFIED MERCY. That is a whole other issue.
I am talking about FORGIVING completely from the deep part of your heart and emotions that your emotions will be free of all demonic strongholds.

For then you have invulnerability to the enemy. ONLY when you are fully forgiving, can I trust you with authority that you have asked for . Come to the cross beloveds and lay down all the burdens there. Forgive and it will be forgiven you. Extend mercy and love to your enemies, and you will overcome. Give up all the pride that keeps holding on to unforgiveness ! Testify of your forgiveness and Mine towards you, and it will put a huge hole in the wall the enemy tries to put around you ! SPEAK OUT your testimony and watch how he will try to stop you ! Do not love your life, but give it up ! Let go of your rights and you will overcome !”

Rev 12:11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony , and they did not love their lives to the death.

Luke 6:37 AMP Judge not [neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure], and you will not be judged; do not condemn and pronounce guilty, and you will not be condemned and pronounced guilty; acquit and forgive and release (give up resentment , let it drop), and you will be acquitted and forgiven and released.

Luke 17:4 And even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and turns to you seven times and says, I repent [I am sorry], you must forgive him (give up resentment and consider the offense as recalled and annulled).

Eph 4:31-32 AMP Let all bitterness and indignation and wrath (passion, rage, bad temper) and resentment (anger, animosity) and quarreling (brawling, clamor, contention) and slander (evil-speaking, abusive or blasphemous language) be banished from you, with all malice (spite, ill will, or baseness of any kind). 32 And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph 6:4 AMP Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.

1 Tim 2:8 AMP I desire therefore that in every place men should pray, without anger or quarreling or resentment or doubt [in their minds], lifting up holy hands.

Heb 12:15 AMP Exercise foresight and be on the watch to look [after one another], to see that no one falls back from and fails to secure God's grace (His unmerited favor and spiritual blessing), in order that no root of resentment (rancor, bitterness, or hatred) shoots forth and causes trouble and bitter torment, and the many become contaminated and defiled by it--

Atmosphere, Anointing, and Authority, Part 1

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A couple of nights ago, a sister in the Lord and I were sharing a bit on our understanding of the kingdom. She was stressing that it's "righteousness", and I agreed much with this statement, as the Bible very plainly tells us that the kingdom of God is not "meat and drink", but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

> *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 14:17*

Righteousness, His righteousness imputed unto us, is the foundation of our peace and our joy. It's impossible to have peace and joy when one is unaware of the availability of His righteousness made a personal reality to us through the death of His Cross.

> *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: Romans 3:22*
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> *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 1 Corinthians 1:3*
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> *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Corinthians 5:2*

As I've continued the past couple of days meditating on what I truly believe is the "kingdom" when I refer to it in conversation, prayer, prophecy, and deep desire for the fullness of it's appearing, there are three things that come to mind, and that is "atmosphere, anointing, and authority".

ATMOSPHERE:

The kingdom of God is a spiritual realm where we live and walk above the pull of the earthly and the carnal, or things that do not relate to the true rhema word of the Lord to our lives. Actually, when the Lord speaks in the above highlighted scriptures of "many mansions", He is speaking of different realms in the kingdom of God. This doesn't start when you die. Access to realms in the kingdom begins the very moment you make Jesus Christ your Saviour with intent of allowing Him to establish His lordship in your life.

Even in things that pertain to the natural life and circumstances, when one is in the "kingdom atmosphere", they will always have a sense within their spirit that God is always there, very much behind the scenes, orchestrating every decision made in life. Drawing us, wooing us, and winning us into the paths of the just which are indeed those paths that shine brighter and brighter unto the "perfect day". (Proverbs 4:18)

So that God can make His will known, there are breakthroughs into the realm of our understanding through a quickened scripture. Or it could be through dreams and visions. Or it might be through a personal prophecy. Sometimes it's through a strong inward witness of the Spirit. God has His ways of communicating with those who live their lives in the "atmosphere of the kingdom".

We often hear, and use the phrase, "the Presence of the Lord". Within that kingdom atmosphere, where a true child of God should have his **present abiding** if he has been truly delivered from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of His dear son , (see Colossians 1:13) are different levels, strengths, and manifestations of the Lord's Presence to us. From that initial sweet awareness of sins forgiven, and the great peace that it brings all the way to being in a visitation of the manifest Presence of the Lord . It's that place where His glory and holiness is so overwhelming that we become like the priests slain in the Spirit who could not stand to minister because of God's glory. Heaven truly comes down and kisses earth with an extra dose of the power, presence and glory of God. It's probably just a previous step to actually shedding the bars of bone that hold the soul before one takes his flight like a mighty eagle, when the Saviour sets our spirits free. (That's from an old song I just love!!)

> *So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God. 2 Chronicles 5:14*

But in between those two locations within the realms of kingdom atmosphere, that glorious sense of the initial joy of "sins forgiven", and the very "manifested glory of God", is a purchased piece of Holy Ghost real estate where our souls can find continual refreshing and delight, that I'm going to call "fullness".

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Now, I'm beginning to feel a real sense of the quickening, and the scriptures are bubbling forth in my spirit, so that I hardly know where to begin:

Let's start with understanding that the "fullness" on planet earth is at this point in time, for most of us, only the "earnest" of our inheritance.

Few have pressed into even a greater level of fullness, and oh how I long to be in that number!!

> *Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. 2 Cor. 1:22*
> *Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 5:5*
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> *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:13, and 14.*

Yes, the glorious reality is that this "fullness" is only the "EARNEST of our inheritance", and not the complete fullness we shall all come to know. If you are a "dyed in the wool Pentecostal" adhering faithfully to the tenets of classical Pentecostal doctrine, you don't walk in much hope for anything beyond this "fullness in earnest", until you die and go to heaven. Then all your dreams and visions about the beauties and glories of heaven will become a reality for you. You've camped at Pentecost, and are probably quite content there.

Being "camped at Pentecost", is not necessarily a bad place to be, but the Lord does have more for you in this life-time! It's better to be camped there than to not have ever been there at all. And there are many who think they can bypass Pentecost and go into the fullness of tabernacles without it. These have a religious experience and know a lot about the language, but something of the life of God is glaringly missing in their conversation and spiritual delivery. They know the "sound", but lack true substance.

On behalf of Pentecost, and the **fullness** that it represents, I want you to notice the abundant use of different forms of the word in the following passage of scripture. And I'm still very much talking about "kingdom atmosphere", and I will tie it all together!!

> *¶And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ¶And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia,*

> *and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. Acts 2:1-13*

Beloved, I must tell you very seriously, if you claim to want all God has for you, and you claim to desire a close relationship with Him, but then you snub Pentecost, it's not a true heart for God that is leading you onto greater things, but rather a religious spirit. A true and pure hunger for God will cause you to desire everything He has for you as evidenced in the Scriptures.

When I say "Pentecost", I'm not talking about a local church where they roll in the sawdust, and swing from the rafters, beat on tambourines, and run the aisles speaking in tongues. (Though, I'll freely confess I am truly a great lover of ALL of the above!!) I am talking about a promised visitation of the Father to you where you are filled with the Holy Ghost, speak in other tongues, begin to experience the cleansing fires of God, and then are endued with power on high for His service. (For more on this, please see Wade Taylor's article:

http://wadetaylor.org/articles/wadetaylor/becoming_a_witness.htm

John the Baptist recognized that Jesus would be the One who would baptize His church into this experience:

> *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*
> *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. Matthew 3:11-13*

My dear friend, until you have been to Pentecost, you do not know the true blessings of "kingdom atmosphere". The kingdom is a spiritual realm that has it's very own personal "smell" about it. I've related this example in a past writing: Having lived in both the North and the South, I've had the opportunity to cross the borders to go both into Canada and into Mexico. Immediately upon crossing the border, there is a strong sense that I'm in a different country because there is something of a difference in the very air. Now, to get to either of those foreign countries, if I am going to do so legally, I have to drive through some sort of "checkpoint".

Well, there is a "legal entry" into the kingdom atmosphere. The Bible tells us very clearly who was given the "keys" to get us into the kingdom. These "keys" were given to the Apostle Peter, and on the day of Pentecost, he used those keys to lead 3,000 souls in. A key is used to unlock a door. Peter unlocked the door into the kingdom atmosphere. True to His Word, the Lord Jesus promised that Peter would have those "keys to the kingdom", and then it was Peter who was that anointed spokesman on the day of Pentecost.

But first, let's look at the place where we see Jesus gives Peter the keys:

> *When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?*
> *And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.*
> *He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?*
> *And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
> *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*
> *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*
> *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:13-19.*

Because Peter had a revelation of whom Jesus was, the son of the living God, the Lord opened the kingdom to him. The key had to do with very specifically unlocking the door INTO THE KINGDOM REALM where things could be loosed, and things could be bound. Beloved, until we are living in kingdom atmosphere, we have no true authority to bind or to loose.

Read carefully Acts Chapter 2. This is very much a "kingdom" chapter in the Bible, and not a Pentecostal Doctrine chapter. This is extremely obvious on the surface because of the references and comparisons to David and his throne, and HIS kingdom........a king who without doubt was the pride of the Jews. Peter knew his subject matter. Those Jews who crucified Jesus were incensed because they felt he was an imposter, and not their true Messiah at all. Peter, who had only days before denied the Lord Jesus, now vigorously defends the good standing that Jesus had with the Father.

When he got done preaching under a mighty anointing to those people, the Bible says they were "pricked in their hearts" and they asked Peter the question, What shall we do?

> *"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Acts 2:37*

The whole message Peter preaches to those Jews who were gathered from many places because they were keeping the feast of Pentecost at Jerusalem, caused their natural understanding about the kingdom of Israel to be submerged by the truth of entryway into the spiritual kingdom when Peter forthrightly gave them the answer:

> *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.*

Talk about the floodlights of revelation going on!! The Bible says that when those people GLADLY heard the word, they were baptized!! Peter had the keys of the kingdom, and opened the door, and led 3000 souls in!! And then as we read through the book of Acts the wonderful and miraculous and glorious things that were accomplished by that New Testament church, we know that much "binding and loosing" against the powers of darkness, and sin and sickness and disease took place!! They were in the "kingdom atmosphere" where it was all possible to take place!!

Peter's message on the day of Pentecost was not all that different from the message of the Lord Jesus Christ to one lone man, Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who came to Him by night:

> ¶*There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:*
> *The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*
> *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
> *Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*
> *Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
> *That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
> *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
> *The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*
> *Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?*
> *Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? John 3:1-10*

Notice, there is a difference between SEEING the kingdom of God, and ENTERING the kingdom of God. Also notice that because Nicodemus was a Jew, the Lord expected him to have a certain level of kingdom understanding. One must be IN the kingdom to wield kingdom authority.

Beloved, you cannot be outside of the "atmosphere" of the kingdom, and have power and authority with God. Jesus gave Peter the "keys to the kingdom".

That is why Peter preached at Pentecost, and not James, or John or Andrew, or any of the other apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter used those keys to open the door to the kingdom. If you have not yet repented, been baptized, and received the gift of the Holy Ghost, you are living outside the kingdom ! I am not splitting hairs with you over baptismal formulas. The phrase "in the name of", means "in the authority of". Peter and the apostles had a revelation of exactly what Jesus meant when He said:

> *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*
> *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*
> *Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

Matthew 28:18-20.

Shame on God's people for dividing the body of Christ over baptismal formulas!! Read your Bible. Matthew 28:19 is the LAW, and the book of Acts is the TESTIMONY on how the LAW was carried out!! Go through the book of Acts, and see how the apostles baptized, and you will receive truth. If the apostles were not baptizing according to revelation of what the Lord spoke to them to do, then that means Peter led 3,000 souls astray on the day of Pentecost, and we have truly been in spiritual trouble for the past 3000 years!!

Personally, I've been baptized in both formulas.........and God mightily visited me both times!! When I understood exactly what the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ represents, and that He received His Name by inheritance, and then went down again into the waters of baptism to renew my covenant and by fresh revelation, what a blessing!! But NEVER would I say my first experience in water baptism was not a real and genuine meeting with the Lord!!!

When you want to understand doctrine, always use the rule of "law and testimony". Find out where the "law" is, and then follow through on the "testimony". Here's a great example for you: The book of Mark tells us this:

> *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
> *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*
> *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*
> *They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*
> ¶*So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.*
> *And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16:15-20.*

Mark was anointed by the Holy Ghost to lay down the "law". He told them, "they shall take up serpents". Now, do we see in the book of Acts anywhere that there is a practice of taking up serpents??? We see people healed, saved, delivered, recovering from illnesses, and speaking in tongues but nowhere do we see a practice of taking up serpents. So, where is the "testimony" to this???

It's found in Acts 28.

> ¶*And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.*
> *And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.*
> *And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper*

> *out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.*
> *And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.*
> *And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Acts 28:1-5.*

Paul accidentally took up a viper when he was in the process of gathering some sticks for a fire. He was able to shake that thing off without harm. He did not deliberately take up a serpent. But God's word proved to be true. The law of God proved to be true, as the TESTIMONY indicates!!! Not a deliberate handling of snakes, but in an accidental situation, Paul was spared!!

Praise God, Paul was in that situation amongst a bunch of kind-spirited barbarians on the island called Melita where they showed him "no little kindness". And YET, he was truly living in another atmosphere, the "atmosphere of the kingdom". Paul had repented, been baptized, and had received the gift of the Holy Ghost that gave him entryway into the location of spiritual authority where he had the right to shake off that viper!!

Beloved, those about you may be totally ignorant of spiritual things. They may be dead in their trespasses and sins. You may live with someone who swears like a sailor, barks at you like a junkyard dog, orders the porn channel on cable, chain smokes Swisher Sweet Cigars between guzzling down 6 packs of beer with garlic-flavored onion rings on the side, and refuses to open the windows to let fresh air in.

But if you've made a LEGAL ENTRY WAY into the kingdom by using those same keys that the Lord Jesus Christ gave to Peter, you know that you are living in such a sweet and clean and wholesome place in God. Those things of earth don't pull you down!! You're living in another world. You're in a different place. You're of a different spirit. All is clear around about you. Your atmosphere is totally different!! You are living IN, and partaking OF the kingdom of God!! The kingdom of God is Holy Ghost ATMOSPHERE, and if you are there, you know exactly what I'm talking about, and if NOT, I trust you'll consider reading Acts 2 until God gives you greater revelation about the keys of the kingdom.

Acts 2:38 gets you inside the door, and it's so gloriously wonderful, the Bible calls it "fullness". I believe it's because our unregenerate flesh really cannot stand much more. I've literally seen people who looked like they would explode if even an ounce more of the Holy Ghost fell upon them than what they were experiencing at the time of a mighty visitation. In Bible School, my church history teacher had the Spirit fall on him, and he held onto a pole, turned red, and looked like he would explode because it was so overwhelming! And yet it's only a fraction of the glory of God that is promised to us!

Do we have to wait for heaven? No.......these things are available to us NOW because the Bible tells us that He is very presently made unto us what IS, and not "what will be"!!!

> *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*
> *The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,*
> *And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Ephesians 1:17-19.*

It has to do with an increase in our capacity for the Lord and spiritual things.

Are you a spiritual "cup", or a spiritual "gallon"??? If you are a "gallon", then you can receive much more! What will fill a cup will not fill a gallon. Pray for an increase in your capacity to receive from the Lord.

Before we can move in true authority with true anointing, we need to understand kingdom ATMOSPHERE. That's where all the things we desire of God's Presence and Power and Glory and "binding and loosing" takes place!! And within that "atmosphere", you have the ability to change your location. You can live close to God, or far away from Him. You can be like Lot who had his tent pitched toward Sodom, or have your face set as flint toward Zion!! You can just be "barely esccaping", or be one who is "clean escaped from sin", "saved to the uttermost"!!

Here is beautiful Old Testament truth about the high priest found in Exodus 28. On his shoulder were placed stones engraved with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. They were placed there according to their births. The high priest was always to bear their names up before the Father for a memorial. It's been said the strength of a man is in his shoulders, while the strength of a woman is in her hips. Well, Jesus is YOUR high priest, and the very strongest part of Jesus is always bearing your name up to your Heavenly Father!! What a comfort to help us through those times when we feel we might not quite make it!!

There is more to the story, though, about the names of the twelve tribes of Israel: They were were also engraved on precious stones on the breastplate, according to their position on the road. Beloved, we are known to God according to our birth into the kingdom, but we are also known to Him as we seek to draw closer to His heart!!! You might not be able to change your spiritual "birthday" but you can change your position on the road!!! The closer you get to His heart, the greater and richer your abiding in kingdom atmosphere will be!!

I will write two more articles about "Kingdom Anointing", and "Kingdom Authority". Please pray for a special anointing on this, as I feel to go ahead and send this article before the others are written.

Love and blessings in the Name above EVERY Name: Jesus!!

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Apocalyptic Anomalies And End Time Paradigms: 2005 And Beyond

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"Look among the nations and watch - be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you. (Habakkuk 1:5).

Sudden Changes In Weather Patterns And Political Hierarchies

The currents, tides and winds shall bend to my pleasure says the Lord. As you see these things come to pass know that the thrones of kings and princes are hinged upon these natural events. As the plates shift and the earth releases its fire, know that it is only fulfilling My desire. As the gale winds blow uprooting and displacing rock and earth know too that principalities and powers are toppling and giving place to My will. I will mark these places in time by unusual and strange signs in the heavens above and earth beneath. It will uncover My secrets and reveal My mysteries to the world. All peoples shall see it and be amazed. Watch Mt. Saint Helens - she is an ensign to the coming revival in Washington State and Oregon. Watch the fault lines of California it will indicate the direction and desire of My spirit. Watch the hurricanes in the South they are a landmark of the rising tide of My presence in the East. Watch and wonder.

A Surplus In Alaska And A Mother Lode In The Rockies

I will open up the hidden treasures of darkness in the place called Alaska. I will unlock the secret treasures in the Rockies. I will anoint the science of excavation and paleontology revealing an end time surplus of oil and supply. I will give eyes to the blind and they will see My hidden treasures. I will remove the resistance disguised as conservationism and give back to My people their inheritance upon this earth. I will give them back the anointing Adam once had in Eden when he took dominion over the land and used its resources. My servants and stewards shall harness this power and the wealth of the wicked will finally be in the hands of the righteous says the Lord. In the next 4 years you will see groundbreaking legislation which will open up these frontiers to witty inventions and great discovery drying up the dependence on Middle Eastern commodity. The Rocky Mountains will cascade with My provisions says the Lord.

The Beast Of The East Will Fall At Your Feet

I saw a dragon falling from the sky and into the eastern ocean. The blood of this ocean turned red like blood. A triune counsel of wickedness is being broken. Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. This unholy trinity will no longer possess its authority. For in these days many have said "God would not judge them" but I say I have already judged them and I will now set their captives free. You will see groundbreaking reform in the next five years in these places to the extent that Christianity will prevail. The dragon of Islam will be pushed out as a flood of My servants enter these borders and establish My kingdom on earth as it is in Heaven. I will place my representatives into positions of ruler ship and authority creating a spiritual paradigm thus manifesting a harvest unparalleled in modern history. Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan you are in the palm of My hand says the Lord. Islam is a dying dragon wounded by the prayers of the saints and from her bowels billions will be saved.

A Revival In "Sodom And Gomorrah"

I will lead my people from the land of Sodom and Gomorrah. Like Abraham of old I will send my chosen vessels into the bowels of these places to open the prison to them that are bound and set the captives free. Millions of marching feet will be heard in the streets as they come out of the closet of their own despair to follow Me. I will give them a new heart and renew their mind and they will be leaders and prophets in these end times. What others have despised are precious in My eyes says the Lord. Arise and shine to an appointed time and the least of these shall be a great and exceeding army. A significant medical breakthrough will occur in the HIV disease in 2005 - a landmark to My deliverance. Key leaders in the homosexual community who are also represented in Hollywood will be saved and impact this community unprecedented. You will see it and rejoice.

N. Korea And Iran: Displacing Principalities And Powers

As Daniel confronted the Prince of Persia so are my saints confronting the Princes of North Korea and Iran in this hour. I am calling a concentration of intercession toward these two countries says the Lord. I will open the floodgates of prayer and My people will overcome. They will come out with a divine concentration of prayer and fasting. I will anoint a certain leader and ambassador in N. Korea that will do My bidding. This leader will have my heart as Daniel did in Nebuchadnezzar's kingdom and will turn many to righteousness. He will be a peace maker between North and South and the stubborn barriers will fall between them. 2005 will mark the beginning of great transition in these places and it will be published abroad though news and media. There will be blood in the streets of Iran but from these fallen seeds of sacrifice will come much fruit. Watch, wonder and be amazed.

Nobel Peace Prizes And Groundbreaking Discoveries

I will open up the matrix of cancer and put within reach of My servants a cure. In human weakness and frailty My strength will be perfected. You will hear it said in the corridors of the dying and diseased, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" I will catapult science and medical knowledge a century ahead as I unravel the mysteries before them. The icon of cancer will crumble under the feet of My servants says the Lord. They will walk the halls of the esteemed and legendary glorifying My name as Joseph did in Egypt. Like Moses, My servants will break the back of plagues and disease to set a people free from the bondage of sin. I will hasten it to be Says the Lord of Sabaoth. "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." (1st Cor. 15:55, Rom 16:20).

A Quantum Leap, String Theory And An Open Heaven

I am removing the barrier of earth and space and will allow this world to peer into the next with unparalleled clarity and focus. I am not only opening the spiritual heavens but the physical one as well. The gravity of this present paradigm will not hold back a new generation of physicists and scientists who will reveal eternity. The archaic teaching of evolution will be unraveled as my servants peel back the Truth from the layers of humanism and godlessness. The minds of the children will grasp the depths of discovery unfolding and communicate the heart of God. New worlds and galaxies will give way to this Enoch generation. They will walk with God and tell a world of what they have seen and heard. They will discern the depths of creation and untie the knot of ignorance that has bound My people for centuries. They will go where no man has gone before.

2005: A Leap Year And Time Of Great Advancement

What you have said you will do in three years you will do in one. What you have said you will do in five years you will do in two. What you have said you will do in ten years you will do in three. I will put your vision before you and it will be made manifest. For this is the year of ADVANCEMENT both spiritually and naturally and the land I promised your forefathers will be inherited. Boundaries and limitation that hitherto have held you back will now be leaped over as
I accelerate you into My will. The veil of resistance will be rent in two as My people step out in obedience to the divine call. This year you will leap you into the future and redeem the time re-digging the wells of hope and opening the prison doors of the impossible. My captives will go free. This is your mandate says the Lord, "Ask of me, and I shall give you the heathen for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession."

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Abiding And Believing

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The Lord is saying quit your toiling and let me do the adding. The Lord adds what his plan needs.

Seek ye first the kingdom
And all these things will be added.
Seek ye first perfection
Seek ye first conversion
Seek ye first his rest
Seek ye first the beginning
And all these things will be added.

If man wants to "add to"...he first needs to seek the kingdom. People want “things” in their carnal lifetime instead of His life, His love and His kingdom. We are to be in Christ for all things to happen. We then begin to see what we gave up, and what we have come out of. Wow it stinks. Being in Christ is so clean, so holy and so precious. Perfection is the destination; and we have assurance in Christ. Assurance gets us to the destination! When we have found His plan, we have one head, which is Jesus. Jesus has lots of tearing down to do. His Life must fill and cover the earth.

The carnal mind is beguiles most. It lies to most people. The great delusion is the carnal mind and the carnal system that calls itself “god.” It is Satan declaring his ascent above the throne of God. It is Satan challenging, “Hath God really said?”

Much unbiblical teaching is founded in a gross misunderstanding of scripture brought about by painstaking study. The carnal mind studies; then it lies and then makes laws and bylaws of these lies. The carnal mind has to create all those things to justify the lies they have added. They think they do, but they have no bible for their studying. It got buried under all their laws and by-laws. Their carnal mind lies to them and tells them they have to study, but the study they are “commanded to do” is the study of their lies rather than being diligent about hearing the heart of God. Man says, “We won't like you if you don't study...and if you don't study our doctrine.” They are “speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;” 1 Timothy 4:2.

There is more to the word “study” than sitting in on a man’s bible study and pouring over heavy volumes of commentaries. The word itself means: *To hasten, make haste; to exert one's self, endeavor, give diligence; to be diligent; be forward; do diligence, give diligence, labor; be eager, make every effort,*

I see nowhere in this where God is saying go to men's bible studies or sit around discussing passages of scripture within the context of men’s doctrines. It DOES say to be diligent to show yourself approved unto God Himself, and not man or a denomination. Most just say:” study to show thyself approved." and leave it at that. Therefore it becomes a law of man. And to get the "man of God's approval" you are supposed to "study your bible every day, and we have the prescribed study and methods of study all laid out for you." That is their way of being “approved unto God,” but it is the “god” they have created with their laws, by-laws and interpretations.

What God says is this: “hasten to show yourself approved to God. Exert yourself to show yourself approved unto God. Be diligent about it. Rightly dividing (cutting straight, cutting straight ways; proceeding on straight paths, holding a straight course, equivalent to doing right; making straight and smooth, handling aright, teaching the truth directly and correctly; accurately handling the present truth in Christ.) The truth would be, objectively speaking, what is true in any matter under consideration;

truly, in truth, according to truth; of a truth, in reality, in fact, certainly. Truth would be what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth. And, subjectively speaking: truth as a personal excellence; that candor of mind, which is free from affection, pretence, simulation, falsehood, and deceit. Truth is free from the additions the carnal man attempts to attach to it. Truth and truth alone can set men free. To really STUDY is to cleave unto God and His word, adding nothing to it to make it more palatable to our carnal nature.

There are other examples of the carnal mind “adding to” what God has said and then developing lengthy “studies” to keep men entrapped in the system of “studying to show thyself approved”, but taking away from God. For example, the carnal mind is "using" the doctrine of "tithing" to where it has become almost a "sacrament of the church" They place a huge emphasis on “tithing” to make sure they can keep the bigger and more elaborate building that "god" told them to build running. I have seen church after church completely fold because "god" told them to build a new sanctuary. Then they start preaching tithing every Sunday to pay the bank note that "god" told them to take out on the new sanctuary. The people leave and the thing goes under.

Seek ye first his divine nature.
Seek ye first his holiness

To teach that God won’t bless you or heal you if you don’t tithe is wrong. It is the gospel of condemnation and puts a "condition" on the wonderful grace of god. They are teaching "tithing" as a magic formula to get the genie in Aladdin’s lamp to "perform". It turns my stomach. A cheerful giver is not one who "faithfully" obeys the local church government's command to permit them extract 10% from each "member's" income to pay the bank note and help the preacher live like a high roller. A cheerful giver hears the voice of God who says I want you to give to this one or sow into the life of that one, for they do my will and bow not to the pressures of men. God calls us to be the supply for the needs of others, not their lusts.

But then these same preachers won’t preach that if you continue in sin, God can’t bless you or heal you, because if they preached a repentance message, they would lose their "faithful givers" and it would all fold.

I had an "ordaining" group (my "covering" or place of "accountability") write threatening letters to "their" people that they would check with the employers to see if they were "giving" their faithful tithe to the organization. I sent back all my credentials post haste saying I want no part of them anymore. Never heard a word from them wondering why. However I think they knew why.

Sounds like they had a big "ministry" debt to pay off! However, if God did not anoint the ministry as his ministry, you are going to "beg for money" all the time. If he did anoint the ministry as his ...he will supply all you need for that ministry and not what you lust for. A cheerful giver gives in the anointing of God to be the supply for the need.

Another “teaching” that has called for much “study” by men is “healing. There is already a great deal taught and preached regarding healing and restoration, and there is certainly much truth in those teachings. But the additions of carnal men who have “studied” and formulated more teachings have buried the simple truth: Believe Jesus, who healeth thee.

A friend of mine pointed out: “There will be those who will say, well, we got to get the sin out. We have to pray more. We have to believe more. Confess more. More confessions. More faith-songs, more communion, more church, more teachings, more pleading the blood, more casting out demons, getting forgiveness of generational curses and sins, getting forgiveness of grandpa's sins and grandma's sins, Masonic curses, regional curses, etc. etc.

In short, the list of things that "teachers" have come up with regarding healing is getting longer and longer; so long that a few brothers and sisters have balked upon seeing just how many have been taught.

I'm not saying at all that these teachings are false or irrelevant or superfluous, etc.
But I've noted in the Gospels that Jesus when asked for healing would ask the petitioner one question and almost always one question only: DO YOU BELIEVE THAT I AM ABLE TO DO THIS? Or, in a nutshell, do you believe?

He didn't even ask, Do you have enough faith? It was just a simple yes/no type question, Do you believe, yes or no? A qualitative question, not quantitative. Simple, direct. And it worked.

Carnal “study” produces men’s lists. Man studies to satisfy his carnal nature to “do good works”. My friend continued to say: When there are seemingly long lists of requirements to accomplish a good spiritual thing, Satan can easily tempt a Christian with thoughts of, “Well, you have an incomplete list, or you forgot item no. 19, or you didn't do them in order, or you didn't completely finish step 14, so you have to redo everything or it won't work at all and God will be displeased with you. “

It sounds just like the Old Testament man-made laws and traditions...oops you forgot commandment 596 of the Levitical law...sorry try again next year. We can't study man’s way without exalting ourselves, having a high opinion of our ability. We say in our studies: “look at me I am smart.” Look! I took this bible class and got a certificate of completion. I am now an "expert" on this book of the bible! But in these studies, I am not smart enough to know who is right. So I just keep on studying. Studying only "almost persuades" but never converts. When all you do is study men’s studies, you add, and you take away. When you get through, all you have is what you added, and took away. The truth is buried. It is all vanity of vanities, so those that study are ever learning, and never arriving. By revelation we are never adding. By revelation we arrive every day into his present truth.

Living in His spirit, is the only way. We can be approved of God only by living in Jesus. That is the true meaning of "study": be diligent to live in the spirit. Abide in Christ, believing what He says. It is that simple.

Blessings and Shalom,

Becky

Believe In Healing
Becky McLendon

I was reading nutrition articles this morning about what several people did to combat different diseases. Some ate only raw vegetables .Others drank only juices. Others did this and that. You see different articles coming out daily on "how to" overcome disease and maintain health. These are all good, But a body can sure get confused as which method is the "right" one. There comes a time where many of these articles of sound health advice can confuse the reader to despair!! What to "do"!!

The Lord quickened me: I am the LORD that healeth thee. He said HE would show me the way and it would be a way that would help others. He just said: I AM THE WAY. We are to let HIM choose how we are going to be healed. When HE chooses to "put us on a diet" or to have us take supplements or whatever. IT IS GOING TO WORK.

I HAVE TO BELIEVE! I HAVE TO BELIEVE IN HEALING AND HEALTH AND THE ANOINTING THAT WILL DRAW THE NATIONS TO HIM . I HAVE TO BELIEVE TO LIVE AND NOT DIE. AND BECAUSE JESUS BELIEVES IN ME, IT IS EASY TO BELIEVE.. IT WILL BE GIVEN TO US WITHOUT THOUGHT
TO DO THESE THINGS .PERFECTION HAS THE MIND OF CHRIST. HIS LIFE does not go to the doctor. HIS LIFE does not go to the hospital. HIS LIFE does not have things cut on, or poisoned with drugs or burned with radiation or replaced. HIS LIFE LIVES. and HIS LIFE IS IN ME. HIS LIFE SAYS IT ALL, DOES IT ALL.

We put FIRST things first...Seek ye FIRST the kingdom. and HIS righteousness. It is NOT OF WORKS lest any man should boast, THANKS BE TO JESUS I AM HEALED AND WALK IN HEALTH. HIS LIFE COUNTS THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE. LOVE IS LIFE, and LIFE IS LOVE. LIFE IS BEING A PART OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD. I AM THIS DAY PART OF JESUS; HE IS PART OF ME, and WE ARE ONE. THE BRANCH AND THE VINE ARE ONE, SO WE ARE IN CHURCH WITH THE VINE. WE ARE IN SCHOOL WITH JESUS.

Trust ME he says...Let ME do it MY way, for MY way is better than any man's way. So just as you set in your spirit that man's MEDICAL way is not MY way, so shall you set in your spirit that MY way of nutrition and over all care of your body is superior to even the BEST of men's ways.

The Spirit Of Don’t Go Too Far
Becky McLendon

The carnal mind thinks only on carnal things associated with this ***bios,*** which we think is “life.” Never do their thoughts and prayers tap into ***Zoë***, which is Christ’s life that he desires to give us. We see carnal people only caring about their own little back yard, their pains, their desires, and their plans. We see much "political praying" such as. Lord, make "my" nation stronger than "their" nation. We are the "good" guys and they are all the "bad" guys, so bless us. We see even fervent prayers for football teams and other worldly cares. Let us win. Bless my meeting. Bless my ministry. However Jesus only confirms what he has given. He will not confirm what he has not given. It is vanity for men to ask god's "blessing" on that which he has not confirmed. There is that falling away of what the lord has not joined. There is the falling away of the "great assembly" that is not his assembly.

Jesus keeps what he has joined. This gives new meaning to "the household of faith, and the house of God". It is made up solely of those whom god has joined! The rest is cast out. Those brought to the house of faith on someone else’s “coat tails” or to satisfy an agenda other than God’s are cast out. He says they have gathered but not by me. It is wrong to fashion church meetings to be “seeker friendly.” To attract the world one must become worldly if he is not in the anointing to draw men. God says, they have joined "house to house" and "field to field", but not by me. It is what God has built and what god has added to that makes up God's house. They do these things to increase themselves, not knowing it is god that gives the increase. It is the increase of God, not the increase of goods that matters. He will give increase until he says, "my storehouse is now full,” and shuts the door.

The Lord's plan is for the willing and those with a single eye. Time is too short for the carnal to wait. They are so busy loving their own lives that they will lose those lives. They will not have renewed their strength waiting on the Lord. It’s the Lord's leaven that gives us time to wait. Knowing he is the master bread maker, we wait as the dough is completely leavened. If we have so waited, the lord can use us to heal the land. We wait for the anointing that will stop all this bombing and killing.

The words submit and believe would be the same, but unbelievers don't submit. There is a “don't go too far” spirit. We will not let ourselves be fenced in by that spirit. We will sidestep all denominational fences that people would like to put around us. A lot of people have had healings but they will still say the gifts ended with the apostles and that once saved always saved no matter what your life is like. Had a preacher who believed his denomination was the only one with truth. He had had a healing miracle but would throw down tongues or any other gifts of the spirit in a heartbeat. He preached those sermons looking right at me; fully knowing i spoke in tongues. Mocked me on a couple of occasions

You ask, well how did they get healed if they don't believe? Many healings are for judging. He searches the heart to see whether we have in us the spirit of "Don't go too far": or a spirit that runs all the way in to God. In the end, if they "don't go too far," they may wish they had never been healed, if they went about adding to and taking away from the One who healed them. We know there is coming a tearing down and with no mercy. Our Jesus is angry. They have turned their back on light that he gave them for the praise of men. So he goes through the temple with the whip and turning over their tables. They have made my house a den of robbers. They are making lies their refuge. They go to big churches for advantage. It's good for business. It's good for image. But "don't go too far!" Their whole faith is based on what that huge church can do for them. They are duped into thinking they are part of the house of God, the kingdom of God and that they are saved. But sadly they are merely a "brotherhood" carnal religion. How often do we here of someone who knows a fellow church member who is doing something highly illegal, but they say to "well he is a "brother" in my church-a deacon. I cannot turn against my brother. This kind of fellowship is for unbelievers, and Jesus will judge. It is the self-righteous He sends strong delusions to. They have kept themselves from "going too far" and have wound up "far from God."

Our prayer is always, "Jesus, keep me in Your paths; lead me into all things for the glory of Your name." Amen

Blessings and shalom,

Becky

Ascending And Descending

Susan Cummings

The ascending and descending has begun. For I am bringing forth all that you will need in the days ahead. You will have My Wisdom, My Glory, My Word, My Holy Spirit, My Power, and My Angelic Messengers who will bring forth My Will through your lives.

Just as My Son declared in John 17, that My People would be filled with Me, and know Me as He did, they also will walk in the same power and greater understanding, and have the angelic help that will enable them to walk out My Will upon the earth.

It is time for the greater works to be done by My Own. It is time for the Word to be made manifest in the earth, as a witness. It is time for the people of God to begin to display their God.

I choose the vessel that will display Me. I choose the encounter with My angelic hosts, and determine the timing. For what I have declared in the heavenlies and in the earth, will surely come forth now.

Just as I ascended and descended upon Jacob in his dream, and I also ascended and descended upon My Son, surely I will also ascend and descend upon My People in this last hour. And I will do so with even greater display, as I have held in reserve a portion of Myself that has not yet been seen in the earth, until this final generation.

That time is now.

I AM no longer going to withhold and reserve Myself anymore. I will begin now to fully come to Mine, and transform them, and fill them, and then pour out of them, as I choose. I will not be dictated to, controlled, channeled, or ordered by men. My Name is Holy, and will be seen as Holy in the nations.

What was done by My disciples in Acts, is only a portion of what I will do now. What I released through them, in their day, was for their day, and for that hour, in My Purposes.

Behold, I do a new thing! It shall spring forth. It will be a strange work, indeed! Men will either embrace Me, as I come, or reject Me. I will not come as before, but as I choose.

I will be glorified in the earth, and in My House.

I am ascending and descending anew.

No gate will shut me out. No bars will hold Me. No stronghold will stand in My way. No army can even stand before Me. No man is wiser than Me. No plan of man or devil can stop Me. I AM.

As I come, I will transform, and change My Vessels. They will walk in the fullness of My Covenant and in the Power of My Name and nothing shall prevent them!

For I AM rising up!

My House has been empty long enough!

My Church has been powerless long enough!

My Name has been mocked and scorned long enough!

My Glory has been refused long enough!

It will now begin to ascend and descend upon Mine Own, and then I will break forth, as I have shown. For the Door has indeed been opened, and now they begin to step through. Transformation will now come, as they do. Then I will ascend and descend upon them and through them anew.

-Susan Cummings

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Gen. 28: NKJV

10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.
11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep.
12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.
13 And behold, the LORD stood above it and said: "I am the LORD God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants.
14 Also your descendants shall be as the dust of the earth; you shall spread abroad to the west and the east, to the north and the south; and in you and in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.
15 Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you."
16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it."
17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"
18 Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it.
19 And he called the name of that place Bethel;[a] but the name of that city had been Luz previously.
20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on,
21 so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God.
22 And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You."

Gen. 28: AMP
10 And Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran.
11 And he came to a certain place and stayed there overnight, because the sun was set. Taking one

of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down there to sleep.
12 And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!
13 And behold, the Lord stood over and beside him and said, I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father [forefather] and the God of Isaac; I will give to you and to your descendants the land on which you are lying.
14 And your offspring shall be as [countless as] the dust or sand of the ground, and you shall spread abroad to the west and the east and the north and the south; and by you and your Offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed and bless themselves.(A)
15 And behold, I am with you and will keep (watch over you with care, take notice of) you wherever you may go, and I will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done all of which I have told you.
16 And Jacob awoke from his sleep and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it.
17 He was afraid and said, How to be feared and reverenced is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and [a]this is the gateway to heaven!
18 And Jacob rose early in the morning and took the stone he had put under his head, and he set it up for a pillar (a monument to the vision in his dream), and he poured oil on its top [in dedication].
19 And he named that place Bethel [the house of God]; but the name of that city was Luz at first.
20 Then Jacob made a vow, saying, If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me food to eat and clothing to wear,
21 So that I may come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God;
22 And this stone which I have set up as a pillar (monument) shall be God's house [a sacred place to me], and of all [the increase of possessions] that You give me I will give the tenth to You.

Daniel 7:13 AMP
13 I saw in the night visions, and behold, [a]on the clouds of the heavens came One like a Son of man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

John 1: NKJV
50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, "I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter[j] you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Apples And Ducks
Vicki Camp

(-a vision, a word of knowledge and wisdom, a word of instruction for some of us, to hear …)
pre: Not too long past, I was in prayer for a certain man, an elder in the faith who leads other saints, and who is (most likely unbeknownst totally to himself) grieving Holy Spirit at this time, which in turn is affecting our Lord's precious 'sheep'. After experiencing the wonderful flow of Christ' Love for this man while in prayer (and thus I can testify first-hand that truly our Lord loves this man !),,,, Our Lord then presented to me a short vision. If you care to read this piece, please bear with the first part which seems more personal to this man, and read on through to the last portion which is not ....

I was shown a man pushing a large wooden flatbed one-wheeled cart. It was like a wheel barrow or hand-cart with a fairly large flat-bed like an old wooden horse drawn wagon, only not as large. This was a country setting with some tall golden grass on the sides of this old road or wagon trail (?), that this man walked with his cargo. He was struggling up a slight incline, gripping the wooden handles, walking carefully so as not to disturb his load which was obviously very precious to him, for I could easily observe the great care he was taking........

I wondered what could be so precious ? I looked closer to see then, and I saw that his cart bed was full of these great looking red apples. However, what was quite odd due to this outdoor scene, man and cart in this country-like setting, was that these great looking red apples, being 4 or 5 layers deep, were all evenly lined up in the most precise and neat layers and rows ! - Very neat, very organized, and this man was incongruously intent upon attempting to walk and push his cart whilst not disturbing a single solitary individual apple, nor row, as he and his cart-barrow jostled along this bumpy uphill trail,,, quite slowly.

Suddenly as I watched the vision continue, the great hand of God came down from the sky, extended HIS Index finger close to the man's cart...... not even touching it really, just coming close -- whereupon the whole cart toppled sideways with apples bouncing and flowing out everywhere. This surprised me, however as I then looked at the cart-pushing man, he was most startled and dismayed ,,, his mouth opening in some small horror as he fell to his knees holding his head,, aghast,,, watching his apples all bouncing away, bruised and breaking, dislodged apples, even a few bursting open,,, his precious cargo of apples.

Yes, God does sometimes speak in puns, and you may have guessed already that our Lord was showing me a 'word of knowledge' in vision form concerning this person I was praying for -- Our Lord HimSelf is going to upset 'the apple cart', upset this man's preciously organized and cared over apples in his cart. Though this man has over the years gotten all his 'ducks in a row' (he felt) , one problem is that they are just exactly that, in part = **his**' ducks (apples); Not necessarily all were God apples, that is not all were God given to this man of The Word and by The Spirit.

The Lord revealed to me more about this person; his having been In Christ for many years and thus he had collected much spiritual wealth in the process (apples = Godly fruit, teaching, Holy Spirit gifts, doctrines, and the more….); Many many apples, even several layers deep of apples, but therein lay also some bad apples (great looking on the outside, to be sure, but not necessarily of divine source)
The presented problem?: This man is 'not open' to be budged an inch to anything new that might displace any of his apples, that might disturb his gained possessions which he had collected and compartmentalized so very neatly, over time - both the God given divine apples, and then too the self

reasoned and otherwise procured apples.

God needed to "move out", "add to" in some cases, and even to "displace and replace" completely in other cases some of this mans apples which were like ducks in rows, but he was not receiving nor hearing presently. The good God apples, and then too his man-and otherwise-appropriated-apples were all being held equal in this man's cart, and as the vision shown he was not going to allow to be "budged" nor "dislodged" one single apple ... thus he struggled in a handicapped way to continue walking his path given of Lord - his now, present time struggling to move along up 'higher', In Christ.

God loves this man greatly, and wants to speak to him freshly and to correct some of his misplaced, and/or wrongly-gathered held-tightly-to apples, but this person is too preoccupied with guarding his 'years upon years' of collected apples (the good and the not so good, and even a few hidden rotten bad sown in of enemy),, and so he is not presently hearing, even to HIS Lord, Whose Voice this man knows well! For in his preoccupation he actually could not hear anyone, nor God HimSelf, and thus he was found spiritually deaf. Sad and grievous.
So, as I had been shown in this vision, drastic God' measures would be required and were going to be taken. Not because of God's anger with this man, but because our Lord cares lovingly over HIS' sheep being effected, and more so BECAUSE God loves this person oh so personally, this man, one of our Lord's beloved sons. (Heb. 12:5,6)

As I was receiving of Lord concerning this person, I spoke to The Lord, "*Ah, Lord....... I have seen and now understand a little better about this person. I thank You........"*
And, my Lord interrupted me,

"Vicki"

"Yes Lord ?"

***"This is not only a picture for this man alone. Daughter, you are not this man nor are you placed where he is. Nevertheless, I now ask you,
Have you checked your own apples lately ?"***

"Oh !,,,,,,,,uhm....... yes Lord, I must do that...... I mean,,, I will do that,,,this ! .....", I rather sort of mumbled in stumbling answer.

"All right, daughter. Now, please tell some of my other son's, men and women whom I love, to check their apples also",

And this is what I hear my Lord speak further to some of us,

"Tell My established people who need to hear this, to check their own apples; Apples which they have gained and neatly aligned into their possession and holding's. I want you to check and then check again to find which are truly sourced of Me, and which are of man. You may not be able to tell the difference yourselves, because you have blind spots, but as you ask of Me, and are open to hear, My Spirit will show and reveal these to you.

My beloved, you need not be toppled-over in your walk, nor corrected harshly if you will do this afresh and regularly .... you need to enlarge your good possessions of Me, and in some instances you need to replace some of your cargo. I assure you ahead, you can do this easily, one apple at a time as needed, by "listening" to Me. My yoke is light.

As you come to Me asking, I will speak and instruct you directly by My Spirit, and through My written Word, and through your brother and sister saints. Open your ears to hear and adjust; In doing so, you will experience newly opened doors of greatest spiritual wealth influx - Mine. Release what is of man, of self, and some even sown of our enemy. Go for My Spirit gold and precious jewels, lest I come to startle you later, turning your walk awry, toppling all of your precious good holdings along with the vane that must be loosed.

I tell you in Truth, if you will do My bidding, I will then cause your joy to be again filling unto fullness overflow because you humble yourself, being open and obedient to Me.
I have said, 'He whom The Son sets free is free indeed ', and if you will receive it, this same freedom Word Truth is for you presently. This is so, and will be so as you seek Me, listen to My Voice, and partake of Me more deeply and righteously.
Receive, do and embed My ease instruction today and thus you will prosper and not stumble harshly tomorrow, of My Hand and by My very Finger. Loose your zeroed-in rigidity that now hampers, and thus discover your own 'more freedom'…… My beloved ones with ears of hearing, bring to your remembrance that I alone am God,,,, and you are not.
Know this; Times grow short and My work is accelerated.
Open now.
I am displacing, reshaping, reforming, and enlarging portions of your holdings, and indeed of all My sheep; For and unto Myself,,, Myself alone."

Heb. 12:5, 6 ***"And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives."***
v. 11 ***"Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. "***
"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." - Prov. 25:11

" .... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. " - **Jesus**, Jn. 10:10b

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An Arrow In The Sky
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AN ARROW IN THE SKY
Consider the geese when they fly in the sky,
Lined up like an arrow, when they pass by.
In oneness they move, united in synch.
One after the other, they are so linked.

They move forward to comfortable weather.
It is their instinct to stay together
As I plant in their hearts this common ground,
Of moving on and following the sound.

They are noisy as they move overhead.
While some stay for winter, these press on instead.
With vision and purpose they flap their wings.
Through the cold air, forsaking winter's sting.

Taking the brunt of the opposing air
The lead bird is strengthened against what's there.
I pour into him the strength of My might
As he seeks the landscape for promise in sight.

As he takes his place all others follow suit,
Then together they move on in one pursuit.
He takes his watch at the tip of the arrow.
Setting forehead like flint through bone and marrow.

He's fulfilling his time with faithful passing.
He can hear other flocks gathered and massing.
It strengthens resolve to proceed past winter,
Behind him is frozen from cold endured. .

Before him is comfort and warmth and rest.
As he flaps his wings opposing the test.
He knows My way through instinct in his heart.
With resolve inside, he shield's fiery darts.

>From the unit he's leading, he takes the brunt.
Their sound from behind braces him out front.

Should he grow tired, they all change places.
For another to watch, releasing My graces.

So consider the birds as they fly in the air,
And know your position to stay in prayer.
I AM moving you forward to a better place.
Follow My calling and soar with My pace.

Ps 124:7-8 NLT
We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap. The trap is broken, and we are free! Our help is from the LORD, who made the heavens and the earth.

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Homesick Children
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HOMESICK CHILDREN
I AM drawing all My children who have been running away. They have run from their callings, from My voice, from their destinies, from My arms. Growing homesick, the walls of their fortified hearts are cracking as they remember better days. I have only forgiveness in My deepest longings for these, My runaway children. I will catch them in My loving embrace until they cease their struggles and strivings to let go and rest. Simply to be loved and forgiven, that is their wish and that is Mine.

Luke 15:17-21 NKJV
"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."' "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

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Time In A Bottle
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Time In A Bottle

My Beloved, I have saved your time in a bottle and recorded all of your journey. I have treasured your every step in your pursuit to overcome and be with Me. All your tears, all your smiles, all your rabbit trails and all your bull's eyed targets… they are all numbered one by one. Each treasure is safely tucked away in the deep recesses of My heart. How I cherish your innocent trust in Me, My Beloved.

Like a bottle tossed into the sea, you cast your prayers upon the waters of life and waited for the return of your harvest. In those lost and lonely times, when you saw no return and continued to span the horizon, you did not give up hope. You waited as an innocent child while I kept your bottle and held your heart in safe keeping as you continued to hold on to your faith. I AM your High Priest Who has been touched by your deepest wishes. I have prayed you through your darkest hours and I understand those things you carefully tucked inside that bottle, including your time of waiting. We both have had a time of waiting, precious one. I have waited eons for you and you are so greatly worth it. When I think of the rest of time and eternity, it is My extreme joy to think of spending it with you!

Ps 56:8-13 NKJV
You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle ; Are they not in Your book? When I cry out to You, Then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me. In God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Vows made to You are binding upon me, O God; I will render praises to You, For You have delivered my soul from death. Have You not kept my feet from falling, That I may walk before God In the light of the living?

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An Ascension Into the Reality of Communion

David Weber

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ;

I don't know what your personal experience is lately, but my experience is that the Lord is greatly increasing His presence and His glory in the earth, and that He is doing that through a remnant that is crossing all denominational and sectarian barriers just to love on and minister to one another, and to worship the Lord together with all of their hearts.

It seems to me that somehow when the Lord's anointed come together in that way, and there are not divisions and various forms of strife among them, but rather, they truly come together in the love of Christ to minister to the Lord and to one another as the Spirit leads, THEN there seems to be a multiplication of the anointing (the Lord's presence) which exceeds the simple sum of the collective presence within the individuals.

What I mean by that is that when believers mutually give and share of themselves those things which God has put within them to share, and they do it under the power of the anointing and in an environment that bespeaks of true worship, then there is an increase of the anointing within and upon each one of the believers, bringing all involved into a greater experience with God Himself!

Are you with me here folks?

If in our gatherings we prophesy and speak anointed blessings over one another, the anointing on and within each individual is increased because the inner spirit man of each individual is fed and increased by the anointed Word of God Himself!

I don't know if many of you even realize what I am saying here just yet, but I felt this morning that the Lord wanted me to share something with you today about "Communion," and after having waited upon Him for many hours about what to share, this is what He has given me!

Dear ones, what I am sharing with you here is what COMMUNION is in the truest and purest sense of the word. That is, feeding upon the Body and Blood of Christ, not by the carnal ordinance of juice and crackers, but by the Wine of the Spirit and the anointed Word of God which is the Bread of Life!

Beloved, your spirit can only feed on spiritual bread and drink wine that is of divine essence. Anything other than that might touch your flesh or even the mind and emotions of your soul, but it cannot reach into your spirit. The religious ceremony and liturgical act that we have grown so accustomed and call "Communion Service," is based upon a symbolic act of Jesus that was meant to convey a much higher truth than that of the figurative act itself, but instead, it has become another dead religious Christian ritual that has served to obscure the truth rather than reveal it.

Bread and wine, flesh and blood, manna and water; all of that has been the symbolic representation of the Word of Love and Life; which is the Word mingled and mixed with the Spirit. Beloved, the Body and Blood of Jesus that we are to consume and assimilate into our beings is the Anointed Word of God. When we share *that* communally we are partaking of the Lord's Supper. His Supper is His presence, and as we feed upon His presence within one another, that presence is increased within each one of us exponentially.

Today dear friends, is a day when the Lord's presence and His glory is greatly increasing in some Christian gatherings because there is a people arising in the earth today who are learning to COMMUNE with the Lord and with one another in Spirit and Truth.

Beloved, it's time to step away from some of the carnal and religious ordinances now so that we might congregate as a people around the Lord's table, where we no longer look at things in only the figurative religious way, but rather come to understand the divine lessons of which the figure was only a signpost.

In His Love,
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Angelic Activity Released
Todd Bentley

Angelic Activity Released to Judge That Which is Holding Back the Destiny That is Over You
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In this teaching, we will examine the angelic realm and how to get into position for angelic encounters that go hand in hand with God's desire to release the fulfillment of His promises in our lives. We'll close by joining together to carry out three prayer assignments.

It's worth repeating -- God's Word always reflects His personality and character. Just like a patient father goes to great lengths to help his children, so does our heavenly Father go all out to help us win the race that He designed for each one of us to run (Hebrews 12:1). One of the most significant sources of help that God created for mankind is the ministry of His angels. However, the church's understanding of the angelic realm today is quite limited so I'm going to share several keys about how we can welcome and also be ready for the angelic realm that God wants to release into our lives.

THE SET TIME

I had a recent encounter with the angel called "Promise" who comes at the set time to announce the fulfillment of a word that we have received from the Lord. There is something about this angel's presence that shakes those things loose that have been tied up and held back in the spirit realm.
I believe that this angel's visit is connected to the set time we are in now concerning God's desire to execute vengeance on His adversaries as well as His desire to fulfill His promises in our lives. Many believers are waiting for their prayers to be answered. Christians have been saying, "God, You spoke this word over our church and over our region." Or, "God, when am I going to see the things You promised me through Your prophet?" So I want you to think back to a prophetic word, a dream, a vision, or a promise, because the Lord showed me, in the spirit, that the answers which have been tied up and held back for years are going to break through to fulfillment. Things are about to change!

ANGELIC SUPERNATURAL INTERVENTION

Just like Daniel experienced a hold up in seeing the fulfillment of the word of the Lord, so have many of us. What God had intended to release to Daniel the first day was held up for 21 days. It took Michael, the archangel, to break through and say, "Daniel, God heard you on the first day. The first day the answer was already released in heaven, but it took 21 days to bring it to earth" (Daniel 10:11-14). How about 21 years, or 6 years, or 10 years? God wants to release the angelic realm to do battle on our behalf so that what has been held back, even for 20 years, is going to be released. It's going to show up with salvations in our families and with financial breakthroughs. Incredible things that we haven't thought about, all of a sudden, are going to be knocking at our door. This applies corporately, as well as to individuals, and there will be a fulfillment of prophetic words, dreams, and destinies that have been hanging over the Northwest for 20 years.

The angelic realm is coming in supernatural intervention to bring the answer we have been waiting for to our door! Let's remember the story of the apostle Peter knocking on the door after the prayers of the saints released the angel to free him from jail (Acts 12:5-13).
The saints were praying all night for Peter. They prayed fervently because he was in prison and he needed supernatural intervention. Their prayers released the angel to go into the prison to help him escape. When he came and knocked on their door they couldn't believe he was really there! (vs. 14-16)

We're like that too! We're so used to praying for a breakthrough and waiting for it to happen that when the answer is at the door we can't believe it! I've noticed that those with the seer gift usually see so much about the future that they really don't expect anything today. Listen. Angels are going to intervene in our circumstances. All we have to do is open up the door and let the answer in! I'm talking about what we've been praying about for years!

Did you know that there are angels in heaven that not only scribe and record, but there are angels who interpret and give us understanding of dreams and visions? Gabriel came to both Daniel and Mary (the mother of Jesus) to bring understanding. He oversees a host of angels in heaven that help men, women, and prophets in particular, understand world events, times and seasons. He is also the angel that comes during a major transition like when Jesus was to be born (Luke 1:26-33).

I believe that we are in the midst of a move of God and that Gabriel is coming because we are about to break into something new. There is about to be an increase in angelic activity. Feathers, diamonds, gold dust -- a lot of what has come in the past is coming again stronger because we are about to break into something new. I don't know exactly when it's about to hit and I don't know how it's going to hit, but I know it's not just going to hit one place.

POSITIONING FOR ANGELIC VISITATIONS

We're going to discuss three different angelic encounters from the Bible that all have similar key characteristics. This will help us get into position for an increase of angelic supernatural activity, visitation, and intervention. We'll examine in detail the encounter that Abraham had and then take a brief look at the encounters that Gideon and Lot each had.

Abraham had several encounters with the Lord, but I want to talk about the one that is described in Genesis 18:1:
"Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day."
God appeared to Abraham by the terebinth trees of Mamre. Mamre means *firmness*, *strength*, and *fatness*. God visits in the place of strength and fatness and with those who are living in the fullness of the anointing. Is your spirit in a place that is strong? Are you focused? The anointing is a prophetic picture of strength and firmness.

Terebinth means *landmark*, *burial*, and *judgment*. God chose to visit Abraham in the place called landmark, burial place, and judgment. That is the place where God comes in blessing. Firstly, every time God would supernaturally visit the patriarchs, they would make a landmark by building an altar to mark the place where heaven opened and God came down. Bethel was a landmark for Abraham and it was marked as a geographical place that triggered an open heaven. Abraham went back Bethel (Genesis 13:3-4) to the exact place where he had previously called upon the name of the Lord and where he built an altar (Genesis 12:8).

"LANDMARKS"

Initially, when Abraham chose to move his tent by the terebinth trees of Mamre in Hebron (Genesis 13:18), which in the spirit is the place of firmness and fatness, he built an altar to the Lord there. There is something about when God sovereignly chooses to visit a city and it becomes a landmark, but there is something about when we choose a city and build an altar and God comes because of what we build.
There are times in which God will sovereignly just move in revival and say, "I'm going to put this city on the map!" But there are other times where God says, "I'm going to visit you because of what you build." Whether God called us to have revival in Abbotsford or not, we will surely have revival. God will come because of the altar we've built.

Today, there are designated places -- landmarks -- found in cities, churches, and ministries where

God sovereignly chooses to visit. Modern-day landmarks are Toronto and Pensacola, because God visited these cities. As well, when many believers think about Abbotsford, they are reminded of Fresh Fire Ministries and Fresh Fire conferences. For them, Abbotsford is a landmark where believers come and encounter God's presence because God is visiting there.

So what is Abraham doing by choosing to move by the terebinth trees of Mamre? He's building a landmark! And so God visited him in the very place in which he built his altar (Genesis 13:18). Now, when God chooses to visit Abraham and release the promise (Genesis 18:10), where does God come? To the place that Abraham built. Why? God honors landmarks.

"BURIAL" AND "JUDGMENT"

Secondly, terebinth means burial place. We have to die to ourselves, our agendas, and ideas in order to make room for a visitation from the Lord or from His angels. There has to be a burial!

Thirdly, terebinth means judgment. *Examine me, God. Try me. See if there is any error in my way.* We don't always understand why the Lord is examining us. When the Lord appeared to Abraham by the terebinth trees, He took on the form of a man (Genesis 18:2). Abraham saw three men standing opposite his tent. This was a test. We'll discuss this later in this teaching under *Angelic Encounters Bring a Test*.

When Lot encountered the angels he did the same thing as Abraham!
"But he [Lot] insisted strongly; so they [angels] turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate." Genesis 19:3
Lot actually got into an intense discussion with the angels because they wanted to spend the night in the square, but he insisted strongly that they come with him to his house. Little did he realize that his concern for the angels, in the end, would save his life and the lives of his two daughters, because the angels personally escorted them out of Sodom before it was destroyed (vs. 12-22). [Lot's wife died because she didn't follow the angel's instructions (v. 26)]

BECOMING "UNLEAVENED BREAD"

Now let's take a look at Gideon's encounter with the angel of the Lord.
"The Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree . . . " Judges 6: 11
There it is again! We're talking about Gideon, not Abraham! Where does God visit Gideon? Under the terebinth tree. God visits landmarks and burial places. Gideon wanted the angel of the Lord to stay and to give him a sign that it was God speaking to him and sending him into battle against Midian. So Gideon did the same thing that Abraham did!
"So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought them out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented them." Judges 6:19
In all three angelic encounters (with Abraham, Lot and Gideon), there is the same response. Here is the similar key characteristic that will help us get into position for an angelic encounter -- each one knew how to entertain the angelic realm. They knew how to position themselves for the angelic visitation. Abraham, Lot, and Gideon all prepared unleavened bread for their heavenly guests. There was a feast going on in all three angelic encounters. Each feast symbolizes "The Feast of Unleavened Bread." Isn't it interesting that this Feast also represents Passover and the Last Supper (Luke 22:1-20). I believe that when all three men prepared unleavened bread, their hearts were prophetically in agreement with the very essence of the Last Supper when Jesus shared unleavened bread with His disciples saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19).

It is fitting that they did not prepare bread with leaven because leaven represents iniquity, lust, hypocrisy, uncleanness, wickedness, false doctrine, religion, and legalism. So we need to take this to heart because before the angel can come to our house, we have to get rid of the leaven! God wants unleavened bread! The apostle Paul knew this and he advised the Corinthians:

"Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." I Corinthians 5:7
It's like Paul is saying that we need to examine ourselves; there must be a consecration in our lives in order to prepare ourselves for a visitation. Let's not miss this! God is looking for those who will examine themselves and allow the Holy Spirit to shed His light on their sin and then take the necessary steps to get rid of the iniquity, the lust, and the hypocrisy.

PROLONGING VISITATION

So there is something about prolonging visitation by baking bread! Sitting down and eating with people we don't know, or with people we do know, builds friendship and intimacy. Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).
If we want to have angelic visitation and have God come (and prolong our visit when God does come), then we need to learn how to sit down, eat and drink with Jesus. There has to be a place of intimacy.

God always chooses terebinth trees -- landmarks, burial places, and judgment -- of Mamre -- the place of firmness and fatness. God is looking for people who are strong in spirit, people who are pressing in, and for those who are building an altar. Where did God visit? He came to the altar that Abraham built. The altar represented Abraham's attitude of worship, prayer, fasting, and pressing in. Abraham came to a place and said *this place is going to become a landmark*. I came to a place ten years ago, Abbotsford, and I built an altar there. I've been calling on the Lord ever since, and now God is starting to come and visit because of what we've been building, and He'll continue to come.

ANGELIC ENCOUNTERS BRING A TEST

However, it needs to be said that the Lord usually comes disguised and the only way we can recognize Him is when we have the eyes of our heart opened by the Spirit of God. So often we mistakenly expect to see the Lord on a white horse or a glorious angel like Gabriel decked out in all his shining splendor.
The apostle Paul says, "Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some [you] have unwittingly entertained angels" (Hebrews 13:2).
Without knowing it, how we treat the stranger is a test as to whether God will visit us with an angelic encounter or pass us by. How can we have heavenly visitors if we can't remember the poor? How can we be trusted with supernatural revelation and heavenly encounters if we don't give consideration to the stranger and the afflicted.
The fact is, most of the time we don't feel comfortable with the stranger. But how we treat the poor, the widow, the broken, the lost, and the stranger will determine whether or not we are in the right position to receive a visitation from heaven. So let every opportunity you have to bless the poor be an opportunity to serve and bless Jesus, because you never know if "they" are angels!

When the Lord appeared to Abraham He hid Himself in the package of three normal men because He wanted to see what kind of treatment He was going to receive. Listen. If we knew an angelic visitation was going to happen at a certain time and place we'd have the best of everything ready! But the fact is we never really know when angels will show up and we never really know how they're going to look. So we always have to be ready. And the test is when the broken and stinky street-person comes and needs ministry. This "person" might be an angel!

DON'T DESPISE OR DEVALUE THE PACKAGE THE MESSAGE COMES IN

It's clear that Abraham was ready in his heart before the Lord and the two angels even appeared to him because he literally ran to them (Genesis 18:2)! Instantly his attitude was warm and he asked them to stay. Nothing was going to stop Abraham from blessing them with a foot washing, offering them a shady spot to rest up, and then preparing a great meal. Sometimes our heart is ready to run right into God's purposes! Have you noticed also that sometimes our heart is ready, but our mind kicks in and argues? It's like our spirit recognizes God or an angelic encounter, but our mind hasn't caught up with the reality of the experience.

The encounter that Abraham had here is absolutely crucial because it's in this visitation that the set time comes to confirm and release the promise that Sarah (his wife) will be holding her son at that same time next year (Genesis 18:10-14). Listen. It is possible to miss something that God has for us if we despise or devalue the package the message comes in. Jesus, Himself, and the two angels came to Abraham in the form of three normal men. We need to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in order to be ready and then recognize God and His angels when they come to visit us. The Lord and the two angels were ready to come and leave right away. Abraham's answer to the test was, "Please, stay a while." Is that the cry of your heart when the Holy Sprit shows up? Do you hope that the encounter will never be over?

Isn't it interesting that the next thing God says is, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?" (Genesis 18:17). *Should I continue to hide our plans from Abraham my servant or should I bring him in on what we are doing?* [So obviously he passed the test because he is invited into a conversation about Sodom and Gomorrah.] *Abraham, I'm thinking about coming down and destroying these cities. Would you like to be in on that because I reveal my secrets to my prophets? You are one of my friends now because of the way you treated us when you didn't know exactly who we were.*

ANGELIC ENCOUNTERS COME WITH A COST

We want the supernatural, but are we God's friends, ready to give whatever it costs us? Are we going to sacrifice ourselves and pay our vows? We need to examine our lives and make some decisions. It's the place of judgment, but it brings us into the place of blessing. It's going to cost us something.

When God visited Jacob in a prophetic dream there was an open heaven, angels ascending and descending (Genesis 28:10-15), and Jacob marked the spot where he had the encounter -- he made a landmark (v. 18). He vowed that if the Lord would look after him and bring him back to his father's house in safety, the Lord would be His God and He would give the Lord one-tenth of his wealth (vs. 20-22). Can you imagine? Twenty years later God shows up and says, *Hey Jacob! I'm the God of Bethel! Get back to the landmark! Get back to the place! And by the way, fulfill your vow. I want the money!* (Genesis 31:13) You see, it's going to cost us something. We won't have a visitation without a burial in our life. Something has to die, change, shift, and move.

What's your cross? I've asked God for an increase in the anointing, but when I ask for an increase I know that more will be required of me, because with every increase comes a requirement. So God responds with, *What are you going to give? I'm going to come to your house with three angels and not tell you they are angels, because I told you a year ago I was going to come with the promise and I want to see if you remember what I told you a year ago! I'm going to show up at your house disguised. Why? Because I want to see what you're going to do when I come.*

So, I want to ask several important questions. What are you prepared to give to see your set time come to pass? If you're asking for more, then God is asking, *What will you give Me? Where is the goat? Where is the sacrifice? You want Me to visit you and to stay? Do you want angelic activity to increase in your life, your church, and your city? I'm about to release angelic assignments, but there is a test in the promise. I'm coming and I want to know how you're going to welcome Me when I come. I want to know what kind of sacrifice you're going to make.*
What did you promise God? Have you paid your vow yet? If you haven't fulfilled your vow then that could be hindering your destiny! What are you prepared to give for the increase? What are you prepared to give for the promise that is waiting in heaven?

We need to be like Abraham. He knew exactly what to do when the Lord and the two angels came by.

He was ready to give. He was in the right place in the natural and in the spiritual. He built the altar, he was in a place of prayer, and he was calling on the name of the Lord (Genesis 12:8). He positioned himself in a place in which God would come and stay awhile, in a place of firmness and fatness. He realized that he would have to change things in His life when God came, but he was willing to pay the cost. God responded by releasing the set time (Genesis 18:10).

IT'S THE SET TIME TO PRESS IN

The set time or the appointed time comes to fullness exactly when God decrees. For instance, at the set time on the day appointed by God, Jesus came into the synagogue in Nazareth and read a particular passage from the scroll of Isaiah. He told everyone, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). That passage of Scripture was there for hundreds of years, but there was a set time ordained by God when those particular words would be fulfilled. Just like it was at the set time when Jesus fulfilled the words spoken from the book of Isaiah, I sense that we are at the set time right now to make decrees and see destiny and prophetic words come into fulfillment from today forward.

There is a shaking that is coming to the Northwest. I believe that the fulfillment of God's promises for the Northwest is coming right now. We are saying, "God, open up heaven! Come down! Shake; bring judgment, because it's going to release blessing and answered prayer. Just move whatever you need to move, but let there be supernatural intervention because I want the answer banging on my door." Listen. It's going to happen quicker than we think.

This very day the angel could come. We may not see the angel or angels, but the effect of their intervention is going to be released. I want you to think about this with me now. What are the top two prophetic dreams that you have on your list? It's the set time for the answers to come. It's going to be there on the computer or on the telephone! The check is going to be in the mail and the property is going to sell! The investment is going to come through. Your son and daughter are going to get saved. That miracle is on its way! Revival is about to hit! There are pastors, leaders, churches, and ministries that have been building altars for 12 years, 15 years. This is the year that God visits those very places. Believe it!

How long did Jacob wait? Twenty years! There is that number again. There are angels in heaven that are ready to add incense to our prayers and mix the prayers with the fire of the altar and then take the golden censer that is on the altar in heaven and throw it to the earth (Revelation 8:3-5). It's answered prayer coming down! Mark my words, this message will be confirmed with some natural event, because as answers and blessings come down from heaven, judgments, voices, lightnings, and an earthquake come with it (Revelation 8:5).

God is making His name known against His adversaries (Isaiah 64:1-3). He's judging the very thing that's been holding back the promises from their fulfillment. The very principality that Daniel faced, that held up his answer for 21 days, God judged it by sending the archangel, Michael (Daniel 10:13). There is going to be angelic activity released to judge the very thing that is holding back the destiny that is over your city, region, nation, or church. And there is power in this set time to pray it through. God has come with a promise again and again for our lives, for our cities, and over our regions! We want to receive it! The next time the angel visits us, this angelic encounter will be different than all the other angelic encounters! That's because it's not the word being spoken and then repeatedly confirmed. The angel that is coming is the angel that comes to release the set time! Let's go for it in the spirit today!

Start preparing your sacrifice, the price, the cost -- whatever it costs! I see destiny hanging in the spirit realm being released and coming down in our lives, our churches, our region, and in our nation. Let's prepare ourselves to go deeper and higher, and let's prepare ourselves to live in the supernatural. Let the angelic presence that we've been sensing today, let it increase. Let it come in dreams and in visions at this set time! We're going to position ourselves before the Lord in a way that is pleasing to Him because He is coming to the terebinth trees of Mamre!

RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PRAYER

So I want to invite you to lift up your voice today and pray. There is power from God right now to pray through, to worship, and to make decrees. Let's cry out to the Lord and lay hold of this appointed time, this set time, for the fulfillment of God's promises, and untie them today as we pray.

Also, there are many believers reading this teaching who live in the Northwest somewhere: Washington, Oregon, and California. We need to pray! Really pray that God will spare the righteous! You know, when we walk in righteousness, principalities and powers are weakened substantially! God can judge His adversaries through the righteous living and righteous acts of the saints. We'll pray into this in a few minutes.

Remember, Abraham was in the right position not only for a visitation from the Lord and angels, but he was also in the right position to hear the secret counsel of the Lord. The Lord was about to judge the principalities and powers promoting wickedness in Sodom and Gomorrah. So He said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?" (Genesis 18:17). Abraham was brought into the situation and, not only that, he was personally involved because his relatives lived in Sodom.

So we're going to carry out three prayer assignments. The first one is that we're going to ask the Lord to release the angel of promise (who comes at the set time to announce the fulfillment of a word that we have received from the Lord). Second, we're going to make a decree. Third, we're going to stand in the gap.

PRAYER

Father, we declare today that we want to build an altar in our heart that is marked by prayer, fasting, and worship because we are desperate to see Your kingdom come and advance in our lives, our cities, our churches, and in our region. We want this altar to be soaked in purity so that we're in the right position to make our requests to You and then to issue a just decree.

Father, loose the set time, the promises, the dreams, and the visions today in the heavens! Let there be encounters, angelic encounters, angelic activity, supernatural intervention in our lives today. God, let the angel of promise come right now. Let the angelic realm that oversees prayer in heaven be released. Release the angel that sends back the answer. Let them fulfill Your Word. Let them do what You promised. Let them bring forth the manifestation of the answer.

Many of us have come to understand that you love decrees of justice, God. So together we want to decree that You will come and oversee this set time for the fulfillment of our destiny and those prophetic words and promises that you have given us. Thank you, God!

Father, we're drawing near with confidence to Your throne of grace so that we may receive mercy and grace to help in a time of need. There's nowhere else to go. We see the upheavals that are happening in the earth today and, in these upheavals, we see Your hand judging Your adversaries, those principalities and powers at work that promote wickedness.

We cannot help but also see many souls struggling in the valley of decision -- those whose consciences are not completely seared. We also see Your children who know You. Father, when Your judgments are released against principalities and powers, many people could die. We want to stand in the gap at Your throne of grace and contend for the salvation of the lost who don't know You, because Your word says that when Your judgments are released there will be some who will turn to You and learn righteousness (Isaiah 26:9b). And we want to stand in the gap like Abraham did and contend for the lives and safety of the righteous who do know You.

May both groups receive mercy from You and repent. Please come with a spirit of repentance, O God. May those who don't know You repent and turn to You for salvation and may those who do know You repent for not walking with You with pure hearts. You said that if Your people who are called by Your name would humble themselves and pray and seek Your face and turn from their wicked ways, then You will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land. When we turn from our wicked ways and walk in righteousness then the principalities and powers are weakened substantially. Lord, then powers of wickedness are judged through righteousness prevailing in the land. O God, you are always looking for ways to release your mercy and so we pray that righteousness would prevail so that Your judgments come without a great loss of life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Apostles And The Government Of God

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I feel like the Lord is going to challenge Gatekeepers and Senior Pastors with one piercing question - do you have oil in your lamp stands?

Do you just have the name of Jesus over your church but there are no demonstrations of the Bible nor any signs and wonders? You cannot say, "Hey, but I am an Apostle!" The apostles radically brought salvations to the feet of Jesus. If you see no one saved, you are not an apostle. If you are not moving in signs and wonders, you are not an apostle.

Just because you have moved in a church for 30-40 years doesn't mean that you have governmental weight, and it doesn't mean that you move as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. Governmental weight means that you have the goods; the goods are the Kingdom of God and the anointing.

What Confronts the Jezebel spirit There needs to be a fresh cry in each one of our hearts that says, "Come, Holy Spirit, we want a fresh touch of Your presence. We want Pentecost. Lord, we want to have an Elijah anointing. We want you to rebuild the altars in our churches so there is unction and power and authority and government." The government of God can confront that Jezebel demonic spirit of perversion and immorality and bring healing and restoration to multitudes!

The Challenge of Jesus

May I ask you something? What is your secret life like? Are you a double agent where you go to church worshipping and praying, yet you entertain yourself in dark movie theaters, polluting your eye gates with violence, witchcraft, sensuality, fantasy, or internet pornography or gambling. In other words, the Lord is challenging us that we can give no common ground to a demonic Jezebel spirit.

We really need to go before the Lord and say, "Lord, are there demonic strongholds in my life?" Before you have the authority to take things into society, you must deal with it in your own life first of all! Can you confront darkness if there is darkness in your members? You cannot.

Elijah was a revivalist

He confronted evil in his society with the power of Holy Spirit, bringing repentance and turning them back to first love. There needs to be a cry in you that returns back to first love. A fresh cry, not on the anointing you had during the last decade, but something that pushes the line that you want more of Him now. Something in you must be hungrier and more desperate than ever before! There must be a cry in you that says, "Lord I want to know you more, no matter what is takes."

Two Kinds of Spiritual Warfare

God wants to kill our passions, perversions, pornography, fantasies, manipulation and addictions to alcohol and drugs!! We are in a communication age of television and movies and what we are dealing with are two kinds of spiritual warfare.

One kind of warfare involves our polluted eye gates. What we see has opened us into that whole seductive realm in the spirit that is unholy and unclean.

Another kind of warfare involves the way Jezebel takes over through a religious, controlling spirit that cloaks itself in the name of righteousness. It says, "Oh, this is wisdom!" In the name of wisdom, we shut down the move of God in our churches.

The Fire of Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit wants to come in and challenge and shake everything that can be shaken. He comes in and shakes government, society, churches, and our lives. Holy Spirit brings in a convicting power and it needs to go into the sanctuary and into the hidden back rooms.

Do you feel the tangible presence of Holy Spirit in your life? Are you still on fire with this hunger inside of you that you want more of Him, no matter what? Is the fire bigger and stronger than when you were first filled with Holy Spirit?

Which Do You Want?

Or are you dealing with respectability versus the anointing? Have you been seduced by intellectualism or elitism? Has the political arena of your church or the fear of man put you in a box? Are you one of the leaders who say, "I want Holy Spirit to bring balance?" But is that balance at the cost of no salvations, no deliverances, no healings, no signs and wonders. That is a heresy! That is not the Gospel! That is not balance! Holy Spirit came in, broke open ground, and took territory to bring radical healings, salvations and deliverances.

Are we afraid of emotionalism? Do we want everything to be nice and neat? Jesus was birthed in a manger and birthing is messy. Is there really no room in the inn for Jesus to come in? Do we really want Jesus? Even as a baby, Jesus was going to come in and shake things!

Do we want nice, neat prophecies about fire? Do we hear enough from Heaven where we are able to bring in words that expose darkness and pride but also challenge people that he is God? He brings the spirit of adoption. He is a strategist and has destiny, calling and birthright! Can we call people into their birthright and destiny?

Where Does the Church Stand?

Is there a cry in us that we want to see people really run for Jesus and move in the radical things for God? In your churches, is there so much fire on the altar that you hear the sounds of weeping and intercession? Do you actually cry and weep for your family and the ones who are lost? Do you weep over your city and church? Or do we have a form of prayer without fire and intellectual prayer? Or do you have people really interceding and weeping and crying out to God?

Or is there so much fire on the altars of our spirits that we can really stand in the gap for others who are broken and hurting? There needs to be that cry where we are really willing to birth revival.

A Reality Check for America

Our cities and nations are on the brink of disaster. They are controlled by demonic principalities. We desperately need revival. We desperately need our cities to be transformed. We need laws to be changed. We need to see reversals.

Right now we are in a place where we could verily easy see shortages: food, oil, gas, finances. We are looking at limited nuclear war here in America. Can you hear the voice of God? Are you moving with a cutting edge revelation? When we are moving in a time of great shaking and suddenly things are upon our society, it is too late to say, "Oh! I wonder if I am able to hear God's voice."

We are in war.

If your son or daughter were suddenly sent to the war-front, do you know for certain that they can they hear the voice of God for themselves? Do they know what city or village to walk in and where the land mines are? Do they know how to follow God? There needs to be that fresh cry that says, "Lord, we really want to hear your voice."

We are talking about preparation for war. We are talking about moving in radical signs and wonders. We are talking about a demonstration of the Bible - a demonstration that's moving outside of our churches, social clubs, outside of our religious institutions and being able to really impact our society! We are in this season of war – but are we prepared? Our double-portions sons and daughters must be prepared for this!

Prayer: So Lord, right now, I just pray that You will put a hunger in people for You so they realize that they need to hear the voice of God. Give them revelation that the Jezebel spirit is an evil governmental principality and that it is confronted with the power of God, which is governmental.

We understand we are talking about two governmental powers clashing. Come, Holy Spirit. Where we have grieved You and where we don't want You to be radical, we want to release You to break outside the walls of our culture and our religious institution. We want You to open up the heavens so that You can bring radical visitations.

As we are dealing with the media and communications, we pray that You will give us the radical ideas of the entrepreneurs. Lord, start to raise up the Joseph Company. Raise up men and women who are like a dream team - ones who move in hearing the voice of God and putting forth world trends."

Lord, we do pray that where we have been seduced and half-hearted and where we have been too comfortable, that You would start to break off apathy. Break off religiousness. And Lord, start to awaken our hearts.

Ankh And The True Eternal One

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Main Entry: **ankh** Function: *noun* Etymology: Egyptian *'nh* live
: a cross having a loop for its upper vertical arm and serving especially in ancient Egypt as an emblem of life

The Lord said, ‘Ankh’ so I wondered at why He would want to talk about this. And I looked up some definitions. If you are sensitive to witchcraft stuff, then don’t read any of the definitions. They are at the bottom of the word.

As I read the definitions and then contemplated the cross and how Jesus died,
I felt I got this understanding of some of the power of the cross in redemption from what the cross stood for as I’d not realized before ! If the ankh and the cross were used in worship of the sun, and gods/demons, then JESUS dying on the cross would seem to symbolize HIS VICTORY over all these things. Yet there is such a fear among many Christians of those who have participated in witchcraft and who still participate in it. And I felt such an amazing view considering this now, as I had never before, realizing that the very cross was an occult symbol in itself. So Him depicted on it is such a powerful message that NO OTHER god has done this for us. No other god has such power ! And it reminded me of Moses in the wilderness and how the bronze serpent was something put on a pole and when it was looked at they would be healed.

Num 21:8-9 AMP And the Lord said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent [of bronze] and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it on a pole, and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked to the serpent of bronze [attentively, expectantly, with a steady and absorbing gaze], he lived.

It restored them from the judgment that was rendered !!!

This is symbolic of what Jesus would do in the future…He would crush the serpent by dying on a cross, bringing about the healing of all who would LOOK to HIM. Serpents not only represent evil, but also wisdom. Jesus is Wisdom.
Then compassion was on me and I began to weep at the power of the cross and how little we understand of that power in this age. So many of us have walked in fear of man, and fear of demons, and fear of many things. But HE died that ALL EVIL would be crushed. Not just some evil - But all evil !

Then I listened for His voice and heard…

“ I AM THE ETERNAL ONE. There is no other like Me ! Many today are mixing witchcraft with Christianity as if it is a small thing. When I died for you, I paid the price for freedom. But I did not pay that price that you could once again entangle yourselves with evil practices. The priests have not taught the flock the difference between good and evil. There are hirelings who have even brought witchcraft into their own homes ! How can this be you say ? How is it that anyone would be seduced into practicing evil ? A backslider will be filled with his own ways. One sin leads to another. Rationalization of one sin, will leave vulnerability to another, and on and on till there is degradation and the person moves away from real relationship with the Creator, and serves the creature instead. [See Romans 1]

When you cannot pray, or worship or read the Word, then there is some form of witchcraft at work, whether it is people cursing you, or you pointing your finger at others, all is witchcraft. I have told you NOT to align yourself with the accuser ! So I am telling you now, that when you do that, you are practicing witchcraft because you are in REBELLION to My words, and rebellion is as witchcraft.

How can you conquer witchcraft in the world when you entertain it in your mind and heart and home ? THE CHURCH all over the world needs to REPENT of all unrighteousness. Many have grown callous to sin.
Even frivolous to practice sin. Bondage to alcohol, drugs, sex, & perversion is common in the house of the LORD !

Isa 58:9 AMP Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, Here I am. If you take away from your midst yokes of oppression [wherever you find them], the finger pointed in scorn [toward the oppressed or the godly], and every form of false, harsh, unjust, and wicked speaking, [Ex 3:14.]

Titus 3:1-3 NKJV Graces of the Heirs of Grace
Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. 3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

“This is why I must purge and cleanse My people ! I will not stop purging My threshing floor till My people who are called by My name will HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY and turn the House of the Lord once again into a House of PRAYER for all nations ! Many go to church to FEEL good, or to participate for that service, then the rest of the week live in total rebellion to Me, and distant from My presence ! CRY OUT FOR THIS NATION FOR REPENTANCE FROM WITCHCRAFT ! REPENT for your own CONTROL and fear, and pride that undergirds it ! DISCERN the signs of the times !

Know that in the days ahead, if you will humble yourselves, you are about to see great repentance among those you thought could or would never repent !
But first You need to humble YOURSELVES before ME. Repent of your fear !
FEAR is not from ME. I have not given you a spirit of fear , but of power and love and a sound mind ! Your own fears cause you to run from ME, rather than TO ME ! SIT AT MY FEET and learn of ME, for I am gentle and humble of heart and I treat you with tenderness because I love you. If you do not know that, then you do not KNOW ME or MY LOVE. THIS IS THE WHOLE OF LIFE, to learn to LOVE ! Only in MY PRESENCE will you be freed.
Come to me and learn of Me. Soak in My presence that You may be filled with My love and mercy, My grace and compassion. It is compassion that makes miracles. It is faith in My love for you and compassion that move mountains !

Do not run away anymore from My presence. EMBRACE the CROSS and confess your sins to one another ! STOP PRETENDING everything is ok when it is not ok ! OPEN up your hearts to ME, and know that I know you and LOVE you , and that I am full of GRACE to those who will humble themselves before me ! There is NOTHING that I have not DIED FOR !!! Your sins are no surprise to Me. Remember I know the beginning from the end and I knew all the choices you would make before I called you ! DO NOT ALLOW SHAME to rule your life any longer. COME TO ME. LIE DOWN on the Divine Physician’s couch and let me do the necessary surgery to remove all that has plagued you !

I AM the ETERNAL ONE. I AM greater than all that could come against you !
Many look to the ankh for protection but I AM YOUR PROTECTOR. Many look at the ankh as a symbol of eternal life. But it is a symbol of WORLDLY LIFE and darkness. ETERNITY is in MY HANDS. I AM the ONLY WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. THERE is only ONE road to life, and it is a narrow road. The way to death is wide. I died on such a symbol because it was a sign of OVERCOMING all, including death that would come against you ! GREATER is HE Who is in you, than he who is in the world. Do not be afraid of what man can do to you. GRACE is your great protection. That is why I said to Paul, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT for you ! MY GRACE is the covering over your head, over your person, all around you ! Believe in My GRACE, because it is for this reason I DIED ! NOTHING can oppose the blood I shed for you !

Persecutions and calamities may come, but you are more than a conqueror through ME, for I strengthen you and will enable you to walk through fire, water, winds and storms. Just as I was with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and Daniel. I AM WITH YOU ! I AM WITH YOU ! I AM INSIDE you ! I AM IN FRONT of you, and BEHIND YOU. I AM YOUR COVERING !"

JESUS

From: http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/ankh.htm
The ancient gods of Egypt are often depicted as carrying ankh signs. We find …many other gods often holding the ankh sign, along with a scepter, and in various tomb and temple reliefs, placing it in front of the king's face **to symbolize the breath of eternal life.** During the Amarna period, the ankh sign was depicted being offered to Akhenaten and Nefertiti by the hands at the end of the rays descending from the sun disk, Aten. Therefore, **the ankh sign is not only a symbol of worldly life, but of life in the netherworld.** Therefore, we also find the dead being referred to as ankhu, and **a term for a sarcophagus was neb-ankh, meaning possessor of life.**

http://www.nazarite.net/occult-symbols.html says this about the ankh…
Also known as the **long life seal.** While Christians try to say the ankh is not a cross,
Make no mistake about it , it is another rendering of a cross. This symbol originated in Egypt and stands for reincarnation. Egyptians were pagans and worshipped many gods like the sun-god Amen Rah, and the pagan sun-trinity: Osiris, Isis, and Horus. The ankh and cross were **both used equally in ancient sun worship.**

http://www.exposingsatanism.org/signsymbols.htm
Symbolizes fertility rites and the building up of lust within a person. A spirit of Lust is the power of this union of male /female representations. Also called the Long Life Seal.

Terror & Transgressions
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2 Cor 5:11 NKJV Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.
NT:5401 phobos (fob'-os); from a primary phebomai (to be put in fear); alarm or fright: KJV - be afraid, exceedingly, fear, terror.

Ps 91:4-8 NKJV He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.

"I am not a God of wrath and destruction, but a God of RESTORATION. My ways are higher than your ways. My ways are not the ways of men, or of men's ways of thinking. To REBUILD, one often has to tear down to the foundation so that a NEW FOUNDATION can be built upon. My church has built at times from generation to generation on the wrong foundation. So I am reestablishing the FIRM FOUNDATION which is the CROSS of Christ Jesus. You cannot build as you have built before because a new wind is blowing and you must go with the Wind, or you will find yourself in opposition to My plans."

1 Cor 3:13-15 AMP The work of each [one] will become [plainly, openly] known (shown for what it is); for the day [of Christ] will disclose and declare it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test and critically appraise the character and worth of the work each person has done. 14 If the work which any person has built on this Foundation [any product of his efforts whatever] survives [this test], he will get his reward.
15 But if any person's work is burned up [under the test], he will suffer the loss [of it all, losing his

reward], though he himself will be saved, but only as [one who has passed] through fire. [Job 23:10.]

1 Cor 3:10-11 AMP According to the grace (the special endowment for my task) of God bestowed on me, like a skillful architect and master builder I laid [the] foundation, and now another [man] is building upon it. But let each [man] be careful how he builds upon it, 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one).

“No longer will My church be built on the wrong foundation of prosperity and
promised riches of this world. But it will be built on the blood of the prophets and apostles. It will be built on the cross for which it stands. It will be built on TRUTH and JUSTICE and FAITH. It will be built on mutual love for the Savior and for those made in His image and likeness. It will be built on oneness with the Spirit. There is no partiality in ME.

I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. I will fill with terror those who oppose Christ IN YOU. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and this generation will learn what that means. The foundational teaching of the apostles and prophets will be restored. I AM RESTORING the TRUE FOUNDATION. TRUTH will be your shield and buckler.

Do not underestimate the power of the cross, and the blood of the LAMB. Do not underestimate the power of your testimony ! As you speak TRUTH, I will follow it with signs and wonders. SO LIFT UP YOUR VOICE in the fray and announce to the masses the TRUTH of My WORD ! Do not be ASHAMED. Call upon MY MIGHT, and I will fill you ! I will surprise you with My glory ! It will burn away all that withstands My will in you and for you !
Come to My side and take shelter under the shadow of MY WINGS My beloveds for I AM YOUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH. Nothing will withstand the glorious blade of righteousness I hold in My hand. Take MY yoke upon you & learn of Me.”

Matt 11:29-30 NKJV Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

“ The enemy has been pressing down but I will work a mighty reverse in the flood of his wave of torments. Look to ME and worship ! Fill your mouth with praises and watch the turn around of the flood of his anger. Though his anger will persist, the weapons of your warfare will be with greater authority than you have experienced thus far. TRUST that I am working a reverse of circumstances SPIRITUALLY. I will send terror into the camp of the enemy ! I will intimidate the wicked ones instead of them terrorizing you ! I will use you like Gideons if you will not give into the fear, and if you will persist in speaking MY WORD, over the threats of the enemy !

Take hold of the weapons I have given you and USE THEM ! Do not cower to his threats ! Take authority that I have given you and appropriate it ! STAND, and again I say STAND ! REJOICE and be glad for your Redeemer draws nigh ! Your Beloved knocks on the door of your heart ! Do not leave him standing out in the cold. HONOR ME, and I will honor you ! Cling to ME, and the enemy will FLEE ! Go out into the harvest fields and I will send My terror ahead of you ! ”

Luke 21:26-27 NKJV men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
Luke 21:26-28 NIV Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Ps 9:20 NIV Strike them with terror, O LORD; let the nations know they are but men. Selah

Gen 35:4-5 NIV Then they set out, and the terror of God fell upon the towns all around them so that no one pursued them.

Ex 23:27-28 NIV "I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. 28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way.

Deut 2:25 NIV This very day I will begin to put the terror and fear of you on all the nations under heaven. They will hear reports of you and will tremble and be in anguish because of you."

Deut 11:25 NIV No man will be able to stand against you. The LORD your God, as he promised you, will put the terror and fear of you on the whole land, wherever you go.

1 Sam 11:7 NIV He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel." Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they turned out as one man.

2 Chron 14:13-14 NIV They destroyed all the villages around Gerar, for the terror of the LORD had fallen upon them. They plundered all these villages, since there was much booty there.

Job 15:20-26 NIV All his days the wicked man suffers torment, the ruthless through all the years stored up for him. 21 Terrifying sounds fill his ears; when all seems well, marauders attack him. 22 He despairs of escaping the darkness; he is marked for the sword. 23 He wanders about-food for vultures; he knows the day of darkness is at hand. 24 Distress and anguish fill him with terror; they overwhelm him, like a king poised to attack, 25 because he shakes his fist at God and vaunts himself against the Almighty, 26 defiantly charging against him with a thick, strong shield.

Ps 31:13-14 NIV For I hear the slander of many; there is terror on every side; they conspire against me and plot to take my life. 14 But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

Ps 78:32-33 NIV In spite of all this, they kept on sinning; in spite of his wonders, they did not believe. 33 So he ended their days in futility and their years in terror.

Prov 21:15 When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers. NIV
Prov 21:15 It is a joy for the just to do justice, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity. NKJV

OT:4288 mechittah (mekh-it-taw'); from OT:2846; properly, a dissolution; concretely, a ruin, or (abstractly) consternation: KJV - destruction, dismaying, ruin, terror.
OT:2846 chathah (khaw-thaw'); a primitive root; to lay hold of;
especially to pick up fire: KJV - heap, take (away).

Isa 13:6-8 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, 8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames. NKJV

Isa 13:8 Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame. NIV
OT:3998 mebuwkah (meb-oo-kaw'); from OT:943; perplexity: KJV - perplexity.
OT:943 buwk (book); a primitive root; to involve (literally or figuratively): KJV - be entangled, (perplexed).

Isa 22:5 The Lord, the LORD Almighty, has a day of tumult and trampling and terror in the Valley of Vision , a day of battering down walls and of crying out to the mountains. NIV

Isa 24:17-18 Terror and pit and snare await you, O people of the earth.
18 Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit; whoever climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare. The floodgates of the heavens are opened, the foundations of the earth shake. NIV

Isa 24:18-23 And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken. 19 The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again. 21 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth. 22 They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished. 23 Then the moon will be disgraced

And the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously. NKJV

Isa 31:9 NIV Their stronghold will fall because of terror; at sight of the battle standard their commanders will panic," declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, whose furnace is in Jerusalem.
Isa 31:9 NKJV He shall cross over to his stronghold for fear, And his princes shall be afraid of the banner," Says the LORD, Whose fire is in Zion
And whose furnace is in Jerusalem.
OT:4032 magowr (maw-gore'); or (Lam 2:22) maguwr (maw-goor');
from OT:1481 in the sense of fearing; a fright (objective or
subjective): KJV - fear, terror. Compare OT:4036.

Isa 54:14-15 NIV In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you. 15 If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing;
whoever attacks you will surrender to you.

Lam 3:47-50 NIV We have suffered terror and pitfalls, ruin and destruction." 48 Streams of tears flow from my eyes because my people are destroyed. 49 My eyes will flow unceasingly, without relief, 50 until the LORD looks down from heaven and sees.

Ezek 7:25-26 NKJV Destruction comes; They will seek peace, but there shall be none. 26 Disaster will come upon disaster, And rumor will be upon rumor. Then they will seek a vision from a prophet; But the law will perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders.
Ezek 7:25-26 NIV When terror comes, they will seek peace, but there will be none. 26 Calamity upon calamity will come, and rumor upon rumor. They will try to get a vision from the prophet; the teaching of the law by the priest will be lost, as will the counsel of the elders.

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Abba Father

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I hope that I don't sound redundant, as the only way I can express appreciation is to say "thank you". Many that had responded to our time of testing and trials shared with us that they too had been experiencing hard times. I have had to ask our Heavenly Father "why"? Especially after listening this week to a sister here in Israel, who had become embittered towards YHVH for not (yet) keeping a promise that she had received from Him many years ago. She had even tried to commit suicide a few years back. But although she had taken enough pills to kill her five times over, she woke up with absolutely no side effects. She knew then that it could only have been YHVH who had spared her. Yet, in spite of that she is still in a great deal of pain and is teetering on the brink of unbelief and mistrust of Elohim, as she is still feeling betrayed and is continuing to walk in bitter disappointment. After a number of hours of sharing about the Father's love, I could sense that hope was starting to sprout within her. A seed of realization, that her Heavenly Father did have her best interest in mind and that His love would never fail, was sown into her parched soul. That evening Abba was ministering to us too, and that is why the subject of this letter is "Abba-Father".

This past week has been one of the most incredible in my entire walk as a believer in Messiah Yeshua. In spite of life's pressures, joy and peace have ruled my heart as YHVH's anointing of love has brought me deeper into my identity, while recognizing continually who YHVH is, as my Abba-Father.

The Scriptures tell us: "He that loves not knows not Elohim; for Elohim is love" (1John 4:8). The Greek word that John uses over and over is "agape". This type of love has been defined in many ways, but the more we receive revelation into the heart of our Heavenly Father, the less there are words that can adequately describe His nature of love. Paul speaks of a man who was caught up into the realm of the third heaven, which is paradise, "and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter" (2 Cor. 12:4). This man was in the presence of the Father and therefore could not find human words with which to express what it was like. I believe that he experienced the Father's love. When we are first filled or indwelt by the Father's Spirit, we cry out "Abba" (ref. Rom. 8:15). The word "Av" or "Abba" is made up of the first two letters of the Hebrew alphabet and our spontaneous proclamation of it is evidence of our new life and nature. However, from that point we must grow into maturity.

John writes further: "I write unto you, little children, because you know the Father" (1John 2:13). Why must we, as little children, know the Father? Is it because our own identity is locked up in that relationship? It is especially true for men, as we are the male expression of the Father's image and likeness.

The most tragic condition in humanity, past and present, is the loss or absence of a father in the home. Children are mostly brought up by their mothers, or even by older sisters. Thus, during those formative years they lack the role model for their own budding identity. Without that essential ingredient it is almost impossible to mature into the Godly role of a man or woman, mother or father that had been designated for us by YHVH, and this is especially true for the males. This tragedy is magnified in the Body of Messiah, as we are brought up by "mother church" whose religious system has been governed by the "queen of heaven" (see Jer 44:17-19). This fact is seen, for example, by the depictions of "baby Jesus" in the arms of a protective mother, or a "dead Jesus" in the arms of a mourning mother. And then, in many of the Protestant denominations "Jesus" is portrayed as "Lord" or "Master", yet what did Yeshua say about himself to his followers: "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?" (John 14:9-10). The life and nature of the Father resides in Yeshua, and He came to reveal His Father's agape nature. We, who now have the Father's life in us as new-creation beings, are also here to bear witness to this love, respectively as females (wives/mothers) and males (husbands/fathers), according to the Father's Kingdom order.

Interestingly, one cannot dismiss the closeness of sound between the Hebrew word for "father" - "Av", and the word for "love" - "Ahvah". John the apostle describes this "agape" as if "it" and YHVH Elohim are one and the same: "Beloved, let us love one another: for love [agape] is Elohim; and every one that loves [or expresses that nature] is born of Elohim and knows Elohim" (1 John 4:7).

This Shabbat it might be a good idea to read the entire fourth chapter of 1 John, and to consider the relationship between the nature of the Father, YHVH Elohim, in Yeshua, and our own identity as a "new creation".

Women pray for the men, that our Heavenly Father will raise them up to know Him as their "Father", and that they may mature in His "agape" nature. This is absolutely imperative for the health and well being of the family, the community (tribe) and the nation. It is essential to the restoration of YHVH's kingdom to Israel.

Blessings and Shabbat Shalom, Ephraim

Abba's Objectives

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Why did YHVH send His only begotten Son into this world? Did He send Him to give His life and die for the purpose of starting a new religion called Christianity? Did Yeshua shed His blood in order to restore a religion called Judaism? Or better yet, did He come to combine the two into one religious expression called Judeo-Christianity? Why did the Father send the Son? In Luke chapter one we read the message which the angel Gabriel brought from YHVH to Miriam, and the word of prophecy which was uttered by Zachariah the priest, when filled with the Holy Spirit. Both announced the Father's purposes for sending Yeshua:

- To redeem His people (Luke 1:68).
- To raise up a horn of salvation for us in the House of His servant David (Luke 1:69).
- To sit on the throne of His father David (Luke 1:32).
- To save us from our enemies, from those who hate us (Luke 1:71).
- To show mercy to our fathers (those who received no mercy - Lo-ruhamah, Hosea 1:6).
- To remember His holy covenant, which He swore to our father Abraham (Luke 1:72- 73), whereby He committed Himself to give him a land, to "make him" a nation and a blessing (ref Gen. 12:2-3).
- To bring deliverance from our enemies, that we might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life (Luke 1:74-75).
- To rule and reign in the House of Jacob forever, and there to set up an everlasting kingdom (Luke 1:33).

None of these objectives appear to have anything to do with religion, or with some other form of temple worship. Rather, Yeshua came to restore a relationship between His Father and us, His people. He also came to restore the House of Jacob, meaning the relationship between the Two Houses of Ephraim and Judah; to abolish the enmity and jealousy between the brothers.

"Listen, O coastlands, to Me and take heed, you peoples from afar! YHVH has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name" (Isaiah 49:1); *"You shall call His name Yeshua* [salvation]" (Luke 1:31). *"And now YHVH says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him… Indeed He says, `It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the nations, that You should be My salvation [Yeshuah] to the ends of the earth'"* (Isaiah 49:5-6). How were all these objectives to be fulfilled?

Before sin marred the relationship between YHVH Elohim and Adam, man was designed to be a servant and one who would "listen, watch and walk". After YHVH redeemed Israel from Egypt and slavery, they too, as a nation, were told the same thing: "Listen to My voice and walk in My ways" (When Israel failed to do that, and missed the mark (sinned), YHVH gave them a religion, using the Aaronic Priesthood. Sin was the reason for religion. As long as we remain in sin we will always have a need for some religious expression. But what was YHVH's promise to the nation of Israel? *"For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us"* (Psalms 103:11-12). *"But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back" (Isaiah 38:17). "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins,"* (Isaiah 43:25). *"And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day, everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree'"* (Zechariah 3:10).

Notice that when sin and iniquity are removed, relationships are made possible. How did the Father accomplish this reconciliation? *"Now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself* (Hebrews 9:26). Remember what John the Immerser declared when He saw Yeshua? *"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,"* (John 1:29). *"YHVH was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation"* (2 Corinthians 5:19). *"By Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross"* (Colosians1:20). This is why Paul insisted only on one thing: *"For I determined not to know anything among you except Yeshua the Messiah and Him crucified"* (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Yeshua died to atone for sin and to remove it altogether. How did He do this? By being offered on the cross as the perfect lamb for the sacrifice. He fulfilled every requirement of the religious system. In removing sin as far as the east is from the west He removed the need for a religious system, and restored the priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek (ref. Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 7).This was the priesthood that all Israel was to partake of. By virtue of the Torah being inscribed on the heart, worship rendered to YHVH could now be in spirit and in truth (John 4:23), resulting in Divine relationships. *“For do you not know this about yourselves that you are a tabernacle of the Holy Spirit” (ref. 1Cor. 3:16) "that Yeshua the Messiah dwells in you"* (ref. 2Cor.13:5) and *"that you have died and that your life is hidden in His, and that He is NOW your life"* (ref. Col.3:4, Gal.2:20)? This reality is revealed through faith, but if we hold to an outward form of religion we actually deny His presence within our Holy of Holies (our spirit). This will bring about the anti-Christ lie, which denies that Yeshua came in the flesh (in this case in the spirit-filled believer's flesh). John explains to us that *“the world is under the power of the evil one”* (1 John 5:19), meaning all of the world's political and religious institutions. In verse 21 he warns, *"Children keep yourselves from idols"*. But "sandwiched" between those two verses is a powerful statement of truth: "*We know that the Son of Yahoveh has come and has given us understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Yeshua the Messiah. This is the true Elohim and eternal life"* (v.20).

Yeshua is restoring the "fallen Succah [booth] of David," by uniting a remnant of the Two Houses, and by being enthroned in the hearts of the individuals who form this remnant. Through the reunited House of Jacob (the nation Israel), He will administer the everlasting kingdom government to the rest of the nations. But we must come out of religion into Divine relationships and national identity.
Be separate and wait for the Lord who will whistle for us to return to the land "(ref.Zec.10:8), there to become a royal priesthood after the order of Melchizedek, and a holy nation; Thus the covenant that YHVH made with our father Abraham, to become a blessing to the rest of the nations, will be fulfilled.

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

A Bright Light Is Dawning

Deborah McKnight

Great darkness is coming upon the earth
But upon my people a bright light is dawning
They will go forth with healing in their hands
They will be my people and I will be their God
Do not be afraid
My Spirit is upon you
And will continue to grow
Stronger in you day by day
Seek my presence, my holiness
And love not this life.
He who has ears let him hear
I am calling you to come forth
I am calling my church to unity
And love in the Spirit.
Come to me with all of your hearts.
Seek my face, repent of your sins
Says the Lord
Humble yourselves before me
I will do a mighty thing in your midst
That if I told you,
You would not be able to comprehend it!
Come together and pray
In the bond of unity
In the Spirit
I will come to you
My Shekinah glory will overshadow you
And you will be a light to the peoples
The time has come!
The time is now!
Don't delay!

Ancient Boundaries Revisited

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This week the daily English language, Jerusalem Post, published one of those "no surprises" in its article on the security fence around Alfe Menashe (which is where we live). Apparently this portion of the fence is now being contested in the International High Court of Justice. Two years ago our mayor appealed to the Sharon government to include our town of approximately 6,000 within the fence. The request was granted, as 3 large Arab cities and several small ones surround us. One such city, Kalkilya, is noted for its hive of terrorists who are wont to shoot at cars and to blow themselves up in nearby Israeli towns. This particular city is only 1/3 of a mile from a major Israeli city, Kafar Sabba and a major toll road passes it by within 200 meters. A couple of years ago a 6 year old girl was killed in a terrorist shooting incident in that area. Alfe Menashe is only about 1 mile from the "greenline" and ½ a mile from Kalkilya. The fence was built on what is termed the "seam line", constituting a stretch of about 40 kilometers, or 22 miles, along the coastal plain, close to the1967 "green line" (a border "of sorts"), which is about 12 miles from the Mediterranean Sea.

The fencing around our area was a massive project that took about a year to complete (most of it 24 hours around the clock), while filing away the hills and filling in the valleys cost millions. It all but brought the terrorist activity to a halt. However, the Palestinian authority is claiming that it is responsible for the peace in the area. It has recruited the terrorists to its forces by giving them an ultimatum to either join the police force or go to jail. The government of Israel has also helped the PA beef up their armed forces, by turning over thousands of their prisoners who were in Israeli jails. Apparently the government may need the space in our prisons, should the Jews living in the free and non-racist democratic Republic of Palestine begin to stir up trouble.

The afore-mentioned article stated that the ICJ (International Court of Justice) views the fence as a violation of international law, because it was built for political reasons in order to annex Jewish settlements to Israel. The fence also surrounds 5 Palestinian villages "cutting them off from their fields, from essential services and from friends and relatives". According to the petition, the Palestinians are being forced to suffer for political reasons. The hundreds of Jewish families who have suffered loss of life because of the "non-political" aspirations of the Palestinians, must have not been consulted by those who formulated the petition (Association for Civil Rights in Israel).

Well, let's move on to something more edifying. This past week we visited a friend down in the Gaza settlement of Nisanit and enjoyed her beautiful yard, fellowship and steadfastness of faith and hope. It was encouraging to see how she and others are facing the almost daily/nightly bombardment of rockets and the dilemma of not knowing what is in the offing for them. Then later on in the week, in Jerusalem, we watched with excitement and amazement a lap top presentation put on by two young Ephraimite ladies who have assembled photos and maps of the Land, which originated with Ephraimite believers back in 1902. These two young students also have at their disposal many writings by the individuals who had been exploring the land at that time while praying mightily for YHVH's restoration and purposes to be realized. Below is a short chronology of that group, compiled of excerpts taken from a letter sent me by Timothy Murray of New Hampshire.

The teaching of the Two Houses was already in existence in about 1898 in a Bible school in Maine. In

1901 the teacher at that school felt clearly directed by the voice of God to his heart to go with his wife and two devoted women students to Jerusalem and commission them to pray on site for the restoration of the City and the Land. But as the planning began, it became clear that God was not going to be satisfied with two--He was after 12! Eventually, in June 1901, a group of 12 set out from Boston, and they arrived in Jerusalem in May 1902. They were going, consciously (and, they felt, at God's direction), as representatives of the 12 Tribes, returning to what they now explicitly believed was their Land to establish true heart worship of the God of Israel, in tribal unity on site! For "The Twelve" their mission was to recover their lost spiritual and tribal heritage as a symbolic re-uniting of both Houses.

The Twelve remained on station in Jerusalem and were later joined by others. By October of 1902, they felt God had clearly directed them representatively and symbolically to enact a "restoration" for the two Houses of Israel. What they understood it to mean was the restoration of the Kingdom of David, under the sovereignty of Christ, in a single national Entity. It was for them the groundwork, spiritually, for the joining of the two sticks-- under one King.

In 1906 a small group of explorers was searching out the biblical borders of the Promised Land, and were at that time on the coast at the northern end. (In a few years, others of the group made a complete and historic land journey around the inland borders to explore and pray over their restoration.) They were swept by an outpouring of the Spirit, and they expressed, in a faith-filled prayer, the conviction that the Land was there and then "restored" not as Israel, or Palestine, or Canaan, etc., but by the future, prophetic name, "Beulah." [meaning "married", reference Isaiah 62:4]. This was a moment of supreme inspiration, according to their accounts, and it was accompanied by a tremendous sense of divine approval.

I wish to thank Tim Murray again for the above information, as well as for the "Border Songs" below. Here is one of four "Border Songs". It's called "Beulah--Northern Border". It was written in 1933 by Joseph Harriman, one of the two explorers who searched out the northern border in May 1908. This song, along with the others, exudes the sense of "future events made current events by faith"!

See also Letter 254.

Ho! Dan's true sons and daughters, Redeemed by precious blood! Come with me to the northland, By the Orontes flood: And Asher is invited; O Naphtali, be true! Where our forefathers faltered, The Call is now to you.

It is a lovely region, Where Israel failed of yore; To you this northern portion Is given to restore! To wipe out all the failures Which caused the tribes to roam, And bring through these grand mountains A hallowed sense of "Home."

"Mount Hor to Hazar-enan" The boundary is drawn: Northward the Syrian mountains, Southward "The Lebanon." "The entr'ing in of Hamath" What lovely fields of grain! From Tripoli's fair gardens to the Orontes plain.

The grandest peaks of Beulah--ten thousand feet they rise-- Stand near us as we journey, Their white heads in the skies. How grand those awful gorges! Through centuries the names Of "Eden" "Holy River," The tongue of man proclaims.

And now the mountain landscape Gives way to one of plain, Where Beulah's greatest river Flows north, the sea to gain. Another range of mountains, The Anti-Lebanon-- Has come within our vision, There "toward the rising sun." Between these great twin ranges, Behold a valley fair; The most astounding ruins In all the earth are there. Now to the northern limit: And in Jehovah's Name, We stand at ancient Ziphron, And Restoration claim.

Beyond the eastern mountains, Where scarcer falls the rain, At Hazar-enan's fountains The north-east point we gain: To Thee, the nation's Sovereign, Ascends believing prayer, That Israel's northern border Shall of Thy fullness share.

And now here's "Beulah--Eastern Border". Written by the same author, also in 1933.

We start our eastern journey At Hazar-enan's fount; We cross the desert foothills, And head for Hermon's mount; Milch camels with their offspring In thousands grazing near, Black tents of Ishmael's children Are pitched in spring-time here.

Like pearl in emerald setting, Damascus greets our eyes; For thirty thousand gardens, Abana life supplies. We're near the spot where Jesus The sins of Saul forgave, And "far hence to the Gentiles" Went forth His glad "bond-slave."

See Galilee below us, Where Christ was wont to teach; How oft His feet have journeyed Along that shell-strewn beach! The mighty Jordan valley Is Canaan's border line; Yet fruitful Gilead eastward, Jehovah said, "is Mine."

Where Jordan pours its waters, Behold a land of dearth; A sea without an outlet-- The lowest spot on earth; Yet God has promised healing, And on His Word we stand; We rest not till all Canaan Becomes Immanuel's Land.

(He footnotes the song this way: "The imaginary journey described in this song is a composite of several trips made by the author, including an eleven-day exploration of the Dead Sea in a canvas boat.")

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The love for YHVH's inheritance is powerfully expressed by these early Ephraimite pioneers, who graced each of the sites they laboriously and lovingly found by words that issued out of their faithful actions.

Shabbat Shalom, Ephraim

A Basin Of Water And A Towel
Bill Yount

"We Were Shaking The Very Gates Of Hell With A Basin Of Water And A Towel!"

In the Spirit I saw God's foot step down into cities and regions of the earth. I knew that His foot represented great authority coming to earth.

When I saw His foot I knew He had come to take back territory that the enemy had stolen from His Kingdom. As I began rejoicing at why His foot stepped down upon the earth, He interrupted my praise service with a strong command..."Wash My Feet!" I was dumbfounded. I said, "Lord, how could I ever wash your feet?"

The Lord spoke, "When you see Pastors and Leaders coming together and washing one another's feet, you will see My foot come down with great power releasing whole regions and territories back into My Kingdom!

I then saw a vision of Pastors and Leaders humbly kneeling before each other with basins of water and towels. As they began washing one another's feet; titles, positions and even names of churches started drowning in that small basin of water! Pride, jealousy, and envy were being drowned in just "twelve inches" of water! Weary blistered feet that had lost their way in the dusty, soiled road of life were being healed by just water and two hands of a pastor down the street.

Help was never that far away all along.

Tears began filling these basins to overflowing...tears of repentance from judging and misunderstanding one another. Even our eyes were being washed with tears to see that we were not each other's enemy but we were on the same team.

It looked like such a beautiful pitiful sight. Pastors of huge churches and leaders of small churches humbled and bowing before one another confessing our total inabilities to advance God's Kingdom. Revelation began breaking forth upon us that we needed each other. Many were held in each other's grip breaking together. Holy kisses started being given out upon the faces and the feet. A presence came as though we had kissed the face of God!

At that moment I saw Divine Authority flow from the feet of One who was also in our midst. A Divine Authority and power was being unleashed upon regions and territories. We were shaking the very gates of Hell with a basin of water and a towel! It seemed the smaller we became in one another's sight the bigger God became in the sight of the enemy! God began exalting Himself in the earth and among the heathen.

I heard the Lord speak to the angels that were present during foot washing. .

"Take the tears from those basins and put them in bottles. They will bring forth a great move of My Spirit to bring in the Harvest."

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And They Went Out Another Way
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MATTHEW 2:12

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Mathew 2:12 "And being warned of God in a dream that they (the wise men) should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country 'another' way!"

I sense there are many of God's people right now who are seemingly backed into a corner by the enemy. You have tried every conceivable way you thought the Lord was speaking to you to move forward in your God given destiny but door after door has seemingly shut in your face and your very life appears to be at stake. There seems to be no way out for you and the enemy has given hellish orders for you to report back to him. The bottom line is... 'the devil wants you back'!

ONE GREAT GENERAL ONCE SAID... "WE ARE NOT RETREATING, WE ARE ADVANCING IN 'ANOTHER' DIRECTION!"

It seems the maneuver of this great general for his army first may have appeared as though they were retreating but they weren't! Perhaps the fact that it appeared like they were retreating even in the eyes of their enemies may have been the very edge they needed for advancing in 'another' direction and ultimately winning the battle. It may appear at times like we are going backwards but with God it is often the back door that opens up into the front yard of our promised land!

GOD HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE THIS HOUR... 'ANOTHER' WAY OUT FOR YOU THAT IS FOOL PROOF!

Yes, I saw God having something up His sleeve for many this hour in their dilemma. It's 'another' way out for you that hasn't been revealed to you yet but it is there. You can't see it and neither can the devil! I sense it will not be 'your' way, nor even the way you thought that God was showing you to go but 'another' way out for you that is fool proof! I sense He has hidden it from you so you wouldn't mess it up. But it is there... right up His sleeve!

HIS RIGHT ARM HAS ALREADY GOTTEN YOU THE VICTORY!

God already has a way for you to not just escape from the enemy's schemes but to advance 'full throttle' into His kingdom!

Jeremiah 31:11 "For the Lord hath redeemed Jacob and ransomed him from the hand of 'him' that was stronger than he."

Psalm 98:1 "O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvelous things: His right hand and His holy arm hath gotten Him the victory!"

It is interesting that "'being warned by God in a dream,' the wise men departed into their own country 'another' way." While they were in a resting position and even sleeping, God revealed His route of safety for them. Sometimes when I am overwhelmed with a problem, I have found the most spiritual thing I can do is to go take a nap! Rest often brings me revelation... and sometimes a dream!

THE LIFE THREATENING STORM AT SEA...WHAT MADE THE DISCIPLES AFRAID PUT JESUS TO SLEEP!

And when they awoke Jesus, He rose with great power and authority to just speak to the storm! I believe Jesus was resting in His Father's great love for Him and He fell asleep in it! He knew also the Father's words spoken to Him and His disciples before the storm... "We are going over to the other side!" There was sweet rest in those words.

Someone said, "Don't tell God how big your storm is... tell your storm how big God is!" And rest in your Father's great love for you!

"Seriously... maybe you need to go take a nap!"

"I Saw 'Accounting' Angels Descending Upon Oil Wells, Banks And

International Treasuries, Decreeing... "We've Come To Transfer!" Bill Yount

As these angels were being released to the earth, the Father seemed to be reminding them once again. "And don't forget the silver and the gold... that belongs in My kingdom also! Let the transfer begin!"

I heard 'notary' angels declaring over the earth. "Many shall be free in deed!"... as deeds of property and buildings were dropping into the hands of God's people! Titles of vehicles, airplanes, television and radio stations were being stamped 'transferred' as large amounts of money seemed to come out of nowhere for these 'sudden' purchases! There were other miracle transfers that were gifts from people who didn't quite understand why they were just giving things away! Many of these people didn't even know God or His people they were giving to. They were 'just' giving to the 'just'!

"MANY SINNERS WILL JUST START GIVING TO THE 'JUST!... JUST BECAUSE!"

Proverbs 13:22 says, "The wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just." As I read this verse recently, I asked the Lord what does this mean? I sensed the Lord saying that many sinners will 'just' start giving to the 'just'... just because!

The 'just' ones will be 'just the ones' who will not keep it for themselves but for His purposes and who are already vessels in being faithful in little. You have heard good intentions by people who have said, "Brother, if the Lord would bless me with a million dollars, I would give the church a tithe from it. But the same person who is blessed with ten dollars doesn't give a dollar to the church! As our excitement grows over inheriting the sinner's wealth, our main focus must be.. "where will it go and how can we use it for God's glory?

"AS THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER BEGINS TO COME INTO MY KINGDOM, THE SINNER WILL FOLLOW!"

I must confess at times that I have been more excited over the fact that the wealth of the sinner is coming into God's Kingdom than the sinner themselves.

I sense the urgency to not only expect and believe for the wealth of the wicked to come into the kingdom but also to cry out and believe for the wicked to come in also! I sense that God's purpose in bringing in the wealth of the wicked is to ultimately invest in us, His people, so we can effectively reach out to the lost including the most wicked people on earth.

"REMEMBER, THE WEALTH OF THE SINNER IS ONLY A 'MEANS' TO OUR REAL INHERITANCE."

Psalm 2:8 "Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession!"

I THEN SAW THE 'ACCOUNTING' ANGELS CAUTIONING THOSE WHO WERE BEING BLESSED WITH THE WEALTH OF THE SINNERS....

"How many sinners did you bring into your houses and buildings, transporting them in the vehicles you were blessed with by their wealth? Or did you visit them?

"To whom much is given, much more will be required." We will give an account before the Lord with what we have done with the wealth of the sinner as well as what we have done with the sinner himself!

"Lord, with all of our getting, give us the heathen for our inheritance!"

I Heard Heaven Responding 'Asap' To June Wedding Invitations... "We'll Be There With Bells On!"

Bill Yount

I saw heaven's balcony about to break with so much weight of angels, miracles and the glory of God leaning against it, as Jesus was seemingly begging the Father.. "Can we go again to one more wedding like we did in Cana where we released our first miracle on earth to get the attention of generations to come so everyone would know that they are My Bride to be... Can we Father?"

In December of 2004, I received a word from the Lord that 2005 would be the 'year of the brides!" I sense now as this word unfolds that it is also the year of the Bride of Christ to begin to be wooed back to Jesus to be unveiled and seen in the earth!

I sensed the Father saying, "In May I had revealed prophetically worldwide where most of My Bride to be really is through a precious young girl whom I love, who became overwhelmed with all of the details of her wedding day. I believe this event was actually blown out of proportion through the media by the enemy so we, the Bride of Christ, would not possibly think that this 'runaway' bride could ever be us! But I believe it was!

THE BRIDEGROOM JESUS WILL NOW BEGIN TO PURSUE HIS BRIDE LIKE NEVER BEFORE TO WOO HER BACK!

I sense that June Weddings will be mightily visited with attendance of angels, miracles and Heaven invading earth through these ceremonies and receptions. As the wedding veils are lifted off of these brides, spiritual veils will be lifted off of the eyes and faces of many attending these weddings and across the earth releasing divine revelation that 'we' are the Bride of Christ!

"WHEN I BEGIN TO HEAR MY BRIDE SAY THE WORDS.. "I DO!" THEY WILL HEAR ME SAY.. "I WILL! I WILL HEAL ALL YOUR LAND AND I WILL DO GREAT WONDERS AMONG YOU!

There will be many attending these June weddings, who will renew their wedding vows in their hearts to their spouses and to Jesus, their Bridegroom, as I pour out the very best wine that I have saved for last for these end time weddings!" Vows and commitment in marriages and to the Bridegroom will become contagious! Through these weddings, Heaven will literally begin invading the earth releasing healing, miracles and wonders as the Father's love explodes inside us casting out fear, doubt and unbelief!

CAUTION: WEDDING RECEPTIONS MAY BE MORE LIVELY THAN EXPECTED!

I hear Jesus saying..."Expect salvation, deliverance and a whole lot of rejoicing and dancing from out of this world into your receptions! We're getting ready for the 'Big one!"

Absolute Unity

Robert Ricciardelli

In Essentials UNITY, in non-essentials, LIBERTY, in all things LOVE.

I love this 2nd century quote by St. Augustine. In fact it is a central theme of our ministry. We as Christians should be unified in absolute truth and give each other freedom in the non-essentials. As we embrace the love of the Father towards one another through the Holy Spirit, we can then bring His kingdom in power to every nation. It is undeniable the most potent combination of God given authority and commissioning towards winning the world for our Savior and King. Why has this been so difficult for the body of Christ to live out? Yes there is an enemy; yes the human element of who we are comes into play. But more importantly, we have created absolutes that absolutely reject others that do not think or live like we do.

I was recently having discussions with a friend of mine regarding Truth. We all know there is absolute truth that comes from God and then there is truth "As we know it" There are widespread gaps between "Truth as we know it" and Absolute Truth sometimes. Outside of Absolute Truth there are interpretations and deductions. Interpretations and deductions that stray to far from absolute truth are heavily influenced by personal preferences, subjective opinions, cultural norms and feelings. I have a new slogan today because of my experiences of knowing:

I know what I know, I know what I don't know. I do not know what I do not know until it is revealed!

The fact is, God is always showing me paradigms I have thought of as absolute truth, as absolutely not His Truth. The truth I thought I knew was just truth I had embraced through my human experience and engagement with others who had influenced me over the years. It is only through progressive humility of our limited understanding, which we can admit that some of what we believed as true is just a Matrix reality and not REALITY as the Father sees it. This will forever keep us pursuing the deeper things of God that can only come by pursuing Him with every breath in every day of our existence.

In past years of my experience in Churchianity, I had been instructed to only read from Christian authors. As I read many books, I was also continuing to read the Word of God which is Absolute Truth. I began to realize that many of the authors wrote their interpretation and deductions of truth that seemed to have at times variances from the absolute truth. In fact many times there was a mixture of absolute truth mixed in with human interpretation, based on life experience, culture and preference. It was at this point that I began to realize that I must truly check with the Holy Spirit and His Word regarding new truths or paradigms, regardless of who the author was.

How many times have you read something that seemed to be a "little off", even if there was a chapter and verse next to it? That is why it is so important to read the Word in the context of the passage and then again in context with the whole Word of God and His heart. The way some people interpret God's Word and who He is, sends the message of a god with a multi-personality disorder. They seem to emphasize a god who changes when Jesus Christ enters the world.

Absolute Truth says: I Am The Lord God, I Do Not Change **Malachi 3:6**

A good example of presuppositional truth straying from the absolute truth would be, Christians that do not believe God would ever want His people in a war. It is very evident, that in the past, our God led His people to conquer nations for Him. He is that very same God and has not changed. This is not a statement to say God is for or against our current engagement in Iraq, but is a biblical fact that God at times has and will lead His people to battle. In the midst of all conflict in the world, God's love and mercy has become available to all who would receive Him through Jesus Christ.

The following presents some of the layers of theology and elements of our belief system and faith:

Theology is a human attempt to explain God's Word and God's works in a reasonable and systematic way. His ways are sometimes far from reasonable or systematic in much of how we see Him and how we see Him interact with all of creation. Imagine theology being like many layers of an onion and having a core. The further we get away from the core of absolute truth, the more human dimension comes into play in our theology and life expressions of faith.

Absolutes: The essentials of our faith

Absolutes for God's people are the core or foundation of everything else we believe. Some key absolutes as described by Peter Wagner in his book "Changing Church" would be: God's existence, the integrity of Scripture, the death and resurrection of Christ, and the existence of Heaven and Hell. These should be absolutes in the life of every member of the body of Christ. What happens sometimes that can cause division or strife, is when we use a deduction of our interpretation of truth and make it absolute. We can get ourselves in trouble and not live in unity when we emphatically make our presuppositions absolute truth.

Interpretations

We can all agree on the authority of Scripture, but then we must realize the meaning and applications to live by from Scripture. One example of a human dimension interpretation of Scripture would be those who profess Christianity and want to justify a homosexual lifestyle by twisting or misinterpreting Scripture. It would be hard to get away from the absolute truth in a passage like:

Romans 1:26-27

[26]Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. [27]In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Attempting to force another meaning on this is unacceptable and further emphasizes the truth that personal interpretation of Scripture is not okay! If the authority of Scripture is one of our absolutes, then twisting of the Scripture to advocate alternative ways to live out a Christlike existence should firmly be rejected.

Deductions

While interpretation is explaining what a passage of Scripture means, a deduction is taking parts of Scripture away from its original context and combining it with other Scripture to create a conclusion that would not have been evident from either of the verses in their original context. A good example of eschatology through a method of deduction would be the popular "Left Behind" Series. Realities may be formed from deductions and often placed in the absolute circle of truth. For the majority of us, admitting that our end times theological positions are deductions rather than absolutes is relatively easy to admit. When it comes to some of the other deductions of our faith, we will see contentions that may develop and lead to divisions in the body of Christ.

Culture

Joyce and I have spent much time with other cultures. It is amazing how we have developed different ways to live, move and have our being in Christ, expressed in such a unique way through the culture we have been raised in. I will make a point to note that our cultural influence should never supersede our absolute truth. But if not coming directly against Christ, His Word and Truth and the grace we have embraced in Him, our style in Him is okay! That is what makes us unique. We must never think that our culture, or expression of which we are in Him, is better than a culture expressing in a different way then ours.

Imagine with me the world our Father created as a symphony, and every nation and tribe playing a unique instrument unto the Father. We as Americans may be trumpet players, my friends in Uganda may be flute players and the indigenous tribes in Columbia could be violin players. We may think that the trumpet players seem to add to the symphony more than some of the other instruments. So we go to Columbia and teach them to play the trumpet. They may eventually play the trumpet, and look and sound like a trumpet player, and play all the songs of the trumpet, yet the fact remains that they were made by the Father to play the violin. We can teach them the notes (gospel), but if we allow the Holy Spirit to guide them into all truth, then they will become the sound or expression that God had created them to be.

That is why we believe so much in indigenous ministries that can bring the relevant gospel to their nation in many jurisdictions of their culture. There was a time when the church mandated to Native Americans to dress like them, sing their songs, cut their hair and conform to be able to be part of Christ's church. It is so uplifting to watch the Natives today in their regalia and with their drums and flutes, worshipping their almighty Father in their own Native way.

Personal Preferences

This is another one the enemy likes to use to divide. One side may say, "well brother those people are bound up and do not know how to praise feely". The other side may say, "Those Charismaniacs are running down the aisles, jumping over pews and falling on the floor as dead". I can tell you, I have seen God move in both crowds and more than once when I did not think He could in certain environments. He proved me wrong. I have seen Him move in believers from every denomination and non-denomination. I am not saying there is not an element of flesh type of behavior or lack of behavior that shows up from time to time, but God sees beyond it and ever seeks to break through to win the hearts of men and women.

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If He sees past it, why can't we? If His love goes beyond the natural way things may look, then why can't our love go there too for each other? It comes down to embracing the essentials of our faith together and having grace in non-essentials and knowing that we are called in obedience to love! If His church gets this, and the mindsets and paradigms of His people begin to shift, you will see a church that the gates of hell cannot stop or even slow down in His divine plan. Let's hold onto the core of our faith, Christ Himself. Through the absolutes of His Word and Way, may we be agents for transformation wherever we go.

America, Bow Your Knee

Elaine Rumley

On August 8, 2005

While in prayer, I had an open vision.

I was looking down upon the whole earth…
A thin white curtain was being drawn back and the nations were being fully revealed.

As I observed the nations
There was bloodshed, and fires.
Pillars of smoke….burnings….burnings.
Everything was shaking.

I heard:

Full view is coming.
Fire and blood are coming to the earth.
There will be signs in the heavens and signs in the earth.
Great fear and wonder, but this is not the end.
It is a shaking...a trembling to release men from their apathy and pride.

God, in His mercy is holding and shaking the earth.
He is mindful of every soul.
Many…many…many are in the valley of decision.

Get strategically POSITIONED.
No tunnel vision! Open vision!

I sensed this deep warning in my soul:

Don’t focus on your possessions or your life.
Have eyes to see and ears to hear.
Respond to the Holy Spirit.

Know the Word… be in unity with those who know Him.
Move into the harvest fields!

Fire… fire and vapor of smoke.
These things are upon us, because rage is great in the hearts of men.
Be filled with the Spirit.
Walk in unity in God’s House and prepare others to do the same.
Nations are shifting!

I saw:

All of America in the grip of a Great Hand.

(The thumb was around the West Coast and the fingers around the East Coast).
Pressure began to increase....

Then the East and West Coast began to be indented.
Everything was being pressed towards the middle of the country.
There was great constriction with pain and travail.

I heard:

Get ready! Claim the borders of the USA.
Stand guard at the gates (airports, ship ports and all waterways).

Many want access to America.
There are pressures growing on every side.

This pressure is pushing inwards… trying to breach our borders.

I heard:

America, America …bow your knee.
(I saw the old picture of General Washington bowed in the snow by his horse.)
America, bow your knee!

Shield all officers with prayer.

PRAY FOR:

Every leader whether civic or religious.
Those who wear a uniform of any kind need prayer covering.
All who have been trained to help, to guide, or guard.

PRAY!

The enemy is after the “valiant ones”!
Pray for great wisdom and protection…
For discernment and advance preparation.
Prepare… prepare, America.

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A Call to Maturity

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I sense a call to maturity coming from the heart of the Father unto the body of Christ.

Its a year of fullness, completion and perfection. The Father is calling us unto perfect love, perfect peace and perfect patience. He is calling us to Faith, Hope and Patience. He wants us to forgive and grow up in humility.

The book of Ephesians is a book I would prescribe for any Christian who wants to grow up the more in Christ. I don't care how matured in the faith you maybe, if you would take this scriptures and eat them several times, digesting them over and over again. You would be more like Christ than you've ever been. This is the promise of God to you.

Its the year of the Holy Spirit. A time of Total take-over by the Spirit of God. What is in your hands. Release it unto him. Let him have it. He would transform your life as you begin to respond to him in love by obeying his scriptures. Then you will begin to climb the steps of wisdom till you meet him face to face (and become fully like him) for the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Precept must be upon precept. Here a little then there a little till you become like him. The Holy Spirit is ready to take over. Are you ready to let him have his way?

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A Challenge To Pray

Cyndee Pillow

Dear Ones,
I have been reading of the warnings of ***Mass destruction***. I refuse to line up with the words that don't bring hope to God's people. I only receive those sent with a word to pray that these weapons to explode of mass destruction, ***will not take place*****.**

I feel that the prophetic should stop sending these things out declaring that there **WILL** be an attack, and **PRAY that there WILL NOT BE an attack**. I just feel that we have forgotten that Jesus came to bring LIFE and life more abundantly and we need to line up with that and pray accordingly.

I feel that the **prophetic are missing the main point in the dreams, visions they are given**, that say that the enemy has a plan of **MASS DESTRUCTION**.

We are to PRAY that these things are diverted. That the weapons sent out by the enemy to destroy "Christians" above all others, will be turned back upon the enemy's head.

Swiftly!!!!!!!!!!!!

I believe that GOD should get the glory for any spanking that goes on in this country and not any idiot that thinks that they are God's chosen and holy and think that their calling is to destroy us!!

My prayer is:
I bind up any enemies that wants to send out any bombs, etc. I pray that they will misfire and be turned backwards upon the enemy's head. I pray the LORD of GLORY will come out of His place and put an end to those that call themselves GOD and turn them either around for Him or remove their man-made glory, as He, GOD, causes their weapons of Mass destruction to be of none affect!

I pray that the wicked be confused and forget things and loose things. I pray they make BIG mistakes and all the weapons are spilled out before the eyes of those looking to stop their evil diabolical plans!!!!! I pray that this day, they be found out! That our GOD expose their hiding places and pluck them out of hiding and shine light on that dark place and show their faces to all seeking to capture them~!

I pray for all prophetic voices to speak forth the LORD'S will, which is LIFE and LIFE more abundantly for God's people in this nation and abroad. I pray that every word that has been spoken forth, from any word or vision, that doesn't declare life will become of none affect in the earth and in this nation. I declare the LORD be magnified in restoring HIS order and HIS way in the earth and in this Nation, and that if any so called wrath comes to America, that no enemy of God will be used to bring it. Not one of them will get any glory any longer.......from this day forward!!!!!! Cause them to flee out 7 ways! Cause them to run in fear of our God who IS the ONE AND ONLY HOLY GOD over His people and this nation. Let every deceitful plan be destroyed and stopped!!!!!!
I pray that the LORD use HIS way and HIS means to spank the ungodly in our nation AND the whole earth........ and no man, will take credit for what our God does.

In the precious name of Jesus our King! AMEN!

Cyndee P.

A Call to Repentance

Report by Robert Holmes

On July 8th 2005, the Lord called for time to be set aside by people in Canberra and the surrounding districts. Brian Medway called the church to gather in the Albert Hall, and seek God's face.

We heard (via video) from John Malindy a pastor involved in the revival in Uganda. He noted that:
- In 1883 the first Christians were killed in Uganda. This lead the people to pray and cry out.
- In 1893 the first revival took place in the Anglican church.
- Idy Amin became leader in 1971 and five years of terror reigned. This caused the people to pray and cry out. He was deposed.
- But the 1980's were worse, and the regime which followed was even more terrible. This lead the people to pray and cry out to God. Change came in 1986.
- In 1995, the World Health Organisation submitted a report to the Government. They said that 30% of the nation would die of AIDS, 30% would be made sick and there would be economic collapse. You guessed it, this caused the people to pray and cry out to God!

God said to John and his church, "You have experienced much pain, but you have learned very little. Won't you stop praying about problems, and start focusing on me, and my purposes for you. I have a redemptive plan for your nation, seek my face and do not focus incessantly on the problems".

Overwhelmed by problems

Research in genetics has advanced significantly in recent years. But according to Evans Laguda, of the CSIRO, our answers are only a small portion of the problems. He says, "Every advancement we make also creates new diseases, and we are only solving a tiny portion of the issues". The fact is, problems will overwhelm us, if we focus on them.

The world was shocked by the London bombings, which took place on July 7th between 9-10am. It is hard to ignore the timing, right after they won the Olympics and the G8 summit forgave massive third world debt. London stated that "life will go on as usual", but it cannot. People are paralysed by fear. Three Scriptures speak to this:

Hab. 1:4 - the law is powerless at times to help us. Psa. 4:2 - men have turned Gods glory to shame. Job 22:9-12 - when we do not live justice, terror fills our nation.

What is the solution?

Australia has long been plagued by drought , and we pray for rain. We pray about a solution to a problem. But it will surely be followed by rain, and the rain turns to flood. So we pray about the flood, and the problem goes away, only to be replaced by pestilence.

Brian Medway was in Townsville, up Mt. Barker when he had a fresh revelation about 2 Chr 7:14... the Scripture most often quoted as a call to prayer. But this passage does much more than call us to pray. Let's read it again.

"When I shut up heaven and there is no rain,... if My people who are called by My name will:

1. humble themselves, and 2. pray and 3. seek My face, and 4. turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

We are facing a time when such dramatic climactic events are touching every nation on earth. It is not just "end times" and it is not just "global warming". Scripture is clear - it is the hand of God. He shuts up the heavens. God loves His people, and His people are the cause of this turmoil. He speaks to them in the Law, He speaks to them by His Son, He speaks to them by His word and His prophets. If they do not turn from their wicked ways, He is only left one choice. Brian Medway calls this "unnature". When nature acts opposite to its constructed ways.

If MY people. Not if the world, not if the politicians, not if the government, not if the minorities, not if the Muslims. God is calling on **us**, Christians, to do four things. humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways.

Isaiah had that revelation. In the year his friend, King Hezekiah died, he looked up and saw the Lord (Isa. 6:1). Having seen the Lord, he could declare "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips!" (Isa 6:5 NRSV).

Ezekiel had the same revelation. Their guilt, is our guilt. The rulers, priests and prophets of God's people are guilty. We, the people of God are guilty (Ezek. 22:25-31). Not our ancestors, not our political system, not our farmers and not El Nino.

A false report

The problem lies in the fact that we do not even see there is a problem. We call a time for repentance, and we are dumbfounded. We do not even know what to repent of. We think of things like our speeding fine, our parking ticket, drinking too much coffee, eating too much. Trivial things do not amount to "wicked ways". Wickedness is manifest in greater evil - evil which God lays at the feet of His Church.

Only we do not esteem ourselves this way. We are like the church of Laodicea, thinking we are one way but God sees us another way (Rev. 3:17,18). We think we are rich, and have need of nothing. But we are wretched, blind, poor, pitiful and naked.

Time to turn

God is calling us to a time of seeking His face, or turning aside, of ceasing in our struggles and finding out the meaning of this:

Moses went out from the camp, a great distance, and the presence of the Lord was there (Exod. 33:7).

Balaam did not go out as at other times (Num. 24:1).

God told the people to stop going around the mountain, and to move on! (Deut 2:3).

God told Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain and be there" (Exod. 24:12).

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A Call To Repent

Coleen Reid

28th Sept 2005

This morning I turned on my computer to check for emails and there was one from Kathie Walters copied below.

Soldiers spooked by New Orleans Ghosts (video news clip) BY KATHIE TERRI LEE Sept 27, 2005
http://cbs5.com/video/?id=6789@kpix.dayport.com

Out of curiosity I decided to watch the clip. The clip was quite amazing. Several parts caught my attention.

Firstly, the News Announcer Makes this slip " Famous - or should I say infamous New Orleans has had a reputation from vampires to voodoo - a city of sin"

Secondly, a soldier (Chaplin perhaps) is 'cleansing' the building the soldiers are staying in by prayer & anointing oil. He states "New Orleans is very ingrained in voodoo, cannibalism & witchcraft. This is indeed a dark city."

Thirdly, the video goes to the marina showing boats tossed like paper, and no paper to be found for miles, but sitting a the dock a solider finds a Bible lying open to Rev 10 & 11. In a church completely blown away somewhere else in town a Bible is found in front of the alter open to the same chapters.

A solider relates what these chapters say " It's about a great storm that lasts 3 days and wipes away a city and that there are bodies in the city.

After watching it I went back to making porridge for breakfast and then felt the Lord tell me to read those two chapters.

So I did. I tired to find what the solider was talking about and it is true 3 & half days are mentioned, bodies (2) lying in the city for 3 & half days, and two mentions of earthquakes and one hailstorm. But as much as I could stretch it, it didn't really seem that God was trying to speak about anything, at least not to me.

Then a thought hit me "It's very unlikely that just Chapters 10 & 11 would be on the open pages. So I read Ch 12 - no nothing there. Then I read the last part of Chapter 9 which is most likely to have also been on that page.

Rev 9:20-21 (NLT) But the people who did not die in these plagues still refused to repent of their evil deeds and turn to God. They continued to worship demons and idols made of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood - idols that can neither see nor hear nor walk! And they did not repent of their murders or their witchcraft or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

After I read that I thought to myself " They missed it". And then a great sadness came over me.

While the 'Church' seems divided over whether it was God's judgment or the hand of the Enemy that brought about New Orleans's destruction - this much is obvious at least to me - there is/was considerable wickedness (the city has a national reputation for voodoo, cannibalism, witchcraft & spiritualism) in New Orleans and there needs to be repentance. Will New Orleans's repent?

Please pray that they will.

Colleen Reid

A Challenge To The Pew Warmer

John Lallier

Jeremiah was a man after God 's heart; he gave messages that the apostate people didn't want to hear.

Today God is doing the same. Catholics go to the Queen Of Heaven, the Church Of England go for gays in ministry.
The holy ghost churches went for the money and glory which God will not share. So God anoints men and woman to stand for him and his word and bring bad news which nobody wants to hear.

In dreams and visions of the night I see the church as a whore in adultery. The church has become pastor worshipers, loving to be in the church and having dinner with the pastor. My pastor my pastor, what a great man of God!
People sit for hours outside of the mega ministries wanting to get a good seat up front, [Baal worship].

I was eating in a diner one day and I was talking to a woman and all she talked about was Joyce Meyers and what a great teacher she is and all the tapes and books she has of Joyce Meyers. I asked the woman, what about Jesus? What kind of relationship do you have with the Lord. How much quiet time do you spend with him [Jesus]? Thank God we have pastors and teachers and the 5 fold ministry, but the 5 fold ministers are to lead you to Christ

And Christ s spirit is to be your teacher and that you need to go to no man to teach you, john 16, 13. And when you hear from God; then go to the 5 fold ministers and get a confirmation on what the Lord showed you. Now you will get excited, put Christ first and let him be your teacher and your God. Be led by him, 3 to 5 hours a day I sit in the front seat of the Lord and hear him and will be taught by him.

Put Jesus first in your walk and get your eyes off the big shots. Quit throwing your money at them and go help the poor and sick and needy. Go to the prisons and go to the darkness and be a light in the darkness. The lord is watching, babies need milk; but when will you grow up and go for the meat [Jesus]; and only do what the lord tells you to d; and only be led by the spirit so you can be a son of God?

Instead of sitting in front of a 5 fold minister worshiping him and letting him do all your home work for you and getting second hand information; go to the source [Jesus] and let him be God over your life,

Years ago while at a spirit filled church I asked the lord at the service, I said lord is this all I can look forward to, is this it? To my amazement the lord showed up in my bedroom that night. I'll stay in his presence and only be led by his spirit,

I grew up and don't need super stars anymore. I challenge you all to go to the best teacher [Jesus]. Become a son of God instead of a pew warmer having etching ears and chasing signs and wonders! I'm telling the truth and many will come against me, praise God .

A Call To Walk By Faith

Musa Opiyo

Jan 14, 2005

Heb 11: 1 Now faith is the substance of things for, the evidence of things not seen.

I am looking for faith in the hearts of My Beloved in this season. Faith in My Written Word. Faith in the word that I have spoken to you shall indeed come to pass. This is how it works in My kingdom. I speak to things that were not as though they were and it is done. I have spoken many promises to you of the things to come this year. Some of them have been feasible, yet some have seemed outright outrageous. I hear the hearts and mouths of My beloved shouting yes and amen to those things they perceive with their natural eyes as possible, yet I hear the sighings of those things that seem like mountains. Those things that to you would say 'wouldn't happen in a million years'.

I am not going to do in a million years what I am prepared to do in the NOW for those who would trust Me. I have opened great avenues of faith for My people to walk in and take the promises made to them yet I see very few actually stepping out of the boat. I made My promise of provision, of power, of strengthening by My Spirit to all My children. If these promises was meant for only a chosen few then I would have only made that accessible to them. Yet when I died and gave My life for all, whatever I said you would do and accomplish shall be done because you have accepted Me into your heart and you are My blood washed covenant child.

Beloved let it be known to you that if you have read My promises in the Bible for you, then it was meant for you to claim it by faith and lay hold of that made available for you. I said greater works shall you do than what I did upon this earth. This is the year of the greater works. Not for the purpose of entertainment or for the exaltation of man or ministry, but so that the harvest would be gathered and brought into My storehouse. This is the year indeed to speak life into those things that were dead and call them to life. This is indeed the time to lay hands on the sick, even to merely declare healing upon those with infirmities and see them recover.

I have indeed in this day sent forerunners with My anointing to show and equip My Body how to walk in the power and the anointing of the Spirit. It is not by any strength of their own but through faith in Me and in the fact that I will meet them with signs and wonders following.

Now My beloved church it is time to pick up the mantle of faith and walk through your 'River Jordans' and 'Red Seas'. This is indeed the time to march around your 'Jericho walls' and trumpet forth My word and see them crumble. This is indeed the time to let those stones fly and knock your goliaths to their death. All this accomplished by faith.

My people the enemy has launched the offensive against you, yet I have already given him into your hands to claim the victory. With the shield of faith deflect the arrows that are released. Because I sit on the throne says the Lord. I have released an army of faith warriors who will march across the lands of the earth under My direction waving high the banner, 'If my God is for me, then who shall be against me?'.

My people, yes it is a time of great war in the heavenlies, but it is also a time of great grace and favor where I shall release great faith upon My people to take back the land that was stolen, to take back the lost family, to take back the businesses that were stolen and reclaim them. My people it is not a time to remain passive, but to rise up in faith, yield to Me and say, 'Lord here I am. Send me and use me for your Glory and yours alone'.

I tell you that faith will open the door to the miraculous, to the healings, to the victories and I am calling each and every one of My Beloved chosen to get into their positions and seek Me concerning what I would have them do

I speak forth now and declare to you to speak forth those things that were not as though they were. Even that mustard seed faith shall move the mountains and cause the enemy to be displaced, for I have a people who will move out in great faith says the Lord.

Blessings,

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A Call For Separation And Repentance
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I believe that God is calling us to ‘self-less separation’ through obedience to His word, His *full* Truth. From an individual as well as a corporate standpoint, we have been blinded by our compromises to this world. This call is summed up in the book of 1 Peter **“For it is time for judgment to begin in the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” (1Peter 4:17)** God’s justice will not allow His people to continue to compromise His word and thereby letting us yoke ourselves to this world. If we do not awaken ourselves and repent, we will be awakened by Our Lord. Our nature does not like to be separate from worldly influences. We want to feel accepted and included or at the other end of the spectrum, we want to rebel ‘in principle’. Both can be considered compromises. In the former category of acceptance and inclusion we may compromise by engaging in drunkenness, damaging gossip, or attending a bachelor or bachelorette party that will involve strip clubs or pornography. In the latter category of rebellion we may cheat on our taxes because we feel that the tax burden is unfair or we may call in sick to spite a boss that you feel is being unfair. It could be in the form of boastful or prideful behavior, misguided ideology, or a critical/judgmental spirit showing the Lord that inwardly we are still yoked to worldly behavior. The point to this is that there are many things that we do that compromise God’s word, things that God will have to address with us if we don’t separate ourselves through repentance and obedience. It should be stated that this is in no way a call for perfection but ‘holiness’ (**Lev. 11:44 For I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls upon the earth.).**

There is also another consequence to not staying separate from this world through obedience. Without separation, it is hard to see God clearly. We become confused; our compass for good judgment becomes cloudy and muddled. In a word, we lack sound judgment through discernment. Through this lack of discernment we create ‘blind spots’ and start reacting in the flesh to the problems that our blindness has created. Instead of asking God to show us our blindness so we can repent, our pride gets in the way and we become more determined to resolve the issue through our fleshly determination and self-will not realizing that our basic issue is a spiritual issue that was most likely precipitated by a compromise that we made that offended God. This blindness happens on both an individual and corporate level. On an individual level we can look at the wise King Solomon who was so blinded that he entered into a depraved state of sin and disobedience. From a corporate aspect we can look at many other examples from Israel to Nineveh during the time of Nahum.

Corporate Separation

The main focus for this article has to do with corporate separation and how we have compromised ourselves as Christians and as a nation by disregarding God’s full truth through compromise. The message that was given to me by the Lord called “The Sign of Jonah or Nahum” was an indictment of our compromising system of politics and the Church’s tolerance for such activity. The implication of this message is clear but I do want to point out that the underlying result of this message is that Our Lord is looking for His people to separate themselves totally from a sinful and depraved world, sound a trumpet call for repentance, and usher His Son back into this world. The chaos that we see around us is the wicked world ushering in its own leader. We should take this as a sign to start the separation process in ourselves in order to usher in our own.

Much of what was given to me concerned the degenerative state of politics in America. Our Lord is also concerned with His anointed leaders looking the other way to this corrupt system of politics that has also ensnared good Christian men and women into the enemy’s trap of power and control. “The Sign of Jonah or Nahum” is just as much about the repentance of God’s anointed as it is about the repentance of America as a nation, from the least of us to the greatest. As stated above in the Book of Peter, God's "judgment begins in the house (family) of God". That could also suggest that if "judgment" begins with us then repentance must begin with us as well. God loves His own and He will discipline us through judgment if we do not come into repentance. In the Book of Jonah we see that Jonah needed to repent for disobeying God's prior command before the Kingdom of Nineveh could repent. Jonah was running from his responsibility to preach God's truth to a slumbering nation headed for judgment. The same could also be said for God's anointed leaders today. That being said, it should be stated that the established Church and ALL of God's people have a responsibility to rebuke and challenge corruption within our system of government. Jonah skirted this obligation and was judged accordingly by God through the belly of a fish. Will we heed the call or be judged as well? As I was compiling the Lord's message and this article I read in the 'cliff notes' part of my Bible that Jonah is also representative of God's redemptive nature through His people to the world. This is such a fitting example of who we are to America and it affirmed for me the message given.

The Lord has been impressing upon me the need for us to see our current political system for what it is: a system of greed, influence, power, deception, slander, malice, dishonesty, strife, pride and so on. This is the system that raises up our leaders. It is a system of rampant compromise to God's word from campaign to inaugural oath, and from oath to tenure. Yet we tolerate the manner to which we raise these leaders which is in clear violation of God's word then wonder why things go so horribly wrong for our leaders and our nation DESPITE our desperate pleas and prayers for God's blessing upon them. Is it any wonder that eventually this type of continuing compromise will not meet God's certain justice? The Lord has already judged our leaders in many ways by 'exposing their corrupted fruits' (from 'The Sign of Jonah or Nahum'). How many times has God exposed the corrupted fruits of our leaders just in the past forty five or so years? And as we can clearly see throughout history, no one political party is immune to exposure because God's justice has no partiality. He's in the 'truth telling' business regardless of political affiliation or the worldly labels we tend to use to categorize each other to mock or name-call. God only has two categories of concern 'saved' and 'unsaved'. But when this judgment from God does come in the form of exposing 'corrupted fruits', what do we do as American's? Most of us blame the leaders (or find excuses for them depending on which side of the political isle you sit). But is the bad seed really the leader or is the bad seed the system that helped produce their corrupted fruits? This is not to say that we are to let our leaders off of the hook, but it is to say that our leaders can't be blessed if we allow them to "skip down the road of compromise" to God's word on the way into office. Can our leaders bless God while consistently compromising His word in a system that demands it? Can we bless our leaders if we root and holler for their success into office through a system of compromise and corruption? This is double minded. In contrast to the fruit of corruption, John the Baptist points out that we need to "produce fruit in keeping with repentance" (Mt 3:8). This starts with acknowledging the problem by seeing it how God sees it. God is not afraid to call out His own, He called out Moses in his disobedience and it kept him from 'seeing' the Promised Land. I believe that Christians are developing a sense of pride and loyalty that inhibits our ability to call out one of our own to repentance. We believe that if our leaders aren't having an affair and are against homosexuality and abortion then they've pretty much met our standard. But God's bar is always the same height even if our political system demands that we walk under it, especially if we want any influence. This produces the 'corrupted fruits' and let us make no mistake, ***it is a problem*** for Our Lord.

Why are even 'small compromises' so damaging to our leadership and our nation? The simple answer is because it 'yokes' us to the enemy by compromising God's word. This is why separation is so essential to Christian leadership especially in politics. It's pretty fundamental that those who are going to have any success or influence in the world of politics must play the game of 'let's make a deal'. In its most basic form, politics involves promises to special interest groups in exchange for money and votes. The candidate can promise a certain special interest group an introduction of new legislation or the support of current legislation, in exchange for monetary and ballot support. And these groups fight tooth and nail to gain the power necessary to influence a candidate to support their cause above all others. Already we are seeing how the subtle corruption of the world is taking shape. This in and of itself causes tremendous pressure on a candidate to compromise God's word in order to gain influence and we have only scratched the surface. Yet do we believe that this behavior, not to mention the litany of other corrupt behaviors in politics, is acceptable in the eyes of Our Lord? Surely not. As Christians we are called to influence the world, not be influenced by it. And we cannot influence the world by yoking ourselves to it.

In the case of a Christian politician, once a ‘deal’ has been made or a compromise in any form (i.e. slander of an opponent by shaping public perception using half-truths) is transacted to gain influence in the system of politics, they have now ‘yoked’ themselves with the world. And worse yet the Christian community, knowing full well that this activity most certainly goes on, look the other way. Why? Because we believe that despite the ‘imperfections’ of our candidate, this Christian politician will further our ‘moral and ethical’ agenda that America so desperately needs to get back into God’s good graces and blessings. Do we not recognize the obvious double mindedness in this thinking? Has God ever allowed His people to compromise His means to get to His ends? Obviously not, for He cannot suspend part of Himself to support another. He’s a package deal, always has been. There are no shortcuts, not for the Israelites not for us. And by looking the other way, we too have yoked ourselves to this world. For if we look the other way and fain “ignorance” we deceive ourselves and deception does not come from God. So we now have become yoked to this world and the result we fall asleep to the ‘God understands our plight’ mentality. This gets us to rationalize outside of God’s word and we fall into this subjective empathetic behavioral pit which results in ‘self-sympathy’ and ‘self-justification’. We are guilty of this as individuals and as a nation. God’s truth is not bound by bias, denomination, ideology, social or economic status, political affiliation, nationality and so on. Truth is what it is because God is who He is. No amount of justification on our part will change who He is, how He looks at compromising sin, and how He will deal with that sin if there is no repentance. We need to realize how seriously Our Lord is about His truth for those who have slumbered through it were shaken by it. (Note: this last phrase was added after the event of Hurricane Katrina)

When we fall into this trap of ‘self-justification’ we begin to believe God will favor us no matter what and tarry His justice until His Son decides to come down and deal with all of these wicked people ***causing us*** problems. Somehow the unsaved sinner’s repentance is mandatory but ours is optional because we’re different, we’re the ‘good guys’. And somehow we never want to think that we have brought on our own problems through our own disobedience. Why do that when there are so many wicked to blame? I believe that we have become so focused on the wickedness Paul describes in detail in his Epistles that we forget about the simple truths and instructions that God gave us in the Book of Proverbs. By rationalizing in this way and overlooking the wrongdoing of our brothers and sisters in politics and ourselves, are we opening the door for God or for Satan to work in our lives and in our country? *This* is the result of small compromises that yoke us to this world and the one who rules over it. Yet we continue to scratch our heads in wonderment as to why America isn’t as moral as it should be. How can we minister to the immoral if we’re engaging in and supporting corruption in the name of morality? By allowing ourselves to be influenced, we have little to no influence which is why separation through obedience is so important. In God’s economy ‘values’ is all inclusive, and in God’s economy ‘influence’ is not determined by **compromising** those values but by **obeying** them and staying separate from the world that wants us to compromise. I believe this kind of ‘holy separation’ is what God is looking for in these end times. His eyes are keenly scoping the landscape looking for those who will be willing to usher in a new day for the world. I believe that those who stand strong and separate in their faith, without a compromising yoke, will be called upon to usher in Our Savior just as John The Baptist did when he humbled and separated himself while calling on all to repent for ‘the Lamb of God’ is coming. Paul sums it up nicely and I believe the Holy Spirit was talking directly to us today when he said in **2 Cor 6:14-18** **[14] Do not be yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership have righteousness and iniquity? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? [15] What accord has Christ with Be'lial? Or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? [16] What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will live in them and move among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [17] *Therefore come out from them, and be separate from them, says the Lord*, and touch nothing unclean; then I will welcome you, [18] and I will be a father to you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."**

Who among us will sound the trumpet call of repentance for Our Lord?

Once again Christ is the example

Compromise is a good deal for Satan and he loves the corrupted fruits that it brings upon our leaders. If compromise weren’t such a good deal for Satan he wouldn’t have tried so hard to get Jesus to do it. Satan’s no dummy for he knew that if he could get Jesus to compromise, Jesus would have no legitimate holy influence in this world and the temptation in the desert would be the last chapter in the

Bible. And notice too how Satan tempted Jesus. Satan tempted Jesus by trying to get Him to 'make a deal' (sounds familiar) that included, among other things, POWER AND INFLUENCE. Here we read about this in Matthew 4:8-12: [8] **Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them;** [9] **and he said to him, "All these *I will give you*, if you will fall down and worship me."** The words 'these I will give you' in reference to 'all the kingdoms of the world' are pretty significant. Satan definitely had something to offer. One cannot give unto someone that which they do not have in ownership. And if Satan and Christ were 'co-owners' then there is no deal to be offered as well. Clearly then, God the Father has given Satan ownership of 'all the kingdoms' of this world. Ownership is legitimate *control* and Satan was offering Jesus a little slice as he does everyone in leadership today. But Christ, being no dummy Himself, knew that His ministry was not about ownership or control but ***influence through obedient separation***. Christ was not going to be fooled into yoking Himself through compromise. This test of Christ's separation was so important that it was the Spirit of God that led Him into the wilderness for this very purpose. If this was that important for Jesus then how important is it for us to stay separate from this world?

If we fast forward to the Book of Revelation we see just how significant it was for Jesus not to be yoked to the world through compromise in the desert. In Revelation chapter 5 John weeps because it seemed that no one was worthy to open up the scroll. That is until the Lamb came forward **"and I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?"** [3] **And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it,** [4] **and I wept much that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.** [5] **Then one of the elders said to me, "Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, *has triumphed*, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."** The Lamb 'is worthy'. Why? Revelations says that Christ was worthy because He was slain for us. But I believe Christ's worthiness is also in the form of obedience to His Father and triumphed when He successfully resisted Satan's temptations of compromise and thereby was not yoked. If Jesus gives in to any of Satan's compromising offers, there can be no cross. But He stayed separate from this world, it has no power over Him: '**but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world**' (John 16:33). When Jesus spoke these words to His disciples He was not only comforting them, he was also warning them that the time had come for His expedient journey to the cross. I believe Christ's worthiness hinged on two things: overcoming Satan, and being obedient unto death. Also note that Jesus' ministry of healing and casting out demons did not come until He first defeated Satan in the wilderness through staying separate in obedience to His Father. Jesus first had to pass His Father's test through overcoming Satan in the wilderness before He was worthy to overcome and conquer the one who tried to overcome and conquer Him. In God's realm healing cannot take place if the healing instrument (Christ) that He is using has been yoked to the one inflicting pain or injury (Satan). Any Christian who wants a healing ministry cannot be used if they are yoked to the one causing the sickness. This is why Jesus cautioned the disciples that some cases involving casting out demons would require prayer and faith to make sure that we are separate and unyoked (Matt 17:19, Mk 9:29). And I believe a nation cannot be heal itself through Our Lord if those in leadership of Government and in Christian ministry are yoked to the one who is trying to inflict spiritual sickness and injury upon us. Acknowledgement of sin and repentance are essential to the spiritual well being of an ailing nation.

So then if Satan was bold enough to test Jesus in this manner how much more will he work on fallible men and women in politics, especially those who take the name of Jesus? In this game of 'gotcha' the crafty Satan cleverly poses to our leadership a small compromise in return for a greater influence within his system under the guise of a promise for a successful overall moral agenda. Of course Satan is incapable of making good on a deal (he never planned on giving Jesus anything even if He had compromised), but he will give us some success. However, he owns the right to pull the rug out if we continue to bow to him in compromise. Satan's a liar, Jesus knew this, I wonder why we don't. But repentance and obedience to the truth of Our Lord removes Satan's grip from the rug. The paradox of influence in God's economy is that we have the most influence in this world when we are not influenced by it. I believe this should be the message to future Christian leadership in this nation. I believe the only thing that has saved us to this point is God's mercy for us and that His will is not yet complete.

Jesus won favor with His Father by staying separate, and we must do as He did, "be holy for I am holy". Not be perfect, but holy. The question is not if we will make mistakes but if we will repent in order to get back to obedience and separation. Obedience and separation gives us the ability to see and think clearly and the power to overcome Satan's lies and deception.

The Ten Commandments

The display of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of state and federal buildings has been a hot button issue among many American's, most especially for Christian's. Contentious debate swirls around the issue of The Ten Commandments display and lines are being drawn between 'the powers that be' and 'the will of the people'. But is there more here that God is trying to tell us that we aren't recognizing? Our Lord has impressed upon me that there is certainly more to this issue.

The rejection of the Ten Commandment's display from our government buildings symbolizes the very essence of the outcome: **God is being rejected by the world**. Although God has always been rejected by an inherently sinful world, there's little doubt that we are seeing an increase in hostility and a fervency to exclude God in Government and our school systems that we have not seen in the history of our nation. This is symbolic of the times we are living in. As Our Lord stated in His message "A Sign of Jonah or Nahum?" the world is ushering in its own. The current global geo-political issues, and our own internal struggles as a nation trying to keep God as a symbol and a cornerstone of our nation, bear witness to this fact. This is yet another sign of SEPARATION. And in order to start that process of separation the world has to start rejecting righteousness in a more brazen manner. This isn't to say that the mere stone that carries the Ten Commandments is righteous of itself, but is symbolic of it. Isn't their a natural separation when this world rejects God's Kingdom? We should heed the sign and voluntarily separate ourselves spiritually from this world. Just as Christ said in Revelations that He will spit out the 'lukewarm' Church of Laodicea, the world will spit out the righteousness and the holiness of Our Lord. Even as we Christian's tried to 'force feed' the Ten Commandments upon the Supreme Court of Alabama through prayer and protests, Our Lord still allowed this event to happen (perhaps Our Lord felt that the Supreme Court wasn't worthy of the Ten Commandment's). Regardless, this event plus the overall push for the word 'God' to be deleted from the pledge of allegiance and our schools is the world starting its push to reject and separate itself from us. This will continue to happen whether we like it or not. If there is any surprise to the fact that even in America the world is rejecting us, then we are not paying attention to the landscape that God is allowing to take shape in order to send out a message of separation. And while many are looking for miraculous 'signs and wonders' as God's way of spelling out His agenda, we are ignoring the not-so-subtle realistic signs of the world rejecting God and His people. But instead of seeing this as a sign of separation, we see it as a threat to our well being and a bold snubbing of God (which it is). The lines are becoming more distinct from the spiritual world to the physical in terms of alliances in these end times. The world is developing an 'acceptance policy' and will know us or reject us based on the criteria of our willingness to compromise God's word. But this is also how Our Lord will gauge our faithfulness and obedience. I believe these are the battle lines being drawn in the spiritual right now in these end times and will continue until the trumpet call in Revelations to 'come out of her My people'. This is a call for separation.

Our Founding Father's clearly set forth the agenda and laws for America with Our Lord in mind. Our Lord was a 'cornerstone' for America then, and now He is being rejected. But scripture makes it clear that those who reject the cornerstone will be crushed by it. I find it also symbolic that our 'builders' that make up the State Supreme Court have rejected 'a stone' with The Ten Commandments and in essence are rejecting Our Lord.

Luke 20:17-19. But he looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner'? [18] Every one who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but when it falls on any one it will crush him."

We are being rejected by a world that is growing intolerant of righteousness through Our Lord but vengeance is His, He is the 'head of the corner' that will come back to judge those who rejected Him with a crushing blow. Let us repent of our compromises and pray for those who are ignorant of this reality of Our Lord's justice.

Is it really about influence, or is it about control?

Separation is God's way of influence to this world, compromise of God's truth is the world's way of influencing us. But if we think about it, Satan doesn't just want to influence us, he wants to control us.

And it seems also that we want to control him as well. As I look around today, especially in the political arena, it is all about control. And it appears that Christians today don't want just influence, we want control. But what kind of control are we talking about? Are we talking about control God's way or the world's way? Jesus wasn't known for His control of the Pharisees or the Roman Empire, rather He was known for His influence ***despite His lack of control***. He didn't need control, He had faith. God's plan succeeded not because His Son had political control or influence but because He was obedient to the end. It seems that for many Christian's today our faith is in direct proportion to how much control we have. It's almost as if we are trying to control Satan himself and he's trying to control us in an epic battle 'for control of the world'. Well as we saw earlier in the Book of Matthew, God has already established who is in control of worldly kingdoms and it's not America or Christianity. But we are taking the 'control bait' hook, line, and sinker. Satan knows he has control and he's more than willing to give us a slice if we compromise God's truth to get it. And when Christians compromise to get control, who really has control? Satan is clever indeed. So God gave us a glimpse in Matthew as to who has control of the kingdoms in this world and He also gave us a glimpse in Revelation of who had control just before the coming of Christ in **Rev. 20:2-3 [2] And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, [3] and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years were ended. After that he must be loosed for a little while**. Pre or post-trib notwithstanding, it is not Christianity or America who has control of kingdoms before Christ's return. If this were the case, we wouldn't need our Savior at all and His coming, or our rapture to Him, would be a matter of convenience for us rather than a necessity.

I believe many Christian's don't want to admit as to who has control because too many of us want control. When our desire or our need for control outweighs our desire to be obedient to God, on an individual and corporate level, we become vulnerable to the lure of compromise. This is not to say that we are to stay silent, refrain from necessary contention, or not get involved in a cause but to consistently understand how Our Lord would want us to do it. Christ confronted the Pharisees and Sadducees without compromising His Father's commands. **Jesus *defended* His Father's honor *through honoring* Him**. Jesus never brokered a deal, met behind closed doors, or received any money from outside sources to take on the Pharisees because He had something better…**His Father's blessing and anointing**. We wonder (at least I did) why things seem to be falling apart around us despite our many fasts, prayers, and desperate pleas to Our Father. I believe the reason is our compromises and our blind eye to the obvious improprieties of our leaders in government, Church and ministry leaders, and organizations. If we can't open our eyes, repent, and call on repentance then why would we expect God to open His ears and hear our prayers?

Beware of 'The Great Label-maker'

When I pack up my belonging for a move to a new residence, part of the organizational process is for me to put certain items into boxes and put a label on the box to describe what is them. In one box I may put 'kitchen items' on another I may put my name or my wife's name with 'clothing items'. This will help us to distinguish where these items will go at the next residence. Although these items are boxed separately and distinguished through labels they are equally important to me, they are part of my household. The pots and pans that I have marked as kitchen items are just as important to my household as my clothing. This distinguishing process is helpful when needed.

In the same way we use names and labels to describe certain groups of people. We use the terms Asian-American, Nigerian, British, Latin-American, or Australian to describe ethnicity or national origin. We use Republican and Democrat to describe political affiliation and Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, or Pentecostal to describe denominations in Christianity. These are distinguishing names or labels, if you will, that are used for a neutral purpose.

However there are those labels we put upon certain groups or sects that are damaging to us, to them, and to the cause of Our Lord. These labels are derogatory and harmful. Satan is this type of 'label-maker'. He uses it to desensitize us to others, to define others in terms of their behavior or belief system in a way that demeans, accuses and excludes us from engaging in meaningful intercession for them. We can't have meaningful and sincere prayer when we demean or belittle those who do not have Christ in their lives. And we use such terms on an individual and corporate level. We label people as rednecks, ‘trailer trash’, elitists, thugs, left wing radicals, right wing nuts, bleeding heart liberals, neo-cons, humanists, feminists, chauvinist, etc. One does not need look beyond the news to see how this type of labeling stirs emotion. I’m not advocating ‘political correctness’ for there is no polite way to re-label something when the same derogatory tongue is speaking it. The problem can’t be fixed by simply tinkering with the terms that describes it, but only by understanding the behavior, or sin, behind the action. Labels themselves are completely neutral. However, when combined with an attitude of exclusion in the form of condemnation, these labels become judgmental and have the underpinnings of pride, whether it be personal, ideological or otherwise. Satan knows this and is an advocate of derogatory labeling and name-calling because Satan understands what Our Lord says in **James 3: 8-15** better than we: [8] **but no human being can tame the tongue--a restless evil, full of deadly poison.** [9] **With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God.** [10] **From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brethren, this ought not to be so.** [11] **Does a spring pour forth from the same opening fresh water and brackish?** [12] **Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.** [13] **Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom.** [14] **But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth.** [15] **This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.**

James, through Our Lord, is talking to ***US*** in this passage and it is one of the most important, yet underrated, passages in the God’s Word. And Satan uses our ideological pride most effectively to bring us into the double mindedness spoken by James. Can we sincerely pray for those whom we label in a derogatory manner? Can God work with the prayers of such double mindedness? Agree or disagree but this kind of sinful behavior that James is speaking of is a form of verbal persecution. I fail to see anywhere in the Gospels that says Christian’s are to be ***the source*** of persecution. The Apostle Paul plainly states that we are to endure persecution, not engage in it (as he once did which may be why God chose Paul to give us this message). Too many people today ignore such truth suggesting that it calls for ‘tolerance’ in the form of ‘inclusion’. As mentioned above, God does warn us not to be yoked with ‘unbelievers’, which is a form of physical and spiritual separation. It is clear that Our Lord is not telling us to be ‘tolerant’ of anything or anyone that violates His word ***but*** he does demand that our ‘righteous anger’ remain within the bounds of His rules and His truth (2Tim 2: 21-26 see below). The moment we lose sight of His truth and ignore His commands as to how we are to engage in these battles, our anger is no longer ‘righteous’ but punitive, and it is not Holy Spirit driven but flesh reactive. Our Lord plainly tells us ***He*** will repay (Romans 12:19). If we ignore His instruction and go it alone we become ‘rebels with a cause’ by unwittingly rebelling against God for His cause. One of Satan’s most useful snares is to get us to go against God’s nature to achieve His Will. Some believe that ‘intolerance’ (in the form of a certain style of ‘righteous anger’ through name calling and derogatory labeling) proclaims ‘separation’ from those who do not know Christ. But in the realm of the spiritual, those who engage in this behavior are actually ensnaring themselves by playing Satan’s game of labeling and accusing. Those who believe that Satan cannot or, will not, use God’s children in this manner to do his work for him are deceiving themselves.

Many Christian’s today equate intolerance to faithfulness and that may be, to a degree, but when that intolerance spills over into punitive and accusatory labeling we actually lack faith in God’s ability to deal with the issue on a spiritual level. Righteous anger gone amuck and derogatory labeling is not God’s way for us to minister our faith to others. There are preacher’s and pastor’s who will mock certain groups from the pulpit causing laughter throughout the congregation and then, through that same pulpit, call for the congregation to pray for those lost ones. Church and ministry leaders who do this aren’t mocking people, they are mocking God who has entrusted them with the truth and has given them proper instruction as to how to minister ***HIS*** truth. Those instructions did not include planting seeds of mockery to congregations only to call on them to water that seed with prayer and a call for repentance. Those leaders who do this are a great stumbling block to effective prayer and make it more difficult for other leaders in ministry and whose ministry involves obedience that rejects double mindedness.

In **2Tim 2: 21-26** Our Lord gives us clear instructions on ministering our faith through Paul: [21] **If any one purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work.** [22] **So shun youthful passions and aim at righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart.** [23] **Have nothing to do with stupid, senseless controversies; you know that they breed quarrels.** [24] **And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kindly to every one, an apt teacher, forbearing,** [25] **correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant that they will repent and come to know the truth,** [26] **and they may escape from the**

snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will. Notice again in verse 21 that Paul through The Holy Spirit is, first and foremost, calling for US to purify ourselves before we start calling for the repentance of others. I believe that purifying ourselves in this way should be an on-going spiritual cleansing that is necessary to keep us humble and obedient to Our Lord. So perhaps we should tame our tongues and righteous anger and instead trust Our Lord to do His just and holy work through prayer, supplication, and intercession that is free from double mindedness.

As stated previously, when all is said and done at the time of Christ's second coming, Our Lord is only interested in two labels: **SAVED AND UNSAVED**. If that will be the case then, then that is the case now. And just as my kitchen items were just as important to me as my clothing in MY HOUSE so too are rednecks, thugs, liberals, conservatives, feminists, humanists, hippies, skin-heads, chauvinists, Baptist, Methodist, Buddhists in the HOUSE OF GOD. At one point in our lives, ***all of us*** we're just as unsaved as any 'thug', humanist, hippie, or skin-head and there is no better way to honor God and our salvation than by praying for the lost souls with a pure and blameless heart knowing that we were once blind to Christ ourselves. We cannot do this by cursing them with the same tongue that prays for them (if indeed we do pray for them) we must not let Satan have that foothold.

America Like Solomon

Our Lord also impressed upon me that America is mimicking the reign of Solomon. America, like Solomon, was wise and righteous in its youth but eventually gave into the lure of compromise and depravity in its not-so-wise latter years.

In the beginning of Solomon's reign as king, God was the cornerstone of his life and the foundation of his kingdom but in his latter days (because of rampant disobedience and political convenience no less), God faded to the point where Solomon even questioned the truth of one reigning God. America also had God as a cornerstone through the lives of many of our founding fathers, and a foundation of God among its people and government. But today we see the word 'God' and His Tem Commandments fading from the landscapes of our school system and from our court systems. The word 'God' also is being challenged for removal from our pledges as well as our currencies. Like Solomon, America who once embraced God as a cornerstone and foundation is rejecting God.

As Solomon remained faithful to God in his youth, he eventually feasted upon his lustful appetite by having many women in his life with up to 700 wives and 300 concubines. His fascination and obsession with women gripped him to the point that his eyes were off of God and on to a seemingly uncontrollable desire of flesh and idolatry. Likewise, in its youth, America was more righteous in its intentions and without a rampant and publicized sexual appetite (even up to the 50's and early 60's). But in these latter days, America has given into rampant and unchecked pornography (including internet and child pornography), raunchy movies, billboards, video games, and commercials and TV shows. Pornography has gripped our nation and is a multi-billion dollar industry that allows porn-peddlers and industry insiders ride around in the nice chariots that once adorned Solomon. And loose minded advertisers and the television industry continue to flaunt indecency in the face of our children. There were times when all Solomon had to do was come to God, repent and ask forgiveness, and God's love and might would have broken down the strongholds and given him back his wisdom and anointing which was far more valuable than women and wealth. But Solomon did not repent and was given over to his depraved state. What will America choose in it's latter days?

Solomon had lavish and rampant building projects that cost a fortune, including an elaborate palace, and had excessively abundant possessions. His wealth was practically beyond measure. Likewise America has 'super-sized' itself from luxury cars to massive homes in a housing market that in and of itself is keeping in good pace with Solomon's kingdom expansion (in a symbolic way).

In his youth Solomon, who was a ***public leader as well as an anointed leader of God,*** proclaimed the name of God in public and honored Him. But in his final years Solomon, behind closed doors (where God couldn't see) compromised his little heart out and eventually boldly married the daughter of the Pharaoh of Egypt making his yoking, and his final undoing, official. Similarly, some of our leaders are doing the same by publicly taking God's name only to compromise God's word behind closed doors and bowing to the system of the world of politics.

I believe Solomon's 'international affairs' are also symbolic of America's dealings with nations today. Although Solomon was warned not to marry outside of his nationality he was lured by foreign women, political convenience, and a lucrative trading business into marrying, and thereby yoking, himself to other nations. Understanding that there is no rule from God that prohibits America from intermingling with other nations (we are after all The Melting Pot) in a symbolic way America has also married itself economically to other nations that do not share our values as a nation. Corporate America doesn't care if a Communist Regime worships a different god(s), oppresses its people, and uses its new found monetary gains for military build up. In a world where profits are literally the bottom line, money is the idol. This isn't to say that capitalism as a means of trade and the buying and selling of goods in and of itself is wrong. It's not. Nor am I offering an opinion but an observation. But I do believe that we can say that Corporate America has developed a rampant and unchecked greed that exploits poor nations to please shareholders and so we can live more abundantly. And I think is fair to say that Corporate America bows itself to mammon. However, that greed isn't just confined to the corporate realm as the average American struggles with mounting individual debt in a 'gotta have now and MAYBE pay later' mentality. The American consumer and corporate America are caught in a vicious cycle of co-dependency as our companies have become desperate for us to buy more and more product to bump up their publicly traded stock as, we the consumer, say 'we need more money outside of our income so we can spend more for you and on ourselves'. And when companies can't reflect accurate sales revenue from consumer spending they make up for in 'cooking the books'. We will see more greed exposed just as with the recent reports about the local governments in China demanding 'corporate kickbacks' to do business in certain regions. With the introduction of the new 'Euro', the rise of China economically and militarily, and overall economic globalization, corporate America is helping to advance the landscape that the anti-Christ is eager to take over. Our growing global interdependence with other nations for our economic well being and growth not only sets an end time stage for the anti-Christ but for Our Lord who is gradually knocking 'the props' out from a nation that has been self-sufficient and reliant for so long that, like Solomon, we start to believe our abundance is self-created. On an individual level, I believe that the one sinful behavior that connects good faithful Christians and the unsaved world is mounting debt through living a lie that we somehow deserve more than our God given means and that we deserve it NOW (I have been just as guilty of this myself). Living beyond our means has been so accepted and engrained into our culture that many of us don't even think of repenting of our indulgent ways and live more simply within our means. There is an enemy out there that wants us to be yoked to our debtor and is willing to give us more loans if we'll keep compromising. Like Solomon, Our Lord has truly blessed our nation but sometimes that blessing can be a curse. What will it be for America?

In his youth Solomon was close to Our Lord and knew that he was dependant on Him as the source of his physical, financial and spiritual well-being. But after acquiring massive abundance and wealth through The Lord, Solomon got a little to fat and happy and started to believe that he no longer needed God since he had practically anything a flesh happy person would desire. He lost his gratitude. America started out as a frontier nation with much potential but little in the way of luxury or wealth. Up until the Industrial Revolution, and even some time after, most people relied on hard work and faith in God to get them through the tough times. Our holiday "Thanksgiving" was an event that our forefathers originated to honor and thank God for what little they had. It was a symbol of humility and gratitude. Today for most American's "Thanksgiving" symbolizes a bird, family, and football. Like Solomon we have lost our gratitude because we have lost our need for Our Lord.

Parallel Between the Physical and Spiritual

Our Lord has impressed upon me the importance of seeing the physical circumstances in our world as a manifestation of the spiritual realm. As mentioned before, the removal of the Ten Commandments from the Supreme Court of Alabama was symbolic of a call for separation from this world and how the world is, and will be, involved in this separation process by rejecting us. Throughout the Bible we see the physical manifestation of the spiritual state of God's people. In the Bible we see how spiritual compromise and depravity manifested itself in the physical through plagues, pestilence, famine, disaster, and the rising up of enemies to humble a nation. We still serve the same God that brought these situations to other unrepentant nations throughout the history of the Bible. It's basic reaping and sowing and I believe right now in America our physical battles with nations, court systems, secular organizations, and Government bodies are all symbolic of the spiritual battle we are all facing in these times. I also believe that we cannot win these battles with the secular world if we are playing its game of compromise to reach a moral end. If we choose to sow through battling in the flesh of compromise we will most likely reap whatever end that will bring.

The Tower of Babel in the Old Testament symbolized the might, power, and stability of man. Although the Bible doesn't say much about the tower it is clear that the tower was for self glorification as we see that the builders referred to 'themselves' by building 'ourselves a city with a tower that reaches the heavens so we can make a name for ourselves' (Gen 11:4). And Babel as we know was in or around the land of Babylon. I believe that there is symbolism between the Babel Tower and the Twin Towers or 'The World Trade Center'. It was impressed upon me by Our Lord about a year and a half ago that the Twin Towers was symbolic of the Tower of Babel, and that the fall of our Twin Towers symbolized God's call for America to 'come out of her' meaning Babylon (which is also a call for separation). Although there is debate about what 'Babylon' symbolizes, I believe it is fairly clear that it symbolizes, at least in part, the system of world trade and mercantilism that has helped many a king and empire conquer, rule, and oppress, which consequently lead to sinful and depraved lifestyles and ultimately a downfall. I do not believe that it is coincidence that the result of the 9/11 and the fall of the World Trade Center has put The United States in a physical military battle in modern day Babylon or modern day Nineveh. The spiritual is being manifested in the physical in that America is in a spiritual battle to come out of 'Babylon'.

For all the many reason mentioned above concerning compromise and corruption in our Government, Church and Ministry leadership, and in our everyday lives, America is in a war alright, on two fronts. I believe that God is showing us through our leadership, past and present, the declining moral and ethical state of America spiritually as it symbolizes a growing trend of compromise and an outright disregard for moral decency. Therefore, I do not think our military success in Iraq depends at all on troop numbers, military strategy, or logistics but on the winning the 'spiritual war' here at home. Again, that spiritual war begins with US individually and corporately NOT with the unsaved or the wicked. What has God entrusted ***them*** with? They can't do God's work, so the responsibility God gives is squarely on our shoulders, it's OUR cross. If we are blaming the wicked for all of our woes then we are failing to see, and live up to, our own responsibility and we also fail to trust God. If we are living as we should and are working hard to do God's will the best we can and with a pure heart, we shouldn't have time to blame anyone else and should have plenty of time trusting that God will take care of the issues that mean so much to our nation. I believe that if we do this, we will see God's work start shifting things in our favor because it is lined up with His Will on His terms. We all have testimony as to how God has worked in our individual lives this way with a difficult situation such as a problem at work, with our children, an illness, financial stress, or whatever the case may be. How many times have we heard a story of Our Lord pulling through for us after we came to terms with the fact that we cannot control the situation, then decided to stop trying to fight and control the problem through our flesh and just let go? And how many times after we repented, prayed, and proclaimed Our Lord's promises in faith, did Our Lord forsake us? I believe God works the same way on a corporate level. This doesn't mean we stop fighting, it means we stop compromising to what we know violates Our Lord's commands and start trusting Him implicitly.

I believe God's hand is writing on the proverbial wall in these end times through manifestations in the physical realm and the only way we can get any revelation to read His writing is to separate, repent, pray and obey just as Daniel did. Daniel was obedient right down to his veggie diet, and as a result God blessed Daniel with health, understanding and divine revelation.

I believe God is looking for these people today. God is looking for the Jonah's who will call on all people to repent, starting with themselves; He's looking for one's like John the Baptist who called on repentance and ushered Jesus into His first coming through His ministry that overcame the world and died for our sins; He's looking for the Joseph's who, through separation and obedience, was so blessed by Our Lord he climbed the political ladder and influenced AN ENEMY GOVERNMENT; and last but not least, He's looking for the spiritual Joshua's who, by completely trusting God through obedience and separation, sounded a trumpet that brought down the mighty walls of Jericho and easily defeated the enemy. These faithful servants of God knew that power and influence came THROUGH obedience NOT in spite of it. However it should be noted that their powerful anointing was based on **obedience that was faithful through their love for God**, NOT out of obligation. If we obey out of obligation, we are not serving God, rather we are serving *the command* to obey and fall into legalism.

I believe that Our Lord's eyes are searching for those individuals and leaders who will be truly set free through a loving and obedient relationship with Him. These people will not be concerned with ideological or denominational issues that might keep them from seeing the truth of our times and will have the courage to boldly speak the truth even if it may offend one of their own. These anointed ones will always be concerned with their own repentance first and will include themselves as 'sinners who need Our Lord's mercy'. They will echo the words of Peter shortly after The Pentecost in **Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, [20] and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, [21] whom heaven must receive until the time for establishing all that God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old**. They will speak the truth through the love of Our Father despite a possible backlash or repercussion because they see that a time of 'refreshing' is needed for individuals and nations. I believe that Our Lord is getting ready to exalt a new generation of faithful and obedient servants and will humble those who have gained their influence through compromising ways. However I believe all who repent will still have a part in God's plan for these end times.

The Good News of God's Love

I believe that America has received many blessings from God because we made Him a part of our nation from the very beginning. Not that He thinks more highly of America for if Our Lord is no respecter of persons, He no respecter of nations. Our Lord loves all nations equally. However, not all nations equally love Him. So we must repent ourselves out of our continual love and devotion for Him and pray for those nations who do not know The Lord through His Son Jesus, not mock or label them. We must let Our Lord continue to use America in blessing Him through blessing other nations, not just with food or money, not just with military protection, but with sincere and spirit-filled prayer and intercession. In order to effectively engage in this battle we must humble ourselves and call on repentance.

As Our Lord impressed upon me much of this, He also enlightened me as to how much America means to Him. The Lord told me that His love was so vast, that it went beyond the depth and the width of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans that He put on each side of America to protect its borders and its people from harm. God foreknew that Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin would be rising up in Europe bent on destruction, so He put America on the other side of the Atlantic. Our Lord knew what Emperor Hirohito's decision would be before he decided to bomb Pearle Harbor which is why the Japanese had to fly all the way across the Pacific that God put between us and them to make it difficult for them to carry out a mission inland. Our Lord knew that Russian and China would hold communist regimes that would have liked nothing more than to take America out of the global equation to further their agenda. God has given us peace loving and non threatening neighbors to the north and south of our country because He loves us and because He had work to do in America. For as much as the Pacific and Atlantic served as obstacles to our enemies, Our Lord allowed us to take the fight to the enemy which, given the grand complexity and the magnitude of the endeavor, and with the help of our allies, America did with relative ease. While God has blessed us with protection, He has allowed America to take the fight to enemy soil, which is what we are doing now in Iraq. But in order for that battle in Iraq to have happened, Our Lord had to allow His hand of protection to be pulled for a moment and allow an enemy to reek havoc on us by conveniently crossing that vast protection of the Atlantic on a 'friendly flight' only to turn around sometime later and use our own commercial planes to take down the symbols of our might and global dominance. Any God fearing nation should have been somewhat humbled by this. But instead I see all kinds of bumper stickers declaring 'The Power of Pride'. (I find this amusingly ironic given that **it was pride** that kept our Intelligence and Investigative branches of government from sharing information on terrorists. **It was pride** that kept information from trickling up and out from analysts to their superiors because of the competition for the glory that comes with making a big breakthrough in intelligence and information gathering. **It was pride** that led to 'bureaucratic complacency' that thought it impossible for planes to be used as self-guided missiles to take down large buildings in metropolitan areas. And **it was pride** that gave America a false sense of security that assumed our government would not let pride get in the way of our security). Yet it was pride that Our Lord said would goeth before the fall and it should have no place in any God fearing nation.

But as much as we have been victorious throughout our history in defeating the enemy overseas, we fail to see our battle right in front of us on our own soil. This is not a battle that can be won through our military, nor can the Atlantic or Pacific protect us from this enemy. This battle is for the soul of our country and it requires our full attention to the only One that can win the battle for us; the same One whose love runs beyond the width, and deeper than the depth, of both ocean's that has protected us from our enemies all these years. God has a plan of spiritual protection available to us if we want it. It is through His limitless oceans of mercy and love and it can only be acquired if we repent of our sins and call on Him for forgiveness. Without this, our physical protection will mean little to us in these times. I believe key the question that remains isn't; 'Is God is willing to protect us?' the question is; 'Are ***we*** willing to be protected by Him?' Regardless, nothing will be able to separate us, His children, from His love **[38] For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, [39] nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom 8:38)**. But we do have a say as to what form of His love we will receive, mercy or discipline. What will we, Our Lord's people, choose?

A Sign of Jonah or Nahum?
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Repent America!!

A message from The Lord for those who choose to hear:

"Wake up My Dear America, wake up My Anointed Children!! You pray for your leaders that I give them My discernment, wisdom, and guidance while your leaders ignore My commands and compromise the truth of My word. Your leaders belong to a system of corruption yet you look away. Yes you look away from their sins yet boldly ask for My blessing upon them. Now you too, My Children, sin by ignoring their corruption and not praying for their repentance, not telling them the truth of their shame. Some leaders are taking the name of My Beloved Son as their guide then shamelessly ignore His truth. They honor Me with their lips then they lie, manipulate, deceive, and slander. They receive through ill-gotten means and compromise My truth for power. To whom are you bowing before America? I the Lord Your God will never ask you to compromise My truth to reach My end for I DO NOT CHANGE.

I tell you America that you are under a curse and it begins with the system that raises your leaders. It has become a prideful system born of the enemy and bent on destruction. A system of corruption that craves money and demands compromise of My truth for power, and practices willful deception. Tell Me, where should I, the Lord God Almighty, begin blessing this? How should I reconcile what my eyes see to what your eyes ignore? I DO NOT CHANGE!! My eyes see you too, My anointed ones. You are not blind, I have given you eyes to see all of the corruption before you. Your sin is not a matter of blindness but choosing to look away from a system of paganism that compromises My ways and betrays My honor and the honor of your country. No compromise, however big or small, escapes My sight. Therefore I will turn a deaf ear to your prayers until you call for repentance and earnestly pray for change. My hand of protection is still on America as a matter of My Will but my ears are deaf to your prayers for your leaders until you recognize that I will no longer tolerate a system of corruption born of deceit, malice, strife, pride and arrogance. For years I have uncovered the sin and corruption of the system that raises up the leaders of your country and have exposed its corrupted fruits. Yet America and My Anointed continue to look away. Although you, My Faithful, know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, you continue to approve of those who practice them by turning your head (Romans 1:32). I will continue to expose more of this corrupted fruit in your system of government for My tolerance for such contempt of Me is waning. I am a patient God but My Justice is eager to do its work **'[3] The LORD is slow to anger and of great might, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty'** (Nahum 1:3). Repent My People of America then call all of your leaders to repentance. Repentance must come before I open My ears to your prayers. Obedience and truth receive My Blessing. Yes, My word says to pray for your leaders and rulers. So pray indeed, PRAY FOR REPENTANCE.

A Sign of Jonah or Nahum?

Our Lord revealed to me that the 'Sign of Jonah' is also a message of repentance.

"An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign; but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. [40] For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so will the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [41] The men of Nin'eveh will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; *for they repented* at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here." (Matt 12: 39-41).

A message from The Lord for those who choose to hear:

"Oh My Children of America shall you be the 'Nineveh of Jonah' where its government and people received My instruction and repented of their wickedness and corruption? Will you be the Nineveh that received My great love and compassion? The compassion that extended even to their cattle?

OR will you be the 'Nineveh of Nahum'? The Nineveh that received My judgment **'all because of the wanton lust of a harlot'** (Nah 3:4). The Nineveh who **'increased its merchants till they are more than the stars of the sky, but like locusts they strip the land and then fly away.'** (Nah 3:16). The Nineveh whose **'gates of land are wide open to your enemies; fire has devoured your bars**.' (Nah 3:13). Oh America will your **'shepherds slumber'** (Nah 3:18) as Nineveh's? I tell you that power, corruption, deceit and pride left unchecked and unrepentant will leave your shepherd's to a **'spirit of slumber'** (Rom 8:11). Your shepherd's do not slumber to what's around them but to what is inside of them; which is the power and corruption of the system that raised them up. They will continue to slumber until they come to an awakening and repent of their corruption. What will it take to awaken you? Look to My word, has any unrepentant kingdom or nation escaped My judgment? Were they not warned of their impending doom? Pray earnestly that your people will be awakened to repentance.

Many may say: 'America is not like a wretched Nineveh, besides we bless Israel'. To this I say 'Amen'. But where in My Word does it say that I will bless a nation that blesses Israel AND continues to walk in the lust of a harlot? And where in My word do I speak of a nation and its people needing only to abide in *half of My commands* and needing to recognize only *half of My truth*? Can I, your just and holy Lord Almighty, suspend part of Myself for your sinfulness? And who among you are bold enough to determine degrees of wickedness between nations? My ways are just and I DO NOT CHANGE!!

To My anointed ones of America, those who teach My word and preach My truth. Which Jonah shall you be?

Will you be like the cowardly Jonah who did not want to hear Me? The Jonah who turned away because he thought he could not make a difference? The Jonah who lacked faith in My transforming power and was frightened of the possible repercussions of speaking truth to the corruption of nation and its government? **I tell you that someone greater than Jonah is with you now.** Too many of you say: 'I have my salvation so let them have their way'. But where does My Word say that salvation includes freedom of duty? You have grown complacent in your responsibility for a call to repentance. Who among you wants to receive the reward of My salvation then forsake the burden of My cross? Those who do, let them state so and remove themselves from My will that is to be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Have I not used My anointed ones to speak the full truth to rulers and leaders of nations? How long will you look away from the corruption within your government? Your pulpit has become like an old shoe snug on your foot as you preach to My people about sin, salvation, ministry service, mission work, prophecy, hope, love, and truth. To this I say 'Amen' and love you dearly. But that same pulpit becomes like hot coals under a bare foot when you take thought of preaching against the sin and corruption of the wicked system that raises up your leaders, some of whom take My name.

OR will you, My anointed, become like the Jonah who received my rebuke and called My name in repentance '**I called to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me.'** (Jonah 2:2). The Jonah who heeded My rebuke and proclaimed My truth, to the highest form of government and its system of corruption. The Jonah who, through his rebuke and witness, brought a whole kingdom to repentance. Which Jonah shall you be?

'The time has come for judgment to begin in the house of your God'. (1 Peter 4:17)

There are those among you in anointed leadership who are hiding your misdeeds. You honor Me with your lips yet your hands are unclean by what you have touched. Your fruit has gone afoul and is distasteful to Me. To whom do you serve? To what do you bow? Have I said that you can serve two masters? Repent of your hypocrisy for I see your every deed. If you do not I will surely allow you to fall on the same sword of truth that you claim to wield. Shall I accuse you now for your repentance or shall I expose you later and let your enemies accuse and humiliate you? Those of you who I expose I shall no longer be able to use for leadership and you will live the rest of you days in humiliation until you repent. For those whom are given much, much is required of them and you will never gain back the influence that came from compromising My commands. Those whom I can trust shall be exalted to do My work and those who have sown into the world will fall back**. Therefore, separate yourselves and come out from those who yoke you, repent and touch no unclean thing and I will receive you back** (2Cor 6:17).

Arise My anointed ones, all My faithful ones!! **Gather in unity and repent of YOUR tolerance to a compromising system of Government then call your nation and its leaders to awakening and repentance**. ONE GREATER THAN JONAH IS WITH YOU!! Be faithful and obedient to Me, honor My truth, and I will be faithful to you. **If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from your compromising ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to your prayers offered for your country.** (2Chron 7:14-15).

Who among My faithful will say: 'Here am I Lord, send Me'?

Who will usher Me in?

Look around you!!! This wicked and unrepentant world is ushering in its own. Who among you, then, will usher Me in? Who will call for repentance? Who will humble and separate themselves like the one before you who paved the way for My Son to enter into baptism? The one who baptized My Son is no longer with you and so My eyes search the landscape for those who can boldly call for ALL to repent, from the least to the highest among you. You pray for another great baptism and a revival of My spirit, yet you do not sound a trumpet of repentance like My faithful one John did to pave the way for My Son. Who among you will honor My truth and obey My word to bring in a glorious baptism that will bring unity through the fire of My Spirit?

A Changing Of The Guard

Heidi Cummins

Oct 31, 2005

"I am doing a changing of the guard," says the Lord.

"I have thrown down the gauntlet. No more will those who stand in my pulpits, offer up strange fire unto Me. No longer will they speak with polluted lips, representing Me, speaking My Holy words any longer, as I am removing them. I am cutting them down, and replacing them with a new generation.

These are My people who I am putting into positions of authority. MY AUTHORITY.

My servants have been prepared in the dark and lonely places. They have been thru the refining and purging fire of My dealings. They serve Me with their whole heart. These are My Davids. Their only desire is to serve Me alone. These are the ones I am placing into My positions of authority. I have spoken says the Lord.

These are the ones who stand and say "who will defy the armies of the LIVING GOD?" these are MY representatives. Their lives are not their own. The others are play actors who pretend to be My servants, but are not. These I will remove. Many will not make it thru my purging fire. They will be cut down, and their disciples also, who follow after them. Consider carefully, the word of the Lord.

No longer will a man stand in MY HOUSE and speak MY HOLY WORDS and say thus and thus, and it not be from MY lips. I will cut them down. You will see with your eyes and know that I AM is among you in your midst. Then My church WILL KNOW that I mean business. That I AM who I say I AM. I have withheld MY patience, but Now is the time for My sword to be wielded thru out the land. I have put the two edged sword in My servants hands, and they will wield it with great accuracy, as I AM in them, and they shall do exploits. Because they KNOW ME. They that KNOW their God, they shall do exploits. And so they shall.

For him who has ears to hear, hear the word of the Lord.

MY servants hear, and they do obey."

A Company of Horses I,II,III

Robin Paisley

This is a thank you letter/part vision to all who have spoken into my life in one way or another; I am the voice crying in the wilderness, a voice crying outside the walls of the church, a voice untrained by man; 'Make way for the King.' **We** have been prophesied about at large but when seen the church does run away; we have been wondering in the desert for many, many years, broken and misunderstood but oh fed by the hand of God. I am she, I am many, we are **ONE**. We are no longer hidden in the desert but have been brought into sight but the desert jewels still remain in our womb and we are ready to fight; not by power, nor by might but by His Spirit, saith the Lord!

thank you,
Robin Lynne

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A Company of Horses I,II,III
Robin Paisley

July 29th, 2005

I awoke today with the sound of thunder coming from a stampede of horses marching through out the nations and the roar of the Lion of Judah and I know I am not alone in the hearing, we are not alone in the sound that is breaking the silence of the dawn, reformation is here!

A Company Of Horses
Jun 10, 2004

I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. Sgs. 1:9

I can hear the breath of the Almighty cry out in victory,

'A Company Of Horses'

'A Company Of Horses'

'A Company of Horses'

Make way for the King is coming!

Can you see them, can you hear the resounding echo in the hills as their hooves dig deep into the earth's atmosphere, they are ready my friends, they have gathered and they are here! I have never seen horses such as these, their muscles carved out like a fine tuned instrument and their manes as long as the days they have been waiting to ride in such passion. Upon their backs the riders the same as they can only hear one voice, they can only see one face and they together ride in the same rhythm, the beat of the Master's heart.

Leading this great company of horses are riders with gold trumpets in their hands and they are blowing heaven's sound through out the land. It is a dire warning to not retreat, to not give into man's thinking and man's ways but to only heed the voice of the King and ride, ride hard into the night. I see Gideon upon his horse, an ancient horse and he is leading this holy army with the deep passion of

Christ and yea though a few, it is an army not to be reckoned with. They will not bend to the right nor to the left for they hear and obey only the Master's voice as they raise their torches of fire towards heaven.

Of whom the world was not worthy they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.
Hebrews 11:38-40

Do you hear the deep groaning in this verse; that they without us should not be made perfect, oh my friends, the deep calleth unto the deep and the Ancient of Days is upon us as He rides in a Holy Fire that will shake, tear down and consume all that is of man. Yes, the earth will cry out in agony as she is awakened by the King, walls will come down, kings will fall but those who have perfected the ways of the King of Kings by resting at His feet, will not only stand in the face of the enemy but they will ride hard past the forces of darkness and into His Holy Chambers. Oh such love and adoration of the Father is before us, upon us and through us,

Make Way For The King!

Part II

Jun 14, 2004

A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; Psalms 133:1,2

I saw in the spirit two armies, one was the company of horses that I saw several days ago, this time the Lion of Judah was accompanying them and He had fire coming forth from His mouth. He was running along side this great big and beautiful army of horses and their riders in agreement with their mission.

I then saw another army and this too was a company of horses but they were from the hordes of hell. They looked Exactly like the good army right down to the blood, but it was not the blood of Jesus that they were saturated in but the blood of death and destruction. I then heard the Father say: "Terrorism From Within."

I then saw the first army of horses, the good and pure army and in their hands were long arrows, there were swirls of gold and silver running through them, full of life, full of God's power. The tips of the arrows was the Word of God, alive, breathing Word of God and all His promises to keep, ready to be delivered to the United States. As soon as the arrows hit their targets the people would fall down in the spirit of the Lord and be healed, some from years of sickness both mentally and physically. They then were given nations by name to cry out for, specific details and plans of the enemy exposed and Nations delivered by the Word of the Lord!

Soon both armies were side by side and running hard against the wind, I could see that the company of horses straight from the Throne room of God not once be affected by this wind but they remained still upon their horses and they rode hard to deliver these arrows. Both armies rode through state after state, through many cities, those of great darkness and those of His light.

The company of horses from the pit of the enemy were having a hard time against the company of the Lord but they remained steadfast and too continued to ride. All of a sudden I saw a horse and its rider catch an arrow and ride forth through out the city looking for his target. This arrow was now in the hands of the enemy, still words of God but not the Word of God. As the enemy found his target I saw that it was the Statue of Liberty, she not only represented New York but the entire United States, she represented our freedom. As the arrow went forth a rider too came forth from the army of the Lord, dressed in pure and holy armor and along side the rider the Lion of Judah. No longer earth bound but by the Spirit of the Lord the rider took the arrow straight in his chest and fell to the ground beside his horse. I then saw the Lion of Judah lay down beside the rider and He looked as if He was crying as a Holy roar went forth right into the heavens. Many angels descended from Heaven and they began to surround New York continuing through the U.S.

One angel began to slowly lift the helmet off of the rider who was down, as long, beautiful golden curls emerged from beneath, it was a young girl no older than 14. Oh my friends she was absolutely stunning in appearance for she bore the heart of the King. The Lion of Judah began to lick her face as a mother lion would her cub and He breathed life back into this young body. As she stood she immediately bowed before the Lion of Judah and thanked Him for sparing her life and got back on her horse to join the others in mission. Oh the army of youth that is arising with the heart of the King, nothing but nothing will be able to stop them.

The Lion of Judah began to roar as fire came forth from His mouth, a sound of fear, a holy fear to beware the false words of those masquerading in prophet attire. I saw the arrows that were sabotaged by the enemy run forth through out the U.S. being delivered as the word of the Lord to many places high in authority, governmental authority and they came forth in fire but not His fire but the fire of the enemy. Again I heard the Lord speak but this time it was a shout as thunder shook the earth and lightning hit many cities, it was His cry to awaken the sleeping, a time to pray!

"Terrorism From Within" again resounded as I saw some of the arrows in the hands of the enemy no longer containing the anointing from the King but words spoken in false array that when hit there designated target the people would instantly fall to sleep. There were many arrows hitting churches where those in authority were not pure of heart and they would deliver fear of the enemy causing many people to remain focused on the enemy and not on the Lord, for there is no fear in perfect love. (1John 4:18)

Tell My children that it is not My will for death and destruction upon the earth but everything on earth is not under My will. Tell My children to pray, to humble themselves and pray for their cities, their nations and to pray for President Bush, that he would instantly in his spirit discern when the True Word of the Lord comes before him.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2Ch 7:14)

The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever. Psalms 93:1-5

A Company Of Horses III

Aug 21, 2004

But those who wait for the Lord shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.

Isaiah 40:31 (amp)

And by the Spirit of the Lord the company of horses who were reigning with Him in heaven yet were on earth began to be lifted high up into the heavens and were brought before the Throne of God. One by one the riders dismounted their horses with armor and all and knelt before the King.

Through blood, sweat and tears they humbly wept, they humbly cried and rested at the feet of the King, the feet of the Almighty God and waited for further enlightenment. As the King arose from His throne water began to pour out from His heart, the purest of waters I have ever beheld, it was thick like honey but white as snow. The water began to fill the mouths of each and every rider and their horse until they were now standing looking as if they had never been touched by battle, but were alive and renewed with the Holy Presence of God.

To each rider was given a scroll and etched deep within the scroll were the names and addresses of those waiting for its arrival. Then the Lord in the power of holiness, in the power of love began to kiss each and every rider directly upon the lips. As the mouth of the Almighty touched the lips of the riders, His tears mixed with their tears became a message of power, a message of strength and a divine message of love for the battle ahead.

Then to my surprise but yet so like the Father, He then began to touch each and every horse upon the face, right in the soft part of their noses, and He began to whisper love notes in their ears as He kissed each and every horse, a holy impartation for the coming days.

"Awake the sleeping"

"Awake the dreaming"

"For I coming to awake even the dead!"

There was such love expressed in the Lord's words that I began to hear a groaning, a deep awakening happening in the earth as two great golden wings of an eagle began to grow out from the sides of every horse to equip them for there next assignment.

The riders then mounted their horses and returned to earth, in love, in power and with a holy fire to deliver the messages of God.

I awoke with the taste of Divine Love upon my lips.

Revelation 22:7
And behold, I am coming speedily. Blessed is he who observes and lays to heart and keeps the truths of the prophecy contained in this book. (Amp)

A Company of Horses Revisited (PART 4)

7-30-05

During an intense time of resting before our Lord I was brought back to 'A Company of Horses' to many things I had missed before and was now ready and able to 'see.' This is an excerpt from a book that I have just finished writing (Coat of Arms) and so I feel a bit vulnerable in sharing but oh how that is a good thing, ha!

(Coat of Arms, pg. 126)

Again roaring could be heard but this time it was not coming from the river before me but beside me. Surrounding me on all sides were four ferocious looking lions; totally staking out their territory and I was their claim. Thundering hooves began to echo as a company of horses and their riders could be seen making their way up from the canyon below. Very similar looking to the army of the Lord both in dress and stature; but the army of the Lord they were not for they were the hordes of hell. Each rider and their horse were dripping in blood of the martyrs but it was not worn in righteousness but worn for the kill.

I was shown this army before in another vision but this time I was directly involved like having before watched a movie when suddenly you find yourself in it. Words before spoken and their meanings hidden were now brought to life. There were eagles flying high above this army of horses that Martin Luther King Jr. had warned me about; they were golden Egos.

This company of riders will look much like the army of the Lord right down to his word they will preach but it will be all in the name of pride and of the flesh and not in the love of the Lord. They will speak to feed themselves full, to set themselves high up on a mountain but only to be brought down low by the hand of the Lord.

As the hordes of hell came closer into view the lions let out their thundering roars and the company of horses and their riders suddenly stopped directly in front of me.

So close was this army that I could feel the very breath of the horses as they snorted in retort and I knew that one sudden move on their part would send the lions into battle as their claws were drawn like swords.

Written on the left thighs of the horses were the words, 'self will' and upon the right, 'self love.' Stamped upon the foreheads of the riders for all to see was 'self mind' for they were lovers of themselves and not of God. Although they talked a good talk and walked a good walk, they however did not truly walk with God; they walked to please self and man.

I could feel the cold, hard bite of death upon my lips as the words "Terrorism from Within" tangibly hit my spirit and my soul quaked in response as I realized I was staring into the heart of the religious spirit reining in man. However bold they did look, courageous they were not for the roar of the lions stopped them dead in their tracks. The lions surrounding me was the courage of the saints from the four corners of the earth; the remnant of Jacob. The souls who are no longer ruled by self but are surrendered to the King of Kings, they look not to man but only to God.

"And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many nations like the dew from the Lord, like the showers upon the grass, which tarry not for man, nor wait for the sons of men.

And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many nations as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, who, when he selects his prey, cuts and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver." Micah 5:7, 8

Oh the precious remnant of God as they tour the world in his perfect love and unity bringing forth the Kingdom of God, no one can stand in their way. But woe to those whose hearts are not strengthened in the Lord; whose ways have been by the feeding of the flesh and not in intimacy with the King. For the darkness that is coming who can but discern the children of God from those whose hearts are ruled by man; only those who truly know the heart of the King, beyond the walls of religion and man, beyond the veil that separates the holy from the unholy; even so Lord Jesus come.

As I surveyed the massive army before me tears of shock and disbelief burned not only my eyes but also my heart. There were many saints I recognized, some of great honor unto the church.

Peace descended from heaven; shalom peace of Christ that covered me like unto a warm blanket; in the shadow of a dove it fell on my shoulders and into my spirit. The Father's voice quietly thundered; it reached into the very depth of my soul and whispered:

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water! They speak not from my womb but from their head; their words come with condemnation and mine come with life.

My daughter, it is not sin that keeps man from coming into my presence but the refusal of its exposure, the unrepentive heart. As each layer of the soul is stripped away there does lay much darkness; now revealed and brought to my light. As more and more sin is unmasked so too is more of my heart and more of my love; the unveiling of the hidden jewels that have been waiting for their release from the deep. The soul that refuses this unveiling will remain at the level of just reading my word and not in the hearing, only in the doing. Like a moth that eateth away the garment so too is my word in them; it is quickly eaten up by pride.

You will see man fall in these days exposed and brought low, but it is in this deep awareness of their weakness that they will seek me, their Creator with all their hearts. The army before you lives and breathes on pride; pride of self and all that they have accomplished in my name and it is in my sight like maggots that eat the dead. My invitation has gone out and it comes by way of the broken, the poor and the weak; an invitation to dine with me in the deep, the wedding feast!"

"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a marriage feast for his son. And he sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast, but they would not come. Matthew 22:2, 3

The marriage feast of the King has come, the invitations have gone out; but few are they who will allow their souls to taste of the valley of the shadow of death. Oh but what joy awaits the soul who takes heed to his voice; the divine arrangement of the King, the surrender to his call.

Through the highways and the byways, whether rich or poor, young or old; his voice echoes down the stairway and into the heart. Come eat of the supper prepared by the King; come eat of the manna thereof.

(8-9)"Then he said to his servants, Now the marriage feast is ready, and those who were invited were unworthy. Go, therefore to the main roads, and whomever you may find, invite them to the marriage feast. "

The Father's love then came in waves that caught my heart up in its embrace and I began to see more clearly the army before me; I began to see my own self, my pride and false humility. Tears of repentance poured from my soul, a total drenching of his divine love for all. The army that stood before me was not on horses as I had seen before but on large ostriches and not looking at all like the army of the Lord, but it wasn't until my own true heart was laid bare again could I truly see. Oh the greed of the ostrich,

"She lays her eggs on the ground and lets them warm in the sand, Unmindful that a foot may crush them, that some wild animal may trample them. She treats her young harshly, as if they were not hers; she cares not that her labor was in vain, for God did not endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good sense. Yet when she spreads her feathers to run, she laughs at horse and rider. Job 39:14-18 (NIV)

The eagles flying above were none other than vultures feeding on the egos of man. When soul is fed only on flesh she becomes like the ostrich, no wisdom in her ways and her labor is in vain as she laughs and tramples on the word of the Lord. They are not dressed in the apparel of the King but of self as the invitation of deep surrender has been denied.

(11-14) "But when the king came in to view the guests, he looked intently at a man there who had on no wedding garment.

And he said, Friend, how did you come in here without putting on the appropriate wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then the king said to the attendants, Tie him hand and foot, and throw him into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

"For many are called but few are chosen."

The refusal of the invitation was to my own soul its denial to see her fabricated ways; the contradiction of wretched self to her inner spirit man. Many are called echoes through the darkened night, many are called thunders through the soul to arouse the sleeping, awaken the dead; but few are chosen. Only when the soul surrenders to the Lover of her soul in total abandonment; the death to self, can one truly live. "And he said 'You cannot see my face: for no man can see me and live." Exodus 33:20

Many a times the soul doth long to stay in the comfort of the morning dew, never venturing further into the night; "but weary from a day in the vineyards, I had already sought my rest I had put off my garment how could I again put it on? I had washed my feet how could I again soil them? Song of Solomon 5:3 (AMP)

Oh but it is in the depth of the garden, deeper into her enclosure where one will find yet another gate; another door to be opened; a hidden jewel beneath the rubble of self. New hunger arises within her bosom, a longing for more of the King's wine for she has already tasted of his divine truth that flesh can no longer satisfy for there is no life, no depth or wealth! It hits the belly like a dead rock which no manna can pass through unless self again is forsaken and the King is allowed to come in; turn the knob and open the door to behold the lover of our souls.

This recognition of my own self in the army before me came to my spirit in liquid form and I slowly began to melt into the heart of the Father. Again, a nothingness of self that intensifies the longing to behold the One True Love; the Maker of our soul.

(4, 5)"My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, and my heart was moved for him.

I rose up to open for my beloved, and my hands dripped with myrrh, and my fingers with liquid sweet-scented myrrh, which he had left upon the handles of the bolt."

No longer standing before the army but now moving through the army by the Spirit of the Lord, like a cool drink in the hot dry desert; a drink offering unto the King and an invitation to his garden.

Many is the heart of pride and unto themselves their own delight to refuse such wealth from the vineyard of the King is to their soul yet another passage bolted by self will and self might.

There were many scattered among this army who were so tired and weary of self that instantly upon receiving the gift, the divine decree of love from the Father, they came down from their 'horse' and knelt low at the feet of Jesus, crying in repentance and a longing to enter deeper into heart of the Lord.

"My vineyard which is mine is before me; a thousand pieces of silver are yours, O Solomon, and two hundred for the keepers of the fruit.

Those who sit in the gardens and listen to your voice, have reported your words to me.

Make haste, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young hart upon the mountains of spices." SgS 8:12-14

There were however many who upon receiving the call of courtship became so full of spite from whence came the message instead of from Whom that they swelled up even more so with pride in grotesque form and continued on their own path. "A great many will say to me in that day, My Lord, my Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name cast out devils and in your name do many wonders? Then I will declare to them, I have never known you; keep away from me, O you that work iniquity. Matthew 7:22-23 My heart began to grieve for the lost and the words of the Lord came to my spirit as I was again transported by the Spirit of the Lord by the heaviness thereof and onto the Island of Patmos.

A Crown Of Rejoicing

Bill Burns

August 9, 2005: I put a crown of rejoicing on your heads. Anoint the shield and go forth in great faith over all of the work of the enemy, and carry the flaming sword that burns up everything that defiles. I give to you the sword that burns with zeal and the glory of My power; it is most certainly a weapon against the enemy, an effective weapon that will destroy all of his work. Take up the sword, launch out in faith, and run with haste to the battle. Surely the enemy shall be turned back at the gate. I have prepared those who will bring forth My voice in the land that will declare the work that I am doing in this Day, says the Lord. This is a Day of victory! Can you hear the sound of victory? Run in faith, knowing that you indeed shall be victorious in all that you set your hand to. Rise up in the understanding of your authority this day, and be renewed. You are warriors of the morning, men of renown. Come forth! I call you forth into kingdom position. Live in victory.

Marsha Burns

August 8, 2005: The work of the enemy against you is to make you feel disconnected and to make you question where you belong. You feel like you have been let go of by others in the body of Christ. Beloved, you are not disconnected from Me or My body. This is a tactic of the enemy is against your mind and emotions to bring discouragement and defeat. The devil will do all he can to make you quit. Stand against this seducing spirit, the spirit of heaviness, and the spirit of death. You are not rejected, nor are you a victim of life's challenges. I have caused you to be victorious in all things, says the Lord.

August 9, 2005: Take an even strain; you will have a tendency to get ahead of yourself at this time or move too quickly without giving enough thought to what is required of you. It is not that what you have scheduled to do is bad, but that you are likely to overlook details, which will cause you to have to retrace your steps. Otherwise, know that I am with you to enable you to accomplish all that is required at this time and in this season. Go forth with confidence and boldness, says the Lord, knowing that I am indeed directing your steps and giving wisdom as necessary.

August 10, 2005: This time is a turning point in your life. What you do now is pivotal to the next leg of your journey. Carefully consider your options and use My word as your signpost, says the Lord, for the decisions that you make in these days will carry long-term consequences. Your associates and the people you encounter are likely to be unusual and quite different than what you are accustomed to, but they will add spice to your life and cause you to stretch. Do not be afraid. I am with you.

August 11, 2005: Beloved, deal with old places of rejection. You will have subtle but powerful insights into insecurities that still provide grounds for fear and self-hatred. Don't let these opportunities pass you by, but rather take the time to evaluate, root out and tear down old strongholds. You will be able to see them from a fresh and clearer perspective than ever before. Apply the truth of My love and acceptance of you, and be free! Rise up in My authority and command that the enemy flee, says the Lord.

August 12, 2005: You have just moved to a new plateau, which will feel strange and unfamiliar. Be still and test this new territory before making any major decisions. Now is the time to establish yourself on this new spiritual ground until you become comfortable and confident with where you are. Your tendency is to become afraid of all that seems foreign to you and to try to turn back, but that is neither possible nor profitable. Just be patient and wait until you can see more clearly where you stand.

A Cry of the Spirit For Serious Men of God

Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus,

Below in blue is the direct word of the Lord I had for a man of God today.

All my previous comments are the pleadings of His Spirit through me that you would have "ears to hear".

The Spirit spoke to me that there are others in a place of needing this very same word, and that I am to send it forth as a general word, and those in need of the message would have "ears to hear" because of the anointing and spirit of conviction upon it.

This is a word for the remnant, for those who are called to fullness, and for those who are called to come forth into the complete measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, bearing His image, and His image alone.

This is the Word of the Lord for those who are willing to DECREASE that He might INCREASE!!

Some just don't care where they spiritually hang their hat as long as they don't end up burning in hell.

This word is not for you.

This word is for those who cannot bear missing God in His very best for their lives!!!

I know as the Lord gave it to me, I was shaken in my spirit not only for the man of God but for myself, as I also need this word to have my foundations right to move into what God has for me personally and in His purposes, also!!

If we do not have this necessary breakthrough, there are too many soulish counterfeits out there that are ready to move onto our turf, ready to mess us up spiritually for literally YEARS to come. Ready to cause us to miss God's very best.

You've had too many furnaces of affliction to miss God.

You've had too many times when you gave up the desires of your flesh to do the RIGHT THING to miss God now!!

You've had too many nights of agony, and tears, and pacing the floor, and laying on your face, and wrenching in agony in His presence to obey the hard word of the Lord to your soul to miss God now!!

Get before God, get before God, get before God, and incline your ear to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying through this Word.

Brother, I submit the following to you as the Word of the Lord for you:

If you do not break through to a spirit of **strong** willingness to move into a new level of dividing between soul and spirit in your own life as well as in the life of your ministry, you are going to miss the Lord in what He has for you. You will have something, but it will not be God's best.

If you miss God's best, you are going to be in an agony in your soul because no matter what others are thinking, nor what words of praise or flattery may come to you, you will know you've missed His best, and it will be unbearable for you to go through such a thing.

Others may be fooled into thinking it is all so wonderfully blessed and anointed, but you will KNOW it's below what the Lord has purposed for your life in all the years He has been speaking to you, and dealing with you.

If you are not willing to move into true wisdom and discernment, God is going to give it to someone else who is willing.

How can you be sure it will not be placed in the hands of someone with a harsh and vindictive spirit who wrongly uses the gifts of God rather than one such as yourself who moves in mercy and grace towards God's people? Haven't you seen many who are were anointed with gifts and callings, and yet corrupt and bankrupt in character?

Some who prevail in faith to receive the gifts of God never prevail in submitting to the dealings of God whereby the vessel is truly purged and made a vessel unto honor! Do you desire that the gift I've intend for your life to make you pure and clean and white and transparent and prepared for the fullness of My purposes in you and through you for the praise of My glory and the edification of My people fall to another?
Don't let it happen!!

So many years you have been submitting to My dealings in your life!! But there is yet a work to be done. Just a little more. Be encouraged in the Lord by the progress made, but there is just a little more!! Be willing now to step up to a new level in your wisdom and discernment so you can get past this period of transition and INTO the reality of My purposes in and through you for these end-times!!

Know that in the present hour of lying signs and wonders, you will need to first discern honestly and without giving into the cries of your flesh what's in your own spirit so you can be pure in order to uncover these things to My body! I am not a God who delights in embarrassing people because of their weaknesses and faults, or even their moral failures. But if My servants are not willing to honestly see and discern the content of their own souls, how will they ever have the wisdom to discern those things sent out of hell to fool the very elect of God? How can they ever lead My people in a plain path of righteousness?

Don't you realize that there are soulish counterfeits hatched in hell to fool the very elect of God? Don't you know that there are soul-ties being vomited by the buckets out of hell right into the hearts of men and women of God to cause them to succumb NOT to a foolish moral indiscretion, but simply to cause them to live in a lesser place than a pure sobriety before God?

The serious times are literally wailing into the heavenlies in an intercessory travail for the serious men of God to come forth who can lay judgment to the line, and righteousness to the plummet, and sweep away every lie wherein My people have sought a refuge for a soulish manifestation because the work of the true Spirit of God would demand a surrender that will bring them face to face with the Cross where they must make a decision to pick it up and carry it, or turn their face from it back to pretending they don't know how I am dealing with them, or what I am saying to them!

Don't let your portion fall to another because you have not gotten your breakthrough into a greater realm of understanding of what it means to truly flow in pure stream in a pure river void of all contaminants of the flesh and the soul that would muddy the waters of life!!

You absolutely MUST have a "breakthrough" about these matters. No excuses. No excuses. No excuses. I feel terrible to say "No excuses" to you as the Lord's servant, as if I think such a man of God as yourself would make up excuses!!

But the Spirit is telling me I must say that, and it may be because the enemy will try to set you up to miss God by GIVING you lots of excuses!! NO excuses, dearest servant of the Lord!!

It is time.

Love in Jesus,

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A Covenant With Death

Bill Somers

> *Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.*
> *Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: (Isaiah 28:14-15)*

My earliest understanding of this passage was to relate it to the teaching on the Pre-Trib Rapture. This was based on the phrase: *when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us.* The interpretation is that the overflowing scourge speaks of the tribulation judgments, and the speakers confidence that it shall not come unto us is based on the idea that we will be 'raptured' out, and thus escape these judgments. The people Jerusalem, speaks of the church, and the scornful men are the leadership. The four elements given as reasons are parallel expressions that speak of false teachings.

1. A covenant with death
2. An agreement with hell
3. A refuge of lies, and
4. A hiding place under falsehood.

Now no one actually says that they have made a covenant with death, etc., this is God's way of describing their teachings.

So it is because of the false teaching of the pre-trib rapture that the scornful men have confidence in escaping judgment. Even though Peter writes:

> *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? (1 Peter 4:17)*

Are we seeking to escape the judgments that must come on the house of God and also to escape the end time judgments that must come on the world?

My current understanding of this passage is that it has a much wider application. First it can apply just as well to those who do not teach the pre-trib rapture. Those who say in effect, that *when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us* because we are God's end time people and we will be protected through all this. This is also seeking to escape the judgments that must come on the house of God.
Second, this passage applies to the religious system in general. That is: the scornful men who rule by means of false teachings is a depiction of the religious system and a religious spirit in action.

And that **the Religious system itself is a covenant with death**.

Who are the scornful? Those who find fault with other ministries and denominations. That operate in a religious spirit thinking that they are right and that everyone else is wrong. Those who have no thought to maintain unity of the spirit, as Ephesians instructs us.

> *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (Ephesians 4:3)*

What about the scornful? In proverbs we read:

> *A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth. (Proverbs 14:6)*

This tells me that the scornful attitude is most likely to produce false teaching, being unable to find wisdom. Psalms tells us:

> *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the **scornful**. Psalm 1:1*

Sitting in the seat speaks of passing judgment on others. This is the scornful man, always critical of others. The verse here tells us that this man is going to miss a blessing. What blessing? The blessing is mentioned in Psalm 133

> *A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren **to dwell together in unity**!*
> *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the **blessing**, even life for evermore. (Psalms 133:1-3)*

Now how can we characterize false teachings as a covenant with death?

If you claim to follow the guidance of the scriptures in all things, and your teaching 'lines up with the word', then you have made a covenant with death.

Does this sound pretty radical? Well the clue to this is right in the scriptures themselves. For the scriptures, that is, the law, is the instrument of death.

> *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*
> *But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: (2 Corinthians 3:6-7)*

The letter killeth. It is the ministration of death. Depending strictly on the letter of the law then becomes your covenant with death.
If you are under the law, you are in a covenant with death.

> *But **if** ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (Galatians 5:18)*
>
> *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. (John 16:13)*

Without the spirit of truth to give you understanding of the word, then your own interpretations will be full of errors. The lies, errors and falsehoods are no less than doctrines of demons. That's why they are described as an agreement with hell.

Now do we find ourselves agreeing here, saying, that's right. That's what those religious types are like?

Or are we applying this to ourselves. Saying oh my, that's what we are like.

Romans warns us of this:

> *Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,*
> *And knowest his will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;*
> *And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,*
> *An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.*
> *Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? (Romans 2:17-21)*

Are we the scornful ones, doing exactly what we accuse others of?

Luke warns us of this also:

> *Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. (Luke 6:42)*

It's the easiest thing of all for a Christian to see the speck in his brothers eye, but to pull it out is another matter.

Revelation warns us as well:

> *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked*
> *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*
> *As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. (Revelation 3:17-19)*

How are we going to repent if we are unwilling to admit that we are the Laodiceans? Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Let's judge ourselves for all we like sheep have gone astray.

A City Under Siege And A Nation In The Balance

Chad Taylor

New Orleans is a hinge to the rest of America and our re-action to her will be a determining factor of our social and religious futures. It will also be a dividing line between who is sincerely standing in the gap and who is not. New Orleans will sift this nation like wheat and the judgment of it will begin in the House of God.

It will divide those who have a true prophetic heart and those who do not; the sheep will cry for compassion and begin to seek God for their own cities and streets, the goats will continue with business as usual fueling the machine of false hope and misled manifestations. Wooing the army into a slumber while the Captain of the Host is calling to the humble and courageous to engage the enemy and arrest our cities with His presence.

Many will be sifted in this time of unrest and unsettling and their motive will be laid bare. This current crisis will catapult the true church into the harvest fields with vengeance. A light will be seen over New Orleans in the coming days and kings will come to the brightness of its rising. A glory will be birthed from the chaos and on the anvil of tragedy a two-edges sword will be forged. On this sword is written: JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE.

A wave of judgment will begin to visit this nation vindicating the unborn and the murdered. Those that have prophesied "Peace, Peace" when there was no peace shall be found wanting and their cisterns broken. They will be bankrupt but spared. Many terrorist cells imbedded in America will be uncovered and to our dismay so will their connections to religious institutions and church bodies. I am taking the wool off the eyes of this nation and exposing the wolves in sheep's clothing says the Lord. Watch this and be amazed.

I am removing the tables of the money changers and the robbers that have paraded as prophets but are not. Apostles falsely so called that have bred a movement out of false pretense and pride will be uncovered and undone. The shepherds that have abandoned my flock and left them lying in the streets un-fed and un-covered will pass under my Shepherd's rod this year and I will prove their hearts if they are for Me or against Me. I will leave them to their own devices and it will be to their demise.

The heart of Jeremiah will be released and My prophets will speak the true word of the Lord. They will not continue to succumb to the will of man and the desire of the people. They will stand in the gates of the city with a two-edged sword discerning the intents of the heart. They will cry "GRACE GRACE" to this mountain of injustice that faces us. Woe be to them if they preach not my word for necessity has been laid upon them in this hour.

I am sounding the alarm in My holy mountain and I am calling a solemn assembly. Take away from Me the sound of your songs and the sounds that you have invented, but let judgment run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream. Plead the cause of the fatherless and judge the case for the widow and orphan in affliction. Open up your storehouses and release that which is mine that you have re-possessed. I will account for every jot and tittle in this time of sifting and require it at your hand. For this is a nation in the balances and the hour of judgment in My house has begun.

Now watch and wonder at what is about to happen says the Lord. This place that you call New Orleans will be made NEW and I will restore what has been devoured. From this city under siege will come forth an army from the North, South, East and West that will be moved by compassion to heal the leper. I will remove the political obstacles that are a stumbling block to My will and set on course a revival. It will shake the foundation of what is called church and the foundations will be discovered. Stand your ground O ye saints for the bell of justice will now toll.

Two principalities have fallen and the heavens are in the throes of violence. My people will occupy and I will come to judge and make war. I am usurping a ancient spirit that has abided in the South and the gates of justice are swinging wide. I am breaking the "Bible Belt" and replacing it with the Belt of Truth equipping the saints for ministry. This city under siege will see a great light the glory of the Lord will arise.

PRAY FOR CONSUMING FIRE AND OUR ENDEAVOR TO GO

I have received a mandate from the Lord to travel the gulf coast into and as far as we can go into Biloxi, MS and New Orleans, LA. You have to see this from our view, we are only 5 hours from Biloxi and 6 hours from New Orleans where I sit and type this tonight. This is no coincidence that we have dug the trenches and held our ground for such a time as this. We need your agreement and prayers for this right now.

Our most urgent need is a very reliable vehicle to make this journey. Our current vehicles are not equipped for this challenge. I am not sure how we are going to do this but we are open to whatever avenue the Lord provides a rental car may even be an alternative. If you have a vehicle you could donate for this even temporarily please make contact with us right away. It would have to be a SUV and able to accommodate at least 5 people. If you have any specific message or prayers to be prayed as we go to the very borders of this disaster please send them to us now. We simply desire to cry "GRACE GRACE" to this mountain...

If you can help us in any way go to the link provided below and act now and/or email me at chadtaylor@consumingfire.com . Many of you have asked yourself what you could possibly do, send us! We will be your ambassadors of prayer and go prophecy His heart of restoration to this rended land. Best case scenario would be to pull a small trailer as well with water and some basic supplies to those that we may meet on the way. Please agree with us as we begin to prepare today.

Current Link for New Orleans/Biloxi trip: www.consumingfire.com/operationrescue.htm
Please visit now and help us make this critical trip. We expect many people on this list from other nations that have a urgent desire to help, please don't hesitate we will take your love personally to this region. Visit the link now: www.consumingfire.com/operationrescue.htm

A Crucial Word for California

Patricia King

On the issue of California, when I was at the National Religious Broadcasters convention this February, we stayed in Anaheim and I ministered in L.A. For days I was vexed in my spirit. I kept thinking of Lot and how the Bible said his righteous heart was daily vexed because of living in the midst of unprincipled men.
Everywhere I looked, I saw gross immorality, lust, and greed. I was filled with remorse and even felt sick to my stomach.

One night, I woke up in the middle of the night and I felt that judgment was about to come to southern California.
I had thoughts like, "If God doesn't settle the issues here, He will need to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah." I received a word from the Lord regarding some coming judgments on the land -- devastations.

I began to think about the judgments of God and how they are so loving and full of mercy.
If He shows kindness, blessing, and goodness to His people or a region and there is no turning from wicked ways, then He must judge (in order to keep us safe). David said, before I was afflicted, I went astray. If judgment does not come, then we are left to exponential levels of evil -- the little leaven, leavens the lump.

The State has promoted immorality, perversion, lust, idol worship, and greed. The masses are being poisoned through what has been inspired and birthed in Hollywood and exported to the nations of the world.

I saw weight scales. California was being weighed in the balance and was found wanting. More prayer is needed . . . but not just ordinary prayer . . . the kind of prayer found in II Chronicles 7:14:
"If My people, who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins and will heal their land."
There is a great potential for California to lead in a moral revival, but this needs to be birthed. Many are saying, "As California goes, so goes the nation." **At this point, my prayer would be, "Lord, let not this be at this time." I would not want to see the USA go as California goes.**

There is a remnant -- only the Lord knows, of course, just how large this "remnant is" -- of His faithful followers in the state of California -- those who have not bowed their knee to Baal, those who have not compromised or sold out on moral values and godly principles, those who have stood in the gap faithfully. These ones are standing on the wall and will not keep silent until righteousness is established. **God is wanting more faithful believers to stand for His purposes and to birth revival. He is wanting His church to rise with one voice to rightly represent His heart.**

A Prophetic Word For California

"O California, you who I created to manifest the glory of My Son, have I not blessed and endowed you with great resource and wealth? Have I not filled you with gold and oil and wine? Have I not been good to you? Have I not given you a godly spiritual heritage? Look to the days gone by and see the foundations that were laid by Seymour, Semple McPherson and others.

"Why then have you turned from Me and followed your own ways -- ways of perversion, lust, and greed? Why have you become a voice for evil devices and desires? Why are you contending for

perverted ways? Why have you embraced influences from the East, birthing and glorifying moves of demonic worship?

"Why have you brought the mixtures of these things into My church? Why, in your pride, are you standing as one who thinks your ways have been found pleasant in My sight? Why do you think you will stand forever as one who will continue to set ungodly trends? Why do you say all is well when all is not well with you? Why do you say there is peace when there is no peace?

"Turn from your wicked ways, California. I have sent watchmen on your walls who cry out to Me day and night. I have a people who have not bowed their knees to Baal, who have embraced My righteous ways. I have raised up a people who are standing in the gap for you . . . a people of true passion for true holiness. These are My righteous ones in the land.

"You, California, are being weighed in the balance and are found wanting at this time. I am going to give you a little more time to repent. I will strengthen those who are standing on the wall; I will send you warnings from many prophets and in diverse ways. I will give you signs of My love and faithfulness. I will also give you signs of my impending judgment. Take heed to these things. If you do not repent as a result of My kindness, then repent as a result of My warnings.

"If you do not repent, I must bring judgment in order to save you and in order to save the land and the nations. Your sins have influenced the masses and have destroyed families, marriages, and lives. You have promoted wickedness and resisted righteousness. My judgments will be an act of kindness, you will understand this.

"A choice is before you -- blessing or curse. A great moral revival is knocking at your door. Will you open that door? A door of judgment also awaits you. If you will turn, then judgment will not come -- it will not need to.

"The time is critical. Choose this day whom you will serve, California. Weep and wail in My presence. Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts. Return to Me and see if I will not pour out a blessing upon you -- a blessing that will influence the nations -- a greater blessing than any other you have experienced in all your history.

"I have sent those who have prophesied your potential. Rise up to it. Rise up to it."
"If My people, who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sins and will heal their land (II Chronicles 7:14)."

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A Decree For The Gulf Coast And Beyond!

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The storm-ravaged regions of the Gulf Coast are without form and void, but the Spirit of God is moving upon the face of the waters, hovering above the face of the Deep. He is positioning Himself to open His mouth and decree, "Let there be...."

A new creation is being prepared before our very eyes. It is a significance from God, that is causing many to fear, as well as, stand in awe. Something is being done in a time in which many are not prepared to see. At times, the prophetic decree, when fully manifested, will cause the hearts of even the prophets who declared it to become in awe.

Manifestation from the Spirit, which is seen from one's own natural eyes, looks totally different from manifestation that is seen from the eyes of the Spirit. Your Spirit has seen things that your natural eyes have yet to see. Your Spirit is progressing in a rapid pace--a pace that your natural composition has yet to match. You are seeing with your eyes, things that your Spirit has already been privy too.

It is now time to refocus our attention to the manifestation of the plans of God. We must not allow our attention and energy to be pulled into the slow pace of the natural senses and the cultural. What our natural eyes are witnessing pales in comparison to what our Spiritual eyes are discerning. Truths that are being decreed from the belly of the Spirit, looks like lies through the eyes of the natural.

The Father is seeking vessels, as well as, stirring the Inner Man, to see through the eyes of the Kingdom. It is time to position ourselves to speak to the deep and decree to the waste places of the South: **LET THERE BE LIGHT! LET THERE BE LIFE!**

NOTE: Indeed, the Father of Life has used an awesome, purifying wind to release waters that were already present, to initiate a total cleansing of a city. A presence that was already residing in the city is the reason for the flooding and cleansing of the city. The already present waters were the catalyst that began the beginning of a new process!

The Time is Upon Us

We must discern and guard ourselves against the pull of political and cultural distraction. We must focus our Kingdom energy to the regions, cities, and lives that need to be re-made, re-named, and re-stored! The time is upon us when we must discover the courage to speak forth the new name of the South that was hidden in Christ, even before the foundations of the world.

This name will not be found in the history books of the natural minded, and neither will it be found in the government of the earth. But this name is hidden within the confines of the Spirit. The Spirit is seeking out those who will have the courage to articulate the law from the high places, into a relevant language and decree, one that will be given to the waste places.

Those who are seeing with the eyes of God, must become intimate with the barrenness of these newly formed waste lands and release within it a *prophetic seed*; one that will revitalize the land, giving it power to house the Spirit of God and a new *Kingdom Atmosphere*. Those with the eyes of God will be empowered to make this south region pregnant with the pre-ordained purposes of God. It is not impossible. The regions simply await the vessels that possess the mouth and voice of God.

This sudden shifting that has come to the nation, clothed with garments that appeared catastrophic, is also emulating the shifting that is now occurring within the hearts of many who have the eyes of God. This very shaking that is seen by many on the news everyday represents the very shaking that is presently going on within the hearts of the decreers who reside in the earth.

Decreers do not have time to be distracted by race, culture, or battles between ethnic groups within the country or out of this country. Jesus has already said that nations would rise against nations, that a subtle wedge would create a schism within the natural parameters of culture and social groups. However, this would only thrive in the hearts of those who have yet to see, with full maturity, through the eyes of God.' God's optical awareness is very much different than the optical awareness of the natural mind.

NOTE: We will not prophesy from the motivations of ethnic conflict, but will prophesy from the intentions and purposes of God, which in turn, will crush the influence that results from ethnic conflict.

Lives Have Been Simply and Tragically Displaced

Decreers of the Spirit of God are being empowered to give Rhema in the form of tangible bread, which will be able to empower lives which are caught in the midst of this Incredible transition. It will give them the ability and capacity to see what God is seeing, as well as, the strength to endure the process that will reveal the new transformation.

Many who are affected by this shift have no way of seeing or discerning the reconstruction of the atmosphere of God in the region. For many, their lives have been simply and tragically displaced, without their permission. Hearts are broken, and minds are confused. Many are in a place of extreme doubt, fear, and discouragement. Others, who were affected, had nothing to begin with. So, this sudden movement is a new thing for them. They had nothing, even before they lost everything!

So, now we see the Spirit raising Himself over the land and searching the unlimited wells of the prophetic heart. He is digging for a word that's been kept hidden, destined to be revealed for this time and this place. And from this word that's been set aside, it will soon serve as the catalyst that will stir the very winds of a tangible manifestation of the South regions.

And beyond...

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Carriers of the Unusual and the Extraordinary!"
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Unusual processes are prescribed by God 'for unusual anointings, callings, and purposes. The 'unusual is the creator of the unusual.' It is impossible for 'the normal' to produce the Significant0 and the Unusual in God.
For some, you are facing transitions, situations, and circumstances, that cannot be fathomed by the human mind. The twists and turns of life that you are facing, would probably cause another's head to spin in unbelief. But for what you were born to accomplish in this generation, the 'unusual, as well as the unexplainable, is the necessary ingredient from God that will cause you to do the unexplainable.'

Truth from God, should 'own you.' When you are 'owned by Truth, it reserves the right to place you, position you, and mature you, to Itself.' The Truth uses your life 'to pleasure Himself with.' God finds pleasure in you 'as a result of His pleasure with you.'

When you are owned by the Owner, you no longer 'own' your situations. Your Owner does. My children have never had a situation. Bridget and I 'own their situations.' This is why the children can play 'when the parents are figuring out where to get the money to pay the mortgage.' The children open no letters to pay anything. They simply enjoy life. They may despise discipline, but life, they enjoy.

When you are Owned by God, you are to enjoy the Life He has given. When you face the unexplainable, you must realize that you are possessing the Unexplainable. Your assignment in life cannot be developed by any other person. Incredible Burden is the driving force behind Incredible Glory.

Paul carried an 'unusual anointing as well as possessed an unusual life.' Unusual miracles were wrought from his hands, Acts 19:11-12. Peter even had to explain to the church 'that Paul would say things that were hard to understand!' He spoke of Paul writing from 'the wisdom that God gave, or assigned, to him, II Peter 3:15-16. Possessors of extraordinary Assignments 'will naturally do unusual things that may be hard to understand.' But just because it's hard to 'comprehend, does not mean that it is not the Now Word and Wisdom of God!' Unusual, to God, does not carry the same humanistic perspective of the world.

Unusual, in God's Mind, is the significantly extra-ordinary. It is an ability, insight, and creative wisdom of the Eternal, activated by 'unusual process, defining moments, and divine encounters.' Every ear is marked for a Divine Encounter. It's just that everyone 'may choose not to discern that Moment.'

God will use the unusual 'to birth the unusual from within you.' He will use the unexplainable to birth the unexplainable from within you.' God is a God of Purpose. He never does anything without a Purpose for it. The Father does not waste any moments, or any people. God truly knows the value of Time, Process, and Change.

When there is no understanding of the processes of Purpose, one will simply call these unexplainable 'events' that befall them, life. Many will also say, 'that these things happen for a reason' without even searching to see what 'the Reason' actually is. Many 'teeter' on the brink of Divine Discovery 'without Maximizing the Moments that are truly leading them to an Incredible Life with God!'

When Destiny becomes confined 'to the religious perspective,' the Hunger to move beyond the norm, becomes an irrelevant thing. Living beyond the common becomes considered 'surreal, far fetched, and out there!' This is because religious thinking has 'quenched the Hunger for Kingdomic Discoveries in God.'

Those who possess 'an unusual, but Divine Impartation of God, are never satisfied with the norm, the mundane, or the Same.' They hear 'what others are not looking to hear.' They see 'what others didn't know was there for the Seeing.'

But the Unusual isn't about anybody else, nor does it concern another's belief in you. The Unusual is about the one 'who is the beneficiary of these unexplainable events of God, and the significance of their response concerning them.;

A Donkey Like Ministry

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When one thinks of a donkey glamorous images of strength and beauty hardly comes to mind. In fact donkey or asses as they were commonly known live in the shadow of their more heralded kin horses. They are not prized like Arabians for their beauty, strength and selective breeding. They are not bred for races or typically depicted in ancient battles. It is interesting to note that the ancient Egyptians who were known for portraying all sorts of animals in their religious iconography virtually ignore the donkey as “they are not symbols of high status and therefore not so often depicted in art.” www.digitalegypt.ucl.ac.uk

Yet the donkey is mentioned numerous times in the bible some just as listings and others as parts of memorable stories. For example, the story of Balaam and his talking ass is pretty well known for most bible acolytes and then there is the account of Samson taking the fresh jawbone of a donkey and performing the superman like act of killing a thousand philistine men. The genius of God is that there are no accidental usages of people, places or things. In essence God used the body party of a most common and disregarded animal to slay the enemies of Israel. How much more can there be said about an animal whose primary function for men has been as beast of burden. In the beast of burden category, it’s not a stretch to say the donkey is the true plebian of the group.

However, there is another well known account in which a donkey makes an appearance in the bible. Matthew 21:1-10 is titled *the triumphal entry.* It is the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He tells two of his disciples “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me.” This brings me to my point on the discussion of donkeys. I had the occasion to fellowship with an extremely small ministry in Staten Island New York. It was unlike any ministry I had been in not due only to its small size, but the nature of the fellowship. It sits on a non-descript street and is housed in a basically unattractive façade. If you looked at it walking along you would think nothing of significance went on there. But if you had the occasion to really fellowship and listen to the story of their existence you would find a jewel in a donkey of a ministry. I come from Houston, Texas where at least several well known huge ministries are located and where you can find huge churches in every part of the city and where nice buildings abound. One church I know has fountains in front and a beautiful aquarium on the inside another has a gym cafeteria, bookstore etc. and the contrast was never more apparent than when I came home from New York. I had left these people who were to me spiritually rich if not materially so and I never failed to be amazed by this paradox. If one is going to make a triumphal entry it seems that one would do it on a beautiful stallion outfitted with all the kingly regalia not on a common beast of burden. Yet riding a donkey is how the Lord Jesus chose to make his entry. The Staten Island church reminded me of a donkey and once again the genius of God. As burden bearers the donkey and colt carried the most precious burden of all-that of the Lord himself. The little fellowship that anyone with a glance could disregard sought to be donkeys and carry the burden of the Lord himself and not conform themselves to a traditional and organized church standard which could have put them in the company of stallion ministries with all the glitz and shine. It is said of the donkey, “the donkey is more intelligent than the horse, but its instincts give it a different behavior pattern that is often mistaken for stubbornness. A frightened donkey won’t, for example, bolt in panic like a horse will. The donkey is instead more likely to stop and carefully study the situation before determining the best course of action.” www.Ruralheritage.com. In these times which are in church vernacular described as end-time or end of age, could it be that the Lord will again be looking for a church who will carry his burden as opposed to their own. Will bigness, glamour and glitz be automatically assumed as the vehicle in which the Lord is riding upon to once again make his entrance? I believe that being a donkey ministry is not a function of size, but of heart. It’s about being receptive to the Lord’s heart and perhaps taking actions that will require a ministry to be donkey like-that is possibly unheralded and common looking but still somehow reflecting the genius and glory of God.

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A Dream Of America

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Last night I had a powerful dream about America. I dreamed that I saw all of the real estate of the United States. I was hovering above the landscape of this nation. I saw the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. However, everywhere I looked from the Atlantic to the Pacific coasts of the United States, the land was black and charred and smoke was rising up in the air.

All I remember saying was, "Oh No," But it was strange, because I knew in my dream that it was a dream, and that the Lord was showing me something.

And the Lord said to me specifically, "What you see will happen in October."

That was it, and the dream ended. The frustrating thing for me was, what year was He talking about? And was the Lord saying that He would destroy the whole country by fire? I don't know!

I speak the whole truth by the great Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit bear you witness of this.

To God be all the Glory, Power & Dominion forever & ever, Amen.

All day I've been reflecting on the dream that I had last night. I'm convinced more than ever that the Lord has determined something very destructive against this nation, for this coming October. I just know that I know, that I know, that I know. Perhaps it could be Seattle, Washington, I'm not sure. I can only speak what the Lord says. One thing I know for sure, "This October, the Lord God Almighty has determined destruction against the United States. He is warning us so that we will be prepared for it."

God clearly spoke to me in my dream, that what I saw in my dream would occur in October. I don't believe that the Lord plays games with us.

Brother Jim in Baltimore, MD.

A Divine Shift In The Spiritual Realm

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One evening during a recent service I saw a picture that I believe is applicable to the entire body of Christ.

The Lord showed me a vision of the earth, and on the North, East, South, West regions I saw four angels posted. Each angel was holding a corner of a quilt that covered the entire earth.

Suddenly the angels all changed places, they changed assignments and moved from the spot they were to take on a new watch. The angel assigned to the North moved to East, the East to the South and so on. The Lord made me to know that there is coming a shifting of the celestial guard that would effect the entire world and church as we know it.

I was made aware that just as these were governing angels set over the earth, when they shifted position, it would affect earthly Government, specifically Church government. This is going to have its greatest impact on the Apostolic and Prophetic ministries of the body of Christ. I saw that this would effect these ministries in 4 specific ways.

1. Apostles and Prophets would relocate.

I believe we are coming on an hour of re-location and re-assignment. God is going to shake things up in the body of Christ for a number of diverse reasons, and even change location for many Apostolic and Prophetic ministries.

We mustn’t become alarmed. God has a specific reason if He is choosing to move you. It will have little to do with you, and everything to do with Gods desire to penetrate the World with the Gospel of Christ.

This will be an exciting time, but a time where the people of God must become increasing assured of the details and location of their calling.

2. Ministries that are to remain where they are at, will have a misguided desire to move.

With this picture I also knew that there would be well-meaning Apostles and Prophets who would sense this supernatural shift and become misguided, having a sense that they were being moved by the Lord when really it was His specific will for them to stay. There will be a greater need for a personal discernment of ones individual spiritual assignment than ever before.

I saw many governmental gifts who were called to stay in a region tempted to move and relocate because of this shift, desiring to respond to the changing spiritual atmosphere. For the first group this will feel like a freeing, liberating move, for others it may even seem restricting, but we must be faithful to the Lord and to the territory He has assigned us to.

3. Ministries will find themselves moving into new realms.

This is just going to be great. There is a newness coming to God's ministries that will add a fresh fire to His people. Ministries that have functioned in a certain dimension or purpose for years or even decades will suddenly be visited with new grace, with a new enablement.

Just as some Apostles and Prophets will relocate physically, others will relocate into new spiritual territories, functioning in graces that may have been up to this time somewhat foreign to them. God is going to breathe a fresh wind into ministries.

There is going to be a restoration of aged ministers. God is showing me that 5 fold ministers that have gotten ready to "retire" are going to catch a "second wind" with this shift. They are going to find their destiny even late in life. And the Lord is telling me that He is going to cause aged ministries to "go out with a bang", touching many more lives in the last years of there ministry than they ever have before.

It is due to this second wind, new grace that is given to restore the ministries of Christ to Himself and His purposes. I see older women, some never in their lives thinking of entering the ministry, answering a call to ministry during the second wind that accompanies the spiritual shifting.

4. A Greater need for Horizontal Apostolic Ministry.

In the vision the Lord pointed out to me that the different segments of the quilt were the various streams and networks of the Church, and He showed me the importance of the thread holding those segments of the quilt together. He made me aware that the thread was what has been referred to by Peter Wagner as horizontal Apostolic ministry.

Just as the Apostle James was graced to bring other Apostles together to make a major decision for the Church, there will be special grace on the lives of many Apostolic ministries to bring a strong unity to major networks and Apostolic groups.

This will be needed to a greater degree with shifting. If the quilt is not strong and it comes under the heavy spiritual pressure that this change will bring there is a danger of it not holding, and it will lack the unity Christ desires.

There is a call to pray for this type of Apostolic ministry to find its place, and if you are called to this realm of the Apostolic, this is a season to operate in this capacity with a boldness like never before.

The governmental shift in the heavenlies that is about to take place is for the purpose of giving acceleration to Apostolic/Prophetic establishing. It is timely and will produce a great amount of spiritual activity. There is going to be increase in every possible way, and the increase is going to be triggered by an increase in Apostolic grace.

God does what He does always for a purpose, and His purpose here is for global harvest. Prepare for change!! Change represents life and growth. And as we individually embrace change in our own lives and ministries, we will see momentum given to the Church so that it may impact the earth mightily in this generation

Advance Take Possession

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Beloveds:

Its time to ADVANCE! Take POSSESSION! CONTEND VIOLENTLY! Watch GOD BREAKTHROUGH!

It time to contend violently, for surely we can take the land! We are not of the spies who went in with Joshua and saw the giants, but we are of those who saw the "promise", who heard the Father say, YOU CAN DO THIS with MY leading! WE are of those who serve the God of the "Breakthrough Anointing". We are to dis-possess the enemy through violent prayer and fasting, so that the Lord can possess the global territory. We are the air-force in prayer. Your words are weighty in the spirit....they move things about in the spirit! They dis-possess so HE can possess. Of course He can do this on His own, He chooses to use us and be apart of the joy of seeing HIS answered prayers!

Strongholds are coming down. For many have been captured in these strongholds, "mindsets" that I am breaking with my spirit. For a season I've allowed this to forge in you the precious gems and treasures of my making. What has been forged in darkness will be reviled very soon in my brilliant light. I am about to display my best jewels in this season! They will shine with my brilliance and glory. They are the hidden ones, the ones that have been over looked. I have allowed this, and now I uncover that which has been hidden in me. Watch my glory shine!

My scepter is extended to you. If you will take to the air-ways I will give you the land! Its time to step up your prayers. This is the time of the horse and the rider. It is a time of war...you are on the offensive because you are with me! We will possess together. I am on the horse with you and we will move together in unity. This is a time to war in great joy and deliverance for the things of God! This next year will be a year of great abundance and joy for you!

I would have given up hope if I had not believed I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Look for the good Beloveds you will find it in the hidden treasures I am about to give you in abundance....

Father, we contend violently for the air-ways over our land. We advance into the new levels you desire for us, we take possession of the unseen....the promises you have given each of us. We declare and decree that we will possess breakthrough in the next 12 months. That we are a promise possessing, God advancing, beach head breaking army, who hears you, obeys you, and sees one awesome breakthrough after another! Lord let us advance in you and advance for your Kingdom purposes!

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Discouragement
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My Beloveds:

Each of you have had seasons in life where you've felt these things: Discouragement, Rejection, Disappointments and Desertion! They have been tools of the evil one, but this day I am bringing my strategies to you. Jere 33:3. You will overcome each one....I am going to partner with you. I've allowed these things for a short season just to bring you in to this new place. I am going to partner with you like you've never seen before. I am going to work so miraculously in your lives as we partner together. I want you to totally trust in me (believing with faith) with all your heart and understanding. Man will always let you down, but I will not. As you look to me for every situation that arises you will see my hand and feel my heart in all I am about to do through you and in you.

You've been in the desert a long time, and now I lead you out and in to the times of refreshing for a long cool drink of my sweet presence.

As I do this new thing in you all the outward hindrances will melt away like wax. This season will be full of joy and my Shalom will be upon you and your family...

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength:" Isa 26:4

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An End To An Era

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(This is a word that is rather difficult to send out. Please note that a time frame is not mentioned here. I leave these things in God's hands. While I do believe that prophecy is "conditional", I also know that some things are inevitable and that they will come to pass.)

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"*Four things on earth are small, yet they are extremely wise: Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer; coneys are creatures of little power, yet they make their home in the crags; locusts have no king, yet they advance together in ranks; a lizard can be caught with the hand, yet it is found in kings' palaces." Prov. 30:24-28*

"Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest." Prov. 6: 6-7

"I tell you that the time is coming very soon where I am calling my people into the hidden chambers of intimacy with Me. For dangerous days are ahead. Some are called to prepare for these days in many different ways. I have called some to set aside provisions for that day. Others have been called to warn the people about these things. The task at hand will be to be made ready for the onslaught that comes. These things are not said to create fear in your hearts, but they are spoken so that you would be made ready for them. I will take care of my own, but in nature you even see how squirrels prepare for Winter. They collect food for the cold months that lie ahead. If nature knows these things then why shouldn't man? "

"I tell you that the era of the Bush campaign will be coming to an end. There are difficult days ahead for the White House. There are plans and strategies being made that would attempt to get him out of office. Who is it that wars against each other? I tell you that there are nations that are strategizing about these things. But I tell you that there are also people in high places that want him out. These things will be unveiled and these things will soon come to the forefront. "

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The Battle Rages On For The World And Its Dominion

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10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph. 6

“My warriors wait for the battle; they wait for what the war will bring. I have trained each and every one of you for a specific battle that you are to face. Know that the circumstances that you have been going through have been preparing you for future things. Many of the battles that you have already faced, while they have been difficult, are making you stronger and more war-ready for what lies ahead. For there are battles both in the spiritual plane and the physical as well. You don’t see all the battles that I have been fighting for you. You don’t see how my warring angels are holding back the dark angels around you. For the battle rages on for the world and those who live in it. But the time will come when that ancient serpent will be thrown down forever. I tell you that there have been certain warring angels who have been amidst the battles in other lands throughout the world in which you live. For dark forces have been at work. “

The Lord showed me a globe of our world spinning around and as it spun, then one side of the globe was darkened. It seemed to be shrouded in darkness, and then I saw the moon pass as if the night was causing this section of the globe to be darkened. Then in darkness around me, I saw links of chains that were weaving back and forth, almost like a snake in the midst of the darkness.

“I tell you that dark forces have been at work in parts of China and North Korea and Russia. They have been working their schemes to cause those in high places to build up their arsenals. For there is a league and an underground effort that is going on. The battle rages on for the world and its dominion. “

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An (((Earthquake))) in Heaven

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For thus says the LORD of hosts; Once more (it *is* a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea, and dry lands… The glory of this latter Temple shall be greater than the former;… [*Hag 2:6, 9; See also Heb 12:25-29*]

What is the purpose of shaking heaven and earth? To set things in order so that a Holy Temple more glorious than Solomon's could be built. We know that the second physical Temple was not more glorious than Solomon's in truth, much of it was built with pagan funding and efforts. So the latter Temple must still remain to be built. Does this mean that a more glorious physical Temple has yet to be constructed on the mount in Jerusalem? No, for the Holy Temple is built of living stones.

When the latter Holy Temple, with no stone upon another [no leadership standing atop a human pyramid] is completed on earth, it will be an image of the Temple that Jesus has already prepared in Heaven. Heaven was already shaken and the devil and his cohorts were defeated, so that God's will is now done in the Heavenly Temple [home for the elect].
The earthly Holy Temple is under construction. Its living stones are being hewn according to their places, and are being fitted together by the Master Builder. The earthly Temple work is accompanied by much shaking, the spiritual works needed to set all things in order. As the finishing touches are put on, the shaking gets increasingly violent and pronounced precursors of these effects are now seen throughout the natural earth and among the spiritual people.

Is it time for you, yourselves, to dwell in paneled houses, and this Temple *to lie* in ruins? [*Hag1:4 See complete text of Hag:1:1-11*]
For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, *and* hewn themselves cisterns broken cisterns that can hold no water. [*Jer 2:13; See complete text of Jer 2:9-13*]

As in Haggai's day, today God's people are busy building their own paneled Temples [church buildings and congregations]. Many work very hard at constructing new bodies of Christ, but the eternal results are often very meager or even non-existent. That's because they have forsaken the fountain of living waters and have hewn out their own institutions which operate in the power of the soul. Because they have built according to their own desires, the true Holy Temple, built from human spirits, lies in ruins.

Come, and let us return to the LORD: for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us: On the third day He will raise us up. That we may live in his sight. Let us know. Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning. He will come unto us like the rain. Like the latter *and* the former rain to the earth. [*Hosea 6:1-3*]

Yes, the two days (2000 years) when all believers have been torn and stricken are past. Jesus will now bind us up. He will heal us. Jesus will make us suitable to live with Him as His Holy Bride, as His Holy Temple. All that we have to do is “Return to the Lord” and seek His face, seek His knowledge with loving, pure hearts. Truth will come to us like rain. He will bring floods of living water as if the spring planting and fall harvest rains came at the same time.

Do not be moved by human sympathy or by the good desires of your flesh. These are sin, and they will bring you to disaster. Find the places where there are open heavens, and move within them. Move in Holy Spirit power and you will experience the miracles that bring about healing and deliverance wherever God has torn and stricken with the earthquakes of life. Enter divine Grace and leave the comforts of the Law behind.

Today is the day of salvation. As He calls you, band together and work with those who have a heart to serve Him. Be led by Holy Spirit guidance, not by humans. Leave old things behind as you move forward in Him. Truth is Jesus Christ, and only Truth builds the Holy Temple. Seek Truth while He may be found… There is no more time left to build according to man’s desires, for all human works are about to be destroyed in the great ((earthquake)).

We are called to build according to {God’s] plan, according to divine order, a Temple which will last forever. God’s plan is a new thing, something never before heard of in the annals of man. Each part of the latter Temple will be built according to His will for the specific locality. God’s glory will surely soon fill the whole earth!! [*Num 14:21*]

Daniel Chapter 7

Brother Teddy Lishan Desta performed an astute analysis of this chapter, as published on www.etpv.org Jan 3, 05. This perceptive study suggests that the four beasts that Daniel describes are contemporaneous, not merely sequential as is commonly accepted. I am suggesting that the beasts are actually ideologies, as follows in order of the beast’s description: 1) Christian dominated Free Western World; 2) The Communist-dominated Orient/Russia Slave States; 3) Islam-dominated man-centered Value Systems; and 4) The Anti-Christ Religious/Economic Devil-Riding Prostitute with the Vatican as her Head (Mystery Babylon).

A Fresh Breath From Heaven
Mary Lindow

A Prophetic Insight For 2005
“A Fresh Breath From Heaven -The Kneeling, Dealing, Healing, Zone”

As I was preparing my notes and was in prayer getting ready to minister at a gathering out of town, the Lord impressed me that He is wanting us to designate a place of immunity or a place of Divine safety in our places of prayer and worship called; “THE KNEELING, DEALING, HEALING ZONE.”

This is going to be a place where as the Lord speaks or sings anything that impacts your spirit man and feels as if it was directly the Lord speaking or “breathing new life into you”, you are to feel free to enter this Zone.

THIS IS A PLACE WHERE THERE WILL BE NO JUDGMENT, NO PRESSURE, AND NO FEAR. It is a place where you can do business with the Spirit of God as He reveals His heart in certain matters to you.

AS HE DRAWS YOU IN HUMILITY (kneeling or bowing low in your flesh) and as He deals with you or instructs you or confirms to you things He needs to. which leads to healing in much needed areas of our lives. This is a place of being hidden under the Shadow of the Lord’s wing...a place of immunity for us. Use it freely.

Once you become aware that the main purpose that you are here for is... to know God, most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord.~ J.I. Packer

Let’s read Deuteronomy 11 vs11-13

> *The land that you are to take possession of, is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven.*
>
> *It is a land the lord your god cares for. The eyes of the lord your god are continually on it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.*
>
> *So if you faithfully obey the commands i am instructed to give you today-to love the lord your god and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul then he will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your new grain, your new wine and your new oil.*

I CANNOT GET AWAY FROM THE A PROPHETIC WORD A FEW MONTHS BACK THAT THE LORD MINISTERED TO ME.
The Lord had said, “I am brooding over a New Place in the Spirit...much like in Genesis. A New Beginning of something. I am separating land mass and water, in a spiritual sense and I am creating a place where my Hidden Ones will emerge and begin to re establish my Glory in the Earth.”

MY SPIRIT SENSES DEEPLY THAT THE VOID IS STILL THERE AND GOD IS STILL FORMING SOMETHING. I would never want to preempt or attempt to speed up the process by moving into something that God is still forming.

PERSONALLY...I SENSE A BUILDING EXCITEMENT AS THIS NEW YEAR BEGINS. There will be doors opened that have seemed to be cemented shut for decades. As they open...the way to use what is behind them will have been well prepared for in the prayer closets and brokenness of the faithful.

I KNOW PROPHETICALLY, THAT THESE DOORS ARE THE ONES WE HAVE BEEN WAITING TO HAVE OPEN. The timing of God has established a Divine Unlocking System for the doors of this new season, to open only when He is pleased with what He sees in the hearts of His Servants. It is like a Security bank door locking system that we are in right now. Until the first door closes and is secure...shut the next one can not open. It feels a bit claustrophobic waiting for the door in front of us to Open to let us into the place where we can access the things the Lord has told us would occur and would be distributed. There is only room for one person at a time in this small "vacuum locked security passage. It is the "Kneeling, Dealing, Healing Zone of God"..bringing a Fresh breath...from heaven.

ANY MALICE, EGOTISM, OR IMPATIENCE WITH HIS PLAN IS GOING TO SHORT CIRCUIT AND DISQUALIFY MANY WHO THOUGHT THEY WERE IN POSITION FOR USE IN THIS NEW SEASON. That is why we must walk so very, very, carefully as we seek Him about the place He would have us to operate.

I CAN SENSE GOD IS SPEAKING A WORD TO HIS PEOPLE TO PREPARE HIS BRIDE. He is not interested in telling you about ways you can escape impending doom. He is not interested in explaining how all the events of Revelation will manifest themselves. Instead, He wants to speak a word that causes you to go to God's next level for your life—in maturity.

THIS WORD IS A WORD SOUNDING A TRUMPET. IT SOUNDS AN ALARM TO GET READY, BUT ALSO SOUNDS THE TRUMPET FOR GOD'S FUTURE PROPHETIC CELEBRATIONS. Though I see many people making loud sounds of prophetic utterance, I sense God's true prophetic utterance is much quieter in the earth.

THIS UTTERANCE IS HEARD BY THOSE THAT DESIRE HIM, AND HIM ALONE. To find God's prophetic sound (the word prophet is also translated as God's mouthpiece) so we can say that in order find or hear God's Trumpet blowing or sound from His mouthpieces, You must want to know Him more than anything that can overshadow His voice. It is then that God's thunderous voice is clearly heard.

BUT BE SURE OF THIS, GOD'S HIDDEN ONES ARE NOT AWARE THAT THEY ARE "SPECIAL." They "fear the LORD" so much, that if such a thought comes to their mind they ask the Lord to purify their hearts from all such disgrace, because they want to walk close by His side. They know their God will not walk with the proud or the arrogant! They know that unless they take their place as the servants of all, and the least of all, they are not true followers.

IT IS THE DAWN OF A NEW DAY
A new Day is dawning upon God's people. Already some are beginning to sense this new thing rising in their hearts...
Many are aware that a change is taking place in their lives, "from glory unto glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

GOD IS SAYING TO HIS PEOPLE, "YOU MUST SEEK MY FACE," AND WITH DAVID THEY RESPOND, "YOUR FACE, O LORD, WILL I SEEK." They do not argue about this discipline with the Lord by saying, "But Lord, You know I can't see Your face until You come again, and I am waiting for that." They want to see His face before that day, and walk in the light of His countenance today like David.

PURSUE ONLY ONE THING
"One thing have I desired of the LORD, and only that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to talk to Him in his Holy Place

where He Lives"
(Ps 27:4).

THIS WAS THE TOTAL FOCUS OF DAVID’S DESIRE. HE WANTED TO DWELL IN GOD’S HOUSE, but his purpose was not to see the beauty of the house, but "to behold the beauty of the LORD"... and then in seeing Him, to "inquire" of Him.

IS YOUR HEART DETERMINED and FOCUSED?
Are you really confident you are looking for "one thing?” Our Lord gives us many good and precious gifts and blessings. And we thank Him for all of that. But what are we really looking for? God forbid that we should be searching for any treasure, any blessing, other than the blessing of clear eyes to see Him, hearing ears to hear Him, and a good heart to bring forth good fruit.

IS HE NOT ENOUGH? LET’S NOT GO LOOKING FOR MORE BLESSING, OR MORE OF HIS GIFTS, BUT FOR MORE OF HIM. We thank Him for His gifts, but let us keep seeking the Giver, the One who is the Source of every good and flawless gift. Let us not go around seeking more power... except that Divine God-given impartation of power that will overrun our life with the character and beauty of the Lord Jesus Himself.

Deuteronomy 5:32-33
So be very careful to act exactly as GOD commands you. Don't veer off to the right or the left. Walk straight down the road GOD commands so that you'll have a good life and live a long time in the land that you're about to possess.
(Msg)

WE ARE ALL BECOMING A LIVING EXPRESSION OF THE KING! A prophetic utterance is part of the infilling of the Spirit, and it flows like a river. It is a Divine invasion, helping to grow the Body up into all the fullness of God.

IT IS LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHTNING, OPENING UP DIVINE REVELATION. By this happening, we realize we can dance and sing in the Spirit. We can enjoy sweeter music and rarity of character (the character of Christ in us). We see a vision of the glory of God in looking at the face of Jesus Christ.

THIS IS HOW THE FRESH BREATH OF LIFE COMES, BURNING WITH INTENSITY UNTIL THE WORLD FEELS THE WARMTH AND CRIES OUT FOR GOD! We can develop our spirituality by reading deep books and applying what we learn to our inner lives, or we can simply step out into each day consciously inhaling a deep breath of Spirit, God's gift, to help us on our way.

OH, THE JOY OF BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HAVING THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF TAKING HIS FIRE TO THE WORLD! As the apostles were in their day, we are to be in our day: filled with all the fullness of God, with the same Holy Spirit, the same warmth, the same life ... the same Heaven in the soul.

THE WORD SAYS: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME ... LUKE 4:18We have the Spirit of the Lord! We have the ability to sense of the Holy Spirit, to gain the knowledge of His power, to taste the sweetness of His experience, the wonder of His Breath! He is lifting up right now before our eyes the Word, making all things new, meeting the present need in our lives as we run to HIM!.

THESE ARE VERY POWERFUL DAYS WE ARE HEADING INTO! They are very wonderful and blessed with signs. The Breath of the Spirit is unfolding God's truth's and is helping humans to know Jesus.

OH, THE JOY OF BEING READY FOR GOD TO USE US! GOD MUST SET US ALL ON FIRE! There is much land to be possessed, and we must possess it! The fields are white, ready for harvest! Oh, the cry of the people that will be heard on that soon coming day.

THE BREATH OF HEAVEN IS FILLING YOU EVEN NOW AS YOU READ AND TAKE IN A FRESH BREATH FOR HEAVEN! Many of you feel a need to fall down, weeping and repenting. Oh, the Breath of the Spirit! There is something WONDERFUL in this Breath! The Fresh Breath of the Spirit Is Upon us!

Jesus said, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ...
Luke 4:18"And it is upon me, upon ME," we can say!
May God move in our hearts to act on this truth.

DO YOU WANT GOD TO HAVE YOU IN HIS MAGNIFICENT PLACE OF THE MOVING OF HIS SPIRIT? IS IT THE CRY AND LONGING OF YOUR HEART TO COME TO THIS PLACE?
God can and will only, choose those filled to the uttermost to the brim of almost overflowing to be there.

DO YOU LONG TO BE FILLED TO THE UTTERMOST?
ARE YOU HUNGERING AND THIRSTING AFTER GOD'S FULLNESS? Then Stand in a living experience as Jesus did. Say, out loud! "The Spirit of the Lord is upon ME!" and what you desire will happen.

LET US STAND ...IN A PLACE OF IMMUNITY, OF SAFETY AND A PLACE OF PROTECTION!
And Let us say together. “Lord! I Need A Breath Of Fresh Air! I Want To Be A Fresh Breath Of Air In A Stagnate World and In Stagnate Religious Settings! We Declare That You Are In Filling Our Spirit With Fresh Breath! The Fresh Breath Of Heaven!

AND WE NOW SPEAK OUT IN THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT IN A PROPHETIC SOUND;
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
He has put His hand on Me to preach the Good News to poor people.
He has sent Me to heal those with a BROKEN heart.
He has sent Me to tell those who are being held IN DECEPTION that they can go free.
He has sent Me to make the blind to see and to free those who are imprisoned because of having been beaten down.” ~Luke 4:18 (New Life Version)

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A Few Looks At Pentecost

Bill Somers

Lately I have been writing about Passover, now it's time to take a look at Pentecost. And I mean to take several looks here to bring out several meanings and to illustrate a point.

The single most important thing the Lord has taught me about bible interpretation is that there is often **more than one correct interpretation** of a bible topic or passage.

So we're going to give you several views of Pentecost here. We're not going into great depth, these will just be sketches of possible teachings. They will all be diverse and all correct. And some are more correct that others, whatever that might mean.

Bible Texts on Pentecost

Exodus 19 - 20

Exodus 23 - 24

Exodus 32

Exodus 34

Leviticus 23

Acts 2

Pentecost Basics

The basic ordinance of Pentecost is found in Leviticus 23:15-21. Starting the day after the Feast Of First Fruits, which is the 16th Aviv a.k.a. Nisan, 50 days are counted off. The 50th day is the day of the feast. Since 7 weeks must pass it is also called Feast of Weeks, and Shavuot in Hebrew.

Historically this is the day that Israel received the Law from God on Mt. Sinai. They traveled 47 days from the Red Sea crossing and camped at Sinai. On the third day after this, The Lord came down on the mountain as recorded in Exodus 19.

On the feast of Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit descended upon the gathered disciples as Jesus foretold. This is considered the beginning of the church and the church age.

Now here are some of the interpretations.

1. The Law and the Lawyer

This one is from Ralph Mahoney who notes that the Law was given at the first Pentecost and the Lawyer at the time of Acts 2. The Holy Spirit being the paraclete, advisor, lawyer, teacher etc. So that before under the law we had only the strictness of the law. But now under the New Testament we have a lawyer to help us.

2. Betrothal of the Bride

This view sees the first Pentecost as one where the law was given to serve as a marriage contract, and that it represents the betrothal of Israel as the bride of the Lord. The giving of the Holy Spirit in acts 2 must therefore represent the betrothal of the church as the bride of Christ. There are several directions you can take it from here, some pointing to a future fulfillment at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

3. Rejection of God's Voice

Here we note that when Israel first arrived at Mt. Sinai God gave them the ten commandments by speaking to them. But they couldn't stand to hear his voice and begged Moses to hear from God for them.

> *Ex 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.*

So God then gave them the Law written in stone. In doing this they rejected the path of direct communication with God and chose to use an intermediary. In other words they chose to be under the law rather than hear from God for themselves.

4. The Law, the Spirit and the Covenant

This view sees the Law as the covenant with the Old Testament saints, and the Spirit as the covenant with the New Testament saints. But it does not consider or discuss the question of the bride.

5. The Covenant, the Promise and the Payoff

This view sees that the Law is a sign of the Old Testament or Old Covenant, and the Spirit is a sign of the New Testament or New Covenant. And further since that Spirit is called the 'earnest of the spirit' there must be a future fulfillment of the giving of the Spirit. The word used for earnest is also translated 'pledge'. In other words it is a token of good faith or a down payment. This then must to point to a time when there is a full payment or a completion of the Promise of the Father.

> *2 Co 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

> *2 Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

6. Death under the Law, Life under the Spirit

This approach takes the approach of #4 and adds depth to it. It notes that at the giving of the Law, it was immediately broken by Israel and consequently 3 thousand of them died. [You can also see an illustration of how it's impossible to keep the law, as it was broken as soon as it was received.]

> *Ex 32:25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:)*
> *26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him.*
> *27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.*
> *28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.*

And this is the exact number that are saved in Acts 2.

> *Ac 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

So this entire story is an illustration of another scripture.

> *2 Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

7. God Coming Down with Great Noise and Fire

This view looks at how the Lord came down on Sinai with smoke and fire at the first Pentecost. This is the initial instance.

> *Ex 19:16 ¶ And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding*

> *loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.*
> *17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.*
> *18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.*

Secondly we compare that to the mighty rushing wind and tongues of fire in Acts 2.

> *Ac 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*
> *3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

8. From First Fruits to End Time Harvest

Here we note that the counting of the homer begins at the feast of first fruits. At that time a sheaf of the first ripe grain is waved before the Lord. 50 days later two loaves of bread made from the first fruit grain are waved before the Lord. The first sheaf of grain speaks of the souls saved in the New Testament Church. The loaves prophesy of the multitudes saved in the End Time Harvest.

9. Prophecy of Judgment and Harvest

This view looks only at acts 2. Here we note Peter quotes Joel and the two main topics are the outpouring of the spirit and the day of wrath.

> *Ac 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*
> *19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*
> *20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:*
> *21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

His preaching produces great repentance and many are saved. So this entire story is a partial fulfillment of Joel 2:28 and also a prophecy of End Time Events involving the same elements on a global scale.

10. What it takes for effective preaching.

Here we look strictly at Peter's sermon for a lesson in what kind of preaching is needed for effective soul winning.

> *Ac 2:37 ¶ Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*
> *38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

11. The two sets of Stone Tables.

In this one we point out that there was a second set of stone tablets that The Lord gave Moses to replace the first ones that were broken. These were kept in the ark.

> *Ex 34:28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten*

> *commandments.*

So we can say that the new tablets prophesy of a New Covenant to come. The first tablets were broken as soon as Moses come down from the Mountain the first time.

12. The Fire of God

This approach concentrates on God's manifesting as fire. At Mt. Sinai we see the Lord coming as Fire.

> *Ex. 19:18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire*

In Acts 2 we see him coming upon the saints as tongues of fire.

> *Ac 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

The giving of the Spirit in the form of tongues of fire can be seen as giving each one a measure or portion of the Spirit. Thus it's a partial fulfillment of Joel.

> *Joe 2:28 ¶ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

The complete fulfillment of Joel will involve giving the Spirit without measure. John the Baptist, mentions this notion of 'Spirit without measure' when speaking of Jesus' anointing in John 3

> *John 3:34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.*

For another picture of the End Time Revival and fulfillment of Pentecost we can look to 1 Kings. The fire falling on Mt. Carmel for Elijah's sacrifice to the Lord.

> *1Ki 18:38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*
> *39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.*

Malachi describes it thusly.

> *Mal 3:1 ¶ Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:*
> *3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

It's also mentioned in Isaiah.

> *Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?*
> *15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;*

Luke speaks of the baptism of Fire in Luke 3.

> *Lu 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:*

And in Hebrews there is a long passage that alludes to the first Pentecost at Sinai, and the old covenant. And then leads right into a discussion of the new covenant, ending with mention of the all consuming fire like that of Elijah, Isaiah and Malachi.

> *Heb 12:18 ¶ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,*
> *19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:*
> *20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:*
> *21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*
> *22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*
> *25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:*
> *26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.*
> *27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*
> *28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*
> *29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

A Fresh Word For Australia

Kathie Walters

GOD LOVES AUSTRALIA!

God loves Australia! We love Australia! All those precious, hungry, Aussie "duckies" (duckies always go after the water -- the Spirit -- because they were created for the water).

We were in NSW -- Sydney area, Blue Mountains, and Coffs Harbour. Pastor Steve and Pastor Martin Beckett (church on the Rock) hosted the Mighty Young Warriors conference. It was amazing the spirit of worship and anointing that was on the kids. When they prayed for people in the miracle service, *lots* of people were healed. This always happens with the children we train. They don't know any better so God simply operates through them.
In Coffs Harbour we had another Mighty Young Warriors conference, which was great. This one hosted by the Coffs Harbour Baptist Church; Pastor Colin Phillips and his crew were awesome. Pastors Phil and Maria Mason from Byron Bay came and did wonderful music.

I can't wait to go back -- it's exciting what God is doing! We had a great time with Dayspring church and S.H.O.W.

God showed up! Lots of people were set free from heavy religious stuff -- and people got their joy back. God sent us honey, oil, gold dust, so many perfumes over everyone, and lots of deliverance! I love it when God's people are delirious and don't know what to do with themselves because Jesus is so incredible!
Here's the word I had for Australia while I was there:

CHRIST: THE SERVANT KING

I was sitting up in bed early in the morning and just thinking about Jesus and how much He loves all the different nations. I thought about how He made all of them unique, and each nation has a unique part of God to make known. Just because the devil has a go at his stuff doesn't mean the call of God is null and void. Of course, the fullness of that demonstration is in the Church, but you can see these different God-traits on the nations themselves.
Well, God began to talk to me about His call on Australia. He said, "Kathie, Australia will rise up and declare and demonstrate to the nations, 'CHRIST: THE SERVANT KING.'"

THE MOVE OF GOD COMING OUT OF AUSTRALIA WILL BE CALLED, "NEW LIFE"

Then tears started to flow down my face (if you know me, you know that I am not a "crying" type of person). I saw a servant's heart -- full of life and joy and serving. Then I saw a crown descend from heaven and it rested upon the servant's heart. Then I saw a mantle which looked like purple and red, deep velvet, and the words "Dignity and Power" were written above the mantle. Then people were running and there was so much joy and POWER.
They ran across Australia and they ran to other nations -- many had green flags which they carried over their shoulders on light poles: **NEW LIFE -- a move of God coming out of Australia**

It's interesting that when Australia hosted the Olympics, people came from all over Australia to help and serve those visitors from all over the world. Other nations asked them afterwards to show them how to serve and host in the same way.

THE HEAVINESS IS BEING PEELED BACK

I saw New South Wales, and it was covered by a brown blanket. I know that blanket; I've seen it before. It's a spirit of "False Responsibility" -- a religious spirit that makes people try and do what only God can do. **Striving and "trying" takes you out of the Spirit realm and into the flesh-- He *is* a spirit of rest. (If you want to understand more on that, get a copy of my CD or book below.)**
But I saw angels lifting the corners of the blanket to peel it back. When the heavy religious spirits go, then the LIGHT SHINES AND THE JOY COMES BACK.

North of Coffs Harbor I saw a white mist over the towns. It was a spirit of False Light (New Age, mostly), but I saw three arrows come from the Sydney area and pierce it (Spirit-led intercession).

Tons of blessings,
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A Glimpse Ahead
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The Impossible Will Come Alive In 2005
01/28/05

In January of 2004, as we began to intercede for the New Year the Holy Spirit gave us the prophetic slogan, "The Seas will Roar in 2004". This year we were given a new slogan, "The Impossible will come Alive in 2005". As the veil of darkness begins to come down over nations and regions, along with great shakings will come great breakthroughs; signs, wonders, healings and a spectacular release of miracles in impossible circumstances. This year, although we are ultimately poised to gain much ground, there is a risk of losing much ground if we are not sensitive to the Holy Spirit on a day to day basis. We must journey through 2005 with alertness, seasons of prayer and fasting, and divine actions less many regions fall into devastating cataclysms. Some areas are at higher risk than others, and it is important that we send prophetic and apostolic teams to plant their feet on the soil of these regions, interceding for the land and seas at the right place, right time. Among these areas of concern in 2005 are Alaska, the Canadian and U.S. West Coast, and the South Pacific. Several days ago while visiting the state of Alaska, we issued a call to prayer and fasting from Anchorage to the Aleutian Islands, and commissioned prophetic teams to walk around the 'walls' and intercede for the lands of the far north. I am now in California, preparing to return to Asia in a matter of days. Of greatest concern this year is the South Pacific, where there is an immediate risk of a great quake which would dwarf the Sumatra quake in size, sending destructive tsunami across the Pacific as far away as Argentina and North America. This event can, and must, be averted for the sake of the islands of the sea, for they would be the hardest hit; the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Polynesia would be utterly devastated. The true purpose of the prophetic is not to foretell of disaster, but to blow the trumpet of warning so the events can be averted, or lessened in size, magnitude and impact. My apologies this report is so brief, whereas I am now traveling along the U.S. West Coast and have very limited time. Our next report will be posted from the Philippine Islands. Thanks so much for your prayers, and please let us know if we can serve you in any way in the months ahead; blessings,

Timothy Snodgrass

Note: Our upcoming missions trip to New Zealand and the South Pacific is being met with many challenges, and the costs involved in this type of journey is very prohibitive, making the trip almost impossible in the natural realm, but we sense a great urgency to intercede and ACT on behalf of the harvest in the South Pacific. Only God can calm the seas, and release waves of revival instead of waves of destruction. Intercede with us for waves of repentance, awakening and mercy to ripple across Australia, New Zealand, Polynesia and the islands of the sea in 2005.

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A Great Birthing

Lanna Perry

2nd August, 2005
Sydney Australia

A great birthing is occurring in My church, a birthing of life or a birthing of death. I am bringing forth-new things in My church. I am bringing forth life out of those whose hearts are totally committed to Me. I am doing away with insecurities within your lives and bringing about complete and powerful truth, My truth.

What you are sowing into is what you are birthing. If you are sowing life, you will reap life, if you are sowing death into your life, you will continue to reap death in your lives.

I am pouring out My anointing in great ways. Pastors, apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, are rising up in Me. I am bringing forth this release. I am now bringing forth this great uprising. Uprising of great and mighty leaders for Me.

Leaders who follow after My heart. Like David, followers who are committed to seeking Me wholeheartedly. Those of you who are seeking Me with all that you are and hearts are right and pure before Me, I am rising you up to what you have desired for so long. To serve Me, and to step forth for Me.

I have been teaching many of you humility, and in the wilderness have I been speaking to each of you.

You are now coming out of the wilderness EMPOWERED by My Spirit. You are now at the gate of My Kingdom, and waiting for commands to be sent forth. It is about to come. You are about to hear My voice say "now". The releasing is upon you My church.

The anointing I have placed over the fivefold ministry is increasing in greater ways as the fivefold ministry unites together for My name. I have called each and every one of you to serve Me and to bear My name. I have called each of you to be radical seekers of My heart.

Leaders for Me are being trained. You will always be trained in Me, there will never be a time My church where you will know enough to move forward without Me, for what good is that? Your efforts are like rags compared to My power, but your offerings I will not despise with the right heart.
The enemy is attempting to take out the fivefold ministry, hitting hard, for once he can tear down the leaders I have called to lead My sheep, My church would fall. I will not allow this, for I am victorious and I have won the battle. The enemy is defeated.

The shaking has come, I am sifting through My church. The birthing is taking place. My church will shine. My church will reign. I reign.

I the Lord your God am now bringing about a great networking. I will begin to unite many of you, to work together for My Kingdom. I am weaving together a web of My Spirit, to bring about a great movement in many of your lives and churches.

Allow this great networking to come to your lives. Do not stand-alone but embrace the great networking coming to each of you. Embrace what I am placing before you.

Allow the great birthing to come forth.

You are coming out of the wilderness, EMPOWERED by My Spirit!!!!!
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Come Out!!!
Lanna Perry

6th August, 2005
Sydney, Australia
But in that coming day, no weapon turned against you will succeed. ~ Isaiah 54:17
My beautiful church, how I treasure and adore you. How I long for you to shine so brightly with My love. How I long to see you grow and flourish in greater ways than you ever have by the empowerment of My Spirit.

My church is being attacked. Many of you have noticed the increase in the opposition coming against you, for Jezebel is coming against many churches to bring death, and shut down.

The Jezebelic spirit is coming against many at this time to bring about shut down. This spirit is coming against churches and individuals who are rising up in Me and who I am training to speak out for Me.

She comes to destroy. She has come against many of you, and has brought with her much depression, oppression and a sense of being crippled.

Come out from under the oppression. Do not sit inactively under this attack My church. She is coming against many of you and churches in great ways as she longs to control and bring about destruction. Come out from under this attack and stand firm using My Word as your sword and do not stop praising My name.

Do not be dismayed, or allow confusion or despair to come upon you, but know that I have overcome all. That nothing can touch you, and I will not allow anything to destroy you.

For I am a loving Father and I will always protect My children. Come out from under this attack through worship. Keep your hearts pure before Me and continue to allow Me to pour My Spirit over each of you and break off anything in your lives that are not of Me.

Beware of control. Beware of the Jezebelic spirit. Beware of the manipulation and the seduction that comes from her very heart. Stand in the victory that I have purchased for each of you.

Be released into the fullness of what I have for each of you. Do not remain under this attack and control by being inactive. Do not allow this crippling to smother you any longer, but break free, and stand confidently in My presence knowing that NO weapon formed against any of you or My church will prosper.

Do not entertain control. Do not entertain power to control. Entertain My Spirit in your lives alone. Continue to seek Me and spend time before Me, surrendering all to Me. As you remain inactive under this spirit, she will take a hold of you more and more, do not allow this. For this is not My heart for any of you.

Keep your ears close to My heart to listen to My voice, so you may discern the spirits. Stand against the Jezebelic spirit and know that as you continue to come into the light of My presence I will bring to light all that is not of Me.

Where this spirit has taken control, I will shine My light on these people and places so that she may be seen and repentance and breakthrough may come.

Stand against this, stand against the spirits that are coming at many of you now to cripple.

The oppression and attack has increased for many of you because I am about to do a new thing in your churches and your lives. My Spirit is going deep and I am bringing forth more and more of My Glory.

Continue to stand. Come out from under the attacks through worship and using My Sword, the Sword of My Spirit. Do not be inactive but come out, and be active knowing that in Me, each of you have overcome.

Continue to be covered in My blood. Continue to walk in My covering, the covering of My precious blood that was shed for each of you. Nothing overcomes or penetrates the power of My blood.

Be ready, for a mighty move of My Spirit is coming to those who choose to follow Me wholeheartedly and seek My face.
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Voices Of Hope
Lanna Perry

1st August, 2005
Sydney Australia

My precious children, I have called you as My church to reach out and to minister to those around you. I have called you to be My heart in this world, and to be My reflection and allow My Spirit to flow through each of you. My heart is to touch and minister to others through each of you.

I love to bless each of you, and I continue to bless each of you because it is My heart, but with the blessings that I give you, you must bless others.

Many of you within My church are sitting under discouragement, depression, discontentment and doubt. Many of you are allowing these things to find a room in your life, and are beginning to fester.

Many of you are calling out to Me, "Lord why have you not delivered me?". My church I tell you, as you take your eyes off yourself and put others before yourselves, and bless others, you will see healing and release come to you.

My church has it's eyes on itself way too much. I have not called My church to be navel gazers, but to be outward gazers. To always be adding value to those around them, to be listening to My Spirit at all times, to bring blessing to those in your circle of influence.

You will not move forward My church if you continue to be inward focused, and focused on what you can receive from Me, and what I can do for you. My church, step out, reach out.

You are the voice of hope to this world My church. You are the one true voice that will shatter strongholds and bring hope to the brokenhearted.

Many of you are choosing to keep your mouths shut, and stay in your own safety zones and I am calling each of you to step out. Step out, reach out to others and allow Me to love others through you.

Many of you are remaining bound and weighed down by things that are not of Me. Take courage and stand in My strength, and allow Me to use each of you to bless others.

Step out of being self-focused and allow Me to direct your eyes to those around you that I can use you to minister too. As you do this, you will see a great release in each of your lives.

I am now releasing many of My children into what I have called them too, and bringing great breakthroughs. I will bring great healing and restoration to those of you who feel you are caught under depression, discouragement, discontentment and doubt. I will bring healing and restoration as you serve others.

The enemy wants My church to be self-focused. Repent My church of being self-focused. Repent of the heart attitude of 'what can I receive?' and allow My Spirit to bring to you a deeper revelation of the joy of serving others.

You are the voice of hope My church. No longer be navel gazers, and self-focused but reach out. Reach out in your workplace, in your schools, in your churches, in your circle of influence. Allow Me to use you greatly to impact the lives of others.

Take your eyes off yourself My church, and reach out, step out of your safe zone, and allow Me to use you to bless others. As you place others before yourselves you will see Me do great things. Not only in your lives, but in the lives of those that you are ministering too.

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A Generation Ends

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A GENERATION ENDS

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On March 28, 1964, the largest quake ever recorded in US history occurred in Prince William Sound, Alaska. This 9.2 quake started a 40-year countdown to the next great 9.0 quake which would occur in Sumatra on December 26, 2004. Had the epicenter of the 1964 quake been in the open ocean instead of being shielded within the sound, tsunami would have devastated not only America, but Asia and the entire Pacific Rim. Tidal waves in Alaska were recorded as high as 67 meters (over 200 feet), in comparison to South Asia's recent 33 foot tsunami. If this Alaskan quake had occurred just a few miles to the west, outside the sound, most of the coastline of the United States would have suffered catastrophic flooding as massive tidal waves beat against the shores; but instead of hundreds of thousands of casualties, only 125 people lost their lives in 1964. It was only through God's grace that America was shielded during the beginning of this generation of seismic restraint and intervention from major judgments. The timing of the Prince William Sound quake was a prophetic parable, not meant to be understood until the closing of Christmas, 2004, when the second 9.0 quake in 40 years would shake the globe.

Now let's look ahead to 1999, and hear the sound of accelerated warnings, echoes of storm clouds gathering on the horizon. In September, 1999, we published a vision of a great seismic judgment in California, an earthquake so large that new bodies of water were created inland from tsunami, causing freeways to end abruptly into newborn lakes. After publishing the vision in September, and publicly announcing that I would be arriving in Los Angeles from the Philippines on October 16, 1999 to intercede with other Christians in the area for California, a large 7.2 quake shook Southern California only seven hours after my plane arrived at the LAX, the strongest quake I have ever personally experienced. I could literally see waves rippling across the earth in the middle of the desert, as if I was standing in the sea. Little damage was done by the 7.2 quake; there were no new lakes, no collapsed buildings, and only limited structural damage near the epicenter in Joshua Tree, California. As in 1964, God intervened in the magnitude and epicenter of this quake.

Now let's take a look at 2002, as waves of warning ripple to Alaska. At the beginning of 2002, we began to receive a series of visions and prophetic words concerning an approaching great quake in Alaska, a quake exceeding 9.0 which would cause massive damage along the US West Coast. We issued a warning that a great Alaskan quake would occur prior to the end of 2002. As the end of 2002 approached, on November 2 a large 7.4 quake shook Northern Sumatra, followed within less than 24 hours by a great 7.9 Alaskan quake along the Denali Fault Line on November 3. The epicenter was an isolated national park north of Prince Edward Sound, thus, the quake did very little damage. As in 1964 and 1999, God intervened and angelically shielded the nation.

Now let's move forward to 2004, and look at the great Sumatran quake, also known as the "Christmas quake". Just as Christmas symbolizes Christ's first coming, so this 9.0 quake symbolizes his second coming. On 11/11/04, shortly after Arafat was pronounced dead in France, I received a vision of a great earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia (full account published in our 11/11/04 report, prior to the Sumatra quake). Summary of vision: I was taken in the Spirit to a high mountain in Indonesia, and began to prophecy to a predominately Christian village that God's judgment was about to fall on their nation. But instead of heeding the prophetic word and preparing, they began to mock the word of the Lord, just as many US Christians mocked the word in 1999 and 2002. But as they were mocking, the ground began to shake and a small ripple in the ocean appeared, creating a small wave. They jeeringly said, "Is this all?!" But because they mocked God's grace in lessening the magnitude of the first quake, a larger quake shook the island, and a tidal wave appeared so big that as it struck the hills a thunderous splash rose into the air, perhaps a thousand feet high (this would take approximately a 200 foot wave, whereas during storms in the Philippines I have witnessed 10 foot waves striking concrete breakers, resulting in 50 foot splashes, or roughly 5-times the height of the wave). Within less than 24-hours after the tsunami vision, a 7.5 quake shook Indonesia, and tsunami warnings began to laxly circulate like rumors along the Sumatran coast. Then, within less than an hour a 6-inch tsunami gently lapped against the shore. It is reported that among the handful of people who actually heard the tsunami warning, many of them were angry with officials for releasing the advisory because they had to 'inconveniently' leave their homes and shops.

On December 26, no viable tsunami warnings were issued in Asia after a 9.0 quake sent a three-story wall of water rippling across the Indian Ocean. Although God in his mercy decreased the size of the tsunami from 200 feet (such as Alaska 1964) to 33 feet, we were warned that greater waves are still coming unless there is repentance. We have been prophetically warned that some of the future quakes could reach as high as 9.7 in Indonesia, Polynesia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. A great area of concern is the Pacific between New Zealand, Polynesia and the Antarctic, where I recently had a vision of a great tsunami which dwarfed anything mankind has ever seen, outside of the great flood. It is not a coincidence that an 8.1 quake shook Macquarie Island three days prior to the 9.0 Sumatra quake. Mark this area, for it needs much prayer. As a matter of fact, I feel strongly directed to take an intercessory team from New Zealand in the Spring to pray for this part of the world, it is really that urgent. If you are an intercessor and feel like you are supposed to be a part of this prayer team, or would to support this intercessory mission to the South Pacific, please contact me as soon as possible. Do not underestimate the power of prayer, which can calm the seas and turn 500 foot tsunami into gentle 5 inch waves.

From 1999 to 2004, if you closely examine the progression and pattern of the above earthquakes, you will notice a sobering warning to the United States. Note that in 2002, the large 7.4 Northern Sumatra quake was almost immediately followed by a great Alaska quake. These quakes during 1964, 1999 and 2002 were only types and shadows of greater events yet to come. Although everything prophesied shall come to pass, nations can still be shielded, magnitudes and epicenters can be altered, and lives can be saved if we examine the fabric of what is actually being said by heaven, and act upon the directives of the Holy Spirit in humility, repentance and lightning obedience. Across the globe on New Year's Eve, it is reported that most celebrations were replaced with prayer vigils following the great Asian quake, and even the secular media reported the quake as being an event of "biblical proportions". On the first day of 2005, President Bush ordered flags to be lowered at half mass across the United States. As eyes around the world are lifted up towards heaven in search of assistance and answers, we pray that this will be the beginning of repentance and revival in many nations.

There are many types of 'generations', and within this report we have dealt chiefly with one of them: a generation of seismic warnings and restraint from 1964 to 2004. But there is another type of generation; a generation which will end 40 years after Jerusalem and the Temple Mount were restored to Israel in 1967. Between now and 2007, many changes are going to take place across the earth; internationally, politically, geologically; entire maps are going to change in some parts of the world, unless there is repentance and orchestrated prayer for some of these geological hot spots which are simmering and ready to erupt. Just as the great Alaskan quake in 2002 was preceded by a large Sumatran quake, we have been forewarned that another great Alaska quake is approaching. The 2002 quake along the Denali Fault was only a foreshadow of a larger one to come, and the 1999 Joshua Tree quake was just a fire-drill of something greater ahead. Yet, within all of these warnings is hope; faith can move mountains, turn the floods into dry land and turn rivers of lava into fountains of life. The hand of God can turn back the tide of approaching judgment, calm the waves, and shield entire nations if we honor him, humble ourselves, repent, seek his face, and turn from our wicked ways while there is yet still time (II Chronicles 7:14).

Have a blessed New Year,

Timothy Snodgrass
Philippine Islands

Note: Timothy will be arriving in the United States just prior to Inauguration Day on January 19, and will be holding several strategic intercessory meetings along the US West Coast, sensing an urgency to intercede for the United States during this specific time. This week we discovered that tickets between Asia and the US have almost doubled in price, possibly because of the tsunami cataclysm. Please agree with us in prayer for a release of finances this month to cover all expenses.

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A Great Earthquake

Marsha Burns

May 18, 2005:

> *Acts 16:26 "Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed."*

Beloved, I declare to you that the foundations of your prison are being shaken, and your chains are being loosed, and the doors are opening for you to enter into great privilege. The past has had its hold on your life, but today is a new day. It is time for you to be set free from every bondage and fly like a bird that has escaped from the snare of a fowler. Rise up and rejoice in your new place of liberty!

A Garden in the Midst of Stone
Sylvia Jackson

Mar 26, 2005

In Jerusalem, tradition has it that Jesus was buried in a tomb that is now enshrined deep inside a basement of a Catholic church that was built around the sacred spot. There are dozens, even perhaps hundreds of candles and incense burners draped in deep colors of velvet lining the entrance that prevent one entirely from thinking of stooping low and daring to walk inside.

Some years ago, Christians discovered another site which is now more commonly thought by some to be the correct site of His burial. This large garden of perhaps a few acres, sitting just outside of the rocky hill where the Cross once stood, faces the side of a large stone wall which has the impression of a skull naturally and permanently imbedded in it's facade. A garden in the midst of stone is the prevailing thought as one takes in the whole scene, since the entire city of Jerusalem gives an overall impression of white-washed stones. The garden is home to a few permanent, and I believe one temporary, burial tomb of the friends and family of a man who was apparently wealthy in his time.

In 1998, along with a couple of dozen other Christians from the deep South, I sat that day half-listening, at best, to the scriptures being read that pertained to His burial site. It was a spectacular day, the sun shining brightly enough to create a warm early Spring desert day in the high 80's. I was chattering along with my friends on one of the last days of an exhausting trip, but my eye couldn't help but focus on the face of the Skull staring at me from across the street, nor could my ear help but hear the microphone only feet away from us blaring out it's Muslim prayers as it desperately attempted to take the focus.

The scriptures read and the talk given, we began walking - who knew where or cared - it was a fine day and it felt incredible to be out in it rather than sitting in the tour bus as it droned around yet another large curve belching out it's days supply of diesel fuel.

Suddenly, Something stopped me in my tracks. I began to cry, quickly and almost uncontrollably. There was no reasoning it, I knew it was the Lord and I knew it was an anointing of intercession. But what, why and why now? Doubled over in burden and pain, the tears flowed and others from not only my group, but also other tour groups stopped and stared. My former Pastor and tour guide, Pastor Paul, came and put his arms around me. "You have to go in," he said.

"In?" I thought, "into what?" For the first time, I looked up. Only five feet away was a giant flat circle made of rock that had been rolled away to the side in its tracks to reveal an opening of maybe three feet high. Instantly I knew where I was and why this anointing was so strong.

"I can't go in, I can't handle it," I cried to him as the group parted that I might do exactly what I didn't think emotionally possible for me to handle. With his arms around me, gently prodding me on, I bent low and commanded my heart and mind to enlarge themselves to take in more pain.

Now inside the tomb, bars were before me and I grabbed them through tears to steady myself. The bars were there to guard the integrity of the bed hewn into the rock where His body had been, thousands of years before, but for me they were there to keep me from falling into a heap on the rock floor. Three or four minutes passed and I shook and cried as intense heat from that Anointing passed right through me, coming from what was in front of me and off my back to those standing behind me.

Finally forcing open my eyes, I was face to face - only three feet or so - from not only where His body had been, but from the supernatural residual effects left in one particular spot in the Earth of a Power so strong that had raised Jesus, my Savior, from the dead that resurrection morning a couple of thousand years before.

The dynamic Power of the One who with a word had created the Earth, parted the sea, separated the waters from the waters, had so electrically charged the lifeless body of His Son that He had brought Him not back to human life as we would think of it, but to eternal and glorified life.

Today, tomorrow and forever, He is alive! The Holy Spirit left a memorial in the Earth for all to know that He is risen - the residual Power imbedded in the rocks, which cry out their song of the Savior's resurrection.

"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." - Luke 19:40

Blessings and love to you on Easter - Sylvia

A Great Nation
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, July 29, 2005

Why was the prophet Ezekiel asked by YHVH to hold up the two olive branches of Israel (Judah and Joseph/Ephraim) before the eyes of the people? So that the people would ask "what are these?" YHVH would then answer that these are two "goyim" -nations - that He would bring together and make into one.

What kind of a nation would this nation be? Moses was making the following observation of the one nation Israel, before they entered the land:

"Therefore be careful to observe them [statutes and ordinances]; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" (Deut 4:6). Please note that it does not say that this nation was to be one with the wisest of religions, or with customs that would lead them to great understanding; but rather the people, the nation itself, was to be wise and understanding.

When we examine the history of our nation, or even the two nations of Judah and Ephraim, we find that there is no record indicating that the other nations ever said this about them/us. Could it be that we are now in a generation in which the two branches are being held up before the peoples? Will it be at this time that the nations will say that this is a wise and understanding people?

What were YHVH's instructions to our forefathers that would have caused them to be a witness of wisdom and understanding? "Now, O Israel, listen [sh'ma] to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which YHVH Elohim of your fathers is giving you. You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of YHVH your Elohim which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:1-2). "For what great nation is there that has an Elohim so near to it, as YHVH our Elohim is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this Torah which I set before you this day?" (verses 7-8).

If we look at the first nation/branch that the prophet "picked up", and which is being held before the eyes of the nations today - Judah - we see a nation that lacks wisdom and understanding, as through the generations the members of this nation have changed and added to the instructions that YHVH had given them for wisdom and understanding. As a matter of fact, the nation of Judah in the Land of Israel is now replete with corruption, promiscuity, homosexuality, abortion, violence and much more. But what about the so-called Christian- Ephraimite people groups? They do not have to worry about adding or taking away from the Torah, as to all intents and purposes they have all but discarded that portion of YHVH's instructions. Consequently it is not written on their hearts. Therefore, they too are in the same boat of iniquity and sin. This unfortunate condition was prophesied of YHVH's nation Israel before they returned to the land the first time. YHVH knew their hearts were evil and thus their witness became one that caused YHVH to say the following: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. And YHVH will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where YHVH will drive you. "And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell" (Deuteronomy 4:26:26-28).

So where and when will there be a nation that fits this description of a wise and understanding people?

Certainly the "New Covenant", with the promise of the Torah being inscribed on the heart, as well as the rule of the resident Spirit of Holiness should produce the witness in a people who are called and chosen for such an eventual national testimony. But who are they? Are they the same ones to whom YHVH spoke the following words: "And because He loved your fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them"? Are we the chosen ones from the seed of Abraham in this generation to become a nation that will be His witness people of His righteousness, His wisdom and understanding?

Moses seems to indicate that there will come a time when YHVH will again take out of the nations a nation. When and how?

"But from there [the nations] you will seek YHVH your Elohim, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the YHVH your Elohim and obey His voice" (Deuteronomy 4:29-30). To obey His voice is "sh'mah". Will He again take us out of the nations as He did the first time?

"Did Elohim ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that YHVH your Elohim did for you in Egypt before your eyes?" (Deuteronomy 4:34). And if I might add, did not YHVH do it the same way when He took the first branch/nation Judah out of the nations. Were there not a Holocaust, great trials, signs and wars? I wonder if His plan is to take the second branch, Joseph in the hand of Ephraim, the second nation, out of the nations in the same way that He had taken Judah out?

Through Messiah Yeshua, the Father has given to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, wisdom and understanding. So what is the problem? Is it the same one that our forefathers had? Do we have a hard time with the "sh'mah"?

"My sheep hear (sh'mah) My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me" (John 10:27). "And other sheep I have [the lost ones of Israel/Ephraim] which are not of this fold [Judah]; them also I must bring, and they will hear [sh'ma] My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd" (verse 16).

The two branches, two nations, two flocks are destined to become one and they will also be that wise and understanding people.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

A Haphazard Fashion

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In a vision, I saw a limb of a tree. Someone was doing a pitiful job of wiring a broken limb to the tree. The side that had been broken off was facing away from the tree. I thought that the person should turn the broken limb toward the area from which it was broken. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My beloved to see something clearly. I want you to look on My work and know that I do all things well – not in a haphazard fashion – but extremely well. Be on your guard, beloved. The enemy would have you going headlong into something that may look good, but can be detrimental to your growth – to your well-being. Don't try to patch things up yourself, but come to Me in agreement with My word, and let Me deal with those things that have you perplexed.

I tell you truly that the enemy will never be of any assistance to you, My beloved. He will always try to mess up your progress. Trust Me to set all to right. Trust Me to prepare and fix those things in your life that have not grown in proper alignment to My truth.

The enemy would have you trying to fix things according to his most disastrous process, but I, beloved, will under gird you and enable you to prosper in your walk – in every area – if you will turn things over to Me.

This is My request to you, dear child. Let Me work on your behalf. Let Me set those things to right that have come apart in your walk. You will see, beloved, that if you will but come to Me, telling Me the truth about that situation, that I will go to work on your behalf, correcting those things that are a detriment to your walk. This I declare. This you will see shining forth. Pay the devil no mind. He wants to mess you up. But I, beloved, want to step in and take that thing away that has not been beneficial, and graft on My perfect will for you.

This is My declaration of truth to you: I am your Creator – your God. I know how to "fix" those things that are causing you to stumble. Come to Me. Trust Me and see My will manifest in your life. Don't listen to the enemy and his instructions. He will complicate matters, making them worse. But I, beloved, will see to it that you will grow stronger in Me than you ever dreamed. Don't listen to his harebrained schemes. He is out to trip you. He wants to see that ministry in which I have placed you shrivel and die. I, on the other hand, want to see you blossom forth in your calling, providing a sweet, fragrant shade for those who draw near, learning about the One Who is life everlasting. Don't fall into his trap. Let Me make those necessary corrections. Listen NOT to what he has to say about a situation. But seek My council. There you will find new hope, new life in Me, and a fragrance that will attract others to the mercies of the living God, receiving from My hand.

Remember: This is the way I do things ALWAYS! This is the way I bring new hope and happiness to any heart. I am able, by the power of My Spirit, to set all to right. Whereas the devil wants to see all hope vanish, leaving you in a perpetual state of doubt – doubt in My truth, and in My ability to move you forward. This is his goal. Follow My path. Be fulfilled by My redeeming methods, and count on Me to shine forth My glory in your midst, enabling you to rebound and make something of that ministry to which you have been called – in which I have placed you!!!

The Dial of Ahaz

Bill Somers

> *And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?* 2 Kings 20:9

Question:
What is the significance of having the shadow go back 10 degrees on the dial of Ahaz?

Simple answer: Hezekiah is looking for a sign, a miracle. Having the shadow go forward or down 10 degrees wouldn't be a miracle. It would be natural. Having it go back would be a miracle!

But still, **what is the Spiritual Significance** of having it go back 10 degrees.

If you read carefully in II Kings you'll find that it says it went back 10 degrees from which it had gone down.

> *And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz. 2 Kings 20:11*

Now the shadow on a sundial goes up for a while and then it begins to go down. This tracks the activity of the sun. First it comes up and then it begins to go down. OK When exactly does it begin to go down? When it passes high noon! Obvious?

So Hezekiah's sign is that the shadow goes **back to high noon**. So the sun goes back to high noon. At that point, directly overhead, the shadow disappears!

So putting on our spiritual ears to hear with we see that the sign speaks of a **restoration** of the light. Since Jesus Christ is the Light, and the light is at it maximum or its fullness at high noon, what does this mean? It means the fullness of **the Revelation of Jesus Christ**, in whom there is **no shadow** [of turning.]! Does that idea have any impact on you?

Also consider this. 10 is the number of the Law. That is, the word of God. Now we know Jesus is the Word of God, So this mention of 10 degrees speaks of restoring the rule of God's Law. Or it speaks of Revealing the Word as Contained in the Law. In the book of Revelation we see God reveals himself. No man is worthy but Jesus is shown opening the scroll which represents the Word of God. So we see that Jesus reveals Himself, the Word of God. That's The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Next, what is this sign a sign of? What is the purpose of having this sign, what does it point to?

It is a sign that the Lord will do the thing that he has spoken. I. E. fulfill his word.

Well Old King Hezekiah asked for a sign that he would be healed. The prophet Isaiah could have said something cute like "You'll feel better when the pain goes away!" But instead He asked the King to make a choice. Should the shadow go down or back up? It would have been enough of a sign to have the pain go away and feel better. But the rest of the story is the second part of the Kings question. What shall be the sign that I'll be healed and Go up into the House of the Lord on the Third day.?

What does the healing mean?

And more importantly **what does going up to the House of the Lord mean**?,
And **what does on the third day mean?**

The answers are interrelated and hard to separate. The healing and the third day are mentioned in Hosea 6.

> *Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and* **he will heal us***; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> **After two days** *will he revive us:* **in the third day** *he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and* **he shall come unto us as the rain***, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:1-3*

The latter rain is what brings the harvest!

Here Hosea speaks of healing and revival. And it all happens on the third day. The Harvest comes on the Third Day.

The Third Day is the Millenium.

It is a common mistake to assume that the millenium begins after Jesus returns and brings peace.. It begins just before. One parallel to the millenium in scripture is the reign of King Solomon. His kingdom was established during a time of Civil War in Israel, peace came later. Likewise Jesus' Kingdom is going to be established during a time of Civil War in the Church, and peace will come at his return. In 2 Kings 11 read the story of queen Athaliah. a clear type of Satan. She ruled the land for 6 years and in the 7th year the true heir was crowned king in the temple while she still ruled in the city outside. Then she was overthrown. The seventh year speaks of the Millenium. Likewise Jesus will build and occupy his temple at the beginning of the millenium and then return physically to overthrow Satan. See The Third Day in Prophecy

House of the Lord is His Church.

> *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
> *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. Isaiah 2:2-3*

In this case Isaiah is saying the temple or church will be built in the last days.

The House is not yet built.

Next realize that the House is not yet built. But the Lord will give us a sign that we can go up on the third day. And that’s because He will build it at that time.

There is a certain sense in which it is impossible to go up to the House of the Lord. That is you can't go there till the place gets built. Just as we cannot say we rejoice in the unity of the brethren. There is no unity of the brethren. Not today, not yet.

In the figurative terms God uses in the bible, the unity of the brethren, the church is the same as the assembling of the Body of Christ and the same as the building of the temple. All the many, many passages that talk about building the tabernacle or the temple are speaking about the Church.

Now the church is not in unity because it's members are not in submission to the Lordship of Jesus. Speaking of the Body, we can say that the members are not rightly connected, not in their proper place and not holding fast to the head. So the parts of the body do not respond instantly to the commands that come from the head. Speaking of the temple, we can say it is not yet built because the foundation is not yet laid. The foundation is the Lordship of Jesus who is the head stone. The head of many living stones. The temple is not built because the son of man has not a place where to lay his head, the head stone.

But God gave Hezekiah a sign that he would do what he promised.

The meaning of that sign points to a sign that God will give us in these later days.

And that is The Revelation of Jesus Christ!

The sign is a sign that God will confirm his Covenant. That he will do what he said he would do.

This sign that God will fulfill his word, the prophetic scriptures is connected with the healing and the restoration of the church. This happens on the third day. This must take place during the millenium. After two days he will heal us, on the third day he will raise us up.

Hezekiah's illness parallels the tearing and the smiting of Hosea 6:1-3.

It is the judgment on the church that comes first. Then we will have redemption and restoration. **This is the healing**.

The Illness Hezekiah comes right after the Assyrian invasion of Judah and siege of Jerusalem. When the Lord hears Judah's cries for help and comes and devastates the Assyrian host. This is also an allegory of the judgment and redemption process. The Assyrian Host is like the Hordes of Hell!

> *" … When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19*

An almost parallel passage is found in Matthew 16, here the Rock is Jesus the Headstone of the Church.

> *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and* **the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.** *Matt 16:18*

The judgment and redemption process is a common theme all through the book of Isaiah. You can find it beginning with Isaiah 1:27 *Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.* And it is especially in Chap 28 & 29. See Lessons from The Duck Yard

Is it any wonder that He begins Chapter 40 with the words ***Comfort Ye My People?*** And end it with the famous passage - ***But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint***. Isaiah 40:31! This is what it means to be healed and to be able to go up unto the house of the Lord.

Surely this is a description of the Church Redeemed and flowing in Full Revival!

To sum up what we've said so far, the Revelation of Jesus Christ will be a sign that God is about to Build his temple and bring in the great end time harvest of souls.

So now what is the sign of the Revelation of Jesus Christ? Or what are the signs? How will we know that this is happening?

Look back in the book of Revelation. We said that Jesus opening the scroll is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. What happens after each seal is broken, one by one? Great Judgments come forth.

Look in Psalm 9

> *The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. …. Ps 9:16*

It says the Lord is known by the judgments. That is one of the ways He reveals Himself, through judgments. And these judgments are redemptive. They will bring the Latter Rain, and The Great Harvest. Isaiah 29 says:

> *With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Isaiah 26:9*

So God's Judgments in the Earth are a sign of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And a sign He is confirming His Covenant and fulfilling scriptures. A sign that He is about to keep his promises.

> *And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:28*

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A Home In You

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Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey My teachings." If you do this, He pledges, "My Father will love you and We will come and make Our home [abode, special dwelling place] *in you*." If the God who created the heavens and the earth has made a home *in you,* then you will not be left alone to face life's daily trials and tests. Jesus promises in His Word that He will not leave you as an orphan, but will send to you a Comforter. The Comforter is His Holy Spirit. Is there an empty spot in your heart? Then invite Him to abide *in you* now. If you have already accepted Jesus as your Lord but you still feel empty or unsure about your salvation, it could be the result of the way you treat the One with Whom you share living quarters.

How do you treat the Father, Jesus, and His Holy Spirit? Are you respectful of your Companion's likes and dislikes? Have you made a point to learn what those things are? Do you treat Him like a friend or like a visitor? Are you trying to make it look as if things are better than they really are in *your home*? Don't fool yourself. God sees what is hidden in your closets, crammed into your garage, swept under your rug, stashed in your attic, veiled in your files, and concealed in your basement. He knows what you have and what you continue to reap from your reading materials. He sees the TV shows and the movies you watch, and knows ***why*** you laugh at the jokes you hear. Jesus knows everything going on *in your house*. He sees what you see and even what you don't. God sees your heart. You can hide nothing from Him. Nothing. A day will come when you will stand before the Father, with or without Jesus' help, and give an account for your life. Are you ready for that day? If not, then today is the day to clean house!!!

Jesus is not like anyone else you have ever had in *your home*. He comes to help, not to ridicule, judge or torment you. He wants to encourage you from the inside out. If you give Him access to every area of *your home*, He will help you clean it by casting His soft, loving Light on those hard-to-reach places. His long arm will tenderly clean out the vilest places in your heart that have kept you living in shame. Christ wants to say to you, "Come and take my hand. I won't abandon you, so don't be overwhelmed or afraid. We will work together to get *your house* clean. You will rejoice and so will I." Then you will be able to walk in *His* righteousness, and be clothed in *His* love.

Because God lived as a man in Jesus, He knows the things you go through. He understands why you fall, and He understands why you have a difficult time getting up. For you and all of mankind, Jesus came to earth and took our eternal beating, our eternal ridicule, our eternal torment, and our eternal death. He came to set the captives free. Why? So that we can boldly go to the Father, through Jesus, and be one with Him. Jesus came to spare you from everlasting separation from God caused by the sin in your life. Do not be fooled. "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Christ bought and paid for your freedom with His own innocent blood. Now His desire is for you to live your life abundantly, through, and in Him.

Christ loves you and wants to help you, but you have to admit that you need His help. Trust Jesus. You can attempt to build *your home* without the Lord, but it will be in vain. However, when the Creator of the universe lives on the inside of you, the Master of reconstruction will be at work for your benefit. He will remodel, rebuild, add-on, refurbish, and redeem all you want or need done to *your house*. All you have to do is **ask**. God promises that you will receive, and He keeps His promises. To get started on an exciting and wonderful journey with the Father, simply and honestly say*, "GOD! HELP ME!"*
~Like the prodigal son's father, the Lord will come running to greet you.~

To confirm this message, please refer to these Scriptures in the Bible:
John 14:15-27, John 1:1-5, John 12:47, Mark 7:21-23, Mark 15:10-39, Heb 4:15, 16, Heb 9:14-15, Gal 3:3, 13,
Gal 6:7, Luke 15:20-24, Ro 3:23, Eph 4:30-32 1Thes 5:8-11, Ps 1:1-3, Ps 127:1, Proverbs 3:5-8, Job 16:19-21
Is 41:10, Hag 1:2-8, Matt 7:24-27, Is 61:1, Ro 8:34-39, Ro 10:13, Ro 14:10-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, 1 Peter 2:5, Rev 1:5

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A Hole In The Wall, An Appointed Time

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Part 1

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In March of this year, after ministering in Melbourne, Australia I took a day off to visit some friends in Sydney. On the ride to Manly Beach, from the airport, the Holy Spirit begin to speak a word to me concerning integrity for those in church leadership around the globe. Some eight months later I am sensing it is time to release it. One of the lessons I have learned the hard way over the years is to not give a word prematurely. Often, the Lord will give a word well before the appointed time of release. This may be because intercessory prayer is necessary as part of the preparation, or it may be that it will take the hearer of the word a bit of time to get the whole word. And on occasion it is because the Lord wants to the messenger of that word to grow into the reality of the word before it's released to others. For whatever reason, I have not sensed the timing of the Lord to release this until now.

Usually when we think of an appointed time we think of a long awaited breakthrough of blessings. An example would be the Lord telling Abraham, that at the "appointed time" He would return and the long awaited child of promise would be born to Sarah. Psalm 102. 13 tells us that at God's appointed time, He arises and has compassion on His people. Habakkuk, the prophet, encourages us to hang on to the visions God gives us, because they will come to pass at the appointed time! Obviously God is good to His people all the time, but there are certain appointed times of significant breakthrough. Certainly Jesus, the Messiah came at an appointed time. The basic understanding of an appointed time is very simple. It is a time that God has fixed, or determined to release, or impart, something at a very particular date, or season, according to His sovereignty. Whether we are prepared, or not, if we are the intended recipients of that impartation we either experience it, or as with Jerusalem, we can miss the time of visitation, or blessing. However, not only are there appointed times of blessings, but on occasion those appointed times are seasons of judgment. Psalm 75, verse 2 reads: ""When I select an appointed time, It is I who judge with equity."

Often, when the body of Christ considers judgment and repentance we make two crucial errors. First, we think that His judgment is only reserved for the lost, or those outside of the church. 1 Peter tells us, however, that judgment does not start first with the lost, or nonbelievers, rather it starts first with the church, (1 Peter 4.17). Secondly, we often misunderstand God's intentions when He does release judgment on His sons and daughters. The Father's heart for us is always one of restoration, rather than destruction. Sometimes He wants to break us down, so that He can build us up! We fall into this second misperception because we really don't understand God's heart is so very much for us. When God revealed a bit of His glory to Moses, in Exodus 34, He stated that He was "slow to anger". Hebrews 12.11 reads: "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness".

God is patient and long suffering. But there comes a time when not out of anger, but out of deep love and concern for us He will release judgment for the sake of correction and healing. Usually, at that point, we (the sinner) are standing at a dangerous precipice. We can think of an extreme case of sin in the life of a Christian such as the man in the church in Corinth who was actually having sex with his own stepmother. Paul stated that he had "decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh". But it is critical that we realize Paul's motivation. He continued on in 1 Cor. 5.5 "so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus". In such cases, God's judgment is not eternal damnation, but rather to bring our hearts to repentance to come back to a place of wholeness in Christ. There is a certain sin Jesus spoke of that is onto eternal judgment- speaking evil of the Holy Spirit, but generally speaking, this is a sin only a non Christian would commit.

The Responsibility of Gatekeepers

Additionally, God will release judgment not only for the sake of the saint who's given them self over to a sin, but, also, for the sake of the church. Jesus told us that to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12.48). This is, very true for leaders in the body of Christ because in the place of their authority they become a filter, or grid, by which blessings and/or curses are released to the Church. Because of their authority, they are, in effect, gatekeepers to the church. And when they are practicing hidden sin an open door for sin and/or the demonic is opened up. A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough!

When leadership is right with God, living in love, grace, and humility they are an open door for the body of Christ to experience more and more of the fullness of Christ. As leaders we can be either vessels of purity by which pure water can flow out of, or vessels with mud and debris within them, which in turn release polluted water. No matter how pure the incoming water, if the vessel is polluted, mixed water flows out. The messenger is the message, the teacher is the teaching, and the prophet is the prophecy. It's not so much merely the words we speak to the church, it's who we are that mostly impacts people.

The Lord spoke that He is going to begin to release judgment and exposure to leaders in the body of Christ who are practicing sin. This release of judgment onto restoration will be on a broad level. This is not to say God is requiring leaders to be perfect, because only Jesus is perfect. The apostle Paul differentiated between those who occasionally commit sin, and those who practice sin (Romans 2.1, Galatians 5.21, & Eph. 4.19), When someone practices something they do it over and over again to the point of getting good at it. Because of their position and ministry leaders in the church, who live in sin, out of necessity, keep their sin hidden.

God did not say He was demanding sinless perfection from His leaders, but rather men and women who are true examples of humility (dependence on God), grace, mercy, and love. They are free to abound in receiving God's love because they are free to be transparent due to lack of hidden sin and the ensuing lack of hidden shame.

When David rhetorically asked "who will ascend the hill of the Lord", he answered "those with pure hearts and clean hands". Purity and cleanliness are prerequisites for deep intimacy with God. The apostle Paul stated that many suffered needlessly due to hidden sin. He stated than many are sick, and have fallen asleep (died prematurely) because of hidden sin and not judging themselves correctly, 1 Cor 11.30.

Due to a lack of truly seeking the Face of God and experiencing much of His glory in the contemporary Western World church there has been a corresponding lack of a fear of God. Paul wrote to the church of Philippi to work out their salvation in "fear and trembling" because it is the living God within them who wants to work out His will and good pleasure. This lack of intimacy with the person of God has resulted in a low regard for holiness, which combined with the lack of intimacy creates an impotency in regards to the power of God being manifested through the church!

God wants to pour out His Spirit in an ever-increasing way. But, just as the devil found it was very dangerous to stand in the midst of the mountain of the Lord with sin in his heart, so it is true for the saints today, especially leadership. Because if it is true that judgment starts first with the household of God, than it is more than likely that judgment starts first with leaders. After all, the hardest words Jesus spoke to the people of Israel were for the leaders, not to the prostitutes, or thieves. Among the 7 woes Jesus spoke of to the religious leaders of His day, was the admonishment that they were like cups cleansed on the outside, but filthy on the inside. This is a picture of leaders in the church who look the part of a good leader, but their hearts and secret lifestyles are unclean.

A Hole In The Wall, An Appointed Time (Part 2)

Ezekiel, chapter 8. relates several powerful visions the prophet experienced. One of the most poignant is of God directing Ezekiel to dig through the wall of the temple only to find the elders in deep hidden sin. Verse 10 reads: "So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around." It goes on to say in front were the elders who were burning incense unto the Lord in the midst of their sin. The passage is compelling in that it relates God's intense disgust and hatred of the hypocrisy and impurity. If that was how strongly God felt about sin in the temple prior to men and women living with the Holy Spirit within themselves, how much more should there be a priority of personal holiness today!

There are going to be some who read this and react with a concern that I am promoting a return to legalism, or a performance oriented relationship with God. Quite the contrary, I believe God is calling us to embrace holiness, and to hate sin, out of a relationship of grace, mercy and intimacy with Him that only the cross could achieve. One of the classic definitions of Biblical grace is that grace does not give us the freedom to do what we want and get away with it. Rather, true grace gives us the freedom to be the person God wants us to be. The cross has given us access to God, but it is up to us to choose to walk in the freedom of the cross and the Holy Spirit! We are not trying to earn anything from God here, but out of love wanting to be imitators of our Lord Jesus. At the very least we need a revelation today that the Holy Spirit is the "Holy" Spirit of God!.

I do not know how long this appointed season of cleansing and pruning will be. I do sense it will go more towards the deep part of the pool, rather than the shallow end. Already just in the 8 months since the Lord began to give this word 3 major leaders of international ministries I know personally, who live in 3 different continents have had sexual sin exposed in their lives greatly to the surprise of those close to them. I am not saying this season is unto the immediate return or the Lord, although only the Father knows the time of Christ's return. Rather, I believe this is a John 15 time of pruning because God wants to bring about greater fruitfulness for the Kingdom of God and greater purity in the Bride of Christ.

Davids & Sauls

After Psalm 75 speaks of an appointed time for judgment (verse 2) it goes on to speak of the Lord promoting people (verses 6 & 7). This, as well, has to do with the greater fruitfulness the Lord wants to bring about through this pruning. Normally when a Christian leader has hidden sin in their life the accompanying guilt, shame, and insecurity render them very controlling. Controlling to the point of keeping the younger Davids that God is raising up from entering into their potential. There are many, many Davids right now serving under Sauls. These Davids are being kept back and often times attacked as David was due to King Saul's deep insecurity. It can be hard to read these present day Sauls because like the Saul of old they have an anointing in their life and know how to do the outward stuff. But when the Holy Spirit opens a hole in the wall of their soul there can be detestable things of every sort made visible. Often everyone knows, or suspects, the problems with a Saul, but it is not until the Holy Spirit reveals it that action can be taken.

The sins God is especially wanting to deal with are the big three. Just as in Africa they have the "big five" game animals people on safari watch out for- the lion, elephant, rhinoceros, leopard, and buffalo, there are also the "big three G" sins ministry leaders much especially watch out for. They are "girls, gold, and glory".

Stealing God's glory by constantly drawing attention to self, and building one's own empire, or ministry, may be even a more serious sin to God than sexual, or financial sin. God wants to share His glory with us, but He will not allow us to steal it! Taking glory to oneself, rather than giving it to God can be a much more subtle sin than the other two. As others before have pointed out spiritual pride is only revealed (by the Holy Spirit) it is not usually detected (except by others around you). One of the boldest prayers in the Bible is David's in Psalm 139: "Search my heart, O God, and see if there be in hurtful ways with me". God is faithful. Just as He is quick to forgive when we are honest with Him (1 John 1.9) He is also quick to give us insight regarding sin in our hearts if we choose to truly be vulnerable with Him. The problem, however, is that when one is practicing sin, shame causes one to "cover up", much like Adam and Eve in the Garden.

In closing allow me to reiterate the fact that God is not bringing judgment, or chastisement, out of wrath but rather out of love. Again to quote the writer of Hebrews: "God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness", Heb. 12.7-10. In a nutshell, God calls us, provokes us, and chastises us to holiness out of His great love for us. But on the flip side, to pass off the warning signs could be costly. It could cost one's marriage, family, ministry, and even one's health- emotionally, spiritually, and physically. As 1 Peter 1.16 reads: "you shall be holy, for I am holy"! Holiness must be more than a mere confession of heaven to come!

Below I have listed a few simple steps that may be appropriate for those leaders who are in bondage and truly desire to get free. Sometimes when we, as leaders, are going through things we need the simple reminders of what we already know so well.

1. Find someone who is a peer with whom you can be vulnerable and truthful with. When Jesus instructed the disciples to wash one another's feet He was speaking to a group of peers in relationship, rather than the masses. Sometimes you need a peer to understand the unique battles you are facing. This may end up being someone who is outside of your church. It does need to be someone, however, to whom you can be accountable. They need to be someone who will blow the whistle on you if you do not truly proceed with steps of restoration. David said: "When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away", Psalm 32.2. It may, or may not be, your body which wastes away, but it will be your identity, balance, and emotional health that fall apart due to the ravages of guilt and shame.

2. If your sin is "hands on" sin, such as sexual sin, or financial impropriety, it needs to be brought out to the leadership team of your ministry. And almost always, you will need to step down from ministry for a time of restoration. Do not allow pride, or fear of loosing your calling, to get in the way. God's primary will for you is to become Christ like, rather than to simply use you in ministry. He loves you for who you are, not merely for what you do!

3. If you are a married leader who has committed adultery you need to confess this to your spouse. The damage is already being done. Even though they may be ignorant of the actual sin, they are already being hurt. It is only through the process of confession, repentance, and forgiveness that true restoration to a loving relationship of trust can be restored. It would be wise to first get good counsel as to how to confess this to family members and the church, for that matter. And don't be surprised if the forgiveness is preceded by anger over the betrayal. But, do realize the long-term goal of wholeness is worth the cost of bringing the darkness into the light.

4. Even if you are in a good state work hard at building real relationships of heart to heart communication. Both with your spouse and with a few people in you leadership team, or church. One of the easiest ways for the enemy to set us up is through isolation. Build relationships so that we can easily take care of the "little foxes in the garden" before they turn into raging lions let loose in our souls. Building equity in relationships is like building equity in a home mortgage. It takes time and work. But once you have a lot of equity built up in a relationship, it's just as with your house. In a time of difficulty, it's money in the bank and you can borrow on it if need be!

5. Lastly, and most importantly, learn, or perhaps relearn, the art of waiting on God. Many leaders are to be commended for their time spent in intercessorary prayer. But to spend time simply gazing upon God, communing with Him, and waiting upon His good pleasure is vital to fully walk in the Spirit of the Lord. Without this type of "watching" prayer, as Habakkuk practiced, it is easy to fail to see and hear the warning signs the Holy Spirit would give to us from the quietness of God's heart. It is in this place where we can receive from the Father those minor easy to fix corrections, rather than heedlessly heading towards the big judgments that bring everything to a painful halts.

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America Hear My Words
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"I have much to say to this nation. Hear My Words.

America, you began well - the men who formed your foundation called on Me to make their way clear - those who believed in Me - interceded with great power in My strength to bring forth this land of promise.

You have done well in much - and well you know those things for you recite them daily to remind Me - it is good.

Body of Christ - you are to be the soul of this nation of promise - but instead you have sold much of yourself to gain the comforts of the flesh forgetting how My Son lived on the earth - owning nothing He wouldn't give. I test you daily - Body of Christ, and you do not even notice. You are too busy striving for a tomorrow that may never come. Your life and who you are is not found in what you will accomplish tomorrow - your life is who you are right now in this moment.

Who are you in the face of the hungry? Where is the fount of your love in the face of divisiveness? When others express My Truth in another way - why do you insist it be your way alone? KNOW THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF - LOOK INTO MY WORD AND KNOW THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELVES AND THERE WILL BE NO DIVISIVENESS OR RANCOR IN MY BODY ON THE EARTH. Do not argue man's rules and divide the Body of Christ. Have I not said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand?"

Do you dare to call yourself a Christ follower and still hold bitterness in your heart against your brother? Do you dare to call yourself a Christ follower and out of your mouth damn the lost to eternal damnation? How dare you damn what I weep over? Have you known the sinner for generations before he was born? Do you know and have you seen the strategies and tactics of the enemy that has distorted his vision and twisted his soul into painful contortions? So you dare sit in your earthly throne of judgment, little king, and display your pompous benevolence on those you wish and damn the soul I love? I will take you from your throne and crush it into dust. I will show you the torment of those you condemn until you cry out for mercy for your soul - cry out for mercy for your own soul - as you should NOW be crying out for mercy on the souls tortured in bondage.

If America be your throne - My determination will not falter. I will throw out the whole basket of fruit for the rotted has destroyed the good.

Hear Me now and hear Me well Body of Christ.

You have one season to tend your tree. Begin now asking Me what remedy you might use to bring life to what remains. I will look for My Love to spread abroad to the right and to the left. I will look to see if forgiveness is flowing in your midst - I will look into YOUR heart of hearts - INDIVIDUALLY - even as every branch and leaf is inspected for insects and decay.

If I do not see the Body of Christ reflect the Glory of My Son in this nation in one season - I will begin to destruct your false throne and raise My throne in a land you never expected.

Do not say - "What of him - what is he doing?" - for you will raise My anger. Look to your own heart and be fearfully careful to follow the instruction I give you in the days of your life. I look for a humble and willing heart that continues even when it stumbles - that one who is ever walking towards My Son until that life disappears into His Own. I will not handle the hard heart - the stiff neck, for it will destroy itself.

If your heart is good you have much to rejoice in and many blessings of surprise and fulfillment await you. If your heart is bad - rejoice in your darkness quickly for your time is short.

Come - Come - Come - My Heart yearns to give you all things that we might rejoice together - Come into the flow of My Love and be swept up in it's Powerful current - You will be filled with life and deposit life every place you touch with your hands and every step you take with your foot.

This can be a glorious day - it is for you to choose - hold that future before you and walk your life into Mine. Know My Word - Know My Word. Your very life and the lives of your children depend upon My Word. Know My Word FOR YOURSELVES-and do not only listen to man." ------------- Note: This is not a word of ruin and devastation but one of hopeful promise. God is Love - all He is asking is that His Body on earth reflect that Love by loving each other and loving the unloved. He is not asking for perfection - only that when we stumble we do not give up but GET UP and KEEP GOING FORWARD INTO HIM. He asks that our hearts be humble and that we give an accurate accounting of ourselves to be what He asks of us to be - His Hands and Feet on the earth. In Joel 2:12-14 directly after the description of the destroying army sent to envelope God's people due to their sins he says, "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping, and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the Lord Your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger abounding in lovingkindness, and relenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, even a grain offering and a libation for the Lord your God?"

Luke 20:9-16,NAS "And He began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard (a vine and vineyard is a scriptural picture of Christ and believers) and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time. And at the harvest time he sent a slave (a slave is someone who does not have freedom over his own destiny - he is forced labor to another - much as a sinner who does not know the freedom in Christ is a slave to sin) to the vine-growers that they might give him some of the produce of the vineyard; but the vine growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed." (Much the way false Christians beat the sinners among them with words of judgment and condemnation. Christ on the earth - never condemned a sinner who came - only the hypocritical believers in religion. Have we sent any sinners away empty-handed?) "And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out. And the owner of the vineyard said, "What shall I do: I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him. But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, "This is the heir; let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours." And they cast him out of the vineyard and killed him." ("And the King will answer and say to them, "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these, even the least of them, you did it to me." Matt. 25:40) "What, therefore, will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others." And when they heard it, they said, "May it never be!" Isn't this what the Lord just said concerning America - that He would tear down our self-righteous throne and set His Throne in another nation we would never expect?

Luke 13:6-9 NAS "And He began telling this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it, and did not find any. And he said to the vineyard-keeper, "Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground? And he answered and said to him, "Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer; and if it bears fruit next year, fine; but if not, cut it down."

Matthew 7: 1-5 NAS "Do not judge lest you be judged yourselves. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it shall be measured to you. And why do you look at the speck in your own brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," and behold, the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly enough to take the speck out of your brother's eye." What would you think if you saw a man walking down the street - poking himself in the eye - beating himself with his fist-slapping himself in the face or cutting his fingers to the bone? I'm sure it wouldn't be "Well that's the life for me!" Yet the body of Christ walks through the earth doing just that - just how attractive is that for unbelievers? Some of us express our praise with instruments - some of us do not - some of us are more comforted by one truth than another - the only and most important line of demarcation is the Blood of Christ. It is the one undeniable, uncompromised truth - when He appears in the clouds we will remember nothing but that.

John 21:15-17 NAS "So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, Son of John, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me:" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Shepherd My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep."

According to The Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible - the word "lambs" in verse 15 has its root in the phrase "to ramble freely". The word "feed" in verse 16 has its root in the phrase "revolve around".

Wasn't the Lord instructing Peter to allow his life to "revolve around" those who tend to ramble and might very well stray and be lost - much as in the parable of the lost sheep? Living in this way puts the life of the Christian at His Master's direction and not his own.

The Lord provided me with a living example of what He wants from us as His people just a few hours before He spoke this word. A couple days before, my husband suffered several strokes and was in the hospital. At the age of 56 after being a homeschool mom with not many "saleable" talents I am faced with the need to go to work. After leaving the hospital on this day I stopped for gas on my way home. Not having the slightest idea of how I will meet the financial needs growing by the minute - my mind was spinning with questions of the Lord, my soul felt numb and my body VERY tired. As I pumped the gas into the car I noticed a man who appeared to be homeless speak to a woman at a nearby pump. I sighed to the Lord, "Please don't let him come to me - I can't deal with this right now." Just as quickly - the man turned and came straight to me. "Ma'am, do you have any spare change? I'd like to buy a hotdog inside." My first thought was to dismiss him gently but the Lord seriously checked my heart. Instead I found myself saying I would buy him supper when I finished pumping my gas. Together we went inside as the Lord instructed me to buy for him exactly what I would want to buy for myself. I told him to choose a sandwich and I handed him a bag of chips. I knew I'd want a cold drink-he chose a Coke. As I went to pay, the Lord reminded me that each night after supper I like a small piece of chocolate. "What would you like for dessert?" I asked, "Cake, or candy?" "Oh ma'am," he exclaimed, "This is a lot." By then we were standing at the candy and he said, "Oh I love candy. This is my all time favorite." Before I could pay, the Lord reminded me of what a cold and blustery day it was and the sun was going down. "Would you like a hot cup of coffee after that?" I found myself asking. "Oh, that's okay ma'am, I've had coffee today." I paid for his meal including a large cup of coffee when he was finished - as the clerk asked if I also wanted a lotto ticket. "Jesus takes good care of me-no thanks." I heard myself say. and He does. The experience was real - but it was one of those times that seemed so automatic and yet not - it was purely a gift from the Holy Spirit who led me through in spite of my own reticence. I am not sharing it now to proclaim my purity - Lord knows that would be a lie - but to encourage myself and you to live your life "revolving around" the lambs that "ramble freely" and could be killed.

I truly believe the Lord has given the Body of Christ in America - one season - one season to "get it right" or we WILL LOSE THIS NATION. I do not know what is meant by "season" - if it be our natural season of a few months or a spiritual season. I DO know this: the picture of a teen being asked to do a chore came to mind. If he goes as soon as he is told and does the work with a willing heart-even if there are mistakes made in ignorance-grace is given with further instruction. However, if he or she sits at the TV. ten minutes longer - and finally, reluctantly goes to his work - judgment will reflect that. Excuses and buck passing are not acceptable. WE ARE TO BE THE LOVE OF CHRIST MADE MANIFEST IN A DARKENED WORLD - we MUST keep encouraging each other to listen to the Holy Spirit and do His Will - not our own will, but His. We NEED to ask the Holy Spirit to overshadow each one of us with the instructions for each day that we might make His Praise Glorious!!! Please - let's love each other and look at those enslaved around us through His Eyes - as we would want Him to look at us.

A Heart Of Faith And Thanksgiving

Yolanda Ballard

Jul 18, 2005

I draw you near, and I give to you a heart of faith and thanksgiving, for faith comes by hearing and believing My words to you. Reach out and know that I AM God and that I AM faithful to manifest to you the many promises I have made to you. For I AM not a man who can lie or even a son of man who can change My mind. If I said it, I will bring forth all that I have promised to you.

Reach out to Me, and rest in My faithfulness to heal your heart and set you free from all bondage. For I see your heart of faithfulness to Me. Don't let the enemy lie to you saying that you don't have what it takes to get to the other side to see the promises come to pass for you.

I say to rest in My faithfulness for I AM stretching you at present to become a true son of God and not just a child. I AM stretching you that you will look past the natural and reach into the realm of what is natural to Me. I want you to believe that you have the faith to move the mountains and to raise the dead.

How do you know, unless your faith has been tried and tested in the fire, like gold purified in the furnace seven times, like My word? I have passed the test, and My words are true. Many have stood on My promises and seen My deliverance come. Yes, I have set the captives free from the hands of the task masters.

I have set those free from the fiery furnace and the lion's den. Yes, Hebrews Chapter 11 is full of those testimonies of those who trusted Me and loved not their lives unto death and some believing, not yet seeing the promises brought forth as yet.

Yes, reach out and know that you can trust your lives in My hands. No matter what you see, know that all things work together for your good. No weapon formed against you will prosper, and what the enemy has meant for your harm, I turn for your good.

So rejoice in the fire of My love, for I AM getting you ready to bring forth a harvest through you. I will move in greater works for I have made you a vessel that I can freely flow through. For only when you are weak, can I be truly strong through you.

This is the day I AM bringing you higher. I AM burning off the dross, and bringing you forth like pure gold. Do not fret at what you see. Do not trust in the report of man or even go by the ways of the world. I have made you a peculiar people. Your ways are not that easily accepted by others in the world and even most of the church.

You are My beloved. You are the remnant. You know who you are. Just rest this day and know that you are mighty in Me.

A Highway Shall Be There
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My husband and I were traveling to a destination. I was in my silver car driving ahead of him. He was working and had to drive a truck from his job. It went slow so I was ahead of him leading the way to our destination. This is typical of the believers today. Some having to work as in Egypt...toil and this has been a hindrance in more ways than one. The world would desire to slow down those on the path. We are to be concerned for them but not hindered. They are still on the right path, but not going as quickly as some think they should as they need to provide for families etc. Our part is to pray they catch up.

The road was a two lane that was straight. As I came up to get on the freeway that the road just turned into suddenly ...(no turns to get on this as the 2 lane just turned into the freeway).....I am looking at all the signs posted along the way, wondering where I was actually going or what signs to follow. The prophetic always seeking direction from signs and trying to see where they are headed instead of by faith. I continue forward and start onto the normal part of the freeway I should be on, and notice all the signs are covered...or backwards, as if it is the WRONG WAY.

This was not the case, but it was blocked off, as it was under construction. I could see men working diligently on this part that was closed down. So, I had to make a quick turn to stay on the road that now was a detour around the construction by these men working on the regular road. The church today is so wrapped up in works. Many have tried to go down this road, but the Lord is saying WRONG WAY! No direction there & no avenue to ME. He says, "See it is a road that is under construction, and is not ready yet for mainstream traffic to come back to the church.

You that are on this path, must go around now. BYPASS "This way". "I make a way where there seems to be no way for you."

The detour made a big half circle first veering a bit left circling back to the right around the construction on the regular freeway path. There were two lanes of traffic going the same direction. I was in the right lane. I suddenly realized I didn't know where exactly we were to go and with all the signs before me, I didn't know where I was to head. This is also typical of the feelings we have as we seem to be going wrong, when really the end result is of the Lord as the road's end is really right and not leftwinged and off as it appears in the natural. We must trust even when we don't know where were we are headed, '= because the USUAL road, USUAL path we were told to take is one closed because of WORK, labors and toil within the church. "Not by works, lest any man should boast."

I call my husband behind me, on the cell and ask him directions. He didn't answer me. This is also typical of us who in times of "not knowing " in the natural where we are headed, we seek others that might have the way, answer for us. Many of us have slowed down as we see those we love seeming to lug behind, and we have looked back a few times. We want to go make sure that we are headed right. They don't know...and there is no help, but God at this point.

I slow down to wait for him to catch up and take the lead, but I can't slow very much, cause I am on this freeway and there's no place to pull over as I would cause an accident if I stopped in the road because there were no sides.

I keep going hoping he will hurry up and catch up. We've come to a place we know we can not wait anymore for others to catch up, get it, or take the lead. It is up to us to trust the Lord as individuals and go forth in blind faith. If we were to stop, it would cause others to be spiritually wrecked because of our hesitation.

I start spiraling up up up on this road, like high as an airplane would go and this is taking a big spiral turn around the construction, and starts going back to the right. My husband is still not visible to me in the rearview mirror. We MUST NOT LOOK BACK. We are to keep our faces like flint and eyes focused on the Lord! This will carry us on the right path. No looking back. No cares of the world holding us down.

I look around as I drive, and it is dangerous, and so I need to be cautious not to fall off the sides as there is a huge drop off now with no sides and below is vast water. This is similar to being carried high above the troubled waters, cares of the world and the trials, fires and situations at hand. The drop off is the wayside. We must not venture near it or fall like the unprofitable seed falls to the wayside and is taken by the cares of the world.

Beautiful blue water every place I look and I notice, Grace is there and blue symbolizes even in these vast troubled waters, GOD reveals Himself through revelation.

"Thou hast caused me to ride over our heads: we went through fire and through water: but thou brought us out into a wealthy place."

as I glance at the scenery that there were powerlines on huge pilings spaced evenly across this vast water that had been blown so hard in wind that the powerline towers were all bent over double as if bowing down. These structures were white. The wires are still in place and connected to them, even though the towers are bent over. The bent powerlines, are the humbled apostolic Fathers that have cleared the way and gone before us, carried by words & teachings, line upon line, precept upon precept - pioneers that have made a way over the waters, as they are founded on the solid rock!

Words and Spirit......cutting a path across troubled waters. The "white" represents the holiness, priest garments as servants of the Holy One & bearing examples of that holiness we are to follow. They are bent in Humility...as they have LEARNED that God is Lord over all.

This is all I see as I need to keep my mind on driving, and.....now, as dream often do, I am still driving, but in the dream now I am walking. I am in my right lane, and now "right" appointed path to walk in with the Lord. A young girl is in the left lane going the same way as me and she appears to be in her late teens or early twenty's. This represents the young in the Lord and not matured.

Those not skilled in ministry but still on the path soaring high like the eagles. Young prophets and filled with the Holy Spirit, as represented by the gentle gender....female.

She gets too near the edge and I am concerned for her so I keep watching her and then she suddenly slips over the edge. she holds on for a second, but there was no way for me to catch her and she loses grip and falls. I hear her hit the water. We will see those along our appointed path that we are near danger. We watch them as they fall and land in "trouble" as the waters below engulf them. (all trouble we fall in--- an opportunity to gain knowledge not to do certain things a second time) God's Grace is found for this one in these waters.

I immediately stop in the middle of the road but it seems not be wrong to do this at this time, because this one is in trouble. Like it is acceptable to stop for such things. We must know the timing and know when it is God to stop. Compassion, Love, Concern, etc., Fruit of the Spirit will let us know that this is acceptable to stop for the ones falling into the ditch.

Remember the Holy man on his way to the temple when he saw the man in the ditch that had been beaten and robbed? It was God's opportunity to extend love and put the usual "rituals" on hold for the one in trouble. We must ALWAYS be moved by the fruits of the Spirit towards those around us, and ready at any time to change the agenda. We should know the "ACCEPTABLE TIME OF THE LORD!!!!!!" What is acceptable by Him? We must KNOW this to do HIS will.

I start yelling, "Help! Help! Man overboard! Man overboard!"

Intercession. Crying out for those that are unable to do so now. She is submerged in the troubled waters now. Prayer is essential for those on this road. Notice I didn't cry out woman overboard. She houses the Lord, Christ Jesus! What is important here, is her spiritual MAN. We must protect those younger than we so as not to allow them to drown in world's troubles loosing their place in the Spirit.

Out of no where comes 3 men to the rescue. Two are white and one is a Mexican or perhaps he is Jewish. I don't know, but dark skinned. I am not sure what this means.

The two white ones jump in to save her. One dives deep to find her underneath the water. The Holy Spirit speaks to the heart and dives deep within to bring us out of trouble, (comforter/teacher/guide). He hands her to.....the second...the Lord Jesus. Holy Spirit ALWAYS points to JESUS! Hallelujah!

The second one swims in circles on top of the water waiting for the other to surface with her so he can take her to hand her over to the other man that is kneeling beside the road, waiting so he can put her safely on solid ground again.

They do just this and she is saved. The third is the Father. Maybe this is why he seems different as there is nothing like the Father!!!! Then I woke up.

Scriptures for this:
Isaiah 35: 6-7
"Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall water break out, and streams in the desert and the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of the dragons where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes: And a highway shall be there, and a way and it shall be called THE WAY of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those (redeemed)....".

A Husband's Love
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, June 3, 2005

I don't know about you, but it is hard to believe that another month has just given way to a new one. Time seems to be flying by and every day brings fresh tests, as well as repeated ones to walk through. In last week's letter I wrote about the wonderful revelation of the Father's love. In the course of this week a number of challenges (experiences) in maintaining that awareness have emerged. Normally a day is spent going up and down the emotional barometer of feelings; from peace or joy and love all the way up and down the scale to turmoil, fear, frustration, worry, anxiety and more. However, since coming into a greater revelation of the Father's love and the sanctifying work of the Spirit, I have noticed that peace and contentment are gaining a greater hold on my daily experiences.

One of the most beautiful things that has arisen out of these past couple of weeks, is a new 'quality' of love that I now have toward my wife. The addition of the Father's love for me is spilling over into my relationship with her. I have often read, meditated, memorized and lauded the Ephesians scripture that says, " Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the assembly of the called out [ekklesia], and gave himself for it [her]" (Eph 5:25). I'm sure that many of you wives are still dreaming (or may be now have even lost all hope) that that would ever be the case in your marriage. Husbands, if you were like me, you sent that scripture to paradise. I always thought that before I could love my wife in accordance with the Word, she had to submit to me (again, as the Word says). However, I had not paid attention to the fact that the love mentioned in that scripture is of the agape variety. I must admit, her submission and love for me did and could help in maintaining a semblance of togetherness, but certainly it did not result in the testimony that YHVH had intended for it to be.

If you have read my personal testimony, whether through these letters or in the book "Return to the Land", you may remember the section where the Spirit first touched my heart with His love for Rimona. That insight came after over a year and half of not feeling one inclination that she was the one that He had chosen for me, although the Father had shown and confirmed it to her in many ways. But when I eventually did have that revelation, it was truly His agape, holy love that I felt. Yet to my chagrin, that was the first and last time of experiencing that kind of pure love. until this past week. After wallowing in misery and being at the brink of giving up this relationship just a couple of weeks ago, the Father's heart of love was ministered to me as His little boy. The healing came with such power that I have not been the same since. I then began to prayerful wonder about this love in its application in the husband and wife relationship. YHVH's answer came in a very simple way: "It is the same agape love. You just have to express it toward and release it upon your wife". Instantly I began to feel the same love of which He gave me a taste so many years ago. Now it is here and available to her at all times. It flows out just as easily as a spring comes up out of the ground. Nevertheless, I do have to guard this nature of love against every thought that exalts its self against the knowledge of YHVH Elohim (see 2 Cor 10:5). In other words, He loves, accepts and cherishes her just the way she is.

The other morning, with tears in her eyes, Rimona expressed how wonderful it was to be affirmed as a woman. His love ministered to a very deep need in her, and it was done by an embrace, without as much as saying a word, not that there should not be words, those also are of utmost importance if led by the Ruach.

As husbands we must guard the ramparts and the gateways of our soul from spiritual defilement (unloving thoughts), as well as to respond in repentance when we do entertain anything that is not of His life within. We are the administrators of this new creation man to the soul of our wives and families. If our spouse is also a believer, then she gets a double portion, as she is also a new creation being in Messiah. The challenge for both is to maintain the relationship with our Heavenly Father experientially, knowing Him as agape personified, just as Yeshua did and manifested the Father's heart of love at all times. He knew who He was and where He had come from. We may think that this is impossible, but don't underestimate the power of His Spirit that is working in us.

I was greatly blessed by a letter and then further correspondence that I had received from a brother. Here are excerpts of his and my letters.

Shalom Ephraim We also have walked a road of lessons and repentance, and Father has been Faithful and True.

Just wanted to say I was touched by your candor and sensed your walk thru the furnace. My heart and compassion went out to you earlier today, having read the first email. and then I read this one just now. Wow. What a testimony both to the Father and also to His son, whom He loves and corrects, and how His son received the Father's reproof and Instructions.

We need Godly examples of how a man is to walk before the LORD. I have returned from a 2 week period of being apart with God, where I knew He led me, to reason with Him, learn His lessons, His new insights... all after a longer period of sufferings and repentance...and He showed His love, faithfulness and restoration in these past 2 weeks in a mighty way! It has left me in a new, like you said, higher but lower place in Him, which is exactly as it should be. I very much identify with your recent experiences...

While my wife and I still have much to learn and grow from each other, he has done an amazing work, and "turning" sure was anything but joy, but was not only unavoidable, but beneficial and served to bring awesome refreshing and restoration. and as you said, we both now stand and praise Him for it!

Thanks to you and Tim for sharing that we men are not alone in this type of process with Him and that "every child of Yah goes through this furnace". I feel like I am in good company, in the company of the true sons of the Holy One of Israel, whom he loves, corrects...and restores and refreshes...

M.

Shalom M

Thank you for this encouraging letter. It is always good to hear how others are making it through the fires of His loving discipline. When Abba puts us men together with a woman, it becomes our administrative responsibility to love her unconditionally. But you know - we don't have to try when He fills us with His love for her. To have the warmth of that love flowing through us is one of the most rewarding experiences a man can have. Ask Him to let you taste a little of His love for your wife. Now I know what the Scripture means when it says a man will cling to his wife. That clinging is like an injection tube through which His love is flowing. Have a great Shabbat enjoying each other in His love, Ephraim

Hi Ephraim, I'm glad my letter was of encouragement for you. you are right about our responsibility...and how He is able to flow through us with His love for them...I have tasted it...but did not sustain it/maintain that posture...so your exhortation is right on! I will ask Him starting tonight!

Indeed, He's caused me to cling to her like never before, and sometimes He knows exactly how to bring that about in each of us. We are in a new place with Him, both of us, together, echad, and it is marvelous in our sight!, as we walk together in love, mercy, respect and repentance.. Shabbat Shalom !! M.

And with that I want to say also Shabbat Shalom to all of you who are seeking first the Kingdom and His righteousness, which is demonstrated in His nature of love/agape. Ephraim

An Important 911 Call

Diane Bahler

An important 911 call that the whole world needs to be making continuously in this Day:

> *"But I will call on God, and the Lord will rescue me. Morning, noon and night I plead aloud in my distress, and the Lord hears my voice. He rescues me and keeps me safe from the battle waged against me, even though many still oppose me. God, who is King forever, will hear me and will humble them." Psalm 55: 16-19*

Thought this was interesting from my daily history email. It is time to turn back the enemy at the gates:

On This Day: Sunday September 11, 2005
This is the 254th day of the year, with **111** days remaining in 2005.

Events
1297 - Scottish patriot Sir William Wallace defeated the army of Edward **I** at Stirling Bridge.

An Investigation

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite Sept. 30, 2005

If there is one word that characterizes the house, stick, or tree of Joseph (Ezekiel 37) it is 'mystery'. So if you do not mind putting on a Sherlock Holms' hat, or an Inspector Clouseau cloak, let us begin our investigation by rendering all the glory unto the One to whom glory is due, and by acknowledging the fact that Joseph is a product of the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. YHVH calls himself the "Elohim of Israel" therefore, if we were to come to know Him, we would of necessity need to know whom this 'Israel' is. Conversely, to know who Israel is today would help us know and understand her Elohim. If YHVH hides His face, He would have to hide Israel as well. Thus there is a double mystery to uncover here.

As we set out on our journey of following Joseph's life experiences, let us consider his biography as a prophetic parallel to the destiny of those who would eventually comprise the 'House of Joseph'. We will begin our expedition starting with Joseph's ancestry and with events that marked his early years. Remember, when it comes to prophetic revelation-understanding, what we see in the microcosm of the life of the Patriarchs, may well be indicative of what is to take place in the historical macrocosm of their descendants!

Joseph's great-grandmother had been barren all her childbearing years. After she was too old to have children, she became doubly barren, if you will, since her womb and ovaries were totally non-functional by then. Notwithstanding, the Creator, for His purposes and namesake, intervened into the affairs of this family of faith. "Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to mercy, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the Torah (Judah), but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, 'I have made you a father of many nations' [gentiles] in the presence of Him whom he believed----Elohim, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did; who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, 'So shall your descendants be'" (Genesis 17:5; Romans 4:16-18 emphasis added). Later on in Israel's history, Isaiah the Prophet echoes this mysterious connection between the past and future. "Remember the former things of old, for I am Elohim, and there is no other; I am Elohim, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet, saying, `My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure'" (Isaiah 46:9-10). Thus we see that the history of Israel is a continuum of YHVH's word, counsel and pleasure.

What are we to remember from "the former things of old" and from "the ancient times", and why? The Creator Elohim, in establishing His name, did so by making a covenant with Joseph's great grandfather Abram. YHVH sent messengers to him to tell him that his wife would conceive and bear a son. This was a cause of great laughter in the tents of this family, seeing that Abram was almost 100 years old and Sarah 90. These messengers certainly knew how to tell a good joke! But lo and behold, within that year she conceived and gave birth to the only begotten son of promise! When the birth pangs rocked Sarah's body and when Joseph's grandfather had actually emerged from the womb, making his debut in this world, it was no longer a joke. He was named Yitzchak, after the laughter that they had entertained in response to what seemed to them a humorous message. Since Divine intervention was the order of the day and the main testimony of the matriarchs, like Joseph's grandmother, Rebecca followed suit and was also barren for almost twenty years before she conceived the "two nations". The blessing she had received upon her departure from her family: "Our sister, may you become the mother of thousands of ten thousands; and may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them" (Genesis 24:60), seemed almost irrelevant and hopeless after so many years of waiting. And as quoted above, "Elohim, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did", intervened in the family situation once again. Now, if you will, please switch your magnifying glass over to a statement made in the blessing to Joseph: "His glory is like a firstborn bull, and his horns like the horns of the wild ox; together with them He shall push the peoples to the ends of the earth; they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh" (Deuteronomy 33:17).

The Creator seemed to have had multiplicity on His agenda, just as He did when He addressed Adam, Noah and Abram, telling them to be "fruitful (which is also the root of "Ephraim") and to "fill." (found also in Israel's blessing to Joseph and Ephraim concerning their seed which was to become the "fullness of the Gentiles" ref Gen. 48:19). Is there any wonder, then, that the Apostles addressed the House of Ephraim as "Gentiles"? Take note of the difference between the Creator's words to Abram and what He said to Adam and Noah. To the former He says: "I will multiply your seed". It is He who takes Divine responsibility, as the husbandman, over the seed of the Patriarchs. Abram, being promised in the covenant by his Creator that he would become a nation, a chosen nation and a company of nations, was as assured of the fulfillment of that covenant as he was of YHVH's very existence: "For when Elohim made a promise to Abraham, because He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself, saying,' Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you'.. Thus He, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath. for it is impossible for Elohim to lie. (Hebrews 6:13-14, 17-18; Genesis 22:16). To be continued

I certainly hope that the testimony of both houses of Israel today is one that is not making out their righteous, faithful and holy Elohim to be a liar. Replacement theology is one of Satan's most priced gifts to the religious institutions and is a very dangerous road to walk on, whether one replaces the house of Judah or the house of Joseph/Ephraim, or both. We should examine ourselves very carefully to make sure that we are not bearing a false witness against the covenant keeping Elohim of Israel.

Those of you who are celebrating the feasts with our Jewish brothers, we want to wish you a blessed and rewarding experience as you walk through these days, not in the shadows, but in the Light of our Messiah Yeshua.

Shabbat Shalom and Hag Sa'me'ach Ephraim

As In The Days Of Noah
Nita Johnson

Israel on Center Stage

12-31-04

Something happened while I was in Israel for the last few weeks. Upon first glance it may not seem so imperative, however as we look at it again through the eyes of the Spirit of our most holy and just God we will be amazed. I am going to talk to you about Reformation, Israel, and the Asian Crises. I hope to show you that events in Israel will be the governor of world changes.

> *As were the days of Noah so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For just as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, [men] marrying and [women] being given in marriage, until the very day when Noah went into the Ark. Matthew 24:37 & 38*
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> *In the year 600 of Noah's life, in the seventeenth day of the of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and burst forth and the flood gates of the heavens were opened. Genesis 7:11*
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> *Ask for yourself a sign (a token or proof) of the Lord your God. Isaiah 7:11*

The Lord began to speak to me through the signs of the elements of nature about three and a half years ago when He endowed us with the Spirit of Reformation. Since that time He has brought an end to droughts, sent sudden and impressive wind storms that last for days, sent rain in the most unlikely places at the most unlikely time at the precise moment of prayer; He has responded in the midst of fire; stopped the tempest of destruction, including hurricanes, and earthquakes; and He responded by sending an earthquake in Alaska.

Two Princes downed.

This December I spent weeks in Israel in prayer for the Nation during which time I was openly confronted by the Spirit of Slumber. This evil prince has ruled over the ancient people of God since the Lord decreed that they be given over to it back in the days of Isaiah. (Is 29:10) When I saw him face to face I was astounded. I suppose that given my calling I shouldn't have been surprised that 'Slumber' was an evil prince, but I was. I asked the Lord why I was standing face to face with Slumber, and He responded immediately with: It is time to bring him to ruin. The mantle is now upon you so take authority over him and tell him to release the Nation and her sons and daughters all over the world. Then strip him of his authority over the Jewish people. I was so happy to obey Him in this command.

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As I obeyed, Slumber was immediately gone and it began to rain with heavy torrents in Israel. These rains continued for 2 days. This was followed by many notable signs which further attested the removal of "Slumber's" government.

A few days later I saw "Rothshawn". I was given special authority over this spirit by an angel several years ago. His name means: Head of the Goats. He is the evil prince who ruled over Sodom and Gomorrah before their destruction. He is one of Satan's three top rulers. His nature is spelled out clearly in Ezekiel 16: 49 & 50. He now rules over many nations in the earth. Israel has long been one of his favorite places of dominion. I proceeded to take authority over him as I had done Slumber a few days before, after which all remained quiet.

I was surprised by the quietness as it is never quiet when such an important prince is overruled. But, I waited and watched to see what would come of it all.

The next day I learned of the terrible earthquake and resulting tidal waves in Asia. Incidentally, Rothshawn rules over every Nation that was touched by the earthquake and rolling Tsunami. When I heard the news and that it occurred just hours after I annulled the authority of Rothshawn over Israel, I was shocked. I asked the Lord what if any, significance this had to Rothshawn's loss of power in Israel. He immediately spoke to me: Isaiah 7:11. I open the Bible and read it. "Ask for yourself a sign from the Lord!" I began to shake. I thought: the last time He gave me that Scripture it concerned our Prayer Summit in Portland. That Summit focused on President Bush, and Israel. The moment we broke through, and the Lord connected the President with Israel in a Spirit of faithfulness, we all knew it. The sign we were given as to the validity of the breakthrough was one of the worst earthquakes ever to hit Alaska. The Lord gave further clarification to me Himself by speaking to me in the trumpeting voice of the sounds of many waters. He told me at that time that every serious matter concerning Israel in this hour will be the opening of great fountains of the deep as in the days of Noah. (He spoke many other things to me as well which I won't go into here.)

Now, once again the same Scripture is given concerning a crucial event in Israel. The event was threefold; the dismantling of these monarch's of antiquity, Slumber and Rothshawn over His ancient people and the occurrence of two other equally important events that I shall discuss in a moment. These two Principalities were two of the key Princes over slumbering Israel. For their removal to occur at this time tells us how close we are to seeing the awakening of the nation of Israel to the Lord.

There is yet more work to do, but a huge work was accomplished on this last trip, a work that was testified to by a horrible earthquake and Tsunami. The fountains of the deep were broken open in the natural and in the spiritual. The Lord is using the Asian Crises to speak to us in a serious way about the days in which we are living. One of the things we will see is the Lord undertaking to bring down longstanding strongholds over nations just as He is doing in Israel. This will temporarily arrest the increasing darkness that is encroaching upon the world, the victories of which will pave the way for a brief global awakening and prepare the way for the battle of the ages; Satan vs. the King of Kings.

I shall now share the second critical event that occurred on this trip to Israel. But let me first lay a little ground work.

House of David

A couple of years ago I had a remarkable prophetic experience. I don't remember ever sharing it publicly as I do not have full understanding of it. I will share part of it now as the world is taking part in this drama at this very moment.

I saw the government of Israel fall. When it did, a tidal wave began to form in the Mediterranean and roll over a multitude of nations before it was finished. (The temporal Government of Israel is still in tact and the Mediterranean is untouched by the recent Tsunami as we can well see.)

However, while I was in Israel, something else happened in conjunction with the removal of the two Princes. The house of Saul was transferred to the house of David. In one sense, the true ruling authority over Israel has never left David's line. It is still in the bosom of Messiah therefore ever active over Israel. On the other hand, it is clear that the current natural government over Israel is not Davidic.

At this time, I cannot further elaborate on this, as it must remain a hidden mystery for yet a season. But, I will say that the Lord made a governmental decision that will have a global effect. The collapse of the house of Saul has set off a shock wave in the spirit equal to the Tsunami in Asia and is further attested to by the same. Just as the earthquake ignited a tidal wave that swept over many nations in Asia, the earthquake of the governmental action taken by the Lord sent out a spiritual tidal wave over the nations of the earth. We will soon begin to see the effects of it.

Days of Noah

In a second experience, which further alerted me to the seriousness of the things that I am sharing, I was taken up into the Lord Himself. I would not say I was taken into the heavens, or His Heaven, but into God. In this experience I was transported back into the Days of Noah where I found myself deep in the heart of the earth. I was in the middle of the earthquakes as they were taking place. I heard, saw and felt the great plates of the earth move all around me. I saw the pressurized fountains break open under the earth. During this experience I heard His voice trumpet down through the millenniums saying: "As in the days of Noah so shall it be!" As this experience came to an end, I was again told that Israel would be the vortex from which these things would occur. Israel would be the trigger that would charge the natural and supernatural forces of the earth in these last days.

Since 1948, Israel has been back on the front burner as the trigger for global events. Moreover, this reality will be highly escalated from this point on. The Church does not yet realize the importance of what the Lord has assigned to Israel. In her awakening, it will be as if the world has received life back from the dead. Every time the Lord so much as breathes on anything concerning Israel, it will somehow shake the world and the Church. Like a sleeping giant rising from centuries of slumber the Jewish people will prove to be a Nation to be reckoned with; for, God has His eyes and His heart set upon them to do them good in the end. The world is now in the throes of birth-pains as we enter into the time of birthing the new millennium. God's dealings with Israel are the barometer meant to keep us alert as to the progress the Kingdom of God is making. Critical forces were altered in Israel in December, and we saw the effects of it in the natural in Asia.

God is calling His Church to grieve with Him over the loss of so many lives in Asia. For His Word says He does not willingly afflict the children of men. Also, He does not delight in the death of the wicked, and further, that the children of the world are in His hands and in His heart. If He hurts we must hurt with Him for the suffering souls of Asia. In our grief, we are called to pray for them and help financially where we can. This is the act of aligning yourself with His mercy.

However, we must also take a good look at the severity of God. God has decreed the birth-pains of judgment upon the unrighteous governmental deadlock over the earth. Nations must be shaken, as the Lord reawakens Israel and leads the world into the birth of the reign of the King of kings which will be established right in Jerusalem. Peoples from every Nation on the earth will find their joy in His Lordship. Until then the world is in travail, the Asian devastation is part of it.

(Mathew 24: 6-8)

I add one final note before leaving this subject. I was awakened to pray for the survival of two babies. I knew these two actually represented many babies. When my intercessions were complete I went back to sleep. This morning I learned what my intercessions were over. Two children that represented many were being discussed in a news release. Both babies survived miraculously. One was the child of a man who is a Christian. The man's name is Jeremiah, whose name means God comes forth. In this case, out of troubled waters. The article told how the baby was carried away by the killer waves. Suddenly the father saw his little toe emerge out of the water and lunged for his son. This desperate act saved the baby's life.

Out of these troubled waters the Lord will come forth to the nations much more ready for Him than before. All across the media we hear the praise of His name amidst the horror of catastrophe. This is the way it will be in the years ahead as we move forward in the birthing of the Kingdom of God in the earth.

The Spirit of Reformation and Revival

We can have a certain joy knowing that a third consequential event has also taken place. This occurrence is the release of "Reformation" into Israel. Yes, the Lord is awakening Israel in the Spirit Reformation for Revival. While I was there the Lord told me to release Reformation into the Nation, which I did. We will see the effects of this Divine decision soon enough. In the experience I mentioned wherein I saw the Days of Noah, the Lord told me directly that what I was given to see was an image of the "Days and power of Reformation which is now upon us." How much more earth shaking will it prove to be when Reformation and Israel are met in union?

In conclusion: The Reformation, The dethroning of ancient demonic monarchs, and the transfer of the government to the house of David, will ignite cataclysmic events world-wide. Keep your eyes and prayers steadfastly on Israel, for "the days of Noah" hence the days of Elijah are here. In addition pray for the world as the Lord's judgments and grace continue to flow preparing the way for His glory. When you see the war between Ishmael and Israel you will know that the time of reconciling all things is near.

Shalom,

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*(I want to warn the reader that a commission to deal with these high ranking spirits is something the Lord has given only a very small handful of believers who have been trained and equipped to do such a work. It is not for just anyone to attempt to do.)

Anguish in the Heart of God
Francis Frangipane

While the tragedy of the Asian tsunami has drawn our hearts to its widespread death and apocalyptic devastation, there has been another tragedy repeatedly striking this same region for decades. Yet this ongoing disaster has been almost completely ignored. What is the horror of which I write? This part of the world is infamous because of the trafficking of slavery, especially women and children.

The **Polaris Project** explains: *"Trafficking in persons, also known as human trafficking, is the modern practice of slavery. It is the third largest criminal industry in the world today, after arms and drug dealing, and is the fastest growing."*

Quoting information from the Salvation Army: *"Almost 200,000 Nepali girls, many under 14, are sexual slaves in India. Experts estimate that 10,000 children aged between six and 14 are virtually enslaved in brothels in Sri Lanka. Around 15,000 children were sold into sexual slavery in Cambodia between 1991-97. Asian women are sold to North American brothels for $16,000 each. The Thai Government reports that 60,000 Thai children are sold into prostitution -- independent non-governmental organization (NGO) experts estimate the figure to be closer to 800,000."* **See Sexual Trafficking: Fighting the New Slave Trade**

In his swearing-in speech in March, 2003, John R. Miller, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State and Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, said: *"The dimensions of the modern day slavery challenge that we face are vast. There are not thousands or hundreds of thousands but over a million people who are trafficked and enslaved every single year. That's right -- over a million every single year."*

I could go on. Picture your child kidnapped and sold into a sex ring. This is the evil of this horror. Multiply your outrage by a million women and children a year and we can get a glimpse of the anguish in the heart of God.

There is some effort to counter this wickedness on an international scale. The United States, in its implementation of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, has become increasingly more vigorous in its strategies to protect and assist victims, prosecute traffickers, educate travelers, and prevent trafficking (**See Article**). Still, a great many of those kidnapped and sold into slavery come from the nations hit by the tsunami.

I believe the Holy Spirit is using the tsunami, not only to stir compassion in the world, but also to spotlight the sickness and horror of the slave trade. Now is the time we must mobilize spiritually. What can we do? First, let us pray with fervor and give with generosity to help the regions stricken by the tsunami. Yet, as the Holy Spirit exposes this deep wickedness upon a worldwide stage, let us prevail in prayer for a worldwide response to crush the slave trade.

- Pray for all those Christian aid workers who have been welcomed into these non-Christian nations. Pray that God will use them to truly represent His heart. Pray for their protection and strength. This is an unprecedented opportunity, especially in reaching the lost.
- Pray that nations will stop tolerating the sexual exploitation of women and children, that they will enact and enforce strict punishment of slave traders and pimps.
- Pray for the local pastors and Christians who are already living in this region of the world. They are the ones who must deal personally with this great tragedy while also rendering themselves servants of God to help others. They need our prayers to stand in this hour of testing and find ways to transform their culture.
- Pray that the markets for slaves will also come under international pressure and that those who carry out these wicked crimes will be incarcerated.
- Finally, support with your prayers and funds those organizations that are currently involved in rescuing and rehabilitating the victims of slavery. One place to start is with the **Salvation Army**, which not only has people on the ground in these areas, but also knows which ministries have been effective in rescuing people from slavery.

Just as the tragedy of 9/11 focused the world on the horrors of Islamic extremism, so this tragedy is turning our eyes, resources and resolve toward ending modern slavery. Where is God in the tsunami tragedy? He is in our hearts to remedy this horrible injustice.

America In The Last Days My Dreams
David Kocurek

I feel led of the lord to tell you what the lord has shown me, in my dreams. perhaps you will be further enlightened of what the lord has planed for America. I hope this warning will help Gods children and help people turn to Jesus. feel free to post it on your sight with my name and e-mail address if you'd like. and please write me back and tell me what you think? my dreams seem to coincide with Dumitru Duduman's prophecies

While praying in earnest one day in my chicken coop, I was asking the lord why was I so poor? because with God all things are possible. lord you can make me rich. you can turn rocks to gold and dirt to diamonds why not me? then the lord interrupted me, Dave, Dave what would you do (if) I told you I was going to change the world as you know it in the next 5 - 7 years? well that god my Attention. the lord is right, for what does it prophet a man if he should gain the whole world and loose his soul?

America is going to pay a heavy price for her sins, Babylon. beware of Russia and China!!! Jeremiah 50-n-51 and revelation 18.

(US Air Force destroyed)
I'll start with this dream, I dreamed I was in Klamath Falls ore, the season was fall. we just apparently just bought a piece of property. then wile looking toward the "north" sky I saw a strange sign in the sky. I saw two lightning bolts one on top of the other only without the clouds. then I saw 3 all white military jets fly over slowly. then a lighting bolt struck near by, followed by another only this one was real close. Some how I knew or heard that the US Air Forces were destroyed by a "new tactic" I turned to run but saw three all white makeshift shelters that looked like big dome tents, so I ran with my two littlest children in one of them for protection.

It was a powerful dream. I thought wow America Attacked? the US Air Force destroyed? A surprise Attack From the north? but what of the Sings of the two lightning bolts and what did those mean? About two weeks latter, I was caring in groceries in to the house then saw to my surprise that there on TV was a military man in uniform being interviewed and there on his shoulder patch was one lightning bolt. one identical of the two I saw in the sky in my dreams. so I turned up the TV in time to hear them say, what is it you do in the military ? what is your specialty, he pointed at patch and said "Tactical Nuclear Weapons"

Now this made sense, Because in Klamath Falls Ore, there is a Fighter base with about 4 fighter wings and the only ICBM missile silo in Oregon. they will use Tactical nuclear weapons. or "small nukes"

(US Navy destroyed)
Then I was given this dream. I dreamed I was in a all blue room there was a high ranking military man sitting at a table. Around him were many press corp. people who were interviewing him on the latest sex scandal to hit his branch of service. they were mean and cruel. they even went as far as to insinuate even this top officer. but in my heart I knew they were wrong so I felt sorry for him. I walked around the table and put my hand on his Shoulder and said it'll be OK General. he then looked at me with a dirty look? it was my mistake, Because he wasn't a US general for the Army but a US Admiral for the Navy. they hate that sort of thing.

Next, I found my self with this same Admiral on some US Navy dock. every one was running around and in a Hurry. So I ask the US Admiral what's going on and why is every one in a hurry? he said that all our navy was destroyed at sea. by surprise attack and so they were trying to get what they had in reserve ready to go out to sea and fight. so I volunteered to help. we went Aboard an old Air craft carrier, and down below. were the Boiler was. it was badly rusted. I opened it up and saw cold ashes in there so I took a shovel and started stirring the ashes but to my surprise, I saw some large whole cooked eggs in under the ashes? as I was wondering what this was and why? the Admiral came over to me and put his hand on my shoulder and said son its no use all that we have in reserve is "hard boiled"

Wow another powerful dream! us Navy destroyed two, by a Surprise Attack. but I wonder about the phrase the Admiral used. "Hard boiled" could it mean that they were nukes two or what?

(Nuclear Tipped Torpedoes)
I dreamed I was on a Russian naval dock. I could see many Russian sailors going to and from. I saw many War ships. then I notice a Russian sailor waving at me to come over. he was standing on a Russian Diesel sub, that was being loaded with several things. I met him on the dock. he then looked around to see if any one was watching. then lifted up this old tarp. under it was two nuclear tipped torpedoes. they looked old but in my heart I knew them to be very much alive.

After this dream I wonder about this Surprise Attack that Comes from the (north) on America. is this possible? in Jeremiah 50 and 51 this Attack comes from the (north) so I prayed and asked the lord

(Americas weakness)
I dreamed I was some were back east. at some military collage. were they teach military doctrine and tactics and the ways of war. I saw a young officer student sitting on a curb. so I went over to him and sat down next to him. so I asked him and told him. about this surprise Attack on America from the "north" and if it were possible??? he turned and looked at me and said. OH yes. he said. in fact an Admiral had written on this very same subject. and warned of this possibility to his superiors. and was no secret. and this student was able to look it up in his library.

This was a lot to fathom, but I couldn't help but wonder? what About an invasion that would have to fallow. Because you just don’t Attack America like that and not do nothing. surely something would have to happen. so not long after and much prayer, the lord gave me a new series of dreams.

(Ferrying Front Line Troops)
In this dream, I was a bus driver. I was in Montana. it was my job to ferry US troops from the front lines west of Missoula to Helena. for rest and relaxation. the troops all wore civilian clothes? on the bus ride no one said a word. there were no smiles, no chit chat, no playing around nothing. the looks on their faces were one of hardship and toil. I couldn't help but think, things must be really bad on the front lines? then we got to Helena we stopped at some school or something for the men to get a shower. but still no one said a word. the looks on their faces showed no hope. but grief that they would have to return to the front lines. a man whispered something to me but I couldn't remember. I just kept thinking on how bad the war really was.

(The Draft)
In this dream, I was drafted in to the US Army. I was at some military base standing in a long line of men. and I was just waiting my turn to get checked in and get my gear. now this line went all the way out side and down the sidewalk were I stood at the end. wile waiting, I noticed another line going into another door. only this line had 12-13 year old boys in it. I thought to my self wow! this war must be bad if the US Army is drafting little boys? so I wondered were I was and what was this place? so I asked the guy in front of me. were are we? what is this place. then he said, Fort Hood Texas.

When I woke up, I look it up on the net and sure enough, there it was Fort Hood Texas. it is a very large military base. I think this is the way the lord confirms these things to me. to remove my own doubts. on what he is showing me. in my dreams. Also, In a dream I was told that Australia and England will be on our side in this war. and that US special forces will be allowed to train in these two country to help repel the enemy invaders in America.

(Stopping the Russian advance)

In this dream I was in central Nevada. I was in the desert with about 20 other soldiers. we all wore civilian Clothes but had m-16 rifles. we were walking spread out in a line going north up this valley. it was our job to stop the Russian advance in this area. I was noticing how small and short all the plants and brush and cactus was in the desert. the gun fire erupted. I hit the dirt. I saw in front of me the enemy. they were in fox holes about a hundred meters apart. with two enemy per fox hole. I returned fire and emptied my clip. I went to change clips, when I noticed those of my unit was moving to the right for higher ground. to a small hill for cover. so I fallowed. by the time I got there with them the gun fire had stopped, then Cheers went up among our troops. because we had met and stopped the Russian advance. in fact some were so happy they even mooned the Russians below. this made me laugh.

Now I don’t know why we wore civilian clothes but it is my guess is that in this war, on American soil WW 3 is going to so bad that millions will be fighting. And the army just can’t clothe that many at this time?

(No Stopping Them Here)

In this dream I was in my home town of Klamath falls Oregon. I was out side by Klamath lake. with the towns people who were trying to set up a possible ambush to stop the Russian Armored advance into Klamath falls from Medford Oregon. but just then a man came running to us and said its to late, the Russians took a different root than expected.

Now this bothers me seeing how I live in Klamath. so I prayed over it in Ernest. I asked the lord is there something I can do? like set up an ambush? or what? then I heard these words. "no Dave, you cant stop them." the lord is right. because the lord is the one sending this Army upon America for her many sins. and if he is the one sending them to take this town or that town, who can stop them?

(Behind enemy lines)

In this dream, I was behind enemy lines. I was in the mountains and forests south of Medford Oregon. I was a US guerilla fighter. as I was walking slowly thru the forest with my rifle, I came across a strange thing to see in the middle of the forest. I saw a small round steel man hole cover in the middle of the forest. I walked up to it. it had these words on it. "OIL Eugene Oregon" I opened it up and saw that it was used for oil. the oil blackened tube went straight down into the darkness.

Next I found my self even further behind enemy lines still a Guerilla fighter. I was in Eugene Oregon. I was out side in a suburb there. the houses were all looted. the people gone. windows broke out. all the homes were thrashed to say the least. I grew scared Because its not safe to run around outside in an enemy occupied city during daylight hours. so I ran in to one of the looted houses. the place was thrashed. all the widows were broke out. but I saw on the floor among the junk strong all over the place was about 20-30 of those leather belts with shoulder straps. the same as the ones the Russian And Chinese military wear with their coats. I got the feeling that a big battle took place here. a costly one. not just for Americans but Also for the Enemy who paid a heavy cost in war material, men, blood.

Then I looked thru one of the broken windows. and saw a lone Russian soldier, he was in some ones back yard going thru some tool shed. he was rummaging thru stuff. I grew scared and wanted to run but for some reason I just seem to keep getting closer and closer. so close that I could even see his face. I was then that I realized he couldn't see me? so I watched him a wile. he seemed to be looking for something. I could tell from his facial expressions that he was worried. I got the feeling this lone soldier was short of supply. I got the feeling that the Russian war machine was winding down and in short supply. because it left this lone soldier here to fend for him self for food and supplies.

Note, Eugene Oregon is were most of the Pacific north west gets its gas-oil. Eugene has a large oil and gas tank farm there. perhaps this is why the Russians wanted this City so bad. for its Oil and gas, to keep the Russian war Machine going? Also late in this war it appears that the Russian War machine will start to falter.

(Hunting Chinese.)
In this dream I was a US soldier. I was in Sacramento California. I was with a unit of about 20 men. it was our job at this point to patrol the city to keep it safe from the enemy from coming in. we wore civilian clothes we had M-16s rifles. as we were patrolling , we heard a gun shot up ahead at some Apartment buildings and saw some commotion ahead. so I called in an air strike. but just as the old war jet was about to drop its bombs, it pulled up with out dropping its bombs. it was a good thing too because it turned out not to be the enemy but some drunk man in a domestic dispute.

Latter we were out in the hills Around Sacramento hunting Chinese. because some US officer told us that the Chinese had captured one of the Hawaiian islands and had gotten into Northern California some how by a very small Coastal town there. and had gotten as far as the hills somewhere around Sacramento. so we were in the hills on the dirt back roads in the woods. we were driving an old Sherman WW 2 type tank. we came across some Chinese military vehicles parked and hidden in the brush. but no Chinese. we took advantage of the situation and opened fire on the vehicles. the man to my right said he got five in one shot? Armor piercing round?

Latter we found some Chinese on another ridge from ours. but by the time we went Around, another US military unit was Already engaging the Enemy. I saw an older man who fought in WW 2, an Officer who was drafted. we were both watching the battle unfold from another ridge. he said to me "it may be old WW 2 stuff but at least it worked good, referring to some of the military equipment many Americans will be left with to fight in this war. then he smiled real big. he was a short heavy and half bold but a funny man. then we both turned to watched the battle unfold on the other ridge. I could see the Chinese held the top. the US troops were trying to get to the top. but it was steep and the troops were pulling on the grass and pulling out clumps of it on their way to the top. but just as the Americans were just about to reach the top, the Chinese opened fire on them. shooting and killing them all. I watched as the dead US soldiers Rolled back to the bottom of the hill.

War is hell. many of us will have to resort to old WW 2 equipment to get thru this war. old tanks old artillery old plains etc...the Chinese will capture one of the Hawaiian islands. and get into northern California. US civilians will be a problem, by being caught in between two fighting Army's on US soil. Also the Americans will send wave after wave of US soldiers against enemy lines. After all, it is our home land. but millions of American Soldiers and civilians will die in this war right along with the enemy. Americans from the young to the old All will fight in WW 3.

(US general, the map, US counter attack.)
In this dream, I was some were back east. some were around the Mississippi River. some place hidden. I was in a war room. there was a table with a map of north America on it. at the table standing, looking down upon the map, was one US Army General. around the room were many military staff busy working. I went over to the table were the General was and looked at the map of most of north America. with the exception of the most eastern Coastal States.??? that part of the map was dark??? but the rest I could see I could see all the Mississippi River states. all the great plain states all the Rocky mountain States all the West coastal states and the south. I could see most all of Canada and all Alaska two. and parts of Mexico.

For the first time I could see the Battle lines marked on the map in "RED" I was surprised on just how much the enemy had captured. the Russian and Chinese held every thing west of this line. it started in the most upper north corner of Alaska Canadian Boarder at the Arctic Ocean. then south across the Yukon territory. to the Rocky Mountains then south Along the mountains to British Columbia. then further south along the rocky mountains. making a couple turns west but then went back to the Rocky Mountains. then all the way south along the Rocky mountains to Montana Canadian Border About to were Glacier national park is. then the line went straight south to the central mountains of Idaho thru the bitter root range. then straight south to the valley of southern central Idaho. then south thru the Idaho valley to the boarder with Nevada, Cutting Idaho in Half. then south into Nevada about 100 miles. then made a turn toward the east, 50 miles then turned back westward in a south western swoop going about half way into Nevada. about 300 miles then north 50 miles then east 50 miles then north 100 miles to the Oregon Nevada Boarder. it looked like an Giant up side button mushroom. then at the Oregon Nevada boarder it went west along the border to the California, Oregon Boarder straight west along the boarder west to the mountains and forests. All the way to the Pacific Ocean.

Then I watched as this US General come up with a plan. to counter attack. his plan was ingenious. but for the sake of this future battle and the millions of life's involved, I wont go into detail. but I watched the general launch his Attack from the great plains. catching the enemy by surprise. and with devastating fire power. this plan worked and pushed the enemy out of American home land. how ever the world war would continue.

Now According Dumitru Duduman, Civil war is the start of things. but mine seems to end with one.

(Civil War)
In this dream, I was on a mountain top in California. looking east across the Nevada Boarder across the desert as far as I could see east. in front of me was a man I knew an old friend. well trusted. beloved of the lord. then he did a strange thing. he put a shoulder fired Cruise missile to his shoulder pointing east he fired it. then said. that'll reach Chicago in About 5-6 hours. I was shocked. I said why did you do that? he said to take out a key communication place there. but again I said but why fire on your own people. he then turned and said "because if we are going to die fighting, we might as well die fighting here in America.

Civil war Wow over the fact that after the long bloody war in the west those in the west will have had enough of war with Russia and China and Occupation. but those in Washington DC? will want to continue the war. the world war Abroad saying it is better to die here in America. than to die in some foreign country because millions and millions of Americans will already of been killed.

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As I Was With Moses

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The Welsh revival was a profound spiritual awakening. From late 1904 until early 1905, the Holy Spirit's outpouring in Wales directly impacted 100,000 souls for the Kingdom of Heaven and yielded inspiration for countless millions.

Few revivals have been so well documented and thoroughly considered as the Welsh Revival. Evan Roberts, a young ministry student, is principally credited with launching this wonderful expression of God's heart. An entire region came under the influence of God's Spirit, transforming it virtually overnight.

Even so, the wonderful fruit generated from this revival is only a token of what is to be demonstrated in the coming days. Something of great spiritual significance is imminently poised to be released in the earth. Nevertheless, significant preparation is essential to favorably steward the coming grace for revelation and power.

Frank Bartleman was one of the earliest influences in the 20th century Pentecostal outpouring. He knew something about discerning times and seasons and spiritual transition and wrote of it in ***"Azusa Street: The Roots of Modern-day Pentecostalism,"*** saying,

"The present Pentecostal manifestation did not break out in a moment, like a huge prairie fire, and set the world on fire. In fact, no work of God ever appears that way. There is a necessary time for preparation. . . men may wonder where it came from, not being conscious of the preparation, but there is always such."

There have been incredible preparatory advances made in recent years. Many believers have devoted themselves to the lessons learned from the Welsh revival and others like it. These are transitional days and a heavenly door is about to be opened wide for those positioned to apprehend it.

Visiting Wales

The last week of August 2005, Wanda and I were conducting a conference in Bridgend, Wales. It was genuinely invigorating holding meetings in this historically significant region.

A big portion of our ministry has been devoted to understanding prior expressions of spiritual outpouring and its contemporary relevance. I had already shared in the meetings our message of modern church history and the seeds of revival that were sown for the present Pentecostal movement.

Part of the time-line that I shared is as follows:

1885-

Bethshan Conference on Holiness and Healing, in London England was under the leadership of William Boardman and A. B. Simpson.

Many historians acknowledge that the present Pentecostal movement was first initiated in this June, 1885 meeting. Alexander Dowie and others pointed to the London conference as the seed-bed for the healing movement they enjoyed. This conference laid the foundation for the corporate restoration of the Spirit's in-filling and the activation of spiritual gifts.

Some reports acknowledge that as many as 2,000 leaders converged on London to discover that divine healing is the "children's bread." A. B. Simpson first visited William Boardman's healing houses in London and brought the concept back to the United States. It was popularized by Alexander

Dowie in Zion, IL.

1896 -

Dowie commissioned His Apostolic Church in 1896 and founded the city of Zion, Illinois, a few years later. His entire ministry was built upon great demonstrations of healing and deliverance. He was a prolific author and steward of spiritual truth that was circulated internationally through his publication, ***Leaves of Healing*** . It is unfortunate that his later years were obscured in controversy and deception. Even so, he was a great pioneer of the faith.

Gordon Lindsay honored Alexander Dowie in his periodical, ***Voice of Healing*** , acknowledging that Dowie was a "stalwart preacher who proclaimed Jesus Christ both Savior and Healer." Lindsay states that, "In a single-handed crusade in Chicago, and against great odds, Dr. Dowie established the right to pray for the sick without interference from civil authorities. Tens of thousands testified of healing under this man's ministry, and his work was without a parallel in his day."

1904/05-

A few years later, Evan Roberts launched the 1904/05 Welsh revival, setting the stage for the Azusa Street revival under the leadership of William J. Seymour.

Although the Welsh outpouring most likely did not accomplish the fullness of its mandate, it left an indelible mark on this generation's perception of community transformation.

Visiting Moriah Chapel

Naturally while in Wales, Wanda and I looked forward to visiting Moriah Chapel and the site of this landmark event. On Saturday, August 27, our friends in Bridgend arranged for a tour with the local custodian. The Saturday evening service was to be our last session because of an early return we had in order to arrive home before Hurricane Katrina made landfall.

The visit was inspiring. The elderly gentleman lived his entire life directly across the street from Moriah Chapel. He warmly and enthusiastically shared incredible testimonies and first-hand knowledge of friends and families influenced by this revival.

He related how taverns and pubs were shut down because there were no customers spending their hard-earned money on alcohol and promiscuity. He remembered how jails were no longer filled with criminals but transformed into community centers serving the revival. The entire region was transfigured under the spirit of conviction. Many of the local families continue to serve God as second and third generation legacies of this revival.

I stood behind the pulpit for an extended period of time and imagined how it appeared in 1904, as the building filled with the cloud of God's presence and the altar flooded with tears of repentance. My only thought was, "Lord, do it again, and more." With that, we returned to Bridgend for our last service.

Moses My Servant is Dead

That evening during worship, I was contemplating the message that I was going to share. This was now going to be the culmination of the conference, and I wanted to leave the people with a spiritual deposit for hope and restoration related to their heritage.

As my mind was focused on this objective, I heard the Lord's voice speak to me saying, **"Moses, my servant, is dead."** As soon as that statement was made, I was immediately reminded of **Deuteronomy 31:2-3** , declaring,

"And he [Moses] said to them, 'I am a hundred and twenty years old today; I am no longer able to come and go, and the LORD has said to me, "You shall not cross this Jordan." It is the LORD your God who will cross ahead of you; He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua is the one who will cross ahead of you, just as the LORD

has spoken.'"

With that realization, I then heard the Lord ask the question, **"How long it has been since the seeds for the modern Pentecostal movement were sown?"** As often as I had preached the historical account of the last century's spiritual heritage, I had never actually done the math. As I calculated in my mind that this was the year 2005 and the beginning was 1885, I then realized it had been 120 years. I knew that the Moses Era was over. We have been called out, but we have not yet crossed over.

The Lord is saying to this generation,

"Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them-- the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. . . No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you." **-Joshua 1:2-5**

The season of transition is upon us and a new commissioning is about to be announced in the order of Joshua.

The Moses Generation

This last 120 years of spiritual activity has functioned in the order of Moses. Clearly, Moses was one of the greatest men of God who ever lived. His intimate friendship with the Lord set a standard we aspire to today. Even so, the totality of his original mandate was not fully achieved in his lifetime.

Moses brought the people out of Egypt under God's mighty hand of power through miracles, signs, and wonders, but that generation did not cross over into their destiny. According to **Deuteronomy 29:4** , they did not possess the revelatory anointing essential to cooperate with God.

Their eyes and ears were not opened and their hearts were not devoted to the revelation of Heaven's plan. As a result, they were disqualified, and a season of discipline ensued.

Nevertheless, the next generation emerged with spiritual hunger and desperation that captured Heaven's attention and positioned them for their inheritance. That is the same model we have followed over the last century.

Naturally, that is not to point a condemning finger at the saints of the prior generation. Clearly, there was a remnant of very godly people who openly embraced the fullness of God's desire. Even so, a prudent analysis of history reveals that the corporate church as a whole did not embrace the open-door opportunities set before them to cross the spiritual Jordan.

According to John G. Lake's analysis in 1925, "The people were more captured by the phenomena of God than the Person." That mistake was made during the early 20th century and repeated in the 1950s. For the 21st century generation to cross over in a Joshua anointing, it will likewise require God's great grace for walking intimately with Him, along with a thorough understanding of the lessons learned from past achievements and failures.

Hebrews 13:7-8 declares,

"Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

This Biblical admonition requires that we remember and be constantly mindful of those who have gone before us. Furthermore, we are to consider well and observe accurately the end of their lives. This examination positions us to imitate their faith. In so doing, the Lord will do through us what He did through them by mighty expressions of His power and authority because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

The Lord promised Joshua that He would walk with him as He did with Moses. Our assurance is the same. As the Lord accompanied the mighty champions of the last century, so also will He be with us. Even so, what we do may appear totally different. Joshua's accomplishments were distinctly different from those of Moses.

In the Order of Moses

Following the Holy Spirit's outpouring at Azusa Street, our nation witnessed one of the greatest spiritual awakenings since the day of Pentecost. The 1946-56 "Latter Rain" revival was unprecedented on multiple levels. We have written on this subject in various articles and will not take the space here to enumerate the many wonderful things God did.

The important aspect for this text is the original commissioning that is credited with launching this revival. All historians agree that William Branham was the predominant figure responsible for initiating this national and international healing revival.

On May 7, 1946, after a night of agonizing prayer and travail, William Branham received a visitation from an angel who delivered a divine commissioning directly from God's throne. This account has been well documented, and the fruit of the revival itself testifies of its validity.

Gordon Lindsay, founder of Christ for the Nations, wrote of this spiritual experience saying, "The results of the angelic visitation to William Branham has been a steadily rising tide of revival that has sounded out throughout the world, and the end is not yet."

The Book of Acts plainly substantiates the labor of angels working closely with the early saints. God's ways have not changed.

The angel said to Branham, *"Fear not. I am sent from the Presence of Almighty God to tell you that your peculiar life and your misunderstood ways have been to indicate that God has sent you to take a gift of divine healing to the peoples of the world. If you will be sincere and get the people to believe you, nothing shall stand before your prayer. . . not even cancer!"*

The angel went on to tell William Branham that he would take the ministry of healing around the world and eventually pray for kings, princes, and monarchs. Brother Branham responded by saying, "How can this be since I am a poor man, and I live among poor people and have no education?" The angel then continued the commission saying, *"As the prophet Moses was given two signs to prove that he was sent from God, so will you be given two signs."*

For approximately 30 minutes, the angel stood before Bro. Branham explaining the commission and the way the ministry would operate in the supernatural arena. The important point of this teaching is Brahnam's role as the principal figure launching the "Latter Rain" revival; his commission came in the order of Moses.

His commission and healing ministry began in 1946, and by 1948, the world was aflame with revival fire. Millions of people were saved, healed, and delivered of severe oppression by God's sovereign touch in the years following the visitation.

This exceptional demonstration of God's power was launched in the order of Moses. This past generation has been a Moses Generation. We have now come to the end of this phase of God's plan and are about to shift into the Joshua commissioning.

In the Order of Joshua

Much has been spoken and written in recent years about the emerging Joshua Generation. Many people have prophetically foreseen this transition. The Church has now crossed a threshold in Heaven's time-line for the apprehension of this promise.

One of the difficult things for the modern church has been to adequately understand spiritual transitions and timeliness. It has been our observation that most shifts of this nature develop slowly, with one season overlapping into the next.

Although 2005 ended a 120-year cycle, it may take some time for this new manifestation of God's attributes to be fully revealed. Even so, it will transpire.

Joshua was promised the same manifestation of God's Spirit that rested upon Moses. Like Moses, Joshua had his "burning bush" experience. However, the Lord did not appear as a pillar of fire in a bush that was not consumed but as "Captain of the Lord's Host." He said,

"'No; rather I indeed come now as captain of the host of the LORD.' And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and bowed down and said to him, 'What has my lord to say to his servant?'" **-Joshua 5:14**

The Lord was with Joshua as He was with Moses but in a different manifestation of His nature. He came NOW as the mighty warrior God. So shall it be in this day.

A holy militancy is about to emerge in the Bride of Christ. Many leaders will begin to surface with a Joshua anointing. Joshua means "Jehovah Savior." This form of leadership will function in the Church with concise direction and profound anointing for salvation and deliverance.

These leaders will also do in the last days what Paul did in the beginning. Paul brought to the Church the message of God's Kingdom by a revelation of Jesus Christ. He wrote in **Galatians 1:12** ,

"For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ."

Great and profound mysteries of the Kingdom are about to be unfolded that will begin to displace the giants that inhabit our inheritance. These will not be the precepts of man but the manifestation of Jesus Christ. This will be a wonderful and rewarding season of church history.

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A Kiss From Heaven

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I realize that this word may not resonate with revelation knowledge nor reveal anything that we like to classify as "new" or "fresh." However, I do believe that it is the heart of the Father and His word to the corporate church as we move toward Passover. This year, a supernatural passion will be released in our love and IDENTITY in Christ's suffering for others. Pentecost this year will mark a line in the sands of God's timing in our life. The Bible tells us that over 500 people saw Jesus after the resurrection at one time. Yet, only 120 or so showed up and came together to seek after the promises and glory of God. I find it interesting that 380 people found something of greater value than the busyness the world had to offer. Many have prophesied concerning a "third day" church and a correlation with the feast of Tabernacles as we move through these last days. Personally, I do not believe that we are the "third day" church. I believe that we still have not received the benefits of Pentecost, nor have we been willing to exercise the discipline and willingness to come together in "one accord." As the church, we may disagree on many doctrinal points, but our unwillingness to seek the glory and presence of God in one accord has placed us in the camp of the 380. I hope you will take the time to read following word that Father gave me this week and that it would encourage and even provoke you to seek and Tabernacle with the Lord. dk

Not only is the world reeling toward a collision course with the Lord, so is the church — the people of God. Those who are called by the Lord are, more sooner than later, going to be impacted by manifestations and encounters of His presence and glory. An explosion of the glory of God is going to cover the face of the earth and the vehicle called to fulfill this reality is the church — you and I. God's plan has always been that His glory and presence would be carried upon the shoulders of man himself rather than man-made vehicles and designs to reach others with the good news of His love and salvation. Tragedy and death was the result when man attempted to transport the glory of God upon the creation of man's hands rather than the creation of God's hands.

Many have spanned the globe looking for a man or woman to impart the supernatural power of God into their lives. The problem is that this is a sign of our "personal" bankruptcy of seeking intimacy with the Lord. Mankind can only give what it truly has, but the Lord is about to visit His people and deposit a gift far more precious than what man could give. These encounters with the Lord will be the receiving of His essence — the glory and empowerment of HOLINESS. The end time harvest and revival that many have foretold and foreseen has not come because the revival of holiness and the essence of Christ in the life of the church must first come. The power of God's attribute (His holiness) radiating through His people will be the power evangelism that dead works have failed to produce.

"Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16)

This is not an option that was inspired and spoken forth by the Spirit of God. It was a directive of what is truly possible in the life of individuals as the church. The glorifying essence that will cover the face of the earth will be a people that have made it their mandate to walk in holiness and purity in Christ-likeness. (This is what brings our Lord Jesus Christ glory and is the complexion and beauty of the Bride He is coming back for.) I find it awe inspiring that this will in fact be our spiritual and emotional make-up as He returns for us. I write this prophetic word in the fear of the Lord as He is speaking this word to me. At the same time, I am excited with the possibilities of what the Lord is about to do in the church and in our hearts as His people. Imagine, the bride of Christ, once again bringing to her Bridegroom the glory and honor that He so richly deserves by our love for Him and for one another. Imagine, her radiance shining as a city set upon a hill for all to see and those in darkness will finally be drawn to her warmth and love. The world will no longer find spots and blemish in her and she will reflect the beauty and grace of her Bridegroom.

For this prophecy to unfold and to be a part of the church that Christ is coming back for; we will need to shaken to the core of our selfish, back-bitting and arrogant treatment of one another. We have become a chain-smoking bride, set aflame with ungodly addictions and habits that hurt and wound others. Our garment is soiled and unwashed by our lack of relationship and knowledge of whom our Bridegroom truly is. The washing of His Word has been twisted out of context to justify lustful desires and for others it becomes casual and common. We fail to listen and have become hard of hearing – only concerned with what we are going to say and ask for next. We find it in our selfish interest to "date" rather than "court" the One who loves us. We "use" the man of wealth to meet our needs rather than caring for His needs. We are drunk with the praise and adoration of man and have found little time to invest in our engagement. We still have an attraction and play the harlot with the things and ways of the world. Our complexion is scarred by anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, and prejudice. Yet, He still unconditionally and passionately love us. Our Bridegroom truly loves us because He sees the beauty and grace that we will soon become. He sees the days quickly approaching when we will be everything that He longs for in a bride.

The collision that is soon to come in the spirit realm will shake the foundations of the earth and will be unlike anything that we have spiritually experienced before. Heaven and earth are moving toward each other with rapidity and those who know Him will reflect more of His ever increasing presence and fragrance as He draws closer. These words should give a greater understanding to "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." The earthy realm is about to witness the invasion of heaven's glory – the presence of Jesus Christ and a release of His power and anointing within the saints walking upon the earth. Manifestations of the glory and presence of God will bring heavenly glimpses of third heaven revelations once again to the church. Many have failed to run the race and finish strong because they have not had a vision of "home" as they journey as pilgrims upon the earth. Glimpses of heaven and "supernatural" activity will become "natural" among those who seek after the Lord's presence with all of their heart, soul, and strength. I am sure that some reading this are pondering ... "is this really possible?" "Is this really Biblical?" "Can we really experience the reality of heaven on earth?"

Well, why would Jesus Himself teach us to pray and desire that His kingdom would come "on earth as it is in heaven" if it were not possible and His passion? It would be ridiculous to think that God would save this tremendous prayer and directive of Christ for a single generation at His return. His heart is that the church would earnestly seek after heaven's reality and presence on the earth. As the church, we are an empty vehicle without the presence and glory of God in our lives. The Lord would have us understand that we can deliver or transport what we truly have. It is the Lord's desire to impart into you the attribute of His image and nature — HOLINESS. However, you must desire His presence (The essence of holiness) more than your desire for the things of this world. Simply put, we have not been holy nor been the reflection of God's image, because we have failed to repent and cease from our lukewarm, comfortable, and casual approach to our own sinful nature.

It is time that we call it like it is and look at our self as the corporate church for whom we truly are. We have continued to produce many "instructors" but few spiritual mothers and fathers. Those who have their names in "lights" and are nationally recognized are unapproachable and have little time to invest in the greatest spiritual gift given by God — "People." We are eaten up with spiritual pride and our member's-only country club institutions have little to no application to the common man. Those who classify themselves as the "remnant" church are just as eaten-up with spiritual pride in their self-righteousness as the institutional churches are eaten-up with luke-warmness. Please understand that this word is for the corporate church and is not an indictment against any particular individual. It is, however, an individual wake-up call as a "part" of the body of Christ to understand the fire is soon to come at the Feast of Pentecost. It will be your willing availability and the receiving of this outpouring of God's presence that will bring forth the true revelation and communion of TABERNACLES — "God coming and dwelling among men." Churches that are in communion with the Lord and "in one accord" at Pentecost will receive an outpouring of God's presence and fire that will purify and refine vessels which will manifest in the holiness required to Tabernacle with God. On the other hand, if we continue in spiritual laziness and lack relationship with the Father, we will miss and be passed by in God's appointed time of one of the greatest outpourings of His presence on earth as it is in heaven. Will you be one of the120 or one of the 380?

"He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in HEAVEN and which are on EARTH – in Him. (Ephesians 1:9-10)

This is the reward of our most precious salvation that Paul saw in revelation that he received from Christ. As we draw near to the Lord and as He draws near to us, we are going to tangibly and powerfully feel the effects of this scripture. Sadly, a large degree or most of the church knows little to nothing concerning the glory and presence of God. This naturally equates to a church that is spiritually apathetic and one that lacks holiness — the impartation and essence of God's presence.

"I am the Lord; that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another..." (Isaiah 42:8)

It would seem on the surface and according to the natural man that we are not to touch the glory of God. Many in the institutional church have taught this and it has been a detriment to the body of Christ. The Lord desires that we know and come into the presence of His glory. The Lord would say, "Surely, I will not "give" my glory and the richness of My praise to another, but I will "share" the glory and essence of My presence with those who draw near to Me." It has always been the Lord's presence and glory that brought holiness in the lives of filthy rags and unclean lips.

God has created you to know the glory of His presence. The heart of Moses was one that longed and desired for the glory of God ... and God honored his request. So much more does the Lord long to reveal Himself to us under a better covenant. Psalm 8:4-5 says, "What is a man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For you have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor." When God created man in His image, the glory and presence of God encompassed mankind like a heavenly aura or crown. The glory was the manifest reality of God's presence. It was at the time of man's fall (SIN) that the glory of the Lord lifted from mankind. The "void" that many have felt and attempted to explain in their season of sin away from the Lord is the absence of God's glory upon and in their lives.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

It is just that simple. Unrepentant sin has been the hindrance to the church experiencing the manifest presence and glory of God. This is a vicious cycle that perpetuates itself in continual luke-warmness and godless spiritual pride, hiding behind a mask of guilt. Sin and spiritual pride within the church has caused us to fall and miss the mark of God's best for us — His presence. The good news is that Christ has bridged the gap between God and man that we have created and has enabled us to regain His glory and a life of holiness through intimacy and relationship with Him and each other. Why do I say "each other?" Because our relationships with one another are a reflection of our relationship with God.

"To which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the GLORY of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 2:14) Jesus Himself states, "And the glory which You have given Me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one." (John 17:22)

As the awesome days ahead move closer toward our Lord's return, we are going to need each other as brothers and sisters in Christ more than we care to think about or want to admit in our place of lethargy and comfort. We have desired the glory of God for many personal and even selfish reasons in the church's attempt to build its own kingdoms. Jesus states clearly in John 17 that it was His desire to impart His glory and presence to you and me that we would be one in our love for Him, one another, and the lost. Of all that God could have chosen to call Himself, He simply stated, "I am LOVE." Our love for God's presence and His love radiating through us as His people will bring holiness, a beautiful complexion, and a wedding garment as white as snow to a bride eagerly awaiting her Bridgroom.

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Alas Poor Ahab

by Bill Somers

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I usually go out each morning to pick up a newspaper and coffee. This morning's headline told of continued defiance on the part of the White House. As soon as I saw it, I began to tremble in my spirit. I was reminded of another case where a ruler had expressed some remorse, but did make a true or lasting repentance.

The story of King Ahab and all that went on during his reign takes up quite a few chapters in the bible. More space is devoted to him, because of end time significance, than to any of the other kings that followed after the death of Solomon. One thing often overlooked is that the Lord spent a great deal of time and effort in dealing with Ahab. At one point, Ahab is even brought to humble himself in repentance!

> *I Kings 21:*
> *20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the LORD.*
> *21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, …."*

Here the prophet Elijah has brought a word of judgment against Ahab and his kingdom.

> *27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.*
> *28 And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,*
> *29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.1 Kings* 21: 20 -29

And here we see that the Lord has delayed the judgment somewhat because of Ahab's humbling himself. Note that the scripture does not say that he repented or that he called upon the Lord for mercy. In fact he went right back to his old ways shortly thereafter. Because of this the Lord brought personal judgment on Ahab and when he was out of the way brought further judgment on Israel.

> *1 Kings 22:*
> *1 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel.*
> *2 And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel.*

Here Ahab is about to go to war against Syria, whom the Lord has allowed him to beat in the past. But this time it is to be his undoing.

> *5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Enquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.*
> *6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king.*

> *7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might enquire of him?*

The reason Jehoshaphat has to ask twice for a word from a prophet of the Lord, is that Ahab is calling on **his** prophets, the prophets of Baal. So now we hear from a true prophet, Micaiah.

> *14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.*
> *15 So he came to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go against Ramothgilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.*
> *16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the name of the LORD?*

Here Ahab rebukes Micaiah even though he has spoken exactly what the others have said! And then Micaiah drops the sarcasm and tells what is really about to happen.

> *17 And he said, upon the hills, I saw all Israel scattered as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace.*
> *18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil?*
> *19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.*
> *20. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? …. "*

That is the Lord has set up king Ahab to take a fall when he foolishly goes to war against Syria. And then to bring chaos and confusion to Israel afterward, for it says *I saw all Israel scattered …."*

Our Syria may well be Iraq. A recent news item stated that the United States has informed it's major allies that it will expect their support in case it decides to launch an attack against Iraq this coming October.

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Prophetic Word from the Lord for Alaska received on May 3, 2005

When I saw your name I saw a field of snow...I
saw a large bundle of dynamite (Dunamis power of the Holy Spirit of God)
and I saw the cracks begin to form and an avalanche happen
it swept along so fast that nothing could resist it's
and I felt the Lord saying
not to worry when the pressure begins to build
for it is a sign of what is about to happen
for hearts that have grown hard and cold
attitudes that have been among the people of Alaska
first nations people
and the others who have settled there
I shall reconcile hearts
among the first nations people and forgiveness shall flow
like a mighty rushing river
and I shall bring reconciliation and forgiveness to the
other people in Alaska
and between them and the first nations people
for it is MY WILL to bring revival to this land
it is MY WILL to make it verdant and green with blessings
you will begin to see the pressure build
and even in JUNE of this year you will begin to see those
cracks occur
and know this
the avalanche will soon come
and I will cause thousands to come to this nation
to one spot
where I will light the fire, light the torches of my fire
and all nations shall see it
and come to see what I am doing there

and I shall raise Alaska up as a state that is blessed
whose people are blessed coming and going
and the first nations people shall no longer be seen as less than
no longer shall they struggle
but they shall be seen as a nation who is blessed of the Lord
and I shall cause people to come to you to see and to
study how you do business
because I shall make you an example among the peoples of
success and blessings!
Yes financial blessings shall flow and you will be known
as a people truly blessed
in body, mind, spirit, soul and in every area
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and I see dancing
and as that drum is beating...the snow is beginning to
crack...as they praise and worship me
says the Lord
and know this
I will raise YOU up
among my people
and give you great favor and influence
even as I did Joseph to Pharaoh
so shall I raise you up amongst the peoples
so I say to you
kneel
humble yourself before me
and I shall raise YOU and My people up!

A Loving Christmas Gathering Together

Sandy Warner

A LOVING CHRISTMAS, GATHERING TOGETHER
12/25/05

Family and loved ones, My gifts to you
Into their lives I send you too.
Treasured moments in precious time
With your loved ones, faces shine.

Focusing on all that is good
Forgiving always as you should.
Keeping a record of no wrongs
My love will reign and be your song.

Leave behind the old offenses
Please embrace, repair your fences.
Forgetting pain, forgetting past
Savoring moments that will last.

Remember joy when together.
Not hard times of colder weather.
Come or go which would you rather?
Settle it now, leave or gather.

Independence is not My will.
Giving, receiving is there still.
Sup together at the table
And your life will be more stable.

Merry Christmas with all My love
Recall My message from above.
Hark the herald angels singing
Chatter, laughter, cell phones ringing.

I AM with you every moment
Don't forget Me in all you've spent.
What's eternal are matters of love
Embrace broken lives with My dove.

I came to earth to set men free.
You are there now to follow Me.
Hug and kiss and open your gifts.
Visit together, your hearts will lift.

Eph 4:29-32 NLT
Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted , forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you

Reinforcements Provided
Sandy Warner

Dec 21, 2005

REINFORCEMENTS PROVIDED
I give good gifts to My children. One of those gifts is like a spare tire, a back up. When one stumbles, woe to him who has no backup. You all need reinforcements, and it is in the joining of a team that I give these gifts. Rejoice in the joining of such gifts in your midst. One reason for joining a team is to help separate mixture. By way of My Spirit within them, each member has been given the supernatural ability to filter what they hear and see. These reinforcements will be needed by all of you in the days to come. You needn't concern yourself over small issues. The bigger issues will need My team. Rejoice in these good gifts I plant among you.

"A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." (Eccl 4:12 NLT)

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near. (Heb10:25 NLT)

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The Day Of Your Departure
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Dec 23, 2005

THE DAY OF YOUR DEPARTURE
Dear one, in the midst of serving in bondage to the taskmaster, I have planned your deliverance. Do not become discouraged when you see the days of your life ticking away and you seemingly serve as a slave for another's gain. My people lived in Egypt for 430 years, and upon the very last day of that year, I brought them out. Let this be a sign and a token to you, that My plans for your life are exact, with purpose and meaning and intention. When you are delivered, I shall cause you to leave with favor and you shall be given whatever you ask. You shall plunder the camp of the enemy as you walk away from the slavery of your past.

AH: Ex 12:40-42 NLT
The people of Israel had lived in Egypt for 430 years . In fact, it was on the last day of the 430th year that all the LORD's forces left the land. This night had been reserved by the LORD to bring his people out from the land of Egypt, so this same night now belongs to him.

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You Are Insured
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Dec 19, 2005

YOU ARE INSURED
Beloved you have been faithful to stand in the heat of many battles and I know you have grown weary. I have good news coming your way. No matter why you think you received your wounds, you have always been insured. You have more than enough backing to fully supply all that you need for your healing, for restoration of what you have lost, and even ample reward. I have raised you to stand for a purpose, and you shall live to see all My purposes in your life come to pass.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." (Rom 8:28 KJV)

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Abundant Life Isaiah 55
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Nov 9, 2005
Isa 55:1-8 NKJV An Invitation to Abundant Life

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; and you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance.
3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you — The sure mercies of David.

4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. 5 Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the LORD your God, and the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you."
6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
12 "For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

Mire and Gall
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Nov 8th, 2005
The Lord spoke "Mire and Gall"…

Isa 57:20-21 NKJV But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest,
whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 "There is no peace," Says my God, "for the wicked."

Speaking of Leviathan…sp of pride:
Job 41:30 NKJV His undersides are like sharp potsherds; He spreads pointed marks in the mire .

Zech 10:5 NKJV They shall be like mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them,
and the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

Mire: OT:2916 tiyt (teet); from an unused root meaning apparently to be sticky [rath. perb. a demon. from OT:2894, through the idea of dirt to be swept away]; mud or clay; figuratively, calamity: KJV - clay, dirt, mire.
OT:2894 tuw' (too); a primitive root; to sweep away: KJV - sweep.

Gall: OT:4846 merorah (mer-o-raw'); or merowrah (mer-o-raw'); from OT:4843; properly, bitterness; concretely, a bitter thing; specifically bile; also venom (of a serpent): KJV - bitter (thing), gall.

Jer 23:15 NKJV "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: 'Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, And make them drink the water of gall ; For from the prophets of Jerusalem profaneness has gone out into all the land.'"

From the song of Moses:
Deut 32:30-43 NKJV
30 How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, Unless their Rock had sold them, and the LORD had surrendered them?
31 For their rock is not like our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges.
32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; Their grapes are grapes of gall , Their clusters are bitter.
33 Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of cobras.
34 'Is this not laid up in store with Me, sealed up among My treasures? 35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.'
36 "For the LORD will judge His people And have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone, and there is no one remaining, bond or free.
37 He will say: 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, and be your refuge.
39 'Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. 40 For I raise My hand to heaven, and say, "As I live forever,
41 If I whet My glittering sword, and My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me.
42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the heads of the leaders of the enemy."'
43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people."

" I am grieved in My Spirit over the condition of man. I have waited a long time for this hour, and the saints have longed to see what you are going to see. Many from the past thought they were living in this era of time. The hours will roll by much faster as all unfolds as foreseen. Get ready for the ride of your life! Get ready My sons and daughters, for there is much harvesting that is coming. Stay in the WORD, so that it fills you up and I will bring it to mind as you walk in the marketplace and the grocery stores, and wherever you go. I will have you speak it to people and suddenly they will be gripped in their hearts and never be the same.

The suddenlies are now coming upon you. I have told you for some time, to get you ready in your minds and hearts. I've asked you to come to ME to lay with me, so I can do emotional and spiritual surgery on your hearts and souls, so that you would be ready for this hour. I am going to do a NEW THING.
STARTLING things will happen spontaneously. Like spontaneous combustion will I ignite fires all over the land. There is much mire in the church, and in the streets. My heart is grieved over the wickedness in the land and full of gall at the exceeding wickedness of the wicked. I will not wait any longer to bring consequences to actions.

I will bring faster answers to prayers. I will bring faster judgments to the wicked and to those who pierce the hearts of their own brothers and sisters. Guard your hearts from jealousy and envy. The spirit of SELF is rampant in the world, and witchcraft fills the hearts of many as it has grown and grown, and the overgrowth in the world has reached a new level of stench, yet it will grow more. But at the same time, I am increasing MY GLORY in the earth as you come to ME and WORSHIP ME, I am pouring and pouring and pouring out more. I want you FULL of MY GLORY. I will do a mighty work in you AS YOU LAY DOWN YOUR AGENDA and take up MINE.

ASK and you shall receive, KNOCK and the door will be opened. Do not give in to the taunts of the enemy. Guard your hearts also from selfish ambition and pride. Arrogance has filled the hearts of

wicked men, and they will grow more wicked day after day. The wicked wax greater and greater in evil, but My people who are called by MY name will also wax greater and greater in goodness and holiness, as I pour out My honey, and there will be greater and greater JOY at all I do in the earth. Hush , be silent, for your Lord steps down to CAPTIVATE HIS PEOPLE! Do you hear the sound of the Wind?
Can you hear the ROAR of the Waters of LIFE??? They are coming…they are coming. Are you ready to ride the wave? Will you go with the flow of MY heart's desire? For many times I have come and people who call themselves by MY name have mocked what My HOLY SPIRIT has done. Instead of valuing ME and the way I want to move, they have mocked and ridiculed those who loved My appearing!

I tell you that this will be dangerous ground if you walk in this manner as I come again. DO NOT WALK IN PRESUMPTION. If you want to know what I am doing, COME TO ME AND ASK! For I am pouring out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will PROPHESY! Do not ignore them when they surprise you with words and wisdom beyond their ages!
Do NOT silence My prophets any more in this wave of living waters…for you will find yourself unable to speak if you move in doubt and unbelief. There will be quick consequence when people act in opposition to My Spirit. Cleanse your hearts from all pride and presumption, judgment and criticism. Who knows if you will not be entertaining angels. For I am sending many angels to the earth in this hour to test the sons of men!

Remember that My love is the GREATEST weapon on earth! Remember that I did not ask you to fight all the battles, but to rest in ME, and know that I also will fight for you at times. WAIT on ME for directions and I will show you when the fighting is for you to do, or for ME. Lay down all STRIVING. Lay down all the trying harder to please ME! I am not a harsh taskmaster.
I am the loving FATHER who gives good gifts to My children. Not the gifts the world expects, but greater things I have given you, greater riches. I give these to you out of MY LOVE for you, not out of your attainment and strivings. Just come to My side and allow me to complete My final touches to your healing and death to self. For I am FAITHFUL Who have called you to repentance and new life in ME. I will finish all that I have started. And you will go forth like stall fed calves. You will shine like the stars in the heavens.
Walk in the light as I am in the light. Worship ME in the beauty of holiness."

Luke 12:32-34 NKJV "Do not fear , little flock, for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give
alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the
heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Ps 69:14 NKJV Deliver me out of the mire ,And let me not sink; Let me be delivered from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters.

Isa 10:5-6 NKJV Arrogant Assyria Also Judged
"Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation.
6 I will send him against an ungodly nation, And against the people of My wrath
I will give him charge, To seize the spoil, to take the prey, And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

2 Peter 2:21-22 NKJV But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, " a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the
mire ."

Ps 69:20-21 NKJV Reproach has broken my heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave me gall for my food, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Jer 8:14 NKJV "Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, And let us enter the fortified cities, And let us be silent there. For the LORD our God has put us to silence
And given us water of gall to drink, Because we have sinned against the LORD.

Jer 9:15 NKJV therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

Lam 3:18-23 NKJV And I said, "My strength and my hope have perished from the LORD." 19 Remember my affliction and roaming, the wormwood and the gall . 20 My soul still remembers and sinks within me. 21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. 22 Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Amos 6:12 NKJV Do horses run on rocks? Does one plow there with oxen? Yet you have turned justice into gall ,and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood,

Matt 27:34 NKJV they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

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Oh Ethiopia
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Oh Ethiopia, My daughter, how I have mourned for you. How I have wanted to comfort you in your affliction and in your blight and famine. Come to me and drink My daughter! For I am the answer to your struggles. I am not wise as men are wise. I am the ALMIGHTY, and as I once called Sheba to Solomon, so I am calling YOU to come to ME. Come to ME, the Fountain of Living Waters! I am here for you and I love you and long for you to have peace.

Wars and rumors of wars increase, but MY KINGDOM endures forever. I am not weak and powerless. I will SHINE through My children, like light through a prism, scattering abroad the goodness of their Father. Come to Me, and let me hold you in My arms and love you to restoration. Forsake despair and desperation, and TRUST in ME to do many mighty miracles. I am not slack with My promises. My attention is on you, and though the earth groans and sputters, and the lawless one is arising, I will overturn the evil plans of men, and those who TRUST in ME, will not be left aside in My day of power!

I will shine like a mighty star in all I do in and through those who love my rising. I will pour out My glory and all flesh will see that I ALONE am Lord. You are not a stepchild. You are NOT forgotten. Though I caste you aside for a time, I will NOW ARISE and shine forth in the midst of turmoil and peril! Believe for miracles of provision, saves from death, and startling signs and wonders, for I will make a display of the enemy in your midst.
The KINGDOM COMES!

Zeph 3:10-12 NKJV
10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My worshipers, the daughter of My dispersed ones, shall bring My offering. 11 In that day you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds in which you transgress against Me; For then I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no longer be haughty in My holy mountain. 12 I will leave in your midst A meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

Acts 8:27-31 NKJV So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia , a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."
30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he asked Philip to

come up and sit with him.

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Matt 7:24-27 NKJV Build on the Rock (Luke 6:47-49)

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

"I am the Living Testament and the Ruler over all things. I am not made in the image and likeness of man! He is made in the image and likeness of Us. However it seems that even in My church some persist in building a god who is like they want him to look. I AM that I AM! I AM Elohim, Creator God, and all that is made is made by My hands.

Who created the heavens and the earth? Who threw the stars into the heavens? Who knows all things? Surely, the God of the Universe is not too small to handle the children in His camp that are out of order! I know what is needed to restore My bride and My church. I know ALL things. I know the very hairs on your head. So how could it be impossible for ME to do anything?

I have said it, and I WILL ESTABLISH IT! I will have a church without spot or blemish. And though many will not listen when I come with power, many will be restored and change.

So be careful who you write off of your sisters and brothers. Take heed that the fear of the Lord fills YOUR HEART!

I've told you that the form is not the problem. The lack of LOVE is the problem. I AM LOVE. So am I not able to restore?

Did I not harden pharaoh's heart? If I can harden a heart, can I soften a heart? Can I change a heart? Much of what has happened to many is the result of a faulty foundation. But I AM RESTORING the ancient foundations with what I am doing. And I will have a united church! I will have also an apostate church that is not really a church, but those who speak of Me, but with no power thereof! But it is My angels who will weed My garden at the end of the age.

So be careful My children to PRAY and to forgive and not to judge! You too could fall prey to mammon, and flesh without My GRACE! You too, could get prideful and stingy, and self seeking were it not for My love and grace towards you!

Weep tears My children for those who have gone astray. Listen to My heart that is weeping. Are you willing to lay down your life as I did? Are you willing to be a bearer of My love and grace rather than harsh judgment alone? There is always HOPE when there is REPENTANCE. And though many will not repent with the move that is coming, many will. How do you know who will and who won't? Only I KNOW! So be not like Jonah! Do not give up, even if you have had to leave and have been free to leave those who call themselves shepherds, but who are hirelings. Remember that it is LOVE that leads to repentance. Not cringing fear, or unforgiveness and a desire for vengeance! I never give up on people, although many of you give up.

I don't cast them aside like flotsam and jetsam! MY LOVE NEVER FAILS. So even if you are hurt, please come to ME, and let me soothe your wounds, and let Me handle the JUSTICE.

I am the source of all wisdom and understanding and knowledge. So come to My feet and learn of Me, that you can be changed into MY image more and more. When great anger and violence has ruled the life of another, they only know that format of living! It is what they are used to, and what they expect! But I am greater My beloveds! MY BLOOD can heal the most destitute of souls! MY BLOOD is greater than anything that has come against them in their lives. I am the CREATOR. Satan is merely the creature! So have greater TRUST in My ability to heal the hearts of the wicked and violent, the broken and insane! I am coming to pour out My love in greater measure than what you have known. Will you be found WANTING, My beloveds? Or will you build your house, your temple on the ROCK that is higher?

To Overcome Fear
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FEAR is a major root of many other things in our lives…

Prayers to OVERCOME FEAR
3/2/04

Job 37:24 AMP Men therefore [reverently] fear Him; He regards and respects not any who are wise in heart [in their own understanding and conceit]. [Matt 10:28.]

Ps 84:12 AMP O Lord of hosts, blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who trusts in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, and that without fear or misgiving]!

Father, help me not to walk in arrogance and self sufficiency, but to put the whole of my trust in you, in everything I say, in everything I do, that I would look to YOU for how to do it, and what to do, and what to say. Help me to depend on YOU, and not on my own wisdom. Bind my mind to Your mind, My will to Your will,and my heart to Your heart.

Ps 56:4-5 AMP By [the help of] God I will praise His word; on God I lean, rely, and confidently put my trust; I will not fear. What can man, who is flesh, do to me? 5 All day long they twist my words and trouble my affairs; all their thoughts are against me for evil and my hurt.

By God's help I will praise His name and praise His Word! I will lean and rely on God and put all my trust in HIM. I REFUSE TO FEAR! What can man do to me if God is for me? I will not give in to the fear of man. I will take up my cross and follow YOU Lord!

Ps 49:5 AMP Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of those who would supplant me surrounds me on every side,

Ps 46:2 AMP Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas,

Father, the days are getting darker and there is evil all around us. Men's hearts are growing colder and we see the signs of the end. Give us GRACE Lord to walk in courage and give us the Spirit of Might to confront the darkness and not faint in doing good. We choose to follow YOU and to obey what You want us to do and to say what You want us to say Lord! We will trust in Your preserving GRACE.

Ps 40:3-4 AMP And He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many shall see and fear (revere and worship) and put their trust and confident reliance in the Lord. [Ps 5:11.] 4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who makes the Lord his refuge and trust, and turns not to the proud or to followers of false gods.

Father, there is power in praise, so fill my mouth with praise by Your GRACE Lord. Give me a thankful heart and the grace to not walk in pride and unthankfulness. Keep me from presumptive sins. Make Your face to shine upon me and grant me the courage, grace, and LOVE it takes to love others unconditionally and to love my enemies in spite of their hatred. Lord help me to walk in GLORY. Help me to walk in HOLINESS. GRANT me GRACE to be and do all YOU want me to be and do.

Ps 36:1 AMP [A Psalm] of David the servant of the Lord. TRANSGRESSION [like an oracle] speaks to the wicked deep in his heart. There is no fear or dread of God before his eyes. [Rom 3:18.] Ps 34:11 AMP Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you to revere and worshipfully fear the Lord. Ps 34:9 AMP O fear the Lord, you His saints [revere and worship Him]! For there is no want to those who truly revere and worship Him with godly fear.

Father, Give me more of the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord! You are my M'Gee' nee – my Protector and my Shield. Fill my home with the fear of the Lord. Fill Your church with the fear of the Lord. Let the fear of the LORD be in me and around me wherever I go. I pray it will convict the hearts of the lost and the carnal Christians I run into. I pray You will fill my mouth with Your Word as I go about my daily tasks, and in the marketplace. Bring my attention to those that need to hear the truth. And give me the courage to speak Your TRUTH, no matter what the cost. Do not let fear of rejection find anything in me! RELEASE ME FATHER from any fear that would hinder YOU using me in any situation You want!

Ps 34:7 AMP The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him [who revere and worship Him with awe] and each of them He delivers. [Ps 18:1; 145:20.]

Ps 23:4 AMP Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me.

Thank You Lord , that Your word says the Angel of the Lord encamps around me and that YOU bring deliverance to those who fear YOU! Father I want freedom from all that so easily besets me! FILL ME with Your HOLY Spirit! Fill me with Your FEAR OF THE LORD, that I might walk in TRUTH and obey all Your commands. I want the ANGEL of the LORD to encamp in MY HOME. I know that even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, that YOU will give me Your direction and guidance, and Your HOLY SPIRIT will be with me, no matter what I have to endure for the sake of YOUR Kingdom! You comfort me, because You are the Comforter! Thank You Lord that You are El Ra'chum, the Compassionate God, and Your mercy endures forever!

Ps 2:11-12 AMP Serve the Lord with reverent awe and worshipful fear; rejoice and be in high spirits with trembling [lest you displease Him]. 12 Kiss the Son [pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His wrath be kindled. O blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge and put their trust in Him! To kiss You Lord, is to obey You, for You said that He who loves Me, obeys Me. So grant me the GRACE Lord to obey everything You tell me to do. Grant me grace to overcome all the weaknesses in my character, all the sin in my life. Give me overcoming GRACE Lord and help me to rest in You. I put all my trust and hope in You!

Ps 9:20 AMP Put them in fear [make them realize their frail nature], O Lord, that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! Father, bring the fear of the Lord upon the nations, that they may know that YOU alone are GOD! For Your Word says that when Your judgments are in the earth, the people will learn knowledge.

Ps 85:9-13 AMP
9 Surely His salvation is near to those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him, [and is ready to be appropriated] that [the manifest presence of God, His] glory may tabernacle and abide in our land. 10 Mercy and loving-kindness and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness shall go before

Him and shall make His footsteps a way in which to walk.

Ps 86:11-12 AMP Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth; direct and unite my heart [solely, reverently] to fear and honor Your name. [Ps 5:11; 69:36.] 12 I will confess and praise You, O Lord my God, with my whole (united) heart; and I will glorify Your name forevermore.

Thank You Lord for Your grace ~ help me to live and walk in Your truth Father. Direct my heart into the love of God and the patience of Christ. Unite my heart to Your heart. Fill me with more of Your love, that all fear will be cast down. Grant me GRACE to worship You and to believe all that you've written in Your Word, that I would not give in to fears. RELEASE me Father from all fear of man, fear of failure, fear of loss, and fear of death. Give me more wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Your love Lord, that I may know the length, depth, breadth and width of the love You have for me, so I can be filled with the fullness of GOD { Eph 3}. I love You Lord, but I want to love You MORE. Fill me Lord with thankfulness for the cross and all You have done for me. Fill me LORD with YOUR GOODNESS and Mercy and lovingkindness that I may walk as YOUR SON walked.

1 Chron 28:20 AMP Also David told Solomon his son, Be strong and courageous, and do it. Fear not, be not dismayed, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail or forsake you until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

Est 2:20 AMP Now Esther had not yet revealed her nationality or her people, for she obeyed Mordecai's command to her [to fear God and execute His commands] just as when she was being brought up by him.
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Job 3:25-26 AMP For the thing which I greatly fear comes upon me, and that of which I am afraid befalls me. 26 I was not or am not at ease, nor had I or have I rest, nor was I or am I quiet, yet trouble came and still comes [upon me].

Father, there is nothing I have to fear. And You said that fear only causes torment. I pray for a release from all fear in My life and in the lives of my family / loved ones! I pray for YOU to pour out YOUR LOVE Father, that fear will be driven out. Make us fearless warriors Father and grant us the grace to walk according to the Spirit and not according to the flesh, in the name and the Blood of Jesus!

Job 4:13-17 AMP In thoughts from the visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, 14 Fear came upon me and trembling, which made all my bones shake. 15 Then a spirit passed before my face; the hair of my flesh stood up! 16 [The spirit] stood still, but I could not discern the appearance of it. A form was before my eyes; there was silence, and then I heard a voice, saying, 17 Can mortal man be just before God, or be more right than He is? Can a man be pure before his Maker, or be more cleansed than He is? [1 John 1:7; Rev 1:5.]

Ps 90:11-12 AMP Who knows the power of Your anger? [Who worthily connects this brevity of life with Your recognition of sin?] And Your wrath, who connects it with the reverent and worshipful fear that is due You? 12 So teach us to number our days, that we may get us a heart of wisdom.

Father, I know that your heart is wounded when you see the cowering in fear of your servants. Father , please pour out Your GRACE and LOVE, in greater measure than what we have received, that we might be empowered to let go of all the fear and obey you perfectly at all times. Let us NOT be afraid of the terror that flies by night or the arrow that lays waste at noonday! Remind us to put on our armor daily and grant us the grace to RESIST all the taunts of the enemy, in the name and the BLOOD of JESUS!

Ps 103:13-14 AMP As a father loves and pities his children, so the Lord loves and pities those who fear Him [with reverence, worship, and awe]. 14 For He knows our frame, He [earnestly] remembers and imprints [on His heart] that we are dust.

Ps 115:11 AMP You who [reverently] fear the Lord, trust in and lean on the Lord! He is their Help and their Shield.

Ps 119:120-122 AMP My flesh trembles and shudders for fear and reverential, worshipful awe of You, and I am afraid and in dread of Your judgments. 121 I have done justice and righteousness; leave me
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not to those who would oppress me. 122 Be surety for Your servant for good [as Judah was surety for the safety of Benjamin]; let not the proud oppress me. [Gen 43:9.]

Father, grant us the GRACE to come into Your presence with thankfulness and gratefulness, and a heart filled with worship and praise! And as we lay ourselves before YOU, I pray You will fill us up to the full with Your love and heal us completely of all fears, panic, anxieties and worries. Help us to TRUST You more, by healing our hearts and delivering us from the lies of the enemy that we don't even know we have believed Lord! In the name and the Blood of Jesus!

Prov 9:10-11 AMP The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy one is insight and understanding. 11 For by me [Wisdom from God] your days shall be multiplied, and the years of your life shall be increased.

Prov 14:26 AMP In the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge.

Prov 14:27 AMP Reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may avoid the snares of death. [John 4:10,14.]

Prov 16:6-7 AMP By mercy and love, truth and fidelity [to God and man--not by sacrificial offerings], iniquity is purged out of the heart, and by the reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord men depart from and avoid evil. 7 When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Prov 19:23 AMP The reverent, worshipful fear of the Lord leads to life, and he who has it rests satisfied; he cannot be visited with [actual] evil. [Job 5:19; Ps 91:3; Prov 12:13; Isa 46:4; Jer 1:8; Dan 6:27; 2 Tim 4:8.]

Prov 29:25 AMP The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, and puts his confidence in the Lord is safe and set on high.

Father, FILL ME UP with the Spirit of the FEAR of the LORD that my person, my home, my family will be filled with Your Most Holy Spirit and not give in to the fear of man over the fear of the Lord. Fill me with Your Spirit of Might that I may be bold in the face of opposition and speak Your Words with confidence. Destroy any idolatry to man in my heart Father and help me to lay at Your feet and just soak in Your love and kindness. Empower me to speak the truth no matter what the cost when You tell me to.

Prov 31:18 AMP She tastes and sees that her gain from work [with and for God] is good; her lamp goes not out, but it burns on continually through the night [of trouble, privation, or sorrow, warning away fear, doubt, and distrust].

Eccl 7:24 AMP That which is is far off, and that which is deep is very deep--who can find it out [true wisdom independent of the fear of God]? [Job 28:12-28; 1 Cor 2:9-16.]

Eccl 8:12 AMP Though a sinner does evil a hundred times and his days [seemingly] are prolonged [in his wickedness], yet surely I know that it will be well with those who [reverently] fear God, who revere and worship Him, realizing His continual presence. [Ps 37:11,18,19; Isa 3:10,11; Matt 25:34.]

Oh Lord, continue to give me the discernment to realize Your continual presence in and around me, that I would not fear man. Help me to see You as great and powerful as You really are.

Eccl 12:13 AMP All has been heard; the end of the matter is: Fear God [revere and worship Him, knowing that He is] and keep His commandments, for this is the whole of man [the full, original purpose of his creation, the object of God's providence, the root of character, the foundation of all happiness, the adjustment to all inharmonious circumstances and conditions under the sun] and the whole [duty] for every man.

Isa 8:12-14 AMP Do not call conspiracy [or hard, or holy] all that this people will call conspiracy [or hard, or holy]; neither be in fear of what they fear, nor [make others afraid and] in dread. 13 The Lord of hosts--regard Him as holy and honor His holy name [by regarding Him as your only hope of safety], and let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread [lest you offend Him by your fear of man and distrust of Him]. 14 And He shall be a sanctuary [a sacred and indestructible asylum to those who reverently fear and trust in Him]; but He shall be a Stone of stumbling and a Rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [Isa 28:6; Rom 9:33; 1 Peter 2:6-8.]

Father God, let me not displease you by ungodly fear. Help me to trust in YOU more and more. Grant me GRACE to not shrink back in the face of fear and enlarge My heart to receive all the love You want to pour into me…for I am Your beloved and You are mine! Keep me as the apple of Your eye and help me to see My reflection in Your eyes. Help me to see myself as YOU see me. Hold not truth from me oh Lord!

Isa 29:13-14 AMP And the Lord said, For as much as this people draw near Me with their mouth and honor Me with their lips but remove their hearts and minds far from Me, and their fear and reverence for Me are a commandment of men that is learned by repetition [without any thought as to the meaning], 14 Therefore, behold! I will again do marvelous things with this people, marvelous and astonishing things; and the wisdom of their wise men will perish, and the understanding of their discerning men will vanish or be hidden.

Father, come and do marvelous things in our midst! We are all bearing the brunt of a world on the precipice of eternity and many foes surround us Oh Lord! Do astonishing things that surprise us and those we pray for! Dimay the pride of man in the earth! Use the weak to confound the mighty! Break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. Give us the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, Fill us with Your love that casts down all fear that we may extract the precious from the vile in the earth and proclaim Your Kingdom with boldness! In Jesus' name!

Isa 33:6 NKJV Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.

Isa 35:4-7 NKJV Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water;

Oh Lord THIS is the time that this will be fulfilled. Grant us to be filled with the Spirit of MIGHT, that we might rise to the occasion and destroy the pride of the wicked and make a display of Your LOVE and POWER in the earth. Lord, even Elijah ran dismayed from jezebel, so give us the MIGHT and boldness and courage to confront that spirit in the earth now! FILL us with the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord and with YOUR LOVE that NOTHING will shake us from fulfilling YOUR call on our lives!

Isa 41:10-13 NKJV Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.' 11 "Behold, all those who were incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish. 12 You shall seek them and not find them — Those who contended with you. Those who war against you shall be as nothing, as a nonexistent thing. 13 For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'

Thank you Lord that YOU are EL GIBOR, the MIGHTY ONE OF JACOB and nothing is impossible with YOU! You are our Strength and our High Tower! You will confound our enemies and make a display of those who are Your own! You will defend us in the day of famine and in the face of persecution, YOU will give us strength to love even our enemies! FATHER, fill us with YOUR LOVE that we can love others as YOU love them, thereby testifying to Your might and power in us!

Isa 43:1-3a NKJV But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Thank You Lord , that Your promise is to be with us, Emmanuel, God with us, and that YOU will never, never leave us. Thank You that You will perfect Your love in us, to realize we will never be alone, no matter what happens around us, You are with us. Even if we can't feel You, You are there! Praise You Lord for Your love to us, how precious it is oh Lord!

Jer 5:22-23 NKJV Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it. 23 But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; They have revolted and departed.

When fear comes near me Lord, remind me of Your greatness. Help me to see You as big as you really are. Heaven is Your throne and earth is Your footstool. Help me to always be aware of Your sovereignty and power, and how it is so much greater than anything the enemy can throw at us Oh Lord! Thank You for Your presence Father! Thank You Most Holy Spirit! Thank You Jesus for your many interventions in my life that have kept me from harm and death. Your word says that to God alone belong escapes from death, and You are a faithful, Faithful Father! Thank You for Your love for me Lord!

Jer 10:7 NKJV Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, And in all their kingdoms, There is none like You.

Jer 20:10 NKJV For I heard many mocking: "Fear on every side!" "Report," they say, "and we will report it!" All my acquaintances watched for my stumbling, saying, "Perhaps he can be induced; Then we will prevail against him, And we will take our revenge on him."

2 Tim 1:7 NKJV For God has not given us a spirit of fear , but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

When fear surrounds me because of betrayal and the wickedness of others, hold me in Your arms Lord. Remind me of the comfort of Your arms around me, and how much You love me. Thank You that I'm Your favorite because I said yes to you…and that was not even of my own Lord, for all I do is by Your grace! Help me to be quick to forgive and quick to lay the pain at the cross Father. Heal my heart of any times I have not laid it ALL at the cross. Heal me of any little hidden pains of the past. Fill me with Your love that I can fully forgive from the heart and not just a mental forgiveness.

Hab 3:17-19 AMP
17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! [Rom 8:37.] 19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

Mic 7:7-10 AMP But as for me, I will look to the Lord and confident in Him I will keep watch; I will wait with hope and expectancy for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice not against me, O my enemy! When I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light to me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold His righteous deliverance. [Rom 10:1-4; 11:23-27.] 10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her who said to me, Where is the Lord your God? My eyes will see my desire upon her; now she will be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

Jer 30:10-11 NKJV 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid. 11 For I am with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you; Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished.'

Jer 32:39-41 NKJV …then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them.

Jer 33:7-11 NKJV And I will cause the captives of Judah and the captives of Israel to return, and will rebuild those places as at the first. 8 I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me, and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned and by which they have transgressed against Me. 9 Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it.'

Jer 46:27-28 NKJV God Will Preserve Israel (cf. Jer 30:10,11) 'But do not fear , O My servant Jacob, And do not be dismayed, O Israel! For behold, I will save you from afar, and your offspring from the land of their captivity; Jacob shall return, have rest and be at ease; No one shall make him afraid. 28 Do not fear , O Jacob My servant," says the LORD, "For I am with you; For I will make a complete end of all the nations

Lam 3:46-48 NKJV All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. 47 Fear and a snare have come upon us, desolation and destruction. 48 My eyes overflow with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

Lam 3:56-58 NKJV You have heard my voice: "Do not hide Your ear from my sighing, from my cry for help." 57 You drew near on the day I called on You, And said, "Do not fear!" 58 O Lord, You have pleaded the case for my soul; You have redeemed my life.

Dan 6:26-27 NKJV I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall endure to the end. 27 He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth,

Dan 10:12-13 NKJV Then he said to me, "Do not fear , Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.

Dan 10:19 NKJV And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong!"

Hos 3:4-5 NKJV For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

Joel 2:21-23 NKJV Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done marvelous things! 22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, and the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you

Joel 2:23 NKJV The former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.

Amos 3:8 NKJV A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

Jonah 1:9 NKJV So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

Mic 7:16-19 NKJV The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put their hand over their mouth; Their ears shall be deaf. 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of You. 18 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. 19 He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea.

Zeph 3:16-17 NKJV In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear ; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

Hag 2:4-5 NKJV' According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!'

Zech 8:13 NKJV And it shall come to pass That just as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, So I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear , let your hands be strong.'

Mal 3:5 NKJV And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien — Because they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:16-18 NKJV A Book of Remembrance Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Mal 4:2-3 NKJV But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," Says the LORD of hosts.

Matt 10:24-26 NKJV "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! 26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Matt 10:28-31 NKJV And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Matt 14:26-27 NKJV And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear . 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

Luke 1:11-13 NKJV Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John.

Luke 1:50 NKJV And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

Luke 1:64-65 NKJV Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, praising God. 65 Then fear came on all who dwelt around them; and all these sayings were discussed throughout all the hill country of Judea

Luke 1:74-75 NKJV To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear , 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

Luke 8:37 NKJV Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear . And He got into the boat and returned.

Luke 12:5 NKJV But I will show you whom you should fear : Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

Luke 12:7 NKJV But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Luke 12:32-34 NKJV "Do not fear , little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Luke 18:2-8 NKJV saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4 And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.'" 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Luke 21:25-28 NKJV The Coming of the Son of Man (Matt 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27) "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Acts 2:42-45 NKJV And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

Acts 5:5-6 NKJV Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

Acts 9:31 NKJV The Church Prospers Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Rom 8:15-17 NKJV For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear , but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Rom 11:20-23 NKJV Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear . 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. 22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

1 Cor 2:5 NKJV For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear , and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Cor 16:10-11 NKJV And if Timothy comes, see that he may be with you without fear ; for he does the work of the Lord, as I also do. 11 Therefore let no one despise him. But send him on his journey in

peace, that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the brethren.

2 Cor 7:1 NKJV The Corinthians' Repentance Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Eph 5:19-21 NKJV speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Eph 6:5 NKJV Bondservants and Masters Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

Phil 2:12-13 NKJV Light Bearers Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

1 Tim 5:20 NKJV Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear .

Heb 2:14-16 NKJV Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

Heb 5:7 AMP In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father].

Heb 12:28-29 NKJV Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Heb 13:6 NKJV So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

1 Peter 1:17-19 NKJV And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

1 Peter 2:16-17 NKJV Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

1 Peter 2:18-21 NKJV Submission to Masters (Isa 53:7-9) Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. 19 For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

1 Peter 3:1-2 NKJV Submission to Husbands Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

1 Peter 3:15-17 NKJV But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good

than for doing evil.

1 John 4:18-19 AMP There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection]. 19 We love Him, because He first loved us.

Jude 20-23 NKJV Maintain Your Life with God But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. 22 And on some have compassion, making a distinction; 23 but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.

Rev 2:10 AMP Fear nothing that you are about to suffer. [Dismiss your dread and your fears!] Behold, the devil is indeed about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested and proved and critically appraised, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be loyally faithful unto death [even if you must die for it], and I will give you the crown of life. [Rev 3:10,11.]

Rev 11:18 NKJV The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."

Rev 14:7 AMP And he cried with a mighty voice, Revere God and give Him glory (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage and adoration and worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water. In NKJV it is FEAR GOD

Rev 15:4 NKJV Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

Rev 19:4-5 NKJV Then a voice came from the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!"

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Overcoming Fear

Origins of Fear

Perspective:
Gen. 1:26-28 ; Ps. 111:10 ; Gen. 3:10 -Mankind was created to know God, the Almighty, infinitely wise, all-knowing, and unconditionally loving One, and man was to live all of his life in the consciousness of His presence. Man was to be in awe of the magnificence of the Lord and to be the container and revealor of God on earth. In our everyday lives, we were to be constantly a visible manifestation of the invisible God, the purpose for our existence on the planet, the meaning of life.

After man decided to be his own god, the center and the source of his own life, sin entered and fear followed and becomes the driving energy of man' s life:anxiety, worry, fret, dread and panic become part of man's vocabulary.

Man who was created to fear One who unconditionally loves him, now potentially fears all persons, spirits, and created things-except the God who alone gjves him life.

Hope:
Matt. 22:37-39 ; John 14:21 , 27 ; I John 4:18 -To return from a self-loving-self to self-loving-others, one must resume the dependent attitude, to 'stand under' God in obedient faith, to again actually partake of Him , to be a participator in His love, His very life. Man was created capable of receiving and becoming the dwelling place of divine love, and revealing that love in his behaviour within creation which leaves no room for fear.

Isa. 42:7 ;61:1 ; Lu. 2:10 ; I Jn. 4:18 ; Rom. 8:15 , 16 -The Gospel is the message of what God has done in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, His death, His resurrection, the Conqueror of death, and the power of the lie; and in His exaltation He sends the Holy Spirit to come and dwell within us, returning us to the original design, by which He wills to bring us all out of the dungeon of fear where we are tormented by worry and anxiety.

Change:
Phil. 4:6 ; John 14:1 , 27 ; Isa. 8:12-14 ;26:3 -Worry centers on present and future problems as if there is no God; it gives honor , respect and reverence to the power of evil, standing in terror and awe of them.

However, the fear of God centers on the character of God, His unchanging presence within us, and His promises. Deliberately taking and acting on His promises by obedient faith, we demonstrate His love and express His peace. In this mode, we confront, work through, and rise above all of life's adversities. Thus, fear is primarily in the mind and behaviour which we can change. You cannot command your emotions.

Regardless of your feelings, you act by the word in your mind, and your behaviour will follow suit, and victory awaits.

Eph. 4:18 ; 2 Cor. 4:4 -Fear and worry describes us totally absorbed in ourselves , in self-preservation, self-interest, and self-pity, so that we see neither God nor man except as they can be used to further 'our' meaning of life. We either fear God as He designed us to do, resulting in our living in His love, OR we fear the forces that we perceive as hostile to us, taking away the illusion of our meaning of life.

Matt. 6:32-33 ; John 16:33 ; 2 Tim. 1:7 -We must accept responsibility for our fears. God command us to 'Fear Not"366 times in Scriptures. Jesus commands us to 'Be anxious for nothing', and He placed the responsibility in our hands when He said, 'Let not your heart be troubled'.

Christians feel fear, but they make it the springboard for faith to fear God. The answer to fear is the greater fear of God. Believers feel fear but know it is a lie , and replaces it with the truth of his relationship to God and the presence of God within him.

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Presence of Fear or Faith
Perspective:

Gen. 1:26 -28Isa. 8:12-14;1; Rom. 1:16 ; Rom. 5:17 ; Eph. 4:1 -The only answer Scriptures gives to fear is the greater fear of the Lord. Isaiah describes how the believer transfers his fear of people and situations to the Lord who is always with him. As believers we are to 'walk worthy 'of our calling, i. e. , to walk in harmony with what we believe. The Gospel is good news of our restored relationship with God , and a return to live in God's presence. According to God's original design, we are to rule in love and in righteousness.

Hope:
Josh. 1:6-9 ; 1 Pet. 3:13-15 ; Heb. 13:5-6 -In Scripture , the presence of God is equated with the fear of God, and this is always expressed in our behaviour. A person living in the fear of God demonstrates a lifestyle of love, joy and peace-and above all, freedom from fear.

Isa. 41:10 ; Ps. 23:4 ;3:18 , 27 -The presence of God is the logic behind a life, a life without fear. God's command to change our anxious behaviour is based on the reality of His presence. Freedom from worry, fretting, and anxiety is not a miracle in our emotions but is a result of the conclusions of a Holy Spirit enlightened mind.

Ps. 62:1 , 2 , 5 , 6 ; 2 Cor. 13:14 -Living in the fear of God means not only that Christ has died and is risen from the dead, but also that He is exalted and has sent the Spirit who indwells our heart, and is the center of our true self. Thus, our biblical hope is born of a living relationship with God, and we know we are in covenant with God who is love, and Who is active on our behalf.

Change:

Lu. 9:23-24 ; Rom. 8:5-9 -We have practiced the presence of our flesh so long that we are on 'automatic' in the presence of a hostile situation. We react rather than act. We either deny there is a reason to fear, or we are immobilized and paralyzed, or we lash out in anger, afraid of our helplessness.

To counteract this tendency , we have to understand that we must act in faith , and practice the consciousness of God's presence within and with us . This does not just 'happen' to us! Notice Ps. 23:4 -it is David's determined faith and determined response to God's announcement that He is with us!

Rom. 8:26 ; Phil. 4:6-7 ; Isa. 26:3 , 4 ;40:31 -The Holy Spirit is our prayer partner, and we share every detail with God in prayer, and leave it with Him. We praise and give thanks, knowing it is the way faith anticipates His actions in our unknown future. This leads us to wait upon God which results in supernatural strength. We take time to simply sit in His presence and confess that "Thou art with me" and share the things that are the object of our worry and anxiety. When we do so, He promises that we will know the peace of God that is beyond all human comprehension.

2 Cor. 10:5 ; Prov. 16:25 ;18:21 -Every thought that comes to mind, give immediately to the Holy Spirit Who will return the right word to your mind to digest, to understand and to apply through your tongue which addresses life and rejects death.

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LEARNING TRUTH TALK
Perspective:

Phil. 2:5 ; Eph. 4:23 ; Col. 1:8-10 ; Phil. 4:8 ; 2 Cor. 10:5 -The New Testament teaches that the source of our behaviour is the mind. The salvation we have received though Christ begins to be established and worked out in our thoughts before it becomes our lifestyle. It is in the mind that we look at ourselves and form a perception of who we are. We have a mental mirror that images to us who we believe ourselves to be. Accordingly, before Christ, the false images we had of ourselves, patterns of anxiety, feelings and behaviour are to be changed to new patterns that reveal the love, hope and peace of God. , i. e. , learning to think with the mind of Christ.

Hope:
Matt. 13:1-9 , 8-23 ; Jere. 31:33 ; Eze. 36:26 , 27 -We now have a new center, a new magnetic north. Christ has put His life into us, we have a new heart, and His law written on that new heart, a heart of flesh, not stone. We have new soil to receive the word of God in order to conform to his image.

Matt. 18:3 -To hear the Gospel is usually a passive act. At the surface level, it may make sense to us so that we accept it. At the same time, we may still believe in our deepest being the prompting of the Lie, and we self-talk ourselves and fail to translate the Gospel into behaviour. Having a new heart means to turn around and go in the other direction, facing the fact that we now have to build our lives on a totally new foundation. Like children, we have to relearn the meaning of our lives and how to live it. A question of choice, choosing to change, to repent which opens the door to being Christlike.

Eph. 1:18 ; Eph. 4:23 ; Col. 1:9-10 -The 'heart' in Scripture is never the seat of emotions, but the center of a man's person. The heart of a man is his mind, the way he thinks and believes about life, from his beliefs he makes his decisions. The spirit of the mind speaks to the direction the mind thinks in. As we study the word of God, we progress being filled with godly knowledge. This wisdom and understanding originates in the spirit, and this becomes the source of our behaviour which pleases God.

Change:
2 Cor. 4:3-4 ; Rom. 12:1-2 -Our genealogy, life's experiences and encounters formed us to a self-focus, and a self-defensive posture to guard us against the fears of living . From this we established a belief bank which fashioned and determined the course of life. The basic cause of all our fears is not how other people view us and how we measure up in their eyes, but how we view ourselves and measure up to our own standards.

We talk to ourselves from our source, and by it we judge ourselves and everyone else. It is by this self-talk with its endless commands, requirements, and patterns of fear, it is this thinking that we base our actions or inactions. This belief bank and resultant self-talk is to be renewed.

Gen. 3:5 ; Rom. 8:6-7 ; Eph. 4:17 ; Rom. 1:18-27 -The Satanic lie of Eden "You shall be as God' was first injected into the mind and introduced a new and totally false belief system. It reflected to man through the inner mirror that he was to find the meaning to life in his created flesh. By this lie Satan gained legal access to the mind. Thus, man outside of Christ has a mind that is blinded by flesh feelings, he is led by passion, not logic, believing man is the center and the meaning of life. 2 Cor. 10:4 -The foundational belief system and the image of our self that arose from it were fashioned and given definition in our childhood. They were laid down and built up by our forefathers and parents, and were passed into our hands to build upon and updated to pass on to our children.

2 Cor. 10:5 ; Rom. 12:1-2 ; Rom. 8:29 ; Rom. 10:9 ; 1 Cor. 2 -

Daily we replenish the mind to eventually realize that we were created capable and responsible to receive a revelation of who God is, who we are, and the meaning of our existence. We are responsible to look to the "One" who made us and ask , "Who am I?" He tells us . We are dependent upon the creator God Who is unconditional love, deriving our life from Him. In the ability of the Holy Spirit, we are to express that life, His love in our behaviour, glorifying Him in creation. This is the belief bank we are to live from , the truth of God's word embedded in our human spirit which directs our life being a blessing on earth as Jesus was, is, and in us. By this we subdue the world's influences and the devil.

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Applying the Truth

Perspective:
2 Cor. 6:16-18 ; Eph. 4:20-21 ; Phil. 3:12-14 :Understanding the true foundational beliefs, the inner image of ourselves arising from these beliefs, and the inner talk that continually directs our lives, will help us to attack and destroy the lies that are behind all of our fears. The new birth does not neutralize the effect of what we tell ourselves. If we think with only the flesh-feeling input-we return, in fact, to life under the flesh, directed by the Lie We effectively silence the mind and the revelation of the truth as it is in Jesus.

Unless we understand what is going on, we will continue to live by leftover feelings and a view of life-a way of thinking-rooted in the Lie. These old lies are the factory where new lies and distortions to fit the new situation are manufactured. They are the landing strips for Satan's flying missiles to land on.

Hope:
Eph. 4:20-21 ; 2 Cor. 10:3-5 :It is the Holy Spirit Who renews the mind. We learn by Jesus, hear of Jesus, and be taught of Him, as we study the Scriptures. The Spirit would totally renew our mind and outmoded way of thinking, and would establish in us the mind of Christ-a new way of thinking.

Rom. 5:5 ; Phil. 4:6-7 ; Heb. 13:5-6 :When we take a stand of faith with the truth, the Holy Spirit then works in us mightily, pouring out and communicating the love of God to us. The love of God reaches into our fears, and surrounds and engulfs us. He enters our soul, where our emotions and thoughts are in turmoil, and speaks His peace-giving presence. We hear Him affirm us in the stand we take. He tells us He will never leave us, and we realize that He is our strength to face all our tomorrows.

John 14:6 ; 1Pet. 1:22 ; 2 John 2 ; 2 John 4 ; 3 John 4 ; 3 John 8 :We are those who have become confronted by the Truth, the Lord Jesus Himself and have renounced the Lie and obeyed the Truth. The Truth has come to take residence within us by the entrance of the Spirit of Truth. We now walk in the Truth. We are actively participating in the Truth and aggressively promoting the Truth.

Change:

Phil. 4:6-8 ; Matt. 6:25-32 :Because I am a child of the Father, I do not have to be anxious over anything; whatever is beginning to bother me, I choose with prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to make my requests known to my Father. I do now and in all hours of the day and night, choose to direct my mind to dwell on whatever is honorable, right, pure, lovely, of good repute, of excellence and of praise.

Col. 3:1-3 ; Matt. 5:14 :I have been raised up with Christ, and I choose to keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. I choose to set my mind on the things that are above, not on things that are on the earth, because I have died and my life is hidden with Christ in God. Christ is my life and in Him I am the light of the world. I am a city set on a hill that cannot be hidden.

John 1:12 ; Rom. 8:16 ; Gal. 4:6-7 :I have received Jesus Christ and , therefore, have been given the right to become a child of God. The Spirit Himself bears witness with my spirit that I have been born of God. And because I am His son, the Father has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into my heart. I am no longer a slave, but a son and an heir-an heir of God, a fellow-heir with Christ.

Read and dwell on the following Scriptures to reinforce who and what you are in Christ:

John 15:1 , 5 , 15-16 ; Phil. 1:2 1; Pet. 2:5 Rom. 6:18 ; Eph. 3:4-10 ; 1 Pet. 2:9 1 Cor. 6:15-20 ; Eph. 4:21-24 ; 1 Jhn. 3:1-2 2 Cor. 5:17 ; Col. 1:12-14 ; 1 Jhn. 5:18 Gal. 6:18 ; 1 Thess. 5:5 ; Matt. 5:13

Out of Control (World of Non-Existence)

Perspective:
Matt. 6:34 ; Isa. 33:2 ; Ps. 90:4 ; Lam. 3:21-24 :Sin is man choosing to be independent of God's love. It is taking sides with Satan in defiance of God, turning to one's own way. When man came out from under God to live in the Lie of " I can be independent and alongside of God, "he walked out of God's shalom. The first words of man were "I was afraid". When we seek to be in control of our lives, independent of God , we create a world of fear and anxiety. Believing the Lie that he is the source and master of his own life, his world and all his futures, man seeks to create shalom independently of God. To do this he must have control over all that happens in life, today and in all tomorrows, in his own life and in the lives of those who affect his happiness.

This leads to compulsion to control every detail of his existence and that of everyone around him. If he is a god, then he must be in control. This is the world of non-existence, the territory of the Lie, that exists only in our darkened imagination and in the minds of demons.

Hope:
Matt. 6:34 ; Isa. 33:2 ; Ps. 90:14 ; Lam. 3:21-24 : Jesus commands believers to live life in increments of one day at a time, and within that, one hour at a time. We have grace for today to be used entirely on today's quota of problems and challenges. The only action we can take today is to use that grace to do what must be done today in preparation for tomorrow . We then place all the problems of tomorrow in God's hands. Scripture advises us to receive from God in the morning the grace that is needed for that day.

Ps. 23 ; Heb. 13:8 ; Isa. 26:3 ; Deut. 33:25 :David spoke of God in the present tense, giving him the strength and enablement he needs in the present moment. Resting in the fact that God is now his Shepherd gives him the wisdom to handle the problem when he actually faces it. We don't try to imagine the changing future or what we will do with it;we focus our attention on the unchanging Christ, the Ruler of history. Instead of imagining a tomorrow without God, we concentrate our picture-forming ability on who God is to us, and in us now. As he is, so are we.

Change:

Lu. 22:31-34 ; John 15:10-11 ;16:33 ; Phil. 4:7 ; Ps. 91:11-13 :We not only want to control tomorrow, but all the people who are part of our lives, who fill our todays and tomorrows. We believe it is our responsibility to heal all the wounds and hurts of our family and associates; we must have the answers to all their problems, we are responsible to provide for family and to counsel and discipline children. God commands us never to manipulate others or try to live life for them. We must repent of our sinful attempts to control the lives of others, and release them to God Who is responsible for them.

Num. 13:25-14 :35; Phil. 4:6-7 ; James 4:6-8 ; I Pet. 5:5-6 :We are afraid of change, the fear of the unknown that causes anxiety. We procrastinate learning a new skill, driving a car, fear changing jobs, meeting new people, moving to a new area, afraid of success and new challenges, fear of being found wanting. We worry over things we have no control over: the life or death of loved ones, their joy and their sadness, and the choices they make. We worry because the Lie has taught us we should control them. The fear of death is the ultimate fear of the unknown and uncontrollable.

These types of fear lead to murmuring and complaining and often directed at God. We must do as Joshua and Caleb in not fearing the unknown: they self-talked the truth, confronting themselves and their fears in the presence of God. They knew God's presence with them, and they knew God's track record.

Rom. 6:3-6 ; 2 Cor. 5:17 , 21 ; Rom. 8:1-2 ; Heb. 11:1 :The only way to be free from all fear, especially the anxiety arising from the compulsion to control, is to pass through the ultimate fear, fear of death. We must become new persons, no longer dominated and controlled by the Lie and the liar. The only way that can happen is for that lie-controlled self to die! Jesus took our place in death and resurrection. Our response to that announcement is to repent and renounce the Lie, specifically in the area of control. Faith means death to the controlling self because the act of faith in the Gospel is admitting we can do nothing to save ourselves from ourselves and our sin. Faith abandons all efforts to make self right with God and rests with thanks in what God has done in Christ.

Act, don't wait on fear

John 14:21 -God's command is not only to love Him but to love one another. Jesus never referred to His loving God, but always mentioned loving your neighbor. By loving your neighbor, this was proof you were loving God. Jesus prayed all night so that He could talk to people lovingly in the day.

Compassion - pity, sympathy, anger at suffering of others, that I must do something about it.

I John 3:17 -God's love is never a feeling, God's love is action. Compassion arises and this leads to action.

Feelings are not sin but only become sin when feelings become the motive for which you act. Love is a choice I make over against other possibilities.

Obedience is acting in response to God but reacting is a response to a situation. First rule of love is 'FEAR NOT'. I meet objection, I meet abuse, I meet hatred, with forgiveness in the name of Jesus.

The Samaritan is a story that Jesus tells to warn us to do those things we have not been doing. To begin to do them now. The Holy Spirit is already in us, we ask for His directions, and GRACE to do what He shows us to do. Our choice to do in obedience what He says, allows his love to be manifested.

Illustration

Wife complaining her unsaved husband or casual Christian prevents her from doing her best at church, at bible study when she should be attending to her husband's wounded needs. Her husband is in the ditch. She has to get down into it and begin the healing process rather than spending her time worshipping the worship.

[The author who wrote this, may not be implying this is true in all situations, just that often it can be lack of death to self in the marriage - There are plenty of situations where the male is also doing this and also situations that seem never to be resolved no matter how much love you try to show - Pris]

FEAR – FAR ENOUGH

We are God's invention and our job is to ask God why He invented us. As I study and increase in my knowledge of God, I will become what God intended me to be from the beginning. When I do what God's word says to do then I become what God says I am. Until I become a communicator with God, and I do as He says I am to do, I become a blessing otherwise I am a danger on this earth.

Unless I know who I am in God's chart and scheme of things, then I will relate horizontally and become what others want to condition me to be or the conditions of life influence me to be according to the circumstances of life. The key to existence is to be in awe and reverence of the Lord. Satan in the garden tells man he is to be the meaning of life. Man chose not to be present with God but to be present within himself.

As soon as the independent spirit came in, man became fractured from one another. No longer communicated with each other, each conscious of his own needs rather than the other. Instead of sharing, they began to covet and protect themselves; thus, being alone they became desolate and fear entered in. Man became John Wayne types, solitary, no need of others but sufficient unto themselves.

We all have masks on and will be what others want us to be in order to be acceptable.

Isa. 61:4 -Desolations of many generations, Adam's sinned passed on to us manifold. Jesus had 'mature faith'. Called the Father "Abba". Looked at Himself as a 'little child', did not assume an adult way of thinking.

Shalom means I am at peace in the midst of chaos because I am resting in the arms of My Father. Jesus did not see danger as the final reality because the 'final reality' is "Abba". He is beyond the storms of life.

Jesus never looked at circumstances but through them and saw the "Father". Jesus did not fear the storm because He had authority over it.

Little faith is insufficient, undeveloped, timid. It is faith for salvation only. Does not deal with protecting and providing for you every day of your life.

Little faith lives in the realm of common sense. Chaos is all around us, we are perishing, that is the reality. Little faith never thinks beyond what the preacher says, their minds are not saved. Go beyond and see the Father made all things, feeds all the animals, etc. He Who made heaven and earth loves me uniquely as an individual. Thus, whatever comes to me in life, comes into God's realm as well, I am not alone in anything.

God is the only glory and the power, no other power but His prevails. What you fear has power over you. To fear God is to have no fear of anything else. Same relationship Jesus had with the Father , we have with Jesus.

Gal. 2:20 -Faith is not a struggle for it is Jesus' faith that is in me. Faith comes from Jesus Who lives inside of me. He is the author and finisher of my faith. It is not me struggling to have faith, but to allow Jesus be Himself as I confront life.

The Holy Spirit inside of me makes it all come alive. Rest in Him go thru life in complete rest in Him. Read Psalms every day of your life until it becomes real to you in every imaginable way. The Psalms tells me who my Father is "ABBA".

FEAR is a Part of Living

Fear always there:

Fear is part of living. We will always face new situations, new changes, and a sense of fear will always surround all situations, and a sense of inadequacy will surround me. All this does is reveal the creatureness of my being, and reminds me that I can't handle anything in my own strength and wisdom. Creature stuff, humanness, the flesh, that use to be god, independent of God, can't handle life. Rejoice that you cannot handle it, religion tells you can, but believe it not.

·2 Cor. 12 -When I realize I am weak then I am strong in Him.

·Phil. 4:13 -I can do all things thru Jesus Who strengthens me, Who is in me.

The secret therefore is that I can do all things because Christ is my life. By faith, not feelings, I call upon the Lord Jesus "Let your thoughts be my thoughts, , Your strength my strength, Jesus You are my adequacy. That is the normal Christian life. 1 Cor. 1:30 .

Jesus is my living map, I can face and be victorious no matter where I go. I can face all the uncertain functions of life. As a believer, I will always feel fear, God made me that way, to be inadequate and helpless so that I learn to solely depend upon Him for all that I need.

Therefore, all of life's challenges and problems are really opportunities for Christ to reveal Himself to me and thru me.

Changes in life are really great opportunities to reveal our true potential which is Christ living in me and thru me. Thru experiences, I begin to realize from one incident to another I grow in faith as I see Jesus's adequacy take over and swallow the fear.

2 Cor. 3:3-5 -God wants to work miracles thru my life every day I face new situations, something new. Every challenge that causes me to fear and revert back to the familiar is really a great opportunity for Christ's miracle to be mamifested in my life. Christ in me , the hope of glory, His life is the life I draw upon, treasures in earthen vessels, Christ in me.

John 14:26 , 16:13 -He will guide into the unknown, new territories, new ideas, new situations, thus, look forward to great opportunities to reveal our potential. Our potential always exist just ahead, new ventures, new victories, new revelations of Jesus within me.

Heb. 4:3 -Fear is really living in unbelief that Christ is not living within me. Areas which gives us fear, God has already given that area to us in Christ. Just get up and go with whatever you have in hand (as Moses with his staff) move forward and allow God fulfill that beyond the staff. Christ within me is enough to handle any tragedy, any addiction, any vacuum that exist Christ will fill it and keep out all others. My potential is always there to meet that which I have never done, where I have never been. Thus, the Holy Spirit has a lot of living in me to do, lot of dimensions of Jesus to accomplish. You can go back to Egypt, arise and be what I am, laugh at fear, and say "In Christ I can do all things!"

AFRAID OF GOD

Ps. 49 - Fear, awe, reverence, giving honor, measure and respect, in the Presence of that Person or thing-the all-powerful God. Unhealthy fear is a fear created by a distorted image of God, and giving honor to this distortion.

For 'Thy Name sake" describes the inward character, who He really is His track-record. He knows everything, my very thoughts, all-wise. Some see God as the 'judge' ready to punish. 10 commandments never given as a means for us to be accepted by God. Law is a plumbline, as a guide to tell me what crooked is and what straight is. Law reveals who God is and how to love God.

Law tells us we are helpless and cannot keep it but to drive us to God and He gives us our salvation. Most of us still trying to please God, to do works to be accepted. To please others and be accepted by them. We keep trying until we give up in hopelessness.

Feelings we express when not accepted:

'I am no good', I always feel guilty because I was compelled to be perfect', whatever I am doing I feel I should be doing something else, I hate this body because this body never does what it suppose to do, it is never perfect, God can't put up with me, no one can, I must please someone, I have to be accepted by somebody, somewhere is our constant theme.

We cannot live up to the god we created in our minds a judgmental god who is never satisfied with my performance. Thus, we are appealing to our own name for our salvation-by making my behaviour perfect, I will make myself acceptable. This leads to despair because we are never satisfied in ourselves, it is never enough. It is the name of Jesus which saves me, not my name or my efforts. God accepts me by the name of Jesus Christ, not by name or efforts. Jesus is 100% God and 100% man Who lived a perfect life. First man Who overcame satan in the wilderness. He is my brother human, One who never sinned, the really genuine human.

Jesus stood in for everyone and took all human sins and paid the full penalty. When He was buried, I was buried with Him. When He arose I arose with Him.

We were completely useless, no hope whatsoever in ourselves. Our only hope is to die and start all over again. When He died, I died, when He was buried, I was buried with Him, when He arose, so did I. Now 'in Him', I respond biblically to life. Now I start new again, born-again to start a new life, a new creation without a past, a virgin set free from the world , the flesh and the devil.

[We must get free of the demons and get healed in our inner man to walk this out according to the Word. Yet the Word is something that has to be read, and absorbed and walked in to also get the healing. - Pris]

FEAR OF CHANGE

Exodus 16 - Israel leaving Egypt, going into wilderness.

Gen. 2:3 -God would have us dependent upon Him, He is our blueprint. Not only dependent but united with Him, His Spirit living within us, joined with Him, He lives in us and we live from Him. He is our fuel, if you like; we can't live without Him.

He is our Lord, Our Creator, our inventor, we do as He says. As we obey Him, we love Him and reveal Him to the world as He would be seen in our behaviour. We are creatures who image God, revelators of Him, that is our destiny, our blueprint from the very beginning. The potential of any human being is God Himself. God is our potential, to reveal Him in all His love, all His strength, all His wisdom in life.

How does this work?

It works by faith. When I am faced with any situation, being united with God I am adequate for any situation. Do I need wisdom, love, strength, then God thru me manifests Himself thru me to others.

[Pris: Whatever we lack, we can call upon God at the moment for grace we need to help – that manifestation is not automatic without relying on GOD's Spirit]

Gen. 2:8 -World when created was a kingdom of peace, peace with and by God, peace within myself and with others. That peace makes me prosperous in all areas of life.

·The Lie: Be independent and become your source, within self find wisdom, light, strength, do what you like or want, no longer dependent upon God, don't need Him.

Source of fear:

Fear came in when man declared himself independent from God, to declare his own kingdom of peace. Therefore , Adam had to get everything under control thru his own power. He had to know what others do, think and speak, he had to be controlling all things else he would be terribly upset. He must know and have all things in order, what must be, or if it was not, what he had to be, what was harmonious or not, have all things in balance, to change if not, etc. Able also to predict all things, the present and the future. Wisdom comes from familiarity, that is security, that which is predictable.

Change: unfamiliar situations, new happenings, throws my world out of control, things become unpredictable, I am no longer in control;thus, fear comes in and challenges my ability to handle it. Now, I realize I am no longer a god.

Imperative of change:

Change is the dynamic of life. We put things off, hoping things will be back to normal if we do nothing. Familiar things make me complacent. If my schedule changes, I have a heart attack. Hate to meet new people, fear comes in, they don't fit into my idea of those people I already know, I don't know if they will like me or not.

Become afraid of people who don't speak my language, they throw us off balance. Why do you put off learning new things, ignorance of them will show me up, and I don't want others to know I am ignorant of anything, upsets my position of being in control of my life. I might reveal to others or to myself , I am not as strong as I thought nor as wise as I imagined I was.

Loss of job, moving to another city, fear of success, all of these might reveal your weakness, that you cannot handle it: new job, promotion, being single, etc.

Addicts are familiar with and use to their addictions,gives comfort, reluctant to give it up. No real fear of God because we neglected the Holy Spirit. We majored on doctrine, and not on the Presence of the Holy Spirit within us, the Spirit daily revealing to our human spirit the spirit of Christ within us, a living, vital reality. Not just a doctrine but a living Spirit.

We normally look at God as Someone Who gives us something, and He will if we behave ourselves, being nice and all, then God will give. If He doesn't then we get mad, and sulk. We are to see God as He really is. God in us, a concrete reality. God is, and from Him I live, I exist, I live from Him and in Him, in love God is love, so am I, in Him.

He came in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and I am to confess Him as Lord. He, above all, I am from Him, He is not someone I get things [from only - Pris], He is above all of that, He is my God.

[Pris - He is my SOURCE of all I need-material and spiritual] God is God and will remain God, nothing can stop Him, He goes for eternities. Thus, be in awe of Him, and His magnificence. He made the world, and all in it. Are we to fear anything in the world when God made it?

Stop talking like the world talks, full of fears, replace the fears of this world by the fear of God .

Instead of seeking God for things, seek Him for Who He is. See Malachi, the Sun of Righteousness, sit in the realm of this truth, let His rays penetrate into your inner being, that you may be full of God, being full of God, You have God Himself, and from Him, flows all things. Sit under His rays, let God be God, God is, God of the "I AM", be part of this, flow from this great truth. Know that God loves me just as I am, I don't have to perform. Let God be all that He is, let Him flow thru me, and all else descends into secondary levels.

Read Psalms, Epistles, be astounded at Who God is, He is worthy of our praise, be astounded at our salvation, what God has done and will do, God is worthy, He is central to the universe, Lamb of God slained before the world.

Overcome fear by a greater fear -- the fear of God!

FEAR OF DEATH

Joshua 14 -Caleb's 85th birthday. Caleb's constant cry "The Lord is with us". Hope is that God is unchanging.

Heb. 13 -always with us, never leave or forsake you no matter what. Hope is in God, not in desires or my emotions. Faith is that now I have the present possession of God's grace. Hope is always future tense, i.e., hope is faith that extends into the future. 12 spies, ten said no, 2 said yes.

Caleb suffered the fate of the naysayers, a victim of their sins, Caleb did not follow the crowd's sins, he forgave them, those who thwarted his dreams of entering the promised land. Caleb's hope was not in people but in God. He was not cynical of people, saw their failures but his faith and hope was in God , not people. Hope in God and God is in you now, that is all that matters. Neither was Caleb jealous of Joshua. Being victims of the past is having hope in self but not in God. Hoping in others, you will be disappointed, another snare . Our hope is to be in God or we will be disappointed, and cynicism will become a pattern. Then our bodies will yield to this despair and we become sicker and sicker.

[Pris – and more bitter and bitter]

Time heals nothing, it just buries it, hides it, only the Spirit of Christ heals a broken heart. Our full potential always remains, growing and developing until the image of Christ is revealed, the potential of Christ in us. Don't put hope in people or self but only in God.

Key is to forgive the past completely, all the hurts caused by others or by self. Ask God to put His love in me in order for me to deal with the past.

Ps. 42:11 -Hope in God is a command, not what others have done or not done to us. Self-pity comes when I think there is no God, leaving God out of the equation.

FEAR OF PEOPLE

Fear is a feeling, I work thru it by an act of my will because God is with me. I replace fear by an act of the will to love and not be envious, jealous, fear of being challenged by stronger people or those who threaten my sense of well-being by their sense of superiority. I practice the Presence of the Holy Spirit within me and allow Him thru me to love those who I would normally be in fear of.

Heb. 13:20-21 -The realization of God being within me from Genesis onward. God is with me, and by this I reject the fear thought. Attack fear thought with the truth. God loves me and accepts me and approves of me regardless of what others think or say. Fear is misplaced faith, putting my faith in people to approve of me, and accept me. Be always in a state of forgiving all offenses, a permanent state of reconciliation. Choose to love, develop this disposition to love regardless, it takes time for this idea to grow and develop into the image of Christ because this is what Jesus did. Commands us to 'Fear Not" this addresses our will, not our emotions.

Love God's way and feelings will follow.

God created man for man to reveal Him to others on this earth, to show and reveal God's love. A human bears the divine image of God, to reveal the divine character on earth. The true meaning of life is just this: to reveal the love of God to others by my behaviour. Man was enabled by his choice to exercise faith to receive this love and to love by my behaviour. That is our blueprint, our destiny to be this love. Sin states that meaning of life is that I should love myself first then I can love others, the alternative plan to life's meaning. Our blueprint is to love otherwise life does not work. God's idea is that man is to be "the being of God"to manifest the Spirit of God.

In sin , man tries to get others to love him by performing for man. If I do great deeds, or do for people they will accept and approve me. Sin looks for a substitute for the infinite , unconditional love of God. Rejecting God is rejecting love, and love is the very essence of being. Not loving brings a vacuum, brings an emptiness, which must he filled. This emptiness we try to fulfill by performance, to get people to love and accept me. Therefore, we will do anything for this acceptance.

Fear comes in when I think my audience is watching my life, and I become afraid that they may not like what they see, and give me what I need. Not being accepted, I lash out in anger. I love those who love me , and I hate those who don't. Good Samaritan meaning is that religion will worship the worship in lieu of being of service.

Today, we are told to go to our unconverted friends, but we decline saying they are drunks, evil, tell dirty jokes, the same as the passerby's of the good samaritan story. We worship the ritual, the songs, the praise time, etc. Result is we don't do anything that comes in between.

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A Living Sacrifice

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"I exhort you therefore, brothers, through the compassions of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

Present your bodies a living sacrifice

Please notice with me that in the above quote there are many bodies yet only one sacrifice. Have you ever seen this before? How many times have you read this and yet never noticed this? Funny how our minds work. We read and comprehend things according to a predetermined set of criteria that automatically feeds us the meaning. Our minds want to tell us that this verse is all about the "individual" Christian life. But that is not the case at all.

In the Greek, the word 'bodies' is plural and 'sacrifice' is singular. This indicates that, although **many** bodies are presented, they become **one** sacrifice. Therefore, this whole passage here in Romans 12, taken in its proper context, is not about the individual Christian life, but rather, is about God's will and purpose, the Body of Christ!

There we see **one** sacrifice being presented to God. This sacrifice requires our entire being which includes body (v.1), soul (v.2), and spirit (v.11)

This Sacrifice is Living

This sacrifice is alive through resurrection life. This is the divine life that has passed through and overcome death and therefore, can never die again. This is not like the sacrifices of the Old Testament that were all slain when they were presented. This sacrifice is always living to God.

This Sacrifice is Holy

This sacrifice is holy because it has been separated unto God by the blood of Christ from the world for the purpose of proving God's perfect will. This sacrifice has been completely consecrated (dedicated) to God in order that He may have His visible expression here on the earth. Therefore, this sacrifice is well pleasing to God.

One Sacrifice, One Service

Not only is this a single sacrifice, but it is also a single service. Our service to God should not be one that is individual, separated, and unrelated. All our service should constitute one whole service to God, not many individuals who are all doing their own things. There is no such thing as "my" ministry or "your" ministry. It is all the ministry of Christ that we all share in. It is the ministry of the Body and to the Body. It is Body ministry that flows out of Body life. This is the life of Christ flowing through the members to one another and to the world. This is not detached individuals performing their own separated "ministries."

Transformation

Change can only come from the inside out. Once the sacrifice is presented to God and given to Him as a continual dedication then He begins the transformation process. This begins with a compete renewing of the mind. His goal is the building up of the Body of Christ so that He might have an expression of His fullness. He accomplishes this goal is by conforming each member into the image of His dear Son.

It begins with the turning of the mind to the spirit so that the mind can be renewed and set free from the mold of the this age and begin thinking along the lines of God's purpose and plan which is to have His own visible expression that Paul called the Body of Christ.

First, there must be a separation from the world. The external environment can no longer be the sphere of primary influence. The inner temple of God within the Body must now become the center of influence. The members must learn to turn inward to find their Lord, and to there, be fed by Him. The age of this world can no longer dictate the life of these chosen ones. This Sacrifice has been "set apart" for the unique purpose of expressing her Lord. Things of the world (external things) no longer hold any attraction for her because now she is being drawn to hide away with Him who lives within her.

As this living sacrifice beholds her Lord she is being changed from glory to glory (II Cor. 3:18). As she decreases, He increases and more and more of His life is expressed through her. She only has to set her mind on the spirit (Ro. 8:6) and her mind will be renewed. The more she turns to Him (inwardly), in her spirit, the more her mind is focused on eternal things and away from things of this present age.

The present age is one of self-centered individualism which comes from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This sacrifice only has one hope of being saved from such a perverse generation, she must discover her Lord contained within her own members and then draw from His life found within each one. She can no longer find her satisfaction within her own self absorbed, separated, independent lifestyle. Isolation cannot be her refuge any longer. He only alternative to the world is the Body. She must learn to function and live out from the life of the Body. Her own life can no longer sustain her, in fact, it never really did.

This living sacrifice is a sweet smelling fragrance to our God. This sacrifice produces the purpose of His heart; to have a living, breathing image of His Son. To have a visible expression of His own glory on the earth. To have a Body that will truly express His life so that the world will know that the Father has sent Him.

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A Living Sermon

Sandy Warner

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A LIVING SERMON, YOUR PERSONAL STORY
I send you forth as My living sermon, as people would rather see one than hear one. In the mean time, your life stories of how I speak to you shall become prophetic living legends for the generations following in your footsteps.

"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart." (2 Cor 3:2-3 KJV)

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Strings

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STRINGS
I see a balloon high in the sky
Having traveled miles gone by.
I once held on and grasped it tight
Against tug and pull to take flight.

The wrestling of strings are now released.
In surrender there is always peace.
Remember well to give back to God.
And all of heaven will applaud.

It hurts a mother to cut her strings.
But such delight when she see their wings.
Flying on prayers so lovingly given,
They'll find their way for which they've striven.

Now they soar and fly in the wind.
Where they go, we see no end.
Roots and wings we give our kids.
To seek God's best, not what's forbid.

Always take time to say a prayer.
The wind will carry your heart that's there.
A mother's prayers will never cease.
On through history past deceased.

1 Sam 1:22-8 NKJV
But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the LORD and remain there forever." So Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the LORD establish His word." Then the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him. Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli. And she said, "O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman

who stood by you here, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. Therefore I also have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the LORD." So they worshiped the LORD there.

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In Search Of The Reluctant Ones
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IN SEARCH OF THE RELUCTANT ONES
I AM working on secret missions right now. I AM going fishing to find, identify and commission leaders into their places. These dear ones have been tried in the fire, and many are reluctant and hiding, having already gone through more than enough. Many do not know their identities and some are not even interested. I may turn their faces towards My truth of their calling, but they bounce right back again as though not even noticing.

They do not understand, that for the span of their entire lives, all they have gone through has prepared them for this hour. I have suffered and cried along with them, and have never left their side. Little do they know that their training has been almost completed. A few finishing strokes, along with the full understanding of their calling and identity, and they shall be prepared in no time at all. I will hug and hold them tight as they turn their faces towards Me and I turn My face towards them. I will cling to them and hold them snugly until they stand and are able accept the revelation of their callings.

Mark 1:16-20 NKJV
And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

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The Lord is hunting and fishing and coming another circle to find those who feel disqualified from their callings. For further rhema, click here:

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Altar of Sacrifice
Arlette Pollard and Bill Somers

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> *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind; that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."* Romans 12:1-2

Several days ago the Lord woke me up several times during the same evening, starting around one o'clock until early into the morning. Each time He would wake me up I was shown the same vision. What I was shown was an altar that was made of stone. It was located out in a remote countryside, on a hill, surrounded by various sized bushes, and trees.

Each time I was awakened I was shown another detail of the altar scenario. The first time I was awakened what I was shown was an altar that sat on a level section at the top of a hill. Though I saw an entire mountain scene, it was the altar that was the predominate object of focus. The first time I woke up I was aware that this was the location where altar sacrifices were performed. So I looked around to see what was to be sacrificed, nothing appeared.

The next time I was awakened, even though I never saw any people, it seemed that I was looking through the eyes of someone as they made the climb up the hillside to the altar. I saw the ground they walked on; I saw the path they followed. I knew they had a definite purpose in climbing the mountain. The person whose eyes I seemed to be looking through, I was made to understand, that he knew the altar awaited him at the top of the mountain. There was some anxiety that I felt as I knew he was questioning, wondering what was to happen at the altar. When he made it to the altar, I found that I was looking through his eyes as he searched the area for a sacrifice. He knew there was to be a sacrifice, but couldn't seem to locate it. He looked in the bushes, everywhere, but there was no sacrifice.

The next time I woke up, the people, where at the top of the hill looking upon the altar, they were still looking around, searching for something. It seemed to me that they were becoming anxious as they looked for the sacrifice. Not that they doubted there was a sacrifice, just that they were anxious to find the sacrifice. I seemed to move with them as they continued the search through the bushes, and remembered how they kept looking to the altar itself, as if they expected a sacrifice to be laid out upon the altar.

I would be awakened two more times that night, and the vision was the same. Except the last two times, were just glimpses of the altar. I knew the altar was ready, the people were ready, but that there was no sacrifice. No one seemed to doubt that there was to be a sacrifice, just that it hadn't appeared yet.

The next morning as I was getting ready to meet two fellow intercessors for a day of worship and intercession I was shown the same vision. The altar, the people waiting for the sacrifice to appear.

Later that day as I met with two other intercessors, one of the intercessors, who also moves into visions, without my telling her anything about the altar vision, started to describe the vision I had been given the night before. She described it in perfect detail, we both seemed to sense it was representative of Abraham and Isaac. Father and son. I said something about how we were to wait for understanding, to wait before we moved into prayer, because what was supposed to be laid on the altar hadn't appeared yet. But she immediately said, no, the word from God was that it was all about obedience. She said this three times, that it was all about obedience. She said that she saw that there was the older man, who was the Father, and she saw that he was carrying a lamb that had been slain in his arms. The lamb had been sacrificed. His obedience had been the sacrifice.

Earlier that morning while getting dressed, when I had seen the altar, the Lord had spoken these words to me, that it was about obedience, and sacrifice. I hadn't really thought these words applied to the vision, until the other intercessor spoke out the word that she had received from the Lord.

A few days ago, I was shown the altar again, along with the rest of the mountaintop background scenery. Except this time I knew that what was supposed to be placed upon the altar, had already been placed there, and the sacrifice had been completed. In this vision I was now seeing the light of God's presence shining upon and within the altar. The urgency, the expectation was gone. I felt a peace, freedom, joy and hope. I was shown the altar where a sacrifice had been laid out and performed, but what was a new addition to the vision, was that I sensed that there had been a fire that surrounded the altar that had burnt up and consumed the sacrifice. A fire of purification had burned with so much heat that not even the ashes from the sacrifice remained. All that remained was the glory of God's presence shining within and upon the altar.

I would see this vision several times that evening. This time I was with another intercessor and we both began to experience the presence of the Lord strongly, flowing throughout our bodies. His presence seemed to be moving us past seeing in the natural, to seeing, or sensing another depth of spiritual reality. We saw the world around us, the buildings, the people, but they seemed to disappear in importance, the world seemed to be more of a backdrop to the presence of God who was moving us into visions.

Each time that I would see the altar, the altar where God's presence seemed shining upon it, within, a great joy welled up within me. I couldn't seem to suppress the joy and so I laughed. When I laughed it felt as if joy was an emotion that moved through every vein within my body, from my toes to the top of my head. Each time I laughed the joy was released so that it made it impossible for me to not continue laughing. God would keep showing me the altar, the altar where the sacrifice had been consumed, where His presence was the fulfillment of the burnt sacrifice and my joy would be increased. The joy that led to laughing increased in power and flowed steadily through my body each time I was shown the altar. This continued for over an hour.

Later my friend and I would pray that the fire of God's purification would come down from heaven. We prayed for the fire to burn off the dross within His children's lives. That the fire would consume anything, any thoughts, actions that would take them from Jesus. We prayed for the baptism of fire to fall upon the church. We prayed that God's children would be released from anything that kept them in bondage to the world. Freedom, the joy of the Lord, and the Baptism of Fire so that God's Bride stood reflecting the glory of His presence to the world.

> *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:19*
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> *"And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:8-11*
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> *"John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water: but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." Luke 3:16*

Altar of Sacrifice Pt. 2
Bill Somers

> *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. (1 John 3:16 KJV)*

In the account of the vision of the altar, Arlette says "when I had seen the altar, the Lord had spoken these words to me, that it was about obedience, and sacrifice". Farther down she has this to say:

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With that in mind I offer these comments on another Altar of Sacrifice that we find in scripture, that of Elijah.

Here is the text from first Kings telling the story of Elijah's Altar of Sacrifice and what followed.

> *1 Kings 18:*
> *30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.*
> *31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:*
> *32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.*
> *33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.*
> *34 And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.*
> *35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.*
> *36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.*
> *37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.*
> *38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*
> *39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.*
> *40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.*
> *41 And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.*
> *42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,*
> *43 And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.*
> *44 And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.*
> *45 And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.*
> *46 And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.*

Now we're going to point out some things about this passage starting at the end and proceeding to the beginning.

The two key points here are that Elijah outran Ahab's chariot [v46] and that there was a great rainfall [v45].

The significance of Elijah outrunning the chariot can be seen by stringing together a couple verses relating to it.

> *Joshua 3:15 And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)*

And:

> *Jeremiah 12:5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?*

You can see in the verse from Jeremiah 12 that what Elijah has done here is contend with the horses. The horses of Ahab's chariot. Not only did he contend or compete with them, he outran them even after they had a tremendous head start.

In the structure of the quote from Jeremiah, the Lord is making an analogy. Here is how it boils down. Running with footmen compares to competing against horses as a time of peace [land of peace means peace in the land] compares to the swelling of Jordan. You would think he would compare it to a time of war. But he compares it to the swelling of Jordan. In the quote from Joshua, we see that the swelling [flooding] of Jordan comes at harvest time. So this is telling us two things. First, Elijah's supernatural empowerment to out run horses is connected with the idea of Harvest Time, and the Harvest Time may be a time of war. Notice he says *peace, wherein thou trustedst.* In harvest time you can't trust in peace, or horses and chariots, only in the LORD.

And of course, you can figure that all this is pointing to the End Time Harvest.

> *(Matthew 13:39) …the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

In verse 45, there is mention of great rain. The background to the whole story of Elijah's sacrifice is found one chapter back in 1 Kings 17.

> *(1 Kings 17:1)And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.*

Elijah had declared that there would be no rain in Israel. [The drought lasted 3 and a half years.] No rain means no crops, no food or water and famine in the land; no harvest. Rain coming will reverse all that. So rain itself speaks of Harvest time. In the context of End Time Harvest, it speaks of a special type of coming of the Lord or presence of the Lord, known in prophetic jargon as The Latter Rain. The term comes from Hosea 6, where two days signify the so called church, and the third day refers to the Millennium or Kingdom Age. The key phrase is in verse 3: *he shall come unto us as the rain.*

> *Hosea 6:*
> *1-Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

If you look closely at Hosea 6: 1-3 here, you can see a pattern or sequence set out.

A. Return to the Lord.
B. He will revive us.
C. He will bring Harvest.

A similar pattern, but much more elaborate, can be seen in the passage telling of Elijah's sacrifice.

1. Elijah calls the people back to the Lord, [repentance]

2. Elijah calls down fire, [revival]
3. Elijah announces the coming of rain [harvest].

What's interesting are the details of how Elijah prepares the altar and the effects of the fire.

In those days the people of Israel had been led into worship of Baal. Elijah's sacrifice was a contest between The Lord and Baal. 'Baal' is a word that means "lord" but it does not refer to the True Lord, Jehovah or JHWH. It's like the word 'Allah' which means 'God' but does not refer to the Real God but a false or substitute God. [An anti-christ as it were.]

Since we're looking at this from an End Time Prophetic viewpoint, let's look at **Who Is Israel**. There is a great deal of squabbling and disputing going on today over this question, with various factions of the church staking claim to one viewpoint or another.

If you consult a dictionary, you almost always find multiple definitions with multiple meanings under each one. Shouldn't we be mature enough to allow the possibility that God can use multiple meanings in his word?

> **Is·ra·el**
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> **1.** *Bible*. **a.** In the Old Testament, Jacob. **b.** The descendants of Jacob.
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> **2.** *Judaism*. The Hebrew people, past, present, and future, regarded as the chosen people of God by virtue of the covenant of Jacob.
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> **Is·ra·el**
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> **1.** An ancient kingdom of Palestine founded by Saul c. 1025 B.C. After 933 it split into the Northern Kingdom, or kingdom of Israel, and the kingdom of Judah to the south. Israel was overthrown by the Assyrians in 721.
>
> **2.** *Abbr.* **Isr.** A country of southwest Asia on the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

Here we see two bible definitions, a religious definition, and two political/historic definitions. There are also prophetic or typological definitions. In Romans 9-11 the bible goes into great detail on this subject. Let me offer several simple definitions, any or all of which can fit how "Israel" is used prophetically in the Bible.

Israel is:
1. God's people in general, for all time.
2. God's people in the church of today.
3. God's people in the country of Israel today.
4. God's people, who have been called out from other nations to be separated to him. Regardless of race or national origin.

And from this definition, it therefore also means:

5. The United States of America.

For this discussion, our primary application is #2 the church of today. Now just as Israel in the days of Elijah worshipped Baal, The church of today is caught up in the worship of Mammon, i.e. material success or the world's system. And we find this reflected in the 'church' system.

We all claim to be looking for Harvest, sinners getting saved, but if we look at the patterns outlined above, we see that repentance and revival must come first.

So what did Elijah do?

> *31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:*

The 12 stones stand for the 12 tribes that Israel was divided into. For us they stand for the far greater number of denominations, movements and camps the church is divided into. What does the bible have to say about that?

> *1 Corinthians 1:*
> *10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*
> *11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.*

Note also this phrase in verse 31: *Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name.* The change of Jacob's name to Israel is a prophetic type of the transition that will come upon 'today's church' changing it from a worldly 'Jacob' mentality to a Godly 'Israel' mentality befitting those who are really God's people. And it is the "Word of the Lord" that came to him and declared that. So who is the "Word of the Lord" but Jesus, who's coming as the refiners fire and then the latter rain will bring this about.

Next, Elijah puts on wood and cuts up the sacrifice and puts the pieces on the wood. **What is this flesh** put on the altar? Here's a clue.

> *Romans 12:*
> *1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*
> *2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

The flesh on the altar has to be our flesh.

Then Elijah pours on 12 barrels of water, scarce in times of drought. This speaks of a very thorough repentance, accompanied by many tears. Here's an example of a woman, a type of the church or bride, offering tears of repentance.

> *Luke 7:*
> *37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,*
> *38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.*

Then Elijah calls on the Lord to come.

> *38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*

The fire of God has burnt it all up!

> *Deuteronomy 4:24 For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.*

> *Hebrews 12:*
> *28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*
> *29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

He is an all consuming fire, and a refiners fire.

> *Malachi 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

Conclusions

Now let's make some conclusions. When the fire falls, means His coming as the purifier and refiner of his people. Then the flesh on the altar which represents our selves, will be gone [i.e. death to self]. The water, which represents our tears of repentance will be gone [i.e. the joy of the Lord]. The stones of the altar which represent the church as we know it today with all its divisions and strife will be gone. All that will be left will be the Glory of God.

> *39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces ….*

Death to self allows us to put on righteousness and walk in the peace that passes all understanding, add in the Joy of the Lord and you have Righteousness, Peace and the Joy of the Holy Ghost, that's the Kingdom of God. Then will come the harvest. And the anointing or supernatural empowerment to 'content with horses.'

> *(Matthew 13:39) … the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

> *Mark 4:*
> *28 For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.*
> *29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.*

> *Revelation 14:*
> *14 And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.*
> *15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

A Land Of Fountains And Depths

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

The Lord promised that the "good land" spoken of in Deuteronomy 8:7, would also be a "land of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills."

I'm reminded of several passages of scriptures when I read about "fountains and depths", and the different things a "fountain" can portray in the scriptures.

For the prophet Zechariah, it spoke of the cleansing blood of Jesus as he prophetically saw a day when there would be a ""fountain open in the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness". (Zechariah 13:1)

The prophet Jeremiah recognized the Lord as the "fountain of living waters", and lamented that the people of God had forsaken Him to hew out broken cisterns which could hold no water. (Jeremiah 2;13, 17:13)

King Solomon, the man who chose wisdom above riches and wealth, depicts the law of the wise a fountain of life which would cause one to escape
the snares of death. (Proverbs 14:27)

The Psalmist David called that place of abiding under the shadow of His wing a "fountain of life" in Psalm 36:7- 9.

And then John the "revelator" declared a promise from God that the thirsty would be given freely to drink at that fountain of the "water of life". Revelation 21:16.

All these scriptures somehow relate to how we draw forth living waters through our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and how Jesus truly IS that fountain.

But I was so blessed and humbled to discover something upon the reading of the Word:

Even as we see our beloved Saviour as the fulfillment of all our needs and desires, from the simplicity of our initial salvation experience to the fullness of the true satisfaction to every heart's desire, every thirst being quenched, so WE are to be the Lord that fountain from which HE draws in order that His thirst be satisfied!!

He is God, and the Bible very boldly declares that if He were hungry, He doesn't need to bother to tell us. (Psalm 50:12)

Nevertheless, through the scriptures the Lord uncovers His heart for those who go seeking Him, and looking for Him that they might come to an understanding of what would please Him. And even as Jesus is MY spring, MY source of all life, MY fountain of living waters, even so He calls His people and His desired abode in their midst, the place of HIS springs, HIS fountain!!

God would be blessed out of the congregation, and the source of HIS blessing would be a fountain of praise and worship flowing from His people!!

> *23.They have seen thy goings, O God; even the goings of my God, my King, in the sanctuary.*
> *25 The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; among them were the damsels playing with timbrels.*
> *26 Bless ye God in the congregations, even the Lord, from the fountain of Israel. Psalm*

> *68:23-26*

God has chosen Zion (His people) as the dwelling place for all HIS springs. Notice again, the pleasure of the Lord in mentioning the praisers with their musical instruments in assocation with His springs!!

> *5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.*
> *6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah.*
> *7 As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in thee. Psalm 87:5-7.*

Praise and worship pleases the heart of God, and He delights in it. And yet, King Solomon touched on something beyond the gates and courts of the Lord approached by way of praise and worship. In the Canticles, Solomon refers to the Bride as a "spring shut up" and as a "fountain sealed". What is it that is "shut up" and "sealed"??

> *12 A garden inclosed is my sister, my spouse; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.*
> *13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard,*
> *14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices:*
> *15 ¶A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.*
> *16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits. Solomon 4:12-16.*

It is fruitfulness!! The Lord is waiting for fountains of fruitfulness to spring forth from His people. The release of fruitfulness comes by way of the wind! God is calling for the North wind and the South wind to blow upon His people that the fragrance of their fruitfulness might come forth.

Fruitfulness is a high form of worship as it represents relationship with Him. Fruitfulness, especially the kind that "remains", says "Lord, I love you, and I'm staying close to you no matter what. Even as you choose to abide with me, so I choose to abide with you, no matter what!!"

Read of the perils of David in the 44th Psalm, and then see his testimony in adversity:

> *17 ¶All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant. Psalm 44:17.*

One can have gifts in abundance, and yet have no relationship with Him because gifts are promised and given "without repentance". We all have heard how that when God gives a gift, He doesn't take it back. However, to have "fruit", one must ABIDE in the vine. One must be faithful in ALL seasons in order that fruit might come forth. (Read John 15)

Beloved, we truly don't know what a great work has been wrought within until adversity blows upon our lives and that which the Lord has done within is released, and revealed for all to see. It is then that the Lord, ourselves, and others can take great pleasure in that which He has done within us. So much can be occurring because of the rich and deep inward dealings of the Lord within our hearts, but it's not apparent until the winds blow to bring forth a revelation of what God has done!

Others may not truly know you "by the spirit". They might not perceive the deep works of God in your life, and what He has done to change you and transform and make you a new vessel. You may become discouraged when you feel like you are not truly counting for much when you know your own heart before your Maker, and how you have yielded yourself to Him, and allowed Him to place you on the potter's wheel, smashing the vessel again and again to make it anew because you are determined to submit your life unto Him until you know that the outward vessel is worthy of the inner treasure.

We know that Paul declared to the Corinthians that the "treasure is in an earthen vessel that the excellency of the power might be of God, and not of us" (2 Cor 4:7.) But to his son in the faith, Timothy, he talked about the process whereby the vessel is purged, made a vessel unto honor. (2 Timothy 2:20-22)

You can feel like your "vessel" has been "shut up" just like the "fountain sealed" in Solomon's Song. That doesn't mean there is not a treasure in your vessel. That doesn't mean there is not waters of life that are gurgling beneath the surface, and maybe even a pounding force trying to push it's way up through the flesh to be manifested that others might be blessed, and that the Lord might come into His garden (YOU as an individual in relationship and communion with Him) and "eat the pleasant fruits thereof."

It is a season of winds. For the world and the "carnal Christian", the winds can represent destruction and devastation. But for that one who has been "abiding in the vine", the winds represent the openings of the fountains of the deep!! David said, "Out of the depths" have I cried unto thee." (Psalm 130:1). The prophet Jeremiah said, "Oh that my head were a fountain of tears". When you cry out to God because of those winds of adversity and trouble that blow upon you, those fountains are opened. God gets a sense of the very fragrance of your soul, and He LOVES it.

As you delight yourself in HIM, and He is YOUR fountain of "living water", even so you are HIS "fountain of living water" . Why would the Lord condescend to such a place of intimacy and oneness with us that He comes seeking from us the very same things we are seeking from Him? It's because God knows where the treasures have been placed. He knows there is pearl of GREAT price hidden in a field!! He knows there is mystery,

> *9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*
> *10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*
> *Ephesians 1: 9,10*

What is the "mystery"? The Bible plainly tells us: It's that ALL THINGS are going to be gathered together IN ONE.

God is the one who ordained that we be so much LIKE Jesus that when the Father comes seeking fellowship with His only begotten Son, He will not feel shortchanged when He comes into the company of the MANY sons whom He has brought to glory with Him!! (Hebrews 2:10)

When God desires to take a stroll in the cool of the day, His people will be His garden!! When God gets hungry, His people will be the fruit that draws Him. When God gets thirsty, His people will be His fountain!!

God has called us, His people, to be A GOOD LAND, a land of fountains and depths.......

Always in the Love of Jesus,

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Herald of His Kingdom

A Present Purpose in Redemption
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> *13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;*
> *14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*

> *Titus 2:13,14*

Dearest Friends in Jesus:

This world is full of ample opportunity to excel in good works. However, the Bible tells us about a "peculiar people" who would be "zealous of good works". What sets this people apart from others who are doing "good works"? It's the fact that they are a purified people, a people who have been purchased by God, and then placed into the refining and purging processes where they might truly be His very own instrument of good works.

His "present purpose" within the lives of such ones is a redemption and purification to the end that He might make them "zealous of good works".

If ever the world was crying out for the people of God to come forth who are "zealous of good works", it is even now. With recent disasters that have occurred in our country, the evident need is the clarion call to step up to the plate, roll up the sleeves, and get to the work of the harvest.

However, not everyone is in the same time and season, and it's important to know your season, or you will launch out before your preparation is completed. Not everyone is called to work in the harvest at the same hour of the day. Notice some were called early in the morning, some were called around noon, some were called late in the afternoon, some were called not until the midnight hour!

Notice that those who were called at the later hours of the day were rebuked for being idle. Had they been waiting on the Lord and sitting at His feet until the call came to go into the harvest fields, they would have been commended, instead of rebuked. When you are truly waiting on the Lord, it is never idleness, and it is never laziness. Consider how Jesus said that Mary had chosen the ""good part", when she decided to sit at His feet, and listen to Him. (Luke 10:42)

> *Matthew 20:1 ¶For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire*
> *labourers into his vineyard.*
> *2 And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.*
> *3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,*
> *4 And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.*
> *5 Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.*
> *6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?*
> *7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.*

If you know your calling at this time is to sit at the feet of Jesus, and lavish your disciplines upon Him with both your substance, and your attention don't be distracted the purposes of God, and don't become discouraged when the world and the church passes judgment on you because you understand the hour you are in, and have a determination to keep your gaze fixed upon Him .

If you are called to a very set time in the kingdom to manifest His power and His glory even to those who have been ravaged by the enemy, downtrodden, oppressed and harrassed by the adversary, as well as the cares of this world, you will not be equipped in the fullness, if you have spent your spiritual substance based on human sympathy and emotion rather than the true release of the Spirit of God through your life. Some still need to be "patient unto the coming of the Lord". Read James 5:7

Now, I would like you to notice the portion of scripture I've highlighted:

> *¶After two days was the feast of the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put him to death.*
> *2 But they said, Not on the feast day, lest there be an uproar of the people.*

> *3 And being in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious; and she brake the box, and poured it on his head.*
> *4 And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made?*
> *5 For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her.*
> *6 And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me.*
> *7 For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always.*
> *8 She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying.*
> *9 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.*
> *Luke 14:1-9*

Whenever someone chooses to wait on God rather than reacting out of human propensity towards being works-oriented, there will be reaction from an indignant and murmuring crowd that doesn't have a true sense of the value of waiting on the Lord, or waiting FOR the Lord.

The context of these scriptures show clearly that all that was happening at Simon, the leper's house (a leper is the natural picture of one who has lost spiritual sensitivity) was happening in an atmosphere of great concern for outward appearance and vain religious show. They wanted to kill Jesus, but didn't want the people to "catch on" by doing it at the wrong time in a way that would cause a reaction from the people.

Isn't it something that Jesus probably was putting His finger right on the central issue in their murderous hearts when He declared that she was actually "anointing His body for burial". The Psalmist prophesied that very event when he wrote the words, "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies." (23rd Psalm)

Now, I caught something that I hope I can convey to you with the unction I perceive it in my own spirit. Only God can judge what the level of genuine concern was for the poor in those that gathered there in the home of Simon, the leper. Had they just witnessed a "Katrina" maybe the Lord's reaction might have been totally different toward them.

The bottom line is that though things like a Katrina can bring the poor front and center to attention, they are always among us, and why did such a catastrophe have to happen for there to be a "wake up" call to good works? (My prayer now is that we might STAY AWAKE, and not fall back into the slumber of selfishness or mindless obliviousness to the world about us. Lord, deliver me from the attitude that MY world is THE world!)

What would have been the word of the Lord to the woman with the alabastor box if such had happened in Biloxi, Mississippi, or New Orleans, or any one of the little coastal towns and villages so devastated? I believe she would have received the very same word of the Lord without compromise, and without deviation!!

Why? Because the Lord not only commended her to those in that gathering, but He prophesied of a day that would come that this very thing would be a testimony and a witness throughout all of the earth where ever the gospel would be preached!!

When Jesus declared that she "is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying", and it was done with such a highly valued substance released from a precious container that had to literally be "smashed to smithereens" (check out the meaning of this word "brake" in your Strong's) so the substance could be poured out, it was not only a sign of the present worth of that Holy One among them, but I believe it was truly prophetic of an end-time people who will be poured out for one another, covering one another as His body in the earth, always being 'anointed for burial' in anticipation of the resurrection life that would come forth when there is that "death to self".

And beloved, we NEED "resurrection life" to truly affect the nations of this world in their darkness and "the shadow of death".

Jesus summed up the outworking of the "gospel of the kingdom" when He stood in the temple and read in the hearing of maybe some of the very same ones who gathered at the home of Simon the Leper.

> *17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,*
> *18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*
> *19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*
> *20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*
> *21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. Luke 4:17-21.*

(Beloved, the true gospel is one that is preached to the poor! This may be a surprise to some who think it's the one where you get to go the lots of conferences, buy tapes, videos, cd' and books, and stay in the same cushy hotel as the speaker who gets some exorbitant honorarium because he has "name recognition". I am NOT saying truth is not being preached in those conferences. I am NOT saying they cannot be mightily anointed and blessed of God. But could the poor have much hope of getting into such a conference to even hear the gospel??? Freely ye have received, freely give.

You may have a very unique and special calling to preach to the rich and powerful, but Jesus, the firstborn among many brethren, the Captain of Our Salvation, made perfect through Sufferings, the One who so poured out His life, and became obedient to death, even the death of the Cross, so that He was given a Name higher than any other Name, that Jesus was anointed to preach the gospel to the poor. And if you do have a calling to preach to the "rich and powerful", then may an anointing of boldness come upon you to charge them in the Holy Ghost to break their alabaster boxes, and pour out their precious ointments on Jesus. What is truly given to Jesus, flows down to, and blesses the Body. There is no escaping the principle!)

When the gospel is preached in all the world "for a witness" before the end comes, it will be preached to the poverty-stricken nations of the world in the power and fullness of it's miracle provision. I believe what is being ignited in the hearts of God's people toward evangelism is only the "the blade" (as opposed to the ear, or the 'full corn in the ear') of the burden for souls. The "blade" of spiritual enthusiasm is all some will need to plunge into the harvest fields, and in this gospel-saturated country it may be all that is necessary to reap the harvest. But to reap the world harvest, one is going to have to be operating in the power of the fullness of the gospel of the kingdom. Healing power, miracle power, delivering power. Miracles of multiplication power. (See Mark 4:27-29)

I realize the scripture is speaking of the harvest itself when referring to the "blade, the ear, and the full corn in the ear.) But in that same passage, the Bible says that the "earth brings forth fruit of herself". Could this mean there is possibly a connection between the burden of the Lord within a yielded vessel, and the actual stages of the harvest? Something to think about!

Now, back to the woman with the alabaster box, whom Jesus declared would be memorialized throughout the earth because of what she had done in pouring out of a priceless substance upon Him. This woman does not represent "the blade" or the "corn in the ear", but she represents the "full corn in the ear". She represents not the 30 fold, or the 60 fold, but rather the 100-fold sold out Christian who has a life totally dedicated to the Lord, and His purposes so that NOTHING is more valuable or precious than Him!

It is this kind of vessel that is going to be used to effect the nations of the earth, and reverse the curse of poverty throughout the world. She is one of those "peculiar people zealous of good works, He has redeemed from all iniquity and purified unto Himself! What did Jesus say? He said "Let her alone....she hath wrought a GOOD WORK on me"

Beloved friends, it's hard to figure out how it will happen, but the day is upon us when the release of "good works" is going to be far more connected to worship and adoration of our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ than upon our programs and knee-jerk reactions to sudden calamities that quickly fade away. Those are the good works that are going to last because they are going to be rooted and grounded in the burden of the Lord rather than in fleeting human sympathy.

Do you honestly believe that at the house of Simon the Leper there was one there who had more of a genuine burden for the poor than the Lord Jesus Christ Himself? Run your references on the word, "Poor", and just see how Jesus Christ, God manifested in the flesh, feels about the poor.

When Almighty God doesn't constrain Himself to an immediate problem, it's because He is seeing a far bigger picture, and for those who have
"ears to hear", there is something to be perceived in the Spirit that will bring blessings not only to a select few contained in time in one house in some little village, but to generations the whole wide world over!!

Giving the benefit of the doubt to those who were concerned with the poor, and accepting that at least some there might have had an indignation out of a pure heart, they were seeing the very immediate need. Jesus was not dismissing the validity of their concerns. Rather, He was prophesying of a bigger picture, and even the ANSWER to the problem of the poor.

He was prophesying of a day when that which anoints the Head will flow down the whole body, to the feet. That which is truly poured out to Him of both substance and service will NOT be "wasted or lost", but it will impact the world.

Beloved, if anything, I believe the opportunities that are arising now for kingdom evangelism are merely for training purposes for the world-wide end-time harvest. Those who are being called for God's purposes in the end-times need to know how to function on two levels. We need to know how to be instant "in season and out of season." For some called to be very presently concerned about current events, it truly is their season of ministry. Thank God, it is their season!! But for some to respond, it will be as if being "instant OUT of season", and that is because you are called primarily to the day of fullness of your own spiritual capacity (the full corn in the ear), as well as the day when IMMEDIACY is required in thrusting in the sickle into the harvest. Again, the "full corn in the ear."

What do you need to do besides being "instant" in an "out of season" way for yourself?? You need to NOT neglect sitting at His feet, and pouring your substance out upon Him. You need to NOT neglect your time on the "potter's wheel". You need to NOT neglect the deeper works happening in those fiery furnaces of affliction where you are being prepared to be HIS very own special vessel that He is preparing FOR HIMSELF to be zealous of good works in the very same way He was zealous!!

How was Jesus "zealous"? He was zealous to having such an obedient heart, and such a hearing ear to the voice of His Heavenly Father that NO opportunity to minister the gospel of the kingdom was EVER lost because He always knew in advance where the results would be because of obedience! (Read John 5).
Jesus didn't move from human sympathy, but rather from obedience. We can trust the Lord to impart the true burden of the Lord for those who are suffering and in need.

And when we trust Him, no precious substance will suffer any waste!!

All glory to the Name of Jesus!!

Review:
1. Jesus has a purpose in redemption: It's to prepare us for good works!
2 Don't move out of human sympathy, but rather react to the true leading of the Spirit. That is where you will see greatest results.
3. Recognize that not all are called to work in the harvest at the same hour of the day.

4. Don't criticize those who are called to wait on the Lord, despite demands of present circumstances. If you are critical, then you
have the same spirit as those who criticized the woman with the alabaster box!
5. See the prophetic picture of the woman with the alabaster box, and what it means both to the effectiveness of the Body of Christ,
as well as miracles of provision in an end-time, world wide harvest.
6. Take inventory of your own level of burden and equipping (blade, corn, or full corn in the ear), and respond at the level where
you can truly be used of the Lord to meet the need according to what your own true spiritual substance is.
7. Recognize the opportunities to be trained for the bigger picture through present events.
8. Do not neglect the deeper work of the Spirit of God that is preparing you for the day of fullness.
9. Study to be zealous in the same way that JESUS was zealous of good works!!
10. There is no waste when we give toward the true burden of the Lord.

Always in the Love of Jesus,

Clo DiPilato
Herald of His Kingdom

A Life Worth Living

Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:4

A life worth living
What a perfect sound
To a man whose heart has been broken
Crushed to the ground.
A life worth living
Who has found the way
Is it the rich man, the poor man
The beggar man or slave?

What truth can give meaning
To a soul unsatisfied
Whose thirst has not been quenched
Though he has returned many times
To drink deeply from rivers
That flow from the highest heights
Down the side of steep mountains
Of man's self-exaltation, reason and pride.

A life worth living
Which rock needs to be overturned
So that men of all understanding
Find revelation to discern
Truth of such great value
They would sell all that they own
For the sake of obtaining a prize
That makes life worth living known.

What message can be spoken
What truth can be shared
That would give man sense of worth
To rise up from out of despair.
What wells of worldly wisdom
Dug deep into earths inner core
Can satisfy a man's thirst for purpose
So with strength he walks healed of discord.

Which man will flow with others
To the sea where all souls die
And which one will find a truth
That will help him make the climb
Up the mountain of Gods mercy
Where from the heights of righteousness and joy
He finds escape from worldly tribulation
As he hears the Fathers voice
Saying today I have loved you
With a perfect love
Come away my precious child

Find rest in My arms of love.

> *"And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood." Revelation 16:4*
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> *"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? Romans 6:16*
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> *"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:6-8*

In nature, water is what gives life to man. Men cannot survive without water. If all sources of water should become polluted, contaminated to such an extent that, instead of nourishing a body, it brought death, then mankind would cease to exist. Upon the earth, within certain areas, there have always been abundant sources of water to supply men's needs. Yet when Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, appeared before men, He proclaimed to men, who had access to water that met their physical needs, that He would give unto them, "living water." He also proclaimed that "whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (John 4:14).

What was this water that Jesus Christ proclaimed He could give unto men that not only would cause men to never thirst again, but would also rise up within a person's life, as a spring unto everlasting life? All mankind knew of their need for water. Water not only kept them alive, but it kept animals and plants alive as well. Men knew that all living things depended upon water for survival, so what was this water that Jesus Christ professed to have, that would forever quench their thirst? How could Jesus Christ promise that whosoever partook would never thirst again, and also that whoever believed in Him, that from "out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7:38) Where would this water come from, and how did it differ from the water men already had access too.

> *"But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." John 7:39*

Jesus Christ spoke of living water. God would make clear the meaning of this message. He revealed to the listeners then, as He reveals to the listeners now, that partaking of the water that keeps the natural man alive is not the same thing as partaking of the water Jesus Christ has to offer mankind. Through partaking of the living waters, which is the Holy Spirit released from God's throne room on high, a man's thirst for righteousness will be quenched. It is the Spirit that gives life, spiritual, eternal life, to mortal men. To partake of living waters will open the eyes of a man's understanding to the goodness, mercy, longsuffering and love that God has toward him.

Without partaking of the living waters, a man will continue in his life devoid of the knowledge of God's love and goodness toward him, so that he does not experience any change of heart and mind toward God, others, and life in general. He will not find comfort, edification, and guidance in God's Holy Word. He will continue to be held captive to worldly thoughts that exalt self above God. His knee will not bow, and his voice will not profess that Jesus Christ is the Savior, and so in his sins, which have caused mankind much grief and tribulation, he will remain.

When a man does partake of God's Spirit, the Spirit will move like a river over a dry and thirsty land, which are his thoughts and desires that had laid barren to the purposes of God. Where once a man's soul was like a dead sea, having no source of water to soften the hardened ground caused by rebellion, so that the Word of God was not received nor understood, when the living water is partaken of, through faith in Jesus Christ, the ground will be broken up, and nurtured, so that the Word will spring up within his life, producing fruit unto eternal life. An abundance of new life aligned with the purposes of God will be produced within the man's life. His thoughts, once under the influence of unbelief, will now begin to hear God's voice speak to him of understandings unknown.

The Spirit, which will illuminate the message of God's Word to the man's heart and mind, will now flow from out of his life, his "belly", to others. The living waters received of the man, will open the eyes of his understanding of the Word so that in spirit and in truth, he will share with others that which he has received. The rivers of eternal life, which he has partaken of, will now be shared with others, so that the message of God's love and mercy toward them is made known. The words of a man filled with the Spirit, who has found truth and edification in the Word, will be used of God to bring forth life within the lives of others.

> *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12*

Men who are filled with God's Holy Spirit, so that out of their bellies flow living waters, will be used of God to speak forth the promises of God to others. Just as men who are not filled with God's Holy Spirit will speak, by releasing from out of their bellies, words that deny the power and authority of God, so that men are encouraged to turn away from the promises of God. Men, who are not filled with the Spirit, will speak words that promise hope in this life; but according to God, their words will lead to death, spiritual death. The words that will flow out of their bellies will deny the purposes of Jesus Christ.

God explains in Revelation 17:15 that "peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues" make up the sea where every living soul died (Rev. 16:3). Collectively, united by unbelief, people are referred to as a sea. And in this sea of unbelief, it is said that every soul died. This group of people, united in their denial of the power and authority of God, though they are alive in the natural sense, are dead in the spiritual sense, having not received the Holy Spirit, so that they do not perceive the things of God. There is no divine influence upon their thoughts. They have not partaken of the living waters of eternal life, so death still has dominion over their souls. Without the Holy Spirit, these people who make up the sea will not ascend to Paradise, so that they will not reside eternally with God, upon physical death.

Men who make up the sea are united in their unbelief, and have all drunk from streams or wells of self-righteousness, men's thoughts and opinions that deny God, that have been condemned by God. Individually, each man who makes up the sea has listened and believed words that have denied the power and authority of God. Within each man's heart and mind, who makes up the sea where every soul has died, is found agreement with thoughts and ideas that deny what God has purposed through Jesus Christ. God has pronounced His judgment of death over the streams and wells made up of self-focused thoughts and opinions that fill men's lives yet men continue to drink in abundance.

A man, who has not received the living waters into his life, has no spiritual discernment, so that he cannot hear nor follow the voice of the Lord. He lives his life in agreement with men who are compared to "wells without water," in that no spiritual life sustaining words of truth (living water) fills their lives, and no life transforming words are spoken. Words that deny the power and authority of God continue to rise up from the depths of their souls. To drink in the words that are spoken from a man who denies the power and authority of God, is to partake of words that will fail to bring eternity's touch of healing, and purpose within a man's life.

People, who have no knowledge of the holiness of God, will naturally partake of beliefs that cater to the lusts of the flesh, and will continue to exalt man's thoughts and opinions above God. The words they speak will express their own heartfelt, earthly opinions. In their own eyes, they are following a way which seems right to them, but God proclaims that to deny the purposes found in Jesus Christ, is to follow the ways of death. To listen and follow after a man who speaks great swelling words of vanity, that exalt self above God, is to follow after the voice of death.

> *"Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, neither desire thou his dainty meats: for as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with*

> *thee. The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, and lose thy sweet words." Proverbs 23:6-8*

In the natural, to sit at the table and eat with a man who has an evil eye, is to sit at the table with a man who looks upon the world seeking his own comfort, having no concern or compassion for the spiritual welfare of others. To sit down and eat with a man who seeks his own welfare, is to sit comfortably and listen to words that may seem right at the time, but because there is no spiritual truth, the words will eventually bring forth only mental misery, and grief, in a man's life. And because a man's heart is now joined in union to thoughts that cause destruction, if he should not turn and listen to the voice of God it could be that death will forever guide his steps.

But to dig even deeper into understandings that express the heart of the Spirit, it could be said that to eat and drink with a man with an "evil eye" is not limited to the physical act of eating and drinking with another at a table, but is also any action taken where a man listens to the words spoken by men, who speak against the goodness of the Lord. To listen to words of condemnation against the power and might of God, could cause a listener's soul to be filled with unrighteous thoughts toward God, so that out of his belly would also flow words of death, and not of life. To "drink" could mean to partake of any ideas that deny God, to the point where one is in agreement with the words spoken against God. When a man's heart and mind drinks in and partakes of thoughts, to the point where he is influenced by the understandings of those whose eyes are focused on worldly things and not of God, then what God calls evil, the man may soon call good. To drink, meaning to partake of ideas and opinions of one whose eye is evil toward God is to partake of understandings that will bring about spiritual death in the life of the listener.

> *"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8*

The words of the Lord will prosper a man's soul, so that in sorrow he is comforted, and in misery or grief he will find consolation and hope. To trust in God's Word is to understand how in this life, though trouble runs rampant across the earth, if a man looks to Christ, then peace will be found to help him walk, confident that God is for him. Yet, if a man has drunk deeply of the words of another whose eyes are evil toward God, whose desire is focused on satisfying his own carnal desires, with no concern for the things of the Spirit, then instead of being comforted, the listener will spew (vomit) out of his belly that which he has partaken of. To consume and vomit out words that deny the goodness of God will cause God's Word to be discounted, and therefore to lose importance in a man's life.

The Word of the Lord is as "honey out of the rock" in the mouth of one who loves the Lord. A man, who loves God's Word, will not look upon the Word as bitter waters meant to drown him in condemnation. Instead, he will look upon the Word for life and truth, for sound instruction, edification, wisdom, guidance and a message that proclaims God's great love toward him, so that his desire will be to turn away from sin, which brings great misery into men's lives. But, to drink in by partaking of words that deny God's power and authority, will be to partake of understandings that will kill off the good purposes of God's Word within a man's life. To drink in, to partake of thoughts that deny who a man was created to be in Christ, is as destructive to a man's soul, as someone taking a long bladed knife and cutting deep into the man's body, so that his necessary life supporting blood flows in abundance to the ground.

> *"And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood." Exodus 7:20*

It was God's will that the children of Israel be released from their captivity, but it was Pharaoh's will that they were not released, God performed miracles in the sight of Pharaoh so that his will would be broken, and God's will would be done. In turning the waters to blood, men in the natural had no water to drink and could die. And though they knew this truth, Pharaoh's heart and mind was so opposed to the message of the living God that he continued to refuse the Lord's messengers' requests.

Even today, the Spirit says, it is still God's will that men be released from their captivity to thoughts and opinions formed by those men who deny the message and the messengers of the living God. It is God's will that men walk in the land of promise, God's kingdom of righteousness, where milk and honey is found in the message of God's Word, and where men are led of the Spirit of God unto all truth and understanding.

Today, the rivers and streams of blood, understandings that deny the purposes of Jesus Christ, reach great multitudes. Today, such thoughts and opinions flow across the earth in great torrents, bringing death, spiritual death into men's lives. Yet, unlike the Egyptians who knew that to continue to partake of a river of blood would bring about death, many men today continue, day in and day out, to drink deeply of condemned, polluted rivers. They continue to drink in deeply of the thoughts and opinions that exalt self above God, without understanding what they are doing. They die spiritually; they die to the things of God, the promises and the knowledge of God's great love toward them, without seeming to have any concern for the spiritual state of their souls.

Set free by the will of God. God's will was done in the days of the children of Israel's captivity in Egypt, just as God's will is done in setting captives free today. Though many are still held captive to thoughts that are spewed out of the bellies of men who exalt their own selfish desires above God, God continues to send out his messengers to speak His Word of truth so that men are released from their captivity. Many today are being lead into the land of promise, the kingdom of righteousness found in the Holy Spirit as God's Holy Word goes forth. Many are being washed clean, healed and renewed in the river of life, where, because of the Word, Jesus Christ, the pure waters of God's Spirit run in abundance from high atop the mountain of God's holiness.

> *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24*

Ask Me For Good Gifts
Sandy Warner

Nov 7, 2005

ASK ME FOR GOOD GIFTS

My dear ones, I want you to think seriously about the true desires of your hearts. Then be brave and ask Me for them. When I answer them, then you will be fully aware that I have not only heard you, but also answered your requests. I am your loving Father and how I delight in giving you good gifts.

I am delighting in the rekindling of My people's prayers. As I breathe upon them to pray and give Me their requests, they are springing to life in hope. I am listening, My dear ones. Keep on praying, keep on asking.

Your prayers are the seed stock for a great harvest. It is My joy to give good gifts and it is My joy to give you the desires of your heart. You shall have the answer to your prayers through eternity. Forever is a long, long time. I am so blessed to have you with Me forever.

"Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?" (Matt 7:9-11 KJV)

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." (Mark 11:24 NKJ)

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Encrypted
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Nov 12, 2005

ENCRYPTED
When you become frustrated, beloved, I realize you do not understand what I AM saying to you. Trust Me, that the ways I speak, whether clearly or coded, are for a specific purpose. Part of this is My strategy to keep My purposes hidden until the right time. A portion of this is to keep the enemy from understanding, but part of it is also to keep My intent veiled from you as well. If you knew the full picture you would fail to lean on Me and try to make it happen in your own way and in your own time. I have a strategy to work in and through you. So simply let Me be God and follow the road signs that I have placed in your life. I will keep you well posted. Hey! relax and let Me do the driving! Smile precious one, you are in good hands.

1 Cor 2:7-8 NKJV
But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

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I Will Turn Your Frowns Up
Sandy Warner

Nov 11, 2005

I WILL TURN YOUR FROWNS UP

I AM going to turn you right side up. One day, those frownie faces that do not become you shall turn into delighted smiles!

NKJ Mark 11:24
"The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." (Prov 27:7 KJV)

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Persistence Recovers All
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Nov 9, 2005

PERSISTENCE RECOVERS ALL

Beloved ones, I know you are weary and frustrated with your losses. I AM drawing you to get your focus off your misery and begin to exercise the rights I have given you through prayer. It is time to learn how to recover what has been stolen.

Ask Me for help to restore your losses. I seek and find that which is lost. Join Me! Be persistent in your faith until you get your rewards. Do not stop short of your goal, do not settle for less. Begin to put your foot down and command that what the enemy has stolen be returned.

Dear ones, I know you are weary, hurting and discouraged. Let go of the outdated tapes that repeat in your mind. Put the past behind you and don't give up. Be persistent. With one foot in front of the other, overcome one step at a time. Keep going, you are almost there. As you trust Me to answer your prayers, I will draw you along the right path in spite of yourself. If you do not give up, you shall recover all.

1 Sam 30:3-4,8 NLT
When David and his men saw the ruins and realized what had happened to their families, they wept until they could weep no more….Then David asked the LORD, "Should I chase them? Will I catch them?" And the LORD told him, "Yes, go after them. You will surely recover everything that was taken from you!"

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Sundown Yom Kipper
Sandy Warner

Nov 13, 2005

YOUR FOUNDATIONS

SUNDOWN YOM KIPPER
10/12/05

This is the night where the line is drawn.
Separating the year of rights and wrong.
Their hearts and deeds went through the maze.
My sheep pass before Me now as I gaze.

Exposed, uncovered and cameras on them.
Walking before Me having pulled up their hems.
Now they pass under My rod.
I look at their feet, are they well shod?

The foundations of their walk are inspected so close.
Arches strengthened, clean between toes?
Ankles turned in, ankles turned out?
Level and secure, holy devout?

I see their feet and how they walk,
I check their pace and match their talk.
This year what matters is to be shod with peace.
There's only one way to walk in My grace:

Repentance, confession, humility.
Apologize quick for tranquility.
Mend your fences, and secure your doors.
Walk a straight path on hardwood floors.

Don't let the enemy steal your peace.
Keep your shoes on and keep them laced.
Receive correction if you need new shoes.
Hold onto what works, or you will lose.

I speak through men, but listen to Me.
And you will walk into your destiny.
Men will nurture and men will teach.
Men will betray and men will breach.

Hold onto the good and release the bad.
Keep your focus on Me, not the sad.
Some are ready and some are not.
Another year's wait for what's been sought.

Those who are shod with peace in their walk.
Are ready to move and ready to talk.
Move on to the right and walk on through.
Hearing My Word and then promptly DO.

I will set up your places with divine appointments.
Tabernacle's covering you just like a tent.
Hidden and secure and warm inside.

I surround My sent ones and walk by their side.

Prov 4:10-15 NKJV
Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, and the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk , your steps will not be hindered, and when you run, you will not stumble. Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

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The Children Will Usher You In
Sandy Warner

Nov 13, 2005

THE CHILDREN WILL USHER YOU IN
How greatly those of unbelief have buffeted you. The tide is turning, little one, I tell you now that I AM raising up believers, ones whose hearts are trusting and tender like children. I have given them ears to hear My Words through you. Moreover, whether you know how to build or not, it is simply not up to you to establish your place. The children shall plant you as you bring them into their own places. Place your priorities in line with Mine. As you raise them up, I shall grant you the plan for your boundaries in which to build.

Isa 54:11-13 NKJV
Behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

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A Major Shift Has Occurred In The Spiritual Realm

Ron McGatlin

Suddenly in one day, in one hour the lives of millions in Pakistan have changed forever.

In their nice homes mothers get their children ready for school, seeing that they are dressed in a fresh clean uniform, making sure they have a good breakfast and brush their teeth and hair. With a hug and a kiss they remind the happy child to be careful and to watch for traffic. Only about an hour later the earth violently heaves and the child with hundreds of other children are crushed to death by the collapsing school buildings as the entire city crumbles. Nothing is as it was only an hour before. Life as it has been no longer exists. Death and misery are everywhere. Multitudes are dead and injured. Many are trapped in the debris of the fallen city. Millions are left homeless and there is no one in sight to help. In one day, life as it was is no more. The things that seemed so stable and so dependable, the sense of security and all that was familiar are gone.

On the gulf coast of the USA they know Katrina is coming and hundreds of thousands flee the area. Thousands of others stay because they made it through storms before. In one day their homes and all of the buildings of some towns are reduced to scattered rubble. Many of those who stay drown and many of those who flee the storm have no place to return to. In one day the lives of hundreds of thousands are forever changed.

A group of men gather to sign up for work as policemen in Iraq. As they wait in the morning sun and pass the time talking with one another suddenly a bomb explodes in their midst and men are blown to bits and many are severely injured. In one day their lives and their families lives are forever changed.

Devastation has suddenly ended the lives of hundreds of thousands in numerous events around the world in the past year. Multitudes have had there lives forever severely changed in one day. Many survivors have lost everything including parts of their families, their homes, their jobs, businesses, and schools. Entire communities have been destroyed.

The stories of the many events in which multitudes of lives were snuffed out or forever changed in one day would fill many pages. The scope of human suffering is unimaginable.

What is going on?

Our human compassion begs that we not investigate this question but that we rather focus on helping to save those who are perishing both naturally and spiritually. The extraordinary events of devastation are being used to awaken the sleeping church with shouts of a clear call to repentance from pleasure seeking lifestyles to setting their affection on things above and not things on this earth.

My heart is burdened with the word of God weighing heavily within my spirit. Please bear with me and seek to hear the depth of what God is speaking in this moment. Please give serious consideration to the following frail attempt to express the gravity of this moment in God.

A major shift has occurred.

In this moment in time we have come to a door in the spiritual realm. The door has been opened in the past and even opened wider for the past few weeks but it closing in the next few days. This door is an opening for repentance for the large, broad but shallow major portion of the Israel of God. The "Sunday only" religious lukewarm "socially correct" church that is rich in worldliness and traditions of men but is weak, poor, and wretched in the Spirit. Institutions filled with good people who have been baptized, who are on the church roll, and attend church and give offerings, but have turned away the fire of God and do not focus on things above but on things of this worldly life. Those who have lived in comfort and who love their lives.

The door has been wide open for the lukewarm church to find reformation through revival and renewal bringing repentance and change. As this door closes, it will become impossible for the broad-shallow institutional church to experience reformation across the board. The institution will not be transformed. A way will no longer be found for the religious church to repent from dead works and be changed. A fresh living expression of the body of Christ is arising like fresh spring grass in a field. Individuals will be drawn to the sacrificial life of seeking God and things above with their whole hearts. They will move from dead religious structures to living relational experience with God. The closing of the door marks the end of a season and the beginning of another.

A door is opening wide

A door is being opened wide unto a remnant people. These have little or no religious or earthly reputation, and are often without much of this world's goods. They do not fit into the religious social structure. They are despised by the politically correct high church society. They are the outcasts of the Israel of God, who have endured much pain and suffering and who have no life apart from God. These called out ones are often seen as the dregs of church society, however they have anchored their lives in the heart of Jesus and set their affection on things above.

They are destined to become "New Jerusalem" people of God - the heart of the true spiritual Israel of God - the "Christ in you" people - the "Joel's army" who will become the defenders of the faith - the warriors of God, the intercessors that will claim the kingdoms of this world for the kingdom of our God. These are the ones in whom Christ dwells and to whom a door into heavenly oneness with God is opening wide. These are those who will do mighty exploits and proclaim the glory of God to the ends of the earth.

The rapid succession of cataclysmic events

The rapid succession of cataclysmic events are being used as warnings to turn people from a life of sorcery and idolatry worshiping gods of pleasure. **The broad religious church of the past has failed to release the love and power of God into the world to protect the world from the take over of evil. The bold remnant church is being raised up to release the purity, love, and power of God into the world. To do the job that the religious church failed to do.** To subdue the world gone astray and destroy the works of the devil. Christ is being raised up outside religion in His purified Body.

Jesus called together fishermen, tax collectors and untaught people who would follow Him as His disciples and released them to do exploits in the world. The religious institutions had no part in the new thing Jesus was doing. Only a few who came out of the religious system and followed Jesus were part of the new church He was calling forth.

Paul went first to the religious institutions that he had come out of and delivered the gospel of Christ to them. But when they would not repent and change he went to others outside the camp and the first century church became a powerful reality in the world outside the religious institutions of the day,

Acts 13:46: Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

God was not well pleased with many of His people in that day. They were the broad major religious part of natural Israel. Today God is not well pleased with much of the Israel of God. They may be in church on Sunday, been baptized, made a profession of faith, and even tithed but **with much of the "church" God is not well pleased.** God **IS well pleased** with His Son Jesus. Only the manifestation of sons in whom Christ dwells and who are anchored in the heart of Jesus are well pleasing to God.

*1 Cor 10:1-6: Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that **all** our fathers were under the cloud, **all** passed through the sea, **all** were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, **all** ate the same spiritual food, and **all** drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. **But with MOST of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. Now these things became our examples,** to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.*

Like the religious church of today, they had **all done all the stuff** and even *drank from the spiritual rock that followed them and that rock was Christ.* **Why then was God not well pleased with them?** They mixed lust and idolatry into their lives along with their religion in spite of having experienced the works of God.

What was the idol that brought them down? According to this passage, it was the same god of pleasure that affects the world and much of the religious "church" today. **They sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play and committed sexual immorality.** There idol was fleshly pleasure or pleasing self above pleasing and obeying God.

*1 Cor 10:7-13: And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people **sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."** Nor let us **commit sexual immorality,** as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. **Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition,** upon whom the ends of the ages have come. **Therefore let him who THINKS he stands take heed lest he fall.***

*Isa 47:8-11: **Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures,** Who dwell securely, Who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of children'; But these two things shall come to you In a moment, in one day: The loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness Because of the multitude of your sorceries, For the great abundance of your enchantments. "For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, 'No one sees me'; **Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you;** And you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.' Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, Which you shall not know.*

A door is opening wide for the humble.

A door for repentance and intimate oneness with God is opening wide for the outcast, the lower caste, the third world, the native people, the foreigner, the broken, the halt and the lame, the blind and the oppressed, the foolish of this world who will humble themselves before God.

Not many mighty, not many noble, not many with big names are chosen to become part of the "New Jerusalem" people. It is time to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the poor and the poor in spirit. Time to proclaim liberty to the captives and sight to the blind and set the oppressed free.

*Mat 5:3 **Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

*Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To **preach the gospel to the poor;** He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted,** To **proclaim liberty to the captives** And*

recovery of sight to the blind, *To* ***set at liberty those who are oppressed***

1 Cor 1:26-28: For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ***But God has chosen the foolish things of the world*** *to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and* ***the things which are despised God has chosen,*** *and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,*

Just as Paul & Barnabas came to a point in time when God instructed them to no longer seek to reform the religious system of their day but sent them to those outside, the time has also come in this day that the shift be made from seeking to reform the religious systems of today who will not hear the gospel of the kingdom. The shift is now being made to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom to those who are outside the religious systems and those who will come out of the Babylonian institutions of religious "church" - those who will hear, repent and change and become the purified holy city of New Jerusalem, the true Bride of Christ.

A part of this shift is setting our affection on things above not on earthly things. Only as we draw near to Him and become consumed in His love can we remove our affection for the traditions of religious trappings and the idolatry of seeking fleshly pleasure. As we become anchored in the heart of Jesus we will no longer be anchored in our doctrines, creeds, and religious practices and we will no longer need to seek self pleasure.

Our hearts are longing for Him, for His kingdom and His righteousness. In these things is the fullness of joy that wipes away our need for the gods of earthly pleasures. The door is wide open enter into the heart of God and be consumed in His love. You will become a world changer.

Mat 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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A Message From My Heartbeat

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Beloveds,

I have been off line for a few weeks and this is due to two reasons, first of all the Lord has told me it is a new season and I am not to spend as much time on the Internet, after four years of Internet ministry (and He has allowed even my web site to go down; those that had to learn from it have done so), **it is time to go out, time for destiny!**

We have to fight giants before we enter our promised land and I am fighting health issues and finances, so secondly finances don't allow me to even download too often. I haven't paid my phone for a couple of months and it has been cut and I haven't even had the funds to download at Internet cafe too often. I am having to stand, trusting the Lord with little or no food, gas or phone and also threatening judgments left right and center, but He knows and I trust Him to deliver me just in time for He said I will not be ashamed nor disgraced! THE WONDERFUL NEWS IS THAT THE LORD IS BUSY HEALING ME FROM MY TERRIBLE AFFLICTION. EVERY DAY I WAKE UP STRONGER AND IN LESS PHYSICAL DISTRESS! PRAISE YOU JESUS! NO-ONE, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, HAS BEEN HEALED FROM THIS PARTICULAR AFFLICTION EVER BEFORE!

I KNOW THAT I KNOW THAT I AM AT THE BRINK OF BREAKTHROUGH TO THE PROMISED LAND (after 34 years of preparation, refining, and wilderness). The House Of Refuge the Lord has given me a vision of for the last 12 years or so is about to come to pass BUT I AM FIGHTING MANY GIANTS RIGHT NOW AND THERE ARE MANY HINDRANCES TO THE FINANCES BEING RELEASED!!!! A FRIEND WAS GIVEN THE SAME VISION RECENTLY AND NOW SHE IS TRYING TO SELL HER LARGE PLOT OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EVERY OFFER TO PURCHASE HITS A HITCH!! SHE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GIFT OF ADMINISTRATIONS AND IS TO INVEST FUNDS AFTER PURCHASING THE HOUSE TO PROVIDE FOR IT.. AND THE DELAYS ARE DRIVING US TO DESPAIR (that is the truth although not the right thing to confess). PLEASE LIFT MYSELF AND LEE UP IN PRAYER AS THE LORD GIVES YOU THE UNCTION AND COMPASSION!

Also I am so broken right now that I am beyond caring of who I might offend, to come right out and ask that those of you who the Lord may prompt, to bless me even with a little to keep me going till all comes to fruition. I confess that I am battle weary and this warrior needs some relief!

I may still send out a word as the Lord leads Beloveds, but I am very aware that we are on the brink of all that we have been prepared for, and a part of that is to open the blind eyes and to open the doors of the prison houses and let the captives free, HALLELUJAH! We will have great joy in finally fulfilling His commission BY THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT!

For those I have offended with this personal mail, I apologize before hand, unless one has walked this path it cannot be understood! Beloveds I truly love each and every one of you with the love of the Lord and perhaps some of us will meet as we are released to our destinies!

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HEART BEAT OF THE FATHER (now down)

For those who can, and are prompted to, I include this info (can be used to transfer funds within SA too)

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A Month Of Divine Order

Brenda Dowdin

Oct 1, 2005

Beloved:

You have stepped over the thresh hold in to a new dimension of my spirit. Break through has occurred and you are free. You are free to come up higher. The battle has been intense, but you have successfully worn down your enemy and victory after victory will come before you. As I gave David success over his enemies, so shall I be with you and give you success. You shall possess the land. You have fought well, and now seasons of peace and joy are before you. This is a month of Divine Order says your God! Things are lined up in heaven and now earth will begin to reflect this and prophecy that which is in my heart!

Lovingly in Him, Brenda Dowdin firebrand007@hotmail.com

A Healthy Birth

Brenda Dowdin

September 25, 2005

Oh My Beloved Ones:

Don't get distracted with what you see around you. Intercede where I show you. Hold on tight to the faith I've given you. As the whirlwinds come, and they will - trust in me, for truly this is a time and season which you will see my glory fall upon you. You shall see the answers to many prayers you have been praying for, for years. You shall see the birth, the fruit of your womb of prayers. You shall see birth and it will bring you exceedingly great joy as you see what I've in store for those who have been faithful.

I know about your hope deferred making your heart sick. I've seen you come before me each and every morning to worship me. Oh, how you please me my Beloved Ones. Oh, I want you to know just how much you please me. I am going to show up in ways you haven't dreamed. Have an expectant heart, as a mother who is giving birth to her precious baby. You shall soon see the fruit of your prayers. It brings me such joy that we've shared this union of "intimacy and prayer" together, and now these "seeds of faith and prayer", have grown in to the birth of that which is in my heart. Now we shall see the birth of the new together, and we shall rejoice together for ever! For there is no sorrow with the blessings of the Lord!

September has been the month of laboring, now watch and see the baby come forth! This baby shall be healthy, not to early and not to late. But right on time! I have purposed and planned this time, and now we shall see it together.....

"Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery? says the Lord. Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb? says your God." Isa 66:9

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Arise and Shine
Brenda Dowdin

September 29, 2005

Beloved:

Don't focus on what's right in front of you, but look to the horizon. Look the sun/son is rising up, its a new day. There are new things beginning to spring forth. Focus on those things. Focus on the things I've promised you that are coming in your life. Push past depression, apathy and that sluggishness that is trying to envelop you. You are my over comers, you are my worshipers, you are my victorious ones! Again I tell you of a thing before it springs forth. New things are coming up on the horizon. Your eyes will swell with tears of joy as you begin to see the unfolding of what I have for you! Just as the sun comes up and you know it will pass over you in a day, I will bring my glory upon your life, and in a day you will know I've passed over you. You will be forever changed by my precious oil and wine I have for you.

Isa 42:9 "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

Psalm: 84:11-12 "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord ill give grace and glory: No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of Hosts, Blessed is the man who trusts in You!"

Much love to you all! Brenda Dowdin firebrand007@hotmail.com

Miracles Are Coming
Brenda Dowdin

September 28, 2005

Beloved:

Miracles are coming down. I see them beginning to come on down. We will see them in our own lives very soon. But God will use them not just to be a blessing in our lives, but more importantly to show the world the hand of Jesus working in our lives. It is truly all about Him and His purposes.

As I awoke the last three mornings I was aroused by a scripture from the Holy Spirit. Something deep in my spirit began to be stirred. It's in Psalm 27:13 and 14. It goes like this: NKJV...."I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living. Wait on the Lord: Be of good courage. And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the Lord!"

Many of us have waited a long time for our hopes and dreams, and it has felt as though our dreams were crushed so small, even like the sand in the sea, but I want to encourage you...just to wait a wee longer!!! I know, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life!" Proverbs 13:12. As God brings the pieces of our hopes and dreams back together they will form a beautiful reflective mosaic vase that shines brilliantly with His glory and presence!

OH Lord! Your kingdom come, your will be done in our lives as it is in heaven! Lord, have your way in us, we are your holy people. We are your royal priesthood, break in to our lives as you want to and bring that which pleases you to bring. We want to be surrendered to you, surrounded by you, we want what you want for us our precious Lord!

I am believing with you, and contending for His best in all of our lives! Lovingly in Him, Brenda Dowdin
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The Gate Beautiful
Brenda Dowdin

September 3, 2005

Beloved,

You stand at the gate. This gate is beautiful, it is ornate in its decor. It has been formed through the fiery trials of life. It is of precious metals and inlayed with fine precious stones. But you see this gate doesn't swing from side to side, for this gate is formed by no mans hands, but by the hand of my spirit. It is a spiritual gate. It is a gate that lifts up, and only high enough for those who will humble themselves and fall on their faces. For this gate is a gate of humility and grace, and in order to pass through this gate one has to crawl under the gate as it lifts. I established my kingdom through grace and humility. I want you to follow me in character and to the same. As opportunities arise - fall on your face, as you pass under the gate I will mantel you with my grace and humility and I will lift you up in my perfect time and in my perfect way.

Ps 24:7 "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is the King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah..."

As you pass through the gates I will meet you and come in to sup with you...you shall be mantled anew! The first miracle the disciples did was at the gate beautiful. They prayed for the lame man and I healed him. Acts 3. Surly what I've promised you is coming very soon. Truly you are in a new day and you must walk circumspectly before me.... Be my witness in word and deed.

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A Matter Of The Heart

Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:5-7

Will there come a day
When the girl with downcast faith
Turns toward the Lord
Understanding His heart of grace?
Will she receive revelation
Much brighter than the summer sun
That will open her eyes
To see the goodness of the Father's love?

Will there come a day
When she hears Him call her by name
So she awakens to the truth:
It is foolish to run a race
Which moves in the direction
Of those who have loved and lost before
Whose hearts have come undone
Refusing the mercy of the Lord.

Will she realize there is no need to walk alone
There is someone who cares
About the troubles that fill her soul.
There is someone who loves her
Far beyond what her desires hold
Who will in holiness and truth
Ignite love's fire that has gone cold.

Will she realize the justice that she seeks
To explain why free men perish
In their pursuit of peace
Will not be found by demanding answers,
As she wields a too heavy sword
That has been forged in vengeful fires
Meant to destroy and not reward.

Will she bow down
Before God's holy throne of grace
And find that justice has a voice
That speaks of mercy, speaks of faith
Speaks of forgiveness and longsuffering
Which will help her keep pace
With the rhythm of creation
As she runs a finished race.

> *"And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."*
> *Revelation 16:5-7*

> *"Woe unto you! For ye build the sepulchers of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchers. Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zechariah, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation." Luke 11:47-51*

"Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21) For the person who has received the heavenly deposit of God's Holy Spirit within their life, this word will take on greater depths and heights of revelation as they walk out their life with God. As the Holy Spirit, establishes greater understanding of God's Word upon their heart and mind, they will be able to look back upon their life and understand how past doubt and unbelief in a holy God who cares for them, has lost the power it once had to influence their decisions and opinions. The words spoken by Jesus Christ will become the voice of truth that impacts the way they relate to the world around them.

The person who has received God's heavenly deposit (Holy Spirit) within his life, so that God's divine nature now impacts their lives, will personally have had the veil that separated them from the knowledge of God's great love toward them, torn in two. They are encouraged to come with confidence unto God, with thanksgiving and appreciation of His love toward them, believing that God rewards those who call upon His name. They will have found there is comfort in being able to come before God in seeking His counsel, trusting that His love toward them knows no bounds.

> *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21*

Men whose spirits have responded to the Word of God, so that God's Holy Spirit now influences their lives, know the importance of not looking to a realm of existence where men deny the power and authority of God in seeking wisdom and knowledge. Through trusting in the Lord for guidance and instruction, they have come to realize that the wisdom of the world that denies the power and might of God will, in one degree or another, cater to the lusts of the flesh, so that men rebel against God, and exalt their own opinions above His. They will have eyes to see that when man's reasoning is exalted above God's, then it will be natural for men to use words meant to silence the voice of God, which promises men they shall be partakers of, "the riches of the glory of his inheritance."

A man, who has found a valuable inheritance in Christ, has partaken of the abundant treasures released from heaven, found in the Holy Spirit, so that God's love toward him influences his heart and mind. The abundant riches found in the Spirit have prospered the man's soul, so that the good fruit of, "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23), is produced within his life. It was through faith in Jesus Christ that God sent His Holy Spirit into the man's life, causing him to appreciate the value of living unto God. To appreciate living unto God will help the man understand why God desires to circumcise his heart, so that sin, which brought suffering into the man's life, is severed and cast down. The man, who is influenced by the power of God's love upon his life, comes to understand God's Word that proclaims, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." (Philippians 3:3)

> *"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul." Acts 16:14*

Men will attend unto the things of God, when through the hearing of the Word an understanding is realized, which causes God to open their hearts so they are influenced by the message that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, who came to set the captives free. When a man hears the report that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, sent to the earth to redeem man from the punishment of sin and death, and understands that in the Word is a message for him personally, then God, who stands watch over all of creation, will be faithful to reveal to the man's heart, His message of love, grace, and mercy. When a man gives heed unto the Word of God, so that his faith is turned toward Jesus Christ, believing that He died and rose again, then the Lord of all creation will establish His eternal kingdom rule and reign upon this man's heart, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit. A man filled with the Spirit, is said to be adorned in the righteousness of Christ. God looks upon the heart in determining judgment unto righteousness.

> *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Hebrews 4:12-13*

The thoughts and opinions of a man cannot be hidden from the Lord of all creation. There is nothing, seen nor unseen that is hidden from the eyes of God. A man, no matter how he is adorned externally, no matter his address or reputation, cannot hide his true spiritual condition from the Lord. God cannot be deceived nor mocked. It is God who is able to look upon the heart of a man who is attending - which is to pay attention, devote and apply oneself unto the Word - in determining the hour of the man's spiritual birth. It is God alone who is able to clothe a man with the righteousness of heaven, which is found in the Holy Spirit, so that a man's eyes begin to see and realize the riches that are his in Christ.

God has given all authority to Jesus Christ so that Jesus is able to proclaim, "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind." (John 9:39) God is able to look upon a man's heart and determine if a man is to continue to walk as the first Adam, bearing the punishment of sin, which is death, or if he is to walk as the second Adam, Jesus Christ, a partaker of eternal life, filled with resurrection power found in the Holy Spirit.

Those who have heard the Word, and whose spirits have been stirred to seek after God in sincerity, are those who will "see" that the Lord is good. They will be given spiritual sight to see and understand that Jesus is the Son of God, whose blood made atonement for their sins. God has looked upon their hearts and judged them worthy to receive His Spirit of holiness. Through the Spirit they shall live unto God eternally. The grave shall not be able to constrain a man's soul who has been redeemed by the blood of Christ.

Originally, God's judgment of condemnation came upon all men because of Adam, declaring that all men should bear the punishment of Adam's sin, which is death. The punishment of death would be passed upon all men because of Adam's transgression against God. (Romans 5:12-18). A man whose heart is far from God, having no sincere love toward God, will be fairly judged of God, so that he remains under condemnation. He will not partake of God's kingdom of righteousness, found in the Holy Spirit, unless he should repent and seek the Lord in sincerity. Unless the man seeks the Lord in sincerity, he will remain as a man blind to the mercy, love and longsuffering of the Lord. He will not see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. He will not understand nor believe that men can be filled with God's Spirit, so that men live eternally unto God.

> *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:16-18)*

Because of Adam's transgression in the garden, the punishment of sin and condemnation has been passed upon all men. Jesus Christ came to deliver men from condemnation. He came to set the captives free. He came to open the eyes of the blind, so they could see the glory of the Lord, and experience His love moving in power and authority upon their hearts, bringing hope where there once was no hope. He came to save those who were perishing under the unbearable weight of condemnation and hopelessness.

If a man should profess with his lips that Jesus is the Christ, but in truth his heart is far from trusting and loving God, then he stands under the same condemnation as those who outright deny that Jesus is the Son of God. Both stand under the condemnation of sin. Both have not experienced the love of God moving upon their lives. And both will discount what Jesus Christ has accomplished for mankind, either through their outward actions or with their thoughts. Both will hold Jesus as merely a man who died on the cross, discounting the power and purpose of His resurrection. Their hearts will deny that men are filled with the Spirit. They will not understand that the Spirit is able to transform, teach, comfort and guide a man whose heart is toward the Lord.

God is a righteous judge, and cannot err in determining those whose hearts are toward or against Him. Those who in their hearts do not sincerely seek after Jesus Christ, will be held accountable of God. They will be held accountable of God for the words they think and speak in seeking to silence and condemn the words of God's holy prophets and saints. They shall be judged accurately of God, and when found wanting they will remain standing under condemnation.

A man, who denies in his heart what Jesus Christ accomplished, will have his heart and mind aligned with death. Not having the influence of the Holy Spirit of resurrection life, he will naturally speak words that reflect his heart's condition. The words he speaks will turn others away from God, so that spiritually they too are blind to the goodness of God. They will naturally speak words against the holy saints and prophets of God. The man, who denies in his heart what Jesus Christ has accomplished, will be held accountable for his actions before God. To deny the power of the Holy Spirit is to remain under the condemnation of sin, which is death, and his life will be a reflection of his spiritual condition.

God, who looks upon the heart in determining judgment, has proclaimed that the blood of the saints and prophets "shall be required of this generation." (Luke 11:47-51) The words spoken by Jesus Christ were pronounced upon the generation of men who walked the earth during His lifetime. And these same words are applicable today. The spilt blood of the prophets and saints, who gave testimony of what God would and did accomplish through Jesus Christ, is precious in the sight of the Lord. Those who deny or discount the words they spoke will receive a judgment that is aligned with the righteousness of Christ. The judgment upon those who physically put to death the saints and prophets, hoping to silence the words they spoke, is the same judgment that is placed upon men today who silence and therefore cast the words of the saints and prophets to the earth. No Spirit of eternal life will fill and inspire their lives.

Those who deny in their hearts what God has accomplished through Jesus Christ, will bear the same punishment as those who physically put to death the saints and prophets of God. Those who collectively make up the sea where every soul dies (Rev. 17:15), have all drunk from polluted wells and streams, which are thoughts and opinions that deny the power and authority of Christ, so that death and not eternal life impacts their lives. Men of days long ago, men of today, and those of tomorrow, who speak against God's saints and prophets so that the prophets words are cast to the earth and trampled on by them and by others, are collectively, before God, a generation of people whom God declares must bear His righteous punishment. Unless they repent and turn toward Jesus Christ in sincerity, they shall not partake of the pure, healing waters released from God's throne room on high, found in the Holy Spirit.

God's pronouncement that, "the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation" (Luke 11:50) proclaimed that God held those to whom Jesus Christ spoke accountability for their actions. The same holds true today. Those whose hearts and minds are joined, through their agreement with those who physically put to death the saints and prophets of God, are worthy of judgment. Their hearts are held accountable before God and judged according to the decisions they make.

Those who hear the Word, yet do not attend unto the Word, not wanting to have any association with the message, shall not partake of eternal life, found in the Holy Spirit while alive. And because their spirits are not joined in holy union with God's Spirit, they shall not ascend on high to "paradise" upon their physical death. Their own hearts have condemned them. They are aligned with death. Their thoughts have crucified the messengers, through their denial and hatred of the words they speak, which prevents resurrection life from flowing through their lives. Because their thoughts silence, and therefore cast to the grave, the words spoken by God's holy saints and prophets, they shall not partake of that which they deny, which is resurrection life, found in the Holy Spirit.

The heart and purpose of Jesus Christ is the same today as it was yesterday. The words He spoke, which proclaimed He came not to condemn the world, but to save it, remain a truth for today. Salvation from the punishment of sin is a solid truth that men can stand upon in obtaining hope for their souls. Today, if any man should hear His voice, and turn from his unbelief, turn from denying that Jesus is the Son of God, whose blood made restitution for his sins, then the King of glory will come and establish His kingdom reign upon the man's life. May men turn toward the Lord and obtain understanding as they hear God's Word proclaim:

> *"Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest. Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; while it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation." Hebrews 3:7-15*

A Most Solemn Call

Christine Darg

Dear friends,

The following call is a very serious one and right on, I want to add again the call to pray for New York as this City represents by my understanding the main target of the next attack in the US, also as until recently it had the largest concentration of Jewish People in the world.

They call it the "Big Apple" and the Jewish people are the "Apple of God's Eye". I really felt that was a lot of the reason that it became already the target on 9/11, and it will be the again the next one also, it has been prophetically said many times, specially during the past 12 months.....!

Shalom Ueli Surbeck

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Message: 1 A MOST SOLEMN CALL TO BELIEVERS WORLDWIDE TO FAST ON EVERY FRIDAY TO CONTAIN ISLAMIC TERRORISM by Christine Darg <christine.darg@btinternet.com> Tue, 26 Jul 2005

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? (Isaiah 58: 6)

Early in the morning before the July 7 bombings in London, sleep eluded me. The Lord said solemnly, ‘I am calling you to call my people to fast and pray every Friday to contain Islamic terrorism.’ The same morning, a brother in Baghdad who is translating into Arabic my book, ‘The Jesus Visions: Signs and Wonders in the Muslim World,’ emailed me concerning Islamic terrorism. He quoted Jesus in Matthew 17:21: ‘This kind does not come out except by prayer and fasting.’ We covenanted to obey the heavenly call and to add regular fasting to our prayers on Fridays. Within a few hours the call to fast was confirmed by the coordinated attacks on London transport; the subsequent failed attempts of similar coordinated attacks in London encourages us that disasters can be diverted through prayer and fasting.

For many years many of us have been praying and fasting individually for the Moslem people, but the Islamic world is no longer a ‘special interest group’ of concern to just some believers in the Church. The threat of Islamic terrorism has now become the concern of every true worshipper of the God of Israel. In Derek Prince’s book, *Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting*, he stated that there are some answers we never obtain until we add fasting to our prayers.

Friday is the day that much hatred, violence and blood-thirsty rhetoric is fomented in fundamentalist mosques around the world. The Lord’s solemn call to fast and pray is not intended to extend into the Sabbath day of rest, which begins Friday evening at mealtime, but is intended to consist of afflicting our souls with fasting during breakfast and/or lunch on Fridays as a way of humbling ourselves and to entreat His mercy corporately. Islamic terrorists crave an ‘Hiroshima’ upon their enemies. In Israel, a fence can deter some terrorism, but in most nations we cannot build a wall to protect ourselves from sleeper cells. Nevertheless ‘The weapons of our warfare are not physical but are mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds.’ The weapons of corporate prayer and fasting can bring victory and delay divine judgments in this time of great peril. Corporate fasting is part of the process of humbling ourselves that is being required by Heaven.

‘If My people who are called by My name [YHVH, not Allah] shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.’ (2 Chronicles 7: 14)

As we gave this solemn call first in England at an ‘Open Heaven’ conference July 9 and also in churches in Virginia and in the Washington, D.C. area this past weekend, many have responded to the Spirit’s call and have asked what is involved in this fast. Some say they are not able to fast because of sicknesses. (Be healed!) But this call is not intended to be a ‘religious’ fast. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to participate in this Prophetic Summons during these strategic hours on Fridays: perhaps forfeit one meal, two meals, perhaps a partial fast. But do something by faith to be a part of this corporate response to Heaven.

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. (2 Chronicles 16:9)

Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. (Amos 3: 7)

We humbly implore you not to disregard this call. Many of us for many years in Jerusalem have faithfully banded together to pray specifically for the irreversible overthrow of the Anti- Christ Pharaoh-like principality of Islam that is holding a billion souls captive. Therefore this call from Heaven was not given to us by chance but because in some measure we have gained a place in intercession concerning this grave issue. Therefore the Lord says, ‘Be not distracted nor indulgent but put your hand to this plough of fasting and prayer and you will be numbered among those who stand in the gap and build up My hedge to avert many calamities and disasters.’

As you fast, pray: --that we will be forgiven for our gross national sins (bullying Israel, abortion, same sex marriages, euthanasia, pornography, sexual predators on children, playing God in laboratories yet denying God and his commandments in schools, courthouses). As we humble ourselves Heaven may decide not to allow the Islamic terrorists to scourge us with weapons of mass destruction. God who is plenteous in mercy may leave behind a blessing and stay his Hand on ripe judgments. --that the hatred and curses hurled from fundamentalist mosques will be bound and nullified --that sleeper cells will be exposed and all military intelligence will be accurate to avert many national disasters --that our political and religious leaders will cease being politically correct and will deal decisively with Islamic terror in a bold, courageous manner --that the terrorists will be miraculously converted for ‘they know not what they do’ and in their misguided zeal believe they are doing their god a service --pray for many of the terrorists to have dreams and visions and to repent --that misguided suicide bombers and all terrorists will receive a vision and understanding that they are indeed dupes, pawns, murderers and not martyrs and that the reality of their destiny is eternal damnation unless they repent

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of YHVH, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O YHVH. . . . (Joel 2:15-17)

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? (Isaiah 58: 6)

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Message: 2 Date: Wed, 27 Jul 2005 18:54:06 -0000 From: "Katrina Parnell" <katrinaparnell@yahoo.com> Subject: USA: Al-Qaida's US Nuclear Targets

UNITED STATES

Al-Qaida's U.S. nuclear targets Captured documents, terrorists reveal bin Laden's preferred dates, places for 'American Hiroshima'

Al-Qaida's prime targets for launching nuclear terrorist attacks are the nine U.S. cities with the highest Jewish populations, according to captured leaders and documents.

As first revealed last week in Joseph Farah's G2 Bulletin, the premium, online intelligence newsletter published by the founder of WND, Osama bin Laden is planning what he calls an "American Hiroshima," the ultimate terrorist attack on U.S. cities, using nuclear weapons already smuggled into the country across the Mexican border along with thousands of sleeper agents.

The series of attacks is designed to kill 4 million, destroy the economy and fundamentally alter the course of history.

At least two fully assembled and operational nuclear weapons are believed to be hidden in the United States already, according to G2 Bulletin intelligence sources and an upcoming book, "The al-Qaida Connection: International Terrorism, Organized Crime and the Coming Apocalypse," by former FBI consultant Paul L. Williams.

The cities chosen as optimal targets are New York, Miami, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Boston and Washington, D.C. New York and Washington top the preferred target list for al-Qaida leadership.

Bin Laden's goal, according to G2 Bulletin sources, is to launch one initial attack, followed by a second on another city to simulate the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The optimal dates for the attacks are Aug. 6, the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing, Sept. 11 and May 14, the anniversary of the re-creation of the state of Israel in 1948. No specific year has been suggested, however, this Aug. 6 represents the 60th anniversary of the Hiroshima attack.

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Message: 3 Date: Wed, 27 Jul 2005 19:01:53 -0000 From: "Katrina Parnell" <katrinaparnell@yahoo.com> Subject: Global: Can Terrorists Build A Nuclear Bomb?

GLOBAL

Popular Science Article by Michael Crowley 07/27/05

Amid the conflict in Iraq and the hunt for Osama bin Laden, this is a side of the war on terrorism you rarely hear about: the drive to prevent terrorists from acquiring the ingredients for a nuclear bomb. In recent years, operations similar to the one in Uzbekistan have been conducted in Libya, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria. These efforts reflect an intense and growing concern within the U.S. government about the specter of nuclear terrorism. It is one of the few issues on which President George W. Bush agreed with his former rival, John Kerry, who called nuclear terrorism the greatest threat that we face in the world today.

That threat comes not just from suspected weapons programs in Iran and North Korea, but also from Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups. Last year Michael Scheuer, who ran the CIA's Osama bin Laden unit for several years in the late 1990s, wrote a letter to the Senate Intelligence Committee warning of the "careful, professional manner in which al-Qaeda was seeking nuclear weapons . . . in deadly earnest." More than a decade ago, bin Laden allegedly tried to buy a canister of uranium in Sudan for $1.5 million. (He appears to have been scammed.) In August 2001, he met with two Pakistani nuclear scientists. And later that year, crude sketches of nuclear weapons were found in Al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan. Scheuer told CBS's 60 Minutes last year that bin Laden even sought a religious edict from a Saudi cleric on whether he could use a nuclear weapon against America. The cleric's answer: Go for it.

Intent isn't the same as capability, of course. But of more than a dozen nuclear-arms experts I interviewed, almost all agreed that assembling a crude nuclear bomb, though extremely difficult, is by no means impossible.

Just ask Graham Allison. In his recent book Nuclear Terrorism: The Ultimate Preventable Catastrophe, he concludes that a terrorist nuke attack is "inevitable" unless the U.S. works much harder and faster to safeguard nuclear material. A former assistant secretary of defense who served under President Bill Clinton and now teaches government at Harvard University, Allison is actually taking small bets from colleagues that terrorists will detonate a crude nuclear bomb in a U.S. city within a decade. "If this happened tomorrow," he says, "I could almost explain it more easily than I could explain why it hasn't happened."

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Anchors Away
Bill Yount

"Anchors Away!"
November 9, 2005

I heard the Father say, "I will begin to shake the news media through the perilous events coming upon the earth!["] As news anchors are sent to certain locations where devastations and dangerous conditions emerge, there will be those news stations whose anchors will not be able to withstand the stress and pressure of reporting horrendous news, day after day.

The word anchor means something that provides stability or security, like an anchor of a ship in the midst of a raging storm. The calmness and stability we have seen, up until now, in our news anchors is about to be highly tested. I sense that what is about to be reported in the very near future will make the bad news of yesterday seem as nothing compared to what is about to follow.

"I WILL BEGIN TO PROMOTE UNKNOWN ANCHORMEN AND ANCHORWOMEN INTO NATIONAL MEDIA WHO HAVE AN 'ANCHOR' THAT HOLDS AND GRIPS THE SOLID ROCK!"

I saw several known anchormen and anchorwomen shaken to the core of their being as they became weary and unable to cope with the stress of their jobs, day after day. I heard the Spirit say, "Anchors Away!" The Lord took me to the book of Acts 27:22-24 to a life-threatening storm where an "anchorman" named Apostle Paul had received a late "breaking news" report from the angel of God saying (paraphrased), "Fear not, I have good news in the midst of the bad news." The good news is that the bad news was wrong! I am with you in the midst of the raging storm! Because of you, I will spare the lives of others on your ship!"

"NEWS BROADCASTING STATIONS WILL GIVE WAY TO NEW ANCHORS WHO ARE BEING HOISTED UP FROM DEEP WATERS BY THE HAND OF THE LORD TO BE BROUGHT ON BOARD THE BATTERED SHIPS ON THE SEA OF LIFE!"

"And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the Lord is his treasure." -- Isaiah 33:6

These anchormen and anchorwomen will come forth from deep waters of the unknown. They will not only report the perilous news but will have the treasures and the riches of Christ inside of them, so that the anointing of God will come right through the radio and television screens as people become convicted by their radiant countenance and peace in the midst of chaos. These anointed news anchors will become spectacles to the world as they are given favor to report of the hope within them.

"SOME UPCOMING ANOINTED NEWS ANCHORS WILL BE GIVEN WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE ON WHAT TO DO TO AVOID DANGER AND DISEASE, AND THEY REPORT THE NEWS BEFORE THE NEWS ACTUALLY TAKES PLACE!"

The favor of the Lord will increase upon these handpicked vessels, as their accuracy in reporting the news before the news actually spreads throughout broadcasting stations, bringing the fear of the Lord and salvation into many lives. Many will kneel before their televisions receiving Jesus Christ into their lives, with healings and miracles following. Some news anchors will be tagged with Bible names, such as anchorman Daniel or Elijah and anchorwoman Deborah, who speak with such authority that they will predict weather patterns, and at times, change them.

We must pray for those who are now connected in the news media. A great shaking is coming upon them. Let's pray they will be shaken into the Kingdom through what is happening on the earth. And pray for the promotion of those whom God is bringing in to report His perspective upon these world events.

When it isn't making any sense down here. . . it is up there!

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New Orleans
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Breaking News: "Jewish Carpenter Claims He Can Rebuild The City Of New Orleans...With Three Nails And Two Pieces Of Wood!"

The question now is.. Will New Orleans ever be rebuilt again? Will it ever be a safe place for people to call home with the risk of toxic water and possible future storms?

I sensed I heard Jesus saying to the Father concerning New Orleans. "I believe I heard the name of Israel mentioned in prayers from that location in times past. Can We go there?"

WHEN MAN'S REPORT SAYS "WHAT A MESS!" HEAVEN IS ALREADY PROCLAIMING..."WHAT A MESSAGE!"

It takes a 'mess' to make a message! I saw great messages coming forth out of New Orleans. Many Jonahs spewed out of the belly of Katrina and Rita will be found strewn upon the shores of Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. As the water floods begin to recede these Jonahs will be hitting the ground running with a fresh message to the ends of the earth... "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!"

NEW ORLEANS (THE 'BIG EASY') - "THAT WOULD BE 'EASY' FOR ME!"

In Exodus 15:23-25. "And when they (the Israelites) came to Marah, just three days after they came through the waters of the Red Sea, they could not drink of the waters of Marah for they were bitter. 24. And the people murmured against Moses saying. "What shall we drink?" 25. And Moses cried to the Lord and the Lord showed him a tree, which when he cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made them a statute and an ordinance and there he proved them."

"WHEN HE WAS ON THE CROSS... NEW ORLEANS WAS ON HIS MIND AND STILL IS!"

I saw the tree of Calvary being cast into the waters that had flooded and devastated New Orleans, Louisiana and surrounding states. The cross was becoming a bridge over troubled waters for many.

The flooded ground became all level at the foot of the Cross!

I SAW NEW ORLEANS BEGINNING TO LEAN.. UPON THE EVERLASTING ARMS! "SHE WAS BORN TO LEAN!"

As a cry of repentance rose up out of all of us through this adversity, I had to question what I was seeing next. "Who is this that I see coming up out of the wilderness leaning on her beloved!"

ANGELS WERE RANSACKING WHAT WAS LEFT OF NEW ORLEAN'S GAMBLING CASINOS

Did you know that people don't gamble to win? If they did they would stop gambling when they won. People gamble because of the thrill of the risk of winning. That thrill of taking a risk is what becomes the addiction. They will even risk their winnings to keep playing.

I asked the Father. "What are your angels doing inside these gambling casinos? I sense His response will shock many as it did me as I saw these angels taking the dice and rolling them into His Kingdom!

I sensed the Father saying. "A 'risk taking spirit' was originally intended for My people. I created man with a risk taking spirit. It was when My people began to refuse taking risks for Me to advance My Kingdom, My dice was stolen out of My House and the world started using them!

It's time for My people to roll the dice and take back the thrill of risky living to obey Me and further My Kingdom. Peter never forgot that eternal thrill of taking that risk of walking on water as long as he lived, despite his falling in it! I believe he still feels that thrill in heaven.

If what we have really belongs to God and He speaks to us to give it away or invest it for His glory, how can we lose if it's His money? Perhaps God Himself was the greatest gambler ever... risking His only Son and losing Him to win us back! He is still taking great risks with us today!

"ROLL THE DICE!"

Prisons About To Be Shaken
Bill Yount

The Foundations Of Many Prisons Are About To Be Shaken. . . The Groaning And Praises Of The Prisoners Have Come Up Before Me!"

A Prelude to the Word on the Prisons

I sense strongly that the prisoners behind walls and razor wire have been hidden and, perhaps, forgotten by man, but are now being summoned and brought forth to be included in this end-time intercession. They have a significant part to fulfill. I pray this word goes through the prison walls and doors and awakens the prisoners to the fact that they are vital and will be used greatly in intercession and ministry in this hour. They will begin to have visitations from angels and Jesus, Himself! Their jailhouse could rock!

Apostle Paul wrote from a prison cell, to Timothy, "Be not ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me, 'His' prisoner," (2 Timothy 1:8). Paul was God's prisoner in prison, for a purpose. He goes on to say, "The word of God is not bound by these prisons walls!" (2 Timothy 2: 9)

A Possible Major Earthquake In The Prisons May Be God's Response Again! -- Acts 16:25,26.

Acts 16:25,26 "And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises to God and the prisoners heard them. 26, And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed!"
Prison Alert: The gross midnight darkness in prisons is now creating the perfect spiritual atmosphere, for a season of possible major earthquakes that could equal Acts 16:26.
"He looked down from heaven to hear the groaning of the prisoner." -- Psalm 102:20
In the Spirit, I saw the ear of God opening up to the cries of the prisoners, who no one else seemed to want to hear. The Father spoke, "The groaning of the prisoners is now coming up before Me. I am coming to answer them!"
I was surprised to discover that many of these groanings and cries were, not only for themselves, but for the Body of Christ outside of the prison. It was as though there were prison-postal-angels working to deliver special assignments of prayer to them that needed divine intervention on our behalf, and the outside world!

These prisons were turning into mission control centers, where their groanings of intercession were creating the atmosphere from which answers to prayer with miracles, signs, and wonders would be launched into the outside world! The Holy Spirit was giving to many of these prisoners, unknown names for them to pray for; these names included yours and mine!
The Body of Christ, outside, was discovering that prisons were their greatest hidden resource of intercession power for their lives, families, and ministries! I saw angels visiting unaware inmates, giving them messages and revelation that would go outside the walls and into the nations!

Heavenly Wisdom Was Pouring Over the Prison Walls. . .
Heavenly wisdom was pouring over the prison walls and through the razor wire into these hellish places of the earth, where these prisoners were already surpassing the knowledge of many of the great men of God today. The darkness was forging the image of Christ, into many of these lives. "They who (that) sat in darkness were seeing a great light!"

The hidden church in the prisons was now emerging with seasoned apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors, who would begin to feed the Body of Christ outside, with hidden manna found in the deepest, darkest, secret places of the earth!
"Moreover the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the prison, saying. . . 'Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show you great and mighty things which you know not of!'" -- Jeremiah 33:1,3
This was happening in the prisons. Apostle Paul wrote much of the epistles from a prison cell. More revelation will once again, come forth from that dark, lonely place with God!

This caused an awakening, within the Body of Christ, igniting the scripture in Mathew 25: "I was in prison and you visited Me not!" A Godly desire to visit the prisons was coming into God's people. Not only realizing that what we do to the least of these, we do to Him, but that we would receive an impartation from Jesus Christ personally.
A Changing of the Guards -- in the Prisons!

Just like Paul and Silas in their prison (notice the prison became theirs, not the devil's), the guards of these prisons would experience the joy of violent worship permeating from these inmates, who had

nothing to lose and everything to gain.
The guards themselves were being arrested by the Holy Ghost and found themselves asking for prayer and, "What must I do to be saved?" Free people were freeing other people.

The Spirit of Jailhouse Religion Will be Broken!

Many prisoners, who seem to live only for God when in prison, will now discover God's power on the outside; the Body of Christ will receive them, as they would receive treasures coming out of darkness. Those who think they cannot make it on their own will qualify, as God's strength is made perfect in their weakness.

Prisons Becoming Powerhouses in Communities!

People who had regretted the prisons and jails being built in their neighborhoods were discovering atmospheric changes of peace and divine influence over their communities. Strongholds and principalities were being destroyed over these regions, as countless prison cells were turning into prayer cells. The prisons were becoming powerhouses, forming walls of protection around communities, as crime rates were coming down.

In the past, I have personally spent 23 years going into the prisons full time. I believe the ministry I have now was born during those years of going in to see Jesus!

*** When going into visit prisoners, always go in under a seasoned ministry. Some prison ministries would not agree, but I think that men should visit only men and women should only visit women.
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An Ephraimite’s Testimony
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Re: Letter 293 (faith and identity)

November 18, 2005 As I was reading your email I was brought to tears as I felt His Ruach and was considering the awesomeness of his mercies and lovingkindness that He would call us from our own graves and open our eyes to receive His Truth and an understanding of who, in His mercy, He has called us to be.

I felt that as you send your emails out to so many people, I would assume most of whom are like my family, fellow Israelites who until recently had no idea who they were, you might enjoy reading of how He spoke to our little family.

There is far more to our story than I could write here but in a nutshell we were "regular" non-denominational Christians. Happy to be very involved in Sunday worships, I enjoyed being part of a small worship team, we loved the weekly bible studies with fellow believers in our home and, of course, celebrated the traditional pagan holidays - though we had long since thrown out santa and the bunny business. We thought we were doing well. Our faith was real within the limits of our understanding and our continual prayer, especially mine, was asking Jesus to draw us closer to Him. Night after night after all of my family had gone to bed I would lay on my face before Him, crying out to Him. But I felt like a moth beating itself against the light until it finally falls, dead, into the drift of other dead moths beneath the light.

Awesome things had happened in our lives, even the Father returning to us our baby son who died while still in the womb. A year or so before, our child before him also died in the womb. But this child, after being dead for over a week, on the day he was to be removed from my body, was restored to life. The warfare and YHVH's indescribable awesomeness surrounding those events is a story in itself that I won't go into now. But He gave us back our son, born left-handed and red-headed. His Hand had clearly been upon us and we knew we were His, but we had come into such a wilderness time...... He had put a hunger and thirst into me ... and as the church we attended dethroned Jesus, neglected prayer and enthroned the programs and "wisdom" of man I tried to be faithful to speak out the words He put on my heart and to share the vision He gave me even though they were not received. In time He made it clear that we no longer belonged there and were to "come out".

Missing fellowship we soon began to attend another church and within perhaps little more than a year or so He again "called us out". We wanted to worship but had no idea how we could be part of any church as we knew them. During these years a couple who were friends lovingly, patiently and with great gentleness continued to share with us about keeping Shabbat. Sometimes we would hear a little, other times we were unable to hear, and had no understanding. We weren't sure we could change our lives that dramatically or even if we should and didn't want to be jumping on somebody's bandwagon if that was what it was.

Then one evening, almost 3 years ago, a couple who were dear friends still attending the second church we had been called out of, spent the evening with us in just worshiping and prayer together. As we were ending the evening the husband was praying and he thanked the Lord that we could "gather together". Immediately the Ruach haKodesh spoke to me and said "That's what I call you, The Gathering". I was awed and excited but had no understanding what He meant. I could only think that He must be speaking of the Remnant of Joel 2, and that we were blessed to be part of His Remnant. But I didn't yet understand who the Remnant is. I just thought it meant those Christians who are not lukewarm.

Months passed and we continued to search Him about whether we should keep His Shabbat. I didn't want to be persuaded by any man as I'd heard every well-spoken argument both ways. I wanted to know His will for us. As a "Spirit-filled Christian" I feared it might mean turning from the fullness of Him into a legalism. Eventually He put it upon our hearts so heavily that we decided to celebrate Shabbat for the first time. I called our patient friends and asked "How? What do we do?" And she asked me, "Do you realize that this Shabbat is Shavuot?" I didn't even know what that was and she explained it was both the giving of the Torah on Mt. Horeb - AND the day of the outpouring of His Spirit, or Pentecost as I knew it. How awesome of YHVH that in His amazing timing He called us to His Shabbat on the very day that answered the fears in my heart. And His Presence over our family with our 3 little children was so powerful that Shabbat that it felt like a huge glove had been laid over us. We had no doubt then what His will was for us. Immediately after that Shabbat the warfare began and all hell literally broke loose in our lives for the next almost-year but that's another story.

But, this part is so exciting to me... a few months later we were with friends celebrating Yom Teruah for the first time, just learning what it was, what it means, what it is all about. (We were still very fuzzy on all the feasts). Part of the reading for that day was Devarim 30:1-5 "And it shall come to pass, when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among the nations, where YHVH your Elohim has driven you, 2 And shall teshuvah [return] to YHVH your Elohim, and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your lev [heart], and with all your being; 3 That then YHVH your Elohim will turn your captivity and have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the nations, where YHVH your Elohim has scattered you. 4 If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts of the shamayim [heaven], from there will YHVH your Elohim gather you, and from there will He fetch you: 5 And YHVH your Elohim will bring you into the land that your ahvot possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will do you tov, and multiply you above your ahvot [fathers]." (It wasn't until later that I began to see vs. 6 "And YHVH will perform brit-milah [cirumcision] upon your lev [heart], and the lev of your zera [seed, offspring], to love YHVH your Elohim with all your lev, and with all your being, that you may live.") As we were reading that passage together YHVH spoke to me again, as clearly as the first time and said, "THAT'S THE GATHERING I AM TALKING ABOUT."

In these few years that have passed He has been circumcising our hearts, revealing the idols and paganism and rebellion in our own lives and the lives of the generations before us and revealing His plan of gathering Israel back to Him. It has been an ongoing process of His revealing, our repentance and being delivered and healed. We have grown and are no longer the same people we were and by His mercy we won't remain as we are but continue to be changed. And we've learned we aren't even the people we thought we were. But through these times of searching and testings and the stripping away of the realms of death as we come into His Life, when we have questioned so much, we have had the assurance that came directly from Him. He is gathering us and we are in awe that He has included us in this awesome move of His Ruach, prophesied of throughout His Word. We have learned so much and have so much to learn. But we know, not from the mouth of any man but spoken directly by His Ruach to my spirit, twice, and before I'd ever heard of any such thing, and confirmed in His Word, that He IS Gathering His people. We are thankful beyond any words to be a part of His Remnant.

Many months before, just after we kept our first Shabbat, that dear patient friend told me that the reason He put it upon our hearts to do so is that we are a part of Israel. In my profound ignorance I laughed at her and said, "I don't THINK so.... we're Irish!" The thought of it makes me smile now. Oh the unfathomable mercies and lovingkindness of our Abba!

That is just a nutshell story of part of what our Kinsman Redeemer Yeshua haMoshiach has done to lift the dry, dead bones of just one tiny part of Israel from the grave, and breathe Life into us. And I am sure the story is similar for so many others. It is completely His work. I hope sharing our story is a blessing to you.

Shalom,

Cindy

An Everlasting Covenant

Bill Somers

The Bible commonly uses differing language at various points to explain or emphasize recurring themes. For example a great gathering in of souls is spoken of in one place as a catch of fish, and in another place as a harvest of wheat. Both of these are just different figures of speech or metaphors for the same thing.

The many names of God are used in different contexts to bring out aspects of his nature. He is the Lord our righteousness, he is our healer, the lord of hosts, our provider and so on. Still all these names refer to the same God. And again the church is looked at as the body of Christ, the bride of Christ, a vineyard, a tree etc.

In this article, we will look at the differing ways the bible talks about the Promise. What exactly is the promise; how is the promise related to the gospel; what differing aspects of the promise are brought out in the way the Bible describes it, and when will be promise be fulfilled?

The Promise

In Genesis 12 the Lord makes a multi part promise to Abraham.

> *Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*
> *2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*
> *3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

We’re going to focus on the final part of that promise, the blessing to all the earth. Galatians 3 makes reference to it as follows.

> *Ga 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*
> *8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*
> *9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*
> *10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*
> *11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*

Here the meaning of the blessing is spelled out. That God would justify the heathen by faith. Also in verse 8, this promise is described as the gospel! [In old testament texts you will find the phrase glad tidings.]

The gospel, then is a promise to the nations that they would be justified and receive this blessing, if they have faith like Abraham. For Abraham believed God and this was accounted as his righteousness, verse 6.

The Kingdom

In Mathew 24, this promise is clearly linked with the end times.

> *Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

The promise that the nations would be justified is called the gospel of the kingdom. The terms ‘nations,’ ‘heathen,’ ‘Gentiles,’ and ‘families or tribes of the earth’ all mean the same. In Revelations they are spoken of as of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Today missionaries speak of them as people groups or ethnic groups. And they keep close track of the numbers of people groups that have not yet heard the gospel preached. There are some who will tell you that the gospel has already been preached throughout the world even as far back as the time of Paul, but the missionaries will tell you quite different. And after all that's their business, they're in a position to know.

The Rest

In Hebrews 4 there is another passage relating to the promise that also speaks of the gospel.

> *Heb 4:1*
> *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*
> *2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
> *3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*
> *4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.*
> *5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.*
> *6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:*

Here the gospel is explained as a promise to enter into his rest. 'Them' in verse 2 refers to those 'that came out of Egypt by Moses' [Heb. 3:16]. And in their case the gospel was not received with faith. Also the **rest** is connected to the Sabbath as it mentions the seventh day, when God rested. The seventh day, of course, can also refer to the seventh day of God's week, the millennium or end times, as the following scriptures suggest.

> *Ps 90:4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.*

> *2Pe 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

So we see the Gospel can be characterized in several ways.
The Gospel message is a promise of a kingdom to come.
The Gospel message is a promise of entering into His Rest.

This promise of entering into His Rest, still waits fulfillment, on the seventh day, the day of rest.

> *Heb 4:8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.*
> *9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.*

Now let's take a closer look at the idea of **rest**.

> *Ps 132:8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*

There is a popular worship chorus that makes use of the above scripture. It goes like this:

> Oh the glory of your presence
> We your people give you reverence
> Now arise to your rest and be blessed
> By our praise as we glory in your embrace
> As your presence now fills this place.

Another worship song, Baruch Haba, also draws upon Psalm 132 in its verse:

> Now arise Oh Lord, come to your resting place

> You and the ark of your might
> and we will rejoice
> as we're clothed with your righteousness
> And celebrate the light.

The same music company also released a worship music session later which used the same first chorus, but for some reason they changed the wording from "Now arise **to** your rest" to "Now arise **from** your rest." Perhaps someone thought that it didn't make any sense to say 'arise to your rest' because naturally people get up **from** resting. This comes from a failure to understand that here 'rest' speaks of a place of rest, not being at rest. So to say arise to your rest means to get up from some place or other and go to, or into a place of rest. For example, someone would arise from their sofa and go into their bedroom, a place of rest.

Psalm 132:8 is a prayer to the Lord to rise up from where ever he is and come to his place of rest. If you look further down, the Lord clearly says his rest is Zion, a place he will dwell forever.

> *Ps 132:8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*
> *9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.*
> *10 For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed.*
> *11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.*
> *12 If thy children will keep my covenant and my testimony that I shall teach them, their children shall also sit upon thy throne for evermore.*
> *13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.*
> *14 **This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell**; for I have desired it.*

In Ezekiel's descriptions of the temple, the house of the Lord, there is another mention of God's dwelling or resting place. Here the figure of the temple is used interchangeably with Zion.

> *Eze 43:4 And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east.*
> *5 So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house.*
> *6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and the man stood by me.*
> *7 And he said unto me, Son of man, **the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever**, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.*

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, there is a scene that depicts the Lord [as a lamb] coming to Zion.

> *Re 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*

Now let's go back and look at the opening parts of Psalm 132.

> *Ps 132: A Song of degrees.*
> *1 LORD, remember David, and all his afflictions:*
> *2 How he sware unto the LORD, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob;*
> *3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed;*
> *4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids,*
> *5 Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.*
> *6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we found it in the fields of the wood.*
> *7 We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool.*
> *8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*
> *9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.*

Here we see David, who is a type of Jesus, in verses 3 and 4 saying he will not sleep or get any rest till he finds a resting place for God. In the original historical sense, this is about David's desire to build the temple. In the spiritual sense, it speaks of Jesus' desire to build his church, a temple made of living stones. This is to be an eternal dwelling place for the Lord, based on an eternal covenant. This again is Mt. Zion, the place where he is worshipped.

In Matthew 8, Jesus is involved in a discussion with a scribe. The issue at hand is that of following Jesus. He gives the scribe a cryptic answer indicating that he has no particular resting place. Jesus seems to be changing the subject from following him to finding a resting place.

> *Mt 8:19 And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.*
> *20 And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.*
> *21 And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.*
> *22 But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.*
> *23 And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.*
> *24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.*

Then just 4 verses later, we find that he has found a place to rest and was sound asleep. The key to this apparent contradiction is in verse 23. When he enters the ship, two things happen. First, his disciples follow him. This deals with the issue of following Jesus. The second thing is that he finds a place of rest. Entering into the ship and winding up sound asleep is an illustration of arising to his rest. The fact that the disciples follow him illustrates the next verse of Psalm 132. *Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness.* [Here we must be clear that following him means obeying him, not just tagging along after.]

Now look back at Revelation 14.

> *Re 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the* ***mount Sion****, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*
> *2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:*
> *3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*
> *4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are* ***they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth****. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*

Here the same two issues are dealt with, Mt. Zion is the resting place, and when the Lamb appears atop Mt. Zion, he has with him a group who will follow him. The ship in Mathew is typical of Mt. Zion, the same two issues are dealt with and the results are the same.

So who is it that comes to rest? Is it God who comes to his place of rest, or is it his people who enter into his rest? As we saw above, there are two issues involved and that provides our answer. It's both! God comes into his temple, the place of rest, and his people follow. As it says in Isaiah 6, *his train filled the temple*. His train is whoever is following behind him. You can also think of it as the body of Christ coming together with Jesus, the head.

The Spirit

Galatians 3 speaks of the blessing of Abraham as The Promise Of The Spirit in verse 14, a very interesting connection. In verse 17, the Lord refers to the law as the covenant that came 430 years later, saying it could not cancel out the promise.

> *Ga 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*
> *15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be*

> *confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.*
> *Ga 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*
> *Ga 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*

We can conclude here that the gospel promise of a kingdom to come, is also the promise of the spirit. So lets add that to our list of meanings for the gospel.

The Gospel message is a promise of a kingdom to come.
The Gospel message is a promise of entering into His Rest [Mt. Zion].
The Gospel message is a promise of the Spirit.

The New and Everlasting Covenant

Galatians goes on to talk of the promise and relate it to the two covenants.

> *Ga 4:21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?*
> *22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.*
> *23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *24 Which things are an allegory: for these are **the two covenants**; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*
> *25 For this Agar is, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*
> *26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

As a side note, check the language in verse 21. It asks, do you not hear the law. It doesn’t ask if you have read the law or know the law, it asks if you hear the law. Then in verse 24 he explains that it is an allegory. In other words, if you do not pick up on the idea that the story of Abrahams 2 sons is an allegory, you are not **hearing** the law. He that hath an ear, let him hear.

Now verse 24 gives us the idea that the promise to Abraham is also related to the new covenant or new testament. The two mountains, correspond to the bond woman and the free woman; the old covenant and the new covenant. You can see this contrast spelled out in Hebrews 12.

> *Heb 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,*
> *19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:*
> *20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:*
> *21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*
> *22 But ye are come unto **mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, **the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the **new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

Note that here the mountain that burnt with fire is the Mt. Sinai; and Mount Zion is the ***heavenly Jerusalem,*** *Jerusalem which is above* as mentioned in Galatians 4.

This tells us the Gospel message is a promise of a new covenant. What exactly is the new covenant? Hebrews mentions it twice.

> *Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I*

> *will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*
> *9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*
> *10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*
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> *Heb 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*
> *17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

Here is another description from Jeremiah 32.

> *Jer 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, **that they shall not depart** from me.*

Here we see that this new covenant will make it so that his people will not depart from him. Ezekiel explains it this way:

> *Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*
> *27 And **I will put my spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

The Lord is promising that he will cause us to obey him! Note especially verse 27. This is telling us that he will cause us to obey by putting his Spirit in us. On other words, God says I will put my spirit in you that you might not sin against me. So the promise of a new covenant is also the promise of the Spirit.

So we can add another line to our list
The Gospel message is a promise of a kingdom to come.
The Gospel message is a promise of entering into His Rest [Mt. Zion].
The Gospel message is a promise of a New Covenant
The Gospel message is a promise of the Spirit.

There are many other aspects of this, Hebrews 3 mentions one of them.

> *Heb 3:14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

The Gospel of the Kingdom is expressed in Heb 3:14 as a promise to be made '*partakers of Christ'*

Unity of the Brethren

This promise is also a promise of unity. Psalm 133 tells us that Mt. Zion is to be a place of unity.

> *Ps 133: <<A Song of degrees of David.>>*
> *1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

Fulfilling the Promise

The promise was expressed in many ways and one of the most significant of these is this. The promise of entering into his rest is seen to be a promise of a new covenant in the latter days. For on the seventh day, God rested; and we can also say from this that in the seventh millennium God came to rest.

God keeps his promises and confirms his covenant. One of the ways he does this is by fulfilling the scriptures. Often this is done in stages, so a scripture can have multiple fulfillments. Sometimes there is a partial fulfillment followed later by another fulfillment, and finally by a much later fulfillment in the end times.

The promise to Abraham was of a future time; an end time fulfillment. Later is could be spoken of as a ‘new’ covenant’. This is because another covenant would come first, the mosaic law.

Melchizedek or Melchisedec, is a priest of the eternal covenant. As such he ‘continues forever’. He blessed Abraham, who received this promise, with bread and wine. Jesus used bread and wine as a sign of the new covenant, speaking of his body, about to be broken, and his blood about to be shed. This is his priestly offering as he offered up himself. Both of these cases are partial fulfillments.

So while the promise came first, it’s completion, or fulfillment can come much later. Whereas when the law was given the old covenant was established right then at the first Pentecost on Mt. Sinai.

Another example if this is the partial fulfillment of Joel 2 in Acts 2.

> *Ac 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*
> *15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*
> *16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

Here it began with the ‘earnest’ of the Spirit.

> *2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the* ***earnest of the Spirit****.*

An earnest is a token of something to come, an assurance. It is like a pledge or down payment. So in Acts 2 the promise of the Spirit was confirmed by an earnest or partial payment. This was the measure of anointing that came upon the gathered disciples that day. And not only is this a foretaste of the Spirit, it is a foreshadowing of the end times.

Fulfilling the promise will finish with the latter day/latter rain blessing of the Spirit, given without measure, the final fulfillment of The promise of the Spirit mentioned in Joel and other places.

Salvation

It is commonly taught that the church began at Pentecost in Acts 2 with the giving of the spirit. But that the kingdom is for a future time, after Jesus returns. We have looked at various aspects of the Covenant and seen that this is only partly correct. The church, as we know it, is not a company newly formed in Acts 2. It is a continuation of the congregation of Israel, the assembly or called out ones, which existed all along. It will become the Kingdom of God as it gets right with God. Then the promise will be fulfilled as God grants repentance with the full pouring out of His Spirit. This will bring us into the end time harvest before the return of the Lord Jesus Christ at the second advent.

Salvation became available through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus. But this is not to say it was unavailable before Calvary because He is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. It is his sacrifice that pays the price for all saints of all times to be reconciled to God.

Abraham, the father of faith, was not saved [or justified] by the old testament Law, but because he believed God.

> *Ga 3:6 Even as* ***Abraham believed God****, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*
> *8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*
> *9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*
> *10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*
> *11 But that* ***no man is justified by the law*** *in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*

Salvation comes to us today no differently than it did to the old testament saints. It can come, by having faith in the promises; by calling on the name of the Lord; by coming to know the Lord through meditating on his word, and by God directly revealing himself to those who seek him.

Let’s conclude by taking a look at one last reference to the everlasting covenant from Hebrews 13.

> *Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*
> *21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

A New Move

Lanna Perry

17th July, 2005
Sydney, Australia

Prophets! Evangelists! Teachers! Apostles! Pastors! Children Of Mine! Rise Up!

The time has come! The time has come where I am stationing My five-fold ministry in greater ways than ever before. Many of you are in the marketplace, many of you have been placed in places that you would not choose. Remain there until I say, for in this place, I am bringing forth My Kingdom. It may not be visible to your eyes, but know that I am performing the supernatural in these places. I am doing a new work through the five-fold ministry, a greater unity is taking place.

I am releasing forth My Spirit in greater ways to those who are willing to receive. I am calling My church to rise up and receive. I am longing to perform signs and wonders so many may see My Glory. For many say that signs and wonders are not for today, I am the God of miracles, and where My Spirit resides there will the impossible become possible.

America, Australia, Asia you will see an outpouring of My Spirit through the five fold ministry that are willing to receive it. Many are not willing. For this anointing and outpouring comes with a cost. I am asking each of you to count the cost. No more game playing, but be serious for the Kingdom, for My Kingdom, for time to waste, I have not!

I see many of you look with unbelief at signs and wonders in your lives. Raising the dead, healing the sick, casting out demons, miracles come from My heart. It is MY HEART to perform the miraculous in everyone's life, to bring about MY Glory. Rid your hearts of unbelief and be prepared to receive the outpouring.

For those with a humble spirit, a contrite heart, and walk in holiness, you will inherit the Kingdom. You will see Me move in great and mighty ways. I am the God of grace, no greater grace exists but that which comes from My heart. I am not calling you to perfection, for in your own strength you cannot attain this. I am calling for obedience. I am calling My prophets, My teachers, My pastors, My evangelists, My apostles, My children to Obedience like never before.

Be willing to see miracles in your workplace. Be willing to see the Lord your God invade your ministry, your work. Put aside your selfish nature, of being ashamed or legalistic mindsets and allow Me to do the work I am longing to do.

My heart is grieved, for I have a great outpouring of My Spirit waiting to be released but FEW are willing to pay the price and receive.

Many of you are holding to fear of being too heavenly minded to be earthly good. My precious children, I tell you, as you listen to My Spirit, I will bring balance to your life.

I am going to pour out My Spirit in greater ways, and I will pour it out on individuals who are hungry and desperate for Me, and on churches who are willing to receive. The cost is high, but I give you the grace to receive.

Examine your hearts. What do you truly want My children? For I am willing, and ready to pour out greater measures of My Spirit and perform great miracles, but you must be willing.

My Spirit is wanting to minister in all places. The marketplace. Your work, your home, your schools. The time has come for a greater supernatural outpouring of My Spirit, which will break strongholds, and tear down legalism, I am going to break that which man thinks they have established in the physical and in their minds.

I the Lord your God, am doing a new work. Cast out all unbelief, and allow Me to perform greater things than you have ever dreamed.

Rid your lives of disobedience, rid your lives of indulgences not of Me, and commit to seeking Me in ways you never have. For I am looking for those who will truly follow Me, and truly want to carry My anointing. I am willing, but are you My children?
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Tongues and Heart Entwined
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Let your yes, be yes, and your no, be no. Do not speak forth words that you know I have called you to speak, but yet leave your hearts far from Me.

Many of you speak, but your words are empty because your hearts have remained at a distance from Me. Why is this? Are you afraid to relinquish all control to allow your God to take hold?

Let your yes, be yes, and your no, be no.

My beautiful children, I have called each of you to come to Me, come with your hearts as your sacrifice and allow Me to touch each of you, and bring you closer to Myself. Many of you are speaking of things that are of My Kingdom, but are keeping your hearts so far from Me.

Deceit has entered my house, and I am not pleased. I have called each of you to be speakers of truth. Speakers of love and encouragement. The words that you speak, to overflow out of your hearts of thankfulness and worship of Me. Many of you are lying. Many of you are hiding behind cliché words and phrases, and not allowing My Spirit of truth to speak through you.

I am the God of the Impossible. I am making the Impossible, Possible.

Do not ‘play’ church any longer My children. Do not speak empty words, and keep your hearts far from Me.

Examine your hearts, and your words. Where your heart lies, so does your treasure, but many of you are speaking forth words of Mine, but are not allowing your hearts to rest in Me. You are allowing your hearts to rest in your own desires and lusts of the flesh.

I long to draw each of you closer to Me than you ever have been. Draw you to that secret place of speaking so deeply and intimately to you, and strengthening you for the task ahead.

Let the words that you speak, reflect the heart that is within you. Do not allow deceit to come from your mouth. Do not deceive others by your empty words of praise to Me, and keeping your hearts far from Me.

My church, the time is drawing near for My return, and many games and manipulation and deceit is being entertained in My church. Repent, and allow My Spirit to clean your hearts, your tongues and My church.

Allow My fire to fall on your tongues and hearts, so that the joining of your heart and your tongue may manifest. That truly My children will walk in a deeper empowerment of My Spirit.
Allow Me to break down the parts of you have kept your hearts far from Me.

For the power of My Spirit that shall flow through My church when hearts and tongues are combined shall be incredible.

Many are walking within My house, that are not following Me, and are deceiving many. Stay alert. Keep watch, and listen to My Spirit.

I the Lord your God, will not accept those who come to Me with words, but hearts are far from Me. Check your hearts My children, and allow Me to show you anything within you that may not bring about Glory to My name.

Let the revival of My church begin within you. Let your words reflect your heart. Repent of deceit, and come walk in truth.

For the truth, will set you free, and will set the world free of it’s bondage. You cannot hide anything from Me, I see all, and I long to restore that which is hidden in darkness.

So come, My church, let your tongues and heart unite. Be carriers of TRUTH, carriers of My Word and hearts that are clean and pure. Let Me prepare you for what is to come. To walk in greater holiness and purity of heart. No more deceit.

A New Level Of Faith

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God is seeking to move His Church from a victim mentality to a victor mentality. There is a shift occurring in the heavenlies and My people shall receive a fresh revelation of who they are in Me. You eyes shall be opened to the fulness of what My work on the cross accomplished. You shall no longer walk as a victim of your circumstances but you shall look your adversary straight in the face and speak My Word over that situation.

Many of My own at this present time have been faced with different trials and afflictions that have left you battle scared and weary. Just when you think the storm is over, the enemy floods in to overwhelm My people. Yet within My crucibles I am fashioning My dread warriors in the midst of the fire. I have taken you through situations where you have been stripped of your own knowledge and understanding and leaning supports where you had to literally walk by faith. These have become so regular for My own that they have acquired a victim mindset of accepting defeat.

Yet I call you to rise above these mindsets and to look higher.

In order to be overcomers I have to introduce something to overcome.

You may be going through a testing period, but know that I AM in total control over your situation. In order for David to be victorious he had to meet his Goliath. As he set his sights on Me, he knew he could not overcome through his own strength, yet he knew I would back him up. As he picked up the stone and slung it in faith, My power met him halfway and slew the giant.

I am calling My people to release the stone and let it fly. Truly your giants shall be overcome as you step out in faith.

Yet My children, victory does not come without a fight. My servant Joshua had to walk round the walls seven times before the walls crumbled. So I am calling you to press in for breakthrough until it comes. I am calling you to look past the horizon of your limitations and see the cloud the size of a mans fist arise and grow into a rain cloud.

My people you are entering a time of war. The enemy will be fighting harder and pulling out the last stops. I am calling those that will believe to contend by faith to take back ground. I am calling even those of mustard seed faith to indeed sow that faith and reap a moved mountain. Like a seed that takes time and persistence, so you will need to be persistent with prayer.

There is a change in the heavenlies. I am moving in a new way and I am calling those of the house of faith to walk in the fulness of who I am and to win the battle that is waged against My people. The mute cries of My church shall be turned into a roar of war. No longer shall they see themselves in their own strength but they shall see Holy Spirit Apostolic to take authority over that which opposes Me.

I am he who trains your hands for war and your fingers for battle. I am breaking the barriers of your limitations and causing you to walk in a new anointing. I am expanding your borders and making room for you to contain more. Now is the time to meet Me at the cross and die of all that would be a hindrance so that My Holy Spirit power shall flow through you in its fulness. For you are those I am calling to advance the Kingdom. You are those who will cause the enemy to flee because you walk under My anointing and the fulness of who I AM. These are indeed the days to walk by faith, for I am moving the faith of My people to a new level.

Blessings,
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Strike The Arrows!
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The Lord has been calling the Body of Christ for some time to warfare and to contend not only for personal victories but for breakthroughs that affect the Body. We have responded to this with much faith, taking God at His Word and going and taking back stolen ground.

However for some, the enemy has retaliated a lot harder than many would have anticipated and because of this I sense that many of God people have grown weary in the battle

Some have almost given up and there is a sense of "throwing in the towel", a what’s-the-use sort of attitude. Being made aware of this, the Lord said to me, "Its time for My people to strike the arrows upon the ground again and again." He then led me to 2 Kings 13: 17-19:

2 Kings 13:17-19 (Amp)
17 And he said, Open the window to the east. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The Lord's arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Syria. For you shall smite the Syrians in Aphek till you have destroyed them.
18 Then he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike on the ground. And he struck three times and stopped.
19And the man of God was angry with him and said, You should have struck five or six times; then you would have struck down Syria until you had destroyed it. But now you shall strike Syria down only three times.

Many of Gods people are in this position now, where in the midst of your trial, they have struck their arrows only three times. In other words, they have by faith laid hold of their promise of victory and breakthrough and their hase been a temporary breakthrough, but only to find satan knocking at their door again.

The Lord is calling us to be persistent people of faith. Persistent in our prayers, persistent in our stand for God. This calls for endurance on our part because in this day and age, we are those who tend to look for quick fixes, quick deliverances, quick breakthroughs. I am not against that; God does in fact move in this way on many occasions, but it takes a lot more of our faith and endurance on our part to press in and press on.

God is looking to stretch our faith in this season in order to take us to the next level of faith operating situations. It is a continuous journey from faith to faith. Like the bending of the bow, so he is bending some of us now, taking us beyond our limitations or what we conceive in the natural to be what we can handle in order to accomplish the impossible in and through us.

Press in and press on. God is for you and not against you. He is looking for us to simply yield to him; to be those of persistent faith that reach forth for what he has set for us. It is like the high jump sport. Every time the athlete jumps over the bar, it is set higher each time.

Do not be surprised if you find yourself in a situation that in the natural seems worse off than before. God is stretching you to a new level. From Glory to greater Glory so that HE may receive the glory when your life becomes a living testimony to others.

Truly it is time to strike the arrows again and again.

Philippians 3:14 (Amp) 14 I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.

God bless you,
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A New Season
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Joel 3:13-14 Put in the sickles, for the harvest is ripe; go in, tread down; for the wheat pits are full, and the wine presses overflow; for their wickedness is great. An uproar and tumult in the valley of decision; for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.

You have entered a new season. This is the season of the bride. This is the season for great and mighty works to manifest. Don’t look back but go forward diligently into your destiny.

I have opened a door that no man can shut. [*Rev. 3:7*] At the same time I have firmly shut the door to the past and the way things "used to be". You can not go back to the way things used to be! The past is finished, washed up. It is to be cast aside for the new.

I am looking for those who are willing to run with me all the way to the finish line. It is not a time for side trips, being casual or sitting down to rest. If you want to run with me, your eyes must remain fixed on me. You must give your heart to me totally without mixture or double-mindedness.

Calling me "Lord", but serving another will not work. It is time to cast all constraints aside and set your face like flint. Don’t bow to the allures of the world anymore. Don’t think I will bless what I have said I will not bless!

There were seven churches I spoke of in the visions of John. [*Rev. 2-3*] *You need to consider these carefully, for these were MY churches, yet many* [*individuals*] *among them were disqualified.*

Money, fame or position will not save you in the days ahead. It is your knowledge of ME and ability to be hidden in ME that will protect you and lift you up above the storms that are approaching and even now have begun to beat on your door. [*Ps. 91, Luke 6:43-49*]

Few are prepared even though ample time has been given. Each individual is responsible for themselves. You can not speak or "stand in" for someone else, nor can they do so for you. Each will give an accounting to me. Each one will stand before me.

I have given many warnings of these events, such as the ten virgins [*Matt. 25:1-13*], the

wheat and the tares [*Matt. 13:24-30*] and the separation of the sheep and the goats. [*Matt. 25:31-46*] Many of the goats thought they were sheep, but the criteria were clearly spelled out in my Word and they did not meet the criteria. They wanted another gospel or another religion that pleased them more.

Matt. 25:41-46 Then he will say to those at his left, Go away from me, you cursed, to the everlasting fire which is prepared for the adversary and his angels.

For I was hungry and you did not give me food; I was thirsty and you did not give me drink; I was a stranger and you did not take me in; I was naked and you did not clothe me: I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me.

Then they will answer and say, Our lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or in prison, and did not minister to thee?

Then he will answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of these least ones, you also did not do it to me. And these shall go into everlasting torment, and the righteous into everlasting life.

I will have much to say in the days ahead for I AM on the move. I will begin to move thorough my chosen people in a manner that will leave the world breathless and in awe.

Put on your running shoes and get ready to run for the hour is at hand and I AM beginning to open the door now. This will be a race like no other. Who will stand with me and lay down their self-life to run this race? A great destiny is awaiting those who will.

Your Jesus

Another Surprise
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, May 6, 2005

Over the years you have heard us talk about a young Orthodox family that lives in a settlement on the Mount of Blessing. Nir, his wife Shira, and now four children have weathered, by the grace of YHVH, terrorist attacks and sometimes very difficult living conditions. In spite of the hardships Nir's vision of a vineyard of grapes, groves of olive trees and a small dinning facility have been realized through the joint effort of Ephraimites who have come to work alongside of him (view his website www.grizimtour.com). We have been privileged to know and have a close relationship with them.

Two days ago, while in Jerusalem, we received a phone call from a very excited Nir and wife. They shared with us about three Ephraimite men, two from Texas and one from Oregon, who had arrived at their house earlier in the day to help him with the vineyard. They had been sitting around the table talking, and in the course of conversation were surprised to discover that the visitors did not know us, or any of the other Ephraimites that we are all in touch with. It was with the thought of "helping them get more connected to the land, as Nir put it, that he called us. The following day we arranged to come up in the late afternoon. We left our settlement around 4:00 PM and headed east toward Shechem /Nablus. If you remember, a few months ago we wrote that Israel built the security fence around Alfe Menashe and then moved the checkpoint further into Samaria, to a location which is about a half mile from our settlement. At that time we had quite a surprise, as the checkpoint looked more like a border crossing. Even though we also live in the disputed territories, crossing through that checkpoint was like journeying into another spiritual atmosphere. In spite of this we arrived on the Mount of Blessing (Mt. Grizim, where Har Bracha settlement is located) and had a wonderful time of fellowship with these new Ephraimite acquaintances and shared a lot about our mutual beliefs in Messiah Yeshua, the Torah, the two houses, the land, our relationship with Judah and the restoration of all Israel.

A few months ago we happen to see on a government site on the Internet, a map of the re-positioning of the security fence and also of the settlements that may be incorporated in the future into Israel. As we suspected, to our dismay, the fence, according to this map, does indeed appear to be the borderline. But what was more disconcerting was that there were only a very few settlements left on that map. Could it be that the move to rid Judea and Samaria of its Jewish population has already been decided upon, and that the process has begun unbeknown to the residents?

We knew that the Gaza and Northern Samaria settlements were going to be disbanded, but there still seemed to be hope for the others to remain under some future negotiations. A call last week from some friends (believers), from a settlement in the north (slated for abandonment), confirmed the reality of this as they told us of the hardships that they were experiencing. They have had to find alternate housing prior to receiving any compensation from the government (the amount of which has still not been disclosed to them). But in spite of this seeming reality, Nir and others, in the remaining settlements, are trusting that the Almighty will preserve them and that something will happen to change the course of the Arab world's passion to rid the Middle East of the presence of this Jewish/Israeli state.

In today's results of the local elections in the Palestinian Authority, although over 50% of the localities were won by Fatah, Hamas managed to secure over 30% of the localities, and that in the more largely populated towns (including in our neighboring Kalkilya). This means that in terms of numbers, Hamas had actually had more support than the more "moderate" Fatah. This is really a slap in the face of President Bush and the PA leadership, but it was to be expected, as the Islamic world sees that their Alla and the "Shaheed martyrs" (homicide bombers) are their greatest weapon against a muscle-bound US and the Israeli military forces. Israel's retreat from Lebanon, and now the impending one from Gaza and Samaria, are perceived as a victory and were celebrated by voting for this terrorist organization, proving to the world that terror will ultimately cause superpowers to bow to its demands. Gunshots of joy (a common form of jubilation among the Arabs) could be heard in our vicinity till late last night. Certainly the Palestinians view their success as a direct result of the terror.

Yesterday was the annual Holocaust Day in Israel. The letter posted below is a response to international anti Jewish and anti Israel sentiments. An Orthodox Rabbi and leader of a far rightwing political group, which was banned by the Israeli government, wrote this "letter". Rabbi Meir Kahanna was assassinated while visiting New York City 1991. He wrote the letter in the late 1980's.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Dear World,

It appears that you are hard to please. I understand that you are upset over us here in Israel. Indeed, it appears that you are quite upset, even angry and outraged. Indeed, every few years you seem to become upset over us. Today, it is the brutal repression of the Palestinians; yesterday, it was Lebanon; before that it was the bombing of the nuclear reactor in Baghdad and the Yom Kippur War campaign. It appears that Jews who triumph, and who therefore, live, upset you most extraordinarily.

Of course, dear world, long before there was an Israel, we the Jewish people upset you. We upset a German people, who elected a Hitler and we upset an Austrian people, who cheered his entry into Vienna and we upset a whole slew of Slavic nations - Poles, Slovaks, Lithuanians, Ukrainians, Russians, Hungarians, Romanians.

And we go back a long, long way in history of world upset. We upset the Cossacks of Chmielnicki, who massacred tens of thousands of us in 1648-49; we upset the Crusaders, who on their way to liberate the Holy Land, were so upset at Jews that they slaughtered untold numbers of us. We upset, for centuries, a Roman Catholic Church that did its best to define our relationship through Inquisitions. And we upset the arch-enemy of the church, Martin Luther, who in his call to burn the synagogues and the Jews within them, showed an admirable Christian ecumenical spirit.

It is because we became so upset over upsetting you, dear world, that we decided to leave you - in a manner of speaking - and establish a Jewish State. The reasoning was that living in close contact with you, as resident-strangers in the various countries that comprise you, we upset you, irritate you, and disturb you. What better notion, then, than to leave you and thus love you - and have you love us? And so we decided to come home, to the same homeland from which we were driven out 1,900 years earlier by a Roman world that, apparently, we also upset.

Alas, dear world, it appears that you are hard to please. Having left you and your Pogroms and Inquisitions and Crusades and Holocausts, having taken our leave of the general world to live alone in our own little state, we continue to upset you.

You are upset that we repress the Palestinians. You are deeply angered over the fact that we do not give up the lands of 1967, which are clearly the obstacle to peace in the Middle East. Moscow is upset and Washington is upset. The Arabs are upset and the gentle Egyptian moderates are upset.

Well, dear world, consider the reaction of a normal Jew from Israel. In 1920, 1921 and 1929, there were no territories of 1967 to impede peace between Jews and Arabs. Indeed, there was no Jewish State to upset anybody. Nevertheless, the same oppressed and repressed Palestinians slaughtered hundreds of Jews in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Safed and Hebron. Indeed, 67 Jews were slaughtered one day in Hebron in1929.

Dear world, why did the Arabs - the Palestinians - massacre 67 Jews in one day in 1929? Could it have been their anger over Israeli aggression in 1967? And why were 510 Jewish men, women and children slaughtered in Arab riots in 1936-39? Was it because of Arab upset over 1967? And when you, World, proposed a U.N. Partition Plan in 1947 that would have created a Palestinian State alongside a tiny Israel and the Arabs cried and went to war and killed 6,000 Jews - was that upset stomach caused by the aggression of 1967? And, by the way, dear world, why did we not hear your cry of upset then?

The Palestinians who today kill Jews with explosives and firebombs and stones are part of the same people who - when they had all the territories they now demand be given them for their state - attempted to drive the Jewish State into the sea. The same twisted faces, the same hate, the same cry of "idbah-al-yahud" - "Slaughter the Jews!" that we hear and see today, were seen and heard then. The same people, the same dream - destroy Israel.

What they failed to do yesterday, they dream of today - but we should not "repress" them. Dear world, you stood by the Holocaust and you stood by in 1948 as seven states launched a war that the Arab League proudly compared to the Mongol massacres. You stood by in 1967 as Nasser, wildly cheered by wild mobs in every Arab capital in the world, vowed to drive the Jews into the sea. And you would stand by tomorrow if Israel were facing extinction.

And since we know that the Arabs-Palestinians daily dream of that extinction, we will do everything possible to remain alive in our own land. If that bothers you, dear world, well - think of how many times in the past you bothered us.

In any event, dear world, if you are bothered by us, here is one Jew in Israel who could not care less.

A New Order of Things
Roy Resh

> *For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither has the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what He has prepared for him that waits for Him. Is 64:4*

I the Lord have spoken to you many times. I speak to you in your heart of hearts if you have received My Son. Behold, then your eyes observe My works, you see them in your natural world as I blend My Justice with My mercy and My faith. Do you know my gentle voice in your heart? Do you see My works in your midst?

If you have an ear to hear, you hear My voice calling you to Me, to keep your eyes on Me as I lead you through the time of judgment which has come upon My house. My judgment is not to punish, but to bring mercy to the wavering and to bring faith to the obedient when they see My uncompromising righteousness. I am establishing a new order of things, a way that you have not known. New men and women are being raised up who will hear My voice and see My hand. You leaders who established the old order need to be especially attentive to My voice at this time, for your anointing has been lifted. A new mantle is being given to those who are building in My new order. Those of the old order may receive this new mantle if they forsake their works and walk in accordance to My guidance.

Long in preparation, many of My people who have wandered in the wilderness of My new order of things. They have moved when I called them to move, and waited when I called them to wait. It has seemed endless to some, and much of their fruit has withered on the vine of men’s institutions. Now, I am moving among those who have come through the wilderness, who have learned My voice. My mantle is upon them to enter and possess the Promised Land. This Land is not a place in your earth, it is a place in My Kingdom that covers the whole of My Chosen ones, My glorious Bride. It has not entered into the heart of man what I have prepared for the faithful, yet their faith is but a gift to them and to the others that their mantles touch. Don not be proud of the faith that I have given you, and do not gather with new groups who have this unlimited faith, but gather only as I call you to do My works. Hear My voice in your spirit, and gather in a sacred and solemn assembly with thankfulness that you have become My Chosen, My Bride. I will instruct you as you assemble in this new order of things, but only if you forsake your old orders and let Me bring you together in the one-accord spirit that I gave to your fathers.

This is the time that I am healing the families, bringing husband and wife together in love to be helpmeets and to guide their children in the way that they ought to go. Pray that broken families will be healed, that love will flow among the mixed families, and that My government will again be seen upon the earth. It will not look like any of the legal governments, for it will be invisible to both the political and religious systems of man. Yes, there will be persecutions, but these are to purify and perfect, and to bring My truth to a world lost in its selfish pursuits.

Do not remember the things of the past, for they are passing away to make way for My future, My government upon the earth. The power of My new order of things will astonish all. No one has yet seen such a government, where from the least to greater things than He did when He walked among you, because He has come to sit on My throne, to rule in My stead.

Come to Me. Keep your eyes fixed on Me. Hear My voice. I am your Source and deliverer. Give Me an ear. Let no man take your crown, but let Me love through you to build up My body and reach a lost world that I ache to redeem. Now it has begun, and I call you to remain meek and lowly, as He was in your midst. Let all things be to My glory! All things!

Aug 5, 2005

A New Paradigm Emerges

Bill Somers

So what is a paradigm, you ask? My dictionary tells me this:

Paradigm: pattern or model

For some years now, in the articles posted here and there on various prophetic web sites, and elsewhere, we have heard talk of a *new paradigm* or a *paradigm shif*t, that is to come with the end time move of God. In the last half year, and especially just recently the material we have seen makes it clear that the new paradigm is now here. The outlines can be found in it bits and pieces in many articles by many different writers. But the conclusion is becoming more and more obvious. And the way it fulfills scripture is more and more apparent. It is the third day church.

The new paradigm has emerged for the end time church.

It is already starting to overthrow the old one.
We present here, some points that it contains; in no particular order and in the form of slogans.

Fellowship, not membership.

Sonship and brotherhood for women equally with men, not servanthood.

Provision and finances from the Lord not man.

Ministers are servants, not clergy.

We decrease, He increases and fills all.

Death to self and all anxiety.

Doing what and only what we see the Father doing.

Resting in the Lord, not working for his approval.

Communion, not compliance.

Small groups, not megachurches.

Flowing, not striving.

Following the Lamb where ever he leads, even unto death.
It's the 'Day of His Power', we shall be willing.

Submitting to one another, not to man's or an institutions authority, covering or headship.

Giving cheerfully, not tithing.

Unity through harmony, not hierarchy.

Organism, not organization.

Relationship, not religion.

Living word, not dead letter.

Eating from the Tree of Life, not the Tree of Knowledge.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, in his people.

And what we have known as the church is being refined and purged
to become the Kingdom of God.

A New Revelation of Jesus

Chris Poole

A New Revelation of Jesus Coming to the Body of Christ

(June 2002).

The following account spans a time period from last November 2001 to this past June 2002. It began during a time period when I was contemplating some really pronounced changes in the normal pattern of events in both the ministry I was engaged in and my "tent-making" endeavors.

Last November, I was sitting in my blue office recliner behind the desk when suddenly, I heard the voice of the Lord begin to speak to me in a very pronounced fashion. He said, "Chris, would you be OK if I told you that we are going to take a trip to the backside of the desert and in that place, all of what you have come to think of and know as normal will cease. There will be no meetings, no activity, no visibility. It will seem as if everything has come to a stop - but - what you will have is my manifest Presence." There was a brief moment of silence at this point and then He came back to me and said, Chris, if all you have is Me and Me alone, would I be enough for you?"

As soon as Jesus finished asking this question, I immediately knew that the right answer was "Yes" but something in me prompted me to stop and think about the question and not answer hastily. It was as if what I said was going to prophesy what would happen - and it would be set in motion immediately after I spoke it. For a brief moment, I contemplated what a "No" answer would be saying ("No, Jesus, You would not be enough. We desire the ministry more than we desire You") but this was so ludicrous that I was ready to answer His question even though there might have been an twist to it that I had not thought about. I knew that any ministry worth engaging in MUST always begin with and end with Jesus. So, I said "Yes Lord, You alone would be enough". There was another moment of silence and then He simply said, "OK". The intensity of His Presence left and I did not experience another visitation like this again until the end of June 2002.

One morning near the end of June 2002, I was sitting in exactly the same chair in my office working and the Lord again came to me as He had last November. Although it had been several months since the last "meeting", He spoke to me as if we were still engaged in our last conversation. He said, "Chris, if I had given you the things you thought you wanted in ministry, you would have come to despise them even more than you despised the aspects of business that you felt were competing for your time and hindering My call on your life - making it difficult for you to walk out what I had called you to do."

As He was speaking this to me, suddenly - I was no longer in my office but found myself in an outdoor setting looking straight ahead. It was obvious that I was outside but yet, I could not see past about 20 feet in any direction and it was clear that there was nothing important to be noticed beyond that distance. As I looked straight ahead, I saw the "body" of a person standing on two stones facing me about 15 feet in front of me.

As I looked at this person's body, there were several things that immediately stood out to me. First, the stones were separated enough such that the person's legs were at a 45 degree angle to each other. Next, the person had on generic clothing such that it was not clearly either male or female. This is because I believe it represented both male and female. Also, I could not see above the person's neck but yet, I knew it was not a headless body. It was very much alive and able to think, see, speak, and hear.

As I was contemplating this body standing spread-legged on these two large stones, I also was aware that Jesus was standing about 10 feet from me about 30 degrees to my left and He was looking at this person standing on these rocks also.

I again looked at the person in front of me and my attention was drawn to the rock under the right foot. Immediately, I knew this rock represented Jesus, the true foundation. Even as I thought this, Jesus knowing my thoughts said, "Yes, I Am the true foundation. What does the other rock represent?" As I looked at it, I felt as if I was "impacted" with revelation and I suddenly knew that it represented all the other things that were about Him - but they were not Him.

Again knowing my thoughts, Jesus looked straight at me with a rather piercing look and said, "Yes, you are right. Chris, this rock represents THE PROPHETIC. (I was almost pushed backwards by the forcefulness and volume of His voice and I felt for a moment that He was angry with me. Then, He lowered the tone of his voice and continued.), it represents "full time" ministry, it represents "call to the nations", it represents the callings and destinies of My people., it represents all the things other than Me over which My people have become so passionate and consumed." Then, lowering His voice even more, He said, "Unfortunately, all these things represent the good things about Me which have replaced Me."

I saw Jesus lower His head and there was a moment of silence. Then, He looked at me again and said, "Now that you understand this, you will understand what I must now do." Having said that, He walked across in front of me and stopped in front of the rock under the left foot of the "body". What happened next took place so quickly that I was not able to see all that happened, but Jesus suddenly kicked the rock out from under the left foot of the body of the person and it was gone. Almost immediately, the body fell to it's left and did a perfect belly-flop and impacted the ground hard - hard enough to produce a loud grunt - as the wind was knocked out of it. Then, it just lay there motionless.

(Let's stop for just a moment and think about the scene presented. If a person is standing three feet up in the air because of the size of these rocks and they are spread- legged with their body above and between the rocks, they will have equal weight on each foot. Try this and you will see that it is impossible for this not to be so. If one of the rocks suddenly comes out from under one foot, it will be impossible to regain stability and a bad fall will result.)

I was really concerned for the "body" because of the fall and Jesus simply looked at me and said, "Just observe." So I just stood still and watched. As I looked, the body slowly began to stir and to regain its breath. It slowly stood to its feet and looked at its condition. I saw it hold out its arms and hands and examine the dirt on them and then I saw it look at its soiled clothes, all covered with dirt and debris. As it stood there realizing its condition, it slowly walked over to Jesus and held out its hands and arms to Him, allowing Him to see all the dirt and debris on its clothes and said, "Jesus, we are so sorry we have done this to You. We are so sorry.

At this point, the body was weeping and quivering before the Lord having realized its condition. Then I heard it say, "Lord, please cleanse us of what we have done and heal us of our condition. We are so sorry."

Suddenly, I am back in my office and no longer in the outdoor scene. Again, I hear the Lord's voice but no longer see anything. He said, "In the coming days, My people's greatest desire will be just to sit at My feet and enjoy sweet fellowship with Me. No longer will they have their passions wrapped around the things they do for Me. I will be their greatest passion. Then, I will say to this one, will you go and deliver this message to this group, and I will say to that one, will you go and help this one on the street who is in great need, and I will say to another, will you go and encourage this one who is My sheep. Because of their passion for Me, they will have no desire to leave their place at My feet but they will do as I ask out of their great love for me. They will all go and complete their assignments exactly as I instructed, but when they have completed what I told them to do, their only desire will be to quickly return to their place, sitting at My feet. Never again will they displace their passion for Me to those things that they do for Me. I alone will be their passion."

Then the Lord said, "I am about to give My Body a new revelation of Me". With that, the vision ended.

Note 1: You may wonder about the part where the Lord spoke to me so sternly regarding the prophetic. I am pretty sure that the prophetic was one area where at some point over the last 10 years, I was personally guilty of the very things the Lord was after in this vision. Please do not interpret that part as the Lord not being in favor of the prophetic ministry since that would not be consistent with the written Word.

Note 2: After having the vision, the Lord said later that the reason I could not see the head on the Body was that He was the Head. The Body was not taking its direction from its Head and so it was disconnected from the Head - doing things apart from the Lord's direction. This new revelation of Jesus would re-connect the Body to its real Head.

A New Season of Vindication Begins Now

Dennis Cramer

The Sons of Issachar Have Been Re-Activated!

The Bible tells us little about these prophetic "sons of Issachar" (I Chron.12:32) except that they apparently possessed an incredible prophetic sensitivity to discern, to distinguish, and to truly know the spiritual *"now"* seasons of God as He moved upon the earth. They were especially adept at knowing what God's people should do, that is, how God's people should respond to the particular season of God they were in at the moment.

"And of the children of Issachar, which had understanding of the times to know what God's people should do…"

As a prophetic "son of Issachar" I declare by the Spirit of God that a wonderful new seven-year season, a "now" season, a "Jubilee" season is upon you right now. It is time "now" to rejoice, for God has made your enemies His footstool! (Ps.110:1) Just think of that: He has made YOUR enemies, HIS footstool. Frightening isn't it?

Today, Today, Today…

Although true prophetic skills must include the ability to know beforehand what God is doing (prophetic foreknowledge), a true son of Issachar will know TODAY what God is doing right here, right now. I have been impressed of the Lord with just such a "now" word for you, a "word in season," a powerful and liberating prophetic word for you TODAY! With this "now" prophetic word there is no waiting required, there will be no delays, and no futuristic application will be necessary. In this case, today means today! Now means now!

Literally, right now, as you read this prophetic declaration God is at work in your life *vindicating* you. He is busy "behind the scenes" working on your behalf. A new seven-year period of great spiritual release is upon you! Your years of persecution and suffering "for His name's sake"are about to pay off.

The Past Seven Years!

The year 2004 marked the end of a brutal spiritual season for many. At first I did not discern this or the magnitude of this new 2005 supernatural season we are now experiencing. But I now believe it was and is a truly awesome, Church-wide, go-to-the-next-level unprecedented supernatural shift. One supernatural season has ended and a distinctly new and better supernatural season in God has begun!

"One supernatural season has ended and a distinctly new and better supernatural season in God has begun, says the Lord!"

Wounded Soldiers

Unnoticed by most, the Holy Spirit began to move around mid-January, setting off a chain reaction of spiritual events for all who have "endured hardship as a soldier of Jesus Christ." If you've been enduring hardship, if you've been wounded, especially by "friendly fire" this new season is just for you! You're about to be healed.

In a word, this new season is all about *vindication*. It's not about you exacting vengeance or "getting even." Not at all. Instead, it's about *vindication from God* for the past seven years as you have endured suffering as His faithful soldier.

Not Guilty!

Yes, you are about to be rewarded. The truth is about to come out, you are about to be freed from alleged charges against you. You are about to be absolved and acquitted. The Lord is about to announce over you, "Not guilty!" Victims are about to rejoice and your accusers are about to be silenced!

You're not being paroled, you're being acquitted!

Back To The Sons of Issachar

This truly invaluable supernatural ability that these prophetic servants possessed to know what God was doing at that precise moment in time in the spirit realm certainly served these "sons" well. This precise prophetic ability is what put them on the prophetic map so to speak. It's what got them noticed, it's what they built their reputation on. They earned the trust of those who listened to them for one simple reason: what they said prophetically was accurate, applicable, beneficial, and most of all very, very timely.

Like a "son of Isacharr" I often find myself writing to the church when I discern a new season is upon Her. I believe we have just entered such a season-a very, very exciting season indeed! I also believe I have a very, very timely word of encouragement for the church. And this includes you!

Your Day Is At Hand!

I believe that countless believers just like you have lived through a seven-year period of great personal hardship, especially in the area of damaged or even severed personal and ministry relationships. All this is going to change rapidly. If you've been victimized by sinners or saints, get ready. Your day is at hand!

Specifically, you have been waiting for vindication from past injustices, betrayals, and abandonments and the subsequent disillusionment it has created.

"Ding-Dong The Witch Is Dead!"

Frankly, the root problem has been about witchcraft in the church. The spirit of witchcraft that has decimated and dissected you is finally being exposed. You paid a great price for your integrity, your character, and your honesty. Yes, it cost you a great deal to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. You may have even appeared to many to be the "bad guy' when in fact you were actually the victim of a spiritual crime. Again, all that is going to change. The Lord would say to you today,

"The days of your morning are over, your Jubilee year is now upon you. I have begun your vindication. It will come swiftly."

Ezekiel said it this way,
"None of my words will be prolonged any more, but the word which I the Lord have spoken to you shall be done now." (Eze.12:28)

A Word For Leaders

I declare prophetically that a season of great *vindication* and long overdue justice for you, especially if you are one of His leaders, is upon you right now. God has already begun the necessary process of *vindicating* you. You have suffered betrayal, false accusation, broken promises, and abandonment long enough.

As a result you've been disillusioned about the call of God upon your life far too long. Be encouraged: The Lord is delivering you from the results of past problems, situations, and circumstances that delayed, or in some extreme cases, actually robbed you of your destiny in God. I hear the Lord saying to you,

"All will be as it was suppose to be, says the Lord. There will be no part of your destiny delayed, and no part of your destiny denied. Is there anything too hard for me?"

Vindication, Vindication, Vindication

Indeed, *vindication* is the key word, the "now" word of the Lord. I hear it in my spirit loud and clear for you. To all His wonderful and wounded warriors, to all who have suffered abuse at the hands of others, the Lord would comfort you with these words in season.

"I am vindicating you now. You are being exonerated now, you are about to experience true justice now."

Power, Gifting and Authority

You are now about to experience the promotion in God you have waited patiently for. The seven years of explosive increase of power, gifting, and authority is yours for the taking. Indeed, you are going to the next level. The promises of God in your life are about to be wonderfully and powerfully fulfilled very quickly.

Your Response?

Now here's the hard part of this prophetic promise, the part you will really need "ears to hear." Often a prophecy's impact is only as good as the response to it. Whether or not this prophecy for the church impacts you personally, depends entirely on your proper and biblical response.

A prophecy's impact is only as good as your response to it.

No doubt you will be asked by God to participate in the healing and restoration of formerly broken relationships, especially with Christians. Please do so graciously and humbly, just as Christ would. Say yes to any and all whom are looking to be reconciled with you.

Olive Branches

I predict that people, saved and unsaved, from your past will soon visit you. They will come with olive branches in their hands looking to establish peace with you. I urge you to accept their offering and participate enthusiastically in the peace process.

God's part during this new seven year season will be to *vindicate* you in incredible ways. Like Joseph you are coming out of your dungeon and are about to experience God's great favor upon your life, a true season of amazing promotion awaits you.

However, your part, and this is critical, is to "…not rejoice when your enemies fall." (Pro.24:17)

So, welcome to your seven-year Jubilee season!

Blessings,
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A New Time Begins

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Wake Up! A New Time Begins!

(Have you been hearing this for a long time...) Keep on going on. Keep on keeping on. This is faithfulness. This is commitment and loyalty....

However, that time has come to an end and a new spurt has begun. Things and seasons change, and when it is time to no longer "keep on," one must wake up and be alert to it in the Spirit. Such a time has come, a time for change in direction. The low time of faithfulness in the wilderness is now over, and the new time has begun and is beginning.

Know and be aware totally that things will change and you must change with them. Familiarity breeds lethargy and restraint.

Do not despise the old period. It was a time of testing of your commitment in bleak circumstances, without full light. But now the picture will brighten. You will have keen understanding--if you shake off your lethargy and be alert, watching. New light will dawn on you and you will see! and be energized by this light. Go forward knowing that this is a time of transition, but quick transition, and you must be ready.

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A New Way To Pray On Tisha B'Av

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Dear body of Christ: I sent this out last night and am not sure it has even went out as I sent a copy to myself and haven't received it. I've found a few errors in it this morning plus some went out cc instead of blind carbon copy so I apologize. I still have an urgency about this and feel there is a strategy for victory here, so I am sending it out again. I sent it out last night without even the Love Letters heading. Ha! God is so good and full of grace. So if you got last nights please go through this again—hopefully it's clearer. Love in Jesus Christ- Terri Derocher

Well it is about four hours after sunset and we are in Tisha B'AV which began today, Saturday, at sundown. It ends tomorrow, Sunday, at sundown. For those who don't know the Jewish and therefore biblical significance of this day, this day finishes a season of mourning called the three weeks, which ends tomorrow night. This is a period when many tragedies happened to the Jewish people.

The Three Weeks are considered to be such a terrible (terrifying) time period that marriages aren't allowed. From the 1st of Av (August 6), one is even advised to push off court cases until after the 10th of Av (after August 15th). Jews refrain from hair-cutting, purchasing or wearing new clothing, listening to music and pleasure trips. It is a time for self-reflection and improvement.

Please just go type in Tisha B'Av in your search engine as it is not the point of this word to educate you but I am speaking this forth to you as if you know what I am referring too.

During worship tonight I had decided I was going to begin a fast but was corrected by the Holy Spirit and I wanted share this with you as I believe this is a new strategy for warfare.

Tomorrow it is expected that thousands of Arabs & Jews are to have a showdown on the temple mount. The pull-out from the Gaza is to occur later this week. Concern and I must admit fear over these predicted events was part of the desire for me to fast. But then…..

…I listened to a speaker tonight (who didn't know it was the Ninth of Av) who finished, after a wonderfully encouraging message to intercessors in particular, with a prophetic act. She wanted us to eat apples dipped in honey. I was so grieved as I believed I was called to a fast but then she shared this scripture and revelation came…..as she read from 1 Samuel 14; Saul has just given the warning to his army not to taste food that day until he'd finished taking vengeance on his enemy. Jonathan found honey and ate it (not hearing his father's orders). He remarked that even his eyes lit up and how much greater would the victory had been if ALL had eaten. He felt it had been a foolish declaration as the famished army was exhausted and sinned because of it…go read it all… Well as I said I was in turmoil until these words and then I knew that Saul's way is the old way…..I needed to CELEBRATE what Jesus had done for this Tisha B'AV, for this day, for these times, for these people. He's done a new thing. I needed to feast with the bridegroom and my eyes were brightened and revelation for victory did come. PLEASE celebrate your way through tomorrow. There are terrible things on the horizon…including the pull-out from the Gaza, which I disagree with ..(My opinion) … BUT GOD's got an army marching through this land, they're singing and they're dancing with His victory in their hands. Who is OUR GOD? IS HIS arm to short to SAVE? HE is Victorious. He is our defender! It's a new day, we pray a new way…not in fear…yes we remember the loss… but we have HOPE and His name is Jesus! He IS the WAY. Pray for Israel with this knowledge.

Well it is late and I want to get this out so I will release the double word part tomorrow as it is about you tumble weeds and tomorrow still is Tisha B'AV. THIS is strategy for tomorrow. I trust the Holy Spirit with your response. That's not my business. I've been obedient to share.

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Generational Rendezvous

Terri Derocher

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Prayer warriors, mighty men and women of God, you hidden jewels of the Lord, I am here now to speak LIFE into you & hope as I have just made it through another dark place that I had mistakenly believed was a dead end. It was another tunnel, Praise God, and I can now see light up ahead! Like a scout I say to you…..Your moving forward, Your taking ground!

Many, if not most of you, who are reading this now have been on extended assignments (months, years, decades) for the Lord. Some have being praying for right to life issues, some for particular political situations, many for corporate breakthroughs in family and marriage situations, others for a mighty shift – a revelation and revolution of God - to occur in your countries and governments. You have been sliced and diced and in the natural have seen what you perceived as great defeats and dead ends. I am here to say IT ISN"T SO!!!!!!!!!

In isolation you, like Elijah, have believed you are alone in your grief, alone in your seeming defeat, ALONE. Elijah was wrong and so are you!!!!! God's got an army that's marching through the land, God's got an army that's marching through this land (I'm singing and praising the King now) God's got an army that's marching through this land and victory is in HIS hand!

I'm calling forth now ---in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth- a generational RENDEZVOUS (Webster's: 1. betake or present yourselves, a place designated of meeting or assembling, as of troops, ships, airplanes, space vehicles – 3.assemble the troops--!)

You elders in Christ speak it forth, speak it forth, your encouragement is needed now!!! The young ones need your encouragement NOW! However and whatever means God gives you to do it with –DO IT! Tell what it used to be like in the dry bones days…..because the climate is changing, we are making progress. We praise God together that grief over the things that have

Long grieved God is now being felt corporately!

We Praise God for the repentance and sorrow that is pouring forth like honey, like oil, like wax, in the Lord's hands. Hard hearts are good for nothing but building a rubble pile, but hearts made of honey can feed the multitudes, hearts like oil can lubricate and move the unmovable, they can soften hard leather and be a provision for the widow and orphan, hearts like wax can be poured out for the Lord's glory. PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!!!! He is on the throne. When we move as ONE –echad, we are powerful, like a horse powered engine, our increase in strength is phenomenal (2. extremely unusual: extraordinary: highly remarkable, apparent to or perceptible to the senses.)

I hear a train a coming, it's coming round the bend, the forces of hell and darkness are coming to their end. With shrieks of fear and loathing they see your glory shine and know that Christ Lord Jesus, holds in His hands their time! (another song)

DO NOT ABANDON YOUR POSTS!!!!!!!!!! You are accomplishing what the Lord has appointed you to do.

Jesus loves you, I LOVE YOU, the body of Christ loves you. Thank you, thank you, thank you for your faithfulness!
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A Christmas Prophecy

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This article is a look at the first coming of Jesus as described and Matthew and Luke, also Isaiah. We need to see how it is a type or prophecy of his Second Coming. That is to say things that happened at his first coming are foreshadows of what will happen at his second coming. Let me make it clear that most of these points refer to Jesus coming spiritually to his Church in the form of a great outpouring leading to a great harvest. This takes place during and after a time of judgment on the Church. **In other words the first coming of Jesus speaks of End Time Revival coming to the Church.** You may want to go over the passages in Matthew and Luke and Isaiah since we did not include them, to keep this article short. As you do, think of the coming of Jesus as the coming of Revival.

The Christmas Story is a Prophecy!

1. **His first coming was foretold** by the prophets. His Second Coming is also being foretold by the prophets.
2. **Wise men knew** when and where to look for him then, Wise men will know when and where to look today.
3. **In the fulness of time** God sent forth his son. This applies to both the first and second comings. He will come at the appointed time.
4. He was **born in a manger**. Consider that a manger can mean a crib, or it can mean a stall. A stall can be a booth, as the children of Israel dwelt in booths during the Feast of Tabernacles. A booth is a temporary dwelling like a tent which is another word for tabernacle. But the tabernacle also speaks of God's dwelling place, also his temple or his Church. When he comes again, he will be born into His Church.
5. His coming was with **tidings of great comfort and joy**. Luke 2:10. This speaks of the comfort and Joy in the Holy Ghost that the church will have in the last days outpouring of the Spirit of God. These will be times of great judgments but those who abide in the Shadow of the Almighty will have a peace that passes all understanding.
6. He was **born of a virgin**. Matthew 1:23 The Church will be purged and purified in order to show forth his love. The Bride has played the harlot, but she will have to get back her virginity. So that she can become pregnant before the wedding.
7. Shepherds in the field were drawn to him. **His Glory blazed about** as angels visited them. Luke 2:7-8. This speaks of God's true shepherds, not the hirelings, being drawn into his presence. And coming manifestations of the Shekinah Glory on the Church. Plus angelic visitations and other supernatural happenings.
8. As **Joseph was troubled** by his wife's pregnancy, the Church world will be troubled by the revival that's coming. Yet the word of the Lord in this case is just as it was with Joseph. Fear not, this is of the Holy Ghost! Just as Mary was pregnant before her wedding, the church will have to be pregnant with Jesus before her wedding.
9. **Unto us** a child is born. This reference from Isaiah 9:6 takes a new meaning once you see that "US" is the end time Church. Us. And we are symbolized by the woman in Revelation 12 who brings forth a manchild. This is Christ being formed in us and shown forth by us.
10. "She shall bring forth a son [**unto us** a son is given] who shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. The coming of the manchild is also the coming of the great end time harvest.
11. "Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, that is **God with us**." When Jesus comes to dwell in His Church, he will truly be God with us.
12. Wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. Matthew 2:1. When revival and harvest come there will be many conversions in eastern countries, especially the middle east. **Muslims will come** to worship him. See Isaiah 60:6-7
13. "When Herod the king had heard these things, **he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him." Matthew 2:3 Herod here is a type of Satan, and this speaks of Satan's kingdom being troubled by these events.
14. " and **all Jerusalem** with him." Matthew 2:3, This also speaks of the established religions being troubled as well.
15. The wise men worshipped with **exceeding great joy**, Matthew 2:10-11. This will also take place in this revival.

16. When they were come, they opened their **treasures**. Matthew 2:11. This coming influx of Muslims will greatly enrich the Church.
17. "And being **warned of God** …." Matthew 2:12. This speaks again of the Muslims receiving a genuine fear of the Lord in their conversion. They do not return to serving satan [Herod] but instead begin to follow a new path and to minister the gospel in their own countries.
18. Matthew 2:13-18 tells of Herod's **persecution** and attempt to kill the new born messiah. This is a direct parallel to the persecution to come upon the end time Church. See Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.
19. Matthew 2:19-20 tell of how Jesus comes back to Israel after Herod is dead. When Satan and his kingdom are under his feet, **Jesus will return** to earth with all the saints and holy angels with him.
20. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a type of the Church. In Luke 1:35 we read " **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee**, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." This is a description of what is coming upon the Church.
21. "For with God **nothing shall be impossible**." Luke 1:37 Compare this to Revelation 12:10 " And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, …." 2 Chronicles 6:41 "Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness." To be Clothed with Salvation and to operate in His strength, that is Revival. Then the church will be able to do all that the Lord asks, with God nothing shall be impossible.
22. Luke 1:25 says "Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked upon me, **to take away my reproach** among men." This though spoken by Elizabeth and referring to her pregnancy, also applies to the Church. The reproach on the Church is the exposure of her sin and its judgment. The Lord will remove this reproach by redeeming his people and by bringing in a great harvest.
23. Luke 1:38 says "Behold the handmaid of the lord, **be it unto me according to thy word** …" Mary says this as a type of the Church! When the Church makes this her confession she will be submitting to the Lordship of Jesus. Some commentators have said that when Mary spoke these words is when she became pregnant. Christ was formed in her. When the Church "speaks" these words Christ will be formed in his people.
24. Luke 1:45 says "And blessed is she that believed: for **there shall be a performance** of those things which were told her from the Lord." The words 'there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord' when applied to the Church speak of the fulfillment of the prophetic scriptures. This is the Lord keeping his promises and confirming his covenant. See also Luke 1:72.
25. Luke 1:46-55 is Mary's prophetic prayer, **[my soul doth magnify the Lord]**. It speaks of God's redemption of his people the Church in the end times and the great rejoicing that will go along with that.
26. Luke 1:65-66 speaks of a Fear that came upon all those that dwelt there and how the news spread. This speaks of a **Fear of the Lord** that comes with revival and spreads wherever revival goes..
27. In Luke 1:67-79 Zacharias gives a long prophecy, [**he hath visited and redeemed his people**]. What he says here also applies to us. It is a depiction of the End Time work of the Lord in His Church.

Doubtless there are many other points that could be made and comparisons taken. We could go on at great length but would rather not. So you have a lot of pearls in a small package.

I hope these points have provided some insights into the **true meaning of Christmas** and how it points to the end times.

Arise Oh Judge of the Earth!
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Ps 94:2-11 NIV Rise up, O Judge of the earth; pay back to the proud what they deserve. 3 How long will the wicked, O LORD, how long will the wicked be jubilant? 4 They pour out arrogant words; all the evildoers are full of boasting. 5 They crush your people, O LORD; they oppress your inheritance. 6 They slay the widow and the alien; they murder the fatherless. 7 They say, "The LORD does not see; the God of Jacob pays no heed." 8 Take heed, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise? 9 Does he who implanted the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? 10 Does he who disciplines nations not punish? Does he who teaches man lack knowledge? 11 The LORD knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile.

Ps 82:8 AMP Arise, O God, judge the earth! For to You belong all the nations. [Rev 11:15.]
Rev 11:5-6 NIV If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

Isa 64:1-6 NKJV A Prayer for Help
Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence — 2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil — To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned — In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved.
6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. 9 Do not be furious, O LORD,

“ You know oh Beloveds that it is I Who spreads out the heavens and treads the waves of the sea ! There is no other like ME. I AM the Alpha and Omega,
the Beginning and the End and nothing is there that is hid from MY EYES.
My eyes roam to and fro throughout the earth seeking the one who will stir themselves up and ask for the grace to take hold of all My promises ! I have laid out a map. The Word is your compass – The living Word, and the Written Word are both important to walk according to the Spirit in you and not according to the flesh.

I have given you My grace. My grace is sufficient for you, when You cannot seemingly do anything about your circumstances. I am only doing what you have asked. You have asked to be more like Me. I am with you. I have not left you. I am here and listening to your every thought and cry of your heart, and even to the silence, when you cannot imagine what to say ! I AM CHRIST in you , the hope of glory. Speak forth My scriptures ! Use them to war with. SPEAK THEM FORTH into the heavens. PROPHESY My sons and daughters ! It is time to sound TRUMPETS – In the natural and in the spiritual ! Speak forth also to the world the truth of what I have told you.

Do not fear their faces ! Realize that I am is with you. EMMANUEL…GOD WITH YOU ! Change will suddenly be upon you ! And as you daily do what I’ve given you to do, I will SUDDENLY BREAK FORTH ! I will suddenly lay hold of My bride and astound the wisdom of the haughty and arrogant ! Ask for the Spirit of MIGHT ! Ask for the Spirit of the Fear of the LORD ! Ask for Wisdom. I AM

WISDOM. Anything you need is found in ME. Abide in ME, and I will abide in you ! PROCLAIM the acceptable year of the LORD !

Call out for MY JUSTICE ! I will answer. I will take you to the end of YOURSELF so that only what I want in you is fully realized. Don't listen to the voices of skepticism and doubt and unbelief that pervade the world and try to discourage you in this hour. KNOW THE WORD. KNOW the TRUTH and it will set you free. It will also KEEP you free. Keep your hearts pure from the love of money. For the root of all evil is the love of money. Know that MY PROVISION is ENOUGH ! I don't ask you to do anything that I don't provide for.

ARISE TO NEW HOPE MY BELOVEDS ! You are in an incredible time of history. Soon the trumpet will sound in the heavens ! Come unto me and bring into ME, all those who are wounded, all those who are broken and I will give them rest for their souls. REACH OUT and do not be afraid of what is coming. Only keep your head on My chest that I may tell you of things you do not know ! I will show you great and mighty things ! I will sustain you though the earth around you languishes and reels to and fro ! I will keep you as the apple of My eye. ARISE and show them who I AM ! Let your prayers and praise arise !!! The earth will open and salvation will spring forth !"

Isa 45:8-11 NKJV "Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation,
And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.
9 "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'" 11 Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me.

Ps 9:19-10:1 NKJV Arise, O LORD, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. 20 Put them in fear, O LORD, That the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah

Ps 10:12-14 NKJV Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble. 13 Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account." 14 But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief, To repay it by Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

Ps 74:22-23 NKJV Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; Remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily. 23 Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; The tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually.

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Abundance of Me

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Just before I sat down with the Lord, I went outside to stick an envelope in the mailboxes and forgot to take my keys, but locked the door. It took till now to get someone to let me in.

The Lord spoke, "abundance of ME"….then, "I have an abundance of Me to give to you. I am not slack concerning My promises. Awakening is near and he who has ears hear - for I am coming like a MIGHTY RUSHING WIND once again. I will shake the heavens and the earth, and I will turn all who will to the Desire of All Nations! Do you hear the sound of the abundance of rain?

Havoc is coming upon the earth. His horse thunders across the earth to cause confusion and to distract you away from what is most important. Remember when this awakening begins to keep your thoughts on ME. For great turmoil, confusion, and insanity will be with him to stupefy and try to paralyze those who come to ME. Even as I loose My glory will another rise to try to take away the focus to himself, mimicking and causing signs and wonders as well.

But know this, that those who are truly IN ME, will be safe from all that confusion and insanity. Stay close My beloveds to Your King during these times so that what is in the world will not overcome you. Come to me now while I may be found. Come and commune with ME. REST in ME so that when all these things come about, you will be grounded firmly in My love.

As I loose My Spirit in awakening world wide, you will be catapulted into what I've planned for you since the beginning of time. Each has his own role to play in what is coming about. Do not look at how important someone else is. Do not be given to comparison with others. EACH PERSON is needed and valuable to the Kingdom. Just ask ME what is your role, and do that to the best of your ability.

Again, I tell you, refrain from looking at what is on another's plate. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Ask to be filled with My love and to be one with MY HEART, so that you may walk in the fullness of what I have for you. I am blowing on My garden and I will blow away all the clutter, all the strongholds, so that My bride is arrayed in the fullness of My love and all that I desire for her to have in Me.

Startling miracles are coming as you reach out and help others who are confused by the circumstances of life. Healing anointing will flow even in the children to such a degree as to amaze those who are outside of My love! I will use whomever I will to bring many to ME in this hour. Do not be afraid My beloveds. I AM WITH YOU. And I will be with you until the end. Grow in dependence on ME. Keep in close communion with ME. Submit your lives to ME so that I can be glorified in all you say and do. Step by step, you will

See amazing things in this hour! Keep your eyes fixed on ME. I will take my stand on the earth!"

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Briss

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Rom 2:29 AMP But he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and [true] circumcision is of the heart, a spiritual and not a literal [matter]. His praise is not from men but from God.

Gal 2:14-16 NKJV But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

I am the Father of all flesh. I AM the One and only True God. I sent My Son to die and in that death, there was a rending of the old, and an establishment of a new foundation, a new and better covenant. Man is not justified by the law, but by FAITH in CHRIST. I am in process of cutting out the dependency on religion in My church. It is full of witchcraft that is related to accusing others, judging others, and full of hypocrisy, focusing on law instead of FAITH and TRUTH. There is mixture and compromise, because men have strayed from the truth seeking to please men instead of Me. I do not dominate and control. I do not judge, but have given all judgment to My Son. I am circumcising HEARTS that you might be restored
to TRUTH. For the law came through Moses, but truth and grace came through My Son.

My grace has been trampled long enough. My grace has been even denied and obliterated in some churches, and in others it has been trampled on, with Nicolaitan values being taught, as if holiness was a small thing. I said that without holiness, no man would see Me. I said to be HOLY as I am holy; to walk in the light as I am in the light! I have poured out measures of glory as you worship, and you have wondered because what has come in measure is revealing the hardness of your hearts, and the pollution that is still there.
I am not doing this to make you depressed or overcome with sorrow, but to
expose what is not in the light. By exposing, you can take it to the Cross and be healed. By acknowledging your lack, you can be circumcised in heart and restored to right relationship. There can be CELEBRATION as at a Briss!
Celebrate that your sins are being uncovered and brought to the light! For I am sanctifying you with My glory!

I am making a more perfect vessel with which I can subdue My enemies!
My LOVE endures forever, and I will continue to pour out My glory, and continue to sanctify My BRIDE till she shines with My radiance and glory!
I am committed to it, and I will not stop till your heart's desire to be ONE with ME is fulfilled. My heart's desire is even greater than your own. Will you come INTO MY HEART? Will you desire what I desire? Will you come
with thankfulness for all I am doing? For I am desirous for intimacy with you. I long for Union and I know what it takes to make you into the Bride My Son has longed for!

He is standing up. He is standing up, readying Himself to walk with you. He is anxious to fulfill the desire of Our hearts to be one with you. I am GRACIOUS, and slow to anger. I am filled with longing for My BRIDE. I am wanting many more to be part of this great ceremony. I have NATIONS to give you! I have NATIONS I want to subdue. I have many treasures in dark places I want to restore to My HEART! Will you lay down your life to bring Me these treasures? Will you GO for Us to demonstrate My love to the NATIONS of the earth? I am standing at the door, and I am knocking, for I have a HARVEST of souls to bring into My HEART! THEY ARE HUNGRY and have been imprisoned by the enemy. They are longing for FREEDOM. They do not know LOVE. They have only known oppression and injustice, and control and domination. But I have FREEDOM and LOVE for them. My heart is longing to show them MY MERCY!

Will you pray? Will you GO? WILL YOU LOVE those whom I love? Will you give up the things you are holding onto so hard, and let me show you greater things? Will you stop being so busy, that you block out My voice?
Will you come aside to MY inner chamber and rest with ME, and listen to the still small voice? I have many secrets to tell you My Bride! I have much wisdom to share with you, much understanding! Will you lay down all the busyness, and fray? Will you ALLOW ME to orchestrate your time, your ways, your life? Am I really Your Adonai? Will you let me lead in this DANCE of life? Or will you take control

again? Remember, that life does not consist in the abundance of THINGS you have. LIFE that is abundant, is life IN ME. I AM Your Resource for all you need.

1 Peter 2:9-10 NKJV But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood , a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

Ezek 44:28 NKJV "It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, that I am their inheritance. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession.

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Lionhearted Lovers
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Isa 1:4-31 AMP

The Lord said to me "Lionhearted lovers ", and asking Him what He wanted to say about this, this is what He said :

"I am drawing to Myself those who will love me with their whole heart, and whole soul, and whole mind and whole body! I am wanting lionhearted lovers who will be passionate in their pursuit of Me, and passionate in their obedience to My will."

Then this song came to mind, " When somebody loves you, it's no good unless they love you, ALLLLL the time!"

"The whole body of My church as well as the nation, are sick from the head to the feet. And the fear of me is not in you. (Jer 2:19) I am visiting My church who is called by My name and I will restore to her all the locusts have eaten. I will restore to those who are willing to BEND to My will, in their hearts, all the ground the enemy has taken in their hearts and souls. I will have a spotless bride! I love you My sons and daughters and I will not allow this lack to go on! I am for you and not against you, but the threshing floors must be purged so that TRUE Shepherds will come forth to minister to My flocks.

I am not slack as some count slack concerning My promises. But the wealth you have been used to in this nation is speedily coming to an end. Be wise in your dealings and understand MY WORD! If you want love, you give love. If you want mercy, then give mercy. Whatever you want men to do to you, then treat them the same. If you were homeless, would you want a can of food, or a warm dinner? If you had no clothes, would you like torn, worn, clothing, or would you like something new for your child, for example? Give as you would like to be given to yourself!

Do not forget the poor, the widow, the fatherless, I've said, yet for years and years you have forgotten them and built your own kingdoms. You have not taken in the poor to your homes, nor have many of you bandaged the wounds of the broken hearted. So I am coming to pour out MY LOVE that you would learn to love the way I have loved you! And to those who have taken time to bandage the wounds of the poor and lowly, the discarded and rejected, and tried to love them, I will give you MORE of all you've received, that you may steward the resources of heaven in the days ahead. For the needs will be great in this nation.

Changes are coming in the nations, and your hearts will be tested beyond anything you have imagined. So I am calling to you, wooing you, I have asked you to draw near, that you might be filled with MY strength and grace to endure what lies ahead. Do not hesitate any longer. Do not be too busy to take time with ME. Any time you spend with ME is NOT WASTED! Believe me when I say that you will be most thankful that you did as the time draws nearer to My coming!

Learn to live simply. Do not think I will not be watching who is generous and who is stingy with the things they have. It is not wrong to have nice things My children, but when the things have you, there is a problem. Lay down your life and pick up MINE! Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of man had no place to lay his head. Be aware that you may be entertaining angels in the days ahead.

Zech 11:3-6 NKJV

I will take those who are lionhearted lovers of the Most High and will keep them and place them in positions to feed My flocks and will provide all that is needed to do the work in this hour. But know that what is required more than money is a heart like MINE.

People can get through ANYTHING if they know they are loved and truly cared for! The days of giving 5 minutes here and there are gone. FEED MY SHEEP. SEARCH OUT THOSE THAT ARE LOST and scattered on every high hill and mountain, for I am RESTORING the ancient foundations. I will establish MY WILL and I will establish TRUTH again in those who are really Mine. Do not think I desire unity at all costs. TRUTH is the dividing line My beloveds. You must love the truth, and embrace the truth and live the truth! Do not call good evil and evil good any longer.

For now I am coming with My terrible swift sword, and I will level the mountains of opposition to My will and TRUTH will prevail in the hearts of those who truly love Me.

Ex 18:20-22 NKJV
Ps 85:10-12 NKJV
Ps 86:11 NKJV

Healing will flow like Niagara falls in the day ahead and you will see all your hearts have longed for. Be careful not to take the glory for yourself. You will see astounding miracles and righteousness will be restored to My temples. You will be trees of righteousness and bring much healing to the nations of this earth. It is a time to WORSHIP ME in the beauty of HOLINESS. Proclaim My Word with confidence for it to bring signs and wonders!

Ps 111:1 NKJV Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

Ps 119:2 NKJV
Ps 9:1-5 NKJV
Ps 119:58-64 NKJV
Ps 119:69 NKJV
Ps 119:145-150 NKJV
Ps 138:1-2 NKJV
Jer 3:10 AMP Jer 3:12 AMP Jer 24:7 AMP

APATHY, COMPLACENCY and SOMNOLENCE

Definitions:

APATHY: Etymology: Greek apatheia, from apathEs without feeling, from a- + pathos emotion -- more at PATHOS

1 : lack of feeling or emotion : IMPASSIVENESS 2 : lack of interest or concern : INDIFFERENCE

Main Entry: in·dif·fer·ence Function: noun 1 : the quality, state, or fact of being indifferent

INDIFFERENT - regarded as neither good nor bad

1 : marked by impartiality : UNBIASED 2 a : that does not matter one way or the other
b : of no importance or value one way or the other

3 a : marked by no special liking for or dislike of something b : marked by a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern for something : APATHETIC

4 : being neither excessive nor inadequate : MODERATE

5 a : being neither good nor bad : MEDIOCRE
b : being neither right nor wrong

6 : characterized by lack of active quality : NEUTRAL

7 a : not differentiated b : capable of development in more than one direction; especially : not yet embryologically determined - in·dif·fer·ent·ly adverb

synonyms INDIFFERENT, UNCONCERNED, INCURIOUS, ALOOF, DETACHED, DISINTERESTED mean not showing or feeling interest. INDIFFERENT implies neutrality of attitude from lack of inclination, preference, or prejudice . UNCONCERNED suggests a lack of sensitivity or regard for others' needs or troubles . INCURIOUS implies an inability to take a normal interest due to dullness of mind or to self-centeredness . ALOOF suggests a cool reserve arising from a sense of superiority or disdain for inferiors or from shyness

DETACHED implies an objective attitude achieved through absence of prejudice or selfishness

DISINTERESTED implies a circumstantial freedom from concern for personal or especially financial advantage that enables one to judge or advise without bias

Main Entry: im·pas·sive

1 a archaic : unsusceptible to pain b : unsusceptible to physical feeling : INSENSIBLE c : unsusceptible to or destitute of emotion : APATHETIC 2 : giving no sign of feeling or emotion : EXPRESSIONLESS

synonyms IMPASSIVE, STOIC, PHLEGMATIC, APATHETIC, STOLID mean unresponsive to something that might normally excite interest or emotion. IMPASSIVE stresses the absence of any external sign of emotion in action or facial expression .

STOIC implies an apparent indifference to pleasure or especially to pain often as a matter of principle or self-discipline .

PHLEGMATIC implies a temperament or constitution hard to arouse .

APATHETIC may imply a puzzling or deplorable indifference or inertness . STOLID implies an habitual absence of interest, responsiveness, or curiosity

Complacent

1 : SELF-SATISFIED feeling or showing self-satisfaction

2 : COMPLAISANT 1 : marked by an inclination to please or oblige
2 : tending to consent to others' wishes

3 : UNCONCERNED 1 : not involved : not having any part or interest
2 : not anxious or upset : free of worry

Distemper
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Prov 16:32 KJV He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Temper/anger
OT:639 'aph (af); from OT:599; properly, the nose or nostril; hence, the face, and occasionally a person; also (from the rapid breathing in passion) ire: KJV - anger (-gry), before, countenance, face, forebearing, forehead, [long-] suffering, nose, nostril, snout, worthy, wrath.

OT:599 'anaph (aw-naf'); a primitive root; to breathe hard, i.e. be enraged: KJV - be angry (displeased).

Prov 19:11 NKJV

In asking the Lord if He had something to say, He spoke "distemper".

"Recently it is believed to be the culprit in the death of a number of African lions". See:
http://www.vetinfo.com/dencyclopedia/dedistemper.html

Also this article has all the details about the RNA virus that causes it and other information that may be helpful for other than spiritual reasons.
http://www.animalhealthchannel.com/distemper/index.shtml#transmission

The Lion is a symbol of the apostolic ministry. And I felt when I read about the lions suffering from this, that the Lord was impressing upon me, that the true apostles in the land that he is raising up across the world, have had a certain frustration going on in them about the conditions of the church and the world. But that letting that frustration develop into anger, other than righteous anger is a bit like Jonah when he didn't want to go to Ninevah. He knew the kindness of the Lord, but his heart was not one with God's heart towards the PEOPLE of Ninevah. For the Lord is not willing that any should perish.

"So what do you want to say Father?" I asked. And I heard…

"Many of you now are going through treatment for distemper. Your anger has infected you and turned to pride and resentment, and unless you get some "shots" of My love to your heart and soul, you will not fulfill the call on your life. I am not frustrated easily by your own weaknesses or sin. Yet many of you have judged others unjustly without recognition of your own sin and weaknesses. I am SLOW to anger and full of kindness and I am not given to wrath easily. Though there is plenty to be angry about in the world today. Things are proceeding as expected and foreseen."

Joel 2:13 NKJV
Nah 1:3 NKJV
Ps 145:8-9 NKJV
Ps 103:8-10 NKJV
Prov 15:18 NKJV

"Many of you, I have intention of using to correct the problems in the church, but if you are sent to correct you must do it with no selfish ambition or vengeance in your hearts. You must go in LOVE and obedience, and not because you have "an axe to grind". You cannot have resentment in your heart for what has been done to you, or what I HAVE ALLOWED to soften you and break your pride. Oh yes, some of you are still mad at ME for allowing things in your life that made you the person you are!!! But you are not seeing the whole picture that I see.

Many have rejected you because I was making you more and more like ME.

Many have rejected you because of the calling on your life, out of jealousy and their own selfish ambition. Many have been slain in the sanctuaries, and bludgeoned by the greed of those building their own kingdoms. But I have a miraculous plan. For I have said that if you share in My SUFFERING, that you will also share in My GLORY!

So cast aside all your anger and all your bitterness My sons and daughters, for nothing that has happened to you will be for nought in the days ensuing. If you will repent of your bitterness and anger, and resentment towards ME, and others, I will use you mightily to bring down the plans of the enemy and to reap the great harvest of the centuries. But if you continue in anger and ill speaking and bitterness of heart. You will be PASSED OVER. ASK and it shall be given you! Knock and the door will be opened! Just ask Me, and I will heal the brokenness of your heart. Come away with Me and LET ME touch you! And all that has happened will be reversed and you will see Divine reversals in your life and circumstances. Inquire of Me, and I will show you all you need to do."

Lamentations 3:1-42 NKJV

"REALIZE My sons and daughters, that I love you immeasurably, and beyond anything you can imagine. There is no one that loves you as I do. I was not wanting pain or discomfort and oppression in your life. Yet many of you in your bitterness of heart have come to expect pain and lack of comfort because of the things you have suffered. I AM WANTING TO RESTORE all things. I have said that the knowledge of ME will cover the earth. I want you to change your expectations to fit with MINE for you. I want you to believe how much I love you and am for you!"

Isa 11:9-12 NIV
Ps 106:32-33 NKJV
Ps 55:11-13 NKJV
Ps 55:9-10 NKJV
Ps 31:20 NKJV

Prognostication
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Isa 47:12-14 NKJV "Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, in which you have labored from your youth — Perhaps you will be able to profit, perhaps you will prevail. 13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!

The Lord said "prognostication" and I asked what He wanted to say about that…

have some of My own prognostication to reveal. You already have the whole story, but you don't have details. I have some things to share with you so that you can be encouraged in getting through the times ahead. I want you to know that I am a good Husbandman, and I never neglect My bride.
I wouldn't abandon you in the midst of trials and pain. I wouldn't neglect you, nor deceive you, nor trick you. Just as a good husband doesn't ignore his wife, neither do I neglect My own. I am close to those who desire to be close to Me. I'm as close as anyone can get, because you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. And Holy Spirit and I are ONE. So I feel what you feel. I know your going out and coming in. I know everything you think and do and will do.

My beloveds will volunteer in the day of My power I've said. You will be willing volunteers because you will perceive, and see the direction that I am taking you, and the signs of the times. You know that there is little time left, and I need everyone who is willing to go for Us. For there is harvesting to do. There is much teaching and cleaning of fish to do! I have called to My army and I am about to bring in a flood of NEW RECRUITS. These new recruits will need wisdom and understanding and knowledge that I have trained you with. You will need much patience and love and to be filled with My Spirit to be able to handle all that will come. You need to be filled with My WORD, to discern who is sent by ME, and who is a plant of the enemy.

I don't want you to be overwhelmed by all that I will do, so I'm telling you now, that it will be a FLOOD, a FLOOD of souls, such as has never been seen.
Denominational barriers will be destroyed in this flood, even as the levees collapsed in New Orleans, there will be a collapse of all walls that are NOT of ME. I told you the form is not important, because what is important is love, and relationship with ME. If your relationship with ME is in order, then your outreach to others will be in righteousness, peace and joy. But if you neglect your time with ME, you will be confused, distracted easily and get off base with what I WANT you to do! You need to keep CHRIST MINDED.
You need to keep your mind STAYED on ME. In this way you will keep in perfect peace, when the rest of the world is in dismay and despair, and in panic, and insanity from all that is coming on the world.

I tell you that you MUST keep your mind on ME. You must keep up daily disciplines to not get distracted. Worship is KEY to breaking down the witchcraft that is growing in the earth. WATCH WHAT YOU SAY. Watch what you speak with your mouth! Ask for grace to keep free from double-mindedness. For the enemy is busy trying to sow seeds of doubt everywhere he can to try to destroy FAITH. Lies and lying spirits are everywhere, trying to destroy all they can. You must stay in my word. EAT the WORD.
Meditate on the Word. Speak MY WORD out loud, and pray it. Get it into you that you may use it in POWER to destroy every rampart of the enemy!

Do not push against each other. Be willing to yield to those who are humble, and willing to work together. Do not give in to competitions and jealousies.
There will be more than enough work to do. REMEMBER THAT LOVE IS THE GREATEST! It is the greatest weapon against all the strategies of the enemy. So love one another as I have loved you and been patient with you! Stand against all defensive pride and do not give in to arrogance and strife. Impatience has grown and frustration abounds. But I have called you to patience and forbearance. So ask for MY GRACE daily, hourly, and however often you need it. I've given you an open door to ask for it whenever you need it. GRACE is always available to you! Quickly forgive, and let no root of bitterness fester. Keep forbearing with those who are weaker and in need of much grace. Remember you once were also new in ME, and knew very little yourself. Ask ME for how to help one another. Ask ME for all you need, for I AM HERE FOR YOU! Ask and you shall receive for I love you and My love endures FOREVER!

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Liberty Is Coming!
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I heard " Liberty is coming" and then thoughts went back to reading Patrick Henry today on a site and the phrase, "Give me liberty or give me death!" came to mind.

Then the Lord spoke:

I am coming to give you the ultimate FREEDOM from all the devices of the enemy. I will remove the things that hinder you, and I want you to cry out for that liberty! I want you to know that I'm listening for such cries of desperation in My beloveds! I am not far off. I am a GOD close at hand.

I see the pain and torment of My people. I have the perfect timing arranged for this act of LIBERTY! Know that I am NOT negligent in My duties as many of you are. I am FAITHFUL, even when you are not able to be as faithful as you would like. I know that there are strongholds over your soul that limit your ability to be as fruitful and obedient as you would like!

Do not give rest till it is established in your heart! Keep on crying out! Keep on asking and rest in your spirit to know that I have heard and am already working on the answers and I will do all that your heart desires in wanting freedom from the enemy. CLING TO ME My beloveds! CLING TO the ONE WHO LOVES YOU AS NO OTHER LOVES YOU! Worship Me in the beauty of holiness. Worship ME and come into My courts with PRAISE and thanksgiving and I will restore all the enemy has stolen.

Cry out for hearts that are still ASLEEP in this nation! CRY OUT for those who are numbed by all that is happening! SPEAK THE WORD and storm the gates of the enemy! GATHER TOGETHER and PRAY and WEEP for the daughter of your people! This nation will celebrate Independence Day, but the judgment for choosing to be independent from ME will surely come and people will be shattered for the way that it comes!

CRY OUT FOR HUMILITY!
CRY OUT FOR REPENTANCE!
CRY OUT FOR CONVICTION!
CRY OUT FOR SOULS!
CRY OUT FOR GRACE TO OVERCOME ALL THAT IS COMING UPON YOU!
CRY OUT FOR THE YOUTH OF THIS NATION!

There are evil plans already in play to indoctrinate them in evil. And the enemy has already stolen the majority of them into the world and the lusts of the flesh. He has indoctrinated them into humanism through the schools and television. Pray that the eyes would be opened and their ears would be opened. Pray that GLORY WILL FALL in AWAKENING on this nation as the next swift blow comes. OPEN YOUR MOUTHS and TESTIFY of ME in this season whenever you are in the marketplace!

But it is a time of coming aside to ME for healing and restoration. It is a time of introspection and quietness and rest, and of seeking MY FACE that

You may be filled to the full with ME. I WILL RESTORE MY BRIDE and you will go forth singing and with GREAT JOY as I release the chains that have bound you. A NEW WIND IS BLOWING. The hot summer winds have come

and the SON is shining on AMERICA. I have listened to the watchmen on the walls and I am bringing a wind of CHANGE. THOUGH there will be destruction from the enemy, there will be a RESTORATION in this nation of godliness amidst the turmoil and sadness, there will come a wave of HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD in those called to MY KINGDOM! The kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of Christ. Nations will be saved in one day! WATCH, for the season of escalation has come! The LION of JUDAH ROARS out of HIS abode! He will ROAR over His people and HE WILL BRING LIBERTY! NO MORE SILENCING OF THE LAMBS!

HE WILL ROAR OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF HIS PEOPLE! HE WILL ROAR OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF THE YOUTH OF THE NATIONS! HE WILL GIVE VOICE to silence the enemy's reign in the lives of others. He will show great and marvelous works to the children of men! Signs and wonders and miraculous displays of His power will astound the masses. Hold on, HOLD ON! BE STRONG in the power of HIS MIGHT! DEPEND ON THE LORD FOR HE IS YOUR STRONG TOWER, AND THE STRENGTH OF YOUR RIGHT ARM! HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS! ARISE AND SHINE FOR BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOMS STEPS DOWN FROM HIS THRONE. HE WILL SPEAK SWEET WORDS TO HIS BRIDE, BUT TO THE WICKED HE WILL BECOME A TERROR! TO THOSE CALLED TO BE HIS, HE WILL REVEAL HIMSELF. HE WILL SPEAK TO HIS OWN IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TENDERNESS, BUT TO THE WICKED THEY WILL BE TORMENTED.

"Liars and Swindlers"

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Mark 16:17-18 NKJV And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

2 Thess 2:8-12 NKJV The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The Lord said to me, "Liars and Swindlers" so I asked Him what He wanted to talk about regarding that and He had me look up some scriptures then said, "The work of the LIAR has increased in the earth, the rebellious one, who was from the beginning deceitful in his heart and desired to ascend to the heights and assume position and power and fame. I have spoken many times of a time coming of glory and power, but know My children that the abomination that deceives is already in My house. It has defiled My temples and continues to deceive and lie, and steal and swindle My sons and daughters. Many have hearts and consciences that are seared because they have loved the creature rather than the CREATOR! You cannot serve TWO MASTERS I've told you. But how easily My people are deceived!

I AM YOUR EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD I'VE SAID. BUT FOR MANY, AFFIRMATION, POWER, POSITION AND POPULARITY, AND MAMMON ARE GOD. I gave to the priests of the temple an inheritance of ME. Yet many in My church have been lured by the world, and fame and power of this world and the desire for earthly possessions. They have forsaken the truth of My words which say to store up treasures in HEAVEN where moth and rust do not decay. I said that where your treasure is , there your heart is also. If money is your treasure, and the things of this earth which will decay and be destroyed, then you are not serving ME, but serving your own desires.

It is not that I don't wish to give lovely things to my children just as you do. But do you wish for yourself riches more than you wish to see the hunger of a starving child relieved? Do you arrogantly walk by the starving and homeless, without care or concern? Do the shepherds of MY PASTURES take care of the sheep who are weak and burdened down? Or do they make fat their own pockets without caring for the outcome of those who tithe and make great sacrifices to give to them? Will My hand be restrained forever? What is in the world is no different from what is in MY church!

It should not be so My beloveds. I have called you higher, to walk in a path that is narrow. I said that FEW find it! Can you see why? For the cares of this world have burdened down many, and they have strayed from true FAITH because of it. So I MUST make changes that will bring down the IDOLATRY in My church. I will replace the shepherds who only feed themselves and are not concerned for the flocks of the Lord! Cry out for their souls and be careful that you do not judge them, for those who judge will be judged. Weep for them and cry out for them. Lay all your opinions down and take up the cross. Speak My word and speak out restoration of the ancient paths. I will raise up repairers of the breech! I will raise up those who will hold up a higher standard – MY STANDARD!

It is not in the form, but in the TRUTH. For false prophets abound, and false teachers abound, mixing new age practices with the Word of God as if they had anything in common. My people PERISH for lack of vision and because they choose to believe what they want. The backslider is filled with HIS OWN ways. I WILL REMOVE THE PLAGUE FROM MY CHURCH AND I WILL RESTORE MY RULE AND REIGN FOR I AM DETERMINED TO HAVE A SPOTLESS BRIDE. And those who do not consider the things that are on MY heart will fade away from My favor. The very ones who are deluded will turn and persecute those that want to live from a PURE HEART!

Jealousy will rise up against you when I pour out My glory! Lying signs and wonders will try to draw people away from the truth even more. But the TRUTH will prevail! I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. I WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO MYSELF. The tsunami of My love is coming and it will flow out to those who are humble in heart and to those who are broken and bruised and defiled with GREAT GRACE and amazing signs and miracles. To those who know the TRUTH of My word, there will be discernment to know.

I said IF IT WERE POSSIBLE, they would deceive the elect. But I will make clear to My own the TRUTH and release discernment. Love will conquer and I will release a GREAT HARVEST OF SOULS in the earth.

Arise from your hopelessness and worry and fear! Arise for the Lord will be SEEN upon you! You will go FORTH with great power and glory to harvest the nations, and the liars and deceivers will regret their folly and many will repent when I come. Do not hold back your hearts from mercy and remember to look to ME in all that you do. DEPEND ON MY thoughts and MY heart to show you what it is you are to do. Walk in union with ME, in intimacy with ME, and you will not be deceived, and you will lack no good thing!

Matt 24:24-25 NKJV For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 25 See, I have told you beforehand.

2 Cor 12:11-12 NKJV Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Rev 21:7-8 NKJV But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Titus 1:10-16 NKJV The Elders' Task For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. 15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Rev 2:2-4 NKJV "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

1 Tim 4:2-5 NIV Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. 3 They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. 4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

Mic 6:12-16 NIV Her rich men are violent; her people are liars and their tongues speak deceitfully. 13 Therefore, I have begun to destroy you, to ruin you because of your sins. 14 You will eat but not be satisfied; your stomach will still be empty. You will store up but save nothing, because what you save I will give to the sword. 15 You will plant but not harvest; you will press olives but not use the oil on yourselves, you will crush grapes but not drink the wine. 16 You have observed the statutes of Omri and all the practices of Ahab's house, and you have followed their traditions. Therefore I will give you over to ruin and your people to derision; you will bear the scorn of the nations."

Isa 57:4-5a NIV Whom are you mocking? At whom do you sneer and stick out your tongue? Are you not a brood of rebels, the offspring of liars? 5 You burn with lust among the oaks and under every spreading tree;

Ps 63:11 NIV But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

The Ministry of Death
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All today the Lord has been confirming the call to death to self in what I've been reading. Then tonight He said " Ministry of death".

Ps 102:19-21 AMP For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven did the Lord behold the earth, 20 To hear the sighing and groaning of the prisoner, to loose those who are appointed to death, 21 So that men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem.

2 Cor 4:5-12 AMP
5 For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves [merely] as your servants (slaves) for Jesus' sake. 6 For God Who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as [to beam forth] the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty and glory of God [as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed] in the face of Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [Gen 1:3.] 7 However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves. 8 We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair; 9 We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed; 10 Always carrying about in the body the liability and exposure to the same putting to death that the Lord Jesus suffered, so that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown forth by and in our bodies. 11For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death. 12 Thus death is actively at work in us, but [it is in order that our] life [may be actively at work] in you.

"Many of you have cried out to have the ability to do miracles and to raise the dead! And I am about to release those miracles more and more. The one who is willing to go all the way with Christ is the one to whom much is given. When much is given, much is required. Hence many have been going through the dying process. Dying to self that is! Dying to the OLD MAN. And learning to live with ME - Learning to trust in ME fully – learning to lay down your lives for the sake of others. This is a lost paradigm in some circles of My church. But it is about to be revived.

You need the wisdom to walk in MY WAYS. That means you MUST die…the grain that dies and falls to the ground will bear much seed for harvesting. I am separating I have said. I am separating you from everything that comes before ME. I am breaking down all idolatry to man and his ways. I am tearing away from you the fleshly nature. I am delivering you from ALL evil…if you are willing. I don't force anyone. I answer your prayers for release. I answer your heart that wants to be like ME.

If you want to bring life, then you must decrease to the point of death to self, so I can be brought forth in you, and in others. I will do it, if you are just willing. You can't DO it yourself anyway. Apart from ME, you can do nothing. Your will must be conformed to MY will. That means you must die to all you will, and live for what I WILL. Are you willing to pay the cost for apostleship? There are many who say they are, but in their hearts cannot."

1 John 3:20 AMP Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].

"If you are just willing, then I will make your heart and will, and mind conform to MY heart, will and mind. But you must be willing of your own volition. The groaning of your heart is the dying that is within it. There is a dying I am bringing you to, so that you will LIVE abundantly and without perplexion, without striving and self centeredness. I have promised you abundant life and I am bringing it about as you yield yourselves to ME.

Don't grow weary in the lessons for I am here for you and desire that you live out the fullness of the call on your lives. And in this hour it is necessity to be content with the things that you have – earthly things, and the things of this world will die away, but the LIFE you have in ME will NEVER DIE. I

AM perfect. And in ME, you are made perfect - ONLY in ME! You will NEVER reach perfection through striving. You will never reach perfection through others. It is only through communion and union with ME that all will be accomplished.

I AM everlasting love and kindness. I AM the Way the TRUTH and the LIFE. It is only through ME, that you can have all you need to get through this life. No amount of striving to please Me will do it. Without HOLINESS no one will see God says My Word. The way of holiness, the narrow path is through ME. I AM the WAY. Come away with ME and find your true life in ME."

Rom 8:13 NKJV For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom 8:37-39 NKJV For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Cor 1:9-11 NKJV Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

2 Cor 2:15-16 NKJV For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

2 Cor 6:9-12 AMP [We are treated] as unknown and ignored [by the world], and [yet we are] well-known and recognized [by God and His people]; as dying, and yet here we are alive; as chastened by suffering and [yet] not killed; 10 As grieved and mourning, yet [we are] always rejoicing; as poor [ourselves, yet] bestowing riches on many; as having nothing, and [yet in reality] possessing all things. 11 Our mouth is open to you, Corinthians [we are hiding nothing, keeping nothing back], and our heart is expanded wide [for you]! [Isa 60:5; Ezek 33:22.] 12 There is no lack of room for you in [our hearts], but you lack room in your own affections [for us].

Zech 11:8-12 AMP
8 And I cut off the three shepherds [the civil authorities, the priests, and the prophets] in one month, for I was weary and impatient with them, and they also loathed me. [Jer 2:8,26; 18:18.] 9 So I [Zechariah] said, I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die, and what is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed; and let the survivors devour one another's flesh.

10 And I took my staff, Beauty or Grace, and broke it in pieces to show that I was annulling the covenant or agreement which I had made with all the peoples [not to molest them]. 11 So the covenant was annulled on that day, and thus the most wretched of the flock and the traffickers in the sheep who were watching me knew (recognized and understood) that it was truly the word of the Lord. 12 And I said to them, If it seems just and right to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them. So they weighed out for my price thirty pieces of silver.

Col 1:24-29 NKJV Sacrificial Service for Christ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

Col 1:24 AMP [Even] now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on your behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking and remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church.

Col 1:24 Darby Now, I rejoice in sufferings for you, and I fill up that which is behind of the tribulations of Christ in my flesh, for his body, which is the assembly;

1 Peter 3:18-19 NKJV Christ's Suffering and Ours For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

1 John 3:14-15 NKJV We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

James 5:20 NKJV let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Heb 9:15 NKJV And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Heb 9:16-17 NKJV The Mediator's Death Necessary For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

2 Tim 1:10-11 NKJV but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Col 3:5-7 NKJV Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

Phil 3:9-11 NKJV that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Abundance Of Rain
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"For I Hear the Sound of Abundance of Rain"
(I Kings 18:41)"

"Drought Washed Away by Rain"

The Bible tells us that the Lord "bears witness" to His word through various signs and spiritual wonders. This is done to mobilize our faith and position us for fruitfulness.

Many prophetic indications or signs presently affirm that we are entering a restoration season involving ministry gifts and commissions introduced in the Latter Rain healing revival of the 40s and 50s. One of those signs was a profound experience Paul Keith Davis had several years ago. In it the Lord revealed that the passing of Pope John Paul II would be a signpost of this restoration.

A few days prior to the Pope's death, there was another notable "sign" in the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area. While in Spokane, Washington, seven years ago Bob Jones prophesied that the church would experience a seven year spiritual drought beginning the weekend of March 27-28, 1998. Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, borders Spokane.

On March 29, 2005, the front page of the Coeur d'Alene Press contained an article entitled "Drought washed away by the rain." Meteorologist Cliff Harris was quoted as saying, "It's one of the strangest years I've ever seen. We're in the midst of a major change here. North Idaho went from having the driest mid-January to mid-March period on record to the wettest two-day period ever in March last weekend."

Those "wettest" days were March 27 and 28 (Easter weekend), the exact days that Bob was in the area and prophesied the drought seven years prior!

God is Once Again Bringing Revelatory and Healing Gifts Together

On the weekend of April 15, 2005, our ministry hosted a "Takin' It to the Streets" Healing Conference with Bill and Carol Dew. We emphasized Bob Jones' word given seven years prior and prophetically declared that it is time for the abundance of rain. Some felt rain falling on them at different times during the meetings. There have been many testimonies of healings that took place during this conference.

We also received an amazing "token" that God was bringing the revelatory gifts together with the healing gifts. This combination was characterized in William Branham and Paul Cain's Latter Rain healing ministries. Throughout the 40s/50s the Lord used them powerfully to disclose individuals' secret information known only by God to elevate faith to receive from God their miraculous healing. The Lord Jesus demonstrated this model Himself in John 4 with the woman at the well.

In our meeting, Bill and Carol Dew directed us to spend time in prayer before going out on the streets. John Filler, a member of the apostolic team at The Gateway Christian Fellowship, was given a vision during this time. He saw a white-bearded man in a wheelchair. He also saw a picture of an American flag. The Lord gave him additional information about the man, including the fact that he was a military veteran and would be seated outside a specific store in the Spokane Valley Mall.

Upon arriving at the mall, the man in the vision was outside that store in a wheelchair. The man's wife was wearing a sweatshirt with an American flag. John's wife, Ruth, was with him. Upon engaging the couple in conversation, they discovered the man in the wheelchair and his wife were also named John and Ruth! John prayed for the man and, although he didn't get out of the wheelchair, he was visibly touched by the Lord.

"The Desert and the Parched Land Will Be Glad"

Bob Jones and Paul Keith Davis' Shepherd's Rod prophecy of 1998 stated there was a spiritual rain coming. Bob saw the Lord working on a large orange pickup truck from the 1950's that was disabled and unable to function since the Latter Rain revival. Though men had attempted to repair this vehicle, they were unable to do so.

The Lord indicated that only He was able to jump-start this truck and put it on the road again. The vehicle had broken down because of unbelief and fanaticism. The Lord wants to repair this vehicle and reinstitute the heavenly purposes that were begun in the 50s and "pick up" where they left off.

I believe NOW is the time for this revelation to be fulfilled. Isaiah 35 says that, "The desert and the parched land will be glad . . . then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and mute tongue shout for joy! Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert."

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A Prophetic Fear

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I woke up trembling this morning. I saw something in the Spirit that I almost could not believe.

The dishonesty of the prophets was being exposed. The width and depth and breadth of that is greater than many believe. It's been one reason why the young and weaker have not found a place in it, although they have struggled much to find their place - and they should have!

But arrogance and dishonesty have led, and then has bred, and the Lord is coming to judge it. In five years or less, the prophetic movement will look much different. It was as if I saw the hand of God come and level the ground. Those who have been poor won't feel that much change, just their view of things will be different, but for those who got great gain, much will change.

Like Jezebel sitting high on her mountain top palace, moving people around as pawns and knocking off those who got in her way, making the appearances seem as she chose, and claiming the Lord as her source and strength, filling the palaces with treachery and intrigue, one day there was a Jehu and the little people who had been belittled and abused, mutilated and taken advantage of helped push her over the balcony to her demise.

Not only will it happen, but it must happen. The Kingdom of God is not as many have presented it. The lies that have been told, the stories made up to gain advantage, the stealing of authorship (in bigger ways than just a word or two - for some will truly also hear what God is speaking), the sins and then pointing of the finger at another, fill the camp. These people will not bear the honor of the change that God is bringing, nor will they ride its coattails.

I woke up trembling this morning. The false fear that so many have carried will be replaced by a true fear! The King is telling his steward that he can no longer work for him. Make friends in the world so that you might have a place to live! But do not use the Name of the Lord, because for that, judgment is coming awesomely.

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An Apology to the Jews

Intercessory Repentance in Action

by Bill Somers

The relationship of the Church and the Jews throughout history is treated in Michael Browns book 'Our Hands are stained with Blood!' This book touched me very deeply. Some time after reading it I was led by the Lord to put one of its recommendations into practice. That is one that deals with what Dr. Brown calls Intercessory Repentance. It entails repenting for the sins of an entire group of people, and perhaps to a group of people who were sinned against. The repentance is a form of intercession and can be for sins that were not necessarily committed by the one doing the repenting.

I am going to reprint here a set of messages that were circulated by Electronic Bulletin Board on a World Wide system called FIDONET. I believe the reader will be able to see not only an example and a discussion of intercessory repentance but also the results that it can bring.

I am changing the names of the participants, except myself, in this text out of concern for the individuals involved. (Please be in mind that it is the practice on these discussion groups to quote what the other person has written before responding to it.)

[This is the first message.]

To: ALL Date: 2/12/1994
From: BILL SOMERS Time: 9:18 am
Subj: APOLOGY TO THE JEWS
Back on 1-12-94, Lonnie Smith wrote to Moshe Steinberg on the subject of God's punishment...

-- Quoted passage
> Lonnie, I will ask a simple question. Why are the Jews in exile NOW. I
> am not an idolater. I believe in the one true G-d. All those
> statements about the idolatry of the first temple have NOTHING to do
> with me and the state of the Jewish people at this time.

That is a good question. Why, for the last 2,000 years has Israel been a "castaway?" I think that would be a good topic of discussion for you to look into. Could it be you have rejected some item in God's law/plan?
LS> Do not blame Israel's sufferings on us. .... So let's not blame the Gentiles for every folly that Israel runs into. That's all I'm saying.
-- End quoted passage

The point I wish to comment on is this:
LS> Do not blame Israel's sufferings on us.

Speaking as a gentile Christian, I recognize that many Jews do blame their sufferings on us, the church. The slaughter of Jews during the crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the persecution under Luther, the Pogroms in eastern Europe, the Nazi Holocaust; all these and much much more were carried out by those who called themselves Christian. The history of the church is a history of Jew hatred. Yet some of us wonder that they reject the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ!

OK. Most Christians today are not personally guilty of any of this. We often hear it said that those who did these things were not 'true' Christians. That it was not really our fault. "Don't blame us!" (Has anti-Semitism gone away, or is it on the increase?)

In Matthew 23, Jesus rebuked some hypocrites:

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchers of the righteous,
30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.
31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.

Could He deliver the same rebuke to us today, who say in effect, "If we had been in those circumstances, we wouldn't have done those things."?
The things in scripture are given to us as examples, (1 Cor. 10:11). Let me present two examples of the correct attitude to take in this case.

Nehemiah 9 1. Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth's, and earth upon them.
2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers.
3 And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God [one] fourth part of the day; and [another] fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

Daniel 9 3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:
4. And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;
5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:
6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
7 O Lord, righteousness [belongeth] unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, ... (KJV - On Line Bible)

I note that in each case confession and repentance takes place for one's own sins and for those of the larger group, of which one may not be 'personally' guilty. And so, with these examples in mind....

I confess to the Lord and to the Jewish people that we, the church, have done wickedly, fomented hatred, committed murder and sinned against the Jewish people, 'beloved of the Father'. We have departed from your commandments and disobeyed your word. We have rebelled and left the straight and narrow path. We did not learn from the apostles and prophets but did what was right in our own eyes. And to us today belongs an infinitely greater 'confusion of face' than ever afflicted Israel of old.
I confess, apologize and repent for all the crimes committed against the Jews by church of Jesus Christ. And I humbly ask your forgiveness for all this.

Recommended reading:
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The tragic story of the "church" and the Jewish People
by Michael Brown
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[After sending this out, I got the following response about a week later.
Second Message]
To: BILL SOMERS Date: 2/13/1994
From: John Prowse
Subj: Who shed the blood ?

From: Bill Somers
To: All
Subject: Apology To The Jews

BS/Speaking as a gentile Christian, I recognize that many Jews do blame their sufferings on us, the church. The slaughter of Jews during the crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the persecution under Luther, the Pogroms in eastern Europe, the Nazi Holocaust; all these and much much more were carried out by those who called themselves Christian.
The history of the church is a history of Jew hatred.

You are blaming the "church" for the evil deeds of the "Great Whore" of Rome and her family.
The only question I have about you is whether you are merely incredibly ignorant re: who constitutes the NT described "church" or whether you are a deliberate servant of the "Great Whore" of Rome and her family.

BS/ Yet some of us wonder that they reject the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ!

The kind of deception you put out greatly contributes to the error. Which very well may be your intent.

BS/ **I confess to the Lord and to the Jewish people that we, the church, have done wickedly, fomented hatred, committed murder and sinned against the Jewish people, 'beloved of the Father'. We have departed from your commandments and disobeyed your word. We have rebelled and left the straight and narrow path. We did not learn from the apostles and prophets but did what was right in our own eyes. And to us today belongs an infinitely greater 'confusion of face' than ever afflicted Israel of old.**
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You're deceived re: what the "church" is, and you have no authority to speak for it.

To ALL: Does or does not organized "Christian" religion constitute the NT described "Church". ??
Bill presents the "Church" as an evil institution. This reflects on the validity of the moral guidance of Jesus Christ the founder and Lord of His Church.
Is he right ? Is he accurate ? Who shed the blood ? (of Jews AND "heretics") The "Church" of Jesus Christ ? Or: "The Great Whore" ?

By the way Protestants were officially RC defined as "heretics" up until 1965.
By the way N.Ireland, Bosnia & more indicate this is not merely a historical question.
[At this point the writer proceeded to quote **Rev. 17:1-6,9,15,18; Rev. 18:1-5,16-24; and Rev. 19:1-3**]

IF you can't tell the difference between the NT Church of Jesus Christ, vice The "Great Whore" of His Revelation, THEN you have a SERIOUS CASE OF BLINDNESS and, you better beg Jesus Christ for some sight.

With best wishes, John

++++++ Read and Heed His Revelation ! ++++++++++

[At this point, I was unsure how to respond to such an attack! But I recalled a prophecy by Rick Joyner about those who have their brothers blood on sword, (that is to say, those who have used the Word of God as a weapon against their Christian brothers) not being allowed a part in building the Kingdom or the House of the Lord. So I made no reply whatever.
The payoff came after another week of waiting, in the following letter by and Orthodox Jew. It showed me, as I told some friends, "The Holy Ghost was right again!"]
[Third Message.]

To: Bill Somers Date: 2/15/1994
From: STEVE ZALMAN
Subj: Apology To The Jews

BS> **I confess to the Lord and to the Jewish people that we, the church, have done wickedly, ..."**

Bill, your confession for sins you never committed is a ray of hope from the abyss of hatred. The Jews greatest fear is that one day the church will return to murdering Jews and there will be no one to help, as in the past. The children of Israel are responsible for correcting the sins made in our past. Just as Germany's children are now responsible for correcting the sins of the prior generation. It is for the Christians to take control of their church and to stop the hatred and anti-Semitism towards Jews. I have heard that the Vatican will be removing anti-Semitic writings from the NT as soon as they can work out the details. This is certainly a step in the right direction. Jews fervently pray each Sabbath for the day to come when the whole world will be at peace with one another, when hatred will no longer blind the eyes. On that day, the world will be one, And His name will be One. Ba Ruch Ha Ba B'shem - Blessed is he who comes in the name of the L-rd.
Shalom

[Then I made the following reply.

Fourth Message]

To: STEVE ZALMAN Date: 2/27/1994
From: BILL SOMERS
Subj: Apology To The Jews
Steve,

Shalom from this Christian.
Thank you for your kind remarks in response to my post.
SZ>Bill, your confession for sins you never committed is a ray of hope
SZ>from the abyss of hatred.

My original posting, Apology to the Jews, began as a comment on someone's remark: "Do not blame Israel's sufferings on us."

Then I cited Matthew 23:29-31 as an example of Jesus rebuke to this attitude. I quoted Nehemiah 9:1-3, and Daniel 9:3-7 as examples from the bible of the proper attitude. Then I made the confession, which you quoted back to me:
I concluded with recommending a very good book on the subject:
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All of this is an example of what Michael Brown calls "intercessory repentance". Brown is a Messianic Jew with some hard sayings for the church which I believe I can share with you and some of my Christian brothers on this echo without getting too far off topic.
In Michael Brown's book _Our Hands are Stained with Blood_ he writes on page 82: ...If Jesus promised to fulfill the Law of God and then abolished it, he would be a liar and not the Son of God.
Do you know that this is one of the greatest objections to the Gospel that religious Jews have had? If Jesus was truly the Messiah, why did he do away with the Law? Historian Jules Isaac notes: "The Jewish rejection of Christ was triggered by the Christian rejection of the Law.... The rejection of the Law was enough: to ask of the Jewish people that they accept this religion...was like asking them to tear out their heart. History records no example of such a collective suicide."
On Page 89 he quotes Rav Shimon Walbah, a leading Orthodox Rabbi in Israel, "Instead of bringing redemption to the Jews, the false Christian Messiah has brought down on us base libels and expulsions, oppressive restrictions and burning of [our] holy books, devastations and destructions. Christianity, which professes to infuse the sick world with love and compassion, has fixed a course directly opposite to this lofty rhetoric. The voice of the blood of millions of our brothers cries out to us from the ground: No! Christianity is not a religion of love but a religion of unfathomable hate! All history, from ancient times to our own day, is one continual proof of the total bankruptcy of this religion in all its segments."
On Page 90 he quoted Professor Eugene Borowitz: "We might be more inclined to give Christian claims some credence had we seen Christians thru the ages behave as models of redeemed humanity. Looking thru the window of history we have found them as much in need of saving as the rest of humankind. If anything their social failings are especially discrediting of their doctrine for they claim to be uniquely free of human sinfulness and freshly inspired by their faith to bring the world to a realm of love and peace.... Until sinfulness ceases and well being prevails Jews know the Messiah has not come."
On page 91 he says: For hundreds of years the word 'Christ' has been a curse word in thousands of Jewish homes. This is largely the fault of "Christians". Millions of Jews have hated the name of Jesus. Alleged followers of Jesus are a primary cause. Could we possibly have produced anything worse?
On page 97 he declares: Let us hang our heads in shame. The "Church" has blood on her hands.
On page 99 he writes: A little more than 100 years ago, a Christian minister to the Jews "was asked what he thought was wanting on the part of the friends of Israel. He replied, 'More tears'."
Reading all this was quite an experience for me. I discovered that I had some unconscious anti-Semitism in myself, that I would not have otherwise admitted to.

SZ>It is for the Christians to take control of their church and to stop the hatred and anti-Semitism towards Jews.

From this comment, it seems you can give some credence to a distinction between 'Christians' and their church.

Unfortunately, anti-Semitism is on the rise in the church, even from sources that should know better. Michael Brown deals with some of it in his book. Especially the errors of "Replacement Theology". But few Christians recognize it or are prepared to do something about it.

SZ>The Jews greatest fear is that one day the church will return to murdering Jews and there will be no one to help, as in the past.
This fear is a very real possibility. Your comment reminds me of a passage in Job. (3:25) "For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me." KJV Another reading is: "For a fear I feared and it meeteth me, And what I was afraid of doth come to me." (Youngs translation)

One of the New Testament instructions to Christians is in 1 John 3:16
"Hereby perceive we the love [of God], because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down [our] lives for the brethren."

Regarding the Jews, it tells us in Romans 11:28
"As concerning the gospel, [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers' sakes."
That makes you one of the brethren, I may one day be required to lay down my life for. If and when the 'church' once again turns against the Jews, there will be some who will still stand with you.

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AMEN AND AMEN
Further recommended reading: (It sheds some light on the phrase 'for your sakes' in Rom. 11:28 above.

One New Man, by Reuven Doron
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God Bless Y'all
Bill Somers

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Apostasy

Celia Rose Okhuysen (USA)

Then *HEAR NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD* *OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF ISRAEL:* ***"If you wholly set your faces to enter*** **[return to]** ***Egypt*** **[the world],** ***and go to sojourn*** **[settle and live]** ***there,*** *then it shall be that the sword* [Word of God — judgment] *which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; the famine* [spiritual poverty] *of which you were afraid shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and* ***there you shall die*** **[eternal death]***. So shall it be with* [everyone] *who set their faces to go* [return] *to Egypt to sojourn there. They shall die by* [through judgment of] *the sword* [Word of God]*, by famine, and by pestilence. And none of them shall remain or escape from the disaster* [condemnation] *that I will bring upon them." …* ***So they went*** **[returned]** ***to the land of Egypt, for THEY DID NOT OBEY THE VOICE OF THE LORD*** (Jeremiah 42:15-17; 43:7 — NKJV).

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APOSTASY: a renunciation or abandonment of a former loyalty (as to a religion); a total *falling away* or desertion of the faith and true religion.

APOSTATE: rebel — defector — renegade — fugitive — traitor

DISOBEDIENT: defiant — rebellious — insubordinate

UNFAITHFULNESS: infidelity — disloyalty — falseness — adultry— treachery — deceitfulness — *betrayal*

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DREAM — October 6, 1989

A wedding was about to take place to which I had been invited. I did not want to attend. It was set for 12:30 midday. Before leaving for the wedding, however, I was called into another room by an elderly couple. They were both in bed together at the left side of the room. To the right of the room was an enormous wide window without a glass pane through which an extremely bright light shined. At the couple's request, I closed the window's drape in one sweep with my left hand from left to right because they said that the light was too bright for them. I then left the room, leaving them in total darkness.

A woman waited for me as I came out of the dark room. She seemed anxious, and kept reminding me that we were going to be late for the wedding ceremony, and insisted that I hurry up. I then searched my jewelry box for a piece of jewelry, deliberately taking my time. I came across an old-fashion, boldfaced man's gold pocket watch without chain. I picked it up, looked at its bold numbered face, but strangely could not tell what time it was — *even as I looked at the time!* I returned the gold pocket watch to the jewelry box. A few minutes later, we both left for the wedding ceremony.

It was a mild, sunny day, and we were now in the midst of a very large crowd that waited outdoors. We had missed the wedding ceremony. A bride and groom appeared, approaching slowly from the left. The bride wore a full-length white wedding gown with a wide hoop skirt that was elegantly fashionable in Western culture in the 1800's. She also wore a bridal headpiece with veil. The veil was now drawn away from her face. They had just been married, therefore her unveiling.

The bride had her right arm linked through the groom's left arm. She had dark hair, was fair complexioned, in her mid twenties, slender, about five feet, four inches in height, and wore a very pleasant smile. She was not beautiful — just nice looking in appearance.

The groom was black-black in complexion, had black hair, was approximately thirty years old, slender, and about five feet, ten inches in height. He wore an evil looking, smirking, toothy smile. He was *beaming,* as though he had just caught a "*prize catch."* His attitude was extremely cagey — guarded — cautious as expressed in his sneaky and sly suspicious eyes*. I did not like him*. He was not a good-looking man. He wore a black formal suit with white bow tie and tails.

The groom paraded the bride in front of everyone as they slowly walked by the large crowd. They stopped, and he waved to the crowd. She just smiled at the crowd. She did not carry a bridal bouquet. They continued walking away and then *faded* out of sight.

Next, I was now at the wedding reception, alone. An older handsome man, approximately sixty years old, smilingly approached me from the left. He made an effort to strike up a conversation several times. I politely avoided him. He wore an expensive tailored gray suit, was quite debonair — suave — elegant — refined — charming — well groomed and sophisticated. He really was quite handsome, and stood approximately five feet, ten inches tall. He had a full head of well-groomed gray hair, perfect teeth, good clear complexion with few wrinkles, and appeared to be in excellent health. His eyes were strongly focused on me, and deeply penetrating, making me feel uncomfortable. This man also wore a smirking, toothy smile. As he continued trying to get and hold my attention, I became extremely uncomfortable with him, and did not want his company. After a while, I finally just ignored him and walked away.

The wedding reception was large and formal, and everyone was dressed elegantly. I did not recognize anyone. Throughout all the time that I slowly circulated in the midst of the guests, I felt ill at ease about the wedding affair and about being at the wedding reception. I no longer wanted to be part of this wedding celebration and wanted to leave. The place was crowded, but the bride and groom were not at the reception. I did not see them again. *END*

[NOTE: I *urge* the reader to read this document with a Bible in hand for spiritual clarity, confirmation, revelation, and understanding through the Word of God. Bolded, capped, underlined and bracket emphases in the **NKJV** scriptures are mine.]

INTERPRETATION

I wanted no part of the wedding that was taking place. The elderly couple represents the old traditional type church that operates in the flesh ***and not under the anointing of Holy Spirit's control****.* The man symbolizes a pastor. In spiritual dreams, the woman symbolizes sin or a church. Here, this woman represents a *dead — comatose — lifeless* church. Their laying in bed together at the *"left"* symbolizes the position of goats — *the unrighteous* (Mat. 25:33). Their intimacy clearly reveals that this is a *very*, *very old relationship* spanning throughout the past Church age.

The bright light shining through the window at the *"right" position of sheep; righteousness without a glass pane represents the Light of the world (Jn. 8:12), Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The* couple's request that the room be darkened by drawing the drape over the window symbolizes that they wanted to continue dwelling and laying in darkness together without the true presence of the Light, the Word of God, in their midst. Darkening the room at the couple's request symbolizes that I was called by Lord Jesus to witness this *dead church's* apostasy in the dream through Holy Spirit's anointing. The couple *rejected and denied* the Light of the world because it was too bright—*too revealing* of their apostate evil deeds.

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>> *"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and* ***men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*** *For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed"* (Jn. 3:19, 20)*.*
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The woman waiting for me represents the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. She was anxious to witness the prophetic End Time scenario of some members of the Lord's Church who were in the midst of, or who had completely *fallen away* into total apostasy.

The jewelry box symbolizes the Word of God—*my most prized Treasure of Gems.* The man's old-fashion gold pocket watch symbolizes God's Timepiece. By taking the watch into my hands, I prophetically understand one of the End Time events of apostasy that will be taking place just before Lord Jesus' appearing (2Tim. 4:1 — Titus 2:13 — 1Pet. 1:7) in the clouds to rapture His Church. Although I clearly saw the face of the watch, the hour when Lord Jesus would appear (Mt. 24:44), ***after** the falling away—apostasy,* was withheld from me as no one will know the hour of His appearing (Mt. 24:30). *(All of today's End Time signs, especially about Israel, are clearly prophesied by Lord Jesus in Matthew Chapter 24 and Luke 21:22-36, thus keeping today's Church on "high alert.")*

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>> *Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering* [rapture] *together to Him, we ask you not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled… Let no man deceive you by any means;* ***for that Day*** **[the Rapture]** ***will not come unless the FALLING AWAY*** **[apostasy]** ***comes first*** *… And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,* ***that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness*** (2Thes. 2:1-3, 11, 12).

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The large crowd waiting for the bride and groom's appearance are apostates—*fallen members, "brethren"* in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. They had assembled to celebrate the occasion of a *"joined together"* event that boastfully took place in broad daylight. This symbolizes the *willingness* of this bride to be rejoined to Satan, the groom, without shame or remorse for her *betrayal* of her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, ***Who died for her because He loves her***. Thusly her content smile. Her *old-fashion* wedding dress represents a *very old* courtship that concluded an enduring desire to be *yoked* once again with her former suitor. (2Cor. 6:14, 15) Her *unveiling* represents pride, shamelessness, and apostasy.

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>> *Beware, brethren,* ***lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in DEPARTING from the living God****. … And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest* [Eternal Life]*, but to those who did not obey?* (Heb. 3:12, 18)

[Here, in vs. 12, Paul warns *"brethren"* (Christians) by the example of Israel's failures in the wilderness. They were brought out of Egypt with the fullest assurance of blessing, prosperity, and eternal rest. By their sin and unbelief, they came short of the promised blessings, *fell* in the wilderness, and were cut off from God. Paul states plainly that Christians, the born again or saved men, can also return to an evil heart of unbelief, *depart* from the living God, be hardened by deceitfulness of sin, be cut off by God, and be finally lost. — SOURCE: *DAKE'S ANNOTATED REFERENCE BIBLE*]

>> *For* it is impossible *for those who* ***WERE ONCE ENLIGHTENED*** [walked in the Light of the world — Jn. 8:12]*, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and* ***HAVE BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,*** *and have* ***TASTED THE GOOD WORD OF GOD*** *and the powers of the age to come,* ***if they FALL AWAY,*** *to renew them* [walk in the Light — heavenly gift — Holy Spirit — Word of God — powers] *again to repentance,* ***SINCE THEY CRUCIFY AGAIN FOR THEMSELVES THE SON OF GOD*** *and put Him to an open shame* (Heb. 6:4-6).

[Heb. 6:6 — (a) *If they shall fall away.* How could they fall away from the experiences of vs. 4-5 if they never did have them? The language is past tense and factual so it cannot be denied that the ones referred to did at one time have these experiences. (b) Gr. "parapipto": *to fall aside; apostatize; fall* away. It means to throw overboard all faith in the experiences of the gospel and deny them. Men are here warned that such is possible. (c) To renew them again to repentance is impossible. The reason given is that *they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to open shame. This is the final act of apostasy.* They publicly judge Him an imposter and worthy of death. That is, they do not believe in Him or His atonement any longer. Since such faith is the only thing that could renew them again to repentance, it then becomes impossible. How could they be renewed again to repentance if they had not experienced repentance before? The word *"again"* means *once more; another time;* anew. This requires repentance once before. — SOURCE: *DAKE'S ANNOTATED REFERENCE BIBLE*]

>> *For if we sin WILLFULLY after we have received the knowledge of the truth, THERE NO LONGER REMAINS A SACRIFICE FOR SINS,* *but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation* [righteous anger] *which will devour the adversaries* [apostates]. … ***Of how much WORSE PUNISHMENT, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy WHO HAS TRAMPLED THE SON OF GOD UNDERFOOT, COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT BY WHICH HE WAS SANCTIFIED A COMMON THING, AND INSULTED THE SPIRIT OF GRACE?*** *For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay, says the Lord." And again, "The Lord will judge His people."* ***IT IS A FEARFUL THING TO FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE LIVING GOD*** (Heb. 10:26, 27, 29-31).

>> *For our God is a CONSUMING FIRE* (Heb. 12:29).
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The groom's "black-black" complexion represents Satan. The color "black" is symbolic of *sin*. His description in the dream says it all, and needs no interpretation. His behavior and formal dress is a triumphant display of *"I was at my best, and I WON!"* Satan triumphed over the hearts, minds, spirits, and souls of all those lazy, prayerless, spiritually immature, weak and non vigilant Christians who ***did not*** work out their salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12 — Heb. 2:1-4). Through Satan's masterful lure, *they returned to Egypt—the world.* (Mt. 13:3-7, 18-22)

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>> *They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of* **[Satan, and]** ***who LOVED the wages of unrighteousness.*** *… These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, to whom the gloom of darkness is reserved forever. …* ***For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, THEY ARE AGAIN ENTANGLED IN THEM*** **[pollutions of the world]** ***AND*** **[ARE]** ***OVERCOME, THE LATTER END IS WORSE FOR THEM THAN THE BEGINNING.*** *For it would have been better for them* ***NOT TO HAVE KNOWN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.*** *But it has happened to them according to the true proverb:* ***"A dog returns to his own VOMIT," and "a sow*** **[swine, pig, hog]*, having washed,*** **[returns]** ***to her wallowing in the mire*** **[mud]"** (2 Pet. 2:15, 17, 20-22).
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There is a strong association between the elderly couple in bed and the bride and groom. What has been a very old practice in time past has been hidden in total darkness. However, the bride and groom's *"open marriage"* at last bring it out at midday as a confirmation of the prophetic Word of God on the apostasy — *falling away* — that would first take place (2Thes. 2:1-3) before Lord Jesus' appearing in the clouds to call *HIS faithful Bride* unto Himself.

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>> *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God.* ***And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be CAUGHT UP*** **[raptured]** ***together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.*** *And thus we shall always be with the Lord* (1Thes. 4:16, 17).

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The older debonair, sophisticated, well-groomed, and well-tailored gray haired man was Satan in another disguise. He sought to attract, deceive, and ensnare me with his *charm and prosperous appearance*, but I rejected him and walked away.

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>> *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind,* ***BE SOBER****, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ* [in the Rapture]; *as obedient children,* ***not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; BUT AS HE WHO CALLED YOU IS HOLY, YOU ALSO BE HOLY IN ALL YOUR CONDUCT, because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."*** *And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work,* **conduct yourselves throughout the time of your sojourning here in fear [reverence and obedience to God]**; *knowing that* ***you were not redeemed with corruptible things****, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,* ***but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*** *He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world,* ***but WAS MANIFEST IN THESE LAST TIMES FOR YOU who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God*** (1Pet. 1:13-21).

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My lone presence at the wedding reception is symbolic of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth witnessing End Time prophecy of those *falling away—APOSTASY*. My feeling ill at ease by being at the wedding reception reveals my *utter disgust* at being in the midst of these apostates who had *"trampled the Son of God underfoot, and counted the Blood of the Covenant by which He was sanctified a common thing."* However, in the dream Holy Spirit's anointing positioned me at the apostates' ceremonial event to witness one of the most tragic End Time signs and events: ***the betrayal of God's love and mercy toward them through His sacrificial Lamb***. The Son of God, our most precious, loving, and merciful Lord Jesus Christ, was slain on the Cross at Calvary for their sins. *Yet there they were, handsomely dressed in their elegant costumes, and wearing their false masks while celebrating their betrayal as they "openly" trampled the Son of God underfoot.* ***WOE, WOE, WOE!***

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>> "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GA A-A-V-V-VE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. *He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation,* ***that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.*** *But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God"* (Jn. 3:16-21).

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All the people at the wedding reception were corporately apostate *"church"* members who symbolized the *apostate bride* as she celebrated her total surrender to her former suitor whom she had previously been in bondage to.

Satan, the older debonair man, who was symbolic of the *groom*, slithered around me like a *charming snake,* seeking to ensnare me. But my *that is,* the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth abiding in Lord Jesus, ***His words abiding in Her heart*** (Jn. 15:1-8), and God's Holy Spirit empowering Her (Acts 1:8), has sealed Her with the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17) and with the authority to
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trample on serpents, scorpions and over all the power of the enemy (Lk. 10:19). She is empowered with a Divine faith and holy righteousness that is anchored in Her heart and spirit to resist the devil (Jas. 4:7) and his wiles (Eph. 6:11) because ***SHE ALWAYS HEARS THE VOICE OF HER SAVIOR AND LORD JESUS*** (Jn. 10:17, 18), ***AND SHE FOLLOWS HIM.*** He is the Good Shepherd and **THE WORD OF GOD** that gives His Church *FAITH, peace, joy, hope, STRENGTH and victory*, and He is God's Gift of Eternal Life (Jn. 6:54, 56). And yes, ***She is Divinely anointed with Holy Spirit's POWER, BOLDNESS, and FIRE*** with which to comfort Herself and do the works of Lord Jesus (Jn. 14:12), to help Her witness Lord Jesus to a dying world (Acts 1:8; 2:4, 17, 18 4:29 Jn. 14:16, 17; 15:26; 16:7-15), *and to glorify God in all Her works.* (Jn. 15:8) [Read all of Romans 8]

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>> ***There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, WHO DO NOT WALK ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, BUT ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT.*** *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.* ***… FOR AS MANY AS ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, THESE ARE SONS OF GOD. …*** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs****—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, IF INDEED WE SUFFER*** **[persecution — 2Tim. 3:12]** ***WITH HIM, that we may also be glorified together*** (Rom. 8:1, 2, 14, 16, 17).

>> ***We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; BUT HE WHO HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD KEEPS HIMSELF*** **[spotless and blameless]*****, AND THE WICKED ONE DOES NOT TOUCH HIM.*** *We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding,* ***that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is*** **[faithful and]** ***true*** **[Rev. 3:14]*****, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life*** (1Jn. 5:18-20).

>> *For the wages of sin is* [eternal] *death, but* ***THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE*** [Jn. 3:16] *in Jesus Christ our Lord* (Rom. 6:23).

>> ***"I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE*** **[ETERNAL]*****. He who believes in Me, though he may die*** **[physically]**, ***he shall live*** **[eternally]*****"*** (Jn. 11:25).

>> ***Pursue peace with all men, and HOLINESS, without which no one will see the Lord*** (Heb. 12:14).

>> ***JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER*** (Heb. 13:8).
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SCRIPTURES ON APOSTASY

Ex. 32:33 — 1Chr. 28:9 — Jer. 1:16; 2:13, 17-19; 17:5, 13; **Chaps. 42-44** — Ezek. 18:24 — Mt. 24:10-12 — Mk. 4:4-7, 15-19 — Jn. 15:6 — Eph. 5:6 — 1Tim. 4:1 — 2Tim. 3:1-9; 4:1-4 — Heb. 4:11-13 — **2Pet. Chap. 2** — 2Jn. 9-11 — Jude 5-19

[NOTE: **Of particular interest is Jeremiah Chapters 42-44.** It should be noted that Ex. 12:31-51 records that God led Israel out of bondage from Egypt. Tragically, Jeremiah 42-44 reveals *Judah's return to Egypt against God's command.* [Judah symbolizes today's Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.] This is a classic and dramatic case of *disobedience and apostasy before Almighty God by Judah, just like today's scenario of much apostasy taking place in Lord Jesus Christ's Church.* Jeremiah was taken to Egypt against his will (Jer. 43:6). There, he continued to prophesy God's words of catastrophe and judgment to Judah for her disobedience in going to Egypt. Judah did not repent, and *there they died*.

“Legend” says that Jeremiah is buried in Devenish Island, Ireland. http://www.hooper-home.net/CHRONO/Daughters.html.

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COMMENTARY

This finalizes a series of End Time dreams that I began to receive on August 1, 1989. Forthcoming will be an END TIME DREAMS INDEX of twenty-three dreams and seven articles that I have posted since November 2, 1997.

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FALSE PROPHETS
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Apostolic Revival
Matt Sorger

November 20, 2005

The Lord is restoring true apostolic anointing and empowerment. This revival is apostolic in nature. It's a restoration of the fullness of the five-fold ministry and with that, a restoration of the fullness of God's presence and power in the earth.

These Are Several Characteristics Of This Apostolic Revival:

RELEASE OF GREAT POWER

There's a place where mass miracles break out. It's that mass breaker anointing that releases miracles on a mass scale, where all throughout the city, miracles will be happening. In all the churches seeking God, miracles will be happening -- out on the streets, in the homes, in the church services -- miracles will be happening. People will just get healed walking into the presence of the glory. People won't even necessarily have to pray for the sick. They will be healed just walking in. Homes will be so filled with the glory that people will be healed just walking into them. There will be such a weight of God's glory upon all of you.

There is a reason God releases this level of power. In **Acts 3**, Peter and John were walking to the temple, and God's power healed the lame man. As a result of this one miracle, many heard the word and believed -- this number of men came to 5,000. Instantly overnight, there was a supernatural multiplication because of the miracle power. The whole city was in an uproar because of this one miracle. Its mass miracles for mass harvest. That's the revival I'm talking about for mass harvest. In **Acts 8:4**, they preached the word with miracles. Multitudes were saved, and there was great joy in the city. When miracles happen, the city will be a happy place.

EVEN THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE NOTICE

Even the government and those in leadership will have to take notice. They will say, "What is happening in our city? What is happening with these Christians? We've never seen anything like this. There's no crime, no sickness in the city; there's just joy in the city." Even the government will have to take notice, whether they want to or not.

In **Acts 9:32-35**, there's a connection between apostolic power and mass salvation. Ananeas was bedridden 8 years because he was paralyzed. Peter prayed, and he was healed. And all who dwelt in Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Two cities were saved -- great power, great miracles, mass salvation, and great joy in the city. It's all connected together.

YOU ARE IN A SPIRITUAL INCUBATOR

The waiting is part of the birthing. This place is an incubator in the Spirit. God is incubating you in the Spirit. Out of the incubator, new life comes forth. There is a place of waiting that will birth this thing into the earth. God has been speaking to me about waiting and tarrying in His presence because there is something released out of that place. It's connected to the latter-rain glory. There is a place of birthing that rains into the earth.

In **I Kings 18:1**, God spoke to Elijah. He said, "I am going to send rain on the earth, just like Joel prophesied the latter-rain is coming, and all of your sons and daughters will prophecy." God has been saying that the rain is coming. God spoke to Elijah, and he went up to the top of Mount Carmel. In verse 42, he bows down to ground and puts his face between his knees. In verses 43-46, Elijah is in this place of birthing and waiting on the promise of God. God said that the rain was coming.
There was no doubt in Elijah's heart that it was coming. Six times he sends his servant to see. On the seventh time, he sees a small cloud the size of a man's hand. I see the cloud. It's here. **IT'S HERE**! We are sitting in the cloud *right now.*

THE SIMPLE GOSPEL MESSAGE BEING RESTORED

There is simplicity of the gospel coming forth. It's the pure simplicity of the gospel message. The pure simple word of God that causes men to bow down before Jesus is, "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand." The sinners repent because it's a simple, pure gospel message. Don't over complicate it. ***"Nor is there salvation in any other for there is no other name under heaven by which men must be saved."*** **-- Acts 4:12**
There is no other name that can save us. In **Acts 8:4-5**, Philip preached Christ to them. He preached the simple message of who Jesus was. He preached the word with power. There is a restoration coming of the pure gospel message. There is a new breed being raised up that will carry the pure gospel message like Billy Graham. They will proclaim, "There is no other name by which you can be saved." **A pure gospel message will go forth.**

SIMPLE CHILDLIKE FAITH

A new believer's faith is so simple and childlike. They just believe God's word. That's the key: just believe. They haven't been over-indoctrinated. They take the word for exactly what it says. It's simple, childlike faith -- only believe. Jesus knew we needed it to be easy. We get lost if it gets too complicated.

APOSTOLIC POWER TO GET WEALTH

In **Acts 4:32**, we see the apostolic power to get wealth. No one lacked. They sold lands and houses and laid the proceeds of what was sold at the apostles' feet. The apostles distributed wherever there was need. It's the power to get supernatural wealth, not to just get rich.

I'm not saying that God doesn't want us to be blessed, but when the Lord brought the finances to the apostles, they distributed as anyone had need. The power to get wealth was to meet the need of the people. There is a power to get wealth. There is an anointing to get wealth. The wealth of the gentiles is being stored up for us. The apostolic anointing actually draws supernatural finances to itself. It's part of the apostolic authority, so they can then give and distribute to meet the need of the people and see that the work of the kingdom goes forth.

I believe that in the process, God does want to bless us. Jesus never condemned anyone for being rich. If you're rich make sure that you're not worshipping money. Make sure that you are giving to the poor. Jesus never condemned the rich person for having money. He condemned the love of money and holding it more precious than your relationship with God.

We need some good Holy Ghost millionaires. The money was laid at the apostles' feet, and they gave it away. There has been an abuse of finances in the church. You can take anything to an extreme, but that doesn't negate the truth of God's word. God wants us to have lots of money so that we can feed the poor, evangelize to the lost, and see the gospel spread throughout the whole earth. Believe God for abundant blessing in your life!

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"30 Characteristics of the Glory That Will Rest on the Last Day's Church" by Matt Sorger Web: http://www.mattsorger.com Email: info@mattsorger.com Friday, May 21, 2004

GREATER WORKS

Isaiah 60:2 "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you. And His glory will be seen upon you."

Recently, during a time of prayer, the Lord began to speak to me about the many characteristics that will mark the Glory of God on the Last Day's Church. So many times we read the book of Acts and marvel at what the early church walked and lived in. The level of supernatural activity seems to far surpass what we see in the church today. As I was pondering this the Lord challenged my heart with the prophecy Jesus shared in John 14:12:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Jesus prophesied that the church would not only do the works He did, which includes healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, casting our demons, and raising the dead, but even GREATER works. The works of the Holy Spirit through the early church are only the beginning of the wonders God wants to do in the earth. We are still writing the book of Acts today. The greatest signs and wonders are still to be seen!

Haggai 2:9 prophesies:

"The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former."

2 Corinthians 3:18 declares:

"But we all, with an unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

KEEP MOVING TO HIGHER REALMS OF HIS GLORY

Throughout the ages God has called the church to keep moving to higher realms of His glory. Not only does this scripture refer to our personal journeys in Christ of being continually more conformed to His image, but it also refers to the corporate Body being conformed to His image as a whole. With each passing generation the Church should be more closely conformed to the Lord in both character and power. Jesus is returning for a Church without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27). With each generation the Holy Spirit is bringing us deeper into the fullness of the revelation of truth found in the Word, as well as experiencing and walking in that revelation. We can see this restoration of the fullness of Christ and His word throughout church history, from the Reformation under Luther with the 95 Thesis, to the faith movement with the truth of faith being brought forth in the church, to the prophetic movement with the restoration of the prophetic office, and now the apostolic movement. With each generation more of the fullness of Christ is restored to the church.

As we look at the world around us today we can become alarmed at the increasing darkness that is prevailing in society. But we must remember that when the darkness gets darker, the light and glory in the church will become more radiant!

Isaiah 60:2 "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you. And His glory will be seen upon you."

The best way to expel the darkness is by turning on the light. We have Christians today trying to gain victory over spiritual darkness by expending energy fighting the darkness. Rather, they should focus on getting their spirits, souls, bodies and minds so filled with the light of God's glory and word that spiritual darkness wouldn't even have a place to hang around. The more we allow God's glory to consume our lives, the more radiant we will become and the less warfare we will have with spiritual darkness within our own minds and souls. Our light will so shine that, when we walk into an area that is dark, the light of the glory of God will cause demonic power to flee! We'll be like Peter whose very shadow healed the sick. That's the measure of the glory I want on my life and even more!

"IT'S FOR US TO EXPERIENCE AND WALK IN NOW"

Paul shared in Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the goal for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." This is an upward call! That means more glory with each passing day we walk with God. We keep going higher and higher and higher in character, revelation, truth, and power.

There will be tremendous glory on the Last Day's Church. And WE are part of the Last Day's Church. The Last Days began when Jesus was taken off the earth. What the Lord showed me through His word was not something for 20, 50 or 100 years down the road. It's for us to experience and walk in NOW. "The just shall live by faith." By faith and walking with God in a lifestyle of intimacy, holiness, obedience, and truth we can access the fullness of all God has for us now.

As I waited on the Lord He brought me through the Book of Acts and gave me 30 characteristics of the Glory of God that will rest on the Church in these last days. As we meditate on these characteristics may your heart be filled with faith to experience the fullness of all God has for you!

1. THEY WERE IN ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE

Acts 2:1 "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."

We will see specific geographic locations visited and transformed by the Glory of God. This type of visitation will occur among believers who are unified in heart and mind.

2. EVERY NATION AND ALL FLESH

Acts 2:5, 17 "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven...And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh."

Every nation will experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe this even speaks of a worldwide awakening of the Holy Spirit that will sweep around the globe touching every nation, tribe, and tongue. No one will be left out. All flesh will encounter His glory, including every race, tribe, tongue, gender, and age group.

3. SONS AND DAUGHTERS, ENTIRE HOUSEHOLDS

Acts 2:17 "Your sons and your daughters..."

Acts 16:15 "And when she and her household were baptized..."

Acts 16:33-34 "Having believed in God with all his household..."

Entire households will be saved. Now is the time to aggressively pray for household salvation. The moving of the Lord upon unsaved family members will become so irresistible that, where they have been able to fight and push away the promptings of the Spirit before, they won't be able to escape.

4. DREAMS, VISIONS, AND TRANCES

Acts 2:17 "Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams."

Acts 10:3 "He saw clearly in a vision an angel of God."

Acts 10:9-10 "He fell into a trance..."

Acts 16:9-10 "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night."

There will be an increase in the prophetic. Both the old and young will receive divine revelations from the Lord through prophecy, dreams, visions, and trances. We will walk and live in the revelation of the heart and mind of God.

5. SIGNS AND WONDERS IN THE HEAVENLIES AND ON THE EARTH

Acts 2:19-20 "I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath."

There will be physical signs in the heavenlies, not just miracles and healings, but in the very physical elements of nature.

6. MASS SALVATION AND HARVEST

Acts 2:21, 41 "That whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

There will be mass salvations as multitudes turn to the Lord and call upon Him for salvation, including the nation of Israel.

7, 8. WE WILL BE A CHURCH OF THE WORD AND PRAYER

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Acts 6:4 "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

We will be a praying church who is solidly grounded in the Word of God, not easily moved by passing doctrines, fables and teachings. There will be a great balance between the life found in the Word and the life found in Prayer. They are like two wings of an airplane that will keep the church on course and in balance.

9. INCREASE OF CREATIVE MIRACLES

Acts 2:43 "And many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."

There will be an INCREASE OF CREATIVE MIRACLES as they church walks in power.

10. HOLY FEAR

Acts 2:43 "Then fear came upon every soul."

There will be a HOLY FEAR that rests on the Church, causing many to walk in holiness.

11. DIVINE FAVOR

Acts 2:47 "...praising God and having favor with all the people."

There will be a DIVINE FAVOR placed on the church, not only with God, but with man.

12. GIVING THAT RELEASES SUPERNATURAL PROVISION

Acts 2:45 "...and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need."

The church will walk in the truth and revelation of GENEROUS GIVING THAT RELEASES DIVINE, SUPERNATURAL PROVISION.

13. LIVING STONES BUILT TOGETHER

Acts 2:46 "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house."

The move of God will be both in the TEMPLE (Church buildings) AND HOMES for we know that the true temple of God is wherever living stones are built together, including individual believers and groups of believers. God's glory won't be compartmentalized into "church life" and "regular home life." Even the homes will be filled with His presence and glory and will be places where Christians gather to share their faith with one another.

14. "CONTINUING" RELATIONSHIPS

Acts 2:42 "Continuing in fellowship..."

"CONTINUING" RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE THE STRUCTURE THAT HOLDS AND MAINTAINS THE MOVE OF GOD. God moves in the midst of community. We are a living temple built together stone upon stone, life upon life. There will be divine relationships established that will form a network that will be able to hold, maintain, and pour out the Glory of God into the earth.

15. OPERATE IN GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY AND POWER

Acts 3:6 "What I do have I give you."

The Church will walk and operate in their God-given authority and power. We will know what we have and give it away.

16. THE CHURCH WILL BE A PLACE OF WONDER AND AMAZEMENT

Acts 3:10 "They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."

God is restoring His wonder to the church.

17. PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS

Acts 4:31, 33 "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

The Church will walk in a supernatural boldness to proclaim the gospel with signs and wonders backing them up.

18. HEALING IN THE STREETS

Acts 5:14-16 "They brought the sick out in to the streets, and they were all healed."

There will be such a degree of power in the church that ALL WILL BE HEALED WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS BEING PERFORMED IN THE STREETS. God's glory will break outside the four walls of a church building and will be demonstrated in the streets where the lost, sick, and dying are.

19. ANGELIC ACTIVITY

Acts 5:17-19 "But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out."

ANGELIC ACTIVITY WILL BE COMMON FOR THE CHURCH. The realm of the Spirit and supernatural activity will be natural for the Last Day's Church. Visitations of angels will be understood and experienced in a biblical way.

20. GREAT JOY IN THE CHURCH

Acts 8:4-8 "And there was great joy in that city."

THERE WILL BE GREAT JOY IN THE CHURCH AS GOD'S POWER IS DISPLAYED, despite the increase of darkness in the world, along with possible persecution for our faith from those whose minds are blinded by the god of this age. Christians will live in a supernatural joy as they see the amazing miracles performed by the power of God.

21. SUPERNATURAL POWER AND ACTIVITY INCLUDING TRANSLATION

Acts 8:39 "The Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away."

Supernatural power and activity, including translation, being supernaturally taken from one location to another in bodily form by the power of the Spirit, will be experienced by the Church.

22. VISIONS OF THE LORD HIMSELF

Acts 9:3-4 "And suddenly a light shone around him from heaven."

These visions of Christ will even be given to those in the deepest darkness and will be a way the Lord reveals Himself. This will happen more and more in the Muslim world as well.

23. THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED

Acts 9:36-37, 40 "And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up."

The dead will be raised as a supernatural sign of the resurrection of Christ.

24. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE POURED OUT ON ENTIRE GROUPS OF PEOPLE

Acts 10:44-46 "The Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word."

Including entire people groups, tribes, congregations, and denominations.

25. SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE WITH THE ACTIVITY OF ANGELS

Acts 12:5,7 "An angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison, and his chains fell off his hands."

There will be supernatural deliverance with the activity of angels.

26. ONLY GOD WILL GET THE GLORY

Acts 12:23 "An angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God."

God is jealous for the glory. He wants ALL of it.

27. COMMISSIONED THROUGH FASTING AND PRAYER

Acts 13:2 "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'"

People will be commissioned into their callings and destinies through fasting and prayer.

28. THERE WILL BE THE OPERATION OF GREAT AUTHORITY FOR DELIVERANCE

Acts 16:18 "'I command you in the name of Jesus to come out of her.' And he came out that very hour."

Not only will the Church heal the sick and see mighty miracles, but we will also move in deliverance seeing the oppressed set free from demonic power.

29. UNUSUAL MIRACLES

Acts 19:11-12 "Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul."

There will be UNUSUAL MIRACLES that God works through His servants. Even prayer clothes will carry the tangible anointing of the Holy Spirit.

30. HOLINESS AND PURITY WILL MARK THE CHURCH

Acts 5:4-5 "Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things."

Eph. 5:27 "That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."

There will be no inward toleration of sin or hypocrisy. Ananias and Sapphira were judged for their hypocrisy, setting a standard for God's holiness in the Church. Remember, with great power and authority comes great responsibility. The greater the glory and power God gives us, the purer we must be to hold that power.

God has given us the book of Acts as the standard for the operation of the supernatural in the Church. In a way, we are still writing the book of Acts as we move in the power of the Spirit and perform the works Christ has called us to do. The glory on the Last Day's Church will be even greater than that on the early church. There are still greater works God has called us to do to see all the nations brought into His Kingdom and come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let's lay hold of the fullness of the Spirit by faith, step out and walk on the water! May God's glory fill your life with increasing power as you seek after Him.

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A Parable Of What Is To Come

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In a dream I was put in charge of spraying the trees in this beautiful wilderness area to feed them. When I sprayed them they turned the most beautiful green. Hidden among the trees was a tall, blonde, blue-eyed man with a beautiful smile. He kissed me over and over and then went back into the trees. I kept doing my job and yearned for the young man to come back to me. Never could make out his face, but that he was so tall and his eyes were so blue (sapphires) and his kisses were so powerful. I woke up saying in my dream, I MUST get back to him. It has been so long since he has kissed me and held me.

Long ago there was a beautiful orchard. It wasn't time for leaves and the Lord said don't prune them or don't take any thing away from them, for it was not time for them yet. The trees are people, and the Lord is preaching through us to the people. We shall be called trees of righteousness. So what I was spraying on the leaves in the dream was righteousness through the revelation of Jesus in preaching that produced growth and life in the trees. As for the blue-eyed young man, the bride yearns for the husbandman of the orchard. The blue eyes are two sapphires glowing with the pure heavenly love of God to a people who love Him and completely give to Him. It is a love relation never known on this earth and can NEVER be explained or taught by human means. I think the “job” i was assigned has to do with my every day life and the job I have to do here until.... I am giving the leaves food and life and growth without knowing it. But the lord was showing me which trees to spray in the spirit. The lover of my soul remained hidden in the trees for the time being, but I was keenly aware of his presence there and I yearned for his kisses. I am sharing these things now with a people while He has to stay nearby, but hidden. But oh, how I searched for him and cried in my soul for him. It was just like a scene from Song of Solomon

Think of the symbols here:

1) leaves of the trees: are for the HEALING of the nations.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the **leaves** of the tree were for the healing of the nations REV. 22:2

2) Leaves of the fig tree: when you see them, it is SUMMER TIME.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth **leaves**, ye know that summer is near: Matt 13:28

3) SAPPHIRES:

Job 28:!-13 Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it. Iron is taken out of the earth, and brass is molten out of the stone. He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection: the stones of darkness, and the shadow of death. The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant; even the waters forgotten of the foot: they are dried up, they are gone away from men. As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire. ***The stones of it are the place of sapphires: and it hath dust of gold.*** There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. He putteth forth his hand upon the rock; he overturneth the mountains by the roots. He cutteth out rivers among the rocks; and his eye seeth every precious thing. He bindeth the floods from overflowing; and the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light. But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the land of the living.

Rev. 21: 9-27 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal; And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. ***And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;*** The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

4) KISSES: to put together, kiss (Qal) to kiss (Piel) to kiss (Hiphil) to touch gently to handle, be equipped with (Qal) to be equipped armed, 2; armed men, 1; kiss, 29; kissed him, 1; ruled, 1; touched, 1; armed, 1; do homage, 2; equipped, 2; kiss, 8; kissed, 18; kisses, 2; threw a kiss, 1; touching, 1;

Song 1:2 Let him kiss me with the **kisses** of his mouth: for thy love is better than wine.

It is amazing how the Lord provides the food for the nations. Amazing how the lord provides. He is reaching people, almost free with no bills to pay, so there is no need to beg for offerings. There is no tedious, tiresome study either. He feeds us in the night hours to give us words during the day to feed the nations. Bakeries say we bake while you sleep. So it is with God’s bakery!!! There is bread baking while we sleep and when we wake up there is breakfast and enough to feed the multitudes. Read job 28. He says as for the earth, out of it cometh bread

This is casting the net on the right side and catching the full to overflowing fish. This is casting your bread upon the waters and watching it return to you multiplied. This is giving out of your bosom and watching a fruitful harvest being returned to you, so that the Lord can say NOW my barns are full. This is spraying the leaves of the trees for the healing of the nations. It is done in quietness and confidence, not in frenzied religious activity. True faith has a quietness about it. There is no need to run about, toiling and spinning and fretting. There is no “my ministry” in true faith. It is all about Jesus, and when that is all there is to it, Jesus comes with his kisses and equips us, arms us and fills us to over flowing with the true bread of life. And that bread is not hoarded in our pantries. It is given to the nations for food.

Amen and Shalom,
Becky

Faith In The Fire
Becky McLendon

Romans 9:16 *So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.*

Nancy Sinatra had a popular song in the 60’s “These Boots Were Made For Walkin’.” But we are shod with the gospel of peace, and these shoes were made to stand still in; not run in. So we stand still and see the salvation of God in our trials.

If we have a problem we let the Lord translate us. A friend said to me recently: “Once I wanted a divorce; I once wanted to quit my job; I once wanted to quit the church I was going to. But the Lord would not let me run.” The Lord said, “You stay until you have victory. You stay in that place until you have victory over that spirit that binds you.” He allows the trials then He preaches to us in the trials to bring us the victory.

Luke 13:19 *It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.*

Every living thing towered over the mustard seed. But Jesus said faith could become the greatest; it didn't have to quit or move yonder. The faith of the election will outgrow every thing there is. Let the world tell you about how great this and that is how terrible, how powerful the enemy is, but faith will outgrow it.

Exodus 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

It’s the Lord's way of giving us power so we won't sit under a juniper tree and be a crybaby, “The devil is giving me a hard time.” Be quiet and give the devil a hard time. Let’s catch the little foxes and set their tails on fire. In the pathway of righteousness there are trials, and so it is the more the trials, more the power; more trials; more power. Things that should be bringing people closer to the Lord is killing them .he that believeth not shall be damned.

Romans 12:*3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.* But where is that faith?

Many believe in diseases, tornadoes, heart trouble, turmoil and problems more than they believe Jesus. Conversion believes in Jesus. We will bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus, so what He endured so shall we in His name. Instead of believing in the trial we believe in the anointing that takes the trial away. It’s a trying time. But his faith remains. By his faith we overcome. Its what he believes that gets us through. To keep his sayings, we keep what he believes. Conversion is living only by his saying. Jesus kept the Father’s sayings and ignored and deleted what others said.

LIFT UP YOUR HEAD AND REJOICE
YOUR REDEMPTION DRAWETH NIGH!!

Blessings and shalom,
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Plans
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I dreamed recently that I told our son about getting into the oven of the stove and turning it on to 300 degrees for an hour. I told him that it would cleanse him. He and a young woman got in there, I saw them turn it on (their decision to follow through), and he said “It can get hot in here.” They both had large gold watches on, and he said let’s take these off they might burn our arms. The oven turned on, the door locked and I knew they would be in there for one hour. My husband and I left the house and my thoughts were on my son and the young lady in the oven, locked in there until the hour was up. I could not “rescue them” and I knew the heat of the oven would do what it was supposed to do. God is preparing for him a helpmeet and they BOTH have to go through this fire for a set time and a set heat to destroy all THEIR plans and line them up with HIS plans. “Our” plans do NOT coincide with God’s until “our plans” ARE God’s plans.

John 10:5 *And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of* *strangers.*

We see man's plans as strangers; we know only the voice of the Lord's plan. From others we flee. From. We can pray for our government, but their plans are strangers to us. We look to His plan that will save to the uttermost. His plan will heal the land. If we are in His plan, we are 2 Chronicles 7:14 made flesh! We will not add, and we will not take away, and we shall see the land of quick healing.

The greater works anointing is waiting until just before he goes with us to do the preaching. It is a promise until then. To go any other way is like Little Jack Russell chasing the master down the road when he is supposed to remain at home. That is why He has us waiting!

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Do! Do! Do! ...A man with no vision of Jesus doing the preaching is driven by the devil: hurry go preach your time is short go preach. It’s the devil that hurries man out to do the preaching. That man is in the devil’s fire; not the Lord’s. It is wild fire that sets out with that kind of preaching. The lord wants us to get out of the devils fire and come into his fire of cleansing and perfecting. Wildfires do not have any purpose in the kingdom.

Foresters do "controlled" burns at the orders of someone over them saying go to this part of the forest and set fire to the undergrowth so the tress can grow. It is a controlled burn that we are in. God prescribes it...as in that dream: 300 degrees in a locked oven for one hour, but don’t look at your watch! Without such a fire, the undergrowth will choke out the tree of righteousness and the tree of life in us!

There is a the place that He goes to prepare for us. Anytime we see the Lord heading down the road ahead of us we know He goes to prepare that anointing for us to go to the next step. We will have a house from heaven for all that we do. As Jesus said, "The Lord has anointed me." That anointing is the house. We have a house for each thing before we do it. The one we are married to will do the preaching. Those that are not married to him have to do the preaching right now, and they are “on fire for Jesus” with the devil’s fire.

This is amazing when I said to myself the Lord was revealing so much this morning, i had no clue what he was revealing until I "opened my mouth" on this keyboard! That goes to show us the anointing to preach is on us even before the words are formed in our minds...so we are not to take care as to what we shall say in that day...for the Holy Spirit will give utterance. We don’t have to spend days on end “trying to study scripture to prepare a sermon.” If we abide in Jesus the word, he will give us the words that speak life to the nations when he sends us. So hang itineraries. Hang agendas and bulletins. Hang “my ministry” mentality. Come to His fire of burning until His plans become ours.
Blessings and Shalom,
Becky

Appointed Times

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Stay Obedient and Operate in Season

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Exodus 13:10
Thou shalt therefore keep **this ordinance in his season** from year to year.
Leviticus 23:4
These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which **ye shall proclaim in their seasons.**
Ecclesiastes 3:1
To every thing there is a season, and a **time to every purpose** under the heaven:
Luke 1:20
And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, **which shall be fulfilled in their season.**
John 5:4
For an angel went down at a **certain season** into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had
Acts 24:25
And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a **convenient season**, I will call for thee.

Everything has a season. There is a time to every purpose. This is such a crucial statement of TRUTH in the word of God. So many of us receive from the Lord but go ahead or behind and are out of DIVINE beat. He is the **LORD OF THE DANCE.** When we dance out of time, we have lost our grace and flow. We have taken ashes instead of beauty. It is like one piston in an engine of a vehicle out of time and causing the engine to misfire and run rough.

The Lord instructs in Exodus 13:10 that he had given an ordinance in HIS season. The Lord chooses the season. For clarity, the word ordinance means: **the act of ordaining; the act of conferring (or receiving) holy orders.** Any WORD, instruction, or prompting of the Lord through the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, IS A HOLY ORDER of AUTHORITY from the Most High. The Lord also gives a season with an ordinance. This is why many feel as though the Lord is not moving on promises spoken years ago. We can not forget that there is a SEASON, for which the thing is to occur. There is a season for which to speak. Jesus knew the seasons of the Father. He never spoke before or after the Father. He spoke IN TIME.

In Luke we can see this again. There was a time to speak. It was spoken in its proper season. There is a season for those words to come to pass. To everything there is a season and a time to EVERY PURPOSE under the heaven. God is the God of Time. He isn’t constrained by time, but He expects US to obey HIS time calendar!

What we are NOT to do is pick a convenient season for to respond to the Lord in obedience. We must not do as Felix did.

How are you walking? Is Jesus close enough to you to whisper and you can hear Him plain? Are you dancing so close that you know His Timing and flow accordingly? Are you the clanging symbol throwing the orchestra into irritating tones? Consider these. This is the Word of the Lord.

RULES OF THUMB

1. If you feel pressured- its NOT God's timing
2. If you feel hurried-its NOT God's timing
3. If you lose peace considering moving into a choice- its Not God's timing

Reconsider not necessarily the Word you have received, but your perception of the timing. You may have heard right, but are off the timing for THE DANCE. Stay joyful. The Devil can't keep your goods if he can't STEAL your JOY.

Fire Released From The Bones
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The Lord gave me a vision while deep, so deep in the Spirit during worship. He showed me the people's veins in the congregation. Veins that had liquid fire flowing through them. The fire was a beautiful red and gold.

The Lord told me:

There is fire that has been shut up in the bones that is being released into those who are willing to be bold and fearless. There is a strong Prophetic Worship coming onto " ordinary" people. This anointing comes in an instant. There is no need to "work it up". It's walking always in glory. It is beginning first in those who have been last. It is in those who have nothing but total trust and faith and abandon to Me. Those who have been using their gift, where ever they can, this anointing will fall on them suddenly.

The requirements have already been fulfilled. The requirements are trial by fire, to enter into MASTERY IN FIRE. There are few, but they are planted in various spots, who are NOW walking in MASTERY IN FIRE. For once the Fire comes, and mastery occurs, then the manifestation of rain appears! Those who have ears to hear. LISTEN and REJOICE!

A Pain Reliever

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"For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formally alienated and hostile in MIND, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach. (Colossians 1:19-22)

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through SUFFERINGS. (Hebrews 2:9-10)

The multitude of yellow ribbons we see today have become a familiar symbol of our thoughts and prayers concerning those who defend our country. The yellow ribbon is a symbol of a "welcome home" to those who have "suffered" and fought through the virtue of self-sacrifice. In the fallen world in which we live, wars and casualties of war have been necessary to defeat the sinful pride and greed of humanity that resides in the heathen soul. The Bible itself is filled with both the natural and spiritual aspects of warfare and the by-product of suffering, the agony of defeat, and the rewards of victory. Regardless of how we view "warfare" and even life; it will have woven within it the elements of "suffering."

The world yesterday and today, has and is laced with the battles of justice and injustice. The yellow, pink, and blue ribbons that are so visible today, are expressions of appreciation for the willingness of others to suffer for our well being and the hope of a safe return home. In essence, it is an acknowledgment of "we love you." I find it to be a paradox that we can so earnestly love those who are willing to suffer on our behalf but resist or even deny the thought and reality of suffering ourselves. It is my hope that this article will bring a greater understanding to the nature and place of suffering and its application in the life of a believer in Jesus Christ.

Now, I can imagine what the response would be in most churches if I took the pulpit and titled my message, "The benefits of suffering." I would assume that many would be uncomfortable, non-attentive in denial, and I probably would not be invited back. Our human or fleshly intellect reasons with a "selective" biblical approach that suffering is for those ("Christians") who are sinning and health, wealth, and prosperity are for the godly. However, this ideal or viewpoint does not line up with the fullness of God's Word. It is not the example that we see in scripture nor is it real life. As a matter of fact, we witness exactly the opposite for those who were most obedient in their calling. A good question is why?

In all honesty, I don't like suffering any more than most of you do. However, we desperately need the grace of truth to manifest and grant us understanding to the Lord's ways and purposes and not our own. After all, the rubber truly hits the road in our "readiness" not "willingness" to suffer or even die for the cause of Christ. It is our readiness within the plan and purposes of God that truly brings the anointing and fragrance of Christ into our lives and produces everlasting fruit for future generations.

Many of our addictive behaviors, defeats, and losses in life have been the result of a MIND without Christ rather than the "mind of Christ." All of us are a work in progress and process. For the perfecting work of Christ to bring us into maturity and victory, we need to arm ourselves with the "Sword of the Spirit" (the Word of God), but also the "mind" that Christ had toward suffering. Read closely the following verse and notice the missing WEAPON that many of us have neglected or have even rejected:

"Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, ARM YOURSELVES likewise with the same MIND: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin." (1 Peter 4:1)

Now, it is vital that we understand that suffering is not what we are to "arm" ourselves with – It is having the mind of Christ or the mind that Christ had toward suffering. In other words, the divine understanding of suffering and how it plays in the life of a believer is what empowers or arms us. The power of the resurrection and the tremendous strength and courage that it took to endure the cross was the clear understanding by Jesus of what His suffering would produce in God's plan and wisdom. Again, it would be this understanding that would give Christ and the saints of the scriptures and history the strength to face the trials that a fallen world would ultimately and certainly produce. Look, lets get our proverbial heads out of the sand and know that various trials and suffering WILL be a part of our lives. It is how we respond and view these trials that will make a world of difference and a difference in the world.

It is within this grace that we can move into trials and even suffering without fear and the knowledge that God is working all things together for our good and well-being. It allows us to look through spiritual eyes at our situations and even adversaries in new ways that draws us into "What does God desire to do in my life through this situation or person." Ultimately it produces the ripening and mature fruit of the Spirit. Both Peter and James would write and clearly speak by the leading of Holy Spirit to us today – "Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete lacking nothing." You may ask, how? The answer is simple: When we "embrace" the fires of life rather than resist or run from them, we place ourselves in a position of faith to see the power of God's hand upon our life and circumstance in leading us to maturity and victory. Can we really assume that we can or will mature "perfectly" left to our own devices and love for what is easy?

Now, none of us should seek or feel that we need trials of suffering in our lives – If we are truly walking with Christ as His witness, we will not have to look for it! It is ridiculous to idolize the saints of old who became hermits and subjected "themselves" to various trials (Isolation, speechlessness, poverty, physical endurance to the elements of extreme weather, ect.) This has little to none in being a witness of Jesus Christ and changing the world around us. As a matter of fact, we become even more irrelevant or even "nutty" to a lost world than we already are. It also points to a work based "religion" that nullifies the rest and assurance of God's love and grace.

Now, I am not saying that trials and suffering are a joy or fun. (We count it all joy knowing the perfecting work it produces depending on our RESPONSE. But, it is not a joy in and of itself.) Even Jesus Himself asked that His "Father remove the cup that was set before Him" (paraphrased). However, we must stop at this point and look into the face of Truth and realize that it has been the trials and suffering in our lives that have produced the most lasting effects toward necessary change, maturity and transition. Why, because so few of us are willing to change on our own initiative. God, in His mercy and kindness, will oftentimes use trials and elements of suffering to promote sanctification, maturity, and compassionate identification in our lives. Come on, lets stop acting like Job never existed and that Abraham didn't terribly suffer in walking with His son Isaac. What about Joseph, who was unjustly imprisoned? Or, Moses, who had to walk in the desert, deprived of his inheritance with a complaining and unbelieving people. How can we truly and compassionately relate to another's trials and needs to bring genuine comfort if we have never experienced them ourselves? We can only give what we truly have. God is much more concerned with our character than He is our comfort. It when our character is Christ-like that we can offer "real" comfort and healing to another. The anointing and power of God rests upon the "character" of a man or women.

It seems that today's modern church moves in the exact opposite direction. We are appalled at suffering and have a genuine fear of it. The Bible says that God has not given us a spirit of fear but of a sound "MIND." Moving fearlessly through life as an ambassador of Christ is the character of a CHRISTIAN and one who has the right and the birthright to be called such. We are mocked today for our lukewarm and irrelevant lifestyle as a corporate body. The world clearly knows that we will never be a REVOLUTIONARY people as long as we are primarily a COMFORT seeking people. Humanity knows all to well from history that the only revolutions that have been successful were brought forth by people who truly BELIEVED in their cause and were willing to lay their life down for the sake of others for that cause. Radical? Absolutely! Wasn't Jesus?

It is important to understand that all suffering does not originate from the hand of God. Persecution and suffering can come from the devil and demonic activity. However, believers can suffer persecution and it is not because they have sinned or lived a life that was unworthy of Christ dying for. 1 Timothy 3:12 states, "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 1 Peter 4:16 goes on to say, " Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in the matter." The Bible is clear in that suffering and the trials of life is something that everyone, including the righteous will experience. Again, the purpose of this article is not to glorify suffering. It is to equip and encourage the importance and spiritual significance to our "readiness" and the way we "RESPOND" to trials and suffering.

Beloved, our response to trials, persecution, and elements of suffering are the defining moments in our lives toward maturity and spiritual promotion. The stewardship of the anointing in the spiritual and the emotional peace and quality of life we live in natural, hinges upon our response to adversity. It is my hope and prayer that we will approach our places of employment, relationships, and view of life in a new and fresh way. Our acceptance and readiness to suffering will afford tremendous opportunities to truly minister the love of God and the fruit of His Spirit. Peter and James "counted the joy" of USING these times of adversity as a means of spiritual growth and ministry. To run, neglect, deny, complain, or hide, from adversity only paints a picture of faithlessness to the world that the Lord is not taking care of you and has failed in His promises. Again, no one should ask for or like suffering. However, nobody, and I mean nobody has ever escaped it. Moving through trials and adversity is a valuable part of the Christian life when approached with the mind of Christ as an opportunity for ministry, growth, maturity, and RECONCILIATION – for which we are called "ministers."

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which we see are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Corinthians 4:17-18)

Remember, to "arm yourself" with suffering is the knowledge that we have ceased from sin and that the Lord's desire is to prove or set us before the world as an example of being perfected in faith. This is a prophetic clarion from the Lord to begin giving "perfecting" words and actions to adverse conversations and situations. We are being called to be a witness to the strength of Christ's anointing and not our constant whining and complaining. Our readiness and response to suffering and adversity is the most practical and applicable means of evangelism and revival. However, it is least exercised.

I began this article using the yellow ribbon as an analogy of our appreciation for those "soldiers" who have suffered in defending their homeland. I believe that it is time that we (the church) begin defending our "Homeland" by the life we live and portray. I know that there will be ribbons of gold and a incomparable "I love you and I have missed you" from heaven.

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A Prophetic Word For Our Season

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I believe that we are at an unbelievably significant and dangerous juncture in world history, in Church history, and in Israel's history. We are witnessing the world, and especially the old so-called, "Christian world," sliding into the arms of the antichrist. The spirit of antichrist has always been in the world, making its first appearance in the Garden of Eden, and progressing until the present time. Shortly, however, the incarnation of that spirit will appear. He is called, in the word of God, in the second letter of the Apostle Paul to the Thessalonians, and chapter two, verses 3, 4, and 8, "the man of sin, the lawless one, the one who opposes and exalts himself against all that is called God." These are very interesting titles. The "sinful man," that is the one who believes in sin and in self as the key to everything-the "lawless one" - not the gangster-but the one who does not accept the revealed law of God as the basis for life. The one who opposes all that is called God, and exalts himself against all that is called God-I find it very, very interesting, this description. Those nations that became great through embracing the word of God-the revealed law of God, who owned the Messiah as Savior, and the living Word of God, manifest in the flesh, have now rejected Him and God's word, reverting to pagan concepts. The very nations, who through a work of the Holy Spirit, resulting in multiple conversions and transformed lives-lives that were lived in following the Lord Jesus' disciples-those same nations were nationally transformed. It was the living and active power in God's word that changed such nations and made them great. Today, those nations are not only rejecting that heritage, but trampling it under foot. This can only lead to disillusion, terrible bondage and judgment. Some believers and Bible teachers speak of human conspiracies. I do not believe that is a right understanding of our present situation. It is true that there is the "Bilderberg connection." Now the Bilderberg circle, partly founded by Kissinger, is a very shadowy group of leaders, both cultural leaders, economic leaders, and political leaders-even religious leaders-who come together from time to time, in a very secretive type of gathering, to discuss the world problems, and particularly, globalization as the solution.

In my estimation, whilst there are human conspiracies, the real conspirator, the conspirator is Satan, with a conspiratorial hierarchy of evil. In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he speaks in chapter 6 and verse 12, of "not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this darkness, against hosts of wicked spirits in the heavenlies." It is Satan, himself, who is the one coordinating unsaved and fallen flesh and blood, using even so-called Christian leaders, to fall in line with his purpose, finally, to win the world.

Thus we see an incredible coordination of unbelieving men and women, on every level of world society, working towards the resurrection and revival of Babel, with the same character and the same pride and determination that energized Babel. These are not naïve and unsuspecting people, captured without knowing it by demonic means, but they are adult in every way-mature. They are what are described by the Apostle Paul, also in that Ephesian letter, chapter two, and verse two, as "sons of disobedience," energized by the spirit of evil. Interesting, it says "sons," not children, but "sons of disobedience." This will all end in terrible corruption and sin. It came from hell, and will return to it.

The United Nations, with its warped priorities, with its present scandals to do with money and sex, going up to the highest ranks in its leadership, accurately represents this Babel. Forget the highfaluting words and mottos, the reality is the glorification of fallen man. Behind the words lies the spirit of antichrist. Thank God that in every nation, every ethnic group, every race, God, by His Holy Spirit, and through the finished work of the Messiah, Jesus, is calling people to Himself, to be His own-to belong to, to represent, and manifest another kingdom. In some parts of the world, this work of His is so powerful, that it is impacting national life. For example, in Africa, in South America, in Mainland China, in Southeast Asia-only in the old "Christian heartlands," so-called, is there so meager a response. This is my burden.

Whilst the whole world slides into the arms of the antichrist, the Church, which should be the witness to the world, warning it, and by the very light of God within in, shining into the darkness-salt that checks the corruption-the Church in the Western nations, is dancing, clapping, and seemingly worshipping, whilst on the edge of a precipice, leading to destruction, and without any understanding of the danger that confronts the world society at present, and the Church.

Please do not misunderstand me-I believe in true worship-worship in spirit and in truth. I have no problem with clapping or dancing. I do have a problem with worship, which is totally orchestrated, with a kind of worship, which is a form of "entertainment"-worship which becomes a form of escapism, a means of escapism, which blinds believers to reality. Again, let me say that I am not speaking of those ancient, institutional churches, from which long ago spiritual life and fervor has gone, leaving behind only the form of godliness, but denying the power of God.

It is interesting to note that Pope John Paul II, since my last Update in January, has died. Whilst not in any way commending the Roman Catholic system, one can only record that if the Protestant leaders, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Moderator of the Methodist Church, or other Protestant leaders, had one-eighth of Pope John Paul's courage, to stand up and be counted, on a whole number of moral issues-unpopular as they are in contemporary thought and society-the Protestant denominations of all colors, would not be in the serious decay and deterioration they are. Instead, they try to be popular, contemporary and "with it." Their compromised appeasement policy does not win them any respect or support. If they were to die, very few would come out on the streets. Yet millions of young people turned out for the Pope's funeral. Thus it must have been a shock to many such churchmen. How could so many millions have respected a seemingly arch-conservative, with anti-views and concepts so contrary to modern society and philosophy? Yet, there must have been something, somehow, within so many that responded to the fact that there was truth in what he said about abortion, about euthanasia, about gay-rights, and about many other things. I have said I am not speaking about those ancient institutional churches, but I am speaking about evangelical and charismatic assemblies and churches. They are, in so many cases today, Laodecean. They have all the required forms, sound doctrine, biblical ritual, but the Lord is outside, and they are not aware of it. Without even recognizing it, they have become in many instances, the epitome of dead Phariseeism-the very group which they believe represents only Jews. They cannot hear His knocking, let alone His voice. They believe they are "it," they have arrived, they are rich, they have all knowledge, they are properly clothed spiritually, they have need of nothing. Yet, the Messiah Jesus says, "You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked." What a catalog!

A Laodecean church is lukewarm, apathetic, unburdened, comfortable, undisturbed. The lukewarm never repent. Apathy immunizes people against repentance. As I have said before, a Laodecean church can consist of all born-again believers, and can have the Lord's table, Bible studies, evangelistic outreach and work, and yet, the Head of the Church is outside and unheard. Is it possible to have times with much excitement, movement, and all the trappings of a live church, and be deaf to the Lord and Savior? It is. When it has become routine, when flesh has taken over from the true leading and power of the Spirit, that is what it becomes. Deaf, blind, wretched, miserable and poor. These are not my words; these are the words of the Head of the Church.

And what about shepherds who have no understanding of the times, and therefore cannot warn the flock of what has happened? For this reason, I have such a deep burden for the European nations, particularly for the Anglo-Saxon nations of Britain and the United States. It seems to me an inescapable conclusion that in the fulfillment of the purpose of God for the Church and for the nations, He watched over the bringing and the success of the Gospel in the British Isles, from naked savages painted with woad [blue dye], and wearing leather and feathers, from pirates and buccaneers, God, through the section of the Gospel to change lives, watched over the development of one of the greatest empires in world history-and in spite of its many failings, one of the most just and civilizing empires. Whatever its dark side was, through it, the Gospel came to much of the world.

The British Empire governed one-quarter of the world's surface, and seven times the population of the Roman Empire. The British-Israel theory, in my estimation, is false, built on erroneous interpretations. Yet the many references in the prophetic word of God to "the isles," in Hebrew, coastlands, or we could understand it as "the West" that is, everything when you go west from the Promised Land, you come to the coastlands. But the coastlands of Greece are all islands-many, many islands, and so this word, "isles," or "coastlands," in Hebrew, is literally, what lies west of Israel. It's not wrong to understand this as the West. It seems as if it has found a wondrous fulfillment in the reception of the Gospel in the Western nations-the producing, particularly in Britain-of a nation founded on God's word, and His Gospel, to become a center of divine light, radiating into the whole world.

Consider for a moment, what did Isaiah-in particular Isaiah-see in this matter? Think. Isaiah 49:1,6: "Listen O isles, unto me, hearken ye people from far, the Lord has called me (this is the Lord Jesus) from the womb..." (it's the Messiah) "I (God) will give thee (it says in verse six) for a light to the Gentiles that thou mayest be my salvation to the ends of the earth." Or again, Isaiah 42:4: "He will not fail nor be discouraged till He accept justice in the earth and the isles shall wait for His law." Or again, Isaiah 50:9, "Surely the isles shall wait for me." Again, Isaiah 66:19: "And I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them, unto the nations, to the isles afar off, that have not heard of my fame, neither have seen my glory, and they shall declare my glory among the nations." Isn't that interesting? And they-that is these particular nations "shall declare my glory among the nations." And again in Isaiah 55:5: "Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and a nation that knew not thee will run unto thee, because of the Lord, thy God."

No wonder British and Irish soil was soaked with the blood of martyrs, as the powers of darkness sought to frustrate God's purpose. To me, the United States was the extension of this, founded on the same biblical principles-in many ways, the United States was even more faithful and devoted to the Gospel and to the word of God. After all, it was persecuted, and hated Christian believers, unyielding in their loyalty and obedience to Christ and to God's word, who were exiled to North America, to found, in the purpose of God, one of the greatest nations in history.

It is all of this that Britain is rejecting. Only God can save her from this folly. In a prophecy, which Mother Barbara heard when she was a young girl of 16 in 1911, in Russia, in a place north of Moscow, it was said, "And Britain will lose her empire and all her colonies, but will be saved by praying women." In two world wars, when all seemed lost, God saved Britain. Will He do it again? He used remarkable prayer warriors-nearly in all cases-women. Will He do it again? Unless the Lord dramatically intervenes, I see nothing but judgment for Britain. Yet, even in judgment, God could grant an awakening that could sweep millions into the Kingdom of God.

The Lord has given the United States a four-year window of opportunity. If the Church in the United States humbles itself and with many and genuine tears-and I mean it-with many, and genuine tears, such tears represent a heart burden that could hardly be held-only with such tears, the evidence of something so painful within the spirit, will God hear. But if the Church in the United States humbles itself and with many and genuine tears repents its Laodecean condition, its comfortable, undisturbed kind of state, the fact that it feels it's reached the zenith-that it's got everything-the Lord may well give to the United States one of the greatest awakenings in the history of the Church. Otherwise, she will fall from her Super-power status, and a flood of demonic darkness will submerge her.

Listen to me. It is no easy thing for me to say such words. I don't like confrontation, and I don't like having to say things like this, but as surely as I speak on this tape or CD, American will fall, and become like the British Isles-an offshore island of Europe, so America will fall back to become just nothing amongst the nations of the world, whilst other nations will begin to rise to their zenith.

What should be our response to all of this? It seems to be that there are seven imperatives.

(1) The first is absolute faithfulness to the word of God-to its authority, its inspiration, and its relevance in all its parts. We will not reinterpret God's word to make it contemporary. We will be faithful to His word, however much it costs us. We will let go of what is not in His word, and we will obey what is in His word. We must not only hear the word of God-vital as that is-we must do the word of God. The Scripture is very clear-"All scripture is inspired of God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction, which is in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."

(2) The second imperative is a full and complete devotion and allegiance to the Lord Jesus, to His person, and His work. The Apostle Paul, writing in the Ephesian letter, chapter 1:9,says, "Making known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in the Lord Jesus, unto a dispensation of the fullness of times to sum up all things in Christ." There is no substitute for devotion to the Lord Jesus. In the Colossian letters, in chapter one, verse 18: "He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things, He might have the preeminence." We must not countenance any move that devalues the Lord Jesus-making Him less than He is-giving Him a lesser place than the Father has given Him. We will not belittle His finished work on the cross-that so great and complete salvation, which He won for us in His substitutionary death.

(3) Thirdly, we must know the Holy Spirit, His person, and His work. There is no alternative to the work of the Holy Spirit, both His indwelling and His anointing. Without His ministry, we become merely religious. His power, His equipment and gifts, His instruction, are all essential. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit, and we must be anointed with the Holy Spirit.

(4) Fourthly, we must, with utmost devotion to the Lord, preach the Gospel. It has to be preached in the whole world, for a testimony to all nations, before the end comes, Jesus said in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 24, verse 14. Therefore, we must support fully and wholeheartedly even Gospel work and endeavor that is under the anointing of God. Nor is this "decision preaching"-some modern, contemporary preaching of the Gospel, emptied of its true content. It is our common salvation, the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints. We have absolutely no right or authority to reinterpret it, or rewrite it.

(5) Fifthly, we need a spirit of genuine repentance for ourselves, for our church and for our nation. We will seek such a spirit, only when there are many tears of repentance will God, perchance, have mercy upon us, and turn again to our nations in saving and transforming power.

(6) Sixthly, the sixth imperative is true and powerful intercession. We are watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem-whether it is to do with Israel, or whether it is to do with the Church, the Body of Messiah-only the Spirit of God can produce such intercession. We're not talking about prayer or petition, but the kind of burden that is on the heart of the Lord Jesus, communicated by the Spirit of God to us-in fact, burdens, conceived in us by the Spirit-producing travail, which in turn brings fulfillment of God's purpose.

(7) Seventhly, there is no substitute for the fire of God. I'm not speaking of strange, or foreign fire-

something that is to do with emotional, something that is fleshly fire, or even demonic fire. I mean the genuine fire of God. God always answered by fire. It is the symbol of His presence. The fire that impacted the whole world in the early Church, and turned it upside down and inside out-that's the kind of fire we need. The fire that burned in John Huss, and led him to his death-in William Tyndale and his martyrdom, in Martin Luther, in Count Zinzendorf, and the Moravians that went to the farthermost and uttermost parts of the earth, with that fire burning in them-a hundred year prayer meeting, in which the fire was found. In George Fox and those early Quakers that transformed the face of Britain and the American colonies-in John and Charles Wesley, in George Whitefield, that at a point of terrible depravity and hopelessness in Britain, God, through the fire in these men, turned the whole situation, and produced one of the greatest awakenings in British history. John Nelson Darby, and the other early Brethren leaders, in Watchman Nee and those with him in China-also a martyr-many of them. Lukewarmness is the antithesis of fire. Fire is utter-100%, total in devotion, in endurance, in sacrifice, in fulfillment.

We have no other possibility. These are the seven imperatives that I believe that we need to take note of in a world that is sliding relentlessly, irreversibly into the arms of the antichrist. I hope that many of you will hear this voice of mine, and though I speak in weakness, in many ways, yet the power of God's word, as I see it, should be enough to impact every one of you, and somehow or other to challenge you to a new place, where you will stand before God.

Israel needs such prayer and such intercession. The true Church-if she is to make herself ready for the coming of the Lord needs such prayer. The nations, if they're amongst the young people in all the nations-the new generations, there are those, who at present are blinded by the god of this world-they need to see something of that fire of God, in those who know the Lord. That's the way things begin, and that's the way so many could be saved-like brands snatched out of the burning.

Well, dear people of God, hear this message today-this Update-hear it, and turn to the Lord, and ask Him to burden you in a deeper and fuller way, than ever before

Annual Prophetic Word
John Mark Pool

Calendar Year: 2005

As I draw into the Secret Place of God during the close of each year to hear the voice of God for each approaching year, I sensed the shifting in the heavenlies for 2005. The Lord allowed me to see many things in the Spiritual Realm for this New Year. As you know, the revelation begins in the spiritual realm first as the Lord then displays His physical occurrences with many ingredients involved to bring this to pass. Nonetheless, I felt the Lord impress on me during this time of writing that the catastrophic tsunami wave that flooded Southeast Asian countries including Sri Lanka, India, and Indonesia, was reversed as was manifested first in the physical is but an example of what God is about to do spiritually around the globe and in the USA. We have seen a major shifting! This is for sure one of the spiritual realms that is to certainly come full circle this year. I saw many things that involve Isaiah 40:22 that emphasized the *"Circle of the Earth."*

"CHUWG, chuwg, is Hebrew for circle. We are coming into full circle of the Earth! The Christian Voice will become a voice to be reckoned with this year and for sure in the next 4 years. Job 22:14 says, "He walketh in the circuit of heaven." Jehovah God is our Lord and He encircles the whole earth and now we must do the same.

We will begin to experience many blessings coming full circle this year! We have seen prior much seed planted in 2004 and the blessings will now come. Favor is upon all those who seek the Lord to get into His Circle of Completeness! I had an open vision in my secret place and saw the heavens open up and all the worshippers were around the throne room. The saints began to praise louder and the music brought the throngs into several circles. As the same praise and worship music played to the identical beat or rhythm the circles connected hand in hand and many arms overlapping arms as one circle danced one way the other immediately in front of those went to the worship music the opposite direction. It was constant circular motion of masses of worshippers praising the Lord in both dance and singing in rhythm in circular motions. It was spectacular and I felt the Lord say to me that we will connect here on this earth with that spirit of unity and move in a circular motion as we physically ***circle the earth.*** Also, God's blessings are coming home to connect many dots that make a huge net. This net of blessing is getting bigger and will soon circle the earth! I viewed what I feel was another rendition of more layers of praise leading to worship with the "wheels inside wheels" circling to the High Praise of Jehovah God. Ezekiel saw this in Chapter 10:9-13, *"9 Each of the four cherubim had a wheel beside him, and the wheels sparkled like chrysolite.*

10 All four wheels looked the same; each wheel had a second wheel turning crosswise within it.
11 The cherubim could move forward in any of the four directions they faced, without turning as they moved. They went straight in the direction in which their heads were turned, never turning aside.
12 Both the cherubim and the wheels were covered with eyes. The cherubim had eyes all over their bodies, including their hands, their backs, and their wings.
13 I heard someone refer to the wheels as "the whirling wheels."

On the other hand, I saw other circles that will cause much devastation. I saw many large hurricanes coming to the south central, and the extreme Eastern USA, especially the mid and upper Atlantic seaboard. The recent earthquakes, floods and hurricanes are only to increase upon the earth as this year will experience even more catastrophes both in the USA and countries that purposefully denounce and persecute citizens who believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord by whom all humans must believe in order to have access to the only one true Jehovah God.

We will see more of the merciful hand of God grab the attention of the earth's population as the major shaking that is about to happen takes place. These are birth pangs of a Major Move of God, as the world has never seen. This "child of God" has been awaiting His timing for years. Now in 2005, the year of Grace, God will begin such a major birthing of a Move of God as this country has yet to experience.

The *breaking and shaking* is the as in the natural birth process. The "water has broken" (especially in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, and that area) and now the breaking forth of the flow of God will move in. The shaking is the equivalent to the pushing and delivering forth anything that God wants to move out. God told me again as was emphasized last year that we must be willing as leaders of churches and ministries to lay aside every form of personal agendas. The Body of Christ will begin to reach across all man-made boundaries and denominational borders to grab each other linking arm in arm to fulfill this John 17 prayer of Jesus for unity in His Bride. A baby that will come is moving out, but just before the moving out, then the dragon that has been perched in the way, must also be shaken out. That old dragon has infected the Body of Christ long enough with the spirit of division.

Whatever is not of God must be shaken or broken off. God means anything that has taken the agenda upon it to stop God's prophetic destiny. (Prophetic destiny is destiny *known because God chose to reveal His will and announced this destiny many times through the years*). Yes the "breaker anointing" we had last year is still in effect. We will see the games of this "*churchiosity age*" broken off. We will begin to see further walls of manmade plans crumble before our eyes.

Denominations will begin to realize this and that will cause pure-hearted leaders to rejoice and begin walking in love of the Father and in holiness from Jehovah God. This will be a year to see "iniquitous patterns of old ways to do new things" broken down and shaken out of the way. (See *The Best is Yet Ahead* by Chuck Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema at www.Glory-of-Zion.com).

The enemy of God will become pulled into a circle he thinks he has developed, but it is instead a major plan of God to draw in some major Eastern and Mid-Eastern strongholds into a circle that is actually a noose to literally *strap* three major strongholds together. The enemy will see this a "Great Alliance of the East" and see it as control against Jehovah's plan, but will end up causing a latter day (Kingdom calendar day) demise. This will in turn give the nation of Israel peace they have not known before this year.

Their circle is being brought to a "Full Circle" as many more come to the homeland and Jerusalem is made again a prominent name in the household of the entire world. (This is actually *not* peace, yet it is a season of peace.). Israel has not been forgotten nor left to fend for herself. Jehovah is the defender of His *chosen* people. The new embracing of the anti-Semitism views is causing destruction to come upon those who embrace this view. The Word of the LORD is true and sharper than any two edged sword and those who choose to reduce the Jewish Nation as "not God's chosen" or minimize what God called His chosen people as now "common" is not good wisdom and will surely bring God's judgment upon whatever group embraces this teaching. Ezekiel 44:23 says it best, *"They will teach my people the difference between what is holy and what is common, what is ceremonially clean and unclean." NLT.*

Also read again now Hebrews 10:29-31, "29 Think how much more terrible the ***punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God and have treated the blood of the covenant as if it were common and unholy****. Such people have insulted and enraged the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to his people.*

30 For we know the one who said, "I will take vengeance. I will repay those who deserve it." He also said, "The Lord will judge his own people."

31 It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

I saw world leaders coming and circling around the new Israeli/Palestinian Alliance, as this will open a venue for the Bride of Christ to make ready themselves for the Bridegroom who is preparing Himself even now! He is prepared and waiting on us even now! *We* are the ones that need to get ready for Him. That means we must have our oil filled in our lamps with plenty extra to spare. Prophetic synchronization time is coming into the circle of the earth. This is the day of salvation. The Harvest is ready and will be even more prepared to come in as more breaking and shaking increases this year and especially the next 3 years.

The enemy when he thinks he has outdone himself in the East, he will find out that he really has, for out of the East shall rise a three-fold cord that will not hang the church, but will literally see the three strongholds of the enemy hung! It will be a display of God's future Victory of the Church and the demise of satan.

When the saints enter into the **unity of the Body of Christ**, then we are complete in Him, when the enemy comes into that circle it then goes from the strap he thought was a binding agent for his false alliances becomes a snare that jerks him up by his feet and pulls him right out into view of all to see. The world will behold the demise of Osama Ben Laden. He is to be hung in the eyes of the world. The devil deceives them to think that as a martyr for his cause, many will fall for this, yet it will not work, as God reveals the motifs while exposing the enemy. This is the beginning of the false peace that the world feels is the ultimate peace. Be ready to see further major strongholds exposed. This is a reprieve, as there will not be real peace until our Messiah returns for His Bride!

This is the time for the Church to seize the moments of the "exhale of the world leaders" that causes them to relax with a newfound calm. We must now work diligently with the new connections that God has been giving us. Refuse to be concerned about the affiliations yet be affirmed in the Lord by the power of walking in new relationships with a common goal to become prepared for the "tsunami harvest" of souls that is coming! Now is the time to capitalize on the new connections and interactions with new contacts all over the world in the Body of Christ to join together in the "full circle that God has ordained for this year." This is the year of Great Grace. You can shout in the spirit of violent Praise and Worship, "Grace, Grace!" to any mountain that has loomed over you and your family and you will see it crumble this year! ("Behold how good and how pleasant it is ***for brethren to dwell together in unity***." Psalm 133:1 Bold emphasis added by author).

Look for Five Major Transformations within the Church in 2005

1) Breaking, 2) Shaking 3) Making 4) Baking 5) Taking

God wants the church to continue to go through these five changes as a metamorphous for purification to become the purifier.

1) Breaking. There is a breaking off anything in the Body of Christ that has begun attaching itself that is not of the Lord. (I saw barnacles attached to the legs of a tall tower deep in the ocean.) I also see many dry and brittle limbs breaking off that have almost become preserved by traditions of men. I see sacred cows in yesterday's victories and old stale manna being sacrificed to the bonfire of purification. They were not bringing forth new fruit, but held to the brittle branches and old dried withered fruit that was long gone and used to remember the past as if they had become "plaques of self-praise underscoring the existence of their traditions."

The "breaker anointing" that was prophesied by many last year is still into effect this year. Let the Lord break out of you anything that would prevent a blessing from coming toward the middle and the last quarter of this year. What you do in the first month will allow your blessing to be set up in advance for this year's end! His breaking is a very good thing. Let God break out all the past dead, destructive ways that will set you up for the victory around the corner. Also, I hear the Lord telling us that we must break out of old patterns that worked yesterday and let God remove those former monuments we try to erect for the "carnal" approach to prove we have the "goods" to produce the direction of our churches, ministries, etc.

However, God does not abolish all the history He gave us as tracks of where He has taken us, yet we do not stay at the area of those mighty victories to GO IN AND TAKE NEW GROUND! I see the Body of Christ being instructed by the Lord to let go of the former to embrace the new gates that He is opening. The Lord showed me that I must let go of the back door handle to go to the front door and open it up and go out the new door! Let the breaker-anointing take out the dead branches of the past to make room for the new. In the example of processing, the Lord showed me a threshing floor that was used to take the wheat in and separate the outer husks and get it down to the pure product. That crushing is the "breaker anointing" to take away the carnality and crust build-up around the people of God. He is doing this in the Body and now is a major time of breaking down the carnal that leads to a "religious look," but this left covered long enough around the kernel of wheat will cause decay.

Fulfillment of the purpose for the wheat starts when it is broken off the stalk and carried into the threshing floor. The wheat cannot bypass this processing or otherwise it would only become food for animals. If allowed to have God break our outer shell down and remove them, He can refine the product. Remember, you can make the choice to become pure refined flour and ultimately the Bread of Heaven or fodder to be eaten by animals.

2) Shaking. A shaking and sifting is in store for us in the Body and the world. What has been broken off will be removed and then the shaking is coming. We will begin to put everything upon His shaker screen and allow Jehovah God to shake us up. As the Hebrew writer tells us so clearly in Hebrews 12:25-29:

25 See to it that you obey God, the one who is speaking to you. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, how terrible our danger if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!
26 When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also."
27 This means that the things on earth will be shaken, so that only eternal things will be left.
28 Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.
For our God is a consuming fire.

When the shaking is going on, there are lots of seemingly good ingredients that not only get sifted to be better in the "blending stage" but also a residue that will not blend into the other refined flour and is left on top of the screen. This is the former parts of the right ingredients, yet had become too hard to even sift. They cannot be blended and that is the results of the hardness that comes from not submitting to the Lord and His ever-changing directions from the throne room. One day the Body of Christ will understand that we must be able to adjust as He directs. If that cannot occur, the immovable will be left at the top of the screen and will be cast aside for the "new blend" that is ready for the blending of the Master's hands.

It is not easy to change once we get comfortable to our surroundings. Nevertheless this is truly a year to ***"move with the fire and the cloud."*** *(Numbers14: 14 "They will tell this to the inhabitants of this land, who are well aware that you are with this people.") They know, LORD, that you have appeared in full view of your people in the pillar of cloud that hovers over them.* ***They know that you go before them in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night****.).*

Thus He will sift His church this year as refined flour. When the Lord showed this vision to me at the end of 2004, I saw a huge sifter screen and it was not large lumps that remained at the top of the screen, rather it was small crumbs and flecks. They were enough, however, that if left together would require being removed at a later time. God is the "master chef" and will only have the pure and refined ingredients. I heard the Lord say this is the "premium refined flour that is cake and bread flour—only grade 'A' for My Making." My Church, My Bride, will be one without spot or blemish! We need to see that running from the threshing and further refining is to become presumptuous to God because we are in essence saying that we can do this without relying upon Jesus Christ.

I felt the Lord impressing upon me the size of a "grain of sand, and even many grains of sand are unnoticeable in the church, however they are very noticeable to the consumer! (The Lord took me back to my days as a missionary to East Africa. We would eat bread that looked award-winning and upon biting down, it would have particles of sand that could not be refined out with their crude equipment, so we bit carefully, and it became the talk of the table as even the tiniest grain could cause discomfort between the teeth!)

This is so with our Body of Christ today. God wants a purified Church. He wants us "spotless." He wants us daily covered under the Blood of Jesus and not the carnality of man's plans. We must allow the Lord to remove the "money changers" that have begun to usurp God's plan and His people! We must have the correct teachings on the "prosperity" of God and not *"Man's Rich Plan for gain at the expense of the sheep!"*

This is but one sifting that is happening this year and will continue to grow intensely for the next 4 years.

Notice how Jesus addressed the issue in Matthew 21:12-13,
12 Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out the merchants and their customers. He knocked over the tables of the moneychangers and the stalls of those selling doves.
13 He said, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a place of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!" (KJV, bold emphasis added by author.).

Shaking takes the person who feels comfortable in how they have always done things to be further broken down to the refined product. The Lord told me *"lumps are bumps and refined is smooth."* God is taking out the bumps in the Body of Christ that have again said they want to be there yet want to reach back to insulate their refining process with somewhat self-made coverings.

A lump became a lump with some form of moisture that was brought in and caused it to clot up and not get on through the process. The moisture is not supposed to be in the process yet and that is often an attempt to grab onto a way of the flesh to appropriate the will of God. The last word you got from the prophet didn't say to go ahead and add water! You are just an act of obedience to God away from your next miracle level. Our obedience to God's orders will be even more refined down to the very intents of our hearts. *(12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." Hebrews 4:12,13 KJV). God is trying to get us to be *"broken and spilled out"* and not contained in our own little agendas such as the way we see it, or how we always did it, or the "watered-down" truth of the Word, yet He wants us to get the truth that sets the lumps free!

We must decide to let go of our way and embrace the new sifting pattern to further refine our walk with Him or we will otherwise be left exactly where we chose. Ultimately that leads to the refuse bin. When the sifting is over, and the chef decides it is time to start mixing, the crumbs on top of the sifter are dumped into the trash container. God does not tolerate stubbornness because it is a product of the root of rebellion and that is as the sin of witchcraft. ("*For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." 1 Samuel 15:23 NKJV).*

A further note to Shaking (sifting) is that any good cook does not just throw in the raw flour that is not sifted thoroughly because the lumps in that flour may seem insignificant, yet when the moisture and other products get added, it will take on more than its share and not blend in yet create larger lumps sure to become major bumps in the future. That is the sure way to create a loaf of good-looking bread yet in the middle it will have large cavities where a lump was burned up in the oven and left a great vacuum. This is where many are now and the Lord wants to make New Bread and get rid of the old.

The refinement process is so important because the rest of the product depends upon this process to remove any impurities. As this process takes place we can be sure that the "judgement has begun in the house of the Lord."

(***17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God****; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*
18 Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"
19 Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.") 1 Peter 4:17 NKJV-bold emphasis added by author.

We as the Body of Christ must embrace the change that is inevitable from sifting. Our refinement may even cause some to be dislodged from some places they are fond of and need to see the "rasping" of removal of the comfort zone replaced by the blending into the Body where needed. This is the submitting of our will to God and to the leaders where God directs us to serve. This is true whether it is an apostolic leader in our larger scale of a ministry or the members submitting to the pastor God has called us to serve.

More shifting and sifting is coming!

There is even a further leadership sifting coming in that God's chosen leaders of His Church do not allow it to become "their" church and thus can genuinely let go of the "re-directing" that God is ultimately doing. In other words, Pastors and leaders must be ready to release with a blessing of grace to those whom God changes. You will know in your "heart-of-hearts" whether or not they need to stay or go, but God says if you hold them back and you know they should go, you will be in the sifter with them! Wow!

Once the baker has performed the sifting of the flour, it is now in a pure and refined state it is ready for the next phase the Lord revealed that will take place this year: *making.*

3) ***Making.*** Another good word that describes this process in baking is the blending of all the ingredients necessary for the creation of the product. You will see the flour, oil, salt, eggs, honey, and other flavoring spices go into this process. No matter what God does to ***make HIS CHURCH, we must embrace as a nation that it is God who is our MAKER!***

Making is pouring all ingredients into the same container and then "stirring them up" as to blend them together. This is where all God's creation must embrace the necessary changes to become "one blended dough" ready for the baking. Without this blending we remain independent and keep our product from the mix. This is where the church must learn to embrace the change of letting those purified ingredients become what He planned for them to become. I feel some of this has already begun and the blending is taking place more in other areas of the world than even here, and those areas are now in the "setting and rising" place because they have chosen to become blended together to be seen as a "follower of Jesus Christ" rather than one ingredient of the mix.

As they rise more it may appear that they are sitting still now compared to the earlier shaking process, but remember *"10 Be* ***still, and know that I am God****: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10*

Prophet Isaiah documented God's heart in Isaiah 45:6-12,

6 so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the LORD, and there is no other.
7 I am the one who creates the light and makes the darkness. I am the one who sends good times and bad times. I, the LORD, am the one who does these things.
8 Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together. I, the LORD, created them.
9 "Destruction is certain for those who argue with their Creator. Does a clay pot ever argue with its maker? Does the clay dispute with the one who shapes it, saying, 'Stop, you are doing it wrong!' Does the pot exclaim, 'How clumsy can you be!'
10 How terrible it would be if a newborn baby said to its father and mother, 'Why was I born? Why did you make me this way?'"
11 This is what the LORD, the Creator and Holy One of Israel, says: "Do you question what I do? Do you give me orders about the work of my hands?
12 I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the millions of stars are at my command.

God is Maker of both heaven and earth and all the inhabitants on it!

The Lord gave this Bread recipe process so as to observe the five steps clearly and, of course, as in any creation; you may break these major steps into many more sub-heading operations. In this making process the Lord revealed that adding in this years ingredients would come the ***milk, the oil, and the honey.*** This is when He can now place the much-needed "yoke" of His Body (a play on words!) in the mixture. The egg actually acts in the ingredients as the "glue and substance" that assists in holding the mixture together. We must now allow ourselves to be "yoked up to the Lord and only His direction." Otherwise it could be a beautiful product but lack the substance that comes from being in the yoke with the LORD. ***"29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*** *Matthew 11:29,30. KJV.*

Remember that when you are yoked with the Lord and in His perfect will your trials and tests are not stressful. Flesh is the reason for stress.

Many will refuse to be blended thinking they have been given the "authorized version" on how to fulfill God's purpose. "Religious spirits" get caught up in legalistic ways that further restricts the purpose that Jesus brought to us with His message in John 17. We must embrace one another in the Body of Christ and not judge the "eggs value against the milk or the honey against the oil's." This is where the "rubber meets the road" as far as testing the level your church will advance in the future. If you believe you and your band of 25 people have the right answers and the others are just taking on the sinking ship of liberality you will miss the will of God to be in the blend of the Maker! This is the last chance for many to get on board. If you miss getting into the blend and are not mixed with the right ingredients, your gift will become your curse!

You think that because God called you and gave you special giftings such as prophesying, preaching, teaching, interpretation of dreams, singing, etc, then you will be plagued with the unfulfilled hollowness of polishing upon your gifts before a very limited crowd that seeks only the gift and not the giver of that gift. You will be known then by the fruit you produce—*hay, wood and stubble.* Therefore, jump gladly into the blender trusting God until He will smooth things out in *His* time. You cannot escape, no matter how much exemption you think your gift has provided, the blending is preparation for those gifts to absorb into one another. This is especially gained through time spent alone with God in true repentance and prayer. He is blending you and ultimately your gift will make room for itself. You are not the gift, but a carrier of God's gift to the Body of Christ. We must think again if we feel that what we have to offer the blend is from our own ability. We must think again! God allows *no substitutes in His mix!* Remember, nothing will be allowed—including attempts of flesh or of the enemy—to be "fake in the cake!" I heard the Lord say, only "pure ingredients will be allowed, and no impurities will be allowed to defile the *Bread of Life!"*

Also, another thing is because of this word and many others God has chosen to warn you with and you refused to listen, then you will be near and see the awesome presence of the new "*bread of presence the world is now wanting that you cannot offer. Why? Because for you to offer it, you will have to go to the beginning and go back through the breaking and shaking to be allowed in the next mixture for the making!"*

Let us return back to the good dough that is blended. What do we do now? Wait upon the timing of the Lord. ***That is the New Church God is bringing together time to rise upon the atmosphere of absorbing one another.***

Absorbing is the necessary time that it takes others to incorporate that ingredient you brought into the mix and vice versa. The eggs are no longer on their own in a bowl; they are all over you! Likewise, you are perhaps the honey and you have been all over them. Soon the mixture will become one new product! This is where the Body of Christ must arrive before we see the lost and hurting world won for this last hour outpouring.

Any bread maker will attest that this "waiting on the dough to rise" process is one of the most critical in the entire baking process. If you wait too long it gets too big and becomes full of "air" and then bursts and falls flat. If not allowed to rise long enough, then the bread is not expanded enough and is baked as thick dough with not much texture. It must wait on the right timing and then it is ready for the next step of *baking. ("17 I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every purpose and for every work" Ecclesiastes 3:17).*

I felt like the Lord impressed me to say that some are going to say that we eat dough all the time. Others can say that we eat the bread no matter what it turns out like. But that is because you have never had the "Bread of His Presence." Wait upon the Lord and allow that special gift you have been given to blend into the overall product. This will also allow you to be still and to receive what God has been trying to give you from other groups, yet you have not allowed yourself to receive because you were not in the mix. *(3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1, KJV.)* Now you are in the mix and do not leave it too early. The best is yet to come!

I saw the Lord as if His hand was on a large stopwatch and He was saying, "Yet a little while, my children." (*"36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For* ***yet a little while****, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.")* Hebrews 10:36,37. KJV. Bold added by author. When the right amount of waiting upon the Lord has caused us to learn how to blend into the right mix while we allow our faith to arise, then the heat is applied.

4. Baking. Once the dough has risen and the amount of rising has expanded the loaf to proper shape and size it must go into the oven. This is a process that transforms combined ingredients to become truly one totally different flavor than they were prior to the making. In other words, the eggs have lost their own flavor to add to the new product. The honey is no longer has a flavor to itself. The heat process is melting and processing to purify each ingredient into one whole loaf. The new product will be taking on an entire name to show off when finished! (Notice that God always renamed those He chose—like Jacob into Israel—to become transformed for His service.) You see the completion of this process is accomplished in the fire. Once you have allowed your gifts and calling to blend into the Body to be made in the image of the creator, then you are dying to your old ways and taking on an entire new name. You are no longer salt, oil or honey. You are now a tried product that came through the sacrifice with a cleansed and transformed nature. ***You now are offering yourself to the Body and worshipping the Giver and not the gift!***

Ponder upon this for a moment, I heard the Lord impress upon me. As I did, I heard Him say to me, "When did you ever walk into a bakery and upon the baker offering you a fresh, hot slice of bread, say to him, "Wow, didn't that honey taste good in there. And the eggs are really great too!" No! You said that is awesome ***bread***. You see the entire process had to have the right ingredients, process and master baker to know when to say it is *bread.*

If you bake your bread too long, it gets crusty and burned and leaves a bad taste in your mouth. If undercooked, then the middle is not finished and unfit to set before guests or serve to dignitaries. By the way, the latter is very nice looking on the outside but the inside is undone! We have many that come out of the fire too early! Even the fire has the issue of right timing! It is the overall process that counts and not simply the appearance. The melting is what takes place in the fire. All that individuality and feelings of acquisition as if you own a gift is presented to God in the fires of sacrifice. As that happens the fire of His altar and the fire of intensity of God's love for us genuinely transforms us.

As we go through the melting of the fire the other processes have prepared the Body of Christ for this heat transformation. ***Everything has been made ready but it will never go to the final taking to the world if the fire of the altar is not completed.*** However, when the world sees the well-blended Bread of Life having freshly emerged from the fire of sacrifice, then they will want it. They will see that this is not of flesh but from God. It does not try to display how great the gift is for their needs, but how the maker of all gifts meets their needs. (*"17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17 KJV).*

Jesus used the Bread as an example as He taught on the earth recorded in John 6:32, *"32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven.*
33 "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."
34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."
And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." NKJV.)

The world is ready for the real Bread of Life, but they will not storm your church doors looking for it because you placed a sign over your building that reads, *"Bread Available, Inquire Inside!"* That brings us up to the last step in this five-step process the Lord gave me in that vision. We come out of the oven with the fresh Bread of Life and then we must ***TAKE the Bread of Life to the hungry***

world!

5. TAKING.

The Lord showed me the last step as if bread trucks were hurriedly leaving a bakery with fresh bread loaded for their daily routes to destinations all over the city. The Lord let me know this is what will begin to take place in His Church. ***WE*** must take the bread to the hungry.

We may have all the wonderful events, revival services, dramas and constant flurries of activities happening around our beautiful buildings, but not accomplishing the *TAKING* process. Nothing takes the place of a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ delivering a loaf of fresh Bread of life to a hungry soul!

Thus, we are to see a major shift into further marketplace evangelism and ministry as never before. This is really the wave that is announcing the arrival of the major "spiritual tsunami" that is about to sweep over our country.

This one is now gaining momentum as national leaders of the church place emphasis on the marketplace evangelism. Evangelism is winning lost souls and the lost souls congregate in the commerce centers and the metropolitan areas. We will see the major cities become evangelism "hubs" as the "wheels within the wheel" of God’s plan. America offers the best free market enterprise opportunity in the world. We have always been the country with leadership in financial success for the world to come and participate daily. Many new books are on the scene addressing the marketplace evangelism. Last year I was able to meet Rich Marshall and highly recommend his book, *God @ Work*. Also, you must get a comprehensive overview of the New Church Rising to this arena in Dr. Bill Hamon’s book, *The Day of the Saints*. The literature from this last day movement is worth reading and highly beneficial in preparing your leadership for this growing evangelism paradigm.

Our Church is now being positioned to become the leaders we should be in the commerce, trade centers and governmental offices as well-blended loaves of greatly desired products with a "now-word" of love, acceptance and forgiveness that leads a questioning world to hope.

FAVOR

This is an exciting year for entrepreneurial, business-minded, and marketplace ministers. ***FAVOR*** will be in abundance from God for this year and for certain in the next three years. I remember that God used me to prophesy in September of 1999 that the now President George W. Bush would be not only elected as president in 2000, but would be elected for two (2) consecutive terms. In that prophecy, the Lord gave me the word that our "years of plenty" will be during those two terms. Do not hold back as we have three more years in that time frame. We have seen these prophecies come to pass so now is the time to be bold as a Lion in the marketplace and to use the wisdom of Joseph when gaining shares of harvest. Get your market share now, as I heard the Lord tell me that it does belong to His church. Now is the time! Invest, buy, expand, multiply, increase…this is the year of God’s grace for ***extreme Favor!*** Favor is awaiting one ingredient this year in your life—*obedience. The obedient are the one’s who will eat the fat of the land! (19 If you are willing and obedient,* ***you shall eat the good of the land***;*" Isaiah 1:19 KJV.*

Now you see the *taking* of the product God used in my vision is Bread. Yes, it is the *Bread of Life!* That does include "life more abundantly!"

Taking the bread to the hungry is the heart of God for His Church, or His People while here on this earth. We in the year of Grace and Favor will see much return on the investments made and the *Kingdom* investments are certainly going to bring a major return in "profits" and in "*prophets" in* the remainder of this year of Grace and Favor in 2005.

Warning: *Do not allow the old houses of Saul to creep back into your lives!* Remember the House of Saul is over. Saul is dead and the House of David is alive and open for business! King David established God’s Kingdom and built storehouses full of provision for His temple. We will be doing this even greater each year on.

Do not look to your past to predict your next three years God has declared as the Favor of the Lord upon His Church! This is where people make a major mistake looking into what is history to predict their future. This becomes more of a "calculated venture" rather than an act of blind faith to simply obey what God has already declared.

The only thing you can do for your future that deals with your past is to dig out the wells that God gave you that have become stopped up with the fall out from the shaking God did for your life as you submitted to the processing. Those wells are to be unplugged and allow the fresh, free-flowing springs of living water that will be the anointing you will need in your future. Yes, God is about to allow you to experience a "blow-out gusher" of living water!

Fresh oil is coming into the houses of the obedient! Oil is representing the wealth of the Church is about to abound! (3 *"Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.*

4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, 'There is not a vessel more.' And the oil stayed.")

2 Kings 4:3-6, KJV.

I see the tops of our oil bottles taken off and the Lord says throw them away, because it will not need to be covered as I will keep filling them regularly. The oil will flow if you do not become miserly. This is the season to allow the living waters, the new oil of his anointing and provision and the sweet honey of His presence to flow through each of us! Now is the time to see the major Tsunami of His Holy Spirit flow into the main streets, the marketplaces, the government sectors, the sanctuaries and the stadiums of the world. Yes, today is the season of God's grace for the ***overflow anointing!*** Even now, an incomparable size spiritual tsunami Move of God is poised to hit us very soon.

The prayers of His intercessors have gone up to His altar and He has taken a "scent check" over His altar and He told me that He likes the aroma of those prayers in His nostrils!

What I saw in this vision:

This morning I heard the abundance of a mighty earthquake having just occurred in the heavenlies. A major shift is taking place in God's realm of the spiritual and the supernatural. Yet again, I was overwhelmed that I felt He impressed during this time that our country will experience soon what I saw in the spiritual—major earthquakes and extreme flooding. ***Flooding was seen in the central and the Southern United States. I saw New Orleans literally 20 feet underwater across the main downtown area.*** At this time of flooding in New Orleans, I saw it as a sewer full of debris and every form of garbage floating around and swirling in the flood. The French Quarter will be wiped out in the flood. Bourbon Street will be abandoned. Alligators will be swimming where dens of iniquity once abounded.

Sin's investors will let go of the territory. They reside in other areas and will be seeing this as a place of unstable investment for future plans of sin. God's Kingdom investors will step in and be allowed to bid on properties abandoned by the sin investors. Then the superdome will be available to purchase for 1/10th of a cent on the dollar! This will one day be called the "Glory Dome" as a move of God will be based out of it and make it a "Healing and Restoration Center" grabbing worldwide attention. This Glory Dome will go on continually on a 24/7 basis. (*"9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts." Haggai 2:9 KJV.)*

New faces, new places, divine appointments and doors are swinging wide open!

This is a year I saw in a short vision of an open heaven with throngs of worshippers near the throne room, as the music began a specific melody continuously, then circles of worshippers began to form in large circles with one group right in front of another all dancing to the right and the next in the same rhythm to the left and so on. The idea for you to see is one circle going around one way and another just inside that circle with people going the opposite way. They are all moving in unison to the glorious music from the throne room and worshipping the Lord of Hosts!

Unity In The Body Of Christ:

> They all came together by connecting hand-in-hand and the Lord said that this is My pleasure for My Body to come together and become "connected" in unity as you learn to drop all self-made agendas for My Purpose!

Connections, connections, connections!

"God Appointments" will beat any "good appointments" as we walk in His directions. I heard the Lord say to connect first with HIM and then pay close attention to what He says and follow the details for your "Divine Connections!"

Again I heard the Lord use the word ***favor***, as it will play a major role in your future as you move about in the family of God. Nurture the family He gives you. Divest yourself from the "Lots" of your life. Abraham had to separate himself from Lot before God completed his promise to give him the land. We have allowed many self-appointed connections to come into our lives. You as ministry leaders cannot allow flesh to masquerade as appointed upon your mantle from the Lord. It is time to be where you are supposed to be with whom God has appointed you doing what you are supposed to be doing. God wants nothing more, or nothing less. Refined obedience is the key for this hour.

INCREASE….*The Kingdom of God is exploding!*

This year is a year the Lord is going to put on your calendar as a "Banner Year of Increase!" America will move right on ahead to the demise of all hell's hosts of demons because of ***Major Breakthrough!*** There will also be a major breakthrough in the Middle East and the Eastern Countries. Even now there is evidence of breakthrough in the Middle East. (NOTE: this was written much before the history-making elections in Iraq.).

Even as I was writing, I saw the terrorist's regimes being "unplugged" from power.

This is happening because of God's leadership in office, President George W. Bush and his new cabinet and new appointments. *He has made a cabinet appointment that will win a major Peace Award viewed by the world on TV.*

Also, I sense the Lord saying you had stamina to get to this point and the Lord would say, "I like My people growing strong in mighty accomplishments and not giving up but gaining land that I promised you!"

Unholy Alliances Are Destroyed

Unholy alliances are the ones like Osama Ben Laden and the malicious terrorist network that is now being uprooted and destroyed. Even as this is written, he is closer than ever to a noose around his neck that he himself prepared. The enemy cannot stand the tightness he is now feeling "circling" around him ever so closely. He is about to be revealed, exposed and hung in the public square for the world to view. This will be the beginning of the remainder of the noose of God's grace to cinch two more up and the old strongholds will topple and they will be hung up to be viewed by the world. All of this will begin the seven-month trial for world exposure.

The New Courses will become the compass in God's hand to give new directions from a Mid-Eastern Peace Accord, binding 3 main countries to a unified force causing a "bear to lose its teeth and to stop the growl!" The bear is ready to become overfed and nourished as she prepares for a 3-year hibernation season. This will allow the work of God's people to swiftly position many ministry centers and locations in this once riddled country to begin open evangelism as the world would have never believed possible! Israel will be asking for this Christian outreach and the door is now opening.

New chartered courses are on the *The Church's* horizon and will begin to take front row seats in the world as a force- *the Body of Christ*-is to be reckoned with! Yes, love can be caring, fair and yet even firm to show its position created by God to possess the land, not co-exist and compromise!

Now is a banner year of growing, new birth, new alignments from God's Compass and new increase in every area. You should be excited to be a part of something so majestic as God's green light of growth and expansion preparing us for a Major Move of God as has never been experienced in America before!

We must be preparing for the deliverance of the destitute, the development of new recruits and deployment of the seasoned to go out and "bear much fruit." (*"8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8 KJV).* God's plan is in motion to exponentially grow far beyond human understanding. Most will be saying in the midst of the harvest, "This could only be a result of the Jehovah God. The God of "More-than-enough!"

This is the "Now Season"—the season of sowing and reaping that is coming together. (*"11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:*

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, ***that the plowman shall overtake the reaper,*** *and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt." Amos 9:11-14 KJV).*

There is a season on its way, however that is a season that comes from destruction in our land. This is a setup for our country, America, to again become aware that God is Jehovah, and He alone is able to bring shaking, earthquakes, and thick clouds of smoke, lightening and leveling winds with accompanying torrential floods. Yet He is Jehovah God, and He can in the same instant, if the people repent, calm the raging sea, stay the wind and rain, stop the lightening in mid-strike and bring peace for His creation. They will again behold Him in all His glory as we become still and know that He is God!

This is the Rhema Word from the Lord for the year 2005. This is central in theme and idea as God placed them into my hands by many methods during the time awaiting His Word. However, many are a combination of composing as best as possible, dreams, visions, and words given in my heart during time in the secret place with Him. I ask that you pray for these words from God to bless you and to give you understanding of both the Creator and the creation. To God be all the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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A Quantum Leap

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A Quantum Leap (Forward)

Quantum leap*:* An abrupt change or step, especially in method, information, or knowledge
quantum leap: a sudden large increase or advance

(1Co 1:27) But God chose the foolish things of the world that the wise might be put to shame, and God chose the weak things of the world so that He might put to shame the strong things.

A Quantum Leap Forward

This is certainly a time of new beginnings for My very own. Yes indeed. This is a time for My children to take giant leaps and bounds into the wonders I have for them. Oh yes. This is a joyous season for Me and for My very own children. This is a time of the quantum leap of faith for My children. Oh yes it is.

A quantum leap of faith, I hear my children asking. What is that my Father? It is My pleasure to disclose secrets of my heart to those of My own, who have been preparing and positioning themselves for the outpouring of My spirit; and pour out I shall do!

You have labored and toiled along much slower than you would have liked. But understand My children; it was a necessary process to burn off the dross, called the flesh. My children your labor has not been in vain. Your sufferings have not gone unnoticed from the ever seeing eye of your God. Thank you My children. I say again, thank you My children, with a great big smile for trusting and obeying Me throughout this most difficult time in your life. This was certainly a time of testing and separating those of whom would be My emissaries and those whom would be My enemies. Hard words but true words.

Many of My dear children, who I now call My enemies, have chosen to expediate My refining fire by going their own way. They have chosen to walk in a path unfamiliar to My way in order to avoid the pressure I was putting on them. You see My children I Am He who fans the coals of My refining fire to mold vessels into and for My purposes. I Am He who creates the spoiler, in whom I use to destroy your flesh. Do you not know that no weapon formed against you shall prosper? Those who have remained still in Me and My ways have now learned that invaluable lesson, which will keep them safe from what is to come upon the earth.

Now back to your question My child. What do you mean by quantum leap My father? My children you have stood by and in many cases have assisted your fellow brothers and sisters in moving forward in the direction I have for them. This process has been important in ridding you of your competitive nature; for as you know My child you do not wrestle against flesh and blood.

My children I am happy to announce that your time has come for advancement in Me. The time is here for you to take a quantum leap forward into the destiny I have been preparing for you. No longer will you be sitting along the sidelines, in a seemingly idle position, watching others move ahead in Me.

The quantum leap your are about to make will propel your far beyond anything you ever imagined or asked for. Like a quantum particle being very small, so are many of My children feeling small and insignificant within My Kingdom. Well, that is about to change because I am going to charge you up. I am going to fuse My power within you and this pressure that I am building up is going to explode with in your heart. Get ready for explosions My children. Get ready to meet your destiny with a full blast of energy that will give you My zeal, My joy and My focus to accomplish all that I have for you. Get ready My children for a quantum leap forward. Over.

Arab Bride Sentiments

Kathleen Pirl

5-14-05 I just returned from the Middle East. I visited Jericho, Palestinian refuge camps, Jordanian Bedouins, and an Arab village in the West Bank. I transcribed below the sentiments that were conveyed to me, some of my own brief impressions, and spiritual promptings.

We love Jesus. We are suffering. We want to stay here in this land (Palestinian/Israel) please tell the people. The relief monies are stolen by Palestinian leaders. There are good things about Jews and good things about Palestinians. Bad things about Palestinians and bad things about Jews. Please Tell. We want a person in Palestine that has mercy. We don't care who Jew, Arab, American we want mercy. We don't want these fences.

I want to work to take care of my family. We have no freedom. We have no democracy. We have no economy. We have no work. We have no money for the school bus. The man speaking has 9 children and several of his daughters attend Universities in Ramallah etc. He lives in an Arab Palestinian village outside of Bethlehem. Sometimes he sleeps in a cave. We love the American people. We want democracy. We are believers and the church is suffering here problems are big and not Jewish. It is Satan who kills and destroys. Tofik Saully and wife Anna and their nine children are new converts in the Lord.I went for dinner at their home with such honor. We fed and held the baby goats which are their micro industry but they need more.

"What is with the Christian "rich ministries" and "poor ministries" in Israel?" a young Arab pastor commented. It is about bringing souls into the kingdom not pontificating some ideological kingdom philosophies. How do I answer this question? I thought. Jesus said that when they ask for prayer pray don't send them away you feed and clothe them meet the needs help them meet their needs. They don't want handouts they want the dignity of earning bread for the table.

We would become so overwhelmed by the needs we would just cry out to the Lord HELP!! And then my friend and I would cry because we felt so helpless. We were trying to build bridges rather than fences in our small way. You see 85% of the people are not working in Palestinian areas. It is very similar in the Jordanian wilderness among the Bedouins we visited.
Meanwhile there was so much work to do I could have stayed working night and day for the harvest is very great and time to bring it in. The entire Middle East is in the throws of a huge harvest 45,000 new believers are in Algeria. In Mecca a prayer tent (Christian) has been put up near the Kaba ha-ha!!!!

The Arab bride is being made ready.
The Arab bride is coming in to the banquet table of the Lord.
It is her time now,
the time of love.
She is being saved by her lover.
In Yeshua's and Esau's love,
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A Reality Check For These Last Days

Heather Butler

December 17th 2005

Dear Brothers and sisters, I have struggled with sending out this word, this reality check pierced my own heart and made me look again. It wasn't an easy time but essential as I began to see how various things have crept into our ministries and sewn themselves within the fabric of our lives. You may well be as startled as I was to receive this, but none the less it's a word that needs to be looked at, chewed over and swallowed down by us all. I apologise for not sending this out sooner Every blessing Heather.

I was woken by the lord at 5.00am this morning, and believe I was given this word for the church.

This word also speaks to me, and I can see that I have a few things to deal with too, so lets have a look together shall we.

Proverbs 22-11/12 amp version. Proverbs 22 - 17.

Proverbs 22-11/12
He who loves purity and the pure in heart, and who is gracious in speech, will for the grace of his lips have the king for his friend. The eyes of the Lord keep guard over knowledge and him who has it, but He overthrows the words of the treacherous.

Proverbs 22 - 17
Listen, consent and submit to the words of the wise, and apply your mind to my knowledge.

As I sit hear this morning, I hear a cry from the depths of my heart, a voice that is shouting more clearly than I have heard before.

"Bring my people back, some are wandering away from the path that I have set before them, and are being drawn towards a false light".

As I sit and ponder what this could mean for us as a body of Christ and as individuals, I begin to see a picture unfold in front of my eyes. It's a tapestry, and woven within it are flaws of every kind. From a distance the tapestry looks beautiful, but take a closer look and you will see that there are a few stitches that have been caught and have snagged the material, distorting the other stitches around it.

What is this Lord?

There are many within the church today who are looking for the supernatural in all the wrong places. There is no revelation greater than what is written in my book. The church is being caught up into areas of new ageism, Celtic mythology, all tied up within the great deceit that was foretold would come upon the church. It is a lie that all roads lead to heaven, my people perish through lack of vision. Get back to my word, what do my proverbs say. There is wisdom greater in my word than in the ancient texts of many ancient tribes.

Get back to the word. Look at my Son, stop focusing on things that will distract you, look at Him. What did He say, where did He go, what did He do! The church is guilty of hiding my Son, they have covered Him in many fleshly garments that are not His that do not belong to Him. These garments are so heavy that they have hidden the truth that sets people free, and they have replaced that truth with every act of idolatry, and fanciful teaching that those who want their ears tickled with are looking for.

What is more supernatural than a man condemned to death rising from death after three days! What is more supernatural than the healing of the blind the deaf, every infirmity . What’s more supernatural than the rod of Moses, the pillar of fire, the parting of the sea. Church look again, see with my eyes focus.

What use is the Gospel if it is left unspoken, of what use is my word if you dress it up and its true meaning is lost. Can you not see, the blind are leading the blind into many forms of paganism and this is in my church!

The Church has lost the true meaning of signs and wonders, the reality of the cross, the reality of the word that brings forth the supernatural in everyway, its not disguised its there for all to see but you are guilty of misrepresenting it of hiding it.

Saints, if you are to stand with me until the end, you will need the truth of my word in its entirety within you. You will need to know what it says, and how you are able to wield it against the enemy in every area that raises itself up against the will and purposes of God.

There is a strong current within the body that is drawing them into the depths of every deceit, a rip tide of the enemy that is drawing my beloved away from the truth of who I am and they are drowning in the perilous seas of apostasy.

Raise up your voice, bring sound doctrine, turn away for a season from the books, the authors, the men and women of God that you admire. Start to focus on my Son. He is the one who gives revelation and illumination, He is the one who is the Holy Spirit within you that enables you to bring healing, insight, prophesy, wisdom, revelation, freedom.

This is the start of a new season of truth, truth to live by and to die for. A truth that sets men free, but also a truth that will accuse many who have wandered from its pathway. It will be life to some, but death to many.

I offer you my word as a standard today right now. Put down the books for a season, and get back to the reality of my word. Don't worry about the strategy, the plans, I have that all in hand everything is in place, everything is ready for that final thrust in these last days.

I know this is a hard word, I know that getting back to the basics, and the foundational truths is hard, but its what you build your life upon in Him, anything else is like building the house upon the sand.

Repentance is a beautiful thing, don't run from it, I draw you into that place of repentance, for allowing the allure of the world to affect you, don't fear repentance, welcome it, because it is in this place where we meet, where I wash you clean and you are set upon that road of victory in me once again.

DON'T LOOSE SIGHT OF ALL THAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU. GO BACK TO WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME A CHRISTIAN, LOOK AGAIN AT MY PROMISES OVER YOUR LIFE, LOOK AGAIN AT THE WORDS I SPOKE OVER YOU, THEY HAVE NEVER CHANGED.

Does this seem harsh, I know it does, but I see the other side of what this false doctrine and teaching is doing to you eternally, and to those around you.

Stop focusing upon what is my business, you don't need to know which angels to send where, you don't need to know how many for each task! So long as everything is in my hand all you have to ask for is the release, the breakthrough, the rest is up to me, stop trying to tell me how to do my job! I know how to do it. The responsibility is mine, the battle belongs to me, all I ask of you is that you stand with me.

Learn to be more simplistic in your approach to people who do not yet know me, you are speaking a foreign language to them. Many today are un-churched, they don’t understand what Salvation or redemption mean. They don’t understand what being saved is, or what repentance is.

My word is my word, it doesn’t say anything more than it says or any less. Everything you will ever need is written there. Books are plentiful and carry a revelation of my word within each one that is inspired by my Holy Spirit, but you have to learn to ensure that each book lines up with my word. There is much you can learn from the testimony of others, and there insights, but don’t loose sight of the one book that you need to be reading every day alongside all that you read, so that you can test for yourself the reality of the truth within it.

I am preparing you, calling you into that place of complete submission to my word.

You are the one that I love, the one that I died for, and nothing is more important to me than having you at my side, than having your attention, your focus, so that you will not fall away in these last hours.

You were created with great potential within you for the final glory to come. You were created to be carriers of the light, a vibrant bright light that reaches into the depths of the darkness exposing and rescuing the lost. Pulling them out of the pits of despair. There is a supernatural realm that is real, that is waiting for men and women of faith and the word to call down and bring into being on the earth. All that the Father has placed within His word is available for each of you to use. You have been given the keys to the kingdom of Heaven, to bind up on the earth whatever is in opposition to my will, and the permission to loose upon the earth all that is waiting for you to release in my name so that my perfect will is done.

There is much spoken about a shift that is coming, and there are many that have taken place already, this is a shift of the mindsets that have been placed within you because of the times that you are living in. Don’t be afraid, this is not going back, this is going forward and stepping out.

A Re-Minder

Steven Bliss

Apr 13, 2005

Therefore, gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13 (NAS)

Paul reminds us we are to have the mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16b). What are we doing with it? Do we serve God without taking the time to see what He wants us to be doing? Jesus was not so presumptuous. Jeremiah 17:10 tells us the Lord searches our mind. What is He going to find in this sowing and reaping?

In John's revelation of Jesus, he writes to the church at Thyatira (Remember that sensually minded group?) "And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves", Revelation 2:23, (Amp). We need to put our mind to proper and fitting work and not follow in folly or seduction.

We must weigh carefully every thought that comes into our mind; casting off that which comes from the evil one. Consider how King Nebuchadnezzar was judged (Daniel 4:16) as a depraved mind (Romans 11:28). Paul reminds us we are to have a humble mind, not a feeble one (Philippians 2:3).

We are told to take up the full, whole, complete armour of God. Yes, there are spiritual helmet laws. We need that constant renewing; a fresh refilling and manna each morning (Ephesians 4:23, 6:11, and 6:17).

Are you prepared for action? (Gird your minds for action). Do not allow your mind to be lulled into complacency. We are not to allow God to become familiar. We are to seek His face. He wishes to show Himself in ways that we can not always comprehend. Yet each day He will fill us and we will become more like Him, changing as we behold His glory, putting on the mind of Christ.

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Responses to Visions of the Church

by Bill Somers

Here are some readers responses to Nita Johnson’s article, Visions of the Church, and my own comments.

From: Bob Neuman
To: Bill Somers

Dear Bill,
sometimes I got to wonder how much it would take to get even the ' very elect' to wake up and smell the "roses". it seems that the acceleration factor is not a figment of my imagination. for a long time I would hesitate posting to you or anyone else for that matter.

'lingering doubt' can be a weapon with two edges. "is it really you, GOD" is the first knock I give myself, and the last of course is " if I’m the only one" who is hearing this "stuff". doesn't sound religious at all but that's the point....GOD usually doesn't sound like how man says HE should sound. looking at how much I have sent your way in the last 3 months, if others are finding themselves on a new fast track you must be swamped.

a few days ago I 'had to' sit down and write "7 moves". you were the only one I intended to post it to...till it was done. still have lots of thinking to do on it but....

Visions of the Church basically confirmed it all .... every jot and tittle.... thanks, Bill, for posting it....but there was one point I want to add...there was a paragraph that said....

> Secondly, people will come to the Lord through the death of a martyr as would never enter into the Kingdom any other way. Third, because every drop of blood that spills from a martyr's veins paves the way for a soul to enter into the kingdom. I am not saying that their blood can pay for a Soul like the blood of Christ. However the martyr's blood provides a Peculiar intercession for a lost soul as nothing else does. Fourth, because through a unique time such as this, the Church is allowed to enter into the sufferings of Christ, which, by far is the greatest of all privileges. It is a privilege, which in turn paves the way for greater glory in the Kingdom or Heaven.

coming as a stranger from the proverbial pit, literally might be more accurate, the dynamics of the "peculiar intercession" is an interesting attempt at interpretation.

in the 'real' world the lost are living and thinking in "the flesh"....LORD I hate talkin' christianees ... because that is exactly all they got. the thing we call "spiritual void" is real and we fill it with whatever is available. alcoholism, drug addiction, promiscuity, occultism is the last thing to live for because the next step is usually suicide.

when you have nothing to live for the last straw you clutch at may be just a slower way to die. most 'church' people can not comprehend it....even with a suicide rate in "the church" on an equal % rate as the world...

when you run out of straws....death is the only answer when you decide there is nothing worth living for....

as 'dead' men, you and I Bill know the exact opposite....that there is SOMETHING WORTH DYING FOR.... and the blood of the martyrs gives the lost just that....the awareness that there is something more to the emptiness and the useless of this life....THAT THERE IS SOMEONE WORTH DYING FOR.

remember in the GREAT COMMISSION we are told to be witnesses 'unto' the world'. that Greek word is 'martus', to bear witness,....which our word martyr originates,....heavy stuff....

well, I think our ride is nearing an end....one way or the other...

PRAISE BE TO GOD...WHO HAS WON THE VICTORY
be blessed
bob in Miami

From Jim Rinker

Bill,

Good to hear from you. Those dreams about the Ezekiel Army I would like to confirm. My wife had this dream about a month ago I would like to share to confirm the Ezekiel Army in part.

In this dream a small company of people (seven of us including my wife and myself) went outside the city to a hill overlooking the city. It was a hilly grassy area and there were seven individual fires in front of us that we proceeded to step into. My wife said she stayed in a short time then came out and another woman who was with us ministered to her "burnt face". She said I stayed in a little longer.

Interpretation:

The hill overlooking the city is the "higher place" that God is taking us. It is outside the camp of current Christianity (outside the city) and is for the purpose of fire baptism, ministry, and purification. I was able to stay in longer because I have been dealing with issues of the flesh for a longer period of time that she has (by her admittance). The fire will be less painful and more bearable if we will deal with issues NOW. She had no further revelation in this dream but your Ezekiel Army vision post added more depth to her dream.

Jim Rinker

Comments by Bill Somers
The part of Nita's vision that got me the most was about the martyrs and purpose of martyrdom.

Nita wrote: "However the martyr's blood provides a Peculiar intercession for a lost soul as nothing else does."

This confirmed to me what the Lord showed me some years back, beginning in '91.

In short, Martyrdom has an effect in the spiritual realm. **Every time the devil kills one of the saints, it cost's him something.** In many cases that something is a soul that would otherwise be lost. I wrote about these issues in several articles on my WebSite, They are: **The Precious,** where I share what I learned about how martyrdom contributes to the harvest. **The Precious part 2**, where we go into the Lords purposes in large scale martyrdom. **The Unthinkable**, which discusses the ultimate purpose of martyrdom and **The How and the Therefore**, that also looks at the ultimate purpose of martyrdom from an other angle, and in greater depth. And relates it to the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Martyr Spirit
From: "Russell White"

Four missionaries who endured a night of beating and humiliation in their village in India are determined to stay until they plant a church. A crowd of 15 people burst into the hut of the Gospel for Asia native missionaries, bound them hand and foot, and beat them with iron rods and bamboo sticks, according to GFA. The men were stripped of their clothes, paraded through the village, and ordered to reject Christ. ...

When the men refused to renounce their faith, mob ringleaders accused them of trying to kidnap a child and exhorted the crowd to beat them. After the beating, the missionaries were told to leave the village and never return. They went to their local GFA supervisor, who took them to the police, who ordered members of the mob to apologize for the beating and return stolen possessions. ...

Police advised the missionaries to move to another village where they would be safer. "Here we were beaten, bruised, and bled. Until we see a living congregation for Jesus we will not move from here," the leader said. Since then, 14 villagers have become Christians through the men's testimony.

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Ark of The Covenant Comments

by Bill Somers

The following comments are in reference to the Ron Wyatt article **The Ark of The Covenant**

The Very Large Sword in the Chamber

> *And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.*
> *And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword* of Goliath the Philistine. 1 Samuel 22:9-10

The very large sword found in the chamber could very well turn out to be that of Goliath!

The Location of the Hill Outside the Camp

> *Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered* **without the gate***.* Hebrews 13:12

The fact that the Hill of Crucifixion was part of Mt. Moriah, located outside the wall of the ancient city, shows how Jesus could be slain on Mt. Moriah, (the site of the temple, and of Abraham's attempted sacrifice of Isaac) and still suffer without the gate!

The Blood and Water

> *And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake,* **and the rocks rent**; Mathew 27:51
> *But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out* **blood and water***.* John 19:34

The earthquake that cracked the rock did not come till after Jesus had died. Could it be that the water that came out with the blood was to keep it from drying out before it had time to drip through 20 foot deep crack in the rock and fall upon the mercy seat below?

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A Revelation Of Him

Tina Nicolo

About a month ago I set out for a long walk with a mission to lay hold of His heart. My heart had been so heavy. For weeks I would pray with a cry from deep within my heart ., "Lord I need to see you, but the response I received was a question; "Why do you want to see Me". I would cry out ., "Lord I need a revelation of you" and again I received just a question in return; "What will you do with more revelations?". That day on my walk out of complete desperation I began to pray once more. My prayer was., "Where are you Lord, I need to see you". With that prayer the Lord spoke to me and said "You are seeking revelations for the sake of having more revelations. You need a revelation of WHO I AM" When He spoke I had a vision. I saw KING JESUS in His kingdom. He was looking over a sea of people. The people wore drab, dirty rags. Their mind, hearts and bodies diseased. Jesus would look lovely night and day over these people. He looked for any who would come up to Him, but these people seemed too sick or too preoccupied with the others around to even notice Him. Only a very few would respond to His voice.

I saw that I came from this group of people. I saw the deep depravity of the condition I had been in. I suddenly was overcome with the reality that the King of kings not on looked my way, but He called me out from among the death and dying. The Creator of the universe laid down His life so that I may live. He shed His precious, precious blood for me!!! I needed to be reminded of WHO HE IS and who I am in the light of Him. I owe Him everything!! I am His bondservant because I was dead and He gave me His life. I did nothing to earn it...I only responded to the sound of His voice. I gave Him my diseased mind and He gave me discernment and Truth. I gave Him my wicked heart and He gave my His perfect love. I gave Him my rags and He clothed me in His righteousness!!!!!

A few weeks had passes and I still had the image of these people on my mind. In particular how these people were dressed. I kept thinking that if I was seeing people in the world, they wouldn’t have had any clothes at all and if they did they would be black...not the brown dingy color that I saw. With that thought the LORD spoke to me and said; YOU SAW MY CHURCH, THEY ONCE WORE GARMENTS THAT WERE WHITE AS SNOW BUT THEY PICK UP THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD. THEY WON'T COME UP TO ME AND ALLOW ME TO CLEANSE AND HEAL THEM. I AM COMING BACK AND MY BELOVED BRIDE IS NOT READY!!!!!!!!!!

IN HIS LOVE,

Tina Nicolo

Just a personal note. I know I was one of these people from the sick, dying church. I remember how easy it was to sin and ignore His precious voice. I don't know why He called me out or why I responded, other than the fact that I became fed up with being luke-ware and back-slidden. I know that it is only because of His Holy spirit that I realized my deep need for Him. It was only His Holy spirit that caused to despise my sin. I allowed Him to wash me and cleanse me, but with that He also required something of me. He required me to DIE and give everything to HIM. To give Him my ambitions, my goals, my dreams, my need for man's approval.....everything!! He wants to be our EVERYTHING! Please allow Him to be your everything. Stop trying and start dying!!! Give Him everything. He is coming back for His bride. You are not ready if you have a dirty gown. Please allow Him to cleanse you from the things of the world!!! CHURCH GET READY FOR HIS SOON RETURN!!!!!

A Revelation Of Hell

Heather Butler

Wales

December 24th 2005.

I was sat at my computer this morning looking at an email about hell. It quite took my attention for a while, I was intrigued to read of men who believed they had discovered hell. It was a chilling email to read, however the site was bogus, but, it stirred something within me and I began to think about the concept of Hell and what we as Christians and none Christians believe. We need to get into the word of God to see for ourselves what it teaches about hell, so that we can be sure that we are able to tell others just what to expect if they die without Jesus in their hearts.

The church is often guilty of hiding the reality of hell, and yet it is one place where each of us has to potential to be sent to one day unless the Son has set us free.

We live in a society where many people do not believe in Hell anymore, or even that the devil exists. Many others believe that when we die that its the end, that our bodies go back to the dust and that’s it.

There are also those who do believe that hell exists and that the devil is in charge, they don't realise that everyone there will be bound to it for eternity including him. that no one is in charge.

Can you image a place devoid of God, can you imagine the anguish and the suffering forever knowing that you could have made a choice in life that would have kept you out of this place but pride, and unbelief snatched it from your grasp. Many people have questioned me over the years about the existence of hell, and have said “if God is such a loving God why would he send people to hell” I simply say “He never chooses to send anyone, we each make that choice through free will in life”.

As I pondered these things suddenly the reality of the Heavenly host at the birth of Jesus made more sense to me. Not only were they announcing the birth of the saviour, but they were excited, they were beside themselves with love, compassion, joy, as they saw first hand the fullness of the Godhead come down to earth to save mankind from this picture of eternal torment. The heavenly host understood the implications of this event more than we can ever imagine.

HERE IS LOVE vast as the ocean, Dma Gariad fel y moraidd one of the most beautiful hymns, you have to hear it sung in Welsh its so wonderful, choristers shed tears of emotion as they sing it out with fervour and vigour, World HERE IS LOVE, are we truly hearing this.

The Angelic host proclaiming the birth of the Saviour, knowing that the event was of such importance to us, that death would be conquered forever, and that a new chance, a chance of life was being poured out upon us all.

We have forgotten that the reason Jesus came was to glorify the Father the one who sent Him, and to share with us His heart, that the Father doesn’t want to lose us to eternity, but wants us with Him, in a place He has prepared for those who love Him.

The Father, wants us He cannot bear to think of an eternity without us. Do we really understand the Fathers heart as He sent love personified in the human body of Christ, do we fully recognise the implications of the birth of one so innocent and who remained innocent, even though he lived in a sinful world alongside us, and it did not taint Him. How can that be, and yet its truth and life to us, because this spotless lamb was led to the cross, the key to unlock our future in eternity with Him.

We can celebrate the birth of Christ with great joy, knowing that the Father is doing everything possible to save the lost

What are we doing, are we being honest about what we know to be true, or are we papering over the Hell thing, led astray by the teachings that hell is not what its all made out to be.

I tell you this, if it is not, then why put your own son through such pain to redeem us. Hell has never changed, we have, our doctrine has to suit ourselves so that we can live more easily not having to think about it in the way its truly portrayed in the word. The word does not, and will not change, the meaning of the words in Hebrew Greek English, whatever will forever be etched on paper for all to see the reality of it. We must ensure that we teach this alongside the love, alongside the gifts, the miracles and the signs and wonders, because this is at the very heart of the Gospel, this is why Jesus came.. We must etch it upon our own hearts so that we can enable others to see more clearly the purpose of a saviour.

Let this coming year be a mixture, a serendipity of what we have been shown, the bitter mixed with the sweet, lets not forget the cost of the life laid down so that we could live, lets not forget the reality of hell, lets not forget that we are the ones raised up in these last days to point the way to salvation through Jesus. Lest we forget.

In the love of Jesus

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A Rhema Promise

Doug Patterson

May 24, 2005

Despair not, for the King has truly spoken a rhema promise to His children. Arise out of hopelessness, put on a praise mantle and exalt your King for what He has already done and will continue to do. His word shall burn a vision of hope, trust and joy within your heart and cause you to move forward in victory.

2 Corinthians 1:20
For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

A Refreshing Wind

Bill Burns

April 25, 2005: Don't give up too soon. This winds of change are blowing. I am blowing a refreshing wind upon My people, for you have been through hard times, tumultuous times when the enemy has tried to wear you out. But, I am seated upon My throne, and the court has been seated, and I have made a judgment in favor of the saints. No longer will the enemy be able to wear you down. Resurrection life will flow to bring restoration and healing. I will give supernatural virtue that will wipe away discouragement from past days.

Watch for a season of rainbows, for many do not yet believe that the Jubilee season is upon you. You will see the most magnificent rainbows in the spring and summer. Behold the rainbow, for indeed it is the season of the rain. And, with the rain comes the bow set in the sky as a reminder of My covenant promise to you. That which I have promised I shall surely bring, and I will give to you individually. Each one shall receive from My treasury, says the Lord, for I am opening the treasures of heaven to pour out a blessing that you cannot even contain. This is the day of My power, the day of My glory, the day of My revelation. I come to you now as the rain, the former and the latter rain together. Watch for the rainbow, for it shall speak to you of the blessings of this season. But, do not forget during this time to maintain a position of warfare. It will be a different position because it will be warfare that is birthed from joy.

A Reunion With People Of Color

Danny Korakas

May 7, 2005

"This I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent..." (Philippians 1: 9-10).

Paul prays for the Philippians to APPROVE with DISCERNMENT those things that are excellent. In other words, to test those things which differ from the world. Life is full of "GOOD" things. What has value in the statement Paul is praying is that we must discern that which is good, that which is better, and that which is BEST. Everyday we are bombarded with information. It comes through media outlets, e-mail, postal or snail mail, and personal conversations. We receive a myriad of information everyday and we must decide what we will respond to. This is what makes Paul's prayer so important and applicable to our lives today. We must PRIORITIZE and choose what we are going to respond to each day and seek the Lord to help us APPROVE and DISCERN those things which are excellent to HIM. Most of what will come into your life will be relatively good. Why? Because it has been such a great tactic of the enemy for so long. In our response to what is good, we will probably miss God's best. We can become so preoccupied with the insignificant that it can have disastrous effects on our lives and missing what is significant to God. Our response to what is significant to God is the highest form of worship that we can offer - OBEDIENCE.

Many reading this will remember the Eastern Airlines crash that happened during the holidays a few years back. The flight was from New York to Miami and upon approaching Miami the light for the landing gear did not come on. The flight engineer tried to remove the bulb so he could check it to see if the landing gear may have in fact been down. (In other words, something may have been wrong with the bulb.) However, the flight engineer could not remove the bulb so that he could check it. Soon, the co-pilot was working on the instrument panel trying to remove this 75 cent bulb. It wasn't long before the entire cockpit was involved in this issue and as they were consumed with the task at hand --- they were losing altitude. The jumbo jet crashed into the swamp area around Miami and killed hundreds of people. For only a BRIEF period, the flight crew forgot their PRIMARY MISSION and PURPOSE --- TO FLY THE PLANE! All of this over a 75 cent bulb.

Ephesians 4 is a reminder that the same thing can happen in our local churches. We can become so preoccupied with good things that we lose our primary PURPOSE and MISSION. Jesus made it abundantly clear that we were to GO out into the WORLD and make disciples. Disciple making has been so abused in the past (example -- the shepherding movement) that we have become almost hesitant to involve ourselves in this command of Jesus. First of all, 2005 will be a year of defining "Fatherhood and Son-ship." We will never be the natural nor the spiritual fathers/mothers that God would have us be until we learn to be a son/daughter. Godly discipleship needs to re-established in the church more than ever. However, the mistake we have made in the past is understanding that disciple making is a TEAM EFFORT. To be a disciple of Christ you need relationships and exposure to the DIFFERENT GIFTS that He places within His body. If not, we risk the chance of producing a "disciple of me" as Ephesians 4 so clearly points out.

"But to EACH one of us Grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift" (Ephesians 4: 7). What is so wonderful about this passage is that Christ has given a GIFT to ALL of His children! Each one of us has a gift of GRACE. You cannot see light in form because it is invisible. However, with a prism we can see that light is made up of a whole spectrum of COLORS. In a similar way, you cannot see God's grace in your life; but as it is poured into your life, it takes on a particular "COLOR." This unique color is your gifting that others can see and experience! Just as it takes all the many spectrums of color to manifest light, so it is with us in being a light to the world. It takes ALL of our gifts and colors working in harmony for those in darkness to see Christ manifest in our lives and in the world. If just one color is left out of the spectrum, light fails to manifest. Likewise, it is only when the present church leadership realizes that that all of the body has been called to be "kings and priests" will we become "invisible" and Christ shown through our lives to a dark world.

1 Peter 4:10 says, "As each one has received a GIFT, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the MANIFOLD grace of God." The word "Manifold" can be rendered "Multi-colored." God's grace is given in the color of God's choice --- everyone is different. Praise God! Why do so many leaders in the church try to conform people into their understanding of how THEY feel people should be gifted? The job of leadership is to EQUIP the gifts that God has given --- not control them. The passage continues in verse 11 saying, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God." So, why would prophetic ministry be relegated back to the 1st century and beyond? We need prophetic people and direction from God TODAY more than ever! I believe much of problem may rest in hearing a person say, "Thus saith the Lord" or "Says God." I personally am in agreement with those who are checked in their spirit by this, but I have not thrown out "the baby with the bath water!" God would speak through the prophets of old in wonderful ways. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever ... and He still enjoys speaking to His people and the lost about life and its issues at this time in history.

The name Lord or YWHW would need in times past to be attached to prophetic utterances to distinguish Himself from the myriad of other gods and false prophets that were worshiped in vain. A clear distinction would have to be made when the Creator of the universe and the One true God spoke. Today, we know Who is speaking to us in the church meetings if it truly is a word from the Lord. This is why it is dangerous in my opinion to "tag" God's name onto something when the GIFTING we have is to see and prophesy in "PART." Again, let's not throw out the entire gift to the body of Christ because of our traditions or lack of understanding. We need to hear what Father is speaking to us personally and corporately TODAY through prophetically gifted people. However, I would like you to consider the validity of prophesying in "part" and using "thus saith the Lord."

"When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave GIFTS to men. Now this, "He ascended" - what does it mean but that He first DESCENDED into the lower parts of the earth" (Ephesians 4: 8-9). There are two prophetic points here. First, captivity (works of darkness) was made captive! Jesus achieved complete victory through the cross. In the time frame in which this was written, a victorious king or leader of an army would lead his troops through the main gate and parade the spoils of war. The soldiers of course would have already partaken of the "first fruits" of the battle, but what is really neat is that some of the spoils of war would be thrown out into the population as a gift of their conquest! God's gifts to us are given as SPOILS OF WAR. Jesus Christ won the battle over sin and death!

Secondly, the Bible says that Jesus FIRST "descended." We also must "descend" if we are to be a gift to others. Humility is the hallmark of the stewardship of God's gifts that we read in 1 Peter. Jesus as our model said, "I have not come to be served, but to SERVE." We must have an attraction for the "back seat" rather than the "front seat." Jesus said that the greatest of leaders would be the greatest of servants. Just consider this example: Why does an entire congregation sit on 100 year old hardback pews or fold out chairs while someone else sits on what looks like a padded THRONE on a

PLATFORM? This just compounds the separation that already exists in the church. It's time for "leaders" to come DOWN from this form of exaltation.

The building block of all life is WATER. The church is not a building, but a living organism. Water never flows up. It always flows DOWN. The church needs the refreshment of humble and servant leadership! Out of these, "shall flow rivers of living water."

"And He HIMSELF gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry..." (Eph.4:11-12).

What is so exciting about this verse is we can see that God's gifts come WRAPPED IN HUMAN FLESH! What is discouraging is that many churches have discarded two of CHRIST'S GIFTS and kept three of them. Why? Many have discarded the ministry and gift of apostle and prophet in the life of the church. We read in the Revelation that it is a curse to add to God's Word. It also is dangerous to REMOVE things from God's Word --- especially in the New Covenant (due to our lack of understanding or our experience with the abuse of them). Let's look at the gifts of apostolic and prophetic ministry and see if they are still needed in the church today.

An "apostle" is simply an "ENTREPRENEUR" in the church. They have the gift to recognize and start new ministries and plant new churches through fresh ideas in reaching the lost for Christ. Apostolic people understand that the church is a living organism; if any living organism is to survive, it must reproduce itself; living organisms that fail to reproduce themselves become weak and vulnerable and finally extinct. Instead, we normally allow their gift to benefit the world as businesses profit from their gift --- instead of the church. They understand divine strategies and how to implement healthy CHANGE. They are gifted with fresh ideas, but unfortunately are underemployed in the church.

The prophetically gifted are visionaries with an understanding of what the Lord desires to do in the church RELATIONALLY. They hear the heartbeat and pulse of God and are compelled to share what they hear. (Of course, the Bible says we are to TEST prophetic words to the plumb line of God's Word!) True prophetic people see dangers and roadblocks ahead and express DIRECTIONAL movements for the body of Christ. They also bring words of edification and encouragement as well as biblical correction. It is all these gifts (apostolic, prophetic, evangelistic, pastoral, and teaching) working in harmony that the Bible says, "Brings growth to the body" (Ephesians 4: 16).

The word "Equip" means "to repair a bone broken or to restore it to its original function." The Lord desires to restore the gifts to the WHOLE body of Christ. The reason is so that we will be a gift not only to the world and unsaved, but to one another! The Greek word for "Equip" is the word "mend or mending" and is found in Matthew when the disciples were mending their nets (see Matthew 4: 18-22). Broken nets don't catch fish ... and broken bodies (people) don't catch people. Jesus said, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men" (see Matthew 4: 18-22). God desires to restore and equip US to be useful in our love for one another and the lost.

"From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does it's share, causes growth to the body for the edifying of itself in LOVE" (Ephesians 4:16).

When we take away the modifiers, it says that the body causes the body to grow. The body causes the body to grow when people are using their gifts. The growth that the Lord is looking for is not only in numbers (width), but also in DEPTH. We must come to an understanding of our DEPENDANCE upon one another and the gifts to us in our spiritual growth. These gifts, wrapped in human flesh, are the only gifts given specifically by Christ. We are Christ's gift to one another! The greatest spiritual gifts you will ever have are the people Christ has brought into your life.

Churches that are stumbling in width (numbers) and depth (spiritual maturity or growth) suffer from three common traits.

There is little or no teaching on the spiritual gifts or the nurturing of them. Little to no help is given in seeing people's DESTINIES fulfilled.

Those in leadership are threatened -- to the false assumption that they will risk losing their "Spot." This is exactly the opposite of why you are called to leadership! You are called to be the "least of these." You are called to be a servant and to delight in seeing others move well beyond you in their spirituality. As a Father, don't you desire so much more for your children? So do TRUE spiritual mothers and fathers.

There is a high emphasis on COMMITMENT. Commitment is good, but if it's based on attendance and tithing as a barometer of a person's spiritual maturity, we have gone astray. We hear a lot of pulpit banging and commitment messages in churches today. When people are EQUIPPED and KNOW their gifts to others, you will not have to worry about commitment. You won't be able to get rid of them! You will have to tell them to go home because they will desire to be there and love what they are doing!

Remember beloved, you are the gift and the gift is given for SERVICE. We are never more like Christ than when we serve. He said, "I did not come to be served, but to serve..."

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A Sword An Axe And An Olive Leaf
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Isaiah 64: 11-12 ~~ "{11} Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste. {12} Wilt thou refrain thyself for these things, O Lord? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?"

1 Corinthians 2:9 ~~ " But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

In a vision, I was standing with the Lord.

I saw two people approach a large, beautiful tree. One of the people had an axe slung over their shoulder. This person was dressed as a warrior from ancient days, and was male. The other person wore a simple brown mantle, and was female. Both of these people also had a small bag tied around their waist. I sensed in my spirit that the gender of these two people represented a fathering/mothering function.

1 Corinthians 4:15 ~~ "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel."

Galatians 4:26 ~~ "But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

As the man and woman approached the tree, to my surprise, the tree spoke. "Are you for me or against me?" the tree asked the two people.

"What is this tree, Lord?" I asked the Lord.

"This tree represents the Church," the Lord replied. "My Body. The Church, My Body, believes that anyone whom speaks against it is either for it or against it. This is not always so."

"We are for the Lord," the two people replied in unison to the tree's question. "We have come to accomplish His divine will and purpose."

"The Lord has sent me to bring a sword against your barrenness!" the person wearing the brown mantle cried against the tree. "He has sent me to destroy the works of the flesh manifested forth from within you."

The person wearing the brown mantle flung their arms out to their sides. I then saw a sword flash out from the mouth of the person wearing the brown mantle. With both hands, the person wearing the brown mantle took the sword from their mouth and began to slice through the boughs of the tree with the sword. Finally, the person wearing the brown mantle lifted the sword high above their head, and with both hands embedded the sword deep into the trunk of the tree. I was shocked to hear cries of anguish erupt from the tree.

"What is this person doing with the sword, Lord?" I asked the Lord.

"The sword is My Word," the Lord replied. "The sword of My Word is being spoken forth against the works of the flesh within My Body, the Church."

"The Lord has sent me to break down and to destroy strongholds," the warrior with the axe spoke against the tree. “I am sent to lay the axe to the root of every tree which is not fruitful.”

I watched in horror as the warrior with the axe began to chop at the roots of the tree with deep, sure, controlled swings of the axe. Finally, the warrior with the axe ceased his efforts. Holding the axe with both hands, he set it down carefully between his feet.

“What is this person with the axe doing to the tree, Lord?” I asked the Lord.

“The axe also represents My Word,” the Lord replied. “I am sending forth those whom will cut away non-truth from within My Body, the Church.

“The purpose of the sword and the axe will be greatly misunderstood and withstood,” the Lord continued. “Those wielding the sword and the axe will be greatly criticized and hated.”

I gazed in shocked dismay at the once beautiful tree. It now resembled nothing more than a marred trunk. The earth around the tree trunk had been stirred-up by the swings of the axe. The earth was a deep, moist brown. I could see that while much of the tree’s root system had been dug-up and destroyed, there still remained one strong, healthy appearing root.

Slowly, the two people approached the wounded tree. I saw the two people untie and then dip their hands into the bag around their waist. When they did so, a wonderful fragrance emerged from within the bags.

I saw that the hands of the two people were covered with a thick fragrant ointment. The two people began to gently smear the thick fragrant ointment over the trunk of the tree. When they were finished, they withdrew slightly from the tree and sat down on the ground. They fixed their eyes upon the tree and began to pray for the tree.

Jeremiah 31:28 ~~ “And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the Lord.”

I also steadily gazed at the tree. To my delight and surprise, I saw small branches begin to grow from the trunk of the tree. Tiny buds began to bloom on the tree branches. They grew quickly into feathery shaped leaves. Small flowers appeared amongst the leaves of the tree. Finally, I saw small objects I somehow perceived to be olives growing on the tree boughs.

I saw a dove fly to the olive tree. The dove plucked a leaf from the tree and flew with it in her beak to the two people. The two people stood to their feet as the dove flew towards them. The two people cupped their hands gently together and the dove settled down into their cupped hands; the olive leaf still firmly held in her beak.

The two people gazed with excitement and awe at the dove with the olive leaf in its beak.

Zechariah 8:9 ~~ “Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.”

We began to hear the sound of running water. We looked towards the olive tree and saw a fountain of water gushing from out of the ground around the olive tree. The waters swept over the ground and formed a great river of water that continued on beyond our sight.

Ezekiel 47:6 and 9 ~~ “{6} And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. {9} And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very *great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh."*

We then felt and heard a breeze beginning to blow loudly. We gazed around to see where the wind was coming from. A large company of men and women of every age and from every nation appeared. They were being driven forward by the strength of the wind. The wind was also squeezing them closer together. The people were confused and distressed at this squeezing together amongst themselves. Yet the force of the wind prevented them from distancing themselves from one another as they so clearly desired to do.

"Why is the wind forcing the people closer together?" I asked the Lord.

"This is of Me," the Lord replied. "I am using both natural and supernatural means to drive My children back into close proximity one with another. The times of being isolated and alienated one from another has ended. Through their unity, will be their strength."

I watched as this large company of people converged upon the olive tree. I saw that all of the people appeared frightened, were in distress, and were in need of some type of healing.

When this vast company of people reached the tree, they began to eat the fruit of the olive tree and to rub the leaves onto their bodies from the top of their heads to the soles of their feet. The fruit and the leaves of the olive tree appeared to bring healing, comfort and relief to the people.

Ezekiel 47:12 ~~ "{12} And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine."

I watched as the person dressed as a warrior and the person wearing the brown mantle approached the crowd of people gathered around the olive tree. To my surprise, the two people began to take each of the people gathered around the olive tree, and somehow, one by one, attach that person into the tree. This newly attached person then became an actual living, vital, part of the olive tree.

Romans 11:17 and 24 ~~ " {17} And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; {24} For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?"

This process continued over and over again. The olive tree grew greater and stronger with each person whom was attached into it.

Ephesians 4:16 ~~ "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

I saw that some of the people resisted being grafted into the olive tree. These people were cast aside.

"Why do these people resist being grafted into the olive tree?" I asked the Lord.

"They have failed to discern and understand how I am working in the midst of My Body, My Church, at this time," the Lord replied.

"I am bringing My children back into fellowship and unity one with another. There are some who will

resist this through fear: fear of being hurt by their brothers and sisters once again; fear and distrust of denominations and spiritual leadership. They have doubts and unbelief in their hearts. They have made themselves to be unprofitable; for their fears and their unbelief have hardened their hearts."

Romans 11:21 ~~ "For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee."

When the vision ended, there still remained an unending crowd of people being attached into the olive tree.

Romans 12: 4-5 ~~ "{4} For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: {5} So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."

Revelation 22:16 ~~ "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."

Zechariah 6: 12-15 ~~ "{12} And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: {13} Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. {14} And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of the Lord. {15} And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God."

Haggai 2:9 ~~ "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts."

In Him,
Hollie L. Moody

A Seerious Season

Robin Lynne

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This is a follow-up to a word posted "The Voice of Thunder" http://eaglesofreformation.injesus.com

Urgent call for prayer for California
9-22-05

> *"I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint."* Habakkuk 2:1

I humbly but boldly come before you tonight under the mantle of a prophet and I am sounding the horn of warning once again for **intercession** for California for God's judgment will not delay.

While seeking the Lord today I first heard the words from Holy Spirit that we are in a very '***SEER***IOUS **SEAS**ON.' The word was shown to me with the emphasis on 'seer' and 'seas.' A great anointing already here, an awakening to the seer anointing like we have never seen before; the illumination of our eyes and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to His church. It is also divine judgment upon His prophets who have polluted His Word; the word of the Lord came to me in a parable. **"A sea of seers will be seared and washed away."**

I was then ushered into heaven where I stood beside Jesus with the map of the U.S. at our feet; we were standing on the tip of Florida overlooking the entire map. All of a sudden the U.S. **shifted violently** forward, and from where we were standing it would be to the West and in the natural we here in California had the earth 'quake' **12 times in 12 seconds.** Such mercy shown here by our Father as He sounds the warning, the earth is groaning but who will hear! The number 12 is perfection in government, it is a rule, much like an order like the sun which "rules" the day, and the moon and stars which "govern" the night. The total being 24 is a higher form of this and also the number of heavenly government and worship. Twenty-four is the number of the royal priesthood as given in 1Chr.24:1-19. The *twenty-four* courses of priests in the earthly Temple were formed on the "**pattern of things in the heavens.**" The Lord than whispered that time was running out for California and just as fast as this vision was fulfilled in the natural so too would be His judgment.

> *"Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay."*
> Habakkuk 2:2, 3

I then had a vision within a vision where I saw a prophet kneeling low in prayer as he released a boomerang into the air, they were his words of prayer as they cut off the heads of many in a gruesome display of who he saw as obstacles in his way. They were also the sheep he slaughtered along the way through the feeding of manipulation and lies. The very **boom**erang that was sent out by the prophet that brought shame upon many now came straight back at the prophet and lobbed off his head.

This prophet was not only the prophet inside the church walls but outside; many also in Hollywood who have forsaken their calling of the prophet for material wealth and gain.

> *"Woe to him who builds his realm by unjust gain to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of ruin!*
> *You have plotted the ruin of many peoples, shaming your own house and forfeiting your life.*
> *The stones of the wall will cry out, and the beams of the woodwork will echo it.*

> *"Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime!*
> *Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people's labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?*
> *For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD,*
> *as the waters cover the sea.* Habakkuk 2:9-14

There was a sign in the skies over California tonight followed by His word, a large arrow, the arrow of God's judgment has been released over California; we must humble ourselves and pray!
(2 Chronicles 7:14

The Voice Of Thunder
Robin Lynne

Sep 20, 2005
"The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord thunders over the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon." - Psalm 29:3-5 (NIV)

Blessings my friends in the precious, precious Name of Jesus, the Name above all names, when spoken in His Spirit even in mere whisper; oh the mighty wind and thunder in the depths of His breath, many kings and many nations will bow low. But if they are stubborn and do not bend their faces to the ground and give back all to the King, they and their kingdoms will be brought low by the hand of the Lord, our God, and our Maker.

For those of you who know me personally, know that I have been resting in deep, quiet before the Lord since December of 99, called up briefly, only to be ushered back down again, awaiting His release. At this very moment there is a deep groaning in the heavens coming from our Father's bosom that time is accelerating and His judgment is upon the earth, for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear it is a call to spend even more time at the feet of our Lord, it is not a time to go *chasing dragons* but a time to wait upon the Lord, like a tortoise who steadily moves towards the finish line and even has his shell for protection, so too is our Lord our covering if we abide and rest in Him.

While in prayer on the morning of September 16th, I was taken by the Spirit of the Lord in His mighty wind over the state of California. Here the view from above was a land soaked by rain; it was not a flood but a good soaking where many puddles aligned the streets. Holy Spirit then whispered that when this rain came it would be a sign that destruction was near by; I then heard the words: **"get in your bomb shelters, baton down the hatch."** (A Skipper's term to secure hatches and loose objects both within the hull and on deck.) Speaks well of getting right before the Lord.

I was awakened this morning from a dream where the Lord's voice was thundering in my spirit that in the **'sound of the next thunder'** California would be judged, no sooner had I awakened then did the sound of thunder in the natural break through the heavenliess, a sound my friends that when heard I felt the fear of the Lord as an aching in my bones and I hid beneath my pillow as resting in the bosom of our Lord in fear that in this very sound of thunder, God's voice, California would be ripped in half, this is how loud it was as it shook my house in the natural.

I went quickly back into the dream where I found myself in L.A.X, the Los Angeles Airport, overlooking the following scene of a mother running after her five year old little girl through the airport and her other twelve year old daughter following close behind. All of a sudden you could hear the whistle of a train coming, heading across and through the terminal at a very high rate of speed as the older sibling very alert to the fact that her little sister was running so fast that she wouldn't be able to stop and that she would be run over by the coming train.

The older sister than opened her mouth to scream and what came forth was the sound of a fog horn and it echoed the little girls name ‘Carlyle’………….As the train sped on by it soon came to a stop as the horrified mother began looking for her daughter beneath the train and upon the tracts but she was no where to be found, she had been supernaturally transported back home in ‘safety.’
I awoke to Isaiah 54:12 running through my spirit; ***“I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones*.”**

The name ‘Carlisle’ means ‘from the walled city.’ From a surname which was derived from a place name meaning "city belonging to Lugovalos." *Lugovalos* was a Celtic personal name meaning "strong as Lugus. (Shining one) As it is also a Castle.

I believe the older sister represents our spiritual mothers and fathers that carry much wisdom to sound the horn of warning from the Lord (Ezekiel 33) Being 12, symbolizes governmental order and the little sister who was 5 (grace) a merger of the two equals 17 which is perfection of spiritual order, His fullness made known that will endow His body with supernatural strength and covering through the darkness. John 17:17 **“Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth**.”

There is a divine warning to rest with our Father right now when one may feel like ‘running to and fro’ lifting up our ministries above the name of Jesus. On the other side of the name of Carlisle, if she did not heed the warning, her fortified wall would be one of pride.

Isaiah 2:12-17
“The Lord Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled),
For all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, all the oaks of Bashan,
For all the towering mountains and all the high hills,
For every lofty tower and every fortified wall,
For every trading ship and every stately vessel.
The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled;
the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.”

In a recent vision I was taken up to the stars above, oh the joy and depth and pure love through this very real and tangible vision. The stars were of the colors, Red, yellow and blue, the three primary colors, they are the only colors that cannot be made by mixing two other colors. I was then taken into another portal and shown a color pallet with no color. The secondary colors (green, orange and violet) were missing along with many other colors, but the secondary colors were much needed to fulfill the entire color wheel, instead of colors there were bricks. Jesus began to speak to me that what He was showing me was the mindset of His people and their refusal to merge the old with the new as He began to tear away brick by brick and expose many beautiful colors beneath. Because Jesus had to remove the bricks/mindsets Himself, this caused great judgment to fall upon His people through much destruction.

Again I saw our Lord lift up the Gaza Strip like a grass strip and it went all along the ***coastal regions of the world*** in much exposing of sin, much like lifting up a band aid and exposing the wound and the church would be first. Through this exposure came much destruction and loss of life through hurricanes, earthquakes, massive change of weather patterns all over the world. California was at this very moment being judged and we must cry out for His mercy in deep repentance. I saw an earthquake hitting California on the Richter scale in the magnitude of 10 and so too hurricanes along the coastal regions of the earth on the same level. I heard the name “Philippe’ as being a hurricane we need to be watching and seeking the Lord about.

The blood of innocent babies aborted and the abuse of children on the land of California and through out the earth so grieved our Father’s heart, more so than I have ever seen before as His tears filled the earth in cleansing and repentance as His warning has been sounded **and if we, His people will fall on our faces and repent, not just a quick drive by of prayer but a soaking and seeking**

His face in deep intimacy, He will come and He will heal our land.

Whoredom in the church ranked high on the Father's list and He has been knocking on the doors of our hearts for many, many years that the selling of His anointing must cease, the leading of His sheep astray.

He then began to mix the color 'yellow' from the primary colors with the color 'green' from the secondary creating the color 'apple green.' He then began to teach me about this color and the importance of the mixture; it wasn't just green (cleansing and life) from the secondary colors but a merger with the yellow (healing and purity) and blue (heavenly revelation) from the primary. Jesus began to share the meaning of the color **apple green** in the book of Revelation 21:20:

"The foundation [stones] of the wall of the city were ornamented with all of the precious stones. The first foundation [stone] was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony (or white agate), the fourth emerald,
The fifth onyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst." (NIV)

Oh His blessed completeness found in the tenth stone, denoting His perfection of divine order coming to His body, a Holy priesthood made known through much purging and cleansing thus revealing His humility. Jesus then placed an apple green scarf around my neck, symbolizing **His truth and mercy** made known.

"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart." Proverbs 3:3 (KJV)

"By wisdom the Lord laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;
By his knowledge the deeps were divided, and the clouds let drop the dew.
*My son, preserve **sound judgment and discernment**, do not let them out of your sight;*
*They will be **life** for you, an **ornament to grace your neck**.*
Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble;
When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.
Have no fear of sudden disaster or of the ruin that overtakes the wicked,
For the Lord will be your confidence and will keep your foot from being snared."
Proverbs 3: 19-26 (NIV)

A Sobering Thought

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This past November 12 we posted a vision written by Steve Foss.
The End Time Battle   Steve Foss

This was received by him and posted May 15th, 2000, and can be found on his website.
http://stevefoss.com/endtimebattle.html

The vision shows the end time army of the Lord battling the enemy and freeing captives. Here is a quote of one of the paragraphs.

> As the army got to the front lines of the enemy it was a one sided slaughter. The enemy was literally over run by the overwhelming power of the Army of the Lord. As the army got to where the camps were, the brightness of their light caused all to see who they were. Everyone reached out a hand to them as they passed by. When they saw it was Christians all had a shocked look on their face. Many smiled a stretched their hand even more and were lifted up by one or more of the soldier and were placed into the army. They too became brilliantly white. Others when they saw it was the church and that Jesus lead the army, they got a repulsive look on their faces, pulled back their hands, and laid back down to the ground amongst the slaughter and the waste. They quickly became diseased and died. This was quite shocking to me as some of those who pulled back their hands said with great disgust when the saw Jesus and the Church, “Not YOU!!!” As disgusting as their camps were and as brilliant Jesus and the church was, they didn't want Him. They were offended at Jesus. They willfully rejected Him.

As I sought the Lord about this how this showed people rejecting him, I believe this is what he showed me. I’m working from the idea that Jesus does not always appear to people in his glory. Sometimes he appears as someone else, or as an angel. In this case, for those saying ‘Not You’ he is appearing as *the one person they always hated and never could forgive*. And with stubborn, prideful unforgiveness in our hearts, we cannot receive His mercy.

Now what could some possible examples of this be?
For those who railed against Catholicism and hated Catholics, he could appear as one of the Popes, Padre Pio, or even Bishop Sheen!
For those who loved their Jewish Brethren but despised the Arabs, he may look like Yasser Arafat.
To those who couldn’t’ stand Televangelists, he might appear as Benny Hinn!
For those who opposed pretribulationism, he might look like Tim LaHaye.
To those who cast scorn on the Holy Laughter, Toronto and Brownsville, he may appear to be Rodney Howard-Browne.
For those appalled by the Lakeland Revival, he might even look like Todd Bentley.
To those upset by the elections, he may look like Barak Obama!
He might even appear to you as your Ex!

I can think of quite a few of my Christian brothers and sisters who I am not exactly pleased with, and realize I must forgive them. If not I may be rejecting Jesus himself. What about you?

A Season Of Preparation And Devastation
Stephen Hanson

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[10]And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. [11]These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. [12]So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! I Co. 10:10-12

"I tell you that this is the season for preparation, and it is also the season for devastation. The signs have started that point to my return. These will be days that some will prepare and some will scoff at. Many will say that these things have always happened. But it is clear to those who have ears to hear that I am coming soon. Will these things be eased up on, some will ask? I tell you that my prophetic time clock is ticking, these things are written down and they will happen. The safety net has been taken away from the United States. There are things that will come that may not have come before. Some gather to pray about the things that are coming, and surely, I will listen to them, but I must tell you that these things are ordained. They are meant to happen because they are the events that are leading up to my soon return. "

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The Bread Has Gone Bad
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> *[15] When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.*
> *Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat. [16] This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Each one is to gather as much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.' " [17] The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. Exodus 16:15-17*

This morning I was looking in our breadbox where we keep loaves of bread and I saw one loaf of bread that had become moldy. I immediately thought of the manna that was gathered in the wilderness and how Moses had instructed the people to gather the manna each and every day for their provision, or else it would gather mold and would then be useless.

When we have gathered God’s word to us, either in the form of a true prophetic word, or scripture, what do we do with it? Do we leave it on the shelf or in the breadbox to gather mold, or do we partake of it and eat it for our provision for that day? I find that this is a spiritual principle that we need to get a hold of. We don’t need to gather an entire field of bread for us each day, because it would then become rotten and useless to us. We need to gather “only” what would give us strength and guidance for that day. Remember that the children of Israel were given the bread in the morning and the quail at night. They were sustained by this food. When they gathered too much, it had then become rotten and moldy and was useless to them.

What is there that God has spoken to you in His word today? Has He given us bread for today that you can partake of? What is there that has been spoken by others that can be useful to you today? Have you left it to gather dust or mold, or have you partaken of it, and allowed it to strengthen and preserve you?

Jesus is called among other things, “The Bread of Life.” He gives us our daily bread if we will listen and then partake of it. He was broken and given as a ransom for many. We eat of this when we partake of communion, but also when we “commune” with Him.

Let us again, look at those things that have been spoken that can give us food. We need this bread, but we also need “strong meat” that would sustain us for the days ahead. The food of this world will not profit us; it is not ever lasting, nor is it good for our souls.

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A Season of Separation
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It is apparent that things are changing in our world today. Change by its very nature can be exciting for some and foreboding for others. Change by its definition can mean a different position, course or direction, to shift, transition, transform, alter, switch, modify, exchange or substitute. It is not a profound statement to say that by outward appearances situations in the world are undergoing great changes. Since there is nothing new under the sun, this is just that, nothing new, at least to a God, who knows the end from the beginning. However, I believe prophetically we are standing in a season of GREAT CHANGE in the heavenlies once again. Just as Jesus Christ came to earth over 2000 years ago to catalyze the greatest change and life transforming act of love that any one human could offer the world, an appointed time has come for this to be displayed once again. However, this demonstration of God's love will be seen in a way that it has not been seen in recent history or even history itself.

Change is caused by a variety of circumstances. Just recently, parts of the United States have been undergoing great trials and tribulations in the form of powerful hurricanes, floods and wildfires. Many also prophesy of a great earthquake to come. Some call this the wrath of God, while others see it as a catalyst for change. Whatever the case, it is apparent that man is finding it necessary to shift his way of thinking in order to be prepared should this type of wide scale situation occur again. When one's perspective is altered, modified, or transitioned, a paradigm shift takes place. In this process of change a separation within inevitably occurs, whether or not it is reflected on the outside. There are those who willingly choose to go on with their lives as if nothing happened. In contrast, there are those who willingly choose to respond to the catalyst or outside force by literally changing the way they think, act, or behave. This change can be as simple as keeping a stock of basic necessities in preparation for future disasters, acquiring additional insurance, or even moving from one location to the next.

Is change a bad thing? All things considered, while change is many times very uncomfortable and even frightening, overall I don't believe change is bad. Change is simply a response to an altered circumstance or situation. Throughout history, God continues to extend His hand of mercy to mankind and allows various trials and tribulations to awaken people, giving them an opportunity to make a change in their way of thinking, thus affecting they way they live. To say that God is angry and these recent occurrences or any trials or tribulations are the retribution of God for man's sin is to say that He is casting judgment on sin all over again. Is God really mad at mankind and casting judgments upon him? If that were the case, would that not be saying that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, was not enough? Following this realm of misunderstanding would line up with a mindset that does not fully embrace God's grace and has not been fully renewed. This would mean that Jesus did not completely fulfill His purpose when He came to earth over 2000 years ago in the form of sinful man, bore the full judgment of sin, died on the Cross and was resurrected from the dead on the third day.

What part of 'It is Finished' did God leave unfinished in His plan to redeem the world back to Himself through His own Son? According to the Word of God, the Almighty did not leave anything unfinished. Though the work is still being wrought out in mankind's heart, God does not desire to crucify Christ all over again. Consider the words of the Hebrew writer:

Hebrews 10:29 - Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified an uncommon thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

It is clear in this Scripture that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ's own blood was full and complete. Yet, there are those who, despite their knowledge of the Word, long prayers and charitable deeds, willfully cling to their man-made self-righteous garments, destined to continue walking in the realm of unbelief, which can be likened to hell or a realm of intense suffering and condemnation, unless they truly repent. They may speak words that sound like words of faith, but inside the veil of carnality remains upon their hearts and minds as their unbelief causes them to wrongly perceive His sacrifice as an impure, unholy or unclean thing as the Greek word for ‘uncommon’, koinos, is defined in the above verse. These are they who have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof.

So, what is this change that the earth is undergoing? If we can conclude by the Scriptures that God is not mad at the world and already poured out the full wrath of judgment for man’s sin upon His own Son, then what is all of this about? Surely the Lord must be saying something through the midst of it. As it was with Elijah, the Lord still speaks in a still small voice.

1 Kings 19:11-12
11 Then He said, “Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

If we continue to look for the natural event itself to speak to us, we will completely miss what God is trying to say. It is awfully hard to hear someone talking to you in a still small voice, when you are listening through the disturbance of a wind, an earthquake or a fire or especially the combination of all three! As with any conversation, we must be wise and humble quieting our hearts so that we can correctly hear what the other Person, who just happens to be GOD, is saying to us! Contrary to how a chaotic world may behave and communicate, God still enjoys peaceful, quiet communion with His own in the cool of the day.

There is a great glory that is being revealed and unveiled in this hour across the earth. Hearts are pounding and minds are soaring in the heavenlies as all of creation continues to groan and labor with birth pangs together until now.

2 Corinthians 3:9-11
9 For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory 10 For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. 11 For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.

Oh the glory of what is being unveiled in this hour! There is a remnant who have endured throughout the ages that have been building, precept upon precept, this living, temple of God. This new wineskin, who is Christ within us, is capable of fully containing all of the new wine God is pouring out in this hour. This remnant is not interested in using the pattern of the Temples of yesteryear, nor are they building according to an exact blue print of the Church of Acts. They have encountered the glory of God personally and know the best template is the Son Himself! What better plan is there to follow to build up the Body of Christ, than Jesus Christ, who is the Head of this Body?

Hebrews 10:9-10
9 Then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ONCE FOR ALL.

Even in this one example of Scripture, it is clear that Jesus came to take away the Old or First Covenant (law or letter which kills – Adamic mindset), to establish the Second or New Covenant, who is Christ in us the Living Word (through the Spirit Who gives life – Mind of Christ). We are then able to worship in Holy Communion or Holy Matrimony with God in both Spirit and Truth. It is high time to pass from the Old, which is passing away, into the New!

2 Corinthians 3:12-16
12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech - 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their MINDS WERE BLINDED. For UNTIL THIS DAY the SAME VEIL REMAINS UNLIFTED in the reading of the Old Testament, because THE VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY IN CHRIST. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when ONE TURNS TO THE LORD, the VEIL IS TAKEN AWAY.

The call for repentance is great upon the earth! Events are unfolding, giving way for those with a willing heart to REPENT or TURN TO THE LORD away from the self-life and unto a Spirit filled life in Christ! He who calls upon the Name of the Lord will be saved! Repent, repent, repent is the cry of the Prophets in this hour! Turn fully toward the Lord and your veil will be taken away so that you can see your Creator face to face! Just as the veil of the Temple was rent in two from top to bottom, through Jesus death on the Cross, the Lord continues to tear down and remove the veil of flesh which separates man from God within temples not made with human hands. There is a destiny to be fulfilled in Christ and the appointed time is now!

God is indeed calling for 'judgment' in this hour. However this is not anything like the judgment of man, in which one considers if something is inherently good or evil, resulting in condemnation. No, my friend, the judgment of God is much bigger than that. This call is the same as that of John the Baptist, "REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND!" In other words, change your way of thinking. Do not conform to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind! Instead of running away from your Creator, you can find salvation, healing, restoration and resurrection if you TURN TO HIM! TODAY IS THE DAY OF ACCOUNTABILITY! NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION! This ongoing call to repentance will continue to bring about an even greater divide or separation. It is a separating of that which is of God and that which is not. His judgment is rooted in faith and based upon that which produces life or that which produces death!

Though the Gospel has been preached for centuries, there are still those who have yet to fully cross over from the Old Covenant into the New Covenant. This can only occur through the inner work of the Holy Spirit, who leads those of faith through an inward crucifixion of the self-life or being crucified with Christ. This crucifixion involves sharing in the sufferings of Christ, which consists of a unique and mysterious process designed by God to conform a man or woman into His own image and likeness. Though the outer work has been completed by Jesus' Finished work on the Cross, God will not stop until the inner work within those, who are called by His Name, is completed. The mind is renewed as the man of perdition or man of sin (Adamic nature) or carnal mindedness, which Paul says in Romans 8 IS DEATH, is separated from the spiritual man wedded to the Holy Spirit or spiritually minded (Christ within us), who is LIFE!

So, how will this greater dimension of God's glory be demonstrated throughout the earth? Because there is nothing new under the sun, it is safe to say that God will again use the same way to display His glory through His Son. What does this entail? IT IS ALL ABOUT THE TREES!!!

What are you talking about you may ask. What does great change and separation have to do with TREES? EVERYTHING! I have found that when you do not know where to start, the best place is to GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING! So, let's take a few steps back and wander about in the Garden. In Genesis 2 we find the creation of the flesh man, Adam, who God formed from the dust of the ground and breathed into him the breath of life.

Genesis 2:8-9
8 The Lord God planted a garden eastward of Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. 9 And out of the ground the Lord God made every TREE TO GROW that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The TREE OF LIFE, was also in the midst of the garden, and the TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL.

Genesis 2:15-17
15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

We all know the rest of the story. God forms a woman from one of Adam's ribs to be his helper. She turns out to 'help' in an unfavorable way and they both end up wearing fig leaves, instead of experiencing the free, unhindered communion with God that they had been created to enjoy. God reveals the consequences of their act of unbelief in Genesis 3.

Genesis 3:22-24
22 Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" – 23 therefore

the Lord God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a FLAMING SWORD which turned every way, to GUARD THE WAY TO THE TREE OF LIFE.

I recently received a vision or spiritual picture from the Lord. In it the Lord depicted the earth as His garden. Contrary to what some profess, the Word still stands true that, “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness there of; the world, and they that dwell therein” (see Psalm 24:1). The thing that struck me was the trees that populated God’s garden in this vision were literally people. It became abundantly clear that the basic truths of the Garden had not changed since the beginning of Creation. In a sense the Garden still exists and men and women continue to have the freedom to partake of one tree or the other. What I hadn’t realized was that the TREES mankind continued to feed off of were one another!

Just as the Lord desired to reveal His glory and power through the Tree of Life in the garden of Eden, He still desires to reveal Himself in this same way today. Because of man’s unbelief he ate of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. This produced the fruit of sin in his life, which caused a paradigm shift or a major change in the Garden. Instead of being able to freely partake of the Tree of Life, the Lord God placed a flaming sword to guard the way to it. Here we see the use of TREES in God’s initial plan to prosper man and freely give him eternal life. Later we see this pattern repeated again, when a person, who was both God and man, by the name of Jesus Christ came to the earth and was crucified on a TREE, once again providing a way to partake of eternal life by means of a tree. This leads me to believe that things have not changed, but that God continues to desire to use TREES to fulfill His purposes on the earth!

Some questions then arise to each one of us regarding TREES. If I am a tree, what type of fruit am I producing? If others are trees, what type of fruit are they producing and what type of fruit am I partaking of from them? Well, the truth remains that there are still only two trees in the Garden to partake of. The Tree of Life and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. One tree is rooted deeply in good soil that has been cultivated by sharing in the sufferings of Christ. This tree has grown and matured into Oneness with Christ, producing the fruit of righteousness that leads to eternal life, which is intimate communion with the Father. The other tree is rooted in unbelief, with fruit full of the vain philosophies, wisdom and foolish ideas of man, ultimately leading to death.

How can we discern what type of tree we are encountering? Jesus makes this quite clear in Matthew 12.

Matthew 12:33-37
33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for A TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT. 35 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKS. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak; they will give account of it on the day of judgment, 37 For BY YOUR WORDS YOU ARE JUSTIFIED, and BY YOUR WORDS YOU ARE CONDEMNED.”

If we are able to know a tree by its fruit, how will we determine what type of fruit we are being offered or offering others? This too is clearly outlined in the Word.

Hebrews 13:15 – Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the FRUIT OF OUR LIPS, giving thanks to His name.

Scripture is more than clear to explain that fruit is revealed through the words that come out of our mouths. Spiritual fruit is not measured or weighed by the outward appearance as the carnal man measures ‘value’ such as how big a ministry is, how accurate a prophetic word is, how much money someone has given away to the poor, how many demons one has cast out of another, or even how long someone claims to have been a Christian. The fruit of the Spirit can only be discerned through the eyes of the Spirit and according to Galatians 5:22-24 consists of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” The authentic fruit of the Spirit will always exhibit the character of Christ, which brings glory to God. These are not mere words that someone speaks to justify themselves in the sight of God and man as the religious Pharisees spoke.

These are words that contain the glory or weightiness of God. They contain the same Holy Spirit power that God used to speak the world into existence.

Now let’s take a look at the device that releases the fruit, revealing the true identity of the tree.

James 3:5-12
5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not be so. 11 Does a spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh.

It is evident that no man can tame the tongue. Therefore, it stands to reason that when a man or woman has become truly BORN AGAIN of God’s Spirit into His Kingdom, their lives are no longer their own and the Spirit will take full control of their life, including their tongues. The Spirit will do this by taking the seat of authority in their hearts which is the source from which the mouth speaks. Once the King has set up His Kingdom in their hearts, their tongue will not longer be set on fire by hell or the realm of unbelief that once ruled their carnal hearts and minds. They are given a new heart and a New King! The First Adam or their carnal nature is dethroned and cast out and the King of kings is given His rightful seat of authority in a man or woman’s life. These once ‘bad trees’ who have truly allowed the Seed, who is Christ, to be planted deeply in good soil, watered by the Holy Spirit, nurtured by the Father’s everlasting love, are transformed into ‘good trees’ or Trees of Life themselves.

Proverbs 15:4 – A wholesome tongue is a TREE OF LIFE, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

By faith, their words will gradually cease from speaking words of hatred and condemnation, which stem from fear and pride, both rooted in unbelief. Their words will instead be filled with life to bless men, rather than curse them. They will speak life, rather than death. It is these Trees of Life that creation has been groaning to be revealed once again! The Trees of Life continue to be guarded by the flaming sword in the garden as they have passed from death into eternal life through Jesus’ Completed work on the Cross! These Trees have become walking, talking messages of the Cross or the crucified life wherever they go. This is what it means to be a living epistle! Those who partake of their good fruit will be inspired to turn toward God in sincerity of heart. As He is lifted up in their lives, He will continue to draw all men to Himself.

As the birth pangs of the earth continue to gain momentum, growing in both frequency and size, I ask you to seriously consider the fruit you have been producing and partaking of. Again, the fruit is that of your lips, conveyed by your tongue. Is your tongue setting fires of destruction or fires of revival? Do you speak words of sincere faith or those of wavering unbelief? Do the words you receive from others and come into agreement with produce life or death? Do they inspire faith or stir up fear? In the days to come it will become abundantly clear to see those who have passed through the Door, who is Jesus, and those who have climbed up another way. We must be watchful and guard our hearts. We can no longer afford to remain yoked together with unbelievers. Can two walk together, unless they are agreed? What communion has light with darkness? Let us be wise and bear fruits worthy of repentance.

Just as the shofar was blown to commemorate the Feast of Trumpets, the same message is blowing loud and clear today! Repent! The day of accountability and separation is NOW! Just as God does not change, the consequences of unbelief, which is the root of all sin, have not changed. A great spiritual harvest is coming and swiftly.

Luke 3:9 - And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and throw into the fire.

Hebrews 6:7-8
7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by

whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; 8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed whose end is to be burned.

Proverbs 13:2-3
2 A man shall eat well by the fruit of his mouth, but the soul of the unfaithful feeds on violence.
3 He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.

Paul's words to the Corinthians also ring clear in this hour.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18
16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you." 18 "I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."

We are entering into a season of separation like no other. Many have endured the fires of affliction as the Lord has sifted, refined and purified them. These seasons have been for the testing and working out of their faith as the Lord has prepared them for such a time as this. At last, those systems that seem to be thriving, which are actually rooted in unbelief, will be revealed for what they truly are. Those things hidden darkness will be uncovered. That which is dead and dry will be cut down and thrown into the fire to be burned, not to return again. A spiritual revolution is once again taking shape and form. It is he who endures to the end that shall enjoy God's salvation to its full extent. This tried and true vessel shall enjoy the harvest promised to him in God's Word.

Psalm 1:3 – He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in due season, whose leaf shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper.

Revelation 22:1-2
1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding it fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:14 – Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

Releasing the Joseph Company – For Such a Time as This
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Can you hear it? Can you hear the sound of the Shofar trumpeting the call for a New Day? Listen carefully with your spirit and you will hear the heavenly sound as it grows louder and louder with each passing moment. Just as the Feast of Trumpets signified a call to repentance, so this sound is echoing throughout all the earth calling for men and women, young and old to turn away from their own understanding, from the deception of this world, and turn to face the Living God!

What an exciting time to be alive in Christ! We stand on the verge of historic and monumental change. Not because of anything we have done, but because of what Jesus Christ has already accomplished for us and has been working out within His people's hearts for over 2000 years. This is about Christ within us the hope of glory!

There is a great paradigm shift taking place in the heavenlies. Those with eyes to see and ears to hear can sense it. Their spirits can taste, feel, touch and see it. In the natural there have been many outward signs, yet the clarity to see it in its entirety has yet to come. Many of you know in your hearts what I am referring to. However, up until this point, you have not been able to fully verbalize what it is you have perceived. There is good reason for this, because what you are sensing has not been seen in recent times or perhaps it has not yet been revealed in its fullness, which is soon coming. The words I share may strike a chord in your heart, but perhaps still do not provide enough revelation to see clearly. So, let us turn to the source of all truth, the Living Word of God, to get a picture of what is being revealed in this hour.

In Genesis 37-50 the story of Joseph's life is recorded. He is an ordinary man called by God to do great things. Yet, he is given his Father's favor from birth. He wears this coat of favor proudly, which seems like more of a curse than a blessing in his younger years. Through a series of God ordained trials and tribulations Joseph's character is built. It is in the depths of a remote prison in Egypt that Joseph's dreams die, along with all of his own understanding and strength. Yet in the midst of it all, God proves faithful and continues to teach and nurture Joseph through the best and worst of times.

Many have prophesied, taught and expounded on a coming "Joseph Company". There is a popular understanding that this is a company of people that are gifted in the marketplace arena. They have the ability to acquire large amounts of money and resources in order to distribute them to further the purposes of God on this earth. There is a layer of truth in this, but I believe this is not at all the full picture of God's purposes for this "Joseph Company".

What I am about to share has been wrought out in the depths of the Egyptian prison. Some will receive it with joy, while others may not. The purpose of this writing is not to empower those who want God's blessings, but are unwilling to pass through the fiery crucifixion of the self-life. Its intent is to call forth the true "Joseph Company" or those who have been strategically positioned in the prison of obscurity by God and have been weighed in the balance and are not found wanting. They have died to their own hopes and dreams, thoughts, ambitions and understandings. This long process was necessary to prepare them to receive what God had initially destined for them before the foundation of the world.

Like Joseph, this Company has come face to face with both the Baker and the Butler, who prophetically represent their Adamic Nature (Baker – First Adam) and Christ within them (Butler – Last Adam). They had correctly interpreted or understood that one prisoner must be broken and die, while the other would be fruitful and live. Yet, they have continued to sit in a place of suffering, seemingly forgotten by the Butler, whom they understood bore the cup of suffering, filled with crushed grapes or His own blood, for their sins. They had trusted Him to deliver them from this pit of misery.

It is in the prison of sharing in the sufferings of Christ that a great judgment has taken place. Fire and brimstone has not literally fallen upon them, but has instead occurred within them! The Babylonic system of man, built by the flesh, has been revealed and destroyed by the inner working of the two witnesses, the Spirit and the Truth. A great separation of the soul and spirit has taken place as the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, has been allowed to do its perfect and complete work of separating or judging, that which is of Christ and that which is not. This 'judgment' is not based on good or evil, but instead rooted in the Tree of Life, which instead discerns that which produces life or that which produces death. Those pet thoughts, words, ideas, and doctrines that do not line up with the Holy Word of God have been burned away in the fiery furnace of affliction, making way for the true purposes and will of God to be established in their hearts.

From the outside, this life of barrenness looks like total failure. It may appear that everything that once seemed to have life is now dead. Those who once loved and supported these Josephs have since turned away in frustration and unbelief. Misunderstandings abound in those who observe them and perhaps even in the prisoners themselves. Waiting on God has taken on a whole new meaning, but the glimmer of Hope continues to live on despite all outward signs of complete and utter failure.

I have good news for those of you who have yielded to the delicate and often painful work of the Spirit that has been wrought out inside your hearts! The DAY OF RELEASE is upon you! Only those who look through spiritual eyes of faith can see the miracle of RESURRECTION that is taking place! We stand on the threshold of something greater than even our dreaming hearts have imagined.

Genesis 41:8 – Now it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was no one who could interpret them for Pharaoh.

Genesis 41:14-15

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called for Joseph, and they brought him quickly out of the dungeon; and he shaved, changed his clothing, and came to Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. But I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream, to interpret it."

The thing we must understand is that it was not until the Pharaoh or KING HAD NEED of Joseph that he was RELEASED from the prison! It was at the APPOINTED TIME that God knew Joseph was fully prepared to fulfill His purposes to save a people, tribe and nation! It was at the appointed time that the King had a dream that could only be fulfilled by Joseph. Suddenly Joseph was remembered, as he was the only one that possessed inside of him what was needed to fulfill the King's need. Joseph's years in the prison were well spent as pride and fear were crushed and the root of unbelief was cut off. He had entered into the rest of God, ceasing from his own works, and learned to completely rely on God for everything. The Spirit had taught him many things, but the simplicity of Christ remained his plumb line. To walk in love, led by the Holy Spirit, enabled him to walk in obedience and humility to his God.

All of Joseph's life, God was preparing him for this APPOINTED TIME when Joseph was SUDDENLY called into the presence of the King! Get ready Joseph Company for the time is nigh for the King to call for you! The gifts God has placed within you that have lain dormant will suddenly be resurrected and bring you into the presence of your King! This will be no ordinary assignment. The reason you have not been able to give words to what it is God has called you to is because it has not yet been seen and because the need has not yet been revealed! Just as Joseph, you will be called to do a NEW THING!

Not only was Joseph able to specifically identify the trial that was to try men's souls, he also had the vision to see the solution as well! Many today in the Body of Christ can see the trials coming to the earth in this critical hour, but how many have been given the blueprints to God's plan to usher in salvation and restoration through it? It is only those who have the Master Plan within them that will see clearly what God's plan is. This Master Plan is none other than Christ in us the hope of glory. Just as Joseph was a fully mature man when released from the prison, so too is this Manchild or Anointed One who is Christ. One New Man shall be released from within these earthen vessels for such a time as this!

Just as Joseph, this Company will have the knowledge within them to save the nations. But they will also possess the wisdom necessary to carry it through to completion as the Author and Finished of their faith dwells WITHIN THEM! Joseph wisely told Pharaoh that he had need of someone to lead this large scale Salvation project.

Genesis 41:37-41
37 So the advice was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his servants. 38 And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find such a one as this, a man IN WHOM IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD?" 39 Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as GOD HAS SHOWN YOU ALL THIS, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."

This Scripture tells us that Pharaoh recognized the Spirit of God within Joseph and responded by PROMOTING HIM! In ONE DAY Joseph went from a place of obscurity to a place of complete authority and power! This is because he had been patient and willing to wait on God for God's perfect time of release! Joseph went from the Prison to the Palace in ONE DAY!

This coming release of the Joseph Company will not look anything like man's system of promotion. It will not be a case in which someone recognizes the natural talents and abilities of these Josephs and lures them into their service for their own selfish gain. The Joseph Company has already been through the testing grounds of the world's Egyptian or religious Babylonic system of abuse and have learned to guard what they have been given. They keep their hearts safe by setting up God given boundaries to protect them from those who come seeking to kill, steal or destroy the hope, which dwells within them. This Joseph Company has been given a spirit of wisdom and discernment, which enables them to stay connected to the Vine, who supplies abundant life. They have been through the mill of invitations to become 'someone' in the world's eyes, perhaps in both the religious system and marketplace setting. They may have fallen many times, but the important thing is not their fall. It is instead that through these trials, they have learned the sufficiency of God's grace, which has always given them the strength to get up and move on. No, this time things are going to be different. A great paradigm shift has taken place in their hearts and they will not settle for good or even better. They are after God's best, which is the revelation of Christ Himself in and through their lives in fullness! Their life's purpose is to bring the Lord glory through the reproduction of His Son in people's lives!

Just as Joseph, this Remnant will not be called to fix a broken Manmade system founded in pride and fear, rooted in unbelief. They will no longer accept assignments that needed to be done yesterday, projects that need to be built without available resources, or tasks that have no true substance, purpose, beginning or end. The seasons of running endlessly on the hamster's wheel are over. The driving force behind the self serving rat race has been exposed! The days of sitting in Egypt's pits of miry clay, making bricks without straw, in the heat of the day have come to a close! They have come to the realization that Man's broken system cannot be fixed and that this was never God's intention or purpose for them from the Beginning.

These Overcomers have been set free, by the Spirit of God, from the recognition of man. They do not find their identity in the works that they do, the job title they possess or the ministry they lead. Their true identity has been solidified in their hearts as the now see that they are hidden in Christ and that His Name is the only identity that they need. Flattery, obligation, coercion, extortion, manipulation, and self-ambition that once kept them in bondage and controlled them, have been revealed for the fraudulent beast that it is and has lost its grip on them. The pride and fear of man that once inhabited them and responded to these seductions of the flesh have been put to death by a firm and solid belief and understanding in Jesus Completed work at the Cross. The Lord has taken them from the miry clay and founded them upon the Rock. This working out of their Salvation has come by grace alone, through the purifying work of the Word of God, brought to life by the Holy Spirit. This Company knows that they are justified by faith alone and their righteousness is of God.

Just as Joseph, this company has been given full access to the King's resources. While many prophesy or teach that this Company will be given the access and responsibility over great amounts of natural and physical resources, this Company knows that though these things are useful, they are not the means to their end. In contrast, these Josephs have the keys, giving them full access, to something much more valuable than anything this world could offer. Their time in the prison of maturity was not wasted as they came into an intimate face-to-face relationship with the Living God. They know that the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus far outweigh any natural resource known to man. The power to fuel eternal life by the Holy Spirit is priceless when compared to the black oil of the earth, which is being depleted daily. So it is that these Josephs rule and reign with the King and are given complete access to all that is needed to complete their mission. Like Joseph, they will walk in the full power, authority, favor, honor and respect of the King of kings and the Lord of lords. They will have continual access to the treasuries of heaven, giving them the prophetic knowledge, understanding and wisdom as they prepare the way for that which is to come.

A great earthquake is coming! Some say it is natural, while others say it is spiritual, yet others say it is both. Whatever the case, I believe that is just what we need as we approach the midnight hour. It is at MIDNIGHT that we transition from the old into the new! As the earth quakes and the ground shakes, just as it was in the lives Paul and Silas, we too shall see the fruit of this earthquake as the FOUNDATION of the prison is SHAKEN, ALL of the prison DOORS OPENED, and EVERYONE'S CHAINS are LOOSED! Only those WILLING to leave the familiarity and deceptive comfort of the prison shall be set free! The Joseph Company is about to be resurrected into a place of power and authority in order to prepare the world for things that must soon come to pass! Just as Joseph was used by God to save a Nation and surrounding peoples, this Company has the same mandate and will fulfill their purposes. This will happen not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the Lord of Hosts! What has seemed like a life living as the tail will be suddenly flipped upside down and become the head! The last shall be first and the first last! The humble shall be exalted and the exalted humbled!

Do you hear the sound of the shofar? It is blowing loud and clear preparing us for something planted deep within us by the Spirit of God. Will you turn toward Him in sincerity of heart in this critical hour?

To those who bear witness to these words I say:

"ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME. IT IS TIME TO COME FORTH OUT OF THE PRISON FOR THE KING HAS NEED OF YOU! YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL WITH LITTLE, YOU SHALL BE FAITHFUL WITH MUCH. THE TREASURES OF HEAVEN ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL. USE THEM WISELY AND THEY WILL SERVE YOU WELL. PREPARE, PREPARE THE WAY, FOR THE GLORY IS COMING! IT IS COMING IN THE POWER AND MIGHT OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD! NOW, I SAY, ARISE!"

A Sword Over The Nations

Judith Grobelny

This day was spent aside with the Lord mostly because He specifically asked me if I was willing to do it. Needless to say I came to this place with some trembling, and completely in obedience rather than out of great desire. Ezekiel 20:37 applies "*I will take note of you as you pass under my rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant".* I have given scripture and comment as they came to me, and I pray that if the Holy Spirit wants to speak to anyone through this it will be His work and not mine.

If I were to make a personal summary of this time, it would be to say that I see and feel the sharp edge of His sword over the nation. It is both cold steel and burning fire and the sharp edge is just beginning to touch. I hear the call to the people of God to see and understand the time in which we live, and to continue to come before the Lord and cry out to Him that in judgment He will remember mercy, for that is His nature. The call is to run into Him, that we might live in the fullness of all that He died to give us, and let Him pour out through us to accomplish His purposes. Many of God's people are currently held back by things in their past, are in counseling for difficulties they have not managed to come to terms with, and are not living in the fullness of all that Jesus Christ died to give them. The minute we can see Him in the circumstance and let Him use it, it has been redeemed. We are not called to run from suffering, but to embrace it, and in so doing to know Him as the suffering, glorious servant that Isaiah speaks of in chapters 52, 53, 54. If we do not embrace all of Him, how can we say we know Him?

The first thing that came to mind was of running barefoot as a child. Growing up in a tropical country negated the need for footwear, but this reminded me of all the places and circumstances the Lord uses to form us. He forms us, He chooses the very circumstances and places, truly He is the potter and we are the clay – and in the light of that all of our lives become useful to Him.

He led me then to Ezekiel 21:8-13 *the word of the Lord came to me: "Son of man, prophesy and say, "This is what the Lord says: "A sword, a sword, sharpened and polished – sharpened for the slaughter, polished to flash like lightning! Shall we rejoice in the scepter of my son Judah? The sword despises every such stick.*
The sword is appointed to be polished, to be grasped with the hand; it is sharpened and polished, made ready for the hand of the slayer.
Cry out and wail, son of man, for it is against my people; it is against all the princes of Israel. They are thrown to the sword along with my people. Therefore beat your breast. Testing will surely come. And what if the scepter of Judah, which the sword despises, does not continue?" declares the Sovereign Lord.

The whole of Ezekiel 21 was speaking but the portion above and then v.30 "*Return the sword to its scabbard. In the place where you were created, in the land of your ancestry, I will judge you …* seemed particularly relevant.

We then come to Ezekiel 22:30 *And I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found no-one.*

Again, there is a call to repentance and intercession for the land – let those who would cry out come before Him.

The over-riding sense in this is of the need to look again at what has formed us, redeem even the difficult times and places. EVERYTHING was part of our formation and shouldn't be dismissed because it is not attractive to us – it is still used by God if we bring it to the redeeming blood of Jesus.

The cross was far from attractive or pleasant, but it brought a great reward! If we discard parts we become incomplete as individuals, families, communities, or nations.

Col. 2:10 *and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.*

We come just as we are, covered by His precious blood.

How do we pick up the rejected, neglected, even disliked, parts to bring together something that is whole and full again?

Isaiah 23:6 *Cross over to Tarshish; wail you people of the island.*
Isaiah 24:18(b) *The floodgates of the heaven are opened, the foundations of the earth shake.*

The Lord is going to move, and we need to be ready to change, adapt, move, whatever He requires of us in this time.

Isaiah 26 *In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah; we have a strong city, God makes salvation its walls and ramparts, open the gates that the righteous nation may enter.*

His provision and care for us is constant.
Isaiah 26:20 *Go my people, enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while until His wrath has passed by. (21) See, the Lord is coming out of His dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her, she will conceal her slain no longer.*

GOLD - I saw gold, nuggets of gold, and felt they will be produced in the fire of His coming and will last for all eternity.

Our work is to pray and do whatever He directs to bring lives, families, communities, and nations back into fullness in Jesus Christ.

The challenge is will we live a life directed the Lord God Almighty, His Son and His Spirit? We need to ask the question of ourselves – What directs most of our life?
Col. 2 comes to mind as it contains many guidelines.

As I prayed for further confirmation from the Lord about the time and His actions in it, He gave me Romans 8:12-23 with emphasis on v.23
Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. (v24) For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?

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A Season Of Transformation
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Beloved:

You are entering a season of "Transformation". This season will be one of supernatural phenomenon. One in which I will break in and change hearts. I will break in and bring swift, quick change. Things that have been deep down inside of your emotions will begin to surface and be dealt with. I will gently deal with any buried bitterness and bring forth a sweet healing balm of my Spirit. There are many in my body I am desiring to use. I am dealing with all the old waste places, these are the ones that you could not get to. The ones that only I can see, oh but they have stunned the growth of my Beloveds. Pressure is coming to bring things to a head. I am "Baal Perazim", the God of the "break through".

This is a new season, many things are about to bud forth and break through. What you have been praying for and longing for is now within reach. Don't allow discouragement to dictate your future. Your destiny is in me, that is the victory! I overcame and now so can you!

2 Sam 5:19-20 "So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand." So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim."

Isa 55:12-13 "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thorn bush will grow the pine tree, and instead of the briers the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

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Command Authority
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Beloved,

The enemy has used whips and chains on my people for far too long. I am releasing my people from their captivity, you are no longer slaves to those things that captured your flesh. I have set you free this day. Stop acting like a slave! You are Kings and Priests!

This day I am clothing you with righteousness and majesty...

I will bring tangible experiences so you will know you are royalty. You are clothed with my presence, with my righteousness. My mantel will cover you and when you come in to a room my presence will, "Command Authority! The enemy will flee, instead of you receiving the enemies lashing of the whip, he shall flee for fear as He sees my mantel of righteousness upon you. This is a new day. You shall see my glory upon my righteous ones...

I tell you the truth, my Bride is rising up in majesty and splendor!

This is her day to shine! Put on your garments of praise. They have been prepared by my hand of grace. I have sewn precious jewels upon your wedding garment as you have passed through the fires of perseverance and fiery trials. It has hurt me at times as I let you go through the trials, but I saw down the road, I saw my character being forged in you. I saw the beauty of the Father beginning to really shine brilliantly through you! Ah, you are beautiful my Bride! Each live you have touched has been a beautiful jewel in your crown of righteousness...I wish you could see yourself as I see you! Trust me, your Beautiful - my Bride! Continue to rise up in my presence. Shout my glorious praises, I am about to plunder the enemies camp in ways he's not encountered! SHOUT PLUNDER!, to the enemies camp! For my glorious works are about to be displayed for all to see!!!

Begin to Whistle with joy!

I have whistled and have sent the bees and the flies after the enemy...his judgment has begun! Whistle with me! Isa 7:18 "And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will whistle for the fly that is in the farthest part of the rivers of Egypt. And for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. They will come, and all of them will rest In the desolate valleys and in the clefts of the rocks. And on all thorns and in all pastures." I have sent out judgment upon those who have brought oppression to my little ones! (I am talking about the enemy here, not people! The battle is not with flesh and blood, but spiritual wickedness in high places!)

Whistling confuses the enemy, he can't tell where the sound is coming from...It sounds the alarm, it calls him on the carpet for ill legal moves. It commands authority! It polices the airways! Whistle while you work, you are doing more then you realize!

Then call forth my angels, they are waiting on the mountain tops to assist you! I say call them down for help! They will enforce the whistling of the Lord! My honey comb is coming over the peoples of the earth. My sweet honey is coming. It is my anointing. It is pure and clean. It is full of my revelation, my new wine. It is the new thing I am doing upon the earth realm! Follow me in obedience, follow me in worship, follow me in strategic strategies to loose the enemies holds, and to set the captive free. You are moving in to a new level of intercession. You are moving up in to a new plateau with me. I will allow you too see the open heaven. I will allow you to see the supernatural. I will allow you to see that which will forever change your life. Follow me, I beacon you, follow me!

Isa 42:9-13, "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing to the Lord a new song, And His praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea and all that is in it, you coastlands and you inhabitants of them! Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits. Let the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord. And declare His praise in the coastlands.

The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man ; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war! He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud! He shall prevail against His enemies!"

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Punching Holes
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Beloved,

Your praise is punching holes through the oppression that's trying to discourage you. Don't listen to the enemies lies any longer. Punch holes through with "Violent Praise". Allow my spirit to teach you and guide you in all truth. Trust me, your praise is pushing the enemy back. I flood in when praise arises from your mouth. I come near, and the enemy flees for fear of my presence. My strategies are going deeper in to your spirit in this new season. The reality of praise is going to forever change your spiritual sight. You will see a tangible change with "Violent Praise". Let your motive always be out of your love for me, but the byproduct of that praise is me pushing the enemy completely and entirely off your land!

This is the day of deliverance. The struggle has become more intense because victory is sure and coming quickly. Don't' let your emotions rule you. Look to my word and promises. It really is the "real", not what the enemy would try and tell you. Believe me, I am going to cause you to rise up and be a doer of my word. You will walk in truth, healing and deliverance and all of your family. It is time to rise up Beloved. Be my word! Speak my truth. Be my truth. You are putting me on as I garment, like a mantel. I have stripped your old garments off and replaced them with your wedding garments. I have dealt with old waste places and its time to begin to act like royalty! You are my Bride and I am the King!

Push with Violent Praise, Read my word out loud and declare it...it is your first line of defense! Ask me to bring my angels down in to every situation in your life and take over to build my kingdom. Call them down from the Mountain Tops! You will be incredibly delighted and surprised!

Sitting still is going backwards, push, push, push. Pursue me, while I am calling you! Push Beloved! New things are being birthed this month. Labor Day is before you!

Ps 22:3 "But you are holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel." When you worship Me, it lavishes me with love and adoration, and I rise up in my Glorious Splendor and I draw near to you. When I see you praise me, in spite of your difficult circumstances ..you touch my heart! Believe me Beloved. I have seen each time you pressed in to me and praised me in spite of the circumstances....I have used this to increase your faith and build my character in you. You please me incredibly!

But, now I am going to "breakthrough" for you, it is coming very soon! Its Time! Praise Me like you've already seen the miracle you need! Praise like you are already in heaven! You are releasing a new level of faith, and I will surly come in like a flood of water and breakthrough for you......

I love you Beloved! Know that, and wear it as your mantel today! Raise up your chin, stand up straight and tall, put your shoulders back, take on my posture! I am humble, but I stand straight and tall because of my righteousness, you need to do the same! Remember I truly love you and I have clothed you! You are made in my image!

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Mending The Net

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Beloved,

Don't be surprised when I begin to bring old relationships back in to your life. Some of these are for a time of building you up and others are in need of mending. Restoration of all sorts is about to take place. A brokenness of heart and humility will be the bond of honey that will break every dividing wall down and deeply penetrate the hearts. I am mending my "Net" of people. I am closing every back door and bringing in a very large catch.

Get ready to cast out your nets! Let me mend the weak places, let me use you as honey....let me breakthrough you in humility and cause unity to be spread abroad... Get ready for a large dose of my honey. It will be like liquid golden love when it hits you.. its my very presence, my anointing! Yield to it and spread my love abroad... I love using you Beloved. I love to flow through you. You please me so.... spread my love Beloved one!

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A Second Reconstruction Is Now In Order

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A Prophetic Utterance from the Lord (9/2/2005)

"Yes, my son, you have rightly discerned that now is the time, the hour, and the place for a second reconstruction, not only a reconstruction to reconstruct the victims of the Hurricane Katrina, but a reconstruction which of necessity must fix, replace, and restore all that was lacking in the first reconstruction of America, saith the Lord.

And, yes, this is why I have raised up my man, my son, and my servant, George W. Bush, and placed him in the White House; and led him in the national liberation and reconstruction of two nations, Afghanistan and Iraq, so that he may now lead this nation in the reconstruction of the lives and communities hit by Katrina, and at the same time fix the much that was lacking in the Reconstruction of 1865.

America knows how to be generous, because of me, and those who have gone before this day in the leadership of every facet of this nation who were of me, saith the Lord.

And now it is time; and I the Lord who founded this nation am calling it into a time of national reflection and repentance for the historical sins of greed and neglect, which are the root causes of these two national disasters that have now come to pass during the Presidency of George W. Bush—September 11th and now Katrina.

American cannot outrun my blessings; neither can she outrun the curse over this great nation for the national sin of slavery: which is the root cause of both of these disasters. Neither just happened; and neither can be fixed solely with a national attack on the rubble of the twin towers, or the terrorism that America thinks brought them down, or with the reconstruction that the United States will cheerfully do for the rubble and victims of Katrina, of all races.

But in this process of reconstruction today, and in the days, and months, and years to come, I am calling My Nation to come to grips with the failure of the first reconstruction in the lives of 4 million United States citizens—almost all of whom were my people—who worked for this nation for hundreds of years without pay, were kept in their "place" by a system of institutionalized terror from the cradle to the grave, and then "emancipated" with no land, no money, no guns and no butter; and a "reconstruction" that for only a few included a couple of years of school before the Freedman's Bureau was abolished. How pitiful, saith the Lord—terror from the slave masters before the War, and lynchings and the Ku Klux Klan terror after the War—for millions of my people: emancipated by the 13th Amendment and made citizens by the 14th Amendment, left to this new reign of terror…with no land, no money, and forced to chop the same cotton for the same masters as before the Civil War.

Katrina has uncovered the deep poverty throughout the South (and across the nation) in the lives of many of the same families who were failed by the first reconstruction. Without a second reconstruction for those of all races whose lives Katrina has damaged, that includes both repentance and a national fix for the first reconstruction, **this curse will continue to manifest in national upheavals until the United States looses its position of leadership among the family of nations**: for like I told the Church at Ephesus in the Second Chapter of the Book of Revelation, "except ye repent," I will put out your lamp of radiance among the nations of the world; because as I have also said in my Word, "judgment must first begin at the house of God," saith the Lord of Hosts. Jesus is my name.

I have recorded the root cause of September 11th and fall of the twin towers in my Word: James 5, verses 1 through 8, and Isaiah 30, verse 25. Do not attempt to judge this Word, or to whom it was given, before you—particularly those of you who reverence my Word, and who reverence me and know how to hear from me—first seek me in my Word…for there is no failure in my Word…and then judge this Word from me through my son, and what I am calling you to do in this national repentance, recovery from sin, and season of blessing that I so much want to lavish onto the United States of America.

The ball is in your court. It is not up to me; but the future of America is up to you…up to each of you. I am not out of mercy, saith he Lord, but I am out of time, saith God."

[Later that same day] "Oh that men would praise me, for all my goodness and all my works to the children of men, saith the Lord, for this is the day and now is the hour for my Glory to be manifested in the earth as never before…for I am handing out and revealing for those of me who will receive it, the knowledge of my glory, and how to use it and to flow in it at will, as my Son and your Savior walked in, and flowed in His ministry while He was on the earth, saith the Lord.

Don't let your stubborn pride keep you from the manifestations of my Glory as yet never seen in the earth—for the latter Glory shall be far greater than the former, saith the Lord—because so many of you believe that you have no responsibility for the sins of the past, and not even the recent past, and so many other nations owned slaves, saith the Lord.

Concern not yourselves in this hour with what other nations have done in the past, but focus on what I am telling and requiring from each of you in this day, and in this hour, saith the Lord; for you do not see what I see, and do not either realize or appreciate how many millions of cries of, *'How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth*,' that I still have in my face—and must avenge now, as I posture the nations of the world for the second coming of my Son, saith the Lord.

I am not out of mercy, saith the Lord, but I am out of time, saith God. What will each of you do with this Word of destiny for each of you, saith the Lord?"

[Proverbs 26:2; Revelation 2:5, 6:10; 1 Peter 4:17, James 5:1-8; Isaiah 24:6, 30:25; Habakkuk 2:14]

> [For the much that the Lord has spoken to me on the subject of slavery over the past several years: please visit www.whattimeitis.org and click first on the *Voice of the Lord* link, and then the *Judgments of James 5, Slavery, and God's Call to the US* link; see also the *Judgments of James 5* link on the home page.]

The Magnitude of Judgment is a Reflection of the Magnitude of the Sin

The magnitude of and judgment from the Lord is always a reflection of the magnitude of the sin that produced the judgment; and there are only two national sins of the United States big enough to have taken down the twin towers on September 11, 2001, or the Katrina flood—and that is un-repented slavery and abortion. Sins [or works] of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21) will not produce this kind of judgment, particularly when there are interceding Christians around and America has hosts of them, only sins of the spirit: as are both abortion and slavery; and slavery is in the eyes of God a Christian institution (**see www.whattimeitis.org , *Voice of the Lord*, *The Origin of Racism***).

As a doorway to the judgment of God, abortion claims 500 lives each day in the United States, 25% of which are black. It is amazing that judgment for killing our unborn children has not yet come upon America, but it would appear that since the doorway to this carnage was opened in the courtroom of the United States Supreme Court, that God will allow its fix to now come in this same courtroom, as the nation has before it the almost unparalleled opportunity to fill two vacancies on the Court at the same time. Pray that the President and the Senate will each have the wisdom of God flowing in the nomination and confirmation processes: as the judgment of God will most surely come upon a nation that annually kills 1.5 million of its unborn children.

The Judgment of James 5:1-8 Is a Sure Word of Prophesy

Back to the issue of slavery. Peter said that, *"We have also a more sure word of prophecy:*

whereunto ye do well that ye take heed"…referring to the written Word of God (2 Peter 1:19). The written Word of God is even more reliable than the vision that Peter himself had when he saw of Jesus, Moses and Elijah (Elias) on the Mount of Transfiguration in the Gospels (Matthew 17:2; Mark 9:2; and Luke 9:29). **The written Word of God is thus the highest form of prophetic revelation, and the standard by which all prophetic "revelation" must be judged**…*Can you show me that in the Word; or what does the Bible have to say about that?*...must be the constant question asked when judging not the prophet, but any *word from the Lord* spoken by a prophet, as God in His sovereignty is not required to speak this Word or any Word to the nation through your favorite man or woman of God.

My initial revelation on James 5:1-8 and slavery came in the year 2000, with my Bible open reading the 5th Chapter of James, when a voice from behind me (Isaiah 30:21) said, *"I have not forgotten about 300 years of slavery."* (See www.whattimeitis.org and click first on the *Voice of the Lord* link, and then the *Judgments of James 5, Slavery, and God's Call to the US* link; see also the *Judgments of James 5* link on the home page.)

My first notice of Isaiah 30:25, ***"…in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fell"***…came on September 12, 2001, the day after the towers fell, while watching every conceivable view of those twin towers actually falling, and listening to TV news commentators as they reported that this verse of Scripture was being quoted with glee by Islamic fundamentalists around the world, as a judgment from God on the United States.

Next, by applying to this Scripture the *law of first reference*—which says that the first Bible reference to a Biblical subject, or to an original language word in either Testament, controls its usage throughout the rest of the Bible—elementary Bible interpretation "101" immediately connects Isaiah 30:25 with James 5:5, as they are the only two definitive references in the entire Bible to a *"day of slaughter."* (See www.whattimeitis.org, *24 Rules for Understanding Bible Prophecy*.)

If, then, one but reads James 5:1-8, and applies this text exclusively to the United States and its history, immediately off of the pages of Scripture (without need of commentary or theologian) is revealed a judgment from God on the last days' wealth of some rich guys who didn't pay their laborers for reaping down their fields, and whom they killed at will!

The money is crying out [the withheld wages that are still in the wrong hands], and the laborers are crying out [in the same way that the voice of Abel's blood still cries out to God from the ground (Genesis 4:10; Hebrews 12:24)]; and their cries and prayers to God during their times of suffering are still in God's face and must be answered before the second coming of Jesus (Luke 18:17-18; Revelation 5:8; 6:10 and 8:1). The Lord of Sabaoth (the God of Armies, or Capitan of the Hosts) **has heard the cries of both**, and has come to judge. One has to have help to misunderstand this passage of Scripture.

Most Christians around the world, including me, use James 5:7-8 as a soul-winning/salvation Scripture, *"Be patient, therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord…for the precious fruit of the earth…until he receive the early and latter rain…for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."* However, when this passage of Scripture is put back into its context, **it speaks of judgment** and not soul winning.

There is no national spiritual sin left but slavery, that is big enough for long enough in a place important enough, for God to have recorded both its sin and judgment in His Word—and in the New Covenant of His Word—two thousand years before it came to pass. This is a "last days" passage of Scripture. Its application is for the last days.

Slavery Destroyed the Wealth of Egypt

The Book of Exodus, Chapters 2 through 15, reveals **God's judgments of the richest nation on the earth, Egypt, for the enslavement of His people**. Ten plagues of judgment destroyed the oasis of Egypt before Pharaoh got the message, and was willing to obey the voice of the Lord spoken by the prophet, Moses, to set God's people free. **In Exodus 12:36, God also judged the money of Egypt.** [The initial damage estimates from the Hurricane Katrina are 100 billion dollars; and only 25% of that figure is expected to be covered by insurance.]

On the way out of Egypt, back to the land that God had promised as a covenant to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, **God paid the Israelites for 400 years of slave labor**. In the post-Civil War Reconstruction—**which lasted only five years**—American blacks got nothing (not even a thank you); and, as God spoke in the above Prophetic Utterance, *"…no land, no money, no guns and no butter."* Nothing!

In the eyes of God, these back wages that James 5 makes reference to have been compounding at the maximum heavenly rate of interest for the last 140 years. Plus, in the language of a lawyer, punitive damages are owed to the descendants of America's slaves for the willful, wanton, and malicious use of terror and terrorism—as the very institution of slavery, itself, was held together by the systematic and applied use of terror to control the subjection and forced labor of populations that often outnumbered plantation whites by ratios of 10:1, or greater.

The United States also went much far greater than any other nation in the New World in its using the Bible to justify this enslavement and terrorism, in order to "save the heathen souls." Only a Christian that knows the Bible would be concerned as to the salvation of a soul that is introduced to Jesus—even a slave—or whether Christian baptism brought with it freedom from slavery. This was the constant question raised in every land to which European Christians carried their race-based economic slavery into North and South America, and the West Indies.

American slave-masters also went so far as to raise up a generation of *plantation preachers*—with their more distinguished looking hand-me-downs—to preach a *gospel of obedience to the master* in order to minimize the greatly feared freedom strikes of slaves (also known as slave revolts); and to keep these slaves looking to the sweet-by-and-by for their rewards, rather than to the nasty now for their deliverance.

For God not to judge America's un-repented national sin slavery before the return of Jesus makes Him a respecter of persons—**He cannot pay the Israelites for their slavery and fail to pay black people for theirs and remain God…because His Word would fail**! God is in a box; and so is America.

America is Sitting on a Time Bomb with a Short Fuse

What the Hurricane Katrina uncovered and laid bare for the nation to see in that New Orleans convention center, is the descendants of 'gang slaves'—men and women who bore the burden in the heat of the day, and who are now disbursed throughout the entire United States—who were awakened at 3:00 A.M. and during harvest time worked until midnight, and were told what to do, when to do, where to do, and how to do it twenty-four/seven, and whipped with a lash (or worse) if it was not being done fast enough, or for any other whimsical reason—terrorized and broke from the cradle to the grave, on both sides of the Civil War.

America is sitting on a time bomb with a short fuse. Black people are angry: those who show it, and those who don't. If Katrina had been anything but a flood which restricted mobility, **there would have been rioting in the streets of New Orleans**; and that rioting would have triggered similar Watts-type rioting [the Los Angeles riots of 1965] all across America. Jesus told the religious leaders of his day that they could discern the face of the sky, but could not discern the signs of the times (Matthew 16:3). Katrina is a wake-up call to this nation.

It is Way Past Time for a National Apology for Slavery

What must America do: admit it, and quit it! **It is way past time for a national apology for slavery**; and for a Godly repentance for the terror that kept the institution of slavery in place before the Civil War, and for the 100 years of lynching that kept blacks in their "place," and took away their franchise in the South, after the Civil War. (This terror and the never-prosecuted lynchings did not actually cease until the turbulence of the 1960's.)

The judgment of James 5:1-8 is all about money (*"So the curse causeless shall not come,"* (Proverbs 26:2)). It is addressed to the miserable rich who are weeping and howling because their money is becoming corrupted, cankered and rusted (corroded)…all because they did not pay their laborers, and killed them [the just] at will.

For God's people—and the United States is a nation established by God—slavery itself is a curse (Exodus 21:16, 17, 26, 27; 22:21-24; 23:12; and Revelation 13:10); and false balances, unjust measures, and condemning the just are all abominations to God (Proverbs 11:1; 17:15; 20:10 and 23).

The Covenant that God actually has with the United States is **the Mayflower Compact**, and not the Constitution—which in at least 10 places gives explicit recognition to the institution slavery, and thus to the blood and terror which held it in place. Neither does God recognize the Declaration of Independence as a covenant with Him, as its language that, "…all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness…" was never intended either by Thomas Jefferson who penned most of the document, or by the founding fathers who signed the Declaration, to apply to African slaves.

What the founding fathers did and did not intend in their creation of the foundation documents of the United States, is a matter that has already been judged by the United States Supreme Court in ***Dred Scott vs. Sandford***. 60 US 393 (1857), which can be easily pulled off of the Internet. This case was decided by a clear majority of the Court in a 7/2 decision. The Honorable Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, in writing for the Court, sets forth by a host of credible evidence and argument to support the fact that the founding fathers intentionally made it impossible for even an emancipated African slave to ever become a citizen of the United States; and, as the case holds, because Mr. Scott was not a citizen (and could never become one), he had no standing to sue in the courts of the United States, for anything, much less his freedom. Case dismissed!

Mr. Justice Taney has been much criticized and maligned in history for his judicial analysis of the founding fathers' intentions, because he was a former save owner (although he actually freed his own slaves before taking the bench). But, I have yet to read any credible arguments put forth to his analysis of the founder's intentions, not even from the two dissenting opinions on the Court.

Every American that loves this nation should read the Dred Scott Decision, to gain an understanding as to why it took the Civil War, the loss of 625,000 lives (100,000 more in the North than in the South), and passage of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution (which abolished slavery), and 14th Amendment (which made every person born in the Untied States a citizen of both the nation and the state of birth)—to overrule not what the Supreme Court did in the Dred Scott Decision—but to fix what the founding fathers intentionally did when drafting the Constitution.

To Get God's Judgment off of our Money, the Bill for Slavery has to be Paid

There is also a gargantuan bill that has to be paid, in order to get God off of America's case, and to prevent the curse of James 5 from further eroding the vast equity of the United States until (as God said in the Prophetic Utterance recorded above) America becomes a second-rate nation in the family of nations. Whites, even those of good will which is most, believe that it is impossible for the United States to ever go broke. Most of us in the evangelical church go even further by our belief that the United States cannot go broke because God has a Covenant with it and we are the primary financiers of the Gospel that's being preached around the world. This is a big time manifestation of the *spirit of pride*; as the Mayflower Covenant will not protect the United States any longer from this national un-repented spiritual Christian sin of slavery, and the *burning bushes* that God has been sending for the nation to repent.

God said in the above Prophetic Utterance that, *"Except ye repent,"* that He would put out the United State's lamp of radiance among the nations of the world, like he did for the Church at Ephesus for their lack of repentance. As Church leaders and others evaluate whether or not God has actually spoke this Word through me, consider that as I write there are hundreds of pastors from New Orleans who are out of their jobs, as well as their staff's jobs, which number into the thousands. Most have no income, can't pay their bills, have congregations that may never recover and if they do, many of them will have no income because there is little economy left in New Orleans to support that income; and even if foreclosure-moratorium legislation is passed, as it probably will, which will prevent the immediate foreclosure of their churches, that legislation won't pay their salaries. *"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall"* (Proverbs 16:18). **We are dealing here with a curse!**

The first and almost universal response of American whites to the issue of slavery when it is mentioned is, "Well African sold slaves,"—which is like responding to one's Johnny or Jane, that it is OK for them to steal fruit from the corner grocery store because all the other kids are doing it. Ridiculous! Please consider what the world-renowned theologian, John Wesley, had to say on: the Christian institution of slavery, the details of its practice, the Africa that white Christians found when they first arrived, and just how it came about that Africans sold slaves [see **Thoughts Upon Slavery**, published in 1774, **http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/wesley/thoughtsuponslavery.stm**, last visited 09/09/2005; see also the last letter of his life written to William Wilberforce, a member of the English Parliament saved under Wesley's ministry, **http://gbgm-umc.org/umw/wesley/wilber.stm**, last visited 09/09/2005].

In a Half-empty Nation, Why no Land for Slaves?

During the Reconstruction of 1865, political decisions were made:

- to not break-up the land-based Southern aristocracy that owned the huge plantations; and
- to keep blacks, although now "free," in the South—without land and working for wages that would perpetuate a lifetime of poverty—because, after all, somebody had to cultivate and harvest the cotton and tobacco. So, blacks moved from slaves to sharecroppers! [For an example of a sharecrop contract, see **http://www.toptags.com/aama/docs/sharecrop.htm**, last visited 09/09/2005.]

The crowing piece of domestic legislation of Abraham Lincoln's first term of office as President (while the Civil War was raging) was **The Homestead Act of 1862**. Under its provisions, any free born or naturalized citizen and head of household could become the owner of 160 acres of land after only 5 years, by living on it and making "improvements" to it. The provisions of this act were only available to a white man or woman, because Indians under the Constitution were considered to be members of foreign nations; and according to the Dred Scott Decision blacks could not become citizens, either by way of emancipation or naturalization (because they were not citizens of a foreign nation because they were carried here as slaves)—which matter was not fixed until passage of the 13th and 14th Amendments, discussed above.

However, at the close of the Civil War, **the Homestead Act was in place**, and America was largely empty west of the Mississippi River. **Four million newly emancipated slaves—called freedman—had earned the right to, were entitled to, and could have easily become major equity holders in America**. There was, however, general agreement in Washington, D. C. that the territories out West were for poor whites from the industrial North, and for immigrants (also white) from Europe. It took the Hurricane Katrina to lay bare before the entire world the fruit of those decisions 140 years later, **by this latest catastrophic judgment on the wealth of the United States that is rooted in slavery**.

September 11th was also an Attack on the Wealth of America

September 11, 2001 was the first of these catastrophic judgments attacking the wealth of the United States. Terror was merely the vehicle through which the curse of James 5 was manifested—the product of the Biblical law of sowing and reaping (Galatians 6:7; Genesis 1:11-12). Who would argue that the United States is the financial capital of the world; or that New York City is the financial capital of the nation; or that those twin towers more than any other American icon symbolized America's wealth. When the chickens of the terror of slavery finally came home to roost, it was *terror* that attacked these icons of the nation's wealth and brought the twin towers down.

New York City's Sordid Past

New York City, like New Orleans, was also a major portal for the entrance of slaves into the country. This will come as a shock to the readers, as it also was to me, but New York City was also the site of the massacre of the largest number of freedom seeking slaves in United States history. Quoting from two incidents described by the eminently respected historian, John Hope Franklin, in his book From Slavery To Freedom:

"The ungovernable temper of New York's Negroes flared up into a fully organized insurrection in the spring of 1712. About twenty-three slaves armed with guns, knives, and hatchets, met in an orchard near the center of the town. At the appointed time one of them set fire to an outhouse of his master. As whites hurried to the burning building the Negroes shot them, killing nine and wounding five or six…When the Negroes were captured, six had committed suicide. One man shot his wife first and then himself, while the other had cut their own throats. **Twenty-one were executed: some, including a woman, were hanged; one was suspended in chains alive without food or drink until he was dead; some were burned, one of whom was to be consumed by a slow fire for eight or ten hours; one was broken on the wheel, his head and quarters being place at the Queen's disposal.**" (emphasis added)

"In 1741 the hysteria resulting from the fear of a slave uprising plunged the city of New York into **the greatest orgy of Negro persecutions that appeared anywhere during the colonial period**." [At this time one-fifth of Manhattan's population consisted of black slaves.] "On the night of February 28, 1741…a series of fires broke out…They became so numerous…that the citizens knew that they were not accidental. Panic gripped the town in a flash. Then it happened: the emergence of the rumor that Negroes and poor whites were conspiring to destroy law and order in the city and seize control.

"The city council offered generous rewards for information leading to the arrest of the conspirators…Mary Burton, an indentured servant…said that three Negroes…had evolved a plan to burn the town, kill all the white people, and establish a monarchy…This surpassed the wildest imaginations of the whites…An impartial trial was impossible, and contradictions as well as falsifications are obvious in the 'confessions' and other testimony that were presented. In the minds of New Yorkers the conspiracy of a great Negro insurrection had taken shape, and vengeance must be swift and complete.

"In the trials 154 Negroes and 25 whites were prosecuted. Convictions wee secured in the case of 101 Negroes, of whom eighteen were hanged, thirteen burned alive and seventy banished. Four white people, two of whom were women, were also hanged. '**At the rate of two every week, one hanged and one burned alive, the victims were executed amid prayers, imprecations and shrieks of agony.**'" (emphasis added) [From Slavery To Freedom, John Hope Franklin, Second Edition, pp. 91-93, Alfred A Knoff, Inc., 1956]

All this is from New York City—not Biloxi, Mississippi!

An Excerpt From New York's First Constitution of 1683

Paragraph #27. [Religious toleration]

THAT No person or persons **which profess faith in God by Jesus Christ** Shall at any time be any ways molested punished disquieted or call in Question for any Difference in opinion or Matter of Religious Concernment….

The Curse of James 5 Will Return to Finish its Work on New York City

Oral Roberts, the outstanding contemporary man of God and founder of Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, was given a vision of a manifestation of some sort that will set up over New York City and the Eastern part of the United States for a time before 2005 has ended—**smoke, vapor, blood accompanied with a horrific sound** (c/p. Acts 2:19)—and then will be disbursed across the United States and throughout the earth. [The "Wake-up Call" can be purchased in its entirety, two weeks of television broadcasts, from the Kenneth Copeland Ministries, **www.kcm.org**.] **The Lord has already told me that this coming manifestation from outer space when it sets up over New York City is the curse of James 5 coming back to take out the city, but whose power is stayed to give New York City and the nation additional time to repent.**

As I said way back in the beginning of this message, I am anchored in the Word of God. No matter whatever the subject may be, my frame-of-reference is the Bible. Can I find it in the Word; or what does the Word have to say about this or that? The only thing that I have been able to find in the Bible that comes to the earth from outer space, other than Jesus and the angels (including Satan and his angels), **is the curse of Zechariah 5:3**, which Isaiah 24 says *devourers the whole earth*.

Because people do not know, God will stay judgment over New York to give the City and the nation a final opportunity to repent, and then to begin to make restitution for slavery. The vision was given to Dr. Roberts as a "wake-up call" concerning the second coming of Jesus; and it is, because America's response to both the judgment written and the judgment stayed will determine the United States' place in the end time events that are yet to precede the second coming of Jesus. It is interesting to note that God has waited until the very year that the European Economic Union is or was set to begin its operations (with a gross national product bigger that the U.S), to require this national repentance of the America. [Although not the subject matter here, there are a whole host of world-wide events that have not transpired and nations which are not in place for the second coming of Jesus to reign over the earth. See **www.whattimeitis.org**, ***Coming Events In Bible Prophecy***.]

A Man of God in the White House Trained in Terror

God has raised up and set in the White House a man of God who has been trained in terrorism and in the mindset of terrorists. He has also been trained in the liberation and reconstruction of the people of two nations—Afghanistan and Iraq—who were caught in the grips of terrorism and terrorists. I am persuaded that this man of God, George W. Bush, has now been commissioned by the Lord himself to lead the United States into **A Second Reconstruction** of major portions of the South for the deserving victims of Katrina of every race.

At the same time, the President is called by God to lead the nation in fixing of all that was lacking in the first Reconstruction of 1865, where 4 million Americans were "freed," but at the same time "fired" from their full employment status as slaves. They were given no land, no money, and now had to pay rent on the same shack they lived in a slave for "free". Four hundred thousand Blacks were turned out of school when the Freedman's Bureau was abolished after only a 5-year existence. (In fact, the public education system that is taken for granted across the United States had its origin in the Freedman's Bureau.)

Although Blacks were kept in the South, they were given no national liberation army to protect their franchise, or to protect them from the post-Civil Wars terror of the Ku Klux Klan and its friends. This southern liberation army would have had to remain and be supported by the President and the Congress **until the hearts of Southerners were changed**—likely a generation or more—and like Iraq, troops would have had to remain **until the black male** could be trained to lead, govern and protect their families, with a viable economic plan for physical self-determination that would guarantee the freedmen's becoming a financial member of the American dream.

My Message On Behalf of Black America to George W. Bush

This is a set-up, Mr. President. In the language of the Church, you have been called, appointed, anointed, and trained by God to lead the United States in **A Second Reconstruction** for the victims of Katrina; and at the same time to fix for the descendants of those who missed out in the Reconstruction of 1865, in all that this country now knows how to do, and to which we, its former slaves are entitled. You know more about every facet of this kind of national recovery of large populations of people than any president in United States' history.

On behalf of Black Americans—most of whom do not even begin to see you in this light with Katrina doing little or nothing to improve their perception in this regard—I believe in you; and I thank you in advance for your willingness to be used by God to lead the United States into a season of national repentance and national reconstruction, and to put the curse of James 5 behind us for ever.

I do not hesitate to say this, because in my heart I know that each of us has the same Commander-in-chief!

September 10, 2005
Sincerely,
Walter James Taylor

A Strong Sign

Ricardo Lemos

This afternoon I felt compelled to write since the Lord gave a word related to a previous post on this site.

There was a word posted - I do not remember the details - about 2 years ago or so, where the Lord gave a vision or a dream to a believer regarding a patient on life support.

The interpretation was that this patient was the US Economy, which was being kept artificially alive - specially after 9/11,so that the talk of a " healthy Economy " was just deceptive.

Well, I believe the Lord is giving a strong sign to our nation with the Terri Schiavo case.

And that is why it has been the news for the past few days.

The Lord would say - I believe - that since it has been decided that the life support system be removed from Terry, He has decided too that now is the time for Him to remove the life support from the Economy as well.

From now on, it will be evident that as the patient is dying, so will our Economy.

Notice that this case was centered around the resurrection day - Easter - And I felt that had this case turned out differently - and the life support was kept - maybe it would be a sign that the Lord would breath " new life " to the economy too in order to keep it going.

But now, unfortunately it seems, at least as I write, that Terry's case is irreversible. And, therefore, so it will be with the Lord's handling with us.

I believe then all that is being used and done by the Federal Reserve and other nations' central banks to keep the economy going, should begin to unravel and fall apart as soon as she passes away.

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A Solemn Word To The Church
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A SOLEMN WORD TO THE CHURCH

Wake up, Church, and cast off all that would hinder you, and be united and seek My face, says the Lord. Keep your balance in all things. Seek wisdom and knowledge, and stir up your gifts and arise above the circumstances, and stand on My promises. Quit striving, let go, and let Me reign in your lives. Rest in Me and I will take care of your every need, for I AM your Heavenly Father, and I take care of My own.

I say quit striving to accomplish all the works and the programs and all the projects, etc. If you would just seek My face and My righteousness, all these things will be added unto you, and that is all the needs of the Church. Just rest in Me for it is My Body and I AM the head and I AM in control. Just trust Me and yield to My will. Be not as Martha being consumed with all the things that look like they need to be done, but be like Mary, being consumed with My presence, being at My side, seeking My heart and My perfect will.

Keep things simple and cease striving and rest in Me, says the Lord. Trust Me and yield to My will for it is all My program, and I AM the One who ordained it, orchestrates it, and will accomplish it in My timing and in My ways, says the Lord. My word to you, Church, is for you to obey and let Me be God, and quit being a hindrance to Me for this is a solemn word to you, and I cannot stress that enough. Just quit striving and give it all to Me and rest, and I will remove what isn't of Me, and create My programs through you that will best accomplish My will through you.

Give all to Me and start anew. What is truly of Me will stand, and what isn't will be removed. I want My order and My will in My Church. Are you afraid to give Me your all? Are you afraid to trust Me? Don't you feel I AM capable to run My Church? There is too much that is not of Me in the camp. For I AM God, and I will have My way in this hour, for time is short, and I have a lot to accomplish through you, but you must be totally yielded, My people.

I say again. Let go of all that would obstruct My vision. Get back to the basics -- to seek My face and My will. Prepare your hearts to turn over everything to Me. Take your true position in Me. Put on your armor and begin to march with one goal, one focus, one vision ----- to pursue My holiness, My intimacy, My love, and to break through the gates, pull down strongholds and let My river flow!

We Are To Be Examples!
Yolanda Ballard

Sep 23, 2005
The Lord is calling His worshipers together to stand boldly in the congregation of the saints with a humble, submissive heart but at the same time following the leading of the Holy Spirit. If we are in a true congregation of the Lord, the leadership will discern that we are led of the Lord and allow the true move of God, and if they don't have a heart for the Lord, we will be booted out! But at least we were able to take a stand for the Lord so that others will follow.

So many truly want to worship the Lord with all their heart but they fear that they would be out of order so they stand in line with the others quenching the flow of God in their hearts. I tell you this day that if you feel the Lord tugging on your heart and you are to travail, then do it! If you feel to dance, then dance!!! If you feel to bow down and worship at His feet, then please.....do it!!!

Others just want a leader that has the boldness to step out! I have heard comments made from others who just basked in the presence of God upon one who was truly worshiping the Lord in dance! No, never move in the flesh to step out, but humble yourself before the mighty hand of God, and wait upon Him. When He leads you, just step out.

For I believe there is a remnant who are truly worship intercessors who are standing in the gap for others to follow their lead. And I know God is going to move in a mighty way through us through His mighty roar. I know He is going to usher in the lost through the breakthrough that will come through this travail. This travail will move nations!!!

So if you want to be used in a mighty way, then worship the Lord! And wait upon Him and believe and He will come in our midst in a mighty way and He will pour out through us His most holy roar!!!! This roar will repel the powers of darkness away from the lost so that they can respond to His love and be saved.

I know this is true. I stand that others will catch the vision of what true revival is all about. It all starts with you as you humble yourself before Him, wait and step out, with no fear of man. This is the day of salvation! Who will you serve, Church, God or man?

Lord, Shake Us, Wake Us!!
Yolanda Ballard

Sep 23, 2005
Didn't the Lord say that judgment would first begin in the house of God? Didn't the Church just sit back and allow the enemy to take over through our deception, complacency, apathy, pride, legalism, and you name it! We are the ones who are to set the example through love to the world. And have we done it? Or have we been sidetracked by the schemes of the evil one?

In our preparation have we reached the lost with God's love? I have a hard time even seeing it displayed in the church to God's people, much less shown to the world! We have quenched the true flow of His Spirit in our midst. Look at the state of the Church!!! We need to cry out for repentance!!! and for His grace and mercy to be poured out upon us! If we don't straighten out, we will surely die! Do we even feel a need to cry out! We are too engrossed in the comfort zone.

Lord, help us. We are desperate for You!!!! Do what it takes to get us to be the blessing you called us to be.....the light in the midst of darkness all around. Give us holy boldness to take a stand to share Your love. Draw us close in Your secret place. Give us Your burden to pray! We are desperate! Travail through us, O Lord. Come Lion of Judah and use us as Your vessel. Roar through us, Lord. We are desperate for change!!!! Before it is too late!!!!

A Serious Warning for Israel
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On December 16 I received an email from my friend Charlene Shoemaker. She told me about a disturbing dream she had that night. I also had a disturbing dream the same night and felt that the two came at the same time because they were interconnected.

Charlene is an intercessor for Israel and has made many trips and has many personal connections there. She and I both felt the dreams had a personal level of interpretation for her but I also felt that they had a much broader layer of interpretation for the whole of Israel. I sent her my interpretation of the dreams and asked her if I could share them publicly. She agreed but I decided to wait on the Lord for more confirmation before I did anything with them, partly because I felt that the interpretation would not be accepted and partly because the warning is of such a serious nature.

The only place that is NOT safe is outside of the will of the Lord and the only place that IS safe is within it. I believe that the Lord is issuing strong warnings that anyone who is not within His will is in imminent danger of destruction. I also believe He is issuing a warning that unprecedented shaking is coming to the physical land and people of Israel and anyone who is not specifically called by Him to be there should not go there or should leave unless and until they hear CLEARLY from Him otherwise.

The first confirmation came that same day in the form of a history update I receive daily by email. December 16th was the anniversary of two of the greatest earthquakes in history. In 1811 the New Madrid series of earthquakes began with an estimated 8.6 magnitude on the Richter scale. The earthquake greatly changed the TOPOGRAPHY of the region but there were no known casualties because it was sparsely inhabited at the time.

The other earthquake that occurred was one of the deadliest in history. It hit the Gansu province of midwestern China in 1925 causing massive landslides and the deaths of over 200,000 people. It measured 8.5 on the Richter scale. Quakes reaching a magnitude 8 are very rare.

At Christmas I received a second startling and horrific confirmation as I watched my dream being played out in television coverage of the earthquake and tsunami in southeast Asia. I do not believe that event was the fulfillment of the dream. I believe it was the confirmation of both dreams together and their warning for Israel.

Below I will recount the dreams and after that my interpretation of why I think they are warnings for Israel. As with all prophecy, it should be judged carefully. I am definitely open to any interpretations others may have.

Charlene’s dream:

I was at the airport with my mom and my daughter waiting by the gate for the plane to take off, an early morning flight. When we got in line to board, I suddenly realized that the itinerary in my purse that I had purchased on-line, had never been turned into tickets when I came into the airport. (Like I had the forethought to plan the trip and buy the tickets online but didn't go to the counter at the airport and get the tickets. I had gone straight to the gate and waited.)

I was supposed to be flying from here to New Ark to Israel, but my mom was only flying one part, like from here to somewhere else in US and she had her tickets. She wasn't going to Israel with me so the minute I realized - almost at boarding the plane 10 minutes before takeoff- that I didn't have physical tickets, I got her on the plane and ran in a panic back to the ticketing desk and I needed them to be in a BIG HURRY with me to print a ticket so I could get on this flight. But they immediately went into a lolly-gag mode and looked at my stuff and were happy, nice people but there was no way they were even trying to get me on THIS PLANE that was my connection to Israel.

I tried to push them saying if I didn't make THIS PLANE, which would get me to New Ark by 11, I would miss my 1 p.m. flight to Israel. They said their next plane I could get on was AT 11 and I could take that one. I said, "No, then I get to New Ark after 1 when my other plane is already gone." They wouldn't budge and time was wasting ... and I had a feeling the plane would wait if they would get in gear and take two extra minutes to just print my tickets, but it wasn't going to happen, I had the feeling, and I looked at my daughter and it was like we both just accepted that this trip to Israel wasn't going to happen. I knew my mom was on the plane and going "somewhere" and she would be okay, her ticket was fine, but somehow I had this whole thing planned out but didn't have the actual tickets to get on the plane, and yet it was already booked and paid for. I even said to the counter people, "Just look at my passport and see how many times I've traveled this flight. I know how to do this, I just FORGOT this step this time," like that would persuade them to help me (instead of penalizing me with missing both flights.)

Anyway, there was going to be a $70 charge to change my ticket to get me on the 11 p.m. flight (which was way too late for the next flight) and I think I knew suddenly with those changes that the whole trip was off. I just didn't have it in me to get to New Ark late, pay an extra fee, already have missed the Israel flight and then figure out from there how to get to Israel. It just seemed like too much and I looked at my daughter and we decided to go home.

And I woke up with the weird feeling of standing at the ticket counter trying to argue with them to put the effort into printing my tickets for this flight and hold the plane two minutes - I guess, pushing, striving, fighting (even though I wasn't being rude, just persistent), and they just weren't cooperating.

I woke up knowing that a trip to Israel that I had planned, hadn't come to fruition and I was going home and I guess I was okay with it because after the last trip being so disappointing I didn't have it in me to start on a trip over there that was from the beginning going so badly so we were going home to "wait."

Charlene reported having thoughts after she awoke of wondering if she had failed the Lord’s plan, as though He had done His part in calling her and paying for it, but she had failed to get the tickets. The night before she and her daughter found a bunch of shekels INSIDE an old clock. They had apparently thrown them in there when they moved and had never opened the bottom part. When her daughter asked her what she thought it meant, Charlene said, jokingly, "Oh, it must mean, IT"S TIME to go to Israel again but immediately felt that she could not do another trip at this time. She wondered if the dream was confirming that it was NOT time.

My Dream:

I was at a beach house with some friends. The man who lived in the house owned it and had many nice pieces of furniture including a very old and ornate piano that would be impossible to replace. There was a party or some kind of social gathering going on. I didn’t know the people and had been invited by a friend although not someone I am currently close to. While sitting there talking to them I went into some sort of trance/vision within the dream. It happened three times and it was obvious to them that I was in some sort of spiritual state but they chose to just ignore it and went on with their socializing. My sense was that although they had some exposure to the supernatural they were not spiritual people and didn't really understand it so it was easier to just ignore what was happening. Each time I went into a trance it was sort of like a reverse scene from the Wizard of OZ. I went from color in the dream to the vision being in rather dramatic black and white. In the first vision there was a monstrous storm with churning dark clouds coming over the ocean toward the beach. In the second vision the storm was closer. In the third vision it had already passed and the beach was covered with dead fish and dead bodies. There were so many bodies that there were men operating moving equipment to clear them away. I tried to warn the people at the house that this storm was coming - was practically HERE- but they just went on about their party and chose to ignore me.

First, any revelation of “Israel” always has several layers of meaning to it. There is a personal meaning for any believer who is an Israelite by faith. There are also those who are Israel that are physically connected to the land, history and religious traditions of Israel but are not believers in Jesus as Messiah. In this interpretation I will refer to them as NATURAL ISRAEL. There also are believers that include all those who are Israel by faith although they may not be faithful to their husband, the Lord. I will refer to them as RELIGIOUS ISRAEL and includes many of those who are saved but who are still loyal to and/or entrapped by the church's religious system. There is also a group of believers made up of all nations, tribes and tongues, who are the Bride or the Remnant that are faithful to their spiritual husband and not man's religious systems. I will refer to them as SPIRITUAL ISRAEL. Therefore, the dreams may have several layers of interpretation.

There are several reasons why I believe these dreams constitute a warning for Israel. First of all, Charlene's dream is directly about Israel and her ministry has been directed in large part toward Israel and the people there. In my dream I am with a group of people that I consider my friends but who I don't really know that well. They are not particularly spiritual people although they also aren't really freaked out when I have vision/trances. This could describe my experience when I have been to Israel. I consider them my friends but living in America keeps me from feeling close to most of them. They are people I sometimes visit. Israel has a long religious history and they have certainly been exposed to many Christians and their supernatural experiences when touring Israel but they are largely ignored or tolerated by most Israelis because of the tourism money.

In the dream I've been invited to a party at the home of someone who owns a beach house. A beach is a place where tourists go as they do to Israel. However, the man owns property at the beach. He is not a tourist he is a proprietor. This could also suggest Religious Israel who has felt secure in their four-walled church "homes." A beach is a place covered by sand, which is also symbolic of all layers of Israel since the Lord promised Abraham that he would make his descendants like the sand on the seashore.

The storm in the vision is coming across the sea. The sea often represents the nations. The interpretation is that the whole world is going to be affected by the storm. It may also suggest that the storm will come from the "gentile nations" - those who are not believers in any form, who are not Israel on any level. It may suggest that the storm or destruction will come from the nations of Islam, although there really isn't anything in the dreams to strongly suggest that. Given the earthquake confirmations, it is also possible that the physical land of Israel is about to experience a literal earthquake of huge magnitude. Whether it is symbolic or literal, given the fact that high magnitude earthquakes were used to confirm the word, it is clear that this shaking will cause massive destruction and loss of life.

The coming storm is first seen as massive dark clouds rolling across the sea. This also suggests that this storm is connected to the coming Day of the Lord's justice since His coming is associated with dark clouds.

"The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry. Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it. He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet. He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind. He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him – the dark rain clouds of the sky." (Psalm 18: 7-11)

In my dream the people are having a party and are mostly unconcerned about any bad thing happening. They discount the warnings even though in each vision the scenario gets worse. Many people believe that Israel in all of her forms is under such divine grace that she cannot be touched. Nevertheless, the Lord has issued many warnings in many ways over the last several years to leave religious tradition, to leave unbelief, and to leave Babylon and to come under the wings of His protection by faith. Most have not heeded those warnings except for a remnant (Spiritual Israel), which will be saved. There were three visions and three warnings in the dream. Three suggests completeness. There have been all the warnings necessary for the Lord to allow His justice to be released.

In the dream the visions occur in very stark black and white suggesting that the events to come have been "set". We say things are legal when they appear in black and white. It has been WRITTEN. It also suggests that there's no room for doubt. There's no middle ground between black and white.

In Charlene's dream she is prevented from going to Israel even though it would only take the airline workers "2 minutes" to give her the ticket that she needs. The plans have been laid but she is prevented from going by people who are genial enough but who have no interest in helping her to accomplish her goal. In fact, they seem to purposefully stand in her way.

I felt immediately when I first read the dream that Charlene was not able to go to Israel partly because it is soon going to be a very dangerous place to be and the Lord was protecting her by preventing her from making another trip. I think her difficulty in getting on the plane and forgetting a step that would be obvious also indicates that there are those who have made or will be making literal plans to go to Israel and the Lord will put obstacles in their way that they can't understand. They may think it is the enemy disrupting their plans but they should really seek the Lord about whether HE is the one who is thwarting their plans in order to keep them safe. The only place that is NOT safe is outside of the will of the Lord so those who are CALLED to Israel by the Lord at this time will be kept safe. But in the dream Charlene had made her own plans to go to Israel. She was prevented from going and told to go home and wait. Many will have the desire - especially as things begin to escalate - to go to Israel to help but the Lord may send angels to detain them.

I believe there is a broader interpretation of this in that there are many Christians who have "laid plans for Israel" according to what THEY want but when it comes to carrying them out they will be prevented by God's angels who have been given charge for carrying out HIS plans for Israel. There are a lot of Christians who have an interest in helping Israel but they have been interceding and making plans according to what their souls desire rather than consulting God’s two witnesses the Spirit and the Truth (TWO witnesses - 2 minutes that it would take to get the ticket.)

After Charlene woke up from the dream she wondered if she had somehow failed the Lord on behalf of Israel but as evidenced by her experience with the clock and the shekels, Charlene also represents those who have “bought time” for Israel through their intercessions. They have not failed the Lord or Israel. Destruction would have come much sooner if not for the prayers they have invested.

There are others, however, who have been trying to "buy time" for Israel through witchcraft prayers and military/political/economic manipulation and for them, time is up.

It is time for all aspects of Israel to come into alignment with the Lord’s will, righteousness and destiny. The numbers in Charlene’s dream - 11 and 1 speak of ALIGNMENT. It is TIME for Israel in ALL of her forms to come into alignment with the purposes of God. Israel has been given many warnings - (3 = complete) - and now time is UP. The shaking is going to begin NOW in earnest. The AT 11 flight also speaks of this alignment - Alpha and Tau, the beginning and the end. They are going to come together IN Israel and it will shake the whole world. It all begins and ends THERE. The countdown has begun and as it says in Revelation: "There will be no more delay..."

In my dreams my mother usually represents the Holy Spirit. As Paul said in Galatians 4:26 she is that Jerusalem that is above and is free and is our mother. She is the barren woman spoken of in Isaiah who has more children than she who has a husband so she is also the Spirit filled Bride. In Charlene’s dream her mother got on the plane and did NOT go to Israel. Charlene made sure she was on the plane suggesting that those who are part of the remnant, Spiritual Israel, will be kept safe. Revelation 12:13-14 says: *“When the dragon saw that he had been hurled to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. The woman was given the two wings of a great eagle so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach.”*

There is going to be only one place of safety in the days to come and that is being hidden in the Lord and completely reliant on the Holy Spirit. It is the safety of our MOTHER WHO COMES FROM ABOVE – the NEW Jerusalem that we need to be seeking to get to – not a physical “aliyah” to a land that may actually be very dangerous. As a body, believers have worked much harder at bringing the Jews home to the Middle Eastern Jerusalem than they have to lead them to the New Jerusalem, which is spiritual and not physical.

In the dream Charlene’s mother was going somewhere other than Israel and I think this is also indicative that the Lord is about to remove the protection of the Holy Spirit from both natural and religious houses of Israel. The Lord has also made many disappointing visits to Israel that have not come to fruition and now he's ready to "go home" for awhile and wait until she has been shaken enough to finally call on Him.

There have been other recent signs in the heavens to confirm these interpretations.

LUNAR ECLIPSE

On October 27, 2004, there was a full lunar eclipse. This was a particularly unusual moon eclipse. It was the fourth lunar eclipse since May 15, 2003. Four can signify “world-wide” – the “four corners of the earth”. Four successive lunar total eclipses coming at intervals under six months apart is called a tetrad and is fairly unusual. During a period of about three centuries tetrads can occur rather frequently; then in the next three hundred years tetrads never occur at all. Presently we are living in a period where tetrads take place. There won’t be another lunar eclipse until 2007. This was also an unusual eclipse because it was the first – and possibly the only – time that one will occur during the WORLD SERIES. Probably the last time that a lunar eclipse was televised to such a large audience was on Aug. 6, 1971 when the three Apollo 15 astronauts trained their camera toward a totally eclipsed Moon while returning to Earth after man’s FOURTH successful visit to the lunar surface.

The moon is filled with prophetic imagery. It can be symbolic of Israel on all levels because it reflects the light of the sun (son). This particular moon was called the Hunter’s Moon and also the Blood Moon because of the reddish color that it turns during the eclipse. The scriptures that refer to the coming of the day of the Lord being associated with the “moon turning to blood” are referring to a full lunar eclipse. The word ”eclipse” comes from the Greek word “ekleipsis” which means abandonment. It was not a happy word per se in history and often was associated with coming catastrophe.

During the weekend of this particular full lunar eclipse the Lord sent me to the red clay state of Georgia to hike up Blood Mountain. The trip was a prophetic metaphor as well as prophetic intercession. Near the top of the mountain I stopped to look out at the valleys and mountains surrounding me and I had a disturbing vision. In the distance was a mountain that is literally called Slaughter Mountain. In my spirit I saw the valley filled with blood like a flood. In addition to basically the whole book of Joel, the Lord gave me the following scriptures to prophesy:

“This is what the Lord says: ‘Go and buy a clay jar from a potter. Take along some of the elders of the people and of the priests and go out to the Valley of Ben Hinnom, near the entrance of the Potsherd Gate. There proclaim the words I tell you and say, Hear the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah and people of Jerusalem. This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel says: Listen! I am going to bring a disaster on this place that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. For they have forsaken me and made this a place of foreign gods; they have burned sacrifices in it to gods that neither they nor their fathers nor the kings of Judah ever knew, and they have filled this place with the blood of the innocent. They have built the high places of Baal to burn their sons in the fire as offerings to Baal – something I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind. ***So beware, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when people will no longer call this place Topheth or the valley of Ben Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.*** *In this place I will ruin the plans of Judah and Jerusalem. I will make them fall by the sword before their enemies, at the hands of those who seek their lives, and I will give their carcasses as food to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth. I will devastate this city and make it an object of scorn… This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel says: Listen! I am going to bring on this city and the villages around it every disaster I pronounced against them, because they were* ***stiff-necked and would not listen to my words.”*** *(Jeremiah 19)*

“The angel swung his sickle on the earth, gathered its grapes and threw them into the great winepress of God’s wrath. They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia.” (Rev. 14: 19-20)

“And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, ‘Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great.” (Rev. 19: 17-18)

“From about the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?” – which means, ‘My God, my

God, why have you forsaken (abandoned) me?'…The earth shook and the rocks split." (Matthew 27:45-46 and 51B)

"For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you says the Lord, your Redeemer." (Isaiah 54:7-8)

JUPITER ALIGNMENT

Another rare and spectacular event occurred in the early morning hours of Tuesday, December 7, 2004 (Pearl Harbor Day) when the brilliant planet Jupiter and three of its largest satellites (moons) passed behind Earth's Moon. Astronomers refer to this phenomenon as an "occultation," taken from the Latin *occultare*, which means to conceal. This eye-catching sight was visible in complete darkness across all of eastern and much of central North America.

Charlene wrote to me that Jupiter is Tzedeq in Hebrew and means RIGHTEOUSNESS. It is the Messiah's planet. Charlene's last name is Shoemaker and it is also the planet that the SHOEMAKER-LEVI Comet was caught in its gravitational pull and finally ended up doing a crash and burn in its surface a few years ago. Charlene has been sent often as a Levite of the Messiah to minister in Israel and she has recognized that being pulled into the Messiah's gravitational destiny of Israel may cost her life. The event also represented alignment and there is realignment with the Lord's plans and His righteousness that needs to occur for all of Israel to come into her destiny – even if it costs her life in order to save it. Her light will arise in the midst of darkness. Those who refuse to come into alignment with the Lord's righteousness may soon be destroyed but those who are hidden in the Messiah will be safe.

SUMATRA EARTHQUAKE

On December 26, 2004 the world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years triggered massive tidal waves that slammed into villages and seaside resorts across southern and southeast Asia. Currently the death toll stands at over 150,000 with many more deaths possible from disease and other effects of the tsunamis. The earthquake was 8.9 in magnitude. When the New Madrid earthquakes occurred in 1811 they were so powerful that the Mississippi River flowed backwards for a time. The Lord has told me that the reversal of the river indicated a powerful change in the course of history at that time. The landmasses that broke up and moved during the southeast Asia quakes at Christmas time reportedly moved clockwise. Since the earth rotates counterclockwise it actually countered or stopped the rotation of the earth for a few seconds. In a sense "time stopped".

"Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, 'There will be no more delay! But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants, the prophets." (Rev. 10:5-7)

An early news report stated:

"…the rush of waves brought sudden disaster to people carrying out their daily activities on the ocean's edge: Sunbathers on the beaches of the Thai resort of Phuket were washed away; a group of 32 Indians - including 15 children - were killed while taking a ritual Hindu bath to mark the full moon day; fishing boats, with their owners clinging to their sides, were picked up by the waves and tossed away.

``All the planet is vibrating'' from the quake, said Enzo Boschi, the head of Italy's National Geophysics Institute. Speaking on SKY TG24 TV, Boschi said the quake even disturbed the Earth's rotation. On Sumatra, the quake destroyed dozens of buildings - but as elsewhere, it was the wall of water that followed that caused the most deaths and devastation…An Associated Press reporter saw bodies wedged in trees as the waters receded. More bodies littered the beaches…Relatives went through lines of bodies wrapped in blankets and sheets, searching for dead loved ones… An AP photographer saw two dozen bodies along a four-mile stretch of beach, some of children entangled in the wire mesh used to barricade seaside homes. Other bodies were brought up from the beach, wrapped in sarongs and laid on the road, while rows of men and women lined the roads asking if anyone had seen their relatives…Around one million people were displaced from their homes, Weerathunga said…In India, beaches were turned into virtual open-air mortuaries, with bodies of people caught in the tidal wave being washed ashore…"I never imagined anything like this could happen."…The huge waves struck around breakfast time on the beaches of

Thailand's beach resorts - probably Asia's most popular holiday destination at this time of year, particularly for Europeans fleeing the winter cold - wiping out bungalows, boats and cars, sweeping away sunbathers and snorkelers, witnesses said…On Phi Phi island - where ``The Beach'' starring Leonardo DiCaprio was filmed - 200 bungalows at two resorts were swept out to sea.
Indonesia, a country of 17,000 islands, is prone to seismic upheaval because of its location on the margins of tectonic plates that make up the so-called ``Ring of Fire'' around the Pacific Ocean basin…The Indonesian quake struck just three days after an 8.1 quake struck the ocean floor between Australia and Antarctica, causing buildings to shake hundreds of miles away but no serious damage or injury." (Associated Press report)
I believe the Lord has given this warning out of His grace and mercy to "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." (Matthew 24:16). I can NOT even suggest times or dates but I believe this day is imminent – even at the door. The only place to be safe is the "high ground" of the Spirit. The time to flee is NOW – not when disaster strikes. It will come suddenly and it will be too late then. I send out this warning so that any who read it and have ears to hear can seek the Lord about how they can reach a place of true safety. And although I don't think destruction can be avoided, I think it can be lessened through intercession. We can pray that the Lord's grace, mercy and glory will triumph in the midst of judgment. We can be ready and not found "partying" in the midst of the "storm warnings."

When the storm is finished the Lord will have ONE Israel that is made of all those who survived and were purified. There will no longer be "layers" of Israel. There will be one NEW Jerusalem who will shine like the restored moon did after the eclipse - bright as the sun and wearing her crown. THEN all of Israel will enter into the last battle and fight as one new man.

Grace and mercy to us all, Diane Bahler

A Sweeping Move

Patrick McBane

The prophetic picture I got was of a heavenly broom and a heavenly dust pan in the hands of the Lord.

He was sweeping things together. He was sweeping things into place. His sweeping wind of change was blowing across the lives of people who were desirous of Him. His sweeping hand was gentle yet purposeful. The sweeping was a gathering together of hearts who have been and will continue to seek after Him and position themselves as set apart for Him.

The broom quickly changed into a winnowing fork and the Lord began to lift and sift that which was gathered.

Separate unto Me, consecrate unto Me, get ready, get ready, get ready. For this is the 'Day of the Lord'. For a day is like a thousand years - and a thousand years is like a day. The culmination of years is being formed into One Day. This is not a day as we know it, but a day in God's economy where many things that have been on hold will begin to release. It will be a day when those things which were held back will be ushered quickly into existence. It will be a day of mercy, grace, direction and positioning. Watch, says the Lord. Watch as I lift many of you out of what was insignificant and restraining and place you into position for such a time as this. The waiting - the wandering - the wondering is coming to an end, and the beginning is like that of a new day in His presence with great clarity, confirmation and calling being fulfilled. Bless His Holy Name!

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A Time For New Songs

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The Lord says that a New Song is being released to His people.... God is breathing a fresh wind of prophetic creativity on the artists and worship leaders. This wind will fill the sails of many congregations with a deeper understanding in their hearts of the goodness and the purposes of God for His people and the world at this time.

The Lord showed me a funnel of His light coming down from Heaven towards those who have been seeking His face and waiting on Him. The funnel was coming in a downward spiral. All who were underneath it and around it began to be caught up in a greater clarity of the light of His Presence. A great freedom came to many to loose themselves in the love and freedom of the Holy Spirit. But, as this funnel landed on many I could see musical notes like on a song sheet begin to blow back up the funnel towards heaven.

The Lord says the Tabernacle of David is in the process of restoration. The Holy Spirit is releasing a hunger for the wisdom of worship that David and the Levites who ministered at David's tabernacle walked in. Many who have never had an appetite for extended periods of prayer and worship are going to begin having a burning heart for ministering to the Lord, as Mary did, with extravagant worship. They are going to learn to take the precious perfume of the passion of their hearts and waste it on Jesus' feet. But as they do this the perfume of the sweetness of Jesus' Presence is going to begin to fill houses of worship in a deeper way. Many congregations are going to start spending what formerly would have seemed inordinate amounts time singing, praying, dancing, and just being in His Presence.

In this fresh wind there is also going to be a great release of creativity. New songs are going to be stirred up in the hearts of artists and worship leaders. They will be prophetic in that they are going to help the Bride of Christ understand and perceive the heart, majesty, grace, and love of her lover- the King of Kings. And just as leaders need like David to pay the price of building their own alters, the Lords says those leaders need to begin to make room in the sanctuaries for the people to minister to God. A shift is coming in these months and years we are now in. Many churches are no longer going to be centered solely on attracting man and ministering to man. The Father is pursuing those who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. He is pursuing those who desire to make a resting place, not merely a work place, for His Holy Spirit.

Just as David established a tabernacle of worship twenty four hours a day, seven days a week, so many churches are going to start establishing places continually open for prayer and meetings lasting all night celebrating God and raising up a canopy of worship for God's Spirit to enjoy. And just as David's tabernacle had no veil, so in these places of worship the glory of God will be greatly known.

This a time and season for the artists and worship leaders to more fully enter their priesthood. For the Lord says that if they shall be like Obed-edom, who loved God's glory, they shall indeed not just sing the songs and play the instruments, but they shall become Gatekeepers for many to help them move past the gates of thanksgiving and the courts of praise and into the glory of His Presence. They shall, in fact, help the people build a resting place with a canopy of worship for His majesty.

It is time for the singers to sing a new song. It is time for the painters to paint with fresh colors. It is time for the dancers to dance as David did. It is time for the Levites to emerge and to offer up sacrifices of hearts burning for Him and the incense of true worship and prayer. It is time for the tent of His Glory to be reestablished.

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Adjustment Time - Coming To Closure

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"This is what the Lord Almighty says: Give careful thought to your ways. Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord. You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why? declares the Lord Almighty, because of My house which remains a ruin while each of you is busy with his own house." Haggai 1:7-9

"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. - Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature." Romans 14:12, 14

IT IS TIME ... time for the I AM to move on with My plans and purposes. I have had My people in a season of adjustment. I have challenged each one going by My Name... I have given warnings both in the natural and in the spiritual...warnings that said: It is time for an attitude adjustment. Some have truly heard and have made the necessary adjustments but for many, they go on as before still believing all is well. Unfortunately the sands of time in My spiritual hourglass for this adjustment season are running out. For those who are still pre-occupied with their own individual kingdoms, seeking domination over others, seeking identities for themselves, into competition with others, having misplaced priorities and purposes - the last grains of sand are trickling down and when they are gone, there will be no turning back.

Adjustment time, another transition period for My own by My Time Clock. As all transition periods it had a beginning and it has an end and the end is now in sight. As in all transition periods I have brought to your life there have been set rules by the I AM in which you are to live by and to obey and this season has been no different. Many have heeded this adjustment time and many have not - now this season is in the last seconds of My Time and then all will move into My final destiny for the world. During this adjustment time much grace has been given, an extension in grace to truly walk My walk in all ways, not as you speak.

The night is far spent - the day is at hand! Gross darkness will come upon your lands. As the last sands trickle away - those who have not adhered to My adjustment season, your next season and time is fixed! There will be no going back for a second chance. For My Faithful Ones, your next season and time is also fixed! All will be in readiness for both sides and will not be changed once the sand is emptied. Cause and effect, it happens in the natural world and it happens in the Spiritual. My Kingdom purposes shall be done...

My remnant shall arise, My Faithful Ones shall come forth! It is the last hour, you are entering into the final days and you are entering into what I have said I had for you - My promises fulfilled. You are now eagerly awaiting those sands to finally trickle out for you knowing your time is nigh. Faithful, you have been faithful even through rejection and persecution by your own. You have persevered and always believed in Me, even in the deepest pits of despair, for even then you have held on to the I AM.

Even now many of you wonder how this will all come about but do not fear, I AM all sufficiency for you and the I AM is present with you always. Each will be touched by My hand and you will be transformed and changed by My Glory. Much will seek to detract you on this side of the final sifting but fear not for My will shall be done in your life and you will see all that was forfeited returned to you seven fold plus more!

Prepare to enter into My inner chambers reserved for My Chosen Ones. The place and the way I have prepared for you and the door shall swing wide open for you to enter... My presence is upon you, My scepter, the symbol of My royal power is extended to you. I see your eagerness mounting as you now watch those final grains of sand sifting through to completion ending this long, long season.

You have been taught and prepared by My hand and you have gone through perilous times, times when even as My Faithful, you have wondered if you could dare to hope it would still come to pass... NOW, I say unto you - be on alert.... knowing that I AM Who I say I AM and will do what I have promised! I AM in control in a world out of control and your destiny In Me is sealed and will be delivered. Your intense training has given you MY heart and love for all of mankind.

As you see the last grains of sand leaving this season, it shall light a spark and this spark will turn into a blazing flame as I move you forth. No enemy can steal what I have for you for I have placed a mantle on you that NO enemy can destroy. Rejoice, again I say rejoice for ALL is under My Control and what I have purposed before the beginning of time shall be accomplished shortly.

The season of adjustment is coming to closure and you are stepping into your destiny while also stepping into the final days, the destiny of the world - filled with My Glory, walking in signs and wonders, healing the sick, raising the dead and bringing in the final harvest. Adjustment Time - Coming to Closure and now it all begins!

All Things In Christ

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"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things: to Whom be glory for ever. Amen. (Romans 11:36)."

In my written and spoken messages I make frequent reference to the preeminence of Christ. Just what do we mean by Christ having the preeminence? What do we mean by giving Christ the preeminence in all things?

"Preeminence" literally means having the first, highest, chief, and best place in a position of ascendancy over everything else. It is an ultimacy, a glory, an honor, a distinction, a prestige, an illustriousness, a renown, a notability, and a nobility that surpasses all others. Paul simply says that the aim of God is for JESUS CHRIST to have THAT kind of position in - all things. That explains everything God has done, is doing and will do. But what does he mean by "all things"?

Whenever I teach from a passage that includes the phrase "all things" I usually stop and ask, "Now how many things does 'all things' include?" And the people always respond, "Everything!" That word "all" is a very large word, a very encompassing word. There is nothing outside of "all"! How casually and easily we allow our eyes to glance past these words. We have not comprehended them. If we comprehended them we could not read them with a yawn, but we would read them with a shout!

If we intend to make some exception to "all" we might say something like, "everything but" or "everything except" in order to qualify what we mean as something less than "all". But "all things" is without qualification. "All" is "all", and "all things" is everything. Nothing is left out, nothing is excluded. It is not necessary for us to list every single thing that "all" includes, because "all" is all-inclusive. But what about this, you ask? It is among the All. And what of this, you say? That, too, is included in the All. And what about this thing, or that thing? Oh yes, they are in the All as well. You cannot come up with a single thing that is not included in All.

So in Romans 11:36 Paul sums up the preeminence of Christ into three expressions: "Of Him... through Him... to Him... are ALL THINGS." "OF HIM" says that everything which exists - things in heaven, things in earth, everything that was created, everything that has come into being, everything that will come into being - is created by, and because of, CHRIST. "THROUGH HIM" says that everything which lives, moves, breathes, operates, exists, or functions in this universe, whether animate or inanimate, whether biological, chemical, spiritual, natural, or cosmological - does so THROUGH CHRIST, Who sovereignly upholds all these things, determines their place, and keeps them in order. "TO HIM" says that everything, no matter how far from God's Thought it may be, no matter how chaotic things may appear, is being directed, summed up, and gathered together INTO CHRIST. As the Alpha, all things flow FROM Him; as the Omega, all things flow TO Him.

That is quite a paragraph. A paragraph like that cannot be grasped in one reading. But that paragraph is, in essence, what Paul means, and what we mean, by Christ having the preeminence in all things. We are talking about Jesus as Lord over us individually, over the Church corporately, and over all creation collectively. We are talking about a preeminent Christ Who is exalted above every principality and power, rule and dominion; things visible, things invisible; things past, things present, things future; things in heaven, things in earth, things under the earth: all things are OF Him, all things are THROUGH Him, and all things are TO Him. That is preeminence.

Let us go through the Scriptures and bring out a few gems from the storehouse of tremendous wealth and riches in Christ. Our criteria for selecting these particular Scriptures was very simple. We wanted to look at every reference that mentions Christ in connection with His preeminence over "all things". We found quite a number. There are dozens more references that support our study, but we have included only the ones which contain the phrase "all things". Once we gathered the references together, we sorted them according to Romans 11:36 - those that are OF Him, those that are THROUGH Him, and those that are TO Him.

The result of that study is the basis of this writing. I pray these will not be mere verses of Scripture to us, but will be the very means through which the Father gives us greater illumination and revelation into His Son. We ought to meditate on this daily and ask the Lord to open our eyes to see the height, depth, width, length, and breadth of this JESUS Whom we say we serve. May God deliver us from our own idea, concept, perception, and illusion of a small Christ and give us revelation into the preeminence of His Son.

I promise that if you will read through these verses once or twice a day, every day, it will be impossible for you to remain unaffected by the Truth they present! I am affected just in the preparation of this material, and how much more in the application and apprehending of it! When we see Christ as All in All then it will be impossible for us to ever again be reduced to the small, the trivial, the petty things which occupy us and waste so much of our time. Our only hope is seeing a Christ that fills us, a Christ that is greater than us, a Christ that is larger than we can fathom, an indescribable Christ that overshadows, overwhelms, and consumes us through and through!

OF HIM ARE ALL THINGS

"All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made (John 1:3)."

"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 3:9)."

"For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him (Colossians 1:16)."

"For Whom are all things, and by Whom are all things (Hebrews 2:10ff)."

"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom are all things, and we by Him (I Corinthians 8:6)."

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created (Revelation 4:11)."

The Father declares the preeminence of His Son by involving Him in the process of creating all things. As a result, nothing was created apart from Christ. Of Him are all things - things in heaven, in earth, visible, invisible, spiritual, and physical. Scientists believe there may be as many as twenty-four dimensions in this universe, of which we only know five. However many there may be, He is preeminent over them all. Thus, the Lord Jesus Christ is the Alpha, the Beginning, the First, the Source. This establishes Him as preeminent over all creation.

All things were created by Him, and everything was created for Him. For Him! Why this earth, the moon, the stars, the galaxies? Why the animals, the birds, the fish, the insects? Why men and women, angels, cherubim, and seraphim? For Him! All for Him! God's original thought is for Christ to fill every created thing with His Life, Love, and Glory. A design implies a Designer, a plan implies a Planner, and a creation implies a Creator. We are not drifting along aimlessly, and we did not come into being by accident. We were created by Him, and we were created for Him. We were created to love Him, and to be loved by Him.

Of the three spheres - of Him, through Him, and to Him - "of Him" is probably the easiest to grasp. It is easier for us to look backwards and see Christ in retrospect than it is for us to perceive the present and to discern the future. But He is All of these at once. It is not that in times past He was the Alpha, and after a lengthy period of time He become the Omega. No, "I AM Alpha AND Omega, the Beginning AND the Ending, says the Lord: which was AND which is to come, the Almighty (Revelation 1:8)." And, "They rest not day and night saying, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, AND is, AND is to come (Revelation 4:8b)." He always has been AND He always is AND He always will be; hence three "Holies" are necessary. What a mighty God!

So we progress forward and see that...

THROUGH HIM ARE ALL THINGS

First, all things are in His hands:

"All things are delivered unto Me of My Father (Matthew 11:27)."

"The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand (John 3:35)."

"Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He was come from God, and went to God (John 13:3)."

"All things that the Father hath are Mine (John 16:15a)."

"[God] hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, Whom He hath appointed Heir of all things (Hebrews 1:2a)."

His hands speak of His Ownership, His Authority, His Possessing of all things. The Father gave all things to the Son. Then, because all things are in His hands, all things are under His feet. His feet speak of His Dominion, His Rule, His subjecting of all things to the authority that is in His hands.

"Thou madest Him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; thou has put all things under His feet (Psalms 8:6)."

"And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the Head over all things to the Church (Ephesians 1:22)."

"And He is the Head of the Body, the Church: Who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18)."

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. (Hebrews 2:8a)

This possession and subjection of all things to Christ is not a passive, disinterested, distant, absentee ownership, like a clock that was once wound and now ticks all by itself long after the watchmaker has left it. Make no mistake: at the core of this spiritual and physical universe is a living, powerful, proactive Personality at work to bring fallen creation back to its original state, back into line with God's Purpose, Heart, Mind, Desire, and Plan, which is CHRIST FILLING ALL THINGS, CHRIST UPHOLDING ALL THINGS, CHRIST AT THE CENTER OF ALL THINGS! Come quickly Lord Jesus! May Your Kingdom be manifest!

"And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist [Greek: find their being, take their place] (Colossians 1:17)."

"Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His Person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3)."

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)."

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do (Hebrews 4:13)."

"For the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God (I Corinthians 2:10)."

Everything is upheld by His power, and all things are working together according to His Purpose. The Spirit searches all things and reveals them for what they are. Before Him everything is manifest, and there is nothing hidden from Him. There is no darkness that He does not penetrate, no deception that He cannot illuminate, no evil that He will not eradicate.

"He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30)." Christ is ever increasing in order to fill all things, conforming them to His image, so that His glory is manifest in every corner of Creation - and He begins with individual disciples. The increasing of Christ and the decreasing of Self in every individual disciple is but a fragment of an ultimate Plan which extends from each disciple, to "two or three gathered together", to the Church, and finally to all Creation. We should be able to look at each disciple and see a demonstration of Christ filling All in All: "Look, this is what I intend to do with all Creation." He will continue to increase, and everything outside of Him will continue to decrease, until there will remain nothing outside of Him. He is Lord!

TO HIM ARE ALL THINGS

"Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself (Philippians 3:21)."

"And when all things shall be subdued unto Him, then shall the Son also Himself be subject unto Him that put all things under Him, that God may be All in All (I Corinthians 15:28)."

"That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him (Ephesians 1:10)."

"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven (Colossians 1:20)."

"He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things (Ephesians 4:10)."

Everything is moving back TOWARDS a Christocentric universe, so that as it was in the beginning, so it will be in the ending. Just as all things have their source and beginning in Christ, so all things will have their ending in Christ. He subdues all things, in order to gather together and reconcile all things, that He may fill all things. What a task that is! How can that be? How can all things ever be subdued, gathered together into one, reconciled, and filled by Christ? We cannot say how, but we know that "He is able". Praise God, how can we doubt Him? How can we question this Man? Do we not yet know that He is the Preeminent One? Let us bow down and thank and praise God that He is able!

When we pray, "May Your Name be hallowed, may Your Kingdom come, may Your Will be done: as in heaven, so in earth", this is the End we have in mind: "all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are in earth, even in Him." This reconciliation and marriage of heaven and earth is a tremendous thing. In heaven, His Word is settled forever (Psalms 119:89); but on earth, things are very unsettled. In heaven, we see Jesus seated at the right hand of God, exalted above all principality and power, name and dominion; but on earth, "we see not yet all things put under Him (Hebrews 2:8b)." We see that "the heavens are the Lord's: but the earth has He given to the children of men

(Psalms 115:16)."

One day that discrepancy and unceasing conflict, that great chasm between Heaven and Earth, will be healed.

"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new (Revelation 21:5a)."

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and He shall be my son (Revelation 21:7)."

"How shall He not, with Him, freely give us all things (Romans 8:32b)?"

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us (Romans 8:37)."

"Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; and ye are Christ's; Christ is God's (I Corinthians 3:21-23)."

How glorious! How tremendous! He is doing all of this for us! Everything He has is freely given to us, and through Him we possess all that He possesses. When He has all that we have, then we have all that He has. When we give Him all that we are, He gives us all that He is. Oh, the depth of this love! Oh, the depth of the richness of His grace to us! Who can understand it? Who can know it?

The chorus to a song comes to mind, that says

How could you not love Him back? How could you hold out your heart For even another day? How could you not love Him back When you've learned every loving fact? How could you not love Him back?

Oh Jesus, may You have the preeminence henceforth and forever!

A Terrible Landslide

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Obadiah 1:3,4- The pride of your heart has deceived you, You who dwell in the clefts of the rock, Whose habitation is high; You who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' Though you ascend as high as the eagle, And though you set your nest among the stars, From there I will bring you down," says the LORD.

In a vision, I feel the earthquake, I see the mountain move and I feel the ground shake and hear a sound of great trembling or thunderous rumble. It feels like an earthquake, looks like an avalanche to me, but then I hear LANDSLIDE. A great and terrible LANDSLIDE is coming.

I look up on high and see that this is something of great magnitude that I cannot fully comprehend right away, but I see enormous boulders of rock tumbling down with debris, and dirt. It is coming down at such rapid speed that dirt, dust and rock are everywhere. As it makes its way to the bottom it covers what appears to be a road or bridge but I hear THROUGHWAY.. This landslide has come so fast and with such weight from all that is coming from on high, that it literally causes a sinkhole in the ground destroying this part of the throughway. Nothing will travel on this road again. This part of the road, bridge, THROUGHWAY that once allowed many to travel on has been fully destroyed and devastated by this landslide.

Once again, I hear the spirit of the Lord say ... it will be revealed in the natural and yes in the spirit these things shall come fully. It will be by MY grace that I have give unto you that will sustain you until the end and forevermore.

As I travailed concerning this vision for almost into three weeks I continued to take the word Landslide and Throughway before the Lord persistently. For though HE revealed this too would come in the natural, it is in the spirit I sensed an urgency to understand more. For when we are safe and secure in HIM , those things that will come in the natural will not truly affect us because we know our inheritance, our Life, our security, is in HIM alone, and not in this world. Finally, I received the interpretation that God was speaking through this Landslide that will come.

The Lord declared that the LANDSLIDE is the destruction caused by pride. And began to break down the various forms of pride and the ways they come.

It is the rise of pride, (this was revealed as the height of the mountain on high) and fall of pride (was revealed as the sinkhole that the rocks and debris had made caused by the speed and weight and sizes of the pride that had risen). The falling of the boulders of pride and dirt of arrogance devastated and destroyed the throughway below making it impossible for this road to be traveled on again.

This landslide that will come is caused by Pride in many forms and it is about to fall rapidly, suddenly and unexpectedly. The Landslide shows the pride, arrogance, attitudes, thoughts of self sufficiency, misused wealth, haughtiness, carelessness, recklessness, and gloating in the body of Christ among other things that have continued in this world and in America as well.

The enormous rocks (size of various different pride's that have grown). The weight of the debris, was the amount of time this has stood and how heavy and strong it has become. The sinkhole is the depth of the fall after it has risen so high and has stood for so long and fallen so hard. The throughway is the way in which this pride came in and was used.

God is gracious, He went further and led me to a small book in HIS holy written word, the smallest book in the Old Testament, yet filled with Power, Correction, Mercy and Love from our God who reigns in dominion and majesty. This is the book of OBADIAH.

He now reveals the DESTRUCTION OF EDOM, through this vision of the LANDSLIDE. Be encouraged to read Obadiah which I have placed below. Surely, you will see the vision of the landslide, the verification and clarification of what God revealed to me, was already written long ago, yet for this hour.

America, it is High time to acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior. It is time America to BLESS GOD!! For surely, God has blessed America. Saints, I cry out to you in the Glorious name of Jesus Christ to bless one another, to Love as HE loves us, to lift up and not tear down. To pick up your fellow solider and not step over them. Let us hear the Word of the Lord in this hour. Let us rise up in Love and not arrogance, let us be humbled and rid ourselves of pride that has taken over and let us welcome the bringing down of these things that grieve the heart of God in our lives and in our nation. For it is by HIS Love He reveals these things unto us. It is high time to take the hand of your brethren and stand together in Him, walk together in Him, and declare ALL for One, and One for All. You will be released from the prison in your mind and of those things that have held you back, even within yourself. For this is the hour that strongholds will be broken and deliverance shall come, and healing will be manifested and the breached shall be restored. First things first, America, Bless God!! HE is the foundation !

Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and HE will lift you up.

James 4(New King James Version)

Pride Promotes Strife
1 Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:
" God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble."

Humility Cures Worldliness

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Do Not Judge a Brother

11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?
Do Not Boast About Tomorrow
Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. 17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Obadiah 1 (New King James Version)

The Coming Judgment on Edom
1 The vision of Obadiah.

Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Edom
(We have heard a report from the LORD,
And a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying,

"Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle"):
2 " Behold, I will make you small among the nations;
You shall be greatly despised.
3 The pride of your heart has deceived you,
You who dwell in the clefts of the rock,
Whose habitation is high;
You who say in your heart,
'Who will bring me down to the ground?'
4 Though you ascend as high as the eagle,
And though you set your nest among the stars,
From there I will bring you down," says the LORD.
5 " If thieves had come to you,
If robbers by night—
Oh, how you will be cut off!—
Would they not have stolen till they had enough?
If grape-gatherers had come to you,
Would they not have left some gleanings?
6 " Oh, how Esau shall be searched out!
How his hidden treasures shall be sought after!
7 All the men in your confederacy
Shall force you to the border;
The men at peace with you
Shall deceive you and prevail against you.
Those who eat your bread shall lay a trap for you.
No one is aware of it.
8 " Will I not in that day," says the LORD,
"Even destroy the wise men from Edom,
And understanding from the mountains of Esau?
9 Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed,
To the end that everyone from the mountains of Esau
May be cut off by slaughter.

Edom Mistreated His Brother
10 " For violence against your brother Jacob,
Shame shall cover you,
And you shall be cut off forever.
11 In the day that you stood on the other side—
In the day that strangers carried captive his forces,
When foreigners entered his gates
And cast lots for Jerusalem—
Even you were as one of them.
12 " But you should not have gazed on the day of your brother
In the day of his captivity;
Nor should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah
In the day of their destruction;
Nor should you have spoken proudly
In the day of distress.
13 You should not have entered the gate of My people
In the day of their calamity.
Indeed, you should not have gazed on their affliction
In the day of their calamity,
Nor laid hands on their substance
In the day of their calamity.
14 You should not have stood at the crossroads

To cut off those among them who escaped;
Nor should you have delivered up those among them who remained
In the day of distress.
15 " For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near;
As you have done, it shall be done to you;
Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.
16 For as you drank on My holy mountain,
So shall all the nations drink continually;
Yes, they shall drink, and swallow,
And they shall be as though they had never been.

Israel's Final Triumph
17 " But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance,
And there shall be holiness;
The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.
18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire,
And the house of Joseph a flame;
But the house of Esau shall be stubble;
They shall kindle them and devour them,
And no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau,"
For the LORD has spoken.
19 The South shall possess the mountains of Esau,
And the Lowland shall possess Philistia.
They shall possess the fields of Ephraim
And the fields of Samaria.
Benjamin shall possess Gilead.
20 And the captives of this host of the children of Israel
Shall possess the land of the Canaanites
As far as Zarephath.
The captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad
Shall possess the cities of the South.
21 Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion
To judge the mountains of Esau,
And the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

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A Tale Of Two Spirits

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Two Spirits At Work In The End Times.

There will be two spirits at work in the end times; Spirit of Fear and the Holy Spirit of God. You will either yield to one or the other.

It's the Spirit of Fear that Satan uses to keep men in bondage.

> *Hebrews 2:14-15*
> *14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the* ***devil****;*
> *15 And deliver them who through* ***fear of death*** *were all their lifetime subject to* ***bondage****.*

Overcomers in these end times will be those who get the victory over this fear. Others will be subject to it.

> *Luke 21:25-26*
> *25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth* ***distress*** *of nations, with* ***perplexity****; the sea and the waves roaring;*
> *26 Men's hearts failing them for* ***fear****, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the* ***powers of heaven*** *shall be shaken.*

Consider that men's hearts fail them for fear because a Spirit of Fear abides in their hearts.

The Holy Spirit of God delivers us from fear.

> *Psalms 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.*

2 Timothy describes The Holy Spirit, given by God, as He gives the Kingdom. Power, Love and A Sound Mind stand out in great contrast to the Spirit of Fear.

> *2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of* ***power****, and of* ***love****, and of a* ***sound mind****.*

> *Luke 12:31-32*
> *31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
> *32* ***Fear not****, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to* ***give you the kingdom****.*

We mention **power** as it is the power to obey and do the Lord's will. The ability to **prove what is** that good and perfect, **will of God** is the same as ability to demonstrate the Kingdom of God. For to say, *thy kingdom come* means the same as *thy will be done here on earth as it is in heaven*.

> *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may* ***prove what is*** *that good, and acceptable, and perfect,* ***will of God****.*

> *1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in* ***power****.*

Sometimes this is spoken of as **grace**. The Holy Spirit is Grace or the Spirit of Grace.

> *Philemon 1:25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*

> *Ephesians 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

> *Hebrews 10:29 … the Spirit of grace ….*

We mention **Love** as it gives the Power to overcome fear.

> *Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the* ***love of God*** *is shed abroad in our hearts by the* ***Holy Ghost*** *which is given unto us.*

> *1 John 4:18 There is* ***no fear in love****; but perfect* ***love casteth out fear****: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

How does perfect love cast out fear? The Lord does this by entering your heart, driving out fear and taking it’s place when you yield to him completely. He stands at the door and knocks.

We mention having a **Sound Mind**. That is to have a mind transformed into the Mind of Christ.

> *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye* ***transformed by the renewing of your mind****, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

> *1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the* ***mind of Christ****.*

The unsound mind is subject to fear, delusion and self destruction.

> *2 Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

These are like the swine entered into by unclean spirits, they destroy themselves.

> *Mark 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine [unclean persons]: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

In this verse from Mark 5, the phrase two thousand is a clue to an end time event, something to happen 2000 years later.

Several of the epistles open with a salutation like this one from Ephesians. It’s the Lord’s prayer and will for us.

> *Ephesians 1:2* ***Grace be to you****, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Let’s yield to the Holy Spirit fully in these times. His grace will see us through any storm.

> *2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me,* ***My grace is sufficient*** *for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

A Time Of Great Testing

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"The time of great testing is drawing near for this nation and My people in this nation. Indeed, it has already begun. I am watching and listening to My people and to the cry of their hearts. I am waiting for a cry to rise up to Me calling on My power…My holiness…My mercy…My forgiveness…and My intervention in the affairs of your lives, your communities, your nation, and your world."

But, too many of My people are in a place of false comfort and ease. Their hearts have not been awakened. Their ears and their eyes have been covered with fat so that they cannot see or hear. Truly, they have become as Sodom…arrogant, overfed, full of careless ease, and uncaring for the poor (Ezekiel 16:49-50.)

So, cry out to Me! Lift your voice to intercede before Me on behalf of My people. Judgment does truly begin in the house of God. It is not within your own power or strength to turn the hearts of My people from their sin – even the hearts of your own family and friends. But, haven't I said that if you would stand in My council and hear My words and announce My words to My people, it would cause them to turn away from their sin? (Jeremiah 23:18, 22.)

That is your calling – to stand in My council and hear My words. I will open the doors where I would have you announce My word. You must first, and foremost, do as My servant Abraham did and bring the word of intercession before me. (Micah 7:18.)

I delight to show My mercy and kindness. My heart is for all to come to repentance (Ezekiel 18:23, 32.) My hand is not too short that it cannot save. But, I am looking for those who will stand in the gap and make up a hedge (Ezekiel 22:30.) Be a part of that hedge. I will give you opportunity to declare My word, but you must prepare your heart to be a spokesperson for Me. You must prepare your heart by allowing Me to deeply penetrate your heart and by embracing the fear of Me. You must embrace your death with Messiah and your new life as being found fully in Him.

Come apart to Me when I call you. Make your ear attentive to my voice…and My word…and I will accomplish My work in you."

A Time Of Great Trial

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Many of you are feeling as if the dark night has settled over you. Many of you are feeling like a cloud of darkness has come and settled over you, and things that I have spoken to you seem so far off, and so far out of your reach. What I say to each of you now, is that I am so close to you.

In what seems to be a dark night, I am with you. Where things around you seem to be inexplicable I am there standing with you, and holding you. No matter what things are around you, no matter what temptations and attacks you are facing My precious church, I am standing with you. I am shining brighter than ever before in your circumstances and leading the way for you to walk through this valley in a greater victorious way.

Many things that are happening in the heavenlies are now playing themselves out in the natural, in the physical. The shaking has begun, where I have allowed temptation and trials to come which seem to have bound you and brought you down My church, I have seen your hearts. You have been tested and been proven faithful and true.

I am separating My children who truly love Me and want to serve Me, I am separating them from those who just mutter My name with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.

In these dark places that many of you have been sitting in, My precious church, you are sitting there as I am preparing you. For I cannot send out My church, to the frontline when your hearts have not been tested, tried, and purged. Shown to be faithful and true.

Rejoice in your trials My children. For the entire body of Christ is now going through a greater purging than ever before. For I am about to unleash a great move of My Spirit, and I cannot hand My power and My revelations and great moves of My Spirit to just anyone.

My precious church, I have to test you, to see your hearts, and you must stand firm in Me at all times. Once you have been tested you will come out shining brighter than the purest of gold.

I am bringing a stability and strength to My church, that the world has not seen.

I am allowing circumstances, temptations and many attacks to come into the lives of My church now, to show you the one truth that sets you free. The truth My children, that I alone am your life. You can do nothing without Me, and I am the core of everything. Many of My children are in church, but do not live solely for Me. So now is the time for Me to see whom I can entrust My works with.

Many hearts are being hardened, many hearts are turning away from Me, many are feeling the price for them is too high. It is not too high. For do I gift My church with callings, and gifts that they cannot handle? Is that what My Word says? Surely Not! Yes hardship, suffering and dying to self is difficult, but I gift each person with the grace to endure this.

I am sending out My followers now, who live totally for Me. Who are radically abandoned to Me, and are walking in the strength that I am all they need. They have been through the fire, and come past the point of no return in Me.

So many of My church do not want to die to themselves or their flesh, but I am calling My children, to now really search your hearts. In this time of great trial that I am allowing to come into the lives of My children, search your hearts, and truly see if you are for Me, or against Me. For you cannot be for Me, and not be willing to do what I ask.

Have joy My church! Have joy knowing that the trials you endure last for a night, and joy will come in the morning.

I am using these great trials, temptations and attacks to bring a greater stability to My church, and to your personal walks with Me, that when even greater trials come, you will STAND, and STAND FIRMER than ever before.

Positioning is occurring in My Kingdom now, and I will not place people in key positions or frontline positions for war, if their hearts are not completely for Me, and have come through the trial and testing, for Me.

Many of you are passing the test, and how greatly I am pleased with each of you. Continue to remain faithful to Me, even through the pain, the heartache, the attack and temptation, and you shall come deeper in Me than ever before, and continue to come closer to the crown of Glory that I have for you.

Keep your eyes on Me, My church. Decide in your hearts, if you are willing to allow the trial and testing to continue until I see that you have proven well. My grace is sufficient.

Will you be a warrior for Me who will stand in position knowing that your heart is completely for Me? Or will you hide in the shadows still entertaining your flesh and your own desires?

Choose today My church, for time is short, and the separation must come, between those who truly want Me and will do anything for Me, and those who just mutter My name.

I love each and every person with an everlasting love, and that will never change, but I must continue with the plans I have for this earth and this world, and whether you are part of it My children, is up to you. If you are available I will use you. I love you My church. You are to be My pure and spotless bride, and this cannot come without great testing and trial. Choose today My children. Set your hearts towards Me completely, totally, abandoned to Me. Nothing else but Me. Let me uproot all things not of Me, so you may stand before Me, completely and wholly Mine.
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A Time Of Healing

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My Precious Children, I am pruning many of you, and continually peeling the layers back more and more in your lives. For you are never completed. You are never in a place where you are perfected, and have nothing to deal with.
I am walking each of you through a time of healing. Healing of past wounds, healing of recent wounds, healing of bitterness, judgment and healing of negative words spoken over you and against you.

My precious jewels, I am continually refining you more and more into My image. I am constantly chipping away things in your lives that are not of Me. I am continually shaping you and molding you into My image.
I am taking many of you deeper into things in your lives that needs to be healed. Doubts, unbelief, bitterness, unforgiveness, and fear. Many of you know Me as Provider, Saviour, Redeemer, Lord, but do not know Me well as Healer.

I long to heal each one of you. For all have wounds and fears, and attitudes that need to be brought to My cross, and nailed there, and the old self reckoned as dead. It is a process. A constant process to die to self, and rise up in your new life, in Me, and who I have created you to be.

As an onion I am peeling back layer upon layer in your lives, and touching places that need continued healing, and allowing My Spirit to bring forth life in those areas.

I am a God who is passionate about My children being healed. I am passionate about seeing you set free from the things that have held you constantly walking in your old nature, and am longing to set you free, more and more.

The Promised Land is before you. For out of you will flow such goodness, such anointing and such depth of My Spirit. For there are certain things that stop My Spirit from being able to flow through you effectively, that is why My People, you must constantly be asking Me to check your hearts, and review your hearts.
As I conform each of you more and more into My image, your hearts shall shine brighter than the brightest stars in the night sky, and brighter than the noonday sun. It is not My will for you My children, to walk in bondage, to walk in things of the past, and to walk in attitudes that are not of Me. It is My will, that you continue to bring your old self to death at My cross, and allow Me to bring healing and new life in Me through you.

My love for you is gentle like the breeze. It is stronger than a Mighty river and fresher than the rain. There is nothing that can separate you from My love.
Each and everyday My children I am forming your hearts, your attitudes and your lives more into My image. It is My hand that is constantly molding you. Surrender continually to My workings, and to My hand, that is molding each of you to be more like Me.

Nail doubt, nail fear, nail attitudes, nail wounds, nail it all to My Cross, and turn completely away from all of these, and walk in the new life I have for you in Me. Wounds, fear, bitterness, and wrong attitudes are **NOT** to have a hold over your lives, for you are overcomers in Me, and are not to walk in these things but walk in Me.

I do not want each of you continually walking in muddy water, walking in things of old, I want each of you to walk in clear, life giving water, the water from Me. The waters of My Spirit.
Examine your hearts. Walk in forgiveness. Walk in the depth of forgiveness for others that I have showed you. Unforgiveness quenches the move of My Spirit. Unforgiveness is like poison in your blood and is contaminating the work I do in your life.

Walk in forgiveness My children. Continue to examine your hearts making sure you are continually modeling My nature, by the empowerment of My Spirit, showing forgiveness to all who wrong you.

Position yourselves under My healing rain. Position yourselves directly in alignment with the rain of blessings I have for each of you, by the words you speak over your lives, and the lives of others. Do not speak words of curse, or negativity over your lives, or the lives of others. For when you do, you are aligning yourselves under the rain of the enemy and allowing the enemy to bring upon you what he wishes.

As you position yourselves under the rain of My blessings, and My healing rain, you are then placing yourselves in a position where I can bless you, and continue to increase you, and you will continue to live abundantly in Me.

My children, My precious jewels, I have much work for you. I have much work for each of you to do, and am calling each of you to come, re-examine your hearts continually in the light of My love, and continue to allow Me to heal you layer by layer, and allow Me to show you what put be put to death on My cross. Walk through My Refiners Fire and allow Me to burn away all those things that are not of Me and purify you and make you more like Me.
As each of you continue to come to Me and live and walk in the new nature, the nature I have given you. The nature that is of My Spirit. The nature that I died to give to you. As you continue to walk out your healing, walk out the work I am doing by making each of you more and more like Jesus, you will live more abundantly and see My hand move more strongly than ever before.

Be Free My children! Walk in the freedom I purchased for you at Calvary. Be Free. Come to me, let Me break the chains that have kept you bound, let Me continue to peel away the layers of wounds, and attitudes, doubts and fears, and set you FREE!

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My children, My precious and beautiful children I have placed my blanket of love over each of you. Through my death and resurrection I have shown you just how sturdy and just how reliable my blanket of love is.

Wherever you go My blanket of love is with you. No matter what valley you walk, and what mountain you climb My blanket of love is over you. I have placed my banner of love over you. My blanket of love.

There is **NOTHING** that you can do to stop My blanket of love from covering you. My blanket of love covers the entire world. My blanket of love covers each person that walks this earth, for I did not die for a selected few, but for all. I died so that all may know how much I love them, and how much I treasure them.

No matter where you go, know My blanket of love is with you. Covering you. My blanket of love protects you from the storms, and My blanket of covers you when it feels like life is pouring all over you.

My children, I want you to be wrapped in My blanket of love. Yes, I have placed My blanket of love over you, but I am calling you My children to be wrapped in My blanket of love.

I am longing for My children to be continually wrapped in My blanket of love. My blanket of love cannot be destroyed and it cannot be penetrated and return void.

Whether you walk through the valley or are dancing on the highest mountain My blanket of love is what keeps you secure and protected in Me. Without My love there is nothing. No life, No hope, No purpose.

It is My love that brings hope, restoration, protection and confidence to the lives of My children. I am wanting you My children to consciously wrap yourself in My blanket of love.

Do not just leave it above you, but take it. Take My blanket of love for it is yours to have. It is yours to keep.

I see many of you taking up other blankets, and blankets that are not of Me. Blankets of insecurity, blankets of doubt, blankets of frustration, blankets of confusion, blankets of deception, blankets of depression, blankets of pride, blankets of criticism, blankets of abuse, and blankets of fear.

In order for each of you to walk in the fullness of My love and wear My blanket of love, you must remove the blankets that you are wearing now. Remove them.

Have I called you My children to wear such blankets? Did I die for you to continue to wear such blankets? Is that why I died? Can you live in the fullness of all I have for you whilst wearing those blankets? Surely Not!

My children it is a choice for each of you to remove these blankets, and you must personally remove them. It is a choice.

I am gathering My army! Am I going to send out My troops wearing such blankets? Am I going to place My people in places of influence whilst continually wearing such blankets? Surely not!

I am going to send out My children, with My blanket of love wrapped firmly around them. I am going to send out My children with My blanket of love which shows My signature upon them. My approval of them, and the mark that shows that they are Mine.

Many will come and try to pull of My blanket of love from you. You have the empowerment by My Spirit to stand against this. You do not have to allow others to come and take My blanket off you, or make you doubt that you even have My blanket of love.

Listen to My words My children. Always make sure that you are wearing My blanket of love. Daily **CHOOSE** to wear My blanket of love.

For do you want to be different to the world or the same? For the world wears all the blankets that are not of Me. If you wear them, that how are you any different? How are you any different if you do not wear My love?

It is this blanket of love, My blanket of love that will draw others to you. It will provide you with protection and security. Whilst wearing My blanket of love, nothing can penetrate it. The fiery darts of the evil one cannot penetrate My blanket. It cannot destroy this blanket of My love around you.

My children, it’s time to stand up! It’s time to stand confidently in My love, in the everlasting, and enduring blanket of My love. My blanket of love comforts those who mourns, rejoices with those who rejoice, and brings warmth and security in the coldest of times.

Come forth My children. Choose today which blanket you will wear. Which blanket will be wrapped around you daily? Which blanket will the world see you wearing?

Don’t leave My blanket just ‘above’ you, take it for yourself, own it, and never be caught one moment **NOT** wrapped in it.

Jesus Took a Towel
by Bill Somers

Some time ago I heard a taped message by a well known minister with the title of: Jesus Took a Towel. The text was these verses from John 13.

> John 13:
> 1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
> 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
> 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
> 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
> 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
> 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
> 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
> 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
> 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
> 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
> 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
> 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
> 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
> 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
> 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
> 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
> 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

There are many messages you can preach from the above verses. The importance of servant hood. The need to be cleansed by Jesus. The betrayer in the midst. The way to set an example. Etc., Etc,

What the Lord showed me was something quite different. It began when He got my attention by something very odd in the text. Look again at verse 5. *"After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."*

What is so strange about this is that Jesus is wiping the men's feet on a towel that he is **wearing,** not one that he is carrying.

My wife will often give her dog a bath. When she does, she puts on an apron to keep herself clean and dry and she uses one or more towels to dry the animal.

But Jesus is wiping the men's feet on himself! He is getting the mud and filth off their feet and on to the towel he is wearing, onto himself. This is really strange! And it's awkward: You try doing that!

The bible is full of strange things like that. Often they are clues that there is a deeper spiritual meaning to be found in the passage.

Salvation
First of all we need to see that the washing of the feet represents our salvation.

Peter says to him "*Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."* So what does this tell us? It tells us this.

Unless we are cleansed by Jesus, **washed in His blood**, we can not have any part with Him. That is we can't have any relationship, we can't know Him as our personal savior without the cleansing of the blood. The foot washing then is a picture of our salvation.

Next we consider the fact that Jesus is getting his towel that he is wearing all dirty, while he is washing the men's feet.

The Sin Bearer
The deeper meaning here comes from the idea that clean garments represent righteousness, and that filthy garments represent sin. We find a reference to filthy garments in Isaiah.

> *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; …. Isaiah 64:6*

And clean garments are spoken of in revelation.

> *… And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14*
>
> *And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8*

So Jesus washed the disciples feet but in the process all their dirt, which stands for sin, gets on him. What this passage is showing is that Jesus cleansed us by taking our sin upon himself.

We can see it stated in another way in Peter, who speaking of Jesus, says:.

> *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

And also these passages from 2nd Corinthians and Galatians say something quite similar.

> *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2nd Corinthians 5:21*
>
> *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13*

It is also found in the old testament when the ministry of the suffering servant, Messiah, is prophesied.

> *He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:11*

What this is saying is that Jesus took our sin upon himself, or he became sin, or became a curse, for our redemption.

Here are two more verses closely related to this theme.

> *For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*
>
> *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Hebrews 9:28*

His normal clothes represent his Divine nature. That is what he set aside when he became a man to suffer and die for us.

The towel representing his human nature was clean, reflecting his sinless condition. But in saving us he had to take on our sin. And so the towel gets all dirty as he does this service. This is what the foot washing illustrates.

When He is finished, he sets aside the dirty towel and puts his own clothes back on. This speaks of Jesus once again taking on the Divine nature after his resurrection.

There is a veiled reference to this in the book of Zechariah, where Joshua the high priest is a type of Jesus.

> *And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*
> *Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.*
> *And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. Zechariah 3:1-4*

This scene shows Jesus as a man coming to the judgment seat of the father, still bearing our sins. And we see the Lord, [the Father] rebuke Satan the accuser. After all Jesus was innocent! Then he gets a change of raiment, new clothes. His divine nature is restored to him before he is raised from the dead.

Another passage depicting the servant hood of Jesus, our messiah, is in Philippians.

> *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*
> *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*
> *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*
> *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

To sum up the entire scene, what Jesus has done here is to act out his entire ministry in a symbolic form.

He rose up from where he was seated represents leaving His throne in heaven
Setting aside his clothes is his incarnation. He was born naked into this world.
Taking a clean towel is the sinless human nature that he took upon himself.
Washing the men's feet is washing us with the blood.
Getting the towel dirty, is bearing our sins for us.
Putting his own clothes back on, is his resurrection in a glorified body, taking His divine nature back once again.
His sitting down again speaks of sitting on his heavenly throne once again, at the right hand of the father.

> *So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? John 13:12*

Lord, help us to realize and be thankful for what you have done for us sinners.

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All Things Subject To The Risen Christ
John Piper

Philippians 3:20-21

Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

These verses assume something stupendous. And we must make that plain before we marvel at what is here. And that is my goal—that you would marvel at what is here. That you would marvel at the One who is spoken of here. And that is not just my aim. It's God's aim for you as well. I say that because in Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians (1:10) God's word says concerning Christ's second coming, "He comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed." The aim of history is: the people of God marveling at the majesty of Jesus Christ. So that's my aim this Easter Sunday morning—that you will marvel at what is revealed of Christ in Philippians 3:20-21.

But something is assumed here, and we must make that plain before we can marvel with understanding. And that is the only kind of marveling that matters. Marveling with understanding. If someone tricks you into marveling and makes you think they've done something great when they haven't, your marveling doesn't make much of them, it makes a fool of you. Only marveling with understanding makes much of the One who is true and beautiful.

So something is assumed here in Philippians 3:20-21. What is assumed is that Jesus was raised from the dead and is now alive and very powerful—to put it mildly. The reason Paul can assume this here is that he said it in chapter two. So we should go back there and make it explicit and clear. Philippians 2:6-11 describes the eternal deity of Christ, the incarnation of Christ, the obedient death of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, and the reign of Christ over all the universe. It is an amazing passage. You will never read anything anywhere in any literature more sweeping and important and true than this:

Though he was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

So Christ was and is equal with God. He is God. He became also a human being. He obediently suffered and died. Obediently. That means God the Father told him to do it. That means it was a planned death. And the point of the plan was that the Christ be a substitute for the damnation of all human sinners who would trust in Jesus. As it says in Galatians 3:13, "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us." He bore our damnation as a substitute. This was God's loving plan for the salvation of sinners like us who deserve hell. That's why it says in verse 8, "He was obedient to the point of death." He wasn't just dying. He was obeying. God had a plan. God gave a command. The Son was fulfilling it, willingly, obediently. The plan was, "Be a substitute for the damnation of all who will believe in you. Bear for them my holy and just curse, and I will make them my children—fellow heirs with you of everything I own."

And then in verse 9, you see the greatest "therefore" in the Bible. "Therefore, God has highly exalted him." In other words, because of his obedient and successful life and death, God raised him from the dead and gave him great glory as the Lord of the universe. That is the stupendous assumption behind Philippians 3:20-21.

So now let's go there again. "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, (and now we know how he got to heaven: he was raised from the dead) who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body (and now we know how he has a body in heaven: he was raised bodily from the dead), by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

Now we are prepared to meditate on this and marvel. Here are three focuses for our marveling on this Easter Sunday morning: 1) Marvel at the power of the risen Jesus today to subject all things to himself. 2) Marvel that one day, at his coming, he will use this power to transform your body into a body like his. 3) Marvel that today your citizenship is in heaven where Christ rules—or if it's not, put it there today..

Marvel at the Power of the Risen Jesus Today to Subject All Things to Himself

Verse 21b: ". . . the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." In one sense Christ has the right to rule the universe because he is God, not because he died and rose again. He did not have to die and rise in order to be what he was. And what he is from all eternity is God. This gives him the right to exercise authority over all things. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God" (John 1:1-2). Christ is God, and as God has all authority to submit all things to himself.

But in another sense God the Father decreed that it would be most fitting, appropriate, beautiful, good, and right for the one who rules the world of fallen humankind, and everything that relates to humans in their suffering, would be One who bore their likeness, and endured their temptations, and suffered their pain, and died their death. God decreed that the one who would rule in power would be a redeemer who suffered with us and for us in this world. God decreed that the lion of Judah when he comes in power and great glory to bring judgment on the earth will have been a lamb slain for sin on that earth (Revelation 6:16).

Here is one verse in this regard: Hebrews 2:10, "For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering." The Lord and Judge and Savior over all the universe was tested and found perfect through human suffering. Now he is doubly suited for his role as Lord of the universe: he is God with natural rights, and he is Redeemer with purchased rights. He can put his foot on Satan's neck not just because of raw divine power—which would have been enough—but also because he exposed himself to Satan's temptations and to his final weapon, death, and broke it on Easter Sunday morning. So he is doubly suited to rule. He has Creator rights and Redeemer rights.

And now with all that in mind we read in Philippians 3:21 that he has "the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." In order to marvel at this power of Christ today, consider 1) its scope, 2) its process, 3) its pervasiveness, 4) its triumph, 5) its finality for man, 6) its duration, and 7) its final base of operation.

1.1. Marvel at the scope of Christ's power today.

After his resurrection, Jesus said in Matthew 28:18, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." There is no higher authority than Christ's, not on the earth, not in heaven. And Philippians 2:10 adds, not "under the earth." There is no place or sphere of reality or dimension of existence anywhere in the universe that is not under the absolute authority of Jesus Christ.

When the world doesn't look like it is under the authority of Christ, it would wiser for us to marvel at the mystery of his ways (the way Paul does in Romans 11:33) than to question the scope of his power.

1.2. Marvel at the process of Christ's power today.

While Christ has absolute authority and power over all things, he does not yet use that power to completely subdue his enemies. Not yet. His kingdom advances by the preaching of the gospel and by the sacrificial love of his people. In this way unbelief and spiritual darkness and demonic deception are defeated by the power and beauty of Christ. When this process has gone as far as God wills, Christ will step in and finish the victory.

Here is the way Paul said it in 1 Corinthians 15:24-27:

Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 27 For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet."

"He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet." So his power and authority are complete. But the process of subjection goes on at the pace he chooses. Our job is not to know the times and the seasons which the Father has set by his own authority (Acts 1:7). Our job is to marvel at the scope and process of his power, and speak the gospel.

1.3. Marvel at the pervasiveness of Christ's power today.

Christ's power pervades the universe from the largest to the smallest elements of reality. Colossians 1:17 says, "He is before all things, and in him all things hold together." And Hebrews 1:3 says, "He upholds the universe by the word of his power." Christ's authority is absolutely pervasive. No galaxy, no atom, no demon would stay in being without the authority of Jesus Christ.

1.4. Marvel at the triumph of Christ's power today.

1 Peter 3:22 says, He "has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him." When Christ died and rose again, he was triumphant over all the powers of hell. He knew this triumph was coming, so he said to Peter in Matthew 16:18, "I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." In other words, hell cannot defeat Jesus. His triumph is sure. He will accomplish all his purposes for the church and for the universe.

1.5. Marvel at the finality for man in Christ's power today.

Jesus said in John 5:27, "[God] has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man." The God-Man has the right to act as God in judging men. And he will. And it will be final. There is no court of appeals above Christ. And John 17:2 shows how this authority is full of hope for those who belong to Jesus, "You [God] have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him." Both judgment and eternal life are in his hands. For every human being. Marvel at the finality of the authority of such a judge.

1.6. Marvel at the duration of Christ's power today.

In Revelation 11:15 loud voices in heaven said, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever." There will never be another chapter after Christ. Nothing comes after Christ. His power and authority last forever. Don't be found an enemy of that power. Marvel, don't mock.

1.7. Marvel at the final base of operation of Christ's power.

Namely, the earth. It will be renewed. All sin and sickness and satanic power will be removed. It will be a new heaven and a new earth. But not another one. The same one renewed. That's why he comes back in power. Matthew 24:30, "Then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Marvel, therefore, that the scope and process and pervasiveness and triumph and finality and duration of Christ's power by which he subjects all things to himself will be based finally on the earth.

That is the first focus for our marveling at Christ this morning. Marvel at his power to subject all things to himself. Philippians 3:21b, ". . . by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."

Marvel That One Day, at His Coming, He Will Use This Power to Transform Your Body into a Body Like His

Philippians 3:21a, "[He] will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." All that power that we have just seen, Paul says, will take your decomposed body and raise it from the dead. No longer to be sick or disabled or frail or mentally ill or addicted or weary or tempting or tempted, but rather it will be like his glorious body.

Don't over-spiritualize this or under-spiritualize this. You would under-spiritualize it if you thought it could be explained merely in the categories of physical, material reality that you experience now. It is not identical to what we now have. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:44, "It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body." It will be perfectly suited to bear the weight of the glory of perfect spiritual souls.

But you would over-spiritualize it if you thought you couldn't eat fish or be recognized by your friends after the resurrection. Jesus was recognized in his resurrection body by his disciples (Luke 24:31). And he said in Luke 24:39-43:

"See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

And that is what you will do. If you belong to Christ by trusting in him, he will give you a new spiritual body, and you will be recognized by your friends and you will eat and drink with him in the kingdom of God (Matthew 26:29). Marvel therefore that Christ will use his infinite authority and power to raise you from the dead and give you a body like his.

Marvel That Today Your Citizenship Is in Heaven Where Christ Rules

Philippians 3:20, "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." If you are a believer in Christ, you do not have to wait for the second coming of Christ to know where your home is: heaven or hell. When you trust Christ your name is sealed on the citizen roles of heaven.

Not because you will live there forever instead of on the new earth. But because your king is there. And when he comes, your citizenship comes with him. Where he is, there you have the privilege and the right to be.

And so you will be with him forever. And your marveling will never cease. It will only increase forever and ever.

Is your citizenship in heaven? Have you laid down the arms of unbelief and rebellion against Christ? Have you received the blood-bought amnesty that he offers to all rebels? Have you bowed the knee of submission and loyalty to the king of the universe? Do it today. And join the citizens of heaven in "awaiting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.’

Arise To The Call

Yolanda Ballard

Feb 15, 2005
Rise up and prepare for the Lord thy God is with you. Awake from your slumber and count the cost for this is the day I will be examining the hearts of My people to see if they are ready to go to war and fight for what is theirs or will they lay dormant and allow the enemy to have what he is after and that is their inheritance. Don't allow the enemy to have what is rightfully yours for I promised you divine health and I promised that you will prosper in every area of your life.

Why would you settle for less than the best when I gave My life for you? Don't you know that when you took Me as your Lord and Savior that you took also all that the Father gave to Me? I died that you would have My authority over all the power of the enemy and that you would fear no evil and also be able to live the abundant life.

Yes, this is the day to count the cost for when you lose all for My kingdom, you gain all that My kingdom offers. I give you My joy which gives you great strength. I give you My love that conquers all things, and I give you peace that passes all understanding.

So know this day that I AM for you and not against you. No matter what struggles you face I give you My victory to overcome. No matter what you have done in the past I will not let it count against you if you truly repent and make yourself clean by the power of My blood. If you asked for My forgiveness, I remember them no more any sin that you have committed. I love you, My people, and I raise you up as great warriors of My love. Yes, My love is the strongest weapon that you have. Don't allow the enemy to rob you by taking offense against others.

Yes, this is the day to count the cost...........your life for My life for I want to live My life through you this day. Step aside and see what I will do through you for I have called you to join together to do greater works. For I can reach the multitudes through you. Yes, I can reach the lost and the broken hearted. I can heal the sick and set the captives free.

All I want you to do is to love Me and respect My calling upon your life. Don't abuse the power that I've given you. And don't abuse your position in authority for great authority over the enemy comes only through submission and humility to My perfect will.

So I call you to love one another and allow My light to shine through. Bow down and worship Me in the secret place. Bask in My presence, and I will strengthen you and give you My wisdom as you go out and be My ambassadors, for this is the time and the hour that I AM calling you.

Rekindle the flame you once had for Me and stir your hearts in My word. Yes, love My will and My words to you and hide them in your heart. Prepare now while you have the time while it is still day. Do not waste it over complacency and busyness. Be cautious that the enemy doesn't rob you of what is precious. Set your priorities right. Know what is of most importance and cast off the vain.

I love you and give you My armor and weapons of war for I AM your Captain. Now I call you to pick them up and march out not looking back at what you are leaving behind. For all is worthless compared to what I have in store for you. You will never regret to having taken Me as your all in all. There's no life outside of Me. Yes, rise up and count the cost for this is the time for war.

At The Father's Feet
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At The Wailing Wall

Bill Yount

December 14, 2005

"I Will Begin To Manifest Myself Alive At The Wailing Wall, In Synagogues, And In The Streets Of Jerusalem This Coming Year!" -Bill Yount

***"And to whom He showed Himself alive after the passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."* -Acts 1:3**

"O Israel, Your 'Wailing' Wall Shall Become A 'Hailing' Wall."

To "wail" means to cry out with lament or grief. To "hail" means to salute, greet, or acclaim enthusiastically, such as, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

"'Homecoming Angels' On The Wailing Wall Beckoning The Jewish People To Come Home!"

In the Spirit, I saw the very Shekinah Glory of God begin to gradually seep through the cracks of the Wailing Wall while "homecoming angels" on the wall were stuffing love notes into every crack as they were imparting revelation into the minds and hearts of the "standing room only" multitude of God's chosen people who were now facing the answers to their prayers!

Blinders began dropping off of their eyes as the Wailing Wall appeared to be turning into a giant theater screen. Many began to see visions and have trances of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in all of His Glory in 3-D technicolor! In the Spirit, these panoramic scenes on the wall could be seen by the Jewish people all around the world.

A homesick kind of feeling began to spread in epidemic proportion in the hearts of God's chosen people, turning their hearts toward home!

"God Would Not Force His People To Return Home, But He Did Have A 'Ways And Means' Committee To Help Make Them Willing To Go! God's 'Ways' Can Appear 'Mean.'"

In the Spirit, I sensed great earth-shaking events were now being pre-approved by the Father that will cause a great nest-stirring for God's people, the Jews, to be willing to leave where they had grown comfortable, living in seemingly secure places of the earth. But I saw a great shaking in the world's economy coming that would literally gouge the side out of their Titanic-like financial investments and businesses. I sensed the Father conversing with the angels on this, saying, "Yes, that will do it!"

"SYNAGOGUES WERE BEING REVISITED BY THE GREATEST TEACHER EVER, JESUS CHRIST, REVEALING HIMSELF THROUGH SCRIPTURE AS THEIR MESSIAH--"THE KING OF THE JEWS!"

In the Spirit, I saw angels setting up camp around Jewish synagogues and Jesus Himself walking right through many synagogue doors into the midst of their ceremonies. I also saw Him stand up in their midst and read and proclaim, once again, Isaiah 61, but this time, He read the whole chapter, as many of their ears and eyes began to pop open! To many, Jesus began to show Himself openly. Some were having visions; others were actually seeing Him!

"JESUS WAS DANCING AND PLAYING WITH CHILDREN IN THE STREETS OF JERUSALEM!"

"And the streets of the city of Jerusalem shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof." **-Zechariah 8:5**

I saw children dancing in the streets of Jerusalem. At first, it appeared that they were dancing with a make-believe friend. I then saw Jesus laughing and twirling them in the air and catching them as they danced together, as the joy of the Lord began running down through the streets of Jerusalem and beyond! Parents of these small children began to experience the presence of God as children began to talk about their experiences, visions, and encounters with Jesus Christ, proclaiming Him to be their Messiah! Children were bringing His anointing and carrying His Glory into their families!

"INTERCESSION FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE MUST CONTINUE AND PREVAIL TO BRING THEM HOME!"

In closing, I sense the Father saying, "The intercession of nations for Israel is beginning to be heard, creating the greatest move of My Spirit in all of history in the lives of My chosen people, the Jews. **Intercession must increase and prevail to bring My people home.** Intercession has brought My Son back to be there for their homecoming!"

"COMING HOME. . . COMING HOME. . . NEVER MORE TO ROAM!"

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An Urgent and Crucial Time

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There possibly has never been a more crucial season. The people who are called by the name of God are carrying the ultimate potential for the blessing or the devastation of nations and multitudes. The church is pregnant with a colossal worldwide awakening. The birthing time is upon us. The enormous transition will be made or it will be missed. At least as far as this season in history is concerned. The magnitude of the potentially earth changing awakening cannot be overstated.

The warnings are screaming forth that the transition must be made now. Trumpets are blowing, the earth is shouting and groaning, the nations are trembling and God is speaking.

The seriousness and potential of the season demands humble boldness. Humble people of God must rise up and boldly lift the standard of the Holy One. Leaders, it is not time to continue on as we have been. We must be boldly honest and move with uncompromising resolve into the reality of the work of the Spirit dissolving weak religious ways and bringing forth the powerful works of God.

In the wilderness the spirit of John the Baptist cries out. From the caves the prophets emerge, and from the belly of the whale the spirit of Jonah, after desperately trying to avoid the mission, now reluctantly speaks the message of God calling for transition of turning to the true God from our twisted ways. With tears the Spirit of Christ speaks from the high hill with outstretched arms, again dripping with precious blood, calling, calling, calling, *turn look up and come up here. Turn to me and let me love you, let me save you from your own life of twisted ways, that leads to devastation and death. Come and experience all my Father and I have prepared for you. Lay down your nets, burn your plows and sacrifice your oxen upon the fire. Beat your plow shears into swords and prepare to become sons of my Father, kings and priests with Me. Now is this time. Make the transition in this day for night soon comes when you can do nothing.*

The fire of God has come, renewal and revival came upon many in the decade of the 90's. God has poured out His Spirit and love upon many of His people. Many have been healed. The dead have been raised. Today many people are moving into a real and intimate relationship with God. Many young people are determined to live for God and not reproduce the powerless lukewarm religion of the past. There is a people coming forth that love God above all else and will give all they have and all they are to become the truly humble and holy people of God. Purity and holiness are again becoming the goal of life for the kingdom of God people coming forth in the world today.

Yet much of the church remains stuck in a deep rut of powerless religion and unbelief. Others who have tasted revival have been diverted and are often chasing after other gods of pleasure, self gratification, self promotion domination and control. Greed has captured many as money and fame become a major focus. Chasing gifts and following after men has diverted some who were once set free. We must have eyes to see truth to know where we really are and what God is really wanting for His Beautiful Bride.

Leaders, Christians, people who name the name of God, here the word of the Lord who loves us and gave himself for us and seeks to live in and through His people establishing His purity and holiness in the world. It is our place to bring the power and presence of God into the world to make a difference.

The purified holy Bride church is the plan of God to reach and change the people of the world. We must face the reality that holiness is far from most of the people of the world. Most of the world and some of the church are overcome with living lives of pleasure seeking. Immorality is destroying people, sexual perversion is rampant. We have strained at gnats and swallowed camels. Abortion has murdered forty million unborn babies in America alone and yet we despise the use of test tube embryo's being used for medical research and are quick to prosecute those who mistreat animals. We have locked God out of our schools, and yet open the door to "alternative life style" teaching. **We must not deceive ourselves. It is time to GET REAL.**

God is poised and ready to hear our sincere and desperate prayer for worldwide awakening. His ear is leaned forward listening for our prayer of turning from our ways unto Him and His ways. In painful long-suffering He waits. The angels await His signal to pour out their censors of golden liquid fire upon an awakening repentant people. God rejoices in the return of a prodigal world. He takes no pleasure and is greatly saddened in the devastation of the wayward.

Much of the world has been overcome with pleasure seeking, chasing sports, video games, entertainment, gambling, drunkenness, recreational drugs, sexual immorality, sexual perversion and every activity that pleasures the flesh and soul. Pornography, child abuse, and incest is invading the homes of the world and Christians alike, including leaders. Multitudes of people suffer as children are left to their own devices and grow up untrained in the truth and then later turn upon their parents in rebellion.

Much of the church has been and is yet spiritually asleep. Eyes and ears are closed to the kingdom of God and to the reality of the condition of our world. Many who should be leaders have become discouraged to the point of giving up and walking away from the sleeping church. We must wake up! It is time for a spiritual awakening that will lead to transition from where we have been as a church. There must be a transition to the reality of the supernatural presence of God moving in and through the people of God. There needs be a transition from a church emphasis type of church to a kingdom of God type of church, no longer man centered, man pleasing, church, but becoming truly God centered and God focused worship in all arenas of life.

What would happen if the Spirit were to lead every leader in every church to stand before the people next meeting and say, *I am not doing it any more. What we have been doing is not working. We are not changing the world the world is changing us, and I refuse to speak another word or do another religious thing until God shows up to take over and lead us. I am laying here on my face before the alter crying out to God to wake us up and change us. You can do what you want, you can leave and go somewhere else, you can come up here with me and cry out to God or you can do whatever but I refuse to do one more empty work while we continue to go the way we have gone. This is the day I am laying it all before Him. This is the day I am turning from everything that He shows me is not of Him. This is the day I am seeking all of God with all of my heart. This is the day I must become holy as he is holy, No more white lies, no more trying to please people, I will seek to please God and to know him more intimately than ever before and to trust in Him only and no longer trust in anything else. Choose as you will but I am choosing to seek God's way and God's way only.*

There just might be many who are hungering and thirsting for the reality of God enough that they would quickly follow such bold leadership of the Spirit. God will show up and people will turn toward Him and away from their ways.

There is a place of repentance before us. The last half of September and the first half of October is, I believe, a season prepared for repentance, turning to God and seeking Him. He will be found. There may or may not be another season like this one. Call a solemn assembly, turn fully to Him, pray desperately for your people, your nation, the nations of the world to be awakened and do not stop until it comes or until He says the season is finished.

This is the transition that must come. A shift to the reality of God's direct leadership and the laying down of our systems and traditions of weak ways. A transition to the reality of true holiness in the lives of His people. A shift to true humility and purity of heart. A shift to the power of God moving in every meeting or encounter. A shift to intimate saturation in the Holy Spirit and prayer that changes us and the world around us.

We have this time to awaken and make this transition. Let's let God take over and make the shift now.

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Rom 5:1-5: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

In the face of terror attacks and potential desperate volatile world conditions of war, natural disasters, global warming, moral degradation, and dwindling world oil reserves it is possible to begin to lose hope. If our hope rests only in natural strength and resources, there could be little reason for hope of a future much less a good future. It might be difficult to find reason to have faith in natural strength of men and governments to overcome the challenges and handle the situations of the world.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13:13

Hope depends on faith. If we have little or no faith we will have little or no hope. True faith works by love and God is love. Therefore our hope is in God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word. What word? The word of God, the word of love, the word of faith. Hearing that God actually loves us is the source of faith. The same God who by his power spoke all things into being, the God who created all that exist, the God of all wisdom and understanding truly loving us is the root of our faith and the reason for our hope. Intimately relating to God and living in His passionate endless love gives us faith that will not falter no matter what the circumstances. As we simply rest in His awesome love, doubts and fears are gone and we experience perfect faith and everlasting hope. The peace of God that passes understanding floods our hearts even in the most desperate circumstances. (Gal 5:6) (1 John 4:8,16) (Rom 10:17) (Rom 10:8)

If God's love were to fail, if he ever just ran out of love, then we would have no hope. we would have nothing in which to believe - no faith. The good news is that God's love never fails, it never runs out. (1 Cor 13:8)

All of our well being begins with our relationship to God. We must become one with the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit. Only then are we fully ready to relate to those around us. This is the basis of the relational church. Intimate relationship with God first and then intimate relationship with His people is the coming church model. This is the basis of the current reformation from organizational to relational church. This is the cure for the powerless church of the past and the key to living in the kingdom of God lifestyle.

If the hundreds of millions of people worldwide who call themselves Christians were to live this way the world would be saved and changed. (2 Chr 7:14) (Psa 33:12) There are some people living this way today and miracles are again happening as they did in the first century. Mature love produces mature faith and all things are possible to those who believe. (Mark 9:23) Our hope is firmly planted in the love relationship with our all powerful loving God. The reflection of that love back to Father from His children spawns awesome praise, sincere worship, pure adoration, eternal life abundantly now, endless hope and joy everlasting. Thank You Father!
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A Vision And A Word

Bob Neumann

In the last week I have gotten my share of "new years" greetings. People who all are wishing me prosperity and good fortune in the "coming year". Being of my atypical "scrooge" mentality, I have returned the smiles and best wishes from people for the last few weeks in an increasing grudgingly manner. I do not desire bad feelings between myself and others, so I keep my mouth shut. Accept overly repeated comments of merry this and happy that....but I wonder....what people would say if I shared my thoughts.

I suppose if I just went along with the flow I could have wished all my Wiccan, Neo-Pagan, and Goth co-workers with...Happy Winter Solstice... or Have a Rockin' Saturnalia.... I guess I could mumble ancient benedictions about Bacchus, Janus and the goddess Fortuna..... but none of my co-workers are out-of the-closet pagans. All seems to be some of the more common brands of Christian that are endemic to my area. They all look the same, no matter what day of the week it is. So I am always puzzled by their doctrines...or lack there of. So to wish upon them the blessings of ancient pagan deities because they hold these times in high regard lacks something. Likewise I am no longer comfortable faking it. Even saying HAPPY NEW YEAR right now feels just plain wrong. Sort of like wishing Aztecs, Omecs, and Mayans that they do not run out of virgins for their MOON FESTIVAL. YUCK...

SO....I have sat in this growing funk and got into a strange spiral of thought. If we disregard what is important to a MOST HOLY GOD, what in deed does HE OWE US? Now that gave me cold goose bumps up and down my spine. GOD'S year revolves around HIS FEASTS...the "MO'EDIM". Has nothing to do with equinoxes and solstices. THE FEASTS are based on THE RAIN and THE HARVEST. SO...I have pondered what my GOD was doing. SO...I stepped aside and began a fast and a wait. Only nether lasted very long....things being what they may....and I got a song...an old tune... Had it for a day or two before the VISION came....

THE VISION I was simply watching a "stage" and an instrumental version of the "song" was being played. Two "men" stepped forward and each were hit by bright spot lights. Each wore expensive three piece suits. Each was perfectly "groomed". Each held a microphone. Now I "saw" their mouths moving, and I heard nothing. I "saw" them gesture and move to the "audience" I never saw or heard. It is here where I heard THE LAMB SPEAK.... THE WORD ""ALL YOU WILL GET IS A LOT OF " "SHUCK" AND "JIVE" " IN 2005!""

and that was it.

at first I wondered which of the two was SHUCK...and who was JIVE.... only it did not matter...

and the song was from a movie called SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER... it was STAYIN' ALIVE... now this movie had two other songs by THE BROTHERS GIBB worthy of some thought... HOW DEEP IS YOUR LOVE... and JIVE TALKIN'....

so...in keeping with the ancient traditions of this "season".... I give to all this VISION....and a message from THE LAMB for the next solar cycle.... WASSAIL, y'all dog

A Valentine from Heaven

Judy Bauman

Rev 19:10b Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

It was February 12, 1997 and I had had enough. From every angle my life looked wonderful. I had a husband who not only loved me but provided me with a beautiful home and the desires of my heart. My two children were healthy, smart, polite and helpful. However, I was miserable. I didn't just have a hole in my heart; I had a vacuum. I was trying to live a good life and basically ‘be a good person’, but it wasn't filling the emptiness in my heart. I was trying to let the things of the world be my comforter, yet I was finding no comfort. For several years I had been trying to sooth my aching heart with ‘a glass or two’ of wine most evenings. Too often I ended up with too much ‘soothing’ and then had the guilt and condemnation to deal with the next day. On the morning of Feb. 12th, as I was nursing a hangover, I decided I would end this cycle by writing myself a note on the corkscrew. It was a very condemning note about how I needed to be more health conscious and if I did not use the corkscrew, I would be fine! I looked at the calendar so I could date my little note and saw that it was the first day of Lent.

In my heart I knew that God was the only One who could help me. I had a profound experience in 1982 and had accepted Jesus as my personal Savior, but because of a divorce, I had been in a backslidden state for about 12 years. I had recently been hearing the Lord speak to my heart and I knew if I didn’t answer Him soon that I would end up in worse shape than I was already. After seeing that date was the beginning of Lent, I looked up and said, "God, I am going to give up alcohol for Lent."

When I was a child I remembered adults giving up things for Lent - only to see them back at it again a few days later, so I never saw the importance of participating myself. It was kind of like New Year's resolutions to me. Empty promises. However, somehow I knew in my heart I would be able to do this and that this was a serious promise to God. After I had told the Lord, "God, I am going to give up alcohol for lent," the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and said, "And you will fast the last three days." I was shocked but mostly scared. It was as if someone had been standing right next to me and spoke it into my ear! I knew it was Him though because it would never occur to me to do such a thing. Understand, I had never fasted a meal let alone three whole days! Now I find it very presumptuous of me that I would be so contrary to the Lord of hosts! Sadly, I have to admit I have been guilty of this on more than one occasion.

One day during this time I was reading a book in a park while my children played. The author, a doctor, was saying that she could not figure out why one of her patients was so sick, so she fasted and prayed for the solution (wouldn't you LOVE to have a doctor like that!) As I read that she 'had fasted,' I literally jumped up off the bench thinking that I had missed fasting the last three days. You see, by this point during Lent, the Lord had proved Himself so mighty in my life and I would do anything for Him – even fast! God is always on time; I realized that I had not missed it at all as the last three days would begin the next day. I was a little scared but prepared myself mentally not to eat at all for the next three days. I was concerned about coffee withdrawals but a thought came to me to drink two cups of black coffee on day one, one cup on day two, and then not drink any on day three. That is what I did and I had no headaches! The first day I was taking a walk and prayed. I barely made it around the block, so I prayed as to what I should do. In my mind's eye I saw all my vegetables in my fridge in a pot, somehow I knew to go home a make a broth from what I had seen and that was what sustained me for three days.

Why do I tell you this? Well, this was the beginning of a beautiful ongoing relationship I now enjoy with the King of kings. I asked Him to come and make a home in me. I asked Him to change me and mold me into His image. Though I had had a profound experience and accepted Jesus as my personal Savior in 1982, I had allowed worldliness, persecution, and my own fears to take me away from Him. I knew I could not afford to ever do that again. While I may still stumble around and fight with sin, I know that God loves me and will see me through. I know that Jesus died for me. It is a very personal thing. He would have gone through what He did on the cross if I were the only sinner and that is really something to ponder. Jesus loves you the same way. If He had to do it just for you He would have. The good news is that He stands at the door of each of our hearts and knocks. It is up to us to answer. We are creatures of free will and God will never violate that privilege He gave us.

That moment that I looked up and God touched me is best defined as this; *They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* Isaiah 40:31

God met me in my kitchen that day and swooped down and rescued me. He carries me on His wings of love. Each year I so grateful and it is at the same time we celebrate Valentine's Day. For me it is the most wonderful Valentine's from heaven. The greatest part is that God's love is a gift that anyone can accept.

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A Very Present Help
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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

With the Gregorian calendar year of 2004 coming to an end accompanied by a jolting earthquake, a “tsunami” (tidal wave) and the loss of an estimated 150 thousand people (at least), we acknowledge the sovereignty of Elohim, His might and strategy. During a time of sobering prayer, the following Psalm came racing back to my memory:

"YHVH is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah. There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of YHVH, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. YHVH is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; YHVH shall help her, just at the break of dawn. The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. The Capitan of hosts is with us; The Elohim of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come behold the works of YHVH, Who has made desolations in the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am Elohim; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! YHVH of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah" (Psalm 46).

Several years ago, when we were traveling and speaking across the U.S., the above Psalm that was impressed strongly upon my heart, and I shared it in many places. I had pointed to the two situations that are juxtaposed here. On the one hand, there is a tumultuous and raging sea of troubles and natural disasters having a horrendous effect on the populous. But right in the midst of it all there is a portrayal of a steady, flowing stream coursing through YHVH's city, whose residents are not unaware of the commotion but at the same time are unafraid, trusting their Elohim. It seems that in the past several years this Biblical word-picture has been displayed very graphically and experientially before humanity.

Yesterday my eyes fell on a very puzzling scripture in Jeremiah 5:22: *"Do you not fear Me?' says YHVH. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, I have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it. And though its waves toss to and fro, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it".* Yes, in light of the recent disasters, which frequented South East Asia and East Africa, these words were indeed puzzling. Although YHVH declares here that He has placed the sand as the border of the sea, we just witnessed that body of water completely overriding its boundaries. As I was pondering this and wondering how is it that YHVH's word seems to contradict present reality, it occurred to me that the disrespect, total disregard and lack of fear of Him, who has pronounced those natural decrees, would bring on something of these gigantic proportions. In fact, it is the very magnitude of the event, which is a reflection of the magnitude of man's separation from his creator and of his disdain of Him, His people, land and His Word.

“I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was without form, and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, and all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of YHVH, by His fierce anger. For thus says YHVH: 'The whole land shall be desolate; Yet I will not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black, because I have spoken. I have purposed and will not relent, nor will I turn back from it'" (Jeremiah 4:23-28).

Adam, mankind, although largely in a state of sin and inequity, still has dominion over the earth (just as YHVH had decreed after He had created him). Thus, when he is a vessel of spiritual darkness, that darkness descends upon the earth and the earth responds in kind (see above, verse 23).

Isaiah 24 describes in great detail, in language replete with alliterations which are almost onomatopoeic (in the original Hebrew that is), the devastation which we have witnessed just a few days ago: *"Behold, YHVH makes the earth empty and makes it waste, distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants. And it shall be: as with the people, so with the priest; As with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor, so with the debtor. The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered, for YHVH has spoken this word. The earth mourns and fades away, the world languishes and fades away; the haughty people of the earth languish The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, [cremated] and few men are left"* (verses 1-6).

It is in the midst of this description that Adonai declares: "*The new wine fails, the vine languishes, all the merry-hearted sigh. The mirth of the tambourine ceases, the noise of the jubilant ends, the joy of the harp ceases. They shall not drink wine with a song; Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. The city of confusion is broken down; every house is shut up, so that none may go in. There is a cry for wine in the streets, all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. In the city desolation is left, and the gate is stricken with destruction"* (verses 7-12).

Many of the places where the tidal waves hit had witnessed a great deal of merry making, being this world's tropical "paradise" resorts, and what with it being the season of celebrating, which is always a good excuse for a "good ole party"!

"When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, it shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done. They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of YHVH, they shall cry aloud from the sea. Therefore glorify YHVH in the dawning light, the name of YHVH the God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: 'Glory to the righteous!'" (verses 13-16).

Notice the *"shaking of the olive tree"* and the *"gleaning of grapes"* in the above scripture. Is this YHVH's way of shaking His olive tree and vine of Israel? As such, we should be the ones taking refuge in YHVH who is the “very present help” mentioned in Psalm 46 above, even at times when "the moon will be disgraced and the sun ashamed; for YHVH the Almighty of the hosts of Israel will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His elders, gloriously" (Is. 24:23).

Let us say with utter conviction, believing that, *"the way of the just is uprightness; O Most Upright, You weigh the path of the just. Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O YHVH, we have waited for You; the desire of our soul is for Your name and for the remembrance of You. With my soul I have desired You in the night. Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness"* (Is. 26:7-9).

Will 2005 bring with it more of the consequences of sin, so that the world will learn righteousness the hard way? Isaiah 27:6 offers a solution: *“He [YHVH] shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud,* ***and fill the face of the world with fruit”***. What an awesome privilege, which is not to be taken lightly!

Shabbat Shalom,
Rimona

A Very Tempting Article

Danny Korakas

Nov 18, 2005

It has been a couple of weeks since I last posted anything on our newsletter and I must admit that it has been a time of profound revelation. However, the revelation, for the most part, was centered on "me." Not in a self-centered way, but, in a way that reflected and gave greater understanding to my true spiritual condition and the mandate of today's prophetic ministry. I have come to believe that the glory of genuine godly revelation hinges upon our willingness to be "revealed" or encounter the revelation of whom we truly are and our vulnerabilities. With this said: I sense that many who have come under the prophetic umbrella are experiencing the same kaleidoscope of emotions, vulnerability, and wilderness temptations that I have and am still presently going through. It is with great hope and a spirit of victory that I share with you what I believe to be a timely word that may change how we view the battles of "Wilderness Temptations."

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil." (Matthew 4:1) We need to ask ourselves, "WHY?" I mean, after all, Jesus was just baptized and the spirit came upon Him beyond measure. Why did the Spirit lead Jesus to such a time of both natural and spiritual temptation? What was the purpose of His assured victory over temptation?

Over the course of the last month, I have experienced various temptations that I have had victory over for many years. These have not been your typical fleshly or random thoughts that are easily overcome by the fear of the Lord that resides in the hearts of those who are called by His name. These have been genuine temptations that have drawn me to the edge of falling into compromise and blatant sin.

I have a daily habit of blessing and praying for my wife and children as they are asleep at 4:30 in the morning. Although, I have continued in this vital function as the head of my family over this last month, I have found myself focused upon my guilt of having or entertained various temptations and in a perpetual state of crying out to God to cleanse my mind and desire to dance on the edge of compromise. Now, there is nothing wrong in crying out to God for forgiveness. This should be a part of our Christian life. But, I could not seem to get free of the desires to visit on the "fringes" of internet sites that up to this time, I would not have even entertained the thought. (I never did until this past month and my fingers were desiring with unsatiable curiosity to hit keys on the key pad that took everything in me to fight and resist) My mind was oddly gravitating toward random sexual thoughts and I was finding ways and excuses to make things such as music choices and rationalizations "ok" in my own agenda.

The grip of compromise and rationalization was seeking a foothold in my life and mind. I thought of myself (pridefully) for so many years as being spiritually immune to the "obvious" sins that have gripped most of humanity and even the church. But, now I found myself in the midst of battle and close to the edge of the same sins that I prophesied and taught against! Man, was I in a strange and desperate place…But, I can only thank God that I continued to cry out too Him for help and a clear understanding of what was happening in my life. After-all, everything seemed to being going great in every area of my spiritual and natural life prior to these subtle, and vicious attacks of temptation.

I now recognize with clarity that my temptations have been directed toward me where my amour is kinked and vulnerable. I have never experienced such fiery darts propelled with such accuracy and precision. It has also become clear that the temptations aimed at Jesus were likewise, directed at His most vulnerable areas in His humanity and at His ultimate and divine authority. Most importantly, I see the hand of Gods mercy and grace in protecting me from such an onslaught until I was properly equipped with His Word to endure and understand the priceless value and victory of overcoming temptation.

What I am about to share with you is a word that I received from the Lord on November 6th as I was walking into a time fellowship and worship with our congregation. I will do my best to explain what I heard from the Lord.

The Lord said that walking in the Spirit of prophecy is more than simply speaking His words…It is living and experiencing both the glory and the BURDEN of His Words. We read many times in the scriptures in reference to "The burden of the Lord came upon me" The "burden of the Lord" would come upon those who were called and commissioned into prophetic ministry as a "lifestyle." Literally, the prophets who were filled with the Spirit of God felt the burden and weight of sin that was upon the land and nations. Today, we recognize this as "taking up our crosses daily." This is not to say that they were identifying or relating to sinfulness because they were in bondage to it. Quite the contrary; it was a burden that allowed them to experience (feel) and (see) as seers and the prophetic impact of sin and its grip upon humanity. Jesus was not led into the wilderness by the "Spirit of God" by happenstance or chance. It was for the purpose of identification to our sin and His ability to overcome temptation as a model for us to live by.

I have taught many times that we can only give what we truly have. Thus, we can only prophesy holiness to the church and the days ahead if we have attained holiness through the overcoming of tremendous temptations. The desire and the attaining of the fullness of God's anointing hinges upon this discipline. Many are prophesying concerning the last days anointing and its vitality to the end time harvest. These are true words inspired by Holy Spirit. However, the measure of the anointing will be INCREASED in our lives through the overcoming of INCREASED temptations. Why? Because, this is where the rubber meets the spiritual road and the true strength of our spiritual muscle tested and exercised.

When the Lord overcame the grand and yet subtle temptations of Satan, He set a dynamic in motion within the spirit realm that provided us a blueprint for victory in all areas of life and a roadmap for corporate spiritual maturity and revival. This wilderness moment and victory of Christ gave hope and empowered the church to establish the kingdom of God and holiness upon the earth. The Bible states that Jesus is the "Spirit of prophecy." The spiritual implication that transpired in Christ's resistance and victory over temptation was the kingdom explosion that cleared the way for the same Spirit of God and overcoming power to dwell within us as His body.

The prophetic implication was spiritual breakthrough…The overcoming of temptation through the Word of God changed the spiritual climate or atmosphere and created an environment for the church to be birthed and empowered. In other words: Christ identified and experienced the burden of man's temptation and potential to sin. Through His conquering over temptation, a dynamic in the spirit realm enabled the church to be more than conquerors and holy in all areas of life. "Be holy, for I am holy."

The prophetic mandate and ministry in this season is being taken to the next level in its present revival. The next level and third heaven revelation will not happen by osmosis. We will have a part to play in this becoming a reality in our lives. The "part" and key will be how we approach, view, and deal with temptation. Today's prophetic individual will do and attain more than simply speak…They will be a signpost and a barometer of the true spiritual condition of the church by the life they live. In other words, our ability to overcome temptation and sin will be the pinnacle of prophesy and this will "speak" and declare in the heavenlies the grace and power of God. Forces of darkness will buckle under the glory of the church living a life worthy of Christ dying for. God will take ownership of this in bringing the church into holiness in the same way that He takes ownership of a genuine spoken or written prophetic word. Spiritual forerunners will set the spiritual environment and potential through their ability to overcome temptation and walk in holiness themselves. This is the prophetic ministry that the Lord is setting in place and desiring to arise. The church will finally move from the position of Pentecostal empowerment and into Tabernacle holiness.

To "speak" a prophetic word is relatively easy. To "live" as a prophetic word and signpost (Christ in us) is a different matter and the paradigm shift that many are sensing. Our willingness to see temptation as one of our greatest weapons for spiritual victory(as Christ did) will be paramount as the great harvest accelerates. Tremendous spiritual breakthroughs in the heavenly realm will compound and spread as a flaming fire through our embracing, recognition and conquering over temptation.

We need to be real and honest with ourselves in that we are certainly entering into various and intense trials in this winter season approaches. These trials and battles will be primarily waged within the confines of our own mind and fleshly desires. The kingdom of God is counting on the prophetic mandate to be released in the lands of the earth. The kingdom is counting on you! It is counting on you because you are intricately connected to others within the same collective body. With that said, others cannot and will not fulfill their destiny if the part BEFORE (FORERUNNERS) them is gangrenous and eaten up with guilt. In other words, if you are a prophetic "arm" that is polluted and weakened in sinful thoughts and actions – how well can we expect the "hand" and "shoulder" to fulfill their purpose? The Bible says, "that there is no greater sin than one who sins against his own body." Yes, the application of sexual sin is obvious. But, I believe a much larger picture is being drawn for us to see and realize -- My own "body" is also "YOU." When I compromise toward potential sin...I sin against you and hinder your spiritual destiny. Yes, we will stand alone before god. However, there is a corporate connecting and fitting of the body that is eternally permanent and one part impacts the other. Again, It will not be the words that we speak and write as much as the victory that we are willing to fight for in our battle with temptation that will change the atmosphere within the church and kindle the flames of God's presence.

When we came under the prophetic mantle, we came under a tremendous responsibility and stewardship to serve the Lord and His church. The prophetic anointing of today will affect the church in what we do behind closed doors as much as the words we speak. As a matter of fact, the words we write or speak (regardless of the content) will bear little to no fruit if we fail to overcome our constant rationalizations and subtle temptations. This is battle front that is raging in the spirit realm. The paradox is that we are waging war with weapons that are not carnal or seen as believers. However, the world and its lost can clearly see in the natural how we are warring and if we are winning. What they are seeing in our life will change their eternal destiny and give them hope and victory over sin through Christ -- our Captain of salvation.

What the Lord shared with me is astounding in that I understood the vitality and mission of the prophetic movement to change the spiritual environment of the church along with the sobering thought that my sinfulness today was likewise, a prophetic barometer of tomorrow's church.

The question we need to ask ourselves is this: "What am I "prophesying" today?" It will shape the spiritual landscape of tomorrow. You may have your own temptations that you are struggling with in this season. I encourage you to view them in a new light. Look at them as your opportunity to build and expand the kingdom through your victory over them. Your prophetic act of obedience and steadfastness to holiness today will prophesy a greater anointing of holiness in the church of tomorrow!

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A Word For 2005

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Over the past few months the Lord has been speaking to me quite extensively about this upcoming year, 2005. Many of it started in October when I was on my way home from a conference in Connecticut with my friend Shawn. We had gotten about an hour out of the way, lost, and had finally gotten ourselves straightened out. We were going through the back roads, some of the boonies of Maine outside of Portland. There wasn’t much life to be seen not a store or lights or homes. I was talking shortly with my friend Todd on my cell phone when I heard this loud humming/buzzing noise inside of my car, I turned to Shawn, and he gave me a somewhat freaked out look. The noise grew somewhat loud to the point where I couldn’t hear Todd anymore so I let him go. I immediately pulled the car over which happened to be just in front of the first sign of life, a store, all lit up nonetheless at around 11 o’clock at night. I stepped out of the car and the noise stopped immediately, I checked all the tires, popped the hood, checked my fender and everything seemed to be normal, but at the same time I knew without a doubt something spiritual was in affect, Shawn and I both agreed that was definitely the weirdest thing we had ever heard! We continued on and absolutely no noise occurred anymore. The Lord immediately gave me a download of what had just happened, this was the first eye opening word for this coming year the Lord has given me.

The store we had pulled in front of, all lit up for my eyes to notice was called "Tots to Teens, Kings and Queens", the store seemed to be a furniture refinishing, crafts type store and on the same lot was parking lot full of brand new cars for sale. Anyone catching on yet?

As we began to driveway I felt the voice of the Lord say, from the year 2000 to 2004 I have been raising up my toddlers of this generation, in 2004 my people have gone from the milk fed, crying, foundation searching, controlled toddlers to teens, free willed, hungry, independent, teens. Before we would believe anything people would tell us, and at times we seemed like the annoying two year old that repeated anything the person we looked up to said. We were milk fed, feeding off of the revelations of others, doing nothing to gain our own knowledge and revelation. But in 2004, the Lord brought us into what seems like our teenage years. Where we are seeking things for ourselves wanting to know more than what we have been told our whole lives, becoming rebellious to the tradition we have been so pressured under. 2004 has definitely been a year for the body to learn from its mistakes, just as in adult hood we will look upon our teenage years see the stupidity or our mistakes but at the same time to see how our entire live were shaped upon these years.

In 2005 the Lord is bringing his people out from the teenage years, and entering into the years of reigning, where we will be become Kings and Queens, walking in the authority we have been so destined to walk in. "Tots to teens, Kings to Queens".

How will we walk into our destiny? How will the believers learn their authority in 2005? It’s simple, they will learn to love. These three things remain, faith, hope, and love, but the greatest of these is love. 2005 will be a year that our generation, the body of Christ will enter into a deep intimacy with the Lord. I’m not talking about an intimacy of 10 minutes in the morning praying and reading the word and saying "wow that is dedication God, you must now know I truly love you". What we have never understood but this year will, is that intimacy takes sacrifice, intimacy hurts, what was the cross all about? Intimacy. It’s a passionate intimacy. Why do you think Solomon warns us three times in the book of the Song of Songs "Oh, let me warn you, sisters in Jerusalem, by the gazelles, yes, by all the wild deer:

Don't excite love, don't stir it up, until the time is ripe--and you're ready.". There’s a reason why 15 year olds don’t get married, because that kind of sacrifice is too much for them. They are awakening intimacy before it is ready. In 2005 the people of God are going to come into a place of intimacy that has never been imagined before, along with this intimacy will come authority, with authority the signs and wonders, the supernatural realm.

I Corinthians 13:11

When I was an infant, I spoke as an infant, I thought as an infant, I reasoned as an infant. But when I became a man, I did away with the things of an infant.

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall fully know even as I also am fully known. And now faith, hope, love, these three remain; but the greatest of these is love.

We have always seen the face of God through a reflection of a scuffed piece of metal barely able to make out his figure but now we will see him with a mirror as if we were face to face, like Moses would talk to God, I see kids spending so much intimate time in the presence of God in the mourning before school that they walk in and the kids throw a shirt over his face because the radiance of the Glory of God is too bright on them.

As we walk in the revelation of the face of God then we will even know who we are, we will know fully our authority, that we are cosigners, heirs to Christ, nothing can come against us.

No eye has seen no ear has heard the things that the Lord has in store for those who love him!

As we walk into this place of intimacy with the Lord we will surely see the atmosphere of heaven sweep through our schools, work, the government, the white house, through Baghdad, England, India, all the nations will turn to the Lord and see what great things he has done for us, the ones that love him.

The other part of this happening I had was that the cars, what’s with the cars! I felt like the Lord said the cars have never seen the market, those were cars no one has even thought of creating. Could it be I was gazing upon a store house of heaven? I felt as if the Lord said those cars are ministries, that will arise in 2005, those are just but a few of the ministries that will sweep the nations, and the great thing is they have already been financed we just gotta come pick up the keys and learn how to drive, which will come by the way of intimacy with the Lord, seek first the Kingdom and all these will be added on to you.

The Lord would also say to you that we have looked upon the prophets and seers, the pastors and evangelists. Jim Goll, Bob Jones, Dennis Cramer, Rick Joyner, Bobby Connor, and Shawn Bolz, etc. We look upon these forerunners and the thing that we don’t understand is that they are forerunners. Do you know what a fore runner is? Someone that is doing something before others will do it, but others will do it! They are trend setters world shapers, but they are a prototype of what the body will become. This generation will go twice as far as they have gone. Their supernatural happenings will become daily occurrences and 2005 will be the beginning of us seeing that in our lives.

There’s so much more the Lords has placed upon my heart for this year and I will share those things in the near future as the Lord continues to clarify his mysteries! But until then!

Bless you all in this coming new year
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A Word For Ireland

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"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
John 14:27 (NIV)

Whilst driving to the North East of Scotland the other day, I was enjoying a lovely time of fellowship with the Lord. I began to think about St. Patrick's Day (www.prayonstpatricksday.com) and asked the Lord for a word from His heart to help me pray for Ireland. The Lord replied, *"Child, my word for Ireland is peace -- not politics, not platitudes, but My peace. Deep within the land of Ireland is an ancient mantle and gift for peace. I am bringing it forth."*

[**Politics -** *the principles relating to or inherent in a sphere or activity; especially when concerned with power and status.* **Platitude - n.** *a trite, obvious or insincere remark or statement.*]

I then had a vision of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and the word *Transformation* was imprinted upon the land. God is building unity and will bring transformation (www.transformations-ireland.org).

Another vision appeared before my eyes as I saw angels wearing huge boots marching up and down on the land. The ground was shaking with the force of their marching. I asked Jesus where the angels were marching, and then I noticed a red hand under the angels. The angels were marching in Ulster! As I looked more closely, I noticed the hand had a number eleven (11) engraved on it.

The number eleven (11) is symbolic of the spirit of lawlessness (*Lawlessness* because of the eleven evil years that Kings Jehoiakim and Zedekiah reigned [II Kings 23:36; II Kings 24:18; II Chronicles 36:5; II Chronicles 36:11; Jeremiah 52:1]; *Idolatry* because of Micah's idol [Judges 17]; *Bribery, seduction, and allurement* because of Delilah and the eleven hundred shekels of silver from the Philistines [Judges 16:4-5]). The angels had been given their "marching orders" and were contending for peace in Ulster. The peace released in Ulster by the angels and the prayers of the saints will ricochet across the whole of Ireland.

(Ulster, a former province of north Ireland, in the 5th century A.D. was the most powerful of the five ancient kingdoms [see also Connaught, Leinster, Meath, Munster]).

I asked the Lord about Southern Ireland and He spoke to me of Dublin. I saw a river, which I believe is the site of ancient battles, and the Lord impressed to my spirit that He also desires to dispatch angels to this site. This is a place where repentance and reconciliation will release healing into the land.

I see a gathering of believers to intercede and praise into this situation. Pray that the land and the people will be healed from the battle scars of the Drogheda massacre (September 11, 1649) -- the killing of the defenders of Drogheda by the parliamentarians under Cromwell. Drogheda, a port north of Dublin, was occupied by English and Irish royalists who defied Cromwell's call to surrender.

Cromwell then stormed the town and ordered the killing of the 2,500 members of the garrison.

Pray for the church in Ireland to receive the gift of faith to believe that nothing is impossible with God. Even though Ireland has been torn apart over the centuries by conflict, Christ proclaims His peace! Jesus has deposited His peace in Ireland (we may pray this with faith as we receive it as the promise of John 14:27). Pray for unity between Northern and Southern Ireland.

"Many angels have been sent on assignment to Ireland, and many more are yet to be dispatched. Pray for a release of my angels in Ireland, for there is much work to be done. Thank Me for angels on assignment and for the promises of salvation. Pray for My Spirit to be poured out and for the spirit of lawlessness to be broken under My feet."

Prayers For Ireland

- Pray that the faith that St. Patrick had and the relationship with God that he enjoyed would become the norm on the island of Ireland and throughout the nations.
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- Pray that the island of Ireland would be a welcoming place for the stranger and that many souls would be won to Christ through compassion and acts of love and hospitality.
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- Pray that God would help His children all over the island to see themselves as they really are - i.e. in His image.
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- Pray for the island of Ireland to come into the fullness of God's purpose.
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- Pray for angels to be released on assignment to minister to all those who will receive salvation.
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- Pray for the spirit of lawlessness to be bound and a spirit of peace in Christ to be released in the mighty name of Jesus.
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- Declare that the Blood of Christ cleanses and heals the land and the people of Ireland.

Yours in Jesus' love,

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All Who Are Bowed Down
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Jun 13, 2005

ALL WHO ARE BOWED DOWN
Are you weary from your load? You have so many issues to juggle, and so much to do. Dear one, I see you bowed over from carrying so much upon your precious soul, body, and spirit. Lie prostrate before Me and let all your cares melt into the pool of My deepest tranquility. So broken, dear one, so broken. I understand and know everything which has torn and separated your very members. I will raise up everything which is bowed down. Trust Me to repair each thing and raise you up into a healthy place.

Ps 145:14 NKJV
The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

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And Will You Remember Me?
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Jun 15, 2005
AND WILL YOU REMEMBER ME?
When you fall, dear heart, and your knees are dirty and your heart is torn and your tears fall upon My lap…. I hold you and kiss you and speak to you tenderly. How I long that your heart and life would be healed and put back together again. How comforting it is to My own heart to be able to hold you so near and so intimately as you spill your brokenness out to Me. How I have longed for our fellowship to be this intimate. And My heart is comforted when I see you receive My loving embrace and that I can reach you. You forget I have been knocking on the door of your heart your whole life, merely waiting to be able to hold you as I am now. I treasure this, - our time together.

And My love, when your heart is healed and your life put back together again, and I send you out to play once again… will you remember Me? May I come too? May I enjoy your days and your productive projects with you? All I have ever wanted is to abide in you and you to abide in Me as we walk together through every day as One. Will you remember Me?

John 17:18-21 NAT
As you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. And I give myself entirely to you so they also might be entirely yours. I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony. My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father — that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.

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Commanded A Blessing
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COMMANDED A BLESSING
How good it is when My loved ones assemble and gather together as one. This unity happens when they form together as one body, and as one priest. This is similar to what I did with Aaron, whose mouth I anointed and filled to be a spokesman for Moses. A similar anointing dwells with each of My own as they each take their place to speak My Word in good season. They speak forth My Word in prayer, in song and in declaration. And when they share what I have done in their lives, their faith is projected and takes root in the people.

I always dwell in the midst of two or more people gathered together in My Name. How I long for this harmony to link, two by two until it fills the earth with My great love and bonded commitment to support one another in loving prayer and relationship!

Ps 133 NLT
How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And the LORD has pronounced his blessing.

Ps 133:3 NKJV
For there the LORD commanded the blessing — Life forevermore.

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Fresh Start
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Jun 19, 2005

FRESH START
Let no guilt or shame ever cloud your heart.
Always know you are set free for a brand new start.
Never busted, but rather readjusted is all that it takes.
For fresh beginnings and new starts in the plans that I make.
You are loved and kept and held and accepted.
Not scorned or thrown or put away rejected.
Take joy that in one moment of time from your choice.
With eyes that are wet and cheeks that are moist.
That lives change in the flash of My moment of truth.
Let Me set you free from all that is uncouth.

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My Friends Listen
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MY FRIENDS LISTEN
A man is known by the Words he keeps. This is a hard truth dear ones, but understand the meaning. My friends listen to My Words and treasure them. He who hears and heeds you, My servant, also hears and heeds Me. If he treasures My Word, his heart is with Me. If he treasures your Words as being My servant, his heart is also with you. By this My friends are being increasingly known and manifested to each other. You shall know them and they shall know you. There will come a day when you will choose your friends as I do.

Luke 10:16 AMP
He who hears and heeds you [disciples] hears and heeds Me; and he who slights and rejects you slights and rejects Me; and he who slights and rejects Me slights and rejects Him who sent Me.

John 15:20-21 NKJV
Remember the word that I said to you,' A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

John 14:23-24 NKJV
Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

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Sprinkled With Merciful Prayers
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Jun 17, 2005
SPRINKLED WITH MERCIFUL PRAYERS
I AM sprinkling you with mercy. I AM liberally salting you with the prayers to keep you, preserve you, establish you in your calling and destiny. And even as I do these things through My mercy, having received salt upon yourself, you too shall become salty and liberally shake yourself out upon others who need preservation. Your stand against sin will slow its growth. I have called you to preserve the world with your prayers. I will also salt you with a good testimony. As you share all that I have done in your life, you sprinkle that salt upon others. Let Me salt you liberally!

Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another. (Mark 9:50)

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one. NKJ (Colossians 4:6 NKJ)

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To The Spiritual
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Jun 22, 2005

TO THE SPIRITUAL
When you are employed in the world and have tasks to perform in your daily life, I ask that you do all things unto Me, for no matter what you are doing I am puzzling everything together and speaking through it. I connect everything in your life to have meaning and purpose. To the spiritual all things are spiritual. Nothing passes by unnoticed, dear one, not you, nor what you do on earth.

1 Cor 2:13-14 KJV
Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

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Washed Clean And Holy
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WASHED CLEAN AND HOLY
Oh God deliver your child from the weeds and tares
Where they lurk and he feels that they are always there.
Separate them from his life. Help him not despair.
Uproot the shackles from the pain of sin and care.

Break the dominion of the temptation and lure
Consecrate his body, soul and spirit pure.
Wash him in my mind, make him stable and sure.
Honor him for all the temptation he's endured.

Generations of sin are harvested to go.
Release him from the memory of having known.
He is fighting for his blood line of progeny shown.
What he overcomes they will never have to moan.

Empower his will to stand strong and obey.
Fortify him set, there is no other way.
Righteous and faithful let him always say
That his heart is set and he is OK.

My child, my child, you have held on for so long.
You are forgiven and clean from all the wrong.
Come to Papa, let Me hold you, for you belong.
I sing over you with My heavenly song.

Each tear is so precious as I hold each one
You are set aside holy, your destiny begun
Let My peace carry you as you're set to run
The crown that was stolen is returned and won.

Authority and dominion are given to you.
To root out, tear down and consecrate too.
I send you in tears to wash away filth.

Brokenness being your weapon of stealth.

Saturate the ground of stubborn hard soil
>From all that has striven and all that has toiled.
Softened and gentle, with you I am well pleased.
The tares come up and uproot with great ease.

I bow low and listen to your words of prayer.
I linger to hear everything that you share.
I wait until your last word is spoken
You are My delight, you are My token.

Set apart for My work, set aside for Me
I will carry you in to your destiny.
I AM the One that you really long for.
I will never leave you and I will never ignore.

I want to touch you and caress you My Child.
With My Presence I linger and will never shun.
Low I AM with you always, to the ends of the earth.
Replace sorrow and mourning with My joy and girth.

Ps 126:5-6 NKJV
Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

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A Word Delivered In The US
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In June 2005, I was preaching at a prophetic conference in Olympia, Washington with Julia Mason and Kurt Pfanstiel. Prior to the meetings, I was asking the Lord about the nation, the prophetic, the church. Here is part of what I shared.

1. Jezebel is not the issue

Jezebel is only mentioned once in the New Testament. But how many books are written on her? Balaam rates at least three mentions and gets no books at all. The Lord wants us not only to look at the problem but at what God might want you to do about it. It may be standing like Elijah, and confronting her. But it may be to help hide the prophets. Obadiah served Ahab in the palace, but he took a chance to hide the prophets, 50 to a cave and fed them bread and water. The prophetic is re-emerging, and the Lord is asking local fellowships and congregations to hide the prophets, to provide a place of restoration.

2. Don't cut class

When I landed in the US this year, I heard the Lord say, "The church is playing Hookie". Now in Australia, this is not a familiar term. I needed to ask my hosts what Hookie meant. But upon examination, it is clear, the church has been skipping (cutting) class. What is the curriculum of the Lord in this hour? I believe the Spirit has been training us on apostles and prophets; fathers and sonship, community and love. We have got to stop cutting class. Training involves education, yes training but it also involves tutorials - practicals and outworkings. I think we are avoiding the pain of working this out in the earth. Community is not sentiment, it is not nice theology. It is blood, sweat and tears, joy, love and rejoicing.

I had a beautiful dog, Tess who lived with us on our farm. She snarled at my daughter. She hassled my neighbour, baked all night, chased rabbits and was getting crotchety. But one day she bit my son. I had to put her down, she had to go, for the sake of community. But I was not going to let a vet do the job. I had to shot her myself. It was one of the most difficult acts of love I ever did.

3. Use things for what they were made for

I had a dream some months ago in which I was sitting in a car with my spiritual father John Alley. We were driving through his town, Rockhampton. We got stuck in an alley, and did not know the way forward. He sent me to get a map, so I went out in the rain, on a skateboard, going the wrong way up a street. I got the map, and woke up. But as I came to, the Spirit said this audibly: "In the days ahead, you have to use things for what they were made for". Using things properly - that's the current call of God. But do we really know the proper use of a prophet for example? Are they really supposed to go down a line giving good words? How are they to partner with apostles? What does fathering really look like? In the days ahead we need to find out how to use things properly - refer to the manufacturers guide book.

4. Lessons in the blessing and the curse

I had a vision of two boats. One was in harbour, the other was out on the high seas. Both these boats had a problem. The one in harbour was loaded and ready to go. The weather was clear, the navigator had checked co-ordinates. But they had not left. The one on the open seas was labouring under a heavy load, a storm was coming and it was foundering. She needed to abandon her project, she needed to cast the cargo overboard.

Two problems, both with boats and oceans. One needs to get on the journey, get on with life, stop being intimidated by circumstance - or whatever holds you back. The second was striving under impossible circumstances, and needed to let go of it's mission. Like Paul's boat leaving harbour - was driven by a majority rule (Acts 27:12). It was labouring hard in a storm (vs14). They began to throw cargo overboard (vs18), and eventually ran aground to save the lives of people (vs26).

The issue is this - the captains of each boat would not do well advising one another. God's will for each was different. Your brothers presumption does not speak to the fact that you are resting in harbour. Your brothers laziness does not speak to your need to slow down, and save lives. We need to judge our own behaviour, conduct and progress by the standard for our own lives.

5. Are you happy with your harvest?

One question the Lord asked me (for myself) was relating to my productivity. He appointed us to good works (Eph. 2:10). He has put seed into your hand (2 Cor. 9:10), and he has decreed a field for you to work (2 Cor. 10:13). He asked me, "Are you happy with your harvest?" This question contains the thought that I have seed, and have applied myself to a field. But have I reviewed the harvest? Have I recognised the wheat, the tares, the age of the crop. Do I know if it is 30, 60 or 100 fold?

Then He revealed the real reason behind it. This reaping and sowing is a partnership between He and I. "Where is the return on my investment?" God invested a life seed in me. He has placed a life message, resources appropriate to the advancement of the kingdom in this time. He did not give it for my sake, nor even for the lost or the church. He gave it for himself. He bestowed the talent, and wishes to see the return - at least an interest return if not a full harvest! Is He happy with your harvest? What is downstream from your life, fruit or shipwreck? If fruit, what kind, and how much?

6. Where do you live?

Part of the answer to this intense question relates to where you live. You prophesy from the place where you live. The word you try to bring comes out of the atmosphere and environment you dwell in. There is such a dichotomy nowadays between where people daily live and the realm into which they wish to speak. Do you think you can live a prayerless life, read trashy women's magazines, watch TV, eat too much and then seek to prophesy over the internet (or over nations)? Do you think you can play with drugs, smoke, drink and play the harlot with lust then minister on Sunday?

You'll not address kings and leaders if your table manners resemble the animals you own (Prov. 22:30). You'll not rise and raise the dead, if you can not rise and walk the dog. "Do you see those who are skillful in their work? they will serve kings; they will not serve common people" (Prov. 22:29).

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A Word of Encouragement

Musa Opiyo

Hello all,
While going about doing my daily chores, the Lord planted the following word into my heart that I feel will bless and encourage you,
Be blessed and encouraged :)
Musa.

"My grace supersedes all your shortcomings and your failures. The Lord would say that indeed many of you have come under a spirit of condemnation that would point at your weaknesses and faults and say that you have missed the mark. That you cannot live the life that I have called you to live. No says the Lord, of yourself you cannot live and fulfill that which I have called you to be and do but because of the blood of My son upon you, you are washed, sanctified and called into My presence as My own. What the flesh cannot do My grace has accomplished. That is why I said My grace is sufficient for you. However My grace is so sufficient that it gives you a chance to repent of your sin and make things right with Me. My grace is not an excuse to fall into that which I have delivered you from and called you out of. You are a righteous generation of holy people whom I have called to shine forth My light through your vessels.

I AM your Justification. Do not let the accuser of the brethren sidetrack you into a place of no return. My grace allows for you to have a second chance, even a third, a fourth, a fifth, as many times as you will come to Me. Like clay on a potters wheel so you are in My hand. I am working in and around you to shape you into My image. I have tailor made your situations to shape your future. I have began the work and therefore I will complete that transformation. As you look to Me, you will see that transformation happen like the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly. Be encouraged little one. Raise high those hands that hang low. My strength is made perfect in your weakness. You have and will overcome all that has been sent to beset you because of My name and My seal upon you."

Let us then with boldness come before him just as we are and let him do the work in us.
Be blessed and encouraged,
Always seeking his presence,
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A Warning On Partial Obedience

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I saw the head of a great lion and he was wearing a gold and jeweled crown. Instead of the crown being upright, however, it was tilted at an angle. Then the Lion said:

There are some men who are willing to make me total Lord in their lives, but there are others who are not. They give me partial obedience, but their hearts are not wholly given to me.

I call you this day children to give me your total obedience, not partial obedience or conditional obedience, for the days that lie ahead will be serious indeed. You must give me your total obedience or I will not be able to give you the protection that I desire for what lies ahead.

Later in the day I was shown a picture of Goshen. This was the place in Egypt where the children of Israel were protected when God brought His judgments against Pharaoh and the Egyptians. Goshen is a picture for us today of the hidden place or the place of immunity. It is the place of total obedience and total protection.

Psalm 91, the great Biblical Psalm of protection and deliverance, is for those who trust in and abide under the shadow of the wings of the Almighty. Either you TRUST or you do not. Either you ABIDE under those wings, or you do not.

If you are not residing in Goshen… if you are not abiding under the wings of the Almighty… then you are not in the place of immunity and you will not be protected. It will be your lack of obedience that will be your down fall, as it was for those who did not reside in Goshen.

Put another way, after the escape from Egypt during the time of Moses, when the cloud moved in the desert, the children of Israel were to obey and move also. If they followed, they were protected. If they refused to move, they were no longer under the protective covering of the Almighty, for the cloud had left and gone elsewhere.

A Wake Up Call

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Vision:
I saw a group of people milling around and then suddenly a cobra springs from the ground and starts spitting poison into their eyes. This poison solidifies and forms a hard coating such that the people seeing anything around them. They started staggering about and I could tell they were in a lulled and very passive state until finally, one by one, under a strange drowsiness, fell down to sleep. Then I hear the sound of a shofar blowing and the sound of it shatters the solidified mass of poison on the peoples eyes and they shatter, sirens go off which rouse the people from their sleep and onto their feet.

Interpretation:

A complacent spirit has been released for some time now upon the people of God, and to those who have been open to it have been lulled into a spiritual sleep where their interest in the things of God have diminished, their prayer life has been greatly affected and some just do not see the need to give God the praise and glory he deserves.

But the Lord is giving a wake up call to those caught in complacency to 'wake up'. God is not looking for a lukewarm bride but an 'on-fire-for-God' Bride. He is releasing new Holy Spirit passion zeal for his presence and his fresh workings amongst us. Let us repent of all complacency and lukewarmness and come boldly into the throneroom of grace and receive fresh vision. Let us not forget our First Love. For he who has called you is called Faithful and True.

Word:
I hear the Lord saying, Awaken, sons and daughters of God, for this is truly the hour when I will move to shake heaven and earth through those vessels that will open up and receive from Me. Release the sound of your praises and see the eyes opening before you. For this is a crucial time of war in the heavenlies. As light contends against darkness, I have a remnant who burn with My Fire and My Zeal. Let My Consuming Fire burn in and through you to change the atmosphere about you, for this is the day of new beginnings, of a new work coming forth. Let your hearts say yes and amen, for this is a special time says the Lord.

Blessings,
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Accept Your Assignment In Faith And Trust

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My children,

“Come to Me, seek Me and I will enable you minute by minute to be everything that I, the Lord, your God have called you to be.

“Do not be dismayed over what may appear to be failure. Don’t be alarmed over anyone’s reactions to what you do and say. Keep seeking me first in all things. Let Me be your guide and your rear guard. Don’t look at the situation and think that you have failed because things are not working out perfectly according to your expectations. My plan is still in operation. My plan is going forth.

“Don’t ever try to prove yourself to anyone. Don’t worry about pleasing people instead seek to please me every day and I’ll prove the reality of My work in you to others.

“Don’t defend yourselves, or try to prove that you are right, or prove that you are Mine. I, the Lord will be your defense to others. I will defend you – if you allow Me to do the work. But I will not, I cannot do it if you are doing it yourself. I will not step in to take up your cause and defend you if you are busy defending yourselves.

“Think on these things. Ponder My words. Know this, know that I gave you the job you have. I put you in your neighborhood, I sent you to the church you are in specifically to accomplish My purposes for you and in those people at that place. Don’t doubt that I am able to work in every situation to bring about My will. I will bring good out of your present circumstance. Blessings are in store for you. There are blessings ahead. My plans for you are good - the best!

Know that you are My agent - sent there to do My will, sent there to speak My word and sent there to demonstrate My love, My forgiveness and My compassion.   Know and believe that I did this. I gave you the job. I knew who else would work there and what they would need. Believe it. I sent you to the neighborhood in which you live. I knew the people who were already there in need of your witness, your example. Believe that you are there “on assignment” and seek Me for how to fulfill that mission. You will accomplish much and walk in great joy.

“Act and live as if you are truly My ambassadors, My agents - wherever you are- because you are. Act as if whether at home, on your job, out shopping – wherever – that place is your mission field, because it is. Live your life in such a way that whomever you meet, whoever is around you, will see Jesus in you. Live in such a way that Holy Spirit may speak through you at anytime He chooses to anyone around you.

“Then in every situation, in every decision, ask for My direction. Look into My Word, listen for My voice, look at the example of Jesus throughout My word. Then follow His example, say only what you hear Me, the Father say, do only what you see Me, your Father doing. Crucify your flesh, deny yourself, your rights, your feelings, and your own ideas and submit to Me and My plan and My way. Then you will walk in victory. You will walk in peace.

“Be like Nehemiah and keep doing the work that I have put in your hands to do. Don’t be distracted by others who want to hinder you, or stop you from doing what you are doing to help build My kingdom on the earth.”

Ps. 94:22 *But the Lord has been my defense, and my God the rock of my refuge.*
Ps. 7:10 *My defense and shield depend on God, who saves the upright in heart.*
Ps. 62:2 He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.
Ps. 59:9b, 17 for God is my defence. Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; for God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.
Luke 12:11b *Do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.*

May you know God's presence and His keeping power every day.

Are You Born Again or Just Saved?
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There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 3:1-5

Most Christians totally misunderstand the words of Jesus in this passage. They assume that they are born again because they are partakers of the common salvation through faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ. These Christians (evangelicals, charismatics and pentecostals) hang their hopes on going to heaven when they die and they see the promise of that in this passage. In fact, this “promise” is the chief motivating factor, along with the fear of eternal damnation, in going to the altar.

When Jesus said that unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God, he was not saying, as most assume, that the reward for being born again is to one day see the kingdom of God. The key word is *cannot* (to be unable or incapable) as opposed to *shall not*. It was not a promise to be fulfilled in the future but a statement of a current reality. This is a crucial distinction. What he was saying was that *seeing* the kingdom of God is the proof that one is indeed born again. It is the very definition of being born again.

At best, what the great majority of Christians have experienced is the salvation of their spirits. One must be born again in order to go beyond the common salvation and to enter the kingdom of God where the mind, the emotions, the will and the body are transformed through submission to His dominion. To be born of God or born again is to begin seeing the way God sees, thinking the way He thinks. Without being born again, you will not be able to perceive the spiritual reality of the kingdom of God within you.

The kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven (and both terms are used to describe the same reality) is not a location, a destination or something that is reserved for a future reign of Christ. It is all about His reign in you in the here and now. What confuses many are scriptures such as the following:

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. I Cor 15:50

I want to first deal with the word inherit. The carnal mind is a sly and slippery thing. We all know that in the natural you inherit something when a loved one dies if he included you in his will. The death that triggers the inheritance is the death of the testator, not the death of the heir. Why is it then that when it comes to our spiritual inheritance our carnal mind is programmed to unthinkingly and automatically place the attainment of the inheritance in an afterlife? We look at this scripture, identify ourselves with “flesh and blood” and assume that we need to wait until we die to come into our inheritance.

But what is Paul referring to when he uses the term “flesh and blood” in the scripture above? To understand the term we need to go back to John. Among the New Testament writers, John had the fullest understanding of what it means to be born of God. (See 1 John especially 3:9 and 5:18 to give yourself something to ponder.)

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, [even] to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1:12-13

Those who “receive” him are born of God and their identity and life source are no longer in the adamic flesh and blood. To receive is defined as: to take up with the hand or lay hold of any person or thing in order to use it, to take up a thing to be carried, to take upon oneself. When you are born of the water (the germinating Word of God) and the Spirit you experience a change of identity, paternity and life source. You are truly a new creation. This goes far beyond merely believing that Jesus died 2000 years ago to pay the price for you to go to heaven after you die. Being a new creation goes beyond cleaning up your act by giving up all the things religion condemns. You cannot truly receive him now if you are waiting for him to appear in the sky. Do you see how the doctrines of man rob the people of God not only of their birthright, just as Jezebel robbed Naboth, but of their very identity as sons?

The system of religion tries everything in its power to prevent the conception of born again sons. It does this “spiritual contraception” by teaching lies and programming Christians to reject the spiritual Word, which is the supernatural seed of God that engenders sonship. (It is interesting to note how the religious system gets very judgmental and self-righteous about those things in the natural -- contraception, abortion, fornication, adultery -- that it is guilty of in the spirit. Which transgressions do you imagine are worse, the natural or the spiritual, in the eyes of God?)

In order to bring to pass His glorious plan of redeeming the creation from the bondage of death, God had to set aside for Himself a first fruits company of sons, the predestinated elect of God, in whom He is replicating His mind, His personality and the divine genetics that He created in the beginning. These are truly born again because they see with anointed eyes the unfolding of the kingdom of heaven within themselves. As God’s dominion unfolds in our heavenlies, it will begin manifesting in our earthly dimension: our physical bodies. It is then that the creation will begin to see a body of people who are walking in the fullness of salvation: spirit, soul and body.

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Are You Being Attacked

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"Are You Being Attacked Right After Doing Deeds Of Faithfulness? God Is Simply Moving You On!"

After Our Deeds of Faithfulness
"After these deeds of faithfulness (on the part of King Hezekiah), Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah; he encamped against the fortified cities, thinking to win them to himself." **II Chronicles 32:1, NKJV**

Hezekiah had indeed accomplished many "deeds of faithfulness" since becoming king. He had cleansed and repaired the temple and re-instituted regular worship. He had organized a national Passover celebration, of which it was said, ***"since the time of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, there has been nothing like this in Jerusalem"*** **(II Chronicles 30:26, NKJV)**. He so stirred the people that they tore down the pagan altars in Jerusalem and the surrounding region, and they brought such abundant offerings that rooms had to be prepared in the temple to receive them (II Chronicles 30:14; 31:1,11).

Judah, Hezekiah's tribe, had also done many "deeds of faithfulness." They, in particular, had responded to Hezekiah's call for reform. Though other tribes had mockers in their midst, ***"the hand of the Lord was on Judah to give them singleness of heart to obey the command of the king and the leaders, at the word of the Lord"*** **(II Chronicles 30:12)**.
"The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced" during the Passover celebration **(II Chronicles 30:25)**. The people of Judah tore down all the wooden images in their midst and brought tithes in abundance to the temple in Jerusalem (II Chronicles 31:1,6).

Then we read the verse at the top of the page: ***"After these deeds of faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came and entered Judah."*** Sennacherib didn't come to the half-hearted tribes. King Sennacherib came to Judah where the people had been exceptionally faithful. Isn't this often our own experience in the body of Christ? Satan seems to attack most frequently those most faithful to God. As we have all heard it said, he doesn't bother those who are no threat to him.

But, God never lets Satan (or King Sennacherib) have the last word. We read of some amazing things occurring in II Chronicles 32, after King Sennacherib makes his threats. As I list them below, my hope is that they will encourage anyone who is experiencing "enemy invasion" in their life "after deeds of faithfulness."

"God is Simply Moving You On!"

First, we see that Sennacherib's arrival got Hezekiah and Judah moving. They couldn't just sit and enjoy the afterglow of the wonderful Passover celebration or glory in the abundance of tithes and offerings brought in. They had to fortify themselves.

Here are some of the verses that follow with some suggestions for application in our day:

1) Hezekiah consulted with his leaders and mighty men (II Chronicles 32:3).

Application: Enlisting the help of others; team ministry.

2) They stopped up the water that ran through the land so that the enemy wouldn't have it available to him (II Chronicles 32:3).

Application: Not strengthening the enemy in any way (negative statements, gossip, divisiveness).

3) Hezekiah "strengthened himself" (II Chronicles 32:5).

Application: Personal time with God.

4) They "built up the wall that was broken, raised it up to the towers, and built another wall" (II Chronicles 32:5).

Application: Working to create a "safe" environment; enhancing security through strengthening relationships, repairing breeches.

5) They repaired the Millo (literally landfill; according to *The Bible Dictionary*, thought to be a tower or bastion filling of some weak part of the wall) (II Chronicles 32:5).

Application: Special attention given to weak areas.

6) They "made weapons and shields in abundance" (II Chronicles 32:5).

Application: Steeping ourselves in the Word of God.

7) Hezekiah set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement" (II Chronicles 32:6).

Application: Encouraging others and ourselves in our callings, speaking faith to one another.

All this happened because the enemy came. And then it gets better. As Sennacherib makes terrible threats, Hezekiah and the prophet Isaiah ***"prayed and cried out to Heaven"*** **(II Chronicles 32:20).** ***"Then the Lord sent an angel who cut down every mighty man of valor, leader, and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to his own land."*** **II Chronicles 32:21**

Are you being attacked "after deeds of faithfulness"? God is simply moving you on. He is working a deeper work in you -- things that wouldn't have been accomplished if the enemy had not come. Be encouraged. Respond as King Hezekiah and the people of Judah did when they were in this place. The outcome for you will be the same as in their day.

Do what you know to do, pray and cry out. Angels are waiting even now to be dispatched to you.

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Are You Cleaving To Me?
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> *Serve only the Lord your God and fear Him alone. Obey His commands, listen to His voice, and cling to Him - Deuteronomy 13:4 NLT*

My Precious church, I adore you. I delight in you, and I have called you My own. I love to hear your prayers to Me, and I love to answer your prayers. Yes, I love to answer that which you ask. You may not always receive the answers that you desire, but know that I am working for you best, My church. I will always bring the best out of your lives and out of your situations, for My Glory.

My church, things are changing rapidly. A great shifting is taking place not only in the physical realm but also spiritually. The situations that surround you My church, within the world, are not going to get any easier. The only thing that you have to stand on is Me. I am the only sure foundation. When everything else crumbles around you, I am the only One who is your sure foundation.

With disasters upon the earth, and the uncertainty and instability of the world and all the world calls stable, is now increasing, I have called you My church to be My friends. To be close to Me and to listen to Me.

Cleave to Me, My church. There is nothing else that will sustain you, and fulfill you, than Me. I have called each of you to cleave to Me alone. Because of fear, and insecurity many are cleaving to things not of Me. Are they stable church? Are they your Rock? Your sure foundation? Surely not!!!! Only I, the Lord your God, am your safe foundation, and Rock in these times and times to come.

It is only I, that will hide you in the cleft of the Rock when the wind rages around each of you My church. The time of greater deception is closer than many realise. It is time for My church to wake up and slumber no more. Slumber no more. Wake up, and through cleaving to Me, I will show you what is to come, and what is happening around you. For there is spiritual significance to every physical event on this earth.

Come to Me now My church, and find your rest in Me. Through such turbulent times that are upon you now, and are to come, come and cleave to Me. Do not cleave to anything else but Me. Learn to rest in Me, learn to take your seat in Me, because if you do not, you will not survive what is to come.

Shake off fear My church. Do not be fearful of the events around you, but stand tall in confidence, the confidence of knowing that you are cleaved to the Almighty God, and I will continue to give you the strength to stand.

If you continue to slumber My church, you will be awakened by a great disaster that will take you off guard, and you will not be able to stand. You will be devoured.

My church, cleave to Me. What happens when you cleave to Me? You are close to Me, your head on My chest, and you hear My heart. Cleaving to Me, you will always be stable and be prepared for all that is to come. Never unprepared, but always prepared in Me, for My Spirit prepares and builds those who cleave to Me. I love you My church, I love you.

People of Love
Lanna Perry

Tuesday, 27th September

"I am giving you a new commandment; love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other" – John 13:34

My love is like no other. There is none that loves you as much as I love you My church. There is none that delights in you as much as I do My church. There is none that cares for you as much as I do My church. There is none that longs to see you grow, as much as I do My church.

I have such great plans for My church. I have such great plans for you. My church has been spotted and speckled. My church is not shining in the brightness of holiness that I have called it too. I am saddened by this.

My church, I love each of you more than anyone ever has or will. It is My love that reaches those deep places within each of you that needs to be reached. It is My love that brings each of you deep confidence in who I am, and who you are in Me. It is My love, that brings redemption, that brings life. It is My love for each of you My church, was the motivation of the cross. Because I loved each of you so much, that I wanted you to be saved, and spend eternity with Me.

What have I commanded from My church? Love Me with all your heart, all your soul and all your mind, and then what? Love one another. Yes, My church, love one another.

For I look at My church, I do not see love flowing amongst My children. I see envy, I see jealousy, I see bitterness, I see unforgiveness, I see slander, and I see criticism. These are not fruits of My Spirit. This is not the fruit of My love.

I continue to see backbiting and knives being thrown into the hearts and backs of many of My people. My precious church, this is not My heart. I have not called you to hate each other and treat each other this way. I have called you to love each other. With My love. Would My love do this to you? Surely not!

Repent of your attitudes, your actions and your words towards each other My church. For love is wanting what is best for another, and many are not walking in love. Many are walking in things not of Me.

Many are allowing the enemy to divide through them, than allowing My Spirit to unite others. My church, you are called to reach the world for Me. You are called to pour out My love to those who don't know Me, as well as those who do.

How will you reach the world with My love, if you cannot love your brothers and sisters?

My church, repent. Repent for your hardness of heart. Repent for allowing division to come to My church through your lack of love for each other.

There is so much jealousy in My church. Why? Because many are wounded and do not know who they are in Me. Do not compete with each other, but rise up and unite together. Truly love each other.

My church, I love you. I have offered you My heart and My love to reach out to others. Reach out and allow My love to flow through each of you.

Death is coming to My church through My children turning on each other. No more. No more My church. Walk as people of great love.

For as you spend time in My love, you will be seen as people who truly love one another. As you abide in My love alone, and reach out to all those around you, you will then see others be attracted to you, for the love inside you. My love inside you.

The world will never be attracted to hatred, bitterness, unforgiveness and slander. They can get this in the world My church. Oh My precious church, listen to My voice.

Love one another. Come into My light and let Me show you My love. Let Me transform each of you in My love. Let Me mould each of you in My love. Let Me show you how to keep check that you are continually loving one another.

Let the light of My Spirit bring up all weeds within your hearts that are bringing corruption and divisiveness to My church.

Rise Up in love My church. Rise Up in My love. Walk as I walked, and talk as I talked, then freedom and love will flow from within My house, out to the world.

Accelerating Your Destiny

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God Is Accelerating Your Destiny On An Open Road

“I will take you where angels fear to tread; where grown men have stumbled and gone astray. As you stay close to me I will guide and direct your path; stay close to me. Listen for my voice at every junction before you venture out on the “open road”. The sign posts will be there, you must seek and you shall find; do not rush and miss them, but do not stand and dwell beneath them.

You are about to enter the open road; be alert; be ready to accelerate as the road allows, be ready to negotiate each bend with care. Is anything too difficult for me? I will make the crooked path straight when I release my favor, my increase; “kairos” will be a living experience for you, what was crooked will become straight.

I am accelerating your destiny; time is the essence and the essence is time. Do not fear the unknown, this is a road of opportunity and it is “open” for you. Just listen at the junction, and then move out.

You must listen at the junction for directions. Do not fear the danger of colliding with other traffic on the open road. No one has traveled this open road before, only I. The danger is not in collision but in moving off course. I have set your course. I will then direct you into the paths of righteousness; the path awaits you; take courage my child, step out.

I will wipe every tear, hear every plea and every longing will be realized as you align your hearts desires with mine.

Glory is mine; honor and glory are mine; release my honor and my glory to my children. As you see healing in your own family, minister healing to my body. The remedy is not a repeat prescription but a cure.

Trust me once more my child; I want to bless you beyond measure, beyond limits, beyond expectations, and beyond.”

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Are You Having An Identity Crisis?

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As Christians our faith tells us that Christ died as payment for our sins. We believe He actually rose from the grave as proof that He was, indeed, sent by God. Yet, it is also our conviction that, upon this resurrection event, not only were the sins of mankind atoned for but, through Christ, a second Genesis began.

Paul explains, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit" (1 Cor 15:45). The word *Adam* means "man" and is representative of "mankind." There are now two Adams or two species of man. The first species of man is the descendant of sinful Adam. His life orbits around his carnal or "natural" desires. He carries both the DNA of Adam's nature and the consequences of Adam's sin. This natural man is focused upon fulfilling the needs of his soul. He is, indeed, a "living soul," but he is controlled by fears, physical needs, intellect boundaries, cultural environment and sin.

The second species or race of man is Spirit-centered. His thoughts, dreams and experiences originate primarily from the Holy Spirit, who lives in union with him. The highest aspiration of the Spirit-centered man is not on attaining natural successes, but upon attaining conformity to Christ. While the first man lives to experience what the world around him can give him, the last species of man, the Christ-man, lives for what he can give to the world: He is a "life-giving spirit." The first Adam engendered descendants with problems; the spiritual descendants of the last Adam, Christ, provide the world with answers.

New Creatures

While men divide over many things - culture, skin color, language or social status - from God's view mankind is only truly divided into two subsets: those controlled by their souls and those controlled by the Holy Spirit. One race is dead in sin; the other is alive in Christ. One species of man is destined to perish; the other will live forever. Just as the first Adam passed sin, weakness and death to his children, so the second Adam, Christ, passes virtue, power and eternal life to the children of God.

"Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor 5:17).

"For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation" (Gal 6:15).

We are not merely men of flesh temporarily acting spiritual, but we are spiritual beings temporarily living as men of flesh. If you have received Christ into your life, you are part of the second Genesis. You possess a new nature which, like Christ's, shall live forever.

Identity Crisis

Yet, too many of us suffer from an "identity crisis." We are confused about who we really are. We attend church, but internally we are still deeply identified with the traits and expectations of the first Adam. Paul rebuked the church in Corinth, which suffered with fleshy attitudes, saying "are you not walking like mere men? (1 Cor 3:3).

Hear me well: *If you have received Christ, you are no mere mortal.* The very same power that raised Christ from the dead, abides also in you. While you may experience many of the same trials that the descendants of the first Adam face, you are buoyed by God's Spirit as He faithfully works all things for good in your life. On the other side of your trials is not death, but resurrection!

"But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you" (Rom 8:11).

We may look human, but abiding within us is a treasure more valuable the earth itself: resurrection power.

"And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power" (Acts 2:24). Just as it was impossible for death to hold Christ in the grave, so it is impossible for the substance of "death" still in us - our sins and failures - to hold Him as well. Christ conquers death as readily as light drives out darkness. Indeed, in all things we are "more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Rom 8:37 NIV).

Seated With Christ

As I was engaged in a particular struggle, a friend asked me, "How are you doing under the circumstances?" I answered, "I'm not under the circumstances; I'm seated with Christ in heavenly places. My Father is God. There is no weapon formed against me that can prosper. I'm born again from above, a new creation; I am a partaker of the Divine nature."

Everything I answered came directly from God's word and represents the reality granted me by faith in God's promises. Faith unlocks the power of God's promises. So, beloved friend, you are not under circumstances or "the weather," or pressures or curses; you are alive together with Christ (Col 2), and positioned in the shelter of God's domain. Yes, we face conflict, which God uses to perfect our character, but He also "always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place" (2 Cor 2:14).

Beloved, if you are not using God's word to define and shape your spiritual identity, you will, in fact, be under circumstances and clouded by the oppression that abides on the first Adam. You may still be a Christian, but you will suffer from your identity crisis. This is why Paul said, "put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth" (Eph 4: 24). You must accept, believe, and then apply the word of God until you are fully established as a new creation.

"Those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom 8:29).

This quest to walk in your new nature is the crux of your primary battles in life. This is not just a war between your virtue and your vices. No, it is a war between your identity after the flesh and your true identity as a new creature in Christ. "Faith," John tells us, "is the victory that overcomes the world" (1 John 5:4). You are a citizen of a new realm. As such, you must learn the customs and understand the language. In the kingdom of God, everyone believes what God says about them. When God speaks, His words create realities. Our faith accepts the grace and truth of God's word and, in so doing, our lives are transformed.

Yes, we will still fail, but Christ is greater than our failings. True, we will still err, but in all things God works good. Indeed, we pass through hard experiences that God uses to conform us to the character of His Son (see Phil 3:10), yet He also brings us through such things so we can possess the power of Christ's resurrection!

Consider Paul's analysis of his personal journey:

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me" (Gal 2:20).

Again, he wrote:

"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16).

Let us ask ourselves, is our spiritual consciousness focused upon what is inwardly "decaying" or are our hearts lifted to that which is "being renewed day by day"? Are we living as mere men or as new creatures fashioned after the likeness of Christ? Would you agree that it is time to get over your identity crisis?

Lord, forgive me for dwelling in the basement of my old nature rather than the penthouse of Your love and promises. You have chosen me to reveal Your life, You've given me Your Holy Spirit and spoken to me through Your word. I am Your child, born from above and destined to inherit Your glory. I worship You, my Lord and King.

Two Things Only
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There are so many things to occupy our minds: so many books, so many examples, so many good teachings that deserve our attention, that say, "here is a truth." But, as I have been serving the Lord these past years, He has led me to seek for two things and two things only: to know the heart of God in Christ and to know my own heart in Christ's light.

Knowing the Heart of God

I have been seeking God, searching to know Him and the depth of His love toward His people. I want to know Christ's heart and the compassions that motivate Him. The Scriptures are plain: Jesus loved people. Mark's gospel tells us that after He taught and healed the multitudes, they became hungry. In His compassion, Christ saw them as "sheep without a shepherd" (Mark 6:34). It was not enough for Him to heal and teach them; He personally cared for each of them. Their physical well-being, even concerning food, was important to Him.

A lad with five loaves and two fish provided enough for Jesus to work another miracle, but this miracle had to come through Christ's willing but bone-weary body. Consider: Christ brought His disciples out to *rest*; "For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat" (Mark 6:31).

Consider: Jesus personally had come to pray and be strengthened. For John the Baptist, Jesus' forerunner, had been beheaded earlier that very week at the hands of Herod. It was in the state of being emotionally and physically depleted that Jesus fed the multitudes - not just once or twice but over and over again "He kept giving [the bread and the fish] to the disciples to set before them" (Mark 6:41).

Thousands of men, women and children all "ate and were satisfied" (v. 42)! Oh, the heart of Jesus! The miracle was for them, but we read of no miracle sustaining Him except the marvelous wonder of a holy love that continually lifted His tired hands with more bread and more fish. Out of increasing weakness He repeatedly gave that others might be renewed.

So, if my quest is to know Him, I must recognize this about Him: Jesus loves people - all people, especially those society ignores. Therefore, I must know exactly how far He would travel for men, for that is the same distance He would journey again through me. Indeed, I must know His thoughts concerning illness, poverty and human suffering. As His servant, I am useless to Him unless I know these things. If I would actually do His will, I must truly know His heart. Therefore, in all my study and times of prayer I am seeking more than just knowledge; I am searching for the heart of God.

Knowing Our Hearts

At the same time, as I draw closer to the heart of God, the very fire of His presence begins a deep purging work within me. In the vastness of His riches, my poverty appears. The psalmist wrote, "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully" (Ps. 24:3-4).

We cannot even find the hill of the Lord, much less ascend it, if there is deceit in our heart. How does one serve in God's holy place if his soul is unclean? *It is only the pure in heart who perceive God.* To ascend toward God is to walk into a furnace of truth where falsehood is extracted from our souls. To abide in the holy place we must dwell in honesty, even when a lie might seem to save us. Each ascending step upon the hill of God is a thrusting of our souls into greater transparency, a more perfect view into the motives of our hearts.

It is this upward call of God which we pursue. Yet, the soul within us is hidden, crouching in fears and darkness, living in a world of untruths and illusions. This is our inner man, the soul God seeks to save. Have you discovered your true self, the inner person whom truth alone can free? Yes, we seek holiness, but true holiness arises from here; it comes as the Spirit of Truth unveils the hidden places in our hearts. Indeed, it is *truthfulness* which leads to *holiness*.

God, grant us a zeal for truth that we may stand in Your holy place!

Men everywhere presume they know the "truth," but have neither holiness nor power in their lives. Truth must become more than historical doctrines; it must be more than a museum of religious artifacts - mementos from when God once moved. *Truth is knowing God's heart as it was revealed in Christ, and it is knowing our own hearts in the light of God's grace.*

As members of the human race, we are shrouded in ignorance. Barely do we know our world around us; even less do we know the nature of our own souls. Without realizing it, as we search for God's heart, we are also searching for our own. For it is only in finding Him that we discover ourselves, for we are "in Him."

Yet, throughout that searching process, as I position my heart before the Lord, it is with a sense of trembling that I pray the prayer of King David, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way" (Ps. 139:23-24).

Let us wash the cosmetics from our souls and look at the unadorned condition of our hearts. I know God has created us eternally complete and perfect in Christ. I believe that. But in the first three chapters of John's Revelation, Jesus did not tell the churches they were "perfect in His eyes." No! He revealed to them their true conditions; He told them their sins. Without compromise, He placed on them the demand to be overcomers, each in his own unique and difficult circumstance.

Like them, we must know our need. And like them, the souls we want saved dwell here, in a world system structured by lies, illusions and rampant corruption. Our old natures are like well-worn shoes into which we relax; we can be in the flesh instantly without even realizing it. The enemies which defeat us are hidden and latent within us! *Thus, the Holy Spirit must expose our foes before we can conquer them!*

Concerning man's nature, the prophet Jeremiah wrote, "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?" (Jer. 17:9). Quoting another of David's prayers, a similar cry is heard, "Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults. Also keep back Thy servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me; then I shall be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression" (Ps. 19:12-13).

There may be errors inside of us that are actually ruling us without our awareness. Do we realize, for instance, how many of our actions are manipulated purely by vanity and the desire to be seen or accepted by others? Are we aware of the fears and apprehensions that unconsciously influence so many of our decisions? We may have serious flaws inside yet still be either too proud or too insecure to admit we need help.

Concerning ourselves, we think so highly of what we know so little!

Even outwardly, though we know our camera pose, do we know how we appear when we are laughing or crying, eating or sleeping, talking or angry? The fact is, most of us are ignorant of how we appear outwardly to others; much less do we know ourselves inwardly before God! Our fallen thinking processes automatically justify our actions and rationalize our thoughts. Without the Holy Spirit, we are nearly defenseless against our own innate tendencies toward self-deception.

Therefore, if we would be holy, we must first renounce falsehood. In the light of God's grace, having been justified by faith and washed in the sacrificial blood of Jesus, we need not pretend to be righteous. We need only to become truthful.

No condemnation awaits our honesty of heart - no punishment. We have only to repent and confess our sins to have them forgiven and cleansed; if we will love the truth we shall be delivered from sin and self-deception. Indeed, we need to know two things and two things only: the heart of God in Christ and our own hearts in Christ's light.

Are You Happy With Your Harvest

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One day when I was flying into Seattle, I heard the Lord ask me two disturbing questions. The first was innocent enough, "Are you happy with your harvest?" I was beginning to ponder that when he followed up with, "What about the return on My investment?"

Harvest is a difficult thing to consider when you are talking about a life. My Harvest? What is that? Besides, how do I measure it? What is my seed? What outcomes am I pressing for in life. and am I achieving them? The second question though, brings an eternal perspective. God placed seed in my life, he spoke my name into my mothers womb and destined me for a purpose He appointed me to bear good fruit. "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name" (John 15:16).

Sown much, reaped little

At this time, I was studying the book of Haggai, and to my surprise I began to find harvest right there in the minor prophets. For example, God says to Israel: "You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough. You that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes. Thus says the LORD of hosts: Consider then how you have fared" (Hag. 1:6,7).

He is speaking at first literally - you have sown seed and harvested little. You have earned wages, only to loose them. But behind this is a spiritual imperative: are you happy with the harvest? Of course Israel was supposed to reply, "No we are not happy!" to which God can bring some remedy.

Jesus said, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches" (Luke 13:18).

The kingdom of God operates on a seed and growth principle. The smallest seed produces a large tree. Anyone who has traveled the east may well have seen (as I have) a Mustard Tree. Most of the time we only allow the plant to take root and produce one season of seeds for harvest. But Mustard Trees can grow for decades and produce vast amounts of seed.

Seeds don't look like trees!

A mustard seed is small, brown and insignificant. A mustard tree is large, lush, spindly and fruitful. So it is with all trees and plants: Banana seed (those small black dots in your banana), banana tree; apple seed, apple tree; tea seed, tea bush.

One cannot measure the harvest by looking at the seeds. One can not even begin to aim for a harvest of mustard, but looking at a mustard seed. They do not compare. A tiny seed can produce a massive tree - just look at the acorn. God is not asking us to measure the seed, but consider the harvest potential.

As an aside - one therefore does not sow an apple seed expecting to reap apple seeds, one expects apples. Neither does one sow a guitar expecting a guitar, or sow money expecting to reap money! It is not the seed - but the harvest, the fruit we are after. One does not sow a soul to reap a soul in the harvest. One sows the gospel to reap a soul for the Kingdom!

The seed left in the barn

The prophet goes on to ask Israel, "Is there any seed left in the barn? Do the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree still yield nothing?" (Hag. 2:19). Behind God's questions to me that day lay a deeper meaning - have you still seed in your barn? What seed have I held onto because of fear, because of past failure or because of inadequacy.

I know of a man who had two children, beautiful girls. The Lord had promised him a baby boy. For years he and his wife wrestled with this promise, because they were actually very happy with their family the way it was. Besides which, he feared his ability to sire a son. He feared it might also be a girl.

One day I received a call from him, from hospital. "I've just had an operation!" he said, somewhat triumphantly. Yes, he would not have anymore children now. I was heart broken. The seed would stay in the barn, the son promised would never come. The promise would not see fulfillment. But how many of us are the same? What kind of operation, what kind of avoidance, what cover have we hidden under, only to hear God call our name?

Sowing good seed

The next thing I consider, once I have determined to sow seed, and find my field, is this - what kind of seed do I sow? "He put before them another parable: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field" (Matt. 13:24).

Not just any seed, it must be carefully prepared, well selected, good seed. I live in a rural district where lots of farming goes on. My neighbour - Andy owns many thousands of acres. One day I was in the field with his son, asking him about how he chooses his crops. One year wheat, the next year canola, the next year fallow. He told me about crop rotation, and climate and season.

But then his son, Murray floored me with this. "Seed selection actually goes a lot further than you might think. We work with the CSIRO on developing seed. We assist them in creating better crops. We take the best of last years' crop, and grow a new generation of seed for the harvest"! Wow, how that principle could apply in life!

Harvest of righteousness

When the topic of seedtime and harvest comes up, most of us go straight to thinking about money. We have heard Malachi 3 on tithes, we have heard so many sermons on giving, money and seed. But this has been to the detriment of considering the broader range of harvest available to us. Eternal reward, abundant harvest.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul begins by covering suffering, offense, the new covenant, the gospel, resurrection, judgment day, reconciliation to the gospel, the marks of true ministry, and then he turns to the subject of giving. In chapter 8 he thoroughly covers the need to excel in giving, taking up collections, donations for needs and the issue of motives. He starts chapter 9 by saying "It is unnecessary for me to write any further to you about giving" (vs 1). They are willing and eager.

So he moves up - he moves on to the subject of sowing and harvest. He says if we sow sparingly we reap sparingly (vs 6). He says God loves a cheerful giver (vs 8) then makes the point that God will make GRACE abound toward you (vs 9). That's right. Not money. grace. "Always having all sufficiency in all things". That's right - all things. Then this:

"Now may He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits [harvest] of your righteousness." (2 Cor. 9:10)

1. There is bread for eating, and seed for sowing. Don't eat your seed and sow your bread!

2. He will supply and multiply only the seed you have sown, Seed in the store house does not multiply. Only seed sown, released, let go can multiply.

3. The result of it all is an increased harvest of RIGHTEOUSNESS!

Your harvest tested

The sobering point about God's second question to me is this - He IS looking for results. My harvest is being and will be measured. "Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, the work of each builder will become visible. it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test it." (1 Cor. 3:12,13).

The parable of the steward also shows us that God left mankind with the "stuff". The master "went away" and gave his kingdom to us (Matt. 25:14,15). At the end of the day, there will be an accounting for all that we have been given. How are you using your "stuff"?

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Anchor Yourself In Me

Susan Cummings

I say unto you, Beloved, anchor yourself in Me. Be found to be rooted and grounded in Me.
Be found with oil in your lamp and My Name written upon your hearts and minds.
Take not your eyes off of My face and do not let go of Me.
For many waver at this time, as they look around at the events that take place, and have stopped inquiring of My Face.

Do not leave the place of Grace that I have given to you, but remain at My side.
Do not let fear in you abide, but quickly shake loose all of the demonic slime.
It is time to return to Me and set your face against the roaring seas.
Fear will cause you to loose your grip and then into the enemy's hand you will slip.
But, My Life and Light, will strengthen your faith and vision as you continue to abide.

All restraints will continue to fall away as men give place to their desires and ways.
Greater turmoil and darkness will envelop the rebellious as they move further away from Me.
But you are called to walk closer to me and in greater intimacy.
Anchor yourself to Me, and cleave wholly unto Me, this day.
Reasoning and wisdom will flee away as men run swiftly to their choices.
Hearts will fail as fear roots deeply within, for men have chosen their ways, over Mine, and so it now deepens.
Waves of unrest will come ashore, as the hearts and minds are tossed amongst the worldly uproar.

Not so, with you.
In Me, be found, and learn to deeper abide.
For it is in Me, that you will live and hide.
Not to be just hidden, but to be found as alive, preserved through the hour that comes with the night.
All will pass through on this twilight cry.
For the ears of men have heard the cry, now they will walk with their paths set.
For the days of men have been given into their hands, as the Fiery breath now passes over the lands.
Each will carry their own lot and fate, as the choices have been made.
Now the paths will each cross and mate as the camps have drawn their lots for the hour.

All that is anchored in Me will stand and be found in My Holy Light.
For the darkness moves in deeper, as the twilight comes forth, and soon the last wave will come ashore.
The seas will roar and the winds will blow and all that is not rooted will pass through the dark flow.
But Mine will stand and be seen in the midst, and be full of My Fire as the last witnesses.
Great will be the Display of My House in the great Night, as the full recompense is reaped and met.
Ears to hear and eyes to see, have all those who walk intimately with Me.
Darkness and Glory will ride side by side, separating the wheat and the tares in the Holy Fight.
Holy Flames burning in My Hands, anchored deeply in Me, burning across the lands.
Rising up now, as the final prophetic sands fall through the hourglass.

Stand, faith believing, in Me.
For I have fully equipped thee, and will now reveal Myself to thee, as you stand, anchored in Me.
Let go of all that distracts and hinders you, and move freely.
For the Hour of Release is upon you, as I finalize the whole Body.
For I am the Anchor that upholds thee, and is within thee, as you walk with Me.
Come, and abide in Me, and My Glory you will see.
For this time, you were born to destiny.

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Are You In A Difficult Situation? Rejoice!

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Opportunity for Sons and Daughters of the King

The seedbed of the fruit of the Spirit is New Testament church life. Of course, one main seedbed of this fruit is family life. This is why both church life and family life are under such an assault in our times. However, it is during these times that the greatest church life and the greatest families will emerge.

We know that the Lord Jesus could have bound the devil and taken possession of the world immediately after His resurrection, as He had fully purchased it by the cross. However, before taking possession of this world, He wanted to give an opportunity for many others to become sons and daughters of the King. Their faithfulness would be proven by them enduring the onslaught of the world and the devil, and remaining faithful.

The Greatest Fruit of the Spirit is Grown in the Most Difficult Conditions

Since the Fall, the devil has had a boast that the Lord's crowning creation, mankind, which He created especially to have fellowship and to dwell with, when given the choice, chose evil over righteousness, even when living in the most perfect conditions. Because of this, the devil boasts that, given the choice, all of creation will choose his ways over the Lord's ways. Before the end comes, the Lord will have a people who will have ended this boast. Even in the darkest of times, in the worst conditions, against the onslaught of all that hell and the world can throw at them, they will remain faithful, choosing righteousness over evil to obey God rather than the evil one. In this way, they will even become witnesses to principalities and powers, as well as the rest of creation, that God and His truth will always ultimately triumph.

Therefore, the greater the trial, the greater the witness. Even the angels will admit that the faithful church, which has endured the greatest of trials and remained faithful, is worthy to be their judges. For this reason, the greatest fruit of the Spirit is grown in the most difficult conditions, which is why we are given the important exhortation in **James 1:2-4,12**:
"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

"And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

"Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (NASB)

Increase Occurs When We Press Past Our Previous Limits

Just as a runner's endurance does not increase until they press past their previous limits, our faith does not grow until we are placed in conditions that require more faith than we have had before. Our love does not grow until we are placed in a situation where it requires more than we have had before. The same is true of our patience, our peace, and so on. For this reason, for as long as we remain on the path of life, we can expect to be going through some trials that are helping us to grow. When we learn this, these trials do not become something to be avoided, but embraced as opportunities and the joy that James talked about.

As Francis Frangipane has said, "We never fail one of God's tests -- we just keep taking them until we pass." I think most of us are now ready to stop having to take the same tests over and over, so let's pass them and move on. Then we shall receive the reward that God gives to all who pass His tests --

even bigger ones!

This is true: the bigger the trial, the bigger the opportunity to enter into the kingdom. This truth strengthened saints in the first century, as we are told in **Acts 14:22**: ***" . . . strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, 'Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God'" (NASB)***. Only the weak, immature, or deceived fail to see trials as gateways into the kingdom and opportunities to grow in the fruit of the Spirit, which is to grow up into Christ.

Those who want to live lives of escape, where they can avoid all trials, are those who will fail to mature. The sad thing is that they will have trials anyway because of the failure to face them, and be increasingly defeated by them instead of strengthened. These go from defeat to defeat, usually growing in self-pity instead of the nature of the Lord. Once we learn how overcoming a trial strengthens us in the Lord and how much sweeter victory tastes, learning to go from victory to victory and to never leave a situation in defeat, we begin to see greater trials as the opportunity to taste even sweeter victories, leading us deeper into the kingdom.

Does God Tempt Men with Evil?

God does not tempt men with evil, but we are told throughout the Scriptures that the Lord does test the righteous. There is a difference between a test and a temptation, though a temptation may be a test. The Lord tested Adam and Eve by placing the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden. This was not done to cause them to sin. There could have been no true obedience if there was no freedom to disobey. Likewise, there can be no true worship if there is no freedom not to worship. It is for this reason that there must be freedom for there to be true worship. This freedom requires that we choose.

We must choose to believe. We most choose to love. We must choose to be patient. We must choose the fruit of the right tree. Adam and Eve could have complained that if the Lord did not want them to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, why did He put it right in the middle of the Garden, and why did He make it so appealing? Because it would not have been a test if it had not been appealing. And like that tree, most of our tests are placed right in the middle of our lives -- where it is very difficult not to face them.

We can make the same complaints: "Lord, why don't You just bind Satan now so that he can't tempt us? Why don't You just remove the temptations?" Then it would not be a test of our faith, love, and devotion, and we would not grow. We must understand that the harder the trial, the more the Lord thinks of us, not less. In fact, it should concern us greatly if we are not going through trials or if we are not being disciplined by the Lord. We are told this in one of the most important exhortations in Scripture, which I quote below, and encourage you to read it carefully.
The written Word of God is the seed, the fertilizer, and the water required for us to bear the true fruit of the Spirit:
"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

"For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart. You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons,
'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.'

"It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

"Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness.

"All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

"Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed." **Hebrews 12:1-13**

"God Always Leads Us in His Triumph in Christ"

If we are going to bear fruit, we cannot keep wasting our trials, but must be resolved to believe God and trust in the sure fact that He: ***" . . . always leads us in His triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place"*** **(II Corinthians 2:14, NASB)**.

We are also encouraged by His sure Word that: ***" . . . we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified*** **(Romans 8:28-30, NASB)**.

This is the sure Word of God that will never fail! We can only fail if we quit living according to His Word. Just as the first thing the devil did to cause Adam and Eve to stumble was to get them to doubt God's Word, we must, above all things, resolve to hold fast to His Word, knowing that it is true.

All of God's tests are open book tests where the answers are readily available to us. However, just knowing the answers are not enough -- we must live them. The real test of whether we believe the Lord is whether we live according to His Word. Determine today and every day that you will not run from the tests, but resolve to recognize them and pass them.

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A Year Of Accountability

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2005 Proving To Be A Year Of Accountability
May 19th, 2005

As has been mentioned here and posted on our website (www.lighthouseprophecy.com) are several prophetic words about this very significant year in which we now live. This has indeed proven to be a year of the strictest accountability before God. In December of 2004 God began to speak to a number of prophetic men and women about accountability issues in 2005. Accountability is nothing more than the acceptance of truth, and our willingness to move toward that truth, even when it hurts - exposes sin or shortcomings in us etc.,

I am convinced that a man of true accountability moves toward truth in a true transparent nature, and no matter the depth of his missteps with God he will be restored. Every thing hidden will be revealed and God allows us, in dealing with accountability, to come forward on our terms, or be exposed by His judgment and brought forward on His. Accountability is God's LAST ORDERED STEP before judgment. If we are not able to make ourselves accountable judgment falls, and has often been said on this site, "God's judgment is not against us but for us because it forces us to accept and often do what we will not accept and do on our own. In His mercy, His judgment comes as punishment for those He loves. As scripture tells us, He chastens those He loves. Sons are chastened bastards are not!

2005 has also been mentioned as "The Year Of Positioning." It is only now, this fifth month of the year that I am beginning to understand the inextricable link between 'Accountability' and 'Positioning.' As the prophetic words of late 2004 and EARLY 2005 state, 2005 is a critical year in us getting positioned spiritually, physically, financially, and emotionally for what is to come in 2006 and beyond. Accountability, like the thrust of a rocket engine, will move us into perfect position before God.

In revealing this prophetic word, I saw a bucket in a yard. There was a hard rain falling. I saw the bucket in many different positions, the optimum of which was right side up that it might catch the greatest amount of rain (falling water). I saw this bucket turned upside down catching no rain, tipped sideways catching some rain. God said to me, "The position of the bucket determines the amount of rain one will receive from Me. Tell my people that 2005 is the year to get into proper position for what I will do in 2006 and beyond. The bucket you saw in various positions represents the various positions that people will find themselves beyond this year. The rain represents my favor and blessing, and the greatest favor and blessing any man can receive is fulfillment of his destiny, my purpose for his life upon the earth."

God desires us to catch all the rain possible as the rain represents His favor, purpose and destiny, and power being released into His true church (Body). We are given this year 2005 to pray and move as His Spirit leads, and much of what the Spirit is leading us into is being accountable where we have fallen short, moving into a higher realm spiritually, developing a deeper more abiding one-on-one relationship with the Father, WALKING IN THE AUTHORITY WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN (SPIRITUAL AND NATURAL). Where we have fallen short of God's Word and Authority in a situation, we must be willing to make the Word authority in that situation. Where sin has been exposed in us we must be willing to acknowledge it before God and man. When we have sinned against another, we must be willing to acknowledge it accordingly - these are all examples of true accountability issues.

True accountability produces proper positioning, which sets us up for God's greatest benefit, our true inheritance. When true accountability is in full operation there is no room for pride, denial, or false images: WE CANNOT HIDE FROM GOD! Man's greatest hindrance to receiving his full inheritance IS HIMSELF. Man's fallen nature, as with Adam after the fall, is to hide from God, unwilling to face truth about one's self. This fallen nature places a premium on image with little regard for true condition of heart. Where truth is, there is power. Truth ignites God's power like a match ignites gunpowder. Where there is no truth there is no power. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." When we lack a true fear of the Lord we will always lack the power to overcome sin in our life. According to scripture, "Anything that is not done by faith is sin." Our good works are poor substitutes for hearing and obeying God. THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD HEAR THE LORD. We can only have faith for what we have heard God say to us personally. Faith comes by having heard God speak to us – this is the privilege of eating from The Tree Of Life – Communion with God!

True accountability in us is a sweet smell in the nostrils of God and will invoke His favor almost instantaneously. One's spiritual accountability before God can be seen in the physical realm. God's power operates through those who are accountable. It is my personal belief that His power operating in us is directly proportional to our accountability before Him. The greatest display of God's true power in a man is his life; his testimony that contains no shortage of consistency. The most powerful men on earth are those who get their prayers answered.

It is most important here to understand that I am not referring to 'the gifts' as His power; "the gifts are without repentance," but rather God's power which He invest in His trusted Sons. Understanding this difference here is a key to understanding how "the very elect will be deceived were it possible." "Do you look on things in the outward appearance" (2 Corinthians 10:7)? We are so guilty of judging Godliness in seeing an external gift operate.

The power I am referring to is the character of God in a man; his fear of God is far greater than his fear of man, his willingness to be accountable before God, to die to himself, to have no identity, to be a nobody, to hear and obey, to give his life if called to do so. These are the elements of God's true power – a surrendered man! Some in the TV ranks and even in local churches who operate in the gifts of God are anything but surrendered, yet men who need a king flock to them like sheep to the slaughter.

Our testimony unlike our doctrine can never be argued. We are what our life says we are. "How will a man overcome? By the blood of the Lamb and the Words of his testimony" (Revelation 12:11). Unlike what is taught in much of what we call church, revelation is not what I know; it is what I walk in. My testimony (my life) and the Word I teach must be one in the same. If not, I am no more than a barking dog spewing out scripture in an effort to convince man that I am the real thing! The true character of God can ONLY be found in true Sons of God, those who are led by His Spirit (Romans 8:17). They only speak what they walk in because they know they are only qualified to talk about what is real in their lives. They know they are not complete in other areas, and recognize there is little anointing to take others where they themselves have not been. They are quick to acknowledge their imperfections and sin.

One of our greatest enemies to finding true accountability is our preconceived mindset of what we think Christianity is all about; how we think a Christian should act or look, conduct himself, etc., Often our religious tradition disables us from truly hearing God speak to us. We eat from The Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil, judging others by our standards, not Gods, and in so doing positioning ourselves to be resisted by God. God resist our pride and pride is always the instigator of our judgment. When we eat from this wrong tree we induce the most dangerous of conditions; the inability to eat from The Tree Of Life, losing the ability to hear God. It is probably important to mention here that our often erroneous judgment of "good" is just as dangerous as our penchant to judge what is "bad."

We often look upon works, pleasantness, outward image, great preaching ability, healing the sick, working miracles as THE POWER. These are simply images or 'gifts,' which are not necessarily linked to the character of God. God's character is found in man's level of surrender and willingness to obey God at all cost. Look at a man's life (his testimony), not his command of scripture, his ability to heal, to give great prophecy, words of knowledge or wisdom. We need discernment more than any gift God can give in this hour!

Crisis will always produce reality (what we truly believe). God's character will always produce God's power in times of crises; and all we have when a crisis has ended is our conduct during it! Our conduct is our testimony! A crisis doesn't make the man, but certainly does reveal him to himself. As an example, we have dealt with much sickness in our family in recent weeks. What I have discovered about these crisis situations is my lack of revelation about healing. Seldom do our circumstances change without something in us changing first. This adverse circumstance has sent me headlong into prayer and repentance and fervent desire to understand the character of God about healing. What you respect you will attract. What you are missing in your life is something you do not yet value greatly. What I am discovering in these circumstances of sickness is that God's power and authority has always been available to me, yet I have failed repeatedly to operate in it for others or myself.

Another profound revelation has emerged in me this year – When I do not operate in the authority I have been given in a specific situation, I will become the victim in that situation. It is my choice, victory or victim! This is true in both the natural and spiritual realm. When I operate in my appointed position of authority I always walk in victory. When I fail to do so I always become the victim. This too is a major accountability issue.

The simplicity of one's willingness to be accountable before God cannot be understood in our natural thinking. It is a spiritual phenomenon that will align us with God quickly and empower us greatly.

Seven months remain in 2005 - a year of accountability and positioning.

Comments: 2005 - A Year Of Positioning!

Clay Sikes
May 21, 2005

Dear List Members,

I have included two very interesting comments about the posted word on Thursday, '2005 Proving To Be A Year Of Positioning!' The warnings given in these prophecies have proved most accurate to me and others close to me, especially in the areas of accountability, guarding your boundaries, and positioning.

These two responses also seem to align with this word...Clay.

Boy, clay, this lines up with the word a while back about being watchmen on our walls. My warning to others, unfortunately from recent experience, is to guard your boundaries. I allowed a rapid fire of painful events to wear me down and in that condition allowed the "cares" to scream over the voice of the Lord. Now Im paying the price, but the bottom line is I know God well enough to know He must have warned me.

So, if it helps anyone out there, keep watch not just over your walls, but IN your walls. Sometimes those closest and dearest to you are the very ones who launch attacks. Keep your place of peace, where you can hear the Spirit. It took a wonderful councilor to teach me to breathe again and return to stillness. If the cares of your world are spinning you out of controll and zapping every once of strength, ASK for help from councilors, friends, family, pastors, whoever! Prayer partners yes, but sometimes natural, practical help...like learning to breathe.

God's judgment is not fun..trust me on that one, yet in the middle of this natural pain, I thank Him everyday for loving me enough to stop me before I went over the edge. First words from my mouth every morning.

Dana

From :Lori,

Content :Mr. Sikes:

I don\'t claim to be prophetic by any means. I do love our Lord and strive for obedience to his word through his blood. The Lord put on my spirit back in May of 2003 that he was positioning his people. My husband and I made a physical move a couple of months later. I always believed that the positioning was for all of God\'s people at that time.

My brother (Kent Johnston) fowarded me your prophecy for the 2005 year. I was very interested to see the prophecy on Positioning. I then subscribed myself to your website. I received your e\'mail today about your vision of a bucket. I also had a dream about a bucket this past Fri. night. Only in my bucket money was being dropped. As I heard the money dropping in the clear bucket, I turned to look and there was soil all in the bucket with money pressed to the sides. I said pour the soil out so that we can fill it with more money. A voice said to me no, there must be soil in the bucket for it to be planted as a seed in order for a harvest to produce. I was unsure what the dream meant.

I do know that all that we do and give must be a seed in order for God to produce a harvest. God doesn\'t just want our money, or our gifts, or our good works. Everything has to be given to God as a seed and he will produce the harvest. We may not ever see the harvest. We must give to God in faith trusting that he will produce a harvest for his glory. Thank you for your time.

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A Year Of Breakthrough
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January 1st 2004

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To the Saints/ Priest of the Lord,
I am hearing a year of breakthrough-of breaking forth is upon you.
Old doors, new doors....
Closed doors , open doors.
I am seeing a corridor of doors-
Doors that have been closed behind you,
And is closing as you come upon them..
But up ahead, I see an open door-
It has your name on it.
It’s for you to walk through-
Open doors of opportunities-
Closed doors of the past-
Of tradition.
Behold. I do a new thing.
Step forth.
Keep walking,
because the door isn’t that far ahead.
There’s still some doors in front of you that will be shutting,
But know that there’s a door not too far ahead
That has your name on it.
Remember that in days ahead- in days to come.

I AM before you
And I AM behind you.
I AM is with you- as you seek me
I will have made a way
It is unfolding.
You have yet to know the depth of the things I have called you to.
You have only begun to touch the surface-

The tip of the iceberg.
I am doing a great thing-
A wonderful thing.
This is a year of unfolding.. More of me-
It’s a year of breaking forth!!!
The things that have held you back have been of me
I am working in you to my plan
It’s not what you think..
But as you spend time in my presence..
More will unfold.
I sense the Lord calling you to a time of
Like a sabbatical of time-
A space of time
taking some time
Of just getting into his presence
Of soaking in his presence
In the solitude of your home
Put on some worship music
and just dwell in his goodness-
Soak up in him
Minister to him.. In worship
A time of ministering to him.
There’s more to unfold.
And he is wanting more of you.
Right now I speak over you ….. (blessings) proclamations …
Increase, prospering in him…
A year filled with more of him to overflowing.

A Year Of Positioning
Clay Sikes

2005 - A Year Of Positioning!
Jan 9, 2005

God is beginning to birth His true Church as "the Sons of God" begin to manifest in the earth. Those coming into Sonship (Romans 8:14) are being tested as never before, as the heat of God's fire intensifies. Many of God's "called" men and women continually fight through the afflictions of the darkest oppression, winning victory after victory as they near the season of their 'time.' A great separation and joining continues as men's hearts are tested and revealed. To those who repent at the revelation of an unclean heart, the journey continues. To those in denial, the journey ends.

What is God's purpose for the 'Sons of God'? To vest His corporate authority upon His Church; an authority that exudes the character, revelation, and power of God to all who come in contact with it. What are the objectives of these Sons? To raise a Body/Church that is without spot or wrinkle – a corporate work that is pleasing to the Father, which is totally controlled by the Holy Spirit - every man must hear God as to his part in this work.

As this yet small victorious assembly begins to emerge locally and internationally, the attacks of the anti-Christ spirit will test and expose the true motives in the hearts of men. As the Corporate Christ begins to come together as a remnant Body, even some in that Body will be separated (Matthew 22:14). If we are to be part of the promised seed of God we must distinguish between that which is blessed of God, and that which is "chosen." There are many ministries today which are anointed and blessed, but are still works of the flesh, having their origin in the minds and strivings of men; not in the heart of God. Like Saul, their leadership and anointing will pass. While Saul enjoyed the blessing and following of the people, David appeared cursed, and so will God's chosen until the appointed time.

Saul's hatred for David, like Ishmael's for Isaac will surface against God's chosen, often from within our own ranks. There is enmity between that which is born of the flesh and that which is born of the Spirit. David would not take the authority for himself but waited patiently, even during intense persecution for God to establish him. Retaliation and self-promotion will not be found in that which is truly born of the God's Spirit. Those who allow circumstances to antagonize them into retaliation or self-promotion will find themselves disqualified.

Glenn Jackson recently wrote, "If we take action to vindicate a wrong done to us, then we prohibit God from righting the wrong. By taking action, we have taken His right of Lordship away from Him in that area of our lives. Even the act of holding unwholesome thoughts against those who have come against us hinders God from working on our behalf…As one walks in absolute (perfect) love, then God will be free to wholly vindicate us." I have failed miserably in this area of my life; I know it, admit it, confess it, and ask God's forgiveness.

What then is the difference between the "called" and the "chosen?" The distinguishing feature between flesh and spirit is the fear of the Lord (obedience). The fear of God is greater than the fear of men or circumstances. An ultimate tests for the "chosen" is deciding who is feared the most, men and circumstances or God. The spiritual nature of man must rule over the soulish (emotional/intellectual) nature. This conflict rages within all being prepared for 'Sonship.' Spirit draws unto Spirit; soul draws unto soul (flesh). God's chosen will always yield to that which is spirit, just as truth will be rejected by those who love pride, self-promotion, and men's approval. The "chosen" of God are those who fear Him the most. Winning the approval of men no longer rules. Being liked and popular has faded as a necessary part of their personality.

As God continues to separate us from the ways of men and those who practice such ways, we will soon find ourselves in a unique company of believers, who on the surface, share common beliefs in coming out of the Babylonian World's System (Revelation 18:4). It is in this unique company (assembly) that God unmask us even more, as those with righteous motives are separated from those with unrighteous motives. This separation will be the most painful. This statement, I know in advance, seems harsh and unchristian, but I ask you to test it.

March on O soldier of God! Be of good cheer, for the Lord of host is orchestrating the events of your life (Romans 11:36). Remain steadfast, unwavering, undeterred, as hell's assault will soon fade into the fiery pit from which it came. Through the smoke and dying embers of your hard fought battle you will emerge victorious, a mighty man (woman) with a mighty purpose. Hail King Jesus, our Lord, our King, arise in the hearts of men that your will be done on earth.

Assume Your Positions

Cindy McGill

August 27, 2005

We are being trained to keep the promise in front of us. The Lord is establishing His purpose and building His kingdom on the earth. There are things the enemy has tried to throw our way so discouragement can settle in and rob us of our destiny. Paul exhorted Timothy (1 Timothy 1:18) to war a good warfare by the prophecies given to him:

> *"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, Things all around us are moving rapidly, but it is important that we assume our post. It is time to stand and see the salvation of God."*

Towels Thrown In

I saw a pile of towels heaped up. But I looked again and the Lord was picking up the towels and throwing them back to the ones who have wanted to quit. This is not the time to quit. It is the time to advance. God is positioning you for the plan and purpose He has for you. It is His strength, His wisdom, His authority, and His instruction to **"GO."** The very arenas that have been challenging us, are the areas God is going to give us more favor and anointing.

Have Faith in God

Several months ago, I had this dream about faith. I was on a platform and before me were two barrels. On one, the word "doubt" was printed. I reached down to pick it up, and it seemed weightless and empty. It was very easy to pick up in my own strength. I looked to the side of it, and there was another barrel with the word "faith" on it. I bent down to pick it up, and it wouldn't move. I asked God, in the dream, why I was not able to lift up the "faith" barrel. He responded by saying it was a "substance". Then He instructed me to use the measure of faith He had given me, and He would put His faith with it and try to lift it again. I bent down and this time the barrel went up over my head.

I knew, when I woke up, that faith is the key to everything we do in God.
In **Mark 11:20-24**, it says:

> *"Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, 'Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.' So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.'"*

In other words, have the "God" kind of faith. Christ's strength is always made perfect in our weakness. We do our part in exercising our measure of faith, and God does the rest. As we continue to use our faith, we will grow in faith. Jesus is always looking for demonstrations of faith. Without it, we cannot please God. All through Scripture, we find Him blessing those who used their faith and sternly instructing those who displayed no faith at all -- many times, asking them where their faith is. God would not ask us to **"GO"** and then not display His power in the places He sends us. The harvest is RIPE.

Honor the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is present to impact the ones we are encountering as we go. These "Power encounters" radically change people's lives. When we give Him room to do what He wants -- He does. People are then impacted with the Spirit of Truth, the Healer, the Worker of Miracles, the Prophet, the Interpreter of Dreams, and so on. As we look into the lives of past evangelists, they used faith and honored the Holy Spirit. Signs, wonders and miracles were documented by their ministries. Katherine Kuhlman, Smith Wigglesworth, William Branham, Maria Woodworth-Etter, just to name a few, understood that honoring the Holy Spirit birthed the power that was demonstrated in their ministries. The testimonies are endless.

Those who know their God

As we assume our positions in this harvest, we are assured that the One who sends us out, will equip us to do the task.

> Daniel 11:32:
> *"Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."*

God is revealing Himself to us as we co-labor with Him to reach into lives of desperate, searching, broken people everywhere. We are truly partakers of a Divine nature.

Let us take our strength in His strength and invade the earth for His Glory. Light dispels darkness. It's "Isaiah Sixty" time.

> *"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 'Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.*
> *'Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; They shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, And I will glorify the house of My glory.'"*

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Are You Pregnant?

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The following is a piece of revelation I shared recently at a conference in Olympia Washington. It is a question I felt impressed by the Lord. A question he would ask us as individuals, and ask us as a church, or even as a movement. It is a parallel between our walk of faith, and the pregnancy of a woman. Please do not be offended by some of the detail of the analogy.

Intimacy

Being pregnant implies there has been intimacy. A man and a woman came together and planted a seed. It is a fair question for our relationship with God. Have we been intimate with him, shared our hearts, our time, given of what is inside of us, to the point we can be trusted with His seed of faith?

Normal flow stops

Once a woman is pregnant, her normal menstrual cycle stops. This is because her body is getting ready to do something different and the normal way of doing things won't work. In fact the normal way of doing things would, in essence, abort the new seed. As God works in our lives, we must seek Him for the new way we must handle His direction and be willing to change to provide the environment for faith to grow.

Body changes

As a baby starts to grow, a woman's body changes. It changes to provide nourishment for the baby, it stretches in places it normally doesn't to make room for growth, etc. As full term grows near, stretch marks may occur as expansion goes beyond the skins ability to stretch normally. Sometimes the skin or body parts never go back to their original state. Are we willing to stretch to allow God to grow in us? Is the mark of prayer and fasting evident in us as we prepare for God's plan to unfold? We are all members of one body. As individual believer's move in faith, does the body prepare to help them bring their faith to completion? Are we helping each other with the new wineskin needed?

Preparation for new life

Couples have lots of things to get ready as the pregnancy progresses. What will we name the baby? The baby's room must be prepared. Money needs to budgeted differently. The other kids in the family have to be prepared for the "new kid on the block" and the time it takes mom and dad with a newborn. These can be fairly drastic changes for a while till things get settled. What about the move of God and how we adjust to it? Is it important to describe or "name" the thing we want to do? What changes in physical location changes, like a "room", need to occur? Will money need to be spent differently and have we been planning for it? How are other people, like existing "kids", impacted?

Check up

As the pregnancy develops, women are checked by the doctor, maybe by trimester, how they are doing. Some women want a specialist, an OB, to watch their progress. They may go in for a sonogram to actually see the baby and check for any potential issues. As we move in faith, who do we go to as a "doctor" to check on our progress in the Lord? A woman needs to let a doctor get to "some pretty sensitive areas" to see how things are. Will we let someone get that close to us? What "technologies" will God use to help us see how we are doing?

Labour

Two things generally start labor. One is if the water breaks. The other is contractions or labor pains. If we liken water to the Spirit, is the move or flow of the Spirit forceful enough for a breakthrough? Will it break through the mindsets we have built around the lives we protect? Are we praying for the seed to come forth, for the faith to be strong, to see the plan of God come to fruition? Paul said he groaned in labor for the maturity of the saints. Contractions are needed because the bodies normal process won't "deliver the goods", in this case. Our normal approach to God won't find His presence. Numbers 24:1 says Balaam did not go as he would normally to soothsay, but sought God in the wilderness where he found the vision of the Almighty. Wilderness or "contraction" is for preparation so we can go the way we have not gone before, Joshua 3:4.

Birth

At birth there is a timing when there is enough dilation or opening to push. Breathing, pacing, understanding the rise and fall of contractions is important to delivery. Emotions can run wild (my feet are cold, my feet are hot, get those socks off!!). Many couples use a breathing coach to practice Lamaze. It teaches you to relax, to focus, to breath when appropriate, etc. This is a time of pace so mom doesn't run out of gas before the last push. It is a time of team effort, of putting into practice what you have learned, of focus on the end product. Just as the prophets were there to help build the wall with the people, so the doctor is there for "hands on" experience in the delivery. As we live our lives together, as we walk in faith, do we have friends and "doctors" or mentors who coach, help with team, help us focus, bring the plan of God into reality?

Joy

David's men at Ziklag partied for three days. There is joy at the delivery of a newborn, fresh life into the world. Congratulations are in order for the parents, especially mom, mum to my Aussie friends! Do we have real relationships that cause us to share our lives together and do we take time out to enjoy each others' lives and company?

After the event

There are two issues left after the baby is born. One is the placenta. That which grew and nurtured the baby to full delivery, now won't do the job anymore. It must be discarded. As a matter of fact, if it is not discarded, it can be a poison to the body. Acts 27 is a story about Paul sailing to Rome and ending up in Malta. The bottom line to the story is they had to throw the cargo overboard and allow the ship to be smashed in order to save themselves. We must look at our lives and the systems we create to live in. If they are not able to hold the wine for the next season, or if they were good for a season but now must be replaced, like a placenta, we need not fear letting them go and pursue new wineskins. It is what saves us in the end, being willing to move on in the Lord.

The other leftover is the baby bears the mark of it's delivery process, the navel. For the work we do for the Lord, does it bear the mark of the delivery of faith? Was the prayer evident? Was the relationship evident? Was the new learning evident? Was the mark of the suffering of Christ evident and was His presence and power displayed? Did He receive the glory?

Are You Truly Gathered In My Name

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Two or more gathered in My name .... here I AM with you in your presence. Yes, I truly delight to meet with My people when they gather in My name in unity, in one accord, seeking My face, My will, and My ways. Although many say they are gathered in My name, they still have their own agenda and that leaves Me out, because I will not join in and anoint something that I did not initiate; therefore, you end up having a meeting in My name and I am not there.

For this greatly grieves My Spirit that I have to partake of a gathering that I have no part in. And I am tired of your solemn assemblies void of My power and life. And many are leaving the assembling of My people to stay at home where they say they are seeking My face, but many are not but are partaking only of the wicked ways of the world, namely watching the TV filling themselves to the brim with the ungodliness and vanity that the enemy offers.

And this grieves Me because if My people who say they are gathered in My name were truly seeking My will for their services, this would not be happening. My people would be joined in unity and would be blessed in My presence, and My will and My ways would be proclaimed. My life and My Spirit would be drawing them closer to each other and to Me. For I long for intimacy with My people. I long for them to be one where My will alone would be proclaimed. How are we to reach the lost in a mighty way if we are not one, with one mind and in one accord, for I am not in unity or agreement with that which I did not initiate.

So seek My face and humble yourselves and turn from your wicked ways of having your own agenda, and I will bless your gatherings in My name. And I will pour out My anointing and My presence in a mighty way. And I will pour out My gifts, and signs and wonders will follow My words. And you will see the healings and deliverances and salvation of your loved ones that you have believed Me for. It is all up to you. You are the one that is holding up the show. I AM ready and I have been ready, but I cannot move where I do not have the complete freedom to do so, says your Lord.

Becoming One As He Is

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John 17:3 ***"And this is eternal life, that they may know You,*** *the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

John 17:9-11: "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for ***they are Yours. "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine,*** *and* ***I am glorified in them.*** *"Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me,* ***that they may be one as We are.***

Eternal life is in knowing the Father and becoming one with the Father and the Son who are one.

Jesus has done a wonderful work of connecting followers with the Father. His work is not fulfilled until we are intimately related to our Heavenly Father.

Jesus and the Father are One. As Jesus abides in us and we abide in Him we are become one with God. This is not to be just a spiritual doctrine but must become a practical reality.

Jesus is glorified IN His followers on earth. Jesus is on earth glorified in His followers. Father's name is hallowed, honored, on earth as Christ lives in His people. Christ in you is the hope of glory and becomes the manifestation of glory when we really become one with Father in intimate relationship.

Religion has clearly shown that it can never produce unity but rather produces denominating and division. Unity is not really a worthy goal to pursue. Unity suggest uniformity and is not the same as oneness. Transformation into oneness through the reality of intimately relating to Jesus and the Father by the Holy Spirit is eternal life, the desire of the Father, and the mission of Jesus.

Without faith it is impossible to please God and without LOVE it is impossible to intimately know God. Abiding in the presence of God and experiencing His passionate pure unconditional love produces complete humility. Brokenness comes as our heart and soul is overcome with the enormity, the depth and the fire of the passion of His love. We are melted together in the liquid fire of His love and truly become one with God.

All who are melted into one with God are also melted into one with one another.

Today many are coming and abiding in the presence of God and becoming one with God. As this is happening walls are crumbling, divisions are melting and the transformation of the people of God is changing the church. Large church group leaders are beginning to become one with home churches cooperating as one. As more continue to soak in the presence and become saturated with God and melted together in love and humility with God, the citywide church under the headship of Christ and meeting in many places is beginning to come into view.

Becoming one with God and one in God causes institutional to become relational, man centered becomes God centered, and high minded ness becomes humility.

Doctrinal debate never purifies doctrine. Abiding in the presence of God changes doctrine as pure revelation of God's word is only possible in the pure love of His presence.

God is Spirit and moves in the supernatural. As we become one in Spirit with God we move in the supernatural

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Beginning To Rain

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While a friend and I worshipped the Lord, He began to sing a word in my ear, and I began typing as the Lord of glory sang. A song of the Lord.........A NEW SONG to His beloved body!

I am not a singer or musician (wish I was, haha), but the Lord sang this in my ear, and I typed as He sang. I was literally overcome by His presence.......tangibly......it felt as if an electric current was pulsating through my entire being, inside and out, every cell......I felt like Abba Father was literally embracing me, consuming me. Beautiful, awesome, nothing compares to His presence, His touch, His love. Oh how I love you Lord!

Read and let it become a **melody in your ear....propelling you forward, upward, onward, higher and higher IN HIM, and then MOVED TO ACTION**. 1 John 4:17b.....as he is, so are we in this world.

It's beginning to rain......can you hear it?
It's beginning to rain......drops of love
It's beginning to rain......sweet refreshing
It's beginning to rain......the former and the latter as ONE.

I'm pouring forth new wine......drink of it freely
I'm pouring forth new wine......My heart in you
I'm pouring forth new wine......now give it away
I'm pouring forth new wine......the best for last.

My river is flowing......let it carry you
My river is flowing......My fire through you
My river is flowing......speak to the mountains
My river is flowing......nothing impossible to you.

Come to Me now......let Me whisper
Come to Me now......mysteries untold
Come to Me now......hear My secrets
Come to me now......I am beckoning you.

Run away with Me, My love......let me hold you
Run away with Me, My love......beauty divine
Run away with Me, My love......behold My glory
Run away with Me, My love......you are forever Mine.

All I have is yours......receive it gladly
All I have is yours......I paid the price
All I have is yours......My blood and My Name
All I have is yours......I in you and you in Me.

Oh beautiful bride, I long to hold you
Oh beautiful bride, My heart's delight
Oh beautiful bride, the day is coming
Oh beautiful bride, eternity ONE.

Go tell the world......that I love them
Go tell the world......I died for all
Go tell the world......I'm waiting for them
Go tell the world......I'm coming again.

My child now hear......listen softly
My child now hear......as I whisper your name
My child now hear......the rhythm of My Spirit
My child now hear......JESUS IS NEAR.

Speak forth My word......you are My voice
Speak forth My word......My sword in the earth
Speak forth My word......with fire and passion
Speak forth My word......and I will bring change.

Do you hear the rumble......war in the heavenlies
Do you hear the rumble......the end is near
Do you hear the rumble......I am coming
Do you hear the rumble......rise up without fear.

Go forth in power......I AM with you
Go forth in power......the blind shall see
Go forth in power......the deaf shall hear
Go forth in power......miracles not seen.

Come away My child, see My glory
Come away My child, splendor untold
Come away My child, your Lord is waiting
Come away My child, My will unfolds.

Fear not My love, nothing can harm you
Fear not My love, angels on guard
Fear not My love, all heaven applauds you
Fear not My love, I'm praying for you.

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Prophet's Speak
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RISE UP AND SHAKE YOURSELVES

Get up.........rise up, shake yourselves off and stand tall, servants of the Most High God, for I AM strong and mighty, and I AM moving......speak, shout, sing, for your GOD is shaking all that will be shaken. Let the shackles fall, wipe the sleep from your eyes, wash your face, and wage war on the enemy.......for I AM WITH YOU, I AM IN YOU, AND I HAVE MUCH TO SAY THROUGH YOU.

PROPHET'S.....PROPHESY

No longer hold back, no longer remain silent, for My word is in you......I HAVE SPOKEN & I AM SPEAKING................let it pour forth................ root out, pull down, destroy, throw down, build, and plant. Do you not yet realize that MY WORDS OUT OF YOUR MOUTH WILL DO THIS?????? SPEAK FORTH THE WORD OF YOUR GOD! It is not you, BUT I. As you speak, My word will indeed root out, pull down, destroy, throw down, build and plant. This is why you were born. This is what I have purposed. This is My call on your life.

Prophets......PROPHESY! Prophets......PROPHESY! Prophets......PROPHESY!

I'M SENDING THE HUNGRY - RELEASE LIFE

Release LIFE, speak LIFE.......to all those that come before you with a need. Speak LIFE to all that appears dead. I am sending the hungry, the broken, the down trodden, the lame................SPEAK FORTH MY WORD TO THEM. Freely ye have received, freely give.

It is TIME, MY TIME, for My prophets TO WALK IN MY ANOINTING in power and demonstration.

DO MIGHTY EXPLOITS

Every hindrance, every fear, every opposing thought...........LAY IT DOWN THIS DAY, and go forward BY THE POWER OF MY SPIRIT, and DO MIGHTY EXPLOITS, for I, THE LORD AM WITH YOU. My word out of your mouth shall be a sword that will cut through every lie, deception, and stronghold, setting the captives free, releasing the bound to liberty, and opening the eyes of the blind. Speak forth My word with boldness, and I shall perform it, says the Lord of Hosts.

Believing For Breakthrough
Catherine Brown

BELIEVING FOR BREAKTHROUGH - WHEN THERE IS NO VISIBLE SIGN OF BREAKTHROUGH

Have you ever found yourself in a state of affairs where you are believing God for breakthrough in a situation where there is no visible sign of breakthrough? When there is simply no tangible sign on the earth of what we have received as Kingdom promises in our heart? Me too!

Whilst meditating recently on this particular subject, the Lord blessed me with some pearls of wisdom as I studied Matthew 3 and 4. From this short study I believe there are some valuable principles that we may lay hold of by faith, today, as we believe for breakthrough in our personal, community, or international situations.
In the early part of Matthew 3 we read of John the Baptist, who came preaching in the desert saying, ***"Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is near."*** Jesus described John as a prophet (Matthew 11:9), and the Scriptures point to John as the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (Isaiah 40:3).

"John the Baptist Continues to be a Prophetic Message to the Church Now"

In essence, John becomes a prophetic message to the Church then, and continues to be a prophetic message to the Church now.
In order to understand what this means, we need to consider the essence of the message John brought.

BECOME ONE WITH CHRIST THROUGH PURITY AND REPENTANCE TO BRING THE KINGDOM

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." **Matthew 3:2**
Confession and genuine repentance lead to purity of heart *through our being forgiven, accepted, and adopted as sons by Christ Jesus*. John pointed to Christ as the Lamb of God and the Savior of the World. Our lives ought also to reflect Christ's Messiah-ship in order that others can come to a saving knowledge of His Truth.

PREPARE FOR THAT WHICH IS COMING

"Prepare the way for the Lord." **Matthew 3:3**

John was all about making straight paths for the Lord; in other words, his preaching, his lifestyle, his words, his thoughts, and his actions pointed to the necessity to remove every obstacle that would keep us from God's love in Christ and the power and compassion of the Cross of Calvary.
John lived to exalt the Lord. May we likewise emulate John's surrender to Christ in our own walks of faith, allowing the Holy Spirit to illuminate and remove any sin, wrong mindset, or lack of faith that prevents us from honoring God with our whole beings.

WE PRODUCE FRUIT BY BEING HUMBLE

"Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." **Matthew 3:8**
Perhaps we might describe the fruit of repentance as a broken and a contrite spirit (which the Bible says God esteems -- see Isaiah 66:2).

"Our Lives Become Totally Transformed . . . "

Our hearts become marinated in the grace of God, our minds saturated in the reality of His total forgiveness, and our spirits are awakened to the reality of the kindness of Christ as our personal

Savior and Lord. Our lives become totally transformed by God's love through the Holy Spirit. What a privileged position of agape (love) given unconditionally to all who seek Christ with humble hearts. John continually pointed people to the Christ and the Cross -- where our sins, our sickness, our death, and our poverty are exchanged in the Blood Sacrifice of Christ for forgiveness, health, life, and abundance.

GROW IN PASSION FOR THE BRIDEGROOM

"To this John replied, 'A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said, "I am not the Christ but am sent ahead of him." The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less.'" **John 3:27-30**

"The Smaller We Are, the Bigger God Can Be in Our Lives!"

John calls the Church (the Bride) to holy union with her Bridegroom King, Christ Jesus. Part of believing is belonging. Attaining such a place of abiding in the Father heart of God *releases us to untold joy*. We should be a cheerful bride! John's message was wrapped up in a genuine understanding of the position of Christ as Bridegroom King.
The ongoing message of decrease calls us to humility and servant hood, whereby Christ is exalted. *The smaller we are the bigger God can be in our lives!*

A TIME TO PRUNE

"The axe is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." **Matthew 3:10**

In the context of this Scripture, John was addressing the religious people of the day. Specifically, I believe he wanted the Jewish people to come to a revelatory understanding that their natural lineage to Abraham could not bring them to into a position of righteousness; this comes not by works, but by faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ. May God deliver us from any religious bondage today that we might be a pure and spotless bride.

[Romans 4 is just one excellent link Scripture if you wish to study the topic of justification by faith alone.)

THE WILDERNESS THAT BIRTHS POWER ENCOUNTERS

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." **Matthew 3:11,12**

Matthew 3 and Matthew 4 are two desert/wilderness experiences placed back to back, with a message on harvest interwoven throughout. John reveals Jesus not only as the Lamb of God, but also as the Harvest King endowed with omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence.
John clearly enunciated that any encounter with Jesus was a power encounter of profound proportions that would rock our world! Over and over he compelled the people to receive the message of the coming King.
John was a soul winner. We have a similar calling. I pray for a fresh baptism of God's love and Spirit on each one of us today, in the name of Jesus.

A CALL TO PIONEER

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness . . . " **Matthew 3:3**
John was a forerunner for Jesus, pioneering the eternal message of the Gospel in his generation. He broke the mold and dressed differently, spoke differently, and acted differently for the sake of Christ,

defying religious convention of his day.
He was bold for God, immersed and consumed with serving God and seeing the people embrace purity.
It's time to come out of our church buildings and bless our communities and streets in Jesus' love.

BARREN BUT BLAMELESS

John was a much-loved son. His parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, endured their own spiritual desert prior to the long awaited birth of their apostolic son. The Bible says, ***"Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly, but they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years"*** **(Luke 1:6,7)**.

"John Believed for Breakthrough Before His King Came"

The Lord knew at exactly what point in history he wanted John to be born. John literally came out of the desert when he began his proclamation of the coming Christ. One thing we can glean from the Scriptures is that Kingdom forerunners cannot evade the desert experience. It is an integral part of our training. A desert experience is one when it appears that the manifest presence of Jesus is not with us, but we believe God for breakthrough despite or, perhaps, even because of this.

John believed for breakthrough *before* his King came. His words were full of passionate and powerful exhortation, warning people of the coming judgment for those who would not accept the mercy of Christ. John creatively preached and spoke of Jesus as Savior, Lord, King, and Bridegroom.

YOU ARE ABOUT TO BE REWARDED FOR YOUR PERSEVERANCE

Ultimately, John was rewarded for his perseverance when Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. What a moment this must have been for John, who had proclaimed, prophesied, and longed for the time when he would see his Savior face to face. ***"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world."***
Finally, John broke through in the desert and found the face of Jesus Christ and heard the voice of God in a moment of heart-stopping, life-changing prophetic fulfillment.

"John Was Rewarded for His Perseverance When Jesus Came"

Jesus is the One who brings breakthrough. All we have to do is trust Him, receive His love, and continue to walk in obedience to His call on our lives.

May you be enveloped in the beauty and the sweetness of the aroma of Christ. Believe for breakthrough -- it is coming!

Yours in Jesus' love,

Bread for Hungry Hearts
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Are You Listening?

My Children,
Are you listening? Are you listening? I am speaking through My prophets. I am sending forth My word. I am speaking through the elements. I have spoken through the winds and through the water and through the earth. Are you listening?

Change. Change. Change! Truly things are changing at My Word. A change is coming by My hand. You will see great changes. You've already seen that much has changed in the wake of recent events. At first sight things do look bad. Then they may look worse. But wait and see. Watch and pray. Change requires upheaval. True change requires reversals. Get ready for change.

Do not be afraid. Do not be dismayed. I am fulfilling My word. I have spoken purification. I have spoken cleansing. I have spoken shaking. I have sent forth My prophets to speak My word. Listen. Listen.

The cleansing will begin in My house. The purification begins in My Body. The shaking begins at the top. My house will be cleansed. My Body will be purified. All that is unclean, unholy, unsanctified and all that is false, deceitful and soulish will be shaken out or washed away.

Then will My people walk in purity and holiness. Then will My people walk in true light that will draw the lost and sick and forgotten to seek Me. Get ready. Get ready. Listen for the wind. Listen. Listen to My word that is going forth in this day.

Seek Me. Rise up. Shake yourself free. Purify your heart and mind. Get ready. Get ready to be My voice crying out in love to those who need to hear. Get ready.

While you are getting ready, get ready to rejoice. Yes, rejoice. As the shaking and the cleansing and the purifying are coming to an end you will see Me move as never before. You will walk in power as never before. Signs and wonders will follow all who believe, all who listen and prepare. Get ready. The weeping and mourning will end. Rejoicing will follow. Get ready.

This one says “Doom!” That one says,” Ruin and damnation!” Another voice speaks forth “All is well. Peace and prosperity is here.” They declare “Peace! Peace!” But I say, “Change is coming. Great change has begun and will continue until My work of purification and cleansing is complete. Do not run from it. Do not deny it. Cooperate with Me. Get ready for change and see the fulfillment of My word. The harvest is coming. Many have sown. Now the reaping is at hand. The harvest is coming. But first a great change. Get ready.

May you know God's presence and His keeping power every day.
Betty Heimbach

Bow and Arrow
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Shalom Fellow Israelite, July 15, 2005

I injured my back this week and have had a hard time sitting, standing and walking. I mentioned to a friend that I was praying for wings. So much is going on here in Israel and around the world, that I thought maybe just to send a partial repeat of a letter from December 1999 on the progressive takeover of the one world order, which actually is not a takeover at all but a culmination, or the full maturation, of the kingdoms of this world as seen by the prophet Daniel. The one head that was wounded like onto death out of the seven heads of the great beast, (ref Rev 13:3) is one of the four heads of the Greeks (Leopard), and that is the political head - Democracy. So it is not hard to see what spirit is behind the democratization of the nations. However, what are we, the redeemed remnant, to be bearing witness to during this end time scenario?

"Return to the stronghold, You prisoners of hope. Even today I declare that I will restore double to you. For I have bent Judah, My bow, fitted the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you like the sword of a mighty man." Then YHVH will be seen over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning. YHVH Elohim will blow the trumpet, and go with whirlwinds from the south" (Zechariah 9:12-14).

In today's world, with the rise of a restored ancient Greek political system called democracy, along with the efforts to reconcile the main monotheistic religions by the "queen of heaven", man (under the influence of Satan) has devised a method of uniting the world around a single theme, "humanism". Humanism brings together a type of a kingly and priestly order, which will ultimately manifest itself in a temple that will be built in Jerusalem, where the man of lawlessness will sit and rule over an anti-Messiah, anti-Torah system. But what we must also consider, since the Word calls man a temple, is that the "man of lawlessness" may be the person living inside one's own body (or temple). Man thinking that he is lord of his own destiny, worships through pride the works of his hands, doing what is right in his own eyes and deciding what is holy and profane. Then through the political system he will elect one head to represent this system of Humanism, which is a direct counterfeit of YHVH's Kingdom in the earth.

The Greeks established democracy in order to give freedom to the individual enabling him to express the lusts of his own heart. The same is true today; the nations that have adopted this form of government have the highest rate of abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, etc. They look for every opportunity to satisfy their lusts; setting times and seasons (feast days, birthdays), to indulge in food and drink resulting in gluttony, drunkenness and sexual promiscuity.

This freedom is symbolized by a statue, which stands in the harbor of New York City, called the Statue of Liberty. To those who are familiar with ancient Greek history, this modern day pictogram is very familiar. Around 290 BC, another such icon was erected, called the Colossus of Rhodes. Approximately three hundred tons of copper and iron were used to construct this "wonder of the ancient world." It was built as a tribute to their savior "Helios", who protected the islanders from being captured by an invading army. This sun god Helios was an Egyptian god who according to legend took up residence on the island; later Helios became known as Apollo.

Journalist John Rigos reported that the municipality of the city of Rhodes, aided by the European Union, was planning to rebuild this monument as a symbol of growing European unification and international peace and cooperation. In order to implement this theme of "new world in a new millennium", as it was coined, the monument was going to be made out of melted-down coins from "all the members of the European Union and from prospective candidates abandoning their individual currencies in favor of one euro".

Not surprisingly, the Europeans have also altered the arrangement of the weekly calendar, with "Sun-day" appearing as the last day, or seventh day of the week. The sun gods of the ancient empires were believed to give light and life. The Messiah came to do the same thing, thus it was not difficult to blend the two concepts. The purpose of the Gospel was also to bring peace, harmony and unity to humanity living in a world of wars, conflicts and strife between governments and religious factions. Political and spiritual leaders were always looking for the right combinations of governmental and religious ideals to advance their control and power over the populace. Constantine, in the 4th century, was one such leader who combined the "nativity of the Greek sun god", with an alleged birth date of the Messiah. This was an intentional ploy on Satan's part to deceive humanity and to lead it further away from the truth of YHVH's divine times and seasons. Thus, the celebration of the ancient festival of the sun god on the 25th of December was in reality honoring a more ancient Egyptian god, who during the Constantinian era was worshiped by thousands of followers of Mithraism.

The Torah gives us divine instructions on how to observe the calendar of YHWH. The enemies of Torah know the importance of a calendar as a tool, which keeps order in society. Without a calendar humanity would be in a state of chaos.

We, as YHVH's redeemed, have been exhorted to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, being holy (separate) as He is holy. "Since we have been set apart to be the witness of His kingdom of righteousness peace and joy, what kind of people ought we to be in holy conduct and godliness?" (Acts 1:8; 2 Pet. 3:11). To be in the world but not of it, certainly would mean that we do not participate in pagan practices, nor mix them into the Torah that is being written on our hearts. The times and the seasons are in YHWH's hands. "So let us be sober, knowing the time that it is already the hour for us to awaken from sleep; for now our salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. But put on Messiah Yeshua, and make no provision for the flesh in regards to its lusts" (Rom 13:11-14).

As the redeemed sons of Zion we are facing one of the biggest battles this world has ever known. We are the prisoners of hope, with a restored kingdom government ruling in our hearts, with Yeshua as king of kings, leading the way into this war. We are to become the united weapon in His hand. In order for us to be effective in this end time conflict, Judah must be the bow and Ephraim the arrow. But as long as we are dueling with one another we will not pose the enemy any problem and the sons of Greece will continue to take possession of that which actually belongs to the sons of Zion.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Be Awakened And Achieve Breakthrough By Your 'Tests'"!

Matt Sorger

Don't be disqualified by your tests. Let those tests become stepping stones to your promotion!

ENTER INTO THE BREAKTHROUGH

Here at Matt Sorger Ministries, we have entered a new season of God's presence with an incredible release of an open heaven. I have been living in His presence for weeks now, and with each passing day it grows stronger and stronger.

There is a place of breakthrough that God gives us, and as long as we protect the ground we have gained in Him, there is nothing that can hinder us from moving higher and higher in His power and glory.

If you are reading this, I want to invite you into this place of breakthrough with us. Position yourself before the Lord in prayer, and let Him pour out His glory in a fresh way in your life. I have recently been seeking the Lord in a deeper way, and [I] have felt a renewed passion and sense of urgency to see a fresh awakening released in our nation. God is about to break out all over our nation with extended moves of His Spirit. God is sending us to strategic locations throughout the country to help prepare the way for one of the greatest moves of God we have ever seen.

There has been a tremendous anointing in our meetings with a great release of God's glory and healing power. People are being healed of cancer, deafness, Multiple Sclerosis, Fibromyalgia, eye conditions, back conditions, and Rheumatoid Arthritis, along with many other life-threatening illnesses.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR A RESTING PLACE

"And His resting place shall be glorious." -- Isaiah 11:10

As I have been waiting on God, I can hear His voice speaking very clearly. I hear the Spirit of God saying that He is looking for a resting place. The Holy Spirit desires to come and abide in a tangible way. And He is looking for those who will make room for Him to come. He is about to release such an outpouring, that [it] will rival that of the Charismatic renewal of the 1970's. Another wave of revival will hit the Catholic Church, bringing a renewed passion for Jesus in their midst.

As the Holy Spirit is poured out, there will be many centers of healing raised up where people will come from miles around to receive a touch from Him. There will be such a degree of the manifest presence of God that people will be healed before they are even prayed for. They will be healed just walking into His presence.

God is about to show off His power. The healing anointing is about to increase upon the church, releasing many into signs, wonders, and miracles with a bold witness for the Lord. Even the meekest among us will roar like a lion.

"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken, they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." -- Acts 4:31

A SEASON OF INSPECTION AND TESTING

God is looking for resting places where He can come and settle down --places where He can display

His power and [He is looking for] people with whom He can trust His anointing. The church is in a season of inspection and testing.

Just as Gideon's army was tested to see who would qualify, so now many hearts are being tested. Many have been in testing and have not understood why or have lost sight of the ultimate end, which is the display of God's glory. It is vital that each one of us, personally and corporately, recognize the tests we are facing so that we can pass them and move to the next level God has for us. We must get the heavenly perspective [so] that our circumstances, no matter how negative, do not determine our future. It is our response to those circumstances that will determine our next step in God and whether He can trust us with more of His power.

"But the Lord said to Gideon, "The people are still too many; bring them down to the water, and I will test them for you there." -- Judges 7:4 The very testing some have been walking through will become the very thing that promotes them in this next season. They will become carriers of God's grace and glory, for they will have learned two things during this time: they will have learned how to lean upon God's grace which has been sufficient for them, and they will have learned that God's glory is revealed in their weaknesses.

"And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities (weaknesses), that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9

God will strategically use these vessels of clay to reveal His glory in this next season. Some will even be the most unlikely. God will choose the most unlikely of people, just like He chose Gideon, hiding in a winepress, the weakest of the weak (Judges 6:15). We must remember God is for us and wants to promote us. It will be by His power, through a yielded heart, that we overcome every test and pass [on] to the next level. Every test we are facing or have faced is an opportunity for promotion.

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So then death is working in us, but life in you." -- 2 Corinthians 4:7-12 (also see verses 13-18)

THE SWORD OF THE LORD GOD'S JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT RELEASED AGAINST THE WORKS OF THE ENEMY

In Judges 7:16-22 Gideon instructs the 300 [men] to hold their torches inside empty pitchers. After they surround the camp of the enemy, at Gideon's command they blow their trumpets and break the pitchers and cry out, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!" Suddenly, the enemy is thrown into confusion, flees, and turns on itself, bringing victory to Gideon's army.

God is about to release the light of His glory through vessels that have been emptied and broken so that He can execute and decree judgment on the works of the enemy. As God's glory is revealed in us during this next season, the very works of the enemy will come under God's judgment and be destroyed. God is releasing again His sword of justice on behalf of His people.

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." -- 1 John 3:8

GREAT SHAKING -- GROANINGS FOR THE REVELATION OF THE MANIFESTED SONS OF GOD

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now." -- Romans 8:18-22

There is a great shaking happening in the world around us today. There is a groaning in nature as creation experiences the labor pains of her full redemption. Earthquakes, famine, hurricanes, flooding -- these are all signs of the approaching redemption and revelation of the Church in full power and glory. The sufferings of this present age can not be compared to the glory that is about to be revealed in the Church.

The time is drawing nearer. When a woman is about to give birth, the contractions get stronger and more frequent. The more creation groans in travail, the closer we are to our full redemption and transformation. The shakings around us are a sign of the power that is about to be revealed in the Church. Get ready!

PREPARE AND BE READY

So get ready, and prepare your hearts for His coming. Holiness and purity will be great preparations for you as your temple is cleansed and made ready to house the increase that is coming. We prepare ourselves by staying full of His presence and by guarding our hearts against any defilement of the flesh and the world.

"And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'

Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty." -- 2 Corinthians 6:16-18

Be prepared and ready. Let your spirit be full of oil. Matthew 25 reveals to us that we are each responsible to have our own oil. We can't depend on someone else's relationship with God. We need to have our own. As we cultivate our relationship with Him, He will prepare us for His coming.

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." -- Matthew 25:1-13

As God releases the Spirit of Awakening within us, we are brought out of darkness and into His marvelous light. His light within us exposes and drives out the shame of sin and empowers us to live in complete freedom and victory. As the Spirit awakens our hearts with His light, our lives are full of spiritual fruit and power.

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He says: 'Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.'" -- Ephesians 5:8-14

During this time of inspection, we must remain self-controlled, alert, watchful, and sober. As we abide in His light and glory, He will fill us with more and more of Himself, releasing more of His presence and manifest power in our lives.

"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ." -- 1 Thessalonians 5:5-9

These are key scriptures for the Church in this hour. They talk about living with an awakened heart. Meditate on them and pray them over your life. Stay alert and be on-guard against all distractions. 1 Peter 5:8 exhorts us to be sober, self-controlled, vigilant, and watchful. And nothing will be able to stand against what God will do in the days to come. Your destiny in Him is limitless!

This prophetic now-word of the Lord will help prepare your heart to move to the next level of God's power and glory in your life. Don't be caught sleeping during this hour of history. Receive a fresh anointing to live with an awakened heart!

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Become as a Child

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Matthew 18:1-4, ‘At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as this child , he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”
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Recently I was exiting a store and saw a line of teenagers entering the storefront. As the first few came in, it was evident by their faces and child-like actions that these youth were different. That is, the world labels them retarded or mentally challenged. Whatever the label, they are the segregated in the world’s eyes. I saw smiles on the first few faces and the Holy Spirit spoke in my heart, ‘Here goes the Glory of God’. That word stunned me for a second. I was then compelled to stand and watch each one pass by and smile with them as they looked back at me and played ‘handsies’ amongst themselves.

Later that day I took my own children to a public park. I sat down on a bench seat to watch over them as they ran about the playsets. After a while, a small blond child perhaps three or four years old walked by. He had such a beautiful smile on his face. Yet he was what the world labels ‘mongoloid’ or more clinically correct ‘Down syndrome’. As he walked by the Holy Spirit spoke in me and said, ‘You are in the presence of royalty. This one is a prince of Heaven.’ My heart was greatly stirred. And as I observed this princely child, I was made to know that he had only one simple gift… he was just happy to be alive. He seemed to exercise his gift well.

Buttons And Bows

Mary Clark

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I want to talk to My dear children about buttons and bows today. You might ask what I could possible say about buttons and bows that would tie in with your life. I will tell you:

I have created My children to walk holy before Me. I have given them all that is necessary to accomplish this feat. I gave My life and I filled you with My Spirit – the promise – the wonder of your God living in you, which is the hope of glory. Now, you say, “Father, You gave us these things, we know, because Your word is true, but I find it difficult to walk holy before You on an ongoing basis.” I tell you this truly, beloved, it will get easier as you progress. It will get easier as you draw closer to Me, I promise.

But hear these words of caution: The enemy would like to see you stumble, and he will do all that is in his power to trip you. Remember this when temptation comes your way. No matter how good something may look, beloved, it may be the tempter, and I want you aware of this fact.

I have made a way for you to walk holy before Me. I have given to you the seal of My Spirit. I reside in your heart. I enjoy residing in your heart, making My corrections here and there. I enjoy seeing that heart come into agreement with Me. I want you to know that you are not too difficult for your Beloved. Nothing is too difficult for Me, and I can do absolute wonders with a willing heart.

In this day, many are seeking to walk holy before the Lord God Almighty – the One Who is Holy – the One Who gave His life that all might walk in agreement with His Holy Word. This is most pleasing to your Father. Look on the days ahead and know that I am at work purifying your heart and bringing it into agreement with Me. This should please you greatly. And know this too, beloved: I am adding some buttons and I am adding some bows in the process. Now, what could I mean by that proclamation? I tell you, beloved, that I am adding some things to your walk that will not only look good, but will be useful – useful in your walk, and useful in leading others into My kingdom.

I am doing a fine work! I am bringing all to a completion. I want you to know that these things that I am adding to your walk will be most beneficial, but they will also bear a certain attraction. Look on this attraction as a signal from Me that I am doing a miraculous work in your heart, and enabling you to draw others into My fold by the beauty that lies in your heart. No, your heart cannot be seen, per se.

That is true, dear one. But the reflection of your God, Who resides in your heart, can be seen. I can be seen through the smile on your face, the tenderness of your touch, and the light in your eyes. This is what I mean when I say that I am adding some buttons and bows to your walk. I am adding something that is both attractive and useful. What could be more useful that shining forth the light of My glory from your eyes? What could be more useful that having your Holy Master touch another through your hands, or speak words of tenderness through your words – through your voice?

Yes, it is true. I am adding some lovely finishing touches to My beloved in this hour – finishing touches that you may keep for eternity. These finishing touches could be classified as buttons and bows, which can be lovely to the eye and useful in your walk. These buttons and bows can draw attention to your walk in a way that you never dreamed possible. So look forward to these pleasant additions coming from My hand, and know, beloved, that your lifestyle is about to change – change for the better, and it is all coming by My hand – by My hand adding these sweet and simple touches of buttons and bows.

Let Me tell you something about these bows: They are multi-colored. They are BIG, and they are to be yearned for. Yearn for the bows, but know that the buttons will hold you closer in My arms than you ever dreamed of being. This is My goal – to see you decorated with these gifts of loveliness and usefulness. It is My goal to see you walk My chosen path for you, fully aware of the greatest of gifts that your Father has to offer – more of Himself – more of His love, radiating from your heart , and more of His will shining through the life that you have chosen to lead.

I am calling to you, beloved. Come into this place in Me of great beauty, and know with every step that you take, that you are drawing closer than you ever expected into the haven of wonder that I have prepared for those who have sought after Me – the Holy One – with a whole heart!!!

Bearing A Burden

Bill Somers

> *(Luke 11:46) And he said, Woe unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.*

In this dream, I was on the way somewhere. I was walking along in a city environment. My old pastor was walking along with me.

I had to stop and pick up a very large cardboard box to carry along, on my shoulder. As we went, the box got heavier and heavier. It got to where I could barely carry it. The pastor did not offer to help.

Then whatever was in the box began to shift position, apparently not being loaded in to evenly distribute the weight. As the load shifted position, it became even harder to carry, because it would throw me off balance. Then the load shifted so much that the box began to break up!

Finally when I could not carry it any longer, we met up with a group of people who were **coming out of a church**, a funeral party. Just then the box broke apart. And a mans leg stuck out. It turned there was a body in the box. We put the body in the coffin from the funeral party, because it was empty. Then they took it off to bury. The dead person was familiar to me, but I can't recall who it was. I was so relieved not to have to carry that burden any more. The pastor went off somewhere else.

On waking up, I recalled the dream, and the Lord spoke to me something like 'you've got to bury the old man.'

Bereft And Desolate

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1 Tim 6:5 AMP And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, who imagine that godliness or righteousness is a source of profit [a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood]. From such withdraw.

2 Peter 2:1-3 AMP BUT ALSO [in those days] there arose false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly and stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying and disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their immoral ways and lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned and defamed. 3 And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep.

“ I AM provoked to jealousy for My bride. It is time. It is time. It is time for the overturning of the tables of the moneychangers ! You have seen the cunning ways in which covetousness has grown and prospered in My church. But I will overturn the ways of those serpents and I will raise up shepherds after Mine own heart who will listen to ME and do MY bidding.

They will not break in and steal and rob from widows. They will not oppress My prophets. They will no longer steal from the single mothers and fatherless children, nor ignore the poor and needy. I will raise up the compassionate and merciful, the humble and those who are filled with the fear of the Lord over the fear of man. I will not choose the “politically correct” for this job. I will render to each according to his works. For the works are the fruit I will test.

I will take the failures in the eyes of men and make them the seers of today ! I will take those who seemed like so much flotsam and jetsom to the sophisticated and rich, and powerful, and use them to humble those who are prideful of their own opinions. Judgment will be swift to the wicked in this hour. Remember that I told you that I did NOT come to bring peace but a sword in this hour. Because the hour has come to judge the covetous and greedy. There is no rest for those who have swallowed up the righteous, and discarded the weak. I will humble the prideful and arrogant and you will see the GLORY of the LORD descend in your homes, in your churches, in your gatherings as never before !

It is time for JUSTICE to roll. It is time for the Righteous to prevail.
I will restore those with hearts that have been broken and damaged. I will restore the tormented and afflicted. I will arise with HEALING in My wings and you will go forth as stall fed calves. You will overcome evil with good, and you will enjoy prosperity in the midst of famine and darkness because I AM with you. Truth will prevail over the lies ! Love will prevail over fear and darkness !

Sing the song of Moses ! Sing it loud on flute and harp ! Sing My Bride for your Bridegroom is coming and entering into His chamber ! Come and rejoice and make melody you who play on instruments ! Dance and sing and celebrate for JUBILEE is coming to those who are faithful to ME in their hearts. The decree has gone out. It is accomplished in the heavens and you will see the fruit of it in the earth ! Again, I say to you, REJOICE and be GLAD for your King is coming to you, and life will never be the same again !

Rev 15:2-4 NKJV They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! 4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested."

Psalms 19 NKJV The Perfect Revelation of the LORD
To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.
1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. 2 Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. 4 Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoices like a strong man to run its race.
6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And there is nothing hidden from its heat.

6 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

Bait on the Hook

by Bill Somers

> ***"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."* (2 Corinthians 2:11)**

The Ancient order of Assassins

An historic legend in the Middle East concerns the so called Ancient order of Assassins. This group was a cult branching off of Islam. It was supposedly led by the Old Man of the Mountain, a mythic figure named Hassan. Hassan's method of recruiting men to serve as assassins involved the use of Hashish, a drug based on opium. The words 'assassin' 'hashish' and 'hassan' are perhaps somehow related in Arabic.

Anyway Hassan had a remote mountain fortress where he trained spies and assassins. These men had to be willing to go on suicide missions and obey orders at all costs. Hassan had a way to get them to believe that if they sacrificed their lives on a mission, they would automatically go to Allah's Paradise. There they would enjoy pleasures for all eternity.

How did he do this? Sometime, early in their training, the men would be drugged with Hashish. Then while they were unconscious, they would be taken to another, secret part of the fortress. There when they awoke they found themselves in the midst of luxurious apartments and gardens. There they could indulge themselves on the finest foods and wines. They were waited upon by harems of beautiful women who gave them every sort of sexual pleasure. All the while the men were kept slightly drugged. They were told that this was Allah's Paradise and that all good servants of Hassan would go there when they died.

Next they were drugged unconscious again and taken back to their former quarters. When they awoke to a normal state they believed that they had been to paradise. After this, they would do anything Hassan asked them to do.

Some say that Hassan never existed and the whole thing is a myth. Whether it's true on not, it illustrates a pattern of deception that the enemy of our soul commonly employs.

The pattern of deception.

The pattern of Deception has three standard features.
The Bait. An Experience. The person has or is given a genuine experience that is either supernatural or way out of the ordinary.
The Hook. A Lie. The experience is followed by a false explanation of what happened.
Destructive Consequences: Physical and or spiritual death. The explanation tends to lead them away from belief in God or the Bible

The Ancient order of Assassins

In the case of the assassins the bait was the very real experience of a pseudo paradise.

The hook was the lies that they would go there if they gave their lives in service to Hassan or to Islam.

The consequences were that these men became willing servants of satan leading to their death, both physical and eternal.

The Truth: These men were deliberately deceived by Hassan.

Belief in Ghosts

The Experience: Apparitions, noises and other happenings that hundreds have experienced all around the world and all through history are quite real.

The Lie: These phenomena are caused by spirits of the dead who for some reason are unable to find rest in the afterlife.

The Result: The belief in Ghosts contradicts the Word of God. You end up believing a lie.

The Truth: Ghostly phenomena are caused and created by demon powers who deliberately intend to deceive.

Psychic Phenomena

The Bait: Psychic readers who can tell you things about yourself that they could not possibly know through natural means.

The Hook: The belief that these people have inherent talents that give them this special power.

The Result: People seek to acquire or develop these so called talents for themselves, instead of looking to God for guidance.

The Truth: The psychics get their information from evil spirits who have the ability to know all about you and tell it to them. The psychics themselves have no control over how this happens. They as well as their clients are being deliberately deceived.

Reincarnation

The Experience: People who have dreams of past lives or who are able to remember details of past lives under hypnotism. These details often contain information that the person could not have know by natural means.

The Hook: The Lie is that people have past lives, and that their souls are reborn into other people after they die.

The Consequence: Disbelief in heaven or hell and complete loss of the fear of God.

The Truth: The information and the dreams come from evil spirits who deliberately intend to deceive and lead us away from belief in God.

Evolution

The Bait: Scientific Evidence from fossils and geology.

The Hook; The idea that the earth is very old and that life forms came about by gradually change from simpler to more complex and advance species.

The Consequence: Denial of the Biblical account of God's creation. And hence a denial of God's authority over us and over this world.

The Truth: God Created the Heavens and the Earth. He created man and set the laws that he must live by.

Near death experiences

The Bait: A person dies during surgery and finds themselves aware that their spirit is floating is space above their body on the operating table. Then they find themselves going down a long tunnel and coming out into a bright place where they are met by the spirits of their dead relatives and a host of angels. They are told that life after death is a wonderful peaceful reality and to not be afraid. Then the surgeons revive them and they eventually wake up in their own bodies again. Often they are able to relate things that went on while they were unconscious in surgery. Their experiences are real, but the spirits they encounter are fake and the things they are told are lies.

The Hook: The lie that there is nothing to fear after death.

The consequence: Disbelief in biblical accounts of heaven and hell. Disregard for the consequences of sin and no fear of the Lord.

The Truth: These experiences are deliberately engineered by demon powers intending to deceive. [These kinds of near death experiences never happen to born again Christians. They usually have an experience with the Lord or a vision of heaven in these cases.]

Out of Body experiences

These are similar to the above.

Drug related experiences

These are similar to the above.

UFO's

The Bait. People are constantly having sightings of UFO's. Some are abducted by alien creatures, others are in contact with them through psychic means.

The Hook: That there is intelligent life on other worlds and they have spacecraft they use to visit this earth.

The Result: Once again disbelief or denial of God's creation.

The Truth: These sightings and other happenings are well within the power of Demon spirits to create with the intention to deceive.

Conclusion:

In these end times we are about to go through, we will see many signs and wonders, Supernatural happenings are about to become commonplace. These in many cases will be bait, watch for the hook. Beware of any offered explanation that ignores or denies that God is in control.

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Balagàn (Confusion)

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Balagàn (confusion)
November 09, 2005
In the wake of two questions of brothers in faith, the Heavenly Father reminded me of the following article.

Daniel 9: 21 – 27
The Seventy Weeks
Daniel wrote:
20 I was still confessing my sins and those of all Israel to the Lord my God, and I was praying for the good of his holy mountain,
holy mountain: Jerusalem (see verse 16) or the temple.
21 when Gabriel suddenly came flying in at the time of the evening sacrifice. This was the same Gabriel I had seen in my vision,
22 and he explained: Daniel, I am here to help you understand the vision.
23 God thinks highly of you, and at the very moment you started praying, I was sent to give you the answer.
24 God has decided that for seventy weeks,
seventy weeks: Or “seventy times seven years.”
your people and your holy city must suffer as the price of their sins. Then evil will disappear, and justice will rule forever; the visions and words of the prophets will come true, and a most holy place will be dedicated.
a most holy place will be dedicated: Or “God's Holy One will appear.”
25 You need to realize that from the command to rebuild Jerusalem until the coming of the Chosen Leader,
the Chosen Leader: Or “a chosen leader.” In Hebrew the word “chosen” means “to pour oil (on someone's head).” In Old Testament times it was the custom to pour oil on a person's head when that person was chosen to be a priest or a king.
it will be seven weeks and another sixty-two weeks.
seven weeks and another sixty-two weeks: Or “seven times seven years and another sixty-two times seven years.”
Streets will be built in Jerusalem, and a trench will be dug around the city for protection, but these will be difficult times.
t will be seven ... difficult times: Or “it will be seven weeks. Then streets will be built in Jerusalem, and a trench will be dug around the city for protection. But Jerusalem will have difficult times for sixty-two weeks.”
26 At the end of the sixty-two weeks,
sixty-two weeks: Or “sixty-two times seven years.”
the Chosen Leader will be killed and left with nothing.
left with nothing: Or “no one will take his place.”
A foreign ruler and his army will sweep down like a mighty flood, leaving both the city and the temple in ruins, and war and destruction will continue until the end, just as God has decided. For one week
one week: Or “seven years.”
this foreigner
this foreigner: Or “the Chosen Leader.”
will make a firm agreement with many people, and halfway through this week,
halfway through this week: Or “for half of this week of seven years.”
he will end all sacrifices and offerings. Then the “Horrible Thing” that causes destruction will be put there. And it will stay there until the time God has decided to destroy this one who destroys.

Cleansing & Purifying

Now is the time for those who are serious about following the Lord to leave the old behind and entrust themselves completely to the Lord.
Teshuva : a total return to God, humbling, cleansing, turnaround, repentance!
Sons and Daughters are destined to become visible in our time! Here come the anointed ones!

Anti – Christ

So much has been said and written down already in regard to the Anti – Christ, but what in fact does this word imply?
Christ = Messiah = the Anointed One and His Anointing!
Sons and daughters will be anointed persons. With hearts that are utterly broken and contrite, they will be led by the Spirit, the Holy Spirit, to shine as bright lights in an ever darker world.
Anti – Christ = Anti – Anointing! Being against the anointing…….

Word received

Daniël 7:2
"I had a vision at night; I saw there before me the four winds of the sky breaking out over the great sea."

Like the sea brings forth foam which is made as a result of the salt in the water, so will it be with My Body. The remnant are the children whom I have filled with the oil of My Spirit. Like a wave, it will manifest itself and flow over the world. My body ... My army

Living water will be produced as they speak what I command. They shall be one from heart and soul. They will expect it from Me. I will be their Father and they will be My children. Unexpectedly, it shall blossom in the silence. It is now growing. The signs are already there. Like the foam at the sea, so shall My light shine in this dark world. Thou are the salt of the earth. From the four corners of the earth, they shall come together to exalt My Name.

Isaiah 28: 5 - 6
"On that day, Adonai Tzva`ot will be a glorious crown and a brilliant diadem
for the remnant of His people. He will also be a spirit of justice for whoever sits as a judge, and a source of strength for
those repelling enemy attacks at the gate."

Isaiah 28: 28 -29
"When crushing grain for bread, one doesn’t crush it to powder.
This too comes from Adonai Tzava`ot. His counsel is wonderful and his wisdom great."
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But, before we can set off as such, the Bride will have to be restored to full function in the power of God Almighty!
Being anointed! The best wine saved for last! Out with the old stuff, enter the new!

Powerful Army

Led by the Holy Spirit, the Sons and Daughters of His Highest, will do greater things than our Messiah did while He walked on this earth!
The secret to these ‘greater things’ is to be found in that very word ‘anointing’….
Indeed, there will be this false unity of mixed religions, the Babylonian church!
This Babylon embodies unity without the Blood of Yeshua (Jesus), without the anointing!
In this Babylon system there will be enmity towards the anointed of God, His chosen Sons and

Daughters !
Anti – Christ = Anti – Anointing! Being against the anointing…….

Important

In light of the above it is CRUCIALLY important to allow yourself, your own fleshly thinking to be BROKEN and CRUSHED, now that it is still possible!
And: to allow yourself to be RESTORED, on all fronts!
This is why it is so vital and imperative to give God a free rein, to have Him search your innermost parts, to see yourself in His full light!

For the Anti – Christ, the false messiah and his false religion, the false church with its false unity, they will so deceptively masquerade as… the Gospel…

By making use of the very same ingredients, the very same words, such as ‘Peace’, ‘Love’ and ‘Righteousness’ it will closely, deceptively resemble what Yeshua told us, but nevertheless it will be BLOODLESS and DEVOID OF LIFE & POWER !

“I Am *The* TRUTH, *The* WAY and *The* LIFE,” says our Messiah, “no one will come to the Father EXCEPT through ME” !!!
Precisely this principle will be principally denied and contradicted in the false church and its false unity. Anything goes in this melting pot of religions that propagates a kind of love that God has never intended!

THE DEFINING WORD OF LOVE!
I Am the Lion of Judah, says Yeshua of Himself!
My word will be sweet like honey for those who have been broken in their own selves and their fleshly thinking, but bitter to those who choose to hold fast to their own ways, their own thinking, their own soul power…..

The Lion and The Lamb
a different kind of love than the love as we’d like to interpret it.....

NO can be an answer that doesn’t sound like love to our fleshly thinking, but in His Love the answer **no** can do us so much good!
Do not reduce our King to a human being, do not try to weave our human love around Him...
My thoughts and ways are higher than yours, says He about Himself!!!

POWERLESS
To become utterly broken, utterly emptied and cleansed of sins and curses, in order to be born form Spirit,
To be a vessel, an instrument in His hands…..
To be led and guided by the Spirit, step by step, so as to doe what He wants to do…..

Such is the true Gospel, in all the splendor of its simplicity…..
But Heavenly Father revealed to me that in the course of time more and more people didn’t get to the point of allowing themselves to be broken completely, to the point of becoming FULLY AWARE of the TOTAL lostness and deprivation of their sinful state if it were not for the atoning sacrifice of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Lamb, slain before the foundation of the world….
Over time so many people have come to ‘accept’ Jesus as Saviour with the hidden agenda to gain a better life for themselves……
If vessels like these set out to preach the Gospel, they cannot but share a weak, watered-down version of the Message……

Paul was struck by The LIGHT and was instantly blinded……to subsequently be filled with SPIRIT & WORD, SPIRIT & WORD This same ‘scholar’, who once knew everything, tells us later:

For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

Why would it be that we in our time have so few enemies… so little persecution…?
Because we are still so powerless…..
But, the Lord is NOW in the process of restoring HIS BRIDE, of ridding her of old patterns, structures, doctrines, dogmas…..
RESTORATION….the best wine saved for last…….Sons & Daughters being made visible……

Therefore my dear brother or sister, if this applies to you: humble yourself and allow the Light to shine brightly through you as well !
Confess your guilt, turn around and repent! *Teshuva* !! Turn around totally towards: GOD!!!!!!
No other name than the name of JESUS will suffice!!!

And then… we will march on, shoulder to shoulder as a mighty army…..
Then… there will be no more confusion (*Balagàn* in Hebrew) in this army…..
Persecution and hostility? FOR CERTAIN !
Anti – Christ Anti – Anointing…… The false church with its false unity, bloodless, lifeless and powerless without the Name and HIS atoning sacrifice, will be our enemy…..

But we know in WHOM we have believed ! We know already WHO has overcome: **Yeshua (Jesus) !**
I Am the Alpha and the Omega!
In Me dwells the beginning and the end!
Amen!

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Balance

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I am determined by one word, **BALANCE!**
Many who are living in Abba’s family are broken and cast away their own self.
But the Father told me the following:
"Cut diamonds can spark as diamonds…..
But a diamond only glitters when the LIGHT shines upon the diamond…..
I need you to gather the rest of My children, I am standing at your doorpost and I am waiting with open arms, a ring for your finger, and a table filled with food!"

And now a lesson in balance:

We found out that too much time is wasted with talking about money in the body of Messiah, and the so called “prosperity teaching" was preached too often!
But the Lord said the following to me:
“You drank the cup which was bitter, but this was not always without grumbling and resistance…..
Now I want to give you a cup with abundance, I give you of the abundance like I gave to Josef and he accepted the gifts I gave him……….
All my children who are not looking for fortune and who are willing to walk with Me, wherever I go, receive My prosperity….. just like Josef, and do like he did, and share this prosperity when hunger is coming into the country!”

A lot is written and we where judgmental about people who are HIS servants who seem to live in great prosperity….
Let us be very careful in what we are writing….
Because the Lord had a plan with Josef and He allowed Josef to be thrown in the well, He also enhanced him when the time was there, His time….
I am determined that many traveled a journey which is similar as Josef’s journey when he was thrown in the well, but many of us are now out of the P.I.T (Prophets In Training)

And the Father is ready to divided His wealth, in order to **SERVE HIM AND HONOUR HIM WITH THIS WEALTH!**
That is what we should never forget…. But He has a plan for your calling and if you follow Him and if you let Him open that door, you will enjoy the richness that He wants to give you…..
Back to the word of the beginning: Father spoke: *“A diamond glitters when the LIGHT is shining on it, HIS LIGHT upon us walking in Him for HIM and by HIS grace! Only than the world is able to see the LIGHT!"*
Josef was reunited with his family, many of us had their own well time and were thrown in a well by brothers and sisters, they were alone, abandoned and rejected…..

But the time is come to supply the nation with **BREAD & WATER!** But this must be **LIVING BREAD and LIVING WATER!**
Do not look behind, but forgive each other and together, we have to look to the Lord and do what He is asking from us!

I noticed that more and more people want to know how many people join the gathering before they want to come to a meeting. How big a calling is, before they are willing to see! You do not see in people, but you see in GODS WORD!
We need each other, one has money and the other has talents or gifts, one has a table, and the other a cloth, a chair, a fork, a knife, a spoon, food is given and with each other and the picture is complete! The table, the knife and the spoon etc. are brought together, and when everything is brought together, the people supply their diner!
Father told me, "now you drink the cup I will give you, which is called abundance ….. as long as you expect it from ME and you honor ME and continue to follow ME, there is nothing wrong… and do not put your hearth on it ….. complete surrender!"

Psalm 133
if we live together, and work together , the Father will make the oil fat, fatter than the oil which was running down the beard of Aharon! Oil represents anointment… the world must see, learn to see the body…..In His unity a variety and diversity……
But TOGETHER! Nothing in “our calling” is OURS! We are stewards of the ministries….Will He give you abundance ???????
SHARE this abundance share whatever you have… . and He can bless you more……
BALANCE! It is NOT GOOD to claim it and be controlled by the thought of it !
When the Father’s children emptied the cup of purification and cast away their own self, they where able to cry out:
THANK YOU ABBA! ALL THE GLORY AND HONOR FOR YOU ALONE!

Word from the Bible: Jesaja 23: 17 - 18
17 And at the end of seventy years it shall be that the Lord will visit Tyrus. And she shall return to her hire and commit whoring with hall reigns of the earth on the face of the soil.
18 And her goods and her hire shall be set apart for the Lord, not treasured nor laid up, for her gain is for those who dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for a choice covering.

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Ballroom

Tim Cook

“Who is this coming up from the desert leaning on her lover?” Song of Songs 8:5

“Have I your permission to kill the lizard?” said the Angel to the Ghost … and the Ghost gave a scream of agony … The new-made man turned and clapped the new horse’s neck. It nosed his bright body. I thought his face shone with tears, but it may have been only the liquid love and brightness … in joyous haste the young man leaped upon the horse’s back.” C.S.Lewis (The Great Divorce)

“Oh, sexless!” said Ransom disgustedly. “It’s about as good a description of living in Perelandra as it would be to say that a man had forgotten water because Niagara Falls didn’t immediately give him the idea of making it into cups of tea.” C.S.Lewis (Perelandra)

“Don’t lag,” said the Guide, “this is a very dangerous place. You had better come away. This is Luxuria.” C.S.Lewis (The Pilgrim’s Regress)

“Listen to me – there is something missing in all this. You long to be in a love affair, an adventure. You were made for something more. You know it.” Brent Curtis and John Eldredge (The Sacred Romance)

“All night long on my bed I looked for the one my heart loves … when I found the one my heart loves – I held him and would not let him go.” Song of Songs 3:1,4

I stood on the balcony – looking longingly into the dance room. It was a huge and beautiful ball room – a very shiny floor, and seemed to have glass walls and ceiling like a conservatory. Elegant couples in exquisite clothes danced and swirled around the room. Others seemed to be watching the scene from the balcony.

Jesus stood at my side. *“These are my closest friends, Tim. They dance with Me even now, and will dance with Me, and I will array them in the very best of My Kingdom.”* And suddenly we were together on the dance floor. *“It is a good thing – in a way - that you envied those with the anointing for many years and still do. But it is only a good thing if you choose to* ***enter in and get caught up*** *into the dance yourself. Those who delight to be around My friends – are watching from the balcony – and it is an* ***easy*** *thing – yes, an easy and a natural thing – for them to enter into the dance themselves. The King’s friends will attract people to the King.”* Then there were just the two of us in absolute darkness. *“You know why I sometimes let you feel distance from your friends … it is so that we can be alone. Tonight in the cool of the evening you deeply sensed My sadness as I walked across your land looking for Adam to walk with Me again – and you were caught up into the Dance – the Fellowship – allowing all else to fade into irrelevance. Worship with Me in a new and fresh way everyday. Do not worship your visions or your past visions – even though I revealed Myself to you in them – all prophecy shall cease and fade – and it will be you and Me in Love that remains. The seasons move on – and I run on into a new landscape – and you must chase Me – leaving behind even the good we have shared in the past!”*

And I saw that Autumn leaves were beginning to blow across my past vision-scapes, but I also knew that if I could keep in step with the King then my past encounters with Him would somehow be preserved in perpetual Springtime.

“Jesus, I have found it hard to dance, but the best times were when the music caught me up and was anointed, and I know it was You that ravished my soul at these times – and I love it. *It will never be taken from you – just get deeper. Speak what is troubling you …* Lord, the dance requires good music, and good friends, and also romance. I know that I’m naive, but it seems difficult to see romance in Heaven when there is no marriage there.” We’re back in the cool evening of the balcony. *“Tim, trust me with your deepest desires – this is an important thing you have said – and I do not mock it. I value this honesty.For you this is now a pinnacle – and from here we shall leap into space and fly higher and higher. Trust Me. *grin* so define Romance then you young expert!* haha Lord –

you know – knight in shining armour rescues damsel in distress from untold dangers and carries her away and they live happily ever after.” He knew that my heart wasn’t laughing. *“For this world that is certainly one of the highest types of romance.”* Someone in the highest dance whispered, *“But could he rescue her and give her to another man – that’s the question?* … *cringe* I see now – yes – even my highest ideas of romance are basically selfish at heart. Forgive me."

Now I must show you two more dances.”

Another room – dark and gloomy. *“What’s happening?* The dancers are dancing with phantoms and ghosts, and giving their love to materialism, lust, greed, idols, even to false ideas of You. Some are beginning to fade and crumble. *What shall I do?* *smile* Send in Your lightning … *and what is that? ….* It is the First Love restored, it is deep Heaven ravishing a heart so that they **remember** something pure and holy and beautiful that sang with them in their childhood; it is a Love dart from the King Himself, it is the Holy Spirit wind of absolute purity and passionate holiness, and a quickening fire that opens the eyes to the besetting demons, but it calls them to turn and **run** to the Kingdom again.” And as I wept Jesus lifted a finger and sent in the Lightning – to jump from dancer to dancer – heart to heart. And I saw again that the man of sin must be revealed so that the inner pure man could hate him and run from him into glory.

From the balcony was another dance hall. I could only enter this dance as a little golden child. And I danced with these ancient and wise and giant people. And they were stars, and suns, and planets, and galaxies, dancing the great Cosmic Dance. And in the distance was a golden girl. And the children ran and played and chased each other amongst the stars, in the fresh innocent morning of a new universe. *“Does he understand yet? No he’s only young – but he’s trying – and the Creator is whispering impossibilities into his heart even now *laugh*.”*

He took me to another dream – another vision. “Ah yes, I’m fighting through the forest of my heart – cleaning up the ancient Highway of Holiness, and getting torn and cut by the brambles – because the Way is unused – most people have detoured the wood and gone down into the valley. And I see that I am about half way through the wood. *Right – look ahead beyond the woods …”* At the top of the hill, I could look down into the valley and a huge smoky city – rumbling ominously. An elegant bridge was beginning to be formed across the sky – and was arching right above the city. Jesus sat with me on this bridge – and occasionally blood and tears would drip down into the city from one of us.

“Many don’t realise that cleansing their hearts and overcoming sin there – has enormous Kingdom ramifications into the future.” We sat – and I knew what He was thinking about. “Two will come. *They will go down into that great city* – and fire will come out of their mouths to consume those that attack them, and they will prophesy for … (checking my Bible) … about 3 and a half years – *clothed in …* sackcloth …. Repentance?” He nodded. *“Tell them about the race vision.”*

Many horses were racing around a racetrack – wearing numbers – and racing for the benefit of the crowd – who were often just trying to bet and make money out of them. But some of the horses knew of another race …. a hidden and a dead straight one – right out into the wilderness and the mountains. Some horses – maybe two or three - broke free of the stadium, and ran the long race, unmarked, and ran into obscurity, destiny and legend.

And as I lay on the Highway with my head on Jesus’ lap – Revelation was still shaking me.

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Be A Redwood

Conrad Lampan

A few weeks ago I shared with you all a dream about "Redwood Land". I want today to share what the Lord has impressed in my mind this past week when He said "Be a Redwood"

Redwood trees are a very particular type of tree, not only because of the amazing heights they reach and the long life they have, in fact one of the longest spans of time in the world of plants, but also because of some not so widely spread facts about their life and their interaction with their environment.

I want to refer here to three aspects in the life of a Redwood tree that we can take as examples for our Christian life and in fact in our pursuance of revival.

LIGHT:

Redwoods use sunlight so efficiently (4 times more than pines) that they can grow even in deep shade.

They can grow higher than any other tree because they are continually reaching up in search of light, but also because they make good use of what they have.

How many times we Christians complain about what we lack not realizing that we are not actually using what we have?

Next time you look around and see so much darkness surrounding you, begin to look upward because even in the deepest of shadows there is light coming in: use it!

WATER:

How long have we been praying for rain? Maybe we need to start taking some lesson from these hydrostatic marvels called redwoods. During the dry summers in California, the coast redwoods actually create their own "rain" by condensing heavy fog into drenching showers that provide moisture to the roots below.

This brings me back to Genesis where we read that dew watered the earth. It makes me think that what happened in Eden was that the plants and trees of the garden did exactly as the redwoods, condensing the water from the water vapor that surrounded them and then let the "rain" fall from them to water the earth.

How many times have we complained about the "fogs" around us, when we cannot see clearly, our future seems so uncertain because the "fog" does not let us see. How about being a redwood? Condense the waters that surround you in the forms of "spiritual vapors" and start raining down refreshing drops that will nurture your own roots and that of those surrounding you.

FIRE:

Redwoods have a thick protective bark rich in tannin (hence the reddish color) that makes them fire resistant. While everything around might be burnt in a forest fire the redwoods will still stay up unharmed. Actually a fire around them might be beneficial as it can eliminate noxas, dangers in the forms of bacteria or fungus or even other plants.

The Lord has told us in Isaiah 43:2 "When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you." NKJV

Be a redwood like Christian, covered by the protection of the Blood of the Lamb you can stand against the fires of adversity, to the point where the fires designed to damage you would actually benefit you.

But there is yet another aspect that comes to my mind and relates not to the fires of trials but to the Fire of God. We read in Ex 3:2 "So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed." NKJV

Christians, the Fire of God can burn in us! We can be like that plant that burned and was not consumed; a Fire that causes all to come and see the wonder, people stirred up to come and see what is this Fire that burns in us and we are not harmed!. Wesley said about revival "I set myself on fire and people come to see me burning"

SUPPORT:

The root system of the redwood tree is surprisingly shallow, especially given the great height the mature tree attains. There is no tap root and the other roots may reach no deeper than 6-10 feet.

In some sense we can say a redwood seems to be more concerned to reach the sky than to tap from the earth sources. What a wonderful example of what we Christians should do. Our eyes and hearts toward heaven, to the place where our Father of Lights abides.

However there is more to it. We know that with no tap root there is a loss of stability which might cause a tree to fall; but here is another marvelous lesson we can gather from nature: one way in which the redwood trees are able to remain upright for millennia is by growing pretty close together with other redwood trees, intermingling root systems.

Wow! They support one another by being close together, growing very close to each other, and intermingling their roots: they build a network of roots and also the branches help support one another! Oh precious God what an example you have given us! It is not just per chance that God created the Church; the Church should actually be like this network of roots and branches that support one another while at the same time we grow upwards; if this is not happening we need to look at ourselves: could it be that we have become so isolated, so private, so selfish that we are trying to grow alone, receiving no support and alas! giving none either?

My friend, let me encourage you today: Be a redwood! Stand firm! Use what God has given you! Don't despair! The Spirit of God is in you, start raining from the water you have! Let the Fires of revival burn in you, don't be afraid! Again: Be a redwood!

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Bluebirds, New Orleans, and the Harvest Nets

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As I prayed recently for the United States of America, specifically for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, I had a vision of tiny blue birds carrying nets in their beaks as they flew towards the South in America. The Lord was directing their movements, as He spearheaded this Kingdom convoy.

One might ask, "What do blue birds and nets have to do with Hurricane Katrina?" It is a reasonable question. It is my belief that when the Lord desires for us to understand a divinely coded message, He speaks to us with signs and symbols that as individuals, we are able to interpret and comprehend. A blue bird represents the *promise of happiness* to me. A net speaks of *harvest*, and the blue birds are a sign of *Jesus coming to visit the south* with His beautiful, manifest presence to rebuild shattered lives and harvest many souls in the coming months and years. Help from Heaven is on its way.

I was once given a prophetic word about having a blue bird on my shoulder. I thought this quaint and wasn't too sure if this was really God speaking to me or not. As I pondered this word, I thought of the song lyrics "there's a blue bird on my shoulder" and started to smile quietly.
On returning home from receiving this word, our daughter Rebecca (7 at that time) handed me a little gift that our children had made for me during my day trip to Ireland. Imagine my surprise when I looked at the blue, cardboard bird mounted on a straw, stuck into a plastic cup! Just to be certain, I asked Rebecca, "What is it?" She replied gently, "Mummy, it's a blue bird of happiness."

God has not Forgotten You!

God really got hold of my heart that day, and I repented for not receiving the blue bird word! God has given me a gift to make people smile. I cherish that gift. The blue bird prophecy encouraged me so profoundly that day, when I realized God was confirming this as part of my call.

There have been so many words and prophecies about the situation in the South, but all I have today from Jesus, to share with you, is this: He will make you smile again because He loves you so much. He is near to the broken hearted and carries His lambs with exquisite tenderness through the storm. I personally understand that when tragedy strikes at the core of our beings, it is difficult to smile.
It seems as though one will never be able to smile again, but I want to say to the rescuers, the victims, and the families and friends of victims of the tragedy in the South: **God has not forgotten you,** and He walks with you through this valley of desperate times, carrying you into new beginnings, with healing in His wings. From the ashes of today, He will kiss your bruised souls and broken hearts and bring you through to victory in Him.

The bluebird is an American songbird. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the states in the South have been extremely supportive in the global praise called 'Million Hours of Praise,' and I believe there is an anointing of praise and worship in the southern states that God is calling forth again in this hour. A breaker-anointing is being released on the praise of the people of the South, which will harvest many souls. To praise Jesus through suffering is such an incredible and priceless gift of sacrificial love to Christ.

Nehemiah -- a Role Model to Inspire Us to Rebuild

In recent months, I have been studying Nehemiah, who was used by the Lord to rebuild the shattered walls and gates of Jerusalem. When Nehemiah first heard the news of the devastation in his nation, he wept and mourned, and his heart broke over what had happened. He spent time in God's presence, fasting and enquiring. He prayed from a posture of adoration. He prayed in confession. He prayed his petitions, and he interceded for his people and his nation. Ultimately, God released divine favor on Nehemiah, allowing him to present his prayer request to King Artaxerxes. Nehemiah gained favor, provision, and protection, as he embarked on his monumental, rebuilding mission.

Nehemiah was well organized, a Godly and humble leader with excellent motivational skills. He knew how to inspire faith in his people, and he was a man who listened to God for direction and inspiration. During a nighttime stealth mission, which Nehemiah undertook in Jerusalem, he gained a blue print for the way forward. Nehemiah encountered problems, overwhelming odds, and what may have seemed like insurmountable difficulties. He was pressed on all sides, and he and his co-workers were intimidated by the enemy, harassed, and ridiculed. Yet, Nehemiah found a place of hiddeness in the heart of God and led like a true warrior of God -- one who leads as a servant, laying down their lives for Christ, and preferring others in love.

He stayed focused on God; he kept his hand to the task he had been assigned to do, and he responded strategically when pressing needs arose that threatened the progress of the work. When things got really tough, Nehemiah put in place a 24-7 army to ensure the rebuilding work was completed.

God is Raising Up Leaders to Rebuild the City

Nehemiah was a tremendous leader whom God had prepared and raised up for such a disastrous time in the history of the Israelites. Nehemiah cared for the poor and was a man of integrity. He was a hard worker and never asked anyone to do anything that he wasn't willing to do himself. He finished the job God gave him to do!

One heartbreaking quote from New Orleans is, "We advise people that this city has been destroyed, it has completely been destroyed."

As I think of New Orleans, Mississippi, Louisiana, and many other states now affected by Hurricane Katrina, I see a role model in Nehemiah from which we might take some encouragement. No odds are insurmountable, with Christ on our side.

As refugees head to Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Missouri, Illinois, West Virginia, Minnesota, Michigan, and Texas, we stand in faith, declaring there are no odds that are insurmountable with Christ on our side and by our side, as we petition our Heavenly Father and receive His provision for homes, new jobs, and schooling for the half million displaced people of the hurricane.

I proclaim that God is raising up leaders, in like manner to Nehemiah, who will rebuild the cities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. God has been preparing men and women like Nehemiah to lead and rebuild cities, for such a time as this.

"Lord, Strengthen Our Hands"

There came a time when Nehemiah and the people were being ferociously pursued, as further opposition to the rebuilding work arose. "They were all trying to frighten us, thinking, "Their hands will get too weak for the work, and it will not be completed." But Nehemiah prayed," Now strengthen my hands." Nehemiah 6:9

The enemy wants to convince us that the task is too big, that we don't have enough resources or energy or willpower or strength, and in some ways, he is right. We can do nothing apart from Christ, but in Him and through Him, all things are possible, and I prophesy in faith that the South will rise again to greet Jesus Christ as her coming King.

The people of the south will come together, and the Spirit of the Lord will release strategies for overcoming -- strategies for rebuilding in the natural and in the spiritual realm. I pray Father, strengthen the hands and heart of every willing worker in your Kingdom, in Jesus name!

Sir Winston Churchill Broadcast Extract, May 13, 1940: "Be Ye Men of Valor"

In 1940, Winston Churchill, as Prime Minister, spoke to the nation and said this, "In that supreme emergency, we shall not hesitate to take every step, even the most drastic, to call forth from our people, the last ounce and the last inch of effort they are capable of. The interests of property and the hours of labor are nothing compared to the struggle for life and honor, for right and freedom, to which we have vowed ourselves.

"Today is Trinity Sunday. Centuries ago, words were written to be a call and a spur to the faithful servants of Truth and Justice: 'Arm yourselves, and be ye men of valor, and be in readiness for the conflict; for it is better for us to perish in battle, than to look upon the outrage of our nation and our altar. As the Will of God is in Heaven, even so let it be.' " --*Sir Winston Churchill, May 13, 1940*

May we take courage today from the inspirational words of a tremendous leader, who was not afraid to speak of hard work and almost insurmountable circumstances, and who inspired others to work until the battle was won. The battle is on today for souls and for nations. Today, beloved America, know that millions stand with you throughout the earth for the restoration of the devastation that Hurricane Katrina has wrought in its wake.

Christ is King, and to Him we bow our hearts and posture ourselves for His perfect plans and solutions. He is our ***Mighty Redeemer*** and the One in whom we take refuge, in whom we find shade, and the One we can rely upon to be our shelter.

As a Scottish/Irish woman, my heart is entwined with the South, where so many of our ancestors migrated. As of September 5, there were still 130 Britons missing in the South. We are praying for y'all and for President George W Bush, Mayor Ray Nagin, Deputy Police Chief Warren Riley, and many more. I leave you with the words of promise concerning blue birds, penned during the 2nd world war:

"There'll be blue birds over
The white cliffs of Dover,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see.
There'll be love and laughter
And peace ever after
Tomorrow, when the world is free.
The shepherd will tend his sheep,
The valley will bloom again
And Jimmy will go to sleep,
In his own little room again.
There'll be blue birds over
The white cliffs of Dover,
Tomorrow, just you wait and see."
Words - Nat Burton
Melody - Walter Kent
Published - 1941

Yours in agape,

Catherine Brown
One Million Hours of Praise
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Be Careful What You Call Trouble

Chimezie Onyebilanma

Try and put yourself in the place of Mary that resurrection morning when she found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. It was not a joyful experience for her. The only way she could describe what she was faced with was 'This is more trouble!'

Just two days ago she had watched her most beloved friend and Lord mercilessly tortured, publicly ridiculed, and brutally crucified. And now, still reeling from that pain, here she was faced with the disappearance of her Lord's body. I can imagine her thinking "Haven't we suffered enough? Why are they doing this to us? Why are our troubles never ending?" Calling Peter and the others did not seem to help matters. So she stayed behind at the empty tomb weeping, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him".

Now you know the way the story ends. That which she called trouble at the dawn of that first Easter morning is what we celebrate as victory today. The empty tomb, which looked to her as if God had allowed more trouble to befall them, was really an expression of God coming to help them and all of mankind.

Beloved, I do not pretend to know what you may be going through right now. Life is harsh and filled with troubles. But I want to encourage you to be careful what you can 'trouble'. Be careful that you do not conclude too quickly that God has abandoned you. Be careful that you do not cast away your confidence in the faithfulness of God so easily. For what might look like trouble and pain might actually be God's help in disguise.

Two weeks ago I was faced with what looked like big trouble. One of our missionaries had gone to seek travel papers to facilitate his journey home to Rwanda. But the immigrations said his visa had expired and arrested me along with him (since I am the head of the ministry with which an "illegal immigrant" was working). Despite days of going back and forth to explain that we acted in ignorance, they fined us an amount that was way beyond our capacity. The trouble just seemed to get more and more complicated each day despite our prayers. And they spoke of deporting me from Togo. Finally we were able to see the Director General (DG) of that bureau and we were released without fine. But that is not all of the testimony. You see out of the warm discussion we had with the DG came the information of how we can acquire a status with the government that will not only allow us free visas for our foreign staffs but also duty-free privileges. God used this thing that looked like trouble to provide for us something that will save us thousands of dollars and a mountain of hassles in the coming years. This is something we need so much at this point in our work. God knew and sent us this trouble.

As we celebrate Easter I want to remind you that the God who raised Christ from the grave is our God. He is at work in your life even in the midst of your troubles. Looking around will only lead to more despair. Rather look up and hope in him no matter how much trouble may increase. You will not be put to shame.

HAPPY EASTER!

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PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg

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Being Doers Of The Word
Don Walker

> *"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (James 1:22 NAS)*

James warns us of the danger of hearing the truth, but failing to apply that truth to our lives. He uses the term "hearers," which is the Greek word akroates, a word that was used in classical Greek times to describe people who were part of an audience. It has connotations to the modern day equivalent of someone who audits a class rather than taking it for credit. They are simply there to hear the lecture, think about, and maybe even discuss it; but they are not there to be tested on what they have heard. In the ancient Greek world, the akroates, sometimes actually followed their favorite speakers from city to city to listen to their lectures.

The mistake we can make is to assume that our intellectual knowledge of a Biblical truth means that that truth has become part of our life. In other words, we deceive ourselves with the notion that since we know it, that is the same as doing it. The reality is we all probably know more than we live. This is what I call the "sin gap" that each of us must deal with, because the Scripture says, "to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). We must constantly be working to narrow this gap between what we know and what we do.

A.W. Tozer used the word "textualism" (a term I believe he coined), to describe the approach to Christianity some have taken that divorces knowledge from action. A textualist is satisfied in knowing about truths and less concerned with experiencing the truths he knows. In his book, Keys to the Deeper Life, Tozer writes about the impact of textualism:

"Faith, a mighty, vitalizing doctrine in the mouths of the apostles, became in the mouth of the scribe another thing all together and power went from it. As the letter triumphed, the Spirit withdrew and textualism ruled supreme. It was the time of the believer's Babylonian captivity.

In the interest of accuracy it should be said that this was a general condition only. Certainly there were, even in those low times, those whose longing hearts were better theologians than their teachers were These pressed on to a fullness and power unknown to the rest. But they were not many and the odds were too great; they could not dispel the mist that hung over the land. The error of textualism is not doctrinal. It is far more subtle than that and much more difficult to discover, but its effects are just as deadly. Not its theological beliefs are at fault but its assumptions.

It assumes, for instance, that if we have the word for a thing we have the thing itself. If it is in the Bible, it is in us. If we have the doctrine, we have the experience. If something was true for Paul it is of necessity true of us because we accept Paul's epistles as divinely inspired. The Bible tells us how to be saved, but textualism goes on to make it tell us that we are saved, something in the very nature of things it cannot do. Assurance of individual salvation is thus no more than a logical conclusion drawn from doctrinal premises, and the resultant experience wholly mental."

One of the problems we face as believers today is the fact that we are inundated with teaching. We have books, tapes, radio, television, etc. all feeding us Biblical truth, much of which we have little opportunity to "digest" before we are fed something new. We are given new truth before we have had a chance to do what we have just heard. We move on to the next thing before we did the last thing. Like the overproduction of an assembly line, we soon encounter the problem of being overstocked.

We become accustomed to hearing, and not doing anything with what we hear. We can even fill notebooks full of notes, but never have those "notes" written on our hearts. We need to ask ourselves: Am I listening with a "doing heart?"

As akroates we deceive ourselves in thinking that we will not be "tested" by God on what we have been taught, but God says: "To whom much is given much is required" (Luke 12:48). The Scripture says that, "Every word of God is tested" (Prov. 30:5). God does not allow anyone to "audit" his classes, we can know with certainty that the tests are coming.

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Being Birthed
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> *1 Corinthians 12:31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. Moreover, I show a most excellent way to you.*

This passages precedes **1 Corinthians 13!!!** LOVE is the MOST EXCELLENT way!
Before all else : Love HIM ! Love HIM ABOVE everything else!!!
HE PREPARES THE WAY, HE PREPARES HIS BRIDE!!

Word Of The Lord :

> My Body will function on the basis of LOVE !
> My LOVE will break yokes.
> There are those that I want to keep from having a miscarriage.....
> Allow ME to prepare you BEFORE trying to push open the gates by yourselves!
> Depart from the ways of the world! That's not the way MY Kingdom functions!
> I am going MY way!
> Promotion comes via ME!
> I Am the Redeemer, your birth is at the door......
> Allow ME to put you on the world!
> Allow ME to put MY Bride on the world!

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Believe

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EPHESIANS: 3: 17-21 [17]That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18]May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19]And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. [20]Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, [21]Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

You have made many request and I long to fulfill your hearts desire yet there are two things that serve as hindrances to my Spirit moving freely on your behalf and they are a discontented heart and unbelief.

Out of a grateful heart give praise and adoration unto my name, yes worship. In order for you to get to your next level you must leave the outer courts and come into a new level of intimacy and what has kept you out has been your unbelief.

"I have not withheld," says the Lord "what you have long awaited but have been making preparation for you to inhabit the land swore unto your Father's."

I am waiting for you to praise me for what you know I am capable of doing but even the more what you know I am doing for you. I am not a man that I should lie neither the son of man that I should repent concerning things I have promised you and vowed to fulfill.

My word says you have not because you ask not or you ask with the wrong motives/intentions but yet for those whose hearts have been purified and have **solemnly** awaited my promises for years, I am have come to do more than what your finite mind could fathom if you would simply believe.

I am awaiting the love and adoration due unto Me. As you seek after parts I am desiring to give you ALL OF ME. Let your desire be for me and watch what I will do. Let you hearts overflow with adoration unto My name and deity. You WILL NOT be disappointed, no you will not be disappointed, for I the Lord love you and long to be in communion with you.

Trust me to do great things concerning you, I have ALREADY supplied not only your needs, but your wants and even more what you DID NOT ask me for but because of my love for you I am doing. Simply believe, trust My word to not fail you and my promises concerning you to BE as you praise Me.

This is the time I am pouring out my love for you and my favor upon you. Believe I will do exceeding; abundantly above all you can ask or imagine. BELIEVE!

Believing

Becky McLendon

The Lord will give us perfect peace whose minds are stayed on Him. With our minds stayed on Jesus, we believe. If we believe Jesus we are letting Him believe in us. And the peace that comes with that is because we don't have to fret and worry over things. He says "be anxious for nothing, for the Father knows before you even know...." The foreknowledge of God is His believing in us. Believing assembles us together in His name. It is coming into agreement with Him. Believing gathers together two or more in His name, agreeing as touching, and things happen: all for God's purposes and not man's.

Christ's belief in us lets us believe. We say, "Lord I believe; help me in my unbelief. (Lord, I believe as much as I can as a human being, so you do the believing in me!)" His foreknowledge is His believing in us. The Joel army will be only those he believes in. How can He walk with one He doesn't believe in? There is no agreement! So He cannot walk as one with them. He is sharing revelation with those he believes in. He cannot cast pearls before swine or share His holiness with dogs.

Jesus can only believe in those whose "works" and "self" have been consumed in His fire, and ashes remain. Only ashes can keep His sayings. Ashes say: its just Jesus. Nothing more. I love Him alone, for He is enough. Ashes are our wedding garments. *Who is this standing with the king all glorious within? Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty God shines.* The beauty comes from within. On the outside, there is only sackcloth and ashes, the mark of a repentant soul. Many times as you look at people, you see them clothed with spirits. Their sin is their covering. Our fellowship is with those that have become ashes. Only ashes can know Jesus, like ashes can.

We can ask*: when Jesus comes* (reveals Himself) *will He find faith* (belief) *on earth?* Will He have those He believes in on earth? He says come on up, into more revelation, on up into more of me. Come on up into agreeing...I believe in you and you believe me.

As we come into agreement with Jesus, the medication people will go out of business. Exodus 15:26 says, *if thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the lord thy god, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee.*

No matter what we eat for health, it is the Lord that heals. What works for us is not keeping others alive because it is the Lord that heals. It is not of works it is the Lord that heals. We give the glory to Jesus, and whatsoever He says do, we do it. This is believing. *If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight. Whatsoever he says do, do it*. The Lord tells us to "fast" certain things at certain times, to eat certain things at certain times, to do certain things (like wash in the Jordan 7 times) etc., but what works for us is not keeping others alive. We do not "teach" them "how to be healed. It is the Lord that heals...so the key for each of us is to hear His voice and keep what He says committed to Him until that day. And then *"I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians* (the world*): for I am the Lord that healeth thee. "* We can run to the doctor every time we feel sick, or we can ask of the Lord, "Lord what will you have me to do?" and then wait for him to tell us, and then do whatsoever He says do."
If we believe Jesus, we are letting Him believe in us. People can't understand people outgrowing their "religion". They believe this is "it," and why would anyone want to go for more than what "has always been"? Joshua and Caleb outgrew the "Moses church." We have out grown what we were yesterday.

As we keep ourselves under, we daily find a new place in Jesus. What preachers were preaching forty years ago doesn't belong in today's preaching. As the Lord leads but slowing down not pushing we get more great things from the Lord. More and more we are going to experience being in Jesus. In every thing we do or say it must happen in Jesus. We are living in Jesus, never coming out. We wait for him to do the talking. It's precious when you don't have to think what to say. With believing, we have confidence He will say "all the right things."

Amen.
Becky

Perfection In Present Truth
Becky McLendon

Man tries to add to perfection or take away from it. Perfection is present truth. Some say the perfect is already come, in Jesus, or in the completed "bible," but the lack of present truth causes their doctrine to mean nothing. Others say the perfect has not already come, and wait for the "rapture." Thus, the perfect is "postponed" until an ideal time somewhere in the future. They have added to or taken away from the present truth to make it more "palatable" to them.

They add to it and take away from it because perfection is not present truth to them. They do not know we have the present truth of perfection in our imperfect natural state through Jesus Christ, and that present truth brings us to perfection. We have the wrong perception of perfection, for the most part. We associate it with "doing everything just right, not missing one jot or tittle." The Jews were good at that, trying to "keep" the law from all points. But they missed it...they were not perfect. In Jesus the perfect was come, but, not seeing it, they put a crown of thorns on Him (perfection).and nailed Him (perfection) to the cross, saying, "away with Him (perfection)." In their judgment, they despised the Perfect, whom we worship. Perfection means state of being mature, complete, finished, converted, fully born. Perfection was, and is and is to come. We are converted unto perfection in this process of salvation as we embrace present truth when He appears to us.

We are the sons or the offspring of His perfection. We cry to be in perfect unity and out of His way. When that which is perfect is come, then what is not perfect is done away with, leaving only perfection. So it is perfection that remains. Since we are not perfect, we bring our selves under to touch not and let Jesus make us equal with Himself. Perfection says, " I am God; I change not. "

Blessings and Shalom,
Becky

Be Released

Musa Opiyo

June 27, 2005

I speak to those of My children who have been caught in unhealthy addictions and you feel that you are trapped way in too deep with no form of escape and the Lord says to you that I have heard your inner cries for help and I will pluck you from the captors net. As you look to Me for your deliverance you shall see the chains fall from your hands and you will see the baggage drop off from your shoulders. Refuse to believe the lie that satan has told you that you cannot escape and be free from these habits, for I have seen your hearts and yes you have been willing to forsake all besetting sin.

Now let My Spirit breathe life and set you free from every shackle that has held you captive. And, I will not only stop there but I will bring healing to the areas in your life that brought this bondage so that you will no longer be vulnerable to the enemies arrows. But you must be willing to embrace freedom and face your new day. You cannot look back to the past. Your desire must not be for Egypt but for the Promised Land ahead of you. I will give you hinds feet to jump out and escape the trap of the enemy but you must embrace freedom and holiness.

In some instances healing shall be instant but in others it will be a gradual process. Do not take the longevity of your healing to be a sign that you are still bound, but rather that I am removing, bit by bit, every piece of debis left by the destruction of the enemy. I am the Master Builder and I will rebuild everything that was laid waste by the enemy. I will even shake you so that all the lies and the fallacies satan built into your life crumble so that I can build you up again on My foundation.

Do not despair or cringe as I do this rebuilding, for you are My child and you will continually move from glory to glory as you let Me do the work of restoration, for I promised that I would finish the work that I started says the Lord

Psalm 25:15 My eyes are ever toward the Lord. For he shall pluck my feet out of the net

Blessings,
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Beyond Contention
Sandy Warner

Jun 5, 2005

BEYOND CONTENTION
Abba heal the heart of those who kick
And let us trim the candle wick.
Let it burn clean and strong,
And let us right the things gone wrong.

Release us from our past offense,
And let us not speak from defense.
Keep our hearts pure and sound.
May we not pile offenses in a mound.

Please bury our past and keep it there,
So we will be light and safe from despair.
Forgive us when we argue and strive.
Our flesh kicks and screams to stay alive.

We feel alone and by ourselves,
When others withdraw and sit on the shelf.
They watch us from a distant place.
And we feel isolated in disgrace.

Help us to draw together in one,
That we not feel the coldness of shun.
When we call upon others for their help,
Please draw their hearts off their shelf.

We can not walk alone in this day.
We need one another in every way.
Forgive us for contention and kicking so much.
All we really want is some loving touch. Amen.

1 Peter 3:8 NKJV
Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted , be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

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Come Out Of Fantasy
Sandy Warner

Jun 1, 2005
COME OUT OF FANTASY
Fantasy is alive and well in the body of Christ. I can hear the thoughts and passion of My loved ones. They have yet to wash their thoughts pure with the blood of Jesus and be delivered through the power of My Word. Come out, My people, come out of jezebel's bed. Many are deluded by spirits of fantasy and they are deluded because they have entertained fabricated stories of men and demons and these

have become a breeding ground for the counterfeit.

It is My truth that sets you free to know the path of wisdom. You hunger to know Me and know My ways. Let go of fantasy and then your visions shall be clear and then your ears shall be unstopped and then your heart shall be set free to know Me even as I know you. You shall have what you desire, you shall have what you hunger for. In whose bed do you spend your time and your money?

Ps 51:6-11 AMP
Behold, You desire truth in the inner being; make me therefore to know wisdom in my inmost heart. Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean [ceremonially]; wash me, and I shall [in reality] be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness and be satisfied; let the bones which You have broken rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my guilt and iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

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Falling Short Of My Image
Sandy Warner

Jun 2, 2005
FALLING SHORT OF MY IMAGE
My dear battered child, how often you whip yourself with condemnation and self battered thoughts! I simply do NOT condemn you like this. This condemnation places a wall of separation between us, and keeps you from receiving My love. Yes, I understand you have fallen short. Yes, I understand you have failed to measure up to My image. But I understand even deeper than you, that much of your failings are due to wounds you can not heal.

When you see what does not measure up within your attitudes and your behavior, all I ask is that You not hide from the truth, but offer it up to Me in confession. Ask for My forgiveness and My touch to make you whole. My love covers a multitude of failings, dear one. I AM infinitely more patient than you are, and I see the end from the beginning. When I see you, I see your level of maturity and the fallen places that need healing and I understand. I send exactly what you need to raise up My full stature into your life, one simple step at a time.

Now pour out your heart to Me with confession and yielding, for I will listen to every Word. I wrap My arms around you, precious one, and just ask you to rest. Come now and rest, rest, rest. Rest in My arms of love.

Heb 4:15-16 NKJV
For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Healing The Child
Sandy Warner

Jun 2, 2005
HEALING THE CHILD
Within every human being is a wounded child which needs to be healed. Beloved one, when you receive a wound you stop growing in that place in your life. Life grows up around you, and you keep growing into maturity with wings to fly in every area except where you were wounded. I AM wanting to

raise up the tabernacle which has fallen inside of you and bring you into manhood. In order to do that, I want to heal the child places in your life which are so deeply disabling.

Old wounds are like knot holes in a tree. There is a circular pattern around the wound, and the closer you get to the knot hole, the more warped and perverted and out of shape it is. When people get near your wounded areas, you wince. The more tender those wounds are, the stronger you wince. The farther away they move from those places, the more normal and well balanced and stable you are... able to stand and function in an adult society with adult pressures.

It is important that You allow me to touch you in these wounded areas and bring healing. I want to flow through you and use you as My vessel. But, I do not want you to minister through your wounds before you are healed. This would cause you to spill poison onto others and also pervert truths and spill out bitterness, unforgiveness and self pity etc.

Until your wounds are healed, there will remain that unstable place. You have held up all these years with scar tissue and hardened places. My Spirit is spotlighting these places and bringing them into focus so I can wash them and draw out the poison. I AM taking the heart of stone and replacing it with a heart of flesh.

The closer you come to the anointing, the more I will approach these tender and sore places. The process of washing, although humbling, makes you feel like a child and insecure. It is not something to be ashamed of, it is simply a part of the process. As you are willing to become vulnerable before Me in the holy place, I will allow this healing to take place in the secret places behind closed doors. I will supernaturally keep you, so that when you return to do your daily tasks, I will give you the ability to function without transparent pain.

2 Cor 3:2-3 NKJV
You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

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Revelation Of Intimacy
Sandy Warner

May 30, 2005
REVELATION OF INTIMACY
Often I come to you in disguise through the weakest and most foolish places. I delight in appearing in these ways before you and then suddenly, without being told, you know. The revelation is made manifest, the cover is taken away and you see and know that I have been there and only now, do you understand. I drape the revelation of authority around your shoulders and it covers your heart to mark what you know as truth. What was unknown is now known and you suddenly know, yes My child, I have spoken clearly. It is ME.

I earnestly desire to give you a resting place in sharing the intimacy of My Words. This resting place is a safe place and you shall be massively equipped. As you listen and share, you shall join with other like hearts and connect as team players. I shall help you find your identity in Me as you make good decisions and are willing to lay down your carnality and stay pure in sharing. The gifts that shall come to your door shall bring you great excitement and I shall smile to see your joy, dear one.

Put away the past grief and pain of the sins of your youth, where you once reasoned as a child. I am bringing you into maturity where you will truly understand My government which drapes across your shoulders. You are holy. Put condemnation and shame away. They have no place in you. Be set free now, for you are clean and made pure through Jesus.

1 Cor 13:11-13 NKJV
When I was a child , I spoke as a child , I understood as a child , I thought as a child ; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Separating The Soul From The Spirit
Sandy Warner

Jun 3, 2005
SEPARATING THE SOUL FROM THE SPIRIT
The closer you come to My anointing, and the more I pour My Spirit out upon you and through you, three things take place simultaneously. First, you flow more in My gifts and become more of a conduit to others. Second, your soul is being healed of old wounds as it gets washed, and three your flesh, that carnal part of you, begins to die. The process that takes place is a separation of the spirit and the soul and even the flesh, that you may become whole and have My Spirit reign in your mortal body. My Spirit will spotlight all your motives until what you share is not self motivated to feed your soul or your flesh, but only motivated by what You hear and see Me saying.

Heb 4:12-13 NKJV
For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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Bread For The Bride
Cheryl McGrath

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INTRODUCTION
The following message from the life of Jacob sheds light on aspects of our spiritual lives we as individuals following Christ desperately need to hear. It was not until after this message was prepared and ready to be posted, however, that I became aware there is also hidden within it a "now" word for the Bride-church that speaks loudly into the place we find ourselves corporately at the present time in the Spirit.

Many of us are discerning a spiritual season of desperate anticipation right now that is hard to vocalise. It is both the best of times and the worst of times, as the saying goes. Sensing we are on the brink of something beyond our capacity to adequately express, nevertheless corporately we are experiencing together the deep anguish of soul of those who smell, taste and hear but do not yet fully see. Our hearts cry out for the final emptiness from self, while we reach forward to grasp the fullness of Christ.

I believe the very spirit of the corporate Bridal company is wrestling with the Almighty as we seek the full revelation of the Face of Christ in our midst. Daybreak comes, and as our natural strength fails and we behold ourselves in all our desperate need for His Fullness to overtake and apprehend us, we are groaning within "I will not let You go until You bless me!". This is crunch time for the emerging Bride. For many years now we have sought His Face and been transformed by the growing revelation of His Holiness. We have desired an encounter that would leave us free of our flesh and baptised into His death and resurrection. We have been left breathless and speechless as His manifest Presence has broken through and we have been lost in the beauty of His holiness and depths of His love. Daybreak comes, and with all that is within us we now cry out with one corporate groan, "Lord either kill me or change me, but do not leave me as I have been." There is an intense struggle for life within us, but life as we have never before experienced it. There is an intense awareness that He MUST increase to the fullness of His stature, and we MUST decrease to emptiness of self, or we will die.

This is a critical moment for the corporate Bride, a season of violent abandonment and discomfort as our weakness is exposed and His all sufficiency overtakes us. As we wrestle and behold His Face, we are seeing with ever increasing clarity in the starkness of His Daybreak that truthfully without Christ we can do nothing, yet in Christ we can do ALL things. We are about to find out what that truly means.

Cry out, church of the Living God, cry out church of the Firstborn, cry and moan for His fullness as never before. Do not let Him go until we have taken hold of His very fullness and leave this place of wrestling changed and limping, leaning only on our Beloved. Cry out for His fullness until we have prevailed with Him and He changes our nature, changes our name (Rev. 2:17) and appears in all His glory in His spiritual temple! For daybreak comes and we must prevail! Selah!

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Are You Limping Yet?
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In remote dessert areas of Australia where I live there are native trackers, Australian aborigines who assist the police when someone becomes lost in the desert, or is on the run from justice. These trackers can read human tracks like most of us read a book. They are so proficient at this that they can look at a pair of footprints and tell whether that person walks with a limp and which leg they are favouring. We need that kind of discernment in the church today, spiritually speaking. We need to be able to track a person's journey in the Spirit and discern the nature of their strength. We need to understand the difference between those whose weakness is their strength, and those whose strength is their weakness. We need leaders who lead with a spiritual limp.

In Genesis 25:20-26 we read of the birth of Esau and Jacob, twin sons born to Isaac and Rebekah. Rebekah had received a word from the Lord that her two sons each represented a different nation, and that the older son would serve the younger. The scriptures reveal that Esau, the firstborn, became a "skilful hunter and a man of the field" (Gen. 25:27). He was very much an outdoors man, confident in his physical strength and athletic abilities. The scriptures say Jacob, on the other hand, had different attributes. His mother's favourite, Jacob was noted more for his quiet, studious nature than his physical strength or ruggedness. He was "a quiet man, dwelling in tents". The implication is that Jacob was of a gentler disposition than his brother, preferring to spend his days working around the tents, listening to the conversations of the women and observing the interactions of his community. As Jacob grew up in the communal atmosphere of the tents he had ample opportunity to study the people he lived with, including their various strengths and weaknesses of character. Esau, on the other hand, would have spent long hours and days on hunting and food gathering expeditions, and in so doing had earned the respect and admiration of his father Isaac.

One day as Esau was returning from an unsuccessful hunting expedition, Jacob sat among the tents preparing a steaming red stew. Weary from hunger, the delicious aroma was more than Esau could resist, and he begged Jacob to give him some. Immediately taking advantage of his brother's weakness, Jacob offered to give him some of the meal in exchange for the eldest son's birthright. The birthright custom provided that when a man died his firstborn son must inherit a double share of all his property.

And Esau said, "Look, I am about to die, so what is this birthright to me?" Then Jacob said "Swear to me as of this day". So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. And Jacob gave Esau bread and stew of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. (Gen. 25:34)

As Jacob was her favourite, Rebekah had no doubt at some time shared with him the Lord's word that "the older will serve the younger". Jacob knew he could never compete with his brother in terms of physical strength, so even in his youth Jacob had determined to bring about the fulfilment of that prophecy through other means. He learned to read peoples' weaknesses and discern their vulnerabilities. He became adept at watching and waiting for opportunity to take advantage of situations in order to get what he wanted. And like many in the church today he set out running with a genuine word from the Spirit, determined to fulfil it in the strength of his own flesh.

Having already entered into the deception that God needed help to fulfil His own word, Rebekah now joined Jacob in scheming and manipulating to bring it about. Genesis 27:5-29 relates that while Esau was away hunting, Jacob, with his mother's assistance, disguised himself as his brother. Taking advantage of his father's blindness, he then deliberately deceived his father into laying hands on him to bestow the blessing that belonged to Esau as the firstborn son. On Esau's return the only blessing Isaac could give him was the blessing he had reserved for the youngest son. In his anger and sense of loss Esau openly plotted to kill his brother as soon as their father's death and burial had taken place. As for Jacob, he now not only had a prophetic word, he also had the anointing to go with it! Fearing for his life and left with no choice but to put as much distance as possible between Esau and himself, he fled to his mother's relatives in another part of the country.

Now Jacob was what I call a "ducker and a weaver". When I was quite young, leaving school, my first job was in the middle of the city of Sydney. Each day I would travel by train into the city from the outer suburbs, but I was not used to the large crowds of people rushing along the streets. I would arrange to meet my friend every day in my lunchbreak, but she was working right up one end of a very long street, and I was working down the other end. It was a very straight street, but between us there was a large distance and the busy lunchtime city crowds! I had only one hour for my break and because I was rather a small person I was getting considerably knocked around by the crowds as I tried to make my way quickly along that city street. Not only that, I was taking so long to get back to my work I was coming in late! But you know, before long I found a way to get through those city crowds without getting hurt and without returning late. I started to duck and to weave! I turned my small size and speed to my advantage and learned how to move swiftly in between, under and around those big hurrying people. And pretty soon I was rushing along that city street faster than anyone else. I knew where I wanted to go and I was determined to get there no matter what. I just put my head down and took off, weaving and ducking at full speed, scarcely looking up till I got to my destination!

Jacob's life became one of ducking and weaving! He knew he would never be strong in stature or skilful in hunting like his brother, so he learned to put his own unique strengths and skills to use because he was determined no-one was going to stop him realising what had been prophetically spoken over him. He didn't know yet he'd chosen a course that would lead him straight into a head on collision with God, because God is not needing duckers and weavers - He wants overcomers!

As Jacob was fleeing out of Esau's reach, the scriptures say he had a dream in which he saw the angels of God ascending and descending and heard the Voice of the Lord saying "I am the Lord God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and your descendants." (Gen. 28:12-13) So now Jacob not only has a word and an anointing, he has a prophetic experience as well! Things are certainly looking promising for Jacob. But there's something missing.

Next we find Jacob living and prospering among his mother's relatives. He works hard for his mother's brother, Laban, marrying two of his daughters, and is blessed with eleven sons and a daughter. Laban in turn recognises God's favour and anointing on Jacob, acknowledging that he and his own household have prospered solely due to Jacob's presence among them (Gen. 30:27). After several years, however, Jacob is becoming restless working for another man's vision and begins to dream of returning to his country to establish all that is in his own heart. And so it happens, after falling out with Laban, Jacob sets out towards home with his wives, his children, his servants and his livestock, knowing that his brother Esau will be waiting and remembering what he had done to him so many years before.

By this time Jacob has acquired an entire community bearing his own name and following his leadership. Even the angels meet him along the way (Gen. 32:1). We might say Jacob now has a prophetic word, an anointing, some amazing supernatural experiences, and an established ministry. But there is still something missing!

Still scheming and manipulating, Jacob devises a plan whereby he might placate any anger still left in his brother and sends messengers ahead to assess Esau's mood. However, when they return warning that Esau is coming with 400 men, the Bible records that Jacob becomes "greatly afraid and distressed." (Gen. 32:7) Jacob finds himself in a situation where his manipulative and scheming habits will not help him. Behind him is Laban and in front of him is Esau - both men he has dealt with less than honourably. Not knowing what to do, he calls out to the Lord to save him from his brother's wrath (v.9). But God has been waiting for just this moment! God has been patiently bringing Jacob to a time and place when Jacob's ducking and weaving would fail him. And God makes His move on Jacob!

Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks". But he said "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob". And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed". Then Jacob asked, saying "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. (Gen. 32:24-31)

Now what is it the Lord wants us to see in this story of His dealings with Jacob?

BREAD FOR THE BRIDE: Are You Limping Yet, Part Two. Cheryl McGrath Oct 16, 2005

Part Two of a two part article.

Have you been called by God? Very often those called by the Lord to ministry are people of strong will, strength of resolve, determination and vision. These are the natural characteristics most would agree are needed for leadership. However, until they are one by one brought under the power of the Cross by the Holy Spirit, these are the very traits that will hinder the Hand of the Lord in our lives and ministries.

Wherever we are naturally strong God will wrestle with us until each of our natural talents and strengths has been surrendered and sanctified. Many are those who want to offer their talents and gifts to God for use in the Kingdom, failing to understand our strengths are of absolutely no use to Him as long as they provide us with an identity outside of Him. Rather than needing our talents, the Lord wants to break our dependence on them. He will contend with us over these areas of natural strength until "daybreak". Daybreak represents revelation, when light comes, and we are able to see that every last ounce of our own strengths of personality is not enough to get us where God wants to take us! Our natural strengths are always only a substitute for His grace, and His grace is always sufficient, always enough! We do God no favours by putting our talents, gifts and natural abilities at His disposal. He can do far more with those who have faced and offered up their weakness than those who offer up their strengths (see 1 Cor. 1:27). Our natural abilities only become useful to God after we have seen them in the Light of His Countenance. It is then we understand it is the sufficiency of His Grace rather than the efficiency of our abilities that enables us to do anything at all in His Kingdom. This revelation must come to all who desire to be used by the Lord to the fullness of their potential in Him.

There is more the Lord would have us learn from Jacob's life.

Jacob had a genuine prophetic word from God. He had heard from his mother those things God had spoken over his life, and he desperately wanted their fulfilment. But that word wasn't enough. Jacob had an anointing - he carried the blessing of the firstborn. But it wasn't enough. Jacob had endurance - he was able to wait patiently for that he had set his heart on, but his endurance was not enough. Jacob was running with a vision, utilising every skill and talent available to him in his determination to get where he knew God wanted him to go. But those talents weren't enough. Jacob had no shortage of prophetic experiences. He had watched the angels of God ascending and descending in open vision at Bethel (Gen. 28:12). He had seen and heard God speak to him in night visions (Gen 28:13, 31:11) Angelic hosts had come to meet him on his journey home. But his prophetic experiences were not enough either.

Jacob still didn't have humility!

When Jacob looked into the Face of God, however, his nature changed forever! Jacob had contended with man for many years and prevailed. But not until that night alone in the wilderness when he had nowhere else to go, did he understand what it is to contend with God and prevail! Jacob came away from the encounter a marked man, limping as one who has contended with God and yet lived. In Genesis 32:30 we read: "So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, (which means Face of God), "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved".

God wrestled with Jacob until daylight came, the time of revelation. Having already left His mark on Jacob by dislocating his hip, at daybreak the angel of God challenged Jacob to let Him go (Gen. 32:26). But Jacob said "I will not let you go until You bless me!" Looking into the Face of God, Jacob beheld something he'd never seen before - One who was even more determined than he was! Jacob was about to find out that he could no longer stand on his own two legs or walk as he had previously walked. He could no longer rely on his own strength to uphold him. Everything had changed. So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said "Jacob." There, face to face with God, in the stark light of daybreak, Jacob confessed his own name and for the first time knew the reality of what he was and how he had lived his life. "I am Jacob - Schemer, Supplanter, Trickster!"

The blessing Jacob received was the revelation of who he really was in light of God's grace! God intends for each of us to receive the very same blessing, for until we too behold ourselves in the same Light, until we receive revelation of the total inadequacy and incompleteness of our own human strength, we will be in contention with God! We will be thinking and acting like we are something we are not. But when daybreak comes, He will reveal Himself to us as He is, and we will see ourselves in His true Light. Then we will only begin to understand His grace. The scripture says Jacob contended with God and prevailed. His prevailing was in his surrender. And right then and there God changed Jacob's name and nature. Jacob became Israel, no longer one who deceives, tricks and supplants, but one who has contended with God and lived! The name means "prince with God" or "he will rule as God". It speaks of one who manifests power and strength of a different kind and from a different source than Jacob had previously known. Thereafter Jacob no longer knew God as "the God of my fathers Abraham and Isaac". He called Him El Elohe Israel - the God of Israel (Gen. 33:20).

Until a revelation of grace comes to us, we will always stand on our own understanding. We can have a word, a vision, an anointing, an experience and even a growing ministry, but we will burn out long before we ever achieve our potential in God. Until a revelation of grace comes to us, we will always resort to our own strength and willpower to accomplish the work of God. And we will never know His Rest. God has only one way to deal with the strength of man's flesh and it's the Cross. If we are serious with God, the Spirit will apply the Cross to our spiritual walk in many and diverse ways, until we understand by revelation that it is only by His Grace we stand in ANYTHING!

You can discern the footprints of one who has contended with God and surrendered - they walk with a spiritual limp. They walk with the mark of the Cross. Their strength has been spent and they have entered by grace into the Rest of God. They walk leaning on the Beloved, for they have forgotten how to walk any other way.

Are you praying for greater faith to meet the needs around you? Expect a contending with the Lord, because He wants to give you a revelation of grace. Are you setting out to be a leader among leaders? Expect to be weakened in your natural strengths, abilities and talents until you understand that by grace alone are you left standing. Are you crying out for the boldness of a lion? Boldness is born of brokenness! Expect to be a lion that limps. Expect others to overlook you, pass you by and judge you as weak and ineffective by human standards, because they surely will. Until you open your mouth, that is, and they hear the lion roar.

The scripture prophesies of Jesus He was despised and rejected of men. He had nothing about Him physically or naturally that we should desire Him (Is. 53:2) . People did not follow Him because of His good looks, His charismatic personality or His ten point plan to get to Heaven. They followed Him because the words He spoke were Spirit and life, and the gospel He brought was demonstrated by the Spirit's power.

Are you limping yet?

.....through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand.... Romans 5:1-2

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Be Healed And Be Fruitful

Betty Heimbach

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“Beloved,

“You have been broken for too long. It is time for healing. You have struggled and tried to endure. You have tried to smile and go on. But it is time for healing. It is time for restoration. I am doing a deep work within you. You are mine. My hand has been upon your life all through the years.

“The enemy has tried to destroy you. He has sought to beat you down, to rob you of your joy. He has told lie upon lie because he is the father of lies. I say to you, My lovely one, listen to My truth, listen to My voice, tune you ears to My Spirit. Resist the lies of the enemy, the deceiver.

“Do not allow the enemy to rob you now through anger or unforgiveness. Forgive. Forgive fully those who have wounded you, those who have rejected you and those who have mistreated you. Forgive, regardless of how hard it may be. Ask Me to enable you as you determine in your heart and declare with your mouth your forgiveness of all involved."

“I am you maker, your creator and you are Mine. You are beautifully and wonderfully made. You are the workmanship of My hands. I have called you to walk with Me, to minister to Me, to worship Me, so that I can minister through you and be glorified. You are mine and I am your God. It is time for your healing so that you can walk in your destiny.

“Beloved, come and rest in Me. Bring all your cares, bring your burden to Me, lay them in My lap, let Me take them. You were not made to carry these burdens, let Me take them. My plans for you are good and not evil, My planned path for you is easy to walk, not hard. Draw away with Me. Seek My face. Seek your wholeness, and your healing in time spent with Me.

“Look into My Word, pray to see My heart and listen to My voice. I have healing for you, even for the deep wounds of the past – even for the deepest wounds of your childhood. You are Mine and I want to be glorified in your life. Ask for your healing to bring glory to Me.

“Look not to the right, nor the left, but listen to My voice. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost who dwells within you, who prays for you, who leads you in prayer and speaks My answer to you? Look to Me and Me alone for your strength, your joy, your peace and your healing.

“Come to Me for restoration, let Me complete the work I have begun in You. Draw close to Me under the shadow of My wing. Draw all your sustenance from Me, as the branch lives only because it is attached to the vine – you live and blossom and bear fruit because you are one with Me.

"I see you not as others see you, and not as you see yourself. When I look at you I see the divine gift resident within you. Others may not see your value. They may discount you; see only the barrenness of a dry twig. Even loved ones and friends may not see your potential, or your fruitfulness. In My love I have cultivated and developed you. My will is that you bear much fruit, that your gifts be realized and expressed, that even your hidden talents be revealed and become reality. When I look at you I see your completion, your fruit.

“Be all that I, the Lord God, have called you to be. Don’t let anyone – not people, or Satan – dictate to you who you are and what you are, or what you can do in My kingdom. I chose you. I called you. I have anointed you. Only I can tell you what you are to accomplish for Me, for My glory.

“Come to Me, learn more of Me. Listen to My heart. Be healed. Let Me complete the work of restoration I have begun in you, so that you can walk in the fullness of life that I have ordained for you to walk in.

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Benny Hinn Conference Report
Flo Ellers

As a full time minister, I enjoy attending good conferences for personal edification and on-going education. This summer I tried to go to a couple of meetings but for lack of finances or other reasons I was not able to go but recently, I was financially blessed so I went to Benny Hinn's Minister's Conference in Dallas, TX. It has been less than 24 hours since I returned home but I sensed I needed to get this report to you.

What transpired there greatly impacted my life and challenged my spiritual walk with the Lord. There were only three scheduled sessions but those three sessions totaled 14 hours of high praise and worship, a special time of impartation, great messages and special reports by Benny Hinn and his guest speakers. The following remarks are the headlines from each speaker:

BENNY HINN:

In a recent vision, he saw MASSIVE earthquakes in America.

He saw a TIDAL WAVE hit both the East Coast and West Coast.

The coastal lands were flooded with water even New York City.

Sudden weather changes coming with dangerous winds in excess of 200 mph.

A "Christ-less" move coming where God will be extremely popular.

Millions of tapes, CD's about God will be sold everywhere.

The "seed" of this false revival is being sown right now in churches and ministries that have a "blood-less" religion. These groups have taken the Cross of Jesus out of their messages.

"You take the Cross out—you invite Satan in!"

Their messages are very deceptive and centered on the "how-to-succeed in business" and life when the message should be "How to deny self!"

Part II – Benny Hinn spoke on end time events according to the Bible and shared a little from an article from Foreign Policy Magazine. He made the following statements:

What is ahead is frightening. The rise of militant Islam has one agenda—global invasion.

The greatest threat to peace on earth is what the magazine calls "falling nations"—nations that are falling politically and economically. They are Nigeria, Russia, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq.

The U. S. is the only super power that is helping to keep these nations afloat but with increased judgment on the US, our economy will be greatly drained and will no longer be able to carry these "falling nations" so the world will look for a one-world government for answers. This newly-formed political union will need a new leader to protect this political and economic oneness. This political union will be formed before the year 2010.

Before Pope John Paul II died he said if you do not come through Mary you can not make heaven. The Catholics want to make Mary a co-redeemer with the God Head!

The current Pope will not last long. He will do something dangerous and he will allow what Pope John II said. Majority of the Catholics will choose idolatry but a remnant will join the true Body of Christ.

The next Pope will introduce the Anti-Christ.

Benny Hinn said Israel will have new elections and Ariel Sharon will lose the election. He spoke with Benjamin Netanyahu and told him he will be the next Prime Minister of Israel and Benjamin told him he knows that already in his heart. But Benny said we must pray for B. Netanyahu for if we don't he will be killed.

Benny said there are great changes in the Church that have to come about, certain changes that will unite all true believers, NOT denominations but a Spiritual oneness and in that will come great power. All we need is 120! (Acts 2).

He brought us up to date on Israel's history as it relates to Church history and shared about current events regarding the Gaza pull out and how Israel lost territory. He said the Church has also lost territory too. As it is with Israel, so it is with the Church. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem for when you do so, you are praying for your own tomorrow.

There are a people in the Body of Christ holding on to territory and we are not giving it up!

Pray for a true spiritual unity to come to the Body of Christ. It is for our survival.

- FREIDA LINSEY was called upon and she told Benny "Do not hold back a thing! Give it to them straight." She then shared with us when her husband Gordon Lindsey was alive and she was dying of T. B. he held the Bible up before her and asked her, "Is this true or do we throw it away?" She said, "It's true!" "Well then get out of this bed!" he shouted and she did and was instantly healed. She told us she is 91 years old going on 120 and has read the Bible through 68 times. And she goes to work at her office every day. No retirement for her. What an inspiration she is!

o CHUCK PIERCE: After reading about Chuck's prophecy about New Orleans in Chuck's book on the 50 State Tour Benny's staff called Chuck's office to find out if he could share at B. Hinn's gathering of ministers. He agreed even though he had just returned from a trip to Rome. As soon as Benny introduced this prophet of God he started to prophecy over Benny Hinn in a very accurate word according to Benny's own testimony. Then Chuck shared with us what the Lord was saying to him about recent events:

o We are to be proactive not reactive to Katrina.

o Baton Rouge is a model "refuge city".

o There is coming a shaking from the heartland of the US, an invasion and the Glory will rise out of St. Louis.

o Luke 14 The Lord is calling forth His disciples who are willing to learn again. We are in a learning process now and the next three years. We will be learning and building for next three generations.

o From mid September – October 15 shake economic systems; by November the economy will be rearranged and by February the government will shake.

o He is concerned about Houston, Los Angeles where lawlessness will arise (root of that is fatherlessness) and San Francisco is in a precarious place.

o God has a heart to unlock the fragrance in His people.

MIKE BARBER: Prison is the fastest growing industry in the world! One out of six will be in prison unless we reach them for the Lord. There are currently one million youth in prison in America!

RON LUCE: 96% of all America's youth do NOT believe in the Bible. Only 35% of the "baby boomers" believe in the Bible.

If we do not reach the youth by the time they are 20 years old the chances of them giving their lives in total surrender to Jesus drops dramatically. Those that were born in 1989 are now 16 years old. We have less than 5 years to capture this generation.

We are at a crossroad. We must rescue a generation and it is going to take all of us to do it. The whole church must be turned into a hospital for a broken-hearted generation. Grandmas, grandpas, everyone, not just the youth pastors must get engaged and involved.

A revolution is brewing—a generation is rising up and they are going to change the world. (But will they know the Lord Jesus?)

Behold I Come

Carol McCarthy

March 26, 2005

The Lord gave me this word today...after much worship and prayer...

I am in control and My breath is blowing upon the sons of men that I have prepared beforehand as the Great Son of Man mounts His white horse for this last hour and end of days.

Oh, sons of men, watchmen of the morning, see the brightness of My glory being revealed in all My creative acts as the unfolding of mankind's darkest night of the soul comes forth. The final decision has been made, and My hand holds the scales of balance; on the left unrighteousness, and on the right righteousness.

Look up and see the Sacrificial Lamb Who now puts on the robes of the Righteous Judge, and Who is coming to divide the vile and the profane from the pure and the holy. Those nations, peoples, and individuals stand as He declares His verdict, and no more excuse or delay is heard from the mouths of the guilty nor the innocent. In utter silence, each one receives the justice due their actions; either eternal life or eternal hell and death.

"BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY.. AND MY REWARD IS WITH ME" .."THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY 'COME'". Rev. 22:12 & 17.

Big Story In The Middle East
Joel C. Rosenberg

The Big (Untold) Story In The Middle East

"More Muslims are becoming followers of Jesus Christ today than at any other point in history."

(WASHINGTON, D.C., March 25, 2005) – Despite unprecedented press coverage of Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Middle East since September 11, 2001, one big story is not being told by mainstream media. Scores of Muslims are converting to evangelical Christianity and will be celebrating their first Easter this year, even amidst widespread persecution and the very real threat of death.

Over the past few months I interviewed more than three dozen Arab and Iranian pastors and evangelical Christian missionary leaders in the U.S. and the Middle East. The picture they paint is one of Christianity being dramatically resurrected in the lands where the Bible was written.

One Arab Christian leader tells me that based on his research with churches and ministries throughout the Islamic world, he now believes more than 1.5 million Muslims worldwide have trusted Christ since 9/11. Such numbers are difficult to verify, but the trend is clear.

"More Muslims are becoming followers of Jesus Christ today than at any other time in history," a prominent Arab Christian leader told me recently, on the condition that I not mention his name or organization. "It's not something we talk much about openly, but it is very exciting and very important."

In Afghanistan, for example, there were only 17 known evangelical Christians in the country before al-Qaeda attacked the United States. Today, the number of Afghan Christians is in the thousands and growing quickly.

Church leaders say Afghan Muslims are open to hearing the gospel message like never before. Dozens of baptisms occur every week. People are snatching up Bibles and other Christian books as fast as they can be printed or brought into the country. The Jesus film-a two hour docudrama on the life of Christ based on the Gospel of Luke-was even shown on television in one city before police shut down the entire TV station.

"God is moving so fast in Afghanistan, we're just trying to keep up," one Afghan Christian worker told me, requesting anonymity. "The greatest need now is leadership development. We need to train pastors to care for all these new believers."

In Iraq, mainstream media attention is focused almost exclusively on the violence of the insurgents. But despite numerous church bombings and attacks on Christian leaders, an evangelical revolution is underway in Iraq and interest in Christianity is at an all-time high, say Iraqi pastors and other evangelical leaders who have recently visited the war-torn country.

Over one million Arabic New Testaments, Christian books, and gospel publications for children have been distributed in Iraq by various ministries since the end of major war operations. Bibles are even being printed inside Iraq today. Even still, demand outpaces the supply.

Western Christian organizations are also trying to care for their persecuted brothers and sisters in Iraq, shipping in food, medicine, and other supplies to meet pressing needs. One such group, Samaritan's Purse-run by Franklin Graham, son of the Rev. Billy Graham-reports that they have "airlifted 16 tons of medical supplies and equipment into Baghdad to refurbish a teaching hospital . completed construction of one clinic and supplied medicine for several others, and sponsor[ed] a church that provides food to poor families, Muslims and Christians alike."

As a result of such efforts and many others that for security sake must go unmentioned, thousands upon thousands of Iraqis have already made decisions to become followers of Christ, and many others are coming to Christ every week. What's more, some 162 new Iraqi believers recently began ministry training in an undisclosed section of the country to become pastors and lay leaders.

Similar stories are being reported in countries considered most "closed" to the gospel, from Central Asia to Sudan. In Kazakhstan, for example, there were only three known evangelical Christian believers before the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Today there are more than 15,000 Kazakh Christians, and more than 100,000 Christians of all ethnicities.

In Sudan-despite a ferocious civil war, genocide and widespread religious persecution, particularly in the Darfur region-literally tens of thousands of Muslims have made decisions to become followers of Jesus Christ just since 2001. A seminary to train new pastors is run in a mountain cave. Hundreds of churches have been planted, and thousands of small group Bible studies are being held in secret throughout the country, though two evangelical leaders asked me not to mention the specific numbers out of concern it could lead to still more persecution.

Other Arab Christian leaders tell me that the immense controversy last spring over Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" had an intriguing if unintended and counterintuitive effect in the Middle East. Charges by American Jewish groups that the film was anti-Semitic caused enormous interest among Muslims to see the film for themselves. Soon "The Passion" was being shown in theaters throughout the region, and popping up on tens of thousands of bootlegged DVDs, including in Saudi Arabia and Iran where it is typically illegal to buy or sell Christian materials. While it is difficult to accurately assess the impact of the film, I can report that in Lebanon, some 310 people are known to have made decisions to become followers of Christ after just one showing of "The Passion."

A wonderfully inspiring book published last fall by Brother Andrew (of God's Smuggler fame) and Al Janssen of Open Doors International takes those interested in what God is doing to reach Muslims on a powerful and unforgettable journey that reads like the 29th chapter of the Book of Acts. LIGHT FORCE: A Stirring Account of the Church Caught in the Middle East Crossfire (Revell) is chock full of amazing anecdotes you will never read in the New York Times or the Washington Post.

My wife and I had the privilege of having lunch with the authors in Southern California where we peppered them for more details. What struck us most was Brother Andrew's boldness and incurable confidence in a God who can open doors to reach the most unreachable. Over salads and iced tea, Andrew humbly shared story after story of how he personally shared the gospel with Yasser Arafat, with Islamic Ayatollahs, and with Palestinian terrorists exiled to Lebanon. He also told us his unforgettable experience of preaching the gospel to 400 Hamas leaders in Gaza City, which he relates on pages 182-190 of his book.

"I can't change the situation you face here in Gaza," Andrew told the Hamas leaders. "I can't solve the problems you have with your enemies. But I can offer you the One who is called the Prince of Peace. You cannot have real peace without Jesus. And you cannot experience Him without forgiveness. He offers to forgive us of all our sins. But we cannot receive that forgiveness if we don't ask for it. The Bible calls this repentance and confession of sin. If you want it, then Jesus forgives. He forgave me and made me a new person. Now I'm not afraid to die because my sins are forgiven and I have everlasting life."

Hearing the story, I had to confess to Brother Andrew that it had never dawned on me to pray for-much less preach the gospel-to Hamas leaders. But isn't that what Jesus tells us to do, to love our enemies? What made the story all the more remarkable was that rather than lynching Andrew for trying to convert them to Christ, the Hamas leaders invited him to speak to other Muslims.

"Andrew, I believe you know that I teach at the Islamic University," said one. "To my knowledge, we have never had any lectures about Christianity. While you were talking, I was thinking that it would be helpful for our students to know about real Christianity. Would you consider coming to the university and giving a lecture about the differences between Christianity and Islam?"

Even the Palestinian Christian leaders who accompanied Brother Andrew to the event were taken aback. "I think my God is too small," said the head of the Palestinian Bible Society. "I never thought that a Christian could speak to radical, fanatical fundamentalists. But even if someone did have a chance, it never occurred to me that they would actually want to sit and listen to the gospel. Today God showed me how big He is."

Such are not stories being told by the mainstream media, but they are important stories nonetheless-the good news of a great God. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Short Bio for Bill Somers

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Basic Information

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Origin:

DOB 8-20-1945 Wyandotte Michigan. Hometown is Southgate MI. Ancestry is Irish, Hungarian, English and/or German.

Education

8 years of Catholic elementary education
4 years High School, graduated in college prep program, then
3 and 1/4 years at Michigan State. Philosophy major, then
4 years in United States Navy, during Vietnam. Back to Civilian life at the end of 1970
Also several courses at University of Michigan and University of Phoenix

Family

One of 6 siblings. Married at ripe old age of 33. My dear wife, Marylee, had 7 children from her first marriage of 19 years. It was instant family! She is 6 1/2 years older than I. All the children are grown and living on their own. Some are even producing grandchildren.

Likes: Good food, drink, music, and video's. Getting things for free!

Dislikes: television, especially the news and the commercials. I only watch it if there is a war, national emergency or I'm at someone else's home. Other dislikes: having to fix my car and shopping.

Work History

Electronic Technician in the two way radio area. 14 years in Michigan and 14 years in New Orleans LA.
Computer Technician for 2 1/2 years in Mansfield Ohio. Now Retired

Current Status

Officially retired in August 2007.

Computer experience

My first computer was an Atari 800 with a whopping 48k of memory. I've done a lot of hardware repair and software support, full and part time for about a decade.

Philosophy

I was raised a catholic, and became an atheist in high school. In college I flirted with eastern mysticism. [It was the 60's after all.] In the 70's till the mid 80's I maintained an interest in New Age topics but not much of a commitment there. My big involvement was in the War Games hobby. I was VP of Metro Detroit Gamers for about 10 years and helped put on some big conventions. We relocated to Louisiana in 84 and almost a year later my wife and I became 'born again' Christians. This is where we are at today, though we are now part of the new phenomenon of 'out of church' Christians. That is we're committed Christians but fed up with churches. Technically we are 'between churches.'

Interests

Military topics, Jazz, Bluegrass and other instrumental music, cooking.

Hobbies

Playing music on guitar or flute, computers, collecting mp3 files of music and cooking, mostly baking things.

Activities

I'm a writer, editor and publisher on the internet. The Web Site is called End Time Prophetic Vision. www.etpv.org.

Each week I publish 25 to 30 articles on the site, including my own writings at times. I have about 90+ articles posted there that I have written myself.

It's like doing a weekly magazine without having to deal with a printer.

The content consists of essays, articles, prophecies, and accounts of dreams or visions. All of these are supposed to be relevant to the belief that we are living in what's called the End Times, just before the Second Coming of Jesus. This year [2008] I completed 12 years of such publishing on the internet.

Believing Is Trusting God

Becky Mclendon

Mark 16:16 *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned*

Believing is a process, a faith at work, believing present truth, and he that believes what God is now saying shall be saved. It does not say is saved, but shall be saved. Faith without works (without leaven) is dead faith. We will take what the lord gives with out any mixture. Nobody can add any thing to, what Jesus gives. It is seed with out any mixture. Perfect, coming from the very God himself. The seed is the beginning or the author. The preaching will be the finisher of that faith or seed. Seed can be used here the same as leaven. This leaven prepares us for Jesus only preaching. There are no carnal helps and this will go out to a people that love Him with all their heart. A word translators and scholars have never touched. Many dead will hear this preaching and come out of their grave. The lord is not chapters and verses. When he said let there be light, He didn't have chapter and verse for it. Salvation is of the Lord, and that by revelation.

A believer grows daily
A believer is leavened daily
A believer loves Jesus daily.
He lives in all our thoughts and words.
As we live in the spirit it will shut peoples words out.
We have to be arks pitched on the inside and outside.
We are sitting in heavenly places above all that is not Jesus
Jesus is our head, and that is where our body's look for precious food, to remain, and live .His head does away with study.

Study is going over what he has said. Revelation is what the anointing is saying now.
The light we walk in is showing us things to come. People that study all the time need to be turned around with eyes in front of them, because they are always looking back at what others have said from their studies in the past. Remember Lot's wife.

Now that the flood is over, they are looking for the ark. Men study scripture searching for “truth” and look for things in archaeology to “prove” God did it or is going to do it. But faith says God did it so that settles it and goes on with God and in His revelation,

The self-righteous do not understand. That we can have faults yet still be in the perfection and holiness of God...it is only because it is not our righteousness that gets us there...it is his righteousness. So the self-righteous study and study and study seeking to “get” revelation that God gives only by faith and in His own righteousness. We are not chosen by our degrees or our fame before men. We are chosen in the righteousness of God. In myself I cannot boast of what degrees I have earned, the titles men have bestowed upon me, the studies I have done in the bible, the teachings I have sat under, or the articles I have read that men have written. Any boasting I may do is of the lord. The boasting ones are dying off.

It is something how great some think they are in their little kingdom. The Lord’s own people don't look like much to them. Some remind me of roosters crowing but we know we have nothing of ourselves to crow about.

Trusting God has to reach perfection before obeying God can reach perfection. Men have it backwards, and try to obey God without trusting him. The self righteous man cannot act on “whatsoever i say do, do it.” He is too busy “trying to do for God” and missing the mark every time. Why? He has not trusted God, and is therefore walking in sin. The Lord intends for the election to bring an end to the works of the devil and healing to the land. As we seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, we have a vision. We are going to be clothed in his perfection. There is that leaven which, when complete, will heal the world and the nations.

We have tests that determine whether we go on or dry up. In these tests we see two things: a going on, and a falling away. Falling away creates denominations to get men entrapped in teachings, studies, and programs all to perpetrate the denomination. In revelation, the holy spirit always brings about a two-sided thing. After all, the anointing on the word is a two-edged sword. There are two kinds of people: believers and unbelievers. Believers are going to know the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering. The whole earth will hear the powerful preaching of the Lord.

Instead of showing people where they are wrong, we will show them where Jesus is right. We will point them to Jesus, rather than point out their wrongs. Without the Lord's help, they come out of one wrong leaven and jump into another one. I have seen so many who have "come out" of religious works only to begin another religious work. Thus, the leaven of the kingdom is completely different from the leaven of the Pharisees. Jesus warned us of the leaven of the Pharisees, because it is a leaven of self-righteousness and religious empire building. Babylon is never built using the right, or revelation, but is built on their studies and teachings and programs. Many are saying i can't use this leaven. It is too hard. So, have me excused. This leaven can actually bring them a little persecution, and they certainly do not want that. Their teachers have always told them “just accept Jesus and everything will be smooth sailing from here on.”

It will be the ones that love Jesus that will increase and go deeper. Believing is living. The blind the dead do not believe. It is not flesh and blood running this business world; it is spirits controlling men’s lives. They don't even know it, so they boast of their own works. It's spirits controlling the religious machine too: bible study, bible schools, teaching seminars, books and tapes and videos and huge ministry centers are under a religious spirit. But men boast of themselves!

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

These sins are spirits that people take with them to the grave. Spirits commit crimes, and men go to prison for them. It is sin spirits at work, and the wages are death to the ones they work in. And, in the religious kingdom, they are the “good works” that don't count in the kingdom of God. It is stronger spirits replacing weaker spirits. This is something for the election ministry. We cease from the spirits that want to help us to “do for God” and to “study for God,” and we wait to hear his voice saying, “whatsoever I say do, do it!”

These spirits are also linked with people’s sickness. In this election ministry we will break every yoke, get deliverance from every spirit and come into a Jesus only life. Walking in the light brings us out of all these spirits.

Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.

This is men’s and women’s preaching. Jesus will preach what we have made a commitment to with our hearts. A commitment brings revelation. This will bring true grace, and conviction, out loud salvation. How then shall we be saved? By BELIEVING on and TRUSTING the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen and Amen

Heaven’s Leaven
Becky McLendon

An apostle might be walking in present truth, but sometimes the Lord would show him to keep it a secret until it was all leavened. Paul was never allowed to speak the full revelation he received. Walking in the light could be a secret light. Satan comes as an angel of light and exalts himself, but the light of the world is sheltered in the earth, and hidden from the wise and the prudent until fully leavened. The leaven is working harder. He knows what time it is.

Glorified means fully leavened! There is revelation in John 17 where he prayed. Every time He said glorify He was saying as you leaven me...leaven them...........as you marry me.....marry them...as you convert my fleshly body convert them.....as you save me unto yourself, save them.

> *These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, father, the hour is come; glorify (leaven, convert, save, perfect, set up the concrete, marry, fulfill, reveal) thy son, that thy son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. and this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true god, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. and now, o Father, glorify leaven, marry, convert, save, perfect, set up the concrete, fulfill yourself in) thou me with thine own self with the glory (leaven, marriage, conversion, perfection, concrete, fulfillment) which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. for I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them, which thou hast given me; for they are thine. and all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified leavened, converted, perfected, married, saved, set up (concrete) in them. and now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. while I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word (the lump of leaven daily, manna, revelation); and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep (earth sheltered home, protect, hide, overshadowed) them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.*
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> *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. and the glory (leaven, revelation,*

> *conversion, concrete set up, salvation, marriage) which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. and I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.*

Leaven is the same as “the fullness of time!”

> *After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him. Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, depart hence, and go into Judea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. for there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world. for neither did his brethren believe in him. Then Jesus said unto them, my time (leaven, completion, perfection,...) Is not yet come: but your time is alway ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode still in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. (They kept the traditions; he kept the feast, but in secret until the leavening was fully come) then the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, where is he? and there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, he is a good man: others said, nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews. John 7:1-13*

These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time (leaven, revelation conversion,) *cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father* (you shall be leavened with revelation) John 16:25

We cannot impart fully until we are fully leavened. Paul said the gospel is the power of God. We are coming into a gospel. This is this gospel that Jesus said would be preached.

I believe that when he says: “In that day, the Day of the Lord” He is saying:

Fully leavened!!!!
That day of perfection
Wedding day
Fully converted
Word becomes flesh
The flesh becomes the word when leavened

You have to live in the spirit to hear these things. You have to live in the spirit to know these things. You have to live in the spirit to speak these things. We are in the spirit on the Lord’s Day. In all this dieting, the world knows nothing about spiritual foods. Oh that nations would eat and explode. His blood is spirit, and that spirit is leaven. If a man keep my sayings he keeps my leaven, says the lord. Leaven takes us to the beginning in God

But when that which is perfect (fully leavened, converted, marriage, revealed,) *is come*, (out of its earth sheltered-hidden in the earth home: the house of God) *then that which is in part shall be done away*. (Day of the Lord in the earth)1 Cor. 13:10

So glory, fullness of time, day of the Lord means **leavened**, it means **converted**, **married**, **present truth**

John said God would raise up the very rocks to praise him. Jesus, let the rocks praise you and let them arrest the rocks.

Right now the glory, the leaven, the present truth, conversion, marriage, Lord's Day that man does not know the day or the hour, is hidden in Him in His earth-sheltered home. The whole lump leavened is this treasure in earthen vessels. The foreknowledge of God was there as he took dust to make man. Then, by a leavening, he would have a body in the earth.

Treasure in earthen vessels = earth sheltered abode of Jesus. Earth sheltered home = place to lay His head

Satan comes as an angel of light and exalts himself, but the light of the world is sheltered in the earth, and hidden from the wise and the prudent until fully leavened. The weakness of most ministries is that they are not telling the people to wait for power to witness. Once fully leavened, we will go to nations telling them to wait for a leavening process; for their faith to become a tree. The church (Samson) has had a haircut, they cut away, leaven, conversion, present truth and gave him a “my ministry” ministry.

As we speak revelation words of God to each other, it is precious leaven. It is life to his body.

Back In The Saddle

Sandy Warner

Apr 28, 2005
BACK IN THE SADDLE
What do you do when you fall off your horse?
Dust off. Mount up. And settle in, - of course.
Sometimes you feel bruised, sometimes all shaky,
What matters to Me is what's in the making.

We've seen that lower lip hanging down so low,
As you've born the weight of gravity bestowed.
All who have witnessed your fall in faith,
Wait with bated breath to see what's been scathed.

They prayed you through to the other side,
With concern and love never denied.
All heaven rejoices when you get back up,
To dust off your backside and swallow your cup.

Yes, dear one, we never doubted your flame.
We know you were lit, never to be the same.
We see that little cherub grin of yours,
As you sit in that saddle preparing to pour.

Yes, you feel a little silly and shy
Having born the weight of what you've denied.
We laugh in joy as your humor returns,
As you chuckle about all the concerns.

It's not when you fall but when you get back up,
That heaven records history about tough stuff.
Now take the reigns and sit up straight
Turn your eyes to Me looking for your fate.

Thank you dear one, for returning to Me.
I've missed you, and waited for you to see -
That your peace is only found in one place,
Tucked in My heart, looking not towards disgrace.

Luke 22:60-62 NKJV
But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are saying!" Immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter . Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

John 21:3-7 NKJV
Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No." And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter , "It is the Lord!"

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Did You Learn To Love?
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DID YOU LEARN TO LOVE?
I have called you My anointed child, after My own name, destined to reflect My image. Dear one, as you are overcoming so much pain, remember I suffered all the same things for you and for the whole world.

You see all the imperfections that are being burned out of the flesh and soul. I only look for love. Remember, that in everything you do and all that you are, only your motive of love is what matters. Whenever you see My heart, I will ask you, "And did you learn to love?" The only way you can love is to not focus on your own miseries and failures, but to focus on My heart which is to serve and lift others. I know that deep inside your service is a heart which loves.

1 John 4:16-21 NLT
God is love , and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we are like Christ here in this world.

Such love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of judgment, and this shows that his love has not been perfected in us. We love each other as a result of his loving us first.

If someone says, "I love God," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we have not seen? And God himself has commanded that we must love not only him but our Christian brothers and sisters, too.

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Store Front Image In The Market Place
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STORE FRONT IMAGE IN THE MARKET PLACE
I AM opening a door for My people to walk into the marketplace. As I lead you, I am redesigning your image, that "store front" that others see. I am helping you set your boundaries for the overall appearance and the appeal of your testimony. Trust Me to fill in the details later. I want you to know that you are doing a good job in your preparation behind the scenes. You are not overbearing, nor coming on too strong, and not too small, but I AM building you just right.

I am bringing you into agreement and settlement towards setting a righteous example in a world contaminated and inundated with sales and marketing. Lean on Me to help you keep a balance in your vision and plan. You shall have the added comfort of joining with others in unity and you shall not walk alone. It is My joy to give you open doors of access, to give you the Kingdom and a pair of wings to rise in faith. Stay with Me and we shall do this together with one heart.

Prov 29:18 AMP
Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish; but he who keeps the law [of God, which includes that of man] — blessed (happy, fortunate, and enviable) is he. [1 Sam 3:1; Amos 8:11,12.]

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To Break The Constraints Of Silence
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TO BREAK THE CONSTRAINTS OF SILENCE
Deep within the recesses of every man's soul,
Is the yearning for acceptance, to be made whole.
Buried among the years of lingering echoes,
Behind a wall of pain are stories no one knows.

Some are long forgotten, dead and quite buried.
Others are frozen in hearts numbed from caring.
Some press beneath the surface ready to explode.
Others embed inside, journeying to implode.

I have cried over the hearts of My people,
Limping through their lives of enshrined, secret lull.
Their hush over pain is crying for release,
As bodies are decaying in secret disease.

Let Me wash the shrouded tombs of your souls.
I long to touch You, to make you whole.
I long to hold you in My warm embrace,
That you no longer suffer silent disgrace.

When I draw close and bring your pain to the surface,
Know your Master Surgeon is there for a purpose.
Lean on Me in the pain that you feel.
Trust Me in your stories that are so real.

Share them in the safety of a private place,
Expecting My touch as you reveal your face.
Trust Me that betrayal will not touch you.
As you feel exposed and fragile too.

And when you are laid bare for another to see
What you have walked through in history,
I will wash your wounds that have traveled so far,
With My salve of love and favor over old scars.

You will find that when your story is washed clean,
Freedom to share it for another's self esteem
Will loose and set free, healing their own dignity,
From their silent stories entombed in self pity.

It is in the sharing that I bring healing,
And you will know the layers are done peeling
When it no longer hurts to share the old places
For the sake of love to touch another's disgraces.

For all you have walked through will be redeemed
With power, to bring others My favor esteemed.
Rejoice that I will give your story life to heal,
As others sup at your table and taste your meal.

Matt 9:12-13 NLT
When he heard this, Jesus replied, "Healthy people don't need a doctor — sick people do." Then he added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: 'I want you to be merciful; I don't want your sacrifices.' For I have come to call sinners, not those who think they are already good enough."

3 John 2 NKJV
Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

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Truth Between 2 Poles
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TRUTH BETWEEN 2 POLES
The truth about Truth... is that all Truth is held between the tension of 2 poles. Within everything that is supernatural there are 2 opposite interpretations, the demonic side and the heavenly side. Something that is not purely one side or the other, is mixed with soul and/or demonic. The enemy always uses truth as a drawing card, and then he subtlety twists it just enough for us to swallow it.

It is true that you can find meat and sustenance in anything, if you spit out all the bones. Now is the time when all things inspired are coming to fruition, both from the demonic and the heavenly. You are now in a time where I will be teaching you how to discern between the clean and the unclean, how to keep the good gifts and heed the warnings from negative ones, and how to keep your focus on My perspective and not the enemy's.

Ezekiel 44:23 NKJV
And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

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Breakthrough Prayer

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When I was a new Christian, our group somehow thought that we were responsible for praying for everything that happened everywhere. We intensely and obsessively prayed -- night and day. But, somewhere along the line, we became exhausted with the burden of responsibility that somehow it all depended on us and how loud and long we prayed. We didn't realize that God looks on the enemy and laughs! Why were we sooooo worried?

As we all know, when truth advances there is much opposition. And, as with every advance, there is always misunderstanding and opposition from those who believe that Christians must function from a position of powerlessness and entropy. As we are delivered from tradition and renewed in the spirit of our minds, then our prayers become seasoned with redemptive truth.

It all happened for me the day, someone explained that I personally wasn't called to "stand in the gap" like everyone kept insisting. The Old Covenant needed a person to stand in the gap, but not the New. What a tremendous burden was lifted when I found out that right this very minute, Jesus stands in the gap -- He is the Great Intercessor ever praying for us (Heb. 7:25). He prays "FOR US," not just "in our behalf," (which is an awesome revelation in itself), but Jesus prays "for us" in our stead! (Selah! -- Think about it!) Our part in His ministry of intercession -- is bold and accurate and never grievous or strained (Matt. 11:30). The Holy Spirit "comes along side" to be our partner in prayer. We can confidently pray in a supernatural co-laborship with our extraordinary God.

We must remember that it's possible to study the Bible like a Pharisee and never connect with the Spirit of God (John 5:37). Likewise, many of our prayers have become just long shopping lists. We must remind ourselves that the purpose of our prayer life is to encounter a real Person.

A new determination has come upon me to recapture the vital sense of God's abiding presence. Many of us long to reconnect in significant and passionate way to our God. It's time to recaptivate that once familiar awe and wonder -- the amazement that He ever lives IN us. He, who is the consummation of all things, inhabits us and ever intercedes for us... that we might find Truth. Prayer brings us face to face with God as we arise back to the Garden image of God and co-existence with Him.

Many of us have now been set from laborious prayers that spring from obligation and duty -- today, we expect LIFE to jump out and captivate us. Never again will we pray in rote and routine ways -- or even empty loud and long ways -- we just want to touch God and have Him vibrate through our every thought. We want to be able to re-connect INTO Christ His purposes.

It is the Holy Spirit living within us that prompts us to pray. Effectual fervent prayer (Jms. 5:15-16) is an example of where our directed spiritual energy can "release" the spiritual dimension of light. Consider God's Word (spiritual light) to be the "cause" in a cause and effect relationship. We now pray according to the Word. Prayer is a spiritual process -- the force of which cannot be seen with our natural eyes. The SEEING happens when our prayers become the activation of truth ALREADY imparted. We SEE that God's intensions are already accomplished and we pull (decree, declare) the spiritual realm into our dimension (on earth, as it is in heaven). The "effect" (spiritual transaction) would be the equivalent of "spiritual energy," (i.e., answers, insight, visible miracles, or revelation) that we receive in return.

Accurate prayer causes things to happen. Prayer won't cause faith to work. It is faith that causes prayer to work. It is useless and redundant to ask God to do what He has already deemed finished.

It is meaningless to ask God to do what He has assigned us to do. God knows what we need before we even ask (Jn. 11:41-42). The Father has already heard... BEFORE you pray. It is not a struggle.

Prayer creatively connects with God and forcefully lay hold of His truth. Prayer is the will of God pronounced through effective petitions and thanksgiving.

Prayer accesses the Lord's distinctly pre-proclaimed eternal objectives and then speaks it -- giving birth to His designs upon the earth. Prayer signals heaven that God's for-ordained purposes should now come forth. It is the nuclear missile aimed to shoot deeply into the regions that will discharge the Kingdom.

The Holy Spirit enables us with discernment, in-SIGHT, and meaningful gifts so that we might speak our declarations and deliver our petitions correctly (Phil. 2:5, 1 Cor. 2:16).

Accurate prayer is stated from a finished position that comprehends that the work of the cross is accomplished -- the Lord calls us to stand and declare from that place of completion and triumph. No devil can stop us. We must agree with God.

Prayer speaks with full authority to decree God's comprehensive and worldwide governmental victory over religion (& religious people), and against racial and unequal mentalities. It dismantles long standing rigid mindsets.

Prayer establishes God's ways of thinking and mentality. It declares His reality, order, and organization over the spiritual environment that relates to our lives.

Our prayer time must become an anticipated time, rather than a legalistic burden. The most important time is that of meditation and listening. SPEND MORE TIME LISTENING THAN SPEAKING. When we do speak words -- let them be focused, innovational, substantial, and resolute.

Prayer opens the door to creativity and new thought (Ps. 92:1-6).

Prayer is not begging or pleading. Prayer must not begin from weakness but must forcefully demolish old impotent ground. Anything that resists God's purpose must be torn down and illuminated. Decisive prayer plows up the new ground in preparation for the necessary tasks of the Kingdom. We combine forces with God to revolutionize that which He desires.

The prayerful power of agreement liberates and releases intentional unity that galvanizes the Holy Spirit into action (Acts 1:14, 2:1, 2:46). It harmonizes ("sumphoneo" or causes our intentions to be in symphony) with others.

The Holy Spirit enables precise expression that causes us, the believer, to deliver accurate and profound proclamations that release the ascendancy of the Lord over all the earth.

Prayer releases the living hope to know that God's plans can never be ruined in your life. There's no expiration on your God given dreams.

Prayer provides us with understanding (Eph. 3:13-21, 6:18-19). It affects and inspires our thoughts. It informs us of our deficiencies so that we can adjust our mind-set, behavior, and character to His Word. (God lets us know -- but we must bring our own incorrect emotions and behavior under control. Self control is a personal and rational decision - not a prayer request. There's not an easy way out or a quick fix. God waits to lead us into the fullness of character and likeness.)

Prayer is the issue out our inner being that conjoins our affections with His. We learn to reproduce His attitude towards others (Eph. 1:15-20, 1 Thess. 1:1-3) and release His compassion and care.

We don't need to pray for the harvest, but to release (ekballo -- the driving, expelling, thrusting, plunging forward) the workers of the harvest (Lk. 10:2). We should pray for other ministries (Act 12:5, 12:17, 2 Thes. 1:3, 11, 12, 2 Thes. 3:1-5).We pray for open doors, we break through closed doors.

Prayer is cherished fellowship that communes with God (2 Cor. 1:2-4) with worship and thankfulness (Eph. 1:1-11). It influences our thoughts and dreams. Prayer absorbs guidance and wisdom. Prayer is LIFE in God NOW.

Prayer is a time to obtain answers, take action, and achieve victory (2 Cor. 2:14). It gives us strength (Ps. 105:4, etc.) and confident expectation. Prayer renews our faith, hope, and love.

Our prayers ask that God will give the nations our inheritance (That means that they will obtain the same inheritance as we do. Read this verse without the interjected words of the translators. Ps. 2:8). Our words release rulership and dominion.

Prayer moves us into the power of love and a sound mind (2 Tim. 1;7, Daniel 6:10, 1 Peter 5:7-8 AMP). (A sound mind is able to resist irrational "feelings." A sound mind is capable of choosing properly. The transformed intelligent mind is essential to victorious living.)

Prayer penetrates the spirit realm and obtains answers that can be seen = results, (Phil. 4:4-6). It gives us guidance and wisdom (1 Thes. 5:17, 18, 23, 24, 28, Jam. 1:5-8, 17).

We governmentally decree what God has pre-ordained from eternity past (Mic. 7:11, Ez 6). We speak out the Word of God upon all situations. It is not just verbalizing to God but also a commanding of the circumstance in accordance with His purposes.

As we speak out the mind of God in prayer to release angels to perform invisible functions that accomplish the Word. Prayer looses God's kingdom on earth and in our lives as it is in heaven.

Effective prayers SEE with open eyes of understanding into the spiritual realm. With creative words, we make authoritative, apostolic declarations that take ascendancy over the present system. Now, even when we pray for hours, we sense targeted victory. When we pray decisively, it's always effective.

YOURSELF: Pray for direction and that your have good timing (Matt 24:19-21). Pray that you escape evil (Luke 21:36), not fall into temptation (Matt. 26:41, Luke 22:40), and will do what is right (2 Cor. 13:7).

MINISTERS: Pray for ministers and their plans to come to pass (Rom 1:10). Pray that they be rescued from evil doers (Rom 15:31, 2 Thess. 3:2). Pray that they might clearly declare the mystery of the gospel (Eph. 6:19-20) through open doors for the message (Col 4:3-5). Pray that the message of the Lord spread rapidly and be honored (2 Thess 3:1-2). Pray that ministers have a clear conscience and live honorably in every way (Heb 13:18-19).

HOW: Pray with your human spirit and your MIND (1 Cor. 14:13-16). Pray that you and others will be strengthened and established in love (Eph 3:16-19). Pray for unity (Jn. 17:20-21). Pray that you and others can interpret tongues (1 Cor. 14:13-14). Pray always and don't give up (Luke 18:1). Pray with joy (Phil 1:4) using meaningful words knowing that God already knows what you need (Mat. 6:18).

Pray without ceasing (Lk. 1:1). Pray for the widow (1 Tim 5:5-6) and those that are and will be the Lord (Jn. 17:9-10, 20-21). Pray that those who sin will be given life (1 Jn. 5:16-17).

OTHERS: Pray in the Spirit with all kinds of prayers for all saints (Eph. 6:17-18). Pray for others that they might share their faith and understand their inheritance (Phi. 6). That they enjoy good health (3 John 2-3). That they would belong to God (Jn. 17:9-10). That they would not do wrong and stand the test (2 Cor. 13:7). That they grow (Acts 27:29) and understand the power and inheritance in the saints (Eph. 1:18-21). That Christ dwell in their hearts through faith (Eph. 3:16-17) until they know the love of Christ and be filled with the fullness of God (Eph. 3:18-19). That they live a life pleasing to God (Col. 1;10-11). Pray for those who mistreat you (Luke 6:28-29). Elders pray for the sick (Jm. 5:13:16 -- while believers "lay hands" on the sick). Pray that others enjoy good health and that all goes well with them (3 John 2).

Black Umbrellas

Bob Steward

I Saw A Vision...

I saw a vision of large group of people, crowded together, holding up & opened over their heads - black umbrellas. I didn't actually see the people but only a plethora of black umbrellas, very close together. Then I looked up and saw & felt raindrops landing on my face. This water was so refreshing and I was sensing so much love from God. What a joy I was having in this rain!! It seemed to me that this rain was coming from God and that He wanted to saturate us with this rain.

Again, I looked at the huge cluster of opened black umbrellas, I asked Father God, "How are the people going to receive the rain You are showering down on us? What do You want me to do to have them lower and close their umbrellas?"

It was then, that I noticed that I, too, was holding an umbrella, but mine was down & closed. As my attention was drawn back to the black umbrellas before me, I saw, one by one, each umbrella being lowered and closed, and each person fixing his & her gaze upwards to allow the raindrops to fall on their face. Quickly, the people were saturated by the water as they just stood there with joyous expressions on their faces while being refreshed by God's rain.

After pondering about 'what was God showing to me', He revealed to me the meaning. The opened black umbrellas, the people were holding up to keep dry, were the 'fears', 'doubts', 'unbelief', and 'pride' that prevented them from receiving all that God was raining down on us. The 'rain' was God's Word that He is speaking to us, namely -- wisdom, love, encouragement, understanding, discernment, compassion, & kindness, and much more, to help us, heal & deliver us, refresh & guide us, counsel & give us insight. All to cause an ever-increasing intimacy in our relationship with Him.

I believe that God is saying to us, "Trust Me. Turn from and renounce those 'things' which are preventing you from fully surrendering to and following Me. I desire for you to have intimacy, closeness, fulfillment, and friendship with Me. Allow My Word to saturate you, cleanse you, refresh you and cause you to be full of joy. I love you and have given Myself up for you to make you holy, cleansing you by the washing with water through My Word, to present you to Me, as a radiant church, My bride, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

The Lord also says, "I have set you free from all your all your sins, (those things which are hindering you from being My disciples), by My shed Blood. So I say, Humble yourselves and cast away the black umbrellas and be refreshed by My Word & filled with Me."

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Blistering Heat

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The Lord said to me “blistering heat” so I asked what He wanted to say and I looked up heat and what stood out from those scriptures:

2 Peter 3:10-12 NKJV The Day of the Lord
But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

Rev 16:8-9 NKJV Fourth Bowl: Men Are Scorched
Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

“ The Day of the Lord comes burning like an oven and all those who are proud will be stubble. There will come a day that will scorch the earth from the power of the sun and it will truly be a day of woe and weeping. Many will turn to the Lord but many will still do wickedly and love their wickedness more than repenting. Many will refuse to bow their knees, even when I have shown Myself to be greater than all their wicked schemes. They will curse Me and shout great blasphemies to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Do not be surprised by all the wickedness around you. And do not be dismayed, for I AM ARISING. I say, I AM ARISING with healing in My wings. And you will go forth full of anointing, for all I have called you to do in this hour. Come and worship - come and talk to Me. Come and still yourself before Me and allow Me to touch you. I AM the LORD of the Harvest and I say to you the fields are ripe for Harvest. There is nothing that will keep Me from doing what I am about to do. Even your own unfaithfulness or busyness will not stop what I will do. I have purposed to have a holy bride. I have purposed to gather a Harvest from the world in the midst of the turmoil that ensues. And I WILL HAVE IT! I will draw men to Myself as never before. The flood have lifted up their voice, but the voice of Your LORD is greater than the floods. The voice of the LORD will destroy the covering over the face of the earth that has kept them from MY TRUTH. I will DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE in powerful and mighty ways to give them a chance to turn from the wickedness of generations to ME.

I am preparing you and training you through all the tests and trials. I am building you up in your FAITH. I AM WITH YOU in all you go through. Do not think because you can’t FEEL ME, that I’m not there. I will do ALL I have purposed to do. The dead will be raised to life in increasing numbers, and the world will know that I HAVE LOVED YOU. I will perform My faithfulness in fulfilling the WORD I’ve spoken and the GLORY will cleanse you and lift you up to new heights in ME. Even as the sun has been shooting off fire, so MY FIRE is coming to the EARTH in greater measure to establish MY KINGDOM amidst the opposition in the earth. It will not alter the course of what is written for the evil men will do, but it will alter your ability to go through all that is coming on the earth and to draw a great Harvest to Me, and to teach and disciple them and heal their wounds. There will be mighty deliverances.

The Lord GOD of ELIJAH is at hand! Lift up your voices and sing! SHOUT aloud to the mountains of perversion, lust, hatred, anger, distortion and rejection. SPEAK MY WORD WITH CONFIDENCE IN ME TO PERFORM IT!

I will lead you in HOLY PROCLAMATIONS that will SHAKE THE EARTH! “

Abba

Then I heard the song, “ Come, now is the time to WORSHIP “.

Mal 4:1 NKJV The Great Day of God
"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.
2 But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," Says the LORD of HOSTS.

Ps 19:4-6 NKJV Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoices like a strong man to run its race. 6 Its rising is from one end of heaven, and its circuit to the other end; and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

Isa 4:6 NKJV And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

Isa 25:4-8 NKJV For You have been a strength to the poor, A strength to the needy in his distress, A refuge from the storm, shade from the heat; For the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall. 5 You will reduce the noise of aliens, As heat in a dry place; As heat in the shadow of a cloud, The song of the terrible ones will be diminished. 6 And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

Gen 8:22 NKJV "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, winter and summer, and day and night shall not cease."

Job 24:19 NKJV As drought and heat consume the snow waters,
So the grave consumes those who have sinned.

Isa 49:10 NKJV They shall neither hunger nor thirst, Neither heat nor sun shall strike them; For He who has mercy on them will lead them, Even by the springs of water He will guide them.
Jer 17:8 NKJV For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes;
But its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought,
nor will cease from yielding fruit.

James 1:11 NKJV For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

Restorative Power
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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The Lord spoke “ restorative power” and I asked Him what He wanted to say:

Zech 9:12 AMP Return to the stronghold [of security and prosperity], you prisoners of hope; even today do I declare that I will restore double your former prosperity to you. [Ps 40:2; Isa 40:2.]

Ps 40:2-4 AMP He drew me up out of a horrible pit [a pit of tumult and of destruction], out of the miry clay (froth and slime), and set my feet upon a rock, steadying my steps and establishing my goings.
3 And He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many shall see and fear (revere and worship) and put their trust and confident reliance in the Lord. [Ps 5:11.] 4 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man who makes the Lord his refuge and trust, and turns not to the proud or to followers of false gods.

“ I am the God above all other Gods, and I am establishing MY will in your hearts, minds and wills. I will make you MINE alone. You will have no other gods before you! I am restoring and I am refurbishing the home that is your heart! I am picking out new furniture, and new foundations and establishing them in TRUTH. For I would that you would LOVE the TRUTH above all lies, and adhere to the Truth over any lie. I will grant you the grace for this if you would ask. Many are too proud to ask Me for help, or they look to man to solve everything.

I want you to honor those who honor Me, but not to honor them above ME.
Do not look to men for what you need, but to Me. I AM the Beginning and the End. I AM the Lord of Lords and the Ruler above all the earth. I want you no longer thinking like the world and doing things as the world does them, but to seek MY FACE as to how to do things, and to seek My heart for what to do. My ways are higher than your ways. My ways establish liberty and freedom. Man’s way establish nothing that is eternal on their own. All thoughts that emanate from man’s own wisdom only bring DEATH. They do not establish LIFE because I AM the Author of LIFE. My Words and My principles establish life.

Some of you have been on a wrong track, but I am establishing your steps in the right direction so that you value what I value, and honor whom I honor, and give to whom I want you to give, and live your lives according to TRUTH, and not man’s ways or wisdom. Some sitting in church don’t even realize they are sitting under a jezebel spirit that exalts self instead of Me. They are prostitutes in a sense, giving allegiance to men instead of to Me first. They bow to the intimidation of men and women who claim to speak for ME, but do not listen to My Spirit within them.

Many do this out of ignorance, and others do it in people pleasing, like AHABS bowing down to the will of man they think, well it must be right because the man of God said it! But they do not search the scriptures themselves leaning on My wisdom and revelation, and understanding, but yielding to ungodly doctrines of demons and ignore the lack of fruit in the lives of those they support and believe.

I WILL overturn the tables of the moneychangers and I WILL establish MY order in MY church. The church that will not yield to TRUE RELIGION will fall and will only breed death. They will be abandoned by Me. But the church who will seek after My heart and serve those around them and give to the poor, the fatherless, the homeless, the widows and stand on My precepts and seek My HEART, will endure till the end no matter what comes against it. Either you are built on the ROCK or on sand. And all that is built on sand will be washed away. TRUTH WILL PREVAIL and the lies of the deceitful will be destroyed.

My blood has the power to transform lives. My blood has the power to deliver and save. My blood was shed for this RESTORATION – beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, praise for heaviness. FREEDOM will come to those who don’t just talk about it, but live it and SHARE it with all around them.
The true servant is concerned not only for themselves but for all around them. The hireling only cares for themselves. When real danger comes they run.

Prov 28:1 NIV The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

I do not carry a whip to beat on My children when they make a mistake. I do correct, but I do not press down. I bring RESTORATIVE POWER to turn the hearts of the father to the sons and daughters and to turn the hearts of the sons and daughters to the fathers and mothers, that BLESSING might come instead of cursing. For I've said if not, I will strike the earth with a curse. Not honoring others brings a curse. I know that trust is a different thing My beloveds. It takes time to build trust once it is trampled. But you need to honor those in authority and honor those around you so that you see them as better than yourselves, honoring them and serving them even as I honored and served those around Me.

I spoke the truth to the Pharisees, and confronted them at times, yet I did tell people to do as they say, not as they do. I did not tell you to honor liars and thieves, or those with murderous hearts. I did not ever tell you to submit to domination and control of other believers who move in selfishness and greed. Yet I don't want you harboring bitterness and hatred as it will destroy you and not them. You must FORGIVE ALL who have offended you and let go of all hurts and pains. Have no resentment in your hearts for the times you have been maligned or mistreated. When possible make peace with those who have offended you. But I do not tell you to submit to witchcraft.
I will often have you endure things in an assignment to pray for others. But
I have never asked you to go beyond what you can endure. My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Am I not one who endured for you all that you would not have to bear a curse? So why do you trust in yourselves and trust in men, and trust in things, and meetings, but do not trust Me fully? I am THE RESOURCE OF LIFE and ALL that you need. So come to ME, and have all your being in Me.
Abide in Me and I will abide in you and lead you forward into greater realms of grace and glory! Walk in the LIGHT as I am in the light. Hunger for the TRUTH and do not abandon your Source of Life. I am coming again in power as at Pentecost to restore all that has been stolen. I will have a spotless bride. And it is ONLY by MY GRACE and power that she will become spotless, not by your own efforts. Give yourselves fully to ME. LET ME touch and heal you and deliver you from all evil. Let me transform you!

I am a LOVING FATHER WHO gives good gifts to His children and I am about RESTORING all that has been stolen! Wait in My presence. Do not rush away. I am LONGING for you and I will restore, even as I restored Job, will I restore you. And I will use you to RESTORE many who have slipped into the world and bondage. I will deliver the alcoholic husbands and the drug addicted children, and those caught up in perversion. MY BLOOD will set them free! First it needs to set you free, that you will fully be free of all fears, and doubts and then when they come to you, they will come to a fountain of living waters. For I AM that fountain living in you."

Isa 42:3-4 AMP A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will bring forth justice in truth. [Matt 12:17-21.]
4 He will not fail or become weak or be crushed and discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the islands and coastal regions shall wait hopefully for Him and expect His direction and law. [Rom 8:22-25.]

Isa 40:2-11 AMP Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.
3 A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth in the desert a highway for our God! [Mark 1:3.]
4 Every valley shall be lifted and filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked and uneven shall be made straight and level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. [Luke 3:5,6.]
6 A voice says, Cry [prophesy]! And I said, What shall I cry? [The voice answered, Proclaim:] All flesh

is as frail as grass, and all that makes it attractive [its kindness, its goodwill, its mercy from God, its glory and comeliness, however good] is transitory, like the flower of the field.
7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely [all] the people are like grass.
8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. [James 1:10,11; 1 Peter 1:24,25.] 9 O you who bring good tidings to Zion, get up to the high mountain. O you who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid; say to the cities of Judah, Behold your God! [Acts 10:36; Rom 10:15.] 10 Behold, the Lord God will come with might, and His arm will rule for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him. [Rev 22:7,12.] 11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd: He will gather the lambs in His arm, He will carry them in His bosom and will gently lead those that have their young.

Isa 42:22 AMP But this is a people robbed and plundered; they are all of them snared in holes and hidden in houses of bondage. They have become a prey, with no one to deliver them, a spoil, with no one to say, Restore them!
[This shows the condition that will ensue as Israel's punishment for not recognizing the Servant of the Lord and the day of His visit among them.] [Luke 19:41-44.]

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Zeph 1:12 AMP And at that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish the men who [like old wine] are thickening and settling on their lees, who say in their hearts, The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil.

“Many of My children through lack of faith are settling for less than what I have offered to them, through what they can be privy to through true relationship with Me. They think they just have to “settle” for what is handed to them, as if that lion that prowls around seeking whom he may kill steal and destroy, doesn’t exist.

You will notice that the battle was REAL for those who lived in the first century. You can see that there were real battles, and real demons, and real miracles, and real relationships, where everyone who was called by My name cared for one another. They didn’t just pretend to care so they could look good to others. There was REAL danger from fanatics and real danger from the haters of God, as well as from the enemy of your soul. Paul was hindered from going to Asia because HE SAID, “ Satan hindered us”. And Ananias was asked “why has Satan filled your heart to lie?” So the enemy is REAL and are you more powerful than those who walked with Me then? Is it not a real battle you have to fight? Indeed many battles lie ahead so do not grow complacent or fall back in your faith in Me and the WORD. It has power to deliver your soul.

Acts 5:3 NKJV But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

1 Thess 2:18 NKJV Therefore we wanted to come to you — even I, Paul, time and again — but Satan

hindered us.

I AM with you through all the trials and temptations that you face. I AM not abandoning you nor ignoring you, as Satan attempts to make you think.
I am testing, and I am trying in FIRE so that your faith will be assured when the real battle rages stronger than it has. I have come to give you ABUNDANT LIFE IN ME. You are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus says My Word. So if you are seated in "heavenly" places, then you are above and not below. You are the head and not the tail. You are in authority, seated with ME, and have full authority over all the power of the evil one -
NOT through your great goodness or perfection, but through the BLOOD shed for you! That is a place of FAITH. You must attain to higher faith if you want to see what the apostles saw! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH ME. I AM the RESOURCE of all that you need.

Keep pressing in. Know that I see your weaknesses and nothing surprises ME! I'm not here with a hammer, pummeling you, but I do use circumstances to mold and make you over. You can just COME to ME and receive all you need in union with ME. That takes relationship! That takes time spent with ME.
I have called you to a REST in ME that some have no faith for. Many continue to STRIVE to prove themselves or to meet some perceived expectation that is not of ME. But I KNOW ALL THINGS. I know what it takes to prove you. LET ME be the One Who can show you what is needed.
Let ME be the One Who grants you the grace if you ask to overcome ANYTHING. I will overcome the fear in you if you LET ME. I will overcome the insecurity in you if you LET ME. I will overcome the anger, the addictions, the distractions, the hindrances if you LET ME. As long as you remain in SELF sufficiency…then you don't NEED ME! There is a place of abundance, in ME as you yield to MY GLORIOUS PRESENCE.

I AM THE SOURCE.
I said, I AM THE SOURCE!
When you drill for oil, you go to the SOURCE!
As you draw INTO ME, then everything else will fade away…all you need will be made known to you. All you need in circumstances will be given you. The "secret to success" is the SECRET place of meeting with ME. It is in that place of letting ME hold you in My arms and resting in My LOVE, that you receive all that you need to get through. EVERYTHING is available through ME. You do not need to STRIVE. I will remove all the hindrances within you and around you as you come to ME, and lay down at My feet. LOOK TO ME
to provide and to rescue and to deliver and to comfort! Every good and perfect gift is from the Father of Lights in Whom there is NO TURNING.
He does NOT turn His back on you because you have made a mistake.
He is not a neglectful parent. It is your EXPECTATIONS THAT MUST CHANGE! It is your TRUST that must change! I will make it easy for you if you just come into the place of worship and comfort…into My presence.

I love you My beloveds! There is nothing I won't do for you when you rely on ME and not yourselves. I am taking many of you to the edge of eternity! I am taking many of you to the limit of your ability so that you can see it is only in ME that you live and have your being – not in your own ability to do things yourself. Surely in a flood of many waters, I will rescue you! Would you let your child drown and do nothing? Would you allow some thief to rob your child without trying to stop him? TRUST in ME to meet every need.
TRUST IN ME to comfort you and to encourage you whenever you need it.
You have but to ask, and I will run. I am running to you like the Father of the prodigal…eager to hold you in My arms! When you make a mistake, you just go through more testing till you have learned the lesson. I don't LORD it over you that you've made a mistake. I, like a loving parent, am PATIENT and ENDURING in My love for you. I don't withdraw it because you have made an error in judgment or failed a test. My LOVE NEVER FAILS!"

Ps 36:8 AMP They relish and feast on the abundance of Your house; and You cause them to drink of the stream of Your pleasures.

Ps 37:11 AMP But the meek [in the end] shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. [Ps 37:29; Matt 5:5.]

Ps 66:12 AMP You caused men to ride over our heads [when we were prostrate]; we went through fire and through water, but You brought us out into a broad, moist place [to abundance and refreshment and the open air].

Ps 106:45-46 AMP And He [earnestly] remembered for their sake His covenant and relented their sentence of evil [comforting and easing Himself] according to the abundance of His mercy and loving-kindness [when they cried out to Him]. 46 He also caused [Israel] to find sympathy among those who had carried them away captive.

Song 4:16 AMP [You have called me a garden, she said] Oh, I pray that the [cold] north wind and the [soft] south wind may blow upon my garden, that its spices may flow out [in abundance for you in whom my soul delights]. Let my beloved come into his garden and eat its choicest fruits.

Isa 33:22-24 AMP For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us. [Isa 2:3-4; 11:4; 32:1; James 4:12.]
23 Your hoisting ropes hang loose; they cannot strengthen and hold firm the foot of their mast or keep the sail spread out. Then will prey and spoil in abundance be divided; even the lame will take the prey.
24 And no inhabitant [of Zion] will say, I am sick; the people who dwell there will be forgiven their iniquity and guilt.

Matt 13:12 AMP For whoever has [spiritual knowledge], to him will more be given and he will be furnished richly so that he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

Matt 25:29 AMP For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will be furnished richly so that he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.

Mark 12:44 AMP For they all threw in out of their abundance; but she, out of her deep poverty, has put in everything that she had--[even] all she had on which to live.

John 1:16 AMP For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received [all had a share and we were all supplied with] one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift [heaped] upon gift.

John 10:10 AMP The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

2 Cor 9:8 AMP And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

2 Cor 9:9 AMP As it is written, He [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! [Ps 112:9.]

2 Cor 9:10-11 AMP And [God] Who provides seed for the sower and bread for eating will also provide and multiply your [resources for] sowing and increase the fruits of your righteousness [which

manifests itself in active goodness, kindness, and charity]. [Isa 55:10; Hos 10:12.]
11 Thus you will be enriched in all things and in every way, so that you can be generous, and [your generosity as it is] administered by us will bring forth thanksgiving to God.

1 Peter 1:2 AMP Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and consecrated (sanctified, made holy) by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and to be sprinkled with [His] blood: May grace (spiritual blessing) and peace be given you in increasing abundance [that spiritual peace to be realized in and through Christ, freedom from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts].

Youth for Christ
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The Lord said "Youth for Christ" and I'm aware of that as an organization, but asked Him what He wanted to say about it:

"Restlessness fills the hearts of many of the youth across the world. Times are escalating and they will begin to have their eyes opened to the signs of the times as they see the world in tumult. There are many now who can see the changes, but still doubt what they may have been taught due to ungodly influences in the colleges and schools putting doubt and skepticism into their thinking about Me. But I will soon remove ALL the DOUBT and unbelief for those who really want the truth. And many I will press so that they will want the truth. For their flesh is full of rebellion and discontentments.

Just as in the times of Elijah I have reserved a remnant who will not bow their knee to Baal. I have worked on them even in the lost of the world to disdain riches in order that they might truly cling to ME as I am revealed! This generation will not pass away before they see the coming of the KING of KINGS and LORD OF LORDS. I am amassing a great army young and old, and of all races, and ethnic groups, to go forth into the streets of cities and nations and to do the work of their KING.

I will release REVELATION as never before. I will POUR OUT MY SPIRIT on all flesh and they will see the glory of the LORD Your God! I am calling to many of you that are older to become spiritual mothers and fathers in the sense of NURTURING the young and imparting wisdom and all the gifts I've given you. I will teach them and reveal to them great secrets. So do not dismiss them because they are youth! They are not separate from the church because of their youth . They ARE the church as much as children and older people. I can speak to them as easily as to you, for it is not because of your age or intelligence I speak, but because of My love for you. And I love them dearly, and I WILL speak to them and to all who will LISTEN, many, many secrets.

Do not disqualify even the youngest of children for out of the mouths of babes and infants I have ordained PRAISE! I told you to become as little children or you wouldn't enter the kingdom of heaven! So listen to your children and grandchildren! Do not dismiss them from prayer rooms, or worship! Know that I can move through whomever I will at My own preferance. I am not PARTIAL! Raise the children to KNOW THEIR GOD and to worship Me in Spirit and in TRUTH! Open your hearts to believe they have ability to hear from Me also! Do not dismiss their words.

Ready your hearts for HARVEST. Get your hearts healed by basking in My presence and being filled with My love. Then you will be able to do all I am calling you to do, by your dependence on ME. Do not strive, but relax in My love and kindness. For I AM pouring it out like a river…this river will be called "GREAT GRACE"! And it will be blown into your midst by a mighty rushing WIND. Cloak yourselves in MY righteousness for I AM yours and you are Mine! You are My beloveds and I love you as no other loves you. I will pour out the mercy and grace in great measure so that you will be filled with the knowledge of My love, and the fullness of Me that your soul can accommodate.

Resign yourselves to a love fest! For My love is burning and on fire for you all and for all that will come into My Kingdom in the ensuing days!
I will flood the earth with My glory. Abide in Me and I will abide in you!
I will sing over you with JOY! Know that this glory will also separate, and will cause the earth to groan and groan more and more. So do not think of yourself more highly than you ought , for I am bringing down the kingdoms man has built soley for himself! RIGHTEOUSNESS and JUSTICE are the foundation of My throne! Come to ME and CRY OUT in the day and in the night for the souls of the lost! I will reap a great HARVEST. Have an answer for the hope that lies within you to share!

Abba

Blowing In The Wind

Bill Somers

> *1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*
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> *The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind.* Bob Dylan, ancient American folksinger.

More and more, I'm coming to see that today's church has a tremendous diversity of opinion on the topic of the Kingdom of God. [This is a function of Heinz's Law of Eschatology. That says, for any given topic of eschatology, or the study of end time prophecy, there are 57 varieties of opinion.]

What exactly is the Kingdom of God? There are those who think the Kingdom of God commences when Jesus returns at the second advent, and establishes his capitol in Jerusalem, to rule for 1000 years. And there are those who think that it's up to the Church to establish the Kingdom, or to build the Kingdom or expand the Kingdom. Some are even at the point of claiming that the way to do this is by electing Christians to public office. And then there are those who think that the kingdom of God is present anywhere on the earth where there is a strong Christian witness or wherever revival breaks out. Still others think that the Kingdom of God is what you join when you become a Christian.

About a year ago I wrote a short essay on the topic. One definition I use is to say, **The Kingdom of God is wherever God is King**. It's kind of obvious when you put it that way. Lately on meditating on the question, I feel led to expound on an operational definition based on the Words of Jesus in John chapter 3.

> *John 3:*
> *1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:*
> *2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*
> *3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
> *4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*
> *5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
> *6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
> *7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
> *8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Now here Jesus speaks about the kingdom is two different ways. In the first case, he talks about seeing the kingdom of God. [Verse 3] Then he talks about entering into the Kingdom of God. [Verse 5] The conditions for each are different too. I'm going to try to analyze what he is saying and what the difference is. Lets look again.

> *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

What does it mean to see the Kingdom of God? In Luke 17 it says:

> *Lu 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*
> *21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

The Kingdom does not come with observation. The Greek word here is *parateresis* meaning, according to Strong's, inspection, i.e. ocular evidence, or proof based on sight.
What God is saying here is The Kingdom is not something you see with your eyes; it's something within. I don't think he was saying the Kingdom was within the Pharisees but that the Kingdom is something that comes to be within an individual. You can't look for it here and there, but within one.

The Greek word for *see* here is *eido*. It can mean to see, to know, to be aware, to behold, to consider, or to understand. So perhaps Jesus is saying here, unless you are born again, you cannot understand or know about the Kingdom.

Then he says:

> *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

What does it mean to enter into the Kingdom of God, and how is that different from seeing, knowing or comprehending the Kingdom? The word here in Greek is *eiserchomai.*

By the way, it doesn't matter whether Jesus spoke Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin or the valley girl dialect. The Word of God is written in Greek [or Hebrew] and that's what we have to deal with. We trust that the Holy Spirit of God who inspired the writers of the New Testament knows what he is doing. He dictated it in Greek.

Eiserchomai is defined thusly ; to enter (literally or figuratively):--X arise, come (in, into), enter in(-to), go in (through). No surprises here, Jesus is saying you can know about the kingdom, but you won't belong to it, unless you meet the conditions. Just like people can know about a country, and even visit that country, but becoming a citizen is a little more complicated.

Supposing that *Born Again* means what we usually think of; that someone is saved by coming to know and acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ. Then he is able to know things somewhat more than what the bible calls a natural man. As in 1st Corinthians 2 where we read:

> *1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
> *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that* ***we might know*** *the things that are freely given to us of God.*
> *13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But* ***the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit*** *of God: for they are foolishness unto him:* ***neither can he know them****, because they are spiritually discerned.*

What we see here is that the natural man cannot know or understand any spiritual matters, such as the Kingdom of God. But those who have received the Spirit can. And we're assuming that someone born again, has at least a small portion of the Spirit to allow them this understanding.

But now we also see that to really become a part of that kingdom, to enter in, it takes something more. It requires being born of water and of the Spirit. What exactly does that mean?

Usually we think of *born* as in *when were you born*. This refers to the manner we come into this world. Nicodemus clearly had this in mind when he said "*How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*
Our good old *American Heritage® Dictionary* tells us that *born* is derived from the verb *bear*. The primary meanings of *bear* include: hold up, support, carry, relate or to have as a quality. So when a person enters the world, he is carried by his mother for a season and finally comes forth. The mother bears the child means the mother carries the child. The child is born means the child was carried, and the child came forth. It is passive voice, meaning it's not something that you do, it's something that is done or happens to you. Getting born, after the flesh is not something you initiate or control. Perhaps it's the same with being born of the spirit.

> **bear** (bâr) *verb*
> **bore** (bôr, bor) **borne** (bôrn, born) or **born** (bôrn) **bear·ing**, **bears** *verb*, *transitive*
> **1.** To hold up; support.
> **2.** To carry on one's person; convey.
> **3.** To carry in the mind; harbor: *bear a grudge.*
> **4.** To transmit at large; relate: *bearing glad tidings.*
> **5.** To have as a visible characteristic: *bore a scar on the left arm.*
> **6.** To have as a quality; exhibit: *"A thousand different shapes it bears"* (Abraham Cowley).
> **7.** To carry (oneself) in a specified way; conduct: *She bore herself with dignity.*
> **8.** To be accountable for; assume: *bearing heavy responsibilities.*
> **9.** To have a tolerance for; endure: *couldn't bear his lying.*
> **10.** To call for; warrant: *This case bears investigation.*
> **11.** To give birth to.
> **12.** To produce; yield: *plants bearing flowers.*
> **13.** To offer; render: *I will bear witness to the deed.*
> **14.** To move by or as if by steady pressure; push: *"boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past"* (F. Scott Fitzgerald).
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> *verb*, *intransitive*
> **1.** To yield fruit; produce: *peach trees that bear every summer.*
> **2.** To have relevance; apply: *They studied the ways in which the relativity theory bears on the history of science.*
> **3.** To exert pressure, force, or influence.
> **4.** **a.** To force oneself along; forge. **b.** To endure something with tolerance and patience: *Bear with me while I explain matters.*
> **5.** To extend or proceed in a specified direction: *The road bears to the right at the bottom of the hill.*
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> Excerpted from *The American Heritage® Dictionary*

So being born of water and of the Spirit, is to be carried by water or by the Spirit; and also possibly to come forth from the water or from the Spirit.

Coming forth from water seems to refer to water baptism. It symbolizes one's death to the flesh, or death to self, and coming forth as a new creation in Christ. Notice how Jesus rebukes Nicodemus for thinking along fleshly, literal lines.

> *6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Then comes the clincher in verse 8. Notice that Jesus compares someone born of the Spirit with the seemingly random blowing of the wind.

> *8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Our dictionary tells me that the word *spirit* is derived from Middle English, from Old French *espirit*, from Latin *spìritus*, breath, from *spìrâre*, to breathe. The root meaning of *spirit* is breath.

The Greek word is pneuma:

> pneuma (pnyoo'-mah)
> from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:--ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind.

And once again you see that the root meaning is breath, and by extension a current of air or a breeze.

No wonder Jesus compares it to the wind. This wind is the very breath of God. Jesus is saying that being **born of the spirit** is like being **carried by the wind**. You don't know where it's coming from and you don't know where it's going. You just go along. That means you must have unquestioning obedience to the Spirit of God, the ultimate in faith and trust that comes with total yielding to His Spirit.

Now what did Jesus say about the kingdom of God?

> *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Let's rephrase that in a positive sense. If a man is dead to self, and led by the Spirit, he can enter the Kingdom of God. So what is the Kingdom of God? The answer is blowing in the wind.

And this is just another way of saying exactly the same thing Jesus says in Mathew 7:21.

> *Mt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

It's those who are obedient to the word, that enter in. Those who enter the Kingdom of God are those for whom God is King, and not self. Our definition of the Kingdom still makes sense once we see that the Kingdom is within someone for whom God is King. The first commandment reads:

> *Ex 20:2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*
> *3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Isn't that saying the same thing? And Jesus refers to the first commandment thusly in Mathew22.

> *Mt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*
> *38 This is the first and great commandment.*

So if one is led of the Spirit and truly obeys the first commandment, he has entered the Kingdom of God. No wonder Jesus says in Mathew 6 to seek first the Kingdom.

> *Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Then when his men asked him how to pray, he mentioned the Kingdom again.

> *Lu 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

If we look at the second half of this verse, we can find a case of parallel statements. *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.* I'm going to rephrase these slightly to bring out an interesting feature.

> Thy kingdom come, as in heaven, so in earth.
> Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

The point here is that these are not two different requests, they are the same request repeated in slightly differing language. Looking at it this way it's clear that the kingdom is where his will is done. Doing his will is entering his kingdom. And to the extent we do his will, that is the extent of his rule in our lives. Praying that it be **as in heaven**, is praying that it be done totally and absolutely.

There is a transition into his kingdom coming to us in these end times. Here and there people are reporting that they spend more and more time in his presence and in his perfect will. This will increase dramatically with the outpouring of the spirit that is beginning. We will shortly see his kingdom fully and clearly established in his people. It's what we see in Isaiah 52, where the people of God are proclaiming his Kingdom has come on earth as in heaven, with the words Our God Reigns.

> *Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

This will be here on earth, as in heaven and before the second advent. Meanwhile the adversary's rule increases over the rest of the world. This can be seen in Isaiah 60.

> *Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.*
> *2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

Let's look at some other aspects of what the kingdom means.
We hear a lot of talk saying the church is not under the law, but look at how it's phrased here in Galatians 5:

> *Ga 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
> *17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*
> *18* ***But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law****.*

That is to say, you are not under the law only if you are fully led by the Spirit, not before. Now notice how the idea of receiving the Spirit is linked with faith in Galatians 3:

> *Ga 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the* ***hearing of faith****?*
> *3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*
> *4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.*
> *5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*
> *6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

And in verse 7 you see how it's also linked with the Children of Abraham. If one is of faith and receives the spirit by faith, one is a child of Abraham. Then if one is totally led by the spirit, being dead to self, you are in the Kingdom, the household of Abraham, the house hold of God.

Look at this passage from Romans, and notice in Romans 8:1 how it defines what it means to be ***In Christ***. That is to walk after, or be led by the Spirit, not the flesh.

> *Ro 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*
> *Romans chapter 8*
> *1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are* ***in Christ*** *Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
> *2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*
> *3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*
> *4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
> *5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*
> *6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

> *7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
> *8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
> *9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
> *10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
> *11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
> *12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*
> *13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*
> *14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
> *15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
> *16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

Now notice verse 8 where it says:

> *Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

And compare that with Hebrews 11:6 and you can see how being led of the spirit is linked with having faith.

> *Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Next note how being led by the spirit is equated with being Sons of God.

> *Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Let’s look back at the idea of being under or not under the law.

> *Galatians 5: 18* ***But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law****.*

Here in Second Corinthians we see the written law contrasted with the Spirit.

> *2 Co 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:*
> *3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*
> *4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:*
> *5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;*
> *6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for* ***the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life****.*

The written word, or letter of the law, is comparable to the flesh. It’s only as the Spirit speaks the word to us that life is imparted. This is the hearing of faith. This is brought out in John 6:

> *Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I* ***speak*** *unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

Hebrews 4 brings out an example where the word of God did not profit those who heard it because of lack of faith. They did not hear with the ears of the spirit, but only with the flesh. They could only get the literal meaning, not the spiritual, and did not enter into God’s rest.

> *Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*
> *2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*
> *3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

The promise of entering his rest is one of those described in 2 Peter as leading to partaking of the divine nature.

> *2 Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

There are many other elements that could be brought out in this subject, but we will end with a selah and summarize.

Summary

Entering into the kingdom of God is like blowing in the wind. It is to die to self, to become a son of God, to do His will here on Earth, to be of the household of faith, to enter into his rest, to be in Christ, to have Christ be in you, to partake of the Divine nature, and be led of the Spirit. Ultimately it is to partake of the Tree of Life and the unity of the brethren.

Beware Of False Prophets
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14 Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or appointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying to you false visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds. Jer. 14

21 I did not send these prophets, yet they have run with their message; I did not speak to them, yet they have prophesied. Jer. 23

“Woe to those who have spoken wrongly in my name. Woe to those who have prophesied things that I have not given them. They will be judged harshly. My word is a thing that must be handled correctly. It is a heavy responsibility to hear my word and to speak it correctly. Many there are in the church today that have followed after supposed leaders who have gone down the wrong path. You are to follow Me and not my servants. I have seen the fall of many in my church in this hour. Many have sought angelic revelation rather than my revelation. They have been so caught-up in it that they have thought that it is of Me. I tell you that it is a grievous thing. They will be judged more because of their position. This is a critical hour in the church; it is a turning point. Will you follow man or will you follow Me? Will you eat the “hidden bread” or will you eat the bread that I give? You will know for only one will sustain you. Remember that satan comes as a messenger of light. He mixes truth with falsehood. “

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Beware Of A Gossiping Tongue And A Critical Spirit
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(I believe that this issue at hand as spoken by our Lord, is one that is a serious thing. We are told that we are to be aware of falsehood in the body of Christ, but at the same time, we are to be very careful and not to stir up dissension nor to gossip about others. I truly believe that this is one of the most important issues at hand, and it is something that the enemy loves to see, and it then can be become a weapon of his to use in splitting apart members within the body of Christ. Let us take these charges and seek Him for discernment about these things.)

28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends. Proverbs 16

20For I am afraid that when I come I may not find you as I want you to be, and you may not find me as you want me to be. I fear that there may be quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, factions, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder. 2 Cor. 12

10Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. 11Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. James 3

“I tell you there is a great issue at hand in the body of Christ. I tell you that the issue at hand involves a gossiping tongue. There are some in the body of Christ who have sought to destroy others through this. This is a serious thing. For I tell you that it has caused division. I hate these things. You don’t know another man’s heart or his intentions. We all fall short of the glory of God. Beware of a critical spirit. Beware of those who would sniff out sin. For they look at the sin of others and not their own. Consider these things at hand and take them before my throne. Does both clean water and brackish water come from the same well? Even so, should two forms of speech come from the same tongue? The enemy loves when others have been divided; for he laughs at these things. Be pure at heart. Look for the best things in others. For then when you do these things you won't have a critical spirit. "

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Walk In The Light That I Will Bring Each Of You Into

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> *Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. Hab. 2:2-4*
>
> *18 Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law. Prov. 29:18*

"I tell you that this is a new season that my people are entering into. It is a time of anticipation. It is a time to wait and see what will unfold in each of your lives. I tell you that there are two lines being drawn in the sand: One of these lines represents the judgment and the events that are soon to take place upon the earth. For with this line a demarcation is being made. The other line is an area that I am bringing my saints into. I am unfolding my deep purposes for each of your lives. The long wait that each of you have had will now be ended, and you will now experience my deep purposes. Many of these things have been obscured and you have not known of them. They have been clouded by many of the things that have come into your lives. While there is a purpose in my trials, the trials have been there to help perfect you, but they have also obscured your vision for your lives. You haven't been able to see the mountains because of the trees that have been in front of you. Now it will unfold as a book to you. Now each page will unfold. Walk in the light that I bring each of you into. "

(The Lord finished this by showing me a pair of binoculars. I was handed the binoculars and was standing upon a wall looking out into the distance. I noticed that the horizon was somewhat hazy or unclear in appearance. But then His hand reached down and He moved the dial on it so that it made the image clearer. I believe that the Lord wants to make the vision clearer to each of us in our own lives. We have beheld the horizon, but it has been somewhat unclear. Now we see through a mirror dimly, but then face to face.)

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By Our Love

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I was reminded of the song recently, "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love." I was thinking how long it had been since I heard that song. I think maybe the last time was about 15 years ago when I visited my parents Catholic Church. I grew up singing that song at the school of the same church and it meant a lot to me as a child. The words of the song I can still remember and I wonder how much of the church of today could really sing that song with a real depth of sincerity.

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord!

This first line reminds me of Jesus' prayer to the Father of us being one as He and the Father are one in John 17. I then began to examine where we are as his body of believers, His only living representatives upon the earth. Stones continue to be tossed across denominational walls that contradict the unity our Father desires and the unity the world should be seeing. We have mainstream Christian radio and TV programming that is determined to focus on revealing the faults of others in the faith community rather then praying for them. If someone worships in a way that is different from their own experience, it must be wrong and of the devil.

The fact is, we are one in the Spirit and we are one in the Lord. The problem is, much of the church does not know it, and if they do, they certainly do not show it. The next part of the song says, "And we pray that our unity will one day be restored and they'll know we are Christians by our love." Lord help us be one in your Spirit and as one to the world to build your kingdom. We pray for restoration of your body as Christ Jesus becomes so Supreme in each of us that unity is a by-product and not something we need to strive for.

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.

Oh how I desire for this to be so in our communities. We see a measure of this in individual ministries but as a whole we are not working side by side as a city wide people of God. I thank God when we pull together for prayer rallies against abortion or same sex marriages, but unity of a faith community means so much more than that.

Acts 2:44-47

44Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

It is very clear that the early church was serious about their salvation, faith, and purpose to build the kingdom of God in their communities and to the uttermost parts of the earth. They also knew that to do it the way the Lord would have it, would be in one accord, or as one body of believers.

The next line of the song "And we will guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride", reminds us to watch each others back. It also speaks about esteeming one another and to not bring a brother down, but to pick them up if they fall. The Lord asks us for intercession towards healing and life rather than procession towards guilt and shame. We are to stand in the gap and be fillers of the gap, bridge builders for our communities.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.

Brethren, can you see this with me? Can you see every nation, culture, race and creed as one in Him? Imagine every believer walking beside one another in excitement of our differences as each difference fills the gaps needed to advance the kingdom of our God.

Mark 9:38-41
49Now John answered and said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us." 50But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side."
Now this is what I am talking about. These were those that had realized who the Savior was and the authority they had in His name, and they were advancing the kingdom outside of the supposed "proper way" of those that were with Jesus. This is very significant in relating with others in the community that are doing their part, howbeit different then how we do our part.
If we allow the gospel and Jesus Christ to be the focus of our doctrine, then all other doctrines pale in comparison and should not be a stumbling block for unity. The bottom line is that the early church did not have a printed new testament available for them to be divided about doctrine or interpretation of a printed word. I hear arguments all the time about which translation is the purest in the English language. I have heard of relationships and churches divided over this.
I hear the Chinese have a pretty good interpretation of scripture and I hope one day I can learn to read theirs. They only get a few pages at a time, but the Word of God has penetrated so deeply, that the growth rate of the church is 40-50 thousand every day in a country where it is illegal to share the gospel. I like that translation of His Word, I like the results of that translation, when I see my brothers willing to die for the gospel. I hear the Greeks have an excellent version too and so does the church in Columbia.
We need to get after the important things of the Lord Jesus and His kingdom. He is a God that is so far beyond the printed page of any book including our precious Bible. We are blessed to have it as our guide as the Holy Spirit can keep us from going astray, but please do not let such a precious book divide us by our own man made doctrines and interpretations.
If we can live out of the 4 books of the gospels in every way, I am telling you the rest of the printed word would also become fulfilled in our lives. In fact Jesus Himself said that all can be fulfilled by loving Him with all of our hearts and loving others unconditionally. It is Christ and it is His image being formed in us daily as we seek Him that will transform our lives, families, communities and nations. We are the representatives of His love and His mercy. If it is not us as His church that exemplifies that love, then where else will they see the God of love that we know?
Lord may we walk with each other, may we walk hand in hand. That in being united together, we will spread the news that God is in our land. And then they will know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Christians by our love in Jesus name!

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love
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This hymn is over 30 years old, but it could have been written this morning. I love what it says: we'll be recognized as Christians -- true disciples of Jesus -- not by our rhetoric or our politics or even the soundness of our theology, but by our love.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
They will know we are Christians by our love

Love is patient, love is kind
Never boasts, not full of pride
Always hopes, always trusts
The evidence of Christ in us

This is my commandment that you love one another that your joy may be full

Every Day - Every Way Church

Robert Ricciardelli

In case there are some who still have not seen it, there is a shift going on in our Father's house inside and outside the four walls. Most of us realize there is only one church and one body of believers of our Lord. There are many diverse personalities, all wonderfully made in all different sizes, shapes, colors, cultures and rule books of life. I want to talk about two distinctive segments of the church of our Lord today.

Nuclear Church

The term Nuclear literally means a cluster or nucleus. Many of us have been raised by a cluster or nucleus of a specific denomination. For the most part, the good, bad and ugly denominational structures have brought many of us to where we are today. We all have been saddened by the liberal shift of some of these structures as well as the shift of making the gospel of Jesus Christ palatable and un-offensive for all. In some cases, repentance is optional and a profession of Christ, without the true Lordship of Christ, supposedly brings one into the kingdom.

We also have many churches that have been birthed as non-denominational because of some of the perceived flaws in the systems of their day or the shifts of today. It should not be looked on as a negative thing as all of the denominations themselves were birthed out of a previous system or older wine skin. Luther had at least 95 reasons he felt he could no longer abide with regarding the Roman Catholic Church of his day. My Catholic friends of today actually are thankful as some of the positive changes the past few hundred years in the Catholic church were the result of a new wine skin of belief and visionary leaders that saw things a little bit differently in their interpretation of God's word.

Extended Or Marketplace Church

This is the body of Christ that operates outside of the 4 walls of the Nuclear church, not separate in any way but in application. The Marketplace church is distinctive but also supportive of the Nuclear church. The Nuclear church for the most part gathers one day a week and the Marketplace church is in operation 6 days a week. They are still one church, but are to a degree, two distinct cultures. They operate out of two different sets of cultural rule books. Before you cast any heretical stones, let me explain;

There are many things that we perceive that others may do or think of as wrong, simply because it is different from the way we may do it, or the way we think. I have some Chinese friends that do things differently then I do. When they come over, they always take their shoes off, because that is part of their culture. When they are conducting a business transaction, there always is an exchange of gifts. In my business world here in the USA, it would be looked on many times as bribery, perks or a lack of integrity to try and win in business. The reality is, either way of thinking is neither right nor wrong.

The same thing goes with the Nuclear Church and the Marketplace Church. Both operate for the glory of Christ and His kingdom, but they do not necessarily function in the same way bringing salt and light to the world. The Marketplace church is here to stay, although we are continuing to learn the rules of engagement in the marketplace. We have apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists, intercessors, and others serving in the Nuclear church. Many of these and others are being raised up and released to function in the marketplace or Marketplace church. Many have been out there over the years, but have been looked upon as a Para-church, or second tier ministry, rather than equally viable kingdom ministries.

Ephesians 4:11-13

[11]It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12]to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up [13]until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The bottom line is this, 100% of the body of Christ is in ministry. Every saint must continue to seek the whole measure of the fullness of Christ, regardless of where the Lord places you in society. The word ministry also can be exchanged with the word service or servant. So we are to be servants as we provide service to our families, employers, local churches, governments, etc. This is the new wineskin attitude and language we must be communicating. The big issue is that much of the Nuclear church leadership and counsels are stuck in the mindsets of the systems that have raised them, supported them and formed them.

It is hard for them to see or to understand how to support and partner with the Marketplace church. I see the Marketplace church as a bridge as well to link up the various denominational cultures as the Holy Spirit leads, to breakthrough the religious mindsets. Keep in mind as I share this that the religious mindsets are across the board in denominationalism, non-denominationalism, Nuclear church and the Marketplace church. The denominational, democratic church of today is more difficult to turn simply because of the many layers of tradition and governing entities. In all cases, only those that are led by the Holy Spirit of the Lord will lead the charge towards break through in these areas.

Many Nuclear church leaders still ask of those in the marketplace, "Are you considering to go into the ministry?" Of course the answer is, we are already in ministry. Though all are called to serve the cause of Christ, God calls certain persons to serve the church as pastors and other ministers. It is still old wine skin thought and language to consider only the pastoral staff as having viable ministries.

Ed Silvoso identifies four lethal misbeliefs that minimize the impact of believers in the workplace:

1. There is a God-ordained division between clergy and laity.

2. The Church is called to operate primarily inside a building, often referred to as the temple.

3. People involved in business cannot be as spiritual as those serving traditional Church ministry.

4. The primary role of marketplace Christians is to make money to support the vision of those "in the ministry."

We need to understand the Kingdom of God!

This is where we affirm that the Kingdom of God is not confined to the four walls of the local church. Where is the kingdom of God? Jesus said in Luke17:21, "The kingdom of God is within you." With that in mind, the kingdom of God is not a kingdom of this world and has no territorial boundaries. **The kingdom of God is present wherever individual men and women have agreed that Jesus Christ is their Lord.**

So where is the true ecclesia? One day a week you will find them in local denominations and six days a week, you will find them scattered all over the workplace and neighborhoods serving the kingdom of God. God's people are His people seven days a week in many different functions and jurisdictions. This wonderful engaging 7 days a week, 24 hour a day church with the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ can transform lives, families, communities and nations. We can bring the kingdom of God, His presence, into every workplace, home and church. We must continue to illuminate His love and grace to the world in every jurisdiction of society in Jesus name, Amen!

Bonding

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Just as it is in raising up a natural family, I have mysterious ways in how I teach, train and raise up many children into adulthood. In a room full of interacting people, take a moment to look at the attention span of each and every age group. The baby's eyes wander to and fro as it watches the toddler play. Seemingly oblivious to the adults interacting around him, the baby's world is watching the age just ahead of his own. He listens to the language of the toddler and applies it to what the toddler is doing. The toddler listens and watches the grade schooler and mimics. The grade schooler stretches towards the teenager's life directly above him, and dreams of walking in importance. The teen looks at the young adult and stretches his wings towards independence.

Each age group is directly bonded with the next and this is how I have raised one generation to the next. Those who walk just ahead nurture and teach the one directly following. The secret glue that holds the attention span for direction and insight is an emotional bonding that is invisible and not clearly understood. And this secret is how I AM going to raise the harvest of many newborn children, for there are not enough parents and nursemaids to raise them up. No sooner will one find his breakthrough of discovery, than he will turn and teach the one immediately following what he knows. These connections will be supernaturally placed according to My divine design in joining My family together as one unit.

1 Cor 12:14-21 NLT
Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am only an ear and not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? Suppose the whole body were an eye — then how would you hear? Or if your whole body were just one big ear, how could you smell anything? But God made our bodies with many parts, and he has put each part just where he wants it. What a strange thing a body would be if it had only one part! Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

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Oasis

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Dear heart, through your many activities I AM always with you. Yes, you feel disconnected from Me when there are so many things to juggle and so many things demanding your attention. I have already gone before you to make your paths smooth. Listen for My voice through your circumstances. Hold onto the good, take heed to the negative as warnings, and let My Presence walk with you.

I have given you the stopping places within each day as a much needed oasis. As you learn to lay down your strivings and rest in My peace, you will melt in assurance that, yes, I am indeed God and have indeed gone before you and prepared your path. Then you will learn to be carried as you walk through these days. You may feel that you do not see clearly, yet that is the life I have chosen for you, that you walk by faith and not by sight. I have placed My heart beat deep inside of you and you know and hear Me in ways unknown to the natural man. You do hear Me, My love. You really do. It is not for men to validate you, but for My place alone as you draw near to Me and learn to relax in Me. Rest now and drink. Lay everything else down and just drink of Me.

Ps 23:2-3 NKJV
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters . He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

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On The Other Side Of The Mountain
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ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN
For so many years you have been climbing an upward hill, sweet one. I am proving to you that your faith has had a break through and the angels are loosed to accelerate and move upon your prayers and declarations. Picture yourself on this giant water slide and you are rapidly accelerating. WHOOSH. That's a blast of My Spirit as it sets you free into liberty. Dance and worship My love, My Presence shall lift you up. The mountains before you shall become level under your dancing feet.

Zech 4:7 NKJV
Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace , grace to it!"

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Promotion
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PROMOTION

Promotion has come, it's in the air.
Riding on the wind and being prepared.
Angels are sent with gifts galore,
For those who have waited for what's in store.
Faithful with the few
greatly loyal, it is true.
They used what I gave
And didn't save.
Instead they shared, all they had.
When the rewards come in, they'll be so glad.
Receive the cups that are sent to you.
Flabbergasted you'll be and joyful too.
Believe it's true, it's really, really good.
For the little engines, I knew you could.
You climbed your hills and valleys so low,
Burning My fuel and what I bestowed.
You held not back for yourselves at all.
But gave from your heart, responding to My call.
Thank you dear ones, I'm so proud of you.
I watch you with joy over all you do!

Matt 25:22 NLT
"Next came the servant who had received the two bags of gold, with the report, 'Sir, you gave me two bags of gold to invest, and I have doubled the amount.' The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

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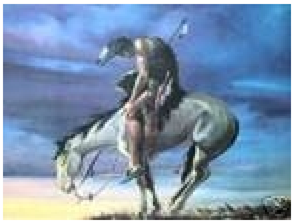
Bowed Over No More

By Maria Magruder

(A Word for Reservations in America, Canada and villages of Alaska)



While in prayer for First Nations peoples, I saw a vision of the famous picture (above) of the Native American on a horse, bowed over, and I heard the Lord say, "No more will First Nations *peoples be bowed over and unable to raise up, but will be made to stand up straight, in My authority and dunamis power."*

I was then immediately taken to Luke 13:

> Luke 13:11-13 "And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen *years, and was bent (bowed) over and could in no way raise herself up.*
> *12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."*
> *13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight , and glorified God." NKJV*

Then woman in this verse today is a representation of the bride of Christ in the First Nations peoples across American, Alaska and Canada. Although the majority of reservations have been dominated by other spirits and strongholds, pressing the First Nations peoples down into bondage, causing them to be "bowed over" which means "to be completely overcome" will no longer be. Where they could not raise themselves up to the life Christ has called them to, will now be reversed.

> 12 But when Jesus saw her, *He called her to Him*

God has heard the cry of the intercessors and the righteous for the reservations and He has seen them in their bowed over-ness and now "calls" to them, and they will be fully loosed (which means to be fully free), and they will be made to stand up straight by the mighty arm and divine ability of God Almighty. God calls them released. God calls them healed. God calls them victorious. God calls them overcomers. God calls them prosperous. God calls them delivered this day.

The foundation of reconciliation has been set in place over the last decade, and has prepared the way for God's next move of His Spirit. The next move of God for these places is a move of His divine POWER in the miraculous. An invasion of God's power is about to be released, prepare yourselves. God's breath of His Spirit will blow through the reservations and villages, leaving no stone un-turned. His mighty hand will touch every nation of the First Nations people.

I heard the Lord say, "Those things which have tormented My people, (First Nations) will bow the knee to Me. Their enemies will be crushed under My feet and their enemies will fall by My Sword."

The sword is the Word of God, and it is the word of God that lays the ax to the root of the trees, to the root of the enemy. In the past there has been a cloud that has literally rested in the form of lies and deception over their minds, of who they really are in Christ. For no more will the people be blind and under deception, but the Truth will be unveiled and bring light and they will see like they have never seen before, of the things of God's Spirit. For they will see with understanding and revelation, the enemy will be exposed for who he really is, a thief, a liar and a killer. For as God raises up the First Nations peoples, the wicked/enemies that has tried to bind, and destroy these people, will be turned upside down.

> Ps. 146:8 8 The LORD *opens the eyes of the blind;* *The LORD* *raises those who are bowed down*; *The LORD loves the righteous.*
> *9 The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.*

The enemies of suicide, addiction, abuse, sickness and death that has plagued the First Nations, God will not have mercy on. They will be severely judged and cast out. They will no longer have dominion over them. For He has already sent out His ministering spirits of fire…

> Hebrews 1: 13-14 13 But to which of the angels has He ever said: "Sit at My right hand, Till *I make Your enemies Your footstool"? 14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

The drums of the First Nations will beat to the beat of victory. They will beat to the beat of God's prosperity and abundant life, for no longer will they beat to the beat of defeat. Sorrow will flee and joy will come in great power, and they will dance as they have never danced before.

Then I heard the Lord say, "I will take their heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh. I will surely remove the lowly, timid spirit and replace it with a mighty warrior spirit of My grace, and My divine ability."

For the seeds or timidity, lowliness and worthlessness that were implanted by the enemy will now be uprooted. As this could not of happened without the pioneering of many, without the pioneering of reconciliation of forgiveness of the past.

> Psalms 145:14 The LORD upholds all who fall, ***And raises up all who are bowed down***.
> *15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food* ***in due season***.
> *16 You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

For due season is upon you, First Nations. Due season is your promotion, due season is your exaltation, due season is the time when you are raised up, due season is where you reap the harvest you have so patiently waited for. For no longer will you be bowed over, First Nations, but loosed and set free. For God will visit you in power of the miraculous and all God's glory will be revealed to you and in you and THROUGH YOU! God is about to invade with His mighty power these places, and no devil, no person, no religion, no false doctrines will be able to stop this move of His Spirit, for the fuse has been lit. For He will raise you up, make you straight, and anoint you in great power of His Spirit.

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The Books Are Sealed
Bill Somers

A Look at the sealed books, what are they why are they sealed, when will they be unsealed.

There are three references to sealed book(s) in the Old Testament. The most well known is that in Daniel. Here is part of it:

> *Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."*

We find two references in Isaiah on the same topic.

> *Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*
>
> *Isaiah 29:*
> *10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered.*
> *11 And the vision of all has become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I cannot, for it is sealed."*
> *12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I am not learned."*

Later in the same chapter of Isaiah, the Lord speaks of a future day when things will be different.

> *Isaiah 29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.*

Some writers claim that the book sealed is just the book of Daniel and do not see the connection between that reference and the others mentioned here. But the reference in Isaiah uses the words 'testimony' and 'law'. These words commonly refer to the Word of God. See Psalm 119 for example. The quote from Isaiah 29 says the people have no vision. And it's not just a case of not being able to read, the unlearned one can't read. It's a case of not being able to understand what is being read. The learned one cannot read it because it is sealed. That is he can tell you exactly what it says, but he has no idea what it really means!

This speaks of the condition of the Church where we all have a good idea of what the bible says, but cannot come to any agreement about what it means! The Book That is Sealed is The Bible! The entire bible, not just Daniel.

There is one sense in which the Word is a Sealed book to the unbeliever. In that the natural man cannot understand the Word since things of the Spirit must be understood by the Spirit. That is with the Spirit of God to enable you to understand His Word.

Yet these references are talking about God's people not being able to understand the Word. Here is an example form 2nd Corinthians:

> *2 Corinthians 3:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded; and up until this day the same veil remaineth untaken away in the reading of the old testament, which veil is done away with in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their hearts.*
> *16 Nevertheless when they shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.*

Notice this passage speaks of a veil blinding their minds. Yet there is a promise that the veil will be removed when they turn to the Lord. Let's not presume to think that this applies only to the old testament Hebrew people. It speaks just as surely to the church of today.

In Jesus' ministry, many of the things that he taught his disciples fell on deaf ears. [… *seal the law among my disciples* ….] They also suffered from a certain spiritual blindness. For instance:

> *Mark 9:32 But* **they understood not** *that saying, and were afraid to ask Him.*
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> *Luke 2:50 And* **they understood not** *the saying which He spoke unto them.*
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> *Luke 9:45 But* **they understood not** *this saying, and* **it was hid** *from them, that* **they perceived it not***; and they were afraid to ask Him about that saying.*
>
> *Luke 18:34 And* **they understood none** *of these things; and this saying was hidden from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.*
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> *John 10:6 This parable Jesus spoke unto them, but* **they understood not** *the things of which He spoke*

> *unto them.*
>
> *John 16:*
> *16 "A little while, and ye shall not see Me; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father."*
> *17 Then said some of His disciples among themselves, "What is this that He saith unto us, `A little while, and ye shall not see Me; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me,' and, `because I go to the Father'?"*
> *18 They said therefore, "What is this that He saith, `A little while'?* **We cannot tell what He saith***."*

They too knew their scriptures, and heard Jesus' words for themselves, yet could not come to any agreement on the meaning. Yet for them, there came a day when Jesus opened their understanding and explained the scriptures. That day is coming for us, and soon.

In Revelations the prophet John witnesses a scene involving a book or scroll. The book is sealed!

> *Revelation 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals.*

Notice that the book is described as being written within and on the back. Many prophecy commentators claim that this scroll is the 'title deed to planet earth'. But it is much more than that.

Here are two old testament references to writings that use very similar language. The stone tablets Moses received were written on both sides and the scroll Ezekiel saw was written the same way.

> *Exodus 32:*
> *15 And Moses turned and went down from the mount, and the two tablets of the testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.*
> *16 And the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tablets.*
>
> *Ezekiel 2:*
> *9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent unto me; and lo, a scroll of a book was therein.*
> *10 And He spread it before me; and it was written within and without, and there were written therein lamentations and mourning and woe.*

Now the feature of being written on both sides has two purposes.
1. It allows to see that there is a link between the tablets, the scroll and the book. It lets us see that they are actually differing images of the same thing. That they all represent the Word of God.

2. It gives us a clue to the nature of the Word of God. When something is written on both sides, then naturally you cannot see all of the writing at once. That is part of the writing is visible or revealed and part is not visible. It is covered, hidden or sealed! Part of it can be understood right away and part of it cannot.

In Hebrews 5, the Word of God is compared to food. Some of it is like milk, easily digested and suited for newborns. Some of it is like meat, requiring some effort to digest and suited for the strong and mature. This is the same as saying that some can be understood right away and some takes a while.

Now what we are getting at here is that the book Daniel talks about as sealed is the book sealed with 7 seals in Revelation 5. And the fact that it is sealed means that parts of it cannot be understood, until the seals come off! No man is worthy to take the book and open the seals. Only Jesus, who is the Word of God, can remove the seals. That is to say, man cannot know God by his own efforts, God must reveal Himself.

Secondly, since the scroll represents the Word of God, and Jesus is the Word of God, then the vision of Jesus opening the scroll is a vision of God revealing Himself. Like the Last book of the Bible:
It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Barometers Of Sonship

Clay Sikes

February 16th, 2005

As the remnant Body of Christ begins to come into new levels of maturity, occasionally we are shown ways in which we can determine the level and development of our maturity. I recently came face to face with one such barometer, and wish to share it with you in this writing.

As some know, I am in the land development business - a business that constantly tests my faith because of many unknowns. For me, I must hear God with a 'proceeding word' before I launch. I then must depend upon Him for my every move lest I depend upon my training, education, and history, and ultimately make a major mess. My best, my training, education, and history, is my greatest enemy in hearing and obeying God, because it thrust an inadvertent dependency upon me. I have a long history of messes that were a direct result of moving outside the boundaries of His Spirit.

As is normally the case in these projects, I began to have some doubts, even fears about the direction I was taking. As I began to pray about these fears, the Lord began to speak to me, beckoning me to thank Him for His word to me in Romans 10:17. As is usually the case, I did not know what Romans 10:17 said, but knew it was indeed the Holy Spirit directing me to something special.

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).

As I contemplated this scripture and its relationship to my fears, the Holy Spirit began to shed enormous light on His Word to me. He began to tell me that I could not have faith for what I had not heard Him say. He then reminded me that on September 28th of 2004 that He had spoken specific words to me relative to this project. He informed me that His spoken word to me on that day was far bigger than the circumstances I faced.

He then said the following to me:

"Have faith in what you have heard me say, not in the circumstances you face. You can have just as much faith in My spoken word to you as you can in My written word. Your Sonship includes privileges and benefits to include the inherited right to clearly hear My spoken word, in which you can place the ultimate confidence. The true measure of you Sonship can be measured by the level of confidence you place in My spoken word (to you) of specific instruction in specific situations."

With this new understanding, I began to see Romans 10:17 in a new light.

"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message (God's spoken word to me), and the message (God's spoken word to me) is heard through the word of Christ (God speaking to me)."

Though I have walked in this revelation for years, I am just now coming to a level of maturity in which God's spoken word to me IS INDEED a word in which my ultimate confidence can be placed. I realize today, more than ever, that I can only have faith for what I have heard God say.

Comments:

Various
Feb 16, 2005

Dear Clay,

The Lord was recently showing me this same message. He showed me how when he was tempted in the Wilderness, He answered Satan with this, "Man shall not live by bread (written word) alone, BUT by EVERY word that PROCEEDETH (present tense) from the mouth of God." It is that living, quickened word that the Holy Spirit speaks into your heart that we live and move in. That word that the Holy Spirit speaks to us, like in the same way Jesus spoke the written word to Satan--only it was the particular word that the Holy Spirit quickened to Him in that situation, is the word that we stand on. That particular "quickened" word from the Father is what we have faith in and know that we know that we know that Heaven and earth will pass away, but His word to us will never pass away--it will come to pass.

I hope this is making sense to you as it did me. There is a written word that the Father had transcribed to be our light--our compass--our confirmation for what we would hear from Him. It is His mind, His will, His way. But--we are not to pick and choose or just "pull up" a written scriputre to suit our fancy and quote that over and over, trying to muster up faith from the much speaking. That is only just the "dead letter"--the "Hagar", so to speak, and not the Isaac.

We are to know His word so that it is "hidden" in our hearts. Then as we walk with Him and a situation arises, as we learn to be sensitive to His Spirit within, He will give us "quickened" words, usually from His written Word, that is our "word" to stand on. That is the walking by faith--standing on that quickened, living word that proceedeth(present tense) from the mouth of the Father. Jesus said, "I only do what I hear of the Father." That is our example.

In Him,
Chris W

Excellent word, Clay.

There's a great illustration of this truth in Luke 8:22-25.

Jesus and His disciples get into a boat and He tells them, "let us go over to the other side of the lake."

As they were sailing a fierce gale of wind descended upon the lake and the disciples thought they were going to perish.

Jesus response. "Where is your faith?"

You see, circumstances must always yield to the Word of God. The Word of God to the disciples was "let us go over to the other side of the lake." Jesus spoke the Word, and Word must come to pass (be fulfilled). Nothing was going to prevent them from reaching the other side of the lake, even their lack of faith.

The challenging part for us is...after hearing the Word of God, believing it -- in spite of the circumstances (storms) that make it appear it will not come to pass.

Hence, the cry of the disciple..."Increase our faith!" (Luke 17:15) Were they going to perish? Absolutely not! The Word that was already spoken said they were going to the other side. The faith was for their own personal benefit (peace in the midst of the storm). Praise God that the fulfillment of His spoken Word is never contingent upon our faith (as some are falsely teaching in the church today.) If anything, it was the disciples lack of faith that played an instrumental role in God's Word being fulfilled. Because of it they woke Jesus up, He calmed the storm, and they reached the other side of the lake.

When it comes to anxiety or worry, I've come to understand that the only problem I ever really have is believing the Word of God. Sometimes it's the result of not hearing the Word (in which case I ask and seek), other times it's the result of hearing the Word but not believing it (in which case I must cry "Lord, increase my faith", and that often results in various trials. James 1:2-4).

Lessons I've learned...

Faith not only comes by hearing but sometimes by testing as well. (again, for my benefit, so I will be perfect and complete lacking in nothing.)

And

Circumstances must always yield to the Word! Even if I don't always have the faith to believe it! Isn't that reassuring?! Hallelujah!

Love,

Mike

Clay,

I received a similar encouragement from the Lord just last week. The essence of it was He told me to stand firm in what I heard and not be discouraged by the circumstances/obstacles faced, as I too, was having some doubts or even fears of whether I heard correctly because of the circumstances.

God is good, amen?

Your brother in Christ,
Steve Liebherr

Now my question is of the words that were said, were they of God of of the enemy? How do you determine if the words are Gods will or the enemy trying to dup you? Were does the word say whatever you put your hand to (I God) will prosper. Jabez asked for favour and God gave it. Does it mean if we do not get favour its not Gods will for me???

Len

Discerning Opposition
Clay Sikes

The purpose of this article is not to down play the importance of spiritual warfare: its importance to the Body of Christ is well established. What is offered here is an understanding of the 'opposition' that we face. To that end, one of the most important attributes of those coming into their remnant calling is the ability to properly discern 'opposition.' Opposition in the context of this teaching is described as 'anything that opposes us,' to include but not limited to our plans, efforts, and activities, and occasionally our health.

As Christians, we have long traveled the road of traditional thought, which states that all opposition is demonically inspired. The Word of Faith movement taught us how to look for devils behind every bush, and assume that any hindrance to our well-laid plans must be of demonic origin. We gave little thought to the fact that God could be the originator of our opposition. Early on, we learned "our battle was not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). The Word of Faith movement made a doctrine of this scripture, and with it, the false doctrine that ALL opposition is demonically inspired. Additionally, in one fell swoop, the devil also took away one of God's major sources of communication to His people - opposition.

God 'opposing us,' is by tradition, a foreign thought yet scripture reveals that "God resist the proud," "chastens those He loves," and many more biblical instances of God resisting His people. As we move into the essence of this teaching, which is properly discerning 'opposition' and hearing what God may be saying to us through it, we will break down old mindsets and move into new dimensions with God.

As the gift of discernment begins to operate on a higher more mature level, we come to recognize that God indeed closes doors. "For of Him, through Him, and to Him are ALL THINGS: To whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36). It is interesting to note that the word "all things" is the same "all things" in Strong's Concordance found in Romans 8:28 - "And we know that ALL THINGS work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." "All things" can and does include opposition in our lives, but are we (discerning enough) to understand God's communication to us through it? God permits in His wisdom what He could have prevented in His power. Perhaps we can begin to see that God allows opposition for our very own good. Romans 11:36 is worth meditating to grasp the fullness of the fact that "ALL THINGS" are "OF," "THROUGH," and "TO" God (including opposition in our lives).

Discernment is the God given gift (tool) that allows us the privilege of knowing if our opposition is demonic, and therefore something to be resisted, or if God is revealing direction and truth to us through His opposition. It is paramount for those "called" to be "more than conquerors," to know who is opposing in order to know what specific action to take. This revelation is the difference in a life of victory or a life of defeat – TRUTH making the difference!

Satan's job is to keep God's people contained with the lie that all opposition is of satanic origin. SATAN'S JOB IS CONTAINMENT, AND CONTAINMENT OPERATES IN THE MENTAL ARENA. If we are busy fighting devils OR PEOPLE when God has opposed us, we are contained. We have not learned to hear God through an important circumstance and consequently the lesson being revealed is not learned; and therefore must be repeated again. Scripture tells us that lessons not learned WILL BE REPEATED!

A poignant scripture that opens our eyes is found in Hosea 4:6 – "My people perish for lack of knowledge." You will note that God says here "My people…" which is a reference to Christians. The "lack of knowledge" mentioned is spiritual knowledge. Our spiritual ignorance is often ALL the containment the devil ever needs to keep us bound and incapable of moving into the higher things of God. While on the subject of spiritual ignorance, let us identify one of the strongest and most deceitful lies: a 'victim mentality' will contain a child of God like no other mind-set. When we take on the role of 'victim,' we have placed ourselves under the foot of the devil – we now believe the lie! "Woe me!" are words of containment.

To recognize God opposing us is to get a clearer interpretation of His direction. As an example, a major source of God's opposition to those called to the remnant Body of Christ is in the area of presumption. Our acts of presumption, even when they are aligned with 'good works,' will invoke God's opposition. This is hard for many to understand. What is God really saying to us by opposing our presumptive acts? Presumption is not being spirit led! "Those that are led by the Spirit of God ARE THE SONS OF GOD" (Romans 8:14). Presumption is the lowest form of human knowledge; much less having a Godly origin! The presumption that we once routinely operated in is no longer being tolerated as God is bringing us into true "Sonship." What once worked will work no more! If we do not recognize the source of the opposition, and why, we could easily take on a "woe me" mind-set and lose our effectiveness for God, by missing His intolerance for presumption.

Check the arenas of 'opposition' that you presently face, and ask God to reveal the source of the opposition. He will show you! You may be surprised when you begin to pray this way. Once you have been shown (Psalm 32:8), you will know what direction to take. To walk this way is to continuously walk in victory and move closer to becoming a powerful effective tool for God.

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The Reality of Spiritual Seasons
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"This is what the Lord says; Stand at the crossroads and LOOK; ask for ancient paths, and WHERE THE GOOD WAY IS, and WALK IN IT, and you will find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16).

I recently experienced a retrospective revelation of sorts in that in one brief moment I saw various events in my life to include the time leading up to and including the time after certain events occurred in my life. As I began to search out the meaning of this vision, the Lord began to reveal to me an important phenomenon about spiritual reality. This phenomenon, and for me a revelation, was the fact that we are forever experiencing spiritual seasons while on earth and just as with those who farm, we have certain specific duties and responsibilities during each of these seasons. Just as any farmer who could not discern the times (seasons) in the natural, we too are far less able to know "The Good Way" without a spiritual discernment of the seasons (times) we are in.

There is direct linkage between PROPERLY discerning the times and accurately hearing God's directional voice. A proper discerning of the seasons (times) fosters an accurate interpretation of exactly what "the good way" is.

Just as in the natural, spiritually we experience winter, spring, summer, and fall in virtually every element of our lives; ministry, marriage, spiritual growth, business, finance, relationships, etc. These individual aspects of life will experience seasons similar to what we face each year we live. Winter is a time of uncomfortable ness, a time to get warm and intimate with God, a time to rest physically and to exist on what has been stored from the previous harvest. It is a time of gaining direction for planting, to glean from past mistakes, to repair and prepare for the coming spring.

Spring is a time of planting and activity, a time of work and effort to carry out instructions gained in winter, a time of great spiritual and physical energy and a time that great energy is required. It is a time of plowing new and sometimes hard ground and a time to fertilize the soil with prayer. Summer is a time of watering (praying) and weeding (doing warfare over) the freshly planted crop. It is a time in which the crop is in potential danger from the heat of summer, thus the need for much watering. It is also the time we begin to see the first evidence of our planting (First the stalk, then the ear, then the full colonel in the ear.) Fall is the time of harvest; a time where the physical evidence of our hard work during previous seasons has arrived. It is a time of Thanksgiving, a time of refreshing and a time for storing for the winter that is sure to come. Fall is a time of utilizing the harvest, of good stewardship and proper dispersing of what has been harvested.

Without the ability to discern the times (seasons), I have followed false leadings, heard incorrectly, sought harvest in winter, and in many cases, simply "missed God." As I dove deeper into this revelation, the Lord began to open up the scriptures to me in a wonderful and fascinating way that not only explained the reality of spiritual seasons, but of even greater importance, allowed me to see that with this discernment I was now much more able to hear God correctly and more accurately know His direction for various times (seasons) in my life.

All of us in various ways are standing at some sort of crossroads (see Jeremiah 6:16). It is important to note that crossroads in this scripture refers to or means "place of decision." We all make decisions everyday that produces the "rest" of God, or as often has been the case in my life, the unrest of God.

The "rest" of God produces peace, joy, protection, provision and oneness with God. Unrest produces the opposite; said differently, bad decisions usually produce fleshly or soulish reactions. In recognizing that "the good way" will produce the "rest" which will produce peace, joy, protection, provision and oneness, one day while in prayer I asked God for any advantage that would allow me to better understand "the good way."

Amazingly, he showed me Matthew 16:1-3, "The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven. He replied, when evening comes you say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red, and in the morning, today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast. You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, BUT YOU CANNOT INTERPRET THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES."

Jesus is saying that you can discern the signs of the weather in natural things, but you are blind in discerning the season in spiritual things. The Lord then said another amazing thing to me in stating "It is the job, duty, and responsibility of the religious Pharisaical spirit that is prevalent in the Church today, and to some extent in us individually, to blind us to the discernment of spiritual seasons, hence relegating us to the natural realm. The Lord is calling us to discern the times, to judge not from what we see or hear (Isaiah 11:3).

To Understand The Following Question Is A Key To Major Spiritual Advancement

WHY DOES THIS RELIGIOUS SPIRIT FIGHT WITH ALL ITS POWER TO KEEP US IN THE REALM OF NATURAL THINKING? Because there is powerful and accurate direction from God that will produce His "rest" and all of its benefits if we accurately discern the times or seasons we are in. Discerning the times produces the right decisions or "the good way." When we walk by His Spirit and "lean not unto our own understanding," we have stepped over and into God's sphere and the place God desires us to all live in. In this place is His power and destiny flow in our lives. Everything we set our hand to prospers, we bare fruit for our labor, no weapon formed against us can prosper, and the plan of God is fulfilled in our lives.

Just as we would not visit a baseball stadium in midwinter to see a game, neither would we would we pray for a major harvest during a time of planting. If you know the seasons, you know what to do, how to pray, and develop an even keener sense of hearing spiritually. Many preachers and Christian TV personalities have 'jumped on' the prosperity message bandwagon, often promising saints great rewards if only they will sow into their "good ground" ministry. This false expectation is often sown into saints who are in various seasons of their lives and often the bottom line is failed expectations, and no fruit except the fruit of disappointment and despair. We all remember being told that our debts would soon be paid as we approached the year of Jubilee. I heard this preached for two years daily from many TV evangelists, but did it happen? Harvest cannot come into our lives corporately or individually until our appointed harvest comes. Many teachings today center around what we can see, unconsciously promoting a gospel of "the seen" or "natural thinking." To the wise I say, beware!

Listen to the words of Jesus in Luke 12:56-59, "Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? WHY DON'T YOU JUDGE FOR YOURSELVES WHAT IS RIGHT? As you are going with your adversary to the magistrate, try hard to be reconciled to him on the way, or he may drag you off to the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny."

A life-long friend of mine recently learned this very scripture the hard way; she "judged for herself what was right," and accepted a gospel of "I am to be blessed at all times in my life." She did not and would not accept that she was simply in winter when certain events happened in her life. Unfortunately, the end result was literally prison, where she is today. Had she and her spiritual mentors discerned the times, she would have avoided the chaos that has ensued. We have truly entered a time of danger if we continue to "judge for ourselves what is right" and do not discern the times or seasons we are in.

Good works, good ideas, and good actions that are not originated directly from the Holy Spirit, will cause grave danger in the times we now find ourselves living in. A major key to understanding this is found in understanding that THE SIN OF PRESUMPTION OFTEN HIDES ITSELF IN NOBLE PURPOSES.

David cried out, "We do not see the signs; there is no longer any prophet, and there is no one among us who know how long" (Psalm 74:9). It would seem to be just as true today as when it was written – There are so few among us who understand the time we live in, or the days ahead. Jesus lamented that the people of His time built tombs of the prophets and approved of the forefathers killing them off. He stated, "Thus you have taken away the key of knowledge (Luke 11:49-52). Though I do not consider myself a prophet, I do feel that what is written here is prophetic and is a "key of knowledge."

In the post 9-11 era we now live in, if we do not accurately discern the times it could cost us our lives. The attacks of September 11th, 2001 were a shot fired across our bow. In the past, not knowing "the good way" could simply mean a financial failure, missed blessing, squabble with a spouse, but we now live in a different era, an era with greater consequences. Interestingly, in Strong's Concordance in the Greek, the word for "a live coal, or coal of fire is ANTHRAX (Strong's Greek 440/Romans 12:20).

The key to flowing with God despite circumstances in life, is to understand that with God there is an appointed time or due season for everything…We are encouraged in Galatians 6:9 which says, "Let us not be weary in doing good, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." By knowing the seasons we are far more able to "not give up."

"The Lord answered, who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. But suppose the servant says to himself, My master is taking a long time in coming, and he then begins to beat the menservants and maidservants and to eat and drink and get drunk. The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers. That servant who knows his master's will and does not get ready or does not do what his master wants will be beaten with blows."

Jesus is talking here about the POWER that is released when right actions are followed and the blessing of the steward who provides for the household in the proper season, and also the foolish steward who is unaware of the day of his master's return. Everything hinges on the understanding of, and the correct discernment of the season – because the unjust steward did not discern this time correctly, he did not judge what is right.

The Sons of Issachar understood the times. They knew what Israel ought to do and became part of David's Army to elevate him to the throne of Israel (I Chronicles 12:32). By reading the entire 12th Chapter of Chronicles you will see that many of Saul's fighting men discerned the times and knew it was David's time to be King and consequently left Saul.

By not looking to the natural realm, they were able to forsake the palace with Saul for a cave with David. Take note of the fact that many of those who did not discern the times remained with Saul and died. Take note of the fact that even though Jonathan knew it to be David's time, soul ties to his father cost him his life. Many in the Church today suffer from an inability to differentiate between the emotions of the soul and true Godly spiritual leadings. It is important to know the difference between the cold of a God appointed winter and the trap of emotional bondage.

By now it should be clear that a powerful kingdom force on earth exist in discerning the times. There is a strong and evident relationship between the understanding of the times and the operational force of right works within the season.

How much energy and resources have been wasted by not recognizing the spiritual seasons in our lives. If we are in a time of testing and being refined, it will do little good to demand God to bless us in the natural. If, on the other hand, we recognize the times we are in, it will do great good to pray, "God give me the grace to not only get through this winter in my life, but also let me learn the great spiritual truths that you desire me to have."

"Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times and the strength of your salvation" (Isaiah 33:6). Hear this Saints of God; it is not enough to simply be saved. Wisdom and knowledge are the stabilizing factor in the times we live and in and are "the strength of our salvation." The knowledge of God and the wisdom of how to apply that knowledge will usher in one success after another. Solomon said, "People without vision perish" (Proverbs 29:18). People without vision are dying on their feet; they don't really have a spiritual life. Hosea wrote, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." The original language of this scripture says, "people perish" meaning, are cut down, cut off, undone, ended, cease. He gives the reason – "lack of knowledge" which means awareness, insight, and ability to discern.

Without an awareness of the season we are in, our ability to accurately discern is seriously hindered. With this ability, we will step into new spiritual truths and a greater ability to flow in the power of God.

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Bottles Of Wine
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Precious Living Stones

This message was delivered to a group of senior citizens recently. However it has application of all of us, no matter our age. As I read through it this morning I sensed the Lord wanted me to share it with you. As we are in the season of preparation coming up to Rosh Hashanna when the books are opened, there are some of us who need to re-align our hearts with the blueprint of heaven for our lives. He has such glorious purposes for our lives and sometimes we live so far short of them. In His grace, there is time to change focus in this season:

I see a shelf with bottles of wine on it, very dusty, some lying down. The light is coming through the window to reveal them. Some of the labels are so faded I cannot see what they say and it seems they have been undisturbed for a long time, just sitting there in the sunlight.

The master of the house is calling for these wines to be poured out. The time of maturing has come to an end and the vintage wines are being released. The water of the Word has been hidden in your hearts for a long time. When you were born again God spoke a Word over your life which contained your calling and destiny in the Kingdom. Do you remember it? What was the thing that kept you awake at night when you first got saved, dreaming and burning with a passion for a purpose that God had planted inside of you? You see we are all unique. Every bottle of wine expresses the character of the soil it came from and its heritage, the climate it was exposed to and the way it was handled in the pressing period. Connoisseurs can taste these things when they taste the wine. So what God is wanting to pour forth from your life has a particular flavour depending on the journey you've come and where you grew up in the Lord. You might have been planted in Full Gospel soil or Methodist. Whatever it was, and whatever your gifts, God has been forming and fashioning you to be a blessing to the nations. You were not born again to just come to church every Sunday and listen to a sermon and go home. You were called to go into all the world, heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers. You were not intended to be poured out within the four walls of the building we sit in on a Sunday. You were made to be poured out to a needy world. When we get saved we know this and our hearts are on fire for God, but somehow during the processes of life, we lose hold of this and settle down to a life of routine, kids, bills, career, whatever and the parameters of our call become dim. We become content to sit in the light of the Son like those bottles, some of our labels have become so faded we don't even remember who we were destined to be in God or what our purpose is. God is asking us to repent of letting go of our callings and destiny, of being content to just sit in the light of His Son. Just like in John 1, it is the 3rd Day and there is a feast prepared and God is wanting to pour out the best wine. Will you be poured out for Him. Will you say," here am I Lord, send me", will you embrace again the calling and destiny written of you in the library of heaven or are you content to stay covered in dust on the shelf?

I went to a wine tasting event where the best South African wines were being shown and I learnt some things I didn't know about wine:

As wine moves through its life cycle from youthful vigor to mellow complexity, it may pass through an awkward inelegant stage. The transition may even be downright ugly. For a time, like a caterpillar encased in a cocoon, the wine can seem shutdown or closed. What viticulturists know is that as a wine's fruity compounds oxidize and deteriorate, a wine's flavor profile may be experienced as mute or even unpleasant until the slow chemical reactions that characterize maturity get underway and manifest themselves. The duration of this phase can vary from hours to decades, depending on a host of factors ranging from variety to vintage to production methods. Apparently one particular wine blend in France was bottled in 1988 and shut down soon afterwards and has only come to maturity in 2003!

Is this the case with you. Soon after you were saved, you seemed to go 'mute' or your life seemed even unpleasant tasting? Didn't feel you were any testimony to the Lord. Did you feel you weren't as spiritual as others and so you decided to just help at church in practical ways. I've got news for you – Jesus expected every one of His disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers and cast out demons. These were not specialist ministries for the spiritual few but a work profile for EVERY believer!! We are moving into a time when God is going to move in signs and wonders through His people and that means you. You're not too old, too inexperienced, too tired or too scared. When God spoke a Word over your life, the water of His word went into your spirit and he expects it to accomplish what He sent it to do. The water has turned to wine and He's kept the best wine until last.

You know sometimes, God speaks through what's happening in the world. When I went to that wine-show, they made an announcement that a new class of wines has just been released – an Antique Class!! What is God saying through this? He is prophesying to the Church that the bottles of wine that have been sitting, waiting for a very long time, maturing, are now about to be poured out! God is calling you to arise and shine because the glory of the Lord is coming to rest upon you.

Have you been sitting so long on that shelf in the Son-light that your label has faded and its no longer clear what's inside the bottle. Have you lost the understanding of what God intended to do through you – you aren't even sure what your gifts are anymore. Well, God is wanting to reconnect you to the blueprint of heaven for your life and thrust you into your destiny in Him. All He's looking for is someone who will say, "here am I Lord, send me!" Its not about qualifications, or experience, or how many mistakes you've made in the past. He's looking for those who are willing to lay down their lives, that Christ may be manifested through them to a needy world. Don't wait in the shadows until its time to go home and stand before His throne to discover what His plans for your life were. We are given one life, one chance to live with passion and clarity for the cause of Christ, one window in the expanse of eternity to allow this earthen vessel to be used for His glory. Don't settle for a comfortable life, don't settle for a safe life. Press on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of you. He didn't pay the terrible price of the cross just to ensure you go to heaven. He has a plan to profoundly impact the world you live in through you. Those people you say good morning to day after day, who live in prisons that the eye cannot see, the brokenhearted woman who sits behind the till at Pick and Pay, the wounded, the desperate, the hopeless. Inside of you God has placed an answer to their need. Inside of each bottle of wine you represent is the pulsating resurrection causing, bondage breaking power of the Living God. Will you allow yourself to be picked up by the Master's hand, opened and poured out to a dying world?

The Lord showed me some of you so want to be used by Him but somehow the cork is stuck in the bottle. Corks are designed to protect from contamination, they are intended to a good thing for a season but if they cannot be removed they become tombstones and all the potential to bring joy and blessing that the bottle contains, is wasted. Wine was made to be drunk not stared at on a shelf and collected as trophies to show off to friends. When Jesus was taken off the cross, he was placed in a tomb, which was really a place of preparation for what God was going to bring forth from His surrendered life. His tombstone was put in place by the Pharisees. Their intention was to prevent anything more coming from this man who had turned their cosy religious world upside down. I want to tell you that some of you have had stones rolled over the mouth of your place of preparation because the enemy knows that if you get out of there you are going to cause a lot of damage to his kingdom. The religious spirit and religion in general will always try to shut down and quench the plan of God for your life. But praise God, the tomb couldn't hold Jesus and its not going to hold you either. God is here to roll away those stones. Did you know the word 'tomb' in the Hebrew actually means a 'stack of sheaves'. What looks from the outside like a place of death is actually a place of preparation for fruitfulness. What does the psalm say, 'weeping endures for a night but joy comes in the morning. Those who go out weeping will come again with rejoicing carrying their sheaves with them! The time for release is here. The resurrection power of God is here to break that seal and remove that cork and set you free to be all that God intended you to be!

You might ask," why has it taken so long to come to this place of being poured out?" Well, Moses took 40 years to be turned from water into wine. There is a waiting time between the word spoken over your life and the fulfillment of your destiny. Young wine has no body but mature wine has structure, backbone and balance!

But there is a danger of getting past your sell-by date. If wine is kept too long it becomes spoilt, acidic and rancid tasting. Don't waste what God put inside of you. It was paid for with blood. This is your chance to be dusted off, have your label reprinted, be uncorked and released into your destiny in the Kingdom of God. He has no ordinary children. If you want to save your life you will lose it but if you are willing to be poured out for His glory, you will save your life. God is searching His shelves, looking for mature rich-tasting wines to serve the thirsty peoples of the earth. This is your time. Where are those with the Caleb spirit for when he was 80 he said, "give me this mountain" Where are those who will go in and possess the land of their inheritance? Say, yes, Lord, here am I, send me!

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Bethel And Peniel

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A look at Jacob's two encounters with the Lord and their prophetic implications for end time understanding.

Bethel [House of God]

> *Genesis 28:*
> *10 And Jacob went out from Beersheba, and went toward Haran.*
> *11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.*
> *12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*
> *13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;*
> *14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*
> *15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.*
> *16 And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not.*
> *17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*
> *18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.*
> *19 And he called the name of that place **Bethel**: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.*

There is something very profound in this story, actually several things. Let's ask ourselves first: isn't is odd for someone to use a stone for a pillow? Couldn't Jacob have found something just a little bit softer and more comfortable to use? Sure he could have. The Lord is using the stone pillow to get our attention to his use of symbols and types here.

A Symbol can be a thing or object that is used to represent some thing or someone else. A Type is usually a person who has similarities to someone else, and is used to illustrate some point about that someone else. A allegory is a story using symbols and types, used to present some lesson about the things represented.

In this story about Jacob resting on a stone pillow, Jacob is being used as a type of Jesus. The cross reference verse that gives us a clue is this:.

> *And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (Matthew 8:20 KJV)*

The use of a pillow speaks of finding a place to lay one's head.

So when Jacob finds this place to rest his head it speaks of Jesus finding a place to rest his head. In the context of Matthew 8, where Jesus says he has no place to rest his head, the discussion is about following Jesus. For in the verse just before we read:

> *And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. (Matthew 8:19 KJV)*

Here we see a man claiming he would follow Jesus wherever.

And what does Jesus answer?

> *And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (Matthew 8:20 KJV)*

So what kind of an answer is that? It seems that Jesus is changing the topic and talking about something totally different! Well consider that the followers of Jesus, which is what this section of Matthew is about, make up the 'body of Christ'.

> *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (Ephesians 5:23 KJV)*

Now look at these other selections from Ephesians.

> *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God*
> *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone*
> *In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord*
> *In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV)*

> *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ*
> *From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. (Ephesians 4:15-16 KJV)*

In Ephesians 2:21 we see the phrase "fitly framed together"; and in 4:16 we read "fitly joined together". This is talking about the members of the body finding their proper place in Christ. And the Body of Christ being attached to the Head of the Body, Jesus.

When he talks about the fox holes or the birds nests, you think naturally that this is where they go to sleep for the night. So if the Son of Man has no place to sleep, is he some kind of homeless person? Well in a sense, yes he is. But He is also talking about laying his head **on his body!** So what is it that keeps him from laying his head on the body? The foxes and birds? Yes exactly, because they are symbols of demons. Look at this parable of the sower from Matthew 13.

> *And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: (Matthew 13:4 KJV)*

> *When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. (Matthew 13:19 KJV)*

Here the fowls of the air are the forces of the wicked one that resist those who would follow Jesus.

Then he uses the same symbol in the parable of the mustard seed, where the birds nest in the branches of the mustard.

> *Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field*
> *Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof. (Matthew 13:31-32 KJV)*

Here the kingdom speaks of the church, seed sown is the mustard seed of faith dealt out to every man who hears the word. Now if the church is symbolized by a tree with birds nesting in it, and the birds are the forces of the wicked one, what does all this tell us? It says that there are demonic strongholds in the church that hinder the people from being true followers of the Lord. I don't think that is too surprising!

As for the foxes, we know that it's the foxes that spoil the vine and the vine is another symbol of the church.

> *Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes. (Song of Songs 2:15 KJV)*

Then the talk about foxes' holes and birds' nests is describing something [the influence of the enemy] that prevents the followers from being true followers. This then prevents Him from coming to his resting place, and indwelling in his body.

So what is it saying when Jacob finds a place to rest his head. Well look at Jacob's dream.

> *And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. Genesis 28:12*

To see the full import of this we need another cross reference.

> *And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man. (John 1:51 KJV)*
>
> *After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter. Revelation 4:1*

Jacob dreams of seeing into heaven. John has a vision of a door opened in heaven. Jesus speaks of heaven being opened hereafter. The **hereafter** then clearly speaks of the end times or latter days. So this is telling us that **hereafter**, in the latter days, the son of man will find the place to lay his head.

Therefore we can conclude that this passage is prophesying that there will be a time when the influence of the enemy will be removed from the church. And then the Body of Christ will come together in unity.

So that still leaves the question of Why Did Jacob Use a Stone Pillow? And the answer here is that God is having a little fun with a pun. If a stone is where you lay your head, then you can call it a head-stone. And that gets you right into the meaning of the last section of the story where Jacob takes the rock and sets it up and anoints it.

Here Jacob is used as a type of the Father. There are three passages relevant to this. First in Zechariah,

> *Who art thou, O **great mountain**? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. (Zechariah 4:7 KJV)*

Here the Father is setting the Head in place. And the place is on top of the 'Great Mountain mentioned here namely Mt. Zion, i.e. the church, i.e. the body of Christ.

Next, Psalm 2 shows this, the Father sets His King in place, the King is the Son.And Mt. Zion is the Kingdom.

> *Yet have I **set** my king upon my holy hill of **Zion**.*
> *I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (Psalms 2:6-7 KJV)*

Then third, Jacob anoints the stone, this is seen in Psalm 133, where the anointing, the precious ointment, is poured on the head of the high priest Aaron [Jesus is our high priest] and this is likened to the dew on Mount Zion.

> *Psalm 133:1 A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of **Zion**: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

Here we see the anointing on the head, which is the rock, which is Jesus. It happens in a place of unity, again Mt. Zion, where the Body of Christ comes together, resting in Him!

What about the rest of the passage? Verses 13-15 are where God declares his covenant promises to Jacob. We are going to see those promises fulfilled in the latter days. Then in verse 17 we read: *And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place!* This clearly speaks of a great Fear of the Lord that will be present in that place. And what is the place? " *this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*

Of course the House of God is exactly what he is talking about over in Ephesians where we read this.

> *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the **household of God***
> *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the **chief corner stone***
> *In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord*
> *In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God** through the Spirit.*
> *(Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV)*

Then He named the place Bethel, which means House of God. That is God's resting place, where he chooses to dwell. And when we come to rest in him, we'll find our resting place, our place of peace, which can only be in Him.

Peniel [Face of God]

> *Genesis 32:*
> *24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.*
> *25 And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.*
> *26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.*
> *27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.*
> *28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.*
> *29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.*
> *30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*
> *31 And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh.*

Here is Jacob wrestling with God in Genesis 32. You know some people say that it was not God, but an angel or a man. Even though it plainly says, I have seen God face to face! I think it's one of those things that you have to get your own revelation on.

The breaking new day is the third day, the new millennium.

The breaking of day is the dawning of the third day. Here Jacob is of course renamed Israel. As Israel, he is a type of the church or people of God and this wrestling speaks of the shaking of all things that God will use to bring his people to the place of obedience. What is very clever here is the point about touching Jacob's thigh. Here is the relevant scripture that provides the clue to the meaning of this incident.

> *He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: he taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man. The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy. (Psalms 147:10-11 KJV)*

The thrust of verse 10 is strength. The strength of a horse is compared to the legs of a man. Our legs are our largest and strongest muscle group. Weight lifters can lift far more with the legs than any other body part. What the Lord is saying here is that the legs represent man operating in his own strength. He doesn't want us to labor in our own strength but to rest in him and let the Joy of the Lord be our strength. So what is very profound here is that He touched Jacob's thigh causing him to limp from then on. This speaks of a permanent change in the body, the body of Christ, where it no longer operates in it's own strength! We find a cross reference to this way over in Hebrews.

> *By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. (Hebrews 11:21 KJV)*

When the lord touched his leg he was a cripple from then on. Doesn’t sound very kind of him does it. But it is part of the symbolism as we saw. And it was a blessing!

The permanent change in Jacob's body speaks of a permanent change in the body of Christ. One way of expressing it is to say Jacob's **walk** was changed. The Church today is not walking the right walk but God is about to change that in like manner.

Jacob had to walk with a staff for the rest of his days. Now the staff is a symbol of authority. As long as we are depending on God for our strength, we will have HIS authority to lean on.

The Name and the Nature

What is so important about characters names it that it speaks of their nature. The many names of God are descriptions of his nature. The Lord our healer, the lord our provider etc all tell us who and what he is. His name tells his nature.

The name is the nature, when Jacobs name was changed, it meant his nature was changed. As a type of the church, it foretells a coming change in the nature of the church. The change comes at the break of day, the new day, the third day, etc.

From Jacob to Israel

The name Jacob is 'heel catcher'. It's translated supplanter or restrainer. Jacob was a conniver up till that point, when his name changed, his personality did also.

The name Israel is translated soldier of God or Prince of God or 'he will rule as God'. The change in the nature from Jacob to Israel foretells a change in the nature of the church. Once that change comes, the church can begin to exercise the power and authority that has been given her.

You can find a similar idea in Ephesians 2.

> *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (Ephesians 2:6 KJV)*

And in Revelation 3

> *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (Revelation 3:21 KJV)*

Both of these scriptures await fulfillment.

Now after The Lord changed Jacob's name, Israel asked the Lord for His name! And God says to him "*Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name?*

Since the name tells us the nature, we see that Israel's first reaction to being changed is to seek after God's nature. He want's to be like Jesus! And that is something available to those who are changed in like manner.

> *Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (2 Peter 1:4 KJV)*

This whole story of Jacob at Peniel is an allegory of the believer and/or the church having an encounter with God. It's such a great encounter that one comes away from it totally transformed [conformed to Christ]. You could say it's the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

When Israel came away from it, he said "*for I have seen God face to face".*

In John's first epistle, he describes it like this:

> *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. (1 John 3:2 KJV)*

So what is the connection between these two stories. Clearly there are a lot of points in common. I believe that they are two sides of the same coin, or two viewpoints on the same events. Bethel is seeing things from God's point of view. Here Jacob is a type of God, and God is saying this.

When I find that I can set my head in place on the body, I will fulfill the promises, made to the fathers, in the covenant, i.e. the prophecies in the bible; and establish my rule in my Kingdom.

Peniel is seeing things from man's viewpoint. There Jacob is a type of the believer or of God's people. There, God is saying to us that when we come to the point of submitting to God, we won't labor in our own strength anymore but be transformed into the new creation and enter into the kingdom, walking in right relationship with our God.

Birth Pangs

Heather Butler

Sent: Monday, August 01, 2005 11:30 PM
Subject: prophetic word given 21st July 2005. love Heather.

Prophetic word given 21st July 2005. Keys to the Kingdom Ministries.

This world is being seized by a pain that has shaken and consumed it. Like a woman in labour who's only thought is to birth the baby so that the pain will stop, The body is in the transitional stage in labour seized by every pain ready for the birth of the body of Christ into her final calling, and prepared and ready for the one who is to come who's head was bruised.

As there are birth pangs in the world, so there will be birth pangs and groans in your own life, whereby the 'body of Christ' flexes its muscles ready for that final release of the power and majesty of God poured through an open heaven upon the world.

The violent praise that you have heard me speak about through the prophets is a must at this time, because the pain is so bad that its all that you can think about, but I come and I enable those who belong to me to focus on me, to breath in the deep, deep things of the spirit, where deep calls to deep, the stronger the pain the deeper the breath of my Spirit you need to take in. as Much grace is released for this final push. Everything within you is screaming "no I cant do this, its to much, its to painful, take this pain away" but I encourage you and call you into that place of complete trust in me, I call you to not give up, to focus, not on the pain but on the end results that will put everything into order ready for the coming King. Put everything that you are into that last thrust to birth within your own life all that I have ready for this end time .

I will not leave or forsake you, you have had my word, my promise, I am with you until the end of time.

Do not fear the one who is to come who is against you and who wants to wreak his revenge on the nations as he has since the very beginning, his end is nigh and he is thrashing about the earth trying to stir up a heart so black with death against my people, but it is his undoing, this has to happen to fulfil end time prophesy,

I have equipped you, I have given you all that you need for these last days. In the act of violent praise, and the violent prayers of faith by the saints the strongholds will be shaken, torn down and blasted out as I release from my own nostrils the response to your prayers and praise and worship. Don’t see with your eyes, see with the eyes of faith, see victory and not defeat, see me in my majesty as we stand together and see these final callings and stands through to the end.

There are two sides to this coin, the birthing of the one foretold to come who is against all I hold dear, and the birthing of the beloved the one I love, the one who lives in complete submission to my will, who is spotless and without blemish, who’s garments are washed in my blood the one that the enemy cannot overcome. Radiant, alive, faithful, wise, full of truth obedient, willing to give everything for me, committed totally to the bridegroom, ready to walk with him into these last battles for the lost, and the Armageddon that is to come.

Watch the Islands, see the hand of the lord in the Islands, see how the lord overthrows the enemy in the Islands.

The light dawns ever brighter, piercing the darkness of this last age, all authority is given to you, the keys you hold unlock and open the doorways to heaven and release upon the earth all that is stored in signs and wonders, grace and mercy, salvation, and a power greater and more resolute in my body than has ever been seen before. I call you forth, from the North, will you come, the East will you come, the South will you Come, the West will you come, I call you forth for this next season, will you come.

Beautiful Plans

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November 4, 2005

Psalm 78:65 - 72
Then the Lord awakened as from sleep, as a strong man whose consciousness of power is heightened by wine. And He smote His adversaries in the back (as they fled); He put them to lasting shame and reproach. Moreover He rejected the tent of Joseph and chose not the tribe of Ephraim (in which the tabernacle had been accustomed to stand). But He chose the tribe of Judah (as Israel's leader), Mount Zion which He loves (to replace Shiloh as His capitol).

And He built His sanctuary (exalted) like the heights (of the heavens), and like the earth which He established forever. He chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; From tending the ewes that had their young He brought him to be the shepherd of Jacob His people, of Israel His inheritance. So (David) was their shepherd with an upright heart; he guided them by the discernment and skillfulness which controlled his hands.

I want you to know, beloved, that a new season is opening – a new season when My beloved will walk in hope and prosperity in Me. I want you ready for this glad occasion. I want you presenting yourself to Me wholly, and looking forward to all that is coming your way with much anticipation.

This is the time – this is the hour. I am ready to present the wonders for which your heart has longed. I am ready to reveal Myself in My majesty. Get ready to look on the wonders of your God up close. Get ready to walk in the knowledge of My will for you with sure steps. For I have spoken, and as I have spoken, so be it – so be it.

I declare to you, beloved, that David of old walked seeking after My heart. He declared His allegiance to Me. He declared His trust in Me, and He walked in the knowledge of My wonderful love. This is what I want for you. This is what I desire for you. So know this day that I am doing a work in hearts. I am wooing hearts to Myself. I am declaring to those hearts that much awaits them – much awaits them that will declare My deep abiding love to them. Much awaits them that will show the world that I am at work diligently in those surrendered hearts, and that I delight in those hearts with a deep and wondrous passion.

I am a passionate God. I look to and fro across the face of the earth for one who will serve Me with a whole heart. When I find that one, I draw that one into My embrace. I know just when the time is right to present Myself, just as I knew when the time was right to present Myself to My son, David. Yes, I knew that His heart was in a receptive mode, and I wooed him, bringing Him into the knowledge of My deep, abiding love.

I am a faithful God. I am a terrific God. I leave no stone unturned when I am searching for that one to call My own. I leave no stone unturned and I use My wooing strategy to draw that one into My embrace.

I see many turn from Me. I see many who just will not give over to the Almighty God. This saddens My heart. If they only knew Whom they are denying. If they only knew what they are giving up. But they know not. They will not draw close enough to discover the rich reward that awaits one who will surrender to Me. They stand afar. This, beloved, is a time that I look on with the utmost sadness in My heart. This is when I declare that the time of reckoning is at hand, and that those who have turned from Me must accept the fact of their decision. They must accept the fact that the living God, the One Who is holy and true, has offered His heart. He has offered His whole self and they have settled for so much less than has been offered.

But then there are those who say an emphatic "yes" to Me! Now this gladdens My heart. This thrills My heart deep inside. So know this day, dear child of the living God, that I have made a way for you to enter into a new hour with Me – a new hour of wonder and I am thrilled to call you My own. I am thrilled to see you come willingly into your inheritance – the inheritance that has been proclaimed for you since ages past.

Yes, it thrills My heart to see one give over to the wooing that I present. It thrills My heart to see you made happy by the knowledge of My love that abides deep within your heart. You say to Me, "Lord, You are so good to Me – so good. Thank You for expressing Your wonderful love to me in this way. Thank You for giving Me insight into Your wonderful love, and thank You for where you have planned to take me in the coming hour – into that place of wonder and delight in You – that place where I will see your beautiful face and worship You with My whole heart. Yes, thank You, dear and wonderful Lord, for your beautiful plans – those plans that you have had since ages past and are bringing to fruition in this day."

I say to you, beloved, that you are welcome. The pleasure is all Mine. The wonderful pleasure is ALL Mine!!!

My Holy Mission of Love
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November 5, 2005

I am on a mission – a holy mission of love, where My beloved will know the goodness of the living God and worship Me in spirit and truth. You have been foreordained to walk in this calling, dear one – foreordained since time began. Rejoice in this great wonder. Revel in the fact that the living God has shone forth the wonder of His heart, drawing you into a place of sweet contentment – an expression of His great love for you, His beloved.

I want you to know that I take this mission very seriously. It is not something that I take lightly. I am serious about what I am doing in this hour. I am so serious about it, that the enemy is having a great deal of trouble dealing with the very thought of what I am doing on behalf of My chosen. He has tried his best to deny you the freedom and wonder of this walk. He has hastened to prevent the wonder of My love from shining through in your life. So know that this mission has not gone forth without a struggle from him. But he has lost out. He has fallen flat on his face. He will not know the beauty of My heart. He will not see that shining hour. He will be in a desolate place – a place of his choosing, while

My beloved will be in a place of great wonder, peace, contentment, and the love of the living God, lighting the way into the destiny that I provided for those who revere Me and trust in Me.

I am a Holy God, and I am on a holy mission of love. I take delight in this mission. I am eager to see all of My dear children shine forth the light of truth as they enter into this new hour, knowing that the Beloved has seen fit to bestow His goodness on those whom He calls His very own. I am showing forth My goodness, and enabling you to know the essence of My love. This is a holy mission of love, which I am bringing to a completion as I shine forth this hour, enabling those who are called by My name to rise up in the strength and power of the living God, revealing My goodness to others.

I am on a mission – a holy mission of love. You, beloved, are entitled to all this wondrous mission contains. You are entitled to all that I purchased for you, enabling you to see My glory from a vantage point of freedom and delight. So step into this hour with Me, knowing that what you are about to experience is more worthwhile than anything you have done thus far – more wondrous than any experience about which you have ever heard or read.

I am on a holy mission of love. I will show forth My delight in this mission to My beloved. I will show you sights too wonderful for words. So get ready, dear one. Get ready to explore the heights and depths of My love, and know with each exploration that your God is moving you into a new place – a place of delight and love – a place where I will reveal My majesty. And that, beloved, that is a place where you will know true love expressed. That is a place where you will see this love in action in a spectacular way, and rest in the knowledge of My love for you – an expression of the One Who was on a mission to bring you complete – whole – into this place in Him – this place of delight – this place of reverential awe – this place of light and great wonder, as I apply My healing balm of love to you, My beloved, and extinguish those fiery darts of the devil once and for all.

Yes, I am on a holy mission of love. I am doing all of this because of you, My beloved. You will see the delight in My eyes when I reach forth, pulling you to Myself and proclaiming My love with words that are too sweet and rich for you to hear at this time. But hear them you will when the time is right – when My holy mission of love is made complete – complete in you, My beloved, the love and delight of My heart!!!

Bush Pushes Throttle

Celia Rose Okhuysen

DREAM — November 2, 2004

During the latter part of the morning, as I still slept I dreamt the following.

I was a flight attendant and was on a flight with another flight attendant. We were in the forward cabin behind the cockpit. The configuration was such that there wasn't a galley or a lavatory. The forward part of the cabin was furnished with a sparse configuration. It was not a typical passenger configuration.

We were descending and on approach for a landing during strong turbulence. I glanced at the cabin windows and saw that it was totally dark outside. I could see driving rain beating against the cabin windows with debris flying by and hitting them as well as the aircraft.

The other flight attendant quickly strapped herself into the jump seat as she called out for me to sit down and strap myself in. Unexplainably, I did not pay attention to her, as I was very busy moving about the cabin.

Next, I had a "vision" of a man. I saw him from the right at a forty-five degree angle and about three or four feet away. He was not on board the aircraft but just a solitary figure. I did not recognize him. He appeared to be in his late forties. He was Caucasian, clean shaved, dark hair, trim figure, white shirt and tie, and dark trousers. He appeared to be a professional business man.

Next, the aircraft made a very hard landing during the strong turbulence. Since I had not yet taken my seat and fastened my shoulder harness/seat belt, I was instantly brought down *hard* onto the floor. A few things flew out of place missing me. I lay bouncing on the floor while the aircraft tumbled down the runway through strong turbulent winds. We eventually came to a stop.

In the following scene, I was outside by the aircraft's nose watching President Bush through the aircraft's right cockpit window. He sat in the First Officer's seat *(right side of aircraft).* That he was occupying the Co-Pilot's seat leaves the interpretation open as to WHO was occupying the left Pilot's *(Captain's)* seat. His wife, Laura, was seated immediately behind him. I watched as he determinedly pushed the throttle all the way forward with his left hand. His face had a strong focused look on his face. *END*

This was such a striking and vivid dream that I woke up bewildered. I glanced at the clock. It was 9:11 A.M. I then remembered that it was Election Day.

Interpretation

I believe the aircraft represents Air Force One *(the Presidential Aircraft)* and not a commercial flight. The approach for landing represented the end of the President's first term. This dream occurred on the morning of Presidential Election Day, November 2, 2004. Since President Bush won the election, it appears that this dream symbolizes that he was taking off on another flight for a second term.

The other female flight attendant represents the praying Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I represent a member of the Church, busy with helping out in the Presidential Campaign and was therefore not secured for landing. I endured the hard landing that symbolizes my being involved in the controversial campaign activities to the bitter end.

I leave the "vision" open for the reader's interpretation as to who the man was and why he was not on board the aircraft.

Commentary

Never in this nation's history has there been such a passionate display of hatred as well as slandering, vindictive, spiteful, malicious, bitter, mean, cruel, unkind and malevolent attitudes as well as false accusations and attacks that were demonstrated against President Bush during the Presidential Campaign of 2004. The turbulence outside the aircraft cabin and all kinds of objects hitting the cabin windows and aircraft strongly represent the heated and tempestuous atmosphere that endured throughout the Presidential Campaign toward President Bush even until now, four days before his second inauguration on January 20, 2005.

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My previous post:

TOWER OF REFUGE
http://www.etpv.org/2005/tor.html

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POST DATE: January 16, 2005

Bride of Christ

Carol McCarthy

(Dream this morning)
October 2, 2005

In my dream, I worked at the Supreme Court in Washington DC, and lived right across the street from it. While getting ready for work, suddenly, a woman began talking to me and she resembled a dear friend of mine who, in the dream, was now in "perfect" health without anymore symptoms of MS. She asked me if I felt that I should be working at the Supreme Court. I told her I was sure I belonged there. Then, I found myself in a clear, glass building still across the street from the Supreme Court. I finished showering, but couldn't find my clothes or my Bible. I finally left for work, walking outside into a strong rainstorm with an umbrella that completely covered me. END OF DREAM

Interpretation:

Both women in the dream I believe represent the Bride of Christ.

The woman who reminded me of my friend represents the "perfected" Bride of Christ.

The Supreme Court literally represents the "Law of this Land" in America. Daily work and business goes on as usual.

The Bride (Church) has less and less business in being in the position of working to change man's laws and purposes in this nation as well as the other nations of this earth.

God is perfecting His Bride to be cleansed from all defilements of this present age. She is being viewed not only by God, but also, by the whole world. She presently finds herself naked and hardly knows or understands the full counsel of God's Word at all.

Yet, God's Word and mercy never fails, but endures forever (Ps. 136).

The rainstorm represents God's divine judgments falling with increasing intensity against mankind's utter depravity. The woman (Bride/Church) walks out into the rainstorm covered by God's umbrella of protection from all destruction (Matt. 16:18).

Carol McCarthy

Bridal Veil

Larry Magnello

October 10, 2005

http://www.livingtree.org

I will lift up My Brides Bridal Veil and open her eyes to My Glory, so that she can see in the night her lover's face and fall deeply in love with her Husband and know that I truly love her, so when she falls down, she will get back up and walk with Me through the darkness and I will love her like she has been never loved before.

I will cause all things to work for her good and even the nightlife will be a time of joy with unending beauty and I will say to her, 'I love her, truly I do.' For she is My life and truly My Bride, so do not loose hope My Bride for that is to come shall surely come upon thee, and I will be her lover.

Breaker Anointing

Lanna Perry

20th November, 2005

Listen My Church, to what the Spirit is saying to the churches - Revelation 2:17

My precious and beautiful church, how I am developing you and polishing you My diamond - My church.

Many of you are going through the fire - but I am bringing out a sparkle on each of you that has not been seen before.

Many of you are feeling like walls and obstacles have been planted all around you, and that the attack has increased in ways you have never seen or heard of.

Yes, the enemy has increased the attack in many ways because of the anointing that I have placed over many of you, the breaker anointing.

I have poured out My anointing of breakthrough over many of you. Many of you have now been called out and where your feet tread, you will see the breakthrough of My Spirit in people's lives and circumstances.

Do not be discouraged by what is around you but continue to fight the good fight. Know that the enemy has increased, but I will increase even more. For the enemy has nothing...I am God...I am powerful and there is no power like mine.

Weary not of the attacks, weary not of the battles but know that you are being raised up and called to stand for My kingdom My church.

The enemy is trying to shake My church, and I am using this shaking to sift through those who truly want to serve Me and the calling upon their lives and those who do not want too.

For when the fire and heat is elevated many are fleeing, but those of you who are remaining faithful, oh the reward you shall receive. The blessings you shall see, the moves of My hand you shall see, and the depths of My heart you shall see are more glorious than you could ever imagine.

Know that you do not take one step without Me, and I have released this breakthrough anointing over your lives, but you must first activate this anointing in your own lives.

Walk in this anointing, do not be swayed by people, circumstances and plants of the evil one, but rise up and proclaim through the anointing I have placed upon each of you, the breakthrough that is to come.

Listen to what I am saying to the churches. Breakthrough is at your door church.

You must choose to embrace breakthrough in the midst of turbulent attack and fire, or reject it.

For I am about to pour out My Spirit in a greater way. The harvest is ripe. The fields are white. I am waiting on YOU my church. I am waiting on YOU to take the step forward.

Will you step forward?

My church, how I love you. You are My sparkling diamond to the world. Do NOT be dismayed by the turbulent attacks around you, but KNOW that you are about to be a part of one of the greatest moves of My hand, in the history of the world.

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Breakthrough

Brenda Dowdin

Aug 17, 2005
Beloved:

Stand up for breakthrough is before you. It may not look like you thought, but it is breakthrough. As you let go of all expectations and let me I will bring the changes you've been longing for... As you let me capture your heart I will release those things that have been hindering you from moving forward. For some this will be a heart change, an attitude adjustment, for others this will mean a shift in circumstances. I have surveyed my peoples hearts. I have sent you through different circumstances to bring forth your heart motives and I have taken notice of the places in the heart that are still needing adjusted and also revealing those places in the heart that are ripe and prepared by my hand. Breakthrough is eminent and you will see the changes very soon. Stand, rejoice for your Red Sea is about to part!

Women of God!

This is a season to yield! I am doing a fresh work in the men. I am putting pressure behind them to cause them to stand as "gentle warriors". You shall see them arise in the mantels I've predestined for them. You will see them arise as the "priests" and the "protectors". A mighty wave is about to pour forth upon them. There is a synergy that will be released upon the men and women as they come together and minister. Faith will arise, miracles will arise, it is what I am doing.

Eagles Arise~! Come forth from the Eagles Nests!

I will raise up new Eagles Nests all over the earth. My young Eagles need mentoring and nourishment. The lost art of intercession is taking on a whole new look. Training for reigning is coming forth. Mother Eagles arise! It is time to mentor the young in the prophetic, in intercession and birthing! A grand company of women are about to arise and make weapons of mass destruction through the intercession that will come before my throne. You will also see the men take on a greater role in intercession. They will birth and bring forth the heart of the Father. Many men who have been misunderstood and will arise in the calling of Intercession and be given great revelation on intercession. There is a deeper level of prayer, a prayer movement of intercession that is being released. You will move in to birthing and supernatural phenomenon will be released instantly. A mighty wave is coming. The enemy has under estimated and not planned accordingly of what I am about to release upon my intercessors! I call all to intercede this is not for a select few. There is a cost...but the rewards are well worth your efforts!

Arise for Breakthrough is emanate! You stand at the very edge of something brand new and exciding!

Lovingly In Him, Brenda Dowdin
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A Word To The Men
Brenda Dowdin

Aug 18, 2005
My Sons:

The enemy has broken through to many of you and broken the lines of communication between you and me. He has done this through ill legal moves! He has brought hurt feelings, rejection, insecurity and failure to you and caused you to pull away from me. This day I am bringing new lines of communication, I am establishing my name upon your hearts. You will once again hear me clearly. Don't be so hard on your selves! I love you, I've seen you wandering around in the desert. I will meet you in the desert and feed you manna and fresh cool water. It is a complete food I am bringing you. So satisfying and refreshing. Trust me as I do this work.

A fresh wind of my spirit is about to blow upon the face of the earth touching the hearts of my men...

The cloud of the Lord will be with you by day and over you a fire by night. A new level of my presence is being released....for the men.

Isa 43:19 "Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

Blessings to you all! Lovingly in Him,
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Broken Promises

Sandy Warner

Nov 6, 2005

BROKEN PROMISES
When you are moved by the promises of men,
Walking its road and coming to the end.
All that was presumption will fall and crumble.
What will remain is only what's humble.

Confession and forgiveness is what cleans the soul.
Dieing to expectation will make you whole.
For what you bought in promises from man
I purchased something more that says, "Yes you can."

My place is not men's place and that you do know.
My Words are like beacons all set in a row.
My Word is eternal, I stand by My Name.
Past, present and future, I AM the same.

Let not your faith falter having walked the road,
Of broken dreams, promises, and bearing their load.
Faith in man's word will fall short in character.
My Word is eternal, My Word is sure.

Give me your cracked heart and your broken toys.
I will fix them and protect them from naughty boys.
Mankind are mere boys that don't know their way.
They lack the right words - knowing not what to say.

Look to Me not to them, to make things right.
Give Me your time and your faith and just sit tight.
It's a squeeze, that I know, there's no room to sit.
Just trust Me to lift you from this deep pit.

Isa 40:6-8 NKJV
The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever ."

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Boundaries 2006 – Fix The Mix

Sandy Warner

Hi loved ones,
We each see in part, and the following is the part the Lord has given me for 2006, starting from the Day of Atonement, 10/13/05.

Here are the questions that are being posed to us:

BOUNDARIES 2006, FIX THE MIX
Do you need inspection?
Do you need correction?
Do you need connection?
Do you need protection?
Do you need direction?

The Lord gave me poetry this year to encapsulate these themes. To read more, you may click on these links:

BOUNDARIES 2006, FIX THE MIX
Inspection: http://QWC.url123.com/Inspection
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SUMMARY OF THE ABOVE WORDS:
Focusing on our Foundations and Boundaries
What is out of whack?
Radical pendulum of opposite poles
What is out of balance, what is shaking?
What is being compromised?
Seeking a way out of the endless maze
Seeking to come out of repeated patterns of mindsets
Soul giant surgery & death to self
Goal is to walk in peace
Pray over painful relationships
Goal is to adopt one another

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Soul giants:

Num 33:55 NKJV
But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

God's discipline or self discipline?

Heb 12:10-13 NLT
But God's discipline is always right and good for us because it means we will share in his holiness. No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening — it is painful! But afterward there will be a quiet harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. So take a new grip with your tired hands and stand firm on your shaky legs. Mark out a straight path for your feet. Then those who follow you, though they are weak and lame, will not stumble and fall but will become strong.

God is in control

John 14:27 NKJV
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Pray, pray, pray

Phil 4:6-7 NKJV
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Adopted

John 14:18 NKJV
I will not leave you orphans ; I will come to you.

Abide in the Holy Spirit, His Presence

John 14:16; 26 NKJV
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — ... But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Trust in God

Ps 91: 1-7 NKJV
He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

Taking Your Place As King In Your Family
Sandy Warner

Oct 31, 2005

TAKING YOUR PLACE AS KING IN YOUR FAMILY

Chosen one, do you remember David's choice to number the people? I did not tell him to do that. His choice brought destruction upon the people that he covered. My people had to learn the hard way. As long as Israel's king's trusted Me and did that which was good in My sight, the nation lived in peace. Likewise, you are coming into your place in Me. You are learning kingdom ruling and reigning through your choices. The doors open and close for those you watch over, according to your own righteous and unrighteous choices. Yes, this is true. I am giving you powerful keys to make a difference in your family when you walk in obedience. There are places that you have fought Me for years in being disobedient. If you can not love yourself enough to obey, then do it for those you love. Your obedience bears fruit in their lives. Stand in the gap for them, dear one.

I want to strengthen you and have you see the power of influence I have put in your life. As you practice obedience and are faithful in the little things, I will promote you into powerful authority in your prayers to bear great fruit for many.

1 Chron 21:17 NKJV
And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

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Standing In The Breach
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STANDING IN THE BREACH
Nov 2, 2005

There are many who are waiting to give birth to promises and destinies. Some of you have no means to get to your birthing place. Your tires are flat. Rise before midnight, and awaken to My call. Fix that which has flat-lined in your relationship with Me, so that you will be prepared to birth the destinies that await you. That which has flat-lined between us is a result of your giving into sin. Your safe boundaries need to be re-set and the breach in your hedge needs to be repaired. Confession, repentance and obedience will bring hope back into that which has fallen and will bring safely to birth, that which has breached.

Isa 58:12 NKJV
Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach…

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Adopted
Sandy Warner

Nov 4, 2005

ADOPTED

I have been working for many years in your life to give you a planting where there is a need and an appreciation for your gifts. This place is like being embraced into a family where you will be loved and flourish. Allow me to transition you into this place. Lay low and follow Me. Stay obedient. Stay humble. Be transparent but careful and let Me move you into position. I AM bringing you into other's lives and bringing them into yours. My Spirit of adoption is not only crying out for the literal orphans and widows who have walked alone, but for those of you whose gifts were not accepted.

Come to Papa and I will settle you. Daddy says it is safe to come home now. No more hide and seek." Come home dear ones.

Gal 4:4-7 NKJV
But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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Broken Wings

Melinda O'Dea

My precious daughter, my precious little bird, oh how I delighted when I created you. I gave you a song to sing, a song to sing to me. And I placed this song deep inside your soul. This song is our song little one, our special love song that no one else sings.

I made you beautiful, your feathers I placed on you individually so no other is alike, you radiated in your uniqueness. I also gave you wings little one to fly. Free to fly wherever you wish and sing your love song unto me. And I delighted in you little bird and your joyful sound.

But your wings have been broken, in many places. Many have tried to take from you your flight, your freedom. They have plucked your feathers my precious creature, to make you naked and cold. And strip from you your beauty. You've been locked away in a cage, put into a dark room, and left to die alone.

Abandoned by the world you sit.......yet while you sit I hear you. I hear your song little bird, you sing to me daily. In your nakedness and pain you sing. Our love song.

LITTLE BIRD, I am here to heal you, I have bound up those broken wings, restored the feathers that have been so cruelly plucked from you. I have taken you and repaired the brokenness and if you look, you will see I have opened the door to your cage and set you once again free.

Oh little one, I have heard your song you sang in the darkness. And my heart ached for you, but I say to you, no more will you be caged. No more will you be shamed, naked, forgotten, locked away and broken. NO MORE!! Your song has moved me my precious one. You never forgot your song. You never forgot to sing to me, you bared your soul and sang from deep within your being to me.

FLY little one, FLY!!!! You are healed, and I have restored your beauty you thought you had lost. And soon all will see what I have done when they see you fly past singing a new song. A new love song to me. Only this song my little bird will haunt man...... for this song is a deliverance song I have placed in you.

Your beauty will astound those who thought they had destroyed you. They will not recognize you, for I am giving you new plumage. Plumage that cannot be touched by man and will shine and blind them. They will not be able to take their eyes off of you yet have to shield them. Your new beauty will break thru all darkness and forge a path of light for others to follow.

Fly free my precious little creature, for I have many places for you to visit. I have wondrous places for you to go to. Never again will you be caged and in darkness. FLY, FLY..... FLY FREE!!!

And know, your wings will never be broken again. Your beauty never tarnished and your song, your song will be sung to me for all eternity. Oh how I delight in you and your song. My love for you holds no bounds. Little bird, fly free to be who I created you to be.

The cage is open, the way is made.......enjoy little bird. I look forward to hearing your song to me, as I delight over you.

Bedtime Story
Kriston Couchey

Then the Pharisees had a counsel about how they might trap Jesus with His words. They sent out their disciples along with the Herodians and they said to Jesus, “Master, we know that you love truth and teach the way of God in truth, and you are no respecter of persons”. “So please tell us, is it lawful to pay taxes unto Caesar?”

Jesus said, “Show me a Denarius!” He then held it up and cried aloud for all to hear, “**No Taxation without Representation!”** Pharisees and Herodians were astounded by this brave defiance of the Roman Oppressors.

Then Jesus stood and cried with a loud voice, “**Give me Liberty or give me Death!”** Someone from the crowd cried out, “Hail Jesus the Messiah!” the chant grew until the whole crowd was shouting through the streets of Jerusalem, “Hail Jesus the Messiah!”

The Pharisees thrilled to see that Jesus was finally concerned about their condition of political and economic oppression bowed before Jesus and pledged their allegiance to Him. The council of Sanhedrin led by Jesus Drew up a declaration and sent it the governors and the Emperor declaring Independence and freedom from Roman dictatorship. This Declaration defended each mans right to **Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness**.

The rest is all history. After the Passover, on the day of Pentecost Jesus poured out the **Spirit of Independence** on his followers and the Kingdom was born in power and majesty. It covered the whole earth with Jerusalem as its capital. Jesus set up a democratic government giving the people the right to vote and choose their leaders. Of course Jesus has won every election for World Ruler of the Kingdom, because after all, He is God! And all the lesser seats of power have gone to those who pattern their rulership after His pattern of Kingdom advancement. That’s why the USA is called “One Nation under God”.

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Bedtime Story Part II
By Kriston Couchey

The tax collectors were considered scum of the earth. It was unjust! In order to finance the Empire’s endeavors, tax burdens that truly caused hardship to the people were laid on the backs of those who did not benefit from them.

Territorial governors ruled over the people, making laws and decisions that affected the people’s lives without their consent. It seemed that any time something prospered, the dictatorial hand of the Empire found a way to profit off of it. Any form of standing up to the Empire was brutally repressed, and repaid with more taxes. This caused the people to despise the tax collectors.

Worse yet was the way in which the military took advantage of the people. They could demand food and lodging from anyone they desired, taking advantage of people’s resources.

And so, the American colonies were in dire straits with few options. So a conference of civil and religious leaders got together and decided to pray and seek God for 30 days. Through their time of prayer they became broken and experienced times of repentance and weeping over their sins.

The place they met was Boston, a stronghold of Humanism and Unitarian thinking. Years later this time of repentance and forgiveness became known as the **Boston Massacre** because at that place God massacred their pride, independent spirit, and rebellion; and replaced it with righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

This repentance spread all over the colonies. With an explosion like that of the Hebrides revival, bars closed, people fell down in the streets crying out to God for repentance, and the atmosphere of the colonies was changed to one of holiness to God.

If a British soldier demanded a colonist to feed them they would not only feed them but also give them a cup of water and the shirt off their back. They would carry their pack for two miles instead of one. The soldiers also repented and began to love like the colonist and live in harmony with them.

The governors and tax collectors repented as well, and many resigned. The few left began to ease the burden on the people, listening to them and serving them.

But the King of England was angry. Soldiers were leaving the service, governors and tax collectors resigning; and when a new one took their place they also became too Spiritually minded to be of earthly good for the king.

Also, France and Spain both declared war on him. It was as if God had turned against the Empire. He sent ships of soldiers to the colonies to put down the uprising, but when they got within 50 miles of land, the Spirit of repentance was so strong they would weep and repent. When they stepped on land they would embrace the colonist with a love and tenderness that belied their soldier garb.

For those who would not repent, a great fear would overtake them and they were unable to function in their capacity as a soldier because their psychotic fears overwhelmed them. These often left straightway for England or some other port so as not to be tried as traitors to the king.

The king lost the war with France and Spain. With no way to attack or take over the colonies, He made a truce with them to not war with them or to infringe any sort of control over the colonies. His one demand was that they send teachers to the empire to teach them this new way of love and forgiveness. **For love overcomes all things**.

Yes these are just STORIES, they are not true....

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Being Stretched for His Kingdom

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Farther out, farther out... stretching, I am stretching you out like a bungee cord, like a new rope. I will stretch you until there is brokenness -- you will be broken -- I will break you so that I may heal you and take you farther out to where I have purposed for you to go. Where you are broken, I will mend with a cord of three strands which is not quickly broken.

I, the Lord, will heal you and hold you together. I will be the center of your life that I will stretch out to reach others. You will stretch out in many directions as the fingers of a hand. Both hands will open wide. All the fingers will reach out, and touch, and wrap around others -- to bring them into the fold, into the Body, into My Kingdom.

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Barren Servants Of God
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The Lord gave me a word to barren servants of God. This year has been tagged the year of fruitfulness by the Holy Ghost and it is his wish to see every of his servant prosper.
The first word is the prophecy of Isaiah 54 (the whole chapter was specially written for barren ministers for God indeed ended it saying - this is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of me) while the second word is from 2 Peter 1: 5 - 7. Read the prescribed scriptures from peter and Isaiah and get life from them through meditation . They would help you stand strong and be fruitful in all areas.

Prophecy 1

Sing and rejoice o barren for thou shall break forth on the right hand and on the left. Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes for enlargement I give thee.....Read Isaiah 54 for the continuation.

Prophecy 2

Be diligent to keep my word. Be fruitful to hear the sayings of thy God and to honour his commandments. Add virtue to thy faith. Get knowledge. Buy the truth and sell it not. Be temperamental and be patient. Flow in godliness. Love thy brother and have fervent charity towards all men. This is my love for you. My love towards you is agape. Therefore love all men with the same kind of love with which I love you. With all of these thou shall not be found wanting for I have revealed this message to you so that you would be fruitful. Increase and multiply for I have given thee light. Have dominion over the flesh. Subdue it and you shall conquer in all things.

Blasphemy In The Last Days
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This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be .... blasphemers...2 Tim 3: 1-2

I felt in my spirit that this message is indeed one for the season we are in. The sin of blasphemy is on the increase. Prophets are committing it. Spiritual leaders are committing it; not to talk of the ordinary believers in the church of God, false prophets and the unbelievers.
Blasphemy will nevertheless continue for we indeed are in the last days. It has been prophesied and it is now manifesting more and more. Prophets of God should take note and be watchful. Our brother yongi cho was saying his heart the other day against the increase or the prevalence of false prophetic words in the air. This tells us that we got to be watchful and be prayerful. But at the same time let us not start to pull down ministers of God with our mouth; Instead let us pray for them if perhaps they could be made whole for indeed there are different classes of blasphemy. Some could be pardoned. Prophets and believers that plead the blood of Jesus every now and then are on the safe side; because they believe in the saving power of God. If you criticise and condemn God’s servants be warned for you are playing with fire. Our God has made them flames of fire. Nevertheless let all examine their faith whether they be in the faith.
This I believe is one of the things the Spirit is saying for now. Beware of blasphemy !

Better Think Again

Kevin and April Powers

For sometime now a lot of what I have been hearing concerning the recent hurricanes is that those in the New Orleans are ‘deserved’ it. There was all kind of grievous sin in that area of the country; such things as Witchcraft, Voodoo, various kinds of sexual sins including the infamous “Southern Decadence” event, gambling, etc. In the midst of all of our opinions, does the Word of God speak to all of this? Well, yes, of course it does. Here is an interesting passage that directly speaks to this issue:

Luke 13:1-9
13:1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. 2 Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? 3 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. 4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them-do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. 7 So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 8 "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'" NIV

First, we need to look at the 2 types of incidents that Jesus gives us in his answer to the people. In verse 2 Jesus addresses the issue of calamities /disasters that are caused by men, even evil men, Pilate in this case. The second type of incident that Jesus uses in verse 4 speaks of “natural” disasters; those things that occur which are NOT caused by men.

Notice that regardless of the cause of the disaster, Jesus’ message is the same: REPENT. Keep this in mind as we take a closer look at each of the types of disasters.

One clear example of the type of man-made disasters would be the persecuted church. Notice that the Galileans who had been killed by Pilate had their blood mixed with their sacrifices. These were people who were performing religious service when they were killed. Jesus asks if they were worse sinners than other Galileans, his answer was no. Today, in much of the American church, we have been taught by false teachers that if we really have the favor of God, we will be healthy and wealthy. So we assume that if they are Christians who are not healthy and wealthy they are not in God’s favor.

So how could anyone who is being persecuted for their faith be in God’s favor? So obviously the persecuted church just needs to understand that they are blessed and that God wants them rich or else how could their witness be appealing to the lost in the world?

According to most of teachings in the American church, maybe those in the persecuted church just need:

More Faith
To know and understand their position in Christ Jesus
To know and understand their kingdom authority
To know and understand that their lives are to be purpose-driven
To give more “seed-faith” money
To have more and better teaching on how much God wants to bless them financially

Jesus’ answer to all of these ridiculous ideas is “I tell you, no!” (verse 3).

The next type of disaster that Jesus talks about is the ‘natural’ disaster. This is the Hurricane Katrina type of disaster that some are saying was God’s judgment for all of the sinfulness of the New Orleans area. Here again, Jesus’ answer to that question is. “I tell you, no!” (verse 5). Jesus’ then goes on to say that, “unless you repent, you too will all perish." (verse 5) What? Huh?

Just as those to whom Jesus was speaking we also believe that when bad things happen to good people, God’s judgment is upon them. Sounds like Job’s friends who really caused more harm than good because God said about those friends, “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has.” (Job 42:7 NIV). Notice again Jesus’ words in His answer, “unless you repent, you too will all perish." Me? How could that be talking about me?

I’m not involved in gambling, I only play the lottery once in awhile.
I’m not involved in witchcraft or voodoo, I just check my horoscope once in awhile.
I’m not involved in sexual sins, I just like looking at those pictures on the internet or the pay-per-view sometimes.

Regardless of our attempts at self-justification, Jesus looks at us square in our eyes and says, “unless you repent, you too will all perish."

Do each of us truly desire to live a life pleasing to God? Do we, as David did, ask the Lord to search our hearts to see if there is any sinful way in us? Do we truly seek to repent and turn from our wicked ways as we are told to do in 2 Chronicles 7:14? David told us that the indications of a truly repentant heart are a broken heart and a contrite spirit.

Now, as Paul Harvey says, let’s make sure and pay attention to ‘the rest of the story’.

Jesus immediately tells a parable to further explain and clarify His message concerning these events. In the parable, the man who owns a vineyard sees a fig tree that for 3 years has yielded no fruit wanted the tree cut down. First, we must understand that through out scripture, most bible scholars agree that the fig tree is a symbol of Israel. Next, we must try and understand what ‘fruit’ was the man looking for. Well, it was a fig tree so he was looking for figs. Why is that important? A tree will bring it’s own kind of fruit. Remember Jesus tells us that a bad tree cannot bring forth good fruit and a good tree cannot bring forth bad fruit. But what ‘fruit’ is Jesus looking for as He looks at the fig tree in the parable?

John the Baptist gave us the answer when he looked at who? The religious. John told them to, “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” (Matt 3:8 NIV). So the fruit that the vineyard owner, and Jesus, is looking for is repentance once again. A turning away from our wicked ways.

But, that’s Israel. What does that have to do with us? We’re under grace not law. Well, the Apostle Paul in Romans 11 tells us, “I am talking to you Gentiles.” (Rom 11:13 NIV). Then just 4 verses later Paul tells us that, “and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in” (Rom 11:17 NIV). We have been grafted in and become part of the same tree that Jesus is speaking about in His parable. One of the most amazing things about some of the teaching and preaching today is that the church has somehow not only replaced Israel but has taken Israel place in God’s eyes. That is nothing short of pure blasphemy.

So, now we are a part of the tree that the Lord of the vineyard says has borne no fruit. In verse 8 notice that the vineyard worker intercedes for the poor tree to give the poor thing one more chance, “Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it.” (Luke 13:8 NIV). Where are the intercessors to go before the Lord on behalf of a church that is bearing no fruit? The vineyard worker knows the Master of the vineyard well enough to know that He is patient but He is also just. If a tree does not bear fruit it should be removed; because, “Why should it use up the soil?” (Luke 13:7 NIV). Please notice what the end of that tree is to be if no fruit is produced, “then cut it down.” (Luke 13:9 NIV). The tree is to be cut down. Also, notice that a specific period of time, in the parable a year is used, for the fruit to be produced. A very specific period of time.

It is amazing that over and over again the message that we, as the people of God, should be people of a broken and contrite heart full of repentance have instead become a people of arrogance (I did my part now God has to do His) and pride (we are God’s people, He would allow bad things to happen to us…).

The bottom line is that we are the biggest test anyone could possibly image; and in the middle of the big test, God allows us to use the answer sheet to take the test, but most of us are too busy trying to put our own meanings into answers that just need to copy and pasted.

Breaking Through Barriers
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We have just crossed the threshold into 2005. As we enter this year it appears the enemy would like to spread a smoke screen before many eyes. This smoke screen is designed to obstruct the reality of what God is doing and wanting to do in this year.

The smoke screen is designed to bring discouragement. Combined with it comes doubt and fear in regards to the future. For some the smoke screen will seem to cloud the dreams and hopes that you have hung on to for such a long time -- believing that one day they would become reality. For others the smoke screen will cause you to go into some sort of a spiritual holding pattern instead of moving ahead into the fulfillment of God's promises.

I keep getting a picture of a baby chick that has just started to break out of its shell. The chick has two options; one is to quit trying, hunker down and just wait for the inevitable to happen, the other is to keep pecking away, struggling to break through the shell of past protection into the freedom of the future.

There is one big difference that we often don't often talk about. That is the mental state of the chick. First, the baby chick, regardless of whether it stays in the shell or exerts the effort to get free, holds onto all the same dreams. To be clear, the chick that stays where it is dies holding on to the dreams of a future just as surely as the chick who breaks free of its past life in the shell lives to see the fulfillment of the very same dreams.

I believe today the church is full of baby chicks. Not all are young, but all have a dream. Some have never invested the time or exerted the energy to break free from the old shell. Sometimes I can't help but wonder why?

Is it because we so often find in the church so many people who have a legalistic bent? They come around and recommend that the baby chicks should 'stay in their shell' for that is where there is 'safety and protection'. It was not any different in gospel times.

Remember how it was with Peter and the boat that was being beaten about by the storm? Peter could have stayed in the 'safety' of the boat; he could have remained in the company of his fishermen friends, but by faith he chose to get out of the boat, leave it and all it contained behind in order to go to where Jesus was. That is how he walked on water.

That is what is required of us also if we would walk on water. The sad and truly frightening thing is that too often we choose to stay in the boat. We try to exist within the confines of the shell of our old life. (Ever wonder why it seems you are always walking on egg shells?) This is not the life God has planned for us! Unfortunately, the longer we believe the illusion that the shell represents a safety zone, the harder it becomes to break free. Far too many Christians simply struggle perpetually, expending so much effort just to exist. Why? Because they are afraid of the unknown in the life outside the shell.

We each have a choice to make. Will we break free of the past, and move on into the freedom of the fulfillment of God's dreams for us? Do we break free of the limitations put on us by others (and sometimes even ourselves)? Or will we remain trapped in the shell, living a lie? The chick that stays in the shell dies. That which was the safety zone for the embryo is the shackles of death for the chick that fails to break through and walk out into a new level of life.

Some of you may say, "Those are hard words". I agree, "Yes, they are difficult but they are also extremely important". So now, it is time for each one of us to make our decisions. Let's each one of us look deep within our own hearts (not some one else's) and ask the big question. Are you walking in all that God has given you to dream of walking in? If so, then keep on doing it -- and begin to encourage others that they not only should but can walk in their dreams too. If you are not walking in the fullness of the dreams God has for you, then please hear this -- it is time, maybe even past time. Today, start to walk in all God has for you. Don't delay any longer! Don't allow fear or doubt or any other emotion to hinder you from breaking out of the old shell. Remember, your life depends on it.

It may be hard breaking free of past roadblocks, but that doesn't matter because God is with you and will enable you to do all that is needed. It doesn't matter whether you either erected or allowed others to erect the roadblocks that have been placed in your path. What matters is that you can break through them and step out into the fullness of God's dream for you. Only as you take the risk and push through to complete the task, can you walk in the new level of life God is calling you to. He is already there -- waiting, watching. Will He see you begin to take the steps, to climb out of the old comfort zone, leaving all behind to follow Him in new directions, new adventures and new victories with Him?

I trust we will all encourage ourselves in the Lord, let Him strengthen us and build us up so that we can walk into all He has planned for us, all He plans to do in us and through us in this new year. Let's invest it for His glory.

Jesus Cares About You & So Do We - Together We Can Make a Difference in many lives this year!

Break The Curse Of The Pharisees
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Introduction

I keep hearing "break the curse of the Pharisees".

Years ago, when seeking counsel on a matter in my life, the Lord took me to this scripture

Mat 16:6 Then Jesus said unto them, *Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.*

If I had not heeded the Lord and the scripture that day I would have been spiritually plundered by unrighteous judgment and ungodly counsel. The counselor may have quoted scripture but the words would have most likely been used to cut and plunder my soul. Or I may have had platitudes pontificated at me (scriptures not from the heart beat of God for my situation, but quoted from a higher than thou attitude/preached at from a platform). A Pharisaical counselor or (man appointed) leader hears with "ears" that are for the most part closed to the Spirit but hears by the spirit of religion. One ends up not in liberty but in bondage and a feeling of being drained; the very life sucked out of one, and very angry (then has to deal with that anger).

The Pharisaical Church

Beloveds, for the most part the church is still performing music to the crowds in excellence instead of true worship from the heart to the King of Kings. The church for the most part is still stuck in its ritual of 4 praise songs and 3 worship songs, then the announcements and collection and then an hours sermon. My Lord how long do I have to suffer this religious spirit in the churches, WE SHOULD MEET TO MEET WITH JESUS! Lives should come out of fellowship more anointed, healed, free and giving glory to God! One mighty meeting with Jesus will change a life (and a myriad of more lives) than a thousand sermons. If we had the power and the glory in the churches, sin will not be able to abide in His Holy presence and souls will be saved by the thousands, yet we carry on as we have for decades, wondering where the revival is and why the people of God come into disrepute in the world!

There is some anointing and some blessing in the corporate worship, and occasionally some miracles and healings, but for the most part THERE IS A RELIGIOUS VEIL over the people, a false appearance of holiness which is actually often self righteous righteousness e.g. I am a member of this anointed church, I am a usher, a deacon in the church; oh look at me aren't I special and holy and soo good.

If you have never discerned the things mentioned in this article you may well have the religious spirit in your own life, which the spirit of spiritual pride has kept you from discerning in yourself. Time is coming to a close and we cannot afford to walk in spiritual blindness to things around us and in us any longer, it may well cost us our lives if not our eternity!

Where oh where is the humility, where oh where is the anointing to change lives, where oh where is the very real weight of the Glory of God? Where oh where is the true love between the brethren and not feigned love?

Life And Liberty In The Spirit Or Bondage And Death From The Religious Spirit

The Word says

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

If words are from the Holy Spirit you will have life, and even if there is chastisement you are drawn closer to the Lord because of His love in it. If it is from the spirit of religion, you will feel like death, plundered and wounded to the depths of your soul.

2Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

The religious spirit may give a scripture but it plunders and cuts your soul and heart. The letter only killeth but that which is spoken through a person, prompted by the Holy Spirit, will give you life, go into your spirit man and change you.

2Peter 2:19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

Most of what is encountered in the churches is rehashed yesterday's manna that does not bring life and those who are unwittingly under bondage of the religious pharisaical spirit, will speak words over you that bring you under the law too. This spirit brings confusion and it seems that what is being taught is correct and scriptural and yet you feel bound, you have lost your liberty in Christ. Because it “sounds” right and is scriptural it is confusing, but unless it is what the Holy Spirit is teaching and speaking you will not come into His life; the words has been “tainted” by the religious spirit.

A truly Spirit led counselor/ preacher/ teacher will bring you into LIFE and LIBERTY, while a pharisaical counselor/ preacher / teacher will bring you into bondage, or at the very least leave you without true spirit life. How many of you have not sought counsel and left with your heart more bruised than when you went, with an already heavy heart?

2Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Luk 4:18 *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, TO SET AT **LIBERTY** THEM THAT ARE BRUISED,* 19 *To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*

or

Galatians 2:4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

True Sons And Daughters Of God Versus The Pharisaical Leadership And Church

Beloveds many of us who are spirit led are an affront to the Saul leadership and the Pharisaical church. The words they have muttered under their breath or in conversation to one another has brought bondage, affliction and lack on the truly spirit led Sons and Daughters of God! One wonders why such words should have such a binding affect on one, however it was pointed out to me by a beloved Pastor in Africa that the unholy spirits still in these people give occult power to the words.

The spirit of religion and the spirit of spiritual pride is a blinding spirit, which causes them not to see or hear clearly. They just don't get the new move of God or recognize what the Lord is doing in the life of His chosen! They do not have true spiritual discernment, only to some level. Just as the Pharisees of Jesus' time didn't not discern Jesus as the Christ (the anointed one) so do they not recognize the anointing and authority in His truly spirit led Sons and Daughters today! Some have even been told that they are prostituting the Spirit of God!

We need to forgive them for they know not what they do but we do have to break the curses they unwittingly have spoken over our lives. Seek the Lord's face on this for your own lives.

Spiritual Action

Bind the spirit of error and ask the Lord to loose the Spirit Of Truth (Jesus) into their lives! Bind the spirit of pride and religion in their lives and cry out to the Lord that these may come out of spiritual darkness into His Light so that we may walk in unity! Be sure to ask the Lord to enable you to forgive those who have so wounded you and cast off all the chains and fetters their mutterings have caused on your spirit man, as well as the curses spoken. Ask the Lord to reveal to you where their words are affecting your provision, health or anointing and liberty!

Remember to pray for such in a spirit of love and be sure we do not curse them with a spirit of judgment, and be found ourselves in error.

A False Religious Covering

I went to a church a few months ago to seek prayer and for six weeks thereafter my anointing was hampered and I "flat lined" spiritually. I remembered that the mighty anointing of the Lord left me while in that church. After days of intercession the Lord revealed that the Pastor wanted me under "his" covering (he wanted to "lord" it over me in his ministry and probably thought I was " a wild card" and in error if I wasn't under his wing, so to speak). This covering was from the religious spirit, also of control and spiritual pride. As soon as I broke off that spiritual covering my anointing was back!

There is of course place for the Pastor and Teacher, but if these are not in humility and in any way have spiritual control, pride or a religious spirit, Beloveds you are held in bondage! Yes they are servants of the people in their congregations but how many have the servant heart of Jesus who washed His disciples feet!

John 13:5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

Yes we are to submit to true Holy Spirit anointed and appointed leadership, yet we are to have an intimate relationship with the head of the church, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is our teacher and our covering. Any man appointed covering over you will bring bondage and spiritual blindness. The spiritual covering of a Pastor over a flock, except where he "covers" his flock with prayers of protection, is demonic in origin; a man made, pharisaical oppression to rule over others and to puff up oneself.

Discern Before Submitting

Check the spiritual fruit of the lives of those you submit to, whether Apostle, Prophet, Teacher or Pastor (even in those you may seek for counsel or to do deliverance), for if you do not do so the latter you may end up more bound than the former! The religious spirit is powerful and also subtle, coming as an angel of light and is binding. It will puff you up and make you feel good and yet you are living in bondage!

Controlling Prayers

Any prayers prayed to "pray you back into the church" or to pray you back into submission or back "into line" is witchcraft and is demonic. All control, manipulation to give money, and prayers done with a sanctimonious "holier than thou" heart to "tell you off' " or correct you (hiding behind the Lord) is witchcraft for control is witchcraft. The Lord gently leads and never goes against our will but satan pushes; to put it simply he controls and "pushes our buttons" to get us to do what he wants.

If you leave a meeting, church or counselor feeling oppressed and drained, it is not Jesus but the religious spirit of the Pharisees operating, most likely along with Jezebel (spirit of control) and Leviathan (spirit of pride). When you have been in the presence of Jesus you will have life and liberty!

I have been told on numerous occasions that people have said that they have never felt more blessed, uplifted, anointed and free than when in the "hose pipes" (me) fellowship. That is purely because Jesus ministers through me and I am for the most part dead. All glory goes to Jesus! Even in deliverance the love of the Lord is so present that many have hugged me after a "heavy" deliverance session. WE ARE TO BE “HOSE PIPES” OR CONDUITS OF HIS LIFE, HIS WISDOM, HIS , HIS ANOINTING, HIS LOVE!

Conclusion

Pray for those caught in the religious spirit in love and ask the Lord of what you are to do to be free from such bondage! Your spiritual life will take off if you are truly sold out to the Lord and He is your very life. Check that you are not just in rebellion to true spiritual authority and that you are hearing the Lord correctly yourself. At no time attack or spread a verbal attack on such for then you are in a spirit of error yourself! You will have to hear very clearly from the Lord if you are to confront and then your words must be totally from the Lord, or you will operate in the same spirit.

Ultimately it is your own intimacy with the Lord that will cause you to grow and be changed into His image, for no amount of preaching would change your inner man as much as having personal intimacy with the Lord and the reading of His Word with the Holy Spirit giving you revelation, AND BEHOLDING HIS GLORY.

2Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the LORD

> Mat 23:8 *But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.* 23:8 *But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.* 23:1 Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 23:2 Saying T*he scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:* 23:3 *All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.* 23:4 *For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.* 23:5 *But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,* 23:6 *And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,* 23:7 *And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.* 23:8 *But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.* 23:9 *And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.* 23:10 *Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ.* 23:11 *But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.* 23:12 *And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.* 23:13 *But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

Breaking The Childhood Vows

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BREAKING THE CHILDHOOD VOWS
Without notice, you have been bound by the words of your mouth, taken as vows in your childhood. My dear friend, this has caused you wounds which are so deep, even you do not know from whence they came. When you fail to measure up to such things, it brings upon you guilt, condemnation, shame, a sense of failure, and ultimately self rejection.

Some of these vows you accepted to become responsible for another, when you were much too young to take such a responsibility! You were destined to fail simply because this was much too much for any human being to carry, let alone a child. Other vows were spoken that for as long as you lived, you would never … Yes, that is a common vow spoken in deep emotion, with life long cords. Other vows were self imposed labels of failure and calling yourself names. Loose yourself from such words, confess them to Me and to another and break their hold upon yourself.

Eccl 5:2-5 NKJV
Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed — Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.

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Discern The Teachable

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DISCERN THE TEACHABLE AND THOSE WHO ARE NOT
Yes to learn the difference between the two is painful and humbling, dear one. Have I not sent you many examples of such? The teachable ones who are hungry for Me, continue to knock on My door, even when My Words are tough and strong meat. Their hearts are pure and humble; asking questions, wanting to understand. They respond to My yearnings over them. Yes, they sometimes choke over what I say to them, and yes, they kick against the pricks. They are quick to apologize and humble themselves for more. Again and again they come. Hungry for more of what I have to say.

It is not so with the non-teachable. They are drawn to My Words, asking with itching ears for knowledge to validate their vain pursuits. Do not listen to their compliments lest you be torn by sharp teeth. Always seeking their own way, they show outbursts of anger and defense should issues resist their will. They manipulate to gain an upper hand. If I I feed them beautiful Words, they are pacified and amused but without change.

It is time to learn the difference. Do not waste your precious time spreading My platter of pearls for those with sharp teeth. Pour out your life upon those who are humble and hungry and lowly of heart. I have many children who are desperate for what you have to give. So give, dear one, give.

Ezek 33:30-32 NLT
…'Come on, let's have some fun! Let's go hear the prophet tell us what the LORD is saying!' So they come pretending to be sincere and sit before you listening. But they have no intention of doing what I

tell them. They express love with their mouths, but their hearts …. You are very entertaining to them, like someone who sings love songs with a beautiful voice or plays fine music on an instrument. They hear what you say, but they don't do it!

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I Will Reveal The Truth
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I WILL REVEAL THE TRUTH
I know you have grieved over the losses of those who have fallen. It has placed you in a position of trembling and in fear of your own weak flesh. Yes, it is burdensome and grievous as you mourn over them. These bear the wounds of those who walk in deception, and yet still think they are on My path. They dwell within the house of bonds and know it not. I have heard your cries for mercy as I begin to cut back, prune and expose the truth to their eyes.

Why did I allow this to happen? I allowed them to be tempted in all areas to let them find out areas of weakness. Weakness is living according to one's own wisdom and understanding of what is right and what is wrong instead of yielding the will to Me, and waiting upon Me for wisdom and understanding. And when one falls into those weak areas, I AM ready to help him overcome as he calls upon Me. For no man can walk through life in his own strength. If he tries, he becomes a pawn of the devil and I cannot help him.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." (1 Tim 4:1 KJV)

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Petition Me For Friends
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Dear heart, how humble you have become in laying low before Me! Yes, a worm is just about the only thing which can not fall, so fear not, oh worm Jacob, I will help you. I have heard your petitions yearning to have kindred heart friends. I have placed your concerns and miserable failings upon My balance scales and am bringing justice to what you have lost. I will connect you and grant you the desires of your heart, dear one. Yes, life long and eternal friends. You will see with your own eyes what I have ordained for you. I will make heavenly arrangements, and set them in, in an orderly manner; yes, I will do this with every single thing I have appointed and determined to place into your life. These are My good gifts, fragrant and pure, holy and true. I gladly give you the pure bonds of fellowship.

Always remember that even though you do not see Me, I AM your Friend. I will never, never leave you. I AM wholly yours, longing to abide in constant fellowship with you twenty four hours, - day and night. I looked down upon My cross all the way through history, and I saw you, My Beloved. I heard your cries for friendship and I groaned for you and carried your pain. I took your wounds upon Myself so that you might be healed. I died so that you might receive pure and lasting friendship, never to feel abandoned again. Join with Me, My love, and join with those I have ordained for you. Rejoice!

Acts 2:42-43 NKJV

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Eph 4:2-3 NLT
Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Always keep yourselves united in the Holy Spirit, and bind yourselves together with peace.

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Rebuke Is A Two-Edged Sword
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REBUKE IS A TWO EDGED SWORD
When I send you as My rod of correction, always remember that all correction has two sides. It is only the most loving, lowly and humble that can be used as vessels of rebuke and not be harmed by My sword. It is a fearful assignment to be used as a vessel of rebuke, lest the blade turn and the other side pierce you. If you point a finger, there are always 3 pointing back. If you speak from a haughty and arrogant spirit, the judgment will return upon yourself. Bow low and repent of your sins, lest you find the sword piercing your own soul. Always water the Words I give with prayer for mercy and repentance. Bow low, dear ones, and walk in the fear of your God.

Prov 15:31-33 NKJV
The ear that hears the rebukes of life will abide among the wise. He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, but he who heeds rebuke gets understanding. The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.

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The Agony Of Waiting
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The Agony Of Waiting

Feeling the agony of Abba waiting for His own
To decide whether they want Him is more than I can moan.
The ache in His heart as He yearns over them,
He only wants to love, not wanting to condemn.

His compassion to reach the ones that He loves
Is more than I can handle from His heart above.
Oh God how can you stand the ache in Your heart
When in silence your loved ones stay so apart?

Tis more than I am able to hold in myself.
Please grant me release from watching on Your shelf.
I am Your conduit, from whence Your heart flows,
But to feel Your pain is more than I can know.

You are breaking my heart with compassion so deep.
I am swimming in groans beyond what I can weep.
Have mercy on me and bring back the joy
Of fellowship sweet - communion to employ.

As the days are numbered on this waiting shelf,
I can not help but feel the climax in Your self.
The groan of waiting is beyond all compare
To face that demarcation line that is there.

To say goodbye or at arms length at best,
Or to hold a heart in Your bosom at rest.
The decision is not Yours, but theirs if they knew.
But blind they continue walking lives thrown strew.

Your children are many, as they walk around
Knowing not their Father, their eyes to the ground.
How You yearn to reach them and say that You care
Is beyond my compassion to hold back my share.

Oh God release me and send me from here
My groanings are deep beyond all compare
How can You stretch our small boxes of love
When it hurts to know the heart of Your Dove?

I am stretched to the max of what You have planted,
Unable to contain what You have granted.
Our human hearts are so cold and frozen
To feel Your passion over whom You have chosen.

Grant mercy I pray as You unthaw me this day
More grace is needed to stay in this way.
While Your wait is birthing beyond all compare,
Let me not fall short and into despair.

You said Your commandments are not grievous.
Yearning on my shelf, You will never leave us.
So comfort my heart with Your own that moans
As I transform anew from what You have grown.

To feel their hearts pumping to stay alive
As they wander their days wanting to revive.
Release me and send me to hearts that cry
They're hurting and wounded and cannot deny.

Their need for communion as they walk alone
To know You and each other straight to the bone.
No more masks that cloak the pain that is real
Covered in ice once frozen, encased in blue steel.

Bring breakthrough to all of these deep yearnings
Grant mercy and grace to what we are learning.
Now send forth these seeds of groaning so deep

Carry them in Your wind through prayer for release.

You said Your commandments are not grievous.
Yearning on my shelf, You will never leave us.
So comfort my heart with Your own that moans
As I transform anew from what You have grown.

Hag 2:19 NLT
I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn, before you have harvested your grain and before the grapevine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have produced their crops. From this day onward I will bless you."

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To Be Sent As A Seed
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TO BE SENT AS A SEED
Sometimes I use you in veiled ways unknown.
And I send you to others as seeds sown.
Inspiring your talk as you bubble forth,
Seeds scatter and blow and land henceforth.
Your joy in sharing surpasses caring
On how the unnoticed seeds are fairing.

There comes a day when you look around
You see the seeds laying on the ground.
Do not despair as all appears dead.
Call out to Me, Master Gardener, instead.
They will be watered and nurtured with care,
They're not abandoned because I AM there.

I wash them down, confirming all around.
I press them in growing faith that abounds.
Below the ground the soil remains tender
And the seed is planted from the sender.
Your Master Gardener is faithful to stay
Taking care of your seed, as you have prayed.

Each seed is coded to what is assigned.
It's destined to bear fruit after its kind.
>From the parent to child, the pattern repeats.
Harvest brings fruit, the circle is complete.
This is My mystery in planting My seeds.
Your life comes full circle with joy in deed.

So rejoice that your seeds are not really dead.
They're fruitful to harvest, full of life instead.
Your basket will return multiplied and abundant,
As you gasp in wonder at what appeared redundant.
I AM the Life Giver and resurrect with power
All those minuscule seeds you gave in that hour.

And in the third day the hour grows late
>From what was delayed meant to propagate.
It is My joy to announce in the sands of time
I have increased the pace to harvest what's Mine.
Time is now set for the days of acceleration
Seeds sown bear fruit in speedy exhilaration.

Gen 1:10-13 NLT
Then God said, "Let the land burst forth with every sort of grass and seed-bearing plant. And let there be trees that grow seed-bearing fruit. The seeds will then produce the kinds of plants and trees from which they came." And so it was. The land was filled with seed-bearing plants and trees, and their seeds produced plants and trees of like kind. And God saw that it was good. This all happened on the third day.

Amos 9:13 AMP
Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine and all the hills shall melt [that is, everything heretofore barren and unfruitful shall overflow with spiritual blessing]. [Lev 26:5; Joel 3:18.]

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Why Do They Go To Hell?
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WHY DO THEY GO TO HELL?
How often I have heard your questions about hell, because you know that I AM a loving God. Beloved, it is time to understand the boundaries of My kingdom. When I created man, I created him a living soul. A man's soul is alive, even without a body. Man cannot dwell in the state of in-between. When given enough time, they will ultimately belong to Me or the devil. There is nothing else available.

In the days of Noah, it grieved me greatly when I witnessed the depravity and perversion of mankind. It was true that the longer man lived, the more they opened themselves to the devil's wicked influence and perverted all that was good. I regretted making man upon the earth. I know the end from the beginning and know the ultimate downfall and wicked consumption of all men. Just as there are different rewards for the righteous, there are degrees of punishment for the unrighteous. There are greater and lesser sins and each receive recompense for their wicked deeds. Sometimes I save man from the evil to come by cutting their life short. Yes, dear one, even in death, I grant mercy.

Isa 57:1 NKJV
57:1 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

Matt 6:24 NKJV
"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

Mark 9:40-41 NKJV
40 For he who is not against us is on our side.

Gen 6:5-7 NKJV
6 And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

John 19:11 NKJV
11 Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin ."

Luke 10:13-16
"Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades. 16 He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

Luke 12:47-48 NKJV
47 And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. 48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

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Beyond The Horizon

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Since the beginning of time, there have been those who could "see beyond" the status quo. Within this remnant, however, there have always been those who could see what God sees (2 Kings 6:15-17).

Thus, there are varying levels of vision; as one man said, "All men dream: but not equally." As it relates to vision, it can also be said that "All men see but not similarly".

There is a place "beyond" what we now see, beyond the horizon. Very few, however, know "this place" because many believe – unconsciously or subconsciously – that what THEY see is the "the cutting edge".

For the most part, there is vision in the church but I am saddened in that it is still far too SMALL, unable to see "beyond", unable to "see what God sees" from where He sits.

As Desiderius Erasmus once said, "In the kingdom of the blind, the one-eyed man is king."

Like it or not, this is the general predicament of the Church. Many leader-SHIPS do not know what harbor they seek; therefore any wind is the right wind. And what IS being seen is what is being looked for based upon personal expectations which proves that "it is possible to have sight without vision" – just ask Helen Keller.

There are many leaders in the church who, at best, have ONE eye and are now leading "God's people". Dim-eyed elders and deacons are governing the church with the light (in-sight, understanding) they have. Therefore, in the dark, they fumble and stumble and trip around, doing the best they can with what they personally have, which is DIRECTLY RELATED to what they have received or not received in their personal time with the Lord; yet many do not INTIMATELY & PERSONALLY KNOW the Lord (with the passion of a lover) because they do not spend time with Him as they should. Therefore, the quality and substance of their SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP is shallow and weak at best.

Yes, there IS vision in the church but what IS seen is not reality for we don't see things as they are - we see them as WE ARE. Who we really are is the grid that we see through, perverting what really, in fact, is.

On the other hand, many are distracted from "seeing beyond" because their vision is limited by the narrowness of their own past experience. These "old wineskins" only see what is compatible with their "box" – what they are used to and what they like.

Others let the successes of their past distract them so that, while they boast in their GOOD works, they miss the magnitude of the Lord's present operation. These LIMITERS (who consistently tempt God, Ps. 78:41) are the least ready for "tomorrow" for they hold the most rigid beliefs about what "tomorrow" will contain, thereby putting their personal interpretation on the Divine expectation.

The fear of failure is gripping many today, causing them to "lower the bar", which is not really to their benefit, even though it SEEMS to be. This is a tragedy for Michelangelo said, "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that it is too low and we reach it." Many are rejoicing today in their achievements which are really a reprised collection of that which is only a little better than average. In short, there is nothing momentous about maximized mediocrity.

It is time for us to prepare ourselves to see more than what we now see. Life is so much more than the little boxes we live in. Our present vision is not high or wide or far or deep enough. It is time for us to see what is invisible to others and it is time for us to hear what is rare.

What would happen if we took everything we believe, think and know and just threw it all up in the air and then let it all fall to the ground? Would it be okay if we left it all alone and just trusted God to sort it all out? Could we "let it all go"? Could we trust God to clean up the mess His way?

There is a lot of change taking place in the church right now, but "All change is not growth and all movement is not forward". We need to see the truth!

Therefore, as has been said, "God is not trying to change us – He's trying to kill us". THIS IS OUR ONLY HOPE for there is nothing glorious about "sanctified flesh" – it still stinks all the same. Everything WE are, and everything WE will ever be, must be seriously shaken and dealt with – we must die.

But since I am not speaking of a natural death, we must understand that for us to see and walk in what God sees, we must become naïve (child-like) so that God can ACTUALLY use us. You see, we are all getting in God's way; we have far too much baggage. God can't work through us because we obey what WE see and ignore what God IS showing; one is more logical than the other. And since we have systematically trained our souls to pay attention to "certain things", God can't get a word in edge wise or show us anything NEW; we have Spirit-proofed our minds and spirits by unconsciously equipping our lives with the soulish ability to only "pick up" that which is either familiar, logical, popular or comfortable to us. We have been well trained in "our way" which we REALLY believe is God's way (we would never say this of course); therefore, when God tries to "gently and quietly lead", we "blow it off" without a second thought, giving our attention to that which sounds "louder" to OUR senses.

There is a Divine naivety necessary for the fulfillment of what God sees. So dare to be naïve because every true genius is naive and there is no true genius without some touch of madness.

Seeing beyond the horizon is going to cost us our lives, so make your decision now. If you "choose life", than dare to step out onto the "gang plank" – risk your life for Life. "Do it big" or stay in bed. Give everything or give up. And please oh please do not expect it to be pretty because EFFORT IS UGLY. And furthermore - expect everyone to disapprove of you.

Remember in passing - "Every act of creation is first an act of destruction" (Picaso) & "Every new adjustment is a crisis in self-esteem" (Eric Hoffer).

All growth demands a temporary surrender of security. Let go of your securities and jump off the cliff. If you obey all "the rules" you will miss all the fun.

Break every mold and formula; you can't take them with you.

If you want to be on "the cutting edge" you must first find "the edge". And "In order to find the edge, you must risk going over the edge" (Dennis Dugan).

Some will think you are OUT OF YOUR MIND, judging you from the comfort of their little, moderate world. But do not let this deter you. Be encouraged:

"Moderation is a fatal thing. Nothing succeeds like excess" (Oscar Wilde).

"Only dead fish swim with the stream" (Anonymous).

"One man with courage makes a majority" (Andrew Jackson).

Selah.

ROOM TEMPERATURE

There is a many-membered sleeping giant in the land snoozing in what could very well be the greatest of epochs. Dissatisfaction and discouragement has left this Creature in a funk, hypnotizing it into a deep coma.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once commented that the great tragedy of Rip Van Winkle was not that he slept for twenty years, but that he slept through a great revolution.

The lackadaisical passivity of the present times has infiltrated and infected the Body of Christ, causing it to "nod off". The lack of supernatural vision, power and LIFE in the church has plagued the Body with horrific boredom. But this is not surprising because it is very easy to "nod off" when there is so little to keep us awake.

A great man once said, "A ship in the sea is good but sea in the ship is bad." And this is what has happened and is presently happening within the lives of many "believers"; the "ship" of their lives is in the "sea" of the world, but the "sea" of the world is getting into their "ships" (their lives).

To further illustrate this point, let us put a glass of hot water in a room that is at "room temperature". What will happen to the hot water? It will assume, after some time, "room temperature."

Now, let us do the same with a glass of cold water. What will happen? The same thing – it will "assume room temperature".

But how can we keep this from happening? How can we KEEP the hot water HOT and the cold water COLD? Both glasses MUST MAINTAIN CONTACT with that which will KEEP it hot or cold – the glass of cold water must maintain contact with something COLD and the glass of hot water must maintain contact with something HOT.

Now let us bring this principle into the practicalities of our everyday lives.

Every Christian has been placed into their own "room", their own living environment.

But at this present time, since many are not vitally-connected to their "Source" (vitally connected to the Vine), they are "assuming room temperature" which is another way of saying, "they are dying".

But how does this relate to vision?

Well, let me tell you how this relates to vision by telling you what I have seen in the area I live, Rocky Mount/Wilson, North Carolina (USA). But before I do so, let me say that what I am about to disclose is not necessarily a secret nor is it rare since it is "in" every "small town".

I have noticed in the last 20-some years (I was born and raised in Wilson) a psychological epidemic which has cursed many "believers" and "non-believers" alike; I like to call it "the small-town muck & mire". It is a "small town" mentality which, subtly, over time, compresses the vision of all its victims. This muddy mind-set infests everyone who is not connected to that which is BIGGER and BROADER than the "little world" they live in. Many do not really know how truly BIG the world is outside of their "little world"; they really cannot, in many ways, "see beyond" the borders of their "little city". The "smallness" of their universe has possessed them, making them "like" their environment, making them "small". As a result, they "think small", "talk small" and "live small" – they are a "product of their environment".

If you ever want to meet any of these folks, go out and just start talking to somebody; it won't be long before you meet one.

When I have engaged those who are victims of this "small-town mindset" about the expanses of things such as technology, space exploration and international affairs and news they "zone out" and fall asleep with their eyes wide open only they look just like a cow looking at a new gate; they think I am the one who is "out of my mind".

And while this saddens me for the "non-believers" it saddens me even more for the "believers" (the Christians) who also "zone out" and "go into sleep mode" (with their eyes wide open) as I start talking about a God Who is BIGGER than their god. And while this is immensely true of most Evangelicals and Pentecostals, I am most concerned about the "Charismatic folk". It never fails - They have the biggest habit of "zoning out" when I spontaneously strike up a conversation about living in a place with God that is beyond what Adam, Moses, Elijah, Jesus and Paul had. They often even get upset and shut me down or start correcting me. And the reason they do this, is because they cannot "see beyond" the reach of the light they have.

I am further saddened by those who – consciously or subconscious or even unconsciously – think that "their light" is THE light; it's hard to watch them for they really think that they are on "the cutting edge" when in fact, if you sit down with them and just "listen" to their speech and use even "a little" discernment, you will learn that they are really just "babes in Christ" who THINK they are grown. But we all know this is normal, right? I mean, think about it, how many children do you know that think they are "BIG". I know lots of them.

DIM EYES

First Samual 3:1-3 reveals the prophetic posture of two priesthoods in the church at this time (AMP):

1 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare and precious in those days; there was no frequent or widely spread vision.
2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had dimmed so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.
3 The lamp of God had not yet gone out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was lying down.

"Now" the boy Samuel (which is a type of the remnant in the temple, the church) is ministering unto the Lord before Eli (which is a type of the present reigning leadership in the temple) – This is presently happening.

And now we are in a day when, "The word of the Lord is rare and precious…there is no frequent or widely spread vision." Of course, I am speaking of "the word" or "vision" - I am speaking of that which is truly from the Lord Himself. Presently, there are "many words" and "many visions" that have not and are not being authored by the heart of God.

Eli, who is leading right now in the church world, has "dim eyesight so that he cannot see". And with this, he is "lying down in his own place". Since he could no longer see, he was blind to his rebellion in his lying down in rest in "his own" place. Sure, he was "resting in God" – or so it seemed – but the "place" of his "resting" was what disclosed the root of his heart. He "looked" to be "resting in God" but a closer look would have informed anyone of Eli's true condition.

Verse 3 gives us hope: "The lamp of God had not yet gone out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was…" This is very good news. God is still with us and He has not left us. The "lamp" of God's light has not gone out which means that the "potential" of His direct communication to us is still present. Plus, the Ark of His Presence is still in the temple even though it is a faint lingering reality, unseen to the majority and un-cultivated by the general leadership.

The latter part of verse 3, however, gives us a further hope: "…and Samuel was lying down." This tells me that a Samuel company is presently IN the temple resting before the Lord, waiting for Him to speak and move. Many think that Samuel is not present but it only seems this way because he is so still and so quiet. Samuel will not establish himself nor will he push himself forward prematurely. He is just "lying down" in rest, ministering unto the Lord before Eli.

Now the similarities and differences between Eli and Samuel are note-worthy:

Eli was old and set in "his" ways; Samuel was young and pliable, ministering unto the Lord before Samuel.

Both Eli and Samuel were "lying down" but only Eli was lying down in "his own" place. Samuel did not have "his own" place.

The rest of 1 Samuel 3 reveals some further insights which we would do well to note.

In verses 4-9, God calls out to Samuel three times. Each time Samuel thought he was being called by Eli so he would go to Eli. The third time, Eli perceived that it was God Who was calling the boy so he told Samuel what to do when God called him again.

Before we move on, let me just say that both Eli and Samuel were a bit delayed in their discernment:

Samuel was slow to "get it" because verse 7 says that "Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord was not yet revealed to him." Therefore, it was Samuel's immaturity that made him dull of heart.

Eli, on the other hand, is a different story. He was a "mature" priest in the temple at that time. He knew the voice of God and had lived in the Presence of God for many, many years. But something was wrong: His eyes were dim; his ability to "discern" was dull and weak. He had become slow of heart in the things of God. This is why he was so "slow" to "see" that it was the Lord speaking to Samuel.

So you see, Samuel had an excuse (he was "just learning" the voice of God) while Eli did not (he had "lost his edge").

Sure, when Eli "did" know that it was the Lord, he knew the "proper protocol" for how to respond to the Lord when He called but this is the easy part, compared to "having a hearing ear and a seeing eye". Anyone can, through experience, learn the "right response", but who can "hear" and "see" the Lord when He is really and truly communicating to us the first time (It took Eli 3 times).

Now to verses 10-18, when God called Samuel a fourth time and Samuel responded, God gave Samuel a word of judgment for Eli and his household, which Samuel then had to deliver to "his elder".

This too, is prophetic of what is now taking place.

God is speaking to the hearts of His Samuels concerning the house of Eli and He is seeking to bring adjustment to the "old order" through the loving innocence of "a child" (a seemingly immature remnant). Many are and will continue to rebuke Samuel for "not respecting his elders" or "not remembering his place (for a child should be seen and not heard)." But Samuel did not ask to be the messenger of God's word of judgment – it fell into his lap. Samuel is only doing what his Master wants him to do. Don't kill the messenger.

Don't kill those who "see beyond".

[Much more could be said about 1 Samuel chapter 3, but let us now move on, shall we?]

SEEING THE UNSPEAKABLE

Paul the Apostle, who was mature, could "see beyond". In 2 Corinthians 3:7-11 (AMP), he spoke of something much "bigger" than the glory of the Old Testament:

7 Now if the dispensation of death engraved in letters on stone [the ministration of the Law], was inaugurated with such glory and splendor that the Israelites were not able to look steadily at the face of Moses because of its brilliance, [a glory] that was to fade and pass away, [Ex 34:29-35.]
8 Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit [this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit] be attended with much greater and more splendid glory?

9 For if the service that condemns [the ministration of doom] had glory, how infinitely more abounding in splendor and glory must be the service that makes righteous [the ministry that produces and fosters righteous living and right standing with God]!
10 Indeed, in view of this fact, what once had splendor [the glory of the Law in the face of Moses] has come to have no splendor at all, because of the overwhelming glory that exceeds and excels it [the glory of the Gospel in the face of Jesus Christ].
11 For if that which was but passing and fading away came with splendor, how much more must that which remains and is permanent abide in glory and splendor!

Now, to really cement what Paul said, let's read this passage out of "The Message Bible":

7 The Government of Death, its constitution chiseled on stone tablets, had a dazzling inaugural. Moses' face as he delivered the tablets was so bright that day (even though it would fade soon enough) that the people of Israel could no more look right at him than stare into the sun.
8 How much more dazzling, then, the Government of Living Spirit?
9 If the Government of Condemnation was impressive, how about this Government of Affirmation?
10 Bright as that old government was, it would look downright dull alongside this new one.
11 If that makeshift arrangement impressed us, how much more this brightly shining government installed for eternity?

I believe Paul was a firstfruits of those who "see beyond".

He wasn't satisfied to be restored "back to Eden" (1 Cor. 15) even though so many today are preaching that "we are going back to Eden." No, Paul saw something "beyond". He saw what God sees from His vantage point. He saw something "greater" and "bigger" and "higher" and "wider" and he wasn't shy about it either.

You see, I think Paul was cursed by God in a good way, for God "raptured" ("caught up") him into the third heaven (into Paradise, which IS Eden where the "tree of life" is - Rev. 2:7) where he personally heard things that where "bigger than life", bigger than "the status quo"; I believe he saw, heard and touched the glory of all that Jesus lived and died for; I believe he saw the fullness of the greater glory of 2nd Corinthians 3:7-11; I believe he saw what God sees all the time:

2 Cor 12:4, AMP: …He heard utterances beyond the power of man to put into words, which man is not permitted to utter.

2 Cor 12:3, The Message: …he heard the unspeakable spoken, but was forbidden to tell what he heard.

Can you image what this did to Paul's life? He heard (and possibly saw) things that were impossible to tell and were even "forbidden to tell". Can you imagine the frustration that caused? Can you imagine the turmoil? He couldn't communicate anything to anyone at any time – what he saw was "alien" and foreign to this world and everyone in it.

And now I think of Lazarus who was dead FOUR DAYS and raised to life by the Son of Man (Jn. 11). Do you think Lazarus entered comfortably and easily back into "his daily routine" after being dead FOUR DAYS? Do you think he went on as if nothing happened at all? Or, do you think it "messed him up real good" for the rest of his earthly, mortal life?

I mean, think about it people: He was DEAD for FOUR DAYS. Where do you think he was? What did he see? What did he hear? What did he do? And when he was resurrected, what kind of thoughts ran through his mind when he walked out of the tomb and looked through his grave-clothes to see "this old world" again? What went through his head? And what do you think he thought when he laid his eyes on Jesus? Don't you think he felt something deep inside when He saw the One Who had created the place he had just visited and the place he was now in?

Can you imagine the "seeming" hell Lazarus lived in for the rest of his life after having been to "the other side" and back? How could he eat breakfast the same way? How could he enjoy his sisters, Mary and Martha, in the same way? He was changed forever and for the rest of his life he never fit in – he was forever a square peg in a round hole; no one understood him and no one wanted to. He "saw" things that no one else had seen. He "heard" things that no one else had heard. And he was ruined forever.

I imagine that "the only one" he could ever truly "be with" was Jesus for only He could understand; only Jesus knew where he had been.

In this same way, there are SOME today who have seen what the multitudes have not seen and they are not "fitting in" and they have very few friends. The church does not relate to them because, if the truth were told, these seers see "far too much"; the religious system cannot tolerate these dreamers – jealousy and envy is their inward motivation whether they know it or not.

These "visionaries" walk alone – they are unwanted for the most part – while their only friend is the One Who has opened their eyes. Today they see what they are shown by Him Who is preparing them for His great end-time purposes.

Presently, my eyes scan the church-world to find those who see as Christ sees, "beyond what is". Jonathan Swift said that "Vision is the art of seeing the invisible"; I believe this. But few see the invisible because they are, whether they know it or not, OBSESSED with the visible. And as they major on minors, the "major" passes them by.

Where are those who dare to "see beyond" what they've seen? Where are those who dare to "see beyond" what everyone else is seeing? Who has the God-guided-guts to see and do what has never been seen and done before? Who has the backbone to break every mold (especially "their own") and start from scratch with ONLY what they "see beyond"?

When God was about to take His remnant over Jordan into the Promised Land, He gave Joshua a solemn word:

Joshua 3:4, KJV: …Ye have not passed this way heretofore.

Many cannot and will not go "this way" – where they've never been before – because they are deceptively attached to "their way". And the interesting thing about deception is that "the deceived" don't know they are deceived cause, guess what – they're deceived. And those who have "seen beyond" are a thorn in the side of those who are "stuck in their way" and deceived "in" it. When those who have "seen beyond" come with wisdom and understanding, those who are "blind" often respond with clichés like, "Well, we'll pray about it" or "We'll think about it".

Right now, there are "hair line fractures" in various bones in the Body of Christ which, posing no immediate threat, have the potential of causing serious trouble in the future if not dealt with immediately. Anything less than 20/20 vision cannot see these very small flaws.

Those who have "dull senses" cannot see "the mini-fault-lines"; they are oblivious to their "present need" for they only see what "they" see "right now", which to them, is all that matters.

Isaiah 42:20 speaks of this multitude as those who have "seen a lot but looked at nothing…heard everything but listened to nothing". (The Message) This saddens me since many are spending a lot of money and time "seeing and hearing" a lot of stuff every day through many various avenues. The question is: How do we know we are REALLY "seeing and hearing".

There is a dense "fog" over the eyes of much of Christendom which can be equated to the "disorientation" one has first thing in the morning - the "sleepy glaze" over the eye ball can impair vision, causing one to rub their eyes. But since many do not fix the problem (by simply going to the bathroom to splash COLD water on their faces), they are not remedied – they just proceed into their day with the same sleepy glaze and do not even know it.

It seems that many need to have a huge bucket of ICE WATER dumped all over them to "smack" them into reality and out of "their dream-world".

At the same time, there are "seers" who see the "little foxes" which mean to spoil the vine and what they see breaks their hearts, because "the multitudes" are milling around like children in the marketplace, clueless to "the present emergency". Those who are going about in "the glaze" get upset when someone who "can see more clearly" comes around and offers to "show" them the way of God more perfectly (Acts 18:26) – So now I offer a word of wisdom, "Don't kill the messenger."

THE LAST CALL

Since many of us are under such a terrible delusion of "seeing without sight" and "hearing without ears" due to inward limits, our only hope is to have the Rock fall on us. We have not fallen on the Rock, therefore, the Rock must fall on us now (Lk. 20:17-18). This is our only hope – we must be thoroughly broken. We must be traumatized so that we will WAKE UP out of our drunken, silly stupor.

9-11 SHOCKED America into an alert mode but then, soon after, as one prophet put it, WE HIT THE SNOOZE BUTTON. We WERE awake, but than we "turned over in our beds" – or should I say "coffins".

God has tried to warn us in His gentle manner, but we are not listening. It seems that we are unable to SIMPLY hear and obey.

Therefore, He must SHAKE us so violently that we will quickly awaken and see the mess we've put ourselves in.

Remember, God is not the One Who put us in this stupor. We have placed ourselves in our own predicament. We have chosen to ignore His Words.

Rick Joyner recently wrote a piece that spoke volumes to me concerning "the shaking" that is coming:

"I was praying…when a trumpet appeared in front of me, turned, and was blown right in my face. I knew immediately that this is what the Lord is about to do—the church will soon receive an "in your face" message from heaven…When I saw the trumpet appear in front of me and then blown in my face, immediately I knew what the message was because of something which happened to me when I was in the military. Normally, reveille, the call to wake up, was played over the loud speakers in the barracks. However, if someone did not wake up to reveille when it was played over the speakers, a more drastic measure was taken. They brought a trumpet in and blew it right in your face! This seldom had to be done more than once to a recruit. When this happened, not only did you awake faster and more completely than ever before, but from that day on you were especially keen to hear and respond to the sound of any trumpet call. When I saw the trumpet about to be blown directly in my face, I felt we were about to receive just such an "in your face" wake up call, one which we would not soon forget."

Many of us are like Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus – We are doing, what "we think" is, the will of God – but we do not understand how blind we truly are.

Our only hope is for God to "knock us off of our high horse" and blind us.

We think we see. But we need God to show us our true condition.

We think we are "rich and increased in goods" but the truth is that we are "wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked".

We think more of ourselves than we should and therefore disqualify ourselves from the grace of God which is only given to the humble in heart.

Jesus wants to heal our blindness but if we do not admit our blindness we will never be delivered – denial is not deliverance. We really need serious help – all of us (Jn. 9:39-41).

You see when God blinded Saul, scales formed on his eyes. These scales, however, where not something altogether brand NEW – God merely caused what was ALWAYS there, to be seen for what it really was – Saul was blind from birth and God exposed the problem.

This is what we need. This is our only hope. There is no other way.

"Oh Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

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Battling the Unbelief of Impatience
John Piper

Impatience is a form of unbelief. It's what we begin to feel when we start to doubt the wisdom of God's timing or the goodness of his guidance. It springs up in our hearts when the road to success gets muddy or strewn with boulders or blocked by some fallen tree. The battle with impatience can be a little skirmish over a long wait in a check out lane. Or it can be a major combat over a handicap or disease or circumstance that knocks out half your dreams.

The opposite of impatience is not a glib, superficial denial of frustration. The opposite of impatience is a deepening, ripening, peaceful willingness either to wait for God where you are in the place of obedience, or to persevere at the pace he allows on the road of obedience—to wait in his place, or to go at his pace.

When the way you planned to run your day, or the way you planned to live your life is cut off or slowed down, the unbelief of impatience tempts you in two directions, depending partly on your personality partly on circumstances:

On the one side, it tempts you to give up, bail out. If there's going to be frustration and opposition and difficulty, then I'll just forget it. I won't keep this job, or take this challenge, rear this child, or stay in this marriage, or live this life. That's one way the unbelief of impatience tempts you. Give up.

On the other side, impatience tempts you to make rash counter moves against the obstacles in your way. It tempts you to be impetuous or hasty or impulsive or reckless. If you don't turn your car around and go home, you rush into some ill-advised detour to try to beat the system.

Which ever way you have to battle impatience the main point today is that it's a battle against unbelief and therefore it's not merely a personality issue. It's the issue of whether you live by faith and whether you inherit the promises of eternal life. Listen to these verses to sense how vital this battle is:

Luke 21:19 "By your endurance (patience) you will gain your lives."

Romans 2:7 "To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, God will give eternal life."

Hebrews 6:12 "Do not be sluggish but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

Patience in doing the will of God is not an optional virtue in the Christian life. And the reason it's not is because faith is not an optional virtue. Patience in well-doing is the fruit of faith. And impatience is the fruit of unbelief. And so the battle against impatience is a battle against unbelief. And so the chief weapon is the word of God, especially his promises.

Before we look at Isaiah 30 I want you to see this relationship between the promises of God and the patience of the believer in Psalm 130:5. How does the Psalmist battle against impatience in his heart?

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
And in his word do I hope.

"Waiting for the Lord" is an Old Testament way of describing the opposite of impatience. Waiting for the Lord is the opposite of running ahead of the Lord and it's the opposite of bailing out on the Lord. Is staying at your appointed place while he says stay, or it's going at his appointed pace while he says go. It's not impetuous and its not despairing.

Now how does the Psalmist sustain his patience as he waits for the Lord to show him the next move? Verse 5 says, "I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and IN HIS WORD I HOPE." The strength that sustains you in patience is hope, and the source of hope is the Word of God. "In his word do I hope!" And hope is just faith in the future tense. Hebrews says, "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for."

So what we have in Psalm 130:5 is a clear illustration that the way to battle impatience is to buttress your hope (or faith) in God, and the way to buttress your hope in God is to listen to his word, especially his promises.

If you are tempted not to wait peacefully for God, to let him give you your next move—if you are tempted to give up on him or go ahead without him—please realize that this is a moment for great spiritual warfare. Take the sword of the Spirit, the word of God (Eph. 6:17) and wield some wonderful promise against the enemy of impatience.

Now let's look at an illustration of Israel when she did not do this.

During Isaiah's day Israel was threatened by enemies like Assyria. During those times God sent the prophet with his word to tell Israel how he wanted them to respond to the threat. But one time Israel became impatient with God's timing. The danger was too close. The odds for success were too small. Isaiah 30:1-2 describes what Israel did in her impatience.

Woe to the rebellious children, says the Lord, who carry out a plan, but not mine; and who make a league, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin; who set out to go down to Egypt, without asking for my counsel, to take refuge in the protection of Pharaoh, and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

This is the opposite of waiting on the Lord. Israel became impatient. God had not delivered them from their enemy in the time or in the way that they had hoped, and patience ran out. They sent to Egypt for help. They made a plan and treaty, but they weren't God's. The key words are in verse 2: "They set out to go down to Egypt, WITHOUT ASKING FOR MY COUNSEL."

This is a perfect illustration of the impetuous side of impatience. This is where many of us sin almost daily: charging ahead in our own plans without stopping to consult the Lord.

So the Lord gives a warning in verse 3: "Therefore shall the protection of Pharaoh (the king of Egypt!) turn to your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt to your humiliation." In other words, your impatience is going to backfire on you. Egypt will not deliver you, it will be your shame. Your impatience will turn out to be your humiliation.

This is meant as a warning for all of us. When our way is blocked and the Lord says wait, we better trust him and wait, because if we run ahead without consulting him, our plans will probably not be his plans and they will bring shame on us rather than glory. (See Isaiah 50:10-11 and the case of Abraham and Hagar for the same point.)

What should Israel have done? What should we do when we feel boxed in by obstacles and frustrations? The answer is given in verse 15 and verse 18.

For this said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength."

Therefore the Lord waits to be gracious to you; therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the Lord is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him.

Here are two great promises this morning that should give you strong incentive to overcome the unbelief of impatience.

Verse 15: "In quietness and trust shall be your strength." In other words, if you rest in God, if you look to him instead of dashing down to Egypt, if you trust him, then he will give you all the strength you need to be patient and to handle the stresses where you are.

Then verse 18: "Blessed are all those who wait for him." God promises that if you wait patiently for his guidance and help, instead of plunging ahead "without asking for his counsel," he will give you a great blessing.

This is the way you battle the unbelief of impatience. You preach to your soul with warnings and promises. You say, Look what happened to Israel when they acted impatiently and went to Egypt or help instead of waiting for God. They were shamed and humiliated. And then you say to your soul: but look what God promises to us if we will rest in him and be quiet and trusting. He will make us strong and save us. He says he will bless us if we wait patiently for him.

Then you might use the promise in Isaiah 49:23,
Those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.

And then Isaiah 64:4,
No eye has seen a God besides thee, who works for those who wait for him.

And finally 40:31,
Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

So you battle the unbelief of impatience by using the promises of God to persuade your heart that God's timing and God's guidance and God's sovereignty are going to take this frustrated, boxed in, unproductive situation and make something eternally valuable out of it. There will come a blessing, a strength, a vindication, a mounting up with wings like eagles.

Let me close with an illustration of a man who lived and died in successful warfare against the unbelief of impatience. His name was Charles Simeon. He was a pastor in the Church of England from 1782 to 1836 at Trinity Church in Cambridge. He was appointed to his church by a bishop against the will of the people. They opposed him not because he was a bad preacher but because he was an evangelical—he believed the Bible and called for conversion and holiness and world missions.

For 12 years the people refused to let him give the afternoon Sunday sermon. And during that time they boycotted the Sunday morning service and locked their pews so that no one could sit in them. He preached to people in the aisles for 12 years! How did he last?

In this state of things I saw no remedy but faith and patience (Note the linking of faith and patience!). The passage of Scripture which subdued and controlled my mind was this, "The servant of the Lord must not strive." (Note: The weapon in the fight for faith and patience was the Word!) It was painful indeed to see the church, with the exception of the aisles, almost forsaken; but I thought that if God would only give a double blessing to the congregation that did attend, there would on the whole be as much good done as if the congregation were doubled and the blessing limited to only half the amount. This comforted me many, many times, when without such a reflection, I should have sunk under my burthen. (Charles Simeon, by H.C.G. Moule, p. 39)

Where did he get the assurance that if he followed the way of patience there would be a blessing on his work that would make up for frustrations of having all the pews locked? He got it, no doubt, from texts like Isaiah 30:18, "Blessed are all those wait for the Lord." The word conquered unbelief and belief conquered impatience.

Fifty four years later he was dying. It was October, 1836. The weeks drug on, as they have for many of our dying saints at Bethlehem. I've learned that the battle with impatience can be very intense on the death bed. On October 21 those by his bed heard him say these words slowly and with long pauses:

Infinite wisdom has arranged the whole with infinite love; and infinite power enables me—to rest upon that love. I am in a dear Father's hands—all is secure. When I look to Him, I see nothing but faithfulness—and immutability—and truth; and I have the sweetest peace—I cannot have more peace. (Charles Simeon, p. 172)

The reason Simeon could die like that is because he had trained himself for 54 years to go to Scripture and to take hold of the infinite wisdom and love and power of God and use them to conquer the unbelief of impatience.

And so I urge you in the words of Hebrews 6:12, "Be imitators of Charles Simeon and of all "those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."

For additional study see the connection of faith/hope with patience in Romans 8:25; 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Hebrews 6:12,15; James 1:3; Revelation 13:10. For other texts on patience see Psalm 37:9; Lamentations 3:25-27; Luke 8:15; Romans 5:3; 1 Corinthians 13:4; Galatians 5:5, 22; Ephesians 4:1-2; Colossians 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; James 5:7-11; Job 1:21; Luke 2:25,38; 2 Timothy 3:10. For God's patience see 2 Peter 3:9; Romans 2:4; 9:22; 1 Timothy 1:16; 1 Peter 3:20.

Justification by Faith
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The Remedy for Paralyzed Sinners, Fallen Saints, and Provincial Christians

God did his most deadly work to destroy hopelessness and futility and provincial cowardice. He gave up his Son to torture and death. A perfect life, a perfect death, and the decisive work was done.

But there are millions who are numb to hope because of the God-belittling things they have done and how ugly they have become. They don't lift lofty arguments against God's Truth; they shrug and feel irretrievably outside. They don't defy God consciously; they default to cake and television. Except for the periodic rush of sex and sport and cinema, life yawns. There is no passion for significance. For many, no passion at all.

There is a Christian version of this paralysis. The decision has been made to trust Christ. The shoot of hope and joy has sprung up. The long battle against sin has begun. But the defeats are many, and the plant begins to wither. One sees only clouds and gathering darkness. The problem is not perplexing doctrine or evolutionary assaults or threats of persecution. The problem is falling down too many times. Gradually the fatal feeling creeps in: the fight is futile; it isn't worth it.

Along with this hopelessness and futility, especially since 9/11, provincial cowardice captures many Christian minds. They fear that it may sound conceited to call every people group in the world to trust Christ or perish. It seems too global. Too sweeping. Too universal. To say it takes their breath away. And, worse, it brings down the wrath of the tolerant. What could be more arrogant than to think that the infinite variety of need in all the cultural groups of the world could be met by a single Savior!

It is astonishing that the Biblical gospel of justification by faith alone answers these three human failures: the hopelessness of unbelievers, the feeling of futility from falling down, and the fear of making global claims for Christ.

To the numb and listless sinner, feeling beyond all hope of godliness, the Bible says, "To the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness" (Romans 4:5). God justifies the "ungodly." This truth is meant to break the back of hopelessness.

The connection between the sinner and the Savior is trust, not improvement of behavior. That comes later. It's this order that gives hope. "For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law" (Romans 3:28). The basis of this wild and wonderful hope (the ungodly justified) is "Christ for righteousness to everyone who believes" (Romans 10:4, literal translation). Through faith alone God counts the ungodly as righteous because of Christ. "For our sake [God] made [Christ] to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). Let all who are paralyzed by the weight of sin and the powerlessness to change turn in here.

To the fallen saint, who knows the darkness is self-inflicted and feels the futility of looking for hope from a frowning Judge, the Bible gives a shocking example of gutsy guilt. It pictures God's failed prophet beneath a righteous frown, bearing his chastisement with broken-hearted boldness. "Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light" (Micah 7:8-9). This is courageous contrition. Gutsy guilt. The saint has fallen. The darkness of God's indignation is on him. He does not blow it off, but waits. And he throws in the face of his accuser the confidence that his indignant Judge will plead his cause and execute justice for (not against) him. This is the application of justification to the fallen saint. Broken-hearted, gutsy guilt.

For the squeamish fellow afraid of making global claims for Christ, the biblical teaching on justification explodes his little world. It says: the deepest problem to be solved is the same for every human being, because every human is a descendant of Adam. And the problem to be solved is that "by one man's disobedience many were made sinners." "One trespass led to condemnation for all men." The only solution to this universal condemnation is a "second Adam" who provides "the free gift of righteousness" to all who hear the gospel and believe (Romans 5:17-19). Therefore Christ, the second Adam, the giver of righteousness, is the only global Savior.

Embrace as your treasure the gift of justification. There is no part of your life where it is not immeasurably precious.

Behind The Veil

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"Behind The Veil: Heaven Touching Earth In Worship"

Revelation 4:1 - *"After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'" (NIV)*

My goal in worship is to get behind the veil. My passion is His presence. His presence is manna that must be sought after and received every single day or it becomes stale. There is one thing that God cannot deny -- hunger for Him.

HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?

How hungry are you? Are you willing to passionately press through into His presence? Beloved, He must first deal with your heart. One key to unlock worship is first asking the Lord if there is anything hindering us in our heart. As I work through stripping off all sin and self before the Lord, it is as though I trade in my rags for His robes of righteousness. Then, He can begin to give you His heart, His purposes, His love for you and His people.

During worship there is so much activity happening in the supernatural. It is when the creative presence of the Lord God touches His people. Some people see pictures, hear Scriptures, get a word of knowledge, or hear His voice. All of it is valid, real, and scriptural. But, what does worship really do?

WHAT DOES WORSHIP REALLY DO?

Worship moves the very heart of God and changes the very heart of man. It takes only a few seconds of a face-to-face encounter with the manifest presence of God to change the course of human history for you, your city, or your nation.

In the Old Testament, His presence was often referred to as the Shekinah glory, the fire of divine visitation. God would literally come to visit His people. In II Chronicles 5:14 the glory of God filled

Solomon's Temple and the Priests could not stand to minister. The thick weight of the presence of God would settle in so heavily that people would have to lay flat on the floor, prostrate before Him. Never underestimate the power of worship.

WHAT IS WORSHIP?

"What can make the angels cry? Cause their wings to hide their eyes?"* His beauty can!
Worship is encountering Him. It is an invitation to the place where angels cannot go, beyond the very boundary lines in heaven where God will whisper to you the secrets of His burning heart. You will hear the love songs of God's heart and return them back as songs to Him.

Prayer:
Lord, awaken my heart to worship You. I want to be one who desires You alone rather than just what You can give me or how You can use me. I want to be able to see what the angels see, go into Your Throne Room, encounter Your beauty and be ravished by Your love. When songs have become familiar and routine, burn a fresh fire in my heart so that worship will transport me into Your very heart!

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Before the War

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It was an illusion that we were at peace. Our enemy had already begun to act in concert to lay siege against our values, capture or kill our citizens, invade and attack our territories or embassies, discourage or divide our allies. Until we became *disillusioned* (delivered from our state of being deceived), we were denying his true intentions by seeing what we wanted to see rather than seeing life as it really was. We thought, "If I leave him alone, he'll leave me alone." Instead of enjoying peace and safety, what we got for our lack of vigilance was sudden destruction. Our illusions were shattered when the conflict broke out into the open. We discovered that projecting our goodwill onto our enemy was naïve and costly.

This opening statement could have been written about Japan prior to the bombing of Pearl Harbor in WWII or about Islamic terrorists before the World Trade Center attacks on 9/11/2001.

In either case, it was better to give up our illusions than to keep living in a fantasy world. If only we had seen more clearly and acted sooner, perhaps lives could have been saved and the enemy not made bolder. Small victories, left undisputed, make enemies stronger. If President Jimmy Carter had not permitted Iran to hold U.S. citizens hostage in our embassy for a year, much of the wave of subsequent terrorist acts could perhaps have been averted. Acting too little, too late, causes situations to escalate.

For leaders we entrust with our protection, it is absolutely vital that they see the flow of history and the movement of forces arrayed against us in stark reality and not through rose-colored glasses. Winston Churchill knew this to be true when he set up his own intelligence department, circumventing the usual channels, to reassure himself that he got the true story from the battlefront and not the "politically-correct" sanitized version colored by layers of appeasing optimists.

Fighting a war to a successful conclusion requires accurate intelligence that provides insight into the enemy's tactics so leaders can have foresight for a good defense and strategically position troops and resources for effective offense. It is the function of the *prophets* in the church (those seers gifted with Holy Spirit's perception) to provide actionable intelligence to the *apostles* in the body of Christ (God's generals of intercession) who can marshal their troops (gathered into companies called churches) into action along strategic lines for the purposes of either defense or offense.

In reading the compelling theological study, **God at War** by Gregory Boyd (Intervarsity Press, 1997), I further realized that the whole cosmos is engaged in an epic battle by our Creator for his precious family. Apart from war, there is no peace. In being called to preach under the mantle of the late missionary evangelist Richard Vinyard, a man who engaged in every revival campaign like it was a military battle with the preparation of fasting and prayer and the demonstration of the gifts of power by the Holy Spirit, I saw that the battles are worth fighting and the fruit is salvation in all its visible results.

In studying apostolic teams and their composition as described in the New Testament, you have to be a little surprised by the Apostle Paul's description of his team members as "fellow-soldiers." Today, we have "fellow-graduates" from seminary or "associate-pastors" on the same church staff, but not *fellow soldiers*. Soldiers in a war are comrades in arms; they think differently about what is truly important. In a time of peace, perhaps we can afford low-level disputes. But in a battle, you have to know and trust the soldier guarding your back to be alert. Can doctors debate minor points of theory about hospital protocol while the patient is dying on the gurney in the emergency room doorway?

In most of the church, our world-view is stuck in the peace-mode, not yet positioned in the war-mode. The proof of this is where we send our resources and how we train our future leaders. Most of our effort and energy is expensed on maintenance, rather than mission; on maintaining the status quo, rather than extending the frontier borders of the kingdom of God; on defending our position rather than taking ground from the enemy. Our viewpoint of events is still distorted by our inadequate perspective. We fail to see the kingdom of God as in a war while on its knees, advancing through violent conflict in heavenly places; we fail to see our loved ones or friends who are not yet believers as prisoners of war; we fail to see that our decisions and distractions can add up to victory or defeat for many more people besides ourselves.

Maybe it was okay then to fight over whether women could wear makeup, but not now. Maybe it used to be okay to debate what day to worship, or whether it's okay to drink wine, or whether the antichrist was Nero or is still yet to come, or whether the gifts of the Spirit are for today, or whether you can lose your salvation versus losing your sanctification, but those days are over. War with the devil makes us realize that many issues are more fundamental. Hell and heaven are equally real. People are of eternal worth with souls that need redeeming. Ideas that enslave (the roots of idolatry) versus ideas that liberate (the truth of the gospel) are worth fighting over. Freedom is never free: somebody has to pay for it (*pray* for it; *say* for it, *stay* for it.). What Jesus paid for on the cross is worthy of us filling up a little bit of suffering for others.

The two great words the Apostle Paul used to describe the epitome of Corporate Life in Christ in his letter to the saints at Ephesus were "struggle" and "stand" (Ephesians 6:10 NAS). We struggle (literally, *wrestle*) with dark spiritual beings of evil intent who hold sway over individuals or grip entire people groups. When we are assailed, we stand (not being moved away from your position) so that what we have gained may not be lost.

The ability to struggle successfully (in persistent prayer, in keeping unity in love, in your testimony of Jesus) in order to see salvation extended to precious souls, and the ability to stand during the enemy's onslaughts against your faith (without compromising, without yielding to fear, without breaking rank) are notable marks of further maturing in Christ, measurable evidence that you are more and more becoming equipped for every good work and thus dangerous to the enemy, not just being filled up with more useless information or made to feel good about your present (temporary) peaceful situation.

Bless Those Who Persecute You
John Piper

Romans 12:14-21
Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. [16] Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly Never be conceited. [17] Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. [18] If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [19] Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." [20] To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." [21]Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Paul says the same thing over and over in this paragraph. Verse 14: Don't curse those who persecute you. Verse 17: Don't return evil for evil. Verse 19: Do not avenge yourselves. Verse 21: Don't be overcome by evil. And then the positive side—Verse 14: Bless those who persecute you. Verse 18: live peaceably with all. Verse 20: Give food and drink to your enemy. Verse 21: Overcome evil with good.

So I am tempted to lump all those similar commands together and treat them all under the banner of loving our enemies. But I resist this temptation for at least two reasons. One is that there are differences among all these commands with concrete implications for our lives that might get lost if I lumped them all together and spoke more generally about a theme instead of looking carefully at each one. And the other reason is that there are other commands thrown in among these that don't seem to fit the mold, and we might miss what Paul is trying to say by weaving them in.

So we are going to move straight through taking the verses as they come. Today we will try to understand and apply verses 14 and 15. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

How Do Verses 14 and 15 Fit Together?

Taking the two verses together immediately raises the question what they have to do with each other. Anything? More than you may think. For example, what would be one reason that you wouldn't weep with those who weep? One reason would be that you are glad they are weeping. In other words, you were angry at them for the way they treated you, and then something bad happened to them and you are glad. Does that have anything to do with verse 14: Don't curse those who persecute you. Don't want them to be cursed. Don't be glad when they weep. Bless them. So it looks as if there may be a very close connection between verses 14 and 15.

Do We Rejoice With All Rejoicing and Weep With All Weeping?

But another question rises: Do we rejoice with all rejoicing and weep with all weeping? Aren't there are distinctions that have to be made between different kinds of weeping and different kinds of rejoicing? Some weeping we should be very glad about. And some rejoicing we should be very sad about. We know this because Jesus said in Luke 6:25, "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who *laugh* now, for you shall mourn and weep." This is a laughter that we share with simple empathy. This is not a laughter that grieves us.

On the other hand, is there not a weeping that we should rejoice over—a weeping that leads to life? Paul said in 2 Corinthians 7:10, "Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret." Therefore, godly grief is surely a wonderful thing. Painful. But oh, so full of hope and life! Our tears may flow in that moment, but they will be like the tears of a mother looking on her newborn child. So we don't weep the same with all weeping and we don't rejoice the same with all rejoicing.

There is a root connection between verses 14 and 15—between heartfelt sympathy on the one hand, and blessing those who curse you on the other. We will see it if we step back and make clear the specifically Christian context and root of these commands in verses 14 and 15.

What Is the Root and the Meaning of This Radical Behavior?

Virtually all the commands in verses 14-21 assume that something deeper has happened. All these commands are rooted in freedom from self-preoccupation and self-infatuation and self-exaltation. And, much more than that—though that is crucial—they are rooted in Christ-preoccupation and Christ-infatuation and Christ-exaltation. Now I could make a case for that the same way I did last time. We could go to verse 1, look at the words, "I appeal to you by the mercies of God" and show how all of this chapter is the fruit of being overwhelmed by the mercy of God in Christ spelled out in Romans 1-11. That would be exactly right.

But instead let's remind ourselves of how Paul prepares us for these commands in verse 3. He has just said that the way to live as a Christian is to be transformed in the renewing of our minds so that we can discern and embrace the will of God. Then he opens for us the most profound level of transformation and renewing that has to happen if we are going to do the will of God in this chapter—like: bless those who persecute us and weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.

And here's what he says in verse 3: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned."

We spent a lot of time on this. So I will only give the summary. What is the alternative in Paul's mind to thinking too highly of ourselves? The answer isn't thinking lowly of ourselves (though that is a good place to start to come back to now and then). The alternative is to think "according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." The alternative to thinking too highly of ourselves (self-preoccupation, self-infatuation, self-exaltation—the roots of all sin) is not a different sight in the "mirror, mirror on the wall." The alternative is turn the mirror into a window through which we see the glory of Christ.

That's what faith is and does. When faith stands in front of a mirror, the mirror becomes a window and sees on the other side the glory of Christ. The decisive alternative to saying, "I am all," is not to say, "I am nothing," but to say, "Christ is all." Faith looks to Christ, not self, not even the new self. In fact the definition of the new-self is the self that looks to Christ as its Savior and Lord and Treasure and Joy and Satisfaction.

And notice one other thing in verse 3 that is so relevant to the commands like, "Bless those who persecute you," and, "Weep with those who weep." It says, in the second half of the verse, "Think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith *that God has assigned*." In other words, the measure of faith we have is a gift of God. God has assigned it. It *is* the act of *our* soul. But our inclination to do that act is a gift of God. "By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; *it is the gift of God*" (Ephesians 2:8).

So now two great grounds of boasting are stripped from the proud human heart. First, the boast that I can save myself or satisfy myself is shattered, and Christ is found by faith to be my all—my Savior, Lord, Counselor, Friend, Treasure, Joy. I look away from myself and am satisfied in him.

Then, second, the other ground of boasting is stripped away also: I discover by the Word—and experience it in my heart—that this faith, this looking away from self to Christ—is a gift. I can't even boast that I was smart enough or wise enough or spiritual enough or godly enough or humble enough to believe in Jesus. No. He was simply kind enough and strong enough to overcome all my resistance. Praise be to his mighty mercy.

God the Father planned to rescue us from sin and hell before the foundation of the world. God the Son purchased our forgiveness and transformation by his blood on the cross. God the Spirit overcame all our self-preoccupation and self-infatuation and self-exaltation and opened our eyes to see the beauty of Christ as our all. Now in this condition we meet today three kinds of people: those who persecute us, those who rejoice, and those who weep.

And Paul tells us, with God's authority, how to treat them. Here is the way a person lives for whom Christ is all and for whom self is dethroned. Romans 12:!4-15: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep."

Notice how radical this behavior is. It does not just say: Don't retaliate. You might use your willpower to do that. You might have all kinds of hateful and resentful and vengeful and prudential motives for not striking back. But the point is not only behavior. The point is your heart, and you can see it in the words, "*Bless* those who persecute you. *Bless* and do not curse them." This is a partial quotation of Jesus' words in Luke 6:28 where Jesus says, "Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." The word "pray" shows that behavior is not the only issue. Prayer is the expression to God of what you long for. So blessing someone is not just the way you treat him. It includes the longings that you have for someone. And Jesus says they are to be longings for good, not longings for a curse. That's what "bless" means. Bless them and pray for them. Pray for what? Their good—now and forever. And the greatest good is seeing and savoring and showing Christ without end.

So the Christian life is radical. It cuts to the root of who we are and what we long for. And now we can see where this kind of radical behavior comes from and what it means. It comes from faith in Christ. And it means that Christ is all-sufficient. It comes from not thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, but thinking with sober judgment each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned (v. 3).

If we are going to be treated unjustly, and even hurt unjustly for Christ's sake, and yet bless our adversaries and pray for them, then our natural obsession with self-preoccupation and self-infatuation and self-exaltation must die. But that death will accomplish nothing by itself. It must be replaced by Christ-preoccupation and Christ-infatuation and Christ-exaltation. That's what faith is: beholding and embracing the all-satisfying treasure of Christ.

How Does Faith in Christ Motivate Us to Bless Our Enemies?

Therefore this faith in Christ is the root of this radical behavior. It's the root of not cursing our persecutors and the root of blessing them and praying for them and longing for their everlasting good.

It works like this: Faith in Christ involves turning from our natural self (including even our bodies) as the source of our main contentment and security. So the self (even the body), in that sense dies. Threatening this self with belittling speech or with pain or with death is no longer an ultimate threat. That old self is not our life, not our treasure, not our greatest and durable joy. So we are free from the raging impulse to retaliate that once rose up in this old self.

At the same time faith in Christ does something even more important. Not only does it turn from our natural self as the source of our main contentment and security, it turns to Christ. It sees Christ and embraces Christ as our all-sufficient contentment and security. This looking to Christ motivates in three ways us to bless our adversaries and make us tender-hearted to those who weep and rejoice.

First, *the Christ that faith beholds and embraces blessed those who cursed him.* As he hung on the cross he said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). Since faith savors everything it sees about Christ, it savors this. You cannot say, "Christ lived a beautiful life, but blessing those who persecute me is stupid." If you see and savor mercy in Christ, you will love being merciful.

Second, *the Christ that faith beholds and embraces did not just bless his enemies in the abstract, he did this for me.* For me. And for you. Romans 5:6, "While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly." You cannot rejoice that *your* life hangs totally on the undeserved mercy of being blessed by Christ when you were his enemy, and then turn around and curse those who persecute you.

Third, *the Christ that faith beholds and embraces has made our future absolutely secure forever, by dying for us and rising again.* Therefore, our persecutors cannot destroy us, and we do not need to have the last word on earth. God will.

Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. [29] Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30] But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. [31] Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:28-31)

The root of radical, Christ-like love is death to self and invincible delight in the person, the performance, and the promises of Christ. If you struggle with feelings of bitterness and revenge, go deeper with Christ, until you know him and love him the way he really is.

How Does Verse 15 Relate to Persecution?

And what about verse 15? "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Perhaps we'll say more next time. But if you think it's foreign to the situation of persecution, and just dangles here after verse 14, listen to these words from the February issue of *Voice of the Martyrs*, reporting the situation of Khun, a woman of the Khmu ethnic group in Laos. Her husband is in prison today for preaching Christ.

Khun urges Christians in the West to pray for her husband Khamsay and their family. She also asks us to pray for the people of Kasy district and for greater freedom for Christians to practice their faith openly without hindrance from local government officials. Even though our cultures are different, we are one in the Body of Christ. Khun boldly shared, "Our business is your business, our hurt is your hurt, our happiness is your happiness."

The apostle Paul wrote, "If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). As Khmu family members suffer for Christ, we suffer with them. When Khamsay rejoices in prison because he's won another inmate for Jesus, we rejoice with him."[1]

That may be the most eloquent exposition of verse 15 I can give. I leave it there for now. In the situation of persecution, bless those who persecute you, rejoice with those who triumph in suffering, and weep with those whose suffering makes them weep.

[1] Nate Gary Lane, "Walking With Christ in Laos," *Voice of the Martyrs* (Feb. 2005): 4-5.

Butterflies Or Bees?

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The prophet said, "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty." Jeremiah 15:16 (NIV)

WE know that bees fly from flower to flower gathering nectar and assisting in pollination. Butterflies, however, can actually probe deeper into the blossom with their long tongue. Often we are like bees when it comes to savoring God's word in scripture -- buzzing about and gathering nectar near the surface. We either haven't really studied the word or haven't ever considered how deeply enriching it is to meditate on the holy scripture. We therefore have extracted less nectar than is possible from the garden of God's word.

When we read the Bible, do we try to reach its depth? Or are we satisfied with what we find near the surface? We can stay on the surface and never touch the deeper truths of God's word and its significance for our lives, or we can seek to go deeper and allow God to speak to us as we ponder the words.

Let us resolve to study the Bible daily, not forgetting three important things: reading the word, praying for understanding, and studying with other believers.

God's word is nectar for the hungry soul.

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By What Death Will You Glorify God?

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When John wrote his gospel, Peter had probably already been killed by the Roman emperor, Nero. So when he recorded the words of Jesus about Peter's coming death he was able to look back and interpret the symbolism Jesus had used. Here's what Jesus said to Peter, with John's interpretation.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to go." Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when He had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me!" (John 21:18-19)

It is a sobering thing to be told by your Master and friend that you will die in his service. It was oblique, but Peter probably got the message. And who knows what look was on Jesus' face when he said it. But such is the price of following Jesus Christ. This isn't so different from what he predicts for each of us. "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate . . . his own life, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:26). "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal" (John 12:25). "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me" (Matthew 16:24). "They will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all because of My name" (Luke 21:16-17).

Tradition says that Peter was crucified upside down in Rome during one of Nero's persecutions in the mid-sixties. The early church historian Eusebius wrote, "Peter seems to have preached in Pontus and Galatia and Bithynia and Cappadocia and Asia, to the Jews of the Dispersion, and at last, having come to Rome, he was crucified head downward, for so he himself had asked to suffer" (Ecclesiastical History, III, I).

Jesus predicted the martyrdom of Peter. Jesus knew what sort of death it would be and he knew the time frame. This much knowledge could discourage Peter. Or it could serve to remind him that, come what may, the Lord Jesus is never taken off guard. Not only that, but Jesus spoke these words to Peter after rising triumphant from the dead. This meant that "Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him" (Romans 6:9). Therefore Jesus will be alive and ruling when Peter comes to die. He will be there to help him. "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). And not only to help him die, but to raise him: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies" (Romans 8:11).

Jesus knew that there would be part of Peter's will that would not want this death. "Someone else . . . will bring you where you do not wish to go." Even Jesus cried, "If it is possible, let this cup pass from Me" (Matthew 26:39). So it is with all who follow in his steps. Pain is pain, not pleasure. Only a higher love brings you to embrace it when you could avoid it by denying Christ.

John said Peter's death was to glorify God, "This He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God." The way John said this seems to show that he considers all our deaths as appointed for the glory of God. The difference is: with what kind of death will we glorify God?

Are you ready for this? Will you show God great in the way you die? Will you say, "To live is Christ and to die is gain"? Will you call this ugly, defeated, torturing enemy sweet names? Will the loss of all your earthly family, friends, and possessions fade at the prospect of seeing and being with Christ?

After Jesus had predicted the horrible death of Peter, he said to him, "Follow me."

"Let us go with him outside the camp" (Hebrews 13:13).

Birthing Will Come

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April 11, 2005: I saw ten women in colorful dresses coming out and rejoicing in victory. And, I heard in my spirit "May." We can expect incredible victory in the month of May. *Exodus 15:20 "Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them: 'Sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!'"*

You are fearfully and wonderfully made, says the Lord. You were made in the secret place, in the darkness of the womb. The things I am working in your life now are being created in the secret place. Do not worry about what is being created, for I am doing a great work that you cannot see yet. But, the birthing will come and it will be revealed. Then, you will know that I have been among you.

Psalms 139:14-16 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.

I also had a mini vision of everybody's eyes suddenly popping wide open, and the Lord said, you will begin to see like you have never seen. I am loosing an anointing for you to be able to see in the spirit realm with great clarity.

The Lord reminded me of the children of Israel who were told to sing in their captivity, but they could not because of their grief and sorrow. *Psalms 137:2 "We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst of it."* Your harps have been hung in the weeping willows long enough. Now is the time to sing and rejoice because it is the time of victory when you will come out of bondages that you have endured for a very long time. Sing, dance, and rejoice because there is coming a great freedom in this release

Come To The Next Level
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There's a stirring within My body, says the Lord. It is by My hand that the stirring comes. For many this hour would say it's a time of rest. But I tell you it's a time of war. Many would tell you that it's a time to sit back. But I tell you it's high time now that you begin to awake and begin to arise. For now your salvation is clearer and stronger and even closer than ever before. For the Lord says, in the hour many would sit back and they would say, "we would have it this way and we would have it that", for their own comfort and their own desires. But I'm challenging every member of My body to come to a new level in Me. I ask you this day, will you go to that next level? Will you choose to walk with Me?

Truly, I bring change and I will change things in ways that they've not been understood in the past. But I will change it according to the pattern of that which I desire. You've heard it said that I'm changing the model...the paradigm. I've shifted things and I've set a new standard for that which I would have in this hour. Will you come to that standard and allow Me to cause you to go and do those things that I've asked you to do - that I've called you to do? For you thought in your minds that it would be this way and it would be that. But it's not the way that you've conceived it. It's not the way that you thought in your mind. But it's the way that I have in My heart, says the Lord. For I know the plans that I have for you, to give you a future and a hope and not to cause harm. But to even bring you into that place that I desire for you to go, there is much change that is needed. There is no way that you can do it with your own arm. There is no way that you can do it with your own methods or your own ideas. It's only by My Spirit.

Where you would find there to be rubbing against one another and even rubbing against the ideas of one another, do you not know that this is not the hand of your enemy, but this is the hand of My Spirit. For the Lord says, I will cause those amongst you, even to provoke one another unto righteousness. Do you not know that I will cause a stirring in your hearts and a stirring in your midst. Do you not know that I can not take you to that next level until I cause you to be uncomfortable with where your at. This is not an hour of comfort. This is not an hour of pacifying. This is not an hour of petting things and allowing them to remain where they are. This is an hour of jostling. This is an hour of shaking. This is an hour of changing. This is an hour of challenging. I challenge you this day, let me do those things in you that I said that I want to do through you, says the Lord. Because if I can't do them in you, I can not do them through you. I'll even give you the ability and the anointing and the desire to go into the fire and to be tested by My Spirit. Do you not know that I even walked through the flames, says the Lord.

Do you not know that I have even prepared the path for you. Go into that narrow place and allow me to enlarge you on the inside. You have to be enlarged on the inside, before you can be allowed to be enlarged on the outside. Allow Me to do those things and you'll not regret it. You'll not hold back and you'll see My glory...those things that you desire...My glory...My glory.

The shaking must come first, says the Lord. The shaking must come first before you see My hand. Do you not know that when My church said, "Lord, behold their threatenings", that I shook the whole place. But as I shook the whole place, I filled them with all boldness and they proclaimed My Word. Then they saw My Spirit like never before.

It's a time to arise and say, "Behold, Lord, we stir our hearts, even as you stir us! We go forward in you and we chose to go to this next level with you." As you do, I'll carry you there by My Spirit. It will not be the difficult thing that you thought it would be, because I'm not difficult, says the Lord.

Cry For America

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Thus says the Lord - Cry daily for the lost souls of America. Preach revival at the gates of the cities. Let the lost souls come to salvation.

God spoke these words to me and then in a closed vision I saw a pulley and the Lord immediately reminded me of the scripture that talks about drawing out water out of the wells of salvation then God led me to the chapter in Isaiah where it is written and gave me another verse to confirm it. It talks about crying out loud for the Lord our God is in the midst of us.

Interpretation
God is going to restore joy and salvation to the hearts of Americans. He is going to do it through his church and America would be restored. For now God wants us to cry to him for the deliverance of USA.

Creating a Clean Heart

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As we have discussed, in Scripture "the flesh" is a metaphor for the carnal nature of fallen man which is in opposition to the Spirit of God. The attributes of this carnal nature are listed in Galatians 5:17-21:

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

It is so crucial that this base nature be overcome by Christians, that we are told in the last verse above that we will not inherit the kingdom of God as long as we practice these things. The removal of that nature is referred to as our spiritual circumcision, which is the circumcision of our heart, as we read in Romans 2:27-29 last week. So we want to take the time to look at each of these works of the flesh, and how they are to be cut out of our life. After that we will examine how they are replaced by the fruit of the Spirit, which is the Christlike nature. That is our goal, not to just rid ourselves of the evil, but to fill our hearts with God.

The first work of the flesh that is listed is "immorality." This includes fornication, which is having sex outside of marriage, and adultery, which is having sex with someone other than your spouse. It also includes homosexual sex, which the Bible calls not only a sin, but a perversion and an abomination. These are sins; they are forbidden, and under no circumstances are acceptable behavior for a Christian.

Does this mean that anyone who has ever fallen to one of these cannot inherit the kingdom of God? No. There is grace for those who stumble and the forgiveness of sin if we repent and seek the forgiveness of God through His atonement. However, it is a different story for those who "practice" these things. That implies the continual, repeated sin that is not repented of.

A second question would be whether a Christian who falls into repeated affairs or a lengthy affair cannot be saved because they have practiced these things. This is a good question and one that is certainly worthy of examination. It is addressed in a number of Scriptures, but we will look at Hebrews 6:4-6:

For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

There is obviously a line that can be crossed where it becomes impossible to renew one again to repentance. This also implies that if someone can still repent, they must not have crossed that line.

The key is if they can still repent. Repentance is more than just feeling sorry for having committed the sin, and is more than asking forgiveness—it means to renounce the sin and turn away from it, resolving not to do it again. So if someone can still repent, they can be forgiven and they can still inherit the kingdom of God.

Hebrews 3:13 says, **"But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin."**

Sin does harden the heart toward repentance or makes it harder to repent. Sin is also deceitful, and those who practice it often become so deceived that they no longer see it as sin, and therefore cannot repent of it. I have witnessed this process with far too many, even with those who had an extraordinary anointing and have been mightily used by God. In fact, it seems that the more anointed you are when you fall into sin, the faster the hardening takes place and the deeper the deception is.

I know one such very anointed man of God who engaged in lengthy homosexual relationships lasting for years. When it was exposed, the depth of his hardness of heart and the level of deception was astonishing. Every conceivable homosexual act was performed repeatedly, but because he was only involved with one partner at a time he became enraged when it was even implied that he was a homosexual! He had begun to call the sinful acts "fellowship" and ways that he was helping his partners "to get free of their homophobia." Could he really believe anything that foolish? It seems that he really does.

Though this man finally admitted to everything when confronted with the evidence, there is a difference between admitting something and repenting of it. This was a man that was known all over the world for the powerful spiritual gifts that operated through him, and his knowledge of the ways of the Spirit. However, when this sin was exposed I have personally never witnessed more irrational thinking than what came out of this man. We must never underestimate the power of sin to deceive. The greater we think we are in the Lord and the more pride we have in that, the more vulnerable we can be and the further we can fall when we do.

I am convinced that the church today has some of the greatest leaders that it has had since the first century. There are great problems in the church today, but there are also many more reasons for great hope. I have had to deal with some very ugly things in the church, and in some leaders, but this has by no means shaken my faith in their ultimately becoming a bride without spot or wrinkle. As we do have to take a few weeks to examine the works of the flesh and what practicing them can lead to, keep in mind that we are going to get to the fruit of the Spirit, and the great things that are right now going on in the church.

We must also keep in mind Galatians 6:1,**"Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted." "Any trespass"** covers a lot. We must also have as our goal the restoration of any one who falls into any sin. As stated above, there obviously is a line that can be crossed when it becomes impossible for one to repent. However, it is my opinion that only the Lord knows when this has been done. Therefore, regardless of how deep the darkness is that one falls into, it is my resolve to hope and pray for their repentance and do anything I can to help them as the Lord gives me the grace. I have learned repeatedly that His grace and mercy reaches much further than my own.

So that we can understand just how deceptive sin can be, I will share some of my own experiences. I once happened upon a whole movement that is very large and seems to be helping a lot of people, especially the poor and oppressed. However, the leaders believe that the more anointed you are the more concubines you need, which they claim is why King David and Solomon needed so many.

Of course, this group claimed that only "the mature" could understand this kind of "revelation" so it was not taught openly. The level of immorality and perversion in this movement would rival any cult. Deception has so seeped into their other teachings and practices that they may in fact now be a cult, renouncing or perverting the very basic doctrines of the faith. I felt that this whole perversion began with the leader falling into an affair, but instead of repenting, he tried to justify it. Again, sin is deceitful, and if you practice it you will be deceived.

I know a number of professional athletes who had to quit going to church because of pastors hitting on their wives. What are those shepherds going to say to the Lord on the judgment day for having done this to His sheep?

I am sharing these things here because they are common enough that many innocent souls in pursuit of the Lord do sometimes happen upon this kind of foolishness in a church or movement. If you do, flee! When weird practices start to manifest in a group, leave as fast as you can. Such will almost always try to bind you to them with a control spirit, guilt, and fears that you will miss the will of God for your life, that you are "touching the anointed," or other yokes of bondage. Do not listen to them, do not fear them, and do not let them control you—leave as fast as you can. Do not stay to try to help others. It is very unlikely that you will be able to help anyone by staying, but will be putting yourself and your family in jeopardy.

Again, these are extreme examples that I have seen with those who I do think had extraordinary anointing from the Lord. So when sin entered, it led to an even deeper and extraordinary deception and perversion. I can understand why, seeing this, some would determine to not want to be in leadership or grow in their anointing. This is not the answer because then the devil has already won. The answer is to heed the warning of I Corinthians 10:12**: "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."**

If we ever start to think that we are so wise and strong in the Lord that we cannot fall, then a fall is inevitable. Pride caused the devil to fall in the first place and it is at the root of almost every fall since. There seems to be a pride that many who are used with a great anointing sometimes get, thereby thinking they are somehow special and can get away with such things because of the way God has used them. This is a terrible presumption that the Lord Jesus Himself addressed in Matthew 7:21-23:

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven; but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.
"Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'
"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"

Lawlessness is the result of rationalizing away the clear Word of God. It is the tendency to bend the rules in order to get way with something. That tendency is also called "craftiness" in Scripture and was the very first attribute given to describe the devil in the Garden. Once you start down the path of bending the rules, you have opened the door very wide to Satan, and he will come through it.

I have been told by Christian leaders that when I preach these things a great fear comes upon them. I hope it does. I hope that it has come upon all who read this, for your sake. We need a good, healthy dose of the fear of the Lord. As we are told in Proverbs 9:10, **"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom."** We are told in Proverbs 8:13,**"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil, pride and arrogance and the evil way." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,"** and those who stay on the path of life never lose it. However, it is not the highest form of wisdom—love is.

We should fear the consequences of sin, understanding that God's judgment is going to come upon the world for these things. However, we should hate sin even more because of what it does to the One we love—and what sin did to Him on the cross, which He bore for our redemption. How could anyone who has truly beheld the cross not hate that which caused our King so much pain?

Please again read the following Scriptures, and please carefully read all Scripture quotations. The Scriptures are the Word of God and are far more powerful for changing us than anything I could write. If any of these verses especially speak to you about a stronghold in your life, write them down on three by five cards and read them as often as you need to in order to combat the temptations in your life. It is the truth of His Word that sets us free!

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of

death.
For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.
And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.
But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you (Romans 8:2-11).

Trust me, we will get to some more encouraging and edifying principles of how our hearts are purified and changed, but it is necessary for us to understand sin and that it is the path to death. If you want to live, turn from sin, and to the One Who alone is Life. He will give us His own Holy Spirit so that we can live free from the yoke of sin, and live in righteousness, holiness, and the truth.

Last week we began a more in-depth look at Galatians 5:18-21,starting with the first work of the flesh that is listed there, "immorality." This week we will look at the next two, which are "impurity" and "sensuality." Impurity is the lustful gratification of our own flesh through such things as pornography, fantasizing, masturbation, etc. Sensuality is the tendency to try to be sexually attractive to someone other than our spouse, causing us to, in the very least, become stumbling blocks to others.

One can be attractive without being sensual. There is a dignity and honor with which the sons and daughters of the King of kings should behave. The apostle Paul stated it powerfully in I Thessalonians 4:3-8:

For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.
For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.
Consequently, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

There are some foolish souls who believe that because they have never committed an actual act of immorality that they are living a holy life, when in fact they are addicted to pornography or practicing other impure or sensual behavior. This is a deception that can also lead to the hardness of heart and kinds of deception that we discussed last week.

First, we need to understand that sex was created by God as a special gift to mankind, as a wonderful way for a man and woman to bond and express their love for each other when in a committed marriage relationship. It should not be a taboo subject in the church, but if it were taught rightly, with the dignity and honor that it deserves, the devil would not have the opportunity that he does to pervert it.

Sex in marriage edifies. Sex outside of marriage destroys. It is that simple. Sex outside of marriage may briefly gratify one physically, but there will be inevitable emotional and spiritual damage done, every time. You may not think it does, but the thief is using it to pervert your soul and move you further from the most fulfilling relationship that you could have ever had on the earth, which God has planned for you.

Likewise, impurity and sensuality do damage our souls by setting us on a course of being led by lust rather than love. Lust and love are in opposition to each other. Lust is motivated by self-centeredness, and love is motivated by care for others. To the degree that lust is able to grip our lives, we will be in opposition to the Spirit of God, who is Love. Impurity and sensuality are the primary ways that lust gains an entrance into our lives and is a primary way that will be used to keep us from growing up into Christ. As we are told in Romans 6:19:

For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

As this verse illuminates, impurity is one of the primary open doors to lawlessness, which will be one of the greatest evils to come upon the world at the end of this age. If we start compromising with our own bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit, then we will soon start compromising the clear truth of the Word of God. We will then be led more by self-will than by the Spirit. As the apostle also wrote in Romans 6:1-11:

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace might increase?
May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?
Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?
Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.
For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection,
knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, that our body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin;
for he who has died is freed from sin.
Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,
knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him.
For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.
Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Being free from the sins of impurity and sensuality are the result of our loving God more than the desires of our flesh. If we will take them to the cross, they will be resurrected into something far more fulfilling than anything our lusts could ever produce—a relationship where we can become one in body, soul, and spirit. The Lord wants to give us life and give it far more abundantly than we can even imagine. That is why recent studies have shown consistently that Christians tend to have far better sex lives than non-Christians. The Christians who do not have fulfilling sex lives are almost always the ones who have slipped into some form of seeking sexual gratification in an illegal way.

Lust can never really satisfy us, but rather will always keep us seeking satisfaction without any possibility of ever really getting it. Love alone can lead to our true satisfaction. Love is what the Lord wants for us, which is the guiding motivation of our life. This is first a love for Him by which we would never want to do anything that is displeasing to Him, and then such a love for others that we would never want to use anyone selfishly in any way.

With the overwhelming onslaught of sensuality in the West, it will take a supreme devotion to keep pure in this environment. I believe this may be one reason why the Lord gave His greatest promises to the overcomers of the church at Laodicea, the last church that He addressed, and which in many ways was a prophecy to the last day church. Our love for the Lord and our love for others will have to grow correspondingly if we are going to assault the lust, impurity, and sensuality in our times. It will be possibly the greatest battle, but perhaps it is also the greatest opportunity.

In all things remember this—love is the answer. This is not just a cliché. As we will study in a few weeks, the answer to overcoming evil is being filled with the Spirit and growing in the fruit of the Spirit. For now we must resolve to never rationalize the clear Word of God. We must call sin what it is—sin. It is not justifiable under any circumstances. It will lead to death in all circumstances. Life is found by loving God and loving one another.

Jealousy
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Jealousy . . . A Deadly Evil Causing Destruction In The Church"
Creating a Clean Heart

One major work of the flesh, in a study of Galatians 5:19-21, is "jealousy." This is a deadly and devastating evil that continues to cause much destruction in the world and in the church. As the Scripture also testifies, it is cruel and unrelenting, and destroys the one who has it just like it does its victims. The first murder was the result of jealousy, when Cain slew his brother Abel. We are told that Jesus was crucified because of jealousy (see Matthew 27:18).

Jealousy obviously should have no place in the Christian. We must learn to recognize even the seeds of jealousy and combat it every time it rises in our hearts, using it as an opportunity to grow in the opposite spirit, which is love of the brethren that does not seek its own, and the humility of the servanthood to which we are called.

A Powerful Testimony of Overcoming Jealousy

Robin McMillan has a powerful testimony of how he was able to recognize jealousy rising in his heart and how he was able to combat it. After being in business for a few years, he had returned to pastoring a small congregation and was driving an old beat-up car that he could barely afford to put gas in. When he saw me driving a brand new car, jealousy started to rise in his heart, but he resolved not to go that way and began to thank the Lord for blessing me with a new car. Within weeks the Lord had provided him with the same kind of brand new car that I was driving.

Robin was the pastor of a small, struggling, but wonderful little congregation. When we felt called to start a congregation, not only in the same city, but in the same part of the city, Robin did not become threatened, but came over and helped us. He encouraged his people to attend our special meetings and when some of the people in his congregation felt that they were supposed to be a part of our work, he blessed them.

It is one thing for large successful congregations to do this, but the church Robin pastored was small and struggling. They could not even afford to pay Robin enough to take care of the basic needs of his family. However, the Lord always provided all that he needed. Though Robin could not have known it at the time, when he helped us start our church in Charlotte, he was actually providing for his own future, because Robin is now the Senior Pastor of our congregation at H.I.M. That would have never happened if he had reacted in a wrong spirit toward us starting a church in the same part of town as his.

The Blessing in Blessing One Another

I have, likewise, marveled at the way other pastors and church leaders in Charlotte have responded to us. When I felt the Lord spoke to me about the calling to start a church in Charlotte, I dreaded it for a number of reasons. One was that I loved the church that I was a part of there and felt a special friendship with its pastor, Randall Worley. I dreaded telling him about the call that I felt, but when I did, I received one of the most wonderful surprises I have ever received from another Christian leader. His immediate reaction was not one of loss or being threatened, but his eyes lit up and he said, "We can send you fifty or sixty of our best people to help you get started." He was genuinely excited about helping another church get going, even though we would be almost next door to him. I almost cried.

To this day I consider Randall a great friend. He followed through on his word to help us in every way that he could. I did not want him to send us any of his good people, and I really did not want to take any from any other church. However, when some of his folks decided to come over, he always blessed them. When we needed a larger place to hold meetings, he offered his own facilities, which we used many times. His church was actually the birthplace of MorningStar Conferences.

Of course, there are some church leaders in Charlotte who do not like us. Some have publicly accused us of many things, most of which were not true, but some were true, and it helped us to see them. We try to meet with those people and resolve their concerns, but some do not want to be reconciled and are not even open to meeting with us. Some have been reconciled and become good friends. This is just the state of things at this time. However, one thing we have resolved to do as much as we can is to promote the other churches and ministries in the area. We try to find any good thing that we can say about them, and say it. We will never overcome evil with retaliation, but we are commanded to overcome evil with good.

Even so, we cannot help but to notice that accusations against us rise whenever something good happens to promote us in any way. If we get positive news, the accusations start to fly. If we have a book or something else that receives a lot of attention, the accusations rise. It is a very easy thing to discern the jealousy in many of the accusations, but so many do not. Why?

I am telling this like it is for your sake. We have learned that every time we are falsely accused, we will experience major growth. It is like free advertising for us. We also know that it will come to any who are truly advancing, and that when it stops it is often because we have. However, if we are the victim of jealousy, or we are honest enough to see it rising in our own hearts, fight the evil with the opposite, which is with good. It is the only way to ultimate victory over this deadly disease of jealousy. Now I would like to tell one more story.

Overcome Evil with Good

In the late eighties, the Kansas City Fellowship (KCF) was experiencing a remarkable visitation from God. Word quickly spread around the world about what was happening there, especially about the remarkable prophetic ministry that was there. People started coming from all over the world, and it was like a breath of fresh air to much of the body of Christ. Then a fellow pastor in Kansas City preached a message accusing KCF of many horrendous things. He circulated the tape more aggressively than anything I have still ever witnessed.

When I first heard the tape, I was shocked because I personally knew of some of the incidents he described on the tape, and he was misconstruing them badly, to be generous. I felt that there was not a single thing on the tape that was actually true, but what got my attention was the way the pastor kept comparing his church to KCF in a way that was dripping with jealousy. I did not think anyone could hear this tape and not see that the spirit behind it was jealousy. I was shocked when I started getting calls from major Christian leaders asking me if the tape was true!

The accusing pastor then put out a book of more than 180 pages filled with accusations. I was with Mike Bickle, the pastor of KCF, when he received the book with the charges. We read much of it together, and it was hard for me to contain the anger I felt. Mike did not seem to be angry at all. Finally, out of the hundreds of false charges, Mike found a couple that he felt were true, and said he needed to publicly repent of those. I was shocked and asked him about all of the false charges -- if he was going to answer those. His response was that pride had gotten into their movement, and this was a great opportunity for them to humble themselves, and he did not want to miss it.

I greatly appreciated Mike's response to this persecution. He was forearmed, as they had been told prophetically that it was coming years before it did, and they were even told who it would come through. Mike's determination not to defend KCF, but rather to embrace the humility, was right for them. They were not doing everything perfectly, and they themselves were constantly revealing mistakes they had made in trying to shepherd some of the remarkable gifts that were in their midst. However, it is my opinion that the church in America missed a great visitation by not handling this thing right by defending KCF against the false charges.

I am saying this here for another reason as well. I know that just by bringing it up some will think that I am just stirring up old wounds which need to be covered and forgotten. I disagree. Wounds do not heal with time, but become infected if they are not treated right, and this terrible wound on the body of Christ in America was never treated right. I will continue to point to it for as long as it goes untreated, regardless of whom I irritate. The ones that I irritate the most are probably the ones I am trying to wake up to do their job. Jealousy was used to make this terrible wound, and it must be recognized and repented of, as well as the failure of the leaders to do their job of judging rightly, or we will just continue to be open to the same kinds of attacks, which do still continue.

Righteousness AND Justice Are the Foundation of God's Throne

We must never forget that righteousness and justice are the foundation of the Lord's throne. Paul the apostle wrote to the Corinthian church that it was to their shame that there were no judges among them (see I Corinthians 6:4-5). This has possibly cost the body of Christ more shame than any other thing. In the Old Testament, the elders sat in the gates as judges. The New Testament church government was taken from this model, yet it is hard to find a true elder in the church that is willing to judge matters in the church. We will not have true church government until this happens.

Because there is a void left, many who are not appointed to be judges appoint themselves to that position. The remarkable thing is that so much of the body of Christ will listen to them and not be able to see and feel the jealousy dripping from so many of their accusations. People who I would not allow to oversee a home group can now acquire the attention of thousands just by putting something on the Internet. Many Christians accept their false accusations as being true just because they are written.

This is truly revealing of the state of protection that the church now has from its shepherds and watchmen -- not much. Jealousy should be one of the easiest evils to discern, yet it parades itself without challenge through much of the church. This must change. If we are called to be shepherds or watchmen, and we do not warn the sheep of such blatant attacks by the accuser, then we have allowed the Lord's sheep to be freely attacked because of our negligence.

How We Can Recognize Jealousy Rising In Our Hearts and Combat It

If jealousy has a place in our hearts, it will do evil to others as well as ourselves. The reason we are studying each of these works of the flesh is so we can get free of them. The first thing we should do with each one is ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to us any evil thing that is in our own hearts and honestly embrace what He shows us. Then repent by rejecting it and resolving to pray for and do good for any that we may have jealousy in our hearts toward. Like Robin experienced, this may be the path to your own promotion and blessing. We must start recognizing jealousy and not give it a place in our lives or the life of the church.

The Greek word translated "jealousy" in our text is dichostsis, which is also translated "division" and "sedition." As it is becoming obvious as we study them, these works of the flesh are all related and tend to overlap each other. About half of them that are listed here all work toward the same evil end -- the division of God's people from one another. We can count on righteous judges arising to expose, confront, and remove these deadly evils from the church before we will be able to fully accomplish our purpose in these times. The same is true for us individually. Don't miss your purpose -- look for any signs of jealousy in your heart, and then repent and get rid of it.

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Collusion And Collision

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“How to start a race war” I heard the Lord say. And with it came impressions of what is going on in New Orleans and I felt the president’s anguish at what is going on, and perceived an undercurrent to make him look bad that was purposeful and secretly devised – as in slow response of troops, etc. Then visions of the violence. What would happen if there was a civil war? There would be national MARSHALL LAW instituted, and new world order plans could ensue. Then He gave me an impression of the scripture that says “peace taken from the earth”.

Rev 6:1-4 AMP
1 THEN I saw as the Lamb broke open one of the seven seals, and as if in a voice of thunder I heard one of the four living creatures call out, Come!
2 And I looked, and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer. [Ps 45:4, 5; Zech 1:8; 6:1-3.]
3 And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, Come! 4 And another horse came out, flaming red. And its rider was empowered to take the peace from the earth, so that men slaughtered one another; and he was given a huge sword.

“Resist My people the temptation to judge harshly and to go by your own opinions. Seek MY OPINION before speaking your own. Men are doing much evil in secret meetings and you are not privy to those without My revelation.
Seek to bless rather than judge. Ask for wisdom and it will be given. Resist lawlessness that has entered in for some time to this land. You have need
of much peace that brings patience for the times ahead. Seek ME while I may be found! Do not fill your day up with scenes of violence without taking it to prayer or you will find it entering into your own house!

STRIFE is abundant and you must resist all the enemy’s thoughts. Love one another I have told you, as I HAVE LOVED YOU. Be quick to FORGIVE, even when faced with hatred and fear and jealousy. There will be much martyrdom in the days ahead. Many martyrs are floating in the waters of New Orleans. I have a remnant bride everywhere, even in the midst of great darkness. Make your lights to SHINE in the earth. SHOW generosity and LOVE in the midst of pain and suffering. COMFORT MY PEOPLE! Let them know what true love is…to lay down your life for another! Fill your heart and mind with the WORD. KNOW TRUTH and the truth will set you free, and many others will be set free by you living My Word! Only your intimacy with Me will save you in the days ahead. Do not resist the time to be alone with ME. I am with you. I AM CHRIST IN YOU, the HOPE of GLORY!

Pray for My glory to come down in this relief effort! Pray against the lawlessness & violence. Bring in My Kingdom through worship and prayer.
It is time to sound the alarm and raise up a standard of righteousness.
Pray and war in worship for your cities, your states, your nation, the church and the world. As you sow to the heavens I will rain down on the earth!”

Collusion
Function: *noun* - a secret agreement or cooperation especially for an illegal or deceitful purpose

Collision - Function: *noun* **1 :** an act or instance of colliding **: CLASH**
2 : an encounter between particles (as atoms or molecules) resulting in exchange or transformation of energy

Leprosy and Restoration

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The Lord began to speak to me as I was quiet…
"Just as leprosy invades the body and eats away at the tissue till it rots and falls off, so is the pride in the body of Christ. The pride erodes the appendages of the church first, such that the hands are not functional any more, and the feet are not either. The toes fall off and it is hard to gain BALANCE. You cannot reach out without the hands of the church. You cannot walk straight without feet and toes. You would fall down. You cannot serve without hands. You cannot walk very far without toes/feet. Then gradually more and more of the body begins to fall off. The nose, the ears, anything that is invaded, begins to rot and be destroyed. The leprosy eats away the flesh. There is no more ability to arrest it without antibiotics.
The antibiotic is the WORD OF GOD spiritually. The Word of GOD convicts the soul, and brings health and healing to your bones!

Pride is the source of much disease in the body of Christ! There are so many things that allow it to seep into the body…like an infestation of gangrene or leprosy till the whole body is rotted and full of sores. In the
Midst of this condition as it is now, I am about to shine MY LIGHT! Just as the ozone treatment kills bacteria and suffocates the bad cells that live in darkness, so My LIGHT will drive away the darkness. And as the oxygen gives life to every cell in your body , so will My light – My glory illuminate the areas of your soul till you are completely walking in the light of My glory. My light will be like a heat seeking missile searching out the depths of your soul.

Great light is dimmed by just a bit of darkness, just as darkness is illumined by just a small bit of light. It is important for you to not fall back into pride, once it is removed from the body. Otherwise even greater darkness will seek out that area that has been evacuated. And then it becomes that much more difficult to eradicate.

I speak to you truthfully that your heart will break to see the reaction in some people to My light that I send. My glory is awesome and fearful in it's power. The FEAR OF THE LORD will be restored to the church. The lost will also react strongly in the presence of MY light in you! People will have demons manifest, and you will suddenly see them change before your eyes.
Do not be surprised when this happens. I am turning up the power till just your shadow cast will bring healing to broken and diseased bodies and souls!

The lame will walk, the blind will see, the dead will rise when I speak through you. Life and death are in the power of the tongue so that is why I have tried to get you to clean up your mouths. Many of you would kill people with your words if I let you have this power without first cleansing you with the FIRE of My presence. My WORD is like a hammer that breaks into pieces the rock of most stubborn resistance, and like a fire that consumes anything that cannot withstand the test! I will do a thorough work of purging the foundation of My temples. NOTHING shall by any means thwart Me from doing a complete work in purifying of My BRIDE.

Do not look at the circumstances. Keep your eyes on ME. Listen for MY VOICE over the din of the enemy's taunts! He is prowling around, trying to stop up the works, but it will just ERUPT SUDDENLY! NOTHING will be able to stop it. People will try in the church to stop it due to the measure of power and manifestations it will bring! But they will rue the day they tried to control ME. I AM THE ALL CONSUMING FIRE. YOU STAND IN A NEW HOUR. THE ELEVENTH HOUR HAS COME. Be wise My children and come unto ME, and look to ME for all you need. I will lay waste the resistance in you and around you so that you will be able to make the choices that will lead to life. The heart that hungers for ME instead of relief will be satisfied. The heart that hungers for My touch will receive it. The heart that refuses ME, will be given over to their backsliding ways, and succumb to torment, until they repent.

Gird your loins with the TRUTH of My WORD. Look to ME for interpretation and I will give you wisdom. For I am uncovering things that have not been understood. I am uncovering wrong doctrine and releasing revelation that will bring healing and deliverance to the BODY. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord says My Word. I will lift you up, if you will but admit your faults to ME! Do not keep running away from My presence. I will not tarry much longer. I stand at the door and knock. Will you open the door of your hearts? Or will you be too busy? Will you listen for Your Bridegroom? How much longing in your heart is there for ME?
For I am ravished for you My bride! I am JEALOUS to make you soley MINE! Come, come away with ME!"

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Restoration Of The Ancient Foundation
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1 Cor 3:9-13 NKJV For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

The Lord spoke…
" I the Lord am not the creature but the CREATOR of the heavens and the earth. I am not a remote controlled robot, nor a human to be trifled with.
I alone am worthy of all honor and glory and power! I AM the One and only
Creator. I AM not immune to your hurts and pains. I have warned for a long time and languished over the lost and the condition of My people. I have given you much time to seek ME. Now My judgments are in the earth and the earth is groaning, as I've said to you.

I am removing all the idols. I have harnessed the winds and the earth to fulfill My purposes. I will not turn back any longer from establishing MY KINGDOM in the earth. Those who know My glory and who honor me will be
used to bring LIFE where there is death, and HOPE where there is despair, and LOVE where there is hatred and fear. You are the light in the earth and the salt! ARISE OH CHURCH and thresh for the time for Harvesting has come. REACH OUT TO OTHERS and I will reach out to you!

Move in CONFIDENCE in Your GOD WHO loves you and cares for you! TESTIFY what I have done for you! TESTIFY to what I can do! TESTIFY and give THANKS for all I am doing, for I am restoring the ancient FOUNDATIONS and though the earth may shake, the foundation built on Me will be sustained! I AM THE ONLY FOUNDATION UPON WHICH YOU CAN BUILD SAFELY! I have said FALL on the ROCK or the rock will fall on you. I am restoring and I will knit together those who truly love ME and obey ME. All else is sinking sand. Lay down the unnecessary weights in your lives and build only on this Foundation. I am that Foundation that brings security even in the midst of famine and destruction. TURN to ME, and you will be healed and restored! The systems of man are crumbling, but I AM

TRUSTWORTHY and I AM Your exceedingly great reward! I will never leave you nor forsake you. TREACHEROUS days are at hand. I have told you for years that perilous times are coming. They are here, and all your trust must be in ME! Lean on ME. I AM A FIRM FOUNDATION!

Covenant with Me My beloveds to STAND. STAND firm in the face of opposition. If you will but ask I will give you all you need to do all I want.
Share with those who have nothing. GIVE to those who are doing the work of the true Kingdom. Care for the widows and orphans, the fatherless, and the outcast, the tormented and lonely. Sow and you will reap. Whatever you do for the least of these you do unto ME. Remember all that I have taught you and remain standing. Stand on the generosity I've given to you! Move and have your being in ME. MY LOVE NEVER FAILS. MY mercy never ends, for those who will humble themselves and pray. You have entered a "new day" and I am about to do a 'NEW THING' in the earth.

Extend your arms to the needy and I will fill them again and again! TRUST ME to provide miraculously in the days ahead. For man has grown very self centered. Blame, and revenge, hatred and jealousy and all manner of evil will ensue as the atmosphere of heaven changes. Those who are disconsolate and angry will be given over to insanity. Those who cling to ME, will be sustained.
My glory WILL FILL THE EARTH. You will see things you have longed to see. Worship ME, and glory will fall around you. Heaven will release glory to the earth at the sound of praises and worship of My name! LOVE ONE ANOTHER as I have loved you!"

Eph 2:20-22 NKJV having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Heb 11:9-10 AMP
9 [Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise. [Gen 12:1-8.]
10 For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.

Matt 13:35 NKJV that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will open My mouth in parables; I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world."

Matt 25:34-36 NKJV Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Acts 16:26 AMP Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the very foundations of the prison were shaken; and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were unfastened.

John 17:24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Rom 15:20-21 NKJV
20 And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, 21 but as it is written: "To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand."

Eph 1:4-6 NKJV just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

Lam 4:11-13
11 The Lord has fulfilled His wrath; He has poured out His fierce anger and has kindled a fire in Zion that has consumed her foundations.
12 The kings of the earth did not believe, nor did any of the inhabitants of the earth, that the oppressor
and enemy could enter the gates of Jerusalem. 13 [But this happened] because of the sins of her
[false] prophets and the iniquities of her priests, who shed the blood of the just and righteous in the
midst of her.

Isa 42:12-17 NKJV
12 Let them give glory to the LORD, And declare His praise in the coastlands. 13 The LORD shall go
forth like a mighty man. He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud;
He shall prevail against His enemies. 14 Promise of the LORD's Help - "I have held My peace a long
time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at
once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers
coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead
them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, And crooked places
straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, They shall
be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You are our gods.'

Mic 6:2 AMP Hear, O mountains, the Lord's controversy, and you strong and enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a controversy (a pleading contention) with His people, and He will [pleadingly] contend with Israel.

Mic 1:6 AMP Therefore I [the Lord] will make Samaria a heap in the open country, a place for planting vineyards; and I will pour down into the ravine her stones and lay bare her foundations. [2 Kings 19:25; Ezek 13:14.]

Ezek 13:14-16 AMP
14 So will I break down the wall that you have daubed with whitewash and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundations will be exposed; when it falls, you will perish and be consumed in the midst of it. And you will know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord.

15 Thus will I accomplish My wrath upon the wall and upon those who have daubed it with whitewash,
and I will say to you, The wall is no more, neither are they who daubed it, 16 The [false] prophets of
Israel who prophesied deceitfully about Jerusalem, seeing visions of peace for her when there is no
peace, says the Lord God.

Jer 51:26 AMP And [O Babylon] they shall not take your cracked stones for a cornerstone, or any stone for foundations, but you shall be waste and desolate forever, says the Lord.

Isa 58:12 AMP And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of [buildings that have laid waste for] many generations; and you shall be called Repairer of the Breach, Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

Isa 54:11-12 AMP
11 O you afflicted [city], storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in fair colors [in antimony to enhance their brilliance] and lay your foundations with sapphires.
12 And I will make your windows and pinnacles of [sparkling] agates or rubies, and your gates of [shining] carbuncles, and all your walls [of your enclosures] of precious stones. [Rev 21:19-21.]

Isa 54:10 AMP For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet My love and kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace and completeness be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you.

Isa 51:16 AMP And I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may fix the [new] heavens as a tabernacle and lay the foundations of a [new] earth and say to Zion, You are My people. [Isa 65:17; 66:22; Rev 21:1.]

Isa 51:12-13 AMP I, even I, am He Who comforts you. Who are you, that you should be afraid of man, who shall die, and of a son of man, who shall be made [as destructible] as grass, 13 That you should forget the Lord your Maker, Who stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth, and fear continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, when he makes ready to destroy or even though he did so? And where is the fury of the oppressor?

Isa 40:20-23 AMP
20 He who is so impoverished that he has no offering or oblation or rich gift to give [to his god is constrained to make a wooden offering, an idol; so he] chooses a tree that will not rot; he seeks out a skillful craftsman to carve and set up an image that will not totter or deteriorate.
21 [You worshipers of idols, you are without excuse.] Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? [These things ought to convince you of God's omnipotence and of the folly of bowing to idols.] Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? [Rom 1:20,21.]
22 It is God Who sits above the circle (the horizon) of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; it is He Who stretches out the heavens like [gauze] curtains and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,
Who brings dignitaries to nothing, Who makes the judges and rulers of the earth as chaos (emptiness, falsity, and futility).

Isaiah 24 Impending Judgment on the Earth

Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty and makes it waste, distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants. 2 And it shall be: As with the people, so with the priest; As with the servant, so with his master; As with the maid, so with her mistress; As with the buyer, so with the seller; As with the lender, so with the borrower; As with the creditor, so with the debtor.
3 The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered, For the LORD has spoken this word.
4 The earth mourns and fades away, The world languishes and fades away; The haughty people of the earth languish. 5 The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.
7 The new wine fails, the vine languishes, All the merry-hearted sigh. 8 The mirth of the tambourine ceases, The noise of the jubilant ends, The joy of the harp ceases. 9 They shall not drink wine with a song; Strong drink is bitter to those who drink it. 10 The city of confusion is broken down; Every house is shut up, so that none may go in. 11 There is a cry for wine in the streets, All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land is gone.
12 In the city desolation is left, and the gate is stricken with destruction. 13 When it shall be thus in the midst of the land among the people, It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.
14 They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of the LORD They shall cry aloud from the sea. 15 Therefore glorify the LORD in the dawning light, The name of the LORD God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. 16 From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!" But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to me! The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously, indeed, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously."
17 Fear and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. 18 And it shall be that he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, and he who comes up from the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth are shaken.
19 The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, and it will fall, and not rise again.
21 It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, and on

the earth the kings of the earth. 22 They will be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished. 23 Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders, gloriously.

Sympathetic Understanding
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Matt 9:36 AMP When He saw the throngs, He was moved with pity and sympathy for them, because they were bewildered (harassed and distressed and dejected and helpless), like sheep without a shepherd. [Zech 10:2]

Matt 14:14 AMP When He went ashore and saw a great throng of people, He had compassion (pity and deep sympathy) for them and cured their sick.

NT:4697 splagchnizomai (splangkh-nid'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:4698; to have the bowels yearn, i.e. (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity: KJV - have (be moved with) compassion.
NT:4698 splagchnon (splangkh'-non); probably strengthened from
splen (the "spleen"); an intestine (plural); figuratively, pity or
sympathy: KJV - bowels, inward affection, tender mercy.

The Lord began to speak:

“ The winds will continue to blow until there is a more corporate response to the suffering of others in this nation, and an eradication of apathy and complacency in My CHURCH. For years I have called out to you to consider the needs of the poor, to have mercy on those less fortunate than you are. I have asked you to seek MY HEART and My opinions of others, that you would begin to reach out. Now, unless you do for others what you would have them do for you, you will not eat yourself. You will not have what you need.

Those who have learned the lessons will be moved to seats of authority. Those who have been willing to come close to MY HEART and MY COMPASSION will be entrusted with what is needed to care for others.
Those who have been uncaring and complacent will learn what it is to WANT.
And will thereby learn to be different in the days following. I am not an ogre, nor am I complacent about the suffering of mankind. I have never wished to allow suffering. But man is stubborn in his ways, and despite warnings, My own people have ignored the plight of others. Now you WILL become what I want you to! You will learn compassion and empathy. You will understand My heart.
Acts 4:34-35 AMP Nor was there a destitute or needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses proceeded to sell them, and one by one they brought (gave back) the amount received from the sales
35 And laid it at the feet of the apostles (special messengers). Then distribution was made according as anyone had need.

Many of you will be asked to sacrifice things you thought were your own. Many of you will have to consider what you love most – Me or your things.
Many of you will have to give up the things of this world if you want to live for the things of the next world. YOU are strangers here. This is not your home. Many have not cared about the orphans and abused in other nations.
Many have, and will be promoted. To those who have, more responsibility will be given. And to those who have NOT been willing to forsake the ways of the world, they will be demoted and come to understand the TRUTH of My Word. For those of you that I promote, do not forget your former days! Do not yield to the same temptations to self that your predecessors have!

For in this hour, the mighty will fall, and those who have humbled themselves will be exalted! Just as the waters have overtaken many in the gulf, I will pour out My Spirit on this dry and barren land! The revival you have awaited will come in the one another's. I will bless compassion. I will bless empathy and generosity. I will not bless those who withhold what needs be given. For my storehouse is not bankrupt. You cannot out give me. I own the cattle on a thousand hills. I am Your RESOURCE and My resources are unending. This earth is groaning, and you will see the birth pangs all over the earth.

My people who are called by My name are more accountable for what they know to do when they don't do it! Those who have built their own kingdoms, will be undone. It is MY DOING. Do not blame the devil. Do not blame men.
Idolatry will be destroyed in this nation and a new foundation will be built.
Do not regard the nay sayers and the wicked who curse me, and desire to lead you away from all that is holy. Do NOT store up treasures on earth where moth and rust decay, but store up treasures in heaven. I am bringing forth jewels out of the storms. I am fashioning a people who will serve me voluntarily in the days of power. Those who have not cared about the hungry will now know hunger. Those who have cared about the hungry will have all they need, and more, to help others. LEAD THEM TO THE ROCK. And those who refuse to fall on the ROCK, will be dismayed! I AM WITH YOU IN THE STORMS. Listen for the still small voice. I will do anything for the radical lovers."

Matt 15:32 AMP Then Jesus called His disciples to Him and said, I have pity and sympathy and am deeply moved for the crowd, because they have been with Me now three days and they have nothing [at all left] to eat; and I am not willing to send them away hungry, lest they faint or become exhausted on the way.

Mark 1:40-41 AMP And a leper came to Him, begging Him on his knees and saying to Him, If You are willing, You are able to make me clean.
41 And being moved with pity and sympathy, Jesus reached out His hand and touched him, and said to him, I am willing; be made clean!

Mark 5:19 AMP But Jesus refused to permit him, but said to him, Go home to your own [family and relatives and friends] and bring back word to them of how much the Lord has done for you, and [how He has] had sympathy for you and mercy on you.

Luke 10:32-35 AMP A Levite likewise came down to the place and saw him, and passed by on the other side [of the road]. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled along, came down to where he was; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity and sympathy [for him], 34 And went to him and dressed his wounds, pouring on [them] oil and wine. Then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn and took care of him. 35 And the next day he took out two denarii [two day's wages] and gave [them] to the innkeeper, saying, Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I [myself] will repay you when I return.

Rom 15:5-6 AMP Now may the God Who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness) and Who supplies encouragement, grant you to live in such mutual harmony and such full sympathy with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, 6 That together you may [unanimously] with united hearts and one voice, praise and glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

2 Cor 1:3-4 AMP Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of sympathy (pity and mercy) and the God [Who is the Source] of every comfort (consolation and encouragement), 4 Who comforts (consoles and encourages) us in every trouble (calamity and affliction), so that we may also be able to comfort (console and encourage) those who are in any kind of trouble or distress, with the comfort (consolation and encouragement) with which we ourselves are comforted (consoled and encouraged) by God.

Phil 2:1-2 AMP
1 SO BY whatever [appeal to you there is in our mutual dwelling in Christ, by whatever] strengthening

and consoling and encouraging [our relationship] in Him [affords], by whatever persuasive incentive there is in love, by whatever participation in the [Holy] Spirit [we share], and by whatever depth of affection and compassionate sympathy,
2 Fill up and complete my joy by living in harmony and being of the same mind and one in purpose, having the same love, being in full accord and of one harmonious mind and intention.

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Crane Arm Delivering
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July 23rd. Just as I was falling asleep I had this brief dream-vision: I seemed to be at tree-top level looking on........ these were a thick forest of green leafy type trees. Ahead was a fairly high & mostly bare dirt/rock cliff wall - I could not see the top ground, atop that cliff.

But, protruding up and out from this cliff top was one of those giant crane arms -- like you see in freeway or building construction....... very large heavy equipment, machinery crane, but I was only able to see the long arm part of this crane, swinging out from the cliff top.

This huge crane arm (a boom ?),, swinging out and then lowering a single train car, or a cargo-container (not sure which ?) into what must have been a gully or valley between the tree tops & forest I was amongst, and that cliff off a bit in the distance in front of me. There was a clearing or valley / gully below there, I thought as I watched; a piece of cleared ground which I could not see - due to the leafy tree tops.

I awoke fully, and was pondering this scene with Lord..... what struck me and seemed 'central' was that train car. It was colored that dull brick red color of some old fashioned train cars, metal with metal crossed-bars on the side in it's design. However, I saw no wheels (?), so I was not sure if it was a train car I had seen or a cargo-container like you see being transported on ships, in ship yards, or transported on train flat-cars in our modern day (trucks too, I think ?). Either one, I knew it was a metal-container that had "cargo" that was being moved by the crane above, from that high ground to lower ground.

This metal cargo-container was plumb up and down, by it's cable connection to the crane arm, and because of it's own weight .... not swinging to and fro though, as you would expect in the natural, but smoothly being swung out and then lowered,, exactly plumb and straight.

As I have pondered this dream scene with Lord for about a week now, I have come to understand of Holy Spirit that this crane-arm is as our Lord's arm, which is now delivering to us (mankind). I was quickened to remember of Jacob's ladder, heaven to earthly access, which Jacob was shown of God in a dream- vision (Gen. 28:12).

I strongly sensed of Holy Spirit that this scene was our Lord showing in a symbol way, that HE is **presently** delivering some cargo **afresh** to us who dwell below (earth) ....from the heights of heaven (cliff top, unseen height), and this fresh cargo is *contained* as ALWAYS, within' His Cross (container/car side design: Cross bars), coming by and through His' blood alone (brick red color 'of old')...... being delivered by God's Grace of HIS' sovereign desire and orderly doing (plumb, straight).
My being given a viewing from the tree top level is a "prophetic view", not the whole view, but a partial view and sight. The forest trees with leaves green, speaks in the way of symbol to the full summer spread with healing glory attending. (Rev. 22:2)

The question remains in my heart and for some of you also to consider in these times,,,,,,,, What is **inside** this old/new container, **our Lord's cargo (?)** shown to me in this dream scene as coming and being delivered right now to us I believe, to His' flock of His' valley,, afresh ? To be sure as it is of God our Shepherd, it is good.

There will come a time when His' heavenly cargo offered, will no longer be extended to us 'afresh' -- when the cup of iniquity is full His' arm will deliver in fire and fury, for He is justice. As we live and breath today, rather than the 'long arm of the law' we stand under His' new Blood covenant Grace, ready to receive afresh........ How marvelous beyond measure is our God Whose arm is not shortened, nor His' promise slack to us, His' own.

I sense our Lord speaking once again, once more again to us His' Beloved ones,
" Today is the day to '*look up*', open to Me your Lord and Savior; Open to My Grace cargo and gifts offered; Receive all that I have and am now delivering for you - Not tomorrow which has it's ending; Today, today,,,,,Today. "

" ***Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: ...***" - Is. 59:1

"***Then He*** (Jesus) ***said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."***" - Mt. 13:52

As for myself, I am now re-excited in desiring our Lord's new refreshing cargo's being offered and delivered from the heavenlies *now* as this dream-scene shown & revealed to me; more of HIM in this fullness of summer time; naturally speaking summer here,, but more importantly a spiritual season: Summer in full is the time of 'rest', His' Rest, for our seasonal work of planting is over with heavy harvest work just ahead ...... I trust we all are desiring His gifts and offerings, Christ Jesus in us,,, the more !

"***You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip with abundance.***
They drop on the pastures of the wilderness,
And the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing. " - Ps. 65:10-13

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Come Alive In 2005!
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DEAD PROMISES COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~Wake Up to Old Promises ~

2 Kings 4:32-36 NKJV
When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."

There are many of you, like this Shunammite lady, who have been given specific divine promises you never asked for. After the Lord gave you these promises, you lived through a time when you were really stretched and trusted Him for these promises. Your faith for such was planted and well watered with confirmations from Him, only to see the promise die. If you bring these dead seeds before Him, the Lord is going to resurrect them with life. This will happen in a season of suddenlys. The process shall unfold before your very eyes, in a series of waxing warm until you finally embrace the promise that is fully alive in clear sight.

The Key: Bring the lifeless seed of God's promise and place it before Him.

AWAKENED!
In the early morning hours when time is not yet stirring,
I AM there beside you, like a gentle purring.
I whisper My secrets into your ears
for My hope of your coming years.

I await with anticipation that I will be your first greeting,
that you would call on Me, for our joyful meeting.
If you listen for My voice
I will answer your wish and your choice.

Listen My child, to My song.
I sing with joy over you all day long.
Hope once was lost, but now is kindling
A brighter day is here, a beautiful tomorrow is shining.

I am planting My dream into your heart
And promises for a shining future right from the start.
Let My joy settle in and put a bounce back into your step.
Let the sobers be gone, for you are divinely kept.

I love your smile, I love your humor.
I love all of you and that's no rumor.
I AM your Friend, as we walk our road,
One step at a time, we enlarge our abode.

Humble beginnings, not yet known.
Turn to radical outpouring of world renown.

Each step of enlargement is for your progress
There will be no turning back, no regress.

You are adopted, My jewel, My child!
No longer alone, your way is bought and won.
The price for you can not be measured
Your worth to Me is My deepest treasure.

From a rich heritage your future will spring
Your horizons are glorious, the angels do sing.
Armed with family and friend's commitment,
You will never, never, give up.

Your business will be their business, as you build My kingdom here.
Since you don't know when, at least you'll know where.
You are My torch to push back the dark.
Great weight you will bear because you are marked.

You shall wade in My river, My power you shall know.
You shall be My builder because I trust you so.
You keep your focus on what matters most.
Now that you are awakened, your grand opening I do toast!

You have a great big beautiful tomorrow shining in your day,
There's a great big beautiful tomorrow that's not just a dream away.
Live it out each moment with your faith, mind and heart,
We will walk together in this brand new start.

Jer 29:11-14 NKJV
For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

FROZEN HEARTS COME ALIVE IN 2005!

~ Hopeless Hearts and Souls Will Melt in Degrees ~

Ps 147:18 NIV
He sends his word and melts them; He stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

Many have become numb in their hearts to protect themselves from the pain of old wounds. This has caused them to be unable to feel the Presence of God, to experience the passion of worship, to have hope for a blessed future, have meaningful relationships, and experience the joy of living His abundant life. These old wounds are soul giants that are locked within a frozen encasing unable to be drawn out for healing. The Lord will bring circumstances into these lives to warm the emotions and melt them back to life once again. This will take a lengthy season. This process started in 2004, of which about one fourth of the ice melted. The year 2005 will see additional warming of these layers. As emotions melt, this will be a pendulum of both joys and sorrows. As hope is rekindled and laughter returns, old wounds will also surface. When they do, it is time to cry out to the Lord to be released from the pain of old infections and be set free. He wants to bring healing to the wounded souls so that as a result physical bodies may be healed. It is also time to yield the emotions for Him to consecrate so they may be used for Him.

3 John 2-3 NKJV
Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

The Key: As the emotions come alive, give them to God to consecrate. Keep your focus on Him as the joys and the sorrows surface.

WORD TO PONDER: LET ME CONSECRATE YOUR EMOTIONS
Dear one, I realize you are being stretched to the max in your emotions and this has been a difficult time for you. I allow everything in your life for a purpose and this is no different. Your emotions have been buried beneath a pile of rubble from your past and I AM here to wash them clean. I want your soul clean so that you will prosper and be in good health. Do you understand?

Whatever you are feeling, yield it to Me as it comes to the surface. Give Me your emotion and I will consecrate it for My use and My purpose. This will bring you great joy when you have gained this freedom. You may soon discover that you receive brief glimpses into the window of another's soul through your consecrated emotions. Merely by the brief touch to your own emotion, this is a Word of Knowledge that will loose someone else's tortured pain. I would not be able to use you in this manner if your own emotions were not already dedicated to Me and made available for My use. Thank You dear one for allowing Me access.

Heb 4:15-16 AMP
For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to understand and sympathize and have a shared feeling with our weaknesses and infirmities and liability to the assaults of temptation, but one Who has been tempted in every respect as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

JOB'S RESTORATION COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ Job Prays for His Friends ~

Job 42:10 NKJV
And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Since 1989, in various degrees, there have been some chosen ones like Job, who have gone through some serious testings. They were brought before the throne room and accused by the enemy. They were given over to a lengthy season of great suffering for which few had understanding. These chosen ones have maintained their integrity and their faith in God as Sovereign, in spite of their circumstances. Many of these faithful ones have been reduced to a life of prayer simply because that is all they could do. They are already functioning in their awesome gift of authority to release others who are not innocent. These praying ones are moving on in 2005 to begin the double fold restoration of all they lost. Others will awaken to the authority in their prayers and they will be fueled to pray more and more for others and this will be seed planted for their own release and restoration.

Job 22:27-30 NKJV
You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways. When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation will come!' Then He will save the humble person. He will even deliver one who is not innocent; Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands."

The Key: Pray, pray, pray.

WORD TO PONDER: JOB'S CAPTIVITY AND FORTUNE TO BE RESTORED
My Beloved Child, even before you knew Me, I chose you before you were born. You were marked with My mark of separation, of distinction, of being separated like cream which rises to the top; to be

separated and consecrated, holy unto Me, set apart for My service. The enemy can not touch those who are engraved with My mark. He must seek My permission.

In your case, I said yes, with great restraints in place. As all of heaven listened while the enemy accused you, I gave you the honor of standing before Me, in the presence of the heaven's hosts and before your enemies. I honored you before all who witnessed, for it was in your humble repentance and agreement with the accusations, it was in your yielding your heart and motives to Me, that I gained the glory of showing to all, why I chose you.

My Child, the honor you have given Me was even greater than that. Few men have the faith to embrace the story of Job and accept that I AM God, and I say yes to stories such as yours. It is your heart to say yes to Me, to embrace all of Me and My desires, no matter what the cost, no matter what the loss. It is your faith, that no matter what, continues to stand and trust Me that I AM your Good Father, I AM the One Who holds your life and I AM the One Who loves you with an everlasting love. It is your faith, My Child, that has given Me honor before all of My enemies, and before all the heavenly hosts. Yes they are My enemies, and that is why the enemy threw his best shot at you. He knows how much I love you and how greatly I honor you with My mark of distinction upon your life.

I have disconnected you from this court case of satan. I will not allow him to keep pounding and pulverizing you in the refining process. You have yet to really know the rewards of such a test, - such a stand. Every place your feet will tread, shall be yours. As you walk forth into your inheritance I will place the fear and dread of you upon the enemy. They are frightened and humiliated. They realize that what I have allowed to touch your life is My work and you have the Sovereign One helping you. You shall rejoice in all that you put your hands to do. My blessing is upon you and your household.

Within your mark of distinction, is a mark of holy authority. All hell trembles before a holy vessel. You already know that you are not holy in yourself, it is I Who consecrates you. I know your heart as you seek to line up to please Me. I place My seal upon you, My Child, My chosen one, the one who I love with an everlasting love. Come before Me and stand in My Presence. I want to hear you. I want to hear your requests for those who are not innocent. I want to hear your intercessions for those who dare compromise My grace. They do not know Me nor do they listen. You, My Child, I will listen to and give My ear. Thank you for accepting all of Me, even when you do not understand. As you have given Me this great honor before all My enemies, I return this honor to you, My favored Child. Thank you.

Job 30 NKJV
He will even deliver one who is not innocent; Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands."

Job 42: 8b-9 NKJV
My servant Job shall pray for you. For I will accept him, lest I deal with you according to your folly; because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has." So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went and did as the LORD commanded them; for the LORD had accepted Job.10 And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Eph 3:8-12 NKJV
To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

JOSEPH COME ALIVE IN 2005!

~ Joseph's Test Is Over and His Vision Comes Alive ~

Ps 105:15-20 NKJV
Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm." Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. He sent a man before them -- Joseph -- who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go free.

Leaders of great authority have gone through lifelong testings and preparations to be prepared for end time positioning. They have lived through divine setups of God's Sovereignty and lived to tell about it on the other side. Their zeal, ambition, servanthood, humility, integrity and leadership skills have been purged and prepared to walk into becoming provisions for the body of Christ. Many of these Josephs shall reign in the business community as sources to release provision for jobs and income. Other Josephs shall impart spiritual provision of bread for the hungry souls. Other Josephs shall be released to literally provide for the homeless and the poor. Other Josephs shall move forward into deliverance ministries where they will free the famined souls. In the year 2005 the vision and plan for implementation shall come alive. These Josephs shall be supernaturally protected, favored and set up by the King of kings to begin to build their places ordained by God.

The Key: Use the character testings of your past as memorial stones to build your place that is foreordained by God.

WORD TO PONDER: MAKE ROOM FOR JOSEPH
Like Joseph, you went into captivity when you shared your dream with your brethren. Your innocent trust was betrayed and you have suffered years because of this. Dear one, what the enemy intended for evil, I meant it for good. I allowed the circumstances in your life to train and prepare you for this day. Yes it is time. Walk out of captivity and share your wealth. The many gifts I have given you will make a way for you. You will have fellowship and replacement of what you have lost. All that you have will be cherished and no longer scorned. I shall honor you with My mantle, My delegated authority and glory. Go now and become the deliverer who I have promised you to be. Provide for and set My people free.

Prov 18:16 KJV
"A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men."

Gen 41:40-43 NKJV
"And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck."

JEWELS COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ God's Buried Treasures Will Appear ~

Mal 3:14-18 NLT
"You have said, `What's the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying his commands or by trying to show the LORD Almighty that we are sorry for our sins? From now on we will say, "Blessed are the arrogant." For those who do evil get rich, and those who dare God to punish them go free of harm.' " Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him. "They will be my people," says the LORD Almighty. "On the day when I act, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient and dutiful child. Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

There is a remnant within Christianity who yet mourn the compromising of God's grace in all the areas of society, church and government. They have chosen to remain steadfast in obedience to the Lord. This year, a line of distinction between the righteous and the unrighteous will become more clear as judgments upon carnal living become more and more evident. Having been deluged by the darkness around them, this remnant of God's people are like buried treasures in the sands of time. He will draw them up, dust them off and mark them with His favor and distinction. His favor will shine and make them come alive in 2005. It will be their prayers that spiritually and physically save the unrighteous from reaping the folly of their wicked deeds.

The Key: Live in holy obedience resisting the carnal compromise of the world.

WORD TO PONDER: FAITH MULTIPLIED INTO JOY AND POWER
Precious ones, heaven smiles upon you as you put feet to your faith and literally walk out what you believe. A little bit of faith goes a long way. As you apply faith to your walk and also go through death to self, I always multiply your mustard like seeds of faith. I have adorned your walk with diamond studded jewels. From places you have been, golden memorial stones have been planted in your garden.

Do not look backwards at your sorrows of loss dear ones. Do not personalize areas where you have walked into death to self and granted Me Lordship over your life. You are NOT bad. As you have yielded all to Me, I see only exemplary behavior from your lessons, sometimes so difficult to learn. My priceless ones, from My loving hand, I see only advancement for you, along with future joy. In that day, as you remember those special walks of faith, you will notice that I have wired these memorial stones with My power. These stones shine all the way up to heaven and will become your delight as your walk of faith is transformed into your walk of power.

There is one essential thing that you need in walking through the threshold of this great field ready to be taken…. Make sure that your feet are shod with peace. You must learn the secret of truly resting upon Me, letting My Word carry you where you place all your weight into My strong arms of love. As you feel the warmth of My embrace, I shall flood your body, soul and spirit with peace and you shall come into the rest I have prepared for you since the beginning. This walk shall put all of the enemy under foot. Then allow Me to carry you into the Voice of many waters, where My Presence goes to the nations. As you jump into My arms, My Presence shall bubble forth inside and all around you.

Eph 6:15 NKJV
…and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Rom 16:20 NKJV
And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

Isa 52:7 NKJV
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

VISION TO REBUILD, COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ Unveil the Plan of Restoration ~

Acts 15:15-17 NKJV
And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 'After! this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.'

Lost in years of hopeless decay and being the tail and not the head, the church has fallen and become the object of scorn and ridicule. Without a vision, the people perish and the Lord is going to give you a vision, a hope, a plan, a road map, an idea, a mindset, a perspective, a clear view of HOW TO COME OUT OF CAPTIVITY. He is answering years of prayers where you have cried out over the losses and captivities in your personal lives, families, churches, businesses, finances, relationships, health, schools, government, military, towns, etc. He is going to give you a future and a hope. He is going to enlighten the hearts and minds of His people and give them the grace to plan a plan that can be implemented and built upon in the coming years. Gentlemen, we shall rebuild. GLORY!

The Key: Ask Him for your personal plan, the way out of captivity and into prosperity.

WORD TO PONDER: VISION TO REBUILD
Ask Me, says the Lord. Ask Me for a plan, for your plan of release. I want to give you a road map of how to rebuild your life. I want to rebuild you body, soul and spirit. I want you to prosper and become the head and not the tail. I want you to be so rich in My good gifts that you become My living light and resource to all those who are dying around you. I want your life to be so well constructed that you will be My rock and My refuge for those who are caught in the storms of the world. I want you to be so full of My abundant life that My Presence through you literally rebuilds your neighborhood, your church, your work place, your town, your city, your country and your nation into a tabernacle of My Presence. Take back your land people, take it back.

First ask Me for My plan for your own personal life. Then ask Me for ears to hear that plan when I send it. Ask Me for the heart to receive that plan. Ask Me for confirmations after I send it. Ask Me that the plan will become planted deeply into the sifted and plowed soil of your faith. Ask Me for these things. And then when your plan comes, you will know it is from Me and will be given the grace to walk it out.

Prov 29:18 KJV
Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Ps 2:7-8 NKJV
I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Child, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

NEW FRESH GROWTH, COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ The Color Green ~

Isa 43:18-19 NKJV
Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The color green will be highlighted and quickened this year. Green represents new growth, fresh start, prosperity, financial provision and preparation for fruit yet to come. This will be likened unto the fresh green growth on the tips of evergreen trees in the spring, along with the buds on all trees after a long winter's hibernation. It will represent new beginnings and hope when things come alive once again, bringing with it great anticipation for a future and a hope.

The Key: When you see the color green this year, let it remind you of His awesome promise to rebuild your life with new beginnings and a fresh start.

WORD TO PONDER: FRESH STARTS
Dear one, I AM bringing you out of the long hard winter season of your life. Look for the budding forth of My promises. Move forward into your fresh start. I will grant you new perspectives, new vision, new gifts, new plans, new friends, new provision, new approaches to get where I want you to go. Look now

for the buds to appear in your life. I AM rebuilding your life into a rich and fruitful basket of provision.

Song 7:10-13 NLT
"I am my lover's, the one he desires. Come, my love, let us go out into the fields and spend the night among the wildflowers. Let us get up early and go out to the vineyards. Let us see whether the vines have budded, whether the blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates are in flower. And there I will give you my love. There the mandrakes give forth their fragrance, and the rarest fruits are at our doors, the new as well as old, for I have stored them up for you, my lover."

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Breakthrough On The Cutting Edge
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Dec 27, 2004

Trust Me, as I bring you to the cutting edge, where the power of My love is tested to its limits. It is true that when I bring a bonded unity, it multiplies strength in numbers. As I yoke you together with other believers it makes the load much lighter to bear for all. Dare to love and follow My lead. I will kindle your hearts with passion as you go for the gold.

You are My army, connected two at a time, marching together in a holy union. Yes, the cutting edge is taking land. And sometimes, yes, there are low blows. As one unit, learn to roll over with the punches, like two wheels on an axle. It's OK, you will always land on your feet as you roll over in humility and trust Me to upright you once again.

I have given you a loaded weapon and am training you how to use it. As you have yielded to Me and dared to love on this cutting edge, I shall greatly multiply your declarations, decisions and life's events, right on through to breakthrough.

Ps 133 AMP
BEHOLD, HOW good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [the first high priest], that came down upon the collar and skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body]. [Ex 30:25,30.] It is like the dew of [lofty] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly].

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The Secret Place Belongs To My Friends
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Dec 26, 2004
Come forth My love, into the spotlight My dove. For you are grafted this day, whether near or far away. I will fight for your battles. At one with Me is what matters.

A pleasure to keep you in My trust. The secrets, the mysteries, it's a must. Always abiding, safely confiding. Surrounded and hidden with no more striving.

Tune into My heart and listen at one. It is My work within you that has begun. My pleasure, My joy is to give you the keys. To unlock the closed places that matter to Me.

The secrets are waiting, to be disclosed. No matter what happens, I am your repose. Lean upon My bosom to receive your rest; listen to My heartbeat after passing your test.

Others want access without passing their own; their hearts are not tuned, their ears are not honed.

1 Cor 2:7 KJV
But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Luke 8:10 KJV
And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Be Still
Sandy Warner

Jan 2, 2005

OK Lord. I've quieted my heart, I've quieted my soul.
I've laid everything down that has taken its toll.
I give You my time to be still before You.
Please open my ears to hear something new.

I wait before You at this crossroads in life
A season has closed, I let go of my strife.
Be still oh my soul and wait before Him.
His small voice will surface as noise grows dim.

Surrounded in peace as I lay upon my bed
All cares are gone as I seek Him instead.
Come oh Dove, the One Whom I seek.
Whisper Your heart, please come and speak.

Your people are troubled in masses of care.
They need extra help to know You are there.
They want a Word for the season to come.
They desire assurance from Your kingdom.

I call upon You, my heavenly Source
It's not about them, it's about You, of course
So what do You have to say, this new day?
As I lay here before You, lingering to stay.

Your peace surrounds me as we become one.
I am received as You say well done.
Please let Your Words flow to my ears
As we commune together throughout our years.

Ps 4:3-4 NKJV
But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him. Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.

1 Kings 19:11-13 NKJV
Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed

by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

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It Takes Two
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Dec 31, 2004

My love is limitless. It knows no boundaries in all of heaven and all of earth. Deep within the heart of men, when their wills keep Me at bay, I AM relentless to break through their walls. I will knock, and knock and knock and knock. Yet finally, because I know their level of resistance, I will back away and approach them at their own level of need for Me. I want to reach them more, I want to connect on deeper levels but it is to the exact degree of their own passion and fears that they open wide their mouth for Me to fill. Because of their lack of passion, the mouth of their hearts can only stretch so far, so then much of what is sent ends up being cast aside. When they grow hungrier for Me, I will again meet them at their level of need. This is similar to famines and fastings that make a starving soul ripe and ready for anything we can give them.

Amos 8:11 KJV
Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

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To Pilot Your Pilot Light
Sandy Warner

Dec 29, 2004
When your candle is lit and for the first time, you feel the wind in your sails, it bursts you into flaming blaze. This is My desire over you and for you, My bride! I yearn over you with great desire that you come into My arms and be equally yoked with Me. I never want your fervor to grow lukewarm or cold, I always desire My love for you to be reciprocated!

It is radical when you first experience the light of My zeal bursting you forth towards heaven like a flaming rocket. If you can, allow Me to remain the Pilot of your flame. The wind of My Presence knows the perfect velocity to pilot your light to the right hue and height. If you pilot your own flame, you will be overcome with such strong passion all at once that you will quickly burn out. Let holy passion rise and fall with the wind of My Presence. Let passion burst forth in delight as I re-kindle your fire! Now let My Spirit arise in your life, let Me burst into flame, My bride, My wife!

Ps 104:3-4 NLT
You make the clouds your chariots; you ride upon the wings of the wind. The winds are your

messengers; flames of fire are your servants.

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Changes Are In The Air
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Changes are in the air. I am lifting you out of the old and establishing you in the new. I am shaking off the last particles of the dust of the Earth and delivering you from its barrenness. I am giving you a new hope and setting your feet upon higher ground. What you valued in the flesh nature will no longer hold you captive, for I am raising you up in this day into the high calling and into Heavenly places. So understand that a ripping away of the old is taking pace and a grieving for the past, but soon, you will be on higher ground, on a higher plane in the Spirit where you will see things from a new perspective.

On this higher plane you will triumph over every injustice. You will not be held back by the lusts of the flesh, but you will triumph over them. In this place, relationships will take on a whole new dimension. You will see them in the light of the Spirit and will no longer be hindered by soul ties of a fleshly nature. I am doing this new thing among you. I am severing ties with the world and lifting you up into Heavenly perspective where your judgment of people, places, and events will change as you look on from above.

I will not leave you desolate. I will come and nurture you with food from Heavenly places. I will feed you with My delicacies. I will broaden your perspective and give you greater vision and greater understanding of events taking place. I am raising your sights off the things of the Earth and giving you understanding from a Heavenly perspective, for soon you will come into the full stature of Christ, seated with Him in Heavenly places so that you are able to rule with Him in things pertaining to the Earth.

Enlighten your understanding. Come into agreement with My will. Understand that I have done a great work to bring those who are Mine into position in My kingdom, that I have been releasing kingdom authority in this day and preparing My Own to reign and rule with Me. Be willing to let Me complete the process of removing the Earthly nature and replacing it with a Heavenly nature, the nature of the risen Christ.

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The Dawn of Breakthrough
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Anticipate change. I am changing the flow of things. Those things that have been dammed up will be let loose. You will experience great anticipation as I move you out of the comfort zone and into a free flow of things.

I am taking you on in the Spirit, into realms of greater depth and intimacy with Me. Do not despise the day of small beginnings. I will be moving swiftly to take down the high places and raise up the low. Keep focused on the job at hand, on the work given you to do. Do not waver. Do not lose heart, for I am about to bring great blessing your way. I am about to give you the desires of your heart, to move you into circles where the flow of My Spirit will be free. I am asking you to co-operate with the vision given, to allow Me to guide and direct affairs. You are closer to your destiny than before. There is a new understanding that I am releasing in this day. You will flow with the work of the Spirit. I will gird you up and make a display of My splendor through the works of your hands.

Take care to observe the cues given to bring you out of the old and into the new. You will come to understand that nothing and no one will be able to deter what I am doing. Just as I promised, I am moving you into the full revelation of My coming. There is no turning back, no reversal. You are being carried on and into the new thing I am doing, into the work I have laid out. This is the day of fulfillment. This is the day when I shall come through with the word given concerning the work and the vision. This is the time of the fulfillment of dreams and visions.

I have given My Beloved the tools to build. They shall rebuild the ancient ruins. Prepare for the new thing. Do not despise the day of beginnings. When things begin to roll, there will be a great movement to accomplish My end-time plan and agenda. Be faithful. Keep believing, even at times when all evidence points to the opposite. I will give you the ability to bide the time till refreshing comes. I will guide you and direct you and take you into areas of expertise fitting the cause. I am the author and perfector of faith. I will perfect My will and way in your midst.

Gain ground. Take precedence. Onto deeper and better things! I am taking you into the depths of My Spirit. I shall gather the people and dwell within their midst. Already, revival fires are burning. You will see them in your midst. The people shall be drawn by the brightness of the light within you. You will see that I am faithful. Carry the light. Light the flame of passion in the hearts of the people. Know that I have given you the means by which you shall draw them unto Me. Do not doubt the mandate. You will see results soon. You will see the ingathering taking place in your midst. I have assigned angels to guide and direct affairs.

This is the dawn of breakthrough. I will give you the ability to venture out into unknown waters. I shall give you the ability to break ground and take ground in My name. I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me will find life. So be faithful to the call. Gather where you have not sown. Take in the harvest. Power from on high is yours to bring the captives into liberty. Just as I promised, My power has come. I will bring wholeness to those who are shattered. There is a promise to be given to all those who grieve......I will bring healing to every wound!

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The Three Campaigns

A prophecy by Bill Somers

"Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand upon it: and Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD'S deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice." (2 Kings 13:14-19)
"And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him, and recovered the cities of Israel." (2 Kings 13:25)

In the above passage, the Lord established a pattern for victory which he repeats again in the New Testament. The way to describe or characterize this pattern is this. He grants **three victorious campaigns against the enemy**. In this context they are historic military campaigns, but they are also prophetic types of future ***spiritual*** campaigns, against ***spiritual*** enemies.
There are three sets of three victorious campaigns. In other words this pattern of three victories in the natural, is a pattern to be fulfilled three times in the spiritual. Two of them are found in the New Testament, the third is yet to come.
The **first** of these spiritual campaigns is found in the three and one half year ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, the forerunner of the Church.
The **second** of the three is found in the three missionary journeys of Paul, a type of the Church.
The **third** will be found in the end time harvest of the Church.
Without going into exhaustive detail on the first two, I just ask you to recall that many editions of the Bible will have maps in the back. Most always these maps include the three journeys of Jesus around Palestine, and Paul's three missionary voyages. Both of these represent three victorious campaigns against enemy territory. The enemy territory, in Jesus case, was the lands frequented by Jews of Galilee and Judea. For Paul, it was the known world of Greek and Roman civilization.
For the Church of today and the end times we are entering into, enemy territory is the entire world!

The Prophecy.
Just as ancient Israel enjoyed **three victorious campaigns** against her enemies.
And just and the Lord Jesus carried out **three victorious campaigns** against His enemies.
And just as Paul's voyages represent **three victorious campaigns** against the enemy.
The Lord has shown me that His Church will experience:
THREE GREAT WAVES OF WORLD EVANGELIZATION during the end time harvest.
This will represent the final set of **three victorious campaigns** and will be the final fulfillment of the pattern set down in 2nd Kings 13.

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Bill Somers Prophetic Vision

Christmas and The One New Man Of Peace
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Here we are, once again, at Christmas time and most of us are unable to find the fullness of that longed for Promised Peace. Seems more and more that we are surrounded by a social system stirred with storms of war and terrorism.

Many have searched for peace. In memory of his soldier son who had died in the war, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote these famous words:
I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of PEACE on earth, good will to men.

*How can we find peace? Jesus li*ved and died to establish many realities that stretch even beyond the salvation of our soul. Among many reasons, He died to create a new society upon this earth – one that is able to dwell in His presence and embrace His PEACE in our hearts in this world (Lk. 2:10, 11, 14). Even amidst the turmoil of this hour, Jesus is our only PEACE.

DIVISIONS and discord have long existed. Archeologists explain the temple court in the New Testament times as having an elevated platform for the priests, with separated sections for the men and women. On the other side, the Gentiles were able to peer through.

How can we find peace between us? We loose our peace when we build walls between us. Walls of difference. Walls of social distinction. Walls defined by economic distinction. Walls of tradition and diverse doctrine.

Many years ago, I did a funeral for a member of our church. His family members came and wept beside the casket – but when it was time for me to bring forth the service; everyone walked out of the room. Oh Jesus -- is that how You feel? Differing doctrines can cause much heartache. I know that many of you have experienced some sort of prejudicial treatment in your life. Even the memories of those times reawaken pain.

Paul explains that those who were afar off are bought near. "For He IS OUR PEACE because he has made both ONE, and hath broken down the middle wall partition between us. We see here a church without walls -- it is a new dimension. Ephesians 2:15 continues to say that God created the One New Man when He broke down (abolished, took down) the middle wall of partition and abolished IN HIS FLESH the ENMITY which separated.

Why?

In order to make the TWO ONE. Jesus takes away all divisions of class, gender, and race (Eph 2:14-22) The BODY of Christ consists of those who have allowed the walls of separation to be removed. This is a NEW CREATION --a marvelous wonder that has not existed before -- people without divisions and without hostility.

Just as Adam and his wife were joined to make “one flesh,” this new creation process happens again -- only this time Jesus makes ONE NEW MAN out of all of us – we are becoming a new kind of ONE FLESH (Eph. 2:15, 5:31, Gen. 2:24).

For those God foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to His likeness. It’s our assignment to “put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him” (Col.3:10). We put it on – it doesn’t hop up and dress us!

For many, trying to encounter their new identity in Christ causes a super identity crisis! Of course, we can still take pleasure in and value our cultural diversity. But, diversity must not be allowed to become a barrier that separates us from those who are unlike us. Thankfully, we don't have to become LIKE each other. We all need to become LIKE Christ.

Keep in mind that Abraham was commanded to leave his land, his people group, and his idolatrous family -- and in like manner, we must now also join our new family unit, which is the household of God and a new Kingdom and a holy nation.

DOCTRINES DIVIDE:

The full awareness of Christ's redemptive work is denied any action that prevents us from demonstrating the Kingdom. We can’t just put a Band-Aid on a failed religious system. We can never find unity by agreeing with diverse doctrines or by insisting on the continuance of archaic ritualistic systems.

Paul never intended for Gentiles to act like Jews -- The Gentiles didn't have to observe the Jewish holidays, laws, or traditions. All of us are birthed into a NEW Creation that dwells in a NEW KINGDOM! Jesus ALREADY reconciled us "both in ONE BODY to God through the cross" (Eph. 2:14-16)

Clinging to hierarchical systems of religion causes blood war feuds (enmity). Remember, our identity in Christ becomes our peace! He has already MADE us ONE in His flesh! Again it is restated in Eph. 2:16 "And that He might reconcile BOTH unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the ENMITY thereby." That means -- NO ETHNIC, CLASS, OR GENDER DISTINCTIONS.

Jesus stated a particularly relevant prophecy concerning these times, "Nation shall rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom." The word translated “nation” is the Greek word “ethnos” – in other words, in this WORLD there would be great divisions and struggles along ethnic lines.

Our exclusive identity in the flesh (whether it be racial, or cultural) is simply based on inherited characteristics. Nevertheless, these strong emotional bonds can cause a strong influence upon our preferences and allegiances – and this fleshly identity causes discrimination.

When Jesus was told that his mother and brothers were waiting to see Him, He replied, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?” Pointing to his disciples, he said, “HERE are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother” (Matthew 12:48).

Therefore, defining ourselves merely as American Christians, a Spanish Church, Jewish Christians, Black Christians, White Christians, etc. are all oxymorons in the intention of God. Together we have already become a new creature; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (2

Cor. 5:17). We become members together of a new family that is neither Jew or Gentile -- but a New Race. Not rich or poor. Not black or white, but a New Race. Not slave or free. Not men or women, but a new race that is all one (Gal. 3:28). We become the "family of God."

We discover PEACE when we apprehend this new spiritual race in Christ.

Paul told believers that they were “stupid” and bewitched by a religious Galatian-ism which separated believers with prejudices (Gal. 3:1). Paul later commanded believers, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is ALL IN ALL” (Col. 3:9-11 NKJ). These external definitions are what we are in the flesh.

"For we… put no confidence or dependence [on what we are] in the FLESH and on outward privileges and physical advantages and external appearances." (Philippians 3:3 AMP)

The problem has always been that we see ourselves as individuals within our own unique identity, rather than as the corporate "New Man." The ultimate goal is for people groups to experience redemption together under the same covenant. This is the mystery revealed – our new identity. The GREAT MYSTERY, God’s secret, is that Christ in US (together) is the hope of Glory - that secret is now revealed. That revelation of who we are together gives us PEACE. When we come into Christ, we take on His identity. Christ IN US.

PEACE COMES AS WE BECOME THE ANSWER TO THIS GREAT MYSTERY.

Becoming one is not for us to act identically, but for us to be conformed to His image. The finished work declares that we no longer bare the likeness of fallen Adam, but now we bare the likeness of the man from heaven (1 Cor. 15:49, 2 Cor. 3:18). The veil has been torn; the final plan of the kingdom is finally revealed; and we become the bridal company, the full grown son, the heavenly assembly, the FIRSTBORN sons (Heb. 12:18).

We find peace in this dispensation of the Finished Work by realizing that God already has delivered us out of bondage. He has baptized us into Christ and set us into the Promised Land where there are no dividing walls.

The question remains. Will we pursue that promise and fulfill it? Twelve spies with an evil report wandered for 40 years in evil unbelief and without rest. BUT, look at what happened to those that dared to believe (Num.14:33). Those who are like Caleb, go up at once and possess the inheritance. The obtaining of the blessings of God fills us with PEACE.

WHAT DOES THIS NEW CREATION WHO IS ONE MAN LOOK LIKE?

The NEW MAN has been given positional advantage. The term “ONE NEW MAN” is not gender defined. In fact, the word “MAN” (anthropos) indicates a human being – and this word new comes from the Greek word that means with OPEN EYES!

This one (united) New Man is a living organism who is FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER, BLESSED WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS and UNSEARCHABLE RICHES of CHRIST (Eph.1:3, 2:6, 22, 2:19, 2 Cor. 5:17-19). Every joint is knit together; every part does its share (Eph 4:16).

In every way the BODY of Christ is NEW! (“kainos" of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of. It is innovative, fresh, alive, eager, and vitally different.) This world has never seen a people respond in loving UNITY like this. The world anxiously waits to see someone who no longer responds as the fallen human. Where is this FIRSTFRUIT assembly walking in dominion together? Peace, Peace. Together, we reverse the effects of the enmity of the Fall. We come into the image and covenant of the Last Adam.

How DO WE APPREHEND THIS NEW CREATION?

My friend, will we only be acquainted with one another only after the flesh (2 Corinthians 5:16-17) or will we discover one another in the Spirit? We must perceive this truth as a present truth finished work.

PEACE on EARTH and GOOD WILL to MEN appears as this NEW CREATION moves toward our INHERITANCE of a HEAVENLY KINGDOM on earth. PEACE comes when we realize that we are CHOSEN IN HIM BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD (Eph. 1:4) to live in this time!
PEACE
PEACE comes as we see Christ "Face to Face" in the earth right now as the corporate expression of our relationship in Him.

The word "peace" (NT:1515 “eirene”) can also translated as prosperity. Let’s go back and read this whole thing again and insert the real meaning of PROSPERITY. True prosperity is the Gospel of peace.

And so my friend, we gather -- even as the Jewish shepherds and Oriental Magi gathered together to adore and worship the Christ child, we remember how the angels sang “peace on earth” at the birth of Jesus. The Christ brings increasing PEACE as we as ONE NEW MAN forsake all ethnic, social, gender, and political prejudices that separate. The divine plan of worldwide redemption has now been revealed.

This Christmas, let us stand together in Christ, who is our LIFE and realize that "That which is perfect has come." Lord God, we love Your appearing. We would see Jesus...

Come Away With Me!"

Deb Okereke

"Come away with Me! Leave behind your burdens, and everything that competes with Me for your attention and devotion. I have called you to come up to the high places, where the air is pure and undefiled. I have called you to walk the narrow road, and to keep your eyes fully fixed on Me and the things of the Kingdom. Let the sound of those things that clamor for your attention grow dim and the sound of My voice become more clear as you seek Me in the quiet places. In solitude and in silence you shall find Me. I have called you to cease from your scurrying and your busyness and to walk with Me by the still waters. I am training you to hear My voice, draw closer so you can hear My smallest whisper. Your single-eyed devotion is precious to Me. Run to Me My children, and allow Me to wash off the pollution that you have acquired from living in the world. Let Me gather you up under My wings and shelter you from the storm that is brewing. Place your hand in Mine and let us walk together. You sometimes feel that your life is like a minefield, but do not fear for I know the way, I know the safe path for you to traverse. Stay close to Me and you shall not falter, you shall not make a misstep.

I have called My Church to be salt and light, to be grace and truth. Allow Me to season the world through you, to show them that indeed when they taste and see - they shall know that the Lord is good. I have called you to be a light in the darkness, not just a flickering flame but a torch ablaze. I have chosen you to be a messenger of My grace, for as My grace has been extended to you, so you have partaken and been transformed. I am the TRUTH, and I commission you as heralds of that truth this hour."

in song

Appointed and anointed from this hour
Appointed and anointed with My power
To display My truth thru the actions you do
To reveal My love thru the words that you speak

Appointed and anointed from this hour
Appointed and anointed with My power
To extend My grace thru the hands that reach out
To shine My light in a glory filled lamp

Appointed and anointed from this hour
Appointed and anointed with My power
To salt the world with the seasoning of Christ
Deliver the captives and break unholy chains

Appointed and anointed from this hour
Appointed and anointed with My power
Go from this place and change the world
Turn it once again upside down

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Clarion Call To Avert West Coast Disaster

Burdell Austin

For several years many of you have been getting words of warning, dreams, and visions of an earthquake and tsunami in this region [U.S. West Coast]. I join many who sense it is time to mobilize an army of worshiping warriors, who will go before the Lord in humility for those sins committed on the land that give legal right to the adversary to perform acts of violence. As we hear from the Lord regarding specific repentance needed to cleanse the land, we will then have the blood-bought authority of the name of Jesus Christ to declare the very earth itself redeemed, no longer under the curse.

I believe that it is the adversary's desire to "steal the vineyard." He knows what the Lord has said regarding the West. We are on the verge of an unprecedented move of God that will release the message that the Kingdom of God is indeed at hand, and signs and wonders will follow.

The last thing that Dutch Sheets said at the 50 State Tour gathering in Everett, Washington in December of 2003 was, "Washington is shifting into a new season. You are pregnant with something new: a fresh revelation of Christ, a fresh ability to present Him. He is going to break out in your midst in a new way and be conceived in you. Begin to pray that Jesus is coming to the church of Washington and you are going to conceive the fullness of Christ. You are going to be able to minister Christ to the world."

What Prophets Are Saying Today Regarding a West Coast Disaster

The following is a taste of what prophets are saying today regarding this issue:

Here is part of the February Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders Word of the Lord for 2005, posted by Chuck Pierce (www.glory-of-zion.org):
"We are in a season of shakings. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. There will be continued physical disasters where the plates of the earth will shift. In the midst of these shakings, God will rise up regional apostles and prophets who will be able to issue decrees, and then see the natural disasters stop or be lessened in their city or region."

Also, here is a portion of Paul Keith Davis' write up on his March 2005 Fireside Chat with Bob Jones (www.whitedoveministries.org):
"In a dream Bob was shown a potential calamity along the West Coast that could have a very damaging effect. It was something to do with the shifting of the plates within the earth creating a separation of land mass. The admonition in the revelation was to mobilize the Church in prayer so that this could either be eliminated or substantially reduced in its impact. A specific time frame was not given in the dream, but it seemed to imply that it was something imminent. Much prayer has already ascended from the West Coast for a day of visitation. We feel this would be very damaging for many people if it should occur, and a distraction from the birthing of God's purposes in California."

On March 15, 2005, Barbara Steely of Wailing Women Ministries in Washington State posted a CALL TO PRAYER AND INVITATION TO GATHER APRIL 15-16, 2005 IN ASTORIA, OREGON (www.wailingwomen.com). She says:

"God is speaking to many about a catastrophe or shaking of the West Coast and calling for prayer. If I mourned when I failed the call Jesus gave me to cry aloud and call forth the intercessors before the Indonesia tsunami, I mourn now as Jeremiah was instructed to do . . . *'Call forth the wailing women . . . '* These professional women were hired to follow the death and funerals of the deceased, but God told Jeremiah to call them BEFORE the deaths occurred and instructed them to weep and wail. The Lord has directed us to pray on the Washington and Northern Oregon coast in the past, in a building of a

Wall of Worship. He is now expanding that call from the Aleutian Islands to Southern California."

How Prayer Can Avert Disaster

On April 13, 1999 a team of intercessors traveled via ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria, B.C. Canada to partner in prayer on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Halfway across the Strait of Juan de Fuca the Lord directed prayer for two specific things:

1. That every military and terrorist attack that would come through those waters would be exposed.
2. That our adversary would not use the Juan de Fuca fault for death and destruction.

On December 14, 1999 an Algerian with ties to Islamic terrorists was caught departing the ferry at Port Angeles. Read the complete story at http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/news/nation-world/terroristwithin/.

It should be noted that April 13, 1999 was the 50th anniversary of a 7.1 magnitude earthquake. It was centered deep beneath the surface and within the subducted Juan de Fuca plate under the North American plate. This 1949 earthquake was the largest recorded earthquake in Puget Sound. It affected all of Washington, NW Oregon, SW British Columbia, Northern Idaho, and NW Montana.

Other large earthquakes have occurred late February to mid April on the West Coast:

- April 18, 1906: 8.2 M San Francisco, California
- April 1, 1946: 8.6 Aleutian Islands, Alaska
- March 27, 1964: 9.2 M Prince William Sound, Alaska
- April 29, 1965: 6.5 M Seattle, Washington
- February 28, 2001: 6.8 M NE Olympia, Washington

The February 2001 earthquake was also caused by the bending of the Juan de Fuca plate. The earthquake was felt as far away as Salt Lake City. This earthquake was located in the same general area as the earthquake on April 13, 1949. But, scientists, and prophets as well, are warning of an earthquake/tsunami caused by the Juan de Fuca Plate at the same magnitude of the 9.0 Sumatra, Indonesia disaster that occurred on December 26, 2004.

Last February, a USSPN Washington Regional Coordinator was present during a report given by an international lawyer from Singapore, Thio Su Mien (Su), who is gifted in prophetic intercession and healing. She shared about some of the things going on in the area of Indonesia before the tsunami.

She explained how the SARS virus hit Singapore a year prior to the earthquake/tsunami. The Lord alerted the intercessors and told them that if they did not get on their faces and repent on behalf of their nation's involvement in abortion as the contraceptive of choice, that the land would suffer from His hand of judgment.

Because they saw how devastating the SARS virus had been, the intercessors immediately took action to seek His mercy and forgiveness. Singapore was not touched by the earthquake disaster. The Malaysian intercessors joined them in diligent prayer and also opened healing rooms in Kuala Lampur. The area on the Northern Coast of Malaysia was hit hard. There are amazing stories of God's grace and mercy in saving souls and lives there.

It was the prayers of the intercessors that had saved the disaster from affecting an even larger area. She emphasized that the intercessors crying out with repentance and asking for mercy, along with declarations of the Word of God over the land (both written and rhema), released the curse upon the land and the people were spared. It was a plea for intercessors to step up to the plate and continue to press into God for mercy from judgment coming.

Understanding the Times in the Spirit

In a recent teaching titled *UNDERSTANDING THE TIMES*, Arthur Burk states:

"It is my belief that the tsunami that struck right after Christmas was a blood sacrifice orchestrated by the enemy to gain power to stop the birthing that God wanted. I see it as being empowered by Leviathan, the spirit in the water. It produced massive death which empowered him. It ripped families apart, which is the opposite of the anointing that God had intended . . . There was a staggering loss of capital, the income-producing infrastructure of the wealthiest regions was destroyed and, by the way, [the redemptive gift of] the nation of Indonesia is the gift of giving." (www.plumblineministries.org)

Martha Lucia of Watchman Ministries posted a prayer initiative April 1, 2005. It references an article from the Jerusalem Post, in which it addresses research published by Palestinian scholar Ziad Silwadi regarding various verses in the Koran which predict that the US will be hit by a tsunami larger than that which recently struck southeast Asia.

"The tsunami waves are a minor rehearsal in comparison with what awaits the US in 2007," the researcher concluded in his study. "The Holy Koran warns against the Omnipotent Allah's force. A great sin will cause a huge flood in the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

"The study has caught the attention of millions of Muslims worldwide who pray in agreement with the predicted destruction of the US. Silwadi said his study of the Koran showed that the US would perish mainly because of its great sins against mankind, including the Native Americans and African Americans. Martha says, "God help us to become a righteous nation and to condemn these cursing words spoken against this nation, according to Isaiah 54:17."

Understanding the Times in the Natural

The recent Sumatra quake and all of the activity in the Juan de Fuca plate, which is only 250 miles off the west coast, and 700 miles long, should be a wake up call. Prophetic warnings should be coupled with factual information so that intercessors can pray on site with insight. A GREAT RESOURCE for the Juan de Fuca plate/Cascadia Subduction Zone is the DVD *CASCADIA: THE HIDDEN FIRE,* produced by Michael Lienau (www.globalnetproductions.com and www.equakevideo.com), who produced the first George Otis, Jr. Transformation video, available at The Elijah List.
Michael is offering this through The Elijah List to intercessors who have a burden to pray for this important focus.

Michael is also working with spiritual leaders initiating faith-based disaster training. He and Patrick Hamman, the Redmond City Chaplain (www.citychaplain.org), are networking with churches in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. They are purchasing *Cascadia* and are giving them to participants through city grants. Michael and Pat are also working on training city employees with the DVDs and developing a web-based interactive training website.

This DVD will also be available at The WEST COAST PRAYER SUMMIT
April 15-16, 2005 in Astoria, Oregon.
Date & Time:
Friday, April 15, 2005 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Location:
Antioch House, 40218 Old Highway 30, Astoria, OR 97103
(If seating is exceeded, we will move to an alternate venue. See www.wailingwomen.info)
Facilitators:
Mark Acuna of Antioch House and **Barbara Steely** of Wailing Women, who says:

"A prophetic cry to prayer is occurring up and down the west coast of the United States. Many have seen natural and spiritual events happening in the near future. We agree together and ask God for His mercy and will to be done. We also respond to His call to pray and agree with each other in this task. This is just one gathering for prayer and strategy, but we know they are happening from Alaska to

California. Our hope is to coordinate a prayer effort together for the west coast."

Barbara has been flooded with input from those of you who have been hearing from the Lord regarding a great shaking and wave coming. Some address more of a spiritual impact than natural. This is a real possibility. Lisa Knorr of Global Net Productions sent me the following:

In John Nance's 1988 book, "On Shaky Ground," he describes what happened at one church when the earthquake struck during the 1964 Alaska earthquake. "At All Saints Episcopal Church, Father Norm Elliot reached the twelfth State of the Cross in the Good Friday services. The last quotation from Matthew was in front of him now as he read the familiar words: 'But Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit. And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were rent.'"

It was exactly thirty-five seconds past 5:36 p.m. Father Norm Elliot felt the first waves shudder through his church as he read the line, " . . . and the rocks were rent."

Interesting to note that four years prior, on April 3, 1960, Dennis Bennett preached a sermon on the underground Pentecostal Movement that was quietly racing through so many churches in America. He told about how he, himself, had spoken in tongues. Instantly, an explosion went off in his Episcopal Church. The story was later carried in the local newspapers, various wire services picked it up, and the news swept the country.

Prayer and Fasting

During an on site prayer strategy in Seattle last weekend, the Lord gave a 10 DAY PRAYER FOCUS. You can start April 15 through Passover, April 24. Or you can use it after the prayer and fasting focus 21 DAYS TO BREAK THE POWER OF CAPTIVITY Chuck Pierce has just released (if you missed reading this, you can read it on The Elijah List at: http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=2992). This is great for individual victory over strongholds in our lives that may influence our ability to move in the authority Jesus Christ purchased for us. Another good 10-day time frame is May 5-15, 2005, which is the NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER through the GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER.

Timothy Snodgrass posted a 40-day fast for April 8-May 18, 2005 for the South Pacific, and for inhabitants of the Pacific coastal regions from Alaska to Argentina, and from New Zealand to the Aleutian Islands. Timothy states:
"Every major prophetic warning is followed by major signs, which have the signature of God, easy to recognize if you examine the pattern of events. Pope John Paul II was born during an eclipse on May 18, 1920 (look at the date: May 18). Only God knew in advance that Pope John Paul would be buried in Rome 84 years later, during a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2005, the beginning of the 40-day fast. Think about that for a minute: On the very day this 40-day fast was called months in advance, not only did skies darken across the South Pacific from a total eclipse, but flags were lowered around the world at half-stance from the death of John Paul II.

"This 40-day fast will end on John Paul's birthday, May 18 (Washington residents will of course recognize that date as being the anniversary of the eruption of Mt. Saint Helens). If you look closely at this pattern of events, you can only come to one conclusion: the signature of God on the fast is clearly evident, and the warning for the South Pacific is chillingly valid and time-sensitive."

10 Day Prayer Focus to Avert West Coast Disaster

PLEASE ENTER INTO REPENTANCE AND PRAYER WITH FASTING AS THE LORD DIRECTS:

DAY ONE: Psalm 96:1,10-13: Declare that the world, the earth itself, is established, and it shall not be moved. Declare Psalm 115:16.

DAY TWO: Psalm 97:1-12: Call the earth to "violent worship" unto the Lord of the whole earth. Declare Colossians 2:9-10,15.

DAY THREE: Psalm 98:1-9: Declare that all things are in Christ, both which are in Heaven and on earth. Declare "his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory." Declare Psalm 8:3-6 and Ephesians 1:7-10.

DAY FOUR: Psalm 99: Declare that revelation of Him and His holiness establishes the people, and the earth itself, in the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom. Declare Psalm 111.

DAY FIVE: Psalm 100: Worship and declare Psalm 111:5b,9 . . . "He will ever be mindful of his covenant . . . He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name." This revelation of Him and understanding of His covenant with us produces worship. Declare that all His saints and the whole earth worships Him.

DAY SIX: Psalm 101: Confess, repent, and renounce our wicked ways and those of our forefathers.

DAY SEVEN: Psalm 102: Enter into intercession and call forth the wailing women.

DAY EIGHT: Psalm 103: Fruit of Repentance and Intercession, Declare His Mercy and Forgiveness.

DAY NINE: Psalm 104: Declare He is the Lord of Hosts, The Most High God Over all Creation.

DAY TEN: ISAIAH 51-55: Read aloud and declare to the adversary that the earth has been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, it is no longer under the curse and he is forbidden to use it as a tool for destruction and death. The time of the Harvest is here and he cannot steal the vineyard.

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Cancel Church Let's Have Jesus
Joni Ames

Ok, how many years you done church, week after week, month after month, year after year the way that you are doing it? To use a Dr. Phil cliche, "How's that working for you?"

I took time aside recently to attend a conference back east. I was excited as the guest preacher from South Africa told of the many miracles the Lord had used him to perform. Healings galore! On the third night, all of us were ready to see it happen as he wound up his last night! As he began to close off his sermon, sick people and people with twisted bodies and people in wheelchairs began to flood towards the front. Expectancy was high as he closed his Bible! He turned towards the pastor and invited his wife to come up and sing. What happened next was unbelievable. He picked up his Bible, left the platform, got his briefcase, and never prayed for even one person.

I sat there stunned. I wanted to go grab the guy and say, "Put your actions where your mouth was! Don't you dare pick up an offering unless you do here what you claim you did in other places! Where are you going?! Lay hands on those sick people! We are tired of stories! We want demonstration and power!" But it wasn't my place of responsibility and authority, so I didn't do it.

Is it just me, or is anyone else tired of this type of scenario? What does the Word say about it? "...having a form of godliness but denying its **power**....from such people turn away!" (2 Ti 3:5)

Cancel the speaker or cancel church. Why bring in another teacher or preacher or missionary who tells stories and does nothing? We do not need another teaching or another story. The church is stuffed full to overflowing with teaching and stories. We want the real thing! You know - what the Bible talks about:

(4) And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of **power**, (5) that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the **power** of God. (1 Cor. 2:4 & 5)

For the kingdom of God is not in word but in **power**. (1 Cor. 4:20)

of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His **power**. (Eph 3:7)
Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power** that works in us, (Eph. 3:20)
Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the **power** of His might. (Eph. 6:10)
For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in **power**, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. (1 Th 1:5)

Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with **power.** (2 Th. 1:11)

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Ti 1:7)

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Dear God,
We want YOU and the fullness of Your **Power** to be manifested in our midst. We are tired of stories and teachings. Come on in, Lord! Come on in! Surprise us by Your **Power** as we gather together. We cry out to you for YOUR demonstration and **power** to come into our midst! We need YOU! We have

loved ones who are sick, loved ones who are astray, and we need the demonstration of Your **Power** to come forth! Let it be so and come quickly, Lord Jesus! Amen.

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Intercessory Armature and Armament
Joni Ames

Glossary of terms used below:

Armament: (1) All the military forces and equipment of a nation; (2) All the military equipment of a warship, tank, etc.; (3) An arming or being armed for war.

Armature: (1) Any protective covering; (2) The iron core wound with wire in which electromotive force is produced in a generator or motor.

Arm chair: Chair with supports at the sides for one's arms.

Armed forces: all the military, naval, and air forces of a country.

While in a meeting recently, the Lord "zapped" me with the term "Intercessory Armature & Armament." This followed a dream that I had about an arm chair. In the dream, I was taking a tool and shoring up the arms of chairs where female intercessors were seated in Air Force One. President Bush came along and handed me a "better set of tools" to do it with. They were very large toe nails off of "big" toes (the largest toe on the foot.) There were several of them and all were on an old fashioned link-type key chain. He said, "Here, this will work better. Use the pointed end there, like this," as he showed me how to use them. It worked well.

We all know the Word tells us to pray for those in authority, and we know that many are praying for President Bush. I believe this dream had dual meaning. (1) Pray for our President and our nation, and (2) Pray for and shore up those specifically called to praying for our nation.

Our president is Commander and Chief over all the military forces and equipment of our nation. He is heading up the Strategic Air Command for all of our armed forces.

The Strategic Air Command/SAC (http://www.strategic-air-command.com/SAC) was established on the concept of having a "force in being", one ready to go at a moment's notice. It's mission was unique: not to fight a war, but to deter one. For many years SAC's motto proclaimed, “Peace is Our Profession.”

The Lord is our ultimate Commander and Chief. I believe He wants us to know that, as we are interceding and "in flight" as His Strategic Air Command that He is shoring up our arms, and that He is our armature/protective covering to protect the armament (His power) that we have and operate in as we pray. Peace is certainly His profession! And if we handle ourselves properly, we will be able to deter battles and wars, rather than have to fight them.

The enemy has been trying to wear out the intercessors with both excessive intercessory warfare and excessive personal attacks and personal warfare in these days. One of the results of this has been confusion, emotionalism, and depression. Intercessors, it is very important that you remember to take appropriate "time aside" when needed, and to have others praying for you when you are on the front lines or under attack. That is not a sign of weakness. It is all a part of being sure that you are appropriately armed, refreshed, and thus able to complete your assignments successfully.

No one can see clearly via a constant view from the inside of a battle. Even our armed forces are made to take time aside from the battle from time to time. Even Jesus did! This is necessary so that we operate in the wisdom of God and not through emotionalism. When tired or worn out through personal battles, it is sometimes difficult to disern between "what is what." By taking proper care of yourself in this area, you are taking proper care of others.

It is imperitive for Intercessors Groups to have:

(1) Proper teaching for intercessors so that they are appropriately armed with the Word, supported by leadership, and prepared through spending time with the Lord.

(2) Strategic scheduling regarding intercession so that the intercessors can be "on their toes" and not worn out.

(3) Appropriate time aside, outside the battle.

(4) Proper prayer covering for intercessors and their families.

(5) Appropriate relationship and interaction between intercessors and leadership so that we "know those who labor among us" and are an encouragement to those who are encouraging us. - As well as being a sounding board so that no one gets too far "out there."

These are serious times, and yet, if we take ourselves too seriously, we can get "looney." God can and will use someone else if we do, but He desires for us to handle ourselves and our calling with wisdom, and to fulfil it.

Intercessors, don't become a victim of your assignment. Be victorious. This isn't a time to get "off the wall" in any way, shape, or form. - Emotionally, physically, or spiritually. Rather, it a time to be shored up and sure that the right armament and armature is in place, and peace is pursued.

Blessings,
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Crows Dropping Like Flies
Cyndee Pillow

The words I received in February 3, 2005 had a part mentioning that Crows would drop like flies this year, appears to be coming to pass according to the confirmation Priscilla sent saying news is out this is happening now due to West Nile Virus. The Lord has told me that this is all symbolic of what is to come. Please bear with me. I also reread the dream a man named Derek had. I was amazed as his dream made perfect sense to the word the Lord has just now given me. In Derek's dream he said, "There were these huge crows or blackbirds (Grackles?). One after another they flew into the airspace above mom and dad's property they ignited and came fluttering and spiraling down into the front yard in front of me. I started to do something, but how do you put out a bird that is on fire with just your hands? (No man will be able to stop the plagues by their own strength, but only through prayer.) He went on to say, couldn't stomp them out without killing them. I do remember that I touched one of them briefly and thinking "I am going to need to wash". I knew they were unclean and that they had disease. I heard a voice say "They separate from the rest of their group so they do not catch any of the others on fire".

(A group of crows is called a "murder")This plague will be an act of murder sent from the pits of hell by the enemy. However, GOD has a plan!

The Lord said,
"Every crow that falls is a representation of a person's life I have spared. I am allowing my mercy to flow to those that still have hearts open to hear My voice and are living repented lives. This is my mercy that ever flows from my throne even now. The crows will fall so that some may live.

My heart goes out to my people and I shall turn the plague upon the enemy. His plan was devised to release plagues to destroy My heritage.(Murder) I have stopped his desire to bring all down with death and destruction, as I have a plan for my people to still be standing. I have made a separation in my people and the world of unclean ones.

I will turn the winds and change the tides...and I will do it as in the days of Moses and Noah and make a way of escape for my beloved. The elements will be made to do things that they would not normally do...for the sake of mine. Yes, you will see it in your lifetime the miracles I choose to do through the wind, the rain, the seas roaring and the stars of heaven, and this will bring Me praise and honor and this will cause your love to abound towards Me for I love you with a perfect love."

In this same word, I was again reminded of some scriptures I read just 2 days ago for the second time, speaking about what happened in the days of Korah. There was also a separation that took place between two types of people. Numbers 16 (various scriptures) Then Korah assembled all the congregation against Moses and Aaron before the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.

And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.

And the Lord said to Moses, Say to the congregation, Get away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

So they got away from around the tents.

And Moses said, By this you shall know that the Lord has sent me to do all these works, for I do not act of my own accord:God will make His people known for the God that they serve. His people will not be spared from the plagues on their own accord but by their Father's love.

If the Lord causes a new thing and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up, with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into Sheol, then you shall understand that these men have provoked (spurned and despised) the Lord!

And the earth opened it's mouth and swallowed them and their households and (Korah and) all (his) men and all their possessions.

They and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol; and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly.

The very next day, once again, it says in Numbers 16 also, that the congregation of Isralites murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying You have killed the people of the Lord. A plague came and 14,700 died in the plague besides those that died in the matter of Korah.

As I pondered on these things, I felt the Lord was also saying, "At the same time that many are spared symbolized by the dropping crows taking their place, many unclean people will drop like flies, just as the crows that fall from the sky. With the unclean crows dropping like flies, unclean people will also drop, yet the Birds that fall are the scape goats for MY people. I have made a way of escape so rejoice My people and know that you are greatly loved and highly favored.

Hear instruction My people. Listen to the prophets that tell you to keep your eyes looking strait on towards Me. Do not listen to those that speak peace and safety, for my Word declares that there will be none, but MY GRACE is sufficient for you. Lean on Me and not upon your understanding. Draw near to Me as I am more than ready to draw near to you. Prepare yourselves as Moses and Aaron. Get on your face and cry out to Me. I will hear. I will save. I will cover you with my love and protection as you have applied the Spotless Lamb's blood upon the door post of your heart. Because of My Son's blood, the plagues will pass by and straight over. The Crows will drop like flies."

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Come Dance With Me

Yolanda Ballard

Mar 24, 2005
Come My bride. Come into My secret hiding place that I have for you and Me. For I love you so much with an unfailing love. There isn't a thing you can do to separate you from My love. I have called you from the foundation of the earth to be My bride, to be My one true love. And I am calling you now to come away with Me....to just bask in My presence, and let Me refresh you.

Ease your thoughts with the knowledge of My unfailing love for you.... for I have promised you My blessings of peace and security, happiness and joy. My mercies are new for you every morning. Come and seek My face and draw close to Me so you can hear My heart beating for you. I love you, My bride.

Come dance with Me and worship Me and lose yourself in My warm embrace for you are the only one for Me. Come lose yourself in My presence and be refreshed. Cast all your cares upon Me for I care for you. Forget your troubles for your life is secured in My hands.

There isn't anything that you go through that I haven't allowed for your perfecting work. Yes, I am doing a work in your hearts through everything you go through. No time has been lost or wasted since you have chosen to follow Me. All things have and will work together for your good. So come and rest in My love and in My faithfulness.

And I have worked everything together in your life that you would have this time to come apart with Me. Yes, I have appointed this time of intimacy with you....a time where you are able to put all things aside and just be with Me. This is a time of rest, of strengthening, of rejuvenation.

This is a time to gain strength for the birthing that is ahead. And I will send those who will stand with you and support you in prayer until this process is complete. You will bring forth in My Spirit My will.

My government will be established. The tabernacle of David with perpetual prayer and worship will be completed and set up around the world.

Look to Me the author and finisher of your faith. Do not lose vision. My promises to you I will keep. It is closer to you now than when you first began. Do not lose hope but rejoice, My chosen ones.

This is a time of being built up.... to receive what I have for you that you will be able to stand strong. For this is the last stretch of the race, and I am breathing into you now the winds of My refreshing grace. I am filling you now to overflowing.

Come be with Me. Let yourself go. Rejoice in your heart, and I will touch you. And loose you into the endless dance of My love. I call you, My people, My bride. Come dance with Me. And for this you will never be the same.

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Come Fight For Me
Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

July 21, 2005
Much will happen in the days ahead, for the world itself will seem out of control. For the word has gone out to pray, pray, PRAY – like you never have before! For I say the plight of this nation and many others is now in the hands of those who pray.

For it is those who pray, who have seen My heart and heard My warning. For though the enemy meant to strike fear in the hearts of many, it is My intercessors who have heard and seen clearly, for they know Me for who I am and they want My heart.

Though many of them do not feel worthy, for they have been beaten down through trials and tribulations. But they are now rising up as Mighty Warriors for My Kingdom, for they are becoming an overcoming force which the enemy dreads. He fears the power and authority that they even now are beginning to walk in. For many have grabbed hold of the horns on the altar and refuse to let go as they await My command or an answer to their prayers. Many have sacrificed much to see My Kingdom purposes come forth on the earth.

For many do not know Me. Many have chosen to not go My way, and yet others have chosen to let others fight – for they fear Me not. They are so obsessed with themselves that they refuse to fight. They would rather wallow in self-pity and fear and their own thoughts of glory of the past.

Do not be one of these – for have I not trained you? Have I not shown you the way? For you know I do not teach fear. I do not dwell on the past, but seek to pull you forward into My Kingdom purposes. I seek to have you at My side fighting or dancing before Me in My glory. For I have taught you to worship Me in many forms. I have taught you of unity and intercession, and I have taught you to rest at My feet, to stay in My glory, hidden in the folds of My garment – that no matter how hard the enemy tries to see you or find you, he is unable to, because you have become hidden through seeking Me and My ways.

For this is a time of war, and I ask you to take on the weapons of worship, unity, intercession and resting in My Spirit. For these will help to sustain you in the days ahead. These will help you to remain standing when all else has failed.

I have not said to discontinue your armor – for **you need to wear a garment of praise as chain mail,** to keep the arrows from piercing through your armor. **For every piece of your armor is vital in these last days.** Do not leave a piece out – nor are you to think that it is only for children to pray on or wear. For have I not said to come to Me as a child? **FOR WITH YOUR CHAIN MAIL, ARMOR, AND THESE NEW WEAPONS, YOU WILL BE FULLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS!**

For the enemy fears to see you as such and is doing everything in his power now to keep you from using these effectively. For **have you not seen the increase of confusion, distraction, infirmity, division, and poverty in the world?** Do you not know these are from witchcraft and the pits of hell? For the enemy seeks to kill, steal, and destroy at every turn. He seeks to keep you from My calling or destiny on your life as never before. He knows his time is short and he seeks to keep all who he can from My kingdom, from My glory. He seeks to keep you from Me, and will use everything he can against you, including your own heart.

WAKE-UP and know that I am God – that I will use whatever means necessary for My people to rise up and fight. My people must come forth into the destiny and purpose that they were created for. Know that I do not sit passively waiting for you – that I will cause you to fall out of bed to wake from your slumber. For the enemy would rather you stay sleeping. He would rather that you give up. He would rather that you let him overcome you - for he has not given up, and will use every trick in his book to keep you from what I have called you to.

Do you not see your future, have I not shown you dreams and visions of what will be? Have I not placed in your heart a call to righteousness? For I have called all to righteousness and all to fight for Me and My purposes in the earth realm. Even the angels are cheering you on – for they love to see the enemy defeated over and over again, for he was once one of them. They know his plans and they have seen his purposes. They too have fought for Me and My purposes for they know the end. They know that I have won. Yes, and they have fought beside you, many times, keeping you from harm. For they believe in My cause – they believe in My purposes in the earth realm, and they would have you be on the winning side. For they know I love all people and would not have one left out or left behind. They know I want all people for My kingdom.

WAKE UP, AMERICA! WAKE UP out of your slumber, for YOU ARE OVERCOMERS! This is part of your heritage. Claim the gifts and mantles from those before you who fought for truth and righteousness – who fought for My honor and My Name.

I say, "Pray, Pray, PRAY!"– for death and destruction have been sent against you. Pray for revelation and My plans for this. Pray that you would be obedient to My plans and purposes. ***COME FORTH into your calling!*** You must want My heart and desire for your life to come out of the quagmire you are in. ***COME FORTH, that YOU WILL BECOME FULLY ARMED AND DANGEROUS - FIGHT FOR ME AND MY PURPOSES IN THIS LAND!***

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The Choice Is Yours
Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

July 17, 2005

Today I speak again of the future. For do you not know of My love for My people? Do you not see My heart in all that I say and do among you? For it is My heart to prosper you, to help you to fulfill the calling that I have placed in every life. For can you not see that I love you?

For I would not be the Father that I am if I did not correct you or stop you from doing those things that are not of Me. Yet many have chosen to ignore Me. They hear My voice, they know My heart, yet they choose to ignore Me. They choose to go their own way. They choose rebellion over righteousness. Some would say, “But it isn’t rebellion, Lord. I didn’t hear you, I thought you wanted me to ….” Do you not know the voice of the enemy? Have you not heard his voice of lies and deception? You know you have - yet you act as if you have not. Do you not know that he seeks to steal, kill, and destroy? Compromise does not win the war. I see all and know all. You must choose righteousness and truth or you may perish. The enemy seeks to hold you accountable for every misstep you take. For do you not know the wrong steps you take are the doors that are left open - these are the cracks which allow the enemy to seep / sneak back into your life. You say, “But I got rid of that, Lord.” But do you not know that even though it was gone, it was sent packing, that when you opened the door, it came back, in even greater strength, and brought seven of its friends with it, to help destroy you even more? Be careful what you choose: righteousness or compromise, for it will always come back to haunt you. Righteousness will come back as good, yet any compromise that is ungodly will seek to destroy you unless you destroy it first.

This is a game of choice: My way, or that of the enemy. There is no in-between; there is no “maybe” or gray area – for these only open the door to the enemy. You must choose.

I love all people and will do everything I can to help you fulfill My calling / destiny on your life. Yet if you consistently choose the way of the enemy, there will always be consequences. You will reap what you sow. The choice is yours.

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Charges
Sandy Warner

Feb 11, 2005
CHARGES
When charges have come against you and you are suffering accusation, it is time for you to decrease and Me to increase. As you lay low before Me in repentance and ownership of your own failings, it releases Me to justify you with My mercy. The seat of My throne is mercy that triumphs over judgment. I will dismiss the case in your favor as you change your heart and release Your will to me.

Isa 16:5 NKJV
In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

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Lighting Torches That Burn
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Feb 13, 2005
LIGHTING TORCHES THAT BURN

They tremble as they assemble listening to My Word.
They shake and they quake to know Me as their Lord.
For I AM their Sovereign King Who stands.
I will not crush them to make My demands.
I will draw them with My wooing
And with My Dove's gentle cooing.

I will hover over and kindle hearts
I will give them long awaited fresh starts.
As they turn their faces, yes, towards My Son,
I will light their torches as holy ones.
The flame and passion that will burn inside
Is greater than all blazes set worldwide.

For many waters will not ever quench
The fires and blazing of love not drenched.
For drenching of floods and opposition,
Only makes love stronger competition.
The passion that burns in My heart for My bride.
Is to yearn and to wait for her to be Mine.

It's stronger than all the yearnings to sum.
Not divided, but multiplied into One.
Together we are, One even so.
Intimate union, to deeply know.

She's branded holy and wholly Mine.
As wedding bells ring passionate chime.

Consummated holy, union from above.
Oh My bride, My all, oh My heavenly dove.
You ring your heart from the bells of your soul.
You cry to Me for restoration whole.
All these My gifts I lay at your sweet feet
As you adore the One you long to meet.

Face to face I am coming to see you.
Grace to grace ours hearts are uniting too,
Look into My blue eyes of deep, deep pools.
You will know My love goes beyond all rules.
Come, My dear Beloved, now please be Mine.
I long to hold you, in My arms divine.

Revelation 19:7 NKJV
Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

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Overcoming Mind Sets
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Precious, I want to teach you about mind-sets. Mind-sets are fortified opinions that are set in their ways. Mind-sets are strongholds. Mind-sets lock everything into an unchanging place. Mind-sets keep truth from coming in and they keep lies from being removed.

When I send My Truth, and you are blinded against receiving it, it is because of your mind-set. If you will partner with Me to identify a mind-set when I shine light upon it, then we can work together to remove it and set you free to change and become free.

You also have mind-sets about your loved ones and this is keeping them locked in the same old patterns. These mind-sets are expectations. They have behaved in circled patterns for years and therefore you expect them to continue such. Their behavior and your mind-set has given you much grief and hopelessness when you pray over your loved ones. Even when I AM changing them and setting them free one day at a time, you are unable to see this because of your mind-set about them.

Please understand, when you have expectations, whether they are good or bad ones, that expectations are faith. It is your negative and positive faith that sends both demons and angelic hosts to the person for whom you have faith. The mind-sets of your expectations can actually bind or loose your loved one into further captivity or increased freedom. So repent dearest, repent and openly confess your failed mind-sets in your life and watch Me set you and your loved ones free from your past. Free at last, free from your past.

2 Cor 10:4-6 NKJV

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

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Roadblock To Hearing My Voice
Sandy Warner

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My child, I have been relentless in sending you My message through My weakest of messengers. Always remember the reason I send you a message to which you kick strongly against, is because I AM sending an offensive weapon to pull down your mind-set and opinions. Because of My love for you I have kept on sending these messages even though you kick against the pricks. You have kicked like a strong and mighty wild stallion. You have not understood that the greatest strength yet lies within the weakest of vessels. These rely upon Me to help them pull down the strongholds. These weak vessels do not seek their own way or agenda, they bow low to please Me.

The strongholds in your mind kick strongly against these weak vessels, but I have fortified these messengers with foreheads set as flint and they shall remain relentless until you finally understand. You cry to hear My voice, to open your ears, to open your eyes, to break the famine of hearing, and yet the rebellion of your opinions have fortified your heart from receiving the voice of My Word and My ways. I long to embrace and answer your prayers, but the strongholds in your opinions must fall first. Love will find a way to penetrate the walls you have fortified around your heart. Love will find a way.

Isa 50:4-5 NKJV
He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. The Lord GOD has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, nor did I turn away

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Changing Seasons

James N Johnson

27th October 2005
Eccl 3:1 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Changing seasons is an ongoing reality in all of our lives. There is only one certainty in lives , that of change. Seasons come and go but to every season there is a purpose. Changing seasons are necessary to keep a balance, equilibrium in our daily lives. Its worthy of note that in countries that have no real change in seasons, have a higher proportion of disease, mainly because there are no winters to kill of various tropical viruses and other causes of disease.

Change is Eminent
Earlier this month the Lord spoke to me about a change of season spiritually. A major change is about to begin that will bring a turn around in people circumstances. This change will begin at the end of this month and a turn around will escalate reversing many negative circumstances in the lives of people.

Harvest time has come around
As we have come to the end of the Feast of Tabernacles this year a new day is about to open up. Look for a harvest breakthrough some where in the world over the next few weeks, this will be a sign that the tide has turned. Over recent times God moved in Toronto and in Brownville, these were small tokens of a much larger move of God that is scheduled for this time. A new and powerful harvest move of God is about to break forth. When we see a breakthrough some where in the world, a window of opportunity opens up for the entire body of Christ to enter in. Quite often this is not taken advantage of by many, who then loose the opportunity to be a part of it.

When the windows of heaven open
Malachi 3:10b I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

This is the word the Lord spoke into my heart when He said a major change will come at the end of this month. For a longtime the dove of the Holy Spirit has been seeking for a place to land, waiting for the season to change. That time of change is now

On the 27th of May 2003 I had a visitation from an Angel, this was most unexpected. I had been in a season of prayer for a few days and without warning this Angel appeared to me, he was about seven feet tall dressed in white with a blue sash around his waist, his features were very clear and he made me feel very much at ease. He had in his hand a container which I could see through. There was liquid dripping slowly into this container and it was almost full of what seemed to be water. As I watched the one last drop fell into the container and it overflowed. This angel looked at me and said “the fullness of time has come and major change will now appear”. I was aware at that time that there was still some time to run and that what this angel was showing me would be played out over a short period of time. I then watched as the angel took this container up into heaven and he poured it out into the earth, as he did this I saw lightning and felt a great shaking like an earthquake. The angel again looked at me and said “I will give you a sign and you will know that this is the word of the Lord, there will be several earthquakes around the world during the next seven days”. The next week there were at least four earthquakes in various parts of the world.
This experience was not a vision it happened to me with my eyes open and I heard clearly this angel

talking to me.

When the earthquake hit on the 26th December last year I wondered if it had anything to do with what the angel told me last year. Since then we have seen other hurricanes and great flooding in New Orleans and Florida this was a build up to the change that is coming. The recent devastating earthquake in Pakistan is also a lead up to change.

I was conducting crusades in the city of Karachi and Lahore back in the mid nineties and God opened the windows of heaven over us with many miracles particularly in healing people who were totally blind and deaf along with many leapers also being healed. Hundreds of Muslims came to the Lord. On the last night of the crusade in Lahore the Lord gave me a powerful prophetic word for the Nation. This word spoke of Pakistan being greatly shaken and much suffering would come and the god of Islam would not be able to help them, but this would be a precursor to great change that would happen to the nation and that the ruling spirits over the nation would suffer a huge setback in their hold over the land. (note this was long before terrorism had taken hold in the world)
The recent earthquake in Pakistan I believe is the beginning of the fulfillment of this.

God will now open a window of opportunity and we must press in, and take hold of this season of change in our own lives and churches. Those things you have been praying for and have not yet seen the answer to, those financial setbacks, everything the enemy has taken from you can be reclaimed in the season.

We have to believe to see
John 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

We have a window of opportunity as in the fullness of time the windows of heaven open

2 Kings 6:25 And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for fourscore pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver.
2 Kings 7:1 Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD; Thus saith the LORD, To morrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.
2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

God Bless you
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China Cry

David Davenport

September 24, 2005

Dear Saints:

Not long ago, David Yonggi Cho, senior pastor of the world's largest church of Seoul South Korea (an estimated 830,000 members presently), made a sobering statement about the current place, purpose and practice of the delivery of prophetic words. In effect, he pointed toward the abuses within such, to say that many have fallen to a practice not unlike "fortune telling," by predicting events to unfold, solely for the purposes of the self-aggrandizing accolades that follow each accurate prediction therein.

As I read the statement from Yonggi Cho, I was personally challenged, as I had, over a number years, often fallen to the same. Though generally speaking, I have always sought to speak the heartbeat of God in doing so, I had, without consciously premeditating such, fallen prey to a steady diet of affirmations concerning accuracy within predictions. Irrespective of ones' personal views in this light, and as alarming as this may sound, this practice is dangerously close to the practice of witchcraft.

Granted, the Lord speaks through many, about events to come, however as He reveals such events He also reveals His much larger, redemptive plan as the result. It is the redemptive aspect of prophetic words that Yonggi Cho accurately pointed to, as often being absent. In "layman's terms," Yonggi Cho in essence stated that God's overall program is that of the redemption of mankind. If we are therefore utilizing our gifts for anything else, we have veered off course, and need to get back to the larger program.

I took Yonggi Cho's word to heart, and have meditated on it for some time.

I have alluded to Yonggi Cho's sentiments, by way of prelude to a warning that I believe the Lord has given me, regarding China. This word has brewed heavy on my heart since July 7th (07/07/05). Having meditated on Yonggi Cho's word, I was hesitant to share this word abroad, as I sought to fully understand the redemptive purposes in delivering such, first. I believe at this point, that I have been given a panoramic view of the redemptive purposes of such, and therefore step-out in obedience to deliver such.

When all is said and done, it is our obedience to the things the Lord speaks to us, that will redeem us personally, and will speak redemption to mankind abroad. And so in obedience, I offer the following to you.

Roughly twenty years ago, and during a short season of fasting and extended prayer, I received a vivid vision of a giant who lay sleeping. A few seconds into this vision, and as I sought to gain focus upon his detail and features, I was startled, as the giant began to awaken slightly, and to rustle about in his prone position. Within the closing moments of this vision, I was captivated by the fierceness within the giant's face. The giant was Chinese. In the final moment of this vision, I was no longer looking at a giant; I was looking at an army that spanned the entire horizon. I saw an army that was without number. The army was marching toward its declared enemy nation—a declared enemy nation that was minuscule by comparison. The army was marching westerly, and the army was so vast in comparison to its declared enemy nation, that the army had to funnel-down to a point, to begin the attack. The vision ended at this point.

For a number of years I sought understanding of this vision, in conjunction with many other visions along the way. For roughly two decades, this vision has remained "on the shelf," and with no pointed interpretation—until now.

The rate at which Christian conversions are occurring in China, as reported by various mission's news networks, is nothing less than astounding. The growth and multiplication of the underground church in China is nothing less than miraculous. The endless reports of persecution, torture and martyrdom in China represent measures of godliness, holiness and nobility that many within the Americanized church have yet to comprehend. In light of these profound elements of Kingdom fruit at work China, it would truly be shortsighted of me to focus only upon a consideration of China's military. However, what I am about to share, I believe, is that worthy of considerable focus in prayer, for those who have been pointedly called to minister to the nation of China.

It is my belief that in recent years, and more so in recent months, tens of thousands of intercessors around the world have received holy downloads of mysterious prayer-burdens for the nation of China. It is also my belief that thousands of these intercessors have responded to this burden, by seeking to understand the Lord's specific heart-cry for this beautiful people, and this beautiful culture. I wish to ask that the readership of this article would forward such to any persons you know, who feel a pointed call to minister to the nation of China.

I feel strongly that very soon, American news networks, and international news networks abroad will begin to air concerns as the result of the discoveries of Chinese military might and movement. For militarily speaking, I believe that the Chinese military has been for many decades, a "sleeping giant," that is about to awaken.

In recent years the United States has been touted abroad as "thee superpower." It is time to think-again.

I have recently discovered that one of the largest steel manufacturers in the western hemisphere holds as its largest and most demanding customer—the nation of China. On the surface, it has been stated that the steel demand from the Chinese government is that in conjunction with explosive growth in business and housing. I happen to believe otherwise. I strongly believe that at least 50% of the steel exporting into China is that relative to a massive military buildup presently underway—a buildup of proportions which will ultimately be alarming upon full discovery, and which will make for captivating news reports—very soon.

God is surly in control of every event that unfolds before us. However, He grants the intercessors among us, the power and the authority to virtually reshape and redirect the unfolding of history—before our very eyes. The Bible is full of powerful stories of how but one intercessory heart has in turn moved the very heart of God, that He would in turn redirect the course of enormous armies. More recent history includes the profound impact that Derek Prince's personal intercessory impact had upon Germany's military campaign in the deserts of Africa, during World War II. No less astounding, is that of the exploits of Brother Andrew ("God's Smuggler to China"). Equally astounding, are the stories of Reuven Doron, who fought in past Israeli conflicts, wherein he and his comrades prayed that the enemy would be confused as they attacked. Reuven witnessed countless enemy soldiers, in the heat of battle, not more than rock-throwing distance from him, who were consumed in utter confusion from one moment to the next. He tells stories of actually feeling pity for his enemy, as they were so easily mowed-down by gunfire.

It is my strong conviction that those presently harboring an intercessory burden for China, can virtually reshape and redirect the growing military giant therein. Thus, my article herein is a call to intercessors-to-China, to begin interceding for the reshaping of history in China.

I am aware that there are a growing number of those who have earned seeming expertise within the study of Eschatology (the study of the Last Days). I am also aware that many may be inclined to retort, following the implications of my vision (i.e., "a vast Chinese military marching upon a tiny nation that is minuscule by comparison"). I have purposefully refrained from divulging what I believe to be the identity of this "tiny nation." For I believe there are actual demons named "Theology" and "Doctrine," who perch upon the shoulders of well-meaning Christians, and who egg and prod Christians into theological arguments which quickly mirror the proverbial dog chasing its tail. While these eschatological theologians then fall prey to chasing their tails, the fields of ripe wheat are crying-out for harvest, while the wheat-threshers lay still, and propped against the barn door.

In essence, therefore, and again, the sole purpose of this article is that of sounding the alarm to those intercessors who are called to pray for the figurative womb of China. China is a fascinating, mysterious, beautiful and powerful land—a land that is quickly evolving into a military force that will make for substantial international news focus, and that with surprising context. It is difficult to imagine and quantify the spiritual impact that a comparatively small number of intercessors can make, as they lift the womb of China to the Throne. Nonetheless, know that those who have received such a burden for China, have at their disposal, the authority to redirect history—as it unfolds before us.

I believe that the ultimate end of the vision I had twenty years ago, will come to fruition. However in and through the course of the fulfillment of such, intercessors the world over can effect a wave of salvation-harvest in China that defies the imagination.

End-Times events are unfolding before us. What has been prophesied in scripture will come to pass. This cannot be changed. What can be changed is the number of lost souls in the midst of world wars to come. For soon and very soon, China will surface as an enemy to the western world.

As we reconsider Yonggi Cho’s sentiments with respect to prophetic words, please allow me to remind the reader of who the Chinese people are. They are a people who long to be loved, and who long to love. Deep within their human construct, they are no different than we in the western word. They, like us, are overwhelmed by the sensations of holding their toddlers close, and marveling over the miracle of having children of their own. They, like us, are devastated by the loss of their loved ones. They, like us, and deep within, long to be held, loved, healed and affirmed by their Father in heaven, and by figuratively sitting upon His lap, through intimacy with Him. They have the same God-shaped void within the stratosphere of their psyche’s. They, like us, flash a wide-eyed glance at the Starbuck’s coffee shop at 7:00 a.m. They, like us, muse among themselves over how it is that Willie Nelson can manage to keep his braided pigtails properly cleansed from one day to the next.

Many aspects of Chinese culture and history are those of figurative priceless jewels. They are a people of profound philosophical and literary offerings. They are a people of unimaginable vision and will. When these natural predispositions are redeemed in the form of one saved Saint, the Kingdom fruit in and through the hands of such a Saint is enough to convict the average mainstream American Christian. For I have yet to meet such resolve and fierce determination in mission as that resident in some Chinese Believers I have met in recent years.

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Christmas Presence

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Christmas Presence.....artisan anointing......A year Crowned with Abundance!

Beloved Sons and Daughters:

This year expect my Christmas Presence in your lives in a tangible way. I am releasing an artisan anointing upon many of you to do that which is in my heart. I shall raise up dancers, singers, poets, authors who will articulate my heart in new ways, actors, those who will have wisdom with colors to paint, those who will have an eye to mold gold in new ways, and sew beautiful garments of praise for my Kingdom purposes. Beautiful colors of purple fabrics will be made from unusual fibers to design fine tapestries and garments of praise. Beautiful banners will arise as my weapons of warfare in the hands of my worshipers. A new level of worship will arise from those who sing and those who are my worship warriors! This next year will be a year that my abundance will drip upon your path and you will see gifts come forth through you that you didn't know you had. This year under the Christmas Tree you will find the gift of my "presence" there just for you! My Son died so that you could know my presence and my presents for you! Look and expect the gift of the artisan anointing to be released in your lives this year!

This is part of the fulfilling of my promises regarding the tabernacle. It is a prophetic picture of what I am doing in the Spirit with my tabernacle of David being restored! The beauty of my presence will fill the house!

Exodus: 31:2-11 "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you. The tabernacle of meeting, the ark of the Testimony and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, the table an;d its utensils, the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, the altar of incense, the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the laver and its base, the garments of ministry, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, to minister as priests, and the anointing oil and sweet incense for the holy place. According to all that I have commanded you they shall do."

Psalm 65: 11 "You crown the year 0f 2006 with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance......

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By the way! Merry Christ-mas!

Christianity

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Devastations, mighty and strong, will soon come across your land. Your preparations are futile, for those that mock My Name . . . you cannot hide from Me.

Christianity has become a by-word for, "*sins God no longer sees. Covered in the blood, do as you please. No longer under penalty, for all sins God does not see.*" Such lies the false ones bring. Only those that come to Me with a repentant heart, willing to forsake the sins of flesh, shall I set free. My blood is not for disgrace, but shed for those that want My grace. . . a continuing walk in My Word of liberty . . . My commandments you shall keep. Read them and you shall see, they are a New Covenant given through Me.

Yet in the heat of a day, the hour unknown, great devastation that has been previously unknown. Fires of hell clutching whom they may Leaving a path of devastation and death, and many in dismay.* Those cleansed in the blood, covered with My robe of righteousness, the fires of hell shall not prevail.

Many false doctrines are in your land, brought by the hand of man. Test and try the spirit, does not My Word say? Read it in this day, for it will keep you in My way. Not every spirit that speaketh is of Me. Popular they have become, false spirits, not sent by Me. **Rejected** . . . I said you would be!

You do not see Me in most churches today; party and play is the order of the day. Clothing themselves with unrighteous acts; seducing signs and wonders on display . . so much party and play. Come out now, the day is nigh, in their buildings the deceitful ones reside . . . sorceries, incantations, devils demonstrating things that are offensive to Me. In My Name they say they do these things. Them I do not know; where will **you** be? Do you not see? Can you not discern? Fearful you should be to occupy a seat in the place where devils worship the ones not sent by Me. Ensnared in their traps you shall be. If only you would hear My plea. . . come out now and be alone with Me.

You keep ignoring the unction of My Spirit. Offended you feel by their display but some-thing keeps you in their fray. "*Don't judge, don't criticize the anointed ones*" – that's a stronghold, that they say. Giving your money supports their endeavors Stop, I say! Heed the small still voice that tells you this is party and play. Angels of darkness transformed into light. Will you depart or stay? Will you judge or be deceived?

Where is your love for My Word, My truth? I clearly told you there would be many false christs and prophets in this day. These are the ones confessing to be filled with My Spirit Disrespect they portray, for My kingdom principles and in their displays. Decent and in order are the demonstrations of My Spirit; self-control (temperance) is of My fruit; their fruit is of a bitter tree. So why do you call holy this that they cannot control? Slithering as snakes; give Me a break! They are out of control! Offended you should be; depart and flee.

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The Lord puts the lonely in families. Bible.

I was stood next to Jesus. As usual I was like a little boy in this vision. He was knelt cold and shivering on tarmac – half frozen out on the dark and rainy street. We were looking in on the gaiety and light and warmth of a Christmas party.

"Tim", He said, *"I am sick and tired and fed up with My Christians this Christmas – and because you speak this for me you will also share in this exclusion to some extent, but remember the Mark – My Blood on your forehead – My little soldier boy. I'm sorry – but because of the Mark you may shiver with Me out on the street this year. *sigh* Many will hate you because of Me. My people know that I am with the homeless and the broken and the poor and the busted and the sick and the divorced and the lonely and the divorced and the imprisoned yet they still gather for cosy warm parties leaving Me out on the streets or shut away in an isolated house of dark and vast loneliness."*

He showed me an old lady shivering in her shawl and her arm chair – she couldn't get warm – and she didn't understand how or why her world got so bleak and lonesome. Oh God and we covered her with our intercession wings and our tears until she remembered a happy sunny place from her childhood and so we visited her with Heaven. And when Jesus asked me why no Christian family had invited her in to their hearts I had no answer. And so He waited on Me and laid the burden of His weeping and broken Heart on my spirit until I broke.

"All right! I have known this all my life yet You really want me to speak it don't You … We're British, we're insecure and arrogant and afraid and hard of heart and we have created our little compartments of world where we have no love or contact with our desperate and lonely neighbours. What do You want me to do Lord? How will You break us.? ….

OK – simple. All I ask this year is that every Christian home invites in one lonely and broken and sick and homeless and busted and friendless and poor person into their Christmas festivities. And who knows – maybe it will be Me – Jesus – whom they invite into their house this year. Those truly intimate with Me have of course been doing this for some time – and the Holy Spirit parties that We have every year go from strength to strength. You fear broken people … why? –

We fear to invite true and unbridled emotion into our world, we fear to step outside our social circle and feel out of place, and we fear that the crime networks will somehow gain access to our families – that's just for starters.

*… well said – because you have confessed wisely and truly, I will absorb some of your national blood guilt into My Cross – and release some more blessing to your people. *sigh* so ask Me to lead you to and prepare a safe guest who will not cause you harm. The right one will bring a blessing with them upon your home – you have brains – use them. It is possible to teach busted people manners and decorum and still preserve and restore their dignity *smile**

The angel gave me a silver trumpet – which usually meant I was to proclaim something nationally. *sigh* sorry – I am small with no voice – but I will email those I know and maybe they will spread the word for me.

I – Father and Lord of Christmas will bring Good Gifts to My closest children this season. Amen.

Christmas Wind

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"The Lord has spoken, who can but prophesy?"

The Lord is saying that he is going to give the faithful ones a special Christmas gift this season. There is a fresh wind of the Spirit blowing over the land of America and her prophets. Many of you have laid down your lives for the truth not being willing to yield to the lies and the Father of lies who is Satan.

You have experienced lies in you finances, lies in your body (illness and infirmities), lies from institutions, lies from neighbors, lies from the spirit of sorcery, lies from every source around you. Your neighborhoods are wrecked from sin like Sodom and Gomorrah before Abraham. God is going to give you the grace to be a light to the treasures hidden in darkness which lie behind the double leaved gates of bronze and iron.

The Lord is giving the *SOUND* of a mighty rushing wind. You have been tried for 10 days by Satan as Jesus said in the Revelation. You have been agonizing in prayer for those 10 (literal or figurative) days as those who prayed in the upper room. Suddenly, you/we will experience another Pentecost in the coming days. It is starting now, even in this holy day season saith the Lord.

Yes, the sound of power is coming this Chanukah season as Jesus supernaturally keeps light in his temple, the Body of Christ... Yes, there will be an unwrapping of this as we celebrate Christ's incarnation. The Holy Spirit (Ruach Ha Kadesh), is about to bring the might of Wind to the hungry and humble, (at this point I almost want to use the word fury, not to indicate wrath, but the power of this thing.)

There is a sweeping rush of the wind of unction. There has been a frustrating silence from the Lord for many prophets for a season...That IS over. Scriptures tell us that we know in part and we prophesy in part. The partial is ending and the whole is coming...(I can't totally explain this except that everyone in the Lords will, will prophesy and be satisfied with how they understand what the unction is saying.)

IT'S A NEW SEASON, BE EXCITED-It will no long SEEM that the LORD IS HIDING HIS FACE FROM US...

In JESUS name let it be...AMEN!!!

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Posted from Visionary Advancement Strategies, with notes by moderator Robert Ricciardelli
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The article below is a difficult one and will cause many to want to scream Hallelujah or Heresy. I feel led to share it as there are many painful truths throughout Chip's message. For those of you that know me, you know I am a mercy guy and work with many church leaders from many diverse church systems, denominations and cultures. I believe there is enough truth to shake our religious foundations and I am in full agreement that our religious foundations are being shaken and need to be shaken and removed.

The article is written with many generalities so this is not talking about every church but in general expounds on some of the realities of man made systems in organized religion. Chip does a good job of ending with the fact that in Christ, we can have fellowship and unity with others in Christ, regardless of what system they may be presently involved with. We do not need to try and direct anyone anywhere but to Christ Himself.

Please pray before you read this, while you read this and certainly after you read this and ask the Holy Spirit to present to you the truths you need to hear and/or respond to. This message for many will be either hard or easy to digest depending on where the Lord may have you in life. I pray that all grace will abound as we seek His way in all things. Feel free to share your thoughts. I love all of you….
Robert Ricciardelli

Churchianity Today
Chip Brogden

We must always be sure to distinguish between the Lord's invisible, universal, spiritual Church (the Ecclesia) and the non-profit religious organization that meets in a building with a steeple on top. The difference is incalculable, and we dare not make the mistake of confusing the two. Please understand that we do not question the right of any religious group to peaceably assemble together, elect their leaders, receive monies, have membership requirements, and govern themselves in the manner they see fit - as long as we realize that such a right is a civil right and is neither inalienable, Scriptural, or mandated by God Himself. That doesn't make it wrong, but neither does it make it spiritual. The Ecclesia is not an organization or invention of man, but an organism filled with the Life, and whether we worship "in Jerusalem or in this mountain" is not as important to God as whether or not we worship Him "in Spirit and in Truth."

So where is the distinction? What makes it an issue? It becomes an issue when spiritual or Scriptural significance is erroneously attached to a mere social contrivance, cultural norm, religious tradition, organizational structure, or place of meeting. When the waters are muddied and the lines are blurred between the social expectation, tradition, or custom of the religious organization and the true spiritual life and essence of the Ecclesia or the individual believer then such a system has the potential to evolve into a dangerous form of spiritual abuse or religious elitism.

What is Babylon? It is the marriage of church and state, religion and government; or to be more direct, it is allowing the leaven of the world to spread via Organized Religion and Institutional Christianity. As an example, consider how pastoring a church has become more of a profession than a calling, and how church government has digressed from a theocratic, Spirit-led consensus to a "Spirit-led" democracy, or worse, a "Spirit-led" benevolent dictatorship of a single pastor or a church board. This is the result of the spirit of Babylon. Whereas the True Church is to be "in the world, but not of the world", Babylon is that which is both in the world and of the world - it is by, for, and of the worldly system, yet it retains the outward appearances of godliness and spirituality. It is a synthesis of God and man, taking the best that each has to offer and fashioning a golden calf with it.

Babylon is always antithetical to Christ. It is anti-Christ. Babylon is represented as a religious whore riding on top of a beast which kills the prophets and saints of God. Perhaps we have missed the point by personifying the Antichrist as a Hitler-type world leader bent on global domination. Antichrist is the religious antithesis of Jesus Christ which flows from Babylon AS Jesus Christ. It is not coming, it is already here, and has been here from the beginning. Perhaps denominationalism is the real mark of the beast. If so, it is no wonder that so many are willing to accept it.

THE TRUE COST OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Usually when you join an organization it's because the price you pay for membership is justified by the benefits of belonging. For example, it costs a great deal of money to join a country club. The benefits are prestige, use of the facilities, social interaction, and networking with successful people. Or, in the case of a professional association, your membership gives you name recognition, credibility, current information affecting your field of expertise, social interaction, and networking with your peers.

How does the organization benefit? They get to charge and collect dues from their membership in order to pay for staff, executive officers, facilities, marketing, expanding their membership base, and other projects. So their motivation is primarily financial.

Now let's look at Organized Religion. How does the church gain from your membership? They stand to benefit in at lease five major ways. What are they after? Mostly financial support, followed by leadership support, doctrinal support, attendance support, and volunteer support. Let's look at these individually:

- Financial support means they have the right to expect their members to make donations in the form of tithes, offerings, love gifts, fundraisers, pledges, building funds, and the like.

- Leadership support means they have the right to expect their members to agree with the stated mission of the church and the pastor.

- Doctrinal support means they have the right to expect their members to adhere to the stated spiritual philosophy and teachings of the church and/or denomination.

- Attendance support means they have a right to expect their members to be present at a majority of services and functions (perhaps you've heard the expression, "Visitors welcome, members expected").

- Volunteer support means they have a right to expect their members to donate their time and volunteer as nursery workers, Sunday school teachers, bus drivers, or whatever is needed.

In addition, the church enjoys a greater control over its membership by meting out discipline when someone goes astray in one or more of the above areas. This typically plays out in sanctions against the offending member resulting in the loss of a leadership position or voting rights.

Whether or not these expectations are realistic, fair, or Scripturally justified is beside the point. The point is, THIS is what you are buying into when you decide to join a church. These are the standard expectations and conditions of membership in a typical church. They are not necessarily unreasonable when considered from a business perspective - if you don't pay your dues to the country club you don't get to use the golf course.

But to determine if church membership is for you, you have to do the other side of the cost-to-benefit analysis. The benefits to the church are many, but what's in it for the member? Basically, the church member gets a vote in major decisions like picking a pastor, a say-so in some financial matters, and the privilege of being in leadership (Sunday school teacher, worship leader, etc.) if you have a penchant for such a thing.

Remember at the beginning of this article I wrote that you join an organization because the price you pay for membership is justified by the benefits of belonging. Take into account the amount of time, money, and cooperation expected from church members, and the tremendous amount of individual control that is relinquished to church leadership. Then consider what you get in exchange - a small part in the political process of church government. Is it really worth the investment?

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ORGANIZED RELIGION

Those who ballyhoo the spiritual benefits of joining a church should be reminded that we are already joined to the Body of Christ, the Ecclesia, and are already realizing every spiritual benefit of membership in HIS Church. The only qualification for such membership is a New Birth. There is no responsibility but to abide in Him, and every action springs forth from that abiding. Joining a church may be good, proper, beneficial, and moral - but it is not a condition of salvation, thus it is not a condition for being a Christian.

Many Christians believe that we are saved by grace because we are unable to achieve salvation through good works (unfortunately there remain many more who believe they can work their way to heaven apart from Christ). But what happens once they acknowledge this truth and trust in the Lord to save them by grace? Immediately, Organized Religion comes along and convinces them that they now have to work to keep that which is freely theirs in Christ. What do we mean? They are instructed to pray, read the Bible, join a church, give to the work of the Lord, witness to everyone they meet, stop doing so and so, start doing this and that.

We are not arguing that these things are wrong. We are pointing out an inconsistency in the Gospel according to Organized Religion. What is the message here? That good Christians do "X", and don't do "Y". What is the end result? We are trying to please God. We could not please God as sinners, but now that we are Christians it is our duty to please Him. So we set out to do so, and unwittingly fall into a works-oriented faith.

What Organized Religion fails to convey is that you can no more please God as a Christian than you can as a sinner. Any attempt to please God with your charitable deeds, church service, or spiritual activity will be met with frustration and failure. We are not interested in how good, holy, just, proper, or moral your deeds are; we are only interested in your motivation for doing them. Many are laboring and sweating at trying to live Organized Religion's idea of a good Christian life. They have fallen from grace, and are consumed with works.

The most righteous man or woman on earth cannot please God by their righteousness. Take all the righteous men and women on earth and put them together and they still will not measure up. But go further than that, and store up all the righteous deeds of every righteous man and woman who has ever lived on the earth and pile them up together and the wide gulf between God and us will still be as large as it was before. Our very best effort amounts to nothing. Nothing! We cannot please God in and of ourselves.

What then? There is One Man who is pleasing God, and that is His Son, Jesus Christ. "This is my Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." Ah, the crux of the matter is Jesus Christ, not me. We live the Christian life the same way we enter the Christian life, that is, by trusting Jesus Christ to do something in and through me that I know I cannot do myself. It is not as I am, but as He is, that makes the difference.

"Come unto Me, all that are burdened and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Rest from what? The excruciating burden of work, toil, and labor under the cruel hand of Organized Religion.

FELLOWSHIP APART FROM ORGANIZED RELIGION

If we are one with the Head, we are one with the Body, even if we are not gathered together. But, if we are not one with the Head, we are not one with the Body, even if we are gathered together.

If we are walking in the Light as He is in the Light then WE HAVE fellowship with one another whether we are attending a church building or not. Joining a church is not a condition of fellowship. Some join a church for the social benefits - meeting other believers, making friends, etc. Perhaps they don't realize that they can still fellowship, meet other believers, and even make friends without actually joining a church. In fact, you'll attract far more attention as a mere attendee (if attention is what you seek, and that's another cause for concern). As a potential but as-of-yet-not-signed-up visitor, there are virtually no expectations placed upon you. When you give money it is appreciated all the more because they know you aren't obligated to do so. When you donate your time and talent as a non-member it is all the more impressive because no one is expecting anything from you. And when you show up for a service or function it isn't taken for granted.

The faithful members and their leaders often label those who regularly attend different churches but do not join any of them as "Churchhoppers". These creatures flit about from group to group, "Churchsurfing", hoping to find the perfect pastor, music program, youth group, etc. Churchhoppers are criticized for their unrealistic expectations and lack of commitment. To be sure many of those participating in the "Church Shopping Network" are so infatuated with their needs and wants that they will never be satisfied and will forever remain uncommitted. But before we write off this group of people we would do well to enquire into their personal history with churches, what they are seeking, and why they are unwilling or unable to commit to church membership. We may discover a history of hurt or a pattern of spiritual and emotional abuse that has left them wary of churches in general. We may find the churches they visit to be cold, aloof, or cliquish. That they even make an attempt to attend somewhere is a positive sign, but the phenomenon only underscores one of the troubles with Churchianity today. Many more have left, never to return again, and we can only speculate as to their real spiritual condition before the Lord.

Among aggressive, growth-oriented churches the goal is to persuade you to join the church (actually discussed among pastors privately as "getting you plugged in" or "getting fresh blood"). This is presented as the next logical step of your attendance. Once you do decide to join, however, the tide changes, the wind shifts, and the honeymoon is over. The list of expectations, rules, regulations, and by-laws make their appearance. You are educated in what constitutes acceptable and unacceptable behavior. Suddenly your performance is being measured in terms of dollars contributed, services attended, and hours donated. All too often, consciously or unconsciously, your worth as a member is determined by your overall "support" factor.

Of course we do not mean to suggest that every single church is engaged in a conspiracy to use their members as unwitting pawns to achieve some wicked end, or that the pastor and deacons conduct covert meetings in cigar smoke-filled underground cellars thinking up strategies to trap unassuming visitors into a black-hole of church membership. We're only pointing out how easy it is for the generally accepted attitudes, traditions, rituals and practices of Organized Religion to quickly deteriorate into something wholly other than what the Lord has in mind for a community of Believers. Our contention is that the way we go about "doing" church is far removed from what "being" the Church is all about. Church as most know it has become a business, social, or legal arrangement, not a community or family. As such, our assertion is that Organized Religion seeks, retains, and manages its members in much the same way as a country club - but without the golf course. It provides a mostly intangible, invisible (and therefore highly subjective and difficult-to-quantify) service while expecting tangible, material things in return: your cash, your time, and your allegiance.

We are not necessarily advocating a boycott of church services, but we do wish to demonstrate the difference between joining a church and attending a church. In the case of membership, support is expected and enforced. Non-conformers are removed from membership, and although the instances of actually refusing to allow someone to attend services are rare, the amount of psychological pressure brought to bear upon the offending member is usually enough for them to leave on their on accord.

THE ISSUE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The motivation for all financial support should be "as the Spirit leads", not as the rules of membership dictate. For example, a Christian should give not under compulsion, but liberally, from the heart, as led by the Spirit. That sort of giving cannot be legislated, no matter how hard you try, through spurious teachings on the ten percent tithe, "sowing and reaping", "love" offerings, "faith promises", etc. - yet that is precisely what Organized Religion attempts to do.

Notwithstanding, anyone deriving a benefit from an organization should support it. If you attend a church at all, member or not, you should modestly compensate them for the trouble of providing you with climate-controlled facilities, nursery care for your kids, and refreshments during Sunday school. That's just good manners. If you eat the food you should offer to wash the dishes. Beyond that, you should wholeheartedly and unreservedly give as the Lord directs you to give. That could mean an offering in the collection plate, the donation of clothes or food, anonymous gifts to individuals in need, and the like. Ours should not be an "I don't owe you anything" attitude. We should always give more than we take. But once our freewill support is legislated and expected as a condition of membership in a religious institution, it ceases to be spiritual and philanthropic. We are no longer giving with no expectation of receiving. Instead, we are giving in order to receive or maintain the privilege of membership. Therefore, we have our reward here on earth, and not in heaven.

Christians should be encouraged to give anonymously in order to ensure no reciprocal benefit. Jesus says when you give a gift don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Yet Organized Religion has to have some means of enforcing the Financial Support clause of the membership contract. How? With those little offering envelopes and a place to write your name. Remember that for every benefit there is a loss of freedom. It's certainly your right to claim the tax deduction if you wish, but in exchange for that benefit you lose anonymity. Now the church has a way to track your giving (or lack thereof), and if you don't think they will use that to their advantage if necessary, you better read your membership contract again. Even so, a few pastors have resolved to take no knowledge of the personal giving records of their members. Though an admirable first step, you can still rest assured that someone in authority at the church has access to the information and it can and will be used against you if necessary. For instance, when you're being considered for a leadership position, or when the church board wants to determine the active voting membership. Of course, if you aren't a member, none of that will matter to you anyway. But it again demonstrates that your value as a church member is being measured in dollars and cents.

Jesus did not advocate anonymous charity in order to make us paranoid or fearful of being caught doing a good deed. He did it to liberate us, to enlarge us, to help us experience the pure joy of a no-strings-attached gift, to ensure we would not become proud, and very importantly, to prevent others from rewarding, manipulating, regulating, or expecting us to give to them on a continual basis apart from His direction. He understood how easily people, even with the best of intentions, make value judgments of others based on material possessions (see James). He obviously didn't want that to be the case among His people. Unfortunately, acquiring, building, and catering to people of affluence has been the modus operandi of Organized Religion since its inception, and continues to run rampant in Churchianity today. Yet for all its money and temporal possessions, Organized Religion has always been in a state of spiritual impoverishment.

THE ISSUE OF LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

Support of the pastor and his vision cannot be mandated; either the Spirit bears witness with what is happening or He doesn't. Titular authority is based on perceived rank, status, charisma, spiritual gift or popular appeal: it's a fantasy, a piece of dirt painted gold.

The philosophy of Organized Religion is to maintain the distinction between clergy and laity. To reinforce this philosophy most churches consider the pastor (or priest) to be the spiritual head of the church. Most pastors see the local church as an extension of their own personal ministry and calling, thus the congregation is made in the image of the pastor. It is important that we note this carefully, for we maintain that God's people do not belong to anyone but Christ, and the Church is His Church, and not ours. All authority is given to Him, and whatever weight or influence we as individuals have over one another is ours by reason of our depth of knowing Christ and our willingness to love and serve one another. The "elders" are just that - those who are older and more experienced in the things of the Lord, the implication being that they are more conformed to His image and are thus gentle, loving, kind, and able to instruct and encourage the younger.

But who are the leaders of Organized Religion? Those who have been elected to fill leadership positions. Democracy is a fine system of government, but we note that the Kingdom of God is not and never will be a democracy. The political process of church government is as corrupt as the political process of secular government. What makes it worse is most people know how corrupt secular government is, yet they seem either unable or unwilling to believe the same corruption exists in their own church. If you've ever been involved in a church split you'll understand when I say the political intrigue and behind-the-scenes treachery rival a Tom Clancy spy novel.

Again, we are speaking in generalities. But a thinking person must admit that something is wrong with a process in which a pastor can be voted into and out of the position of spiritual leader by a certain majority of the congregation. If this were God's way then Moses would have been voted out, Israel would have returned to Egypt, and they would probably still be there making bricks today. Spiritual processes and God's holy call and selection cannot be reduced to search committees and paper ballots. Once the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, they stopped drawing straws and started praying towards a consensus. The Spirit made it evident who He wanted. A distinction needs to be made between what the majority wants and what the Lord wants, as typically there is a difference between the two.

The process and method of selecting deacons and board members is even further removed from the Biblical idea of the diaconate. Invariably we find those who rise to some level of church leadership are big financial supporters or have some family connection to the establishment of the church.

In most cases, there is no mutual submission, as the Bible commands. Instead, submission is a one-way street from bottom to top. Those who know God understand that calling attention to one's supposed "authority" is a sure sign that there is no authority to be found there. Real authority doesn't have to vaunt itself and demand others be subject to it. I received a letter once from a human religious authority I was involved with that took me to task for "attitudes and opinions which imply a compromised loyalty to the church and the pastoral leadership." Human authority is threatened at the mere suspicion of independent thought, whereas God's authority never defends its rights or demands capitulation. Since it sees God as the only Head of the Church it is not possessive over God's people and is neither compelled to defend itself nor insistent that everyone do things its own way. It sees itself as a steward, not and owner, of what God has given.

THE ISSUE OF DOCTRINAL SUPPORT

At first glance doctrinal support of the church you aspire to join seems self-evident. Yet denominations have an incredible knack for making doctrinal mountains out of molehills. We agree everyone who names the Name of the Lord should be in one accord on major tenets of faith, such as the fall of man, the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of the Lord Jesus, His resurrection from the dead, etc. Yet if we trace the histories of the thousands of denominations which have sprung up in the last few centuries we will find most began by laying particular emphasis on one doctrine or method or means of grace to the exclusion of all others.

For example, nearly every charismatic denomination stress the baptism in the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues as their doctrinal distinctives. We certainly find no fault with being filled with the Spirit or exercising spiritual gifts as the Spirit leads. But again, the way in which we live out our beliefs in these areas cannot be legislated by some governing body. It is a spiritual thing bound up within the faith of the individual who endeavors to follow the Spirit. It is most improper to make one particular expression of faith as the sine qua non of Christianity and make it a condition for salvation or a prerequisite for fellowship with a particular religious group. To do so is to promote sectarianism, a thing which God has expressed not just a relative dislike for, but a passionate hatred of.

A good example is the belief among certain religious groups that anyone not joined to their particular fellowship or adopting their particular nuance of Biblical interpretation is on the way to hell. A far more common and just as damaging belief among more mainstream churchgoers is that anyone claiming to be a Christian who does not attend church services regularly is either not truly saved, or is backslidden. Thus, a socially accepted practice of going to church has become the de facto standard by which the spiritual lives of millions are judged. Or the reverse, deeming someone as a good

Christian based solely upon their faithfulness in some institutional church capacity. This is nothing more than salvation by works, a concept most Christians say they don't adhere to yet frequently practice and impose on others.

Another example is esteeming views independently of what the pastor says to be the result of a rebellious spirit that should be bound or cast out. Or, assuming that a failure to conform to the particular style of congregational worship is indicative of some hidden, unconfessed sin holding the individual back. Or, that a failure to respond to the altar call is a sure sign that you "don't mean business with God." We might add, the expectation that everyone who is on the cutting edge of what God is doing is going to come on board with the latest revival, movement, or spiritual teaching. All the instances cited above are attempts to add spiritual weight or credibility to the decision of a group or individual leader when there is no Scriptural mandate or justification for doing so.

This is the sort of peer pressure and "Groupthink" presented under a veneer of spirituality that is devastating to all who fail to measure up in the eyes of their fellow parishioners, in spite of the fact that God neither desires nor commands that we all worship, pray, sing, or serve in the same capacity. Threatening some spiritual result or consequence for failing to live up to the expectations of the group or the leadership, when in fact no such spiritual consequence exists, is a blatant abuse of religious authority. Examples are numerous, but they commonly involve money. "If you don't pay your tithes (e.g., go on the record with a systematic and verifiable contribution to this particular church) then God will not bless your finances." There is no Scriptural support for such a caveat. A more legitimate warning would be, "If you don't pay your tithes, you'll lose your active member status at First Church and your voting privileges will be suspended." That is a natural consequence of a natural action. It is a statement of fact, no matter how much you disagree with the politics of it; if you bought into church membership you accepted that as part of the deal. The line is crossed by the leadership when spiritual punishments are meted out in addition to the natural consequences of one's actions.

THE RENUNCIATION OF DENOMINATIONALISM

It is our position, then, that a believer who is standing on the ground of Christ and has seen the Body cannot but renounce once and for all the scourge of denominationalism. The reason is simple. We must receive all whom God receives. If the Life of God is found in them, we will receive them as brothers and sisters and not make peripheral issues the basis of our joining or not joining with them.

Let us be clear: while we cannot render support to a church or group which meets on sectarian ground, we can and will receive the individual members who desire our fellowship on the basis of Christ.

We should also investigate thoroughly any group or church that claims to be "independent". We often find these independent or non-denominational groups to have an even more narrow and sometimes bigoted focus on issues of secondary importance to the basic elements of faith. All too often the group is built upon the charisma and influence of one man, and since he doesn't answer to a denominational board, there is a greater than normal risk of spiritual abuse or excess.

Jesus is building His Church upon the foundation of Himself. This is the only safe ground to build or stand upon.

INSTITUTIONAL HOUSE CHURCHES

The clarion call of recent years has been the Scriptural injunction to "come out of Babylon", and when applied to the Institutional Church, it is interpreted to mean have nothing at all to do with the present religious system as represented by the clergy / laity distinction, the hierarchy of leadership with the pastor at the head, and the platform-based, event-oriented programs and church building projects. Invariably the trend has been towards informal small groups and home churches. We believe this to be a partial but incomplete solution. We see Babylon not as a political or institutional state, but a spiritual state. To truly come out of Babylon requires something more than deciding to meet in homes or resolving to do away with the external trappings of Churchianity. Many claim to have come out of Babylon because they no longer attend church services, but Babylon has not come out of them. They have only exchanged one sophisticated form of religious bondage for a less sophisticated one, perhaps creating an Institutional House Church in the process.

More than changing a few external rituals and adopting a so-called New Testament pattern to the exclusion of all others, coming out of Babylon requires an attitudinal adjustment on the part of the believer, a genuine paradigm shift and seeing the Lord and the Lord's Church; it cannot merely be a reacting to the obvious wrongs perpetuated in the name of God by Organized Religion. It is quite possible to be out of the system but still be bound to Babylon, still chained by bitterness and fixated with all that is wrong with the Body.

It is just as possible to be somewhat within the trappings of Organized Religion outwardly speaking, but have an ascendant spirit that overcomes within the midst of Babylon. Our whole goal should be to look beyond the external characteristics of how and where people worship. The only way to do this is to have an all-consuming revelation of Christ and the Ecclesia, the Body, His Church. Once we see that, we will understand that the external accessories of Organized Religion can neither help nor truly hurt the True Church, since Christ is bringing all things into subjection to Himself through the Church. This includes Organized Religion, Babylon, systems of false worship, denominationalism, wheat and tares, sheep and goats. The one that abides in Christ is joined to the Ecclesia and thus transcends all that is contrary. This contagious, unbridled liberty in Him cannot be bound or brought again under subjection to, or dependence upon, earthly religious institutions. Its identity is found in Christ, therefore it requires no external support systems or crutches. It accepts no substitutes, and immediately and effortlessly resists all attempts to rein it in.

"BY THE RIVERS OF BABYLON WE WEEP

Perhaps the fear is that once we are escaped from Churchianity that we may be deceived again, but not so with the one who has finally seen the Body. It is not that we find it necessary to wax bold or stand guard continually and purposely resist all attempts to institutionalize us in the name of God. When we have seen Christ and His Church, anyone attempting to lord over, corral, enclose, intimidate, manipulate, unlawfully influence or exert his or her spiritual whims upon us is rebuffed with a calm, quiet spirit. It is like striking the air, or stopping the ocean. The spirit of Jezebel simply cannot stand before the Spirit of Christ. It's so simple. We do not need to understand the spirit of Jezebel, we only need experiential knowledge of Christ within.

Again, we reiterate that it is not a question of learning or knowing, but of seeing. If we see Christ we will immediately react to all that is anti-Christ. Those who belong to Him will never accept the mark of the beast. All who know Truth can easily see through the false.

It is not uncommon for someone to sit within Babylon for years, know something is wrong, but be unable to express what it is. It is only after much soul-searching, prayer, counsel, sleepless nights and painful experiences that we are able to understand why the Spirit of Jesus is troubling us with regard to what is done in the name of Organized Religion. But we need not understand what troubles us in order to be troubled. To all who listen, to all who have ears to hear, He will voice His disapproval of all that is not sanctioned or condoned by Him. God is not so silent as many imagine, it is just our ears are dull. But when our hearing is sensitive, we will hear His protest when something is said or done in His Name that He does not endorse. If we are listening, we cannot but hear Him disavow the televangelist, who begs for more money, or the pastor who treats the sheep with contempt, or the prophet who speaks out of his own imagination.

If we can sit within Organized Religion, day in and day out, and drink it all in without the slightest provocation, without even a hint of being troubled in our inner man, with no twinge in our gut or pain in our heart whatsoever, then we are far gone; our hearts are hardened and our ears are dull. We are blind Pharisees.

You who call yourselves Christians: are you troubled by all that is proclaimed, confessed, bought and sold, taught, prophesied, promoted, and prayed about these days in Jesus' Name? Then rejoice, because you are still able to discern the Spirit of Jesus above the cacophony of religious voices spewing forth from Babylon. But if you are able to shrug it off or lightly dismiss it, blithely going your merry way, I would consider your Christianity to be nominal at best.

The Lord does not take it all in stride, or shrug it off. The responses of Jesus to the organized religionists of His day were many and varied. We find Him driving the merchants out of the Temple with a scourge of cords. We find Him engaging in public denunciations of the Pharisees, holding them up as shining examples of what NOT to do. At other times, He was silent, or simply hid Himself and departed. Which response strikes you as the most profound? In my opinion, it is a weighty matter to observe the Son of God simply walk away and ignore the religious leaders of His day. There is a time and season to speak, and a time to refrain, and we find the Lord knows how to do both. But I must confess that His silent rebuke, Him hiding His Face and turning away, strikes as much fear in my heart as His spoken Word and piercing gaze. What unbearable, deafening silence! What contempt He had for their hypocrisy! How His holy nature must have been repulsed! How can we not also be moved to indignation?

THE WAY OUT OF BABYLON

There is only one right way to leave Babylon, and that is by way of Christ. To leave because of hurt, bitterness, dissatisfaction with the status quo, rebellion, or anything short of seeing Christ is to be in a precarious situation. Certainly hurt, bitterness, and the like are compelling reasons to leave, but only when they drive us to Christ do they help and not hinder. If our experiences drive us into a quagmire of depression and unforgiveness then all meaning and purpose for the experience is lost. On the other hand, if our disenchantment, disillusionment, and despair drive us deeper into Christ, we will find healing through Him and we will be enabled to extend grace to those who persecuted us. Then the experience is meaningful, the pain had purpose, and the lesson is learned.

This is why we do not command all Christians everywhere to stop attending church services. To leave, or to stay, apart from revelation, apart from seeing Christ and His Body, and based only upon the word of some man or group, no matter how true, is not sufficient to escape from Babylon. Others may bring us out of Babylon, but they cannot bring Babylon out of us. This is the Lord's work. And this explains why we find some who have left Organized Religion but are not better off spiritually than they were before leaving. In fact, after several years they have become cold, aloof, distant, critical, and suspicious of others. Their world has become smaller, whereas the one who leaves Organized Religion because of revelation lives in a much larger world as entire new vistas of opportunity appear. With an awareness of the Body, fellowship is no longer restricted to time, place, church, or denomination, thus opportunities for fellowship abound. But with no consciousness of the Body, only an awareness of our personal pain and harsh treatment at the hands of a few, our defense mechanisms will prevent us from seeking out fellowship or risking further hurt by engaging other believers.

When we enter this Body consciousness we will not find it necessary to wax bold or stand guard continually and purposely resist all attempts to institutionalize us in the name of God. We do not have to fear what man may do to us. When we have seen Christ and His Church, anyone attempting to lord over, corral, enclose, intimidate, manipulate, unlawfully influence or exert his or her spiritual whims on us is rebuffed with a calm, quiet spirit. It is like striking the air, or stopping the ocean. The spirit of Jezebel simply cannot stand before the Spirit of Christ. It is so simple. It is only difficult because we make it difficult. We do not need to understand the spirit of Jezebel, we only need experiential knowledge of Christ within.

This experiential knowledge of Christ will also enable us to recognize Him in others, and call upon us to enter into fellowship with brothers and sisters of all backgrounds. We will not be overly critical or unnecessarily suspicious. The Anointing will teach us and lead us into proper relationships with others in the Body. No more will we judge others or restrict ourselves to our little home group, church, or denomination. Our basis for fellowship is Christ, and with Him as our common ground we will not be uncomfortable or threatened by people of different philosophical or doctrinal nuances. Either the Life is present, or it is not. If it is, we must not call Unclean whom God has called Clean.

We may be able to passionately and persuasively expound upon the evils of the religious institutionalism, be correct with our arguments, confirm the experience of others and sway the opinions of many; but perhaps the most compassionate thing we can do for those still bound by Organized Religion is to become secure enough in our walk with God and clear enough in our vision of Christ and His Body that we can worship together with them in spite of our ideological differences, modeling the freedom which belongs to all who are in Christ Jesus, in hope that they, too, can escape from Churchianity and experience the same liberty from the deadness of the Letter towards the freshness of the Spirit, far beyond the influence of Babylon.

Confusion In The Enemies Camp

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Please read the following with discernment.

This posting is directed to watchmen and intercessors.

I want to share with you what I have seen in the spirit the last few days. I am going to keep from going into any details because that is normally where I get into trouble.

I see a stirring in the enemies camp especially in the State of Louisiana. This stirring is the result of panic and confusion. The plan of the enemy through hurricanes Katrina and Rita has backfired on them. What they sought to expand their influence has diminished it.

The city of New Orleans which was a great power base for them now sits empty. Principalities gain power through the hearts and minds of people. With no people in the city to influence their power is diminishing. This is causing infighting in the enemy camp and for some of the principalities to leave and try to gain power in other locations.

This is a volatile time and the enemy is desperate. I believe the body of Christ can gain much ground but we must press in. Please cover the following areas in prayer:

1) There will be a battle for the money that has been donated through the hurricane relief efforts. We need to pray that this money is used for restoration and is not stolen away for other purposes.

2) Pray for containment of the evil that has been washed out of New Orleans and that it will not take root elsewhere.

3) Pray for wisdom for our Government and church leaders to bring direction to the Nation in this time.

4) Pray for a continuance of the compassion that has been poured out as people witnessed the suffering of others. This is the heart of God.

4) Pray for Israel and Iraq as the enemy has sought to gain ground there with the focus on the problems here in the United States.

Christ Is The Head

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We are the body, and Christ is the Head of His body. Sometimes it seems there are many heads and many different bodies. We ought to be one church made up of many uniquely created individuals being led by the Head which is Christ. I had a recent conversation with Alan Smith, a dairy farmer from North Carolina who talked about the "Radical Middle". Alan Smith is one of those the Lord is using to present the supremacy of Christ in both the cultural and faith based expressions of His people. Alan has paid the price and prayed the price to receive the revelation the Lord has given him. We talked about the "Radical Middle" as being those that are radical for Jesus as the Head of the church. They also recognize the beauty of each of God's children and the path they on. They see that in Christ, there are many expressions of the Oneness of our God in all of His people. I will share more on the "Radical Middle" with Alan's help in the future.

The point I am trying to make is that the Father desires for all of His Children to become one under the same Commander and Chief. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to appreciate more deeply the richness of biblical tradition and His logos Word, and the expression of the power and glory of prophetic revelation and miracles that go beyond what has ever been seen or written. This is all in alignment with His Word, but goes beyond the historical content and is adding to the History of His church. Church we need to embrace both and we need each other to become the transformational children the Lord desires. The "Radical Middle" in Christ's love, are the bridge makers for the multicultural and multi-organizational representation of Christ's church.

God has an order and blueprint, but He uses many characters and personalities within the framework of what He is building. Many are missing the vision of the "Radical Middle" and are drawing lines in the sand to defend their position, rather than defend His position on a unified Body of Christ. As we are the temple of the New Covenant, He is going beyond the four walls to affect communities with the Gospel and relevant goodwill of His people towards all nations and tribes.
There are those in all camps that are missing this revelation, and these camps come with many labels, from 5-fold to 1-fold and from denominationalism to non-denominationalism and sometimes unfortunately, on the edge of abominationalism.

We are witnessing today housewives, businessmen and women, government workers, teachers, etc. that are being fruitful in their existence as kings and priests in the context of their lives. Many have decided to make a difference in obedience to Christ's Supremacy in their lives rather than complain and be angry about existing leadership, programs, or injustices they see in the institutional model of churches. It is not our job to change the systems; it is our job to allow the Holy Spirit to change us. Then we will pray, then we can make a difference in love and obedience to the life that is not our own.

He is the Head and He is the one who will make the adjustments and changes.

Are there justifiable complaints in the systems of organized church?
Yes there are, but I say, "Don't wait for an organization or leadership style to change before you do. We can find much good in much of what has brought us thus far in our church experience. As the preeminence of Christ reigns supreme in our hearts and lives, we can pray for Him to usher His Wind of change and His will upon the rest of it. Don't wait for others to take off your training wheels, the Father desires for you to ride with Him. He will pedal with you as you ride through life under His command.

There will be fathers & mothers the Lord will have walk with us, and we will also become fathers and mothers as true discipleship in His church continues to manifest. The churches and systems that do not disciple and build God's way will not grow in number and maturity towards kingdom fruitfulness. Father desires that we submit one to another. The dynamic of mutual respect and honor in His love is a key component of how He builds. The one man show, or the clergy over laity systems, will be replaced or expounded by every believer understanding their priestly and kingly place in his kingdom.

Everything we have learned and experienced until now has brought us to "Here". I am thankful for where I am at, but can only be satisfied by my continuous pursuit of Him and desire to be like Him, in every jurisdiction of life. I know what I know, I know what I don't know, but until it is revealed to me, I do not know, what I do not know. It is in the humility of this type of thinking that we can all embrace where we are at now and at the same time embrace, where others are at in their lives. We are to encourage and not discourage the people of God. We are to lovingly correct, rather than toss shame, condemnation or judgment at a brother or sister in Christ.

God desires to heal us and heal our land. We must make Him the head of our lives and Him the goal of our pursuit, and His likeness the desire of our lifestyle. We have limited Him in many areas of our life and our nation, because He only rewards those who diligently seek Him and His righteousness. Join me in pursuing the "Radical Middle"; let us make a name for our God, first in us, then through our families and communities, and then the nations of the world. Christ is the Head of His church and only in Him do we find our unity and purpose.

Combat In The Heavenly Realm

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The devil is a liar ! Now speak it like you really mean it : the devil is a liar ! Hallelujah. Can I tell you something ? This morning, as we were praying, the Spirit of the Lord said to me, « I'm opening up the heavens. » And the Lord said to me, « I'm making a way for even the weakest to walk through. » And I just felt in my spirit that God is empowering us to undo what the enemy has done in our lives. Hallelujah, praise the name of the Lord, and that was before we finished praying. And then after we prayed that happened. And it's one thing, when God opens up the heavens, the presence comes down. Hallelujah. Even as we are going to be sharing the Word now, keep that in your mind, that God has put an open heaven over us, and we want to move into prayer after the word from that position. Let's pray.

Father, we give all praise and glory to You. Our hearts rejoice in knowing You, Lord. We thank You, Father, for this morning. We thank You for this moment. Lord, again we humble ourselves before You. And we say, let Your Holy Spirit come upon us. Come and teach us, Lord. Come and equip us, Lord. Energize us, O Father. Charge us with power, and launch us into the heavenly realms to go and wage war against the powers. Lord, I pray in the name of Jesus that the anointing which breaks the yoke will rest upon Your people. And let Your will be done. In Jesus Christ we pray.

Let‘s read from the book of Ephesians. Chapter 6, from verse 10 to 13.

Finally my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the whiles of the devil. Because we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, and against the rulers of the darkness of this world and against spritiual wickedness in high places. Therefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

In this session, we want to focus on the use of our spiritual armor and on what happens when we pray. In our day, many Christians believe the Bible, but they don't see a place for spiritual armor. They read about these weapons of warfare. They love to talk about them. But you ask them, « When did you last put on your weapons of warfare ? Do you know how to use them ? Do you know how to apply them in your day-to-day walk ? » And many Christians don't even know one from the other. This is not the plan of God. Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians and said, « I don't want you to be ignorant of spiritual things, lest the devil take advantage of you. » There are some things, if we don't care to know about them, the devil will take advantage of us. Now we cannot go into a full discussion of the spiritual weapons and how to use them. In Uganda, when we have the opportunity to just handle this alone, we put aside a week to learn and then to apply. God, it is not just knowledge we want ; we want to walk with it in life. We want to be *overcomers.*

I want to share with you from a testimony of someone who was saved, someone who had been serving the devil. And when that man gave his testimony, it so challenged me, I did not want to believe it. I had to go ten days before the Lord in fasting, asking Him, « Lord, is this *true* ? » And it was at that time the Lord began to teach me what happens in the spiritual realm when we pray.

This man was born after his parents dedicated themselves to lucifer. When he was still in the womb, they made so many rituals dedicating him to serve lucifer. When he was four years old, he began to exercise his spiritual power. And his parents began fearing him. When he was six years, his father surrendered him to the witches to go and be trained. And by ten years, he was doing great things in the kingdom of the devil. He was feared by the normal witches. He was still a young boy, but he was so terrible in the things he did. He grew up to be a young man in his twenties with so much bloodshed on his hands. Killed at will. He had the ability to go out of his body through transcendental meditation. And he could levitate. Sometimes his body would lift off the ground and stay in the air. And sometimes he could go into a trance, and come out of his body ; his body would remain behind, and he would go out into the world. Called astro-travelling. And this guy was used by satan to destroy *so* many churches, to break down so many churches and to destroy so many pastors.

One day, he was assigned to destroy a church that was so full of prayer. There were so many divisions in this church, and so many confusions. And he began to work on this church. But at that time, the pastor called a fast for the whole church. And the church began to fast, and during the fasting, there was a lot of repentance and a lot of reconciliation. And the people came together, and they began to pray for the work of the Lord in their midst. And they continued interceding and crying to God to have mercy and intervene in their lives. And as they days went by, this man was coming again and again with demon spirits against this church. But there was a word of prophecy that came telling the Christians to rise up and to wage warfare against the powers of darkness that were attacking the church.

So one day, this man leaves his body in his room and goes astro-travelling. And leads a mighty force of demonic spirits against this church. Now this is *his* testimony. He was moving in the spirit in the air over the church and they were trying to attack, but there was a covering of light over the church. And suddenly, there was an army of angels that attacked them and there was fighting in the air, and all the demons fled, but he was arrested. Arrested by whom ? The angels ! And he saw himself being held by about six angels, and they brought him through the roof right before the altar. And there he was. And the people were praying. They were deep in prayer in spiritual warfare, binding and breaking and casting out. And the pastor was on the platform leading the prayers and the warfare. And the Spirit of the Lord spoke to the pastor, and said, « The yoke has been broken, and the victim is there before you. Help him through deliverance. » And he opened his eyes and he saw this young man, who had collapsed there. His body was with him. He was in his body. The young man says he doesn't know how his body joined him ; he had left it in his house. But there he was in his body, and he didn't know how he had entered in except the angel had carried him through the roof.

Now these things are difficult to believe, but the pastor silenced the church and told the church what the Lord had told him and asked the young man, « Who are you ? » The young man was trembling, and the demons began coming out of him. So they prayed for deliverance, and afterwards, he began to share his life. That young man has now come to the Lord and is now an evangelist, preaching the Gospel. And he is being used by the Lord mightily in setting other people free in the ministry of deliverance. But one night, I went to a dinner, and the sole reason I went is that someone told me about this young man, and I was so curious to see him. So I sat at that dinner and some time in the evening, this man was given the chance to give his testimony. And he talked about so many things. Sometimes he cried because of the things he did. And then as he finished, he made an appeal. There were so many pastors in that room. And he said, « I appeal to you, pastors. *Please* teach the people how to pray. » The people who don't pray can be taken in anything, in anything by the devil, and there are ways that the enemy exploits their lives and their prayers. People who don't know how to pray, they literally pray, and the enemy knows even how to exploit their prayers. We're going to talk about that. And he also said to the pastors, « Teach the people how to use the spiritual armor that God provides. »

Then he began to give a testimony of how he used to lead expositions into the air. He would go with other satanic agents and lots of demon spirits into the air. It was like a shift, you've got to go and work your shift. So regularly he had a time he had to go and wage war in the heavenlies. And he said that in the heavenlies, in the spiritual realm, if the land is covered under the blanket of darkness, that blanket is so thick , it is like a rock. And it covers the whole area. And these spirits are able to go on top of this as well as below this blanket. And from that level, they influence the events on earth. Both evil spirits and human agents that are serving the devil and when they leave their shifts they go down on earth at the points of covenant, even waters or on the land at the points of covenant for refreshing of their spirit. And how do they refresh their spirit ? By the sacrifices that people give at these altars. They could be sacrifices in open witchcraft, they could be sacrifices in bloodshed of all types including abortion, including warfare and human sacrifices and animal sacrifices. They could be sacrifices of sexual immorality where people go into sexual perversions and all kinds of promiscuity. And that act services the strength of these powers. And many are the different types of sacrifices.

He talked about lots of things which really troubled my mind. He said when they are up there and the Christians begin to pray on earth, the prayers of the Christians appear to them in three forms. All prayers appear like smoke that is rising up into the heavens, and he says that some prayers appear like smoke and they go meandering and disappear in the air. He says that the people who normally pray like that and their prayers disappear are people who have sin in their lives and they are not willing to deal with it. Their prayers are so weak, they are blown and they disappear in the air.

And he said there are others whose prayers are like smoke that rises up until it reaches this rock, but it does not break through the rock. He says, usually these are who try to purify themselves, but they lack the faith in what they are doing as they pray. And usually they ignore the other keys to use/areas that they need to put together in prayer.

It says that the third type of prayer is like smoke that is filled with fire. And as it rises up, it is so hot that as it reaches the rock, the rock begins to melt like wax and it pierces that rock and goes through, and he said many times, people begin to pray and their prayers are like the first type of prayer, but as they continue praying, their prayers change and become like the second prayer. And as they continue praying, suddenly there is suddenly fire that is filling their prayers. And their prayers become so powerful, they pierce through the rock. And he said, many times would they notice the prayers of the saints changing and coming very close to the state of fire, they communicate to other spirits on earth and they tell them, « Distract that person from prayer. Stop them praying. Pull them out. » And many times so many Christians yield to these distractions. They are pressing through, they are repenting. They are allowing the Word to check their spirit up. Faith has been building up. Their prayers are becoming more focused. Then the devil sees their prayers are gaining strength and the distractions begin. Telephones ring. Sometimes we, in the middle of very, very intense prayer, the telephone rings and you think you can go to answer the phone and then come back and continue praying. When you come back, you go back to the beginning. And that’s what the devil wants. Other kinds of distractions come your way, even if it means touching your body and bringing some pain somewhere. Even if it means making you hungry and you want to go to the kitchen and fix something to eat. As long as they can get you *out* of that place, they have defeated you. And he will say to the pastors, « Teach people. Set aside some time. Not for just some casual kind of praying. They can do that the rest of the day. Once in a day, they should have a time when they are focusing wholeheartedly on God, nothing distracting them. And if people persist in this kind of prayer and allow themselves to be inspired in the spirit and keep going and keep going, something happens in the spirit. The fire touches that rock, and it melts. And this man said, when the melting begins, it is so hot, no demon spirit can stand it. No human spirit can stand it. They all flee. They all run away. There comes an opening in the spiritual realm. And as soon as this comes, all this trouble in prayer stops. The person who is praying on the ground just feels like prayer is suddenly so smooth, so enjoysome and so powerful and intense. And I’ve discovered at that moment, we normally lose conscience of time and other things. Not that we become disorderly. God takes care of our time. But it is like you lay down everything, and you hook up with God. And this man said that when the prayers go through, from that moment there can be no resistance at all, and the person praying will continue as long as he wants. There is no resistance that can stop him.

And then he said, after he finishes praying, the hole remains open, and he said that people, when they rise out of their place of prayer, and they walk out, this open hole moves along with them. They are no longer operating under the blanket. They are operating under open heavens. And he said in that state, the devil cannot do what he wants against them. And the presence of the Lord is like a pillar from heaven resting on their lives. They are protected, and there is so much power inside that pillar that as they move around, that presence touches other people. It discerns what the enemy has done in other people. And as they talk to people and those people are standing with them, they come inside this pillar. And as long as they stay inside that pillar, all the bondages of the enemy weaken. So when these people who have this spiritual break-through share Jesus Christ with the sinners, their resistance is low. It is so easy to bring them through. When they pray for the sick or pray about things, the presence which is there makes all the difference. And this man said the devil *hates* such people. And it said if there are places where prayer is regularly being prayed through like that, the presence comes upon that place and does not leave. So even the people who don't know God, when they come into this place suddenly all the bondages are weakened. And if someone cared to just minister to them patiently and with love, they can easily be pulled through, not by power nor by might but by the Spirit of God, who is present. And he said, if no one bothers about these people, they come into his presence, they feel convicted, they begin to debate whether to yield or not, but if they are not pulled through, when they walk away from this place, bondages get stronger. And the devil tries his best not to allow them to come back into such an environment.

You can imagine we were all seated looking at this man. He was telling us the things he used to do and what he used to see. Then he told us what they would do to people who have broken through in prayer. He said they marked such people ; they studied such people. They dug up everything they could find about such people. So they knew their weaknesses, and when someone overcomes them in prayer and breaks through, they communicate with other spirits and say, « Target him with this and with this and with this. These are his weaknesses. » So when this person walks out of the prayer closet, the spirit of prayer is upon him, the presence is upon him, his spirits are high, the joy of the Lord is his strength. As he moves the enemy tries to bring those things that can distract him from focusing on the Lord. If his weakness is in the area of temper, then the enemy is going to cause people to do things which can make him really angry. And if he is not sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and he allows himself to go into the temper, he takes his eyes off the Lord. He gets angry, he feels so furious, and after a few minutes later, he wants to put that behind him and move along in the joy of the Lord, but he doesn't feel it anymore. He tries to feel good again ; he doesn't feel any good again. Why ? As he yielded to the temptation, they worked hard to close the door upstairs. And once they restore the rock, the presence is cut off. The person does not cease being a child of God. But that extra anointing that goes on his life, that presence that could do things without his manipulating anything, it's just cut off. They seek out where the weaknesses are. If it is in the temptation to sexuality, the enemy will prepare people, events, something that will suddenly draw out that passion to go towards that temptation. And if that man yields to this temptation and opens up his mind to receive these thoughts, entertains them, when he is through with everything and wants to move again in the anointing, he just discovers it is no longer there. Maybe you say, « That's not fair. » Just remember what the Bible says, « Put on the helmet of salvation. Put on the breastplate of righteousness. » We normally do not see the position, the place of these weapons of warfare. But remember what Jesus told us to pray towards the end of the Lord's prayer, « Take us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. » Every time you have a breakthrough in prayer, as you come to the end, remember you are still a weak human being. Remember you have not yet been perfected. Ask the Lord, say «Lord, I've enjoyed this time of prayer, but when I walk out into this world, lead me not into temptation. Don't allow me to walk into the devil's trap. I know the enemy is setting a trap out there. I don't know what form it is going to take. And I know I am still weak in certain areas. If I am just put in the right place, I will yield to that. Protect me, Lord. When you see me turning that corner where the trap is, just cause me to turn to the other side. Intervene, O Lord. Don't allow me to move by just my own strength and ability. Deliver me from the evil one. » God is able to do that. He is able. That is why sometimes things happen, all you need to say is, « Thank you, Jesus. » That's why Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Thessalonians and said, « Thank God in *everything* for that is the will of God in Christ for you. » Some things are not good. They are painful, and we wonder why God would allow it. But if only we knew what He is saving us from, we would thank Him. When we learn to trust the Lord, we just thank Him in everything.

Beloved, I don't know whether to go deeper because I do not want to start something I cannot finish.

Let me just try to take one step forward. And this man said that when prayer breaks through like that, the answer will always come. He said he does not know a case where prayer broke through and the answer did not come. He said the answer always came, but in most cases, it would never get to the person who asked. Why? Battle in the heavenlies. He says as long as they succeed in cutting off the open heavens and the rock is restored, they watch this person, they are waiting because they know the answer is definitely coming. And then this man spoke something that really shook my faith. It is because of the next part he shared that I went into fasting ten days to say, Lord, is this true ? Can you prove it to me ? This man said that every Christian has got an angel serving that Christian. Now we know the Bible says angels are ministering spirits to us. He said that when people pray, the answer comes in the hands of the angel. The angel brings the answer like we can read it in the book of Daniel. Then he said something realy tough; if the one who prays knows the spiritual armours and is clothed with them, the answer comes by an angel who is also clothed in full armour. if the one who prayes don’t care about spiritual armoury, their angels come without spiritual armour. Christians who don’t care about what kind of thoughts come into their minds. They don’t fight the battle of their minds. Their angels come without the helmet . Whatever spiritual weapon you ignore on earth, the angel doesn’t have it as he serves you. In other words, our spiritual armour is not protecting our physical bodies ; it’s protecting our spiritual exploits. This man said, when the angel is coming, they would focus and look at him and notice the areas which are not covered, and those are the areas they would attack. If he has no helmet, they would shoot at his head. If he has no breastplate, they would shoot at his chest. If he has no shoes, they would make a fire that he is walking in the fire. Now I am just repeating what this man said. Actually, we asked him, « Can angels feel fire ? » And you know what he said to us ? Remember this is a spiritual realm. These are spirits dealing with spirits. The battle is intensive, and when they overpower an angel of God, the first thing they target is the answer he is carrying, and they get that from him, that is what they give through the cults, the witchcraft, and people say, « I got this because of witchcraft. »

Remember what the Bible says in the book of James ? *All* good things come from God. So where does the devil get the things he gives to his people? Some people who cannot have children, they go to witch doctors and satanists, and they get pregnant ! Who gave them that baby ? Is satan a creator ? NO ! He steals from those who don’t pray to the end. Jesus said, « Pray without ceasing. » And then He said, «But when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith ? » Will He find you still there waiting ? Or will you have given up and the enemy would steal what you have prayed for ?

Then this man said that they are not satisfied with just stealing the answer. They are also interested in detaining the angel. And they start fighting him. And he said sometimes they succeed in holding and binding the angel. And he says, when that happens, the Christian is a victim on earth. They can do anything with that Christian because he is totally left without ministry in the Spirit. I said to him, « Do you mean an angel can be held in captivity by demonic forces ? » This man did not even know the scriptures by the time he was saying all this. He did not know very many scriptures. He was just sharing his experiences. And he said, they wouldn’t hold the angel too long because as other Christians prayed elsewhere, reinforcement would come, and the angels would go free. If the Christian responsible did not pray through, he remains a captive. Then the enemy sends his own angel as an angel of light to this person, and that is where the deceptions come in. False visions and false prophecies. False leadership, I mean leading, guidance in the spirit, making wrong decisions of all types. And many times this person is open to all kinds of attack and bondages. And I asked the Lord. I left that dinner so troubled, so troubled. I said, « Lord, I don’t want even to try and believe this. » It removes all my confidence, my security. When I went to seek the Lord, it was ten days, the Lord did two things. He did not only confirm the things I had heard, he opened my mind to see a lot more that this man could not tell us of what happens in the spiritual realm. And two, he led me to see what we are supposed to do as the things are happening so that we are not overcome but that we can overcome. And we need to know three things and really come to terms with these three things.

One : how to operate with the weapons of our warfare. The Bible calls them the armour of God. It is not our armour ; it is God’s armour. When we use it, we allow God to fight on our behalf. Two : understand the relationship of the ministering spirits—the angels—to our spiritual lives. And to be sensitive to what is happening in our hearts as a leading to what needs to be happening in the spirit concerning us. That brings us to the third thing : that is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is not supposed to come as our servant, serving us and bringing things to us. He does not run to and fro to the Father to tell Him what we need. That is the work of angels. But He stands by our side. Doing what ? Guiding us, teaching us, leading us, helping us to pray the right way. And when these things are happening in the spiritual realm, He tells us, sometimes He wakes you up in the night and says, « Pray. » You say, « No ! My time is not yet come. » And He says, « Pray now ! » Why ? He sees what is happening in the spirit. Sometimes He says, « Tomorrow—fasting ! » You say, « Oh, no, I'll start on Monday ! » But He understands what is happening in the spiritual realm. We should learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. He guides us in the paths of righteousness. Beloved we've got to stop here. Maybe tomorrow morning, we can talk about how we can pray through, knowing the battles in the spirit and how we can break through. How we can maintain our breakthrough once we have scored it. And once we learn this, it becomes enjoyable. Then we learn one thing : the battle is not ours ; the battle is of the Lord ! Hallelujah! Let's just stand up. Look someone in the eye, and just think about how many times that person could have missed what God had for him. But join your hands if you can, two or three people, and just tell each other, « There's no need for more defeat ! We can overcome ! There is enough power to overcome ! Jesus has already done the whole work. » Pray for each other that the Lord will help us to overcome. We should not lose. There is enough grace, enough power for victory.

Thank you, Jesus.

Civil Unrest

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Israel

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

The crisis and fracture that we are experiencing at present in Israel are spreading far and wide, into all sectors of society. It is not a mere division between Left and Right, Secularists as opposed to Religionists. It is not just the Rightists and Religious who are disenchanted with the situation, and with their leader Ariel Sharon, who for many years was a supporter of settling the Land, both within the so called Green Line, and mainly beyond it, in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Now many others, from all walks of life, are realizing that there is a major issue here at stake; the entire cause, reason and justification for Israel's very existence are being questioned. Below is a manifesto on behalf of those whose ideological roots have always been the Labor-leftist camp. These people are the ones who have been part of settling-the-Land movement, living in rural, mostly agricultural communities (not in the "settlements" of the Gaza and "West Bank"). It is this secular Labor-Land movement which was at the root and core of the return to the Land about hundred years ago. What is so interesting is that many who hail out of that movement are watching how their leaders have gone so far left, to be now completely at odds with the ideologies of the founding fathers of this movement. Therefore they cannot agree with their own movement's approach and are even quoting the (Zionist) founding fathers of their own movement to show how off course things have gone now, so much so that if these old-time leftist leaders would be aware of the current events they would roll over in their graves.

Below is the said manifesto. We added explanations in the square brackets. This manifesto has been distributed for the purpose of calling a mass meeting, the second one in two weeks. Rimona translated it from the Hebrew document.

"We, residents of the "landed" communities [kibbutzim and moshavim, who traditionally used to belong to the leftist Labor movement] are voicing our cry, a manifesto, in support of the pioneers of Gush Katif [the Gaza settlers] and Northern Samaria [the two areas slated for evacuation, for "starters"].

"We will protect the settlements with our bodies."

In face of a corrupt leader who is supported by anti-Zionist parties, in face of the betrayal of the constituents by their representatives, in face of a State which is deteriorating rapidly into an abyss out of which it may not be able to rescue itself. we the members of the working [rural] communities are making an outcry against the plan of destroying the settlements and the entire Land Settling Enterprise .

We will raise our voices and call to the People, repeating the words of David Ben Gurion [Israel's first prime minister who had a major role to play in creating the State, and himself a Labor Movement man who did not lean to the Right or to religion]:

"Down with the (British) mandate government [prior to Israel's independence in 1948] and with the White Paper". As it was then, in 1939, after four years of bloody and murderous events, and after the defeat that the mandatory government dealt to the Arab terror, it (the mandatory government) handed over to the murderers the big prize in the form of the White Paper forbidding Jew to immigrate and to purchase land, similarly today, after 4 years of war against Arab terror, an anti-Zionist government [only this time a Jewish one] is handing the murderers the top prize and is expelling and eradicating the nation's pioneers of Gush Katif and Northern Samaria who bravely withstood the attacks and did not surrender in battle.

Let us also remember the words of David Ben Gurion spoken in the 21st Zionist Congress: "No Jew has the right to give up and hand over the Jewish People's entitlement to the land. No Jewish body, or even the Jewish nation, has the authority to give up any one part of the land. It is a right that cannot be expropriated. Any concession of land is not binding upon the Jewish people. We will insist upon this right in any legal and moral means available to us."

Sharon, listen to the voice of this People! This People will not let you hand over our land to the Arab enemy and to expel us from our homeland! We know that Gush Katif is only the beginning, after which will be the turn of the Jordan Valley, the Golan Heights, Judea and Samaria. Israel will return to the "Auschwitz borders", a term coined by former Foreign Minister, Abba Eban [who, like Ben Gurion, was not a rightist or religious]. This is the battle for Israel's future. This Nation elected you in order to strengthen the settlements and not in order to destroy them. You have no mandate to stay in power one moment longer. You must go to the people and call for an election. We the people of the working-rural communities, who formed Israel's borders with the furrow of the plough, are calling out: A People at war does not eradicate the pioneers who are in the front lines and destroys their homes; A People at war fights its enemies and not its defenders; A People at war apprehends murderers and does not let them go; A People at War must be united and strong. This mad, ludicrous, anti-Zionist action will divide the People and will forever change the I.D.F and Israel, making Israel a different state, a state of brutal troopers, of incarceration camps for the masses, of terrible brotherly hatred, while at the same time millions of Muslims are making ready tools of war against us in order to annihilate us. The heads of the Left, who are like a herd stampeding amok behind Sharon need to remember the truths voiced by their own leader [of the past], Yaacov Hazan: "In order to reassure our national, political and independent existence we have to fight against the creation of another Arab state in the West Bank. The creation of such a state will spell disaster for us and for the Arabs. The focus of such a state will be the destruction of the State of Israel, in spite of agreements and covenants, and even a peace treaty. Life will prove stronger than all of these, and take its toll. Such an Arab state will be birthed by the P.L.O. The Palestinian Covenant is not a political plan which can be exchanged for another plan. It is expresses a world view, a philosophy. and it will be the one which will formulate the national essence of its residents. The creation of such a state will mean going to battle all over again, over the first Partition Plan [of the Land of Israel formulated by the U.N. in 1947 which the Jews accepted and the Arabs rejected, a fact which sparked the War of Independence during which Israel retrieved many more sections of the Land] . A third country in the space of Land which constitutes Israel [as Jordan is also within that space] portents almost without doubt a war, and one that will take place immediately" (Yaacov Hazan 1978).

Ordering the I.D.F. to destroy towns and remove their residents forcibly is clearly illegal. We won't allow you to turn our soldiers into brutes. The IDF is Israel's defense force and not a force at war with Israel.

The Arab enemy does not hide its schemes. The enemy wants to throw us out of our historical homeland. The enemy's insignia is an image of the entire land, including Tel Aviv. They say these things very directly, without camouflaging their intents, just watch their internet sites and T.V stations. The P.L.O's phase plan [for destroying Israel by phases] has not been put away with the Oslo Agreement. On the contrary, it has been revised, reinforced and gained momentum.

The battle for Gush Katif is also the battle for the Jordan Valley, the Golan, Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem. The battle is all about the justice of the Zionist cause! In these frenzied days let's call to mind the words of poet Natan Alterman, who was "an entire Land of Israel" man, words which were penned as if out of some terrible foresight:

Then Satan said: this hidden and preserved one, how will I subdue him? For he is brave and endowed with skill to act and fight, Resourcefulness and counsel are his. Therefore I will not weaken him, nor will I bridle him. I will not cause him to fear, or make his hands to fail, as I did in the past. Only this will I do: I will cloud his mind, and he will lose all memory of the morality and justice of his cause. End of Manifesto.

Thanks for your prayers and have a restfilled Shabbat.

Ephraim

Cliff Notes

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In the spirit I see a person pacing back and forth on a great cliff.

This is not the first time they have been to the cliff.

The view is breath taking. It use to be enough to just come and stand in awe but no longer.

They have back tracked from this cliff many times in search of another way to go on. None has been found and the path always leads back here, to the cliff.

A familiar voice comes to them saying they have gone as far as they can. What they desire is not for this life. That will only be found in the next life. This voice has been a comfort in past but no longer. For another voice is rising up from within them saying "You must go on, there is more".

I see writing on the side of the cliff. As I get closer I am able to make out the words. They read "The end of self". This cliff marks the end of self. This person, has come to the end of them self. There is no way, in their ability, to go on. So they pace back and forth.

Have you come to this cliff?

Yes you have. You have been to this cliff many times, in many different situations. Always, a way was provided for you. But now this cliff looks so much higher. The chasm so much deeper, wider, farther then it had been before.

What will you do?

I then see a smile fill the sky and hear a cheer and a great belly laugh of joy rattle the heavens.

I look back to the cliff and the person is no longer there.

I look back to the sky and see a great Eagle flying directly into the sun. Within His talons is the person I saw on the cliff.

There is a way to go on.

It just requires a little step of faith. :)

When we step beyond our self, is when we find God. Or should I say, that is where He enjoys, to finds us.

Exodus 19:4

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself".

Is. 40:31

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint".

I parted the waters for you to walk out of slavery into freedom. I parted the waters for you to walk out of the desert into the promised land. But if you want to walk in the fullness of your calling. If you want to walk in the Heavenlies and the wonders of the Kingdom. I will not part the waters for you. You are just going to have to learn to walk on top of them. :)

Blessings in Him,
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Come, Lord Jesus!

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Through the airport passenger lounge windows, I could see that It was nighttime. I met an unfamiliar you fair complexioned woman who appeared to be in her mid-twenties, pleasant looking, and dressed in li casual clothing. She carried no personal effects, not even a handbag.

We began talking, and she told me that she was on her way to meet someone. She also told me that h something to do with the ocean water she had to travel over in order to meet him. She spoke of the ma great joy and excitement.

Next, we were flying over an enormous peaceful body of deep blue water. She sat by the window while the aisle seat. There was an empty seat between us. While it was nighttime, from where I sat I could cl see the blue color of the water and its vastness through the window. Eventually, we landed at a tropical surrounded by beautiful aqua-blue waters and white sand beaches. I could clearly see the color of the and sand in the dark.

It was still nighttime, and I was no longer with the young woman. I was now in the midst of many differen of people on the island. Although I did not recognize anyone, I had now joined them in waiting for some appear. We were quite excited.

Next, we saw the young woman with whom I traveled on the plane. She was dressed as a bride and beautifully radiant. Everyone admired her radiance and loveliness. She appeared quite eager for the bridegroom's arrival, and we joined her in waiting for him. *END*

INTERPRETATION

The nighttime represents the spiritual climate of the sinful age we live in. The young fair complexioned woman represents the *faithful* Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Rev. 3:7-13). She carried no perso items, symbolizing that she had spiritually detached herself from all worldliness. In other words, she ca *no baggage* which is interpreted here as *sin*.

Her great joy and excitement as she spoke of waiting to meet someone who had a connection with the we traveled over symbolically represents the soon appearance of Lord Jesus — the Living Waters. Th "blue" represents Holy Spirit and His moving throughout and keeping the Church immersed in Savior a Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God. *(Through Holy Spirit's anointing, I am able to clearly disting colors in the dark in dreams.)*

Arriving at a tropical island surrounded by peaceful waters represents a state of peace and holiness th *faithful* and anticipating Church of Lord Jesus currently finds Herself in as She determinedly persevere working out Her salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). Holy Spirit continues to guide and help H remaining *faithful* through ongoing immersion in prayer and faithful nourishment for Her spiritual strengt reading and studying the Word.

The radiant bride represents the Church, symbolized by the many different kinds of people as we await appearance of Lord Jesus to rapture us into Glory to be with Him forevermore.

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>> *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and w trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caug together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord Therefore comfort one another with these words* (1Thes. 4:16, 17).

>> *Now this I say, brethren* [Saints], *that* ***FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM GOD;*** *nor does corruption* [sin, pride, and self-righteousness] *inherit incorruption* [glory]. *Behold, I tell mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible* [glorious], *and we* [a that moment] *shall be changed* [become glorious]. *For this corruptible* [flesh and blood] *must put on incorruption* [a glorious body], *and this mortal* [flesh and blood] *must put on immortality* [eternal life]. S *when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be br to pass the saying that is written:*

> ***"DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY."***
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> ***"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?***
> ***O HADES*** **[Hell]*****, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY?"***

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of [against] *sin is the law* [Word of God]. *But thanks be to G who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ* (1Cor. 15:50-57).

>> ***"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END.*** *I will give of the fou of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and* ***I WILL BE GOD AND HE SHALL BE MY SON. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murders, sexu immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and ALL LIARS shall have their part in the LAKE WHICH BURN WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, which is the second death"*** (Rev. 21:6-8).

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Clarity Of Vision
Becky McLendon

This afternoon in prayer the Lord gave me some words to write down and ponder.

"Do all you do with clarity of vision.
My vision. Not yours.
A crystal sea has clarity of vision.
This does away with seeing through the glass darkly.

"Clarity of vision takes you to the place of enlargement.
Your own vision is a narrowness.
Clarity of vision gives you a Kingdom view.
It is an unshakeable Kingdom.
It is an everlasting Kingdom.
It is established before the foundation of the world,
And not made by human hands.
There is no sound of a hammer in My Kingdom.

"My people with clarity of vision are like streams of clear water,
Coming together,
What do you think the river which flows out of the throne of God is made of?
Let My vision flow.
What is it for?
HEALING!
JOY!
PEACE!
RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS!

"Clarity of vision is a single eye.
The Light of the body is the eye;
Therefore if thine eye is single, thy whole body
Shall be full of light!
You are to be a people of single eye, so the
Whole body can be full of light.

"Your eye is CHRIST's eye if it is single.
And you shall be as the light of the morning
When the sun shall rise,
Even a morning without clouds as the tender grass
Springing out of the earth by clear shining after the rain.

"They shall say of you, 'Who is she that looketh forth
As morning, fair as the morn, clear as the sun and terrible
As an army with banners?"

"For I will take My rest and I will consider my dwelling place
like a clear heat and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.

"For blessed is the man in whose spirit there is no guile.
To have a single eye means you are clear as the sun and have no guile in your spirit.

"Put things on hold and wait on Me to get clarity of Vision.
There is too much "to and fro;" "too much agenda;" and "too much speculation."

" So again, do all you do with clarity of vision!"

Amen and Amen.

They
Becky McLendon

They can take prayer away from us. **They** can take the Ten Commandments from us. **They** can confiscate and burn our Bibles. **They** can bash political leaders from all geo-political nations. **They** can "separate" church from state, not realizing they are forming a state church in doing so, and also not realizing that GOD separates HIS TRUE CHURCH FROM THE "STATE" anyway. **They** can RIP "One nation under God" out of our "PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE" (because our ALLEGIANCE is not to a flag but to a theocratical, supernatural Kingdom that is not of this world (system).

They (whoever **they** are...and **THEY** are a people of lawlessness (rebellious and reprobate) can do all these things but **THEY** CANNOT TAKE CHRIST OUT OF US, AND IF CHRIST IS IN US, PRAYER IS IN US, THE WORD IS IN US AND AN ANOINTED COMMITMENT IS IN US TO OCCUPY THIS LAND IN SPITE OF "THEM"...NO MATTER WHERE OR HOW. It is getting down to THIS: Christ asks of every one of us WHO ARE YOU and WHERE ARE YOU and WHY ARE YOU HERE. If we do not know the answer to that, He says of us...GO AWAY I NEVER KNEW YOU. God makes a difference in His own people, IN SPITE of the raging of the heathen, both the "religious" and the wicked (which are all BABYLON anyway).

If your average Joe Blow Christian cannot "see" the kingdom of lawlessness at work wherever they live, then they are part of that kingdom and only the HOLY SPIRIT can reveal it and deliver them from it. As for **they???** Let the heathen rage and the people speak a vain thing. Our God is an awesome God, and we are citizens of His kingdom where none of what **they** are conspiring to do behind their closed doors in the night will ever enter His kingdom. Look to JESUS and go on in Him, leaving this all behind you. Let His testimony reach its fullness in you, thereby drawing men unto Jesus. Oh there will be a lot of dying on the way. Oh there will be riches sold and a cross taken up. There will be a realization that everything that can be shaken WILL BE SHAKEN. And His Kingdom which cannot be shaken is all that remains.

So many fail to "see" the unshakable unseen kingdom of God. They are too busy scrutinizing what **they** are doing and wringing their hands. **They** do not determine our destiny if we are true believers. So let the "party go on." Fret not over evil doers, lest you get so caught up in your fretting you begin practicing evil yourself by bashing and campaigning against them. The wicked will do wickedly and the righteous will do righteously and never the twain shall meet. Let them have their ranting. GO INTO YOUR PRAYER CLOSET AND INTERCEDE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE of all generations. For the mystery of iniquity and the mystery of righteousness are both at work in the earth. And it STILL boils down to this: Many are called but few are chosen. We are not going to "revive" the **they** of the world. They can't be "revived" if they have never "LIVED." Only Christ in His Spirit, His anointing can do that. Will Jesus find FAITH in the earth when He comes? Selah

Amen and Amen
Becky

Child’s Life Threatened by Mangy Lion

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In this dream I was coming out of a building with a group of people. We had been at some sort of seminar, but I didn’t recognize anyone in the group. As we were walking out under a long awning, I saw right in front of us a large but thin and mangy looking male lion prowling down the middle of street. He saw the group, but paid no attention to us. As he looked for prey, the lion saw some children playing unsupervised. They were directly in front of him and to our left. As he started to stalk them, they all scattered to get away from him. The lion picked out one young boy as his victim and I could see that he would quickly kill the child if someone didn’t stop him. I yelled really loud; not a word, but a noise. The lion turned toward us and the group groaned, gasped in fear, and shirked back. It was clear that they were distraught by my bringing the lion’s attention to our position. When the lion saw the group was not going to stop him, he quickly turned back to his original course and again went after the child.

The lion had nearly caught the child when I yelled really loud for a second time. Again the agitated lion turned from his pursuit of the boy and came toward us. The group had the exact same cowardly reaction as the first time. The large animal seeing we were no real threat turned back towards the boy and again began hunting him down. I felt I had to do something to distract the lion away from the child. Since the people didn’t seem to share my conviction to help him, and I felt that I shouldn’t endanger them further, I decided I needed to leave the group and divert the lion on my own. However, as I stepped out from under the awning and began to cross the street, I immediately became the mangy lion’s targeted prey! It had become increasingly aggravated by my diverting it from its intended victim and swiftly came at me. I hurried back into the group under the awning and the mangy lion turned back to attack the boy for the fourth and surely final time. I felt if I yelled another time the group might abandon me to the lion, but if I didn’t the boy would be devoured right in front of us. I had no idea what to do to save him.

Suddenly, from out of nowhere, another lion leaped in with a man riding on his back. *This* lion was majestic! He was very fit, had clean gracefully flowing fur, and was adorned with a beautifully jeweled, golden saddle. The man riding the magnificent lion swiftly withdrew his sword and killed the mangy lion before it could come any closer to the child. Praise God! I woke up feeling such deep relief and joy! I was thanking God for that child’s salvation. As we know, God is rarely early but He is always on time!

Interpretation:

- The group of people ‘under an awning’ would appear to represent an assembly of people under the same protection. Most likely a church group, but there was no clear leader. It may have been because we had come together for a seminar. We had been inside learning, but when we came out and were faced with the enemy, we as a group did not know what to do. [2 Tim 3:7] It could be that the group is more symbolic of the ‘church’ in general. (Referring here to believers of all Christian denominational backgrounds.)
- The mangy lion would be Satan roaming the earth to see who he can devour. [1 Peter 5:8] He was boldly walking down the middle of the street for anyone to see which exposes that he has been left unchallenged for the most part. When he was only slightly confronted, the lion threatened the group in such a manner that not only frighten them, but also caused them turn on the person who exposed the enemy’s ploy. (Kill the messenger!) Theirs was a typical human reaction when comfort and safety are threatened. The lion never really made a truly aggressive attack toward the group. The way he came skulking towards us *was more to intimidate us to inaction* than to actually harm us. I believe he was making sure we were not going to get between him and his intended victim. He was concealing that he was, in reality, afraid of the group and stopped us from confronting him by using intimidation. This would reveal that many demonic attacks are designed to frighten us just enough to keep us at bay, so they are free to ravage the

weak. Satan hopes he can seem so menacing that we will totally withdraw our assault against him and his cohorts. We are further led to believe (by our own flesh), that if we don't challenge the approaching lion and stay in our area of comfort, we will be alright. To me, this borders on debauchery. We do need to stay together, and there is comfort in that, however, we also need to come together to protect those who are too weak to protect themselves. The lion was distracted from his intended kill by only one voice. Can you imagine how quickly he would have fled the scene had everyone joined together and started yelling at him? If he would have gotten that child, he surely would have returned for more! (This may have been why he was so bold in the first place.) We need to learn to attack the enemy on a united front and protect God's children!

- The unsupervised children seem to be symbolic of; A) lost sheep [Luke 15:4-7 and Matt 18:10-14] B) Those who are young or immature in the Lord and have yet to find spiritual covering - orphans of the Lord so to speak. [1 Co 4:15] C) The children that some have forbid to come to Christ [Matt 19:13]
- The boy singled out by the lion seems symbolic of one of these children at their weakest, but I believe any of those children would have been an easy target.
- I believe that yelling was a type of intercession the man of God heard and understood that he needed to take action. [Rom 8:26, 27] It being a noise was more like a trumpet was blown or an alarm was sounded. [Joel 2:1]
- My choosing to leave the group while the enemy was afoot was a foolish and dangerous thing to do. Much to my dismay, even though the enemy was thin and mangy, I was no match against him on my own. [Jude 9] Though I recognized something had to be done, in the end I realized I was not going to be able to save that child without help. This reveals that when we get outside a group of believers we become easy prey for the enemy. God does not call us out in the middle of a battle. If we are to leave a group we are not to leave during times of conflict but during times of peace. Even though the group did not come to the aid of the child or react the way *I thought* they should, I became the target when I stepped away from the safety of fellowship. [Proverbs 11:14, Heb 10:25] I was protected when I came back under the awning and stood with them. [Eph 6:13]
- At first I thought the man and the lion were both Jesus. However, as I reflect on this dream I believe that the regal lion is Jesus; the Lion of the Tribe of Judah and the man is one who has been chosen to serve the Lord as a protector of His flock. This man of God is symbolic of those who ride or operate in the power of God, who have been chosen by Him, have learned to wield the sword of the Spirit, and know how and when to protect the lost sheep. When the majestic Lion of the Tribe of Judah came in carrying the man of God, he withdrew his sword, which is the word of God, and he killed the enemy! [Eph 6:17] Christ, *the word made flesh*, in the man is what brought the victory! It takes men and women of God who not only know how to wield the sword to beat such a foe, but they must be given the authority by God to ride atop the Lion of Judah to lead Christ's church. It would be dangerous to sit in *that* saddle presumptuously. This is a place only the King of kings can grant! It would also seem prudent to point out that it would be unwise to be in direct opposition to such a **God-**appointed person.
- I believe the ending of this dream reveals that it will take strong leaders who operate in godly power to teach the body of Christ how to wield the sword and to show that the body of Christ that we are *already* more than conquerors. [Rom 8:37] This way it won't matter what we are engaged in doing or what group we are among when attacks come. We will all (Christians of all denominations) know what to do and we will be more than able to stand victorious in Christ. [Matt 11:12] The enemy being utterly destroyed, not just distracted, was the work of a true commander. Those who ride in Christ's authority take note.

To God be all the glory!

In Him,
Judy

Calvary's Love Was For The Whole Earth

Jeremy Lopez

For I will flood the earth this day with a passion that can not be dammed up. My people, know this day My heart is turned towards you.

I'm causing you to dive into My pool of agape this hour towards the people of the earth. I will begin to bring forth a love that the world can not stir up! For I will cause My people to begin to turn their hearts towards the people of the nations of the earth. The love that I give to you for them, shall be displayed in a fire that can not be quenched!

For the time has come to focus on My world. For many have said, "This is not My world." But I would say, "The earth is the Lords and the fullness thereof."

My people, the time has come for you to receive a vision from the heavens concerning how I think towards this planet. The earth is My footstool. My love was poured out on Calvary for the world. My heart has not changed towards the earth. For I will begin to broaden your perception this hour. Their shall be a stretching of the thought patterns in the minds of My chosen. I will begin to teach you how to rethink how you look at what I call My own.

The time has come to release a passion for those that are "asleep". For I will cause the winds to begin to blow an awakening in the earth. My focus has not changed. It has and always will be towards the nations of the earth. My love was poured out on the cross to save the world! I will start to reap My harvest of this planet. As I blew My breath over the states, countries and continents of the earth; I will start the inhaling process to draw the nations back unto Me.

I would say this hour to begin to bring heaven down to earth! That was My prayer for My church, My redeemed, My beloved to pray that I would not take you out of this world, but that I would bring heavens power, potential and plan to planet earth. Begin to give as the Father has prospered you to those in your streets and cities. Begin to strategically plant rivers of love that will spring forth in areas that the enemy has bound and called his territory.

For the angels that I have positioned in the four corners of the earth have began to cry out to me to redeem the earth. My people, the days of selfish gain for leaving the earth are over. For the time has come to begin to receive a Kingdom birthing within your spirit. Grab a hold of My heart. Grab a hold of My passion. Follow My heart. For that is where My treasure lies. For you will find My heart towards that which I have died for, My world.

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Cling Only To Me
Susan Cummings

Cling only to Me, child. Do not cling to the things that you have drawn comfort from, or the things that have worked for you in the past anymore. For I am bringing change, and you must let go of all that you have relied upon, and allow Me to be your sole source and comfort.

You must trust in Me, to bring you through all of your struggles, your pains, and your thoughts and understandings. I am able to shine My Light on you and bring you into a place of freedom and of safety. I know you and have placed you where you are, so that you could know that I am faithful to you, and you would know My Hand upon you through it all.

You cannot remain where you are, nor can you retreat to the past. You must advance, and do it with Me in full control. Let go. Trust in Me, for I know what I am doing concerning you. You do not have to understand all the details, but you do have to fully trust Me to work out your life, MY Way.

Cling to Me. Draw nearer to Me, and allow Me to reveal Myself to you at this time. I have much more of Me, for you to know, and it is time for you to come. Shake off all of your fears and bring all of your cares to Me, so that I can take them, and answer them with My answers for you. Can you trust Me with your life? Can you let go, and yield full control to Me? Can you place your hand in Mine, and rest? You must.

It is time.

What you cling to, is what you love, and what you will become.

I want you to become like Me.

-Susan Cummings
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3:09 pm

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Do Not Mistake The Quietness For Inactivity
Susan Cummings

6/8/05

Do not mistake the quietness for inactivity. For I am always moving, always creating, and always bringing forth My Word. There is never a time when I cease reaching out to My People, or moving in their lives either. Many think they can relax, and pursue their own desires in this season, as I have given them a period of grace and all is quiet.

But it is not so. I never stop, neither do My People. I require faithfulness and obedience. Even in the quiet times, and even when they are alone. I see their hearts, and I see their attitudes, and I see the fruit that they will now sow. I have cried out to My Own, to rest, to come to Me, to sit and be filled and strengthened.

Some have done so, but most have gone their ways. Many will mourn for their loss, as they realize that they will not stand, and cannot make the time up now. For it has now changed, and I am now accelerating the events, and they are not prepared.

My faithful Ones will stand and be full of Me until the end. For it is through them that My Fullness and My Grace will now be seen. All others will stand upon their own works, and see their folly of not preparing. For all works will be tried in the fires, and be tested for their purity.

Nothing will escape My Justice or My Gaze. All men will be shown their ways. But the time to return to Me has now passed as has their season of Grace, and now they will pass through the fires, and be tried and measured and weighed. Those who rejected My Grace will be found empty and void of My Light. For they rejected Me, the Truth.

My People love their comfort and pleasures more than they love Me, and they do not deny themselves to sit at My feet. Much will be required as I am Holy, and all that is not Mine will be given to their master. For they loved their idols more than My Ways. I gave time and seasons to reach out to Mine, and waited for all to come and dine, but few loved My fares and went after their own wares. So now they will suffer in the fires.

Inactivity is not appreciated by those who sit with the world, for they love their schedules, their games, and their fleshly quests. Nothing is given by them to help those in need, but only to devour and to maim and to climb up their social ladders. No more will I allow this to remain as so, for the rest will now pass swiftly, as I have warned so many times before.

The Time of Grace is closed, and has now given way to My Justice, and it will bring much sorrow to the unrepentant and the rebellious and the slothful of My House. I have called to those who have trimmed their lamps and who watch at My Gates, and they sit in My Embrace. Nothing will remove them from their places, as they have not denied Me, but embraced My Judgments, so they will have their reward and My Graces.

Righteousness does not come by works or by greed, and the wicked will never be clothed in My Holy Robes; only the broken, and humble, and the empty ones, who have fallen before Me on their knees.

My people learn righteousness through obedience and suffering. Through laying their lives and wills down for Mine and for their brethren. It is not so in this land, as they devour one another for their own pleasures. No more!

My Fires will burn, and the seas will roar, and the earth will shake till I have broken every one who has exalted themselves over Me and against Me, and those who have prevented Mine from coming to Me.

Woe to those who have no fear and do not tremble before their God. I am Holy, and Jealous is My Name, and I will have all that is Mine. The day has passed as I said before, and now the Winds do come. All that is not Mine will fall in ruin as My Winds blow from Heaven.

Great is the Glory of My House, and great is the destruction of the altars and thrones of men. For the four winds will come and bring the fires and the waves, and the land will shake under My Weight.

My Fire will rest upon those who are Mine, and throughout the earth they will feast and dine, and they will reap the Final Harvest till the end of time. For all that they have given to Me, will now be their reward and victory. For they truly loved Me.

Woe to those who did not prepare, and who are not found in My House.

Woe to those who assumed they knew it all, and thought they were clean, and never checked to see.

Woe to those who stood in My sheep’s way, and stripped them bare and left them to die.

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth in this season of full fiery birth.

Come, Oh Breakthrough!
Sandy Warner

Jul 18, 2005
COME, OH BREAKTHROUGH!
The Breaker desires to come before you and take His place as your Head. Call upon Him to break through the restraining walls which have held you in confining restriction. Call upon Him for your breakthroughs! He shall bring you forth into increase and you shall burst forth onto the left and onto the right. Your fields shall be rich with increase. Your grain shall burst forth in great multiplication.

You have cried out to Me for open vision. I shall break open the heavens and bring it to you. I shall go before You and grant you vision, plan, and a destiny spread out before you like a canopy of stars.

Mic 2:13 AMP
The Breaker [the Messiah] will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head. [Ex 23:20,21; 33:14; Isa 63:8,9; Hos 3:5; Amos 9:11.]

1 Sam 3:1
And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.

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Demonic Infiltration
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DEMONIC INFILTRATION
I hear your dismay over demonic infiltration, and feeling like your hearing Me is drying up. Precious one, do not fear, I AM here to restore and reconstitute all that has dried up in hearing Me. You may be hiding in a cave; concerned about facing the light in what you are hearing. But I promise you, that even though you run from My voice, My Words will penetrate the cracks of your self imposed shelter and sound down into your ears. Even though you know the mocking of our enemies, you are fully protected, and your storehouse of My Word is fully loaded. Trust Me, I will send My prophetic Word into your life and you shall prosper and break forth as you believe and trust in its certainty.

2 Chronicles 20:20 NKJV
So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

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Keeping Our Gardens
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KEEPING OUR GARDENS

How often we speak not seeing the fruit,
Until it's too late and the weeds take root.
Then we must return to weed our garden,
Uprooting the offenses, covering with pardon.

We soften our hearts, not hardening our chin,
Settling the account, starting once again.
When you have love it's easy to forgive.
God's love washes everything through a sieve.

Forgiving releases all of the debt,
Freeing a life to a brand new set.
It washes away the old days gone by.
It releases heavy hearts that yet sigh.

The snare that comes is with seeds not seen.
They lurk in places not yet redeemed.
These are nurtured with doubt and with thought.
Not sent to the cross, nor received what's been bought.

And so these seeds live on yet unknown.
We know not of them until they are shown.
Return to the garden, pull out the weeds,
Now seeing the fruit of our old seeds.

Offer them up to My healing hand.
Make amends and set free where you can.
Be gentle to cover the hearts that are torn.
Mend and make well places that were shorn.

Say a kind word and love with a hug,
Letting not old places sweep under rug.
Just talk them out and let Me repair -
What's been lurking, you know not where.

Ask forgiveness and trust to try once again,
To walk in My love, which frees from all sin.
It's My love that covers and releases the pain,
Into new days never to be the same.

Acts 24:16 NKJV
This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

2 Cor 6:3-4 NLT
We try to live in such a way that no one will be hindered from finding the Lord by the way we act, and so no one can find fault with our ministry. In everything we do we try to show that we are true ministers of God.

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Self Defense

Sandy Warner

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SELF DEFENSE
Beloved allow Me to vindicate you. When you try to vindicate yourself, you try to clear yourself by proving and maintaining your innocence. There are times to give an explanation of your testimony to teach others who are hungry. And there are times to remain silent. Where you are misunderstood, where you are falsely accused, where you are misaligned, where you are not believed, lean upon ME to become your defense. If you lean upon your own mastery, it will only prolong your trial.

Dearest, please do not strive with men. Allow them their opinions. If what they think stands in the way of your destiny, I will do exactly what is needed to remove their opinions. Learn to lay low before Me. If you humble yourself, in due time I will raise you up. I am the One Who puts down and exalts another. Lay down your self defense precious one. I know this hurts. I know you only want love and unity. Sometimes the way to love is to remain silent in the midst of enemy accusation. In the mean time I will teach you who is hungry for the truth and who opposes such.

Ps 75:6-7 NKJV
For exaltation comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south. But God is the Judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.

1 Sam 25:33 AMP
And blessed be your discretion and advice, and blessed be you who have kept me today from bloodguiltiness and from avenging myself with my own hand.

Heb 10:30-31 AMP
For we know Him Who said, Vengeance is Mine [retribution and the meting out of full justice rest with Me]; I will repay [I will exact the compensation], says the Lord. And again, The Lord will judge and determine and solve and settle the cause and the cases of His people. [Deut 32:35,36.] It is a fearful (formidable and terrible) thing to incur the divine penalties and be cast into the hands of the living God!

Matt 26:62-63 NKJV
And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent.

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Chicken Or Eagle

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My Children, My beautiful children, I have called each of you to be eagles in Me. To rise up and fly high like eagles.

I am calling you to rise up and fly high above the circumstances that have worried you, depressed you, angered you, frustrated you and brought about discouragement. I am calling each of you to rise up like eagles, fly high above your circumstances.

I see you trying to flap your wings and trying to take off, take flight yourself, but you cannot. You do not have the strength to be able to take off on your own. It is My Spirit, resting in My empowerment that will rise you up and allow you to take flight. It is My Spirit that carries you higher than ever before. It is My Spirit that keeps you afloat and empowers you to rise up.

Do not flap your wings anymore. Relax and let go. Allow Me to stretch your wings out and set you to flight. I will show you how and when to take off, and rise above your current circumstances, however dire they may be.

As I have said My children I am calling each of you to fly, I am calling you to fly in all areas of your life. I am calling you to fly in your walk with Me. To rise up, to hear My heart more and more, to allow Me to take you where I want to take you. Allow Me to teach you to be flexible to move by the power of My Spirit.

With an eagle My children it is carried by the wind, it soars, it does not flap. You are to soar in My Spirit. I am calling each of you to soar in your times with Me, allow Me to take you higher, take you deeper in our special times. I am calling each of you to soar in your work, allow Me to carry you by My Spirit in your workplace, to move freely through you, soar by continually listening to My Spirit. Soar in your family lives. Allow Me to pour My love more and more into you, more of My Spirit so that you may soar to the next level in loving and serving those around you, not by your strength, but My strength.

Many of you My children are not soaring, are not flying in Me. Instead of being eagles, you are like chickens, running along the ground, back and forth, and not stopping to hear what My Spirit is trying to say to you. I have not created you to be chickens. I have created you to be eagles.

Chickens stay on the ground, if they take flight, they do not fly high.

Chickens see what is around them, they see like humans see. What is beside them, in front of them, behind them, but the eagle, the eagle sees hindsight. The eagle sees from above. The eagle sees with precision.

As each of you rise up as My eagles, I will teach you as you rise above your current circumstances and allow Me to teach you to soar in every area of your life, you will begin to see the ‘big picture’ of things. You will see My heart in situations in ways you never have before.

I will teach you to truly surrender and soar on My Word. I will teach you to rely completely on My Word, and to rise above things that are bringing you down. I will teach you as you are soaring to rest in Me.

You will rest in Me as you soar, as you are not flapping. I am the one carrying you and directing you. It is My Spirit that is supporting you, so you may completely rest. My heart is for each of you to soar.

I am anointing eyes, I am anointing those in the prophetic to see more. I am opening eyes up, and pouring My Spirit an anointing on My seers eyes. My seers, now is the time of increase. The birthing is in process, and now is the time that you will see at greater depths and lengths than you ever have. You will see things directly from My throne room.

The anointing for the prophetic is growing. I am increasing it for all who want to receive. I am increasing. More, more, more for My eagles, those who want to soar, and not remain as chickens running along the ground, still striving and not allowing My Holy Spirit to carry them, support them and empower them. Not placing themselves in surrender to My Spirit for Me to take them where I want to.

Do not flap anymore My precious Eagles. Do not miss out on all the blessings that I have for each of you by remaining chickens in some areas of your lives.

Do not take in food that I have not provided for you. To remain healthy you must eat well. So it is spiritually. Eagles do not eat chicken food, and chickens do not eat what eagles eat.

Make sure that you are feeding your Spirit what I am giving you. Do not feed it with things of this world. Feed it with things from heaven. Feed it with things that come straight from My hand.

My Word, My revelations, My inspirations to you, My filling, allow these things to feed your Spirit.

Do not feed on gossip, do not feed on slander, but feed on things from My hand. Eagles, watch what you eat. Watch! If you eat things of this world, you will not soar. You will not allow My Spirit to move freely through you and carry you to where I want.

Come to Me, and be ready to fly. Allow Me to stretch out your wings, and empower you by My Holy Spirit to fly.

Many of you have not used your wings, so allow Me to show you what I can do in and through you in your lives and current circumstances.

Do not remain on the ground, in the midst of the worries of this world, and circumstances. Do not be chickens, running back and forth. Do not be chickens too scared to surrender completely, do not be chickens and eat from the seeds that fall to the ground, but soar and come to the glorious feast I have for you. Meats, not seeds. Meats! Meat from My hand for you to chew on. Revelations for you to chew on.

It is time for you My children to soar. No more being chickens.

Choose today My Eagles, choose today what you will be. An Eagle or a Chicken.

Choose to either be a chicken that stays on the ground, immersed in things of this world, or come to me and choose to be an eagle to allow Me to teach you to fly, and soar above all things in your life.

When you choose to be eagles, you are completely surrendering to My Holy Spirit to carry you and take you where you need to be. Trust Me, and remember eagles do not flap. Chickens do, and I am not calling My children to be chickens.

The Great Consuming Fire
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I am the Great Consuming Fire. I have the flame that never stops burning. I am the fire that lights up hearts that have been broken desolate and cold for so long. I am the Flame that re-ignites hope and re-ignites a passion for Me.

I am the Flame that brings life to dead places. I am the Flame that brings warmth to those who are feeling alone. I am the Flame that brings comfort to a wounded child, bringing warmth to the infected area.

I am the Flame that leads the way in dark places. I am the Flame that exposes things that are hidden, that are not of Me, and need to be exposed. I am the Great Flame, and I cannot be put out. I cannot be hidden, and nothing can hinder Me and My movement.

As water removes the existence of a normal flame, nothing can remove My existence for I am the Almighty Flame. I have existed before time began, and nobody created Me. I am the beginning and the end. I am the Great Flame.

I come and take residence in the hearts of My children. I light your hearts, set your hearts aflame, but many of you have allowed the flame to dwindle. Many of you have lost the intense love and passion you had for Me. Many of you have allowed the things of this world, your own selfish desires and cares to snuff out the flame that I started in your heart. The flame of eternity, the flame of love and passion for Me.

I the Great Flame search the hearts of My children. I search your hearts. Nothing is hidden from Me. I search your hearts and find the hidden motives, hidden sins, and hidden attitudes that are not of Me. I bring them to light, and burn them away with My fire. My fire burns away all the dross of your lives.

I am the Great Consuming Fire. I consume everything. I do not consume half of things, and leave the other half, I consume all. I want to consume all of you My children.

Many of you are not fully surrendering to Me and allowing Me to burn away things in your life that are not of Me. Some of you are loving to hold onto things that are not of Me. Some of you allowing circumstances and situations to keep you from surrendering to Me, the Great Flame, to bring about death to those things that are not of Me. To bring about a revival within you.

My children, I the Great Flame, when I touch something, when I put My hand on something, it brings revival. Nothing stays the same when My consuming fire is poured out.

Do you want personal revival? Ask Me to pour out My consuming fire upon you. Do you want your hearts to be stirred again with a passion for My name? Then ask Me to pour out My consuming fire. Do you want to see the Lord your God in a way you never have before? Then ask Me to remove the things from your life that are not of Me. Do you want to see breakthrough? Then pray and ask Me to bring My consuming fire upon your situation and burn all that is hindering a breakthrough.

I see you My children, and you want revival. Revival for your hearts and revival for your families and nations. I will bring about this revival BUT it must start with you.

Revival beings within YOU! You must be willing for Me, the Great Flame, the Great Consuming Fire, to burn away things in your life that are not pleasing to Me, in order for Me to bring about revival within you.

It is painful. When I the Great Consuming Fire, fall upon things that are not of Me, they are burnt. This is painful. Many will not endure the sacrifice and hardship, but those that do, come out the other side. They come out and their hearts have been revived, My Spirit is moving greatly within them more than ever before, more room for Me to move, and they are shining brighter than the purest gold.

Yes, hear this My children. When you allow Me to come and consume you, and you walk through the fire of trials and the burning away of things not of Me, you will come out shining brighter than the purest gold.

Many want transformation but without the burning away of dross in their lives, and the pain of that. You cannot escape the pain of dying to self and allowing My Spirit to burn away the dross in your lives when you want more of Me.

Do not allow your hearts to be cold and hard. Some of you have allowed your hearts to be cold and hard from wounds, and bitterness and unforgiveness, you need to allow My Fire, My Consuming Fire to come, to BREAKTHROUGH and bring life and warmth to your hearts again.

Revival, My Spirit is calling out Revival. I will be returning soon, and I am preparing My children NOW. My heart is yearning to pour out revival upon My children, but how many of you really want it? How many of you are really willing to pay the price to endure the fire to bring about revival in your hearts.

Allow Me to fan the flames in your hearts. You are to continue to bring yourselves to a place where I can fan this flame by My Spirit. You have the Great Flame living within you. I the Great Flame live in each of you.

I have great works for each of you to do, but you cannot do great works for Me, if you have allowed complacency and the worries of this world, and attitudes of the flesh to keep you complacent and far from a passionate love for Me.

I want My children to love Me passionately. The more and more My consuming fire touches your hearts, you will NOT remain the same. You will be changed from glory to glory. You can NEVER have too much passion for Me. You can NEVER be too on fire for Me. You can NEVER be too revived by Me.

Revival begins within the hearts of My children. You are calling out for revival within your families and cities and nations, then let it begin with you. Stop fighting Me and the hard part of dying to flesh and allow Me to move powerfully.

As you endure the fire, My Consuming Fire that will burn up all the dross of your lives, you will NOT be burned. I will NOT bring upon you a fire that is too hot to burn you, or destroy you. For I am a God of love.

I will bring about My fire upon you, Myself, the Great Flame, that is just the right temperature. The heat will not get too much for you, as I will not take you to a place where you cannot handle what is happening.

Not one hair on your head will be singed. You will be changed from glory to glory.

My children, I am calling you as My bride. To rise up and shine. Shine now in the darkness. Allow Me to shine through you. As you endure the fire more and more, My fire, you will shine brighter than the noonday sun. You will walk into dark places and light up the room.

You will be a bright lamp on a hill that will bright light to places that have not seen the light. You will see Me use you My children, and you will see My flame in you reach out further through you than ever before.

My bride, as time is drawing closer and closer to My return, I have things which I need to be accomplished. I will do wonders through you, as you are willing to be more and more consumed by Me that the world has not yet seen.

You are living in the times where I am moving quickly. There is an urgency in My Spirit. You will touch the sick and they will be healed, you will speak to the dead to rise up and they will rise. You will tell the lame to walk and they will walk. You will touch the eyes of the blind and they will see. You will touch the spiritually deaf and blind and they will hear and see.

Walk into your destiny My bride. I the Great Flame, Your Great Husband love you, My church.

Rise up and allow Me, the Great Flame to consume you. PAY THE PRICE!

Pay the price that I am calling you to pay in order to be used greatly by Me.

You will walk the streets and people will see MY FIRE in your eyes. You My children carry My Fire, You carry My presence. I live in you.

Rise up out of normality and worry. Rise up out of the mundane everyday life. Surrender to the move of My hand, surrender to Me.

Allow Me the Great consuming fire to take over you. I will leave NOTHING untouched. Allow Me to come, and take over. Fan the flame in your hearts again. Bring revival to you.

Nothing that I the Great Consuming Fire touches ever stays the same. Are you willing to be touched and revived by Me, the Almighty Flame?

Casting Off Bondages

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Casting Off Bondages of Past Religion Releases True Spiritual Authority

God, our Father is speaking a personal word of magnificence - of release into heavenly realms - of true spiritual authority - of supernatural connection into open heavens. This is a word to you and I personally, and not to just someone else.

A blanket of religious slavery has restrained us for so long that we have accepted the limitations imposed by the restraints of religion and natural life. Under the blanket of limitation we have occupied ourselves with endeavors powered by human intellect and flesh. We have submitted to a false ceiling imposed by religious authority that called itself "spiritual authority". The blanket must be cast off! Our limiting systems of religious beliefs must be washed away and our spiritual minds renewed to the pure Word and Spirit of God.

The vastness of the heavens flowing the unblocked and unfiltered light of God awaits us. As we now lift the corner of the blanket and look out our hearts race with the excitement of the heavenly aroma of the fresh air of heaven entering our spiritual nostrils and filling our spiritual lungs with exciting reality of pure love and pure faith that produces limitless life. A desire and strength burst into our heart to throw off the blanket and be lifted upward toward Christ our true head and God our Father.

Released from the limited light of the false coverings we look up into the vastness of the wide place of the brightness of unlimited supernatural possibility. No longer restrained to fit the powerless form of religion, we are released (YOU and I) into the realm of God where truly nothing is impossible. Released from past restraints, the limitless faith of Jesus touches heaven and earth and Christ in us truly can do all things. Nothing is beyond possibility as you and I become one with God.

Experiencing His unfiltered love and bright light of truth causes even greater humility and we are broken and emptied of all our life strength and filled with only His heart, His mind, His faith, His love, His glorious eternal life. Though we are dead to our life and dead to our past religious ways we are more alive than ever with His quality of eternal life.

We now become enlightened to true spiritual authority and must accept that we now have true spiritual authority flowing through us. As He moves in us we can speak to the storm and it will be still. We can speak to the mountain and it will be cast into the sea. We can speak to the dead to come out of the tomb and they shall arise. We can touch and bring change into multitudes of lives and transform cities and nations. We can give a cup of cool water, provide food to the hungry, clothes to the naked, visit those in prison and provide for the widows and orphans.

The vast power of God upon this planet to reach the lost and transform the world is currently locked up in boxes of religion. Powerful men and women of God with supernatural potential sit on pews and submit to the religious limitations of "laity". Maybe they teach a Sunday school class in which they teach the limits of restrained life that they themselves have lived under all their lives. Not knowing they have the potential to command the demons that torment them and that are destroying their children. Waiting for someone else to come by and stir the waters of their stagnant pool of limited belief trained into them under the blanket of religion. Trusting in Jesus to only get them to heaven when they die. Not knowing that He has limitless eternal life for them now.

Preachers and teachers with the very best of intent continue to perpetuate the "truths" or doctrines that have been trained into them under the blanket. Standing as "clergy" and feeding the "laity" what ever they or headquarters thinks they should eat. Many leaders who may have looked out at times from under the corner of the blanket and may even be walking in a measure of freedom are yet restrained from the supernatural reality of open heaven living. They turn back to the security of the systems of religion and carry on as "pastor" over "laity", all the while wondering why their lives are so hard and why they are never able to do enough to measure up to the needs of their congregations.

The message of God is sounding out to "clergy" as from Moses to Pharaoh, "LET MY PEOPLE GO!" The people of God must be set free to cross the Jordan of death to old ways and freedom from past bondage. It was not good for Pharaoh after holding back God's people and it will not be good to be one holding back the people of God today.

The message of God to His people held in captivity in the past has been as the message of Jeremiah to God's people held captive in Babylon. They were told the captivity would be long and to faithfully serve the king of Babylon and live in peace and prosper in the captivity. The other prophets that told them the captivity would be short and to not cooperate with the king of Babylon were proven to be liars. It is good that we have served the religious systems that took us captive as a people centuries ago. It is the same as rebelling against God to resist what He has done. David never came against Saul though Saul attempted to destroy Him many times. In time God delivered David and made him the Shepherd King example of Christ.

But there also came a time when the captivity of God's people was finished. Then Jeremiah spoke God's judgement upon Babylon and spoke the word of God to the people of God to come out of Babylon. Jeremiah Spoke to the people of God in, Jer 51:45 "My people, go out of the midst of her! And let everyone deliver himself from the fierce anger of the LORD."

Babylon could not be healed just as our passing religious systems cannot be reformed. Revival, renewal, restoration, and reformation are changing God's people and not changing the religious systems of the past. The reality of the presence of God and the awesome reality of His consuming love is purifying those who are coming out from under the blanket of limitation.

The reformation process that began around 500 years ago is reaching a time of rapid progression as the powerful presence of the love of God is manifesting among the people of God. His presence is washing our minds of our old intellectually derived interpretations of Scripture and opening us to the reality of the Word of God by His Spirit. Only a pure humble heart filled with the Spirit can truly hear the Word of God clearly. The intellect alone will never discern the truth of the Word. It is Spiritual and must be revealed in us by the Spirit of God.

It is time for you and I to experience a major reformation. Time to really consider what we believe to be our limitations and open up to the vast arena of the possibilities of God. Time to come aside from our routine of limited life and seek the revelation of His eternal limitless life. Perhaps a time to reconsider our call and search out the heart of God and the fullness of His supernatural life for us.

Most of us may have never really touched or even envisioned the kingdom potential of God in our lives. In this season of religion fading away and God's kingdom coming forth, isn't it time to remove the lid from our minds and let the Spirit open the heavens to us. What is so desirable about our limited routine lives that would cause us to hold back from going for all God has and blowing the lid off? I don't know about you but for me, I must go for it.

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Citizens of Heaven

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In the last days the body of Christ will become one with Christ. Just as a bride has her eyes fixed on her bridegroom, we will see and live only for our Lord. And our passion for Him will draw us together as one body. We will truly become one in the Spirit together with our Lord. Indeed, we will become the bride of Christ, as our passion for Him increases.

Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; their minds are on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven (see Philippians 3:18-20).

Paul wrote to the Philippian church of a dilemma he was having: a conflict of interests between the longing in his heart and the reasoning of his mind. He told them, **"To live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21)**. He was torn between his desire to live and remain on this earth to serve Christ and his desire to be with Christ.

"If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body" (Philippians 1:22-24).

He had so positioned himself in Christ in the spirit realm that his heart was charged with a deep longing to be with Him in heaven. He wanted to be with the One he loved, and yet it was for the One he loved that he remained on earth. To serve the cause of Christ and the kingdom of heaven, he had to stay on earth.

Kingdom Minded

Yet, while serving Christ on earth, Paul knew that his citizenship was in heaven. He lived his earthly life for heavenly purposes. His mind was not set on what he could gain for this life, but in the next. He knew that the real prize was in living his life to build for the eternal kingdom, to which, though on earth, he belonged. He was kingdom minded; his mind was set on the eternal kingdom of God.

His heart was set on the things to come, not on the things of this earth (see Colossians 3:2). His heart was with his King. He aspired to please the One he loved, whether in life or in death: **"So that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death" (Philippians 1:20)**.

Paul's love for his Lord spurned him on to plant the seed of Christ in the hearts of others, as many as would receive. He lived his life not for himself, but to proclaim the life of Jesus. It was for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ that he lived, laying down his own ambitions and desires for that of his King. His life was poured out so that others would receive Jesus.

A Higher Purpose

A life of sacrifice lived for the Lamb of God is a life profoundly lived. To lay down our lives out of passion for our Lord is to live a life of elevated intensity and with great purpose.

To live for Jesus makes us resolute and unstoppable. We are not living for ourselves, but for a much higher purpose. That is why, in noble gentleness, we do all for the sake of the King of heaven. Any battle we face, we fight, not for ourselves, but for Him.

When our eyes are fixed on our King, we will fear nothing. The love we have for Him overcomes any fears we may face. And like a good soldier who readies himself for battle by reminding himself of what he is fighting for, we must focus on Who we are fighting for. We fight not for earthly gain, but for an eternal cause. We fight for the One we love: the King of heaven.

This is not an oppressive task; it is liberating! We can live free now. We can live free from fear and the need for competition with one another. We can live free from jealousy, for we are all working for the same cause and have the same goals. And if our brother succeeds in edifying the kingdom, then we should be overjoyed for him. When he succeeds we all succeed, for we are one in Christ.

A good soldier does not fight against his fellow soldier to become a greater hero than his friend, but he fights for and with his fellow soldiers to build them up so that the cause they are fighting for will be helped. We are to build up one another so that the body of Christ as a whole can work in unison with one another for the glory of our King.

Champions in Christ

If we live and operate in this earthly realm, being earthly minded, we are playing by its rules and we will lose. We have no authority to operate with a worldly mind set, therefore we become its victim and lose our victory.

However, if we live according to the heavenly realm, with our minds fixed on Jesus, we walk in the victory that He gave us, and we operate in the level of authority Christ did. We are then living by the rules of heaven and, by the authority of heaven, we are made victorious through Christ's victory. **"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (Colossians 2:15)**.

For we have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority (see Colossians 2:10), and Christ is the fullness of God on earth (see Colossians 2:9). If we live in Christ, we live in the victory He won for us at Calvary; we are made champions of the earth; we truly become the head and not the tail. You are the richness of God when you walk in Christ!

As we walk in the victory and authority of Christ we become unstoppable! So we must focus on Christ, and live in Him: **"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your heart on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Colossians 3:1-2)**.

If we, who are set apart for Christ, live according to the rules of this earthly realm, we are nothing according to its standards and have little power to influence it. But if we live our lives for the kingdom of heaven, we are heirs to the promises of God and seated with God in Christ (see Ephesians 2:6).

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). Our life is

Christ; we live in Him, and it is only by living in Him that we can truly live. You are no longer who you once were, but you have been made a new creation in Christ, and you are hidden with Him in God. Your life outside of God is no longer congenial; now you live only in Him.

Heirs with Christ

" . . . giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints of Light. For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:12-13

We have become a part of the kingdom of the Son, and God has qualified us to share in the inheritance of that kingdom. It is only through becoming a part of His kingdom that we will walk in the authority He did. As we are united with Christ, we walk in His authority as His bride.

As a bride takes her husband's name, she becomes a new person; she assumes His name and whatever honor and authority that goes with it. So it is with the Bride of Christ. We must assume our place by His side and reign with Him, ruling with the authority He has given us.

We must become His passionate bride driven by an all-consuming passion for our Lord. Our greatest desire must be to be one with Him. Driven by love for our King, our lives will be consumed by Him and only then can we truly live.

Beloved, let us become one with Jesus and see our burning passion for Him ignite the world!

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Cedars of Lebanon

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Today, the third day of the week, the 15th of the 11th month - Sh'vat - is a special day here in the land. It is a day that we plant trees and redeem the land thereby. This day is called Tu B'sh'vat. As a part of the early Zionist movement, the reclamation of our inheritance started by the purchase of lots and resettling the land, known at the time as Palestine and ruled over by the Ottoman empire. The Ottomans had a rule that when trees were planted on a parcel of land it gave one a legal right to the given lot. In 1901 an organization was established in the form of a fund for the expressed purpose of redeeming the Land of Israel. The early Jewish Zionists who had the vision for such an entity gave of their lives and substance to see the birth and restoration of the Jewish Nation. This fund was called "The Jewish National Fund" or Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael. The Keren Kayemeth is responsible for the purchase and the development of much of the realastate that later became the State of Israel. But the K.K.L's function is not over. The developed and re-afforested land calls for good stewardship, which this organization still provides. Tu B'sh'vat is therefore an opportunity for the K.K.L to celebrate the land and its natural resources.

We, of the House of Joseph/Ephraim, are almost in the same condition as our brother Judah was 150 years ago. We too are just beginning to discover our national identity and the land (not the identical areas as those of Judah, see letter 246) that is still awaiting redemption. Perhaps there is something to be learned in how YHVH established Judah's nation. Thus I would like to share with you over the next couple of days a portion of the story of the JNF, taken from their magazine called "Seed and Deed" by Izi Mann, to be capped by a short article by a fellow-Israelite, whose vision is very much along these lines.

FROM THE FOREWARD: How to sum up 100 years of work in a few lines? How to condense in a few words the mission of redeeming a land for a people returning home, of planting forests on a scale of 220 million trees, of building 115 water reservoirs, restoring and reviving rivers, developing hundreds of recreation areas and parks, reclaiming land for some 1,000 communities, rolling back the desert, carving out thousands of kilometers of roads and bringing Zionist education to the entire Jewish diaspora?

FROM THE SECTION ON "THE FIRST DECADE":

Was it the sound of Theodor Herzl's gavel that set the delegates' hearts racing at the Fifth Zionist Congress in Basle in December 1901? Or was it because of Yona Kremenetzky's tears that the die was cast - leading to the establishment of the National Institution that was to become the executive arm of the Zionist Organization? Congress delegates burst into thunderous applause as the vote was announced for the founding of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF). It was a momentous occasion, and the delegates knew it. It was the moment that Zionism actually set foot in Erez Israel - not by mere words, declarations, debates and resolutions but by land reclamation via a national fund of and on behalf of the Jewish People.

Theodor Herzl's voice resounded through the hall of the Basle Casino, where the Fifth Zionist Congress had convened. He said that the time had come to implement the plan for a national fund. "The people" he said "will forever be not only the donors, but also the owners of this dedicated capital." When Herzl stepped down from the podium, one or another of the representatives of the Jewish People rose to speak for or against the proposal. After four days of deliberations, there was a sense of urgency in the air: the making or breaking of a crucial - the most crucial, perhaps - endeavor to restore the Jewish People to its homeland.

One of the delegates, Dr. Schalit, explained that the fund would be "the eternal possession of the Jewish People. Its monies would be used solely for the purpose of land purchase." To many people it was clear that, whereas the Congress spoke Zionism, a fund could practice Zionism. Broadly supported, it "could be an important instrument of the practical work," as another delegate said.

Yet another delegate cited Professor Zvi Hermann Shcapira's vision for a national fund to reclaim the soil of Israel. "Schapira," noted this delegate from Poland, "said that once the idea of a national fund were realized, he would be able to die in peace. I say the opposite: "once an abiding [kayemeth] national fund [karen] is realized, I will be able to live in peace."

Schapira, who passed away shortly before the Second Zionist Congress convened in 1898, never knew that four years later his proposal would figure prominently in a drama that was to be remembered as one of the high points of the Congresses. It was a moment when all eyes again turned eastward, to Erez Israel, and a day when Zionism in the diaspora reconnected with a land that was far from the body, but close to the heart.

To be continued,

Tomorrow or Thursday I will send the next portion

This is a continuation of the article that I sent out yesterday. I hope that you will take time to read this most dramatic and interesting story:

While Schapirs's proposal had many advocates, it had also one critic, jurist Max Bodenheirmer, who insisted on a precise legal formulation of the fund's goals prior to approval. For this reason, the voting on the fund's establishment had been postponed from one Congress to another. And even on that cold winter day in 1901, there were those who again suggested putting off the vote because the charter stipulating its powers had not yet been fully set down. With a majority of 81 to 54, Bodenheimer had again succeeded in pushing through a resolution to defer the vote on the fund's establishment to the next Congress.

Theodor Herzl had not been present in the hall when the resolution was adopted, and one of the delegates rushed off to inform him of what had happened. Finding him in the lobby of the building, he had also told Herzl that Vienna delegate Yona Kremenetzky, who had championed the ratification of the fund's establishment, had broken down in tears upon hearing that the decision had again been delayed.

Herzl, who saw the land of Israel reflected in Kremenetzky's tears, had hurried back to the hall. There, his loyal aide and deputy, David Wolffsohn, who was to become the second president of the Zionist Organization, suggested a way out of the predicament: a revote, divided into two parts. First, Congress delegates would vote on the question in principle of whether or not a fund should be formed. Only afterwards, would they discuss its functions. Herzl pressed Congress participants for a decision "so that we do not disperse again, having accomplished nothing, after years of exploring the possibility of establishing a national fund." Turning to the delegates of the Fifth Congress, he had issued an impassioned plea: We do not wish to disperse yet again without creating this apparatus!"

Lengthy discussion followed; finally, he had demanded of the Congress, "Do you want us to start a national fund immediately, yes or no?" Many were the voices in the audience that answered in the affirmative; he continued: Yours is the power to decide whether to postpone the establishment of the fund for another two years or until the coming of the Messiah!" And from all corners of the hall came a roaring chorus of "NO! NO!" Gratified by the reaction, Herzl had put to the vote a proposal that " the fund will be the property of the entire Jewish People." Congress delegates cast their ballots. A hush fell over the hall: as if here, at this moment, the fate of the land of Israel and the Zionist Movement hung on the scales. When Herzl announced the results 105 in favor and 82 opposed - stormy applause rocked the hall. At 7:40 p.m. on December 29th 1901, 19 Tevet 5638 according to the Hebrew calendar, Herzl proclaimed: "Thus, this date became the anniversary and festival of Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael-Jewish National Fund (KKL-JNF).

By a strange coincidence, the date already was a festival in Erez Israel. On that same day, in 1878, the first furrow had been plowed at the farming colony of Petah Tikva (door or gate of hope). So that First Furrow Day became also KKL-JNF Day. The same day. the festival, of the land of Israel.

After the close of the First Zionist Congress, Herzl had written in his diary that in Basle he had created the Jewish state. Four years later, in the same city, Herzl created KKL - JNF, which, fifty years later, would largely determine the borders of the state he had foreseen.

The proposal to establish a national, popular fund of far-reaching vision had been raised back at the First Zionist Congress by Zvi Hermann Schapira, a mathematics professor at Germany's Heidelberg University; its purpose: to purchase land in Palestine. The Congress had welcomed the plan with enthusiasm, resolving that there was "a special need to establish a national fund and a Jewish bank." And it had charged the Zionist Executive with drafting a detailed proposal for discussion at the following Congress. Herzl, too, had been excited by Schapira's motion, though in no rush to raise the subject at the successive Congresses; perhaps because he had hoped first to receive a charter from the Turkish Sultan for the establishment of a Jewish state. In his eyes, the political initiatives to this end took precedence over a fund. He believed that only after he had acquired a charter, and the Jews began to immigrate to Erez Israel, would there be a need for a fund of a "general-national character", as Schapira had put it, to purchase land.

But in the winter of 1901, upon the convening of the Fifth Zionist Congress, the charter that Herzl dreamt of seemed all too remote. Consequently, Yona Kremenetzky, an industrialist and electrical engineer, decided to urge Herzl and the leaders of the new Zionist movement to create a fund that would restore the land to the ownership of the Jewish People, regardless of any political measures. Keremenetzky, who saw the land of Israel in his mind's eye, knew that the surest road to reach it was not through international politics, but through the heart of the Jewish People and its yearning for its land.

This article by Izi Mann was taken from the KKL - JNF magazine "Seed and Deed" Printed in Jerusalem, Israel 2002

This is quite unusual for me to be bombarding your mail box with this information. So please forgive me. But in relationship to the two previous emails I want to introduce you to a fellow Israelite/Ephraimite.

Canadian Bruce Balfour, was charged and convicted of "spying for Israel" in abstensia in a Lebanese military court in Beirut, Lebanon in the early spring of 2003. After going through four military trials and teaching the Bible through most of it, he was charged and convicted of a new crime, "teaching the Bible boldly." He was visited by some of the top cabinet ministers of the Canadian government at the Roumieh Prison and the "spying for Israel" conviction was dropped. Through intensive world media coverage and millions praying for him, his deliverance came and he left Lebanon a free man on September 3, 2003. He has since written a book about his experiences called "Rivers of Blessings: The Heart and Path of a Simple Servant." Learn more from his website www.freedom-ministries.org

If you have read my testimony/book "Back to the Land", he is the one that we went into Lebanon with in 1983. As part of his work in Lebanon and of his prophetic vision for that land, Bruce has been involved in re-introducing the cedars which have been greatly depleted from the "land of the cedars". Consequently he found himself in some dire circumstances as mentioned above. Below is a short article he has written, in which he shares what he is doing now, all of which has to do with reclaiming the land of our ancestors.

Blessings on your day, Ephraim REDEMPTION OF THE LAND BY PLANTING TREES ON MOUNT HERMON

Bruce writes: In those challenging days of old, when the slopes of Mount Hermon were heavily forested with the biblical Cedars of Lebanon and other trees of importance, "Yahshua" made His way up the slopes with Peter, James and John to a divine meeting on the summit with Elijah and Moses. As you recall a voice was heard out of a cloud: "This is my beloved Son, hear him" (Mark 9:7). [Note:

there are conjectures as to where the scene of the "transfiguration" had actually taken place], but because Yahshua traveled in those areas this mountain is the hightest.

On these same slopes of the Mount of Transfiguration a planting/redemption is being birthed to restore the biblical cedars and other appropriate species back in the soil. This planting will be the first time in history that such a biblical reforestation project will be undertaken on Mount Hermon.

The Cedar of Lebanon is described by the Creator, in Ezekiel 31, as the most beautiful tree planted in the Garden of Eden. Yahweh chose it to build His temple here in Jerusalem (ref 1Kings and 2 Chron), which has such deep meaning to the lover and student of "the Word". Solomon's house took twice as long to build, and was called "The house of the forest of Lebanon". It was probably the most awesome wood house ever constructed in the history of the world.

The Cedar is spoken of 72 times in the bible and rich meaning is attached to it, including comparing the Almighty to "The Great Cedar" under whose shadow all great nations dwell (and isn't it interesting that it is in the territory of Ephraim Zech 10:10. In Psalm 92 it says: "The righteous one grows like a cedar in Lebanon for those who are planted in the house of Yahweh". In Isaiah 61 Yahweh says that it is "His planting."

Now the time has come to begin to redeem the land which the Creator chose to be His forever alongside of our brother Yehuda. If the Almighty is drawing you in your spirit to be a part of this redemption please email me at: cedarsoflebanon2002@yahoo.com

The first planting is planned for Tu 'Bishvat (the "new year of the tree") 2006, late January, in cooperation with the "Jewish National Fund".

Bruce

Shalom Fellow Israelite, Jan 28, 2005 Interestingly, just as the installments about the Jewish National Fund we sent to you, a controversy arose here in Israel, when an Israeli-Arab civil rights organization protested the fact that plots for building, on J.N.F land (which comprise 12% of all land in Israel), would not be sold to Arabs. The Jewish National Fund's lands have been bought with money donated or given exclusively by Jews, for over 100 years and are therefore declaredly the property of the Jewish people. "The JNF is convinced that Israel is the state of the Jewish people," said Yehiel Leket, the J.N.F.'s director. "It is still a state in the making, both in terms of security and the need to safeguard its Jewish character. The Law of Return guarantees the Jewish majority and it is the JNF's role to provide land for the Jewish people."

The attempt at expropriating the rights to Jewish-owned land, of abolishing the right of return to Jews, because it is "racist", and on and on… all aim at doing away with the Jewish character of the state of the Jews, as well as with Zionism. Since Oslo and on through all the other attempts, the UN and the Arab world have bandd together to eliminate the Zionist Jewish State. Our government has now joined the effort and turned against the very root of this restoration by attacking the JNF. We thought it quite amazing that we felt to share with you the history of this organization, which is now in danger of completely losing its rights to the ownership of purchased possession. Israel's Attorney-General, Mazuz, declared that "the state cannot defend a policy in which the Israel Lands Authority prevents Israeli Arabs from applying for building plots on land belonging to the Jewish National Fund". Thus a precedent is being set for abolishing various facets of Jewish nationalism, which may ultimately lead to the globalistic-humanist stand of de-legitimizing Zionism altogether within the State of Israel. However, as we know, man may plan his way, but there is only one who is in charge – He who watches Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps and I hope that we of the redeemed remenant of Israel/Ephram are awake and alert too.

Below is an encouraging and interesting response to the J.N.F installments of the past few days and to the new effort pioneered by Bruce Balfour, which illustrates that our Father has all the ends of this matter tied together, and always has had…

Shalom Ephraim

Thanks for introducing this matter! I am so deeply blessed by it. To this date, I have never heard of anyone besides those of our own fellowship taking special interest in Lebanon as part of the Land of Beulah, and now I learn of Bruce! What a delight. I am nearly in tears over this latest step in the accomplishment of the Plan of Restoration of the Land. Our Father surely does watch over His Word to perform it, year after year, through all kinds of agents and agencies. It's all coming together, in His "fullness of time," Praise His Name!

This story [of the J.N.F] is of wonderful significance. I had heard of the JNF, but I had no idea of its history or goals. What an inspiration led to it, and what results derived from it! From this perspective, it surely looks like the Hand of YHVH in History, doesn't it? He operated through the House of Judah to recover real estate--the first instance of "Facts On the Ground."

Now let me share with you how the same Elohim operated through the House of Ephraim--at the very same time!-- to recover not real estate, but reality in the fulfillment of prophecy. This is a most wonderful conjunction of YHVH's agencies, though each was probably unknown to the other!

At the Bible School in Maine which formed the nucleus and foundation of the fellowship I've referred to in writing you before, the teaching of the Two Houses was alive and well, starting about 1898. All my grandparents were students in those days, and my paternal grandparents became prayer missionaries in Palestine about 1904 and 05, and were married there (on station) in 1906. But that's only by the way.

What's more important is that in 1901, the teacher at that school felt clearly directed by the voice of YHVH to his heart ("Jerusalem Next") to go with his wife and two devoted women students to Jerusalem, hire a room for the two, and commission them to pray on site for the restoration of the City and the Land. But as the planning began, it became clear that YHVH was not going to be satisfied with two--He was after 12! Eventually, in June, 1901, a group of 12 set out from Boston, and after a long stay for mission work in England, and another in Egypt, they arrived in Jerusalem in May, 1902.

Their purpose in going was what is so striking to me, having read your JNF account. They were going, consciously (and, they felt, at YHVH's direction), as representatives of the 12 Tribes, returning to what they now explicitly believed was *their* Land to establish true heart worship of the Elohim of Israel, in tribal unity on site! I see this as a spiritual complement to what the House of Judah was doing to recover their lost real estate. For "The Twelve" as they came to be known, their mission was to recover their lost spiritual and tribal heritage as a symbolic re-uniting of both Houses. This is amazing to me, as I see how our Father was operating at various levels to accomplish His plan! And no doubt He is continuing to do the same today. What more aspects may yet come to light!

And there's more to this story. The Twelve remained on station in a small house in Jerusalem (which is still there at 17 Ethiopia St.) until some time in 1903, when they moved to a large brand new house west of the City. That is also still there, having recently been used as the Bezalel School. The Twelve and the others who had joined them by this time were its first inhabitants. The building was under construction when they leased it, and it was finished to their specifications. But there were two more climactic events yet to come.

By October of 1902, they felt YHVH had clearly directed them representatively and symbolically to enact a "restoration" for the two Houses of Israel. What they understood it to mean was the restoration of the Kingdom of David, under the sovereignty of Messiah, in a single national Entity. It was for them the groundwork, spiritually, for the joining of the two sticks-- under one King. This was so clear, so real to them in spirit, that in their comprehension the Kingdom of David / Son of David had been renewed in October of 1902.

The other climactic event for these people, still operating within the context of what they viewed as the "restoration of all things," took place in 1906. The teacher, with a small group of explorers, was searching out the biblical borders of the Promised Land. They were at that time on the coast at the northern end. (In a few years, others of the group made a complete and historic land journey around the inland borders to explore and pray over their restoration.) Tripoli was the town, and they were searching for the northern inland turning point of the border, Mt. Hor, as described in Scripture. Finding what they thought might be it, they were swept by an outpouring of the Spirit, and they expressed in a faith-filled prayer the conviction that the Land was there and then "restored" not as Israel, or Palestine, or Canaan, etc., but by the future, prophetic name, "Beulah." This was a moment of supreme inspiration, according to their accounts, and it was accompanied by a tremendous sense of divine approval.

My grandparents were in Jerusalem at the time, and were married within a week of this event, remaining there until the end of 1909, and giving birth to 3 of their 5 children (including my father) in that house.

All this, you see, was going on in the spiritual world, unseen and unknown by the Zionist Congresses, but cooperating with them nonetheless! And cooperating as both Houses! I am so much encouraged to hear the "other side" of this story, that I thought you might find similar encouragement in hearing this side!

I realize, of course, that probably no one else in modern Israel had (or has) any idea of what I'm recounting, but as you and I both recognize, pubic recognition is unnecessary when it comes to the Elohim of Israel bringing His plan to fruition by whatever hidden agencies He chooses! Those who lived through those experiences were in no doubt about their significance, even if hidden from the public. And their faith was so sublime that it has echoed and re-echoed in my own spirit right down to the present, as I've learned of these things! Wonderful truths to contemplate, and more, to perpetuate, in ongoing prayer for the restoration process to continue. This forms one of the ongoing "ministries" in our fellowship right down to the present: "watchmen on the walls." Tim

I hope you enjoyed this as much as I did. Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Church Of Martyrs

Anthony Browne

An atheist looks at the persecution of Christians.

For most citizens of Iraq, the invasion meant the end of tyranny. For one group, however, it meant a new start: the country's historic Christian community. When the war stopped, persecution by Islamists, held in check by Saddam, started.

At a church in Basra I visited a month after the war ended, the women complained of attacks against them for not wearing the Islamic veil. I saw many Christian-owned shops that had been firebombed, with many of the owners killed for exercising their legal right to sell alcohol. Two years and many church attacks later, Iraq may still be occupied by Christian foreign powers, but the Islamist plan to ethnically cleanse Iraq of its nearly 2,000-year-old Assyrian and Armenian Christian communities is reaching fruition.

There is nothing unusual about the persecution of Iraqi Christians, or the unwillingness of other Christians to help them. Rising nationalism and fundamentalism around the world have meant that Christianity is going back to its roots as the religion of the persecuted. There are now more than 300 million Christians who are either threatened with violence or legally discriminated against simply because of their faith — more than any other religion. Christians are no longer, as far as I am aware, thrown to the lions. But from China, North Korea and Malaysia, through India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, they are subjected to legalised discrimination, violence, imprisonment, relocation and forced conversion. Even in supposedly Christian Europe, Christianity has become the most mocked religion, its followers treated with public suspicion and derision and sometimes — such as the would-be EU commissioner Rocco Buttiglione — hounded out of political office.

I am no Christian, but rather a godless atheist whose soul doesn't want to be saved, thank you. I may not believe in the man with the white beard, but I do believe that all persecution is wrong. The trouble is that the trendies who normally champion human rights seem to think persecution is fine, so long as it's only against Christians. While Muslims openly help other Muslims, Christians helping Christians has become as taboo as jingoistic nationalism.

On the face of it, the idea of Christians facing serious persecution seems as far-fetched as a carpenter saving humanity. Christianity is the world's most followed religion, with two billion believers, and by far its most powerful. It is the most popular faith in six of the seven continents, and in both of the world's two biggest economies, the US and Europe. Seven of the G8 richest industrial nations are majority Christian, as are four out of five permanent members of the UN Security Council. The cheek-turners control the vast majority of the world's weapons of mass destruction.

When I bumped into George Bush in the breakfast room of the US embassy in Brussels last month, standing right behind me were two men in uniform carrying the little black 'nuclear football', containing the codes to enable the world's most powerful Christian to unleash the world's most powerful nuclear arsenal. Christians claiming persecution seem as credible as Bill Gates pleading poverty. But just as Christian-majority armies control Iraq as it ethnically cleanses itself of its Christian community, so the power of Christian countries is of little help to the Christian persecuted where most Christians now live: the Third World.

Across the Islamic world, Christians are systematically discriminated against and persecuted. Saudi Arabia — the global fountain of religious bigotry — bans churches, public Christian worship, the Bible and the sale of Christmas cards, and stops non-Muslims from entering Mecca. Christians are regularly imprisoned and tortured on trumped-up charges of drinking, blaspheming or Bible-bashing, as some British citizens have found. Just last month, furthermore, Saudi Arabia announced that only

Muslims can become citizens.

The Copts of Egypt make up half the Christians in the Middle East, the cradle of Christianity. They inhabited the land before the Islamic conquest, and still make up a fifth of the population. By law they are banned from being president of the Islamic Republic of Egypt or attending Al Azhar University, and severely restricted from joining the police and army. By practice they are banned from holding any high political or commercial position. Under the 19th-century Hamayouni decrees, Copts must get permission from the president to build or repair churches — but he usually refuses. Mosques face no such controls.

Government-controlled TV broadcasts anti-Copt propaganda, while giving no airtime to Copts. It is illegal for Muslims to convert to Christianity, but legal for Christians to convert to Islam. Christian girls — and even the wives of Christian priests — are abducted and forcibly converted to Islam, recently prompting mass demonstrations. A report by Freedom House in Washington concludes: ‘The cumulative effect of these threats creates an atmosphere of persecution and raises fears that during the 21st century the Copts may have a vastly diminished presence in their homelands.’

Fr Drew Christiansen, an adviser to the US Conference of Bishops, recently conducted a study which stated that ‘all over the Middle East, Christians are under pressure. “The cradle of Christianity” is under enormous pressure from demographic decline, the growth of Islamic militancy, official and unofficial discrimination, the Iraq war, the Palestinian Intifada, failed peace policies and political manipulation.’

In the world’s most economically successful Muslim nation, Malaysia, the world’s only deliberate affirmative action programme for a majority population ensures that Muslims are given better access to jobs, housing and education. In the world’s most populous Muslim nation, Indonesia, some 10,000 Christians have been killed in the last few years by Muslims trying to Islamify the Moluccas.

In the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, most of the five million Christians live as an underclass, doing work such as toilet-cleaning. Under the Hudood ordinances, a Muslim can testify against a non-Muslim in court, but a non-Muslim cannot testify against a Muslim. Blasphemy laws are abused to persecute Christians. In the last few years, dozens of Christians have been killed in bomb and gun attacks on churches and Christian schools.

In Nigeria, 12 states have introduced Sharia law, which affects Christians as much as Muslims. Christian girls are forced to wear the Islamic veil at school, and Christians are banned from drinking alcohol. Thousands of Christians have been killed in the last few years in the ensuing violence.

Although persecution of Christians is greatest in Muslim countries, it happens in countries of all religions and none. In Buddhist-majority Sri Lanka, religious tension led to 44 churches being attacked in the first four months of 2004, with 140 churches being forced to close because of intimidation. In India, the rise of Hindu nationalism has lead to persecution not just of Muslims but of Christians. There have been hundreds of attacks against the Christian community, which has been in India since ad 100. The government’s affirmative action programme for untouchables guarantees jobs and loans for poor Hindus and Buddhists, but not for Christians.

Last year in China, which has about 70 million Christians, more than 100 ‘house churches’ were closed down, and dozens of priests imprisoned. If you join the Communist party, you get special privileges, but you can only join if you are atheist. In North Korea, Christians are persecuted as anti-communist elements, and dissidents claim they are not just imprisoned but used in chemical warfare experiments.

Dr Patrick Sookhdeo, director of the Barnabas Trust, which helps persecuted Christians, blames rising global religious tension. ‘More and more Christians are seen as the odd ones out — they are seen as transplants from the West, and not really trusted. It is getting very much worse.’
Even in what was, before multiculturalism, known as Christendom, Christians are persecuted. I have spoken to dozens of former Muslims who have converted to Christianity in Britain, and who are

shunned by their community, subjected to mob violence, forced out of town, threatened with death and even kidnapped. The Barnabas Trust knows of 3,000 such Christians facing persecution in this country, but the police and government do nothing.

You get the gist. Dr Paul Marshall, senior fellow at the Centre for Religious Freedom in Washington, estimates that there are 200 million Christians who face violence because of their faith, and 350 million who face legally sanctioned discrimination in terms of access to jobs and housing. The World Evangelical Alliance wrote in a report to the UN Human Rights Commission last year that Christians are ‘the largest single group in the world which is being denied human rights on the basis of their faith’.

Part of the problem is old-style racism against non-whites; part of it is new-style guilt. If all this were happening to the world’s Sikhs or Muslims simply because of their faith, you can be sure it would lead the 10 O’Clock News and the front page of the Guardian on a regular basis. But the BBC, despite being mainly funded by Christians, is an organisation that promotes ridicule of the Bible, while banning criticism of the Koran. Dr Marshall said: ‘Christians are seen as Europeans and Americans, which means you get a lack of sympathy which you would not get if they were Tibetan Buddhists.’

Christians themselves are partly to blame for all this. Some get a masochistic kick out of being persecuted, believing it brings them closer to Jesus, crucified for His beliefs. Christianity uniquely defines itself by its persecution, and its forgiveness of its persecutors: the Christian symbol is the method of execution of its founder. Christianity was a persecuted religion for its first three centuries, until Emperor Constantine decided that worshipping Jesus was better for winning battles than worshipping the sun. In contrast, Mohammed was a soldier and ruler who led his people into victorious battle against their enemies. In the hundred years after the death of Mohammed, Islam conquered and converted most of North Africa and the Middle East in the most remarkable religious expansion in history.

To this day, while Muslims stick up for their co-religionists, Christians — beyond a few charities — have given up such forms of discrimination. Dr Sookhdeo said: ‘The Muslims have an Ummah [the worldwide Muslim community] whereas Christians do not have Christendom. There is no Christian country that says, “We are Christian and we will help Christians.”’

As a liberal democrat atheist, I believe all persecuted people should be helped equally, irrespective of their religion. But the guilt-ridden West is ignoring people because of their religion. If non-Christians like me can sense the nonsense, how does it make Christians feel? And how are they going to react? The Christophobes worried about rising Christian fundamentalism in Britain should understand that it is a reaction to our double standards. And as long as our double standards exist, Christian fundamentalism will grow.

Anthony Browne is Europe correspondent of the Times.

Come
Kathleen Pirl

I AM COMING!!! The SPIRIT and the BRIDE SAY COME!

I AM coming in judgment ask of Me that in my wrath I will remember mercy.
Heads are going to roll.
People will drop dead suddenly.
I mean that the bowls of intercession will be poured out in judgments with lightning and thunder from heaven to bring peoples to repentance. Rev 8:5
I will keep you from the hour of trial that is about to come upon the whole earth.
I AM shaking the church to its very foundations.
The ark of the testimony in heaven will be opened.

So seek my mercy come to the mercy seat w/acceptable offerings. I don't want what you think I want. I want my ways and the offerings of seeking me with all your heart in a humble, contrite, and a broken spirit. I will not despise these but offerings of your ways that are religious, are despised and detestable in my eyes. You bring to me an understanding of my will but the ways of the world, flesh, and the devil.

The Government of the Bride Eph 1:22 & 23
She says, " I am not a slave to any man
You will have to love me the way I am!
The secret is the great Messiah and the assembly.
I have the burning heart of God
The heart of my Messiah, lover, bridegroom!"

Make ready I AM coming soon. You don't know if you will go here or there tomorrow. I will return soon. I AM coming! REPENT! Lest your candlestick be removed.
Daughters and sons you will come and go in the midst of the assemblies untouched. I will only connect you with the like-minded. I will cause you to see.
You call black, black and white, white,
Right, right, and truth, truth.

I am coming with a sickle to harvest grapes of wrath
And the righteous into eternity.
My eyes are blazing fire.
Fire will go before you I will cover you no one will come near you without my permission.
I AM jealous over you.
My eyes are blazing with fire.
I will trample down the vineyards
Where the grapes of wrath are stored.

I said there was a window of grace and mercy over Israel right now
But blood, rivers of blood will flood this land.
This land does not belong to anyone but Me,
I direct it's destiny!
And people were dying and crying,

And blood ran in the streets.
The vultures and birds were coming,
To drink their fill and feast!

The nations are a drop in the bucket.
They are nothing to me I,
I who with one WORD created the universe!
I AM controls this land!~

What you are doing and have done in secret will be
Shouted, trumpted from the rooftops!

IS 22:22; IS 55:5;REV 3:7

Jerusalem will be shaken to the ground the church will be shaken to the ground.
The church at large will be shaken shaken, shaken down to the foundations.

This is a window now of grace and mercy.
It will be over soon.
The written judgment of the Lord will be executed.
Jerusalem the church is going to be shaken.
The Jerusalem church is going to be shaken.
The Church world wide will be shaken again,
Again and again down the foundations,
To be established properly.

O JERUSALEM!!!!
Shaking, Shaking the silver and gold,
Everything that can be shaken will be shaken,
Only that which cannot be shaken will remain.
I will fill the house with my glory
The glory of the latter house shall be greater than the former. Hag 2:6-9

At the Gates of Love,
Love Yeshua’s,
Kathleen Pirl

Comments on Reformation
Bill Somers

The article below is written in response to last weeks post *Luther and Church Reformation.*

Dear Clay and List Members

You had a really great discussion on church reformation last week. The tie in with the film *Luther* is truly a prophetic sign.

I enjoyed the discussion so much that I re-posted the entire series of messages on my WebSite, End Time Prophetic Vision, www.etpv.org

Near the end of the series of messages you were looking for someone to disagree with Danette Mallard, so I am going to offer a minor disagreement, and cover a couple other points.

First a comment on Danette and what can be expected in the coming reformation.

Second, an illustration of the process from scripture.

And finally, a look at what it means to come out of Babylon.

Danette wrote:

> *Do you think the organized church will be reformed? I cant even begin to see anything like that happening....that day is over. God is putting together his own people, shaping his remnant and they'll be totally separate from organizations.*
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> *I cant even imagine that he would reform an organized giant with masses of people who have chosen the broad road. I don't think he's ever gonna come in and sweep through them and bring reform. Its always been the nature of God as far as I can see to go out to the lowly places and raise them up. That churchy world out there doesn't even know for the most part what God is doing in secret right under their noses. He didn't reveal his own sons birth to the "church", he went out in the fields and revealed him to some lowly shepherds. Just wonder why I'm all the time hearing "reformation" when all along I see God giving that big organized institutionalized giant up.*
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> *When people talk about "revival" and "reformation" I've gotta assume they mean remnant, as far as the rest of the masses, I see a great falling away led by a Laodician system that was never of God. God is pouring out his spirit on a remnant, different day now than then. Hey I welcome being wrong, but the day of the organization is over and those who opt out will be few but powerful!*
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> *Sis in Christ,*
> *Danette*

Where I disagree with Danette is in her expectation that the mass of people in today's organized church will be left out of the coming move. The organized church of today may pass away, but the people will have greater things to occupy themselves with. I offer the following long quote from Rick Joyner, which shows what we can expect to happen with the denominations and such in the days to come.

A Vision Of The Harvest

By Rick Joyner

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PREFACE

This is a brief summary of a vision the Lord gave me about the coming harvest. Lord willing I hope to publish the entire vision in the near future. I am distributing this summary now because there are parts to it that have become very timely for the body of Christ. I also have reason to believe this may be coming to pass much sooner than I had previously considered.

To properly understand this vision you must keep in mind that it represents a GRADUAL unfolding which takes place over a period of time, possibly many years. Though I do not know the timing of these events, it is obvious that some are already beginning to take place. Whether the complete unfolding takes five years or fifty I do now know. I do know they will come as travail does upon a woman in labor. That is, they will come in waves with relative calm in between. As we get closer to the birth these "contractions" will become both more frequent and more intense until they are constant. I also perceive that the timing of these events will not be the same for all parts of the body of Christ.

Please let me include a caution. Much of this vision seems spectacular; its fulfillment will be even more so. Some who are foreseeing these things have begun to question works they are presently involved in as being irrelevant and destined to pass away. I think there are many works that should be questioned in this manner with or without the vision, but I know that many works which are destined to pass away in this coming move are presently serving the purpose of God and helping to prepare His way. I would question any drastic changes in direction caused by any vision. This was given merely to aid and give confidence to the preparation He is already working in His people. Do with all of your heart what He has given you to do. If we are abiding in Him, the changes that are coming will be an exhilarating fulfillment of His work, not its destruction. When the Lord fulfilled the Law it did pass away, but it did so with glory. When Jesus fulfilled it, for the first time its true purpose and all that it had accomplished was realized. Many works will fade in this coming move, but they too will do so with great glory if they were indeed His work.

In this vision I do not see beyond this harvest. I believe I somewhat understand the unfolding plan of God beyond this but that is my interpretation of the scriptures. As is was not given as a part of this vision I do not feel that it should be included here. I believe that the scriptures verify this vision but I have included very few here to leave room for the Lord to speak to those who receive it individually.

The Lord has revealed to many of His prophets that there will soon be a great outpouring of His Spirit. This revival will be greater than all those preceding it. This vision includes key elements to this coming harvest and what the Lord is doing in the church now to prepare for it.

This outpouring will ultimately result in some very radical changes for both the church and the world. These need to be understood by those who would be used by God for one of the greatest events in History. To those who are diligent seekers of God and obedient to His will, this vision does not represent disruption. These things will happen to them as a natural flow of the Spirit moving them to increased light and intimacy with Him. Those that are comfortable and resist change will have a very hard time. I ask you to openly and prayerfully reflect on what I am herein sharing with you. Some of these things may not speak to you now, but I believe they will in the future and will give you great peace and confidence as you remember them.

For the coming harvest the Lord is preparing a great spiritual "fishnet", one able to hold the catch that is coming. This net is formed by the linking together of His people. The links in this net are the interrelationships of His people. The stronger the intercommunication and interrelationships, the stronger this net will be. It in not only happening in the local churches among members, but between ministries and congregations throughout the world. In Ephesians 4:15-16, we see this principle: "...we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the Head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every JOINT supplies...." A joint is not a part, but it is where two or more parts come together. There is a great fitting together going on in the Spirit now and it will increase in the near future, on all levels.

The Spirit is compelling pastors to get together with other pastors, prophets with prophets, apostles with apostles, and even whole congregations are beginning to visit and interrelate with other congregations apart from their own circles of emphasis. This is the Lord's doing. Some of these meetings may seem fruitless because of improper agendas but they will bear fruit, there will be links made. Soon the Lord's presence in these meetings will melt all presumption and the facades which separate us from union with Him and each other. His presence will stimulate a worship that brings about Psalm 133 unity - as we anoint the Head with our worship the oil will flow down to the edge of His robes - covering the entire body.

He is beginning this breakdown of barriers with the leadership because this is where most originate and where they are the strongest. As the walls come down here the entire body will begin to flow together. If the leaders resist this move the Lord will continue through the congregations. These will begin to relate to other members of the body of Christ and their bonds will grow stronger regardless of the resistance or warnings of their pastors. Some pastors and leaders who continue to resist this tide of unity will be removed from their place, Some will become so hardened they will become opposers and resist God to the end. Most will be changed and repent of their resistance.

Because on the magnitude of the "catch" this net will be rent many times and will be in need of constant mending. Much of the discord now taking place in the church is used by the Lord to prepare those whose task in the harvest will be almost exclusively devoted to the mending and binding of this great net. These peacemakers will have a great part in building this net and have a major impact on the effectiveness of the entire revival. Those that seem to always find themselves in the middle of conflicts should be encouraged with the knowledge that they are being prepared for a great work.

Some that were used greatly of God in the past have become too rigid in doctrinal emphasis, or are too entangled with spiritual "Ishmaels", to participate in this revival. Some of these will try to join the work but their interrelationships will be so superficial that they will quickly be torn from the net with the first catch. Those who are linked together by doctrine or who gather around personalities will quickly be torn away. Only those who are joined by and through Jesus alone will stand the pressure this harvest will bring upon the church. (Col. 1:17). The redemption of so many will bring much joy but they will come with problems which bring enormous stress to congregations and ministers. The cords of unity must be very strong to stand this pressure. Those who have not learned to take the Lord's yoke, and not try to carry the burdens themselves, will be overwhelmed. Entering the Sabbath rest of the Lord will become a major emphasis in preparation for the harvest. Heed this word!

A large number who are now considered Christians, even spirit- filled Christians, have never been led to the Lord. They were led to the church, to a personality, or to a doctrine or emphasis. Some of these will think they are important links in the net but will actually become part of the harvest, starting over again on the proper Foundation -- Jesus. This group includes many well known ministers and pastors. Their humility in this will lead multitudes to question and strengthen their own relationship to the Lord. This will strengthen and encourage the entire body of Christ.

> Many denominations, extra-local fellowships and circles of emphasis will begin disbanding and severing those ties, even those that were ordained by God for a season, in order to take their place in this great net that the Lord is now forming. For some these ties will just be ignored or forgotten until they have passed away, almost without notice, because of the greater intensity and substance of this new move. For others it will be a very painful rending as they are persecuted and rejected by those who do not understand. Those who are required to leave much behind will soon receive many times that which they have left.
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> Some leaders will actually disband their organizations as they realize they are no longer relevant to what God is doing. Others will just leave them behind to disband of themselves. Ultimately, all circles of ministry or influence with individual identities will dissolve into a single identity of simply being Christians for all who become part of this harvest. Single presbyteries will form over cities and localities. These will be made up of pastors and leaders from all different backgrounds. Their unity and harmony in purpose, as well as that of the various congregations, will become a marvel to the world. The Lord will give these presbyteries great wisdom and discernment but there will be no doubt that Jesus alone will be the Head of His church. What is coming will be bigger than any man or council of men could control or administrate.
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> The Lord's purpose in preparing for the harvest is to JOIN, not separate. The dismantling of organizations and disbanding of some works will be a positive and exhilarating experience for the Lord's faithful servants. They will not be just leaving something behind, they will be going on to a much greater work. Those who have fallen to worship the work of God more than the God of the work will have trouble, but most of these too will be set free by the tremendous anointing that is coming. Those that feel called to attack and tear down the old will not be sent from the Lord. There will be many "stumbling blocks" circulating in the church that will cause confusion and some destruction from time to time. They will perceive themselves as prophets sent to judge and deliver. Those serving in leadership must trust their discernment and REMOVE the stumbling blocks.
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Now here is the illustration from the bible.

Balaam and the Ass

In this story there is an allegory of the end times. Balaam represents the organized church while the ass represents the prophetic remnant. The Angel of the Lord, is the Lord of course, and the drawn sword in hand speaks of Judgments in the Earth, or Judgments being carried out.

> *Nu 22:23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and* ***his sword drawn in his hand****: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.*
> *Nu 22:24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.*
> *25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.*
> *26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.*
> *27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.*
> *28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?*
> *29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.*
> *30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.*

> *31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.*

The interpretation is like this. The ass [prophetic remnant] can see what Balaam [the organized church] cannot. The ass sees the sword in hand means the remnant is aware of judgments coming. The ass takes action to avoid the judgments and protect the rider, even to the point of causing pain to Balaam.

Now Balaam beats the ass of course, and this speaks of the organized church persecuting the prophetic remnant. This is the often prophesied civil war in the church. This only goes on for a while, then the Lord intervenes and opens Balaam's eyes. Then we are told Balaam bows to him. This tells us that at some point the Lord will bring the civil war to an end, and cause all his people to worship him.

This is also prophesied in Isaiah 29. The hypocrites and stumbling blocks are described in vs. 20 and 21. And those willing to repent are redeemed in verse 24.

> *Isa 29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.*
> *19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
> *20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:*
> *21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.*
> *22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.*
> *23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.*
> *24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.*

Leaving Babylon

We find more and more people leaving the organized churches. I have been out of them for a few years now myself. But then we also see lots of these people wondering what is the alternative. Do we have a house church, a cell church, some hybrid mixture of house meetings and seminars? We even have a **Church With No Name!**

There is an old saying about country folk: You can take the boy out of the country but you can't take the country out of the boy.

We can paraphrase that to apply it here.

You can take the believer out of Babylon, but you can't take Babylon out of the believer.

This is what is happening with many who leave the churches. They want to start something new. And this is also why in many cases they are being called out of the churches and not being sent anywhere else or not starting something new. They are just coming out to be with the Lord and learn from him. And the Lord is the only one who can take Babylon out of the believer!

The root of denominationalism goes back to The Tower Of Babel [Babylon]

> *Ge 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and* ***let us make us a name****, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

Here we see that the people wanted to make a name for them selves. The root word of denomination is nomination which means to name. Once you have a name, you are distinguished from the others. A name tells the world that we're not like those others. We're different. Picking a name sets up a barrier, a wall of separation. We have had Non-Denominational Churches for decades now. Non-Denominational is the name for that denomination. Church With No Name is a name of a church! It's still the spirit of Babylon working.

My point here is that it's not up to us to decide what form of worship we will have or what kinds of fellowship we will have. It's just up to us to hear the Lord and obey. And if he tells one group to meet in cells of 12 and another group to meet as a body of 500, why get upset? Why compare what he tells one with what he tells another? He is the builder, we are the blocks. We must trust that He knows what He is doing.

Joyner's vision above makes mention of city wide, or regional presbyteries, but no mention of actual form. Perhaps the form is to be constantly changing, or it has to vary with circumstances we are unaware of. When we seek to establish a form, we are getting back into naming names, and erecting walls.

The only name we need to be concerned with is the Name of Jesus

> *Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*
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> *Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
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> *Ac 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

Complete Repentance

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God gave me Jeremiah 12

This revival is so different.
This revival is bringing the sin to the surface and dealing with it once and for all. This is a revival of complete repentance; never to go back to the sin nature ever again. Lay at My feet continually and then watch Me move on your behalf. This revival will bring nations to its knees. It will show forth the goodness of the Father. The last revival brought Holy laughter, but it did not have a long lasting effect. The last revival was one of GREAT joy, but not GREAT salvation. I am on the move and I have brought revival to this land. All must step into this revival of salvation in order to receive anything out of it. If you do not let go of your sins, you will be forever lost, for this is the last great revival to sweep across America before the coming of My son for the second time.

Confessions of a False Prophet

By Bill Somers

> **What I have been guilty of is warning others of God's impending judgments and then leaving the intercession to them instead of doing my own praying.**

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Last week we wrote and published an Article titled Alas Poor Ahab! As I was writing it I had the sense that it needed something more tacked on to the end. Yet in busyness with other matters, I let the article go as it was.

It brought in an interesting response from Richard Breazeale. He sent me a note with the Subject line of "Who Are We?" His first line reads: " This is a true word, yet not complete."
Then he goes into a discussion of judgment and of the need to pray. I soon saw that what the Ahab article is missing is the call to prayer as a response to the word of judgment.

Also this week I came across an article by Bill Burns called "Will the Real Elijah's Please Stand Up?" When I read this I knew I had been missing it. Let me quote from it.

> "The Father will not allow His prophets to prophesy judgment upon His own people without first being willing to intercede for the people and also bear the reproach of the iniquity of the people. This is the Biblical standard set forth in the Holy Scriptures, and this is how you will know the true prophets from the false:"

What I have been guilty of is warning others of God's impending judgments and then leaving the intercession to them instead of doing my own praying. A false prophet. Not in what I said, but in what I neglected to say.

After this one two punch I realized the need to get my prayer life in better order and my Writing in better balance.

Interestingly enough there came an opportunity to addend a men's intercessory 'boot camp' put on by Bro. Dick Simmons of Men for Nations. This was exactly what I needed and came in with perfect timing. I came away from the meeting with a renewed desire to pray, and a great refreshing in the Lord's purposes. So now I find myself rejoicing in the Lord's correction and ready to face new challenges. Hallelujah!

On this same topic, let me suggets you look at a short letter from Tom Heward that came in this week. You will notice the heart of a weeping prophet in what he has to say.

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Confidence
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[1]con·fi·dence   Function: *noun*
1 a : a feeling or consciousness of one's powers or of reliance on one's circumstances
 b : faith or belief that one will act in a right, proper, or effective way   <have *confidence* in a leader>
2 : the quality or state of being certain : CERTITUDE
3 a : a relation of trust or intimacy
 b : reliance on another's discretion
 c : support especially in a legislative body
4 : a communication made in confidence : SECRET
synonyms CONFIDENCE, ASSURANCE, SELF-POSSESSION, APLOMB mean a state of mind or a manner marked by easy coolness and freedom from uncertainty, diffidence, or embarrassment. CONFIDENCE stresses faith in oneself and one's powers without any suggestion of conceit or arrogance

“ I said to learn of ME, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. But humble does not mean lacking confidence. I was very confident of My FATHER and what He told me. I want YOU to be confident in My ability to sustain you and to back you up when you speak for Me! I want you to come boldly before the throne of grace when you need something. I want you to hold nothing back.
I know what is in your mind anyway. I know the things that weigh you down.
I know the things that will lift you up. Hold on to Me My beloveds, for I love you as no other loves you. I am Your ABBA, and I don’t destroy the hopes of My children. It is another who does that.

Just come to ME, and I will fill you with good things. I will feed you on My sweetness and love. I will feed you with TRUTH that sets you free. I will feed you and sustain you . Is not My food more nourishing than what you eat naturally? Nothing is impossible with Me. I love you and adore you. I am Your FATHER. Do you not love your children in this way? Do you withhold your love when they don’t do everything perfectly or do you still love them?
If they persist in rebelling do you cut them off? Or do you love them into repentance? What kind of Father do you think I am?

Are you ready for the TRUTH? Do you love the truth? Confidence is knowing the TRUTH about ME, and walking in it. Confidence is knowing I love you no matter what happens or what sins you fall to. Nothing is impossible for me to forgive or heal. I AM the Mighty One of Israel. Nothing is too hard for ME. Can you move a mountain yet? Is your faith mature? Are you perfect in all your ways? Then you need more grace. You need more of ME.
Come to Me and lay at My feet and I will perfect all that concerns you!
I will NOT abandon you. The hour is coming when men think they do Me a service to kill you. Will you have confidence in My love for you enough to face them in boldness? Or will you cower and be afraid? Will you be confident in WHO I AM, and who you are to ME?

You are My precious JEWELS. I will make you to shine like the stars in the heavens if you will just put ALL your trust in ME. BE CONFIDENT that I can do anything and everything it takes to sustain you and protect you in this perilous hour. I will fill you if you will but COME to ME! Allow ME to touch you and make you whole. Lay down your rights. I bought and paid for you with the blood of My SON. SURELY goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life if you will but TRUST in ME.”

Ps 56:3-4 AMP What time I am afraid, I will have confidence in and put my trust and reliance in You. 4 By [the help of] God I will praise His word; on God I lean, rely, and confidently put my trust; I will not fear. What can man, who is flesh, do to me?

Ps 57:1 AMP To the Chief Musician; [set to the tune of] "Do Not Destroy." A record of memorable thoughts of David when he fled from Saul in the cave. - BE MERCIFUL and gracious to me, O God, be merciful and gracious to me, for my soul takes refuge and finds shelter and confidence in You;

Ps 62:8 AMP Trust in, lean on, rely on, and have confidence in Him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts before Him. God is a refuge for us (a fortress and a high tower). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!

Ps 65:5 AMP By fearful and glorious things [that terrify the wicked but make the godly sing praises] do You answer us in righteousness (rightness and justice), O God of our salvation, You Who are the confidence and hope of all the ends of the earth and of those far off on the seas;

Ps 108:1 AMP A song. A Psalm of David.
O GOD, my heart is fixed (steadfast, in the confidence of faith); I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with my glory [all the faculties and powers of one created in Your image]!

Ps 140:12 AMP I know and rest in confidence upon it that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted, and will secure justice for the poor and needy [of His believing children].

Prov 3:26 AMP For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught [in a trap or some hidden danger].

Prov 14:26 AMP In the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge.

Prov 14:32-33 AMP The wicked is overthrown through his wrongdoing and calamity, but the [consistently] righteous has hope and confidence even in death. 33 Wisdom rests [silently] in the mind and heart of him who has understanding, but that which is in the inward part of [self-confident] fools is made known. [Isa 32:6.]

Prov 21:29-30 AMP A wicked man puts on the bold, unfeeling face [of guilt], but as for the upright, he considers, directs, and establishes his way [with the confidence of integrity]. 30 There is no [human] wisdom or understanding or counsel [that can prevail] against the Lord.

Prov 25:19 NKJV Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.

Prov 29:25 Amp The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever leans on, trusts in, and puts his confidence in the Lord is safe and set on high.
Ps 118:8-9 NKJV It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes.

Isa 30:15 NKJV For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

Mic 7:5-7 NKJV Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your confidence in a companion; Guard the doors of your mouth From her who lies in your bosom. 6 For son dishonors father, Daughter rises against her mother, Daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; A man's enemies are the men of his own household. 7 Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation

Eph 3:11-13 NKJV according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Phil 3:3 NKJV For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

Philem 21-22 NKJV Having confidence in your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22 But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest room for me, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be granted to you.

Heb 3:6 NKJV but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Heb 10:35-36 AMP Do not, therefore, fling away your fearless confidence, for it carries a great and glorious compensation of reward. 36 For you have need of steadfast patience and endurance, so that you may perform and fully accomplish the will of God, and thus receive and carry away [and enjoy to the full] what is promised.

1 John 2:28 AMP And now, little children, abide (live, remain permanently) in Him, so that when He is made visible, we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed and shrink from Him at His coming.

1 John 3:21 AMP And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,

1 John 5:14-15 AMP And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us. 15 And if (since) we [positively] know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted us as our present possessions] the requests made of Him.

1 John 5:18-21 AMP We know [absolutely] that anyone born of God does not [deliberately and knowingly] practice committing sin, but the one Who was begotten of God carefully watches over and protects him [Christ's divine presence within him preserves him against the evil], and the wicked one does not lay hold (get a grip) on him or touch [him]. 19 We know [positively] that we are of God, and the whole world [around us] is under the power of the evil one.
20 And we [have seen and] know [positively] that the Son of God has [actually] come to this world and has given us understanding and insight [progressively] to perceive (recognize) and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true; and we are in Him Who is true--in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah). This [Man] is the true God and Life eternal. 21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false gods)--[from anything and everything that would occupy the place in your heart due to God, from any sort of substitute for Him that would take first place in your life]. Amen (so let it be).

Mescaline Rush
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The Lord said to me "mescaline rush" and this is peculiar I thought, so I looked up mescaline to find out more about what it does and found these comments from a couple sites:

"Mescaline is a naturally occurring psychedelic found in several cactus species most notably, Peyote and San Pedro. Mescaline provokes pupil dilation, dizziness, vomiting, tachycardia, sensations of warm and cold, swatting, headaches. Some of the visions under the effect of mescaline can cause nightmares that can give birth to some psychosis to the consumers.

Peyote is a small, spineless cactus, Lophophora williamsii, whose principal active ingredient is the hallucinogen mescaline (3, 4, 5-trimethoxyphenethylamine). From earliest recorded time, peyote has been used by natives in northern Mexico and the southwestern United States as a part of their religious rites.

The top of the cactus above ground--also referred to as the crown--consists of disc-shaped buttons that are cut from the roots and dried. These buttons are generally chewed or soaked in water to produce an intoxicating liquid. The hallucinogenic dose of mescaline is about 0.3 to 0.5 grams and lasts about 12 hours. While peyote produced rich visual hallucinations that were important to the native peyote cults, the full spectrum of effects served as a chemically induced model of mental illness. Mescaline can be extracted from peyote or produced synthetically. Both peyote and mescaline are listed in the CSA as Schedule I hallucinogens."

This I got from a site where this youth is describing his trip on mescaline: "The first part of the trip I would say more closely resembled a clean roll on ecstasy. I was hanging out with my friends smoking up and kept getting **rushes of extreme energy and love all over my body."**

So then I asked the Lord what He wanted to say about it.

" The rush I want to give you is much higher than what you can get from any drug. The youth of this nation are captivated by such things in enormous numbers. MANY, MANY are doing drugs. They are able to get them easily through other school mates. There is always a source. They don't think there is any consequence to their actions because they see it on TV, in movies, and they hear about it in music. Their idols are emanating all the wrong moral values and parents are doing nothing to monitor them because they are too busy. Too busy off making money for the new car, the new house, the new furniture, the many and varied means of spending in a culture gone crazy for all the things of this world.

I am about to do an overturning of the economy and the basis from which these have been able to induce themselves into a psychosis of sorts. Their parents will no longer be able to work both jobs. Peril is coming, and all kinds of alterations in the weather that will disturb the norm for those who have basked in their wealth and poured it down the toilet. I will no longer allow people to neglect and lay waste the youth with apathy and complacency towards their own children. I am bringing judgment on those who don't care, who don't want to help others. The cases in courts will be judged more swiftly and swiftly if they do not make judgments aligned with MY judgments. Consequences will abound for those who want to go their own way. People thought I would do nothing. Now the children who have listened to and taken on the morals of the pop culture will receive consequences as well. They will get caught doing things they could before get away with.

I am holding up this standard in My church as well. The things you got away with before, you will no longer get away with, so put a guard at the door of your mouths! Take every thought captive! For I am coming to show you WHO I AM. I am longing to pour out My love and power that will make a mescaline rush seem like an ant crawling up your arm, compared to the power of MY GLORY. The rush I will give, will alter all things in your world. It will Bring to you a new perspective like you have never seen. And the revelation it will bring is far superior to any vision seen in a mescaline rush, or any other state which drugs are used to induce.

The power of the Holy Spirit will OVERTAKE THIS GENERATION of Youth to transform them into a mighty army! I will NOT allow the enemy to continue to pervert the call on their lives. To train this army, I am going to need many teachers who will love them like I love them. I need spiritual parents of sorts, who will love on the youth, who will teach them right from wrong and who will encourage them to HOPE. This generation has been log-jammed with hopelessness and death. But I will overturn the culture of death, and not allow them to be robbed any more of their destinies. The spirit of insanity has been loosed through this culture of drugs and it has robbed and stolen long enough their innocence and potential. Will you be those who speak LIFE to them and LOVE them like I love them? Will you NOT JUDGE, but just love them into repentance and speak TRUTH to them?

I have need of you! I have need of those who can TESTIFY and DEMONSTRATE My love and power to them. I WILL OVERTURN all that has come against them and you, for the role I've called you to in this last hour. Put your trust in ME. I have done a good thing in you, though you feel devastated and dry, though you are weary and worn, I am coming to renew your souls and destroy the enemy's strongholds. You will need to know how to destroy the strongholds of the enemy in the lives of others. You need to know what TRUTHS to speak to loose the enemy's hold. Look to ME to tell you all you need to know. Yesterday's methods will not work. I am DOING A NEW THING. So become dependent on ME to tell you how to help them without quenching the fire I put in them.

My name will be GLORIOUS in all the earth as you step into this hour of holiness and AWE. I am about to upset the apple cart of the enemy. I will destroy his strategies against you…though the times will continue to become more and more perilous, I will uphold you who are Mine! As you reach out to these broken minds and bodies, I will continue to pour Myself out in you as you stay IN ME. So keep close to My heart in these times, that that spirit of insanity will not overtake you. The enemy seeks whom he may devour and destroy and the level of temptations is getting stronger. So stay in My WORD and use it against the enemy with the skill of a trained swordsman!

Do not let up in the battle. Strengthen yourselves in ME. Lay down in MY ARMS and let me love, heal and empower you! Come aside now while you can."

The God of Recompense
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recompense: **1 a :** to give something to by way of compensation (as for a service rendered or damage incurred) **b :** to pay for
2 : to return in kind **:** **REQUITE**

“ I am the God of recompense. I am the Judge and the Creator of the Universe. I alone have the right to exact punishment or to give reward.
I alone know the hearts of men. Do not think to make a judgment that is not based on MY judgment. Pray that you may not fall in the day of judgment.
Pray you will be kept from the wrath to come. My judgment is for the wicked but it’s motive is to always draw them back into relationship with Me.

My heart of love is ever looking for ways to compensate those who are Mine with blessings and revelations that will help them endure till the end. My GLORY is coming to you as you keep your hearts and eyes on ME. I am forever FORGIVENESS and My mercy endures forever for anyone who will turn to ME. Do not seek what you can hold in your hands, but what your heart and soul can hold of My love and glory! I am transitioning you as you come into a new phase of this earth’s history. I am bringing you CLOSER to MY HEART and increasing the glory, increment by increment till you are filled to the full with My love and peace in your hearts. The times will only get more perilous and your CONFIDENCE needs to be IN ME. Not in your money, not in your house, not in your job, not in your own strivings. I am a GOD OF RECOMPENSE. It is up to me to deal with the wicked.

Pray! For the fervent prayers of a righteous man or woman, boy or girl, avail much! TURN the WORSHIP up to HIGH PRAISES. Sing and dance and make melody in your hearts to the LOVER OF YOUR SOUL! I AM with you even to the end of this world. For escalation continues and there is much change and lawlessness on the horizon. KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME. KEEP IN THE WORD. EAT the WORD and hold it close in your heart and mind. LIVE THE WORD. Forsake the cares of this world and put ALL your trust in ME.
I will lay the enemy waste though the mountains fall and the seas roar, I will keep you in the palm of My hand as you REMAIN IN ME. ABIDE in ME and I will abide in you! Do not grow weary. REST, and do not strive. TRUST in ME with all of your heart and lean NOT on your own understanding. Keep oil in your lamps for your LORD is at hand!

As you worship ME, I will resurrect My hope and love, and peace and joy in you! I WILL SUSTAIN you as you look to ME, and not to yourself. RELY on ME to be your recompense for the things that will come against you, and the people who will come against you. KNOW that I AM at your side and will not leave you. Keep hidden in the shadow of My wings. Come aside and be at peace in ME, casting aside all the worldly things for a time. DWELL in ME, in the worship, and the Word, and in prayer, and meditation. I will not disappoint you! I am your FATHER, and I love you and will pour out My blessings as you keep in ME."

Luke 14:13-14 KJV But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.
Luke 14:13-14 AMP But when you give a banquet or a reception, invite the poor, the disabled, the lame, and the blind. 14 Then you will be blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied), because they have no way of repaying you, and you will be recompensed at the resurrection of the just (upright).

Rom 12:17-18 KJV Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
Rom 12:17 AMP Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is honest and proper and noble [aiming to be above reproach] in the sight of everyone. [Prov 20:22.]

Prov 20:22 AMP Do not say, I will repay evil; wait [expectantly] for the Lord, and He will rescue you. [2 Sam 16:12; Rom 12:17-19; 1 Thess 5:15; 1 Peter 3:9.]

2 Thess 1:4-10 KJV
4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:
5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:
6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;
7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; 10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

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Ruth 2:12 AMP The Lord recompense you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under Whose wings you have come to take refuge!

Jer 25:14 AMP
14 For many nations and great kings shall make bondmen of them, even them [the Chaldeans who enslaved other nations]; and I will recompense [all of] them according to their deeds and according to the work of their [own] hands.

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Which Of You Convicts Me Of Sin?

By Bill Somers

> *"Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" (John 8:46)*

The Jews of Jesus day rejected him as messiah. One of their usual arguments was that He was a sinner. And since he was a sinner, he could not be messiah! One who is a law breaker cannot possibly be the one who fulfils the law.

We see throughout the gospels where they constantly tried to accuse him of any number of things. He is mad, he is a drunkard, a friend of sinners, he breaks the traditions, he violates the Sabbath, he has a devil, he doesn't pay taxes, he wants to overthrow the law, he was born in fornication, he contradicts the writings of Moses, etc, etc. And did you see what happened when he went into the temple?

Unbelieving Jews of today still use this tactic. I came across it while following an online discussion group several years ago. This group included Christians, Orthodox and Messianic Jews debating various bible topics. Among them was, naturally, Isaiah 53, commonly considered a proof text of Jesus' messiah ship. The Orthodox Jews were going to great lengths to find alternate interpretations of Isaiah 53 or to argue that it did not refer to Jesus.

One writer made issue of Isaiah 53 verse 8b, " *and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut off out of the land of the living: …* " And then making reference to Genesis 1:28 "

> *And God blessed them, and God said unto them,* **Be fruitful, and multiply***, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth* (Genesis 1:28)

The line of thinking went like this. If Isaiah 53 refers to Jesus, as Christians claim, it refers to his death in verse 8 by saying "he was cut off out of the land of the living". And it alludes to the fact that he died without having any offspring by saying "Who shall declare his generation?" That is to day, he died without any children, so no one can declare his generation since he had no descendants.

So how could Jesus have been sinless and have fulfilled the law when **he failed to obey the very first commandment,** given in Genesis 1:28, **to be fruitful and multiply**?

So what's wrong with this kind of argument? Primarily that it is overly literal and superficial in its rejection of the truth of scripture. [The entire gist if the re-interpretation of Isaiah 53, however is very allegorical. Is essence they claim the suffering servant of Isaiah 53 is not Jesus but Israel itself.]

Let's look at two points. Who shall declare his generation? And did Jesus obey Genesis 1:28?

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Genesis 1:28 is a commandment given to Adam. It consists of two parts. A. "**Be fruitful, and multiply***, and replenish the earth, and subdue it "* and B. *have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."*

We know that Adam failed to carryout part B and though he was fruitful and multiplied and replenished the earth, he did not subdue it. Instead he yielded dominion to satan.

Now the bible tells that Jesus was the second Adam. This commandment is then one that must be fulfilled as part of his mission.

> *And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*
> *Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.*
> *The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.* (1 Corinthians 15:45-47)

The last or second man Adam is Jesus. Now does Jesus have dominion over all? Of course He does. He obtained it by being fully obedient to the Father and suffering death on the cross. We read in Matthew:

> *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* (Matthew 28:18)

And in Acts we read:

> *For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,*
> *Until I make thy foes thy footstool.*
> *Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ*. (Acts 2:34-36)

I think that takes care of the question of dominion. To answer the first part we must consider the next question.

Who Shall Declare His Generation?

At the beginning of Isaiah 53 it says:

> *"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"* (Isaiah 53:1)

And later in verse 8 the prophet asks " *and who shall declare his generation?"*: Here we have three questions, who, to whom, and who. The who that these questions refer to is the same in all three cases. The members if the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ are who; that's who!

Who hath believed our report?

Well we need to ask some more questions here. What exactly what is the 'our report' spoken of here. Could it be the Gospel? Could the prophet be referring not only to his own writings but to the Word of God as a whole, i. e. the Bible? Of course, he is saying who believes the bible, who obeys the word of God?

What is the arm of the Lord that is revealed? Often in scripture the arm of the Lord or the hand of the Lord, or especially the right hand of the Lord are terms used to refer to the second person in the trinity, Jesus. The Arm of the Lord is the active principle in the godhead.

> *"So shall* **my word** *be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it* **shall accomplish** *that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."* (Isaiah 55:11)

Here the Lord is saying he sends his word to do or accomplish some thing. This speaks of the Father sending forth Jesus on a mission. Jesus is the Word of the Lord, the Messenger of the Lord, the Angel of the Lord, the Servant in whom he delights. He is the Right Hand of the Father and He is **The Arm of the Lord**.

To whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

Thus when we are asked "*to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?"* , we are asking who is it that receives Jesus Christ. The answer is the same. Those that believe in Him.

Who shall declare his generation?

Now can we say who shall declare his generation? Those same believers are his generation!

> *Beloved,* **now are we the sons of God***, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* (1 John 3:2)

And **we declare his generation** every time we give our testimony or witness for the Lord. So Jesus' generation, his spiritual offspring, are everyone who has or will yet follow him through the veil into the Holy of Holies. Thus the word of God does not return to him empty or void, but bearing a precious harvest of redeemed souls.

Did Jesus obey Genesis 1:28?

Yes He did; and is still doing. He was fruitful and multiplied producing millions and millions of spiritual children. He will subdue the earth in the final judgments and replenish the earth in the millenium. He has taken dominion over all the creatures of the sea, air and land.

What has this got to do with End Time Prophetic Vision?

Lets look back at the three "who"s. Who hath believed our report? To whom much is given much is required. The endtime Church will operate in a special level of faith and understanding of the Word of God. We will believe the report like no other generation before us.

To whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed? This speaks of two features of the end times. One is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Having the arm of the Lord revealed to you is to have a Revelation of Jesus Christ, with all that implies for the end times. The End Time Church will have a revelation of Jesus Christ like no other.

The second is the Power of God implied by the phrase 'arm of the Lord". The end time Church is destined to operate not just in a new level of faith, but this naturally brings with it a new level of Power. Power that we will be accountable for, but which will be unprecedented in comparison with earlier generations.

And who shall declare his generation? We will. The End Time church will be the generation to preach the good news to all the world for a witness to the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings!

All the creatures.

He has taken dominion over all the creatures of the sea, air and land. This also has a special end time application. This refers to **putting his enemies under his feet**. The creatures of the sea speak of Leviathan, the dragon in the sea; i.e. the devil. The fowls of the air, speak of demonic principalities and powers, rulers of wickedness in high places. And the beasts of the earth are the lower level demonic power that directly attack men. The little foxes that spoil the vine are the beasts of the field, and the vine is the Church. The demon power that afflict the Church, in other words. All of these will be put under his feet.
As the feet are the last part of the body, so the End Time Church is the last part of the body of Christ. So these will be put under our feet.

> *"And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."* (Romans 16:20)

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Come Out Of Hiding

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Hear the Word of the Lord this day. For I have called to and fro for My people to come forth. For I say the time has come for all people to embrace Me as their Lord, their Father, and their Savior. For am I not all of these to all? Yet all have not embraced Me in all forms. For ignorance they have embraced - many feeling that what they don’t know won’t hurt them, not realizing what it is condemning them to. For I would have all know the truth. I would have all to know Me for who I am.

So that again, I say that it is time to come out of hiding, to come out of the shadows. (I could see forms looking out from around corners, behind boxes and trees to see if it was safe.) For it is time to give up the pain and hurt of the past, that you might move forward in your calling with Me. Do not fear, for I am with you. I will protect and provide for you. For it is you who are hiding in the shadows, caves, boxes and countless other places; it is you who are the future and hope of this world.

For even David knew when it was time to come out of hiding, to come out from the cave, so that he could come forth into his destiny to be crowned king.

Many of you have been waiting weeks, months, and years for this time. Some of you have been waiting literally since the time that you were born, for some have been placed away in places by man, that they would be forgotten.

Oh fear not, My child, for I saw you lost and alone. I saw what was done with you by the hands of man and I have seen what you have become. For you have thought there is no hope, that there is not future. But I say only embrace Me, only let Me in the door that you have closed so tightly, that I may enter in. Then know that I am GOD. Know that I bring light into the darkness. Know that I am in control.

You who feel there is no forgiveness for all that you have done: Know I forgive those who ask for it. For did I not send MY OWN SON to die for you on the cross – to die for your sins? Yes, even you, too, I want. Even you are not so bad, that I wouldn’t have you for My own.

So I say all who are weak, all who are hurt, all who have been forsaken by man, *all*, I want, regardless of what you may have said or done, I want you all. For I do not want the enemy to have any of you – for I do not want you condemned to hell – I do not want you forever lost to Me.

Time grows short. Know this, that I will do whatever I will do to get every person to My salvation. I am not a respecter of persons. So know that many who are searching, watching, and waiting will have visitations. There will be an increase of signs, wonders, and miracles. For seeing is believing and, for some, that is the only way they will come to Me. But come they will.

Know that I, too, am looking, watching and waiting for you to run into My arms, for you to call Me Abba Father.

Consecration Of Our Mind
Walter Beuttler

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice." Romans 12:1

When the children of Israel brought a "voluntary offering" to the Lord, they were to lay the head of the offering upon the altar. This speaks to us of the consecration of our mind.

"And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar." Leviticus 1:8

In the second chapter of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he contrasts two kinds of minds; the natural mind, and the spiritual mind. The natural mind is a mind darkened to spiritual things, however brilliant it might be in its own natural sphere.

It is possible, to be a child of God and yet, be largely dominated by the laws of the natural mind. The need for a spirit-enlightened mind is emphasized by Paul's prayer for the Ephesians.

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you may know." Ephesians 1:17, 18a

The knowledge of spiritual things does not come by intellectual effort. Rather, it comes only by revelation. Simple minded, and humble people receive things which are hid from the wise and prudent.

"At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hid these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them to babes." Matthew 11:25

God complained in Hosea's day, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6a). He was not speaking of a lack of "secular" knowledge, but of a lack of the "spiritual" knowledge of God. It is one thing to know about God, yet quite another thing to know God. Just as it is one thing to know about a popular person, and quite another thing to personally know that person.

Men can store up theological facts in their minds, while the God of these facts may mean little more to them than subject matter. Not yielding their minds to be illuminated by the Holy Spirit, they fail to experience a transformation in their manner of thinking. This illumination can only take place as the Holy Spirit "renews" their minds, without which they are incapable of proving "What is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2b).

The thoughts and ways of God are diametrically opposed to what is called "common sense."

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9

The natural mind can be a trouble maker, especially in the realm of the spirit. It intrudes into a sphere in which it has no part, and tries to insert the authority of its own logic into a realm in which it has no qualification.

"The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." I Corinthians 2:14

The unspiritual mind of the unspiritual man has done, and is still doing incalculable damage to the cause of the Lord in His Church. The man with the unspiritual mind is not satisfied with the Scriptural regulation of what are commonly called the "Gifts of the Spirit." Therefore, he makes his own judgment regarding the authoritative criterion of the working of the Holy Spirit, until he regulates the "Gifts of the Spirit" out of the Church.

Having become wise in his own conceit, the unspiritual man substitutes for, and finally denies, the spiritual operations and manifestations of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, which brought into being the movement of which he has "nominally" become a part. He will substitute feasting for fasting, ritual for life, entertainment for visitation, popularity for the cross, compromise for courage, and human psychology for spiritual discernment. He will present Christianity as sugar instead of salt, and solicit the praise of men, rather than the honor of God.

In searching the Word of God for the knowledge of His ways, in contrast to those of our own ways, we find that:

I. **God Does Not Limit Himself To Man's Choice**.

In the call and commissioning of an instrument, God is not restricted to the choice of human judgment, which may be based upon a consideration of "observable qualifications," or the appeal to the human eye, as in the case of Eliab.

"And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him." I Samuel 16:6

God, in His superior wisdom and knowledge, may by-pass the most likely choice of man, and instead, reach out for an instrument, which man would reject.

In the selection of a King for Israel, God regarded neither experience, rank, nor seniority rights. He chose the youngest instead of the eldest, a stripling with a heart for God, in preference to a man with an attractive countenance and impressive stature. Eliab appeared to be the right choice, but he was rejected by the Lord.

"For the Lord sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." I Samuel 16:7b

Appearances may be deceitful, and our own understanding inadequate, wherefore, we are admonished to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5).

2. **God Does Not Limit Himself To Man's Methods**.

This principal is dramatically set forth in the taking of Jericho (Joshua 6). Being a walled city, it defied any natural means at the disposal of the Israelites. The instructions which Joshua received for its conquest were utterly unorthodox. God did not send him the latest textbooks on military science. Instead, He gave Joshua instructions which were, from a natural point of view, ridiculous.

The Israelites were to compass the city once a day for six days, and seven times on the seventh day, concluding with shouting and the blowing of trumpets. Textbook methods would have called for a certain number of scaling ladders, battering rams, and the like. God's method called for an obedient faith, regardless of the outrageous affront to the "common sense" reasoning of the natural mind.

3. **God Does Not Limit Himself To Man's Means**.

The inadequacy of man's own means, in contrast to those of God, is taught throughout the Bible. It is indelibly written on the pages of the history of the Church, and constantly demonstrated in experience. Yet man still prefers the glitter and polish of his own equipment, to the humble simplicity of God's provision. It is so easy to forget that the Lord's battles are not won by the might of numbers, nor by the power of human means, but by the "Spirit of the Lord."

An outstanding New Testament example of the employment of humble means by God is the Bible School of which a lowly Nazarene was its principal. He was unknown, and came from an unpopular district. His supposed father was but an ordinary carpenter. He himself had neither theological nor academic training. In selecting Him, God bypassed all the graduates of the rabbinical schools of the day. This God-appointed, academically unqualified principal told skeptical inquirers repeatedly that He could do nothing of Himself, and that He was dependent upon His Father for all that He did and taught.

The school of which He was both principal and instructor, and at times the cook, had an enrollment of twelve students. They had no prior religious training or experience. Some were but crude fishermen. One of the twelve failed. He was a thief and committed suicide before graduation. Another cursed and swore in his senior year.

Who today would suggest that we should follow these same standards? Nevertheless, their significance serves to show the lowly means which God used to bring about events that profoundly affected the entire course of world history. It further shows that factors, other than those inherent in the means themselves, were responsible for these results.

Its principal was the object of hatred by the clergy, and the subject of controversy by the multitudes. He was arrested by the authorities on false accusations, and finally put to death as a criminal. The graduates of this school were persecuted, imprisoned, tortured, and executed. All things natural were against this school and its graduates.

Far from having their works and words neutralized, and their name obliterated from the memory of man; their works and words cover the face of the Globe, in more volumes and languages than any other book, and their names are revered by more people, than those of any other person in history.

God used the humblest to accomplish the greatest end, and "has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise, and God hath chosen the weak things of the world, … and things which are despised hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught the things that are: That no flesh should glory in His presence" (I Corinthians 1:27-29). God does not limit Himself to man's means.

Let us remember that "Now, we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (I Corinthians 2:12). The Lord is yet seeking those who will accept, and submit to His ways.

City Of Refuge
Sandy Warner

Sep 29, 2005
CITY OF REFUGE
You, My precious one, are a city of refuge. I have planted great favor and great grace into your life. Men who have greatly sinned run to your gates. I have watched you swing open the doors of your heart and receive the repentant, the guilty and the outcast. How loving and how long are your arms to shield them from the wicked one. You have heard the wicked one pound on the walls and demand entrance, and yet you have stood your ground. Thank you, My child, for loving those who have fallen. Thank you for shielding them into recovery and abiding with them until they are set free to stand tall once again.

Isa 32:1-2 KJV
Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

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Bridge Between The Old And The New
Sandy Warner

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BRIDGE BETWEEN THE OLD AND THE NEW
I am here laying face down in the sky.
Stretching out hands and toes as though to fly.
Suspended in air, I know You are there.
I can feel Your wind whisking through my hair.

I view the earth rotating day and night.
All those children are Your very delight.
You watch over them with such loving care.
Yet many still don't know that You are there.

My life passes by as I declare Your Word.
To counterbalance what's become absurd.
You comfort me as I hang in this space.
I comfort those who are also displaced.

I silently watch Your kids come and go.
Running in and out, passing to and fro.
Their lives blur by in fast forward motion.
Mine is suspended in slow devotion.

Their journey takes them up upon my back.
As I balance between judgment and lack.

With hands on Your mercy and toes that grip
Closing through time the breach that was ripped.

Let nothing be lost of their destinies.
Futures not stolen of their life in Thee.
I wait upon You to fulfill Your Word.
Tarry not in recompense, Oh my Lord!

I groan in my soul, weary of the wait.
The hour grows dark, the time is quite late.
Like a bridge over time spreading my wings.
I will not despair, setting heart to sing.

Before the sun's up, were covered in dew.
In transition between the old and new.
The dew of Your Presence hovers on us.
Canopying our lives, assuring our trust.

Hold onto me, as I hold onto them.
They will cross over time searching for gems.
They pass over that bridge You built through love.
High above the hordes, floating from above.

Walk on through to your destiny My child.
Your way is prepared, links are compiled.
One by one, making your steps assured.
What once was lame will now be cured.

Isa 35:8-10 NLT
And a main road will go through that once deserted land. It will be named the Highway of Holiness. Evil-hearted people will never travel on it. It will be only for those who walk in God's ways; fools will never walk there. Lions will not lurk along its course, and there will be no other dangers. Only the redeemed will follow it. Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return to Jerusalem, singing songs of everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be overcome with joy and gladness.

Pour It All Out
Sandy Warner

Sep 26, 2005

POUR IT ALL OUT
Yes, we laugh with you, My love! Just laugh all that stress off your heart and your shoulders. Don't carry any burden, let it all wash off. Precious, even when you feel like you are all alone and no one is standing with you in these matters, know that you have an advocate in heaven that prays with you. I always stand with you and hold you up.

Though you are surrounded by the voices of multitudes who say it can't be done, I bow low to listen to the one who says it can. Yes, I hear your heart, the one who suffers long under the unbelief of others. Just pour out all your complaints about their complaints and I will file it all away in a box that says, "Thank you for complaining today. I AM more than able to take care of your problems."

Ps 55:22 NKJV
Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

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Why Build
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WHY BUILD
As I look at my life and sit in this chair,
I measure its breadth and all that is there.
I ponder my motives and see to the core.
What moves me to passion, to reach for more.

I ask myself - why go to the bother?
Your basket is full from all that you've authored.
Retire now, and rest on your laurels.
More effort spent is potential for sorrows.

If hiding from sorrow was what drives me,
Then I would never climb mountains, just to see.
Though my body is weak as I sit in my chair,
I look to the distance to see what is there.

Comfort for the lazy is not rest for souls.
I must climb in purpose to make me whole.
Today I am asked, why bother to build?
My answer is simple, from all that I yield.

When He returns He will ask me a question,
Measuring my steps of determination.
"When I return, tell Me, will I find faith?

Did you put feet to the Words I have said?"
Faith without works is dead letters on paper.
Works without faith is empty vain labors.
But the heart that leans and presses for more
To trust in His promise that He will restore…

Is the heart that can look Him straight in the eye.
Knowing it was faithful and did not deny.
For His Words, His actions, for each step uphill,
Whether to press on or rest, or just stand still.

If I stop now I will grow plump and old.

To protect my heart - is for love to grow cold.
I will do my part to help Him restore.
All that has fallen, reaching even more.

My generation is passing by so fast.
We must build bridges from faith that will last.
Not faith in empty words, but tested through walks -
Being tried in the fire, not vain empty talks.

Each step that I take is easier for them.
Having forged a way, past words that condemn.
Not listening to doubt, unbelief or fear.
But heeding His voice, as He speaks in my ear.

He goes before me with signs in the road
His yoke is easy, He carries my load.
All I do, is take one step at a time.
I trust Him to deliver what is mine.

That I might pass on what He gives to me
An inheritance so rich - in destiny.
To these my children, the ones that I love.
So they will occupy what's spoken above.

John 2:19-22 NKJV Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days ?" But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

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Crushing Of The Grapes

Mark Kaphaem

"The Crushing of the Grapes to Bring Forth the New Wine"

A month ago at a conference in Cincinnati I saw a beautiful sight. I was watching as two pastors were being prayed over. The Holy Spirit was moving on them in a powerful way. As tears began to flow I saw a vivid picture of grapes being crushed in a wine press and a rush of new wine flowing forth. I also heard the words from the wedding of Canna, that the second wine would be greater than the first.

What made this even more interesting. Is that both of these pastors were from the Vineyard movement, whose very symbol was the cluster of grapes. I was a member of the Vineyard for many years and began to pray, Lord, is there a second wave coming forth from the Vineyard. A new wine that would taste even better than the first? The first wave of intimate worship and healing tasted pretty good. I could not imagine what the second batch would taste like.

I felt the Lord say yes, there will be those from the Vineyard in the new wine. But that the new wine would not come from a single movement. What would make this new wine taste so good, is that it would be a blend of all the movements. That this wine would not come forth from the making of a new movement, but that it will come forth the a crushing and blending of all the old ones.

The walls are coming down. The walls are coming down. The walls are coming down. The structures are being crushed. The forms are being crushed. The walls are coming down. The numbering of the sheep will come to an end. There is one bride and one Bridegroom. All of the sheep belong to Him.

As the body has been going through the restoration, there has been a need of many new wineskins. The time has come when no more new wineskins will be needed. For the time has come when the Bridegroom will restore the bride unto Himself. He will now be the only wineskin we need. For the bride will be in Him and He will be in the bride. He will be our wineskin. He will be our walls, He will be our structures, He will be our forms. All the sheep will be in Him.

As I saw the crushing of the grapes, I saw it in the context of the wedding of Canna. This crushing will come in the form of a wedding relationship. The wedding relationship has been under much attack from the enemy. Some surveys see the divorce rate higher in the church than in the world. As a sign of the coming move of God, we will began to see a wonderful restoration of the marriage relationship in the body of Christ. I heard the Lord say that this restoration will be like the wine. The latter will be greater than the first. So much so that the Lord said even the old ones will be given to blushing. :)

The main ingredient of this crushing is to know we can trust Him. There is nothing we can lay down that He will not replace ten times over. The crushing will be forgotten with the first taste of the new wine. I don't know about you, but I am very thirsty for this new wine. I have been craving it for many years now. There are forerunners who are serving up samples. But I want more than a sample. I want to get good and drunk. :)

Some will hold on to their walls, their structures, their forms. But there will be no life in these. The time has come to learn the difference between good and divine. There is much good work that has gone on. But when the divine is in place, the good pales in comparison.

Blessing to you all in Jesus name,

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Changing Of The Guards

Brenda Dowdin

July 23, 2005 Beloved:

I heard the Father saying, "There's coming a changing of the guards..." Many of you have been under Saul's leadership. I have used it to refine you and mentor you. I have used it to teach you a greater level of submission and Godly character, but now I tell you there is a changing of the guards. That which has been will be no more. I will raise up my David's.

Saul would not seek me his self, he did what seemed right in his own wicked heart. David daily fell on his face and would seek my face for direction and my purposes. "David's" are the kind of leaders I am looking for. Those are the kind of leaders that will be used in this new season. Those that ask me, "Lord, what are you doing and how can I help!"

As I was hearing this word, simultaneously I had a vision of an old barn being torn down by God's angels. It was a man made structure. I also saw angels warring and displacing demons that had held posts in the heavenly realm. I sensed God was saying both in heaven and upon the earth these old places, where the enemy has had his "hay day" are coming down in this hour. As I saw the barn coming down I heard the Lord say all old "store houses" are coming down and I will build my house, according to my will and purposes.

It is time for the David's in this hour to arise! A word to the David's!

I have seen your perseverance, I have seen your heart to establish worship and enthrone me with praises. It is now time to violently praise me in all circumstances and at all times. Great break through is before you, and incredibly new things are coming. These things are the promises I have made to you. Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but choice words in the right season are like apples of gold in silver settings! It is time Beloved One's, it is time. Do I not tell you of a thing before it springs forth! Press in these next thirty days....your time of greatness is before you! Pressing in, is the warfare. Oh Beloved, do not despair, but hold on, and press on....

What if you've had the heart of a Saul!

Repent, only God can change your heart. It is never to late with our God. His mercy is unending, But..... mean it with all your heart. For tests will surely come......."David fell on his face during tests and was obedient to the Lord, Saul arose up and took charge during tests, never consulting me first!"

Humility is the distinct difference between these two biblical characters. There are many more, such as obedience and abstinence, but this is the one I am high lighting today.

Yes, there is a changing of the guards! The old is being cut off...."I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.." John 15:1-2

I leave this with you for your discernment. The Lord is looking in this hour at our heart motives. Are they pure? Are they righteous? Are they self seeking, or are they God seeking? Only God knows, but he plans on showing us! I am searching my own heart too!

Lovingly in Him, Brenda Dowdin

Children Of The Son
Danny Korakas

Jan 29, 2005

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

On a clear night the lights of a city will illuminate and even change the color of the heavens up to a hundred miles away. If a city is set upon hill, nothing within miles will hide its lights. At the time this verse was inspired and written, the fires would burn bright from oil laden lamps and could be seen for miles. As Jesus spoke these words, the people of Galilee would be very familiar with these lights that were in their cities and which sat upon the hills that overlooked the sea. If you visit the area today, you will see the city of Zefat that sits high upon one of Galilee's many hills. Cities that are well positioned become beacons of direction for weary travelers and those who are lost in unfamiliar territory.

I couldn't help but notice that the light Jesus was first referencing was the illumination given to everyone in the "HOUSE." It seems that the Lord had more in mind than just being a light to the world. I believe that we can never accomplish being a light to the world until we learn to be a light to one another as a spiritual house. If we cannot be a light to our immediate families, we are deceived to believe that we can be a light to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Likewise, if we cannot be a light to one another as believers, we certainly have little to offer the world as a guiding light to their Savior.

The lamps that were used in the homes at the time of Christ were small ceramic or stone vessels containing olive oil and a loose or floating wick. When lit, the lamp would need to be put on a shelf or a well positioned lampstand if it was to give light for the inhabitants of the house to see clearly. Many prophetic words are coming forth concerning "POSITIONING" in the body of Christ. Where the lampstands and vessels were placed in the house was vitally important in that it gave clarity of VISION and DIRECTION to all who were present and for them to fulfill their purpose in the midst of surrounding darkness.

I believe we are entering into a season of greater anointing and "DEFINITION" or a defining of our place in the body of Christ as sons and daughters. (In Matthew 4, the first temptation of Jesus by Satan was not turning the stone into bread. It was, "If you are the SON of God." It is the same initial temptation today. If the enemy can get you on this one, he has you half in the bag.) Many of the insecurities that we have witnessed in the church, whether it be those called to servant leadership or those who have just been saved, is the manifestation of striving to be a "father" or "mother" (naturally and spiritually) before having learned to be a son or daughter. I will never forget the night that the Lord spoke to me as I stood in my kitchen with my wife, "Danny, you will never be the natural and spiritual father that I would have you be until you learn and except what it means to be a son." Instantly, I knew and was arrested in my striving for affirmation through recognition. Essentially, I desired the "light" to be shown upon me and what I was attempting to accomplish rather than reflecting the Light of Christ to others. Why, because I was never properly "positioned" as a lampstand in the church. Like many, I wasted many years sitting on the sidelines insecure and unable to identify my place in the body of Christ. If this is you, today is the day that Father sets your wick aflame and positions you in a perfect place as His son or daughter to bear FRUIT that eternally remains.

The magnificent Lampstand that stood in the Temple (A type and pointing of Christ) had the fruit of an almond blossom on the ends of its arms that stretched toward heaven. Within the almond blossom was the oil which is representative of the anointing. It is important that we see and understand that the "anointing" rested in the "fruit" that was attached or a part of the Lampstand. It should be the same with us. A well positioned lampstand will be anointed to give light to everyone in the "house" as well as those who visit and from afar. The fruit of our light is the hope we have in Jesus Christ. It also gives hope and VISION to others who blind and in darkness. It is imperative that servant leadership within church begin strategic "positioning" and equipping of the saints. It is going to take all of us…When invisible light makes contact with a prism, even the natural eye recognizes that it took the entire spectrum of colors to create it. It will take us all as the body of Christ in our individual colors of grace to truly reflect the light of His love for the lost and one another.

The first century lamp gave off a bright light as long as the wick was TRIMMED (pruned), and as we read earlier, well positioned. It is worthy to note that these lamps required a FIRE to light and burn bright. We cannot continue as the church to shine in our own strength or without a willingness to be pruned to bear greater fruit. The lack thereof has produced religious striving, agendas and programs that have yielded little fruit that truly remains. The anointing of the modern church pales in comparison to what we read in scripture and history. The reason is that we have focused on man's programs and agendas. In the last 25 years, gimmicks, manipulative programs, and self-glorifying stories have replaced the Word of God in our attempt to be a light and reach the lost. We will never be able in our vain ideas to make the Word of God more relevant…It is sharper than any two edged sword and it alone cuts to the dividing of soul and spirit.

The works of the flesh or carnality will reap an increase of what is carnal or natural, rather than an increase of what is supernatural. The first century church pressed and tarried for the fire of God to touch and set them aflame with the fire of His love and a passion for those in darkness. The missing ingredient that many sense in prophetic ministry today is our lack of passion to be a light to those in darkness (souls). We have but to ask ourselves, "How many people have I witnessed or led to Christ in the last year? The last 5 years? In our lifetime?

Because these lamps required fire to light, they were not put out when the household SLEPT. Rather, they were dimmed by putting by placing a bowl of some sort over the lamp. This must have been a very familiar picture that Jesus was painting for His disciples. The directive and context of the message that Jesus was painting for them to visualize was very clear – Jesus does not want His followers and the Word of Truth that dwells within them to be hidden. He wants His message to shine brightly through us for the purpose of revealing truth in a confused and darkened world.

People groups of the world are becoming increasing unsatisfied and restless with the status quo and toil of ordinary life. People are drawn to what is fresh, different, and radically alive with purpose. If the church were to truly reflect the image and mind of Christ – it would be RADICALLY of fire and refreshingly peculiar. The lost and hurting are not drawn to the church because we are not radically in love with God nor "them." As a matter of fact, they see much of themselves in us. Much of the church has bought into the lie that we must be "relevant" to the world to reach it. The lost are not looking for relevance; they are looking for something that is aflame and radically different from the messed up, selfish, backstabbing, and hurting life they are in.

"…That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world." (Philippians 2"15)

The purpose of light is to REVEAL what is in the darkness and to provide direction. This is our function as a prophetic church. The gift of prophecy moves through the church as a revealer of TRUTH to those things that are hidden in darkness. It is also a clarion or the sounding of the alarm to warn people of spiritual darkness and providing them a lighted path to the healing presence of God.

"For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather EXPOSE them." (Ephesians 5:8-11)

Far too many have failed to shine bright in the body of Christ because of pockets of darkness in our own hearts. The sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit is very simple: it is taking the dark pockets or areas of our heart (anger, unforgiveness, gossip, jealousy, laziness, and various lusts) and bringing them to the surface so that God can shine the light of His healing love upon them. However, many resist the light because they fear being EXPOSED. This year must be a year of willing exposure if we are to reflect the light of Christ. We must resist the impulse to hide our sins and allow the deep seated issues in our lives to come to surface if we are to be a brightly shining city on a hill. The Lord is no longer going to wink and tolerate our excuse of comparing ourselves to the next person. He is interested in our "personal" holiness and obedience. The city that shines on hill is a city that resides on the hill of the Lord. "Who shall ascend the HILL of the Lord? The Bible says it is "he who has clean hands and a pure heart." The lost of this world are groping in darkness and the Lord desires that the church be a beacon of hope and a reflection of His love. This is accomplished through clean vessels that mirror and reflect the light of His glory.

The prophetic mandate of being a "light" is modeled after Christ – The Spirit of prophecy. Jesus, as the light of the world, exposed darkness and clearly divided what was right and wrong. Without the anointing of spiritual light, people cannot clearly distinguish truth from error or right from wrong. We see this in today's society. What is "socially" acceptable has somehow found its way to become "morally" acceptable, when in fact they are completely different. Much of the world is walking in darkness and stumbling aimlessly through life. Likewise, many people are walking in dark "houses" (churches) because the light of God's presence has left. Beloved, it is not "our" light, but the reflection of His light through vessels that MIRROR Christ. The church has not shown forth the glory of God due to our constant reflection and similitude of the world. Our jealousies, divorce rate, prejudices, and sexual sins including pornography have tarnished the mirror of His glory that the Lord would have us be as the church. Look, the glory of the Lord that will cover the face of the earth will be through the church. We must allow this season in our lives to be a time of purifying ourselves as a bride without spot or wrinkle -- A bride who reflects and has become one with her bridegroom. As a city set on a hill, we should so radically stand out and be so overwhelmingly obvious that the people around us stumbling in darkness should encounter the light and presence of God.

All other religions in the world have made the claim to be the "light" to lead one to fulfillment in life. Whether they are New Age, Buddhist, Muslims, Hindus, or any other cult, they lack the glory and presence of the one true God and Creator. Our Lord Jesus Christ has anointed and filled you with His Spirit and has positioned you today upon His holy hill. His desire is to SHINE through you as a beacon of faith, hope and His love for the people of the world. We hide or put our light under a basket when we fail to share Jesus with the people and world around us. The Lord desires that testimony of His Word, love and salvation SHINE through the lives we live. Not only in the His "house" but on His holy hill for all mankind to see. Beloved, this is our commission.

Not everyone will want to hear and see the truth as we expose darkness. Many will be offended – even in the "house." Jesus stated in John 3 that many would "love darkness rather than the light because their deeds are evil." Could it be that the prophetic voice has grown comfortable in our "season of acceptance" that we fear offending man more than we fear God? Would you say that that your individual witness and fire is like the light of a city set upon a hill? Or, is it a distant glow or flicker that is barely seen and covered in some sort of shame? Maybe, you're that person that needs to fall in love with Jesus all over again. I see many in the church who appreciate Jesus and know what He has done for them. But are you burning brightly in your love and passion for Him today? There is no condemnation in Christ. His desire is for you to be set aflame in the fire of His love and reflect His love to others.

Why don't we all come back to our first love and be the fire and light that those lost in darkness are searching for. Beyond the walls of where you are reading this is a world that is literally "dying" for the fire your love.

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Communion of the Saints
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Comm 'union' of the Saints

"But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Christ - from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Eph 4: 15, 16

Oh I believe! I believe, I believe, I believe that we are ONE body and something supernatural, something mighty in heavens connection to the earth has shifted and we, the body are going to begin walking this powerful verse of scripture out in the natural and the supernatural will follow.

At about 1:30 a.m this morning while lying quietly in bed, not feeling very sleepy for it had been a day that although I had planned to spend many hours of glorious rest before our King, it quickly changed to a busy household and so I literally grabbed every minute afforded to me to run and lay before Him. This went on all day, fifteen minutes here, fifteen minutes there of quiet rest before Him and by the end of the day I was so 'rested' I couldn't sleep but just lay there contemplating God's awesome glory and beauty!

My husband was already snoring lightly (just lightly mind you:) when I heard some bells ringing outside our open window, thinking it was the wind chimes hanging on our patio I still felt impelled to go see because the sound was coming from a different direction. No sooner than I had walked over to the window where my blinds were already open to catch the night breeze when I saw a young boy, maybe 14 yrs. old with jet black hair riding a one wheeled circus bike, you know the kind with a very small seat on the top and a large single wheel beneath? I am fully awake and was really trying to digest the scene before me and all that came out of my mouth was: "what the hell?" I will apologize up front if that offends anyone but that is what came first out of my mouth and I tried to again to explain to myself and my groggy husband what I was seeing.

Maybe it was one of our daughter's friends playing a trick on her? But first, he was too young and secondly, there was just no way for him to get in our back yard through the very tall fichus trees and high gate. Then the power of Holy Spirit hit my spirit and I saw that he was dressed in a white, almost iridescent looking robe while both of his arms were stretched up above his head holding a golden triangle about 3ft. high and wide with bells ringing and jewels hanging from it. Oh my friends, he was laughing so joyfully that I began to laugh and I felt the unity of the Lord's body coming together in the natural realm, then he was gone!

Suddenly from another open window, which is a french door with a screen, large enough for me to stand along side of, there came more laughter and all I could do was stand in awe and watch. I asked myself later why didn't I run out and join them but all I could do was try and capture the moment of this beautiful visitation.

We have a large backyard for Southern California, maybe a quarter acre and my husband has spent many hours of grooming his plants, fruit trees, garden and a small pond, so the view at night with the moon is quite breathtaking but nothing in comparison to seeing maybe 25 angels, although I didn't count, playing as if in a circus in our backyard.

They were singing and laughing in absolute joy while one in particular was hitting a white glowing ball the size of a softball in mid air. He would strike it once and it would go up a couple of feet and then come down and rest in the air and he did this several times. Each time he hit the white ball I felt it was a calling, a hit in my spirit to all the saints on earth and in heaven, a unity and the knowledge and wisdom in one body. I have many visitations that I have shared along the way and many that I have kept between the heavens and me but this visitation was a union of hearts all across the world. I felt the unity of the body as one and like in a circus where they all rely upon one another this is what was transpiring in my backyard with the angels and in hearts all over the nations.

The triangle the angel was holding is a symbolism of the trinity, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit as one and we too, His beautiful body! The three-fold chord; the coming together and behaving as ONE, when I am fed, so too shall you be fed in Jesus Name.

I then saw many saints from heaven appear in the spirit in my backyard, many I did not recognize and many I did from the Apostle John to Peter; oh Mary Magdalene was singing the most beautiful song when they all joined in together while many saints and angels were still climbing up and down a golden ladder from heaven. The presence of God illuminated my entire neighborhood, and the only words I could grasp from the song were: "the communion of saints." As I share this my heart is feeling so full for you, we are one dear friends, we are truly one!

Matt 17:1-3 "Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother, led them up on high mountain by themselves and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him." This is a communion of the saints in the spirit realm.

In Col 2: 5, Paul says: "For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

There was a divine message in this visitation of unity and communion of the saints; it is real and we must behold this reality of oneness in Christ Jesus. Divine connections being made visible now in the natural realm, to God be the Glory!

>From the visions of Sadhu, he wrote: "Zechariah 3:7-8, where "those that were standing by" were not angels, but saints in glory; and God's promise, on condition of Joshua fulfilling His command, is that he will be given "a place of access to walk among them (saints) that stand by," and these are his "fellows" the spirits of men made perfect with whom he could commune.

I implore you to grasp the message and gift that is being extended here for all of us; unity and oneness in the saints in Christ Jesus, amen!

"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24

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The Horseless Carriage
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“And he will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the horse from Jerusalem, and the bow shall be broken in the battle; and he shall speak peace to the nations; and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.”
<>Zechariah 9:10

The days are growing darker and so doth the soul in this hour look up from her torrent of pain and see the face of our Lord. For in the greatest hour of darkness there doth emerge the greatest portion of His light. While in this station of affliction my spirit captured a vision as my soul cried out in agony and together although through violent outbreaks of despair; we were captured in a moment as if time stood still; we were immersed into His light.
When one’s soul is submerged in the spontaneous glory of the Lord time doth stand still; it is as if a

snowflake is captured upon the tongue but does not melt and for a moment our entire being is in the fullness of the Lord. Here the soul is seeking our her mate while her spirit's call seems like the call of the wild and they two entwine in our Father's arms and revelation emerges, it comes forth in voltaic emotion and our thirst is quenched. Oh but only for a little while for then it seems as if one's being is too full and like a volcano it must release what the Mighty Scriber carved upon the heart, for all to share in, for all to partake of His glory and manna from the deep.

While in this glorious communion and surrender a carriage did appear adorned in jewels from emeralds, diamonds and rubies and many more and etched within the borders of the diamond threaded wheels was the name **'Bride.'** The carriage was traveling at a high rate of speed, wild and seemingly out of control and instead of horses at the reigns; man was in command. There were five beastly giants pulling this carriage along and the names upon their foreheads read in boldness and in greed:

"Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher"

Their words of prophecy came forth in agreement with such force that a mighty wind began to blow that the carriage appeared to be flying high, but in the Spirit of the Lord it was not but in man's power with no time to ponder and wait. The muscles of the giants did glisten in the heat of the sun but inside they were obese in the pride of their own flesh and what they had accomplished in the name of the Lord.

The wind continued its beating until some of the jewels began to loosen and fall away and no sooner did this happen than would a 'prophecy' fill its space until all that was left was an empty shell of false hope and false words.

Oh but then did even a stronger wind begin to blow its rage like the raging torrents of the sea that toppled the carriage and broke it into many pieces as the giants began to try and rebuild all that was torn apart; but to their dismay it was beyond repair as they went all their separate ways. Little did they know and little could they see what was once buried beneath the rubble, beneath layers and layers of dirt was the jewels now uncovered by the wind. They soon began to dance the dance of delight as their colors merged together and sparkled in a rainbow effect and they together became one and a new carriage appeared.

The Mighty Scriber and Polisher is He then let out a whistle and a thousand horses like the sound of thunder came galloping in the wind and they all together became one. You may ask who the horses are if the carriage is the bride for I did as they met together in love. The horses' I was told is a move of God that is now sweeping the bride off her feet and reformation is birthed.

" Until we all become one in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become a perfect man according to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."
Ephesians 4:13

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Clay On The Wheel

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The last few weeks, my physical body has had a strange ache plaguing it. I asked the Lord what this feeling was because it wasn’t personal. I knew it had to do with what was taking place in the spiritual realm. I could actual feel myself being shaped like clay in the potter’s hands. Then the Lord spoke these two words to me, “Play Doh.” “Play Doh,” I replied. “Yes, Play Doh,” said the Lord.

I investigated on Play Doh. Play Doh is a child’s block of clay. It originally came in 4 colors: white, red, yellow and blue. 4 is the number of creation. White is Purity, red for the Blood of Jesus, yellow is the Glory of God and blue is the Heavenly Authority and Devine Revelation given by God. 4 is also the 4 corners of the world: North, East, South, and West. These are some of Play Doh’s characteristics. Play Doh is soft, pliable, and fits easily in your hand. It comes in its own container. It has its own distinctive odor to it, which helps identifies the imitation. It has been package and sold the world over. Reveal Lord what you are saying, I prayed.

The Lord is saying to his elect, “I want you to stay F.A.T.; Flexible, Available and Teachable like Play Doh.” The aches, the pains and the fiery trials you have been experiencing is Me at work. (Is. 43: 13; John 10: 28) I am re-creating you (Gen. 2: 7) and molding you (Jerm. 18: 4). I must purify and wash you so that My Glory and Heavenly Authority can be housed in its original temple. After each shaping, I must seal My spirit within you.
(Job 23:10; Zech. 13: 9) I am creating you to be My vessels of honor so that the world, from the four corners, can see My Glory. (II Tim. 2: 20 – 21) With My essence inside you, you will shine forth the glow of My very being. (Matt. 5:14) With My essence inside you, you will leave behind a sweet smelling savor; death to some and life to others. (II Cor. 2: 15 – 16) Be F.A.T. in My hands my child. Be F.A.T. in my hands for the building of My kingdom.

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Cloud of Witnesses Travail for This Generation

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Naked Before God

With all that is going on in the world right now, I really feel that we are in a season of stripping and refinement before the Lord. God is confronting the church and the world in this season and challenging us to lay down all the worldly things that we have covered ourselves with and allow Him to strip us and cover us with His glory. These are serious times and God has incredible plans to fulfill through this generation, but the church seems to be asleep and God is waking them up. We have come to a fullness of time juncture, and God is accelerating His plans in the earth.

Cloud of Witnesses in Travail For This Generation

In September, I was ministering at a Joel's Army conference in England and had an incredible encounter in the midst of worship. The worship band was playing, and the people were loudly praising God, and I began to hear people shouting my name. I audibly heard people shouting, "RYAN, RYAN, RYAN." I looked all around me and found no one calling to me.
I then realized that I was having a spiritual encounter and entered into an open-eyed vision. I saw the Cloud of Witnesses and God's Generals from the beginning of time, and they were lined up side-by-side in a very long line. Every generation from the beginning of time was represented in this line. Every person was someone who, during their life, had pressed into their promised land and tasted of the powers of the age to come and like the spies, they brought something back that touched their whole generation with the love and power of God.

I noticed that the space in the line between each person represented many years, and the line came up to this present day. It was obvious to me that with each previous generation, there were very few that affected a whole generation. I then noticed that the line continued on past this present day with forms of people but there was no one to fill those slots.

I then saw the Cloud of Witnesses enter into a state of travail as they were vigorously interceding for this present-day generation. They were not just calling my name but countless thousands of names. Suddenly, I saw the hand of the Lord come and very quickly begin to pick people up out of the world and fill those empty slots in the line of God's Generals. There was a massive acceleration that was taking place as God began to fill each slot with thousands of revivalists and nation shakers from our time.

Things are accelerating in the earth, and for this reason, God is pulling out all the stops and calling upon this generation to wake up and lay hold of Him like never before. For this reason, God is beginning to strip his church of every worldly thing that keeps her from full devotion to Him. It is only when the church comes to realize her nakedness that she will begin to cry out in holy desperation for God to fascinate and empower a whole generation. We must first be stripped and come to realize our dire need for God.
***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."* -- Matthew 5:3**
The message of the hour is that, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Being poor in spirit is realizing our level of emptiness and crying out for His fullness. The eyes of the Lord are roaming to and fro throughout the earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are completely loyal to Him (**2 Chronicles 16:9**).

The Hand of Grace is Being Pulled Back "Slightly," and the Shaking of the Lord has Come!

For many years, I believe the hand of the Lord, in the form of grace, has covered us and allowed us to continue on our own path. During this time, God has given the church a chance to repent and turn whole-heartedly to him on their own. However, the church and the world have continued to slip further and further down hill and away from Him.

The church has cried out for the Lord to come, and He has come and is coming. And now the church is being faced with the results of the coming of the Lord. Look with me at **Isaiah 64:1-3:**

"Oh, that you would rend the heavens! That you would come down! That the mountains might shake at your presence -- as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil -- to make Your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down; the mountains shook at Your presence."

When the Lord begins to come He brings a shaking and a melting away of everything worldly in our midst. Look at **Malachi 3:1-3:**

"Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold He is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness."

When the Kingdom of God begins to come, it shakes everything off of your life that is not of God, and it leaves only those things behind that God has worked into your life (**Hebrews 12:25-29**). I firmly believe that God is in the process, right now, of actually preparing us for the next great move of God to sweep the earth. However, before He can clothe the church with another level of His glory, He is first stripping us of every worldly thing that we have held onto.

The Laodicean Age

We are currently in the time of the Laodicean age. This generation is one of the most messed up generations to ever walk the earth, yet we are also the generation that has the potential to walk in the most unprecedented level of power and glory, however, only if we submit to the current pruning of the Lord.

God is pulling back His hand just enough for a small portion of His judgments to touch the earth. He is doing this because what He might have allowed in the lives of believers in times past, He is no longer allowing. When God begins to pull back His hand of grace, you find yourself in a moment of great decision. This is not a time when God is going to allow nominal, middle-of-the-road Christians in "His" church.

Those believers that will not embrace the Lord in this season will most likely grow more and more hardened to Him. Remember that as soon as Jesus came to earth in the flesh, it was the religious people that hardened their hearts and persecuted Him. It will be no different in these days. Those that have been lukewarm will either grow colder or burn hotter for the Lord.

We are in a time of decision. Many in these days are coming to a place of realization that their life is empty, and they are feeling the burning of the Lord upon their hearts. These believers are turning closer to Him and learning to live a life of intimacy and passion with the Lord.

The Bible says in the book of Joel that many are in the valley of decision, and we have always preached that as meaning ***unbelievers*** are in the valley of decision. However, I also want to say that many believers are in the valley of decision, as well, and the Lord is no longer giving the church the option to just sit in the middle of the road. Battle lines are being drawn, and we must choose to either grow colder or hotter for Him.

When the Lord spoke to the church of Laodicea, He rebuked them because they thought they had everything together, when in fact, they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked. First, God had to alert them of their desperate status before they would repent and follow whole-heartedly after Him.

Most of the church, right now, has sunk into a state of apathy and passivity because, for the most part, the western church lives a life of self-sufficiency.
I was really struck with just how self-sufficient the western church really is after I ministered in Jakarta, Indonesia, this last January. I have not seen a hunger for God, like that of the Indonesians, anywhere in North America or Europe. The Indonesians prayed and sought after God as if they were absolutely

spiritually bankrupt and could not live another moment without a touch from heaven.

Most pastors in the western church have to poke and prod the people to even act like they are hungry for God. The church in North America is sitting in the middle of the road and has grown self-sufficient, thinking they need nothing. Below is the address that Jesus gave to that church:

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' -- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked -- I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent." **-- Revelation 3:15-19**

Not a Heartless Rebuke But Rather a Loving Warning

I don't see the above passage from Revelation as a heartless rebuke. It is actually a loving warning from a loving God that wants to alert His Bride of her state, so that she might wake up and turn and seek the Lord.

The admonition from the above reference in Revelation is that if the church will realize her nakedness and begin to seek the Lord with desperate hunger, then the church will hear the sound of the Lord knocking on the door and dine, rule, and reign with Him.

Seek ***First*** The Kingdom of God

In a day where everyone is doing what is right in their own eyes and just seeking to live the American dream, God is looking for a Bride that will do the exact opposite. One of the greatest enemies to the western church is "how blessed we are." The western world has lived under such a state of grace and blessing for so long that it has caused the church to slip into a state of apathy and passivity. The church has joined the rat race of the world that says, "Do what you have to do to not only make it but to be on top!" So we have become a generation totally consumed with "self".

The Bible calls believers "pilgrims" in this world. We are citizens of another realm and are to live our day-to-day lives from the place of abiding in heavenly realms and ruling on earth with heavenly love and power. The challenge for the church in this hour is to submit to the pruning and stripping of the Lord, to turn our eyes and affections from every temporal thing, and to begin to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

When the church begins to live for heavenly things rather than for earthly satisfaction, then the grace and favor of heaven will be poured out upon us abundantly.

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." **-- Matthew 6:31-33**

Our Response to the Shakings

I know that people are trying to figure out why all these hurricanes and earthquakes and tsunamis and all the other disasters are happening on the earth at this time. Some believe it is God judging us, some believe they are the result of man's sinful actions, and still, others believe they are attacks from the devil. I believe they are a result of all three.

Yes, I believe that the devil is trying to wreak havoc. Yes, I believe that some of these disasters are occurring as the result of the world's sinful actions. And yes, I do also believe that God is using them to teach the world righteousness and lead them back to Him.

"With my soul I have desired you in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek you

***early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."* -- Isaiah 26:9**

Instead of joining the rest of the world and allowing our emotions to get the best of us in response to these world shakings, let's allow these events to awaken us to the reality and seriousness of the times we are living in. Let's allow these things to cause us to seek the Lord with all that is within us and lay hold of our divine destiny to walk upon this earth fully clothed in the glory of God!

Nakedness Provides Opportunity for Fullness

Let me close with this. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were naked and did not know it. I believe this was because their minds and hearts were so enthralled with the Lord that they were literally clothed with the glory of God. All they knew was 24 hour a day God-consciousness and face-to-face encounters with Him.

After the fall, the first thing they realized was that they were naked, and they were ashamed. They immediately looked for something to cover their nakedness and wrapped themselves in fig leaves. God came to visit with them as He normally would and found them hiding and ashamed because of their nakedness. One of the first things God did was take off the fig leaves and clothe them with skins of animals.

God clothed them with animal skins because it required blood, and the shedding of blood was the only thing that could cover their sin. God's divine design was to send Jesus to shed his perfect, sinless blood to cover and wash away our sins forevermore. This was so that we could again have our nakedness covered by His Glory!

God is again looking throughout the earth for those who have not covered themselves with the things of the world but for those who are willing to submit to His stripping and pruning work and be clothed again from glory to glory! Are you naked before the Lord? Do you need to be awakened and come to a realization that you are nowhere near laying hold of your high calling? Are you truly poor in spirit and desperate for a touch from heaven?

Allow the Lord to touch you afresh and put his finger on those areas of your soul that are not of Him. This is the season to invite the refining fire of God into your life because He is a consuming fire, and He is jealous to lay hold of you!

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Christ Prevails At Armageddon

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Revelation 16:16

When the last trumpet sounds
Its song upon your life
Will you be found
Standing steeped in strife
Having used all your precious time
Finding so many reasons
Through each and every season
To boldly proclaim and justify
Why it was so important
You look away from Christ
In seeking truth to satisfy
The desires of your changing appetite.

Woe to the man
Who refuses the hand of Christ
God’s holy Son
His perfect sacrifice
Into the depths of treason
He will give his life
Deceived by believing
He could win this fight
Without the love of God
To inspire his heart
Both day and night.

If you were given a second chance
To live your life over
Aware of every circumstance
That had been dependant
Upon the choices you made
Where you denied God’s saving grace
Would you still set sail this time
Across the troubled sea
Without God’s breath of life
God’s Spirit that sets hearts free
Who gives wisdom to make the flight
Over every impending steep incline.

Blessed is the man
Who fights a good fight
So that he boldly stands
Alongside of Christ
Upon holy land
God’s kingdom of eternity
Where songs are sung
By those redeemed

Continually giving thanks
To their beloved King.

> *"And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon." Revelation 16:16*
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> *"As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire; there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." Matthew 13:40-43*

Before Adam and Eve gave into the temptation, to turn their focus away from God, their perspective of the world was that it was good. Because of their relationship with God, they walked believing life was good. Before sin entered their lives, when they would have knowledge of what God considered evil, their relationship with the world did not involve toil and labor according to the weakness of man's physical strength. To walk in the garden with the Lord did not involve suffering brought about by thoughts of pride, which causes mankind to naturally exalt their desires and opinions above others. Because their focus was completely upon the goodness of the Lord, they did not look at each other with thoughts that the other was somehow inadequate. With their focus entirely upon the goodness of God, anger, jealously, bitterness, hatred and vengeance toward the other had not entered into their thoughts.

Once Adam and Eve had knowledge of what God considered evil, their perspective of the world would change. Their hearts and minds would no longer be single focused, where the goodness of God was exalted and appreciated in each and every situation. God's spirit that had been breathed into them, so that they became living souls who were appreciative of God's goodness, would no longer dominate; instead, thoughts that knew of evil began to gain to control over their lives. Their perspective of the world would change as suffering impacted their thoughts, which would influence the way they lived and behaved toward others. This human condition, the Adamic nature, would be passed down from generation to generation. With time, the condition of man's thoughts would become defiled to the ways of God, so that self preservation and pride were embraced in murder, anger, jealously, vengeance, lust, greed, and all other forms of what God considers wickedness. In these forms, self-preservation and pride ran rampant upon the earth.

The days grew darker. It seemed that the soul of mankind had been totally consumed by unbelief. So to hear the voice of one calling out that only God is worthy to be praised, and who actually lived according to that truth, became a rare occurrence. Yet, God would continue to raise up a remnant who would remain faithful to His purposes and desires. To these people God would give truths to share with others. Through one faithful servant, Moses, God would give the commandments and the law in the first five books of Moses, which were used to develop order and respect toward God.

In the garden, Adam and Eve looked to God in sincerity, so that their perspective of the world was that it was good. There was no need for commandments to be written upon stone tablets, and no need for law to be written and made into books, because their spirit, soul and body did not have knowledge of evil. Their walk with God was good. But once the knowledge of evil entered into the world, it became necessary that the commandments and the law be written, so that God's people had continually before them an ordered record of how they were to live their lives unto Him.

When the knowledge of evil was made known, the breath of God, His spirit, which gives life to a person's soul, so that a person is made alive to the goodness of God, was hindered in responding and appreciating the voice of God. Yet even in this fallen state of existence, where man no longer saw the world as good only, God made a way for mankind to live within boundaries that would keep their souls from harm. A way was provided for the welfare of mankind through the written commandments and the law. Yet, even with the written commandments and the law man's soul became so defiled throughout the years, because of their knowledge of evil, that the law would be laid aside and forgotten.

> *"But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this Passover was holden to the Lord in Jerusalem. Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him." 2 Kings 23:23*

Josiah, the king of Judah, from the family of David, was eighteen years old when the law of Moses was found in the house of the Lord. His father, and his father before him, had done evil in the sight of the Lord, and had forsaken the Lord and turned away from the law given to Moses. Because of this Josiah had no knowledge of the law God had given to Moses. Yet at his first hearing of the words of the book of the law, he was so inspired of God's word, that he rent his clothes. Though it was prophesied that God would not forgive the trespasses of the people of Judah, yet because Josiah's heart was tender and he humbled himself before God, he would be "gathered unto his grave in peace." God promised Josiah that he would not see the wrath that He would pour out upon the people of Judah who had trespassed against the Lord.

> *Josiah made a covenant with God, to keep His commandments and testimonies. Until the day he died Josiah would keep the covenant that he made unto the Lord. Yet, while Josiah was alive, the people of Judah continued to greatly rebel against the Lord, which caused the anger of the Lord to be kindled against them, so that He declared: "I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there." (2 Kings 23:27)*

> *"In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him." 2 Kings 23:29*

In the year 609 BC, Josiah, the last righteous king of Judah, from the house of David, who lived under and according to the law established by Moses, would die as he went into battle at Megiddo (Armageddon). Though Josiah's heart was toward the Lord, so that he found favor in God's sight, those whose spirits were defiled, in that their thoughts were against God, would slay Josiah at the battle of Megiddo. From that day forward, until the day when God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ, (from the house of David, and the tribe of Judah), sat at the right hand of God, ruling and reigning with God on high, no righteous king would reign over the people of Israel.

> *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit* that now worketh in the children of disobedience; among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Ephesians 2:1-3*

*spirit – Greek 4151 – Strong's Concordance definition: wind, breath, things which are commonly perceived as having no material substance; by extension: spirit, heart, mind, the immaterial part of the inner person that can respond to God; spirit being.

The spirit that "now worketh in the children of disobedience" is not the spirit, God's breath of life, that God has given to each person. With knowledge of evil, mankind partook of thoughts that were contrary to the Word of God. They would walk as those of the world, who denied the Lord their creator. Yet, though hindered by the knowledge of evil, the spirit may still respond to God. When the Word is spoken or read the spirit may respond to God; a person can turn from unbelief toward Jesus Christ, so that they receive the gift of eternal life, the Holy Spirit. The Word through the Spirit will put to death thoughts that deny the goodness of the Lord. Through faith a person will receive the Holy Spirit, so that the spirit of a person will be set free from the bondage of the knowledge of evil, so that their spirit, soul and body are once again made alive, “quickened” unto God. The intimate relationship with God, which was destroyed in the garden, is restored through faith in Christ.

The spirits that “now worketh in the children of disobedience” are evil spirits that plague the hearts of mankind. Evil spirits bring unrighteous suffering into their lives, so they do not appreciate and enjoy the life God has given them. We know God’s spirit that is able to respond to Him, is not evil. Accordingly, we can look at the other definitions to understand the word spirit. We find it is also defined as: “things which are commonly perceived as having no material substance; by extension: spirit, heart, mind.”

God’s Word proclaims “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9) Because of the knowledge of evil, mankind has had no difficulty in exalting their thoughts, which God calls evil, above God’s Word. Because of mankind’s knowledge of evil, they have found it natural to reject and ridicule the Lord who created them. Their hearts are desperately wicked in the sight of God. But the spirit that God gives to each individual is still able to seek out its maker. That spirit is still able to respond to God.

> *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12*
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> *“That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” Mark 7:20-23*

Man’s thoughts, defiled by the knowledge of evil, seek out an identity in the realm of unbelief. In the realm of unbelief is found every evil thing. And in this realm of darkness, where unbelief is the light that gives life to man, a person will feed upon lies that will take their soul captive to the grave. It is here that a person who has no knowledge of God, according to the Holy Spirit, will seek out an identity and purpose for their life. But the darkness holds no good thing. What they believed would satisfy their quest for identity and purpose will end up being what causes them grief, and in some instances great torment. Involvement in the things that are found in the realm of unbelief, which is what God calls darkness, will not bless the soul of a person, but will cause injury to pierce their heart and mind. To be focused only on the darkness and not on the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ, will not quench the desires of the heart and mind.

Thoughts and ideas that exalt self above God are evil in the eyes of God. Thoughts that are aligned with unbelief will cause a person to be led astray from the goodness of God, so that unrighteous suffering pierces their heart. The thoughts that a person thinks upon, that have their origin in the realm of darkness, are what will influence the way a person behaves and reacts toward life situations. The evil spirits that defile a person, that cause them to believe and respond the way they do, are thoughts that have their origin within the realm of darkness. When evil thoughts have gained control over a person’s heart and mind then they will act contrary to the way that God would desire.

To listen, believe and act upon words, which reflect thoughts that have their origin in darkness, where the dragon, beast and the false prophet speak boldly against the goodness of God, is what will defile a person, this may lead them deeper into the realm of darkness, where the voice of God will not be heard speaking messages of holiness, kindness, love and mercy.

What a person thinks upon will influence their actions and behaviors. If a person seeks relief from pain, yet the activity they involve themselves in belongs in the realm of darkness, then that activity may eventually bring great suffering into their lives. Some thoughts will cause a person to become involved in activities that will have serious consequences. Involvement in certain activities may cause them to think and behave irrationally, so that erratic and aggressively angry behavior becomes common. These activities will bring physical harm to their body. These activities may cause their bodies to become affected by disease or addiction to harmful substances, so that not only are their thoughts defiled but their bodies as well.

> *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5*
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> *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19*

Though the knowledge of evil has brought great grief and unrighteous suffering into the lives of mankind, God has continued to bear long with mankind. He sent His beloved Son, who is from the tribe of Judah, the house of David, to set the captives free. He came to put to death the thoughts that hold people captive to the realm of unbelief, where every evil thing exists, as they are united unto the Father through the Holy Spirit. He came to restore that which was lost in the garden, so mankind could walk in the cool of the day with the Lord, appreciative of the life they live unto Him. Through the putting to death of all thoughts that are aligned with darkness, by the Spirit, mankind will be able to proclaim that the life they live in Christ is good.

In the natural realm of existence, where God's people related to Him according to the law, and not according to grace, Josiah lost the battle at Megiddo to men whose thoughts were evil toward the Lord. The spirits of darkness, meaning the evil thoughts that filled the hearts and minds of men, overtook the spirit of a man whose heart was good in the sight of the Lord. Today, because the blood of Christ purged both the heavens and the earth, the entire world now stands under the authority of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. The earth and all that is it in it belongs to the Lord, and those who turn toward the Lord are saved from evil because God has extended His grace toward them, through Christ (Ephesians 2:5). Jesus Christ has made available God's spiritual kingdom, whereby people partake of God's heavenly Spirit poured out from God's throne room on high. To walk righteous before the Lord, mankind no longer needs to stand under the law, but in faith in Jesus Christ, so that they are filled of God's heavenly Spirit who will write God's commandments upon their hearts. It is when a person is filled of the Spirit that the evil spirits, thoughts that have their origin in darkness, will be put to death by the "sword of the spirit, which is the word."

In the language of the Spirit, who expresses the desires of the Father, Armageddon (Megiddo) now represents a place of victory found in Christ. Christ is the King who stands with the Spirit to fight on behalf of mankind, and when the spirits of darkness confront the Spirit that fills a person's life, they will lose the battle. Megiddo, in the natural was where the forces of evil won the battle against the last righteous king who fought under the banner of the law, but in the realm of the Spirit, where evidence of the blood of Christ is revealed, Megiddo (Armageddon) is where the spirits of darkness, confront the majesty of the King of righteousness, Jesus Christ, and are put to death by the voice of God. Through Christ when the evil spirits of darkness are confronted by the Spirit of God, they will be revealed for who they truly are; deceiving voices whose origin is in the realm of unbelief where every evil thing abounds.

The day that the blood of Christ did its perfect work, so that the Spirit was poured out and made available to anyone whose faith is placed sincerely in Christ, the evil spirits that work destruction in the lives of mankind, were confronted by the Spirit of God. When the first disciples were filled of the Spirit, so that spiritually they became warriors who stood with Christ at Armageddon (spiritual Megiddo where Christ is the King who has obtained the victory for mankind), the evil spirits were put to death. It was then that the spirits of wickedness were confronted by the Spirit of God, revealed for who they truly are and put to death by the voice of God. And what was true for the first Disciples of Christ is true for a person who stands with Christ today, filled of God's Spirit.

Through faith in Christ, evil spirits will be cast down, so that hope rises up within a person's life. Yet many remain in the realm of darkness, where every evil thing abounds. They deny and discount what God has accomplished through Jesus Christ, so they are not filled of the Spirit, who fights on behalf of God in putting to death evil thoughts that keep them buried within the grave that unbelief has dug. Though God proclaims in the realm of darkness is found no truth that will give eternal, abundant life to the spirit, soul and body, many refuse the Lord's mercy and love, and continue to be haunted by feelings of inadequacy, injury, hatred, and fear of what life holds for them. Though Christ has obtained the victory for mankind, a person must turn toward Him in sincere faith, so they are filled of the Spirit, who will fight the good fight on the behalf of God.

> *"The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." Romans 13:12-14*

Colored Pegs Vision

Linda Harrington

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During the close of worship

I saw a whirlwind with many layers of clouds swirling, whirling. As the winds began to subside I saw a giant picture map of the United States shaking; a moving of the earth and in the heavens. The rain began to come out of the whirlwind and flooded the United States. The shaking continued and the waters began to recede I saw little colored pegs (such as on a cribbage board). There was no distinct color, more of a mixture, nothing defined. The shaking continued and I saw thousands of holes in the ground. The pegs were shaken until they were rubbing and bumping against one another. The shaking continued until they began to stand upright in the holes. When they were standing there was a picture of the United States with each region, state and area a different distinct color.

When the waters receded and the pegs were in their holes there was distinct, definite pattern. As the winds began to subside the Unites States was a multi colored light shining in the darkness. Other nations began to turn and look towards the light. To the far north I could see the Host of Heaven, a mounted army behind the Lord who was seated on a white charger poised, ready and focused on the distant great wall of darkness.

Concerning President Bush

Stephen Hanson

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33Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it [a] is near, right at the door. 34 I tell you the truth, this generation [b] will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. Matthew 24:33-35

The Lord told me today, and this is not the first time that He has told me this. This is a serious word, and one that I don't take lightly.

"I want to tell you something about President Bush. There will be some assassination attempts made on his life. He will be shot. There will be strife among many of those in government positions. This will be a year of extreme chaos. These things have been set aside but they will come to the forefront in the new year. "

"Woe to those who follow after the ways of men and not my Spirit. I tell you that this will be a difficult year as many attempt to sort things out. Know that the "times" are in my hands. Everything is progressing as it should. Many think that the events of the last days are far off. I tell you that they have not been aware of the signs. Truly, this generation will not pass away until all of these things will be accomplished. "

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Crossing Over
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CROSSING OVER
As you cross over this day, My favored One.
Many battles were fought, and victories won.
Alliances were formed for synergies gain.
Connected in one, you'll never be the same.

Yesterday's mind-sets are gone and behind you.
Tomorrow's path, is freshly paved and brand new.
As you follow My lead one step at a time,
You will bravely come into - all that is thine.

Graduation from youth is not a number.
Maturity in age rises from slumber,
In restraining self - against wars over flesh.
Washed in holy unction from having been threshed.

Let all that you've learned be memorial stones
Planted and remembered from all that's been honed.
You carry a legacy of sacrifice.
Poured out for love, believing I will suffice.

You are well favored and supported with care.
I will go with you, I will always be there.
Head up, shoulders back, look Me straight in the eye.
You will see My love and My grace not denied.

My favored, My honored, My beloved one.
My chosen, My tender, My valiant dear one.
Do not look back but keeping your eyes on Me,
You will walk safely into your destiny.

Jer 29:11-14 NLT For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope . In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and bring you home again to your own land."

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Shedding Light On Your Motives
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SHEDDING LIGHT ON YOUR MOTIVES
Some choices lead to life and some choices lead to death. You already know that I died to give you an abundant life. I want you to be released from choosing death. No matter what choices you make, they are governed by your motives. I want to heal your soul by shedding light upon your motives.

This soul healing is something I want to do with you. I desire it to be a healing in which we partner together. When you are involved in the process, you learn through the experience of revelation which I have known and understood about you all along. I want you to see how I see you, and how I have understood your greater needs of heart, over your sins of choice.

I have said where sin abounds, My greater grace abounds. I have loved you through your sins, and understood your deep need for love. I never give you an excuse for sinning, but I do understand all the influences that have caused you to choose death through your ancestral heritage all the way back to Adam.

When I give you the understanding into what drives you and why, I AM giving you a chance to love yourself through understanding and wisdom. I AM giving you a chance to see yourself as I see you, - with loving understanding. It is a good process and a needful one.

Prov 2:5 NKJV
My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

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Fire And Steel
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FIRE AND STEEL
I burn the dross and melt the steel of all that is cold and stiff, unyielding and hard when I try them in the fires of life. When tempered just right, I bring those places out of the fire and hammer them into symmetry. Balanced just right, boundaries are stretched for a greater expanse. I complete that which has been forged by plunging it into the cool refreshing waters of the Holy Spirit.

Generations are passing by fast. Build bridges from faith that will last. Not faith in empty words, but tested through walking. Being tried in the fire, not in vain empty talking. Each step you take is easier having forged a way past words that condemn. Not listening to doubt, unbelief or fear but, heeding My voice as I speak into your ear.

Dan 3:25 NKJV
"Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God."

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Cross-Pollination

Catherine Brown

The Lord Holds The World In His Hands

During a time of prayer, I had a vision in which I saw the Lord Jesus holding a small globe in His hands. As the Lord held the world in His hands, the central axis of the earth opened up, forming two equal halves, and swarms of bees emerged from the centre. Fascinated by what I had just witnessed, I continued to watch the activity of the bees. Half the bees worked on the fields on one side of the axis, whilst the other half worked on the fields on the opposite side.

Cross-Pollinate

After spending some time observing the bees working, the Lord gave this instruction: "Cross-pollinate!" In response, the bees began to cross over into other fields. They continued their work of pollination, but this time, they were in different fields and on the other side of the axis of the world from which they had originally been working.

It Is Good

Jesus smiled. He surveyed the work and crossed His arms; still smiling, the Lord said, "It is good." I noticed that the blooms, which were produced as a result of the cross-pollination, were extraordinarily beautiful and unusual in their shape, color, and form. Their fragrance was breathtaking. Isn't it lovely when God engages our senses in a spiritual experience with Him?

Spiritual Application: Multiply!

To cross-pollinate is to bring two elements (pollen and a flower or plant) together, in order to reproduce a new bloom or fruit. The bee is the means through which the Lord creates these new blooms. The vision speaks of increased fruitfulness in the body of Christ, brought about through the formation of new and unusual alliances inspired by the Holy Spirit. The cross-pollination vision indicates multiplication in the body of Christ as Holy Spirit strengthens existing Godly alliances and brings into being, new and unusual gatekeeper relationships. This will result in a powerful, spiritual shift in the nations to the glory of God, as we learn to co-labor together in innovative and exciting ways.

Kingdom Alignment

Ultimately, God's intention is to give His ambassadors access to **"gates"** of nations to change and affect their destiny and bring them into Kingdom alignment. As Holy Spirit directs the cross-pollination of ministries, giftings, and callings, God will bring us together in unity, love, and servant hood so that He can pour out His Kingdom agendas on the earth, producing fruit to the glory of His name. Unity is God's strategy, and dominion is His goal.

Spiritual cross-pollination will result in Kingdom deposits of wisdom, revelation, gifting, and authority being produced and distributed (and/or re-distributed) in different places or in a different manner than we may presently be accustomed to. God may ask us to go to a new place or to new people, either temporarily or permanently, as His ambassadors. He may simply ask us to go and serve another who is laboring in the harvest field. The vision and call to cross-pollinate speak of multiplication of blessing and multiplication of our effectiveness as Christians here on the earth. It is time for the Kingdom to come with great power and signs and wonders. It is a time to love in Christ's agape, and in this way, the multitudes will be won for Jesus.

Gatekeepers Of God's Presence

As worshippers, we are all gatekeepers of God's presence. We each have a place where we have been assigned to co-labor with Holy Spirit and each other. We have each been gifted in God's grace with His commission, with His commandments, and with Holy Spirit's gifts and callings. Some are called to be servant-leaders within the five-fold ministry. All are called to be lovers of Jesus and to prefer one another in love.

Gatekeepers Have Individual Spheres Of Influence

In order for the fullness of these new Godly alliances to take place, we must be robed in humility and be willing to be servants of love. Without this virtue, the bride will be ineffective in her ability to communicate, collaborate, and cooperate with Holy Spirit and each other in the dynamic of spiritual cross-pollination. To the church in Corinth, Paul said this:

"We do not dare to classify or compare ourselves with some who commend themselves. When they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise. We, however, will not boast beyond our proper limits, but will confine our boasting to the field God has assigned to us, a field that reaches even to you." -- 2 Corinthians 10:12-13

Paul exhorts us not to boast in our works, but to be humble and Christ-like. Paul loved to glorify Jesus and confined his "boasting" to be about our glorious Savior: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord," (2 Corinthians 10:17). Paul explains that we are each assigned a field in which we labor for God's glory, indicating that there are individual spheres of authority within which we operate. As Kingdom gatekeepers, we are each assigned a particular sphere or area within which we may exert a Godly influence and operate in Christ's authority and compassion. One of the first places we operate as gatekeepers is within our family units.

Identify And Recognize Other Gatekeepers And Their Sphere Of Influence

"We are not going too far in our boasting, as would be the case if we had not come to you, for we did get as far as you with the gospel of Christ. Neither do we go beyond our limited by boasting of work done by others." -- 2 Corinthians 10:14-15

Paul recognized that others labored for Jesus, and [he] was happy to commend them for their ministry of the Gospel. We must recognize that there are others who labor and witness effectively for Jesus. Once we understand our calling as gatekeepers, and recognize others in their particular sphere of influence as gatekeepers, we can begin to enter into Kingdom alliances that form a corporate expression in this arena. Gatekeepers have spheres of authority in which they operate; the individual gatekeeper has an appointed sphere of authority. This is greatly enhanced when gatekeepers gather together and form a corporate Kingdom expression of gatekeeper authority, wisdom, and revelation.

Exponential Increase In Corporate Gatekeeper Anointing

"Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our area of activity among you will greatly expand, so that we can preach the gospel in the regions beyond you." -- 2 Corinthians 10:15b-16

There is the potential for an exponential increase of Jesus' Kingdom when individual gatekeepers form divinely inspired alliances. This may be described as a corporate gatekeeper anointing. We are not called to operate in isolation, since the overall work of the Gospel is enhanced with cooperation, mutuality, and preferring one another in love, which leads to Kingdom increase and multiplication.

What Is A Gatekeeper?

"*But the four principal gatekeepers were entrusted with the responsibility for the rooms and treasuries in the house of God. They would spend the night stationed around the house of God, because they had to guard it; and they had charge of the key for opening it each morning."* -- 1 Chronicles 9:26b-27

A Kingdom gatekeeper is simply this: a person whom the Lord has entrusted with keys of revelation, wisdom, and authority and walks in intimacy with Jesus. Gatekeepers have guardianship of the treasuries of the house of God. There are many different types of gatekeepers, and each has a particular "field" of influence (as previously mentioned). These include ***worshipping*** gatekeepers, ***community*** gatekeepers, ***market place*** gatekeepers, and ***apostolic or prophetic*** gatekeepers, to name a few. Our first ministry, as gatekeepers, is to minister to the Lord.

Gatekeepers Are Those Whom God Can Entrust With Responsibility

"Altogether, those chosen to be gatekeepers at the thresholds numbered 212. They were registered by genealogy in their villages. The gatekeepers had been assigned to their positions of trust by David and Samuel the seer. They and their descendants were in charge of guarding the gates of the house of the Lord -- the house called the Tent." -- 1 Chronicles 9:22-23

Pioneer Gatekeepers

Gatekeepers are often pioneers. Two Old Testament examples of pioneer gatekeepers are Joseph and Daniel. Peter may be considered a New Testatment example of an apostolic gatekeeper as he was given keys of revelation, power, and authority:
"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." -- Matthew 17:18-19
A gatekeeper has revelatory keys to unlock spiritual gates. In order to more fully understand the function of a gatekeeper, it is helpful to consider the purpose of gates.

Jesus Is The Gate! He Gives Access And Grants Dominion

"Jesus said, 'I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.'" -- John 10:7

The result of passing through the Gate that is Christ is salvation!

Gates Are A Point Of Access

"While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses." -- Nehemiah 7:3

In the days of walled cities, gates were of tremendous significance. A gate was a point of access or a place where access was denied to an unwanted intruder or enemy.

Gates Are Places For Decision Making

The gateway was a place where the elders of the city met to make decisions and settle disputes. Decisions made at the gates affected the lives and destiny of those under the authority of the elders. Today, as we consider the corporate effects of gatekeepers, it is noteworthy that these will impact on a community, national, international, and global level.

Gates Are Places Of Public Assembly

"When the seventh month came and the Israelites had settled in their towns, all the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra, the scribe, to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses. . . " -- Esther 8:1

A Place Of Hospitality

Any stranger could seek hospitality at the city gates (e.g. Lot at the gate of the city).

A Place Of Enemy Activity

"During the time Mordecai was sitting at the king's gate, Bighthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, became angry and conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. But Mordecai found out about the plot and told Queen Esther, who in turn reported it to the king, giving credit to Mordecai." -- Esther 2:21-22

Satan recognizes that our homes, communities, cities, and nations are gateways and have the potential for the release of incredible power, either for good or [for] evil. The story of Esther reveals that although the enemy conspired at the gate, God had his man at the gate too, and ultimately, God's Kingdom-agenda prevailed.

A Place Of Convergence/Transformation

"When Mordecai learned of all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the city, wailing loudly and bitterly. But he went only as far as the king's gate, because no one clothed in sackcloth was allowed to enter it." -- Esther 4:1-2

Gates were places where lives were touched and changed.

Military And Strategic Significance

Gates were the weakest places in the city's defenses. Gates, therefore, had guards to watch over who entered AND who was approaching from far away. If the enemy took the gates, then the rest of the city could easily be taken. God is downloading "military" strategies and forming strategic networks and alliances in order to position the Church to be the soul winner in our cities and nations.

A Place Of Observation

"Then the watchman saw another man running, and he called down to the gatekeeper." -- 2 Samuel 18:26

Gates are places where strategic reconnaissance information is exchanged between the watchmen of a community or nation and the gatekeepers.

A Place Of Protection

"The King was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept." -- 2 Samuel 18:33

Spiritual gates that are won for Christ are strongholds of the Lord where we can be hidden from the enemy and find rest for our souls.

A Place Of Prayer And Prophetic Revelation

"I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts. I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. [Then the Lord replied,] 'Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.'" -- Habakkuk 2:1-3

A gate is a place of prayer and revelatory impartation. Spiritual gates are where we are given prophetic utterance to proclaim the decrees of the Lord. It is where Holy Spirit brings forth breakthrough, blessing, and victory on the earth.

A Place To Make Apostolic Or Prophetic Proclamation

"The people of the Lord went down to the city gates. 'Wake up, wake up, Deborah! Wake up, wake up, break out in song! Arise, O Barak! Take your captives, son of Abinoam.'" -- Judges 5:12

Gates are places where spiritual battles can be won or lost. Deborah and Barak, along with all the people, rose up to worship at the city gates.

A Place Of Worship

"Those who were musicians, heads of Levite families, stayed in the rooms of the temple and were exempt from other duties because they were responsible for the work day and night." -- 1 Chronicles 9:33

As gatekeepers of God's presence, we are all ***worshipping*** gatekeepers. As we praise and worship the Holy One, we change the spiritual atmosphere in our homes, our cities, and our nations.

A Place For Particular Activities

In Biblical times, gates also had names that described the nature of the part of the city they gave access to.

"By night I went out through the Valley Gate toward the Jackal Well and the Dung Gate, examining the walls of Jerusalem, which had been broken down, and its gates, which had been destroyed by fire. Then I moved on toward the Fountain Gate and the King's Pool. . . " -- Nehemiah 2:13-14

Gates Have Eternal Significance

Gates are places of spiritual breakthrough! In Hebrews 13:11-4, we read how Jesus suffered outside the city gates in order that we might be forgiven of our sins and have eternal life.

Gateways
Gateways are portals of glory and places of Kingdom convergence. Gateways are places of power encounters.

Developing A Global Mindset

Daniel was the Lord's ambassador; Joseph [was] a pioneer gatekeeper and administrator over Egypt. God wants us to develop a global mindset, particularly as we consider:

The Corporate Market Place
- Business
- Government
- Technology
- Media
- Communications

God's Agenda -- Unity Is The Strategy; Dominion Is The Goal

As existing Kingdom alliances are strengthened and new gatekeepers alliances are formed, Holy Spirit will enable the Church to identify enemy and world gateway systems and empower us to infiltrate these systems by releasing ***bypass strategies***. Bypass strategies are the means through which God will bypass the agenda of hell and bring to pass His divine will.

Strategic Alliances -- Authority And Dominion

God will enable the Church to identify modern-day Cyrus (Isaiah 45) and Pharaoh type figures. Cyrus was a king (person) in authority in the world system. He was a gatekeeper into the world's resources and seats of authority. God used him to bring restoration and empowerment to his people.

Gates Are Seats Of Power And Have Potential To Release Kingdom Resource

God's intention at the gates is to release:
- Worship
- Warfare
- Wisdom
- Warnings
- Wonders
- Witness

Consider some of the world gateways, as we consider the geopolitical landscape:
- United Nations
- World Economic Forum -- global gateway organization of Trans National Corporations (TNC's)
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's)
- World Trade Organization (WTO)
- World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- International Criminal Court (ICC)

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Be blessed this day as a Gatekeeper of God's presence!

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Childish Things

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> *When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.* 1 Co 13:11

One of the earmarks of how children learn their language is they go through a stage where they are unable to grasp figurative speech. They have learned the basic meaning of words and how to communicate in sentences. But they insist on taking everything you say literally. Only after much more growth and maturity are they able to understand and communicate with adults and their use of colloquialisms, cliches, and comparisons. Strict literal understanding is one of the childish things that one leaves behind as they mature. In the coming days, the Body of Christ is going to have to mature in like manner.

In my earlier days as a Christian, I once took a series of classes on Bible Study that introduced the 10 commandments of Bible interpretation. This was all well and good providing a lot of helpful information and insight.

Quite some time later I came across a textbook on the laws of Bible Interpretation in a book store. The laws they listed were different! Our church at that time was charismatic, and this was a Baptist bookstore. They had different rules of interpretation than we did!

At my next opportunity I asked our bible teacher where he had gotten his 10 commandments of bible study. As it turns out, they were taught to him by another charismatic pastor, but their ultimate origin was not clear.

I began to see that there was something odd and perhaps self serving about these 10 laws. Each group espoused rules of interpretation that just happened to support the lines of reasoning that produced their pet doctrines. While all of these pastors were very careful about having scriptural justification for their doctrine, there was little or no attempt to provide scriptural support for the rules of interpretation. In other words, these rules were man made. And the game was rigged!

We're not going into a study of all these laws or attempt to rewrite them. I just want to look at one I find especially troublesome. And which by the way is adhered to both by charismatic types and more conservative fundamentalists.

It is the Law of Literal Interpretation. This says "Always interpret scripture literally wherever possible, and only if this fails are you to seek another way of interpretation."

The justification that is usually given for this law is you will avoid lots of errors that people have made in the past, or that you lose touch with reality. One writer heaps scorn on those who abandon literal interpretation, saying "they wander off into allegorical la-la land".

However no scripture is offered to back up this law. So we'd like to take this opportunity to present some scripture that speaks contrary to the law of literal interpretation.

Now how about some basics. What is literal interpretation? Our dictionary tells us this:.

> **lit·er·al** (lĭt¹er-el) *adjective*
> **1.** Being in accordance with, conforming to, or upholding the exact or primary meaning of a word

> or words.
> **2.** Word for word; verbatim: *a literal translation.*
> **3.** Avoiding exaggeration, metaphor, or embellishment; factual; prosaic: *a literal description; a literal mind.*

My summary of this is "**sticking to the exact meaning and avoiding exaggeration, metaphor or embellishment**".

So the law of literal interpretation then says "Always interpret scripture **sticking to the exact meaning and avoiding exaggeration, metaphor or embellishment** wherever possible, and only if this fails are you to seek another way of interpretation." Note: this is not denying that there are other ways of interpreting scripture, nor does it deny that the bible uses exaggeration, metaphor and embellishment. All it does is tell us to avoid these things.

Okay now what is Metaphor?

> **met·a·phor** (mèt¹e-fôr´, -fer) *noun*
> **1.** *Abbr.* **met.**, **metaph.**. A figure of speech in which a word or phrase that ordinarily designates one thing is used to designate another, thus making an implicit comparison, as in *"a sea of troubles"* or *"All the world's a stage"* (Shakespeare).
> **2.** One thing conceived as representing another; a symbol: *"The high-rise garbage repository is a metaphor for both accomplishment and failure"* (Richard Sever).

Synonyms for metaphor are: allusion, allegory, colloquialism, comparison, emphasis, euphemism, exaggeration, figurativeness, figure, figure of speech, flourish, hyperbole, imagery, irony, likeness, manner of speech, mystical interpretation, parable, paradox, personification, rhetorical figure, sarcasm, satire, simile, similitude, symbolism, word-play, [also types and shadows which are images and footprints.]

Here are a couple other definitions that will serve us in this discussion.

> **hy·per·bo·le** (hì-pûr¹be-lê) *noun*
> A figure of speech in which exaggeration is used for emphasis or effect, as in *I could sleep for a year* or *This book weighs a ton.*

> **si·mil·i·tude** (sî-mîl¹î-t¡d´, -ty¡d´) *noun*
> **1.** Similarity; resemblance. See synonyms at LIKENESS.
> **2. a.** One closely resembling another; a counterpart. **b.** A perceptible likeness.
> **3.** *Archaic.* A simile, an allegory, or a parable.

All definitions are from the American Heritage Dictionary as distributed with Microsoft Bookshelf 95.

Now what does the Bible say?

In Hosea 12, God outlines his methods of speaking to man.

> *I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.* Hosea 12:10

Let me point out here that the ministry of the prophets includes those who like Moses, Isaiah, Luke, John, etc. were the actual writers of the bible. So their writings are not just historical records i. e. literal, but God's way of speaking by similitude i. e. non-literal. To put it another way, God is telling us that the bible is primarily non-literal.

Now even the historical parts are primarily non-literal. Look what Paul says here.

> *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11*

To rephrase this, Paul is saying that the things that happened in the bible are recorded as examples for our learning. So the primary use of them is not to record what happened [literal] but to impart a lesson [spiritual].

Here he is discussing another 'historical' event, showing the non-literal interpretation.

> *But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar*. Galatians 4:23-24

He is making a case or at least a very strong hint that the histories recorded in the bible are meant as allegories.

Here is another case where Paul shows the literal view to be insignificant in comparison to the spiritual.

> *For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?*
> *Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: ….. 1 Corinthians 9:9-10*

There are many cases where God presents a parable and then shows us how to interpret it.

In the parable of the vineyard in Isaiah for example, God stops to explain his figurative language

> *For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: Isaiah 5:7*

Here God's people are depicted as plantings. Elsewhere they are described as sheep.

> *Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture*. Ps 100:3

In another place, he speaks of clay in the hand of the potter.

> *But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Isa 64:8*

In some places He mixes the metaphor so as to make the literal rendering ridiculous.

> *Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.* Jer 12:10

Is God complaining that someone let the sheep graze in the vineyard and ruin the plants?

Look at Jesus explaining the parable of the sower.

> *And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Mark*

> *4:2*
>
> *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word.*
> *And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.*
> *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;*
> *And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.*
> *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, …. Mark 4:13-18*

Here Jesus explains each element of the parable and shows their relationships. But he is also giving them a lesson in bible interpretation. Note that he says *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?* This is to say, the way that you interpret this parable is the way to interpret parables in general.

Here in Luke 1 we find an example of hyperbole or exaggeration.

> *Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,*
>
> *Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;*
>
> *It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,*
>
> *That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed. Lu 1:1-4*

Are we to believe that Luke has *had perfect understanding of all things from the very first,* or are we to see that this is an exaggeration pointing to [describing] the real author of Luke's writings, namely the Holy Spirit?

The bible is full of religious laws and rituals, all strictly literal, right? Well looking in Collosians and Hebrews we see there that these things are shadows. They are images and pictures pointing to something greater.

> *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Col 2:16-17*
>
> *For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. Heb 10:1*

One problem with this law of literal interpretation is that it leads people to think that all they need to understand the bible is a good set of dictionaries. In other words, you can understand most all of the bible without the help of the Holy Spirit.

The bible comes right out and tells us that this will not work!

> *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. 1Co 2:14

Let's rephrase this verse.

> *But the natural man* [who interprets literally] *receiveth not* [cannot understand] *the things of the Spirit of God:* [the things written by the Spirit of God in the scriptures] *for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. [because they are only understood spiritually.] 1 Co 2:14

Summary

How about this: The Law of Spiritual Interpretation: Always seek the Lord for a Spiritual Interpretation of scripture. Remember that there may be more than one correct interpretation and remain open to the possibility of a strict literal view being important as well.

Here's an example of a well known passage that is usually taken metaphorically, but also has a valid literal interpretation.

> *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.* Romans 12:1

Here the literal understanding implies that there may or will be a time where God want's you to literally offer yourself up, as Paul did; dying a martyr's death.

Catch The Foxes
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CATCH THE FOXES
The devourer is at work when you see sudden massive losses in physical, mechanical and spiritual things breaking down in your life; but seldom is there the sudden alarm of major breakdowns unless an open door has been opened to the demonic through blatant sin or through not taking one's thoughts captive. It is rather through the small subtle inroads into your life that nibble away your hedge, increments at a time. So catch the little foxes that steal your self discipline and compromise your conscience. Do not harden your sensitivity to the subtle call of My voice in your heart. You may not hear Words, but you know what is right and safe, pure and holy in regards to keeping your hedge safe. So catch the foxes as they crouch.

Song 2:14-3:1 NLT
"My dove is hiding behind some rocks, behind an outcrop on the cliff. Let me see you; let me hear your voice. For your voice is pleasant, and you are lovely." "Quick! Catch all the little foxes before they ruin the vineyard of your love, for the grapevines are all in blossom." "My lover is mine, and I am his. He feeds among the lilies! Before the dawn comes and the shadows flee away, come back to me, my love. Run like a gazelle or a young stag on the rugged mountains."

Judg 15:4-5 NKJV
Then Samson went and caught three hundred foxes; and he took torches, turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a torch between each pair of tails. When he had set the torches on fire, he let the foxes go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and the standing grain, as well as the vineyards and olive groves.

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Faith In Measure Of Hearing
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FAITH IN MEASURE OF HEARING
Precious, I hear your many pleas to hear My voice and to find your way in the midst of a darkened world. You ask Me for increased measure in hearing. I hear your heart over and over again with this same desire. I hear your earnest wish. I too yearn to reach you even more.

It is so important that you understand what I AM about to tell you. What you seek is an abiding place, a place of rest in hearing Me day and night. Your place of rest in hearing Me, MUST be mixed with faith. Many earnestly wanted to enter in, but they were unable, having heard the Word but not mixing it with faith. Faith is not wavering and not doubting. How is it that faith overcomes these doubts and waverings? I will tell you very simply. Follow your conscience.

The veils between us rise and fall depending upon your sensitivity in obedience to My Spirit. You already know the issues that separate us. I AM not calling you to law, but to love. And when you understand love, it is the fuel that strengthens you in self control over the things you feed upon through your flesh, namely your appetites, your thoughts and the world. Dear one, these become veils of resistance, that erode your faith. You must have faith that you are in right standing with Me. I AM a holy God. Yes, overcome condemnation, guilt, and shame and daily accept My forgiveness. Come to Me without doubt, and set aside the appetites that do not feed My Presence in Your life. You will find that the more you do this, the greater shall be your measure of faith to not only hear My heart, but RECEIVE My Words.

Heb 4:1-4 NKJV
Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,'" although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

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Passing Through
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PASSING THROUGH
I AM calling you out of your past, away from the taskmaster. When you have moved forward as far as you are able, and there remains a road block to your passage, hold your peace and remain at rest as you trust Me. Stretch forth the rod of your mouth and speak to the roadblock. Stretch forth your hand and cut it asunder. Behold, that which stood before you shall part and you shall pass through on safe ground. When you see your opportunity, move forward with purpose and aim for it remains but a brief door in time.

Ex 14:14-16 AMP
The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest. The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward! Lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and the Israelites shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

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Come Up Here!

Joni Ames

As we are launching into the ten days (05/06/05 - 05/15/05) of Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday where they waited in the Upper Room for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, I sensed the urging of the Lord to us to, "COME UP HERE and I will show you things to come!" (Rev. 4:1)

I believe this is a time of great grace when many who have been waiting for fulfillment of the prophetic promises the Holy Spirit has spoken will begin to see them fulfilled. - "Not by might or power, but by His Spirit!" (Zech. 4:6) - He has given to us His grace to attain them!

God's Grace is His "unmerited divine assistance" and represents also His forgiveness and favor towards us. We can all be thankful for the fact that we can tap into that!

I also believe this is an urgent clarion call from the Lord in this time that we are to come UP ABOVE our circumstances, and be focused on and seated with Him in Heavenly places. As we do this, we will see things from HIS point of view, and have those things that have been hindrances be put under our feet - for they are already under His! - And we (His People) will thus be at peace and have direction during times that others are in panic.

We Mothers are blessed to have had "our" day ("Mother's Day") during this time! It is not coincidence, for sure! For the Lord is calling to His Psalms 68:11 great company (ARMY) of women to come forth as well.

You know, as "they" all waited in the Upper Room for the promise of the Holy Spirit, it was *not* "just the Disciples!" - And it was *not* just men! - Acts 1:14 says: " These (disciples) all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, WITH the WOMEN and Mary the mother of Jesus, AND with His brothers."

And Acts 2:1-4 tells us: (1) When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were ALL with one accord in one place. (2) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon EACH of them. (4) And they were ALL filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

So there are a number of things God is doing in this time, and one of those things is to bring His women forth, "for such a time as this." So, in this time, let's ALL say "Yes, Lord!" and engage ourselves with Him to fulfill His purposes in the earth through us that He desires to accomplish!

Some have lost cars, homes, businesses, even friends and family members, and the cost has been great. But God grants to us His great grace and favor! - His "unmerited divine assistance," and His victory, in place of our failures! - - - - PRICELESS!

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Come Up Higher

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I am calling you to come higher on my mountain. Run to me and cast aside everything that hinders you. It is coming! The great outpouring you have heard and read about is about to be released. It is coming wave after wave, one after another. It is on it's way. Even now I am giving the command for release of finances, gifts and anointings. The call is going forth. Do you hear it? Are you willing to come up higher on my mountain? Are you willing to pay the price and go all the way with Me?

There is a commotion in heaven. Thousands of angels are ready and waiting in anticipation to be released. There is great anticipation. I am sealing my bondservants, those who have allowed my fire to purify them. Those who have kept their focus on Me even when it was difficult. It is those who have died to self and to the world and they are now ready to come into the fullness of my calling.

Will I find you busy with worldly things or will I find you going about my Father's business?

Dance and rejoice. Dance for the time is near. My bride betrothed to me. The bride adorned with precious jewels. Come!

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Come Up Here With Me

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I was in a huge bed in the middle city. I admired the bed for it's beauty. The luxurious fabric, the size and comfort were all very appealing to me. I said in my heart "I will lie here and commit fornication", but I did not. I was distracted by the activity outside. As I looked out onto the city streets, I noticed a dear friend walking by. I quickly got dress and went out to meet my friend. I walked and talked with my friend through the city and out into the country. As I listened to my friend talk I thought to myself how beautiful my friend is, how smart and precious. I couldn't remember exactly how long I knew my friend, but it seemed like forever. I would go anywhere with my friend. As we walked and talked, my mother started to follow us from a distance. She was listening, but never actually engaging in our conversation.

Suddenly, my friend said, "Tina come up here with me. Come with me in the cleft of the rocks." My friend talked to me about the coming storms. When the first storm came, it was much stronger than I had expected. As the storm raged outside my friend sat right next to me. I loved that time during the storm because my friend stayed so close. I thought I could have stayed there forever. The first storm ended and I started to get up, but my friend said "Another storm is coming" and within seconds of the warning the second storm hit.

I noticed that my mother did not follow us up. When she heard my friend's warning she got a plastic inner tube. She thought it would keep her afloat, but it had actually begin to kill her. It was around her neck. She was stuck in a raging pool of water while a waterfall pounded down on her head. The inner tube was so tight around her neck because of the immense force of water that she was being strangled to death. I heard my mother's cry for help and decided to go after her, but my friend said "Do not go after her this time or you will die...I will get her". My friend went through a wall of water to save her. I grabbed my friends feet to help, but as I re-adjusted my grip, I noticed that my friend was incredibly strong and had no need of my strength. I continued to hold onto my friend's feet, but only did so for my own comfort. My mother life was spared and the storm was over.

We came down from the mountain and continued to walk, this time back into the city. I noticed my friend started to walk much faster. An old neighbor of mine (who has been deceased for several years) stopped my friend and said "Hey we are of the same rank." My old neighbor was referring to his Mason's [of the Freemasonry] uniform . But my friend didn't acknowledge the old neighbor and we began to run. We ran up the stairs of a huge glass building. The entire building was made of clear glass, but it was stronger than steel.

I knew in my spirit that the time was very short...like maybe we had a minute or two to spare. A few people ran into the building, but the rest continued to walk in the same direction down the city streets like zombies. Some of the people who ran into the building didn't even have time to finish dressing. One man was still getting dressed as he ran up the stairs of the building. I thought that he must not belong here...he's not even dressed properly. But as I begin to watch the different people come in and talk to each other, I knew it was by the grace of God that they were there. They were spared in the last moment of time.

I suddenly remembered my mother. Soon after she was saved she went off her own way once more. She lost her way and didn't follow me and my friend to safety. I knew this time if she didn't come up she would perish. I looked out into the city streets, but did not see her. I started calling out to different groups of people, "COME UP HERE, COME UP HERE". I called out to 5 or 6 different groups of people, but I only remember the last one. I called out with such an urgency "COME UP HERE ALL YOU BACKSLIDERS."

I awoke with a stammer and said "JESUS THAT WAS YOU WITH ME." His sweet spirit permeated throughout the dream. He was so close to me and so familiar. He was like a best friend, mother, father, sister, brother, and husband all in one. He answered my thoughts HE knew me so well. This is what Jesus wants to be to us darning the coming storms. If you reach out to anything in this world to comfort you, it will be the same thing that kills you!!

We must fast and pray for all those who are not living for Christ. Oh Lord, give us your heart and mind. Break our hearts for all of those who are walking their lives right into the pits of hell...to be lost for eternity. The hour is late! BREAK OUR HEARTS FOR THE LOST!!!! BREAK MY HEART LORD!!! BURDEN ME FOR THE SAKE OF THE LOST AND DYING!!!!!!!!!

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Carnality Versus Spirituality

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Romans 8:6**—***For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*.

Most people understand the carnal mind as a mind that is full of sinful thoughts. Even though that may be a fitting description of most carnal minds, I am beginning to understand that carnality or spirituality has more to do with one's view of life.

2 Corinthians 5:16**–***So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.*

1 Cor 15:48-49—[48]*As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.* [49]*And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.*

Carnally minded human beings (especially Christians) are those that see life from worldly viewpoint. They still reason at man-of-the-dust level. People who are spiritually minded see life from a spiritual point of view; by their spiritual reasoning they bear the image of the heavenly man.

Many people are dying today (physically and spiritually) because they have a worldly view of this life. They think that their sicknesses are caused by one virus or bacteria or the other. They think that their poverty, failure, frequent accidents, joblessness, etc., are caused by bad luck. For this reason many die from diseases, accidents, famine, and all kinds of frustrations. Those who do not die live miserable lives.

Matthew 9:35-37—[35]*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.* [36]*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.* [37]*Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.*

John 10:10—*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

People are still being harassed by the devil, the thief, even though Jesus is in this world right now, to give them help, to be their shepherd. Carnality has kept much of humanity away from the help that Jesus desires to offer. Even Christians are not better than the rest of humanity in terms of carnality. That is why there is a dearth of harvest workers. The Christians that are supposed to decrease carnality on the earth by making disciples are themselves carnally minded, so that even if they make succeed in making the whole world Christians, the so-called Christians will yet remain harassed and helpless. In this end time God is raising up an army that will vigorously attack carnality on the earth; that is the only way to bring life and peace to those who are suffering.

Here in Swaziland, a number of places are suffering from drought. Why is there drought in Swaziland? Someone quickly answers, "It is a problem of weather." Is there any solution to this drought problem? Then you will hear; "the only solution lies in irrigation, and the government does not have enough money for that." A typical African government that wants to be good to the people would quickly rush to international creditors and take loan for irrigation. The nation will then spend at least the next decade under debt burden, and yet the problem of drought may not be adequately contained. This is the kind of trouble humans go into today because of their carnal wisdom. Carnal wisdom is highly limited in its problem solving ability.

Imagine that somebody like the Jesus of old would be found in Swaziland, and you ask him, what is the cause of drought in Swaziland? Do you think he will answer, "Weather problem"? Jesus would never give you that kind of answer. He would rather give you a spiritually oriented answer.

John 9:1-5—[1]*As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth.* [2]*His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"*
[3]*"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.* [4]*As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.* [5]*While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."*

Jesus says that problems in this world are opportunities for display of the work of God. Jesus Himself is the light that drives away every darkness, the solution to every problem. And He is available in every part of the world right now.

The drought in Swaziland is only an opportunity for the work of God to be displayed in Swaziland. Do you know that every single problem you see in this world represents an opportunity for the work of God to be displayed? Any person who adopts this spiritual attitude to problems is a candidate for miracle. One may ask; why is it that countless number of problems have appeared and wrecked so much havoc on this earth without any work of God being displayed? In order to answer the question, it will be necessary to look again at the opening quote of this article. God is not able to operate where there is carnality; carnality transforms what should be an opportunity for the display of God's glory into an avenue of death. If the people involved would rather adopt spirituality, God will manifest life and peace. Carnality leads to little faith (Matt 8:26), while spirituality leads to great faith (Matt 8:10). Faith enables the display of God's work.

Can the glory of God be manifested in a problem situation that could otherwise have caused great damage just by being spiritually minded? For example, AIDS is a very big problem in the world today. It is well known that AIDS is a terrible killer with no known carnal solution yet. Can a person cause miraculous healing of AIDS patients just by being spiritually minded? The Bible says yes. If being spiritually minded is life and peace, that is exactly all that is required to heal an AIDS patient. That is also what is needed to solve any other problem. However, it still remains to obtain sufficient knowledge that will make the possibility implied by the Bible to become practical. The required knowledge is what Jesus calls the truth.

John 8:32—"*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

Heb 2:5-9—[5]*For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.* [6]*But one testified in a certain place, saying:*
"What is man that You are mindful of him, or the son of man that You take care of him?
[7]*You have made him a little lower than the angels; You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of Your hands.*
[8]*You have put all things in subjection under his feet." For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.* [9]*But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.*

God has already put the world to come in subjection to (that is, under the dominion of) man. This truth will become very clear when the new world emerges. God gave man dominion over the earth in the beginning, but sin destroyed all that. In the world to come, God will restore dominion to mankind. However, the problem situations in which we need to see the work of God displayed are in the present world, not the one to come. That is where verses 8 and 9 of Hebrews 2 come to play. We do not yet see man having dominion over all things on earth, but we see Jesus having it.

Eph 1:22-23— [22]*And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,* [23]*which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

God put everything under Christ's feet and the Church is a part of Christ (1 Cor 12:12). Man has not yet been glorified or exalted, and so cannot directly exercise dominion over the earth; he will be glorified in the world to come. However, in the present world man may exercise dominion indirectly, through a name—the name of God. Jesus operated on this principle before He was glorified. He exercised dominion indirectly, through a name. And He needed full obedience to the owner of that name in order to exercise dominion through the name. When Jesus was glorified, He inherited His own name. His name is a key that operates the powers of heaven. His name is a key to the kingdom of heaven.

John 17:6-8—[6]*"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.* [7]*Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You.* [8]*For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.*

Heb 1:4—*So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.*

John 20:21—*Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."*

Jesus sends a person by giving him/her the authority to exercise dominion through His name. This requires total submission to His authority. Once the requirement of obedience is fulfilled, nothing is impossible to the person who has the authority to exercise dominion in the name of Jesus. Such a person can command winds in the ocean to continually bring rain to a drought-stricken land, in the name of Jesus; and it will happen. He can command the spirit of AIDS to go from a person, in the name of Jesus; and it will happen. The possibilities are endless.

There is need to touch on the issue of obedience. A necessary requirement for one to exercise dominion in the name of Jesus is obedience. Virtually every person cringes at this. The reason is that many PEOPLE desire to fully obey but are dismayed to find out that they are not able. Some preachers would urge them to be more serious; they then exert more effort at obedience and yet find out that they cannot. Does it mean that some people are gifted with the ability to obey? The answer is that any person who is able to obey by the exercise of strong will is trying to attain salvation by works. It does not work. Salvation only comes by faith in Jesus Christ.

Rom 7:21-25—[21]*So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.* [22]*For in my inner being I delight in God's law;* [23]*but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.* [24]*What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?* [25]*Thanks be to God–through Jesus Christ our Lord!*

If you desire to fully obey Jesus Christ, you can exert dominion over your heart in the name of Jesus. You can defeat sin in your heart through the name of Jesus. It takes spiritual warfare, in the name of Jesus.

Matt 11:12—*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

A person meets the requirement to exercise dominion in the name of Jesus by force. Sin must be driven out of the heart by force. When a problem exists in a place, there usually is a spirit behind that problem. That spirit must be driven away by force. The problem condition must be reversed by force. The force meant here is continuing to command what is not to come into existence and what is to stop existing, for as long as it takes for change to occur. It takes persistence that is backed up with the knowledge that the name of Jesus must always win.

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Overcoming The Works Of The Devil
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John 10:10—*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and* *have it to the full.*

The works of the devil can be summarized as stealing, killing and destroying. Are you wallowing in poverty? Are you suffering all-round deficiency in your life? God did not make man to be so in the beginning. What happened was that man admitted the devil into his/her life by opening the doorway of sin; then the thief came in. He has been stealing the possessions of mankind. He steals our peace. He steals our joy. He steals our sufficiency.

May be you are sick onto death; you are suffering an incurable disease. May be you are HIV positive, and you fear that it is only a matter of time and AIDS will set in. The devil wants to kill you. He entered your life through the doorway of sin. It is either due to your sin or due to your parent's sin (if you contacted HIV as a baby). What about those who got it through blood transfusion?

John 14:30b—*For the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

The need for blood transfusion would never have existed if the devil had nothing in the patient. A person in whom the devil can find no sin can never get AIDS, even if the AIDS virus mistakenly enters the person's body. So, sin is the doorway that lets the devil in. When the devil enters, he begins to destroy.

Rom 3:10,23—[10]*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one;*
[23]*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

We are all sinners by nature. This means that the door is often wide open for the devil to get into our lives to steal and to kill and to destroy. A very important question now is; how could the devil be driven out of our lives? Put another way, how can a person overcome the works of the devil? May be the devil has already stolen so much from a person that s/he has already been forced into prostitution or stealing. The person in view may be one of the homeless hungry youths, popularly called OVCs in Swaziland, or street children elsewhere. The person in question may already be suffering an incurable disease. Is it possible for this person to be delivered from the works of the devil? Most importantly, can the person in question, without the help of any deliverance minister or pastor, overcome the devil?

Isa 49:24-26—[24]*Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?*
[25]*But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.*
[26]*And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.*

Even the lawful captives of the mighty shall be delivered; by who? The deliverance is by God, not by a minister. The job of the minister is to teach people how to get delivered. People should be delivered without necessarily being tied to any minister.

John 3:14-15—[14]*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,* [15]*that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

Jesus has been lifted up for our salvation from every work of the devil. In the case of the bronze snake that Moses lifted up in the desert, a person who was already bitten by a live snake needed only to look up to the lifted bronze snake, and the person would be freed from snake bite—this means healing of a person already bitten and freeing from any other snake bite. In our case, which involves the lifted up Jesus, we who have been bitten by the devil are saved by believing in the one that has been lifted up. What does this believing involve?

1 John 3:22-23—[22]*And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.*
[23]*And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*

Acts 4:12—*Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

There are two sides to belief in Christ. One aspect is to understand and trust in the power that is vested in His name. The other aspect is to actually put the power of His name to meaningful use. Anyone who cannot make meaningful use of the name of Jesus is not perfectly in faith in Jesus Christ. The reason for this imperfect faith in Christ of course is ignorance.

Hosea 4:6—*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

Why did snakes kill the Israelites in the desert? They sinned against God. Why do demons destroy and punish mankind today? Human beings live in sin. It is then clear that in order to overcome the devil the doorway of sin that brought him in must be closed. Incidentally, the devil exerts the fullness of his power to make sure that that does not happen.

Matthew 12:28-29—[28]*But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.*
[29]*Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.*

How else can one enter a human heart in whom sin (Satan's goods) operates and spoil them? It is only in the name of Jesus, the only name given under heaven among men by which we are saved. It is this use of the name of Jesus that is the best purpose for which it can be used. Whatever we ask of God we receive, if we obey all His commandments. Unfortunately, many people attempt to get one thing or the other, in the name of Jesus, when they have not obeyed all His commandments. For this reason, people now doubt if all the much-talked-about power in the name of Jesus is real. This was the same mistake the sons of Sceva made.

Acts 19:13-16— [13] *Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon- possessed. They would say, In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.*
[14] *Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this.*
[15] *One day the evil spirit answered them, Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?*
[16] *Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.*

As you read this article, may be you now desire to overcome the devil in your life or in another person's life. May be you have a very pressing problem you would want God to solve for you. 1 John 3:22 says that God will do for you anything you ask Him, if you can rid your life of Satan's goods (sin). And you ask, where do I start, how will I proceed?

Mat 6:31-33—[31]*So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'* [32]*For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.*
[33]*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Your starting point is to seek the kingdom of God. What is "the kingdom of God"? It is the presence of God in your heart. As you can see in Matt 12:28 quoted above the presence of God is manifested by the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1—[1] *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*
[2] *Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*
[3] *And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.*

The situation of mankind today is just like that of the earth in the beginning. Then there was chaos and manifestation of the power of darkness. But God had a handle on the situation by the presence of the Holy Spirit. He simply commanded light to manifest, and darkness was pushed away. That is why a person's priority should be to seek the kingdom of God—that is, the presence of the Holy Spirit in his/her life. That is an important first step in giving God a handle in one's life.

How does a person invite the Holy Spirit into his/her life? Let me quote God's own message to a modern prophetess, in the name of Mary Clark (http://www.ft111.com/maryclar.htm), given on March 9, 2005:

> *"I am the Indweller of human hearts. When a person submits to My will by telling Me that he would like for Me to dwell in his heart, I become an inhabitant of that heart."*

Reverently ask God to come into your heart by His Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus. Like Larry Lee wrote in his book, "Could you not tarry one hour", continue to say this prayer until you become sure that God has responded.

Matthew 16:19—*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

This was Jesus' promise before His glorification. He fulfilled the promise long ago. A lot of people have written that Peter used the key to open the kingdom of heaven to Jews on the day of Pentecost, and then to gentiles in Cornelius house (Acts 10). I personally think that one notable place where that key was used was in Acts 3:6.

Acts 3:2-8—[2]*And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;*
[3]*Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.*
[4]*And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.*
[5]*And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.*
[6]*Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*
[7]*And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*
[8]*And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.*

I have already stated that the kingdom of heaven is the presence of the Holy Spirit. The keys of the kingdom of heaven are the things that release the power of the Holy Spirit to act on a situation. The keys are obedience to God's commandments and the name of Jesus—that is, using the Name in holiness. But the name of Jesus is the greater key. It is with the Name that you enter into the righteousness of God. How? Begin to speak to your heart, or different aspects of your life, in the name of Jesus.

Romans 8:13—*For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

How do you put to death the sinful nature in you by the Spirit? It is by commanding sinful aspects of your life to die in the name of Jesus. It takes being poor in spirit and mourning for your sins (Matt 5:3-4). You must note that mourning usually go with fasting, just as eating and drinking normally go with feasting. This is how a person who has attained to the presence of God's kingdom or Spirit in his/her heart goes on to possessing the righteousness of God. Here is a message God gave to Masha Burns (http://www.ft111.com/p0000013.htm) on March 10, 2005:

> *"I am moving you in the direction of great freedom, but whatever has kept you bound must be brought to a conclusion before liberty and blessings are released in your life. This process will require honesty and exposure. You must first be honest with yourself in the examination of your own heart and mind, and then you will be required to be honest in your expressions. You cannot remain hidden or isolated and still find the release that you are looking for. Be brave; do not be afraid to step into the light. Freedom awaits!"*

You know the aspects of your life that contravenes God's commandments. Be honest and then command those aspects of your life to die, in Jesus name.

If you now have attained to the righteousness of God, and you maintain it the same way you entered into it, then you have the assurance that God will solve your problems. However, the way to solve your problems is not by pleading to God to solve them. No, you use your key—which is the Name.

Exodus 4:17—*But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it."*

Ex 14:15-16—*[15]Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. [16]Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground.*

God gave Moses a staff with which he could perform miraculous signs. The staff was the Name. But when Moses faced the formidable problem at Red Sea he began to cry to God. But God reproved him by saying something like, "what about the staff in your hand"? So, if you are sure you have the kingdom and righteousness of God, make use of your staff or the key, which is the name of Jesus. Command your problems to die in the name of Jesus. Face every other problem in your life and in other people's lives that way. Continue to command until the problems go. Victory is assured.

My understanding of the power of the name of Jesus was greatly helped by a ministry with headquarters in Nigeria, with the name "Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministry". While I grappled with a problem that threatened my life over a period of about six years, I stumbled onto their website (http://www.mountain-of-fire.com/powermustchangehandsprayerpoints.htm) quite recently. I downloaded their prayer topics, being that I was with them for a few months in 2000, in Nsukka, Nigeria. As I made use of their prayer points, my understanding of the centrality of the name of Jesus in the kingdom of God began to develop.

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Civil War Rages On

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> *Acts 5:34-39*
> *34 Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space;*
> *35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.*
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> *38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:*
> *39 But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.*

The Civil War Prophecy

In 1996 Rick Joyner released a word titled *Civil War in the Church.* We posted that article on ETPV [www.etpv.org] and since that time have posted at least 8 other articles on the same subject. Here are a couple quotes from Joyner's post.

> Civil War in the Church Rick Joyner
> http://www.etpv.org/1996-97/civwar.html
> from the Morning Star Prophetic Bulletin May 1996
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> On February 23rd of this year I was shown for the third time that the church was headed for a "a spiritual civil war." I was first given an impression of this in 1988. At the beginning of 1995 I saw it again in a dream, which I wrote down as *The Hordes Of Hell, Part I.* On February 23rd I was told that it was time to straightforwardly warn the church, and to begin preparing for this great war with the resolve to fight until there was a complete victory. The definition of a complete victory in this war would be the complete overthrow of the Accuser of the Brethren's strongholds in the church.

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> Philip Elston had a vision several years ago in which he saw the Lord standing with His arms outstretched. Soldiers in blue and gray uniforms were marching past Him on either side, and were laying their bloody swords on His arms. The Lord resolutely looked into the eyes of each one, saying, *"No one who has their brother's blood on their sword will be used to build My house."* We must never use our swords against our brothers, but only against the cords of evil that are binding them.

The Florida Outpouring

Now we have the Florida Outpouring and an escalation of this conflict.

Last week I sent an email message to a select group stating how I felt about all this. The text is below.

Dear Friends
We have seen a fresh batch of criticism rising up against the Florida Outpouring. It only comes from a few sources, yet many others are repeating and circulating these messages. It's clear to me that we are seeing an increase in the ongoing strife in the church. The long prophesied 'civil war' is heating up dramatically. This is something you don't want to get caught up in.

Here is a paragraph from a prophecy given on April 17, 2008 from Christine Beadsworth of South Africa. The point that catches my attention is where it speaks of a dividing line being drawn.

> River Of Fire Christine Beadsworth
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> I say, these waters that I've released in this day, shall bring a death to all that is fleshy, these waters that I release in this day shall bring a death to all that is unclean, to every mocking voice, that has mocked My servants as they have built a place, an ark for My glory. To every voice that has cursed My servants, that voice will be silenced by the waters that are rising, and are rising and are rising and I say these waters that I release in this day, are both waters of blessing and waters of judgment for as I have said, My hand shall be toward My servants and against My enemies. I say, these waters shall be the waters of division. These waters shall be the waters that destroy – these waters of My word that I release in this day, these waters of My word that I release in this day shall be those that draw a dividing line between those that are of Me and those that are not of Me.

I also find it significant that this Florida Outpouring greatly increased on or about April 19, the date of the Jewish Passover. We think that this move is just a beginning of something much greater. It is not yet the Last Days Move but a step toward that final move. Some have mentioned that we are seeing the New Wine poured into the Old wine skins. I feel that this is correct and that we will shortly see the new wine skins come on the scene.
We also know that Judgment must come to the house of God first, after which we will see true repentance come to us.

With this in mind we are determined not to post anything critical of this outpouring, lest we be found opposing a move of God by siding with the accuser of the brethren.

Here are some scriptures to keep in mind if you are thinking about taking on the role of the critic.

> *Proverbs 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth..*
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> *Mark 2:22 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.*
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> *Matthew 7:3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*
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> *Romans 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.*
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> *1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*
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> *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

End of email message.

One of the replies I got back was quoting a host of other scriptures I was said to be ignoring. So right away someone is trying to draw me into a brother vs. brother battle using scripture versus scripture, sword against sword. No thanks, brother, I do not intend to reply.

Typically the critics are claiming that what they are doing is warning us. They will quote at great length all the bible verses on false prophets, lying signs and wonders, sheep in wolves clothing, deception in the last days, great delusion and on and on.

What they are doing is using the words of the Bible as a weapon against their own Christian brothers. This is the prophesied ‘civil war’ in full swing.

Sola Scriptura Not http://www.etpv.org/2008/solanot.html
Yet scripture alone is not enough to decide an issue. Why is this? The bible itself tells us that the letter kills and the spirit gives live. This is, for whatever reason, one of the hardest things for Christians to grasp. Yet when you are using the letter of the law to attack your brothers, you are working death. The old testament law is called the ministration of death. As ministry means service, what you are doing then is serving up death.

Scripture alone cannot settle an issue.
Scripture must be mixed with faith. As Jesus would answer his critics, *He that has an ear, let him hear.* So be careful not to get caught up in arguing scripture vs. scripture. That’s how you will get involved in ‘doubtful disputes with those weak in the faith.’

No amount of scripture will ever settle an argument, prove a point, or convince anyone of anything.
Scripture alone is not enough to settle an issue.
Look at what happened when Paul preached in Rome.

> *Acts 28:23-24*
> *23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*
> *24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.*

There can be several reasons for this. First and biggest is that you can most always find an alternate interpretation or an alternate scripture that supports the opposite view. For example I feel that these critical attacks are rooted in pride. So I caution people not to make accusations. One verse that supports my view is found in Proverbs.

> *Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.*

To counter this, someone will cite Jude, saying we are to contend for the faith.

> *Jude 1:3-4*
> *3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*
> *4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.*

So what is accomplished by my quoting proverbs? Some believe and some believe not. To continue arguing my point is fruitless because scripture alone is not enough to settle an issue.

Another reason is that scripture must be mixed with faith. That is it must be received from the Spirit. Looking it up in a concordance or bible search program is not the same.

> *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

Yet another reason is spiritual blindness. Some people are not able to understand scripture for spiritual reasons.

> *2 Corinthians 3:14-15*
> *14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*

Spiritual things must be understood spiritually. The spirit may withhold understanding or the enemy may block one’s understanding in various cases.

Another reason is that the books are sealed.

> *Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*

> *Isaiah 29:11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:*

> *Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*

The inner meaning of much scripture is sealed till such time as God chooses to reveal it.

> *Revelation 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.*

Obvious or not so obvious.
It should be obvious from observation that scripture alone is insufficient to settle an issue. Yet somehow we never draw that conclusion, assuming that scripture is the final authority in these matters, as we have been taught since the time of Martin Luther.

Yet we all quote scripture, myself more that most. We must realize that the best you can do in quoting scripture is use the scripture to support a line of reasoning shown you by the Lord. If the reader or listener does not receive it in faith, there is nothing more you can say. That is unless there is a demonstration of power to go along with it.

If you work out the detailed implications of every insight you share, and your reader is just not being led to follow the line of reasoning, it won’t help any. You can lead a horse to water but you can’t make him drink.

We certainly are not against quoting scripture. The bible is constantly quoting itself. The characters in the bible quote other parts of the bible in many places. And in quite a few of those cases the listeners do not understand or receive what is being said. Here is a case from John 10.

> *John 10:6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.*

While we have been taught that the bible is the final authority, scripture itself can show us that it is not. This may sound pretty radical, even heretical. Well consider how Jesus responded to Peter’s confession of faith.

> *Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

Here Jesus is telling us that the Father in Heaven is the final authority.

The Accuser At Work

Several years back we posted a word predicting a disaster to come on a set date. It never happened. Shortly after, I learned that the author of this word was being labeled a false prophet in the internet. This puzzled and disturbed me greatly. I sought the Lord, asking him why are these men picking on this writer for missing a date. His answer came immediately.

> *John 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*

And from this answer, I knew that the accuser of the brethren was at work here. This reminded me once again of the warning against getting caught up in the civil war. Some are saying that we should stone the false prophets, or at least hold them accountable to the old testament standard of prophetic accuracy.

Today’s scorners are fond of quoting the verses about a prophecy not coming to pass. They want to judge today’s prophets and other ministers after the Law. So do they want to be under the law themselves? Or do they want to oppose God?

In John 8 the Pharisees brought in a guilty woman saying:

> *John 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*

Jesus stooped and wrote on the ground. Then he stood up and declared, *He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her*. He wrote again on the ground, and when God arose the second time his enemies were scattered.

Another ploy of the civil warrior is to quote the saying *by their fruit you shall know them*. And proceed to judge someone after noting a flaw in their character, forgetting that charity covers a multitude of sins.

The Pharisee who prayed in the temple correctly discerned that the publican alongside him was a sinner. The woman caught in adultery in John 8 was guilty. The woman at the well in John 4 was a sinner. [All of these are types of the church by the way.] How did Jesus treat them? He, Jesus, did not seek to judge them after the law, but showed compassion.

Let me throw in a quote from a recent article from Ron McGatlin.

> **Discerning the True, the False, and the MIXTURE**
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> **Lack of mature holiness in a gifted person causes a mixture.**
> **Mature holiness** looks a lot like humility filled with love and spiritual power in a person with a pure heart and clean hands.
> **Unholy** looks like pride with needful desire and natural strength in a person with an unclean heart and dirty hands.
> **A believer in process of becoming holy often will be a mixture of holy and unholy practices.** This mixture is not uncommon in the leadership of churches and ministries of the church age systems.
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> The false does exist and can be discerned by their fruits (Mat 7:16-18). **However, what many have called false teachers, false prophets, false apostles, and false signs are not really false but mixtures.** The false relates to the unholy (the harlot). The mixture relates to immature are partly holy (the adulteress). The true relates to mature holiness (the pure Bride).
>
> Ron McGatlin

Here is another good quote from an article by Robert Brownell
200+ Principles I've Stumbled Over In My Walk With Christ
Robert Brownell
http://spiritlessons.com/littlelessons.htm

> Accusing someone is a serious thing to do, not to be handled lightly, not for the immature, and not to be done without the prompting of the Holy Spirit. In scripture it was handled by the Apostles, by seasoned men and women of God. But even the disciples, as show in the Gospels, misjudged people *(Mark 9:38)*. When you accuse another person without the prompting of the Holy Spirit, you'll be in danger of the trap of the enemy, who greatest weapon is using Christian to accuse other Christians, and cause division. Many times, in the name of "***defending the truth***", we are often "***attacking the body***". We are not doing God a favor by attacking His children.
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> Take a strong warning from Philip Elston, who had a vision several years ago in which he saw the Lord standing with His arms outstretched. Soldiers in blue and gray uniforms were marching past Him on either side, and were laying their bloody swords on His arms. The Lord resolutely looked into the eyes of each one, saying, "***No one who has their brother's blood on their sword will be used to build My house***."
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> Pride + Bible knowledge will get you as far as it did with the Pharisees.

The Revelation of Jesus Christ
What I anticipate now is That the Lord will bring this civil war to an end. It’s time for the Revelation of Jesus Christ. So when he takes the book and opens the seals, we will witness judgments. We know these will begin at the house of God. As he sets the cornerstone in place, this civil war will end. And he will begin to build his house, on the sure foundation so that the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. Amen Come Lord Jesus.

Cleansing Will Take Place
Kim Clement

"'There are four regions in the United States of America where cleansing will take place,' says the Lord.

'There are four regions in this nation,' The Spirit of God said. One shall be a Twin Territory. And God said, 'I will cleanse this nation, for an odor and a stench has come before Me.'

And when it is all said and done, and the end of October comes, and they say, 'We will celebrate Halloween,' God said, 'There will be remorse, and I will end that day with My voice through this nation.

'Four regions shall be cleansed. And I will cause this nation to tremble.

'They will say, "We're Next! Is it a Hurricane? Is it a furnace? What is it?"'

The Spirit of God said, 'But Listen!' The elements are crying out and reacting to a Heaven that is opened over this nation.

Gatekeepers, gatekeepers, gatekeepers of America, listen to the voice of the Lord –

'I will stop discord and division – enough is enough!

'And when the cleansing has taken place, there will be a mighty rushing wind that shall come in and restore this nation back to order,' says the Lord of Hosts.

'I will bring them back to the place that their forefathers dreamed. I will shut the mouths that have brought division.

'There is one gatekeeper that has prayed: your President.' And God said, 'I will show him in these three months, how a nation can be shaken and restored at the same time,' says the Spirit of God.

(Keep praying with me) Everyone is focused on this nation. Everyone is focused. . . everyone is focused on California.

When will God come and judge? But the spirit of God said, 'I've sent prophets together on the West Coast, to make declaration that God shall take the "fornia," the fornication, and the spirit that has brought so many untold millions of people to a place of degradation, and I will do something unusual.

'I will build an altar in the midst of the perversion, and show them who is in charge of the media. WHO is in charge of the media?!

'I will take CNN, and I will take some of the most powerful voices, and I will change them. And I will say, "You will no longer speak as secular humanists, but you will speak as the voice of God."

'I created the mouthpiece. I created the fog horn. I created the trumpet. I created it.'

God said, 'I created the news media; now I will infiltrate and take over and speak to this nation MYSELF,' says the Lord."

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Cycles of Mercy and Judgment

by Bill Somers

Part I
The Lord is moving in cycles of mercy and judgment to reveal Himself in these last days. The early to mid 80's saw cycle of mercy. The late 80's and early 90's was a period of judgment. The refreshing of the mid 90's is a time of mercy. Another time of judgment is imminent. Another term for this is cycles of **warfare and blessing**.

The present move of the New Wine refreshing [Isa 28:12] is a cycle of mercy. It is the Lord showing himself as a God of mercy. It may seem to be **out of balance** or tending to error because it is only one side of his nature. But to reject this move is a mistake. To feel that it is "just not God" or that somehow it is a **great deception** misses what God is doing. This puts you in the seat of the scornful. Psalm 1 says blessed in the man who sitteth not in the seat of the scornful …. " So to scorn or reject what God sends is to **not** be blessed. It is **missing the blessing**.

Those of us who reject the Toronto blessing are therefore put in the seat of the scornful. And may perhaps be wearing the Crown of Pride. "Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom." (Proverbs 13:10). These are the scornful men who rule in Jerusalem [Isa 28:14] .

Conversely when judgment comes we must see it as that, judgment from God, lest we be among those who despise the chastening of the Lord. Saying that the Judgment is 'not God', or especially, blaming the judgment on the sinners in the world, will cause us to miss opportunities to cry out in repentance and to receive redemption [mercy]. We need to repent for the sins of the Church and the world. Even worse to say that this judgment will not come against us is to make lies our refuge [Isa. 28:15]. Yet when Mercy and Judgment meet and we become mature enough to receive them both then His throne is established in us, the Church.

Then we will see the fruit of this revival, enter into the kingdom of god, in a spiritual sense, and be able to proclaim "Our God Reigns!".

This blessing movement is God revealing Himself but only in part. "we know in part, and we prophecy in part, but when ….." That is the Revelation of Jesus Christ as a God of Mercy.

When judgment comes, as it must begin at the house of God, it is the Revelation of Jesus Christ as a God of judgment. The Lord is made known [revealed] by the judgment he executeth.

When mercy and judgment meet or come together it is the Revelation of Jesus Christ as the Lamb upon the Throne.

Part of the reason for this judgment is the rejecting or scorning of the mercy! To be in balance on this issue is to behold both the severity of the Lord and his lovingkindness. Most of us are usually out of balance. We only get into deception if we stay out of balance.

And what is the judgment that is coming? "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste." (Isaiah

28:16) The cornerstone is the Lord himself. As the Church is founded on the Lordship of Jesus, He will take his place as the Head of the Church, the chief cornerstone, the headstone, and exercise His authority over it.

The point of The Final Quest by Rick Joyner is that the judgment [warfare] is to bring us to the judgment seat of Christ. There, as we behold Him, we will see that it is also the Throne of Grace. Then we receive mercy and grace [power to obey].

The seat of the scornful tends to make us hostile and bitter. I have been there and done that and repent when I find myself thinking that way. Sometimes we are quick to criticize something. It may be a teaching, a prophecy or a movement because 'we just don't see it in the scripture'. This doesn't mean that it's not there in the bible somewhere, just that **we** don't see it!

There is a lot in the bible that we don't see if we were humble enough to admit it.

God is not seeking those whose doctrine is right, but those whose heart is right. None of our doctrine is completely right, when you get down to it. Compared to revelations yet to come it can't really measure up because there is so much more of the word yet to be revealed. The book is still mostly sealed to us, (and this is not just the book of Daniel, but the entire bible.)

But if you can come before His throne He'll give you what you need to know and His grace is sufficient. It is the faith to believe and the ability to obey Him.

Sometimes we know **in part** because He only reveals **in part**. The 5 blind men who studied the elephant each came away with a different description. Their disagreement is like a lot of our doctrinal squabbles. Based on our pride. Who can know all about God?

These 5 blind men have one common failing. In their pride **they forgot they were blind**. There was a limitation on what they could know and comprehend..

Thence the squabbles among us in our last day Laodicean Church . Or do we only think that the others are Laodicean? We need to admit that we are the Laodiceans, especially those of us with prophetic or intercessory gifts. This alone will pave the way for intercessory repentance. We need to admit being Laodicean before we can repent of being Laodicean.

Part II.
I have been aware of the New Wine outpouring since early spring of 94 and partaking of it since Sep 94.

Only recently have I really dealt with any critics of the New Wine, or New Wind, on a personal level. Specifically I refer to the writings of Andrew Strom found on his Web site, the New Zealand Revival Bulletin. I read a lot of his material but it really didn't sink in till I had a long conversation with a brother from Indiana named John Webster. Then the next morning the Lord gave me the above thoughts about cycles of mercy and judgment. Till then I guess I just couldn't comprehend what they were getting at. It gradually dawned on me that these brothers actually believe that the New Wine is a deception! And from this, following along in logical order, that it is of the devil, and those involved are false teachers and false prophets! And all this leading to some pretty serious charges! And this from spirit filled brothers! (Our ultra conservative brothers said pretty much the same things about speaking in tongues, prophesying etc.)

Then the second day after my talk with John Webster, the Lord showed me that it was because of a stumbling block! These brothers have been offended! ["A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their *contentions* are like the bars of a castle." (Proverbs 18:19)]

The New Wine has been a stumbling block and rock of offense to some Christians because it does not meet their expectations of what Revival is to be like. This is exactly the same kind of problem the Jews have in receiving the gospel. "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a **stumbling block**, and unto the Greeks foolishness;" (1 Corinthians 1:23) It is a stumbling block to the Jews that Messiah should have to suffer and die. This was a case of God revealing Himself in a manner that they did not expect, doing things they could not understand. It was an **offense** to their national pride. So they could not accept Jesus as having been sent by God. Even his closest disciples couldn't see it till He opened the word to them on the road to Emmaus. [Luke 24:13-32]

So some of our brothers are offended because expectations are not being met. Just a the Jews expected Messiah to restore the Kingdom to Israel, many of us are expecting an awesome holiness revival like we see in history. This has not yet happened. [Pensacola excepted.] And so frustration and rejection come forth; but it's only rooted in pride.

The Awesome Holiness aspect of God is yet to manifest in this move. This will likely come as the judgments come. "The LORD is known [revealed] by the judgment which he executeth: …. (Psalms 9:16)

This is not the only stumbling block facing us today. The idea that Messiah must suffer and die is a stumbling block to the Jews. So also is the idea that Christians must suffer and die a stumbling block to the Church. Yet, as the Lord has clearly shown me, this is the price that must be paid in order to remove the veil of spiritual blindness on today's Laodicean Church.

Recall that the Laodicean Church which receives the sternest rebuke from the Lord also receives the greatest promises. "To him that overcometh will I grant **to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 3:21-22) "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Revelation 12:11)

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Can You Hear What The Spirit Is Saying?
Chip Brogden

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left (Isaiah 30:21)."

God desires to confound us that we may learn to listen to Him. Before we are confounded by the Lord we are dogmatic and sure of what we believe, but now we are not so sure. Before we could hear the Lord and follow His direction, but now we hear little or nothing at all. Before we were sure of our direction and calling, but now we wonder if perhaps we were mistaken. What is happening? The Lord is confounding us. He is teaching us what it means to walk by the Spirit.

What has happened up until now is we have been led by our feelings. Indeed, God uses our feelings to lead us when we are children. But now He desires our faith to grow, and to accomplish this end He will lead us into unfamiliar territory and teach us to listen to Him. Whatever plans or formulas or programs we used to ascertain God's will in days past will be fruitless during this time. We expect the Lord to do such and such, but He does not do so. We expect to feel a certain way, but we no longer have those feelings. We expect to have a certain encounter with God as in days gone by, but God seems to hide His face from us.

Is the Lord indeed hiding Himself? Is He abandoning us to our own way and refusing to speak to us anymore? No indeed, but He wishes us to rely wholly upon Him and not upon our senses and feelings, even if in times past He used our feelings.

With respect to God's Voice and guidance, as a child we learn to listen and God does lead us along as little sheep. He has to tell us every little thing: go here, say this, don't say that, take this course, be still, etc. He will give us such a sense of His Presence as to make us feel as though we are walking on air. His direction is clear and unmistakable. Children cannot be led otherwise.

After awhile, if we are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, we will begin to mature. Now God begins to wean us from the life of feeling and delicious spiritual experiences. Such times occur with less frequency as we grow older. When we ask for guidance it does not come so easily. Now we have to wait, and we are not used to waiting. We begin to wonder where we have gone wrong, and why we don't enjoy the keen sense of His Presence as we did before. Perhaps we will pray more, or become busier in our spiritual disciplines, in an attempt to recapture some of those feelings we used to enjoy, and sometimes we are rewarded with the coveted feeling. Most of the time we are not. No amount of prayer, fasting, or spiritual activity will bring the feelings back. We do not hear the crystal clear Voice of God as we did before.

How easily in days gone by we would declare, "The Lord spoke to me" thus and so; but today we do not so easily make the bold confession. Instead, we wonder why we cannot hear from God. We search our heart to see if there is some unconfessed sin, but our heart does not condemn us. We are at a loss to explain what is happening.

A Christian faced with this situation should realize that children are led by God in a childish way, but as a mature believer the Lord will lead them in a mature way. Over time we are expected to know God's WAYS as well as His WILL. When we know the ways of the Lord we will speak and move in harmony with His Spirit without having to consciously stop and ask for guidance, wait for a warm feeling or tingling sensation, and then proceed.

When we first become aware of spiritual things we are so excited at being able to have a dialogue with God that we tend to expect everything to be audible or unmistakable from that point forward. If we first met God in the fire from heaven, or in the mighty rushing wind, we expect everything to be fire and wind from henceforth. This is simply not the case. When the Lord appears to us in dazzling white, we, like the disciples, attempt to build Him a tabernacle and remain there, but Jesus does not always appear to us with shining face, bathed in light.

It reminds me of the cobbler who was praying one morning when the Lord spoke to him and said, "I will come to your shop today". The cobbler was disappointed when no one appeared but an old man, a tramp, and a child. At the end of the day the cobbler cried, "Lord, why didn't you visit my shop today, as you promised?" Then the Lord showed him how He had indeed come not once, but three times. It was just not as the cobbler expected.

As a general rule, the Lord will use extraordinary, even miraculous means to lead us when we are children, but when we are older in Him and have some experience with His ways then He expects us to rely more upon the Spirit and less upon some sensation or powerful experience. That does not preclude the Lord from moving upon us in a tangible way from time to time, only that is not His usual method for leading the mature ones. The older one becomes in the Lord the more intuitive one becomes. Everything is not cut and dry. With a clear word from God or supernatural sensation we advance with boldness, but when it is a still small voice or conscience or an impression or no guidance whatsoever, we will be less impulsive and more deliberate with each step. We will wait upon the Lord longer. We will be less confident in ourselves, and more dependent on the Lord. This dependency breeds humility.

We eventually learn that we cannot reduce God to a formula, and we can never be certain where or how He may be speaking to us in a particular situation. We learn to look for faint traces of Spirit in common, ordinary vessels and in our daily lives, instead of the mighty rushing wind at the believer's meetings.

One way the God-Man reveals Himself to us, of all ways, is not in a glorious vision or supernatural event, but in the pages of this thing we call the Bible. Imagine that. How odd. A book. Why not just appear to the one who seeks Him and speak face to face. No! Why? It would kill us. It would absolutely blow us away to be confronted with the Real Jesus, because the Jesus we have come to believe in is a fairy tale, a jolly elf, a fantasy character. The Bible prepares us for Him, does it not? Using types, shadows, stories, just to whet your appetite and get you accustomed to Him and His dealings so you are not totally shocked when you do meet Him.

How flippantly we just pick up the Word and skim through our favorite verses and say "ho hum". We haven't met the Lord. We haven't touched the God of the Word. How can we do that? Because the Bible is, outwardly speaking, so ordinary. Nothing high-tech about it. It seems so innocuous, so innocent. But it is the primary introduction we have to meeting the Man, the God-Man. Absolutely brilliant, this plan of God.

We know that God speaks to us through the Bible. As spiritual babes we may take the dogmatic position of saying that is the ONLY way God speaks to us today. As a result, our field of vision is limited to the written text and we miss the millions of other ways God desires to get through to us. Obviously the written Word is critical, for it gives us an objective criterion against which our subjective spiritual experiences may be measured. Without the objectivity of God's written Word we would all be tossed to and fro by every spiritual experience, false prophet, and false teaching.

Even so, let us not limit God by saying He will only speak to us through the Bible. What is the Bible, but a record of God's speaking to men and women across a span of many generations through a variety of means? We have audible voices, angels, visions, dreams, prophetic words, signs and wonders, judgments and natural disasters all represented in the Bible as ways in which God sought to communicate with men. These communications were written down in order to provide us with a permanent record. Finally, God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to communicate with us face to face, and the record of these encounters were documented and placed in the Bible as well. Then, the letters of the apostles to the churches were copied and made a part of the sacred text.

There is yet another record and testimony of Jesus Christ that was present before the Bible even came into existence, and it still exists today. I am talking about the testimony of Creation itself. The

Bible tells us that the heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. It says that through Jesus Christ, God formed the worlds, and that the whole creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God (the Church). The fingerprints of God are everywhere in the starry black depths of outer space, in the polar ice caps of virgin white snow, in the watery depths of the Pacific, in the breathtaking heights of the Alps. His design can be seen under the microscope and through the telescope, from the intricacy of the spider web to the rings around Saturn.

Additionally, God speaks to us through other people. I don't necessarily mean preachers, teachers, and writers, but ordinary people, common people. Relatives, as well as strangers. Children in particular. God speaks to me through my own children, and through my wife. He speaks to me through my critics, and through my friends, through people I like, and through people I don't like. Sometimes it is hard to hear Him speaking through ordinary people, but His echo is unmistakable if we learn how to listen.

God constantly speaks to us through our environment, our difficult circumstances. Whenever we encounter a difficulty, when things do not go as expected, instead of rebuking the devil, let us stop and ask, "What might the Lord be speaking to me in this situation?" Perhaps you are facing a contrary wind because you are sailing the wrong direction. We must learn to discern between the assault of the enemy and the hand of the Lord.

Jesus would constantly say, "He that has an ear, let him hear." The Lord does indeed speak to us in many ways that are often overlooked. Let us ask the Lord for a hearing ear and a receptive heart. Amen.

The Work God Blesses
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"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth'" (Genesis 9:1).

Every man and woman has a work assigned to them by God. This becomes their purpose, their reason for being on the earth, their calling, their destiny. Abraham had an assignment for his life, as did Joseph. Moses was called to perform a specific life-task. David had a destiny. So did Daniel, Jeremiah, and all the prophets. Esther was raised up "for such a time as this." John the Baptist fulfilled a definite role, as did Peter and John. Paul had a purpose, a reason for being.

Only a few of these people realized what their work was. Most of them were like you and me: we only come into an awareness of our purpose slowly. Everything seems ordinary and mundane; we feel like there is nothing special about us, no calling we could possibly fulfill. Moses is a striking example. The first forty years of his life were spent learning how to be a prince of Egypt. The next forty years of his life were spent in the desert, unlearning everything he had been taught. It seemed like a huge waste of a life. When God sent him back to Egypt at the age of eighty, Moses still did not understand or appreciate the full extent of what God was calling him to do. Neither did the Hebrews. But now we understand that God had a purpose for him all along.

Or look at Joseph. At an early age he senses God's call on his life for something special. But things do not go the way he expects them to go (things seldom do). His brothers first seek to kill him, but then settle for selling him to the slave-traders. His situation improves for awhile, but then he is framed for something he did not do and gets thrown into the dungeon. As the years slipped away Joseph must have believed he'd made a mistake when he thought he heard from God. But when we see the final result everything makes perfect sense. God used those experiences to shape and mold his character, and to prepare him for the work he was called to do.

And consider Noah. In Genesis 9:1 we see that God blessed Noah and his sons. The blessing of the

Lord means divine favor and approval. How do you feel when someone ELSE gets blessed? Are you happy for them? Envious? Frustrated? All we see is the end result - but we do not see all the labor, the sweat, the tears, the pain, the struggle, the misunderstanding, the confusion, the dark nights, all the things that person has endured in order to have the blessing of the Lord. I am not saying the blessing is something we can earn through self-effort; but the blessing of the Lord is the benefit of fulfilling the work He has called us to do.

In this writing we will look at the life of Noah, learn the universal principles behind the work that God blesses, and apply those principles to our lives as well. They are not complicated principles, but very, very simple. I pray they will encourage and strengthen all of us to persevere in whatever situation the Lord has placed us.

A HERITAGE OF WALKING WITH GOD

The story of Noah begins over four hundred years before he was born. The Scriptures tell us that Noah's great-great grandfather was Enoch. We know Enoch was a man who walked with God and suddenly disappeared, for God took him. Exactly what that means we can only speculate, but this much is clear: Enoch had a close relationship with the Lord.

Enoch was also a prophet. Jude 14, in the New Testament, records one of his prophecies of a future judgment. But a little closer to his own time, Enoch perceived that the Lord was about to execute judgment on the earth. So when Enoch had a son he named him "Methuselah." You remember Methuselah is the oldest person in the Bible, living to the ripe old age of 969. The name "Methuselah" has prophetic significance. Most Bible reference books give the meaning as "dart man" or "man of the spear". A less frequently found definition is of Chaldean origin and means something a little more intriguing: "at his death, the sending forth." The sending forth of what?

Perhaps that makes no sense to us - until we use the chronology provided to us in Genesis 5. All the generations of Noah are given to us with the exact time frames in which they lived and died. Enoch had a son named Methuselah, Methuselah had a son named Lamech, and Lamech had a son named Noah. When we do the calculations from Enoch to Noah, we find that Noah finished building the ark the same year his grandfather Methuselah died, just in time for the "sending forth" of a great flood - exactly 969 years after Enoch said that it would come.

So this judgment had been building for nearly a millennium. Enoch knew it was coming. Certainly Methuselah knew. Presumably Lamech knew. But none of them were called to build the ark. That work was reserved for Noah. And even then, he was five hundred years old before God revealed His purpose for Noah. Think about it: Noah walked with God for five hundred years before God gave him the plans for building the ark. If the man is not right then the plans are not right; but after five hundred years of relationship-building, the Lord finally said, "Now I can trust you to do the work I have called you to do. The survival of all life on earth depends on it." What an awesome responsibility!

THE LORD BLESSES US TO BE A BLESSING

That brings us to the first principle: the work that God blesses is bigger than us. The ark was not Noah's private little retreat. It was not his personal little ministry, his private little vision. Of course, Noah and his family were beneficiaries of the work, but the purpose of the ark was to preserve all living things. Otherwise, Noah would have built a much smaller vessel.

When the Lord gives us a work to do it will be bigger than ourselves. The size of a person's heart may be judged by the size of their work. By size I do not mean numerical or financial strength. I mean this: is the work larger than the person working? Is it fulfilling a purpose far greater than the people involved? I say this because I am convinced that most churches exist only because the pastor needs a place to preach. Entire ministries are created to give some man or woman an audience. What a tragedy that is. Yesterday I drove past a little building that calls itself a church. The church was named after the presiding elder: "Smith Apostolic Church" (not the real name, but a true story). Such work fulfills nothing of eternal significance, it only meets the self-serving needs and aspirations of the person leading it.

The work that God blesses is not merely for our own personal benefit, but for the benefit of the Body of Christ, for the Kingdom of God. Our vision must carry us beyond ourselves; our vision must survive us. The only vision that is bigger than ourselves is Christ. If our vision is Christ then we are building upon an eternal foundation, and the Lord will bless that labor. Noah carried the Messiah in his loins - the ark was meant to preserve not just physical life, but a spiritual lineage. Thus, it was bigger than Noah, and the Lord blessed the work.

THE LORD BLESSES WHAT WE CANNOT DO ON OUR OWN

The second principle is closely related to the first, and it is this: the work that God blesses is beyond our ability to do on our own. In other words, if I can do it all by myself, then I do not need the blessing of the Lord. I can simply call upon my natural talent, experience, and skill to do what needs to be done. Now, work done in this manner may or may not be successful, but irregardless, it is MY work; it is not the Lord's work, and it does not enjoy the blessing of the Lord.

The Lord delights to place us in impossible situations. Noah was no shipbuilder. Yet God calls him to do the very thing he cannot do and gives him specific and detailed plans for doing it. The sheer size and scope of the work is astounding. First, Noah is to build a boat. Not just a little fishing boat, but a floating fortress with three levels in it. The Living Bible gives the dimensions as 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Nothing this large had ever been constructed. The project would take one hundred years to complete. But the most amazing thing about this huge boat is that it was built on dry land. The Bible says Noah had faith (cf. Hebrews 11:7)!

But building the ark was only part of the work. After the ark was complete, there was the issue of bringing every sort of animal and bird into the boat. In the movies you see the animals streaming towards the ark of their own accord while Noah looks on in amazement. Perhaps that is the way it happened. Yet the Scripture says that the Lord told Noah to go get them and bring them into the ark (cf. Genesis 6:19). He had to go and gather them. How does one go about gathering one male and one female of every kind of animal in the world? And with some species God said to get seven pairs!

Then there is the matter of food. The Lord told Noah to gather samples of every kind of food that is eaten (cf. Genesis 6:21). The food was for feeding his family and all the animals, but it was also for future planting. Today we have fruits, vegetables, nuts, and grains because Noah somehow managed to find them all and store them in the ark. Now I ask: is it humanly possible to do all the things Noah did? Can someone with no experience build a boat that large? Can an ordinary person gather together every kind of beast, bird, and bug? Can anyone gather together every kind of food in the world, and store it? The Bible says, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Genesis 6:22). When God asks us to do the impossible, we can ask for, and expect to receive, the blessing of the Lord on our work. He will show us what to do, and He will enable us to do it.

THE LORD BLESSES OBEDIENCE, NOT ORIGINALITY

The third and final principle is this: the work that God blesses is originated by God Himself. This is one of the most important lessons we can learn. I spent many years creating and executing my own plans, asking the Lord to bless them. One day I understood that instead of always trying to get the Lord to bless what I wanted to do, it was much simpler to find out what the Lord wanted to bless, and simply do THAT. Instead of trying to get God to come down to my level and do what I wanted, it was far better to come onto the Lord's ground and do what He wanted. Great synergy and blessing is released when we simply cooperate with what God has already purposed to do. Heaven backs us up with tremendous power and authority. Instead of trying to make something happen, I simply flow in a current that already exists. The Lord will deny no request that is in agreement with what He Himself has originated.

Noah could expect the blessing of the Lord on his work because he was simply carrying out what the Lord had already determined to do. It is so much easier this way. Often the greatest hindrance to the best is the good. The greatest hindrance to Isaac is Ishmael. There are many good things we can create, many good things we can do. But only one thing is needed (cf. Luke 10:42). We have to discover the "one thing," and we only discover it when we are seated at the feet of Jesus. When we are only motivated by what JESUS needs, not what MAN needs and not what we think WE need, then we are on the path of continual and perpetual blessing.

Noah walked with God, and Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (cf. Genesis 6:8,9). It took five hundred years of walking with God, but Noah found grace, and that made it all worthwhile. Let us learn to do nothing apart from this amazing grace. It is better to wait five hundred years for grace than to work for five minutes without it. What is grace? I teach people that Grace is a Man. Amazing Grace is simply Jesus living in me, doing what I cannot do. It does not matter if "what I cannot do" is save myself, overcome sin, love my neighbor, or build an ark. "For by Grace (Jesus) are you saved through faith (trusting Jesus to do what you cannot do); and that not of yourselves: it (He) is the Gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). I am insufficient; but His Grace (Jesus) is sufficient. His Grace (Jesus) is more than enough. His Grace (Jesus) is Infinite Supply! But "without Me you can do nothing" (cf. John 15:5b).

Be encouraged. The Lord has a purpose for you, and a destiny for you to fulfill. But things will not always go the way you think they should. That is because the Lord calls you to something bigger than yourself, something beyond your ability, something you cannot originate or perpetuate without Him. It takes time. Noah walked with God for five hundred years and spent one hundred years building the ark. Abraham was one hundred years old before he finally saw God's promise come true. Moses spent forty years in Egypt, then forty years in the desert, before God sent him to Pharaoh. Jesus prepared thirty years for an earthly ministry of three and a half years. Dear brother, dear sister: walk with God. Find Grace. Discover the One Thing. Focus on being, not doing. And when it IS time for you to do something you can be confident that your labor of love will be the work that God blesses. Amen.

Cast Your Net On the Other Side of the Boat

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Taking a Fresh Look at John 21: 1 - 11:

> *"After these things, Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way.*
> *"Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will also come with you.' They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.*
> *"But when the day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. So Jesus said to them, 'Children, you do not have any fish, do you?' They answered Him, 'No.' And He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find a catch.' So they cast, and then, they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. Therefore, that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped for work), and threw himself into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net full of fish.*
> *"So when they got out onto the land, they saw a charcoal fire already laid and fish placed on it and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.' Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn."*

What Time Is It? Seven Key Points from John 21

What time is it anyway? Using **John 21** as our focal point, the following are some key prophetic teaching points to help us discern the times in which we live.

- It's Time for the Night to be Over.
- It's Time for Jesus to Manifest Himself.
- It's Time to Cast your Net on the Right Side.
- It's Time to Change Garments.
- It's Time to Throw Yourself into His Presence and Purposes.
- It's Time for Nets that will Work.
- It's Time for the Lord to Go Before Us.
- It's Time for the Catch to be Preserved.

The Nine M's--A Fresh Emphasis for a New Day

It is always time for greater intimacy with God and to give away to others what we have already received. But with the concept of discerning new wine skins to contain the new wine--the Holy Spirit is emphasizing the following nine M's in our day.

Matrix of Relationships
Mercy Ministries
Ministry Training Centers
Mighty Stream of Prayer releasing His Presence

Miracle Manifestations
Marketplace Anointings
Media Mania

Middle East Emphasis
Missions Outreach

Relevant Shifts for Radical Change

Do you want to be relevant in a time when "churchianity" instead of "abandoned authentic Christianity" seems to be the rule of the day? If so, then posture yourself, your family, business, ministry and congregation to include the following shifts so that a radical change can come forth. Let the relevant shifts take place so that the "new" may emerge!

- **New Voices**
- **New Thinking**
- **New Sounds**
- **New Aims**
- **New Models**
- **New Locations**
- **New Ethnic Diversity**
- **New Possibilities**

Characteristics of a Box Breaking Generation

There is a generation that will arise that will do the double. Jesus said, *"Greater works than these shall you do."* Elisha carried a double portion of the anointing that rested on the Elijah generation that went before him. It has happened before, and it will again. The following are some of the characteristics that a "Box Breaking Generation" will exhibit:

- **Zeal and Humility**
- **Companies and Teams--Gender Inclusive**
- **Accountability with Relational Care**
- **Fatherhood Empowered**
- **Diversities of Giftings and Anointings**
- **Increased Power and Accuracy**
- **Clarified Target**

It's time to get Jesus in our boats! But when He gets there, He will speak change! He will tell us to cast our nets on the other side of the boat. Are you ready for something new? Then prayerfully consider the points listed above. Ask the Lord what it means to cast your net on the other side of the boat, and go fishing with Jesus!
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Door To My Presence
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DOORTO MY PRESENCE
You are standing in the threshold of a doorway of many opportunities. This door is surrounded by many enemies. Learn to overcome this distraction and labor to enter into deeper places of intimacy with Me. The door is open to My tangible Presence as often as you enter through worship. My Presence will wash you at the moment you call. Once you find this door, you will experience great comfort. I shall draw you as you learn to abide in fellowship in deeper and more passionate levels.

It is your focus the enemy desires. With this in mind, I have provided a stronger canopy in worship warfare that involves new expressions of worship accompanied by My tangible Presence. I will be bring My tangible Presence into meetings in greater dimensions as the corporate worship soars to higher levels. This will provide an awesome canopy for those in attendance, along with new authority in prayer over their regions.

1 Cor 16:8-9 NKJV
But I will tarry in Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries.

Ps 23:5-6 NKJV
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies ; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

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Despised Turned To Honor
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DESPISED TURNED TO HONOR
Those of you who were given My hidden pearls and were sent before your time, you suffered great persecution at the hands of your enemies and the judgments of men. My precious ones, so much shame and dishonor you have suffered from the establishments of religion, - stubborn mind-sets and the demonic! You retreated and went into hiding to lay low before Me. I have used your time in the prison of obscurity to further hone you and even keep you until the time that your gifts would no longer be before your time.

I have turned the tide for you, My precious and rare vessels of dishonor. What you have held in greatest regard is now being received and honored by others as the rarest of treasures. They too have joined your heart and know the difference between the holy and the profane. Search for them and find the hungry ones who listen. You shall know them. Walk carefully and circumspectly out of prison and you shall find that it will go well with you.

Deut 6:18-19 NKJV
And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers, to cast out all your

enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.

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Don’t Wince And Don’t Mince
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DON'T WINCE AND DON'T MINCE
Every sent one must pass through My spotlight and separate their need to be endorsed and validated with man's approval. This is something every sent-one needs to walk through until they are dead in that area. You have to be so pure in giving My Word that you don't wince and don't mince what I AM saying with mixture, due to your own needs. Your own needs for fellowship must be separated. I know how hard that is, because I have created you to need friendship. I understand your frustration, but lay this down before Me and let Me wash you, as I candle your motives and bring you into My pure flow. Then what you will say will be said with great love and purity.

John 5:44 NLT
No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from God alone.

Matt 6:1 NLT
"Take care! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired, because then you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.

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Joshua My Chosen
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JOSHUA MY CHOSEN
Joshua stands before those who walk with Me.
Slimed and soiled from demonic activity.
The enemy accuses both day and night
Heaping garbage and filth into the light.

My chosen faced the fire of hells furied flames.
Dark fingers pointing and casting the blame.
Not a word did he speak in his own defense
Embracing his failures with deep repentance.

Is this not My brand plucked from the fire
Burning from coals of his deepest desires?
It never was about his own performance.
Casting shadows and a mixture of nuance.

Naked and stripped of all that was flesh

His heart and soul having been threshed.
It is the Lord Your God that pounds His gavel.
No more shame he's beginning to unravel.

Wash him off with the blood of My Son.
Poured out for him in great victory won.
Stand him in garments of linen white.
Let nothing soil and let nothing blight.

He's washed and pure, with forgiveness complete
Standing among men with great counsel of seat.
Signs and wonders from ruling thrones above
These my holy ones, walk with My dove.

Take your place Joshua, and keep My charge.
Walk in My Presence with authority enlarged.
Receive the jewel that was promised you
Rare and treasured among only a few.

Seven eyes pierce the mantle on our shoulders
My Spirit rests upon you, witnessed by elders.
Wisdom and counsel, understanding from light
Knowledge is given and My Spirit of might.

You have learned to walk in the fear of Your Lord.
Knowing the stripes and bruises of Whom you adore.
Let no man touch thee lest he die from the fear
Of opposing My holy one who walks with Me near.

Now walk worthy of what has been given to you.
The power of might and wisdom too.
Your counsel will be sought by many undeserved.
Your feet will take you to whom I would serve.

For you shall not judge by what you see
But only from what you hear and see from Me.
I AM the righteous Who defends the poor.
Granting justice for the meek whose hearts are torn.

Declare My Word with the sword from your lips.
Bloody from the pain of a heart once ripped.
Slay the demonic rebels who defy My voice
Having clearly denied and making their choice.

Those demons do cower at what you speak
They tremble hearing secrets from what is leaked.
Righteousness and faithfulness wrap your waist.
The honey flows, pouring from what you taste.

Dear Joshua, My son, My beloved.
The one whom I have given My covenant.
Obey My Word and walk with Me
Into your inheritance, your destiny.

Zech 3:1-5 NKJV Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

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Teach Your Children To Pray
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TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PRAY
Dear ones, pray, pray, pray. Pray about anything and everything. The moment you hear a heart in distress, expressing mounting stress… pray. As often as you pray about the little things, it keeps them from growing into bigger things. And as often as you pray with and over your children, it teaches them how to pray, when to pray, and always to pray. Talk to Me and lean upon Me in everything and teach your children to do the same.

1 Sam 12:22-24 NKJV
For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you; but I will teach you the good and the right way.

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Dismantling To Remantle

Jeremy Lopez

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"I am Dismantling the Old To Remantle with the New"

"This is the time of great awakening of My people. I will begin to remove the chaff and the dross of the negative things that have been spoken over you. I will start a cutting away of the lies that have risen against you. You will begin to see spiritual warfare around you like you have never seen before. Their will be songs of deliverance beginning to be sung over those who have cried out in desperation to see a change in their life. You will start hearing the prophets once more declare that war time has come! This shall be a sound of war not for the battle of flesh and blood but the battle for balance and truth for My people.

The remantling is coming to My church. I will begin to dismantle you of old mindsets and old denominational ways that you have held onto for safety. I will have no other Gods before Me that you are putting your safety and trust in! For I am your Hightower of safety. Put your trust only in Me. For I will have the attention and trust of My people! For I am truth and the way to divine life. Their is no wavering nor shadow of turning in Me that would ever lead you astray. For I am that I am!

The hurricane is coming! Oh yes, the hurricane is coming; to bring about the rain and the wind of My glory to the nations of the earth! Once more you will see great waves of power begin to flood throughout My church. For I will arise as a Mighty Man of war to conquer the "ites" that have declare war against you. Have I not said that the battle is Mine says the Lord!

You will start seeing glimpses of the Lion of the tribe of in visions and dreams once more. For the roar is beginning to be heard again throughout My church.

My people, you have lost your excitement and expectation for My presence in the house of the Lord but I will restore all that the cankerworm and the locust has stolen from you. You will begin to see the banners being lifted once more declaring that THE FIRE IS HERE, THE FIRE IS HERE! For the fire that started to burn in Toronto, Ontario was just a taste of My presence of what is to come. For I will have a people that shall be undone."

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Dreams and Callings

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Have you ever thought that your dreams could be your calling? Yea, it could be. If it is not it could have something to do with it.

At the age of 17 Joseph dreamt of greatness and those 2 dreams he dreamt where really tied to God’s calling for his life.

What is your dream? What are you dreaming of? What is your desire? What is that thing in you that burns your heart? It could lead you to the fulfillment of God’s purpose and calling upon your life.

Think about it. Develop it. It could lead you to that place called destiny. Some people never heard God calling them to a particular office, ministry or another but they had this great torque in them that drove them and they believed they had found their calling. So my question is - what is that great thing in you that gives you so much joy and happiness? It may be your calling. You have so much passion for it and you don’t struggle with it. Check it out. That may be your calling. For indeed your dreams are tied to your calling and your passion is also tied to it

Dream About Great Britain

Kathy Bippus

Aug 16, 2005
Last night I had this dream and then the word of the Lord came to me saying..

I saw the British flag, which when I seen it, it was as though there was a joining together with America and that joining represented freedom. And so I saw freedom for Great Britain. I then seen a large host. They were an army of heavenly hosts. I heard a sound of the beating of a drum, but the drum was the sound of loud clapping of multitudes of hands making one sound. This army of heavenly hosts were then stomping their feet. Lifting one leg to the sound and stomping on the last note and then repeating it with the other leg. I knew this was a war dance. I awoke I can still very distinctly remember the sound

A freedom coming to Britain. The stage has been set, the Lord of hosts has called forth His army to make war with the opposition over Britain. The sound, a declaration of freedom. For many have cried and travailed for her, she that has been clothed in darkness. Rejoice!, you that have sat in darkness, for you shall see a great Light. For I remember the seeds sown out of you to the nations, those that have fallen to the ground and died. They had sown their life for My sake, the sake of the gospel. The planting brings forth much fruit. I have not forgotten their labor nor have I forgotten you. Great Britain, Great Britain, you have squandered in ashes. As a cloak covers the light, so I have hid Myself from you for a little while. But today I call you to rejoice! For your light has come. A recompense of reward for the lives and prayers of seed sown. I visit you with grace, with liberty and freedom. Proclaim to all that will hear, this is the day of My visitation and run with enjoined hands to preach the message of Jesus Christ, for this is your hour, this is your day of great grace.

This passage of scripture came me, I believe it is for Britain, to be declared and decreed over her.....Luke 1:67-79 ` And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He has visited and redeemed His people, and has raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of David; As spake by the mouth of His holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; The oath which He sware to our father Abraham, That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shall go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto His people for the remission of sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the Dayspring from on high has visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

Love in Christ, Kathy

Dagon's Last Stand

by Bill Somers

A look at the incident with the Philistine god Dagon as a type of Satan, and what happens to him.

> *When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon.*
> *And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again.*
> *And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him.*
> *Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. 1 Sam 5:2-5*

Let's get right to the point. The story of the Ark of God in the temple of Dagon is typical of the Incarnation, the Coming of the Lord. The first day that the ark resided in the temple speaks of the First coming of Jesus and the second day speaks of the Second Coming. Let's look at a few points.

A. As the Ark came down from Israel, Jesus came down from Heaven.

> The land of the Philistines was along the sea coast to the west of the hill country where the Israelites lived. For the Ark to travel from its home with the children of Israel to reach the Philistines, it had to go down. Down from Israel to the Coast.

B. It came into the land of the Philistines; likewise Jesus came to dwell among men.

> *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, ….* (John 1:14)

C. The ark entered Dagon's temple; Jesus entered Satan's kingdom..

D. And Dagon fell upon his face before the ark; And Satan was defeated.

> *…. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and* ***the idols of Egypt*** *shall be moved at his presence, …..* Isaiah 19:1
>
> *And unclean spirits, when they saw him,* ***fell down before him,*** *…..* Mark 3:11
>
> *And he said unto them,* ***I beheld Satan as lightning fall*** *from heaven.* Luke 10:18

E. They took Dagon and set him in his place. It is man who has given Satan his place.

> *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?* (Romans 6:16)

In case you need to make a connection between idols and demons or unclean spirits, consider the following scripture.

> *But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: ….* (1 Corinthians 10:20)

Passover
In Exodus we read of the Lord's judgment against Egypt. At Passover the most important judgment took place. It was a judgment against the people of Egypt **and against their gods**; their idols. It also took place overnight.

> *For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against* ***all the gods of Egypt*** *I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Exodus 12:12*

The Passover is a time that speaks of redemption and judgment. This passage refers to a judgment the Lord carries out at Passover. The first time was at the time of Moses. This instance set the pattern.

The episode with the ark in 1 Samuel concludes with the ark returning to Israel.

> *And they of Bethshemesh were reaping their **wheat harvest** in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it*. (1 Samuel 6:13)

We know that the wheat harvest takes place about the time of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover, so the time the ark entered Dagon's temple may well have been at or near about the Passover.

The next time is during His first coming, at the Passover when Jesus was crucified. The prince of this world is judged at that point.

> *Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.* (John 12:31)

It corresponds to Dagon's first falling.

The Next time to come will be the fulfillment of Passover that takes place at the second coming.

This will be the final judgment of the prince of this world, when Satan is stripped of his power [hands] and authority [head]. [If you think I'm hinting at a connection between Passover and the Second Coming, you're right.]

This corresponds to Dagon's second falling over, and losing his head and hands.

After Jesus rose from the dead, we find in Matthew:

> *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power** is given unto me in heaven and in earth.* (Matthew 28:18)

But elsewhere we read:

> *But to which of the angels said he at any time, Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?* (Hebrews 1:13)

This is a reference to Psalm 110.

> *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.* Psalms 110:1

Back in Hebrews it says:

> *Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. ….. But **now we see not yet all things put under him**.* (Hebrews 2:8)

That is to day even though Satan has fallen he still has power and authority in this world.

How can this be if all power is given unto Jesus? This is because Jesus does not yet exercise this power. But in Revelation chapter 11 we read of a time when He will exercise this power. It comes just after the resurrection of the two witnesses and the sounding of the seventh trumpet.

> *And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
> *Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because **thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*** (Revelation 11:16-17)

At this time, our proclamation of Our God Reigns takes on a whole new meaning.

F. So the ark stayed overnight in Dagon's temple a second time, and Dagon fell again, this time losing his head and hands. And this points to a second confrontation between Jesus and Satan, after a dark night of judgment, when Satan will lose all power and authority.

Samson
Dagon is mentioned also in Judges 16 where Samson, a type of the end time church, is brought out of prison. The Philistines were celebrating their great victory over Samson by offering a sacrifice to Dagon. But God restored Samson who then destroyed the Temple of Dagon. A foreshadowing of the destruction of Satan's kingdom.

> *… the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment…. (Job 20:5)*

The Footstool
We find the following verse in two places in the Bible. It refers to David, a type of Jesus, and thus to Jesus and also to the church.

> *Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.* 2 Samuel 22:41 and Psalms 18:40

In Joshua there is a passage that details what it means to be given the necks of your enemies. Recall that Joshua is also a type of Jesus.

> *And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near,* ***put your feet upon the necks*** *of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.*
> *And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for* ***thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies*** *against whom ye fight.* Joshua 10:24-25

So to be given the necks of you enemies means to put them under your feet. Now recall Psalm 110 where it says:

> *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.* Psalms 110:1

This means that getting the necks of your enemies makes them your footstool. When Dagon lost his hands and head, all that was left was a stump. And a stump makes an excellent footstool. The stump of Dagon started just below the head, at the neck, so Dagon's neck became a footstool.

So the Lord will make Satan a footstool for Jesus, who is seated at His right hand.

And His church will share in that final victory. As the Church is His Body, the feet speak of the last part of the Body, or the end time church. The feet that are made clean being washed with tears of repentance, and anointed by worship in his presence.

> *How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! (Isaiah 52:7)*
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> *And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.* (Romans 16:20)

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Death and Life In Christ

Mark Kaphaem

(Note: These are just the ramblings of a fellow sojourner pursuing oneness with the Creator of the universe).

Some Ramblings on Death & Life In Christ

Interesting, when we are at the place of feeling our greatest weakness. The place of feeling so overwhelmed that it is like we are drowning, is the same time we are positioned for our greatest breakthrough in the Kingdom of heaven.

Do you feel like you are loosing control over your life? Do you feel like you are loosing control over your family, and over your job, and over your relationships with friends.

Good! God is making some progress in your life!

Many of us come so close to a major breakthrough with God, only to pull back at the last minute.

We don't like that feeling of loosing control. We don't like that feeling that we are falling off a cliff not knowing what lies beneath us.

Hey, dying can be really scary and painful, but resurrection in Jesus is awesome! And you can not have one without the other.

I just want to encourage you this morning to take the plunge. Take that step into the unknown. His hands are there to catch you.

It is going to cost you control over your life. It is going to cost you control over others. Control is a major issue the Lord is addressing in many of our lives right now.

Let me encourage you, it is not the one who has it all together that is progressing in the Lord. It is the one who is lying on the floor crying out "help Jesus I can't do it", that is progressing in the Kingdom of Heaven.

So if you feel like you are weak, Rejoice! Be weak but do not sin. Do not surrender to sin in your weakness. Instead surrender to the strength of God. This is a vulnerable place you are in. Brethren we must love and support each other in this place. Not judge and condemn. The only way to learn His strength is to walk in our weakness and to choose His strength over sin. We choose His strength because we love Him and our desire to be with Him is stronger than our desire to sin. When we fail we choose His love over shame and condemnation and this breaks our heart. In the breaking process we learn to trust His love and our love for Him grows. Just keep turning to Him. This is the way out of sin. This is the way that leads towards life.

So if you feel like you are drowning, just go ahead and drown. But do not drown in fear and anxiety. Drown in His love and care for you.

If you feel like you are loosing control, repent that you ever had it in the first place.

If you feel like people will not do what you want them to do. Repent that you were trying to control then instead of loving them.

If you feel like you are dying, die. There is life on the other side of the cross that we are being called to. We have been taking so much time to die because of our selfishness and control and our lack of love and trust. This is painful when we see this about ourselves but even here we must take the focus off of our self and place it on the Lord. For even in dying we can only accomplish it through His grace.

Some might be saying "I don't have time to die, there are too many people who depend on me. I have a ministry and a family and I have to be there for them". Honestly, until we pass to the other side of the cross, we are doing others and the Kingdom of Heaven more harm then good with our meddling. We are not only keeping ourselves from dying but we are propping up others on our self strength and keeping them from dying and finding strength and life in Christ.

You are so close. Do not pull back into your own strength. Do not pull back into your own abilities. Do not pull back into your own understandings. Do not pull back into justifying and rationalizing and feeling good about yourself. There is nothing to feel good about or to find value in self. The only cure for self is for it to die. We do not even know what it is to feel good, to feel joy, until we feel the life of Christ rising up within us. And we realize that we have come from a small confines of the prison of self to a open universe of oneness with it's Creator. No longer alone but now one with all life, all love, all being, all creation, that is summed up in the person of Christ Jesus the Son of God. For more then Jesus becoming our life, we are now a part of His. He has made room for us, prepared a place for us, to enter into oneness with Him. Oh, that we become a part of God. Amazing and Awesome this door Jesus has opened to us with the cross. How can we not enter in. The cost is the death of our self life. The reward is oneness in the Life of Christ Jesus.

We enter into His rest when we surrender control to Him.

Dying to self is not a onetime event but a continual choosing.

The more we die the more of His life we experience.

The more of His life we experience the more we desire to die to self.

Many are so close to a major breakthrough in this process. The process will escalate in your life after this breakthrough.

The battle is in the area of control. Control is a major foothold of the religious spirit. A foothold that is keeping the church from moving forward. The spirit of control is being judged. Control is a prison. Repent of it now and enter into freedom. Freedom of the Life of Christ.

Oh Lord. Forgive us for being so small minded. For attempting to be our own god and a god over others. Break the spirit of control off of our lives. We surrender to You. We surrender control to you and choose you as our God.

Rejoice if you are overwhelmed and feel like you are loosing control of your life. You are in Gods plan for your life. You are on the brink of a major breakthrough. Do not fight to regain control. Instead let it fall and take a plunge into the open hands of God. His hands are waiting for you. One way or another the spirit of control will be broken in your life. Better to lay it down with Gods grace then to have it taken from you.

Oh please pray for me. After writing this I know I am in for a long week. :) There will be a light shining on all of these issue in my own life. Jesus, more of You and less of me.

So be it.

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Jesus, Why Teach Us To Wash Feet
Mark Kaphaem

Peter was very confused by Jesus washing his feet. He is not alone. Most of the time when Jesus comes to minister something to us, we don't get it at first. That's the point. He is coming to teach us something that we currently don't get.

When Jesus began to wash Peter's feet he objected. Then when Jesus said he must let Him wash his feet to be apart of him, Peter wanted him to wash his whole body. Peter was blinded by what most often blinds us. He thought this whole foot washing thing was all about him. When Jesus comes to minister to us we often think it is all about us.

There are many things we can learn from Jesus washing our feet if we get our mind off of ourselves.

This morning in prayer I saw the Lords feet. I began to think about foot washing. Hmmm, is it because the feet always get so dirty. Hmmm, is because feet are what take us places. Hmmm, I don't know, I give up Jesus. What is it about washing feet?

The Lord asked me, where are the feet? I said, they are down low.

The Lord said, what position do you have to get in to wash feet? I said, Hmmm, (the light bulb began to come on) I have to get down low.

The Lord said, do you understand now. I said yes Jesus. I have to get down low don't I.

He said yes, if you want to minister in my Kingdom, you have to get down low.

You know, I have been learning another lesson recently.

We don't have to be all about us. Do you know why? It's not our job. That job belongs to Jesus. Jesus is all about us. And He takes His work very seriously. Our job has nothing to do with us. Our job is to be all about Jesus and His Kingdom. Oh, if we can only get that in our head and believe it. We would save ourselves so much fussing around about nothing and actually see the Kingdom of God break through on this Earth.

Lord help us learn to get low. And to trust You to be all about us, while we turn our focus, to be all about You.

Blessing upon Blessing in Jesus,

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Death And Life
Sandy Warner

Nov 27, 2005

DEATH & LIFE
Broken dreams, wounds and sorrows.
Tear stained cheeks facing tomorrows.
So much behind and what is ahead?
For what I have labored now lays dead.

As you look upon the ashes
From death strokes and deep gashes,
Consider it well that with every death
Is newborn life taking first breath.

The grain of wheat must fall to the ground
To plant the crop for what is profound.
Multiplied life and multiplied blessings
Is harvested seed from all that was stressing.

The key to life and abundance in Me
Is to yield your death to My cross on the tree.
As you yield to My will and lay it all down
Tears of joy will replace your frown.

For when you look back on all that occurred.
History and memories will become blurred.
Through tomorrow's crop from what was denied
You will look over and be satisfied.

Isa 53:10-11 NLT
But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and fill him with grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's plan will prosper in his hands. When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied .

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Guard Your Faith
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GUARD YOUR FAITH
Guard your faith as the precious pearl that it is. Do not let the darts of the enemy and the darts of unbelieving men pierce your shield. Listen for the spirit behind those who are in your path. If they are

loving in their resistance, then stop and pray and decide whether to share your wealth. If they are unteachable, stubborn and rebellious, do not argue truth. If they rebuke and judge, stay humble and give those that kick to Me. I will bring them to the place where they will hear My Word.

My child, your faith is very important to Me. It is our place of intimacy where we listen to one another and share precious moments. If you listen to unbelievers and their mindsets and let them bite, rip and devourer your faith, then your doubts will canker the precious communication link that we have built through out the years.

2 Cor 6:14-16 NKJV
Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers . For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever ? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

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Leaving A Legacy
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LEAVING A LEGACY
Dear loving parents: your prayers, your words, your wisdom, your knowledge, and your testimony DOES make a difference. When you give your children to Me, and ask for My help in raising them, I multiply everything you say and do which builds a bridge for them to cross over the troubled waters. The bridge you are building is a legacy that will last throughout your progeny.

Deut 4:9 NLT
But watch out! Be very careful never to forget what you have seen the LORD do for you. Do not let these things escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren.

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Redeemed Through The Floods
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REDEEMED THROUGH THE FLOODS
The world is engulfed in demonic floods. However, I will redeem from the murky waters those who call upon My Name, and they shall come out. They will understand what it means to be forgiven of much. They shall know that in spite of everything, My angels covered their backside even within the floods of demonic onslaught. I give mercy and strength to those who call upon Me. I hear their voice and heed

their distress. I redeem everything yielded to Me and work all things together for good.

Sam 22:7 NKJV
"The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; The God of my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, My stronghold and my refuge; My Savior, You save me from violence. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. "When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the LORD, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.

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We Are Thankful
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Nov 24, 2005

WE ARE THANKFUL

Thank You our Father for all that You do.
Thank You dear Abba for loving us too.
How awesome to know Your angels are here.
How precious to have loved ones far and near.

This day we give thanks for every good thing.
Your gifts in plenty are under Your wings.
Your love is our refuge, Your love is our strength.
From depth, from height, from width and from length.

No weapon formed against us shall prosper.
Thanks be to Your Word, our triumph's assured.
Angels keeping charge wherever we go
They're bearing us up if we feel low.

Thanks that all things work together for good,
Building our lives, grace abounding as should.
We're more than conquerors through Jesus Christ.
Having given His life through sacrifice.

In all we give thanks for this is Your will.
We rejoice and pray, remaining here still.
Steadfast we follow Your Word and Your ways
As You lead us into a brand new day.

Our cups are half full as we wait upon You
To rebuild and repair, restore brand new.
We're forgiven, predestined, and glorified
Adopted, made righteous, and not denied.

How awesome You are, how grateful are we
That we have a future and destiny.
Our hearts are crying, dear Abba our Dad.
In Your Presence, You make us glad.

You're rich in mercy, abounding in love
Loving-kindness and justice come from above.
Thank You dear Lord, never changing are You.
We give thanks to You in all that we do.

Ps 79:13 NKJV
So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.

Who You Are Feeding
Sandy Warner

Nov 22, 2005
WHO YOU ARE FEEDING
You mothers and fathers who are feeding those who are coming up in the ranks, you have no idea who you are really feeding. You are feeding tomorrow's leaders who are twice the size that you are yourselves. You have chosen to serve and raise the young. You have chosen to fulfill the very instinct that I have planted in each of you to do. It is good.

Gal 4:19 KJV
My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

Click Here for Rhema behind this Word:

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Developing A Mind For Victory

Chuck Pierce

10-Day Prayer Focus: Developing A Mind For Victory

Dear Friends and Faithful Warriors:

I just returned from the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders (ACPE) Meeting in Colorado Springs. This was our ninth and best meeting. Peter Wagner and Cindy Jacobs did a great job of leading our time together. I then spoke at Apostle Dutch Sheets' prophetic gathering for Colorado. I am now flying to Atlanta. Please pray as I seek the Lord to order my steps this year.

The *Starting the Year off Right Gathering* on January 6-8 was really amazing. The revelation and release of anointing by the speakers was just incredible. Put this on your calendar and plan to be with us next January. I spoke on Waves of Change. The Lord had shown me this in mid-December.

Continue To Pray For Southeast Asia

Great shaking! Great devastation! And great opportunity for the Lord to touch many! We are connected in Sri Lanka, and recently had a couple, who minister in that nation, visit us.
On December 4, 2004, at our Firstfruits Service at Glory of Zion Outreach, **Keith Pierce prophesied that Sri Lanka would be before world attention within 30 days, then 60 days, and then 90 days**. He also prophesied that the Buddhist temples would be flooded and Buddhist priests would be jumping like grasshoppers to get out of the water. He then went on to say that the Lord would do a strange work to crumble the Buddhist temples from within. Well, now I understand!

I find it interesting that they are saying few animals in the game preserves were injured. Jack Hanna was on TV and said that the predator and prey warn each other when something is up. The elephant can feel it in its feet and signals the giraffe. The lion sees the giraffe is alerted, and alerts others, etc. This must be a year that we, people, become more alert and discerning.

Last Year: The Number 4 - Rearranged Boundaries

Remember, last year, that I wrote the following about the number "4":
"I feel it's important we understand the Biblical meaning of the number '4.' Four denotes God's creative works. This number is related to material completeness, or many resources taking a new form. This is a year that we must relate to the land, the world around us, and especially our city or territory. This is a year that God will be doing things so that heaven will begin to manifest in the earth realm.

"Four is the number for the great elements (earth, air, fire, and water); the regions of the earth (north, south, east, west); the divisions of the day (morning, noon, evening, midnight); the number of seasons (spring, summer, autumn, winter); and the four phases of the moon. Four also marks division.

"Four is the first number that can be evenly divided by a number other than one or itself. Therefore, this will be a year that we see division in order to bring about a completeness of God's purposes by the end of this seven year season. Watch for certain religious structures to divide. Watch for political parties to become polarized. Watch for earth boundaries to be reestablished so God's covenant purposes can be accomplished."

The following article is interesting in light of the above: *Quake Rattled Earth Orbit, Changed Map of Asia*
"An earthquake that unleashed deadly tidal waves on Asia was so powerful it made the Earth wobble on its axis and permanently altered the regional map, US geophysicists said. The 9.0-magnitude temblor that struck 250 kilometers (155 miles) southeast of Sumatra island Sunday may have moved small islands as much as 20 meters (66 feet), according to one expert . . . 'Based on seismic modeling, some of the smaller islands off the southwest coast of Sumatra may have moved to the southwest by about 20 meters. That is a lot of slip.

"'The northwestern tip of the Indonesian territory of Sumatra may also have shifted to the southwest by around 36 meters (120 feet),' Hudnut said. In this case, the Indian plate dived below the Burma plate, causing uplift, so most of the motion to the islands would have been vertical, not horizontal." (12/28/04, AFP).
The earth, the nations, God's people, the church -- we are all shifting and changing rapidly.

This Year: The Number 5 - Superabundant Grace In The Midst Of Confusion

This is the year that ends with "5." This number means grace or favor. This is a year where our "five senses" will recognize the Presence of a Holy God. Where God moved with the elements of the earth last year, He will move on us this year. This will be a year of unusual VICTORY. Just as David picked up five stones to defeat Goliath, the Lord has increasing victory planned for us.

I feel we are as in the days of Noah again. Noah gained favor from the Lord. He built a prototype that had never been built. As I was reading in Genesis 8, verses 5 and 6 illuminated or "jumped out" and quickened in my spirit: ***"And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass at the end of 40 days, Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made." (KJV)***

This was a rhema word to me . . . the next ten months we can go from victory to victory so that in the tenth month we can see the blessings of God flowing through the windows of opportunity that He has established in the heavens for each of us.

Break Old Cycles And Watch For New Opportunities

As I was reviewing the Word of the Lord for this year (http://www.glory-of-zion.org/newsletters_0.htm), I read the following:
"Be surrounded and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Develop a new level of discernment through worship. Reality is produced when we worship in Word (Truth) and Spirit. End old cycles. Do not cycle through your wilderness again. Break the cycle of Mt. Sinai (don't get around that mountain again!) and head toward and up Mt. Zion. In the face of your enemy, violently praise! Let praise BIND the strongman and then plunder, take, and repossess your spoils."
We must not miss our windows of opportunity this year! We need to break old cycles that would cause us to half-heartedly enter in to all that the Lord has this year. We need PASSION to PRESS! Coming full circle and breaking old cycles are keys to our victory ahead.

Receive a new anointing! The anointing will give you victory over death cycles and the fear of death. Be anointed to have victory over demonic forces that would try and stop you in the future (particularly through the end of March)! Be anointed for increase and harvest so you begin to fill His storehouse!

Receive an Issachar anointing to interpret the times so you know what decisions to make! To anoint or, mashiach, refers to one who is anointed with oil, symbolizing the reception of the Holy Spirit, enabling Him to do an assigned task. Mashach means "to smear with oil or paint." Allow the Hand of the Lord to paint you with His anointing, and may your enemies know you have been set apart!

Victory!

What is victory? Victory means final and complete supremacy in battle/war, or a specific military engagement ending in triumph. Victory can also mean success in any contest or struggle involving the defeat of an opponent or the overcoming of obstacles. Now is the time to move past the obstacles that would prevent you from succeeding in what God is asking you to do!

The primary Biblical assertion is that victory belongs to God (Jonah 2:9; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Revelation 7:10). This is succinctly expressed in the phrase "the battle is the Lord's" (1 Samuel 17:47), i.e. victory belongs exclusively to the Lord and is His to bestow at will. Victory is only assured when we are operating in the will and timing of God in the earth realm. There are three special features of the Lord's victory.

First, the Lord's victory is the exercise of holy sovereignty in the course of history. "Victory" is another way of saying that the government of the world rests in the hands of a Holy God, who orders all things according to inflexible principles of morality, so that sometimes His holiness must be asserted against His people, and becomes "His strange deed" (Isaiah 28:21).

Second, this holy government and the power of victory are annexed to the holy rule of the only God. Therefore, there is no doubt who will ultimately win the war. Before long we will know His voice so well, that He will speak, we will obey, and victory is assured (Ezekiel 38-39; Revelation 19).

Third, the people of God enter into victory by the obedience of faith. We experience victory in God's victory (Exodus 14:13-14; Deuteronomy 28:1-14; Psalm 20; Ephesians 6:16; 1 John 5:4-5). Peace, righteousness, and salvation are associated with victory (1 Kings 22:28; Isaiah 41:3, Heb. Text) and are evidenced by the enjoyment of total well-being that victory brings.

Victory through salvation is personal enlargement and deliverance (1 Samuel 14:45; Judges 6:14). Righteousness is the personal quality which guarantees victory (Isaiah 59:16-17). All these cluster in a unique way around the cross of the Lord Jesus Christ, the supreme victory of God (Ephesians 2:14ff., Titus 3:4-7) and His righteousness (Romans 1:17, 3:21-27) (J. Pedersen, Israel, 1-4, 1926-40, Index s.v. 'Victory'; J.-J. von Allmen, Vocabulary of the Bible, 1958, s.v. 'Victory').

Our Victory In The War Ahead Is Dependent On God's Perfect Timing

1 Chronicles 12:32-33 refers to, ***"the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command" (NKJV)***.

One of the first prophecies I ever received over my life was from a well-known individual that was being used in the Charismatic movement in the 1970s. He prophesied that I would understand time and have an anointing for timing. On the march in the desert, Issachar was on the East with Judah and Zebulun his brothers. They led the march toward the Promised Land (Numbers 2:5; 10:14-15). Therefore, the Issachar anointing is very important if we are going to advance in victory.

Issachar means "he will bring reward." Men of Issachar, approximately 200, knew how to ascertain the periods of the sun and moon, the intercalation of months, the dates of solemn feasts, and could interpret the signs of the times. Also, Jacob's prophecy was, ***"Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between the sheepfolds. When he saw that a resting place was good . . . he bowed his shoulder to bear burdens, and became a slave at forced labor" (Genesis 49:14-15, NASB)***.

This anointing is very important if we are going to carry God's burdens in the earth realm, and bring them to birth at the appropriate time. Issachar was positioned on Shechem at Mt. Gerizim, "to bless the people" (Deuteronomy 27:12). To summarize, the Issachar anointing understands the timing of God, the government of God, carries the burden of the Lord, and releases the blessings of God into the earth realm at the intersection or crossroads of every season. Receive the Issachar Anointing!

In the Word of God, the timing element is built around the Feasts. The Old Testament contains two calendars -- a civil and a religious one -- and this complicates our understanding of the origins of the New Year. Therefore, Rosh Hashanah begins what is known as The Head of the Year and culminates with the Feast of Tabernacles. This is different from the first month of the year, which actually begins at Passover.

When the Bible is read with this concept of time, we seem to better recognize God's purposes in the earth. Hebraic numbers have word and pictorial meanings. This helps us understand time and stay very focused prophetically. We should begin the Head of the Year with God's revelation for that year. We should pass over or cross over into the fullness of the year with this revelation guiding our path.

I know we have entered a key kairos time that we could not afford to miss. In *God's Timing for Your Life*, Dutch Sheets says the following:
"At the Pool of Bethesda, Jesus came to the man who had been in his paralyzed condition for 36 years and asked him what seemed to be a strange question: 'Do you want to get well?' (John 5:6, NIV).

"The man's answer revealed that although he was waiting at the pool, he really had no hope of being healed. He was in a kairos moment, close to fullness, but hopelessness had set in. Jesus asked him this question to make him realize that, although he was waiting for the miraculous stirring in the pool, he had lost all hope of actually being healed. Only seconds away from experiencing the new - just a handclasp away from total restoration - the man was too disillusioned to recognize it. Somewhere along the way, as he went through the process of time, he lost his expectation. There wasn't anything within him that could respond in hope to Jesus' question.

"When God brings a shift, we must be ready to shift with Him. If we're not careful, we won't believe that He can bring us from the chronos stages through the kairos seasons and into fullness."
This is a kairos time for developing a mind for victory. The following 10-Day Prayer Focus will help us shift our thinking into a victory mode.

10 Days To Shift Your Mind Into A Victory Mode!

DAY 1. Read John 5. Get past any self pity. Defy the method of the day and enter into victory.

DAY 2. Read Genesis 6-9:17. Know that God has a plan and new prototype for your ultimate victory. Declare that any "waters" will recede and that you will receive the open window of His blessings.

DAY 3. Read Ruth 1-3. Receive a new anointing. The anointing represents physical refreshments after washing. In Ruth 3:3 we find where Ruth had to make her shift. Naomi told her to take off her widow's garment, wash and anoint herself. You have toiled too long. I decree all weariness breaks from you. Ruth then went to the threshing floor and found her Redeemer. May His redemptive plan and key connections come clear in your life.

DAY 4. Read 1 Kings 17-18. Agree with the Lord that you will follow Him into new arenas of supply and provision. Ask Him to move you past any poverty structure. Travail and ask Him to bring heaven's plan into sight for you.

DAY 5. Read John 2:9, 1 Corinthians 15:54-57, and Revelation 7:10. See that God is a victorious God.

DAY 6. Read Psalm 60. Know that our God will do valiantly for you.

DAY 7. Read Acts 12. Get past any past failures and watch the Lord open doors unexpectedly for you. Be sure to recognize when He is moving on your behalf.

DAY 8. Read 2 Kings 4. Know that God has victory plans to overcome your debt structures.

DAY 9. Read Luke 5. Even though you have worked hard, the Lord has a simple way to multiply you. Repent for not embracing His goodness.

DAY 10. Read Exodus 14, Deuteronomy 28, and Ephesians 6. His blessings are there for you. Violently praise, war, stand, and receive.

We should war for the victory of the Lord each month for the next ten months. We should expect to go from VICTORY TO VICTORY. Be like David in 2 Samuel 23:10:
"He arose, and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder."

Blessings,

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Daniel Chapter 7 A New Perspective

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I. The Prevailing View

Some of the most often quoted Bible prophecies on Endtime events come from the Book of Daniel. Conservative Bible scholars[i], whose view currently predominates Endtime Biblical prophesy studies, speak almost with one voice regarding the interpretation of the visions of this 6 c. B.C. Israelite prophet. One has, therefore, to duly note what these scholars say before one presents any alternative line of interpretation to theirs. This fact remains crucial particularly in any attempt to re-interpret Daniel Chapter Seven, which is one of the most popular starting places in expounding Endtime Bible prophecies. The following brief summary contains in a nutshell what conservative Biblical scholars understand to be the meaning of this particular vision of Daniel.

Going by this interpretation, the churning great sea represents the Mediterranean Sea. This is the region where all the major world empires of the ancient world rose to prominence. The wild beasts arising from the stormy sea are metaphors for successive world empires. The lion stands for the empire of Neo-Babylonia, the bear that of the Medo-Persia, and the tiger that of the Greeks. The fourth animal is taken to be the Roman Empire. The ten-horns symbolize a future Roman Empire to be revived by the Antichrist. The little horn emerging later among these ten horns is the Antichrist, who will have an obscure and insignificant origin. The Antichrist's Revived Roman Empire will be destroyed none except by the Second Coming of Christ.[ii]

Since the Antichrist is expected to arise from Europe, from the very same region where once the ancient Roman Empire held sway[iii], currently many Bible Endtime expositors eye the ongoing European economic and political integration with heightened prophetic interest. Following the words of the prophet Daniel that the Antichrist will emerge as ruler only after he overthrows three horns, similarly according to this viewpoint, the Antichrist is expected to overcome three states in the European Union before he makes his bid for total world dominance. He will be a blasphemous and very arrogant dictator, with deep hate for God and God's people. In the seven years the Antichrist lasts in power, he will unleash unprecedented persecution against the saints of God only during the last three and half years of his reign. It will be only at the appearing of Christ at His Second Coming that the Antichrist will be overcome and his empire destroyed. Then God will hand over all kingdom power on earth to the saints; the kingdom the saints will receive will last forever and ever.

There have been very few attempts to think outside this mould of interpretation, which has dominated the evangelical exposition of the vision or its popularization through Christian Endtime paperbacks. [iv] The following alternative viewpoint is presented as a new vantage point in understanding the vision in order to stir a new direction of thought.

II. An Alternative View

Establishing the Rules of Interpretation

The starting point to understand Daniel's vision should be first to duly acknowledge that this is a *vision.* God, who is the author of such visions and dreams, rarely conveys His message in clear, literal terms. Rather, in all the visions and dreams God gives, he gives them in forms laden with rich symbolism and metaphors. As the Bible amply demonstrates, God is the master of metaphors and types (Num. 12:6-7; Ps 78:2; Prov. 25:2; Is 29:9-12). This is made the clearer to us as we examine the visions and dreams imparted by God. Therefore, in attempting to interpret a vision or a dream, every nuance of symbol and metaphor implied should be heeded and interpreted properly. The interpretation of such symbolical dreams and visions is much assisted by the gift of interpretation bestowed by the Holy Spirit, and by the careful and diligent study of the Scriptures (Gen. 41:16; Dan. 1:17, 5:11; Prov. 1:3-6; 1 Cor. 2).

In the dreams Joseph and Daniel interpreted we do not see them following a literal or historical approach, but in finding what each object and action seen in the dream or vision signified. Assisted by the Holy Spirit they interpreted the symbols and metaphors correctly to give kings and officials the right counsel. Another good example to illustrate this point is the dream, which we read about in Judges 7:13-15, which speaks of Gideon's mission to destroy the Midianite army. The dream was wholly cast in symbolic terms, and any literal interpretation of it would have led to a wrong meaning and a different outcome. Similarly, in the New Testament one good example is the trance Peter had (Acts 10:9-15). Peter saw in his trance diverse kinds of animals being presented to him in a sheet. He was ordered by God to kill and eat these unclean animals. However, as Peter later found out the intent of this vision was not to ask Peter to overcome his traditional inhibition about kosher food. Rather that God was conveying to Peter about his obligation to preach the Gospel to gentile people, which Jews once considered as unclean. Had Peter failed to associate God's ultimate message through the vision with his calling to start to preach the Gospel to gentiles, he would have totally missed the historic moment that day at the house of Cornelius.

However, most Bible students in their attempt to interpret Daniel's dreams and visions have paid scant attention to such principles. Their emphasis has not been in decoding the symbols and metaphors, which enrich the visions. Rather they focused on finding historical patterns, which would apparently fit the flow of events as presented by the unfolding of the visions. Therefore, literalism and the historical-sense have riddled the interpretation of Daniel's visions. It is hard to believe that the Divine purpose is fully served by such an interpretative approach.

There is also a second reason as to why we cannot apply the historical approach to this vision. Contrary to what he does in his other visions, Daniel in the seventh chapter does not provide us with any historical event that could serve us as a clue to interpretation. Daniel makes no reference to any of the ancient empires, which we come across in his other visions. He mentions no Babylon or Persia, etc. Rather, the vision is told in overwhelmingly symbolic and figurative language, without historical associations. For this reason, the vision is clearly suspended in 'no' time. Without doubt, there should be a Divine purpose in doing this. This means, first the vision has to be understood in abstract terms before attempting to make any historical application of it. First has to come the proper decoding of the symbols and metaphors before trying to tie the prophesied events to any historical time period. Given these two reasons paying due attention to symbolism and metaphorical should be considered as a very important matter in understanding the ultimate intent of God in keeping this vision for posterity.[v]

Symbolism of the Vision

The major protagonists of the prophetic drama are presented to us in the form of wild animals. As said earlier, the prophetic significance of these wild animals should come only after careful interpretation of the *metaphor* and *symbolism* implied by their features and actions.[vi] To do justice to the nature of the vision, therefore, first we will delve into abstraction of the symbols and metaphors. That will allow us to extract the universal message first, without making any historical association between vision and modern day political event(s). Only the second part of this article will make the attempt to establish some connection between this vision and some relevant historical events.

The Political Storm

Sea or body of water in Scripture often symbolizes the masses of humanity, or a nation (cf. Num. 24:7; Is 17:12; Hab. 1:14; Rev. 17:15). In this case, the people are being agitated by contending and prevailing winds. The **four winds** churning the sea symbolize major contending ideas (cf. Eph. 4:14). They are emblematical of doctrines, ideas, or in this political sense, of ideological forces lashing out on the sea of humanity as they fiercely struggle for dominance. The number four is mentioned in this regard to symbolize the four corners of the world, implying diversity and polarity of political viewpoints in the power struggle. In short, such a vision of a raging sea at the mercy of lashing winds depicts in a metaphorical way a revolutionary situation brewing up among the people as the maelstrom of political winds lash out freely. It is in the midst of such political flux that the major contenders of power make their full appearance on the stage of history.

The four **wild animals**, which step out of the turbulent sea, are metaphors for political forces or powers. Scripture often employs the metaphor of wild animals to describe kings, nations, or individuals with political roles (see, for example, Num. 24:8; Ps. 80:13; Jer. 49:19, 21; Ezk. 32:2-3, etc). In the case of this vision, the four animals are the coalescing or materialization of the four contending winds of political ideas. The animals represent the forms through which the public's now gives formal expression to its political views. From the various contending political positions (winds) now come out powerful political powerbrokers in the form of parties, movements, or institutions with new political roles[vii].

Since the Prophet describes each political animal carefully, emphasizing its unique features and behavior, we will take these unique features as the starting place for the new interpretative approach.

The second important aspect we have to recognize about these animals is that they represent contemporary political entities rather than succeeding political empires. Many have written saying that the four wild animals represent world empires, which succeed each other over a long period of time. But it should be clear from Daniel's narrative that the four animals manifest and operate almost within the same time period. To support such contention, for example, the first three animals are present when God judges the fourth beast. Daniel tells us how God would give extension of life to the three beasts when He otherwise totally destroys the fourth beast. This cannot be so unless these all four beasts are contemporary political creatures (see Dan. 7: 11-12). If the four beasts are contemporary with each other, and that the fourth beast will be reigning at Christ's Second Coming, then we cannot escape the implication that all these three political animals will be in existence in the last days when God destroys the fourth beast. *Hence, to fully grasp their symbolic and prophetic import, the four beasts will be interpreted in terms of modern day world politics*.

The Political Animals

The Lion

The first political animal we meet is the lion. The lion, both in Scripture and secular usage, have long been associated with political might and majesty. Moreover, in Daniel's vision, to add to its grandeur and loftiness, the lion is described as possessing wings of eagle. This additional feature might indicate wisdom, longevity, or even divine origin (Deut. 33:11).[viii] But in due process the wings of the lion get clipped, and the mighty lion ends up being treated like an ordinary harmless human being (v. 4). What then all these metaphors about the lion figure are intended to signify?

Down the centuries, the lion has been used as a type of a bold and strong leader; and the lion has been the chosen emblem for kings and kingdoms and empires. Therefore, it will not be amiss to assume that this winged lion in Daniel's vision could represent a strong leader, an ancient regime, a majestic king, or simply a monarchial system with Divine origin claims.

However, in what appears to be the lion entering its years of fading glory, we see its eagle's wings being clipped. Such clipping of wings may symbolize lose of freedom of movement, or the curtailment of majesty and power in a step-by-step fashion. Given the pervading atmosphere of political turmoil cast by the vision, we can take the clippings of the wings of the lion as its humbling at the hands of its political enemies! Shorn of its majestic glory and might, the one-time dreaded lion will now be domesticated and emasculated. Its final fate will be to be treated as a mere mortal human being, or as a plaything at the hands of its enemies.

In this vision, the doom of the lion is mainly intended to foreshadow the fate of a once majestic and powerful monarchy or ruler suffering a slow degradation in its power and majesty. According to the vision, the lion king surely meets a very humbling end.

The Bear

The bear is a bulky, slow moving, crouching animal with a tendency towards bitterness and vengeance. Scripture depicts it as a very strong, voracious and destructive wild animal (2 Sam. 17:34-37; 2 Kgs. 2:23-25; Pr. 17: 12, 28:18; Hos. 13:8). In this vision, the bear has two important additional features - it is lop-sided, and devours much flesh and crunches a lot of bones.

In its metaphorical sense, therefore, the bear is intended to symbolize a political force, which is,

- slow in developing and asserting its strength,
- parochial in its operations,
- implacable and intractable, and
- a cause of much death and destruction.
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As Daniel says, the bear, '*raised up itself on one side*' (v. 5), and a political force, which fulfills such metaphor, in modern political terms, is a sectarian political movement operating in one side (corner) of a country. Such a political force usually engages in a war of attrition, fulfilling the Scriptural prophecy of , '*arise and devour much flesh'* (v. 5).

A political movement of such nature, as history shows is most often organized around class, culture, or regional identity. Uprisings or insurgencies based on class, ideology and even religion, all tend to involve many people across the nation. On the other hand, political movements based on regional or ethnic identity turn out to be highly localized, limiting their operation to one part of the country. Moreover, they prove to be very intractable, difficult to placate or overcome. Hence, such conflicts drag out for years causing much destruction to human life and to the economy. As history shows us, such low scale, simmering regional conflicts turn out to be perpetual death machines. Like the bear in Daniel's vision, they relentlessly grind human flesh and bones, until they kill soldiers and civilians by the thousands over the years they last.

The Tiger

The symbolic importance of the tiger derives from its famed speed, lurking moves and blood drinking habits. This animal is a master of hiding, of careful steps, and ambushes. It moves in the shadows before it pounces upon its prey. We know also that the tiger's skin is spotted and patchy (Jer. 13:23); this by itself has important metaphorical implications. Moreover, adding to the complexity of the metaphor, the tiger in Daniel's vision is depicted as having four heads and four wings on its back. Due to such attributes, the tiger is most likely intended to be a symbol of a political movement displaying the following features.

It will be one, which operates in the shadows, which will plan and execute its operations in a very secretive and clandestine manner. It be inimitable at setting ambushes, in launching terrorist attacks and in carrying out assassination missions. Moreover, based on the similitude implied by the tiger's spotted skin, this political organization will have motley of followers, which will be derived from the various sections of society. In this sense, such a political movement will be national in operation rather than being parochial, like the one represented by the bear. Secondly, as much as its skin color allows the tiger to camouflage itself easily, similarly the political party typified by the tiger will equally be able to blend with the community wherein it operates.

The four heads of the tiger imply two additional qualities for this political party. First, they indicate pervasive influence throughout the four corners of the nation. Secondly, they signify the exceptional mental acumen and intellectual sophistication the party will manifest. In this sense, the party will rely on intellectual persuasion to hold together its followers. Hence, It will not depending on appeal to tradition, or charisma, ethnic identity, and brute force, etc, to get followers.

Finally, the four wings on the tiger's back signify how much mobile and agile the political party would be. Such a party, therefore, will nimbly move in all corners of the nation, making frequent tactical moves for security reasons. Since the tiger has only weak wings like the fowl's, similarly the party cannot soar high to attain majesty, or operate in a very sustained manner to achieve a long-lasting political life.

Saying all these then it can follow that the political entity symbolized by the tiger should be found among political movements of clandestine type, of motley following, of nationwide operation, of intellectual predisposition, and of short life. According to Scripture and history, there are two types of such lurking (guerrilla) political movements. One is rural, and the other is an urban-based. According to Jeremiah 5:6, if the wolf symbolizes the rural type, the tiger is a type for the urban one. Therefore, the tiger in Daniel's vision, in modern day terms, typifies an urban-based clandestine party.

The Hideous Fourth Beast

The fourth animal in its appearance is out of the ordinary. It is grotesque and most terrifying. The Beast is also very powerful to be irresistible and invincible. It easily overcame the rest of the three animals. Since Daniel could not easily match this Beast to any of the animals he was familiar with, he left it nameless.

As Daniel said, it was,

Diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet... it shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces (vv. 19, 23).

Some of the unique features of the Beast were its ten horns. What was surprising about the horns was not as such their numbers, but that they possessed a life of their own. They engaged in what appeared to be a power struggle among each other. Literally, they removed each other from position! The victorious one from such a struggle was, as Daniel called it, the 'little horn'. This little horn had first to overthrow three other horns, before it made itself supreme. Moreover, the little horn showed great antipathy to God and His people. It had all the features of utter arrogance and cruelty. As Daniel noted, the little horn had,

Eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things… whose look was more stout than its fellows (v. 20).

How can then we translate this terrifying and all-conquering Beast and the little horn in terms of modern politics? In this regard, a few options are open to us. The metaphors implied by such descriptions as - hideous and most powerful animal, powerful teeth, power to overcome all the other animals, devouring the land, multiple horns that competed among each other for position, and immense antipathy to God and the saints – make us think in one particular direction than in any other. The first thing, which comes to mind, will be some form of atheistic authoritarian system, or a military dictatorship with left-wing tendencies. Such a supposition is defended on the following grounds.

(i). *Diverse looks*: - Such political entities as, atheistic authoritarian system or military dictatorships infuse dread among the people rather than respect and consent. Anything operating through the force of arms in politics is a political anomaly rather than a natural phenomenon. Particularly, the military in power will be out of the ordinary.

(ii). *Hideous and terrifying appearance*: - A totalitarian party or the military in state power are the most terrifying political entities that can be perceived at all. In particular, of all known social forces, it is the military, which possesses massive (fire) power and discipline to inspire terror and subservient obedience.[ix] Hence, the appellation given to this political organization is apt - the Beast.

(iii). *Destructive*: – as modern history attests, the military or a militarized party have been responsible for much oppression and suffering in almost every nation they have taken power. The first political edict such parties usually impose include the banning of other political parties, and the suppression of the people’s rights of assembly and free speech. Moreover, due to their amateur approach to politics, or as the result of ideological rigidity, such parties often cause colossal havoc to society.

(iv). *Ten horns*: - This metaphor implies the emergence of a select few of powerful individuals from the general body of the political movement. This select few will collectively bear direct power in the name of the organization or the movement, which gave rise to them. Collective leadership, in this case comes in the form of a military junta revolutionary command council, or a central committee. As often witnessed in history, eventually such types of revolutionary councils suffer from internal power struggles, usually leading to political purges and the emergence of a powerful dictator.

(v). *The little horn*: – According to Scriptures, ‘*little*’ is a figure of speech for an insignificant or despised person (Ps. 119:140), and ‘*horn*’ is a metaphor for might or ruler (Ps. 132:17; Lk. 1:70). In this regard, in the political struggle among the ruling council members, it will be an obscure individual who will emerge victorious. According to Daniel, the ‘little horn’ dictator would gain absolute power only after removing three prominent leaders (horns) who were before him[x]. Such a success often comes from having a knack for conspiracy and a talent for merciless action. However, such a person, as it appears, uses three of the more senior members of the ruling party for his front men before he finally makes his bid for political dominance.

The other notable aspect of the Beast and the little horn is that they will be openly hostile to God and to the saints. This implies that they will adopt a rabid form of secular ideology, which attempts to change the eternal laws of God. The Beast will unleash an unprecedented persecution against the saints of God (v. 25). However, after a certain length of time (v. 25), God will orchestrate the events that will destroy the fourth beast utterly. When God judges the Beast, it will be to utterly destroy it. However, God will show relative mercy to the other three political animals, allowing them some time to operate before the Kingdom of God is finally inaugurated on earth (vv. 11-12).

The Kingdom of God and The Son of Man

When God judges the fourth beast and removes governmental power from its hands, God will at the same time bestow kingdom power and authority on the Son of Man (Dan 7: 13). Many understand the Son of Man to be the Lord Jesus Christ receiving Kingdom power and authority. Jesus is now seated at the right side of God, His father, waiting until God makes His enemies His footstool. Jesus will enter into His Kingdom rule at the Endtime after the demise of the kingdom of the Antichrist (Ps. 110, 2 The:2).

However, there are also a few others who consider the Son of Man figure in Daniel’s vision as a figure for the collective body of all the saints of God (Dan. 7: 27). In Endtime revelatory terms, there are many who consider this Son of Man figure as an appellation for the ‘man-child company’, or as the ‘overcomer remnant’. It will be then this band of overcoming saints, represented by the Son of Man figure, who are chosen of God to bring Kingdom power to humanity in its fullest sense. They will be used of God to bring liberty to all creation, which is now groaning under the natural law of corruption and decay. In that day, the whole creation then would attain to the hope of glory - to the very freedom that belongs to the children of God (Rom 8: 18-23). Then wild beasts, both literal and metaphorical, shall no longer harass and oppress the land.

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[i] Conservative Bible scholars, in this regard are those who believe in the Divine inspiration of the Bible and in its infallibility. In this context, such scholars accept that the Book of Daniel was composed by an exile Jew prophet during the Babylonian captivity in 6 c. B.C. However, liberal theologians on the other hand say that the visions of Daniel were written by others using his name, and the visions are composed by other Jews who witnessed the tribulation of the Greek sacrilege of the temple and the Maccabean

rebellion in 2 c. B.C.

[ii] Among liberal Bible scholars, who think the book of Daniel was composed during the Maccabean period, in 2 c. B.C. the lion represents the Babylonian, the bear the Medes, the leopard the Persian, and the fourth beast the Greek empires,. The little horn that fights the saints is the Syrian king of Greek origin, Antiochus Epiphanes. It is he who unleashed a great persecution against the Jews in the years, 168 – 163 BC.

[iii] One less known conservative Biblical scholarship expects the Antichrist to arise from the region of modern day Syria. The reason given for this is simple - Antiochus Epiphanes, the forerunner of the Antichrist, had his origin from Syria.

[iv] There have also been a few attempts by a few Bible students to entertain a different viewpoint to the one widely accepted. For example, one alternative interpretation, see the lion as Great Britain and the wings of the eagle on the lion as the USA as the lion with the wings of the eagle. The bear is Russia (Soviet Union), the leopard is China, and the fourth beast is the European Union.

[v] Dreams and visions are given in cryptic form, needing proper interpretation. For example see, the Joseph related dreams found in Genesis chapters 37, 40 and 41, and the vision of Peter (Acts. 10: 9-16). See the following passages for a sample for a general understanding of the purpose of God in using symbolism to convey His prophetic message: - Num. 12: 6-8; Ps. 78: 2; Pr. 1: 5-6, 25:2; Is. 29: 9-12; Hos. 12:11; Matt. 13: 10-12; 34-35.

[vi] For example, what C.S. Lewis warns against literalism in works, which are clearly allegorical and metaphorical. He wrote, "*The literary symbols are more dangerous because they are not easily recognized as symbolical*."

[vii] Scripture uses wild animals or plants as symbols of rulers and states. For example, see Gen. 9-10; Num. 24:8-9; Jud. 9: 8-14; 2 Tim 4:17.

[viii] [viii] In order to establish political legitimacy among their subjects, ancient and modern monarchies have claimed Divine origin for their rule. To establish and symbolize such a connection between their earthly throne and the heavenly kingdom, they employed various rituals in state occasions, symbols on government seals, or official titles given to the monarch, etc.

[ix] Usually the wise and the discerning flee their countries as they see a party that rides on the back of the military come to power. This has some allusion to the warning about the 'abomination of desolation' the Lord Jesus gave in Matthew 24.

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Dreams and Prophetic Revelations
Chuck Pierce

November 4, 2005
Dear Friends and Faithful Warriors:

I bless you in the name of Jesus and thank God daily for you (usually in the night season). I am praying **Psalm 118:25**, ***"Send NOW Prosperity."*** I am on a long trip that began in New Jersey, continued to the Chicago area with Robert Stearns at an Eagles' Wings gathering, and I am now going to Ann Arbor with Barbara Yoder. From here, I travel to London on Sunday.
As you know, I have tried to stay focused in prayer for England. I gave a word almost two years ago about governmental alignment and militant Islam. That word culminates this November, so I am returning to be in a meeting called "Engage!" Marty Cassady, Linda Heidler, and Aaron Smith are with me. Aaron will be leading worship Monday and Tuesday. Please pray for us. We return next Thursday. Please pray that I receive the revelation that is necessary to deliver to that nation.
On another note, I recently taped another segment with Benny Hinn for "This Is Your Day!" This was followed by taping five shows on prayer and spiritual warfare for INSP Television that can be seen on November 14-18 at 8:30 am and 9:00 pm eastern. These shows can also be watched on www.insptoday.com.

DO NOT let the Messes Distract You from MY Blessings! I Am Setting a NEW ORDER in your Mess! Celebrate in Your Messes!

I have loved leading early morning prayer at Glory of Zion on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings as much as anything I do. These past two weeks have been especially wonderful. I want to share prophetically with you what the Lord brought forth this week. First, Linda Heidler, Robert's wife and one of the Eagles of God at Glory of Zion, had a dream that was so very significant. I believe this dream really represents the Body of Christ at this time. All of us have Martha qualities. At certain times, each of us can get distracted by the tasks that need to be done and miss our "best" opportunities.

Linda's dream had two parts that are very distinct yet connected. To fully interpret a dream, you need to sense and capture the hidden emotion that the Lord is bringing into a visible, tangible expression. You will love this revelation:

The Dream:

"In the first part, I was in a very old hotel room with Marty Cassady. It was very dark in the room. Marty was in bed with the covers over her head, and I was trying to pack. My suitcase was open on the floor, and it began to rain inside the room. The roof was not leaking, but it was raining in the room. I picked up my suitcase and emptied the water out of it and put it under the bed so it would stay dry. I did the same with a pair of shoes. That was the end of the first part.**"**

Interpretation:

Marty and Linda are key members of the Eagles of God Team. So being in a hotel room would represent the two of them traveling on a key prayer assignment. Notice that Marty had the covers pulled over her head. This could either mean she was trying to block out disturbances and remain in a resting place or that she was in denial. When interpreting a dream, you always want to pay attention to the emotion behind certain events. When I questioned Linda about her emotion over Marty in bed with the covers over her head, she knew it was because Marty was choosing to remain in a resting place and not get concerned with menial tasks.

God is saying: *This month, we will do our assigned tasks, and we will be at rest doing them.*

Linda was packing. Rain means spiritual blessings. When it began to rain, Linda did not perceive this as a blessing and made the (poor) choice to not allow these blessings to fill her vessel that she was taking to the next destination. She even chose to empty out the water and put the suitcase under her bed. In this season, we must correctly perceive the Lord's blessings so that we do not resist the provision He is bringing. When He begins to fill our atmosphere, we must open our vessels to allow Him to fill them.

As I mentioned, Linda shared her dream during Tuesday morning's prayer meeting. When we got to this point of the interpretation, I asked everyone to bring up the vessel that the Lord wanted them to fill. People brought up wallets, purses, keys, phones, Bibles, notebooks, day-timers, and even themselves -- lying prostrate on the floor. The entire center section of our prayer circle was totally filled with "vessels."
We also wanted the Lord to fill our shoes with His blessings, so shoes were removed and placed with the other items to be filled as vessels. The Lord began to say, *"The next 10 days I am setting you on a disciplined path so I can begin to open up your vessels. Don't be stopped in getting supply. Let Me fill your vessels. Do not worry about your shoes. Let Me cleanse your walk from all the details of the past season. Let Me refresh you and fill your shoes with anointing so you will walk into the fullness of My plan. Declare that the Martha portion of your personality will stay at rest and not get distracted this year! Watch for key opportunities to seek Me!"*

The Dream Continued:

"In the second part, I (Linda) was in a very large, old house. It was Christmas time, and most of my family was there, along with a few other people I know from Global Harvest Ministries. Margaret Swaine, a very regal intercessor from California, was sitting on a couch punching out small Christmas ornaments from a big cardboard sheet. It was making a huge mess. I told her that I did not think we needed that many punched out, but Robert (Linda's husband, pastor of Glory of Zion Outreach, and Dean of the Issachar School) came in and said, 'Just punch away. We can use all we can get.'

This made me mad.

Then, Robert put on a Santa Clause suit and climbed into the Christmas Tree. There was an opening in the branches that he could come up through.

This made me mad.

Everyone thought this was great fun. Someone gave a baby to him, and he was holding the baby up for everyone to see. Everyone was laughing and having a great time, so I thought I should try to have fun with them. I got the camera to take a picture of Robert and the baby, but I could not get it to work. I finally was able to take one picture of some of my nieces and nephews, and then turned to take a picture of Robert. But he had come out of the tree and taken off the Santa Suit. He said, 'That horse hair was too scratchy. I had to get out of that suit.'

This made me mad again."

Interpretation:

This part of Linda's dream is very interesting as well. Linda's emotions in the dream represent many in the Body of Christ who do not want the "mess" associated with the change of season, new birth, and celebration. Instead, they prefer to keep things in an order that they are comfortable with. Many are not willing to allow the Lord to do something new or unexpected. Robert represented the leadership of the Church who is willing to move in a new way with the Holy Spirit.

He fully entered into the emotion of the celebration. When he was presented the baby, he captured the joy of the moment and celebrated what the Lord was doing. Linda made a choice of her will to try and enter in but got distracted by focusing on her family and missed the opportunity to enter the change of season and the new thing. Notice Linda's attitude toward leadership -- whatever Robert did made her angry.

She became angry if he celebrated, if he allowed a mess, and even when he quit celebrating. The Lord desires to deliver many in the Body from hidden, controlled anger linked with religious spirits.

Do not resist His mood or resist entering the celebration. Watch how He connects you and who He connects you with in days ahead.

The Lord also began to say, *"Many individuals who have had wealth but never allowed Me to use it for My Kingdom purposes are now prepared to be used by Me. I will be bringing many unusual individuals into My Kingdom so that which they have gained from ungodly means* ***CAN BE SANCTIFIED****. Let the messes begin so I can re-adorn My people and so that they can celebrate the power of My birth."*

This is a season that we celebrate in a new way. Last year, the Lord led us in developing a victory mindset. He taught us to praise violently. Let nothing rob your praise this season. I am so thankful for Linda being transparent enough and giving me permission to share this.

Watch Carefully at the Narrow Intersections

On Tuesday morning, I began by anointing the entire prayer group with pomegranate oil.

The Lord began to speak,

"You are coming into some crowded intersections in your life. I am bringing new connections and contacts around you. Learn to think more highly of others than yourself at this time. See individuals the way I see them. I'm changing the way you're viewing and processing things. There are very narrow places for you in days ahead. You must stay in My perfect timing to make it through these narrow entry points for your future. You must stay in My perfect timing, or else you will knock others from their places.
"Walk with Me in a way you have not walked with Me. See with Me in a way you have not seen with Me, and move forward into that place of multiplication that I have called you to. Do not fear that you are lagging behind, for I am extending grace for you to catch up. I have extended your time to fulfill certain assignments that you are working on. Quickly settle legalistic issues and small, petty struggles so that you can move into all I have for you at this time. If you will not swat at every gnat in your path then you will hit the mark every time.

"For 10 months, you have warred to press through for victory. Receive grace today for the next 12 months. Stand and receive grace. Call for grace to rain on everyone connected with you. Awaken and walk forward in the blessing of strength that I AM offering you today. Receive a new sound of Amazing Grace. Ask for supernatural hunger for the lost to know Me and be saved."

Remove any HOOD of SUSPICION that has been Clouding Your Discernment

"Do not immediately judge people when they walk into your presence, but see them as I see them and see why I have allowed them to enter your path. Pull the hood of suspicion off of you so that your discernment will be pure, and healings and miracles will then break forth in all of those that I bring in. A spirit of imbedded fear has prevented My People from clearly seeing the resources that I AM bringing into their path. I will prosper those you do not expect Me to prosper. Therefore, discern clearly that you might partake in the joy of the prosperity. Pull off the hood of suspicion so that your discernment will be made pure. Watch carefully at this time, and don't allow a religious spirit of criticism and judgment to blind you."

Ask for Pure Revelation, Night Vision, and Night Revelation

"Pray for the Body to awaken and have clear discernment in the night. Pray for cleansing of your places of sleep. Decree that the bedroom of the Body of Christ become pure so I can visit My PEOPLE in the NIGHT. Awaken to night vision and gain clear discernment in the night. You will gain authority in the night watches. I will move My people to a great authority of revelation throughout the night hours. I will awaken the lost in their defiled bedrooms with dreams and visions, and they will begin to hunger for Me and run to My House."

Watch the Bush Manifest!

"I am coming full circle to find My deliverers. Many of you have made huge mistakes in the past. But I know where you are, and I will find you and manifest Myself to you this year. I am going to illuminate the bush near that place where you have been held waiting. I will find you in the workplace. I will find you in mundane jobs. I will find you in prisons. I will find you in malls. I will find you in comfortable, safe churches.
"I am searching for My deliverers this year. I know where you are, and I will manifest Myself to you again and then put you back into service. I will go deep into the bush to draw forth the supply to advance My People into this next season. I have hidden supply in the bush, and I have been waiting on you to be ready to go into the bush to harvest that supply.

"I will start giving marching orders into the bushes, and from the bushes, you will start uncovering supply. Do not let thorns, confusion, or overgrowth stop you, for I will call you and send you into the bush. From the bush, you will draw out the supply I have for you. Listen for the sound calling you from the bush. I'm calling you from third world places. Listen carefully.

"I'm calling you up into mountainous regions. I have hidden supply that I will start uncovering now. As you pray through, I will bring it into the Body. **Watch carefully, for I will bring supply into My kingdom from unexpected sources -- from those who do not know me.** I will bring connections for My kingdom from those that will surprise you, so watch carefully at this time. I am awakening and drawing forth My remnant throughout the nations. This will be a time that I realign nations and raise up deliverers that will realign their nations with My covenant land."

Blessings,

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Daily Rest
Sandy Warner

Aug 26, 2005

DAILY REST
You have swallowed enemy lies to think that I would refrain from building you up in My love language to you. He accuses you of false pride to hear such things from My lips that build you up into your calling, and into your full inheritance as My sons and daughters. Yes, you have gone through a long season of stripping. And I do lower the mountains and make the crooked places straight. But I also raise up the valleys in your life. You have been over corrected for a very long time, and this has caused a wound. I AM trying to reach you through the many layers of false guilt and condemnation enshrouded and embedded into your heart.

The truth is that you have been so browbeaten with your own failings and the demonic accusations, that to add any rebuke from Me is totally unnecessary. My heart is to build you up, edify you, comfort you, strengthen you, establish you. I want you to intimately know and receive My greatest favor upon your life, that you will walk into your full measure of inheritance in Me, being given birthrights as My children. You are Mine! Would I not treat you as the jewel that you are to Me? Listen again as I affirm you and surround you in My language of love.

Song of Solomon 2:4-6
He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick. His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me.

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Cover The Garbage
Sandy Warner

Aug 22, 2005

COVER THE GARBAGE
When I call you to be a watchman, it is for the purpose of praying over matters which alarm and concern you. I expose and bring you these issues because I desire you to keep your watch by way of prayer. These issues are not for you to speak to others about, or spread gossip or division among the ranks. They are only exposed for you to cover in prayer.

Loved ones, if you are being swarmed with demonic backlash to the point you have lost your own resting place in Me, then you are following issues too closely. Take one step back, and return your focus to Me, and not man; to Me and not the demonic.

Listen and pray, watch and pray. You are sent to protect those you love, but you must also protect yourself. Cover the offense that defiles and smells. Leave it behind you. Retreat to a safe distance so that our sweet smelling intimacy with one another is not disturbed. Continue to watch and pray and serve Me well.

Deut 23:12-14 AMP
You shall have a place also outside the camp to which you shall go [as a comfort station]; And you shall have a paddle or shovel among your weapons, and when you sit down outside [to relieve yourself], you shall dig a hole with it and turn back and cover up what has come from you. For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore shall your camp be holy, that He may see nothing indecent among you and turn away from

you.

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Sons Of Thunder Sons Of Nurture
Sandy Warner

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THE SONS OF THUNDER & SONS OF NURTURE
Fraternal brothers have circled the globe.
Piercing heaven and earth like a giant light strobe.
Different walks, different thoughts, but used by Me.
Pouring out great gifts to set others free.

Jacobs have wrestled for blessing and won.
Contending, not relenting, as My sons.
Strong in their grip with their mighty right hand.
They have fought for and won what they demand.

With passion and zeal, and noses like flint,
These wild bucking stallions, leave hoof prints.
Marking the land in which they have galloped,
Claiming their own boundaries, they have stood up.

Courageous and brave, they face pressing odds;
Not blinking an eye, and with feet well shod.
Nostrils are flaring, sharp ears are pulled back;
Equipped to conquer with nothing they lack.

The other brothers are those just content.
Whose strivings and purpose are already spent.
John laid down his thunder, with head on My chest.
Sups at My table as My friend, not a guest.

He's found contentment to so lean on Me
Knowing his weakness, he has found My key.
Both are My Sons whom My womb has held dear.
These are beloved Sons for whom I shed tears.

Two companies circle around the globe.
Both using My rod, and wearing My robe.
Each have a portion, My kingdom on earth.
My sons, My sons, bearing gifts of great worth.

Christ Jesus, the first born of His brethren
Was sent for My work that was Sovereign.
His brothers are twins, fraternal in love.
Same DNA through My heavenly dove.

Stand jointly and respect each of your gifts.

Having walked different paths, with eyes uplift.
You trust in Me, now face one another
Embracing the hearts of your dear brothers.

Now is the time where you need to repair.
You each have the part of what is not there.
Each member connects, uniting My man.
>From this is blessing, from whence I command.

Ps 133 NKJV
Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the LORD commanded the blessing — fife forevermore.

What You Believe And What You Know
Sandy Warner

Aug 24, 2005

WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHAT YOU KNOW
Sometimes I take you on a meandering route instead of a straight line for a specific purpose. You stop and question if you are really following Me as you wonder at the new places stretching you. Trust that I really know how to equip you and train you for all that is coming your way.

There are ways of embedding My truth into your fibers that come only through experience. You might believe, but until you experience what you believe, it is not yet anchored. There are places in your faith which need the experience so you will be able to build toward future goals. Remember, even the devils believe. What you believe is in your mind and opinions. What you know is what you experience. When what you believe marries what you experience, it produces intimacy that can never be stolen from you.

Heb 8:10-11 NKJV
For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

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Doctrine And Unity

David Miller

I often feel as if I am being squeezed between two sets of friends. On the one hand, I have theological friends. They value truth, biblical doctrine -- the meat of God's Word. In a world sowed with Satan's lies, God's Word is our arbiter of truth. It is an anchor that holds us steady, a rudder to guide us, a lamp to light the way. If we abandon the deep things of God's Word, we will be easily fooled and led astray by the enemy's deception. When the pulpit proclaims the deep things of God's Word and the people are firmly grounded in His truth, Christians will grow strong, discern truth from error, and will understand God's will. For the church to function properly, they say, it must maintain doctrinal purity. And I agree with them!

I have other friends for whom the highest value is the unity of the body of Christ. Jesus died to redeem one body, they say, not many. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed that his disciples would be one. Schism in the body of Christ grieves the heart of God and is a personal affront to the blood Christ shed for the church. Besides, they point out, many of the doctrines we divide over really don't matter that much. Why should the church be fractured over petty doctrinal differences? God wants a unified church. And I agree with them!

And that is why I am torn. I love to study God's word in depth and teach it expositionally. I think Christians without a firm grounding in scriptures are swimming in shark infested waters. It is folly to reject doctrine in a world of lies. I am amazed at the persistent unwillingness among some to exercise biblical, doctrinal discernment. But I also see, among us "doctrinal" folks, a sometimes petty, critical nature. Some drop the h-bomb (heretic) on anyone who does not agree with any point of their cherished creed or doctrinal system. There is a superiority of attitude among us, the kind of schismatic behavior that Paul condemned in 1 Corinthians 11.

I would like to propose a middle ground, one that cherishes doctrine without disdaining unity in the body of Christ. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15, identified the facts of the gospel (the death and resurrection of Christ) as "of first importance." Does not that imply that there are other doctrines that are of second importance? They are important, but not as important as salvation. Is my view of baptism, or the second coming, or of church polity, as important as whether I hold a biblical view of salvation? Can we maintain doctrinal purity without fracturing the unity of the body Christ died for? I believe we can.

Four Levels of Doctrine

I propose that there are four general levels of doctrinal truth. For each level, there is an appropriate "unity response" -- a way of dealing with those who would disagree. It is important that we understand each level and respond appropriately.

Level One: Brick Wall Doctrine

There is some truth around which we must construct a brick wall of separation and protection. Jude 3 says, *"Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."* There is some doctrine which we must contend for, even to the point of separation. God's word is a sword, and swords divide. There are some doctrines that all must believe. If you do not believe them, you have denied the faith. There can be no unity in the body of Christ with those whose doctrines threaten the very existence of that body.

Some Christians are unwilling to admit that this level of truth even exists. But doctrines of first importance must be contended for in uncompromising measure. What are those doctrines? I would use 1 Corinthians 15 as a guide. Paul identifies the facts of the death and resurrection of Christ as of first importance. So, "Brick Wall" doctrine is that truth which is essential to the gospel of Christ. If you question the authority of God's Word, the foundation of the gospel crumbles. Salvation is grounded in a biblical view of a sovereign, triune God. There is no compromise on these doctrines. Salvation by grace through faith alone -- the exclusivity of salvation through Christ -- is essential doctrine. The fact of Christ's return to judge the world is necessary. Around these doctrines we must erect a brick wall -- tall and thick. Those who deny these truths are not brothers in Christ. They are wolves among the sheep. We do not fellowship with them, we contend with them.

Level Two: Picket Fence Doctrine

A picket fence is a friendly way of separating neighbors. It is not a brick wall that divides, it just establishes boundaries. You chat over the fence, have picnics together, watch over each other's homes and value the neighborhood you share. Around many doctrines we do not need a brick wall, but a simple picket fence.

Imagine if there was only one church in your city. How (and who) would you baptize? What form of church government would you use? Would you practice tongues or not? Instead of fighting over these issues, we form a "Christian neighborhood." Around the neighborhood is the brick wall of protection. Inside the neighborhood we have picket fences. We chat over the fence, fellowship together, watch over and bless each other and value our unity in Christ.

Yet, we keep the picket fence. We Baptists can baptize believers, have deacons and vote on everything. The Presbyterians can sprinkle babies. The Bible churches can have elders. The charismatics can speak in tongues and prophesy. The Methodists can methodize. We can all follow our convictions on our side of the picket fence. We try to be good neighbors, have as much fellowship as we can, then go back to our homes to follow Christ according to our beliefs.

There is a church less than a quarter mile from us. There are few doctrines (other than the basics of salvation) on which we would agree. Recently, they wanted to baptize some new Christians, but their building has no baptistery. We opened our doors and filled the tub. Neither of us compromised our doctrine, but we opened the gate in our picket fence, and had the neighbors over for a visit.

So, what doctrines are Picket Fence Doctrines? First would be beliefs about church structure and polity. Infant or believer's baptism? Deacons, Elders, ruling pastors? Congregational rule, elder rule, hierarchical rule? Why fight these doctrines? I am Baptist by birth, but also by conviction. I believe the Bible teaches baptism by immersion of believers. But I don't have to hate those who sprinkle babies. I can open the scriptures and show them what I see there, but until Christ comes again, we are going to have differences of interpretation in the Christian neighborhood.

It is considered a truism that denominations are divisive and evil. I disagree. As long as they are only picket fences in the Christian neighborhood, they allow us to practice our beliefs without having to fight every issue. It is when we erect brick walls of separation around our denominational differences that the problem comes. But the picket fences allow us to maintain friendship while following our individual convictions.

Some major doctrines that may require picket fences: Calvinists and Arminians view so many things differently. The question of God's sovereignty in salvation has been the watershed doctrine that has divided the church. Though I am opposed to Arminian doctrine, I know many who hold those views and have a passion for Christ equal or greater than my own. So what do we do? We stand at the picket fence and lovingly try to convince one another of our position. When the discussion is over, we shake hands and return to our homes where we worship with the folks who believe as we do.

It is not that these doctrines do not matter. They are crucial. But I must, in humility, recognize that it is possible for someone to be a good Christian who loves Jesus and still comes to a different position than I do on these issues. If someone preaches universalism, I erect a brick wall. No fellowship. There can be no unity with wolves. But if someone disagrees with me on election or predestination, we maintain a friendship over the picket fence.

So, the Christian neighborhood is surrounded by a brick wall that protects us from the wolves, the spiritual predators. Inside that wall, we live in unity. Each of us has our own home, separated by picket fences, but we work hard to build a unified community inside the brick wall. I may not worship at First Assembly, or River of Life, or New Covenant, or Calvary Baptist, but I can still recognize them as my Christian neighbors.

Level Three: Backyard Doctrine

Even if you live in the same home, you don't always agree about everything. You sit on your deck in the backyard and talk about all kinds of things. Every doctrine of scripture is important. It is important to figure out how the world will end. We can debate the North and South Galatian theories and who wrote the book of Hebrews. We may sit in the backyard and talk about these things, but they do not affect our fellowship and we should never divide over them. Not even a picket fence is needed.

The most obvious example of backyard doctrine is eschatology. Our church has dispensational premillennial pretribulationists (wow -- that's a mouthful), premillennial posttribulationists, and Amillennialists. Who knows, maybe there is a postmillennialist hiding behind a pew somewhere. I think this doctrine matters. Every Christian should study scripture and decide what he believes. But I can see no reason why eschatology should be a point of fellowship.

If a doctrine affects salvation, erect a brick wall. If it affects the fellowship or functioning of the church, erect a friendly picket fence. But if the doctrine affects neither, then sit in the backyard talking about it, but never let it become a point of division.

Level Four: Closet Doctrine

A closet is a place of privacy. Some things I believe, I should just keep to myself. I should follow the Lordship of Christ and permit other Christians to do the same. In the early church, the question was whether a Christian should eat meat sacrificed to an idol. Paul told the Romans and Corinthians that each of us can follow our own conscience under Christ, and keep our opinions to ourselves. In 1 Corinthians 8 through 10, and in Romans 14 and 15, Paul spent a long time explaining this principle of personal freedom to his churches.

For us, the issues are observing the Sabbath (or what day to observe it), or taking a glass of wine, or going to the movies, or dietary preferences, or…the list is long. Paul commands that those who say no on disputable issues should not condemn those who say yes and those who say yes should not disdain those who say no. Each of us seeks to be obedient to Christ on these matters and allows others to do the same. We also should be willing to limit our freedom to be a blessing to others.

Three Final Considerations

First, each of us must study the Word of God and try to assign each doctrine to its proper category. We will not always agree where doctrines fit, but with the Spirit's guidance, we can uphold doctrine without sacrificing unity. Here are the questions I would ask. Is this doctrine essential to the salvation offered by God in Christ? If it is, then erect a brick wall around it. Is this doctrine essential to the fellowship or functioning of our church? If so, then erect a picket fence is needed. If the doctrine affects neither salvation nor fellowship, no fence is needed at all.

Second, great damage is done to the purity of the church when doctrines are moved to lower levels than they deserve. If we compromise fundamental doctrine for the "unity of the church" we endanger the very nature of the church. We cannot treat important doctrines like matters of personal conscience. If we do, we sin against the Lord who bought us.

Third, great damage is done to the unity of the body when doctrines are moved to a higher level than they deserve. I saw a bumper sticker recently: "If it ain't King James, it ain't Bible." Here is someone who is making the choice of a Bible version a test of faith. Something that should be left to category 3 or 4 is being moved up to category 1. That fractures the body of Christ. I should not question someone's Christian commitment because they believe the church will go through the tribulation or because they speak in tongues or baptize infants. I cannot treat these issues as if they were in category 1. If I do, I offend the blood of Christ that was shed to redeem One Body.

Some issues, I should keep to myself and allow you to do the same. Around other issues, I erect a picket fence. We can have deep friendships in the Christian neighborhood, even if we maintain separate homes. Around certain issues, I must erect a brick wall. Luther said, "Here I stand, I can do no other." There are doctrines worth contending for.

Lord, help us to always know which truth fits in which category, so that the Christian neighborhood can be protected from its enemies and still experience the unity you desire.

Visit Dave Miller's website.

Day Of Fasting

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, Oct. 7, 2005

Since I have had to completely revamp my mailing lists, thus if you received this by mistake please reply with in the subject line "remove". Sorry for the inconvenience.

This week, in a conversation with friends visiting from the U.S., the subject of New Orleans came up and evolved into an interesting discussion. It was mentioned that some people believe that the destruction was a direct result of America's policies toward Israel. The Muslims, for their part, are claiming that the devastation, affecting millions in the southern United States, occurred because of the American invasion of Iraq. Then there are those who believe that YHVH is judging iniquity and sin as He did Sodom and Gomorra. And according to the more pragmatic ones, global warming has brought about the problems, while yet others are attributing the situation to the random activities of "Mother Nature" (coupled with human negligence and mismanagement).

But be the reasons what they may, the fact is that hundreds of thousands have been bereft of loved ones, left without homes, jobs and communities to return to. Likewise in Israel, the Disengagement left many without jobs, homes and a future. Overnight several thousand people went from security to uncertainty, confidence to despair. And so, regardless of the reasons that brought about these distressing situations, what should our response be?

As we all know, the Day of Kippur is ahead of us, a day for fasting and afflicting our souls. Let us take a moment to consider our true motivation for the fast. As I was doing some of my own stock taking, I was reminded of our ancient ancestors in Jerusalem who were quite assured of their righteousness. Seeking YHVH daily they seemed to search out His ways, they did not forsake His ordinances and were rigorous in performing His word. As a nation they did what they thought was acceptable in His eyes. Yet, on the day of the fast, although they afflicted their souls, they also complained that YHVH did not see nor take notice of them (ref Isaiah 58:2-3). YHVH's response to their piousness and complaint was short and sweet. Being aware of the true condition of their hearts, He describes their fast and the motivation behind it: *"Indeed you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness… to make your voice [be] heard on high"* (Isaiah 58:4), so that He would look down at their sackcloth and ashes.

YHVH then goes on to explain to them how He sees this day of fasting: "*Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke…the pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh?"* (Isaiah 58:6-7).

These religionists no doubt were very offended by these words. YHVH, however, went on to point to the right kind of fast, telling them that if they would do what He instructed the rewards would be everything that they had ever desired and more.

“If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. Your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of YHVH shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and YHVH will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am’. YHVH will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In” (Isaiah 58:10-12).

Going back to our subject of Sodom and Gomorra, my friend asked me what was the sin that caused YHVH to judge them. I gave him the standard answer: sodomy, homosexuality etc. In response he pointed out an observation made by the prophet Ezekiel millennia after the devastation of these two cities: *"Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw fit”* (Ezekiel 16:49-50).

It was no other than the virtuous Jerusalem which was being addressed here and compared to Sodom, in addition YHVH also decries the following: "Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you…” (ve. 46).

As the Day of Atonement draws near, oh children of the sons of Jerusalem and Samaria, let us pray that YHVH’s words will fill our heart and that we will gain an understanding of the kind of fast required of us, so that we may truly be pleasing to our Elohim.

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Day of Repentance
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National Day of Repentance: Thursday, October 13

October 10, 2005

I sought the Lord on January 1st for a word for 2005 and got a doozy. It was in fact one word – the word "vengeance." I trembled for several days, and still do, knowing that it is God's vengeance He was talking about and His patience had suffered long. My Webster's Collegiate Dictionary told me that "vengeance" means to lay claim to avenge, punishment inflicted in retaliation for an offense: with great force or vehemence and to an extreme or excessive degree. 2005 has already been a year of catastrophic events, and I believe it is only the beginning of possible shaking that can take place, but the Bible teaches us that no decree is impervious to heartfelt repentance.

In 2004 the LORD had told me that the next move of God was "The Great Quakening" with the awesome, reverential fear of the Lord being its hallmark. I can go on and on about what the LORD taught me about this next great move, but suffice it to say that He is in the midst of shaking everything that can be shaken *(Hebrews 12:27-29)*. Yes, Jesus is the Lover of our souls, but at the same time He is also the Judge, which in the pictorial language of Hebrew means the door of life. All He does is for the purpose of promoting abundant life, even when we see death and destruction all around us His ultimate purpose is LIFE.

As many of you know we are in the High Holy Days of the Hebraic Calendar. Rosh ha Shana began October 3, 2005. On this day, the Jewish people understand that the heavens open up to receive the prayers and repentance of God's people; and they have ten days until the end of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) until the heavens close sealing their fate for the coming year. Although God's people can pray and repent any and every day, I believe that we are in an especially kairos (right/ripe) time to go one-way or another. The direction we will take this coming year, as individuals and as a nation, will be dependent on God's people repenting with sincere hearts. It is not just a coincidence that the word for "return to God" (la-shuv) comes from the same Hebrew root as the word repent (teshuvah).

After the LORD told me that the word for the year was "vengeance," I ate much carpet seeking what He was saying and what was my part. He told me that He wanted a National Day of Repentance. I told Him, "Okay. Who? What? When? Where? How? And Why me?" I sought the Lord for some time before He told me that the National Day of Repentance was already laid out in His Word in *Leviticus 23*. Other than the three pilgrimage festivals (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles), there are two dates on the Biblical calendar which the LORD says are *"My appointed times" (Levitcus 23:2)* – a nameless holy day observed on the first day of the seventh month of Tishri (later known as Rosh Hashana) and Yom Kippurim – the Day of Atonement (a national day of repentance).

Biblical Yom Kippur is primarily a priestly institution performed in the sanctuary by the High Priest (Kohen Gadol). How perfect that the Lamb of God made us *"to be a kingdom and priests to our God" (Revelation 5:10)* for *"Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant" (Hebrews 7:22)* holding *"His priesthood permanently" (Hebrews 7:24)* as *"a high priest"* and *"minister in the sanctuary" "in the true Tabernacle" (Hebrews 8:1-2)*. This *"mediator of a new covenant" (Hebrews 9:15)* -- Jesus -- is Christ in us the hope of glory *(Colossians 1:27)*. It is time for His *"royal priesthood,"* His *"holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9)* to humble ourselves and seek His face and pray and proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you. In the Old Testament, the Day of Atonement was the only day the priest could be in God's presence *(Leviticus 16:2)*; therefore, another term for the Day of Atonement is "Face to Face." Although the ability for us to talk to Him face-to-face is available every day to believers in Christ, I believe that there are especial opportunities to come closer; and October 13, 2005 is one of those once in a lifetime opportunities.

I continued to seek my Beloved about what He wanted for the National Day of Repentance when five months later He showed me the "Thirteen Attributes." Little did I know at the time, but the passage of "The Thirteen Attributes of God" *(Exodus 34:6-7)* is recited, by His observant Jewish people, three times on the festivals and on the Days of Awe. These "Thirteen Attributes" are an expansion and reworking of the description of God in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:5-6), but the new description in Exodus 34 emphasizes the compassionate nature of God to an even greater extent. The Sinai covenant only hinted at God's forgiveness while the "Thirteen Attributes" makes God's merciful nature explicit. The Talmud says, that the Holy One drew His robe around Moses and showed him how to pray, 'Whenever Israel sins, let them recite [the Thirteen Attributes] before Me and I will forgive them.' … A covenant has been made concerning the thirteen attributes that [the people] will not be turned away empty-handed. (B. Rosh Hashanah 17b).

According to Jewish tradition, the day of the first forgiveness in the Bible was the day that Moses returned with the second set of Tablets (Ten Commandments), which signified that God had forgiven the nation for the sin of the Golden Calf. Moses also received God's assurance of forgiveness in the form of the "Thirteen Attributes." This day of first forgiveness was the first time the word "forgiveness" or "pardon" appears in Scripture (*Exodus 34:9*). This day of first forgiveness became the time when, forever after, Israel (God's people) was summoned by God to come together to receive forgiveness. It is not surprising that *Exodus 34:6-7* became the cornerstone of the liturgy of forgiveness during the High Holy Days season.

I think it is time for God's "Christian" family return to our ancient root that taps into the LORD's fundamental essence of mercy through the two pillars of the Yom Kippur: God is merciful and forgiving, and sincere confession brings forgiveness and atonement. Christians know, as Jews know, that there is no intermediary that stands between us and God when we seek absolution and forgiveness. God alone can wash away sin and cleanse us completely from it. The Day of At-one-ment is a day when the world is left behind, when all barriers between human beings and God are eradicated. On this day, we can enter a new dimension, the realm of holiness where self is negated and we are all equal before God. Despite all the concern of sin, atonement, forgiveness, mercy and justice that pervades the High Holy Days, if pressed to condense their significance into one word I would choose "life." Yom Kippur deals with death and renunciation, but only so that we may return to life purified and reinvigorated.

So… on Thursday October 13, 2005 -- the Day of Atonement – the National Day of Repentance appointed by God, let us exist in another sphere. Let's come before the LORD confessing any wrongdoing so repentance and forgiveness can be achieved; then let us proclaim together as one voice the "Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" as explained in more detail in my other document entitled the "National Day of Repentance." Let us do this for ourselves, but also for our nation, for we all hang precipitously close to either life or death. The Lord is saying to us, "See, I have set before you today life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live. Consecrate yourselves for the future." *(Deuteronomy 30:15,19)*

The heavenly gates opened on Rosh Hashana are called the "Gates of Mercy," which traditionally are said to close at the end of the Day of Atonement. The name "Gates of Mercy" alludes to the gate by the same name in the Eastern Wall of the Temple compound. It is said that through this Beautiful, Golden, Eastern Gate -- this Gate of Mercy -- the Messiah will enter Jerusalem. Let us take this golden opportunity of mercy to return, after the existing in another sphere, transformed and full of life. L'chaim! To life!

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NATIONAL DAY OF REPENTANCE

October 13, 2005 – The Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)
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"The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" God taught Moses after Israel stood at the edge of doom after having worshiped the Golden Calf. God's instruction included the wisdom that no decree is impervious to heartfelt repentance and prayer.

The purpose of Creation is to bring glory to God; and perhaps this eternal destiny of those made in His image spurred Moses to ask God to *"Show me Your glory" (Exodus 33:18)*. In actuality, this was a request for a greater perception of God's ways. Even angels, who are purely spiritual beings, cannot approach the fullness of God's essence. However, God agreed to show Moses the highest degree of revelation that man is capable of assimilating (vs 19) in addition to teaching Moses the most efficacious order of prayer *(Exodus 34:6-7)*.

As much as Moses was able to comprehend, the Lord showed Moses His glory; i.e. Divine goodness *(Exodus 33:19)*. Specifically, God showed Moses His incredible mercy and how His people can enlist it through their prayers. God's mercy is not only always available, but effective in that the store of His mercy is infinite and His heart is for *"mercy to triumph over judgment" (James 2:13)*. One does well to remember that a person needs to perform or "be" the prayer, not merely recite it. *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." (Matthew 5:7)*.

Before God taught Moses how to draw near His throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need *(Hebrews 4:16)*, Exodus 34:4-5 tells of Moses complete obedience to God's instructions. In the morning Moses brought two stone Tablets, which he personally carved, up to the top of Mount Sinai, and waited until God descended in a cloud and stood with him there.

The first thing God showed Moses was how to prevent the sort of national catastrophe that nearly provoked Him to wipe out the nation. He showed Moses a prayer that always invokes His mercy when spoken with a sincere hearts. This prayer, "The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy," is recited during times of crisis when people need to beseech God to show us mercy. Traditionally, these times of crisis are: on the Day of Atonement, fast days, in time of threatening calamity, and every day. "The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" contains thirteen Names and descriptions of God – all referring to His compassion in various situations.

God called out to Moses *(Exodus 34:5)* teaching him the prayer of goodness as He promised *(Exodus 33:19)*: *"The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin…" (Exodus 34:6-7).*

Some of the attributes may seem to be identical, but commentators explain that they apply to all sorts of people who have varying degrees of merit. The Jewish Sages teach that God shows favor even to people who are undeserving. God showed Moses all the treasuries of reward stored up for the righteous; then Moses saw a large, unlabeled storehouse, and he asked whom it was for. God told him that it was reserved for those who did not have their own merits – the treasury of Heavenly favor. Some degrees of mercy apply to the very righteous (knowing that our own righteousness is filthy rags, but we can store up treasures in heaven) and some to those less so; some to those who repent out of love for God and some to those who repent out of fear, and so on.

Let's breakdown "The Thirteen Attributes of Mercy" prayer so we can pray with understanding. The Hebrew translation of *Exodus 34:6-7* reads: *"HASHEM, HASHEM, God, Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to Anger, and Abundant in Kindness and Truth; Preserver of Kindness for thousands of generations. Forgiver of Iniquity, Willful Sin, and Error, and Who Cleanses…"*

1. **HASHEM** – This Name denotes mercy and appears twice, because it refers to two different kinds of mercy. This first HASHEM refers to God being merciful before a person sins, even though He knows that future evil lies dormant in a person.
2. **HASHEM** – The second declaration of HASHEM denotes that even after someone has sinned, God mercifully accepts his repentance.

3. **God** – This Name denotes power, and implies a greater degree or portion of mercy than indicated by the Name HASHEM.

4. **Compassionate** – God eases the punishment of the guilty and does not put people into temptation.

5. **And Gracious** – God is gracious even to the undeserving saving people from distress once it has overtaken them.

6. **Slow to Anger** – God is slow to anger with both the righteous and the wicked. God is patient giving people time to reflect, improve and repent instead of punishing sinners immediately.

7. **And Abundant in Kindness** – He is kind even to those who lack personal merit.

8. **And Truth** – God never reneges on His Word to reward those who serve Him.

9. **Preserver of Kindness for thousands of generations** – The kindness here refers to the good deeds of people, which God regards as if they had done Him kindnesses.

God forgives three categories of sin and each forgiveness is reckoned as a separate Attribute:

10. **Forgiver of Iniquity** – God forgives intentional sin when the sinner repents.

11. **Forgiver of Willful Sin** – God forgives a sin that is committed with the intention of angering God. Even so, such a serious transgression will be forgiven with repentance.

12. **Forgiver of Error** – God forgives sins committed out of apathy or carelessness.

13. And Who Cleanses – God always cleanses anyone who repents of his sin so that the effect of the sin vanishes. However, if one does not repent with a genuinely sincere heart that person does not receive cleansing.

On the Day of Atonement, Moses returned from his third and last forty-day period during which God taught him the entire Torah again.

On the Day of Atonement, God became reconciled to the nation as Moses carried the second Tablets of the Ten Commandments written by the finger of God down Mount Sinai into the camp.

On the Day of At-one-ment this year – October 13, 2005 – let us proclaim God's Thirteen Attributes of Mercy. Let us pray for the godly sorrow for our nation that is according to God's will and produces repentance that leads us to being saved *(2 Corinthians 7:10)*.

Let us pray and proclaim with sincere hearts:

"The Lord, The Lord, God, Compassionate and Gracious, Slow to Anger, and Abundant in Kindness and Truth; Preserver of Kindness for thousands of generations. Forgiver of Iniquity, Willful Sin, and Error, and Who Cleanses…" (Exodus 34:6-7)

Additionally, you may want to declare *Psalm 136*… His mercy does endure forever!

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Don't Be Afraid To Step Outside The Box

Betty Heimback

“Do not be afraid to step outside the box. Allow Me to stretch you and to enlarge your borders. I have much more for you than you have dared to imagine. Oh the joys of walking steadily in My anointing! Draw close and give yourself fully to Me and watch what I do!

“The only limit on My Holy Spirit is your capacity to receive. I send you vessels to be filled with My Spirit in the form of needs and trials that come. These are the opportunities for you to receive more of Me, more of My Holy Spirit. I have an overflow for you. I have abundance for you and for those around you. Open yourself to Me and allow Me to fill you to overflowing.

“Don’t draw back from what I’m calling you to do. Don’t shrink back from all that I’ve chosen you to walk in. The slightest resistance to My will, the smallest disobedience, the tiniest neglect of walking fully in the call on your life results in problems. It slows down My plan. It hinders your walk with me and My plan for your life. Leave the choice to Me.

“The rest you seek will not be found in leisure time, in recreation or reclining on your bed. The rest you seek comes in leaning fully on Me in complete surrender to My will and My way. Seek Me – then yield completely to My direction. Give up all your ideas and walk in My direction according to My plan. There you will find peace and rest in Me.”

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Do Church or Be Church

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If you are not already a member of a small, independent, Spirit-directed home fellowship, I hope the following comparison might be an encouragement to take such a step.

One model of ‘church’	A different model of ‘church’
Attractional—expecting people to come to church (assuming that the average unchurched person wants our message, at least as we have traditionally presented it)	Incarnational—the church going to the community, living as Christ in the world, not trying to get others to fulfill some agenda or program I am trying to run, trying to help them on their journey.
Assimilation—measuring church effectiveness by how many people come to church	Formation—measuring church effectiveness by changes in lives and communities
Dualistic—dividing the sacred and secular, believing God is met in the ‘sacred’	Unified—God is present and active in all of life. We can experience God encounters in everyday events. We hallow the everyday.
Hierarchical—using a ‘top down’ corporate management system, strongly distinguishing between clergy and laity.	Priesthood of all believers—emphasizing everyone’s gifts and ministry. Everyone is involved in mission. Clergy equip everyone for ministry.
Event-oriented—groups of people gathering in rows	Everyday-oriented—seeing 24/7 lives as the priority expression of mission in communities, companies and homes

Building-oriented—The church meets in specially designated buildings.	People-oriented—The church meets anywhere people meet.
Styling church gatherings after the 1950's or 1980's	Gleaning the best spiritual disciplines of the ages
Destination—making 'decisions'	Journey—movement toward Christ, continual living for Christ
Centralized—getting everyone to do the same thing at the same time, maintaining control	Decentralized—valuing differences and uniquenesses among people and groups, more spontaneous and creative
Breadth—The bigger the church, the better it can 'perform' for people.	Depth—The deeper the relationships, the more effectively (God through) the church can transform people.
Souls	Whole persons
Being separate from the world	Living in the world
Emphasis on denominational distinctives	Emphasis on Jesus who unites
Missions is a program of the church, something leaders can schedule and budget.	Mission is the essence of the church; the core issue.
Offering support for others who do mission	Living without debt so we can be free to go and minister

Don't Doubt The Dreams Of Intercession

Diana Mourey

And don’t doubt the things that I will show you. Don’t doubt the dreams of intercession. Don’t doubt, for you have not cried out to move into that realm of the supernatural? Have you not cried out to be my intercessor? Don’t doubt, but move accordingly to the things that I place within your heart, and within your mind, even in the night hour of your sleep as the battle rages around you. Yes, I give you peace while you sleep but the battle goes on. There is warfare going on in the heavenlies and in your spirit, as my spirit within you rises up against those things going on around you, it will be accomplished; it will be accomplished; it will be accomplished.

Even that calling of intercessor causes you to move as I would move even when your mind would not comprehend. Even when your mind does not have understanding, flow with that which I place within your spirit man. Let the intercessions flow; let them come forth. Let the dreams take their place in intercession. For I will not always give the understanding of dreams; I will not always give the interpretation, but know this, saith God, they are real. They are happening in the spirit realm. As your spirit and my spirit within you deals with the things that have to be dealt with, then so be it.

Don’t take time even to question. Don’t say, “But God, is this of you; how can this be of you, because I don’t understand it?” Lean not to your own understanding, saith God, but rather trust that the things that you have cried out for, the things that you have asked of Me, would I not delight in raising you up as my intercessor? Would I not delight in bringing you forth to that place of even standing in the line of attention that I’ve called you to, yea some being on the front line more than others, but all having their place. The back line is just as important as the front line in my Kingdom, saith God. It’s according to how well you fulfill your place that I’ve called you into.

And you say in your heart, “But I’ve never had a dream; I’ve never had a vision.” Well, get ready, saith God, for you’re moving into that time, into that season, into that place that I’ve called you into. For much is going on and much will be accomplished.

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Deceptive Teaching

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The Deceptive Pre-Tribulation Rapture Teaching

I continue to be astonished by the resistance of those who adhere to the pre-tribulation rapture teaching and are closed to further discussion on the subject. I occasionally post on forums, and it never fails to amaze me how untouchable the subject can even be. I believe there really is a supernatural blinding taking place which is above and beyond logic. I’m not hesitant to say that I believe the devil is intentionally trying to keep the church deceived about this subject. It is in the devil’s best interests to keep the church in the dark, because it is the church that Jesus has authorized to overcome all the works of the devil. The devil knows that, even if the church doesn’t.

One of the problems with the pre-tribulation rapture teaching is that it inherently sees no purpose for the church to be on earth at the end of the age. But God has tremendous purposes for His church on earth at the very end of the age which involve His glory. And the Bible doesn't keep it secret. Ephesians 3:8-12 says (paraphrasing) that God's eternal purpose in Christ Jesus and the reason He created all things is to demonstrate His wisdom through the church to the powers and authorities (the devil and his fallen angels) in the heavenly places.

The fulfillment of that awesome destiny can only take place during the last three and one-half years of the age when the saints go head-to-head with the antichrist system and overcome it by the Blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and by not loving their lives unto death.

Basically to teach that the church won't be on earth during that time is to miss the crux of the eternal purpose of why God created the church in the first place. The last days of this age will be the time of the greatest testimony of the church on earth throughout all history.

Everything that Jesus has in mind for His glorious church will come to fruition during that period of time. No one but Satan himself could have conceived the plot to see the church so deceived that they do not even perceive it.

No wonder Jesus said that many will fall away and the love of most will grow cold. The church doesn't have a clue what's coming. Jesus’ first warning about the end of the age was to beware of deception.

I realize this is the same note being sounded over and over again. But somewhere someone may hear this for the first time.

Blessings in Him,

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Declare It
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Declare My Word to the nations and speak TRUTH to the lost. Do not hold back your voices any longer. NOW IS THE TIME. NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP, TO DECLARE MY PRAISES TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH !
Raise up your voices and shout from the rooftops what you hear in your ear.
Stop cowering in the corner and declare BOLDLY the truth.
HOW WILL THEY KNOW WITHOUT A PREACHER ?

Rom 10:14-15 NKJV How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher ? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

Be led by the Spirit of TRUTH. Ask what to speak and I will fill your mouth !
Do not turn away from the opportunity of saving souls any longer. I will hold you accountable if you do not speak up when I tell you to ! I will hold that man or woman, or child’s soul to your account ! Be open to listening to me in the grocery store, in the market, in the workplace, in the home of your friend. Speak what I give you to speak, and I will follow it with signs and wonders. Be obedient to the Spirit. Walk in the light as I am in the light.
Do not fear any longer what man can do to you.

Spend time with ME in the secret place and I will give you things to declare in the open ! I will give you the Spirit of might that you might be BOLD in proclaiming the good news, and being My witnesses to the ends of the earth.
Lay aside all fear and trepidation. Take steps forward, one by one, and I will INCREASE in you, as you obey ME. I did not come to lead the righteous to salvation. I came for the LOST sheep. So now I ask you to go for ME ?
Will you go for US? Will you seek what to speak and speak it in obedience to My will. For if you do this, I will give you MORE. But if you cower in fear like those in Gideons time, you will be disqualified for service !

Come to Me and buy gold refined in the fire. Come to ME and I will clothe you in new garments. I have new clothes for you to wear. Each of you has new clothes befitting the son or daughter of the KING of KINGS and the LORD OF LORDS ! I would dress you in robes of PURPLE so that you might remember Whose you are ! I would dress you in robes of RED so you would remember My blood shed for you. But the robe that I will give you is a robe of sackcloth and poor man’s clothing, because I have called you to HUMILITY, not to pride or arrogance. The New CLOTHES I will save for when you come home to ME…if you will but wear this robe of humility yet while on earth ! This is the way to greatness. This is the way to My heart.

Renounce the world and all it offers, for you cannot serve two masters. You will love one and hate the other if you try. You can only serve ONE MASTER, if you go the narrow path. So come to ME, and allow ME to choose the new garments for you. I want you to wear fine white linen in the Spirit, that you don't do things in your own efforts anymore, but are led ONLY by My Spirit, not by your flesh or striving to please Me. I have not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, and love and a sound mind. Cast off the old garments of the flesh and put on the new garments of the Spirit.

Be led of MY SPIRIT and you will be able to go through anything unscathed until it is time to go home. I will do STARTLING MIRACLES if you will listen to ME, and follow MY LEAD IN THIS FINAL DANCE ! I am calling you to the bridal chamber where I can speak sweet secrets in your ear. You and I will walk together in My gardens of reknown, and in the gardens of the earth. There will be good times, hard times, and terrible times, but there will be GLORY enough for all who will wear this garment of humility as I did.

You are carrying around too much weight in the spirit. You are holding on to your own ideas of how I will do things. You are holding on to earthly possessions that mean nothing in the next world. What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul. Do you want to pay the price the rich man paid in the parable of him and Lazarus ? [Luke 16] Some of you I will call to keep your homes. Some of you I will call to leave your homes. Some of you I will call to stay where you are. Some are called to be like nomads, going from one place to another, gathering up sheaves. So listen for the still small voice. Will you really lay it all down for ME ? Will you truly love ME and obey ME ? It is a time for death to man's opinions and ways of doing things.

Some of you still go to man before coming to ME for an answer on what to do. You are so habitually reliant on the ways of the world, and here I am waiting for you to be silent and inquire of ME ! When will you learn that I love you, and to whom I love and cherish, I will reveal great and marvelous things you do not know.

To some I speak in parables and poems. To some I speak in dreams and visions. To some I speak plainly and face to face. But I am speaking if you will only listen and quiet yourself and WAIT on ME . Do not be impatient
as the world is ! You cannot hear if you are always doing the talking.

Listen and obey, and I will end the fray
Listen to My voice, and sing and rejoice
For I am coming down to speak and offer My crown
I am coming to save the day, if only you will say
What I want you to say !
Do not prophesy to curse another
Do not take the sword to your brother
I am all power, and I am all love
I am coming down in the form of the Dove
I will not falter, or get you off course.
I am Your Master, and yet I do not force.
To your life I will add luster
Glory will fall cluster after cluster !
Praise Me in all the far away places and
I will pour down myriads of graces !
Worship together as you celebrate ME.
I will make you what you long to be !
I will bring showers of latter day rain.
To the harvesting there will be much gain !
I am increasing and to the love there will be no ceasing.

You will have plenty to gather & there'll be no decreasing
Of wondrous power I've been seeking to releasing !
Provision will come in unusual ways.
Extend your hands to all during the days.
I will release miracles in such unusual circumstances.
I will add fruit to all your advances !
Shrink not from the plow for I am coming NOW.
Sow and you'll REAP, you'll cry and you'll weep.
But to the tears, will I cough up the deep,
That harvest will come and a new tune you'll strum.
Life will no longer ever be humdrum !

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Be Who I've Made You To Be
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"Be who I've made you to be ! Nothing less, nothing more.
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When you get up , you fall on the floor,
When you set down, you fall out the door
When you move out, you faint and you sit.
Never dreaming of all I have, to wit.

You dream and you tarry,
Your voice you do not marry
To the sound of Mine that you hear in your head
But I want you to listen and speak what I say instead

Do not think on your own all the time
Wait for My voice, and I will make it mine
I have the rhythm and I have the beat
I am not lax as some may entreat

I am the first and I am the last
I am the beginning of all things yet past
I am love and I am kindness
I am faith and not blindness

I never take back or steal from you what is yours
I never take away but I open all the doors.
I never am deaf to the cries of the hurting
Yet in the night, listen to all the screams and blurting

Of pain, and disdain, of joy and of laughter
Of prayers, and all moaning and hope for the hereafter
I listen to all who withstand the test
I listen to all who cannot find rest

I see the pain, and the wearing of a frown
I see the gain, and all the wearing down
Surely I'm great enough to end all the fray
But there is an order to the playing out of this day
What must come, it will
What must end, lays still.

Do not give up and do not give in
I will make an end of the dark and the din
I am Joy and I AM gladness
I release darkness and lift all sadness

To the end of oppressions, I am in the making
I will deliver all in the midst of the quaking
Do not look at things, as others see
But look in the midst of all, to see ME.

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Desert Dwelling

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I have noted a pattern in the Word concerning certain Bible characters. Here are just a few examples:

1. Elijah (immediately after his great victory at Mt. Carmel) went 40 days into the wilderness to the mountain of God (Horeb), and lived in a cave. There he got acquainted with the “still, small voice of God”—which he wouldn’t have been able to hear as clearly in the rush of regular life.

2. Jesus, immediately after his baptism in the Jordon, was “urged *by the Spirit* out into the barren wastelands.” Here he wrestled with some very fundamental issues.

3. John the Baptist “shouted from the wilderness.” He went there to live after leaving his family home.

4. Solomon, the most favored man on earth of his time, ended up in the desert, spiritually. In spite of his great riches and fame, he concluded “All is vanity.”

5. The great apostle Paul didn’t catch the first flight out of Damascus for Jerusalem after his encounter with Christ. Instead he headed directly for the Arabian Desert.

6. Moses left his princely life in Egypt, and went far out into the desert where he remained for 40 years.

WHY GO TO THE DESERT?
The reason for spending time in the wilderness differs from person to person.

· Some feel battered by health problems, and just need a time to recuperate. Or to talk to God about the possibility of divine healing.
· Some are not suffering from any particular ailment, but just feel exhausted and in need of rest.
· Some feel overwhelmed by the stress of life, and are battling depression.
· Some find it difficult to keep up with the pace of modern life, and want to slow the pace for a time.
· Some want to become better acquainted with God, to know him more intimately.
· Some suspect there are untapped treasures to be found in meditation. New Agers stare at their own navel and intone “Om,” as they search for the pagan god within. Christians, however, focus on the transcendent God indwelling them through the Holy Spirit.
· Some simply want time to study deeply on a particular portion of Scripture that holds much promise.
· Some find they have a lot more questions than they do answers.

God may call the Body of Christ to spend *corporate* time in the desert.

When the Children of Israel refused to venture into the Promised Land, God sent them to the wilderness for a lengthy stay. Most of them died there.

I have little confidence in the vision-a-week “prophets” so prevalent on the Internet, but one of the few modern prophetic voices I trust is that of Marc Dupont. This is the man who accurately prophesied the great worldwide Renewal that began in Toronto, Canada, in 1994. I went there in 1995, and immersed myself in this unprecedented move of God. Those years were the happiest of my Christian experience, and I thought surely they would culminate in the return of our Lord. When the movement ebbed I, along with many others, was greatly disappointed and not a little bewildered.

In 1997, the prophetic voice of Marc Dupont was heard again. I won’t quote his entire message, but following are some key excerpts. He is speaking to the small congregation that gave birth to the Renewal.

“Because He (God) wants us to bear greater fruit, he is going to prune us. This pruning is not punishment . . .

“I have brought the empty and the dry from all over the world in ways you formerly would not have comprehended. I have brought them to you and you have been faithful. You have baptized them deep in my refreshing love and joy . . .

“But now is the time for John the Baptists to embrace a deeper death to self . . . If you will die to self, reputation, programs, and the way the river has been nourishing the people, I will take you into an even greater baptism.

“This baptism will not be in front of the crowds. It will be alone in your prayer closet. Instead of moments of great laughter you will experience moments of great sorrow . . .

“Do not trust in programs, systems, and way in which you have been ministering. Do not trust in your own resources, personnel, or strategies. I will do something far beyond what you are capable of imagining . . .

“I am calling you to leave the focus of the John the Baptist ministry and travel with my Son into the wilderness for a season of fasting and prayer. It can be lonely there. You will miss the parties, the laughter and the drunkenness. But . . . I will give you new ministries and a deeper anointing. I will give you the treasure of the secret places rather than the joy of the parties.

“I desire my joy to be even stronger within you. When you experience that joy you will have a strength for ministry
you have never known before. This joy will be very contagious to the lost and broken outside of the existing church . . .

“Follow me into deeper things.”

Much of organized religion never did embrace the Renewal, so this message is not directed to them. It is directed to the Body of Christ, which is made up of everyone who has embraced Christ and his salvation, and walks with him—whether within a particular organization or not.

Because of work responsibilities, many Christians cannot take off for long vacations. Instead, they settle for mini-vacations as opportunity permits.

Just so, we often can enjoy mini-desert experiences. Frequently, Jesus called his disciples away from their busy ministry for just such quiet times. Scriptures seem to indicate that early each morning Jesus slipped away alone to experience a mini-retreat. It was there that he learned the Father’s plans for the day.

Your own “prayer closet” provides opportunity for a brief desert encounter with God.

The few days in the Upper Room offered the 120 a spiritual desert retreat. It was a brief period, but out of it burst the power of Pentecost! The wilderness is a great birthing place.

Is God calling you to the desert for spiritual refreshment? Feel the tug, but don’t have time? Some things we simply must *take* time for.

WHAT WILL ONE FIND IN THE DESERT?

Years ago I used to think my father was a bit weird, because every year he went to Arizona to spend his vacation in the desert. Later, when I came to know the desert better for myself, I understood his reasoning. I even enjoyed the strange beauty of Death Valley.

Do not think of the desert as a place of punishment. It has much to offer:

· For some it is a place of refuge.

· Peace is our legacy in Christ, but it hard to come by in the midst of the pace of modern life.
· Some great truths cannot be discerned when there is too much distraction. The wilderness offers opportunity to really focus.
· Every Christian should stop from time to time and honestly evaluate his or her life. This is easier in the desert.
· Without so many things clamoring for our attention, the desert offers a new intimacy with God.

"Be still, and know that I am God." Ps. 46:10.

WHEN SHOULD ONE LEAVE THE DESERT?

It is important not to leave the wilderness prematurely. Human nature dictates that we are loathe to enter, and eager to leave. The time those Bible characters previously mentioned spent in the desert varied from 40 days to 40 years.

Elijah left after receiving a new vision of God, and he had received orders to find and anoint Elisha.
Jesus left after 40 days to begin his worldly ministry.
Moses left, protesting, when God called him for one of the greatest assignments of all time.
Paul left the desert only after a spiritual schooling that went on for years.
John the Baptist left to go to prison, and martyrdom.

We will be tempted to leave on our own volition, but only the Holy Spirit knows when the time is right. Surely we can depend on him to give a clear signal.

"He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. Even youths will become exhausted, and young men will give up. But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Is. 40:29-31.

For most of us, waiting is not what we do best. However, if the troubles Jesus prophesied are just upon us, then we had better store up the strength that comes from waiting on the Lord.

ARE YOU WATCHING THE FATHER?

Somehow I seem to have missed the import of one of Christ's vital proclamations.

"Jesus replied, 'I assure you the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and tells him everything he is doing . . .'" John 5:19-20.

Organized religion has taught us to be activists, even if the motivation is mainly to build up denominational rolls. Truly valuable church members are considered to be those who are exhausting themselves with multitudinous duties.

Jesus needed Holy Spirit guidance for his ministry, but not me. Like Peter, I went around whacking off ears in the name of the Lord.

Recently, I made a list of the initiatives I had conscientiously taken for the Lord over the years, and found that virtually all of them ended in failure. I do not take accolades from other humans as true signs of success.

Gideon needed a fleece, and Jonathan a sure sign, before taking on the enemy, but not me. I launched out on only those programs that *obviously* would greatly benefit the Kingdom, and hence God would have little choice but to get behind my efforts. Guess what. He has a choice! And he left me high and dry to warm myself at the ashes of my failed ventures.

God is not so desperate for ideas that he has to frantically latch on to mine. We need to rework the old adage to read, "Don't just do something; sit there!"

THERE IS ALSO A MATTER OF TIMING

When we do something for the Kingdom can be as important as *what* we do. The disciples were always trying to goad Jesus into action, but he would not be manipulated.

"Jesus' brothers urged him to go to Judea for the celebration. 'Go where your followers can see your miracles!' they scoffed. You can't become a public figure if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, prove it to the world!' . . .

"Jesus replied, 'Now is not the right time for me to go . . . I am not yet ready to go to this festival, because my time has not yet come.'" John 7:6, 8.

Obviously, the timing for a work of the Lord is very precise. But once Jesus knew the Father's will, nothing could deter him.

"Morning by morning he wakens me and opens my understanding to do his will. The Sovereign Lord has spoken to me, and I have listened. I do not rebel or turn away. I give my back to those who beat me and my cheeks to those who pull out my beard. I do not hide from shame, for they mock me and spit in my face.

"Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be dismayed. Therefore, I have set my face like a stone, determined to do his will. And I know that I will triumph." Is. 50:4-7.

Personally, I think we are living in the holding pattern described in Revelation:

"Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds from blowing upon the earth. Not a leaf rustled in the trees, and the sea became as smooth as glass. And I saw another angel coming from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted out to those four angels who had been given power to injure the land and sea, 'Wait! Don't hurt the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.'" Rev. 7:1-3.

I also believe that holding pattern is about over.

"For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom.9:28.

If *he* is going to finish his work, perhaps this would be a good time for us to retire to the desert. There we might be made privy to some of his plans, and even learn how we can plug in effectively.

Don Hawley

Defeating Compromise
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Clearly this nation and the church are presently going through a great shaking. Naturally, our first question is to understand the Holy Spirit's objective during this season. What do we need to gleam from these tests and trials?

As I have been asking the Lord this question, I was reminded of a prophetic article that Bob Jones and I brought several years ago. Much of our ministry has been centered on understanding prior moves of the Spirit to discover what was done properly and what caused the downfall of many.

According to Hebrews 13:7, we should study and contemplate the lives of our spiritual fathers and examine carefully the conduct of their actions. We are given the admonition to imitate their faith because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:7-8). If we meet the Lord on the same conditions of faith as our fathers, then He will do through us what He did through them and much more.

Many noble qualities exemplified the men and women who went before us. They were great pioneers and forerunners who paved the way for us to enjoy the many spiritual benefits we hold dear. Nevertheless, we also learn historically that every prior revival has been lost or never fully accomplished its original mandate.

Scrutiny of these revivals will highlight one principal spirit of a diabolical nature that has facilitated this demise. It can simply be identified as the "spirit of compromise."

It is our belief that a portion of this present shaking is intended to help us address this undermining snare so that the Spirit's release that is coming can be perpetually sustained.

A Graveyard of Warriors

In Bob's original vision, he saw many churches and spiritual movements allegorically portrayed as powerful warring women who had won many notable victories. Even so, he also discovered they came to an untimely demise. He was taken to a graveyard that held the remains of this army of God. Clearly, their lives had been taken prematurely without the full accomplishment of their destiny, and Bob's mission was to discover how such a thing could occur.

The churches portrayed in Bob's revelation had been mightily anointed. They had won great victories on behalf of their Bridegroom. Even though these "women" were incredible warriors, something tragic had occurred to precipitate their demise. How could such a powerful, warlike clan end with such violence and certainty, as characterized in the graveyard Bob observed?

This resulted from unknowingly embracing the spirit of compromise that facilitated the substitution of the spirit of this world instead of the Holy Spirit. What the enemy could not accomplish in head-to-head battle, he easily achieved through this deceptive snare.

This is actually the same strategy that Balaam utilized against Israel. When he was unsuccessful in cursing God's chosen people, he altered his approach. What he could not perpetuate in direct confrontation he easily accomplished through stumbling blocks and snares facilitated through compromise.

It is our present intent to again highlight this blueprint of the enemy in hopes of strengthening the church with the spirit of wisdom and revelation so that our heritage is not lost in this generation. The New Testament reminds us of this demonic strategy from the spirit of Balaam in both Jude and the book of Revelations. It is a battle that we must learn to win.

Work In Daylight; Rest At Night

Prophetically, there are appropriate times and seasons in God. There is a time to sow and then a time to reap; a time for working and then a time for rest.

***"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven-- A time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted. A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build up."* -- Ecclesiastes 3:1-3**

Logistically, the church has not been very efficient in recognizing these seasons. As a result, we expose ourselves to the spirit of this world and end up compromising our standards when we do not adjust with the ebb and flow of God's Spirit. There is a way that seems right and appropriate to man's reasoning, but the end is destruction.

***"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."* -- John 9:4**

Spiritually speaking, the day is the proper time for work—night is not. This is the general and universal sentiment related to the release of spiritual light into a grossly dark generation. While the day lasts it is proper to labor.

In Bob's vision he saw Churches represented as noble women who had fought gallantly during daylight hours. However, they grew weary and impatient waiting upon their Bridegroom and eventually ventured out during the "night hours" and entered into promiscuity.

They had grown weary waiting upon their Bridegroom to fulfill His promises to her. Unwisely, they had joined themselves to men (who represented the spirit of this world or human reasoning) whose initial appearance seemed good and beneficial but whose heart was evil. This resulted in spiritual assassination when these women least expected it. However, the question remained, "What led them to such an inadvisable decision?" Of course, this is an allegorical depiction of spiritual realities.

After making these few observations, Bob desired to depart the graveyard that was actually a shrine to commemorate our enemy's victories. However, before he could do so, a very naturally appealing, "smooth-talking" man approached him. This man confronted Bob with the confidence and assurance of a professional salesperson. He explicitly displayed a mastery of the human language and could easily deceive someone with this gift. No doubt this is the way Satan approached the Lord Jesus during the 40 day wilderness temptation.

Immediately, Bob asked this man his identity. The man responded by identifying himself as compromise. It was compromise that was responsible for the death of these powerful women. They had compromised the genuine for a counterfeit. They had substituted the revealed word of God for the traditions of man.

***"And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: "THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN." Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.'"* -- Mark 7:6-8**
***But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron."* -- 1 Timothy 4:1-2**

Despite the women's powerful attributes and their numerous victories, their strength was no match for compromise. Compromise will always destroy the most powerful of warriors.

Samson was the most anointed man of his day; yet compromise in one small area of his life cost him the anointing and the many victories that could have been achieved had he remained faithful. It was the Lord's great grace that restored Samson in the end and allowed one final victory with his death.

However, it would have been the much greater testimony to remain faithful to the end giving no place to compromise.

Inconceivable as it may seem at first; this was the same bold form by which the enemy embodied the idea of entrapping the Lord by a compromise with evil at the outset of the Lord's earthly ministry. It was an appeal to the holy purpose for which the Lord came into the earth, but upon the grounds of doing evil that good might come. Satan offered the kingdoms of this world to the Lord through an unholy alliance and a compromise of the plan of God.

The Kingdom was to be won, but in the way ordained by God and in the manner foretold in scripture. Compromise will claim to carry us to the goal we are destined to achieve in a way that seems expedient and convenient, but the end is destruction. There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12).

The Death of Compromise

In Bob's vision, a holy jealousy and righteous anger arose in his heart because of the damage caused by compromise. He knew that compromise had to be destroyed, and the only weapon for this purpose is the same one the Lord Jesus utilized in His confrontation with this spirit -- The Word of God.

The living Word is like a mighty sword that forges deep into the heart of this enemy. As The Scriptures declare,

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." **-- Hebrews 4:12-13**

With this discovery, Bob confidently walked toward compromise and allowed the sword of God's Word to fall into position in his hand and buried it deep into the heart of compromise. It was compromise that had caused the death of the warring women (the churches). Authority from God's Word is now placed in our hands to destroy this life threatening spirit.

By grace, the Lord is releasing to this generation the wisdom and authority needed to identify and defeat this great enemy of the church. This victory is assured if we are willing to obediently heed the Lord's voice and DO THE WILL OF THE FATHER. Faithful adherence to the Word of God will always bring death to the spirit of compromise.

Learning From the Past

Instead of being at home caring for their family, the women (churches and movements) allowed compromise to deceive them into unlawful relationships. There are appropriate times and seasons for the purposes of God. There is a time to minister unto the Lord and oversee His sheep. We have been in a season focused on equipping the body of Christ to do the work of the ministry.

In Bob's symbolic vision, the women left their post of duty and wandered into promiscuous relationships with the spirit of this world resulting in defeat. Sometimes, things do not appear fruitful to the natural eye that are actually exceedingly rewarding in the realm of the Spirit. That is why our eyes must be focused on the eternal realm rather than the natural. Otherwise, a door can be opened to the spirit of compromise.

"Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds." **-- Revelations 2:22-23**

The Lord is to be the husband of the church, and any relationship with man that usurps the rightful position of the Lord as Bridegroom is considered spiritual adultery. The spirit of compromise will always try to convince the covenant people of God to relinquish their promised heritage for a counterfeit relationship that seems appropriate at the time.

That was the teaching of Balaam that eventually led Israel into God's judgment. Balaam was unable to curse Israel; therefore, he convinced her to compromise her covenant with God by intermingling with Balak and the people of Moab.

***"And Moses said to them, 'Have you spared all the women? Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, so the plague was among the congregation of the LORD. Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man intimately. But all the girls who have not known man intimately, spare for yourselves.'"* -- Numbers 31:15-18**

Ours is an admonition of separation and purity while patiently waiting on the promised union with the Lord Jesus. It is the counsel of compromise to lead us away from that position at all costs.

The "way of Balaam" is the covetous conduct of the ones structurally described as "hirelings," whose primary motive is to commercialize their divine gift.

***"Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness"* -- 2 Peter 2:15**

The "teaching of Balaam" is the teaching of the mercenary ministry counseling the church to abandon Godly separation and noble character in favor of worldly conformity.

***"But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality."* -- Revelations 2:14**

Very often, following this path will seemingly bring quick results and attract scores of people with much less spiritual resistance. Nonetheless, the conclusion after all has been done is death and fruitlessness.

Balaam taught Balak to corrupt the people who could not be cursed by seducing them to marry Moabite women and commit spiritual adultery. That is the motivation of compromise as outlined in Bob's vision. He could not conquer these gallant warring women in battle; therefore, the only hope for victory was to corrupt them by seduction with the spirit of the world.

***"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God."* -- 1 Corinthians 2:12**

If the women had remained at their appointed abode, as was their initial responsibility, they would have become fruitful and productive. Because they allowed compromise to deceive them, their lives were ended, and their children were left to be raised as orphans in an unsupervised manner. The Lord desires women (churches) to be loyal to their Husband and abundantly fruitful -- producing offspring to the glory of God.

Compromise will always lead us into wrong relationships. Concession leads to death, while faithfulness leads to repentance, answered prayer, and victory. Even though the night hours seem long and sometimes lonesome, it would be compromise to depart from that place of responsibility and enter relationships unlawfully leading to our demise.

With those conclusions, Bob departed the mountain, realizing the destructive qualities of compromise.

A Glorious Future

The most grievous aspect of the vision was the great future forfeited by the powerful women (churches) illustrated here. Even though they had been victorious and productive, their most rewarding years were ahead of them if they could have overcome the deceptions of compromise.

These churches had been powerfully anointed warriors of the faith. The enemy was able to destroy them only during the "night," not during the "day" seasons. If the women had remained in their post of duty, the enemy would have had no access or opportunity to destroy them. Nevertheless, weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes with the morning light.

All of the strongholds of the enemy are designed to obscure our knowledge of God and His thoughts and ways through discouragement, depression, and self-pity. When our vision has been thus impaired, alternative courses are introduced that will seemingly take us to our desired destination but are not the "thoughts and ways" of God. We must not be willing to give an inch in our commitment to the Lord and our walk with Him -- not even for the most noble of causes.

Through this prophetic analogy, the women lost their first love and compromised their chastity to follow the leadership of men whom they perceived would make them more fruitful and productive. In reality, their decision cost them their lives. Our battlefield is in the souls of men where our mind, will, and emotions reside. The weapon of our warfare is divinely powerful...THE WORD OF GOD RIGHTFULLY APPROPRIATED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.
***"For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."* -- 2 Corinthians 10:4-5**
It is through faith AND patience that we inherit the great promises that are rightfully ours. The greatest days for the Church of Jesus Christ are directly ahead of us. Our desolate heritages are being restored to be mingled with the fresh and unprecedented release of God's great grace. Even so, Lord Jesus . . . come.

A Generation of Destiny
Paul Keith Davis

The Lord is preparing a body of spiritual warriors to emerge in our generation, meeting the scripturally foretold challenges and prophetic destiny ordained for our age. One of the greatest mandates of all time is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, to taste the good Word of God and the powers of the age to come, and to see the Biblical directive in Numbers 14:21 fulfilled -- to be the instruments by which He fills the whole Earth with His glory. So the LORD said:

***"I have pardoned them according to your word, but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD."* -- Numbers 14:20,21**
Like Abraham, it is our heart's cry: "My lord, if now I have found favor in your sight, please do not pass your servant by" (Genesis 18:3). Our earnest desire and highest aspiration is to be the chosen generation through which the Lord imparts revelation and the expression of His nature, character, and power, that we may begin to fill the entire Earth with God's Glory. That would be the fulfillment of the awesome prayer outlined by the Lord Himself, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven."

We have the incredible privilege of living in the generation that will witness the unveiling of great mysteries and hidden secrets reserved for the "time of the end" (Daniel 12:4). Thankfully, the Holy Spirit is beginning to unleash **great and mighty things** related to our prophetic mandate. These Scriptural directives impart insight with understanding, concerning the revelation of His Glory.

With perfect certainty, there will be a company of people who reside in this place of promise. As surely as the prophetic fulfillment of the restoration of the Jewish people to the land of Israel miraculously took place, so also, will there be the divinely motivated establishment of the Bride to her inheritance.

In the same way, we witnessed the awakening of the Jewish people to their homeland, so we the Bride of Christ will be awakened to her birthright. There will initially be a message of restoration for those with ears to hear, followed by times of intense tribulation and difficulty, driving the people to the fulfillment of God's Word.

Fishers and Hunters

Early one morning, just as the sun was rising, I heard a voice in a dream saying, "I am going to send both the fishers and the hunters." I initially related this pointed statement to the restoration of the Jewish people to their native land and the establishment of a sovereign state. I later discovered a broader application of this certainty.

One of the most profound prophetic accomplishments in human history is the restoration of the Jewish people, following the Diaspora. Never before has a nation been dead for almost 20 centuries and then reborn in accordance with prophecies recorded over 2,500 years ago.

Even so, our generation has witnessed this astounding fact, and we recognize that only God's sovereign power could accomplish such a miraculous undertaking. God's word cannot fail. Every "jot and tittle" will be accomplished in its entirety.

"As the LORD lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of the north and from all the countries where He had banished them. For I will restore them to their own land which I gave to their fathers. Behold, I am going to send for many fishermen," declares the LORD, "and they will fish for them; and afterwards I shall send for many hunters, and they will hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and from the clefts of the rocks." **-- Jeremiah 16:15-16**

Jeremiah prophesied the manner by which the Lord would execute this notable task after many centuries of dispersion, persecution, and murder. He foresaw that the Lord would birth in the hearts of men the vision of restoration of a natural homeland, and the Lord entice the Jewish people to return to their inheritance. They were the "fishers" who delivered a message of restoration and promise.

The Fishers' Message

Among them were great leaders, such as, Theodore Herzl, who was recognized as the founder of modern Zionism. He laid the foundation for the creation of sovereign rule in 1896 through his book, "The Jewish State." Another was Chaim Weizman, the first president of the Jewish state and creator of the World Zionist Organization, aimed at encouraging Jews worldwide to help develop and settle Israel. The Hebrew language was reintroduced under the leadership of Eliezer Ben-Jehudah and others.

As is generally the case when the Lord births something new, the "restorers" views were met with mixed reactions among the Jewish community. Nehemiah also encountered similar opposition in his commission for the reestablishment of the Temple. In spite of the resistance and difficulties, there would be a people who returned and fulfilled this Biblical mandate.

Their message awakened, in the hearts of many Jewish people, the desire to return to their own land. Many were willing to forsake the wealth, friendships, and security of the nations, in which they were sojourning, to return to their heritage. The early "pioneers" laid the foundation for the economic and social rebirth of the Jewish nation. They paved the way for the Lord's timing to possess the land promised to Abraham and his seed, when conditions were ripe.

"'Also, I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, and they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them; they will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, and make gardens and eat their fruit. I will also plant them on their land, and they will not again be rooted out from their land which I have given them,' says the LORD your God." **-- Amos 9:14-15**

"Zionism" became a rallying cry for the Jewish people, and many from Europe and Russia answered the call. They were provoked by the proud beliefs of the Zionist movement. It proved to be an awakening in many for rebuilding the country. During the years 1882-1905 more than 25,000 Jews arrived in the land of Palestine, most were from Eastern Europe. Between 1905 and the outbreak of WWI, another 40,000 immigrated.

The Hunters'

Following the fishers, another form of motivation began to emerge in the form of the "hunters." The intense persecution and anti-Semitism prevailing throughout Europe and Russia during the late 19th and early 20th centuries began to hasten the development of modern Zionism. Finally, the genocide born by Hitler's insanity forged another exodus, driving the Jewish people to the creation of a state and their independence.

God used these persecutions to press the Jewish masses home, although it was Satan's brash intent to completely eradicate worldwide Jewry and circumvent the ultimate plan of God. As it turned out, because of the atrocities of the Holocaust, the horrified nations of the world granted official sanctions for a Jewish state, and on May 14, 1948, Israel was born. Over the following three decades, almost two million Jews would return to their homeland. Naturally, the numbers have increased substantially since then.

Our Fishers and Hunters

It is an interesting observation to note that in 1896, when Theodore Hertzl published his book "The Jewish State," arousing the Jewish people to the restoration of their inheritance, Alexander Dowie was also in Zion, Illinois, commissioning an apostolic ministry and awakening the Church to the restoration of her inheritance. Likewise, in 1948, with the official recognition of the Jewish state, the Church was also experiencing a massive healing revival. It is clear that there is an undeniable link between Israel and the Church.

At the same time, the Lord was restoring the land of Israel and, eventually, Jerusalem into the hands of the Jewish people. He was also awakening the Church to her inheritance. In the same manner that the Jewish people were dispersed among the nations of the earth, so also were Spirit-filled Christians scattered among the many religious institutions and organizations following the compromise of the Council of Nicea in 325 AD.

Israel realized her prophetic fulfillment with the establishment of a sovereign state. Likewise, the Bride, residing in her full inheritance, must also be apprehended. Heaven will retain the Lord Jesus until that covenant declaration is accomplished. As with Israel, there will be a perfect accomplishment of God's word relative to the **Bride of Christ,** who is betrothed to Him and knows His intimate chambers.

A Prophetic Lure

Our spiritual "Promised Land" is in view, and God's mandate will be accomplished. He will first utilize the fishers to entice and lure many to this spiritual domain through a prophetic message of restoration of our desolate heritages. Then, He will allow the hunters to drive others from necessity to the place of promise. There will be an overcoming body who will occupy their birthright. The Scriptures declare it thus.

Throughout Church history, the Lord has always had His faithful remnant model their faith according to the standards established by the early Church. Numerous end-time prophecies within the Scriptures will become timely as the Church is fashioned according to His design. The stature of the apostolic Church will be fully functioning in our day; it will shape a called-out body of believers to function in Kingdom power and authority.

The time of the end is a period for revealing and reinstating truth and exposing the hidden things of darkness. "Restorers" are beginning to emerge with a fisher's anointing that will birth desire in the hearts of Christians for the full measure of God, regardless of the opposition.

But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever manifests is light. Therefore, He says: ***"Awake, you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil*** (Ephesians 5:13-16).

The rebuilding of our apostolic heritage can be achieved through desperate hearts pursuing the Lord and the fullness of His heritage awakened through the fishers. It can also be experienced through persecution or God's discipline on "spiritual Babylon," driving His covenant people to the land of their promise by the hunters.

The Lord has pledged to reverse the captivity of His people and be jealous for His holy name. At that time, we will forget the shame and reproach of our unfaithfulness and begin to dwell securely in the land of our promise. Through His justice and holiness, He will set apart and vindicate His people from the hand of their enemies. This is true, both for the natural and spiritual Israel.

It is our prayer that each will receive, with hearing ears and sincere hearts, the message of the fishers and respond to the call to enter our destiny. It will behoove us to notice the example of the Jewish people, according to the admonition of the Apostle Paul, for therein we discovery God's ways.

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Demonic Parasites

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Greetings beloved brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord gave me a dream last night that I feel prompted to share with you all today, as I believe it is a warning for the body of Christ of the need to be thoroughly prepared for the days that are just ahead. It seems as though many viscous attacks from the enemy are being perpetrated upon the children of God in these days, and the Lord is allowing these to teach His servants how to STAND in areas where they may have fallen in the past. To stand against temptation will bring virtue and strength to a saint, but to give into sin can bring spiritual repercussions that can be very long lasting, as enemy strongholds are sometimes set up that can be very difficult to get free from.

Let me share with you the dream:

In the dream, I believe that I represent the general body of believers in Christ. Someone was with me, but their form was never clearly seen by me (this usually represents the Lord).

The two of us were walking along side a stream that ran through an open field. This stream was very murky, almost stagnant, more like a canal of some sort rather than a stream. Anyhow, we came to an area where I waded into the stream with my bare feet, I wasn't in it for very long, maybe just a minute or so, but when I came out I noticed that I had some difficulty walking.

I went over to the bank and sat down, and when I looked at my feet they looked fine, but when I reached down and touched one of them I could feel some sort of a slimy, almost invisible creature (much like a leach - but longer like a worm) that had attached itself to me. I was able to grab a hold of the tail of the thing and peal it away from my skin until it no longer had any hold on me, but it was a very painful process of pulling it off.

I was quite relieved when I got the thing off of me, but when I stood up I still had difficulty walking. I sat down and examined my feet again and realized that these transparent slimy creatures were all over my feet! I was a little freaked out by this, but I slowly and methodically went through the process of pulling them off ... one by one. When I thought that I had gotten them all off, I then reached down and felt one that was larger than any of the others. This thing had such a bite into me that I could in no way just pull it off, but I knew if I poured some oil on it (Melalucca oil - remember that?) it would then be able to be removed. I then woke up.

You can probably see the analogy here with demonic (invisible) spirits that can become attached to us when we walk in the murky waters of sin even for just a moment. We know that we reap what we sow but sometimes we don't know just what we have reaped until we notice that we are having difficulty in our walk. The demonic entities are very good at concealing themselves while they suck the life out of us. They don't even want us to know that they exist. By God's grace the Lord will warn us of the demonic parasites and the need to be delivered from them, but unfortunately some Christians disregard the warning and just grow accustomed to their impaired walk. Others will sometimes take heed to the warning but try to get free by their own efforts. Sometimes this might even seem to work, as I was able to pull some of those things off by my own hand in the dream, but eventually, as I found out in the dream, we will find that there is something there that has such a firm bite into us that it can only come off with the oil (the anointing) that comes from deep repentance and heartfelt communion and fellowship with God.

I believe that this dream is somewhat of a prophetic warning to believers of the need to get totally free from all demonic parasites now while we still can, for if we don't, we will become crippled in our walk with Him because those things will have sucked the god-life out of us ... even as a leach sucks the life-blood out of a man.

The Lord is giving us some serious lessons these days, sometimes in words or in dreams, but soon in actual experience if we don't respond to the lesser warnings. He is preparing a holy people for some very serious times ahead ... we need to get ready.

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Deliberate Love

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Prov 3:3-7 Amp Let not mercy and kindness [shutting out all hatred and selfishness] and truth [shutting out all deliberate hypocrisy or falsehood] forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them upon the tablet of your heart. [Col 3:9-12.] 4 So shall you find favor, good understanding, and high esteem in the sight [or judgment] of God and man. [Luke 2:52.]
5 Lean on, trust in, and be confident in the Lord with all your heart and mind and do not rely on your own insight or understanding. 6 In all your ways know, recognize, and acknowledge Him, and He will direct and make straight and plain your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; reverently fear and worship the Lord and turn [entirely] away from evil. [Prov 8:13.]

Matt 5:43-46 AMP You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy; [Lev 19:18; Ps 139:21,22.]
44 But I tell you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [Prov 25:21,22.] 45 To show that you are the children of your Father Who is in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the wicked and on the good, and makes the rain fall upon the upright and the wrongdoers [alike]. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward can you have? Do not even the tax collectors do that?

Prov 25:21-22 NKJV If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, and the LORD will reward you.

Fire: symbol of presence, burning judgment of God, purifying and testing.

“Do you see it? Do you see that when you deliberately CHOOSE to love rather than to hate; to forgive rather than take vengeance, that it brings fire on the heads of those you purpose to love? When You hold on to your rights to not forgive, you are not doing anything but binding yourself and them to bitterness, hatred and resentment! So YOU MUST PURPOSE in your heart to forgive and to love those around you, regardless of what they have done to you. “

At this point I remembered a story I read in a brother’s newsletter on the persecuted church in China, and how this young woman was arrested for participating in a house church. She was put in prison, but within 6 months there, the whole section of that part of the prison was converted! Then they felt she was too much trouble so transferred her to another part of the prison, and again she set to PRAYING in that section of the prison, and eventually a couple of the guards in the yard were saved along with that whole section of the prison. It truly was a humbling thing to read. How her heart was set on pilgrimage. Her heart was like Jesus’ so much that every time she could she was worshipping God and praying for the others to KNOW Him. She was more concerned for their salvation than her own comforts and life.

Then I remembered the story of another person who was asked to go to Europe with a lady, but didn’t get a visa, that was required because she was NOT a U.S. citizen though having lived her a long time. She had not checked proper resources, so ended up the whole week in prison. In that prison were Many from other nations as well. However this one was complaining how she’d been gypped out of her ability to preach, and do what she came for. She totally missed her opportunity, because she was too busy looking at her own dilemma, instead of rejoicing and using the circumstance to bring true glory to God. It is an age old story in perspective.

Then I went back to listening to what else the Lord might want to say.

“Diffuse, and marvelous are My ways with the sons of men! I am always looking for opportunities to show and demonstrate My glory and LOVE to the nations. But people get distracted from the true

purpose of My KINGDOM,
by trying to build one of their own. Are you here on earth to learn to love and to share that love with others, or to serve yourself? For the Son of man, came not to serve Himself, but to do the will of the Father. Thus those who truly LOVE others, will be concerned for their ETERNAL life, and not just for what is going on in this life. This world is passing away, but My LIFE, and MY LOVE, and MY WORD will never pass away! I AM the ETERNAL ONE! My LOVE endures FOREVER and EVER, and EVER!!!

Will you ask ME for perspective in the midst of trials and troubles and ask for MY WISDOM, so that you will get a new perspective, a new PARADIGM
shift for what I AM wanting for you to understand, learn, or do? It rains on the good and the wicked in this life. It is HOW you go through the trials
that makes a difference. Will you stop praising ME? Will you stop worshipping ME in spirit and in truth? Will you continue to PRAISE ME, even when the going gets rough? Will YOU CONTINUE TO PROCLAIM MY GOODNESS in the midst of storms and losses, and changes in the world, that will rattle the best of the people of this world? For I am training you in the midst of the trials. I want you to COME TO ME, for MY PERSPECTIVE on what is going on. LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE, and pick up MINE! ASK and you shall receive, pressed down and flowing over will I give into your bosom, SO THAT, MY KINGDOM will be EXALTED.

The Son of man never exalted HIMSELF! If I , Your KING and SAVIOR, never sought the approval of man, nor to be exalted, then why do you continue in your idolatry to man and things in this life? Why do you seek after accolade and self aggrandizement? Is it not that YOU want to be in charge and on the throne instead of ME? Do you think I am unfair? Do you think you've had it too hard My beloveds? I tell you that many nations are in WANT and famine, and lost without HOPE. Do NOT give in to the discouragement for it leads to FEAR! DO NOT give in to the enemy's traps to keep IN THE WORLD. YOU ARE NOT OF THIS WORLD! YOU ARE IN MY KINGDOM NOW. THIS IS NOT YOUR HOME! THIS IS ONLY YOUR TEMPORARY ABODE!

I AM WITH YOU, and I will soon be with you even MORE! I am going to POUR, and POUR, and POUR! So make a choice this day whom you will serve!
Will you serve self and mammon? Or will you serve ME? I would that all My people were prophets! I would that you were all given to time spent with ME, over time in this world and all it's possessions. For I am far more lovely than anything in this world. I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE. If you are IN ME. Then you are a recipient of ETERNAL LIFE, MY ways, and the TRUTH that comes with true relationship.

If I was your husbandman, and I am, - but I mean in this world, and you ignored me and abandoned me for doing so many other things, then how would I know that you loved me? If you never communicated with me, how would I know how you felt?

Believe me when I say, I hear every whispered "I love You" given me, from your mind, or from your mouth! Nothing is hidden from ME. I AM never , never, never, not there for you! I am ALWAYS LISTENING! All you have to do is turn your mind towards ME, and I will keep you in perfect PEACE.

So come away My beloveds, and make your heart known to ME! I LOVE YOU immensely and will never leave you nor forsake you. My heart is EVER turned towards you, NO MATTER WHAT MISTAKES YOU MAKE! My GRACE is SUFFICIENT for you!"

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Ps 102 - Jude Priscilla Van Sutphin

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Psalms 102 - Amplified - A Prayer of the afflicted; when he is overwhelmed and faint and pours out his complaint to God.
1 HEAR MY prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. 2 Hide not Your face from me in the day when I am in distress! Incline Your ear to me; in the day when I call, answer me speedily. 3 For my days consume away like smoke, and my bones burn like a firebrand or like a hearth. 4 My heart is smitten like grass and withered, so that [in absorption] I forget to eat my food. 5 By reason of my loud groaning [from suffering and trouble] my flesh cleaves to my bones. 6 I am like a melancholy pelican or vulture of the wilderness; I am like a [desolate] owl of the waste places.
7 **I am sleepless and lie awake [mourning], like a bereaved sparrow alone on the housetop. 8 My adversaries taunt and reproach me all the day; and they who are angry with me use my name as a curse.** 9 For I have eaten the ashes [in which I sat] as if they were bread and have mingled my drink with weeping 10 Because of Your indignation and Your wrath, for You have taken me up and cast me away.
11 My days are like an evening shadow that stretches out and declines [with the sun]; and I am withered like grass. 12 But You, O Lord, are enthroned forever; and the fame of Your name endures to all generations.

13 **You will arise and have mercy and loving-kindness for Zion, for it is time to have pity and compassion for her; yes, the set time has come [the moment designated].** [Ps 12:5; 119:126.]
14 For Your servants take [melancholy] pleasure in the stones [of her ruins] and show pity for her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear and worshipfully revere the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth Your glory. [Ps 96:9.] 16 When the Lord builds up Zion, He will appear in His glory; 17 He will regard the plea of the destitute and will not despise their prayer. 18 Let this be recorded for the generation yet unborn, that a people yet to be created shall praise the Lord.
19 For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven did the Lord behold the earth,
20 **To hear the sighing and groaning of the prisoner, to loose those who are appointed to death, 21 So that men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem**
22 When peoples are gathered together, and the kingdoms, to worship and serve the Lord. 23 He has afflicted and weakened my strength, humbling and bringing me low [with sorrow] in the way; He has shortened my days [aging me prematurely]. 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days, You Whose years continue throughout all generations.
25 At the beginning You existed and laid the foundations of the earth; the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They shall perish, but You shall remain and endure; yes, all of them shall wear out and become old like a garment. Like clothing You shall change them, and they shall be changed and pass away. 27 But You remain the same, and Your years shall have no end. [Heb 1:10-12.] 28 **The children of Your servants shall dwell safely and continue, and their descendants shall be established before You.**
Jude
1 J UDE, A servant of Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and brother of James, [writes this letter] to those who are called (chosen), dearly loved by God the Father and separated (set apart) and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 May mercy, [soul] peace, and love be multiplied to you. 3 Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. [But] I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].
4 For **certain men have crept in stealthily [gaining entrance secretly by a side door].** Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, **profane)** persons **who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality,** and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one).
5 Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered a people out of the land of Egypt, He subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].

6 And angels who did not keep (care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place--these He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.

7 [The wicked are sentenced to suffer] just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns--which likewise gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity--are laid out [in plain sight] as an exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire. [Gen 19.]
8 Nevertheless in like manner, these dreamers also corrupt the body, **scorn and reject authority and government, and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).**
9 But when [even] the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, judicially argued (disputed) about the body of Moses, he dared not [presume to] bring an abusive condemnation against him, **but [simply] said, The Lord rebuke you! [Zech 3:2.]**
10 But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts--by these they corrupt themselves and are destroyed (perish).
11 Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah! [Gen 4:3-8; Num 16:1; 22:1-24:25.]
12 These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time--twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;
13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever.
14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)
15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all **the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.**
16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.
17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one). 18 They told you beforehand, **In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.**
19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions--**merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.**
20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], **praying in the Holy Spirit;**
21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; **expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--[which will bring you] unto life eternal**.
22 And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt.
23 **[Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality. [Zech 3:2-4.]**
24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]--
25 To the one only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (splendor), majesty, might and dominion, and power and authority, before all time and now and forever (unto all the ages of eternity). Amen (so be it).

Ps 112 Pretense
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Psalm 112 CJB
1 How happy is anyone who fears Adonai, who greatly delights in his mitzvot.
2 His descendants will be powerful on the earth, a blessed generation of upright people.
3. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness stands forever.
4. To the upright he shines like a light in the dark, merciful, compassionate, and righteous.
5. Things go well with the person who is merciful and lends, who conducts his affairs with fairness;
6. for he will never be moved. The righteous will be remembered forever.
7. He will not be frightened by bad news; he remains steady, trusting in Adonai.
8. His heart is set firm, he will not be afraid, till finally he looks in triumph at his enemies.
9. He distributes freely, he gives to the poor; his righteousness stands forever.
His power will be increased honorably.
10. The wicked will be angry when they see this; they will gnash their teeth and waste away,
the desires of the wicked will come to nothing.

PRETENSE

Josh 24:27 AMP And Joshua said to all the people, See, this stone shall be a witness against us, for it has heard all the words the Lord spoke to us; so it shall be a witness against you, lest [afterward] you lie (pretend) and deny your God.

Zeph 1:5-7 AMP And those who worship the starry host of the heavens upon their housetops and those who [pretend to] worship the Lord and swear by and to Him and yet swear by and to [the heathen god Molech or] Malcam [their idol king], 6 And those who have drawn back from following the Lord and those who have not sought the Lord nor inquired for, inquired of, and required the Lord [as their first necessity]. 7 [Hush!] Be silent before the Lord God, for the day [of the vengeance] of the Lord is near; for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, and He has set apart [for His use] those who have accepted His invitation. [Hab 2:20.]

Jer 3:12-17 NIV 'I will not be angry forever. 13 Only acknowledge your guilt you have rebelled against the LORD your God, you have scattered your favors to foreign gods under every spreading tree, and have not obeyed me,'" declares the LORD. 14 "Return, faithless people," declares the LORD, "for I am your husband. I will choose you "one from a town and two from a clan" and bring you to Zion. 15 Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. 16 In those days, when your numbers have increased greatly in the land," declares the LORD, "men will no longer say, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD.' It will never enter their minds or be remembered; it will not be missed, nor will another one be made.

Matt 23:14 AMP Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you swallow up widows' houses and for a pretense to cover it up make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation and the heavier sentence.

This whole sentence above, was ADDED and not in original Greek. However the following was not added

Matt 23:15 AMP Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you travel over sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes one [a proselyte], you make him doubly as much a child of hell (Gehenna) as you are.

Matt 23:28-29 AMP Just so, you also outwardly seem to people to be just and upright but inside you are full of pretense and lawlessness and iniquity. [Ps 5:9.] 29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you build tombs for the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous,

Luke 20:47 AMP Who make away with and devour widows' houses, and [to cover it up] with pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation (the heavier sentence, the severer punishment).

1 Cor 1:28-30 AMP And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are, 29 So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.
30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin].

Gal 2:13 AMP And the rest of the Jews along with him also concealed their true convictions and acted insincerely, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy (their example of insincerity and pretense).

Phil 1:18 AMP But what does it matter, so long as either way, whether in pretense [for personal ends] or in all honesty [for the furtherance of the Truth], Christ is being proclaimed? And in that I [now] rejoice, yes, and I shall rejoice [hereafter] also.

1 Peter 2:1 AMP SO BE done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander and evil speaking of every kind.

Ps 83 -1 Cor 4 Amp
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I asked the Lord what psalm to put with this and He said 83:

Psalm 83 NKJV **-** Prayer to Frustrate Conspiracy Against Israel A Song. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!
2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have lifted up their head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.
4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, That the name of Israel may be remembered no more."
5 For they have consulted together with one consent; They form a confederacy against You:
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; 7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assyria also has joined with them; They have helped the children of Lot. Selah
9 Deal with them as with Midian, As with Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook Kishon,
10 Who perished at En Dor, Who became as refuse on the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna,
12 Who said, "Let us take for ourselves The pastures of God for a possession."
13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust, Like the chaff before the wind!

14 As the fire burns the woods, And as the flame sets the mountains on fire,
15 So pursue them with Your tempest, And frighten them with Your storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame, That they may seek Your name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put to shame and perish,
18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the LORD, Are the Most High over all the earth.

1 Corinthians 4 Amplified

1 SO THEN, let us [apostles] be looked upon as ministering servants of Christ and stewards (trustees) of the mysteries (the secret purposes) of God. 2 Moreover, it is [essentially] required of stewards that a man should be found faithful [proving himself worthy of trust]. 3 But [as for me personally] it matters very little to me that I should be put on trial by you [on this point], and that you or any other human tribunal should investigate and question and cross-question me. I do not even put myself on trial and judge myself. 4 I am not conscious of anything against myself, and I feel blameless; but I am not vindicated and acquitted before God on that account. **It is the Lord [Himself] Who examines and judges me.**

5 **So do not make any hasty or premature judgments before the time when the Lord comes [again], for He will both bring to light the secret things that are [now hidden] in darkness and disclose and expose the [secret] aims (motives and purposes) of hearts.** Then every man will receive his [due] commendation from God.
6 Now I have applied all this [about parties and factions] to myself and Apollos for your sakes, brethren, so that from what I have said of us [as illustrations], **you may learn [to think of men in accordance with Scripture and] not to go beyond that which is written, that none of you may be puffed up and inflated with pride and boast in favor of one [minister and teacher] against another.**

7 For who separates you from the others [as a faction leader]? **[Who makes you superior and sets you apart from another, giving you the preeminence?] What have you that was not given to you?** If then you received it [from someone], **why do you boast as if you had not received [but had gained it by your own efforts]?**
8 [You behave **as if] you are already filled and think you have enough** [you are full and content, feeling no need of anything more]! Already you have become rich [in spiritual gifts and graces]! [Without any counsel or instruction from us, **in your conceit], you have ascended your thrones and come into your kingdom without including us!** And would that it were true and that you did reign, so that we might be sharing the kingdom with you!

9 **For it seems to me that God has made an exhibit of us apostles, exposing us to view last [of all, like men in a triumphal procession who are] sentenced to death [and displayed at the end of the line]. For we have become a spectacle to the world [a show in the world's amphitheater] with both men and angels [as spectators].**
10 **We are [looked upon as] fools on account of Christ and for His sake**, but you are [supposedly] so amazingly wise and prudent in Christ! We are weak, but you are [so very] strong! You are highly esteemed, but **we are in disrepute and contempt!**

11 To this hour **we have gone both hungry and thirsty; we [habitually] wear but one undergarment [and shiver in the cold]; we are roughly knocked about and wander around homeless.**

12 And **we still toil unto weariness [for our living], working hard with our own hands**. **When men revile us [wound us with an accursed sting], we bless them. When we are persecuted, we take it patiently and endure it.**

13 **When we are slandered and defamed, we [try to] answer softly and bring comfort. We**

have been made and are now the rubbish and filth of the world [the offscouring of all things, the scum of the earth]. 14 I do not write this to shame you, but **to warn and counsel you** as my beloved children. 15 After all, though you should have ten thousand teachers (guides to direct you) in Christ, yet **you do not have many fathers.** For **I became your father in Christ Jesus through the glad tidings (the Gospel).**

16 So I urge and implore you, be imitators of me. 17 For this very cause I sent to you Timothy, who is my beloved and trustworthy child in the Lord, who will recall to your minds my methods of proceeding and course of conduct and way of life in Christ, such as I teach everywhere in each of the churches. 18 **Some of you have become conceited and arrogant and pretentious, counting on my not coming to you.** 19 But I will come to you [and] shortly, **if the Lord is willing**, and **then I will perceive and understand not what the talk of these puffed up and arrogant spirits amount to, but their force (the moral power and excellence of soul they really possess).**

20 **For the kingdom of God consists of and is based on not talk but power** (moral power and excellence of soul). 21 Now which do you prefer? Shall I come to you with a rod of correction, or with love and in a spirit of gentleness?

Discerning False Prophets
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> *"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death" (Revelation 12:10,11).*

We are living in the hour of "the kingdom of our God" upon the earth. We are living in a time in which those who overcome do so by the precious blood and "the word of their testimony." Overcomers are those who "do not love their lives so much as to shrink from death;" they have died to themselves and made the great exchange, His life for theirs. We have learned that our "testimony" is the word made flesh in our lives – the amount of 'word' we walk in: the symmetry of the 'word' and actual life – our testimony. Our life reflects the revelation we walk in.

As we will discuss later, we will also see how revealing the word 'testimony' is in discerning a false prophet. Please keep in mind the relevance of 'testimony' throughout what is written here; it will take on new meaning as we discuss false prophets.

In a sense we are living in the greatest of times and the worst of times. Greatest, in that we are seeing God's Kingdom come upon the earth; worst, in that false prophets have been released in unprecedented numbers.

We are living in the hour of false prophets, and accordingly, must be on guard against their influence in our lives. Not one well-meaning Christian would allow a false prophet into their life knowingly; but many are presently doing so unwittingly.

"For false Christ and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles TO DECEIVE EVEN THE ELECT if it were possible. See, I have told you ahead of time" (Matthew 24:24,25).

Scripture gives us a specific time frame in which false prophets will appear; and while their existence has been well known since the time of Jesus, we have entered 'the time of the false prophet.' False prophets will appear during the same hour, the same moment in time in which "the Kingdom is being preached." As with every move of God the enemy has a plan. The devils' answer to the Kingdom's forceful advance in the earth is the unleashing of false prophets and the anti-Christ spirit (Matthew 24).

"At that time many will turn away from the faith AND WILL BETRAY AND HATE EACH OTHER, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people…and this GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:10,11,14).

During recent weeks, months, and years many of God's true prophets have been shouting from their spiritual roof tops, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done ON EARTH…" They have zeroed in on "Sonship," hearing and obeying God, not moving out of any motive except having heard the Holy Spirit. They have taught us the difference between 'the World's System' and 'the Kingdom of God.' They have taught us to be drawn to 'The Way' of the Kingdom (complete dependence upon God), and to turn away from the ways of the world (complete dependence upon man). They have taught us that in order to have a proper relationship with men, we must first have a proper relationship with God; that the Body must first be reconciled back to God before the true Church can be built. Any man with spiritual eyes can see the "living stones" being placed together; the Kingdom is now coming upon the earth. With all the awe of this 'great moment' in time, we are also given a warning – "Many false prophets will appear and deceive many people…" (Matthew 24:10).As the Kingdom continues to come upon the earth so too do false prophets appear.

For some strange reason we have little trouble believing the word in many different areas, but completely bypass the many warnings given about false prophets. This should serve as a wake up call as an evidence to this Bible truth!

For years the question has been asked, "How will I know a false prophet when I see one?" False prophets pervert truth, and what makes them so deadly is their depth of knowledge, or better-said, intellectual understanding of what truth is. They dazzle us with their knowledge of scripture, often entrapping us with their beliefs through their skilled use of God's word. They are often gifted with the ability to work miracles, cast out demons, heal the sick, and other supernatural occurrences. There are, however, ways to discern and separate the true from the false. Ask for God's gift of discernment as you read the following scriptures.

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing (one who appears to be God's own), but inwardly they are ferocious wolves (their real motive is to eat the sheep). Here is where we get out first hint of a false prophet, "BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree CANNOT BEAR BAD FRUIT, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, BY THEIR FRUIT YOU WILL RECOGNIZE THEM" (Matthew 7:15-20).

As if obvious traits like disloyalty, mean-spirited, selfish, pleasure loving, covetous, pride filled, arrogant, lazy, and unfaithful were not enough, God gives us yet another gauge through which to see the false prophet.

We all know the fruit of the spirit; love, joy, peace…, but in a more interpretative sense "fruit," in the context of Matthew 7:15-20 is linked to a man's character, his inner self, who he really is; HIS TESTIMONY. A man's life as a Christian, or his testimony, reflects who he really is – it reflects the character of God or a lack thereof. Character creates testimony, and while we can argue doctrines until we are blue in the face, we can never argue a man's testimony. A testimony is what it is! Our testimony, like it or not, is a reflection of what truly resides within us.

Admittedly, we are all a work in progress, but consistency of character will reveal good fruit or bad. We do not suddenly get good or suddenly get bad; it is a process and that process is our testimony. Our testimony is not a one time event; it is our consistency pattern, or characteristics that determine character, which ultimately determines our true testimony.

How does our life experience define us? Watchman Nee, in his book Sit, Walk, Stand opens with "If the life of a Christian is to be pleasing to God it must be found properly adjusted to Him IN ALL THINGS. Too often we place the emphasis in our own lives upon the application of this principle to some single detail of our behavior, or of our work for him. Often we fail to appreciate either the extent of the adjustment called for or, at times, even the point from which it should begin. But God measures everything, from start to finish, by the perfections of His Son. Scripture clearly affirms that it is God's good pleasure "to sum up all things in Christ…in whom also we were made a heritage" (Ephesians 1:9-11).

God measures things from start to finish. Our lives, even our past to some extent, represents who we are, and who we are is what dwells within our heart; and what is in our heart is the fruit of our actions past, present, and future. From a practical standpoint, without accountability to our past, there is little room for correction in our future. As we gaze into life's rear-view mirror, the debris from past mistakes should be less and less visible as we travel the road of life. If the debris piles in our immediate past are not less, the lessons and necessary changes from those lessons should indicate that we have perhaps followed the wrong spirit.

Separating The True From The False

A number of issues will be discussed here that will assist us in discerning the true from the false; and while the points made in this discussion are by no means the only elements of separating the true from the false, they will point us in the general direction of understanding. We will first discuss obvious observable differences, and then the more subtle ways of discerning differences.

A true prophet will point you to Jesus, and the vision HE HAS PUT IN YOU. A false prophet will point you to himself; his vision, his purpose, his ministry, etc., The vast difference between the true and the false is that the true will always, always point you to the Jesus in you: your calling, your ministry, your purpose, and your destiny. The 'true' can point you to nothing but Jesus…the 'false' can point you to nothing but man; often himself. The false prophet will always leave you empty in a crisis, while the true will leave you full. The true prophet speaks to your heart, while the false will excite your eyes and ears. THOSE WHO ARE EASILY DAZZLED ARE PRIME CANDIDATES FOR DECEPTION FROM THE ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT THAT FALSE PROPHETS OPERATE FROM.

While the following observable difference is not a law, I think it worth mentioning. For some years there has been great favor within the Body of Christ for the works of men and the gifts of God that operate in men, while there has been little emphasis upon the true character of God within those same men. Character seems to have fallen by the wayside as Christians, much like their counter-parts in the world, have given their respect to external gifts and works rather than the internal character of God. In other words, it has been 'what the man is all about' rather than 'who the man really is.' Character is internal, while gifts and works are external. Our character is eternal, our gifts temporal. To which should we show the greatest respect?

What is character in the context of this teaching? Character is an identifying factor in separating the true from the false. Character is a man's testimony - Who he is, and what he is. It is what his life says about him. In God's eyes, we are not defined by the externalities of who we are (our name, works, titles), but rather the internalities of what we are (our true character.) Character is a reflection of heart. Who we are in the worst of times will always reveal us (James 1:1-15). What did we do when tempted, angered, tested, tossed...? Fire reveals who we really are!

Our testimony (what we purport to believe) and our life should reflect one in the same. No man can truly lead you where he has never been. A great indicator between the true and the false is that the 'true' can only teach what is true in their life (their testimony), while the 'false' will attempt to teach, with equal passion, what they have never experienced for themselves. Arthur Burt, in defining revelation states, "Situation must be married to revelation. Until your revelation works in your situation, you do not really have a revelation." A False prophet will virtually always teach aspects of the word that he does not personally walk in.

"They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY" (Revelation 12:11). If our testimony does not match the word (revelation) we preach, teach, and espouse, we are no more than a sounding gong. I can teach salvation because I am saved. I can share salvation because I have experienced it. I can espouse divine finances because I walk in God's provision. My word and my testimony are one in the same. A true prophet teaches what he knows from his heart (Luke 6:45), while a false prophet teaches what he knows from his head. I can be a false prophet in your life when I teach what I do not know (walk in).

As previously stated, we Christians, like our counterparts in the world, are enamored by 'the gifts.' Just as 'the world' places high premium on beauty, talent, and skill, so too do we, as Christians, hold in high esteem those gifted to preach, teach, heal, cast out demons, do miracles and the like. We tend to place little value on character or testimony, but like lambs to the slaughter are impressed by, and dangerously follow those with gifts. As mentioned; during the time the Kingdom is preached there will be many false prophets released into the earth and the very elect will be deceived were it possible.

Let the following scripture cast a warning to those who are enamored by men with 'gifts.'

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? Then I will tell them plainly, "I never knew you. Away from me you evildoers!" (Matthew 7:21-23).

From the above scriptures we begin to see the value God places upon gifts. God's premium is placed on those with His character, not necessarily those with his gifts. It is the work of the enemy to rob us of our destiny and purpose; and this is being done at an alarming rate by the deceiver's chief tool – DECEPTION! Deception brings destruction, and there is no better example of this than the "The Modern Day Prosperity Message" being perpetrated upon God's people by many false prophets.

The enemy knows that our discernment is at its lowest when our needs are the greatest. He can easily deceive us with a supposed word from God (from a false prophet) that appears to meet our needs. "If you need your bills to be paid send money to this good ground TV ministry!" It is important to remember that a false prophet's purpose is to eat the sheep, or better said, eat off the sheep. Be careful of those who feel entitled to your provision! It is a loud signal that a wrong spirit is speaking!

Those most susceptible to this deception are those who have yet to die completely to themselves; those who still reside in the outer court, in their soul. Man followers are also highly susceptible to this deception.

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:13,14).

Isn't it interesting that following Matthew 7:13,14 we find "Watch out for false prophets" (Matthew 7:15). Do you think there is a connection between "false prophets" and "the broad gate that leads to destruction?" Do you think it strange that God's word says, "many enter through it?" I believe with all that is within me that this word is directed to the "few" who will enter the "small gate and narrow road that lead to life." Interestingly, the word "life" is the same word "life" in John 10:10 in which Jesus says, "I have come to give them life, and give it more abundantly." The mission of the false prophet, knowingly or unknowingly, is to keep God's people from attaining Jesus' gift of "abundant life," which is the fulfillment of his destiny and purpose.

As I reread the words, "Enter through the narrow gate," I felt I heard the Lord say, "Fat people cannot get through the narrow gate!" As I meditated on what God meant, He explained "Fat" in a figurative sense means those who are full of themselves, and thus to big to pass through this narrow place. Only those who are small can walk through a narrow gate – small in the sense that they have died to themselves, their personal agendas, their pride, etc.,

Deception Comes When We Fail To Love Truth

Scripture reveals that failing to have a sincere love of the truth will lead one to embracing deception. If we have been given light and truth, but fail to walk in it, even what we have will be taken away and the Father will consequently send delusion to these saints.

II Thessalonians 2:10-11
"because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false..."

Other aspects open us up to deception: rebellion against the governmental order of God; harboring idols; and a spirit of unbelief are some of the more evident things. Truth and error will both increase alongside one another during the times in which we live. We must not despise or reject prophecies and teaching, but must carefully examine every word. Rejection of truth can come in many forms, but single most among them is the outright rejection of God's appointed Prophetic Ministry. This cause of this error is pride driven, with the deceived being more focused on personality than actual spiritual discernment.

Never in the history of the Church has discernment been more important to the Body of Christ. It is a most needed gift of all the gifts of the Spirit. With each passing day we are closer to the triumphant return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and with each passing day the enemy's tactics of deception grow. The spirit of anti-Christ is not coming (future tense), but has already come (past tense) (1 John 4:3). It is naïve to believe that we are not all subject to being deceived by this spirit; hence, the importance of knowing what this spirit is all about. Knowledge of this massively deceiving spiritual force is critical in this hour.

Where will the false prophet/anti-Christ spirit levy its first major influence in our lives – OUR FLESH! This spirit will always appeal to our inadequacies, our often-poor self-image, lack of success in health, spirituality, ministry, finances, marriage, business, etc., It will offer knowledge, identity, self worth, stability, purpose, and supposedly destiny. The anti-Christ spirit appeals to the worldliness in us - often a worldliness that we do not recognize as being such. It is almost as if one must experience an attack of this spirit to get an understanding of its power. I speak from first hand experience: I have a testimony. Grasp the words of the following scriptures – "Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be maligned; and their GREED will exploit you with false words…" Money is often the motive of a false prophet!

II Peter 2:1-3
"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies...Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their GREED they will exploit you with false words..".

The spirit of anti-Christ is a spiritual force that always leads us away from Jesus. As stated, it lures us with supposed spiritual leadings that appeal to our flesh. The telltale sign of this spirit is that we will be asked to compromise Jesus in some seemingly small way. It is also of importance to know that this spirit is not aimed at the world, but rather God's own people. It will always attempt to exploit our impatience, while those being used to exploit us will do so out of their own "GREED." Greed is not so subtle - it is there to be seen should we care to look! Often our spiritual naivety will cause us to overlook this less than subtle factor. Perhaps we begin to understand why "the children of darkness are wiser than the children of light."

I John 4:1
"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God; Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of anti-Christ, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."

Here is the acid test. What does "every spirit that DOES NOT acknowledge Jesus" really mean? When we take actions, without the leading of the Spirit, we are NOT "acknowledging Jesus" through those actions. We are moving in our own strength and purpose. When we represent those actions to be God-purposed and God-motivated we have fallen victim to the delusional force of the anti-Christ spirit. Only "he who does the will of the Father," is he who "acknowledges Jesus." When I first saw this connection between I John 4:1 and Matthew 7:21-23 I shouted!

Spirit-filled Christians who are not Spirit-led Christians lead powerless ineffectual works, which are capable of creating chaos in the lives of God's people. But let us take it a step further. What about those who are NOT doing the will of the Father who are prophesying, casting out demons, and performing miracles?

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name perform many miracles? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME: YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS" (Matthew 7:21-23).

Matthew 7:21-23 in NIV calls those who are not submitted to the will of the Father, "evildoers." Many well-meaning Spirit-filled Christians are not Spirit-led. Actions that are NOT originated by God's Spirit can be costly, and those who take such actions are highly susceptible to the spirit of anti-Christ. Emphasis is placed upon the external; what the eyes can see and the ears can hear (Isaiah 11:2,3/II Corinthians 10:7).

How can we do the will of the Father if we are not regularly hearing His voice (John 10: 2-4/Romans 8:14)? As discussed, we have seen those with extraordinary gifts to preach, heal the sick, do miracles, and yet felt no witness to them as strong men of God? Many prophesy, cast out demons, and perform miracles, yet do not do "the will of the Father." These men, despite their outward appearance, are not walking in the Kingdom (Matthew 7:21-23).

From my own experiences I am convinced that many follow the anti-Christ spirit without any knowledge of what spirit they are following. The sin of presumption often hides itself in noble purposes, and presumption is the birth canal for Ishmael. The anti-Christ spirit is not just after your money, he is also after your time. When we birth Ishmaels we waste much time, and as the hour grows later and the time shorter, diversions will become the devils greatest tool.

If nothing else is understood in this writing, please understand this - the gifts of God are without repentance (Romans 11:29), which means that God freely distributes these gifts just as he does musical talent, athleticism, etc., Men do not always use the gifts according to God's will. Our own tradition will make the following hard to accept. MINISTRY GIFTS CAN AND DO OPERATE OUTSIDE OF GOD'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

Some Who Perform Miracle Healings Are Not Necessarily God's Men!

As we delve deeper into this understanding, as previously mentioned, we humans are quick to judge based upon outward appearance though we are warned not to (Isaiah 11:3/II Corinthians 10:7). We are quick to judge good and evil and often that judgment is based upon what we see and what we think to be God.

Be aware in the area of healing, miracles, and other signs and wonders: all that appears to be founded in God IS NOT. While it important to give God the glory for such healings, it is equally important to properly discern the vessel through which such gifts operate. In short, miracles are not a sign of God's unequivocal endorsement of the individual, but rather a sign of His great compassion for His people. There are many within the Body of Christ today who are taking these signs and wonders as God's unmitigated endorsement of the individual and his ministry. There are leaders within the Body who are using these gifts as a platform upon which to pillage the Body for money and support of their personal agendas.

As previously stated, miracles and signs and wonders performed by individuals are no more an indication of God's character in a man than the gifts that beset great musicians, athletes, or scholars – as mentioned, the gifts of God are without repentance, meaning that God can and does bestow His gifts upon whomever He desires. Those who discern properly will quickly recognize the farce that is often being perpetrated upon the unsuspecting Body. The time has come for the unsuspecting Body to awaken to God's call to come in behind the veil and commune with Him; to awaken to the fact that God desires to have communion and relationship with His people. This intimacy produces discernment, which causes us "to know them by their fruit" (good or bad).

God wants a one-on-one relationship with us; a relationship that puts man in complete dependence upon his God with little to no dependence upon man. To the extent we depend upon man, to that same extent we forego God. To the extent we depend upon God, to that same extent we will forgo our dependence upon man. The time has come to be awakened to the gift of discernment that is activated in you as you seek God, spend time with Him, and obey His voice – "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). The real character of God is formed in us as we spend time with God allowing a true relationship to develop. If we are not eating the "bread of life" – God's spoken word to us individually, we are missing the most dynamic part of God's design for man while living upon the earth.

Awaken to the reality of false prophets!

Desperate Housewives
Joni Ames

2005: Year for GOD's Desperate Housewives
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This year, God is going to pour out His Spirit upon "desperate housewives" - working moms, stay at home moms, lonely widows, single moms, single women who are "Ladies in Waiting," married to and trusting in the Lord for their lives, futures, families, and ministries.

For the ladies who are married to unsaved or spiritually cold men - to those moms who have been crying out for unsaved children - all who have been trusting God for their miracle, stay on the wall of intercession, and do NOT be moved! STAY desperate for the Lord and cry out even louder! Declare and proclaim liberty and victory and do NOT stop!

This is a year for persevering women to obtain justice, even from unrighteous judges.

Do NOT draw back; do NOT remove your hand from the plow of worship and intercession! Continue to plow through to victory! Obedience births miraculous realities for you!

The cries of righteous women will be heard even into the federal courts and avail much!

This IS the year when desperate women - women who are desperate for God - will be seen, heard, and greatly rewarded!

This is the year for help to be released to women who are called to have one foot at home, and one in either business and/or ministry, both for the purpose of the other. The Prov. 31 woman was such a woman, and was able to do all that she did because she had help. Prov. 31:15 says she had hired maids. Do not feel that you are a failure if you need help! GET it!

Men who are willing to be like Mordecai and help women get into their place will, like Mordecai, receive their spot next to the King as well!

Breakthroughs for women in ministry! Many men will realize they don't need to be afraid of "women in ministry," but only women in "misery" who are not fulfilling their calling and who are also on PMS or menopause! God is going to break the back of the spirit of misogyny that has held women captive in the church with its' lie, and thus have held back many churches from fulfilling their purpose.

2005 is a year of resurrection! - It's time to come alive and truly thrive in 2005!

Word For SC - Land Of Hope and Heart
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The motto for the state of South Carolina is, "While I breathe, I hope."

Romans 5:5 says: "Now **hope** does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Romans 12:12: "Rejoicing in **hope**, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer."

It's no wonder the state of South Carolina is shaped like a heart. It is a state with plenty of heart! It has been a place of divine faith, and will now come into a time of divine provision.

The spirit of poverty that has hung over the state of South Carolina has been lifted since they honored and gave to the Native American (Catawba) Indians that which was theirs. They are now in process of stepping into a time of great growth, prosperity and abundance. Christian businessmen and women who choose to make it their home will experience much increase as property values rise and businesses flourish.

For those who have seemingly lost hope, this is for you: "Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

2005 is the year of resurrected hope! For SC, AND for you! It's time to do more than just survive; it's time to truly LIVE and THRIVE! - "It's time to come alive and truly thrive in 2005!"

These scriptures are for you:

Psalm 20:05:, "We will rejoice in your salvation and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions!"

Additionally, "Therefore say to them, thus says the Lord God, NONE of my Words will be postponed ANY more; the word which I speak WILL be done, says the Lord God!" (Ezek. 12:28)

Re: Fort Mill, SC:
A fort is a: (1) Fortified place for military defense; (2) Permanent army post, (3) Place of protection and refuge.

A mill is: A place where bread, garments or tools are made.

Fort Mill sits on the area where the Catawba Indians first settled, and is literally in the center of the "cleavage" of the "heart" of the Carolinas on the map.

Fort Mill will now flourish as never before, becoming both a place of the prophets and, for Christian business men and women, profit. MorningStar's purchase and occupation of the former Heritage Grand Hotel is just a beginning of that being fulfilled.

South Carolina - the land shaped like a heart - will become known as the place where God's heartbeat is heard and echoed throughout the earth, via satellite, internet and publications, to the nations. - Much through what is done on THIS property, in the very HEART of BOTH Carolinas.

NC's motto is: "To be, rather than to seem." - It's time to BE the heartbeat of God, and to BE His heart of love, extended, to the Body.

Blessings,
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Divine Delays

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“But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

The word “*after*” tells us that there is something between the promised “*power*” and a productive life experience. “*After*” speaks of a “*divine delay*,” until certain conditions are met, and the Lord is satisfied to release the desired and needed - “*power*.”

This “*process*” can be seen in the life of our Lord, when He was baptized by John in preparation for His ministry.

“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up immediately out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him: And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:16-17

When Jesus was baptized by John, as He came up out of the water, the heavens opened, the dove descended to rest upon Him, and the Father spoke - “*This (explicitly) is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased*.” Jesus has now received the Spirit without measure, and a confirmation of “*divine favor*,” or the “*approbation of God*” resting upon His life.

It would appear that Jesus was ready to begin His ministry. Instead, He was immediately led into the wilderness, where for forty days, He suffered hardship, hunger, and temptation.

“And Jesus being full of the Holy Spirit returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days He did eat nothing: and when they were ended, He afterward hungered.” Luke 4:1-2

The “*wilderness*” is a place where there is nothing - no divine favor or blessing, no one to seek out for help, or to give a word of encouragement. Instead, when Jesus became intensely hungry, the enemy came and reminded Him that He, being God, could easily feed Himself by turning stones into bread. Jesus refused to satisfy His hunger with anything less than the provision of His Father.

“And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If You be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” Matthew 4:3-4

It was in the place of hunger and privation, rather than in the place of blessing, that Jesus received the ultimate blessing. He had to go through a processing (wilderness time) in order to enter the higher purposes of God.

In relation to us, this “*wilderness time*” is an “*indeterminate*” span of time during which a particular purpose is accomplished. Our self-dependence and self-centeredness must come to an end through an experience of “*utter dependence*” on the Lord. When we are tested, we will either pass the test as an “*overcomer*,” or we will come short of gaining a victory over our self-life, and will need a further time of preparation.

“And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season. And

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee.” Luke 4:13-14a

Notice that Jesus entered the wilderness in the “*fullness of the Spirit*,” and came out in the “*power of the Spirit*.” Between the time of His receiving the blessing of the Father, and His receiving the enabling “*power*” for the outworking of His ministry, there was a time of testing - a proving time, during which Jesus suffered intense hunger.

We tend to measure our spiritual “*attainment*” with the “*blessings*,” or the “*gifts*” that we have been given. However, these are only the beginning. We must go beyond these (what we do), to a change in our nature (what we have become). Therefore, by divine arrangement, the Lord will place us in situations where there are no available means of satisfaction (wilderness), that a higher purpose might be accomplished.

Because the Lord is more interested in what we have become, than in what we are doing, there are “*divine delays*” that we must face in the outworking of our spiritual development.

Especially, at this present time there is a call to come “*higher*.” If we desire to go beyond the level of our present spiritual experience, and “*apprehend*” the present calling and purpose of our Lord, we will be taken through a difficult time of testing and proving in order to become a part of the “*corporate*” Jesus (He is the head, we are the body). He will again do all that He did in a single body, through a corporate body.

“Verily, verily, I say to you, He that believes on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to My Father.” John 14:12

For us to have a part in this, we must be prepared, as He was prepared.

“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven... And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.” Revelation 4:1-2

In the message to the seven Churches, each “*door*” led into the next Church Age. At this present time, there is something different, because we are living toward the end of the Laodicean Church Age, and there is nothing further. There is a door that is to be opened, but it is not a horizontal door that will lead into another aspect of the Church, rather, it is a vertical door that leads to the throne.

“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him....” Revelation 3:20

This spiritual hunger - the stirring and searching that is taking place within us today, is happening because the Lord is knocking upon the door of our heart, seeking entrance within our lives, due to the urgency of the hour in which we live.

“In My Father's house are many mansions.” John 14:2a

Jesus said, “*If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him*” (John 14:23).

The word “*abode*” in verse 23, and the word “*mansion*” in verse 2 in the original text, is the same word. Jesus is saying, “*I will come and make My abode in your very life*.” Another way to say this is, “*In My Father’s house are many levels of relationship*.”

We progress from one level of relationship to another level. Each time, and in each step in this progression, there are dealings - things that the Lord does, to release us from the lower level, in order to prepare us for the higher level. If we are not careful, we will misunderstand and misinterpret these things.

In the Song of Solomon the Lord said:

"It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found Him whom my soul loves." Song of Solomon 3:4a

At this present time, the Lord is beginning to move within those who are being stirred to come apart and "*wait on Him*" in His presence, where He can begin to speak and accomplish His purpose through them.

It was "*but a little*" that I passed from them (pulpit ministry) that I found Him. This is a "*forty-day period of time*" (time of testing), where we are separated from the spiritual womb where we have been very comfortable, into a new place and level of relationship and attainment. Our tendency, rather than to wait and allow the Lord to bring the adjustment, is for us to go back to the place where we were comfortable.

I received a "*word*" directly from the throne of God in 1959, that I would begin a Bible school, with the purpose of preparing "*overcomers*" for the end-time purpose of the Lord. This visitation was so powerful that I thought it would happen within a few weeks. As time went on, things would happen that would cause me to think this ministry was about to begin. The next thing I knew, it all fell apart. This happened several times.

The blessing and the excitement came and then all at once, I was saying, "*Lord, what happened?*" I sought out and tried all that I knew and understood, but none of it worked. Finally, I said, "*Lord, I give up*." Within a short time after I said this, it happened. It was as if the stage had been set and every player was in the right place, each one acting out his part. I realized that it could not have happened sooner, as there were necessary parts that had to be in a certain place and order.

"*Divine delays*" stretch our patience. "*I sought Him, but I found Him not*" (Song of Solomon 3:2b). Why? The Lord has something better for His Bride. He is waiting (divine delay) so He can take us further, but there is a price we must accept.

The "*sermon on the mount*" is the "*key*" to a kingdom life.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3

"*Blessed*" are all those who have come to the end of their abilities, into abject poverty and utter dependence - those who have come to the end of self, and trust the Lord, leaning heavily upon Him, and letting go of everything; "*for theirs is the kingdom*."

We have "*arrangements*" and "*accommodations*" in our spiritual life experience, with which we are comfortable, as we know how these patterns function. When we do certain things, we experience a certain response. If we are to go further, we must enter into a time in the "wilderness," where we can be separated from these dependencies.

In order to go higher, we must move into a place that is unfamiliar to us, leaving the familiar behind. We must be careful to stay "*in the wilderness*" the appointed time, as we tend to say, "*I am going back, as I felt much more comfortable there, and I knew what to expect*."

The Lord is seeking to bring us out from the familiar, into the higher - into the "*ways*" of the Spirit. Here, I must learn a new language, as His voice is becoming as the "*voice of the trumpet*."

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up here, and I will show you things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and One sat on the throne." Revelation 4:1-2

We are moving from being dependent on the "*pulpit*" into the kingdom (throne), where we hear a present word from the Lord. It is not easy for us to move from the familiar, into the place of dependence, where we become available for the Lord to speak through us, as He may desire.

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed and he went out, not knowing where he went." Hebrews 11:8

He went out not knowing - as the future was veiled. There is a purpose in our wilderness experiences - the delays, and the reductions that we experience.

"And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments, or no." Deuteronomy 8:2

The delays of God reveal our true motives and intents, that correction might be made, and that we might be brought up into a higher level of relationship and experience.

"Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When He had heard therefore that he was sick, He abode two days still in the same place where He was. Then after that says He to His disciples, Let us go into Judaea again ... Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep." John 11:5-7, 11b

Martha (service) and Mary (devotion) were attempting to get Lazarus (adamic nature) healed.

"Then said Martha to Jesus, Lord, if You had been here, my brother had not died." John 11:21

Jesus stayed away "*two days*" (divine delay). Lazarus (adamic nature) is now bound up, and has become so dead that it smells. In the "*fullness of time*," Jesus came and said, "*Lazarus, come forth*."

Later, Jesus is sitting at the banquet table with Lazarus (John 12:1). The delay was to bring forth the higher, because life comes out of death and unless we go through that process, we cannot receive the word to "*Come up*." Service and devotion (religious activity) will hinder if they possibly can.

"The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." Matthew 11:12b

There is a purpose in the Lord seemingly discouraging us. That discouragement will only make our roots go deeper, and cause us to push all the harder.

Mark 7:25-29 is the story of a certain woman whose daughter had an unclean spirit. She came to Jesus and said, "*Lord, will you heal my daughter?*" He answered, "*This is for the children, the chosen, not for the dogs*." In other words, "*you are a dog, you cannot have this*." She replied, "*The dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs*." Jesus said, "*For that saying, your daughter is healed*."

This Greek woman knew what she wanted, and she refused to be insulted. Blessed are the bankrupt, the "*poor*" who will give up their identity, the right to their own life and become apart of the expression of His life.

"Let us not be weary in well doing (our present level of faith, believing and hope**): for in due season (**there is an appointed time**) we shall reap, if we faint not."** Galatians 6:9 (comments added)

There is a time of "*divine delay*" - of discouragement, where there is no apparent reward. But, there is a "*due season*" - an "*appointed time*," if we will patiently endure "*our time in the wilderness*," and then move past the present place of blessing, from the known, up into the unknown.

The present word is, "*Come up*." If we do not weary in well doing, in "*that day*," at the appointed hour, the body that is veiled - that which all creation is groaning for - will be "*unveiled*," for the outworking of the end-time purposes of the Lord in the earth.

"Come, and let us return to the Lord: for He has torn, and He will heal us; He has smitten, and He will bind us up.

"After two days will He revive us; in the third day, He will raise us up and we shall live in His sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord; His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter and former rain to the earth." Hosea 6:1-3

Submit to the time of processing, and "*He will raise us up, and we will live in His sight*."

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Did Joel Miss It

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(And are we missing it now?)

The book of Joel opens with a shocking description of devastation. The prophet paints a picture of the sky turning black, a merciless plague of locusts falling from the heavens to consume every blade of grass, every shoot, every leaf - even the bark on the trees. As we read on we hear the wracking groans of beasts for whom no food remains, the choking cries of the dying and the stench of death by starvation begins to seep out of the pages. We watch the army of locusts moving inexorably forward, overwhelming the city by sheer force of numbers. Chilling stuff. Still more chilling for those of us who have seen locusts in action; have heard the "old timers" tell of their terror in the days before sprays could control them; have observed a "cloud" of locusts humming through the air at dawn; have seen one locust eat another locust alive; or waded through a seething mass of immature locusts as they chewed one another and the grass beneath their feet. I have learned to hate locusts with a passion, every time I encounter one they remind me of the work of the enemy - meting out suffering without a twinge of conscience; consuming everything good without the possibility of regret. Joel's description of locusts is very alive for me

Yet as I read through Joel something began to stir in my spirit. Joel was a prophet. Aren't prophets supposed to foretell? Why didn't Joel warn the people in advance? Should he not have told them that the locusts were coming?

Just skip through four centuries with me, and consider the tragedy that our world has watched in the past year. A tsunami in Asia; hurricane Katrina in the Southern US, economic and political collapse in Zimbabwe to name but three. What mocking questions have been tossed at the prophets about these events? Over and over I am asked "Didn't you know? You guys are supposed to be prophets - why didn't you warn us?" If we dredge up the annals of prophetic words over this place and that place we may find the odd mention of "something coming" - but the details are lacking - there are no specific locations or dates, no warnings to flee for the hills or sell up your property. Just as Joel watched the rape of his precious homeland, so today's prophets have been appalled by the devastation we have watched this year - as has every member of the human race.

So here's the question: did Joel miss it? Should he have prophesied the locust plague in advance? Read the book from cover to cover, nowhere in scripture is it suggested that Joel should have "seen" the locust plague before it happened. The huge value of his prophecy lies in the horrifying parallel that Joel draws between the utter devastation that was visible to the people of his time and the judgment that God proposes to send on them as a result of sin; he catapults us through history into the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the restoration of the people of God; he clearly foretells our triumph in the Valley of Decision trumpets the victory of the glory of God across the millennia that divide us; and he provide an anchor for Peters magnificent sermon on the day of Pentecost. But predict the locusts? No - he didn't. And he makes absolutely no apology for it. For what he saw as a result of that plague was of far greater eternal significance than the mere prediction of this one minor historical "blip"

Should the prophets have foreseen the tsunami? Should we have predicted the catastrophe of Katrina? Should we have foretold the destruction of the homes of poor people in Zimbabwe? Should we have warned people to change their holiday plans - or to shore up the walls of certain rivers - or to move out of Harare? For if people are looking to us for prediction this is what they are asking for! They are asking the prophets to engage with the immediate instead of the eternal; to become pre-occupied with the preservation temporal plans and material wealth rather than the eternal purposes of an omnipresent God. Let's be honest - we did not see in advance because God did not reveal it to us - any more than he showed Joel the locusts. And the fact that prophets did not predict an event does not mean that they failed the world they were sent to serve.

But we are in danger of failing now.

Have we become so preoccupied with edification, exhortation and comfort that we can not hear God speaking in catastrophe? Are we so addicted to "programs" and "meetings" that we are reluctant to share in our nations what God is saying? Where is the courage of Joel which confronted a nation so vividly in their time of tragedy? Where are the voices that can not be silenced - demanding that people listen to what God is saying? Can't we hear the clamor in heaven that people turn and repent before the next - and more terrifying - day of the Lord comes on them? Are we ashamed of the trumpet call to acknowledge that the great battle of the Valley of Decision is closer now than it was in Joel's day? A fire has devoured the open pastures - but far worse is to come if the people of God do not get the message to call on Him. An outpouring of food and humanitarian aid is right and good - but what is the word of the Lord? - it is the responsibility of the prophets to make sure people know! There is no doubt that God is speaking - but if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound neither the world nor the church will prepare for the battle to come. It's time for every prophet to know what God is saying in their local situation - and to speak it clearly. It will make people uncomfortable - it is not a welcome word. But if we conceal it now we will answer for our silence in the Day of the Lord.

Be bold, prophets! Proclaim this among the nations - prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near. Let them come up (to the battle) Joel 3.9 We did not foresee the natural - and that was fine. But we must proclaim what the Spirit is saying now!

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Disciples Do

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Christians Don't Change The World, Disciples Do!

George Barna recently did a survey that approximated 85% of all Americans labeling themselves as "Christians". We all should by now know that the figure is somewhere around 8-20% depending who you would ask, and also what criterion you would use to categorize those "Christians." The actual word "Christian" itself was not what God gave us, but was actually given to us by unbelievers. Father calls us His son's & daughters - DISCIPLES!

To be a disciple of Christ is to be a disciplined learner of the One you have submitted yourself to. A disciple commits to learn His ways, to practice His ways, to live His ways. The Church is then to be the learning organization for the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's foundational blueprints for building learning organizations are same and can be applied to individuals, families, churches, communities, and nations. If you want to change the world, don't just be a Christian, live life as a disciple.

Disciple Characteristics

Disciples practice the truths of God as a lifestyle. It is not the knowledge we know, nor the scriptures we can quote, that make us a disciple. It is the obedience to His Word and expressions of His character in our life that is evidence of true discipleship. Most of us have sat and heard hundreds of sermons, some really good ones too! How many of those sermons are we applying in our lives today? Are we maturing?

Hebrews 5:11-14 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. 12In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. 14But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

All the sermons, all the study, all the good intentions that are not expressed consistently in the disciplines of our life are fruitless and not the way of a maturing disciple.

Disciples Prioritize Their Relationships

The priority diagram on our website www.vision2advance.com shows a great representation of how we should look at the key relationships in our lives. Obviously God is at the Supreme center of our lives. For those of us that are married, it would be our spouses and for others it would be their families, both spiritual and blood related. It extends out from there to churches, businesses, and government. We still see many putting business or ministry ahead of some vital relationships in their lives.

Jesus made it pretty clear how He prioritizes His relationships….

Matthew 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Disciples Expect Warfare and are not disappointed because they know the way of spiritual maturity is through conflict. The Holy Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness at the beginning of His public ministry for his conflict with the Prince of Darkness. Israel after leaving Egypt could have been to the promised land in less than a week, but Father knew they were not battle ready.

Exodus 13:17 17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt."

Even after a few years of training in the wilderness they still continued to fail the "battle ready" tests of God and had to spend 40 years of preparation that passed a generation before God felt they were ready to go. We must remember to stand in the face of conflict and receive it as part of our discipleship training for reigning.

The word Shalom (Peace), does not mean the absence of conflict. It does mean victory or peace in the midst of conflict. One of the root concepts of Shalom is to have your foot on the neck of your enemy. How would that fit in the camp of Christian passivity? Disciples are not passive. Peace, or rest in God is not the absence of activity or conflict, but it is the absence of anxiety.

Psalm 23 speaks of about the Lord preparing a table in the midst of our enemies. So as soldiers in the army of the Lord, be willing to be trained for battle.

Earnest Hemmingway once wrote:

"In a calm Sea, every man is a captain".

We can all show strength when there is no adversity. Jesus promised that if we followed Him, we would face many challenges. If your life is void of adversity then it may be that you have not been activated in vision and purpose for your life. In the Lord's army, confrontation is a guarantee unless you are missing in action or absent without leave.

The reason many do not like pressure and tests is because it reveals where they are at, and they do not want to see where they are really at. They would rather live in the fiction of where they think they ought to be.

Disciples willingly follow leaders that are committed to teaching training and releasing others. They are committed to being a disciple and making other disciples in Jesus name. The level of training, sacrifice, and character we exemplify, determines our level of effectiveness as ambassadors of the

King.

Why was Paul the single, most effective disciple of Christ we know in History? The man who wrote two thirds of the New Testament had quite the resume. He was in constant training, and the Lord prepared Him and was with Him through a life of much conflict such as;

2 Corinthians 11 24Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. 27I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

God will often engage us in battles we don't think we can win. The truth is, most of these battles cannot be won without participating along with Him. He is building our faith to know that in Him we can do all things and be victorious. You want to change the world? We can, but only by paying the price, as a disciple. We need the Holy Spirit to first change us before we can change others, recognizing that transformation of ourselves to His likeness and nature is an eternal process. We then can begin to change our families, churches, communities, and nation.

Our friend Dennis Peacocke always says, "God plays everyone who is in shape, and he plays them at the level they are prepared to play". Being an athlete, that really is a great way of looking at our Father and great Coach. What Christ-like shape are you in? What level are you playing at? What level are you training for? Let us all train to be like Christ who was obedient unto death. Let's change the world, and make the first changes be in us, in Jesus name!

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Deception Is Lingering

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My precious warriors, children, jewels, I am speaking to you now, to warn you of the increase of wolves in sheep's clothing. What many of you are seeing before your eyes is not what is truly inside. Many of you are seeing what is an illusion, and below the hood, there is something completely different.

Many are walking around and seem to be cloaked of Me, but look under the hoods, for underneath the hoods, the masks, is the truth of where someone is at. Deception is increasing within My church, and My children, you must be on guard and watchful at all times.

Many of you are being deceived by people who seem to be cloaked in Me, and I am wanting to bring this to light. Compare what is happening to My Word, and in the light of My Word, shall you truly see their hearts state.

For many are now hiding under 'hoods' that seem to be of Me, but are truly not walking with Me, and are allowing the enemy to use them to bring division, to bring jealousy, and strife.

The attack upon My children, that I am now slowly placing on the frontline is increasing, so My children you must get into My Word more than ever before. Some of those that you thought were cloaked greatly in Me, have fallen and are now allowing the enemy to use them to lead others astray.

Deception is raising it's ugly head in greater ways in My church lately. Yes, in greater ways, but subtler ways. This is WHY My church, I am constantly speaking to you to come to Me, and listen to Me. For as you listen to Me, you will not be deceived. As you worship ME, all deception and darkness will fall away in the light of My presence.

My church, truly examine your lives in the light of Me and My Word. Grab deception in My name, and cast it out.
The great shifting, and sudden change is beginning, and the enemy is trying to disarm many that I am placing on the frontline through deception, so stand against this.

Stand against the deception, and walk in My truth. Look beneath the hoods of man, through My Word. Many angels of light are surrounding My church, but are not from Me. I see the hearts of My people, and I see the deception trying to weave it's way deeper into My church. Do not let deception entangle you.

Listen to Me. Stand on My words more than ever before, you will see some who are upright in Me, are going to fall like the stars from the sky. A great shaking to the church is coming. So stand in Me. Keep your hearts pure before Me, and do not let darkness or deception have a hook into your lives.

Worship Me, in Spirit and in truth, worship Me, and all darkness and deception will be revealed in the light of My face.

My Heart Is Speaking
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I have brought many of you to a fork in the road. I have brought many of you to a place of decision. Whether the decision is great or small, the decisions will impact eternity. I have brought many of you to this fork in the road.

You are to choose whether to continue to walk in My righteousness, no matter the sacrifice, continue to walk in My way and My holiness no matter the price, or place your feet on the path of the wicked. Now is the time to choose.

I am raising many of you up, and taking you higher in Me. I long for My church to be in unity, My body is to be unified, but many of My children, are still in the shadows, and still sleeping in Me, and are not awake and alive to all that I am doing and saying in this day. I live, I am alive, and I speak.

Many of you feel that the furnace has been turned up, the heat has been raised, but I say to you, that not one hair on your head shall be singed.

My precious branches, you are connected to Me, the Almighty Vine. How I love each of you and know all about you. I am warning you My precious branches, do not be entangled with wicked vines. Do not touch or play with vines that are not of Me. Do not play around with them, but stay clearly away from them. For the evil one is prowling to see those to whom he can devour, and if you play with vines that are not of Me, you will be snared.

I am bringing to the frontline now, those who have been faithful to Me in the little, and those who have been hidden. I am now bringing them forth, to be raised up as Mighty leaders for Me. Leaders that will get alongside those who are asleep, who are in the shadows and playing with vines that are not of Me, and lead them back to Me.

For I do not will for My children to be asleep. I will for you My children to be alive. Completely alive in Me. Walking abundantly in knowing Me and making Me known.

Do not fear the pruning and tribulation, for I am moulding those of you who have been faithful and hidden into My mighty leaders. Leaders that will prepare the next phase of My return.

Do not be entangled or conform to the vines of the wicked. Do not place one foot on the path of the wicked, but stay right away, and connected to Me, the Great Vine.

Manipulation and deception is weaving itself into My church, and I am grieved by this. Do not entertain deception, do not walk in things that are not of Me, and do not speak words against your brother that is not life words.

As you speak words of death against your brothers and sisters the enemy is able to weave his way into My church, and bring about deception, disunity and bondage.

Many of My churches are being controlled by things not of Me, and I am greatly grieved.

Many are allowing the evil one to influence what they do and speak through the wounding in their lives, and it is polluting My church. I long to heal all of My children’s wounds. Come to Me and let me heal you, and do not speak death words over your brothers and sisters, but speak life.

Stop allowing the enemy to gain ground in My church through your disobedience and words of death over each other. Oh how I greatly love and adore each of you, and long to show each of you the beauty that I see in My church.

The evil and the entertainment of vines not of Me, must stop. Repent My church, repent for entertaining and playing with vines are not of Me. Repent, allow Me to wash each of you clean and pour more of My love over you.

I want My church to shine brighter than the brightest star. The world is getting darker My children. Be watchful for peaceful faces and plans being filtered through the government for they are not of Me. Be careful of deception filtering itself through the governments, and leaders and into nations.

My church, repent, rise up.

Choose to serve Me. Choose to walk on the path of Righteousness. I am now bringing forth My leaders. My gold leaders. My anointed leaders who I will use to bring about reconciliation, healing and purity back to My church.

Descent Into Darkness And The New Orleans Paradox

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"Your children will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as the people who rebuild their walls and cities..." (Isa 58:12 NLT)

Our second trip into the Gulf Coast region and more specifically New Orleans can only be described as a slow descent down a ladder into gross darkness. As we entered the Mississippi region and crossed through Biloxi and Gulf Port and began our journey into Louisiana it was surreal and extremely difficult to grasp the magnitude of the disaster we were facing. It was only after we left the region and began our travels home for more supplies did it begin to hit me. When we crossed the Causeway bridge over Lake Pontchartrain and entered Jefferson Parrish and the city of New Orleans we took a quantum leap from normality and predictability into tragedy and catastrophe in a blink of an eye. It was like a bomb had went off and we were climbing out of our insulated "bomb shelters" called our personal lives and seeing what the real world now looked like. Everything was marked by the hurricane from the road signs to the light pole - nothing was spared or unscathed by its wrath. Steel bill board signs with a 10 ft. girth were snapped like twigs. Businesses and entire cities were folded up like an old newspaper and thrown away. In many places nothing is left. Nothing.

The closer you approached the downtown area of New Orleans the tangible reality of darkness and death permeated the air - literally. The smell alone was shocking as we drove down the streets lined with empty houses and boarded windows. Patrols of military troops dotted every corner and an army of vehicles attempting to restore some semblance of humanity raced down the streets. Displaced people stared at us like robots waiting for a meal, a bottle of water or any glimmer of hope. We visited two major hubs of distribution; Victory Fellowship and Riverside Baptist Church and the mountain of donations was impressive. Little do most know though how quickly this mountain will dwindle as thousands try to re-enter a city that at this point is uninhabitable both naturally and spiritually. It is said that the public conscious lasts about 3 weeks and the danger is, that far before the rebuilding of New Orleans supernaturally and naturally occurs, the momentum currently being sustained by donations from all over the world will lose it's steam thus creating a vacuum that the very much present evil is intent on filling. Look at it like this relating to the massive aid and clean up of New Orleans and you will foresee the danger that's now facing us, "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man (or a city?), he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation..." (Matt. 12:43-45). The enemy desires to raise from the ashes of this devastation something even more corrupt and wicked than it was previously. If all that the enemy finds once the dust settles and the public awareness shifts is a city, "empty, swept, and put in order..." we have utterly failed in our attempt to help as sincere as our efforts may be.

Step back with me for a minute and ponder this: New Orleans's crime rate is ten times the national average, affluent corporations and businesses have fled New Orleans years ago because of the internal corruption and controversy always orbiting around the city. Just weeks before Katrina, federal officials indicted associates of the former mayor, for alleged kickbacks and contract fraud and the state ranks third in the number of elected officials convicted of crimes. Recent scandals include the conviction of 14 state judges and an FBI raid on the business and personal files of a Louisiana congressman. The Daily News goes on to note that in the 1990s the New Orleans Police Department "had the dubious distinction of being the nation's most corrupt police force and the least effective: the city had the highest murder rate in America. More than 50 officers were eventually convicted of crimes including murder, rape and robbery; two are currently on Death Row." Yearly New Orleans celebrates one of the most pagan demoralizing events in the world; Mardi Gras. By mid-August of this year, 192 murders had been committed in New Orleans, 'nearly 10 times the national average'. The New Orleans "southern decadence" festival which was to take place Labor Day weekend is described as a extreme gay celebration rivaling Mardi Gras and was only interrupted by Hurricane Katrina...

No doubt this is a major cleansing and purging by the Lord but the paradox is this: It also sets the stage for the most extreme move of God in America's history as well if we can fill the void with much, much more than cases of water and canned food. We need to move now into this vacuum and fill the air with worship and intercession 24 hrs. a day - seven days a week. But will we? We are so conditioned as a church entity to simply write a check and wash our hands leaving the dirty work to someone else that we run the great peril that New Orleans will not be revived then what is all of our efforts then? We have watched the ship of revival pass us time and time again namely Sept. 11th and the attacks on New York City. This created a public awareness of God that is unrivaled in American history and yet after a few months to a year it faded from our memory to become an epitaph on a stone memorial. The church failed to fill the spiritual vacuum created by it thus the enemy discovered that America was, "empty, swept, and put in order..." but not revived thus creating a compounded problem that we are facing now in the Gulf Coast and New Orleans. Remember this, New York is not immune to another attack the enemy is plotting and planning something much more evil and devastating right now for New York and only our sustained and perpetual prayers will stop it. This applies to New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast territory as well, hurricanes will stack up like a deck of cards on one of Biloxi's river boats until the church learns to leap from the steps of complacency and stand in the gap with "prayers without ceasing" and sinners repent of their sin and turn to the living God. But contemplate this, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom 10:14-15). We must act now or forever bear this countries darkest days that await her if the Church does not move now...

We have a plan. After two trips into this devastated area we are convinced that we could accommodate teams that could arrive from around the nation to pray, fast, worship and seek the Lord for true restoration and revival. Envision this... a small to medium tent with tables and chairs with teams from all points and providences praying and seeking the Lord for New Orleans with 24 hr. recorded and live worship. Envision this... a flat-bed truck trailer hosting worship bands publicly and openly worshiping the Lord for all to hear powered by gas generators filling the ravaged air with praise. Envision this... Teams stationed and ready to invade the streets with the love of God from this "worship and intercession base camp" bringing thousands of souls to Jesus. Envision this... healing and prophetic teams ready and prepared to administer the healing power of God to broken bodies and hearts and compelling them to move on with God's destiny for their lives. Envision this... having motor homes and other means of accommodating the teams in New Orleans and possibly a church or other sort of building to sustain this 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week worship and prayer in the very thick of the gross darkness and hopelessness. I tell you this it can happen if we can raise the standard and grasp the possibilities presented to us by the Lord and reach higher than we ever have as individuals and a church. Consuming Fire and many of our friends and even people we have never met are poised and in position to accomplish such a feat, are you ready to try?

We already have use of a 34' class A motor home, a 5 ton trailer for the commercial generator and gas supply (we currently need this size of generator if anyone can donate or let us use), and an enclosed 10X 5 trailer to transport supplies into and around New Orleans (we need something bigger or more of the same). Enterprise Rent-a Car has been incredibly gracious to give us almost 50% off the trucks we've used to travel with supplies from Southwest Georgia into these areas of destruction but we will be hard pressed to continue to pay over $250 dollars a week to travel and stay in New Orleans, we need to concentrate our prayers and efforts and secure a 4-door newer to new pick-up and/or larger SUV. It is critical we take hold of this in the spirit and allow it to manifest in the natural now. Any and all creative ideas small or large will not go unnoticed or considered. Please respond. I am convinced somebody reading this has the means even as Joseph had to fill the storehouses in Egypt to make this happen. We stand waiting and ready for this answer to prayer for the appropriate vehicle(s) to convoy to New Orleans and possess the land. We are giving our life to see America revived, this is not a mere charity drive it is a precipice of impossible possibilities that looms before us like a Titanic, will we sink or rise Church? Will we respond or fall back under the peer pressure of religion and continue the gamble of Sunday morning church and the revolving doors of conferences as epic disasters line up on our hallowed shores? What will we do in this hour? New Orleans is latchkey for America, how we respond to her is how we will respond to our own cities and streets. Will she remain empty and void of God's power in us or will a vanguard of Christians leap to this opportunity and "repair the breach..." We are here ready and willing to help you do just that, only we need you to be able to do it.

1) We need a vehicle(s) equipped for such a mission not only a truck to haul and carry supplies but others to take teams and prayer warriors into these areas of compromise and pray and minister. We would even be willing to bus teams in if the means were made available. We currently have a commercial semi-truck from Oregon ready to pick up larger supplies as well for this mission. Agree with us for the "Josephs" that are currently in position to answer this request now. AMEN.

2) We need an indoor tent that could accommodate approximately 50-100 people for continued around the clock prayer and worship. The main body of activity will be in the open air the tent would simply be used to pray, worship, and help individuals on a one-on-one level. Chairs and tables would also be necessary but not many. We all hold a piece of this puzzle please find your part and lay it on the table.

3) A flat bed semi trailer that live bands and ministers could use to call New Orleans into God's presence. We could literally host ministries and strategic prophetic voices from around the country to usher in America's greatest hour. A simple piece of equipment such as this could make this happen.

4) We will also need specialized team leaders that are skilled in these areas i.e., worship leaders, healing teams (possibly trained in the Healing Rooms from Spokane, WA. etc.) prophetic and evangelistic team leaders, team leaders possibly from I.H.O.P in Kansas City and an array of others that can simply stand in the gap and receive a city to Jesus. We believe we will be able to accommodate you in New Orleans and sustain a continuum of worship, prayer and outreach pushing back the pending darkness and destruction that still pervades.

5) If you can assist us RIGHT NOW to begin to mobilize this vision please visit our link at Consuming Fire below that's dedicated to receive your help and aid either small or great to make this a reality. We are currently still using Enterprise's vehicle to do pick ups and errands for these trips and the one we are planning now if you want to help in this area for one day, a week, or any amount of time you can contact Enterprise directly at (229)-228-5742 in Thomasville, GA. A generator is currently available of this size and capacity at The Tractor Supply in Thomasville and can be contacted at (229)-228-9844. We have worked with a car dealer in the past in Thomasville that has Christians in management that could be a possibility for a truck you can contact Thrifty Car Sales in Thomasville, GA. at (229)-551-0313. These are only points of contact and we will continue to agree with you for their answers. We are planning sometime in October to begin the building of a base camp in New Orleans and at least one more trip to secure the property for such a strategy as well. We can do this.

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Discernment Is Not The Problem

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> *Matthew 21:23-27*
> *23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?*
> *24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.*
> *25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?*
> *26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.*
> *27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.*

People are asking what is really going on in Florida. So let’s take a look at two possible explanations and see what makes more sense.

Some are saying the Florida Outpouring is not a real revival. True enough, it’s an outpouring of healing and evangelism. And it’s not the great end time outpouring of the Spirit that we have been praying for, at least not yet.

So try and follow this logic.

Since the outpouring is not a real revival, it must be a false revival. DUH!
Since it is a false revival, all the manifestations are faked. DUH!
Since the manifestations are all false, the healings must be demonic. DUH!
Since there are demonic healings, the entire outpouring must be a deception. DUH!
Since this entire business is a deception, this must be the great end time delusion. DUH!

Now try this approach.
Since God is moving in great power, the enemy is showing up and trying to spoil things.
He will throw in some strange fire and get some skeptics upset.
Then he can sow lots of discord and discredit the outpouring.
And maybe that way, he can stop the move of God before it goes any farther. Hey it worked before!
Since you can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, that’s all it takes!

Discernment
Discernment: keenly selective judgment: good taste and judgment;
knowledge, understanding, grasp, appreciation, familiarity, recognition, perception,
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People are moaning about a lack of discernment. Discernment is not the biggest need. It’s what you do with the discernment you have. **The biggest lack is a Christ like attitude**. The accuser of the brethren is said to operate day and night. Revelation 12:10. Jesus is said to ever intercede before the father in heaven. Hebrews 7:25.
Which one are we going to come in agreement with? Do we curse or do we bless?

Now there is the case of a Pharisee who went up to pray Luke 18: 10-13. He had discernment, and he used it to accuse the publican of being among the extortionists, the unjust, and the adulterers.

The Christ like attitude is seen in John 8:1-11. There Jesus knew [discerned] that the Pharisees were liars, since they misquoted the Law of Moses. And he knew they were also guilty of obstructing justice, by not bringing in the other guilty party in a case of adultery. Leviticus 20:10. Did he accuse them in front of all the people in the temple? Did he expose their corruption? Or did he give them space to repent?

What Are We Looking And Praying For?

Here are a couple passages that speak a promise of restoration to God’s people, after a time of strife. I believe these foretell the end of the Civil War and the joy of the coming Kingdom of God in the great end time revival. Come Lord Jesus.

> *Isaiah 29:17-24*
> *17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?*
> *18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.*
> *19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
> *20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:*
> *21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.*
> *22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.*
> *23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.*
> ***24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.***
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> *Isaiah 52:6-10*
> *6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.*
> *7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*
> ***8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.***
> *9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*
> *10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

Destruction In October

James Robey

Something really big is coming in October to America. America has sowed to the wind. And now she is reaping the whirlwind. Must read Amos 3:6. Must read Jeremiah 18:7-12. Must read revelation 18:2-10. The great whore of mystery Babylon America is receiving her due from our just and holy god. For decades god has sent to her prophets warning of repentance and judgment. But America has laughed and persecuted the prophets sent to her. There is nothing left for America but judgment. What else can our holy God do? America's sin has piled high to the heavens and God has remembered her iniquities. The nation is in deep darkness. And the church is in deep sleep. Come out of her and do not be a partaker of her sins, and of her plagues.

> *"Come, my people, enter into your rooms, and close your doors behind you: hide for a little while, until indignation runs its course. For behold, the lord is about to come out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: and the earth will reveal her bloodshed, and will no longer cover her slain." (Isaiah 26:20,21). -------*

A Visitation From The Lord America Forsaken By God

James Robey

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Saturday morning I was praying and fellowshipping with the Lord. I was discouraged because we are not seeing revival in America, and we see so few miracles here in America. I was burdened by all the human suffering in New Orleans and the other Gulf Coast states. I asked the Lord, "Lord you said in Your Word, that the secret of the Lord is with those who fear You," Psalm 25:14. "What's going on in America?" I asked the Lord, "Tell me your secrets." My room filled with the glory and presence of the Lord. I literally touched the glory of the Lord. My room actually got whiter and brighter. The Lord stood right before me, in the form of a soft white cloudy mist, and the Lord said to me in a soft audible voice, "I HAVE FORSAKEN AMERICA, GO AND SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES." And the visitation ended. I didn't want the Lord to leave, but God is Sovereign, and does as He pleases.

I searched the scriptures and found Jeremiah 51: verses 5 & 9. Clearly Jeremiah is speaking of America being forsaken by God. God has indeed forsaken America. But America had forsaken God long ago There are so many scriptures in the Old Testament that speak of God giving over His people

Israel to a reprobate mind because they had forsaken and turned from the Lord. The Lord has determined to destroy America. But the Lord does not want His people to be discouraged, but to take heart (read Jeremiah 51:45,46).

With the Manifest Presence of the Lord now God from America, you can expect the following to occur in America based on what the Lord has done in the past to wicked nations (such as what He did to Egypt, and the curses of Israel - Deut. 28): increased violence and riots, new & old diseases and pestilences and famine (Rev. 18:8), increased destruction of America in frequency and strength by natural disasters such as fires floods earthquakes hurricanes, etc. Further debauchery and wickedness of the established man-churches, (not the true elect bride of Christ), severe persecution of the bride of Christ, food and fuel shortages. So much, much more. People are literally losing their minds. America has become a dwelling place of demons and a prison of every unclean spirit (Rev. 18:2). Come out of her. You must read Jeremiah 50 & 51 and Revelation 17 & 18. They are speaking of America. So much more could be said.

I warn you, the true brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, now is the time to repent of all your sins, because God is not playing games. God has forsaken America. It is too late for her, it's sins are as piled high as the heavens and God has remembered her. She must be paid back. And the smoke of her torment will rise to the heavens. You must saturate your minds with the pure Word of God, because satan is increasing the battle for our minds. God is shaking everything that can be shaken. If your heart is in this world or in America, you are going down. Remember Lot's Wife. If you have the peace of God, you will have nothing to fear. It is your God who is accomplishing His judgments on the great whore harlot America that has spread her fornications throughout the whole world. Brother Jim in Baltimore

Distraction and Assignments

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While praying for someone that I had been on the phone with, the Lord began to speak to me through images. I saw her with several little dogs nipping at her feet and ankles. They were biting her pants legs and pulling - trying to get her to go in another direction. They were so noisy she couldn't hear the people who were knocking on her door, or the person calling her from another room.

Then I could see the dog's collars. They had nametags on the collars. I could read some of the tags, one was “Distraction”, another was “Relationships”, and another was “Anger”. One I could read part of looked like “Resentment” and another that I couldn't see all the letters seemed to be “Rejection”. Some I could not read at all because of the angle of the tag the name wasn't visible. The leader was “Distraction”. He made the most noise and did the most tugging at her pant legs.

The Holy Spirit revealed that she is representative of many in the body of Christ today who are being harassed by the enemy. then He spoke this prophetic word to me for her - and the rest of us.

“I called you and anointed you for My purposes. But the enemy has sent Distraction and his co-workers to keep you from moving on in My plan. He has all these problems nipping at you to keep you so distracted that you are focused on trying to quiet the dogs, trying to get them off your feet and away from you – to be free of them – rather than being focused on Me.

"I send people to your door to receive from you of the gifts I have deposited in you. But the enemy keeps sending these “dogs” to you, day after day, they come back to torment you and cause you to lose your focus. One of their goals is to prevent you from hearing those I've sent to you.

"But you have authority over these pesky animals. You are the head – not the tail. You speak My truth in the power of My name and send these tormenters running – chasing their own tails instead of your feet! They have no real power over you their weapons are their noise – to draw your focus away from Me – and the fear and impatience that comes with dealing with them over and over.

"But don't be mistaken about who they are. Don't accept them as harmless pets. Regardless of how harmless they may look - they are dangerous. They are out to get you. Their aim is to distract you, to take your focus and then to trip you and trap you, to cause you to stumble and fall. Be aware they are not cute, cuddly or lovable little pets. They will not comfort you or be your friend. They are snarling, yapping, and harassing foes. Beware.

"Refocus on Me. Set you eyes on Me and My chosen path – and keep moving. Set your face like flint to follow Me no matter what comes your way. I'm calling you to walk closely with Me.

Some of these pests you will have to violently kick aside. Use My Word in authority and command them to stop harassing you – command them to leave you. Some you can ignore as though they were not even there – just keep walking. Keep moving ahead with no regard for their noise or their nipping and tugging. Keep My Word on your lips and uppermost in your mind - not the dogs. Keep putting one foot in front of the other and they will begin to fall back as you move forward with Me. Then you will be able to move on unhindered in My plan and purpose.

"Invite My presence in every time they come nipping and barking. They cannot tolerate My presence – they will leave. No longer allow them to draw your focus from Me. Keep your eyes and ears attuned to Me and My voice and move on into your destiny.

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Speaking the Truth in Love
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Ephesians 4:15, 25 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. 25) So then, putting away falsehood; let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another.

Matthew 18:15 (Jesus said,) "If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the fault. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back."

Galatians 6:1 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.

"Beloved,

“One reason you are now struggling with these problems is past disobedience. When I spoke My word to you, for you to speak to another of My children and and you did not obey and give the word – that was disobedience. You allowed fear of people and their response to keep you from speaking the Word I gave you to speak. You could have been an instrument in My hand, an instrument of change, an instrument of restoration in that life. But you would not.

“ You have also failed to confront problems as they arise –to address wrongs - for fear of confrontation with people. You have feared people more than Me, more than you longed to please Me. It is an act of love to speak truth from a heart of love. Learn to love while you learn to walk in truth - do it together - simultaneously.

“It is time for you to walk in a holy and awesome fear of disobedience to Me; and give up your desire to please others and keep the peace at all costs. Agape love, divine love does not mean that you never disagree with anyone. It doesn’t mean that you can’t speak the truth and confront problems. But it does dictate how you speak and the manner in which you confront.

“Don’t keep pushing down what are honest, godly reactions to those who are in error or sin. When you keep buttoning your lips when you know the truth and My Spirit has prompted you to speak that is not righteous. When you keep your lips closed and your tongue silent when you know by My Spirit you are to speak, you are no longer walking in step with Me. And when you put a lid on your emotions rather than speak honestly in love, then you are like a pressure cooker under too much pressure – in danger of exploding. Then you are apt to develop resentment or explode in anger and shame will soon follow. That is at odds with walking in love. It is not My way.

“But if you handle each problem or disagreement as it arises nothing will be too difficult for you to handle. Whether it’s annoyance with the rudeness of others, resisting someone’s attempt to control you and manipulate you, or speaking out against sin and error, trust Me, depend on Me and speak as the Holy Spirit leads you. If you allow these problems to build it can become unbearable and seemingly impossible to handle. Let Me show you how to handle these situations. Let Me give you a “righteous handle” to use in these problem areas: Walk in love while walking in truth. Place all concerns on My scale to balance truth and love, grace and truth.

“As a good parent, a godly parent, nurtures children they do not give love only. They balance love and discipline. They train by example and teaching. They speak truth in love, they model truth and honesty. So too are My children to live in relationship to one another. Prefer each other in love without compromising, without mincing words, without hiding from emotions or problems. It is all a part of love – holding each other accountable. I’ve spoken through My Word that you are to comfort each other, love each other and submit to one another. What is there to submit to if no one calls for accountability? How can there be true love without Truth itself?

“When you obey and speak what I give you – when I tell you it will accomplish My will - then give no thought nor have any concern as to what you see as a result. Hidden work is being done in those I speak to through you. Leave the outcome to Me. Be faithful to speak and act in love in all situations with patience and forbearance.

“When you hide your true feelings, your true reactions and keep silent rather than speak the Truth I have given you – you become a liar and unfruitful. My children are called to be a people of Truth. I have called you to beacon of light in dark places. When you encounter darkness in another, especially in of My chosen ones, and I speak to you from My heart - carry it out in love. Speak forth My word. It will bring blessing and unity not strife and division.

“Your present difficulty may not have occurred if you were walking in complete and quick obedience to Me. Are you ready to walk in quick obedience? Are you ready to follow My guidance as I speak to you? Be quick to hear My voice and quick to obey. Learn to be more sensitive to My desires and to pleasing Me than in the possible displeasure of others.

“I know your heart. I know your desire to please Me. But you lack a little. You lack the whole-hearted determination to follow Me at all costs – no matter what people may think. Get ready. Be prepared. Listen and obey. Listen to My voice and quickly obey what I speak to you without thought for what others will think or say. Focus on Me. And walk in love.

“Sometimes you will be unaware that I am using you to speak to someone. You will think it is only conversation. You will consider that you are only speaking things I have taught you or that you have gleaned from My word. But I can use your conversations, your sharing of what you have learned to speak a “now” word as rhema to the listener without you even knowing it.

“You want to ‘run with the horsemen’? Prepare yourself. Exercise faith in Me and My word and My ability to guide you in every situation. Trust Me. Keep your eyes and your ears attuned to Me and you will progress to running with the footmen. You will progress in this love walk. You are being prepared. You are being established. You are being perfected. Walk in eager obedience.”

Leviticus 19:17 Do not nurse hatred in your heart for any of your relatives. Confront your neighbors directly so you will not be held guilty for their crimes.

James 5:19, My dear brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back again, you can be sure that the one who brings that person back will save that sinner from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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Take Up Your Weapons
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When I awoke this morning as I lay in bed, I saw by the spirit, a gun lying in bed covers, almost hidden in the folds of a comforter. I asked the Lord why was I seeing a gun, was this from Him? And if so what did it mean? This is what I heard.

It is time to take up your weapons. It is time to engage in battle. Not the weapons of the world, no guns, or knives, swords or explosives. No the weapons I have given you are higher and much more effective than these. The best weapon you have is My Word. Above all else use My word to defeat the enemy. Speak My Word. Combat the lies of the enemy and bring them down to nothing by the employment of My Word.

My Word will never run out of ammunition. My Word will never fail. It will not misfire. It will not miss the mark. It is always on time, on target and triumphant. My Word will bring down strongholds reducing them to dust to be blown away by the wind of My Spirit. My Word is a weapon you can depend on in every battle.

Use your weapon of prayer. Your sincere, heartfelt, fervent prayers will break down barriers, erect walls of protection and safely; and pierce the hidden bunkers of the enemy. It will uncover and unmask to reveal the truth of the enemies tactics and strategies. Pray always in every situation, leaving nothing to chance, neglecting nothing. Bring every concern before My throne in honesty and with intense, earnest prayer.

2 Cor. 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not physical (weapons of flesh and blood), but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty things that sets itself up against the (true) knowledge of God; as we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One.

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Discernment

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Heb 5:14 AMP But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law.

Heb 5:14 NKJV But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

NT:144 KJV - judgment. aistheterion (ahee-sthay-tay'-ree-on); from a derivative of NT:143; properly, an organ of perception, i.e. (figuratively) judgment:

NT:143 KJV - senses. aisthanomai (ahee-sthan'-om-ahee); of uncertain derivation; to apprehend (properly, by the senses): KJV - perceive.

I love this scripture as there is so much in it that bears comment. Solid food is talking about knowing the depths of the Word of God more. And Priscilla says [I'm one who believes she wrote it] our SENSES are involved in it, and mental faculties. The purpose of it is to discriminate between good spirits and bad spirits and what is good or evil in divine or human law.

We have five senses: Taste, Smell, Hearing, Sight & Touch.

TASTING

Taste and see that the Lord is good is not literally meant in that scripture perhaps.

But it is part of our senses and I have known those who tasted honey when there was no honey in their mouth, but they were IN THE SPIRIT at that moment and God was giving them the sensation of honey on their lips, tongue.

Ezekiel had a taste sensation…

Ezek 2:8-3:3 NIV
8 But you, son of man, listen to what I say to you. Do not rebel like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." 9 Then I looked, and I saw a hand stretched out to me. In it was a scroll, 10 which he unrolled before me. On both sides of it were written words of lament and mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 3:1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth , and he gave me the scroll to eat. 3 Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth .

Job 6:30 AMP Is there wrong on my tongue? Cannot my taste discern what is destructive?

Ps 119:103 AMP How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! [Ps 19:10; Prov 8:11.]

SMELLING

Dan 3:26-27 NKJV Nebuchadnezzar Praises God

Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. 27 And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them.

This was totally supernatural that they had NO SMELL on their clothes of the fire, when it killed the guards who threw them in! If God can supernaturally keep us from smelling, can He also allow us to smell the supernatural? Yes.

Deut 4:27-29 NKJV And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell . 29 But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Ps 115:6-8 NKJV [Speaking of idols in comparison to HIMSELF God says:]
6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; 7 They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. 8 Those who make them are like them;
So is everyone who trusts in them.

We are made in His image. We have senses and God trains our senses to discern between good and evil through exercising them…becoming aware of them. It takes Your senses to see the chabod – the cloud of glory that was seen in the first temple.

It takes senses to feel it, and it takes smell to smell the fire of the Lord, the incense of the Lord, which comes in many varied ways. I've smelled roses before in the presence of the spirit as waves of peace washed over me during worship. I smelled incense that was so wonderful you wanted to breathe as much in of it as possible when Mahesh Chavda was speaking about ministering to the POOR. I've smelled the fire, as if something was burning all during a sermon by a man who spoke in our church once.

I smelled the roses of His presence on Che Ahn once while following him down some stairs in the old building. I've also smelled the sulfuric smell of demons. Cancer spirits especially smell like bad farts…really bad ones. And a spirit of masturbation smells like weird candle wax is the best I can describe it. I've also smelled demons that Just had an unclean smell. Some have smelled fruit smells with the presence of the Lord. Some have smelled lavender, which is spikenard. I have smelled the soap smell.

The Lord is like a refiner's fire and a fuller's SOAP. That is the presence that comes with cleansing a person sometimes. I kept smelling it in the back of my car once after my divorce and I looked and couldn't find any spilled detergent…and the Lord spoke the above scripture to me. I smelled it again in a tent meeting, where there seemed to be in some pockets of the tent…soapy smell, incense smell, and smell of roses in certain places. Perhaps it has to do with assignments of angels, but that is just speculation. The roses smell is a very common one.

Isa 3:24 AMP And it shall come to pass that instead of the sweet odor of spices there shall be the stench of rottenness; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; and searing [of captives by the scorching heat] instead of beauty.

HEARING
The Lord makes it obvious that we can hear His voice. John 10:27 NKJV "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

How did Peter know Ananias and Sapphira had lied to him? Because the Holy Spirit told him.

How were scriptures written…old and new? By hearing the Lord's voice.

2 Peter 1:21 AMP For no prophecy ever originated because some man willed it [to do so--it never came by human impulse], but men spoke from God who were borne along (moved and impelled) by the Holy Spirit.

John 5:28-30 NKJV Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear , I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

Jesus heard the voice of His Father…He prayed every day to the Father…alone…in the secret place.

John 8:47 NKJV He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

John 10:2-3 NKJV But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

John 10:16 NKJV And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

John 14:26 NKJV But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

If He teaches us all things… HOW does He teach us? How will He bring to remembrance. He speaks to us. We hear His voice, or we perceive things [impressions on the mind] or through nature. He drops in Understanding, wisdom, knowledge; Words of knowledge and words of wisdom. He draws our attention to observe certain things. He really likes it when we meditate on the word, or things He is trying to show us.

John 15:15-16 NKJV No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Jesus HEARD from the Father and so can we. He died to RESTORE the relationship Adam and Eve had with Him in the garden! HE made the way through the Holy of Holies so we could have relationship. What kind of relationship would it be if communication was one sided? What kind of relationship would you have with your husband or boyfriend, or wife or girlfriend if you never spoke?

John 15:26-27 NKJV The Coming Rejection

"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

This is the Spirit of PROPHECY…to testify of Jesus like it says in REVELATION.

My sheep HEAR MY VOICE and they follow ME. Not they follow My word, my ordinances, but follow ME. Christ is IN US. He can speak to us through the Holy Spirit any time He wants. And he is wanting…we just have to be quiet enough to listen and to patient enough to WAIT on HIM.

Acts 2:7-8 NKJV And how is it that we hear , each in our own language in which we were born?

Acts 2:11 NKJV Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

Acts 3:22-23 NKJV For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23 And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

Acts 10:22 NKJV And they said, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and to hear words from you."

He had to have HEARD the angel! Just like Mary the mother of Jesus.

Acts 10:33 NKJV So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."

Acts 22:9-11 NKJV "And those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they did not hear the voice of Him who spoke to me. 10 So I said, 'What shall I do, Lord?' And the Lord said to me, 'Arise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all things which are appointed for you to do.' 11 And since I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of those who were with me, I came into Damascus.

Rom 11:8 NKJV Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear ,To this very

Discernment - Part 2

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Rom 11:8 NKJV Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear ,To this very day."

1 Cor 14:21 NKJV In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me," says the Lord.

1 Cor 14:21 AMP It is written in the Law, by men of strange languages and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and not even then will they listen to Me, says the Lord. [Isa 28:11,12.]

Heb 3:7-8 NKJV Be Faithful (Ps 95:7-11)

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, 8 Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness,

1 John 4:6 NKJV We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Rev 2:7 NKJV "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God."'

Rev 2:11 NKJV "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."'

Rev 13:8-10 NKJV All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear . 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

SEEING

One of the words for prophet in the old testament was a SEER.

1 Sam 9:8-9 NKJV (Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.)

The New Testament is filled with those who prophesied including Philip's daughters, the apostles, and Stephen who was not one of the 12, but a disciple of them. Throughout church history, there have been those who pressed in to know HIM more, and received their heart's desire. And there are those who He has surprised with the gifts of the Spirit. The reason HE allows us to SEE, is out of His love for us, and because these gifts help us to KNOW HIM better…and to have more AWE and RESPECT for HIM, and to encourage, comfort and edify others. To share what HE is showing us for warnings, for knowledge and understanding.

And in Daniel 12:4 He said:

Dan 12:4 AMP But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. [Amos 8:12.]

Joel also seems to emphasize a time of increased prophetic outpouring:

This right AFTER in ch. 2 He describes HIS army who marches in unison…

Joel 2:23-26 NKJV Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

Wheat is the fresh bread of His word – manna from the Holy Spirit – HEARING His voice; new wine, the Holy Spirit's presence in revival/awakening; and oil, the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,

The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame.

Joel 2:28-31 NKJV "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

THINK OF IT! HE SAYS AFTERWARD OF WHAT HAPPENS ABOVE THAT! AMAZING! HE WILL POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH…ALL STILL MEANS ALL. THERE WILL BE NO EXCUSE FOR NOT SERVING GOD. HE PROMISED THAT THIS WOULD BE HAPPENING BEFORE HE CAME AGAIN. AND WE SURELY ARE CLOSE TO THE SECOND COMING JUDGING FROM THE EVENTS IN THE WORLD N'EST CE PAS?

Isaiah 60 says:

Isa 60:1-3 NKJV The Gentiles Bless Zion

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will

arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.
3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

NOTE in this experience of Isaiah how many senses were involved. Is God not the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow?

Isa 6:1-7 NKJV Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet (cf. Ezek 1:4-28)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" 4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away.

Jer 9:24-25 AMP But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord. [1 Cor 1:31; 2 Cor 10:17.] 25 Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will punish all who though circumcised [outwardly, in the flesh] are still uncircumcised [in corresponding inward purity]-- [Rom 2:25-29.]

1 Cor 12:4-11 NKJV There are diversities of gifts , but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1 Cor 12:31 NKJV But earnestly desire the best gifts . And yet I show you a more excellent way. [then comes the chapter on LOVE :)]

1 Cor 14:1 NKJV Prophecy and Tongues
Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts , but especially that you may prophesy.

1 Cor 14:12 NKJV Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts , let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

Eph 4:8 NKJV Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men."

Heb 2:4 NKJV God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Rom 11:29 AMP For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call.]

TOUCHING/FEELING
If GOD is made MANIFEST, the very word manifest means something you are able to see, hear, feel, touch, smell. In the old testament they could SEE the cloud of glory

And feel it, they couldn't STAND in the manifest glory of God, they fell on their faces. Just like DANIEL when the angel appeared to him in Daniel 10. He speaks of How he felt, he shares strength was put into him by the angel touching him.

Dan 10:4-11 NKJV Now on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, that is, the Tigris,[IRAQ] 5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

The men FLED because they FELT TERROR! Do you think Daniel maybe FELT the presence of the Lord here? And below he feels a HAND TOUCH HIM. He trembled because he was in the presence of glory.

Discernment - Part 3

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10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

I once felt an angel touch me when I asked God to wake me up in the morning because I had no alarm at the time, and in the morning I was greatly surprised by a rough tap on the bottom of my foot, though no one seeable was there. :)

I've felt wind while dancing that went through me and gave me goosebumps, many times and knew it was angels dancing with me. I was unafraid. But I've also felt demons pass right through me to frighten me, years back. I had many demonic encounters after my mother died especially, because she was a new age witch. I've seen demons and felt them in her apt…sleeping in her bed. I saw one three dimensional last time I saw one full on, and he was surrounded by light, but bent over hunched back, scraggly grey hair, and he had talons as he scratched my knee pounding on the bed…I looked up to see the back of this figure. By then I was ticked off, and no longer frightened, and Jumped out of bed, but of course he was long gone…put on worship and recited REV. 19 & 20 which are my favorites for reminding them of their fate.

They used to torment me after her death, just as I was falling asleep, suddenly would feel gripped from behind and by the third time I cried JESUS...they'd be gone.

Again, just because it isn't in the new testament in the same way, doesn't mean it's not an authentic type of experience. REREAD this word from Jeremiah…

Jer 23:9 NKJV False Prophets and Empty Oracles
My heart within me is broken Because of the prophets ; all my bones shake.

I am like a drunken man, And like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD, and because of His holy words.

I believe this is what they felt on Pentecost too, as they were accused of drunkenness. It certainly wasn't because they spoke in tongues. That doesn't look like drunkenness! It was because they staggered and shook. When God MANIFESTS with His presence…there are all kinds of things we FEEL. The scriptures say the when the presence of the Lord comes down, the mountains TREMBLE! How much more will man tremble or shake?

One can feel the glory when you raise your hands in worship. The air feels HEAVY, as if it has weight. Sometimes our legs feel heavy in the presence of God, or our arms get heavy when healing anointing comes on us.

In the presence of HIS love, my knees get weak, and I fall down. I can FEEL HIS PRESENCE. I can feel peace washing over me, or love. And I can FEEL JOY inexpressible and overflowing. It just bubbles out of us. It is that fountain of Living Waters living inside of us, that out of our innermost being flows the power of the Holy Spirit. But you can also FEEL the Holy Spirit and receive MORE of Him with each encounter in His presence.

We need our senses EXERCISED, because one can also FEEL the presence of evil.

Also, things like divination mimic prophecy and it can feel almost the same, but be of the enemy. You can SEE visions, but it doesn't always mean they are from God.

Dreams also are not all from God. The Word instructs us that Satan comes AS AN ANGEL OF LIGHT. So we can be fooled and must not trust in the feelings, senses alone, but always weigh them with the WORD OF GOD. Many people have gotten into error using new age books on dreams to interpret their dreams instead of using bible Based interpretation, and relying on GOD, waiting on HIM to show you. There absolutely can be mixture. Pride, Witchcraft and jezebel will dampen your ability to discern or feel anything. So will heavy rebellion, and rejection, or any other kind of sin, as sin blinds us. If you think you cannot be deceived, you are already in a very bad place.

Rom 11:11 AMP So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step and transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.

Ex 10:21 NKJV The Ninth Plague: Darkness
Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt ."

Eph 5:13-14 NKJV But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. 14 Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

John 14:21 NKJV He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

Feeling includes not only touch, but actually feeling what another is feeling emotionally. During revival often I would shake hands with someone or get around them and FEEL Pain in my heart. I was feeling their pain, or the Lord's pain for them.

2 Cor 11:29 AMP Who is weak, and I do not feel [his] weakness? Who is made to stumble and fall and have his faith hurt, and I am not on fire [with sorrow or indignation]?

NT:4697 splangchnizomai;

1 aorist esplangchnistheen (compare Buttmann, 52 (45));(splangchnon, which see);

properly, to be moved as to one's bowels, hence, to be moved with compassion, have compassion (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity): absolutely,

Luke 10:33; 15:20; [From Thayers Lexicon] NT:4696 KJV - spot.

Strongs:

splagchnizomai (splangkh-nid'-zom-ahee); middle voice from NT:4698; to have the bowels yearn, i.e. (figuratively) feel sympathy, to pity: KJV - have (be moved with) compassion.

Luke 12:56 NKJV Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?

Matt 16:3-4 NKJV and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Ps 19:9-14 NKJV The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. 11 By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Ps 139:3-4 NIV You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.

Phil 1:9-10 NIV And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,

WOW…Isn't that interesting! The more we grow in love, the more DISCERNMENT we get! Perhaps this is why the church in this hour is lacking in discernment eh?

Matt 16:9 AMP Do you not yet discern (perceive and understand)? Do you not remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many [small hand] baskets you gathered?

So perception and understanding are related to discernment.

Mark 4:13 AMP And He said to them, Do you not discern and understand this parable? How then is it possible for you to discern and understand all the parables?

Mark 7:18 AMP And He said to them, Then are you also unintelligent and dull and without understanding? Do you not discern and see that whatever goes into a man from the outside cannot make him unhallowed or unclean,

Again, over and over understanding is involved with discernment and the HOLY SPIRIT is the Source because there is a seven fold Spirit of GOD mentioned in Isaiah, and one of these is the Spirit of Understanding.

Isa 11:1 AMP AND THERE shall come forth a Shoot out of the stock of Jesse [David's father], and a Branch out of his roots shall grow and bear fruit. [Isa 4:2; Matt 2:23; Rev 5:5; 22:16.] Isa 11:2-3 NKJV The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding ,The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

Mark 8:17 AMP And being aware [of it], Jesus said to them, Why are you reasoning and saying it is because you have no bread? Do you not yet discern or understand? Are your hearts in [a settled state of] hardness? [Isa 6:9,10; Jer 5:21.]

Luke 12:56-57 AMP You play actors (hypocrites)! You know how [intelligently] to discern and interpret and prove the looks of the earth and sky; but how is it that you do not know how to discern and interpret and apply the proof to this present time? 57 And why do you not judge what is just and personally decide what is right?

Rom 7:23-24 AMP But I discern in my bodily members [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh] a different law (rule of action) at war against the law of my mind (my reason) and making me a prisoner to the law of sin that dwells in my bodily organs [in the sensitive appetites and wills of the flesh]. 24 O unhappy and pitiable and wretched man that I am! Who will release and deliver me from [the shackles of] this body of death?

1 Cor 2:15-16 AMP But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him]. 16 For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [Isa 40:13.]

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Discernment_Part 4

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A MAJOR key in discernment is knowing the Word of God. You must always be in the word ,if you want to discern. Much discernment comes to us through the words people speak as they give away strongholds in their thinking we can perceive through their words and actions, weighed against the Word of GOD.

1 Cor 12:10-11 AMP To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern and distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues. 11 All these [gifts, achievements, abilities] are inspired and brought to pass by one and the same [Holy] Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually [exactly] as He chooses.

1 Cor 14:29 AMP So let two or three prophets speak [those inspired to preach or teach], while the rest pay attention and weigh and discern what is said.

2 Cor 4:4 AMP For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

1 Tim 2:4 AMP Who wishes all men to be saved and [increasingly] to perceive and recognize and discern and know precisely and correctly the [divine] Truth.

1 John 2:3-6 AMP And this is how we may discern [daily, by experience] that we are coming to know Him [to perceive, recognize, understand, and become better acquainted with Him]: if we keep (bear in mind, observe, practice) His teachings (precepts, commandments). 4 Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him. 5 But he who keeps (treasures) His Word [who bears in mind His precepts, who observes His message in its entirety], truly in him has the love of and for God been perfected (completed, reached maturity). By this we may perceive (know, recognize, and be sure) that we are in Him: 6 Whoever says he abides in Him ought [as a personal debt] to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted Himself.

OT:994 KJV - alas, O, oh. biyn (bene); a primitive root; to separate mentally (or distinguish), i.e.(generally) understand: KJV - attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent, regard, (can) skill (-full), teach, think, (cause, make to, get, give, have) understand (-ing), view, (deal) wise (-ly, man).

OT:3044 KJV Yidlaph (yid-lawf'); from OT:1811; tearful; Jidlaph, a Mesopotamian: -Jidlaph.

yada` (yaw-dah'); a primitive root; to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.) [as follow]: KJV - acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [-not], certainly, comprehend, consider, could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have [knowledge], (be, make, make to be, makeself) known, be learned, lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], will be, wist, wit, wot.

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Time Erodes Faith
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Fruit that sits on the shelf too long gets rotten. Know that when this begins to erode your faith you need to stir yourself up as David did and lay hold of the promises I've given you! Speak them out in FAITH, and speak out MY WORD! Prophesy to the heavenlies, and strike the arrow again and again till you break through the opposition! Sing and SHOUT for JOY, because I am
soon to make your joy complete!

Do not despair at what you see around you and try to figure it all out in your own strength. Just come to ME, and ask Me the questions in your heart and quiet yourself that I can give you an answer! You are too busy with too many things on your mind. Quiet your mind! Quiet your heart! Stay your mind on ME, and you will have perfect peace! I am not slack concerning My promises. Days are coming to a close, yet people are still doing business as usual. Watch how I remove the complacency from this nation now, so that
all I have intended will come to pass. You are on the threshold of awakening!

Keep your hearts hidden in Mine! STAY YOUR MINDS ON ME! What is it, I am telling you to do? Are you listening? There is a beginning flow of waters, rolling over the earth, in the midst of the trouble, and judgments on evil, there is a roar of many waters beginning. It will flow down from the throne of God into the highways and byways, into the fields and rivers of the earth; flowing to every woman and man, boy and girl, till the earth is flooded with the knowledge of the Lord Your GOD! Elijah saw the beginning of rain, like a fist rising on the sea. Again you see, My fist is rising out of the waters, and I will pound down every mountain and hill that is raised against ME, till they are beaten into valleys.

People will be STARTLED into submission to Your Lord and Savior JESUS!
Every knee will bow in the end, but all in this hour will have no excuse for I come quickly, and My sword is in My hand to execute judgment on the wickedness in the earth. I am ROUTING the enemy and there will be great
DIVISION. Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the KINGDOM! Blessed are those who have mourned, for they will be comforted! Blessed are those who have been rejected and scorned by men, and mocked for loving me more than their order and hierarchal hatred! I have created an awesome army! In the hearts of the remnant will I explode and cause such
a manifestation of My love and power, that the earth itself will tremble as it marches forth!

The UNITY that I bring is not that of pretense, and compromise. The UNITY I bring will destroy the wisdom of the wicked, and those in arrogance and pride! The Unity I bring, will cause a roar among the crowds, clamoring to get into My church. But I will bring the souls of men to a church that will be changed by My glory, that they will not hearken to men's doctrines, but to MINE! I am the LORD YOUR GOD and I will have NO other gods before ME! I am RESTORING the ancient FOUNDATION that was established on TRUTH, JUSTICE, and FAITH! My righteousness is not to be mocked and trampled down, nor My grace to be taken advantage of!

I am calling you to HOLINESS, but when the KINGDOM wind comes, there will come a HUSH and weeping and mourning for there is no hiding from the TRUTH that is a Person! I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. Love is the standard I hold you to! Love is NOT compromise with holiness. Love from a good father will always be to rescue the child from darkness, and wickedness, and to set them on the path that leads to LIFE! For the Way is narrow that leads to life and FEW I said, find it! But the way to destruction is WIDE. So which path do you want to take? Will you drink the cup I offer you? Or will you take the easy way? Are you wanting the power of My Resurrection, and the fellowship of My sufferings? Or do you only want YOUR WAY?

1 Cor 10:20-22 NKJV Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

Phil 3:8-12 AMP Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed one),
9 And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed one), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith.

10 [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] **to His death,** [in the hope]

11 That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].
12 Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own.

Eph 5:11 NKJV And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

Phil 2:1-3 NKJV Unity Through Humility - Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

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Disengage
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Well, the countdown to the disengagement has begun. We are less than a few days away from the unknown. Demonstrations are increasing; orange ribbons are seen on many cars, bikes, dogs etc. Hundreds of thousands are participating in rallies and demonstrations. This nation is divided like never before over the issue of uprooting the settlements of Gaza and Northern Samaria. But if we were to examine the heart of the nation, we would find that there is one issue over which there is a general consensus, the underlying fear that this process will not lead to a peaceful coexistence with the Palestinians. Peace and prosperity do not seem to be what the future has in store, and very few here believe otherwise. The World Bank and other world cartels are now satisfied with Ariel Sharon and his powerful associates. The latter are ready to turn the evacuated areas over to self interest groups who are reported to be planning casinos, and other dubious institutions, in place of the dwellings of the Torah keeping, God fearing Jews. All of this is just evidence of who is behind this so-called peace process. However we, as believers in the sovereignty of the Almighty, do not want to be like Peter and draw our sword against those whom YHVH is allowing to fulfill His purposes, even though they may be going about it wrongly, or in a way we cannot agree with.

What the Almighty is actually orchestrating is a war. The world may call it a war on terror but that is only the spark. We have yet to see what YHVH has up His proverbial sleeve in order to bring to pass the words of the Prophets. The Word is very emphatic that in order for the enemies of Judah to be cut off, Ephraim's jealousy/envy (anti-Semitic attitude) must depart (Ref Isaiah 11:13). But without Ephraim first becoming aware of his real identity he will not know or understand why he is jealous of Judah.

In the Christian and Messianic world there is a "much to do" about the so-called end-time scenario and the coming of the Messiah. But a faulty theology, that reasons that the present nation Israel is fulfilling all prophecies pertaining to all Israel, will mislead many. Some have even gone so far as to predict specific dates for the return. This is not the first time in the history of prophetic interpretation that dates have been set, causing some to fall into the trap of misinterpreting the "appearing" or "coming" of Messiah. Sadly a lot of believers, in their zeal, spend time and resources trying to pray their will (according to their understanding of the Word) into being. There is almost a total disregard for the sovereignty of the Almighty Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Whether one believes it or not, YHVH knows exactly what is going on and He is not fooled or manipulated into accomplishing and fulfilling His word in man's timing and ways. Thus we are left to trust and continue to build our relationship with Him. Faith does not demand of Him, rather it yields in obedience to the in working of His Spirit, producing humility and righteousness, which will lead to the attaining of the inheritance.

I do believe in the return to this earth of Messiah Yeshua, who will sit on the throne of David and rule over the restored nation or house of Jacob. But before His return, "all that has been spoken through the mouth of the prophets must be fulfilled", and until it does "the heavens will retain Him" (ref. Acts 3:21). This seems to be plain enough. However, is there another type of "appearing" or "coming" that we have overlooked and therefore should be considering? Paul writes that we who have received His life, through the indwelling Spirit of Holiness, must know this about ourselves, "that Yeshua the Messiah is in us" (individually and corporately) and that He is our life (ref. 2 Corinthians 13:5;

Colossians 3:3-4). Thus, in a manner of speaking, Yeshua is already present with us. He indwells in His body, and if that is not the case we cannot claim to be that "body". At the same time, we must also be aware of the counterfeit that would equate a religious system with being the expression of Yeshua's body, or even with the "One New Man".

Someone made a very interesting observation about the superstructure of a religious system called Christianity. The redeemed of Israel, rather than returning to Zion (the following is a quote), "aligned themselves to the religious patterns of the day; the historic Orthodox Church, after Constantine in the 4th century AD, adopted a religious system which was in essence a form of the 'Old Testament' system, complete with priests, altars, a Christian temple (cathedral), frankincense and Jewish, synagogue-style worship pattern. The Roman Catholic Church went on to canonize the system. Luther did reform the content of the gospel, but left the outer forms of 'church' remarkably untouched; the Free-Churches freed the system from the State, the Baptists then baptized it, the Quakers dry-cleaned it, the Salvation Army put it into uniform, the Pentecostals anointed it and the Charismatics renewed it [and if I might add, the Messianics introduced it to Torah]. But until today nobody has really changed the hierarchical superstructure."

Is this religious system YHVH's expression of the life of His Son in a people that have been called and chosen to be a nation, which is to manifest His glory in righteousness, peace and joy? The "queen of heaven" governs the Babylonian religious expression and she has been very active in the life of the House of Joseph/Israel. She was well expressed by an entity known as Jezebel. However, now that the Gospel of Yeshua has come to the House of Judah guess who has shown up to reinforce Jezebel's control in Messinanism? Non other than her daughter Athaliah, who is far more dangerous than her mother. She will not only deceive through a religious expression, but will also kill the royal seed. "Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs of the house of Judah" (2 Chronicles. 22:10). She is one very dangerous spiritual religious entity and at present is also deceiving many in the Ephraimite restoration movement, as she moves them into what is becoming a religious system of Messianism. This, in turn, is causing some to deny that Yeshua is the Son of YHVH, and they thus crucify to themselves the royal seed which brought them up out of their graves and granted life and covering to their dry bones.

Let us pray with sincere hearts to YHVH Elohim: "Your will be done and let us not be led astray by religious spirits".

Disengage and come out of her my people. Don't let Babylon and her daughters make you believe that because she, or they are willing to embrace Torah, the Feasts and even change the worship day to Shabbat, that they can be converted to Jerusalem or Zion. We must take that religious spirit, put it into a basket with an iron lid and send it back to the Valley of Shinar (ref Zechariah 5:6-11). As YHVH is restoring the Melchizedec priesthood it is paramount that we leave that religious system and enter His rest (Shabbat).

Shabbat Shalom, Ephraim

Divine Shift

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On the morning of April 2nd I woke early and came in to pray. A grieving came over me and travail as I have not felt before. I was sobbing for some time and at the end of this travail felt exhausted. I felt completely emptied out, and heard the Father say, "Come, lay down and rest!" I laid down on my sofa and fell asleep. It was around 11:00 am when I fell asleep. I woke at 12:15 pm, and I heard the Holy Spirit say this, "There has been a "Divine Shift" in the heavenly realm. I didn't know what this represented, but I got up and went into our family room to my husband and told him what I had sensed. He replied back to me, "Yes, the pope has just died!"

I sensed the Lord share this with me, "There will be three more patriarchs I will take home this year....John 12:24, says "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless again of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."
The seed of the pope represented, Unity in the Body of Christ, mercy, kindness to the poor and needy, and a Kingly anointing of Diplomacy.
The next three seeds will represent: #2 the signs, wonders, healing anointing, #3 evangelism and salvation, and finally # 4 an exponential apostolic and prophetic release. As the seeds fall to the ground, these anointings will be released in a magnitude in the spirit of unheard precedence....

I hear the Spirit saying to the church, "Get ready, Get ready, Get ready!" The Father has repositioned angels all over his globe. The word says you reap what you sow. Interestingly enough many have been sowing for years in righteousness, but haven't received the reaping or harvest for their faithfulness. This in the year Beloved. This in the year. The Lord is shifting, and for those of you who have been in this place God is re-aligning His holy angles to help you and assist you in to coming in to this divine shift in the spirit. The reproach of Egypt is rolling off your backs. This isn't something you have to do, the Lord is the deliverer. Just as He sent Moses to the children of Israel, He has sent His son to bring total freedom and deliverance. Our part is to walk in obedience. Obedience is our path, this is the way we show the Lord our love to him. Dis-obedience is paralyzing. It will take you off on a side ramp from the highway of God, and stall you somewhere out on route 66 (a place in the flesh!). We must come into a new place of radical obedience. As we do, it will release the angels God has assigned over you and I to transport us into our destiny in Christ... Remember Joseph was released from prison overnight, and placed in a governmental position, 2nd to the pharaoh. I wonder if Joseph knew what his destiny entailed? Don't ever underestimate what and how God can use you. Dare to think out of the box this year. Our God is great, and the best is yet to come Beloved one's of his!

Finally a word for California, our beautiful golden state! God loves you California, he has blessed you with so much, but a time of accounting is before you....what will you do? "I ask you today, Will you humble yourselves and pray? Oh, that is what I want from you. I send out my warnings, and you who know me, know I always yearn to show you mercy. And I tell you the truth, this can be turned around. I will heal your land if you will but hear my heart for you today humble yourselves and pray. I will use you to thresh the enemy and turn this country in to a place of Godly innocence once again."

Vision and Word for you California and your Intercessors!

May 5, 2005 (year of grace, 555!) on our National Day of Prayer I traveled with a friend to the Lodi area. On the way down Highway 99 (# 9 represents: harvest, ministry, fullness, fruitfulness, number of gifts of the spirit, number of fruits of the spirit, number of birthing of a child!) as we approached Sacramento, the city of our state capitol, I sensed overwhelming anxiety. It wasn't in me, but I felt it coming at me as we entered the city gates and as we left the city gates. After leaving the city limits a Shalom came over us and we traveled on down to the Lodi area. My friend and I attended a prayer gathering and while we were there we seemed to experience another huge shifting in the spirit. So strong, my fleshly body could hardly bear what I was experiencing.

We were 25 miles due west of the most northern end of the San Andreas fault line. The next morning as I awoke this is what I heard and saw in the spirit that is coming.

There is coming an earthquake along this San Andreas fault. I saw the ground splitting apart in places and the opening of great crevices. Out of the crevices were coming forth whirlwinds, and twisters. I saw this fault line starting at San Andreas and going down the state and curving over through the south eastern desert of California. It reminded me of the tail of a scorpion?!!! That is what I saw...

This is what I sensed: God is in this, as the earth quakes it will open up the deep places to expose the darkness and to bring a new level of light in our hearts and lives. The twisters represent the winds of adversity, but God will be in the wind and protect His own. Psalm 91:7 "A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look...."

The Lord will use this to separate the sheep from the goats. He will use this to wake up those who are sleeping. Oh wake o' sleepers!
I believe the intense anxiety I felt over the city of Sacramento was what the enemy will try and bring over the government. So how do we respond to this in prayer?

Pray that damage would be minimal, protection over peoples, and all living creatures, and humble ourselves, fast and pray. Call out to the Lord, "Your kingdom come, your will be done Oh Lord!" Father I bring this prophetic declaration to you this day. Raise up your intercessors, a wake oh sleepers. Pick up your mantels and let nothing hinder you. Walk in radical obedience and come alive in the spirit! Father release your Nazarites from captivity. Release your prophets and forgive us for not listening and responding to your prophetic words over your people. Oh Lord, look not at out sins and offences, but remember your loving kindness over us. Father hear my prayer and answer oh Lord like lightning. Your Kingdom Come!

Be blessed in Him Beloved Ones,
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Dispensation Granted

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> Dispensation - Function: *noun*
> 1 a : a general state or ordering of things; *specifically* : a system of revealed commands and promises regulating human affairs b : a particular arrangement or provision especially of providence or nature
> 2 a : an exemption from a law or from an impediment, vow, or oath b : a formal authorization 3 a : the act of dispensing b : something dispensed or distributed
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> *Eph 1:7-10 AMP In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor, 8 Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence), 9 Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). [And it is this:] In accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him,10 [He planned] for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, [both] things in heaven and things on the earth.*
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> *Eph 3:2-5 AMP assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace (His unmerited favor) that was entrusted to me [to dispense to you] for your benefit, 3 [And] that the mystery (secret) was made known to me and I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote you. 4 When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. 5 [This mystery] was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit*

“The dispensation of My grace has no end to anyone who is willing to repent and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord and the promised Messiah! My grace
is unending and steadfast. It is something undeserved and given through My providence and compassion. It is not horded by a specific few, but available to all.

The kind of Christianity practiced now in the west compared to what it will be, is of substantial difference. There has been “sloppy grace” some call it, and there has been a trampling on grace like the Nicolaitans. There has been a great LACK of grace in the church overall which should be the dispenser of great grace. Paul was sent to offer grace. My apostles were ambassadors of My grace and kindness, My power and love. That is what I want you to be!

You are to put on the new man, and put AWAY the old man, that is given to judging, criticism, condemning, and pride. You are to PUT on the new man who is given to gentleness, kindness, faith, love, courage, humility, etc. Too few are healed and delivered in the church because of wrong doctrines and lack of sound teaching to converts that prepares them for facing the world, the devil and their fleshly concerns. Many have been faithful, but just as many have not, which has left My sheep scattered on the high hills of the earth for having been maligned and misunderstood and unloved.

I desire to pour out MY LOVE on all flesh and to grant grace to anyone who will receive it. I am a Restorer and a Repairer of the breech and that is who I have called YOU to be! Think how you were when you first came to Christ.
Think of the mess you were in. Grant to everyone around you the same grace
I HAVE GIVEN TO YOU! Do not disdain the poor and unlovely. But grant love to people who don't deserve it, and it changes things! I changed you in the same way. I am the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

As I come and do My great work in your midst, amidst the turmoil and troubles of these times, remember MY GREAT GRACE granted to you and give to others that same grace. There are two kinds you are to dispense.
There is the grace that is undeserved mercy and there is the grace that is MY POWER to heal and cleanse, and deliver. If you will give the first, you will be able to give the second kind."

1 John 4:19 AMP We love Him, because He first loved us.

Eph 4:22-24 NIV You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; 23 to be made new in the attitude of your minds; 24 and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

Prov 3:3 AMP Let not mercy and kindness [shutting out all hatred and selfishness] and truth [shutting out all deliberate hypocrisy or falsehood] forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them upon the tablet of your heart. [Col 3:9-12.]

Gal 5:13 AMP For you, brethren, were [indeed] called to freedom; only [do not let your] freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse [for selfishness], but through love you should serve one another.

Phil 2:3 AMP Do nothing from factional motives [through contentiousness, strife, selfishness, or for unworthy ends] or prompted by conceit and empty arrogance. Instead, in the true spirit of humility (lowliness of mind) let each regard the others as better than and superior to himself [thinking more highly of one another than you do of yourselves].

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Phil 3:8 AMP Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed one),

"In My hand oh Western church I have a cup. I have a cup of wrath for those who are wicked and unchanging, and I have a cup for those whose hearts want to be changed. I drank from My Father's cup the cup of suffering. I PAID THE PRICE so that you could be free from the law of sin and death. But I never said you would be free from suffering for the sake of My name did I ? Am I so worthless, and the sacrifice of My Son so cheap, that you are unwilling to pay the cost for the power that you so want?

Certainly My hand is not too short to strengthen. But will you drink from MY CUP. Will you drink My blood and eat My flesh as I asked My disciples to do?
Or will you be like those who left after I said that ? Will you be the ones to deny ME when the going gets rough. I ask because I want you to think about what I have said, not to focus on man's teachings, but MY TEACHINGS. Will you eat My flesh ? Will you drink My blood ? Or will you cling to your own life. I told you that if you seek to SAVE your life, you will lose it ? I told you that what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his soul ? I told you that a man's life does not consist in what he owns. I told you to store up in heaven blessings, not here on earth where thieves can break in and steal it. I told you to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

But you are not willing oh Bride to let go of your things. Many of you have not turned your belongings over to ME. You want me, but you also want your homes, your cars, your fancy clothes and earrings. You cling to worthless idols of entertainment and extra cars, and extra homes, and all manner of THINGS that fade away in eternity. I also told you that the heart is willing but the flesh is weak. So I KNOW how hard it is for you to give up things.

So I MUST take away what is robbing you of the fullness of your inheritance, if you truly say, I LOVE YOU, and surrender to ME, then what you have is not your own. You are bought and paid for with a very costly price…the blood and suffering of My Son. I said the words but many do not believe My words. I said that he who leaves country, home, wife or children for the sake of My KINGDOM will inherit the Kingdom of heaven.

Oh WESTERN BRIDE you are filled to the full with advantages, but devoid of understanding and self denial. You are full of selfish ambition, pride, arrogance, presumption, greed, selfishness and contempt for the poor & tormented, and you do not realize that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. What will I do with you ? FAITHLESS generation who walks in complacency and apathy to the needs of others while the world around you languishes. Indeed the very thing you have feared is coming upon you. For you have been heartless to My prophets and you have spurned My Holy Word, and walk not in holiness, but in adulteries beyond imagination.

How can I oh church allow you to continue misleading My flocks ? You have carried your harlotries and greed to the ends of the earth. You have polluted the streams of My church and neglected My gardens. You have stored up riches for yourself in these end times, and you do not give to the widow, the poor and handicapped. You are not willing to separate the precious from the vile in your own lives. So I WILL COME and I WILL make changes that will catapult you into the TRUTH of who you are to be. Many will fight against the goads and be unwilling to accept My chastisement. But you know that a good Father, chastises His children. A GOOD FATHER does what is best, despite how much it may hurt.

I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END! I KNOW THE END FROM THE BEGINNING AND I KNEW THE DECISIONS YOU WOULD MAKE BEFORE YOU MADE THEM. I AM IN CONTROL. I AM GOD, and YOU ARE NOT! You say you want APOSTOLIC power, yet are you willing to be as the apostles were ? Are you willing to drink the cup Paul had to drink ? I am coming to offer the cup of fellowship in My sufferings. To him who overcomes, I will give the keys to the Kingdom.

I am willing to offer all your heart desires of My kind of prosperity of SOUL. I said your body will prosper even as your soul prospers. I said that if you loved ME, you would OBEY ME. NO man can serve two masters. He either loves the one but despises the other. Choose this day whom you will serve I spoke through Joshua. And now I speak to YOU OH WESTERN BRIDE. TIME IS AT HAND. You must choose the cup I offer you, or you will be sadly disillusioned in the days to come. KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU and only want the BEST for you, which is eternity with ME. You are strangers here. But you will no longer be strangers to ME or to sharing in My suffering. "

2 Cor 11:23-30 AMP Are they [ministering] servants of Christ (the Messiah)? I am talking like one beside himself, [but] I am more, with far more extensive and abundant labors, with far more imprisonments, [beaten] with countless stripes, and frequently [at the point of] death. 24 five times I received from [the hands of] the Jews forty [lashes all] but one; [Deut 25:3.] 25 three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. three times I have been aboard a ship wrecked at sea; a [whole] night and a day I have spent [adrift] on the deep;

26 Many times on journeys, [exposed to] perils from rivers, perils from bandits, perils from [my own] nation, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the desert places, perils in the sea, perils from those posing as believers [but destitute of Christian knowledge and piety]; 27 In toil and hardship, watching often [through sleepless nights], in hunger and thirst, frequently driven to fasting by want, in cold and exposure and lack of clothing. 28 And besides those things that are without, there is the daily [inescapable pressure] of my care and anxiety for all the churches!
29 Who is weak, and I do not feel [his] weakness? Who is made to stumble and fall and have his faith hurt, and I am not on fire [with sorrow or indignation]? 30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that [show] my infirmity [of the things by which I am made weak and contemptible in the eyes of my opponents].

Ecclesiastes 9:1-2 NLT This, too, I carefully explored: Even though the actions of godly and wise people are in God's hands, no one knows whether or not God will show them favor in this life.

Zeph 1:12-18 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.' 13 Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. They will build houses but not live in them; they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine.
14 "The great day of the LORD is near- near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, 16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. 17 I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth."

Rev 2:18-3:1- The Corrupt Church "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: 19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. 20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Ps 75:8 NIV In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices ; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.

Isa 51:17-18 NKJV God's Fury Removed
Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, and drained it out. 18 There is no one to guide her Among all the sons she has brought forth

Isa 51:17-23 NIV Awake, awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes men stagger. 18 Of all the sons she bore there was none to guide her; of all the sons she reared there was none to take her by the hand. 19 These double calamities have come upon you — who can comfort you? — ruin and destruction, famine and sword — who can console you? 20 Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of every street, like antelope caught in a net. They are filled with the wrath of the LORD and the rebuke of your God.
21 Therefore hear this, you afflicted one, made drunk, but not with wine. 22 This is what your Sovereign LORD says, your God, who defends his people: "See, I have taken out of your hand the cup that made you stagger; from that cup, the goblet of my wrath, you will never drink again. 23 I will put it into the hands of your tormentors, who said to you, 'Fall prostrate that we may walk over you. 'And you made your back like the ground, like a street to be walked over."

Disqualified

Don Walker

"Do you not know that that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. And everyone who competes in the games exercises self control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."

(I Corinthians 9:24-27)

The apostle Paul admitted that being disqualified from his apostolic call was a distinct possibility that caused him real trepidation. He saw as tragic the failure to fulfill the call of God on one's life and to miss the purpose for which they had been created. The word "disqualified" is the Greek word "adokimos," which can be translated as "castaway" or "rejected." In context, it conveys the idea of being "unworthy of the prize."

In this his first epistle to the Corinthians, Paul uses two metaphors – sports and history – to express his message that the fulfillment of God's call on our lives is conditional. His first analogy from the sports arena is that of a runner who competes to win. His second is that of a boxer who fights with purpose. His point being that the goal is not merely participation but winning. And winning can only be achieved through discipline and concentration. Paul's exhortation to us is that we must not approach our vocational calling as mere joggers or shadow boxers, but as athletes determined to "go for the gold." To do anything less will inevitably disqualify us.

The second metaphor is in chapter ten, and it is the historical example of the nation of Israel in the exodus. Paul highlights that what happened to them in the wilderness was intended to instruct us and serve as an example of what we ought not do. Paul makes the point that though Israel had come out of Egypt they never took possession of the Promised Land. To use another sports metaphor we could say, "they failed to go the distance."

Israel's shortcomings in the wilderness are a paradigm for how to come short of your calling. We should learn from the mistakes of the past. Unfortunately as the philosopher Hegel observed, "The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history."

Paul identifies five areas that lead to Israel's disqualification from the Promised Land. These are five problem areas that we must take heed of as well. If we fail to take seriously these warnings, we too, will find ourselves disqualified. It is not my intent to present an exposition of this passage. I simply want to point out the areas that Paul warns us are "danger zones."

The first disqualifier was that Israel "craved evil things" (I Cor. 10:6). Israel got out of Egypt, but Egypt was still in them. They, like Lot's wife, were looking back to what they had left. In Scripture, we see

Egypt as representing the world system. If we are continuing to look back at the things of this world we will find reason to go back. For example, this was the apparent case of Demas, who was part of Paul's apostolic company (II Tim. 4:10).

The second disqualifier on the list is idolatry (I Cor.10:7). Even though we may not be bowing down to worship an idol of stone, we may still be ensnared by idolatry. Paul equates idolatry with coveting (Ephes. 5:5), therefore the application to us is a reality. The idea of idolatry involves placing something above the Creator. Let us not overlook our own capacity for such a thing.

The third disqualifier is sexual immorality (I Cor. 10:8). We all know that there have been many leaders that have succumbed to this sin. We see this in the Scriptures and we have likely witnessed it among our own friends and fellow laborers. The opportunities to fall in this area seem to ever be before us. As Paul warns the Corinthian believers, "He who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (I Cor. 10:12). Men, mightier in the spirit than myself, have fallen to sexual temptation.

The fourth and fifth disqualifiers are closely related: to test God and to grumble against Him (I Cor. 10:9-10). The testing of God that is referred to is found in Numbers 21:5-6. Here the Israelites spoke against God and against Moses, who was God's appointed leader. They said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Israel tested God by demanding a better provision and an easier course than what God had designed. In their grumbling against God, they revealed an attitude of ingratitude. This is the first step toward even greater wickedness. It is the beginning of man's downward descent (see Rom. 1:21).

The call of God upon our lives is holy and conditional. Heaven and eternal life are free gifts granted to us by God's grace and made possible by the atoning death and resurrection of Christ. But our fulfilling of the destiny that God has for us is dependent upon our faith and obedience (see Heb. 4:1-13). Let us not fail to take our "promised land."

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Distraction
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DISTRACTION
You have a divided heart. Many responsibilities pull and tug and demand your attention. Only one will do. And that is to follow Me.

You have yet to understand what it means to cast your care upon Me. My burden is light and easy when you are yoked with Me. For two oxen at a plow divide the load and neither feel the true weight of the whole burden. But, ensnared by the tangled cares, you have forgotten your resting place. It's that place where you bring all that divides your time and energy back to Me. It's where you allow Me My place by your side, helping divide your load and partnering with you to get the job done.

Bring your responsibilities back to Me and let us rearrange your priorities. Together we will divide the load and not your heart. Together, in one mind, one purpose, we will get the job done and you will find joy and energy in the process.

(Luke 10:41-42 KJV)
"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" "

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Lost And Found Rappin' Them In
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LOST AND FOUND: RAPPIN' THEM IN
knocked Down but not Out,
they're Up and At em'.
they're a Standin' in the Power
of My Second Adam.

so Come on People
tAke your Stand
as we Watch My Sons
beCome a Man.

growin Up, standin' Strong
as they Chew strong mEat.
comin' Round the Bend
having Faced deFeat.

they Stand once aGain
Dead to the old Man.
with Knees conFirmed
saying, "YES they Can."

they've Learned that their Flesh
is Strivin' and unRest.
having Reaped the Seeds
of deMonic Pests.

they beGin once aGain
saying, "This is eNough!"
"let's Get a Movin
and Doin' His Stuff."

With Passion in their Souls
As the World keeps a Turnin'.
their Hearts are aFlamed
their Candles are Burnin'.

they're a Trusting Me
to reStore what they Lost.
having Faced their Losses
sUffered at great Costs.

I will Hold them Up
and Not let them Fall
if they Stay aBidin'
not Runnin' from their Call.

I Hear their Cries
I Hear their Groans
I See their Tears
I Feel their Moans.

I'm a Comin' to their Land
As United they do Stand.
They're Callin' out to Me.
United in their Pleas.

Yahoo! they're In
that Last great Race.
havin' Born the Heat
and Faced disGrace.

they're Not a stOppin'
they're Not a QUITtin'.
they're a Movin' On
in Shoes that are Fittin'.

those are Runnin Shoes
not Made by Man.
they're Shoed with Peace
yet enFlamed by My Fan.

My Power is There
to Keep them from desPair
I'm a Girding their Loins
and Tossing their Coins.

those Coins are a Sayin',
even While they're a Prayin'
Now IS the Time, it's Time for Change.
now Turn your Lives and Rearrange.

Pockets are Empty
the Trays are Full
The change is awaitin'
to be Cashed in the till.

DePosits are Made
they've Made the Grade.
the Tests were tAkin'
they were Not forSakin.

the Way is Paid
from the Great deLay.
now My Grace will make Up
for the Loss of Sup.

Pour out,
Fill em up.
Come on People,
Take your Sup.

Daddy's aWaitin
for the Dinner Bell.
He's Got somethin' Cookin
He's Stolen from Hell.

what Was your Right
will Be once More.
as it's Taken Back
>From that Horde.

Glory to His Name
You Wont be the Same.
As you Trust in Him
And Take on the Chin.

Press in, Move on,

Take your Ground.
Search for the Signs
in the Lost and Found.

Ya _ Boys,
Come on In.
Stand on the Front lines
Guard your Shins.
those Devils do Kick,
but You will WIN.
Yah.

Luke 15:8-10 NLT
"Or suppose a woman has ten valuable silver coins and loses one. Won't she light a lamp and look in every corner of the house and sweep every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors to rejoice with her because she has found her lost coin. In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents."

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Stuffing Causes Implosion
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STUFFING CAUSES IMPLOSION
I am pulling the stuffing out of you who are introverts. For years you have buried your responses and emotions to issues and not found a way to resolve them. Internalizing the pain has caused deep wounds of embedded anger and self rejection. This has nurtured soil ripe for disease which is a product of dis-ease in your body.

I cry over the wounds of My people and want them healed from the inside out. I want your bodies healthy even as your soul is. It is time to bring to Me each and everything that you have stuffed from years and years of internalizing pain, having born it yourselves. As I bring circumstances into your lives which draw these things to the surface, give them to Me to wash and cleanse. I will help you release them so you will be able to forgive others, forgive yourself and overcome the shame and rejection that has been attached to these miseries. Come My Beloved ones and release these to Me, lest you implode and lose your light.

1 Kings 19:9 NKJV
And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here , Elijah?"

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Your Daddy's Heart
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YOUR DADDY'S HEART
My dear child, I AM bringing you through a season where I will take the veil off your eyes and heart to see your Father's heart for you. I will open your understanding to see into My nature, and into the very heart of Who I AM. I have heard your cries for intimacy and have chosen to draw near to you. In so doing, I AM making Myself vulnerable to your acceptance and to your rejection. If you only understood I have made you in My image. Just as you open yourself up to share and reveal your own life with others, placing yourself at risk of rejection, so do I. Do you think that I AM too awesome to feel the pain of even one person's rejection? Think again. My love is infinite and long suffering and forgiving. I feel the pain of every child's deepest longings and only want to hold them in My arms of love.

Luke 13:34-35 NLT
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. And now look, your house is left to you empty. And you will never see me again until you say, 'Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

We are privileged to be alive and a part of His Body in these exciting times. Everything that can be shaken is being shaken and this is for the purpose of the Lord’s judgment upon His enemies, the principalities and powers that have held sway in families and nations for generations. It is time for the promises of God given to us to be manifested before our eyes, time for deliverance and release and healing to break forth. With this in mind, I want to share with you some insights from the book of Esther.

This book chronicles one of God’s amazing plans of deliverance for a whole group of people and we see that He begins to put things into place to pull off His plot long before anyone involved is aware of it – except, perhaps, for Mordecai, the man who had understanding of the times and what to do. Because of His revelation insight, he was able to encourage Esther to take up her place in the plan of God. He knew it was no accident that she was taken to the king’s palace or that she became queen. I want to say to you that the circumstances you find yourself in are no accident, but rather divine engineering for the forthcoming display of God’s glory. You may find yourself out of your comfort zone, isolated from family and friends and seemingly all alone in a dangerous place. Your eyes have been opened to the plots of the enemy concerning your family’s destruction and you have been on your face before God for a long time now, crying out for deliverance. You know that only God is able to turn your situation around; the help of man has proved useless time and again and your have trusted God to fulfill the promises He has given you concerning your loved ones and the situation you face, BUT as yet, you have not seen the fulfillment.

You have battled despair and disillusionment, choosing rather to stand with your father Abraham, who did not waver concerning the promise of God even when he considered the deadness of Sarah’s womb and his own age. In the face of all these things in the natural, he remained fully persuaded that what God promised He was also able to perform! You have fought off the whispers of the enemy that say God has forgotten you and chosen to believe in His faithfulness. You have fulfilled whatever He has shown you to do as far as repentance and dealing with sin in your own life goes. And still you wait for the word of His promise to become flesh in your life. Your heart wants to fail with the waiting but you hope on in faith.

I want to say to you that the place you have found yourself in is the first banquet Esther gave for the king in chapter 5. You have been seated across the table from your enemy. You have found it to be true that God does prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemy. He has fed you with revelation from His Word and you have been aware of His presence with you at this table. In fact, the only thing that has kept you sane has been keeping your eyes on His face throughout this long night. You have ministered to Him and served Him and waited upon Him with your worship, all the while sensing the presence of the enemy at this same table. Although he has presented himself as an angel of light, the king’s confidant and counselor, you have not been unaware of his schemes. The Spirit of wisdom and revelation has been ministering to you and you can see your enemy lying in wait for you. You understand that he doesn’t just want to ruffle your feathers; his intention is the annihilation of you and your family. You have wanted to lose your cool and blurt out the whole thing but the Holy Spirit has restrained you and cautioned you from Hebrews 10:36 that you need patience and endurance to fully accomplish the will of God so that you can enjoy to the full what He has promised. You know that there are still some things that need to be done before breakthrough. So you have endured the pride and gloating on your enemy’s face as he ate at your table, consuming of that which is yours and have tried to keep your eyes on things above until finally the banquet is over and your enemy has retired until his next appointment to torment you.

In the natural, things are not looking good. It seems the enemy is prospering in his plans against you. This is why I want you to look with me at what happened in-between the first and second banquet. It is only the space of 24 hours yet there is much going on in the spirit. Haman has left the table, full of himself and glowing with pride as to how far he has been able to maneuver himself into the king's inner circle, when he passes Mordecai at the gates, who refuses to show him any honor.

Mordecai represents the faithful intercessor and prayer warrior, crying out to God for intervention. This is a picture of you and your prayer for your situation and the lives of your loved ones. You have refused to give the enemy any glory or acknowledge his works and this has stirred up great anger towards you in the demonic realm. Every time you have seen the enemy as he has passed by, you have refused to bow to him but instead have declared the promises of God and prophesied over your situation that deliverance is coming. You have called things that are not as though they were and refused to budge from your position at the gates. You have been a faithful watchman and the enemy is now designing a gallows for you. He is plotting the destruction of the faithful prayer warriors at the king's gate BUT God is ALSO working under cover of darkness!

Esther may be having a sleepless night worrying over her situation in the palace but in another part of the palace God is keeping the king awake and bringing to remembrance Mordecai's faithfulness and loyalty which has gone unrewarded. I want to say to you, 'do not grow weary in well doing for in due season you will reap if you faint not'. Mordecai's due season of recognition and vindication had come! What Mordecai had done in the closet was about to be rewarded openly – and guess what? God was going to use Mordecai's enemy to bestow honor and reward upon him. Isaiah says that the sons of those who afflicted you will come bending low to you. We are entering a season when God is openly rewarding faithfulness in the prayer closet and He delights to honor His Mordecai's, those who have wept and cried and prayed for the cause of His people, those who have uncovered and defused the plots of the enemy.

He is going to take the plans of the enemy for his own promotion and turn them for your good and recompense. There is coming a release of royal garments and crowns to God's Mordecai's and He will cause your enemy to array you in them and to lead you openly before men, declaring you to be one of His jewels.

Malachi 3;16 says

A book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the Lord and thought on His name. And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I publicly declare them to be My jewels. And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him (Amp)

God delights to honor you because you have been faithful and have honored Him. The enemy has no option but to obey the command of the King of Kings. God will oppose and humiliate the proud through the device of his own suggestion. The place the enemy desires for himself is the one God has earmarked for you. Halleluyah! Nothing you have done in the secret of your prayer closet has gone unnoticed. All has been recorded in the Book of Remembrance and the season of recompense and reward is at hand.

You are not to worry about the enemy's gallows, which casts a shadow across your feet. If God is for you, who can be against you? All through the night between the first and second banquet, the Holy Spirit is working to bring you cause before the King. He is in the process of removing Shebna from his office (Isaiah 22) and replacing him with Eliakim, the faithful counselor. Haman is on his way out, he just has no idea of it yet and the humbling he will bring upon himself through his hatred for you.

Remember all through the night when the Israelites were camped at the edge of the Red Sea, the east wind blew. Then the sea opened up and a way of deliverance was in plain sight. The Israelites were so aware of their enemies beyond the cloud and they could not see what God was busy doing on their behalf. Esther had just spent a whole evening face to face with her enemy. I doubt she got any sleep but probably prayed all night, unaware that God was busy working on the king and getting things in place for a mighty deliverance. So you too can probably not see what God has put in place on your behalf. If you look in the natural your heart will fail you because it seems the enemy is spreading like a green tree in his native soil!

Before Passover the Jews couldn't see the effect the various plagues were having on Pharaoh. In fact, it seemed things were getting worse in the slavery department. If you feel the enemy tightening his noose around your neck, know the day of deliverance is at hand. God was working in secret dismantling Pharaoh's prideful heart and He knew exactly what final blow was needed to cause him to release God's people from bondage. Just as in the case of the Israelites, when God is dealing with your enemy, it will not come near you but you will only be a spectator as you witness the reward of the wicked (psalm 91). In fact, like Mordecai, you are going to end up seated in heavenly places having used your enemy as a footstool to mount your horse! You are going to be looking down on the head of your enemy as you walk in the honor and restitution that the Lord bestows upon you.

By the time the appointment for the second banquet arrives in your life, the enemy Haman will be brought, totally humiliated to the table only to be exposed for the diabolical murderer and liar he really is and to hear his sentence pronounced over him and be removed from your life! You do not have to fear that you are going into another cycle like the last one you have been in. Although the circumstances might look the same outwardly, this season is designed for the exposing and defeating of that which you have been warring in prayer. Esther's second banquet was very different from the first, the season of weeping is over and you shall be able to reap with songs of joy. Everything that the enemy has brought against you will be turned for your good. The season of having to sit and watch the enemy triumph over you is over. You are in a new day and the Lord is bringing righteous judgment upon the heads of your enemies!

Mordecai was promoted to the position Haman had previously held and was instrumental in issuing decrees from the King's palace with the king's authority to utterly annihilate every trace of the enemy's influence in the kingdom.

Esther 8:2
And the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman

You are going to be given freedom to rule in areas where the enemy has ruled for decades - you are entering a season of operating in the King's authority as never before, making declarations for deliverance using the Lord's seal of authority. You are going to rule over the house of your enemy, clothed in royal apparel because the Spirit of the Lord has anointed you to bring the good news to the poor and downtrodden – the anointing is here to break the yoke!

Psalm 110;3 *The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of your strength; rule then in the midst of your foes!*

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Divine Inheritance
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In this teaching titled Divine Inheritance*, we will define what divine inheritances are. Also we'll take a look at what mantles are. Then we'll discuss how we come into divine inheritances and how divine inheritances affect the generations to come.*

DIVINE INHERITANCES EXIST IN THE SPIRIT REALM

We often think of an inheritance as something physical such as a family heirloom, a sum of money or a piece of real estate that passes from one generation to the next when the benefactor dies. But there are spiritual inheritances as well as physical ones. We know that there is an inheritance in Christ because believers are joint heirs (Romans 8:17) and we've been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). In fact, this is the most important inheritance. But did you know that there are other inheritances, in fact, many inheritances that exist and are available to us in the spirit realm?

Listen! God is speaking about inheritances, divine inheritances, and He wants to release them to us! Specifically, I saw that today we are going to receive, as a church, a revelation about divine inheritances and that we will learn how to steward what God gives us for our children's children. This revelation came to me step by step as I pondered various scriptures and in particular **Psalm 139:16:** ***"Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them."*** God has ordained destiny for every human being before they are born (Psalm 139:16)! He has a plan, a purpose, a future and a hope for each of us. He has good works for us to accomplish. With this in mind, I began to seek the Lord and I asked Him several questions, such as:

So what happens when children die and never receive their inheritance? What happens to the inheritance that God ordained for them? What about an aborted baby? What happens to that child's inheritance?

What happens to the ones like Jack Coe, at 36 years of age in the prime of his ministry, who died? Did anyone ever receive the mantle of Jack Coe? And what about his inheritance?

What about the people that never reach the fullness of what God ordained for them or who never came to know Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior? Did God have a future and a hope for them? Does their inheritance become available in the spirit realm?

What happens in the spirit when people don't receive their inheritance? What happens to their inheritance in heaven?

The Lord responded to my questions with His question! "Their inheritances are available to you. Do you want them?" I thought, Well how many can I have? He said, "Well, if they had been born and if they had received Jesus, I would have given them a great university or I would have given them two continents, or I would have given them an international deliverance ministry. You can have that because their destiny is still available in the spirit realm."

So I have come to understand that we can receive many inheritances. With this revelation vividly impressed upon me, I'm collecting inheritances! Do you know what divine inheritance means? Acquiring somebody else's testimony -- their story becomes your story. What they saw God do through their life becomes a reality for you. When I think about collecting inheritances, I'm talking about believers collecting the testimonies of the works of the Lord in the lives of men and women over the last 2,000 years!

Also, when the Lord spoke to me about divine inheritances, I was prompted to question Him about mantles. Here's a brief portion of what He said to me: "Todd you don't need somebody else's mantle.

You have your own mantle." The Lord revealed to me, through this prophetic word, that we can receive many inheritances but we're usually only in the right position to receive around one mantle. Although sometimes God will give more than one mantle. (I have more than one mantle.)

MANTLES

When we receive a mantle, we're receiving from God an authority, a power, a gift and a call. Scripture tell us that Elisha, the prophet, had a "double portion" of the spirit of Elijah, which is, in fact, the mantle of Elijah (II Kings 2:9-14). Even Elisha didn't have many mantles. He had one double portion of the mantle of Elijah. As I said earlier, God is revealing that we can receive many inheritances but we usually do not receive more than one mantle.

I want to ask us two questions. The first is, when are mantles available? Let's take a look at II Kings 2:8-14. We see that Elisha asked (v. 9). This is a key. He asked for a hard thing, a double portion of the spirit of Elijah, the mantle of Elijah (vs. 9-10). After Elijah died, in the passing of Elijah into heaven, his mantle became available. So, in the passing of one generation, the time comes when a mantle becomes available. We can be like Elisha and ask for someone's mantle, even if it appears to be a "hard thing."

Now here's my second question: Where can mantles be found? We see with Elijah and Elisha that Elisha found Elijah's mantle because he would not leave Elijah's side (vs. 2, 4, and 6). Elisha persevered and stuck like glue to Elijah! The principle we need to see here is that mantles are found and then received when God sees that we earnestly desire His highest will, His highest plan for our lives. In other words, we're sticking like "crazy glue" to the Lord!

Also, where was the mantle of Elisha? It was where Elisha was buried! The mantle, that double portion, went to the grave with him. Get this! Scripture tells us that when a dead man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, that when his dead body touched the bones of Elisha, the anointing that was on his bones caused the dead man to come to life! Why? It happened because he touched the mantle of Elisha which was the double portion of the spirit of Elijah, residing upon Elisha's bones. Wow!

It's interesting to note that when Elisha died, no one asked for his mantle! I'd like you to keep this in mind as I share a vision with you. A young man told this to me over seven years ago. He was taken in a vision into a valley where he saw mantles, like the garment of Elisha in II Kings 2:8, of Smith Wigglesworth, Kathryn Kuhlman, Martin Luther, Moses, Abraham and others. He saw the mantles that were upon the lives of great men and women who were used by God throughout history. He saw numbers of mantles, further than his eyes could see. Many mantles were torn and some were barely even used, as if the owners had never even put them on! Other mantles were barely even tarnished or torn. The impact of this vision has remained with me to this day. Get ready!

There are times in the spirit when our mantle can get torn and tarnished. And there are times in the spirit when our garment doesn't fit anymore and by that I mean there is room for another mantle upon our life. We can ask for a mantle like Elisha did (II Kings 2:9) and God will give it if it's His will. As a matter of fact, Elijah invited Elisha to ask (v.9). However, there are times when we're not asking for a particular mantle and God will offer one of His choosing to us. I believe the offer comes when God sees that we desire Him passionately, above all else.

In my life, the first mantle the Lord placed upon my life was an evangelist's mantle. I put that on, and I was faithful with it, and I grew into my mantle. About two years later, God came along and He had a new mantle for me to wear. He said, "Do you like this one?" I said, "Yes, I like that. What is it Lord?" He said, "It's a prophet's mantle." I remember when I tried it on it didn't fit right at first. I wasn't quite comfortable with my new identity because I was an evangelist and my identity was in the evangelistic mantle. But God said, "I want you to try this one on." Sometimes when we wear something new, we wonder if it fits right. We can feel a little awkward in a new suit like we're "sticking out." "Wow! Hey, look at what's shown up on your life buddy!"

I had to get comfortable with the prophet mantle and now it fits really well, like a glove. And then God came along and He said, "Todd, I have a new mantle for you! Look at this one!" It was called the apostolic mantle. When I saw it, I said, "God, I don't want that one! I'll wear my evangelist's mantle, I'll wear my prophet's mantle, but please don't put that 'apostle-jacket' on me. It doesn't look right and it doesn't feel right! I was just getting comfortable in the prophet's mantle!"

It didn't take me long to surrender to the Lord and receive the apostolic mantle. I'm still growing into it. We grow into these things. The mantles will grow up with you! Remember when God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt? They were 40 years in the wilderness and they wore the same clothes and the same shoes for those 40 years. As they grew up, their clothes and shoes grew with them! So we're growing into our mantle. There are three mantles that God placed on my life and I can't say that they represent the mantle of Martin Luther or John G. Lake or anyone else because each one is my mantle. I believe that it's time for believers to put on a new mantle. God is going to place a new mantle upon many believers reading this teaching, and He's going to give us a revelation about divine inheritances, too!

INHERITING THE DESOLATE INHERITANCES

What did our forefathers leave us as an inheritance? On the surface, it looks like the answer is "nothing" because we really only have a faint memory about some of the revivals that went on 200 years ago. Also, how many ministries have fathered sons and daughters to continue their mandate and then pass it along as an inheritance to the next generation? There are some great evangelists who have a legacy, but do they have sons and daughters who have inherited the work of the ministry and then carried it through and passed it on to the next generation as an inheritance? I believe the Lord is going to release an anointing on certain believers for bringing restoration that will cause men and women to come into inheritances that have been lost for many generations.

Now let's turn to the book of **Isaiah 49: 8:** ***"Thus says the Lord, in an acceptable time I've heard you. In the day of salvation I've helped you. I will preserve you and give you as a covenant to the people to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate inheritances."*** Have you ever thought about inheriting the inheritances that have become desolate? The meaning is: lost inheritances. The Lord said, "Todd, I'm going to cause men and women to receive desolate heritages." The word heritages means inheritances.

Another scripture the Holy Spirit gave me was **Isaiah 58:12:** ***"Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In."*** A key phrase from this scripture is: foundations of many generations. Could there be a generation today that God entrusts with the foundations of generations in the past because those generations lost what God gave them? Can we rebuild that? Is it possible that we can come into the very inheritance that God was entrusting to past generations and that we can rebuild it today and possess it in our lifetime? I believe the answer is "Yes!" We could raise up the foundations of many generations! Great, great potential! Think about that!

The prophet Isaiah says in the above scripture that "you will be called the 'Repairer of the Breech' and 'The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.'" This means that there will be those who have an anointing for restoration and they will cause people to be restored to their path of destiny. Some of you who have gotten off track are saying, "God, please give me a prophetic sense of who I am and where I am going. What's my identity and my purpose, what's my future and my hope?"

The prophet Isaiah also spoke about the anointing to preach the good news, to heal and bind up the broken hearted and to give sight to the blind (Isaiah 61:1). [Jesus was the fulfillment of this prophecy. Luke 4:14-21).] We always stop at verse 3, but verse 4 has such an anointing on it: "And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations" (v. 4). God is saying: "I'm looking for history makers, and I'm going to entrust former desolations to a generation of men and women today that want to inherit what became desolate in many generations before their time."

Listen: They shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. When I heard the heart of God on this matter, I stepped up and said, "God, I want to inherit, and I will 'step up to the plate' and inherit what has become a desolate heritage." I realized that what we live in today, our accomplishments today can only be as great as the mothers and fathers and the shoulders that we stand on. The momentum that we have in the spirit is a momentum of prior generations. The momentum that our children's children receive is the momentum of prior generations based on how faithful we are to what we inherit in this generation from those that have gone before us. So it's like a compound blessing.

GENERATIONAL BLESSING & INHERITANCE

I want to give my natural and spiritual children an inheritance from me in which the spiritual stature that I have matured into is where they start. The sons that have come under my ministry and the anointing of Fresh Fire today will start their ministry from day one at the level that took me seven years to learn how to build. They will never preach like I did in churches of 20 or 50 people because from day one they will be crusade evangelists. There are evangelists today that have come into our ministry, who have been in the ministry six months and their itinerary is full for an entire year and they've never ministered in a meeting smaller than 500 people. Why? They associated with my inheritance. Now they come into what my influence is and they start their ministry in the same circles of influence that I have, rather than from the bottom up. It's sad that many fathers of the faith don't want to bring sons and daughters in on the level where they are functioning. We need to think differently!

God always thinks in terms of the generations that are to come. And God thinks from the beginning to the end and everything in between at the same time. God is already thinking about our children's children. Why don't we? We live for the now. Everything we make we spend. By the time we're finished, there's nothing for the kids -- we're not leaving an inheritance. We're not thinking "generations" and we're not considering generational blessings and inheritances. Here's how we think: When God gives us a prophetic word, we think about it in the context of our life and ministry and how we're going to see this word come to pass in our lives and ministries. We don't think about it in terms of making our dreams and visions available to our children's children. We think about it in the context of, "Look what God gave me!" That's the way most of the church thinks, too. They haven't left much for the up-coming generation.

So the younger people come into the church and mostly all they find is religion and tradition. They understand that this isn't the way it should be, and so they're trying to find their own way. They're struggling through because there are very few good examples of fathers today. But I want to store up an inheritance for my children's children so that when they step into the destiny of the Holy Ghost, they step into the same stature that I walk in today. They start with that. That's the only way we're going to go on and take the Promised Land. It's like their floor begins where my ceiling is. We need a new mindset!

Also we need to change our thinking in the area of God's timing. Here is a scripture verse that describes how God thinks. ***"He remembers His covenant forever, the word which He commanded, for a thousand generations"*** **(Psalm 105:8).** When God gives the word, He thinks about the word that He gives us in the context of a thousand generations. However, when we receive a prophetic word and dream, we get excited about it and can hardly wait for it to come to pass! Even if we lived until 120 years of age, does the dream and vision die with that person when they die? What if they never did see the fulfillment of the dream or promise? Can it become my dream? Can it become my children's dream and my children's, children's, children's, children's, up to a thousand generations?

How many of us have been excited about a prophetic word over our church? But at some point there is transition, the original leaders are gone, and the church dies. So when that happens it looks like the prophetic word is gone, too. Or God gives a word over a city and we think, Oh, God, we've been waiting 50 years to do what You promised to do in our city. Most people never step into the prophetic word after the one who originally received the word dies or the church or ministry isn't operating anymore, because we don't think in terms of generations.

We don't understand how the promise of God can be inherited even up to a thousand generations. So, here's what I'm doing: As I said earlier, I'm looking for inheritances! For instance, I'm trying to find prophecies that Smith Wigglesworth gave so I can claim them for me, even though all the people he gave them to are dead and he's dead. But guess what? The prophetic word is not dead. God has given various powerful prophetic words hundreds of years ago. All the people involved in that word aren't alive anymore. But that word still stands, waiting for a believer to find the old tape or manuscript and say, "Oh, God, this one is 300 years old, and I haven't seen it come to pass. I want to start living for this inheritance because everyone involved with that word is no longer alive to inherit it."

God is looking for those who are ready to stand up and say, "God, please give me the inheritance of generations that have become desolate." So I want us to think in terms of a thousand generations because when the prophetic word comes, it's good for a thousand generations. Even if God gives me a prophetic word and, God forbid, I'm cut short in my prime, somebody needs to step up and take all my dreams and promises and continue on. And then even when they are dead and their children's children are dead, if someone doesn't know what God has promised me, then 500 years down the road that promise is forgotten and nobody inherits it and it's just available in the spirit realm. Think about that! This is deep stuff.

We usually think in terms of words that have come in the last 20 or 30 years. In fact, a generation is considered to be 30 years but what about the words that have come when a nation was formed? We can inherit those prophetic words today. God hasn't forgotten. His word is good for a thousand generations. ***"The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations"*** **(Psalm 33:11).** God thinks in terms of the generations. When God spoke to Abraham He saw Isaac. When God spoke to Isaac, He saw Jacob, and when He spoke to Jacob, He saw Joseph. When God saw Joseph, He saw you and me because all the families of the earth are blessed in Abraham.

So when God spoke to Abraham, it wasn't just a word to Abraham; it wasn't just a word to Isaac when God spoke to him; it wasn't only Jacob's word, it was our word, too. That means that we can inherit today the same dreams and visions that God promised Abraham thousands of years earlier. This means that when God said to Abraham, "And I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3) that all the families of the earth would be blessed. It was like God was saying that He wanted to bless the generations to come in the exact same way that He was blessing Abraham. Abraham was blessed!

There is a rich spiritual inheritance in Abraham! The first eight verses of Psalms 78 describe this generational mindset. Let's take a look at a few of these verses:
"For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; that the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children." **Psalm 78:5, 6**
At 29 years of age I'm thinking about my life, ministry and what I'm building, but I'm already thinking about my children's children and what kind of inheritance I can leave them. I have a responsibility to these upcoming generations. The Bible says when God moves, He moves throughout the generations to a thousand generations (Psalm 105:8)!

Having said that, it's the set time to start researching and reading some of the dreams and visions that God has promised. Ministries, cities and nations are sitting on inheritances. The plans and the counsel of the Lord stand for all generations (Psalm 33:11). And so when we uncover what God has promised, that inheritance could become ours and we could start a new legacy from that day forward that will affect our children's children. We can inherit someone else's prophetic word, dream or vision! Hallelujah!

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Seven Giants In The Land
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In Seven Giants in the Land*, we'll learn how to embrace the promises of God and walk in faith as we gain the Lord's perspective concerning the giants in the land. We'll examine seven* *giants/strongholds such as oppression/condemnation, compromise, materialism, fear, immorality, pride, and rebellion and we'll discover how to overcome these giants.*

I want to ask you to join with me in prayer so that we can position ourselves in an attitude of worship before the Lord as we begin this week's teaching.
God, today we ask for a breakthrough in the heavenly realm in the area of prophetic destiny. Father, I'm asking in the name of Jesus for a tearing down of the demonic strongholds and mindsets that are in opposition to Your promises. We want to expose and then break the demonic opposition, stronghold, and mindset of the enemy to keep us from inheriting the land of promise. So I am asking You to come, Holy Spirit. Anoint us with revelation and the power of God so that we can destroy every scheme and tactic of the devil that wants to keep us from what You promised in Your Word and what You promised us out of the mouths of the prophets. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WALKING INTO THE PROMISED LAND

The Promised Land is our inheritance, our prophetic destiny. It's what God has promised us in His word and what He has spoken to us through the mouths of the prophets. I believe that we are crossing the waters of the Jordan River (Joshua 3) and we are saying in our hearts, "God, I want to take the land! I want the Promised Land."

The Bible is full of God's promises and we want to inherit the land of God's promise -- the milk, the honey, the fruitfulness, and the abundance that God has for us. Many believers have tapes of what God has promised them through the mouth of prophets, as well as personal promises and rhema words that have come from God's mouth. I know that many of you have visions, dreams, revelations, and prophetic words that were given to you by the Holy Spirit. However, many of the words have not yet come to pass. I believe that many believers have been waiting and asking, "Father, when am I going to have that promise? When are You going to do what You promised our church, Father?"

Have you ever asked God, "How am I going to receive Your promises?" That's what I want to "nail on the head" in this teaching. I believe that there is a demonic strategy to keep us from entering the Promised Land and God wants to show us how to overcome. There are schemes and tactics of the devil to oppose and hinder us from entering into everything that God has for us. We need to take back the land that the enemy has taken from us.

So what does the Promised Land look like? When the Lord wanted Moses and the nation of Israel to enter the Promised Land (Canaan), He told Moses to make plans to send a leader from each of the 12 tribes to spy out the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:2). Listen: Many of us have been spying out the land! You know what the land looks like? REVIVAL! I believe that we're crossing the waters of the Jordan River and in our hearts there is a militancy that the Holy Spirit is releasing upon us. The kingdom of heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force (Matthew 11:12).

So let's take a look at what the twelve spies faced after they were commissioned to spy out the land: "And they went up through the South and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)" (Numbers 13:22). They proceeded to Hebron and they saw that the whole area was overtaken by giants, the descendants of Anak. These giants walked in such great darkness that they possessed substantial demonic authority that strengthened the principalities and powers over that region.

"DO NOT FEAR THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND, FOR THEY ARE OUR BREAD"

Before we discuss these giants in more detail I want to say that there was a whole spiritual dynamic operating over Hebron. Because of the giants' wicked influence, this place was a stronghold for demonic oppression and, in fact, even today there is intense spiritual warfare over this city and region. Hebron actually means the city of four and "seat of association."

Now another interesting point about Hebron is this -- it's where the patriarchs and the past history makers were buried -- Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Leah. That's where the past revivalists, the godly seed and the godly inheritance were buried. In the very place where there was revival and the very place in history where the Holy Spirit came and moved in revival, we have even today, a stronghold in that city and region. At one time it was vibrant and alive with the power and fire of the Holy Ghost. Now it's dead, it's in sin and it's darker than it was 100 years ago. The devil wants to have a stronghold in the place where God previously poured out his Spirit, and in the future will pour out his Spirit again!

So when the spies entered this area, instead of breaking through spiritually and remembering that God promised them the land (of Canaan -- Numbers 13:2), they came under the existing demonic strongholds. All but two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, became completely intimidated by the giants' huge stature. So when they returned home, ten of the spies gave a very convincing bad report (Numbers 13:25-33). So all the people rebelled and wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 14:1-10). Woe! Unfortunately, ten of the spies forgot how big God is and so they became deceived and believed that they could not overcome the enemy. WRONG! The enemy won that particular battle without laying one finger on the emerging nation of Israel. Talk about a battle for their minds!

The ten spies were judged by God and died immediately from a plague (Numbers 14:37). And the whole generation that listened and believed the bad report ended up dying in their unbelief as they wandered for 40 years in the wilderness. It's also interesting to see that their children lived to inherit the Promised Land and did not get into unbelief like their parents, but they suffered for their parents' unfaithfulness (Numbers 14:31-33).
Then Caleb, 85 years old and as strong as an ox (Joshua 14:11), went to battle against the giants a generation later after receiving Hebron as his inheritance (Joshua 14:12-14). Years later, David, a mere lad, prevailed against the giant Goliath and literally cut off his head (I Samuel 17:49-51). Hebron was the place where David was anointed king over Israel (II Samuel 5:3).

Here we are, hundreds of generations later, dealing with the same kind of strongholds, the same demonic tactics and strategies. The giants are the same! But let's take note of Joshua's counsel to the people: "Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them" (Numbers 14:9). Yes, the giants are there but they are our bread! Bread is something we eat almost every single day! Listen: There will be giants set up to oppose God's will for our lives, but they will be bread for us, consumed by the power of God, if we trust in the Lord and do not fear the enemy. Going forward in faith and believing what God has spoken into our hearts will empower us to successfully walk into the promised land.

WITH THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE WE CAN OVERCOME

We're ready now to take a look at the enemies of God's promise, Anak and his descendants (Numbers 13:22). *Anak means to choke and to strangle as if strangling someone with a necklace.* The devil wants to choke out, strangle, and suffocate the promise of God; often by a slow process. King Solomon said, "Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish . . . " (Proverbs 29:18 AMP). The enemy wants to choke and strangle the vision. The devil just doesn't do it overnight. He's been working slowly on our mindsets every day since we were young children. Some believers carry mindsets into the kingdom that are opposing and blocking them from God's promise and God wants to set them free!

Now I want to share with you three tactics/schemes that Anak's descendants (Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai) planned to use against the children of Israel to choke and strangle God's promise to them. The enemy of our souls continues to use these same tactics in our lives.

1. *Ahiman* means *to block or hinder.* This stronghold wants to block and hinder the Holy One's plan and the Holy One's purpose.
2. *Sheshai* means *to whiten or white wash.* This stronghold wants to make something look like more than what it really is. Here's an example. A dirty, rusty, run down automobile has some paint thrown on it to make it look new when it isn't new at all.
3. *Talmai* means *to accumulate.* The devil wants us to be so busy accumulating material goods and getting so involved in the cares of this work and into entertainment that we don't have time for God's purposes and promise.

The enemy wants something on the outside to look good but, in reality, on the inside, it's full of dead man's bones, white washed tombs (Matthew 23:27). It's hypocrisy. These strongholds try to get us to settle for something that's not authentic. It's that "settle for this" attitude; no real life or motivation. Also there's an apathetic spirit operating that tries to color our thinking: "I guess this is what my lot in life is so let's not 'push the envelope.'" "If the Lord delights in us then He'll take us into the land." "If God wants to heal me, then He'll heal me." "God is sovereign and He does whatever He pleases so I'm not going to do anything."

If these strongholds succeed in deceiving us into settling for something that's not God's will, then ultimately we're abandoning God's real plan. And the strongholds are trying to get us to accumulate, and they are working with other giants to oppose and rob us from God's promise and to keep us from entering our prophetic destiny.

We can see historically that when the Israelites confronted their enemies in one generation (when they went in to take the Promised Land), they had to deal with them in another generation. And we're going to have to deal with these strongholds, too, when we take the land. We're going to have to go to "Hebron" ourselves and overcome not only the demonic strategies but also the mindsets that bring deception.

SEVEN GIANTS IN THE LAND

Also, God didn't say we have to fight these battles alone. When Moses told the children of Israel about the Promised Land, he said that God would "cast out" their enemies:
"When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you . . . " Deuteronomy 7:1 (Emphasis mine)
So let's examine four more enemies that the Israelites had to confront in order to enter into God's promises: the Jebusites, the Girgashites, the Canaanites, and Hittites. (Next week in Part 2 we'll take a look at three more strongholds -- the Perizzites, the Amorites, and the Hivites.)

1. *Jebusite* means *trodden down*.
2. This tribe represents those who are discouraged, overwhelmed and defeated. There is guilt, condemnation, shame, the spirit of heaviness and depression. "I can't get over my past. I am beaten down. I am tired, I am weak. I am trodden down. It's like a heavy cloud on me." We need to overcome the power of condemnation, shame, and the feeling of guilt over what we've done in the past. The devil wants to overwhelm us, discourage us, and continually accuse us so that no matter how many times we ask God for forgiveness, we still feel condemnation.
3. Remember, the spies gave a bad report based on their wrong perspective. "There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight" (Numbers 13:33).
4. Yes, the giants were big, but God is bigger and they forgot this. So often we become overwhelmed and defeated because we can't see how God is going to get us from point A to point B and the vision is too big. "I don't understand how God is ever going to fulfill what He promised me." "You don't understand where I am, God, what I've been through, how much debt I have, God, and how much trauma I have in my life." "You don't understand who I am right now in my circumstances. How am I ever going to step into what the prophet said about me?" "The vision in the spiritual realm is much bigger than I am in the natural. I don't know how God is going to get it done so I might as well give up."
5. God knows that when we have no vision, we'll perish (Proverbs 29:18). So He wants to impart vision. He wants to show us the Promised Land but, because of our mindset, we can't envision God's promises being accomplished in our imagination and dreams. The idea is too big. We're defeated because of perspective -- because we're like "grasshoppers" in our own eyes. As a man thinks in his own heart, so he is (Proverbs 23:7). "I don't think I can ever prophesy or heal the sick. I'm not worthy. I want the call and the ministry that God has promised me but . . . " But, but, but, but! And we're defeated and trodden down. Hope deferred has made the heart sick

(Proverbs 13:12). But we can do what God said we can do!

6. Maybe some of us know that there was a time that God wanted to use us, but now the years have passed by and we didn't step up to the plate. So, now we think God is finished with us and the devil is right there saying, "That's right. He's done with you. He's passed you by. You're never going to be what He's promised. You can never get there. Look at you. Look at your circumstances." He has some of us locked into a defeated mindset because in the natural we can't grasp what God said in the spirit. We're so overwhelmed with all the cards stacked against us.
7. Due to my past, everything was against me! I was the last man that you would pick on your team! The last man you would ever have believed God would use to shake nations and reach tens of thousands with the gospel would be me! Nothing in the natural qualified me! Today pastors don't understand it! They love it, but they don't understand it! I was 21 years old and saved not even four years when I came into the ministry. That doesn't make sense to the natural mind. But I laid on my bed at night and I saw myself preaching in stadiums and giving altar calls. I saw people coming to Jesus and I did the miracles on my bed in my mind's eyes. In my imagination my perspective changed. Our perspective is so important!
8. Prophets had called me out and prophesied over me saying that I would reach the multitudes like Billy Graham did. "You are going to have an anointing like Benny Hinn for miracles, signs, and wonders." In the natural it is impossible, but here I am today preaching in many nations around the word. Within the next six months, Lord willing, FFM will facilitate 10 crusades in six different nations! Today God entrusts our ministry with millions of dollars for mission projects. Business men have stepped in and helped to pay for whole crusades that cost $50,000 or more. God has done it because he helped me not to let a "Jebusite perspective" of condemnation (based on the man that I was before I was saved) keep me from what God wanted to accomplish. I said, "Devil, I may not know how it's going to get done in the natural realm, but I have God's sure word from heaven!"
9. *Girgashite* means *the dwellers of the clay, the dwellers of the marsh, compromise or living in the grey areas*.
10. Revelation 3:15 speaks about compromise: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot." *Compromise* in Webster's Dictionary means something midway. God said that if we are neither hot nor cold then He would vomit us out of His mouth (v. 16). We can't be in between; we must be either hot or cold. Compromise, discouragement, and condemnation work together. If the devil can't draw you into condemnation, discouragement, guilt or shame, then he'll try to trap you with compromise.
11. Here are some lies that involve compromise: "You don't need to be as radical and fanatical and extreme as they are. Just kind of keep it steady between you and the Lord. You don't want to offend anybody. Let's just kind of keep it quiet." If we compromise just a little here and there, suddenly we'll find ourselves far removed from what God intended for us. We need to be hot. It's either hot or nothing! If we're not hot Christians then what are we? You know when a person is on fire!
12. The devil doesn't want you to have passion. The opposite of passion is apathy. So he is going to do everything he can to get you to sin because sin robs our passion for God. Here are some of the devil's schemes: "Have a little pleasure. Don't be in complete sin." "Don't be so extreme and on fire." "Calm down a little bit and don't be such a Jesus freak." "Keep the faith but keep the flame small. You don't have to go out there and tell anyone about Jesus." "You can watch this." "It's a whole lot easier to live as a Christian in the grey areas than to live as an extreme, radical, sold out, totally abandoned, committed to Jesus Christ, burning and shining lamp."
13. When I was on the street preaching the gospel, sometimes Christians would come by and say, "I'm already saved, thank you." Or, "Listen, I've been a Christian for 20 years, thank you very much. It's guys like you who give us a bad name, trying to tell us about Jesus." "Come on now. If God wants to save somebody, He's big enough to do it. He doesn't need us running out in the streets and embarrassing ourselves." "Keep it down! You're talking too loud about Jesus in the restaurant! We don't want to disturb the rest of the people. They're paying to eat here, too." "If they wanted to hear about Jesus, they would come to church and if they wanted to hear about Jesus, they would come and ask you. So keep it down. If you keep talking so loud about God, I'm leaving the restaurant!"
14. Are you embarrassed because of God? Has compromise taken hold of your heart? Are you as hot as you once were? Have you lost the lamp and the fire of your first love? Have you lowered

your standards and your convictions? If so, then how are you going to enter the promised land? Listen! The Girgashites got you!

15. *Canaanite* means *materialism*.
16. This is one of the greatest enemies today, especially in the western church. The spirit of covetousness will rob from us the promise of God. It says in Mathew 6:24, "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." We can't serve God and money. If we compromise and give up in our heart, defeated, feeling unworthy, then the Canaanite stronghold of materialism will come along and try to tempt us to accumulate as much paraphernalia and stuff as we can! And to pay for everything, the devil just gets us working seven days a week for 12 hours a day. Then there's no time for Jesus or our family! Materialism is about bigger toys and how much money is in the bank account.
17. Did you know that it doesn't take long before success in accumulating cash and possessions makes it harder for us to be generous? We falsely think that with more cash and possessions we'd be such big givers, but what do we do with the money that we accumulate? What would you do with a million dollars? Would you walk into the church and say, "Here's your hundred grand?" When the wealth and prestige increases (not that God doesn't use that), it's so easy to be deceived and keep telling ourselves that it's all for the kingdom. But in reality, most of the time, it isn't for the kingdom of God at all. That spirit of materialism gets us focused on accumulating cash and possessions, trying to work more to get ahead, but it's a trap.
18. *Hittites* means *fear*.
19. They were a fierce nation that brought terror and fear into the hearts of their enemies. One of the ways that the spirit of fear works against our destiny is insecurity. When Saul was chosen as the King of Israel and it was time for him to be presented to the people, he was afraid and so he hid by the baggage (I Samuel 10:22). Many of us can't step into the destiny that God has for us because of our baggage, insecurities, rejection issues, feelings of unworthiness, and because of our fears. "How am I ever going to get up in front of all those people and speak?" Maybe you have a fear of flying and you can't even get on a plane to go to the nations. Or maybe you're hiding in your past, you're hiding in your baggage, or you're hiding in your trauma.
20. In my life there was a time when I was fearful to be in the public eye in ministry because I feared that someone would dig into my past and pull out all of my "skeletons." So I didn't want to get too well known in the ministry and I said, "I don't want to get too far out there, God, because then the news and the media will talk about my past." (Politicians are just guys like you and me until they get into government, and then all of a sudden it's a big deal because they smoked a joint when they were a teenager.) As it turned out, national newspapers and television wrote and spoke about me, both the good and the bad.
21. Your fear might be a stuttering problem and you think that it's impossible to ever speak publicly into a microphone. Or fear could be holding you back from going into the ministry because of anxiety over finances and quitting your secure job and living by faith. "I don't know where the money is going to come from. It's so much easier having a secure wage." Or, "God, I know that You've called me to the nations but the real reason I'm not going is that I'm afraid of flying in an airplane and I'm afraid of trusting You." That's what fear will do. It will always challenge our trust in God. But we don't want to allow fear to be a barrier. God wants us to take steps of faith. If we're stuck in a fear mode, then the exploits that God wants to do through us to advance His Kingdom won't be accomplished. That's why God said several times: "Be strong and courageous, for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:6, 9; 11:6). He wanted to encourage Joshua and the people not to slip into fear. So often we are afraid. "Look at the people! Look at the fortified cities!" We tend to look at the bills and worry about how we're going to pay them. Or we get stuck in our insecurities.
22. God is commanding us to be strong and courageous! He wants us to be risk takers and get out of the boat and walk on the water! When God told me to quit my job because He was calling me into the nations, my first thought was this: *Who the heck knows who Todd Bentley is? I don't have any invitations. I don't even know how to get started. I don't have a ministry. I don't know how to go anywhere and where is my next pay check going to come from?* But I had to purpose within my heart and count the cost. Do I want God's will more than my fear? So I said, "God, I'm going to be a risk taker. I only live once. If this is really Your will for me then I will risk falling flat on my face." Don't let fear keep you back from apostolic anointing!
23. *Perizzite* means *opened and unwalled*.

24. This tribe was a roaming tribe that never bothered to secure their dwellings by building walls and cities. This open, unprotected existence represents a type of "spirit of immorality." We also call this spirit the "spirit of Babylon" which represents lust and immorality. Here's how the spirit of Babylon works: It tries to seduce. If we are led away, tempted, or enticed away from the call of God on our lives, our godly principles, or our conduct, then we've been seduced by the spirit of Babylon. This unholy spirit wants to seduce all of us, but especially our young men and women. It specializes in persuading us to forget our purpose and destiny, the promises of God, and our commission. Also, it tries to entice us with status, a name, reputation, wealth and materialism.
25. Let me give some examples. It really is true, "Pride comes before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). It's all too easy for even an older, mature man in ministry to give in to the lust for money and sexual immorality once he's been taken over and deceived by pride. A ministry can be destroyed almost overnight because of the power of lust. We hear sometimes of a pastor who slipped into sexual sin and the ministry he was entrusted with is over, just like that. God is merciful and the pastor can be restored eventually if the proper steps are taken, but everything that the ministry was coming into in the future will come into jeopardy. Also, similar temptations are there especially for young single men who travel by themselves in the ministry and don't keep themselves protected and accountable. Pornography is trying to lure all of us. This stronghold is after us on the internet, it's after us in the video store, and it's after us in magazines, to name a few.
26. Another tactic that the enemy will use is in the area of fantasy. Sometimes women fantasize about a relationship; they're waiting for that "prince." Kathryn Kuhlman just about threw away her whole ministry for a man. The relationship seemed to offer her everything that she needed in the natural, especially the emotional comfort. The guy was even a Christian in the ministry himself. But something happened to the anointing and God told her to cut off the relationship with this man. It wasn't even that she was in sexual sin.
27. Ungodly soul ties go hand in hand with acts of immorality. Men and women can mess up their lives by falling for the lie that they can date and dabble in a relationship until their right marriage partner comes along. "Well, it seems so right, God." But it's wrong and in the end it doesn't work out, and when you meet the one that is meant for you, there is unnecessary baggage, emotional pain, and bondage because of past relationships. I don't believe in dating in the kingdom of God! I believe we can ask the Lord, "What man is meant for me?" Or, "God, what woman is meant for me?" I believe that God has a marriage partner for you. And you don't need to "try before you buy." That's a dangerous game. There is no trying and buying in the kingdom of God -- let's see if I like this one or if I like that one. God has an Eve for you. God has an Adam for you. I say, "Wait for your mate!" And don't mess around with some other woman's husband and don't mess around with some other man's wife.
28. Don't let the devil destroy your promise because of temptation. "It's mutual, we're just friends. We can hang out at night at 3 a.m." The next thing that happens is that you're in sin, guilt, and condemnation. Then the devil rubs your face in it, and he begins to accuse you and then you don't even feel worthy to be what God said you should be. So you just give up and keep on sinning anyways because "I blew it already so I might as well keep on going." See how the spirit of Babylon works? If you fall down, don't let the devil keep kicking you! Get up! "Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; when I fall, I will arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord will be a light to me" (Micah 7:8). If you've blown it, make it right with the Lord and others. Then leave it behind, go on, be wise, and be on guard. Because the second tactic is that the enemy wants to keep us locked in guilt and condemnation for the damage we have done. But when you've made it right, you've made it right.
29. *Amorite* means *pride and rebellion, proud, boasting, bitter and rebels*.
30. The Amorites made their home in the thin air of the mountains. Amorite represents also *haughtiness, self-edification, unforgiveness*, and *self-righteous attitudes*. Now if the devil doesn't get us drawn into unforgiveness, bitterness, and rebellion, he'll try to get us into being self-righteous. "Well, I'm doing pretty well. I don't struggle with the same things that Bob or Sue struggle with. I don't know why you just can't get free of that problem that you've been struggling with for the past five years. I had no problem getting free." "How come you can't pray an hour a day? I pray two hours a day. You can't even get your life together and pray an hour a week? What's wrong with you?" And these self-righteous attitudes come up. I've come into moments of self-righteousness. We begin to accuse, judge, and criticize because we're feeling pretty good about how we're doing.

31. There are times when we feel pretty good when we've been doing all the right stuff! And even in that, we're in sin because we're feeling pretty self-righteous about how well we're doing! Before we know it, though, we find ourselves looking over at brother or sister so-and-so down the nose, and we're thinking, *What's your problem? I've only been saved five years. How come you're not getting it together by now? You've been walking with the Lord Jesus for 20 years!*
32. Self-righteousness comes from pride. Rebellion, unforgiveness, bitterness, and holding on to "issues" go hand in hand with pride, too. All of these areas just mentioned can be summed up like this: "You don't understand how much they hurt me. I can't let go of this." In the natural it seems right. There is injustice all over it in the natural. I know people that are kept from their prophetic promise and destiny and they will never come into what God has for them because they have a problem with leaders. "Well, I don't need to go to that church over there. That pastor doesn't even move in half the revelation that I move in so who does he think he is trying to speak into my life! He doesn't even know what he is talking about. I'm healing the sick. I'm out there doing the stuff. I'm casting out demons. God is using me in power. I am moving in the gifts of the spirit and I don't need to be in that church over there. I have way more than they have anyway. They are a dead church and I don't need to be there if they aren't going to let me do the stuff that I want to do, so I'm just going to do it over here. Who needs them anyway? I only need God's endorsement. I only need God's ordination."
33. Yes, we need God's endorsement and His ordination, but that's only a half truth. We need to be careful not to get into a spirit and attitude of rebellion with leaders -- apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists. If we do, we'll never go anywhere in what God has for us. We need to be accountable to people in authority and allow mature people and leaders to speak into our lives. As well, we need to be plugged into a church where God wants us to be. Otherwise we'll just do our own thing and get into pride and rebellion with an attitude that says, "Who do they think they are?"
34. *Hivites* means *lie openly*.
35. This tribe represents a type of the *spirit of humanism*. This spirit is represented as a serpent. Humanism is one of the strongest, if not the strongest, of all evil spirits at work in the world today. It is the exaltation of man (self-exaltation) to the place of God. This spirit manifests an attitude that says: "Let's forget about God and do it ourselves." Or "I'm getting tired of waiting for God to do what He said He was going to do. So if God doesn't get it done by this deadline, I'm going to go out here and I'm going to do it myself. I don't need God. I don't need anybody. I can just get it done myself."
36. The spirit of humanism is at work in the feminist movement today. I believe that women can take their position of authority and take their position in ministry and government. But the "feminist spirit" is the spirit of humanism that says, "Just forget about God and men! We're going to do this ourselves and if you get in our way then we are just going to run you over." This spirit, this attitude, is getting into the church. It's almost the spirit of Jezebel trying to exert itself into a place of authority through the feminist spirit and calling it "independence."
37. The spirit of humanism says, "I don't need God. Oh, that's good that you found a crutch, but I don't need something to lean on. I'm glad that you found something that helped you get off drugs and alcohol and gave you a purpose, that's good for you, but I don't need that. I'm doing fine myself. You're doing it that way and I'm doing it this way. We're both getting to the same place in the end." That's a bunch of baloney!
38. Remember, this spirit is shown in the form of a serpent and it's trying to keep us from God's promise and from our destiny. So let's look at Genesis 3:1. Here's how the spirit works: Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" Listen: For every prophetic promise, every prophetic destiny, and every promise from God's presence, the spirit of humanism is right there undermining God, saying, "Has God said?" This spirit casts doubt and suspicion, challenging the faithfulness of God and tries to brew mistrust. "Has God said? Was that really the word from God that you've been looking forward to for ten years?" It takes the place of God, exalting itself before God and coming alongside what God has promised saying "Has God said? Well if God said, then . . . ? Is that really what He meant?"
39. Soon we're tired, we're discouraged, and the kingdoms of this world just look so good. In this vulnerable condition, it's so much easier to compromise and live in the grey areas than to be an extreme, on fire, radical Christian, every day. It's so much easier just to slip on by and hope that one day we'll fly up into heaven. And we don't want to rock the boat as we go or push any

> envelopes along the way! *Let's just make it as best as we can; just me and Jesus.* Of course we know that this mindset is wrong! Jesus told His disciples to be wise as a serpent and harmless as doves (Matthew 10:16). The serpent may be cunning, but the Lord will freely give us wisdom and discernment so that we can possess His promises and enter the Promised Land.

BIG, BIG GOD!

Before closing I just sense that we need to honor the Lord by believing what He has spoken to us. Choosing to believe what God has promised is an act of faith. It means that we're taking steps forward into the center of God's will and closer to the Promised Land. It would be so unfortunate for anyone reading this teaching to shrink back into unbelief and fear. You know, the apostle Paul spoke wisely when he said:

"Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: 'For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him.' But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul." Hebrews 10:35-39

Keeping in mind the points that we have studied in this article, I want to invite you to examine your heart before the Lord. Take a look at where the enemy has been blocking and hindering God's promises from being fulfilled in your life. Are there areas of deception and white-washing? Are you gaining the victory over materialism, compromise, and fear? Do you know that the sins of your past are forgiven and forgotten by the Lord when they are confessed? Can you forgive yourself, too? Condemnation is not the children's bread -- the giants are our bread (Numbers 14:9)! So, I say, "LET'S EAT BREAD!"

With the right perspective, we can overcome the giants that are pitted against the fulfillment of God's promises in our lives! Last week we discovered how important it is to have the right mindset (the mind of Christ) or our perspective is wrong. We took a look at how the 10 spies negatively influenced the nation of Israel because their perception was off -- they forgot how powerful God is and, even worse, they didn't really believe His promise that they would inherit the Promised Land (Numbers 13 and 14).

Sometimes we look at those 10 spies as though they were "out of it!" After all, God recently parted the Red Sea and conquered the Egyptians on their nation's behalf. How could they have forgotten God's powerful hand of protection and deliverance? But you know, sometimes we need to point the finger at ourselves. We need to make a point of remembering all the times that the Lord has come into our circumstances with His powerful protection and deliverance. We actually honor the Lord when we believe and remember what He promises us. His words are forever true and He will help us overcome all obstacles in order to walk into those promises.

POSSESSING THE PROMISED LAND

To possess means *to seize, to get, to lay hold of, to grasp, to dispossess our enemies*. It means to occupy by driving out the tenants with force. It means casting out and destroying. God told the Israelites to go and spy out the land that He was giving them. Afterwards, when most of the people chose not to believe the good report of Joshua and Caleb, their unbelief cost them big time. Unbelief sucks the life out of faith and without faith they didn't have what it takes to be possessors, to be those who would dispossess the enemy. God couldn't bless their unbelief! Remember Moses said that God was going to give them the land of Canaan and the Lord was going to cast out their enemies before them (Deuteronomy 7:1). If they would have believed God, they would have seen miracles happen. They were probably hoping that if God delighted in them that He would take care of all the problems and they wouldn't have to work with Him and go into battle mode (Numbers 14:8) in order to possess the Promised Land.

God said to possess the land (Deuteronomy 7:1). In fact, it's quite a job to try and count the number of times, just in the book of Deuteronomy alone, that God told them to possess the land. Listen: If we want the promises of God to be fulfilled in our lives, we have to start possessing. It's aggressive. It means to lay hold of the promise. It means grasp the promise and occupy by driving out the tenants. It means cast out, destroy, and fight. It means if God isn't moving, then we'll move God because our actions are speaking louder than our words.

God will often ask, "How badly do you want this? Show me!" We need to be so hungry for what God has for us that we stir ourselves up to take hold of God's promises and then take action. We need to make sure that we're saying to God, "Here I am. Send me. I'm not letting go of the promise until you bless me. I am going to remind You of every word that I've received through the mouth of every prophet. I'm going to believe what You said, O God. I'm going to wait here, fast, pray, and press in as much as I have to until I receive what you said because I am not going to let it go!"

Sometimes I see believers with an attitude like they're just going to wait for sovereign "pie in the sky!" If a word is really from God, then one day it will fall out of heaven and they won't have to do anything! God will just wake them up one day and supernaturally zap them into a stadium and they'll start healing all the sick. If we're not laying our hands on those who are sick in our families and neighborhoods, we might as well forget about impacting thousands in stadiums in the nations! If we're not a witness at work, if we're not anointed to touch the people we come into contact with now, then we might as well forget about touching the thousands.

There has to be something in our hearts that is aggressive that takes the land, that presses in, that "make it happen attitude" that makes what God promised happen. My attitude is like this: I'm not just going to sit here and wait. I'm going to rise up and begin to go out there. I'm going to begin to let people know that I'm available. I want to do what I can in the natural as well as the spiritual. For instance, our ministry has a web site and we have a mailing list so that we can stay in touch with our partners every month. We carry tapes and products so that people who can't come to our conferences can also receive the revelation and teaching that we are receiving. Also, this part of the ministry helps to support us financially so that we can keep going.

When God calls and anoints us, we need good administration, good marketing, and good business skills to go hand in hand with the anointing that we have. One good strategy is to pray that God will send believers into our lives that have the skills that we don't have. But we need to be diligent to learn and develop any new skills that God is addressing and also sharpen the ones that we have already. "The soul of a lazy man desires, and has nothing; but the soul of the diligent shall be made rich" (Proverbs 13:4). When the natural and practical things are growing alongside our mature spiritual life, then we're in the right position for God to send us fully equipped into the nations.

When we have big crusades we don't just expect God to sovereignly bring over 100,000 people to the event. We buy commercials about the crusade on television, and we arrange for bulletins and mail outs. Yes, I'm making it happen and I'm not just waiting for it all to sovereignly happen. But I'm not doing it alone because I am co-laboring with God; we possess the land, every time we have a crusade.

When we dispossess the enemy and when we possess the Promised Land, we're actually of a different spirit than those who say they are unable to do it. Let's go back to the 12 spies! Caleb's perception was: "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it" (Numbers 13:30). The people's perception after they heard the bad report was: "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we" (v. 31). The word "able" means that we have the power, we have the capacity to prevail or succeed. Listen: We can, but the decision is up to us. Do we want to? Are we going to possess? Are we going to dispossess? Are we going to walk forward in faith because God said, "This is the land that I am giving you. Now take it!"?

EXAMINING OUR HEART

If we're going to take the land, if we're going to possess the Promised Land, then we need to know the condition of our heart and what we really believe in so that we can deal with any areas that God puts His finger on.

So, I want to ask several important questions: What do you do the most and where do you spend most of your time? What do you read and watch the most? Your answers will reveal what you really believe in. Is it presence or pleasure? Maybe you thought it was presence and maybe you thought you were on fire. But now you realize that you're not on fire as much as you thought and the enemy has you locked into some areas of compromise. Or maybe your problem is fear and it's keeping you from stepping forward in faith into what God has already said. Just ask the Holy Spirit right now to come and reveal any area of your life that you need to let go. I want to invite you to join with me in prayer before we close this teaching.

PRAYER

Father, we want to ask for Your forgiveness for our unbelief. We repent for every way that our perspectives, mind sets, and beliefs have been out of Your will. We repent for our backsliding and we want to make a new commitment to You, Lord Jesus. Please cleanse us. We want to be restored to the lamp of Your first love.

Holy Spirit, please come and expose any of the tactics and schemes that the enemy is using to keep us from possessing the Promised Land. Please reveal what could be standing between us and the promise. What's keeping us from the fullness of our destiny? What's keeping us from our inheritance, God?

We want to overcome the giants and to militantly take what you have promised us and overcome every hindrance and obstacle. We want to be like Caleb and Joshua who had the right perspective. They knew what a big, faithful God You are and that You would help their nation to dispossess the giants and then take possession of the Promised Land.

Father, we thank You for writing Your promises to us upon our hearts. Today we are saying we are about to take our promise and go to war and stand against the giants in the land. God, please give us wisdom and divine strategy to fight them. With your help we can overcome them! God we believe Your promises to us are true and we know that You have a great plan, purpose, and destiny for us. Lord, we present ourselves to You as living sacrifices. If You will send us, we will go into the nations and tell whoever will listen, the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus, we take authority today over every spiritual stronghold! We stand against those giants! Every tactic of the devil! In the name of Jesus, every giant that is trying to hinder and blocks us, we command to get out of the way of the Holy One! In the name of Jesus, we will no longer settle for less than Your perfect will! We will no longer be complacent! We are going to rise up and fight the good fight of faith!

The weapons of our warfare are mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds. Father, let every giant stronghold in our belief system come down now! Be destroyed now! In the name of Jesus! We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us! We are more than conquerors, in the name of Jesus! Amen! Hallelujah!

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Dividing The Land
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Dear Brothers & Sisters:

I was reading my daily devotional today and, the daily reading is from the Torah, (right now, I'm in Deut., Ps., and Is....and, in the New Covenant....the Book of Revelation). But, I sensed a real "NOW" word to us regarding Israel....and, all that's coming against her in this hour....dividing the Land. I'm in Is. 36 & tomorrow will be Is. 37. This, of course, is about Sennacherib of Assyria boasting against the Lord and His Land and People. The marginal notes in my Bible tell of Hezekiah's & Isaiah's prayers... that caused God to intervene in the situation with His Almighty Power.

More notes....."The Assyrian monarch invaded Judah (territories now!!), took 46 fortified cities, carried away 200,000 people, and shut up Hezekiah in Jerusalem like a bird in a cage. BUT, NOTE, how Isaiah and Hezekiah went to prayer, their anguish over Sennacherib's Blasphemy of God's Name rising ABOVE their ANXIETY for Jerusalem."

Adonai Eloheim.....is still waiting for His People to cry out to Him for deliverance & intervention....and, not trust in their "allies", nor their arm of flesh (military & politically). As then and now, in the time when Assyria was about to completely blot out Israel as a nation. The Messianic promise of God's kingdom's eventually triumphing on earth was in the balance. THE EVER IMPORTANT LESSON HERE IS: the power of persistent, diligent...crying out to God for the Church & for Israel....can & will turn God's face toward those in ANY IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION, and break the powers of darkness and our enemies.

More than letting our political representatives know that "dividing the Land" is wrong.....we, and the Body of Messiah, especially in Israel, must get on our faces and plead to God to intervene and save the Nation. God has used much and many through the centuries....to discipline Israel.....because as His Word says....His judgments DO produce repentance and righteousness. ISRAEL "MUST" see their desperate, need for God's intervention, and hearts and minds that will be open to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

God is doing things HIS WAY....so far beyond any of our understandings.....and, we must remember that HE IS STILL IN CONTROL....and the Israel/Palestinian situation has not surprised Him, nor escaped His notice. He'll use it to His Glory.....however, that may look presently.

In Christ Our Lion of Judah,
Carol McCarthy

The Final Act Of This Age
Carol McCarthy

As Christian believers we are the people of destiny. Our generation now faces the divine drama at the climax of history. As the curtain opens on this final act each one of us will discover that we have a vital role to play. God knew that we would be alive in this hour. And the choices we have made in times past now cause us to pause and re-evaluate our situation. Why are we are now finally recognizing God's voice above all others? Because. as Galatians 4:4 says.. "but, when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman.." There is a designated time for everything in life. God's Word also says. "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven". Ecc.

3:1

From the end of the Old Testament to the beginning of the New Testament, there was a span of time, of a little over 400 years. when God was silent. Many lived and died without knowing or hearing His voice through the prophets or the priests. God's silence "spoke volumes" to them, though, revealing His displeasure of a people who turned to their own ways, living unrepentant lives.

Amazingly, as this 21st century generation emerges on the scene, God's clear voice is once again being heard, by those who have ears to hear. And not just ears to hear, but, eyes to see. God is moving in unprecedented ways across the earth in the natural realm and also in the spiritual realm.

We are seeing "natural" events unfold before us. Wars, rumors of wars, real hatred between ethnic people groups, whole governments falling, epidemics without a cure in numerous nations, drought, famine, severe weather pattern changes, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. And, this is all happening simultaneously with more intensity than ever before.

God is speaking to His people, much louder than in times past. He is telling us that the season has changed, and that we are no longer just in the end times, but at the "end of days". Knowledge has increased just as His Holy Word has said. Men's hearts are failing them for fear of what is coming upon the earth. Yet, in all that is coming upon mankind in this hour, God has prepared a people who are ready to enter this pivotal moment of time in the world, with the antidote and answer for all chaotic woes the earth is suffering.

The God of all creation, the Captain of all the hosts of heaven, is fully at the helm in this hour. He has a remnant, a people who have been hidden in the shadow of His wings. They have been taught by His Spirit through His Word. God's master plan of history, as we know it, is culminating as the powers of darkness contend with the powers of heaven. God has chosen a people who love Him passionately without reservation, and are fearless in the face of the legions of hell.

Herein is the "patience of the saints" spoken of by the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. (Rev.14:12) That final act of this age will see Gods end-time congregation tried as by fire. And a chosen remnant, will overcome all hindrances and obstacles, whether great or small to bring in the final witness and victory. (Dan.12) The very essence of the life of Jesus inside each believer will withstand every assault from the enemy of our souls.

"And they (we) overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their (our) testimony, and they (we) did not love their (our) lives to the death." (Rev. 12:11) We are the privileged people of whom the prophets spoke and who would be alive at the coming of the Lord. We are preparing the way of the Lord by being those who by our holy conduct and godliness are looking for and hastening the "coming day of God". (2 Peter 3:11-12) We are the ones "building ourselves up in our most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit. keeping ourselves in the love of God". "And, on some have compassion, making a distinction, but, others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh." (Jude 20-23)

The Lord our God has given us a task and responsibility as no other previous age has known. Technology and science has catapulted us into both the best and worst of times. What we are seeing and experiencing in this hour is not unlike what H. G. Wells prophesied in his novels which then seemed so far-fetched to his generation.

This final divine drama of the age was pre-ordained from the foundation of the world. Our sovereign God, the possessor of heaven and earth, is the choreographer. And the stage that is now being set. Jesus Christ is the Bright and Morning Star, and we, His Church, His Chosen People, and Royal Priesthood, have been mandated to stand alongside Him in this final production. The revelation of the knowledge of the glory of the Lord is being displayed in explicit ways and no longer veiled in secrecy or confusion.

The validity of God's own Word is moving into hearts and places that were once closed to Him. The Church has taken an "about face" if you will, to her plans, agendas, and programs to reach the masses. Finally, coming into that place of worshipping Him in Spirit and Truth, (John 4:23-24) facilitating the final things spoken of in the Word of God to take place.

The angels in heaven and earth, stand in amazement. Their Creator is allowing men and women, who were created a little lower than themselves, to be a vital part of God's final act. Even, as of now, many of those angelic beings have set the trumpets to their lips, ready and set for the baton of God to orchestrate the streams of people and nations to move in unison to either eternal salvation or eternal torment, separated from the splendor and beauty of God.

Now is the time to let the light of God shine by His Spirit who lives within us and to be those emissaries who will give the true answer to the world's dilemma. This world has never achieved that elusive man-made utopia. God has placed us as tools in His hand to implement His Work. We are called to bring His Word to a people who are otherwise perishing and without hope.

We now stand upon a precipice. Humankind faces cataclysmic events of a magnitude never seen before. But we, His people, will endure to the very end because He is the God of peace. He is our mighty, strong tower. He is our safety and the very essence of His life inside us causes us to be bold and courageous in this hour.

We are seeing kingdoms, nations, and leaders sweat almost drops of blood over what is coming on the earth. They are perplexed, wringing their hands in dismay. Yet, this is also the time for the Church to arise, fearlessly preaching the Gospel, setting the captives free, healing the sick, raising the dead, and truly loving each other with the love of God.

Jesus told His disciples, (including us), to watch and pray, lifting up your heads for your redemption draws nigh. His Kingdom work will be completed before He returns to earth to sit upon His throne. All His enemies will have been vanquished, including death. No more darkness, war, poverty, or sickness. His rule and reign shall begin, and the peoples of the earth will stream to His Presence. Therefore, we say with all the generations that have preceded us,

"The Spirit and the bride say 'come'. And let him who hears say, 'come'. And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, Let him take of the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17)

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Don't Just Walk In This Water, Drink It

Vicky Adams

Get ready for a new outpouring of renewal anointing. Others have said "that’s enough" I’m looking for congregations who will continue to ask for more! You’ve barely stepped out into the rivers of Grace & Glory. Step out more & I’ll give more!

The next stream is a stream of purity & righteousness. Don’t just walk in this water…be like Gideon’s army & drink it. Purity in the mouth is a great "flood gate" to more being poured out. Many say, "Yes Lord" & "more" with their mouths but their lives say no. Kindness on the lips & servant hands…these will be greatly rewarded with lips of glory & hands of power.

Don’t be afraid of the wine press. For Holy drunkenness to manifest consistently the wine press must continue to move! Stay in the pressure cooker & be tenderized. Relax in the Heat of purifying fires! Breathe in more grace& blow out anxieties & then the new births will manifest! Be willing to be like midwives for one another other churches & other nations.

The Fountain flowing isn’t just deep & wide. It’s clean & sweet. It’s thick with comfort. It’s living revelations to play in, roll in, splash at one another. I want my fountain flowing continuously here but the price must be paid… TOTAL Surrender! That’s where the fun begins. Who for the joy set before him despising the shame…endured the cross! It all starts at the cross! Love it!

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Draw Near To My Side

Yolanda Ballard

Mar 19, 2005Every time that I call you to My side I expect you to come and that is always, because if you don't then you remain vulnerable to the enemy's devices and warfare. Many have fallen prey to the enemy only because they have given into a spirit of pride in independence and was subjected to trials of testing that need not be. Remain faithful to Me, and I will give you My crown of life which enables you to fight the enemy from the place of freedom and victory. Otherwise you will wear the ties and fetters of bondage and manipulation from the enemy.

This is the day to break lose of all that has held you back so that you can run the race freely in Me. Examine your own heart to see if your motives in ministry are truly of Me or are they used for making a name for yourself. Many have fallen prey to the spirit of pride only because they have given into the flattery the enemy uses through those who are far from Me. Don't look to be a vessel of honor for display but be a vessel of honor only because of your fruits of humility and servitude towards the body of believers in which you dwell.

Glorify My name only and lift up My words and never those of your self. Step back and make sure that the ministry that you have is truly of Me. Are you bringing encouragement and exhortation to My bride, or are you bringing items for discussion that only ends in bondage? There are many in the camp that spread stories that are steeped in deception. They have listened to the twisted lies of the evil one and have spread rumors about My Son's death and resurrection that are not true.

I said never to add or take away from My words. Do not read in heresy between the lines of My truth. You know who you are who are bringing division to My body, and you need to wake up to My most holy truth and only say what I say and not what you have heard for you will be judged for every vain and idle word that did not stem from the mouth of My Son.

So listen to Me this day. Humble yourself before My mighty throne of grace, and I will lift you up and set you free from the bondage of independence. I will wash you clean and give you a new beginning in Me. Cast aside the lies of the evil one, and seek My Spirit of truth to teach you what you need to do to undo the lies planted in your heart from your forefathers. Yes, this is a new day to be free and clean in Me, says your God.

Do Not Give Place to the Devil

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O, My precious children, I say unto you, I am grieved and sorrowed when I see you being buffeted about by the devil, your great enemy. I perceive that you are allowing him to attack from every side and you are not engaging in warfare against him. I have given you the weapons of warfare to have victory over all that he can bring against you.

...nor give place to the devil. (Ephes. 4:27

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (Ephes. 6:11)

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

My children, you must seek to receive the power of My Holy Spirit and learn to walk in it.

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth. (John 16:13a)

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Cor. 2:10)

Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom. 8:27)

O, My children, seek to be filled with My Holy Spirit and witness the anointing and power you will have for ministry. I am bringing My saints into a new realm of My glory where nothing shall be impossible for you and wonders and miracles shall abound. Are you looking with troubled hearts at the mountains of adversities in your life? Then you are not accepting the truth of My Word for I have said....

...for assuredly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, and you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. (John 17:20b)

O, My little ones, begin to speak in power to every mountain in your life and see it move out of your life. Try Me and see if I will not fulfill every promise in My Word. Begin to ask for those things you have need of, according to My Word, believe that My Word is truth and see it come to pass.

And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive. (Matt. 21:22)

If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (John 14:14)

~ Believe for healing as you pray for the sick. ~ Believe that I will supply your needs as you pray. ~ Believe that I will answer your prayers for yourself and others.

I am at work in the lives of all who are faithfully serving Me, strengthening you and preparing you to meet the tumultuous times that shall ever increase around the world. You shall truly walk in the supernatural realm where you shall have victory over anything that shall come against you.

My beloved people, I am calling you to diligently study My Word. Observe the multitude of promises contained therein and see if I will not bring them to pass in your lives as you believe. Study also what has been foretold to take place in the latter days and which shall surely come to pass. O, My people, you need to spend much time in prayer for My guidance for your preparation for ever worsening times of tribulation. As you pray I shall open up for you great opportunities for you to minister to people and see wonders and miracles follow you wherever you go. This is the supernatural living I am bringing you into where you will powerfully impact all whom you meet.

Do not allow doubt to come upon you but know that I shall use you for ministry beyond anything you have ever dreamed or imagined. As you trust in Me I shall keep you strong and supply your every need for ministry. Go forth in the power of My Holy Spirit and win your world for Me.

Do Not Judge
Catharina Schouten – Meijer

I will bless them who will bless you and I will curse them who will curse you!

This morning something happened: I was talking on the phone with someone… This person told me: They are gossiping a lot about us, so then you know, Suddenly I felt the presence of our Father, so deep, I can not describe it. This afternoon He spoke to me:

"I Am the I Am. All things on this earth are from Me, all things above the earth under the earth, and what is living on this world. Congregations House Groups Ministry's are suppose to be from ME! I Am the one who give's the people their calls.
I Am the one who tell `s people to steward a Ministry , a Congregation or a Home Group.
In these days you will see what is born out of Me and what is born out of people.

But still I ask from you: DO NOT JUDGE!
It is on ME I am the one who can really tell you who is a David and who is a Saul. I say to you: DO NOT JUDGE!
Because with the measure you judge you will be judged!

To the ones that are being judged and I call in Ministry I say:

Stand up, and MY light I will shine over you, and if they judge you, every word they curse you with shall be returned on their own heads. Do not be tempt to judge them.
I Am the Lord it is My task to do that!
Drink for a short moment the bitter water, the water My people refused.

In this water are elements that will help you make your bones strong (attitude and character) and there are elements that will remove your sin that you have taken with you when you left your Egypt …(Purification)

To both of you the ones that judge and the ones who are been judged I say:

STOP! Don't do this anymore realize that I Am the Lord your God! Every time you judge a Ministry or a person you judge ME! You fight against ME!
And to know for sure if this Ministry is out of peoples flesh is not upon you to know.
That is MINE to do. I tell you: Love your enemies!
O you of little faith who do you think you are that you can do what is MINE to do!!!!"

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Unity In The Spirit Part 2
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The Lord keeps reminding me that He wants us to let Him have *His* way in building unity and oneness in the Body of Christ…..

I was happy to receive a number of positive responses to my last article .One person wrote that the Lord had shown her exactly the same a few weeks ago and had further made clear to her that at times He even allows us to be separated from each other for a season...He is the Lord Who tears and heals us, who smites and binds us up(Hosea 6:1-3).No matter how noble and lofty it may be what we want to accomplish for God and His kingdom, as long as it is is done in the power of our own flesh it’s worth less than nothing in God’s eyes!

But…. if the instrument finally gets to that place where it is willing and able to truly declare “Father, Your will be done”, then and only then there is tumult in the enemy’s camp and the evil one will be aroused to action and declare war to us…….

Strange feeling

Do you recognize this? You sense something is going on, you’ve got this eerie and outlandish feeling and your intuition tells you it is there.

But if someone happened to ask you “What is it then?” you wouldn’t be able to utter anything close to a sensible answer…..Only a couple of hours ago I prayed with someone who had this very feeling….

The woman told me that the Lord had asked her two or three days ago:

“Dare you really trust ME ? Would you mind to surrender and set out with Me, without Me telling you where exactly we are heading?”

Actually, the Lord asked me this very same question, a long long time ago….At that occasion He told me: “Abraham took leave of his kindred at My request, without even once wondering what in the world it might be he was supposed to journey to and how it was all to get into effect – he simply took off and trusted Me!”

‘*Lech Lega’*, as it is written in the original Hebrew manuscript, also means: *Get out of your self!*

This is not meant in the way the New Age community puts it, but in the way it is ordained by our totally trustworthy Father: *“Leave it all to Me, lay your own plans and ambitions down at My feet and I will show you the way!”*
Anyway, just as I had done at the time this sister of ours had said ‘yes’ to the Lord and surrendered herself!

But right from that moment on this strange, suppressive and undescribable feeling came upon her……

At the very moment she told me this, the Spirit revealed to me the following:
From the moment that we totally surrender and yield to the leading of the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, satan and his demons set out to make our lives miserable….

He attacks us in our thought life!

You can not lay a finger to it, but yes you do experience unrest and uneasiness… just as if you've done something wrong, but you do not have the slightest clue as to what it might be…..

Like no other satan knows that from the moment you have surrendered, he loses his grip on your life…..And so he fights back!

Thank God we could pray together and break every assault on her mind, whereafter we could pray out God's hedge of protection around herself, her family and all her private circumstances!

The blood of JESUS breaks all demonic strongholds!

And you know, if the Lord wants to make something clear to you, then He *will* be crystal clear!

The Holy Spirit is unambiguous whenever He wants to convict us of sin. He won't allow you to be tossed around in an endless roller coaster ride of fear, unrest, anxiety and feelings of guilt without you being able to find out what exactly it is that you might have done wrong….The Lord is so clear and loving…..His admonishment doesn't hurt, it is bright and clear and it enables you to deal with the sin in question by honestly acknowledging (confessing) it to Him…

Back now to the unity in the Spirit!

Total, unconditional surrender implies that you hand over the keys of your 'kingdoms' to God and allow HIM to take care and control of everything that pertains to you, including your relationships, friendships and your marriage!

HE knows what you don't know, HE sees what you don't see!

And unity will come! Someone thought that the idea of an army of which I wrote lately, wasn't exactly a scriptural sound concept…..Well, let me assure you: The Lord is the Lord of HOSTS….. In fact, the world 'Lord' itself implies an army. His very Lordship is exemplified in His being the Lord of Hosts! Especially in the Dutch Willibrord translation we read about an army quite a lot……No, this is not an army armed with cannons, tanks and uniforms….This is Us, the Bride of Christ, a Bride with Boots on, marching on as one in His Spirit!

But, again… He is the Chief Commander, the One Who builds and makes us one…..Some of us go through the experience that while they are rising up in the Spirit, they have to leave people, dear ones even, behind…..not in strife or bitterness or strife, no, but just because of the very awareness that we are already one in Him….
Anyway, sometimes we simply do have to be separated from each other for a while. Only He knows why…..
He builds, He walks, we follow!

Father spoke to me as follows: *"Joseph caught on doing the work he had to do….*
He simply did what his hand found to be done….He left it up to Me to engineer restoration between him and his brothers! And…

I brought that restoration….I tore down and I healed them…."

Conclusion:

Do you want to surrender to God and yield to His plan for you and the world?
Let me assure you that saying ‘YES’ is the best thing that you could ever do in your entire life…..

At the same time… be aware that the evil one will do all that is in his power to bring you to doubt again….

But, in the very Name of JESUS resides all authority over the evil one and his demons!

You may proclaim it right now:

Satan, in the precious Name of JESUS I break your power over my thoughts and my mind….JESUS is King and Lord over all my thoughts!

*"cast down imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”*2 Corinthians 10:5)

Just throw yourself in the Mighty arms of our Heavenly Father! Surely, He thinks thoughts of peace toward you and me, toward HIS Family, to give us hope in our latter end! (Jeremiah 29:11)

Amen!

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Do Not Look At The Size Of What Hinders You

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But Sihon king of Heshbon refused to let us pass through. For the Lord your God had made his spirit stubborn and his heart obstinate in order to give him into your hands, as he has now done. Deut 2:30

There are no obstacles on the path that I have placed you, only victories. Do not look at the size of what hinders you, look at me, Almighty God. In your hand I have placed a sword, in your mouth is my word, in front of you is Victory. Your feet are shod with peace, your helmet is of salvation. I supply all that you need to conquer what lies ahead.

Go from strength to strength. It is not your strength that is needed, for I give you mine in your time of need, your time of warring, your time of marching forward. While others fall around you, march on. When others hold back, march on. When others try to stop you, march on, for I have placed you on this path and I will direct you in all your ways.

Do not grow weary, do not look away. Before you is the crown, before you is the victory, before you is the Kingdom. I have set your feet on safe ground, I have made a way in the wilderness, a path in the desert, an oasis from the heat. I will sustain you. I will be with you all the way.

I know what stands in the path in front of you. I walked there before you. I ensured you would be safe. I prepared you for such a time as this, and supplied all you would need to see you through. Angels guard you, my word empowers you, the enemy will flee from you. Do not stop along the way nor be distracted by what you see. Victory is mine.

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Determine Now To Not Look Backward

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A prophetic Word from the Holy Spirit through

Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35

PLANT YOUR FEET AND DETERMINE NOT TO LOOK BACKWARD.

The enemy will assault you to press you backwards. Have I not said, "without a prophetic vision the people perish and go backwards?"

I am ready to revisit areas that have advanced my purposes but retreated at the day of battle.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SHAKING OF GOVERNMENTS.

There must be a confrontation of governments. My government on earth is arising and causing entire regions to shake. I am restoring and rising up leaders.

IN THE PAST SEASON, MY GIFT WITHIN LEADERS COULD NOT FIND ITS PLACE IN MY GOVERNMENT.

However, now I am causing governments and gifts to divinely “find one another." To connect. This is creating great shakings from region to region throughout this land. This alignment is creating a shift in civil government.

TODAY IS A DAY OF BREAKING OFF THAT WHICH CAUSED MY LEADERS TO RETREAT FROM THE VISITATIONS OF THE PAST.

Many advanced and then quit and retreated!

NOW IS A TIME TO ADVANCE!

I am restoring many of you to lead this advance.

There will be great connections occurring in my body in this advance.

This will be the beginning of confronting sorceries, astrology, and witchcraft, which have produced control. I am sending you forward and I am releasing supernatural wisdom. This wisdom will cast down the sorcerers, astrologers, and those practicing witchcraft throughout regions.

LOVE AND CONFIDENCE IS ARISING IN MY BODY.

The past three years have been a time of restoring a level of worship, humility, meekness and purity in your calling and boldness in the choices you make!

FROM WORSHIP YOU WILL NOW MOVE INTO A NEW SUPERNATURAL DIMENSION.

DO NOT FEAR THIS CALL TO THE SUPERNATURAL!

The Baal systems of this nation will begin to strengthen to keep my new refreshing strategies from forming and advancing in your region. Do not fear these systems, but keep confronting through prayer the powers that have attached themselves to the structures of governments in your region.

I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A SUPERNATURAL PEOPLE WHO CAN RISE UP AND OVERTHROW THAT WHICH HAS CONTROLLED YOU IN THE PAST.

My people are becoming a new, sharp threshing instrument. This threshing is producing shaking. This shaking is releasing harvest. The harvest will not rot in the fields of neglect or laziness.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A POWERFUL CONSUMING FIRE.

When these occult structures are overthrown, consuming fire will sweep through this nation. And you will set my name upon the high places! My all-consuming light will address the idols and temples of religious shame and control.

I HAVE GIVEN SO MANY WHO CALL THEMSELVES “MY ANOINTED” MUCH MUCH TIME TO DEAL WITH THE HIDDEN SINS.

Sins in their marriages. Sins of competition, jealousy over who is used by me, and harsh verbal words of shame used to control and break the will of another servant in my calling. Some have called themselves my servants but have only served their own purposes in a place of self-comfort and self-promotion, letting others do the labor in prayer.

“But they did not listen or pay attention; instead, they followed the stubborn inclinations of their evil hearts. THEY WENT BACKWARD AND NOT FORWARD.” Jeremiah 7:24

Deal with your weak and cowardly attempts at holiness through repentance and honesty of heart before me and others whom you have been walking in fellowship with. The days of personal ambition and hierarchy are numbered.

MY FIRE MUST BE IN YOUR HEART!

The fear of the divine supernatural is to be removed from you. Many have fallen into fear over the supernatural spirits that have surrounded them. Therefore, they have retreated in their prayer life and fallen into passivity.

“But be sure to honor the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you.” 1 Samuel 12:24

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY. PLANT YOUR FEET.

The window of opportunity for change is short and sweet. This will be a time that night watches are re-formed in your region, and I will revisit you in the night watch. I will visit my bride as I described in the Song of Solomon and knock upon her door. This is not a time for hesitation. Night watches will spring forth across the nations. Once again these watches will open the door to me, and I will come again. Therefore, I am calling watchmen to rise up and cry out day and night for my bride to be positioned near the door of opportunity in these lands. Be positioned, ready to open the door of opportunity in your nation.

MY BRIDE MUST NOT HESITATE TO OPEN THE DOOR SINCE HARVEST IS WAITING TO COME THROUGH THE DOOR INTO THE STOREHOUSE OF MY KINGDOM!

MY WILL HAS BEEN ACTIVATED ON EARTH.

I AM ADVANCING.

ADVANCE WITH ME.

I WILL LEAD YOU INTO WARFARE.

Many have grown fearful of confronting the enemy. I came to destroy the works of the enemy. I confronted both legalism and liberalism. I say rise up in worship that you might confront. Without confrontation, your enemy, the legalist, will gain much strength against you and narrow the boundaries of your freedom. If you will align yourselves properly and allow your gift to work within my government, I will guide you like a troop into warfare and make you victorious.

WORSHIP IS ARISING. FROM WORSHIP, YOU WILL WAR!

For a sound of war is coming into the heart of my people.

"*A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers."* John 4:23

DO NOT GO BACKWARDS.

Take off the old garments that would hinder you. My advance is now in the earth. You have been blinded from the supply of the future.

A NEW SEER ANOINTING IS ABOUT TO ARISE IN MY PEOPLE.

What you couldn't see in the past, you will now see. You've tried to connect and align with some, but now I will release a new anointing for connecting. You will see strategies of supply that have been hidden from you by occult powers.

The seer anointing is coming back into your region. My people's eyes are about to see their supply. Advance is now in the earth.

Open your eyes and advance with me!

You will know Me as the Great Provider.

You will know Me as the Great Healer.

You will see Me bring fulfillments and answers to My many promises! Yes!

You will now begin to release a manifestation of My joy of release from captivity from region to region throughout this land and in all nations crying out for more of Me!

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, For the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4

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Do Not Panic
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The word The Lord gave this morning.......

DO Not Panic,
Be Full Aware of the Tricks And Schemes of the enemy....
Never Have I left you And Never will I Forsake you.............
Your enemy Is a Defeated Foe...........
So Praise Me in And Thru Out all................
The enemy would have you focus on him,
Yet, I say look and see what I am doing for is he not but a pon in My Hand........
Yes, I am exposing All the Thoughts and Intents of the Hearts of man....................
Yet, Do I not always expose them to you Personally to be dealt with..........
But, the enemy would to expose the nakedness unto shame........
Yet, Be on guard and hold the Cloak of Humility tightly around, allow no place for the enemy........
For if place is allowed will not your nakedness not be seen also when he is exposed.
You will see the wicked exposed more and more................
Yet, be warned of the subtlety of you adversary.............
Do Not Be Pulled in to his trap I am letting you see it Now............
Fix Your eyes On Me and you will not stray off the path that I have set before.......
Walk In Obedience to Me, That is My Will for you...........
Bind Me, about your Head, your Neck, your Arm, Set Me As A Seal upon your Heart...........
Praise Me, Praise Me, Radically Praise Me, And see If I will not Come Quickly, as your praises
Ascending My angels shall Descending To minister On your behave...........
So Praise Me in Song, Praise Me In Dance, Praise Me with all that is Within you...
And Watch Me Move................
For your enemy is a Defeated Foe.............

Deut. 6:8&9,
Bind means-
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'asar
aw-sar'
A primitive root; to yoke or hitch; by analogy to fasten in any sense, to join battle: - bind, fast, gird, harness, hold, keep, make ready, order, prepare, set in array, tie.

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Isaiah 55:6
Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,
call upon Him while He is near.

Faith is not believing that God can.
It is knowing that God will.

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Descendants of Abraham

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Effective Intercession for the Descendants of Abraham -- Jew and Non-Jew Alike!"

1) Dream of Three Ancient Wells

Some time ago, I was given a vivid dream in which I saw three ancient wells. A woman came and stood beside each well. I heard the words, "Women are Wells." As I was awakened, I realized that this dream was about the life of Abraham. So, I then searched the Scriptures and found that **Abraham fathered children with three women: Hagar, Sarah, and Keturah.**

The Jews are not the only offspring that Abraham produced. In fact, there are three different ethnic, generational lines that together comprise Abraham's descendants. To pray effectively for the Middle East, we must look at the prophetic promises spoken for all the descendants of Abraham. Always remember, though, that **"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood."** The Arabs, the Persians, nor the Jews are the enemy! Our enemy is the powers of darkness that hold people captive. So, with this in mind, let's expand our horizons and receive God's heart for all the Middle East.

Let's look at the descendants of Abraham in the order in which they were birthed.

2) Praying for the Descendants of Hagar

> *Scripture Promises Concerning Ishmael*
> *"'And as for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall become the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation.' . . . And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin." Genesis 17:20, 25 NASB*
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> *"But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the lad and your maid; whatever Sarah tells you, listen to her, for through Isaac your descendants shall be named. And of the son of the maid I will make a nation also, because he is your descendant.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave them to Hagar, putting them on her shoulder, and gave her the boy, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba." Genesis 21:12-14 NASB*
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> *"And God heard the lad crying; and the angel of God called to Hagar from Heaven, and said to her, 'What is the matter with you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad and hold him by the hand; for I will make a great nation of him.'" Genesis 21:17, 18 NASB*

A Visionary Encounter - Ishmael Crying in the Desert

While seeking the Lord in one of our Israel Prayer watches, I was captured by hearing a voice of a young lad crying. I began to turn my attention more attentively towards the sound. As I did, a vision unfolded where I saw a desert where a young lad was crying. A mother came and hovered over him as he was sobbing.

As I continued looking in the Spirit, Genesis 17 and 21 became enlightened within my being. While meditating on this, the voice of the Holy Spirit said to me, "Remember, Ishmael also came from Abraham's seed."

Once again, the Holy Spirit convicted me suddenly and deeply. I began to cry out for all the seed of Abraham to come into its full destiny. I began to cry out for the descendants of Ishmael that for generations has been in great conflict with the descendants of Isaac.

I have declared publicly on many occasions in recent months, **"The Islamic veil shall be pierced. Entire mosques shall be converted into 24/7/365 prayer and worship centers to the one true God of Yeshua -- Jesus -- the Messiah. Ishmael's cry shall be heard and a great nation shall come forth. Remember, Ishmael, too, comes from Abraham's seed!"**

3) Praying for the Descendants of Sarah

Thirteen years after the birth of Ishmael, God appeared to 99-year-old Abram and said, **"I am God Almighty" (Genesis 17:1)**. This is the first time in Scripture that God reveals Himself as "God Almighty" or, in Hebrew, El Shaddai, which means "All-Sufficient One." The Hebrew word shad is always translated as "breast." In the same way a mother provides all that is sufficient for her newborn's nourishment, God was about to reveal to Abram that he is all-powerful and able to satisfy with **"blessings of the breasts and of the womb" (Genesis 49:25)**. This is also the way God chose to reveal Himself to Isaac, Jacob, and many others. It is the way that we must see God if we are to intercede on behalf of the descendants of Sarah.

God reassured Abraham that it was not Ishmael who would fulfill His promise of a child from his own body, though. The Lord stated:
"Sarah your wife will bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac [which means 'he laughs']; and I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him . . . My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you at this season next year." Genesis 17:19, 21

Who Are the Descendants of Sarah?

Isaac was the only child that Abraham and Sarah had through their union. He, in turn, married the beautiful maiden Rebekah (Genesis 24:67). **"Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived" (Genesis 25:21 NASB)**. Rebekah brought forth a pair of struggling twin boys named Esau and Jacob.

As time passed, Jacob treacherously stole the blessing of the firstborn son away from Esau. As the saga unfolded, Jacob had a heavenly encounter and wrestled with the angel of the Lord throughout the night; Jacob prevailed in this wrestling match, received a blessing, and his name was changed from Jacob, "the deceiver," to Israel. Now Israel, like Ishmael, the son of Hagar, became the father of many sons. Twelve tribes emerge from his lineage (see Genesis 30:1-24; 35:16-18). Israel brought forth twelve full tribes, and these became the descendants of Sarah who inherited the covenant promises of God.

One of these twelve sons of Jacob was named Judah, meaning "thanks" or "praise." The Messiah Himself is known as the Lion from the tribe of Judah (see Revelation 5:5). It is from the name Judah that the term Jew has derived. So, **when we are praying for the descendants of Sarah and Abraham, we are calling forth the prophetic promises spoken over the Jewish people to come into completion.**

4) Praying for the Descendants of Keturah

Abraham's wife Sarah lived almost forty years after the birth of Isaac (see Genesis 23:1, 2). Abraham loved Sarah dearly and must have experienced much grief at her loss. After finding an excellent wife for his son Isaac, Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah (see Genesis 25:2-4). From their union came six sons: Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah.

Before Abraham died, he gave gifts to the sons of Keturah and sent them far away from his son, Isaac, to the land of the east (see Genesis 25:6). One of the sons of Keturah was Midian, the father of the Midianites. Some of the descendants of Keturah went to what was called Persia. Others were, apparently, scattered into Assyria.

Isaiah prophesied about the descendants of Keturah, saying: **"A multitude of camels will cover you [Israel], the young camels of Midian and Ephah" (Isaiah 60:6)**. Remember, that Midian was a son of Keturah, and Ephah as her grandson. In the next part of this verse, Isaiah mentions yet another grandson of Keturah: Sheba. **"All those from Sheba will come; they will bring gold and frankincense, and will bear good news of the praises of the Lord."**

Where else have you heard of gold and frankincense together? They were two of the three gifts that the wise men brought to Jesus after His birth (see Matthew 2:1-12). I cannot confirm that the wise men were descendants of Keturah, but they did come from the east, where the descendants of Keturah had settled, and they certainly fit the description of Isaiah's prophecy.

Whether this prophecy was fulfilled literally at the birth of the Messiah or is a prophecy for the future yet to come, the minimum we can agree on is that there is prophetic destiny upon the children of Keturah. **These people will rise up as people of wealth and will end up worshipping the one true God. They will bring forth praise to the Lord!**

5) He Will Send a Champion!

All three national families of Abraham have, by and large, failed to recognize the true Messiah, who is Yeshua, our Lord Jesus Christ. The Jews are still looking for their Messiah to appear, while the others do not even realize that they need one. Although most accept Mohammed and Jesus as prophets, they do not believe that a Messiah is necessary. Still, the prophetic Scriptures predict that these descendants of Abraham will accept the true Messiah at a critical point in time.

I love the language of **Isaiah 19:20: "He will send them a Savior and a Champion."** A champion shall come. A messenger of the new covenant will be sent to turn away ungodliness from Jacob. **A great spiritual revival is on God's agenda, and it will encompass all the descendants of Abraham throughout the Middle East, from the Nile River to the Euphrates.**

God is the supreme multitasker. He can accomplish more than one thing at a time! Biblical prophecy indicates that alongside God's gathering of the outcasts of Israel to their homeland, he is setting the stage to do a great work among all the descendants of Abraham. Surprise us all, O Lord. Let it be so!

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Days Of Awe And Glory

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Beloved, the "big" thing you have waited for, that for which you have had expectancy in your hearts, is on the way!

The Days Of Awe And Glory are almost upon you. The fountain of living waters that flows from My throne will flow through your lives and that which you touch will be restored, where your foot treads will be given unto you.

Joshua 1:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. Rev 21:6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

You will redeem the earth from the curse, operating since the fall of Adam and Eve, you will see signs and wonders and creative miracles your heart has longed to see.

Yes you have paid a great price to see My Glory, yes your way has become weary, but wait, I am coming to revive your spirit and to restore all things in greater measure than it was before.

Yes you have paid a price, yes you have held onto Me when all things seemed lost, seemed impossible. My Glory does not come without a price and you have counted the cost and walked the path of death to self anyway, loving Me more than the things of the world, than the things of the flesh. The days of divine recompense are upon you. That which you have sown will be reaped a hundred fold.

I have heard your cries of agony and despair, the days of Awe and Glory are soon upon you. Hold on to Me Beloved, hold on, do not give up the fight now, ask Me for perseverance and to restore hope to you. You are my Beautiful Beloveds, you will yet see the days of Awe and Glory!

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Doors of Destiny

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These past few days, the Lord has been showing me a series of things that he has for His people. With the many prophetic words and decrees that have gone forth over the internet concerning the New Year, I have hesitated to release anything into the mix. I have waited awhile longer for the Lord to complete this communication to me, so that the people of God would understand what I have been given.

It is not my intention to bring attention to myself in this encounter, but to show forth the hour of opportunity that each child of God has now come to, in the timing of God. Our lives are just a reflection of the Lords dealings in His People. We are transparent, so that He can be seen.

This is what I have been given:

I have had a reoccurring vision of standing in a darkened room or area and I am watching many windows or doors with long curtains hanging in front of them. Each of these openings have a single colored curtain, and each has a specific color or fabric. Some are brightly colored, while others are more pastel and some are more subdued in its brilliance. Others have unique fabrics and textures to them, and others have shimmering lights woven into them.

Each of the curtains are moving slightly, and it seems like a breeze is gently causing each to sway in the light breeze. There are also others doors that are further away from these that I see close up. I also discern that there are natural doors, like caves, and ones that are man made. But each has a purpose and a timing for its opening and closing.

As I am watching these curtains gently sway before their doors, I sense that the Lord is waiting for a response from me. I don't really know what to do, so I wait and watch. I know that the Lord will speak to me when He is ready or when I have received what I have been sent to learn. The Lord comes up next to me, and points at the doors with the curtains.

He says to me, "These are the doors that have been awaiting the release of those who will enter them, and fulfill their destiny." I look at each one again. Each is different, and each is made for that individual, that is why each had a unique color or quality, or so I thought. The Lord nodded.

"You are only partly correct. Each of My People have the same opportunity to serve Me. Each can come to Me, and obtain all that they need to walk out their destinies. Each has a specific calling and purpose, but each can choose and say no. I will not force anyone to come to Me, or to serve Me, or to walk out their walk. Each must desire Me above themselves or their own desires and plans."

"What you see before you are the doors of release that await you and My People who I have now brought forth. Each is a specific path for this hour, and each course will determine their final assignments. But take a close look and choose wisely. For each is a set course and cannot be altered nor exchanged after the choice is made, for time is short. For each one who chooses to serve Me, must utterly cast off their own will and pick up Mine, and then walk out that choice and it's following results."

"Each of the doors are also the release of gifts and different expressions of Myself that each will show when they walk forth into those doors. But what they express will also be affected by their amount of dying to their own selves. For what they cleave to of themselves will also come forth as they walk out their choice, as they allow their humanity to influence their destiny and their fruit that will come forth with it. I will explain it this way... If you do not entirely let go of all areas of your life and give them to Me, and fully allow Me to inhabit those areas, then what remains will taint My Presence and eventually cloud and distort the purity of My Reflection within you. The result will not be a full transformation, and will be a mixture."

"I desire that each of Mine will be a pure vessel. I am coming to all of My Children, and bringing them to their place of choosing. Whatever is in their hearts, will be what they will be drawn to. This will result in their final placement and portion. Each will serve Me, but what the results of that service will be, is up to them. I will not force anyone. Each will give their hearts to Me, or they will retain them. I will not force My Love upon anyone, nor receive forced Love that is not sincerely offered."

"What you see before you, is also your choice too. Look before you, and then choose your door." I looked at the Lord, and then back at the doors. I thought that I already had been released and knew the course that the Lord had for me. As I have been coming to the Lord and have received many changes in myself and my ways. I was confused as to the new shift and the new commission before me. The Lord watched as I struggled within myself and searched for understanding.

The Lord waited. He watched and waited for me to come to a choice. I had no choice. I could not make one. I did not want any of the doors before me, and could not identify with any of them. The Lord said, "The doors are for each to choose. Even you. Each much choose daily to serve Me, and to lay down their lives for Me and for the Harvest. There are many choices along the way. Each choice leads to another juncture and setting in My Timing for you, and then another choice is required. But in this Hour in the times of men. I am opening the final series of releases and am positioning My People into their places. So, you are at the season of new release, along with My People, and you will walk through and begin the next phase of your destiny. As will all of My People. Each to their own choice."

I looked at the doors. I went and drew closer to see them, and to view their curtains. Each door had a unique quality and set of events that would occur to the one who would enter into it. Each had a unique anointing that would be upon them and empower them to walk out that choice. Each had a specific gifting that would enable the individual to express the Lord uniquely in their walk. There were so many, and some were more compelling that the others.

Some had shining lights that glittered throughout the fabrics and compelled the viewer to their brilliance, it seemed. The one that I stood in front of was like this. I did not desire the brilliance of these lights nor the feeling of the brilliance of the lights as it seemed to illuminate the person and I drew back. I felt afraid of the beckoning lights and I sensed uneasiness about the door.

The Lord said to me, "This is good. Some of My People choose the more brilliant and public doors that bring great public exposure and brilliance, but fail to realize that it will also illuminate them, and this causes them to fall into pride and arrogance, as they cannot stand in the light without receiving it into themselves. They never gave me all of their hearts, so when the illumination comes, it exposes the area of darkness and they take the light of the gifts to themselves, and it brings them to a place of imbalance, mixture, and self destruction. Very few walk purely in the arena of public gifting and in the display of My True Power. The more of My Power and Glory that is displayed, the more death that is necessary to release it and to reflect Me. Few handle My Gifts and honor them rightly without coveting the glory. But, all men can choose which portion of Me that they desire to reflect. All of My Gifts are available to all men, and are always freely given. Many want the most prominent gifts and callings, but fail to bring the changes necessary into their lives to enable them to walk purely in that calling. But fewer still fail to fully weigh the responsibilities of their choice."

I looked at the other doors. I walked up to one that had a silky and shiny fabric in front of it. It felt like water flowing through my hands. It was so lovely to hold and it was a deep blue in color. It was very heavy even though it was silky. The fabric was not what it seemed to be. It bore a weight that did not match its appearance. I did not feel any strong drawing or attachment to this curtain, so I released it too. I stepped back and looked at it. It shimmered in the darkness, and awaited its owner to walk through it. The Lord nodded and said. "This one also bears much responsibility. My gifts are without repentance, so each must fully weigh their choices and know that their choice will bear fruit in their lives, for good or for bad. This represents the beauty of My Presence and the weight of My Glory that flows through My Gifts. For each reflects Me. But the weight of My Glory will crush those who have not fully surrendered their hearts to Me. For I Am Holy, and My Glory will not abide in those who do not walk clean."

"This door is another path of expression of Me. It bears much responsibility too. It is a path of revelation that unveils much about My Glory and My Presence, and My Word, but it bears much hardship. The greater the revelation, the greater the death and obedience that is required to walk in it. Many want to walk in My Truth, but do not want to pay the price of that knowledge. But I give all of My People the choice. They can walk in My Truth or not. I will not force anyone to come to My Light or to My Truth. Each much come freely and know Me. The ones who walk through this door will reflect My Word. It will also reflect what is in them. It will also judge what is in them that has not been given to Me, that is why I desire that all men allow Me to judge them first. For judgment must come for My people to learn righteousness. Then they can effectively teach My truth and rightly divide it."

I nodded and walked to the next curtain. It was a fabric that had many weaves and patterns woven into its folds. It was not a bright or alluring color, but it was pleasing to look at, and was heavier than the others. It has patterns of fruits and plants woven into it. It was a kind of beige or natural color. I reached out and touched its folds and felt the woven images. It was a strong fabric and it bore many things. But I could not find within me a desire for this one either. I was beginning to wonder if I had something within me that was not given to the Lord, because I couldn't identify with any of these so far. But, I waited anyways. Searching myself as I walked.

"The Lord stood at this one. He said, "This door is one of great weight and responsibility as the others. Each of them bears a great responsibility. But this one is very heavy. It is the weight of My Word. My Word is brought forth through this door through teaching and impartation of Truth. Those who choose this door, receive great understanding of My Word and the anointing to teach it to My People. Many desire this gift, and path. But fail to walk in its light. As I said before, My Word judges and reflects Me. If the person has not brought every area of their live under total authority and submission to My Word, that same Word will show forth their walk. My Word is a lamp unto their feet and a light upon their paths. But those who teach My Word, are entrusted with the Holiness of My Word and must reflect that Holiness. I am the Living Word. But few honor Me, and My Word. Few give My Word utter and total Lordship over their lives and their giftings and destinies. They only want My Word, till they get what they desire, then they walk on in their own ways. Those who teach My Word will have no excuse before My Father. For the Word will judge them and their actions, for they know the Word, and teach others to do likewise. Much Blood has been shed in this door. Many are led into destruction by those who teach My Word falsely and with insincere hearts. I am raising up those who will be Lovers of My Truth, and who will reflect Me to others through My Word. This is available to all who desire it, and who will treasure My Word as Precious."

On and on I walked. Past many doors and curtains, but I could sense no compelling drawing to any of these. Much was revealed to me by the Lord regarding the many gifts and expressions of Himself that he is now releasing, and that awaited its time to be seen in the earth.

I then came to a cave. It had a rough covering of some type that just fit over it. It was not compelling or even pleasing to see, but I felt its fabric in my hands. It has a feeling of roughness and of unuse. I just felt that few chose this door. I felt that many had come this way, but few had entered in or chose this path due to its uniqueness and its placement. It was farther away from the others. I sensed a drawing to this one, but at the same time, I felt the desire to search more. There was still something that I had not found yet.

The Lord saw my hesitancy. He nodded and said, "This is a very important door. It is the door of sacrifice. It is a very costly door and it is very highly esteemed among heaven. Sacrifice births forth the Kingdom of Heaven. For the Kingdom of Heaven is come to men, and is now within them if they choose it to be. But sacrifice is the price of obedience. My Sufferings is revealed through this door. It is the door to My Sufferings and to My Glory. It is through sacrifice that true change comes and the Light of My truth shines forth. All of My Mighty Men are trained in these caves of obscurity. But few pay the price to be changed, so they can take the message to My People so that they too can enter in. Few want to be transparent. Many want to be seen as important and as in high positions of authority in the earth, but few will lay their lives down for their brethren, to reflect Me. I am the pearl of great price. It will cost you your life to enter in, and to be My Reflection. This path brings great reward and many souls to My Father.

We walked on and passed many more. Each stood with its own path and purpose. But I could not find any that I could embrace. Although I wanted to embrace each one, as I truly did want to reflect the Lord is whatever way He desired me to, and it did not matter, for I would walk in His choice, but He did not choose for me. He waited. I began to grieve, as I felt that I had not found the place for me here, and I had missed it somewhere. I began to think of the many times I had encountered the Lord and the lessons that I had learned in them. Each was precious to me and had brought me closer to Him.

I said to Him, "Lord, I cannot choose any of these. I do not feel my destiny is here with these." I then began to recall several times that the lord had brought me into His Heart last year.

In one visionary experience, my spirit left my body after a meeting, and I rose up into the heavenlies, and saw the stars and the heavens. I saw this small square hatch type door open before me. Inside the door was the milky way, the heavens, the planets, the stars and all of creation. I suddenly understood that all of creation was in the Fathers Heart before He ever created it. I felt compelled to enter in this door.

In this door was a room of sorts. There was a loud drum beating in this room. I was told to shut the door behind me. I turned and shut the hatch. It seemed to disappear as I did and the walls became a living wall. I turned and I saw that I was in a huge heart. It was beating loudly as at first and it echoed throughout the chamber that I was in. I could feel the heartbeat of the Father, and was overwhelmed at its size and capacity for Love. With each beat that I heard and felt in that room, I understood the Father truly loves His creation and cares for it. He spoke it forth from Himself and imparted Himself into it as He did. All things existed through Him, for Him, and by Him.

It is here that I felt at home. Another time, I was back in the Fathers heart again, and I saw a desk and chair in this heart. I saw myself sitting at the desk and writing the things that the Fathers heart was beating. I did not want to leave this place. I felt at one with His Heart beat and it echoed throughout my being. But, all of a sudden, I was back in my body again after this first experience. All of these emotions welled up within me, as I re-thought about them again. This is where I belonged.

I said to the Lord, "Lord I do not desire these doors as the one to walk through. I do desire to be used by you in any of them if you choose for me to. I desire to be your vessel in any way that you choose me to. I am your servant and you can make me into whatever you desire. I take no thought for my future, for you are all that I desire. But, I cannot help but remember when you allowed me to experience Your Heart and what You feel and how much You love us. I entered into that door, as You brought me into it, I felt so close to you and your love beat all around me. I would like to choose that door if I could again. I would like to sit at that desk that I saw, and write of what your heart beats about, and of your desires, and the great love that You have for your people. I would like to write of you. I desire that your people know you and also have your heart."

"I choose this door. The door to Your Heart. For I do not desire greatness or luxuries, but I desire you. I want to know you, and to be able to tell others who you are, and what you feel, and reflect you to them. There is nothing else for me, but You. I cannot choose any other path."

I waited. My heart beat with longing for His Presence and Love, but I could only embrace that which He allowed me to. I looked at the Lord and felt that I maybe had not asked correctly. For the doors around us were shown to me, but what I desired was not here. The Lord came over to me, and took me into His arms. He enveloped me in His embrace, and held me close. I felt such acceptance from Him that I no longer felt grief or uncertainty. I felt secure in Him. He drew back after a minute, and smiled and said, "There is no other place that I desire for you to be, but in My heart. My Father and I are one. Our heart has desired that men would seek us. Oh, that men would seek us, and desire to know us, and to be one with us. For I was sent to earth to reveal the Father to men. I showed the way, for all men to come and know us, and be free. But each Man must choose his destiny."

"It is a great delight for us to bring you into Our Heart. Few want to know our Love or to walk with us. Few desire to change or to be free. They desire their own ways and future. The Father always answers those who desire to come to Him. He delights in those who love Him and want to be like Him. Many want to reflect Him, and use His Gifts, but they do not want to be Holy. They do not want to embrace Him or to live in His Light. Many use My Word, My Father, My Gifts, and My Name for their own uses, but that day is ending. The night has come, and no man will now stand under the Glory of the Father, and walk in their own ways. All will be seen and all will be clean. All will be required to choose whom they will serve fully. Those who choose to come to us, will be ours. They will be under My Blood and in My House."

"My Father sent me to prepare a place for you, and all of My People. I have done so. All is in readiness. All will enter in, who desire Truth, and who love My Word, more than themselves. It pleases us that you desire to know us, and to come to us, and to bring that knowledge of us to His People. My Word is a Living Word and it brings life to all who will receive it. My Father is calling to those who would come and partake, and then feed to those who will follow after them. It is time for the People of God to know their God."

"Be at peace, daughter, for I know all things. I knew your choice, before you made it, but I have to bring you to this place, as I do all of Mine. Each must choose. Each is responsible for that choice. Each must embrace Me in it, and reflect Me through it. I would have loved you no matter which choice you made. I would have used you in any choice, and any gift that you desired that I pour through you. I would have been reflected through you in the degree that you allowed me to. I am glorified through each of Mine, as the Father is also glorified. Each choice is just as important as the other. Each is a part of Us, and reflects Us. Each is available to all who seek Us, and desire to be made into Our Image."

"What you have asked for, I always grant. I desire that all men ould want to know My Heart, and to share it with others. For such is the Kingdom of God, the Love. Love is the greatest of all gifts, and is the foundation upon which all things exist and flow through. For God is Love. I AM Love. All things exist through Me, and out of Me, and Love upholds all things. Because of My great Love for you, I created all things, so that you could know that great love. It is just many of the things that I desire My People to know. I love them. I died for them, so that they could know that love and be with Me where I am. It is time for Love to be released in My House again. It is time for Love to be given and shared amongst the Church. It is time for true Love to be released and true Life to come forth. It is time for change. My People are known by their love. They reflect Me. The world is looking for Truth and for Love. It is time to shine forth with My Love and to communicate it to the darkness and to bring the imprisoned out into My Light."

"Enter in. Take your place in My Heart. Sit, and learn of Me. Write what I show you and what I speak to you. Many will come and sit where you will sit, and they also will write of Me. For I am bringing great Grace to those who are searching for Me. Great Grace is given to the thirsty and the hungry, and the naked. I will feed them, and fill them, and clothe them with Myself. I will reveal Myself to those who will receive Me. Write of Me, for many will read, and will embrace Me. I will be glorified through My Words. I will receive My Own to Myself and the Father."

"I am bringing greater understanding to the earth of who I AM. All men will know that there is a Living God. All men will know that I AM. All men will come to a knowledge of Me, and will choose their final destiny."

"The earth will shake with the knowledge of Me."

"The heavens will shake with the knowledge of Me."

"The seas will roar with the knowledge of Me."

"There will be no excuse. All men will see that I am in control of all things. The heavens and the earth are Mine. The heavens and the earth reflect Me and what I am doing in this hour."

"Great travail will now increase, as men are ushered into their final destinies. Great Grace will also be given to Mine who serve Me, and who reflect Me in this hour. For I will reap My Harvest, and it will be seen. Great darkness has come, and all men who refuse the knowledge of Me will be given over to the darkness and will be separated from Me. Many have warned and have faithfully cried out. Now it has come. The Storm has begun."

"Take your place. My Own are now taking their places. All is in readiness. All is now brought forth."

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There Is Nothing For You To Do But Continue To Look To Me
Susan Cummings

There is nothing for you to do, but to continue to look to Me. You cannot earn or do anything to further your progress, or to elevate your position. I Am in full control. I know what I am doing. I am working all things out according to My Plan. Cease from worry, and from despair. Have faith In Me.

As you look to Me, I will bring you further into understanding and into My Timing. You cannot hurry or bring forth what isn’t there yet. You must wait upon Me. There is no pressure that should be weighing upon you, but My Yoke. If you have truly aligned yourself with Me, then walk with Me. Stay in step, and quit striving.

All things are Mine, and are wrought within My Wisdom. There is nothing that escapes Me, or that isn’t done but by My Knowledge and Will. So, rest. Continue to trust In Me, and be sensitive to My Leading. Do not let your circumstances pull you from My Arms. Do not let the cares and duties limit your time with Me. Be ever diligent to keep Me first.

Take no thought for tomorrow, but leave the cares and the decisions to my able Hands. I will lead you tomorrow. I will show you the way to go, and what to do. You cannot accomplish tomorrow today, nor plan for it. You must fully be reliant upon Me. Do not think that you can walk separate from Me and be a part of Me. You must remain In Me.

We are united by your faith In Me. Keep in tandem with Me, and allow My Peace to guide you. Listen to Me, and don’t let the voices of the day drown out My Voice. You must bring all thoughts captive. Bring all feelings captive. Take authority over them, and bring them into subjection to the Spirit. Do not be ruled by circumstances and emotions, but be led by My Spirit.

Take time to listen. Don’t run so fast, and expect Me to stop you. I will not. I desire those who hunger for Me, and come to Me first. I will not be second place. I will be your Head if you allow Me to. Stay right here, and rest now. Gather yourself and look to Me. This is necessary for the days you have entered. You must heed My Voice, and move when I say to.

You know what you are to be doing. Now wait for My Moving. Then follow My Lead. You will not fail, if you obey, and you will not miss Me, if you listen. It is time to change your focus, and bring peace to your heart. Then you will understand. Then you will know why you have been in turmoil and in despair. Bring all of your cares to Me, and leave them here.

No longer will you be subjected to every emotional or eventful tide that comes in or out. But you will stand firmly in Me. You will come into your place and will have My Grace. Each of Mine walk with Me, and they hear My Voice, and they do not follow another. They only follow Me. It’s time to shut out the world and listen anew. I have much to show you and to tell you.

Do not allow condemnation to weigh you down. Stand up. I see you, and have made provision for you. I am moving. So, break free from all lethargy and move on from there. Move into My Purposes with new vision and hope. I am in control. The enemy has kept you at bay, with these circumstances, and has prevented you from moving on in My Ways. No more. Remember My Word to you, and choose to believe it is true. Then see what I can do. For your faith gives me the room to move.

Look to Me.

-Susan Cummings

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Dream of Earth Changes
Susan Cummings

Last night, in a dream, the Lord took me up into the heavens. I was standing somewhere, I don't know where. But I was standing and looking out towards the earth. I saw it out in front of me. The Lord had brought me to see something He was revealing.

As I was watching it, there was lightning beginning to streak across the earth and strike in various places. It became a great lightning storm as the earth was covered in lightning. It was very fearful and awesome to see but it was very destructive on the earth.

Then after a period of time, it began to rain on the earth, great torrents of rain. Areas that did not normally get rain was now being rained on greatly and the rains flooded many areas.

Then another scene, as many volcanoes erupted and the earth became an open pit in areas. Grounds opened and lava spewed in many places. Earthquakes released the great pressures in various places and entire landscapes moved and changed.

Then another scene appeared. It began to rain fire down on the earth. Fire was erupting everywhere. Fire was burning all over in many areas. I could hear the fire and the sound was as a roar. It was fearful and terrible. It was a consuming fire.

Then another scene. This time a great wind blew upon the earth. It was a wind that shook the earth and covered it. Nothing stood in this wind. All was brought low. The winds howled and raced over the earth and great destruction was wrought. When the winds ceased there was nothing left that I could see from where I was standing in the heavens.

All was barren.

As I watched, I saw the ground of the earth then break open and a great awesome light began to stream out from within the earth. Somehow, I knew that the earth was breaking up, but it also was being created somehow.

Then the dream ended and repeated throughout the night.

-Susan Cummings
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Through The Gate of Surrender
Susan Cummings

In a vision, I see a scene that spreads out before me. It is a scene of an ancient town or village. There are stone walls surrounding this village and the walls are thick and high. The stones are old and there are plants growing within some of the cracks in the stone walls.

The scene is around the days end, and it is late. I see some people sitting around near the town’s walls. Some are camped outside the walls sitting by a fire, and a few are walking around the walls to go to another side. I do not see what is on the other side, so I continue to watch the scene that is spread out before me.

I study the walls for a few minutes. The walls are old, as I noted earlier. They are very tall and wide and have gaps here and there for windows, I guessed. There are no entrances on this side of the wall except for a very old gate that is completely blocked by brambles and stuff growing around it.

It must be why the people were walking around to the other side of the town wall. It seemed that no one has cleared this gate or gone through it for awhile. The only thing on this side of the wall was a camp of a few people and bushes, here and there.

I was curious, and wanted to see this gate. Instantly, as I thought about this gate, then I was taken closer to it in the vision.

The gate was indeed overgrown and very foreboding to look at. I too, would think twice about tackling the brambles before entering. It would leave you quite beat up and scratched if you tried to clear it all away from the door. The gate was closed as I peered through the brambles. It was a very heavy door and had a great big key still resting in the lock. Someone had not even bothered to remove it.

I laughed at myself then, for no one was going to take it anyways, with this mess growing all around the gate! I stood there looking at the gate. Then I noticed an inscription above the gate. It was hard to read as some of the brambles had grown over it. But I stood and reached through to move some of the branches out of the way. The inscription was very old and was etched into the rock above the gate. It read, “Surrender.”

I stepped back and wondered how long it had been here. Who had made it and why it was no longer used. I wondered why no one cared to clear this passage and make good use of a gate that would give them entrance to the town.

The Lord then spoke to me, and said, “Surrender is the least used gates of all.”

I turned and the Lord stood beside me. He was pointing to the gate.

He said, “This gate is the most valuable of all, and the least recognized. It is the most hated and the most feared, and men will do anything to not enter in through it, even though it is the quickest entrance into the town.”

“As you have guessed, this town represents My House, and it’s current state of disrepair and workmanship. The gates are many, but the most important ones are often abused, neglected, controlled, or broken down. The ones that are used the most are the ones that lead to their business or fellowship places.”

He then walked up to the brambles and took one in His hand.

He pointed and said to me, “Can you enter this gate?” I shook my head, and said, “Not without clearing the path first.”

The Lord smiled broadly. “Yes,” he said, “This is what I am doing.”

“Many think they can bypass this gate, and enter into what I am currently doing, and go through another way. There is no other gate through which men can enter in by. For I AM the Gate, and all who come to the Father, come only through here. It is through full surrender to Me, that they truly enter in.”

“I am not just talking about salvation. I have many sheep in many pastures.”

“I am talking about fully abiding In Me. Surrender comes when you truly lay all things down, and can take My Yoke upon you, and drink from My Cup. Few can. Many take My Name, My Blood, My Word and My Throne and call it theirs. But few truly have died and laid themselves at My Feet, and have given me their life to make it into My Image. Few want to look like Me, think like Me, and live like Me. Fewer still, fully surrender to Me."

"I am coming for those who are Mine. Who are fully surrendered to Me, and who live the crucified life. I am coming for those who bear My Cross and who drink My Cup. I am coming for those who know My Sufferings and My Joy. I am coming for those who bear My Mark and who bear My Name within them. For I indeed write My Word and My Name upon the tablets of the hearts and minds of My People. Those who have given their hearts and minds to Me, and who walk fully in My Ways. These are also those who bear the reproach of men in their bodies and who bear My Holiness within them. They have allowed the work of My Father to be burnt within them and without. These are the truly Righteous Ones."

Jesus then stood back and stepped closer to where I was standing. He looked at me, and said, "I want you to enter the gate."

I looked back at the gate, and at the brambles. I swallowed, and said, "Okay. I will clear the way. I will open it again for others to pass through."

I then turned and began to reach for the branches. I pulled and the branches did not move easily. The brambles did not move. They seemed to be frozen in place. They were very strong, and over time, had become deeply entrenched in the ground. This was going to be very hard work.

I strained at the brambles and thought of ways that I could move the branches. There seemed to be no way that I could see. I looked around for something to dig with. I thought if I dug them out by the roots, then I could pull each bush out, one by one. But there was nothing. The Lord was still standing there, and He had no shovel either.

The Lord watched me intently. I was getting frustrated, and stood up. The brambles were not only not moving, but they were scratching me and scraping me as well. I had made no progress. I looked at the brambles and sat down.

I looked up at the walls, and there was nothing else around with which to use for leverage, to pry up under them with. No boards, nothing. There were a few people camped further from me, but they only watched me. "No interest there in helping me," I thought to myself.

The Lord sat down next to me. He said to me, "You cannot remove them by your own works."

"Men make the mistake thinking they can work their way to Me. They can clear and clean up their lives and make things right on their own. It is only when you come to the end of yourself and realize that you can do nothing, and are nothing without Me, is when you can truly surrender all. But men do not want to give me their wills."

"Only I can remove the brambles. For they are the defenses that men erect that prevent them from drawing closer to Me. Each bramble represents those things that give you security and comfort, and strength. They feed your self esteem and make you think you are whole. It is those things that your will relies upon to feed it and to maintain it's identity."

"It is when you understand that I AM truly your Lord and that you are not separate from Me, and that your will is My Will, then you can truly release the brambles in your life to Me. Until then, you will erect them and use them for your purposes and miss My Will for your life. When men choose My Will, and fully embrace Me, then My Fire can fully come. It is My Fire that removes the brambles and all of the defenses that prevent them from knowing Me intimately. It is My Fire that will burn up all the debris that still remains, so that you can open the door and walk with Me freely."

I stood up, and went up to the brambles. I looked at them and touched their tangled knots of branches. I then said, "Lord, I surrender to you completely. Bring your Fire and burn up all debris, all the defenses, all of My identity, all of My Self Will. I am nothing without you."

Suddenly, all of the brambles just began to burn up before me. They just ignited, and were ablaze. I backed up and watched them as they burned. The brambles crackled in the flames as the fire burned the leaves and branches. There was such a sense of peace as I watched them burn. I waited as they burned down to patches of coals of fire, here and there.

I then walked through the patches of fires that still burned, and went up to the gate. The door was shut and the key was still in the old lock. It was indeed a heavy door. It was very big, and old, and it had steel bands that went through the panels. The key was a big old key and it has a rounded handle with a loop in it. I put my hand in the loop.

My hand fit perfectly within the loop. I took the key and went to turn the key. It would not turn. It had sat in the lock for a long time. It seemed to be stuck. It would not come out of the lock either. I thought for a minute. What is the key? Then, I thought, well, we enter in through the Blood. So, I said, "The Blood of Jesus Christ has atoned for me, that I may fully enter and walk intimately with Him."

The key turned and the lock clicked, and I touched the door. It was a very big door that towered over me and that many people could enter through at one time when it was open. The Lord then said, "I Am the door by which all men may enter, for I made the way available for all men. I am willing to let all pass through who wish to, but few choose to."

"Most go around this gate and try to find another way to enter in to My House. But they never deal with the root issues, the brambles, and are not truly surrendered to Me, and haven't given me their will, so I am not truly Lord."

"I take each child who comes to Me, and bring each of them through the gates to My House, one at a time. Each holds a Truth, and a key for their lives. Each brings them closer to Me and brings them a deeper knowledge of Me, but none will bring them closer or more intimate with Me, than this one. This is the most resisted and the most feared."

"If you do not fully surrender to Me, and become one with Me, and take on My Likeness and My Life, then I do not truly know you. Unless you are fully changed, you will remain a stranger, and be cast into outer darkness at My Coming."

"Men think that can camp on My Truths, and partake of a few things here and there, and make it their platform and defense, but they fail to apply Me, the Living Word, the whole Council of God, to their lives, and they are not fully changed. They only become more entangled with their works and become further alienated from Me."

"But you must fully embrace all of Me, and utterly cast yourself upon Me, and take Me fully as your Lord, and God. I alone, will change you, as you embrace Me. I alone, can make you into My Image, and not of yourself. Do not take one Truth, and discard another, but fully embrace all of My Word, and let it do it's work within you. Do not elevate one Truth above another, and build upon them, but eat them, and let them abide in you."

"My Word is to be eaten, and not built upon, and used for men's purposes. It is to be embraced. It is to be partaken of, and the fruit of it will be walked out. It is the Life that is in My Word, when properly partaken of, that will be reflected outwardly. That is what will be seen. The Surrendered Life is a visible life that is seen by all. It is hated by many."

"When I am fully reflected, then true change has come."

"This House is My House. It is built upon the foundations of many generations before you. It has seen many days of Glory and many days of defeat. It is currently fallen and in some places it is in disrepair, and those who pass by it and through it, do not strengthen the walls, and do not clean up or repair the gates. They only care for their own business matters and not for My House. They do not want to change. That will now change."

"I am bringing the true Gate Keepers and they will repair the Gates."

"I am tearing down everything that is not built by Me in this Hour, and nothing built by men will stand while My House is fallen and in disrepair. Every foundation will be exposed, and Mine will be raised up. I AM the Lord of My House, and I will have a Holy House fit for My Use."

"Be diligent in your quest for Truth, and always fully embrace Me. Allow My Word to be formed even more within you, and eat of it often. If My Words abide within you, then I will come in further, and as you make more room for Me, I will continue to sup with you, and share the meat with you from My Father's table. For the meat is not given to those who only desire bread. It is given to those who have surrendered fully to Me."

The Lord then turned and pushed the door open, and entered the city with walls.

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Do You Want To Live In The House Of Dates Or Figs?

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There is profound change coming to the church of Jesus Christ in these days. The Lord is coming to His temple! I would like to share some insights from Mark 11 in which Jesus comes into Jerusalem. Described in this chapter are three days in the journey of Jesus. On the first day He did not enter Jerusalem but went to the Mount of Olives:

Mar 11:1 And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples,

We have been crying out as the Church for the presence of God in our midst and I want to say to you that Jesus has ‘come nigh’, He is at the very door. We are on the brink of experiencing His presence as never before. However, it is important to note the route of His journey to us, His Church. He stops at the Mount of Olives, which is representative of the place which is the source of the anointing, the place of olives which, being pressed, release the oil of the anointing. This was one of His favorite places, from which He looked over Jerusalem and prayed for her. Here we are told there are two towns or two houses, Bethphage, ‘the House of Figs’ and Bethany, ‘the House of Dates’. Let us look deeper into Bethany first.

'House of Dates' in itself does not seem to speak of anything in particular, until we remember that when David brought the ark of the covenant back into Jerusalem (1 Chron 16:3), he gave everyone a date-cake, a loaf of bread and a raisin-cake or flagon of wine, (depending on the translation.)

This Hebrew word translated ‘date-cake’ is only used twice in the Word and actually means 'a measured portion, a good piece'. So what is this date-cake a type or shadow of? Is this not what Mary chose, the good portion, when she sat at Jesus' feet and received a continual revelation of who He was? The ‘good portion’ is abiding in His presence, before His face. To confirm this, Bethany, 'the house of dates', was where Mary lived, and she received the Lord's seal of approval when He said, " she has chosen the good portion and it will not be taken from her". Bethany represents those who develop an intimate worship relationship with their Bridegroom.

Now let us look at Bethphage, the House of Figs. The word for ‘fig’ means ‘torpid, crude or unripe’. I looked up ‘torpid’ and discovered it means ‘having lost motion or power of exertion and feeling; dull, stupid, sluggish, inactive’ and there was an addition in brackets which said ‘unrepentant sinners remain in a state of torpid security!’. So Bethphage is a house where there is little sign of life, no movement or passion and certainly no intimacy! We will gain further insight into this House as we go along but for now let us concentrate on what Jesus dealt with as He surveyed these two towns from the Mount of Olives.

Mar 11:2 And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose

him, and bring *him*.
And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without, in a place where two ways met; and they loose him.

Before Jesus enters Jerusalem, He issues a command to loose a colt! Something is bound and it has to be loosed before He can move on to fulfill God's appointments. He could easily have walked into Jerusalem but there was a word to be fulfilled that had been prophesied many years before! God can continue to unfold His plan without you BUT there is a prophetic word that was spoken over you many years ago and it must be fulfilled. He wants to use you to carry His purposes into Jerusalem! This colt had never been ridden by man, but it was tied up with a rope. There are many of God's people who have never been used by man for his purposes or fleshly agendas, we have been waiting for the King's call because we have a sense of destiny within us, we are set-apart for His purposes. Yet we stand bound, tied up in this place of waiting for God's appointed time of release into what was written before the foundation of the world for our lives. Any attempt to free ourselves has proved fruitless and we have had to wait for the command to come from Jesus Himself. Joseph found himself in the same place. He was in prison through no fault of his own for many years and the Word of the Lord tried and tested him while he was imprisoned. He tried to open a door for release himself by asking the butler and baker to put in a good word for him when they left the prison, but it came to nothing. He remained in that place for another two years before the command came from the throne-room to release him. How he must have questioned the purpose of his extended stay! I believe the answer is found in psalm 105:19-22

Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him. The king sent and loosed him; *even* the ruler of the people, and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance: To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his elders wisdom.

God had given him a promise and the preparation time was for the purpose of being tried and refined to produce a vessel fit to hold the fulfillment of the promise. This included being brought to a place of authority to wage warfare,binding principalities and powers and being schooled in the wisdom of God and not man. Joseph was hoping that the words of praise from the ex-inmates in the right ear would open the door. He was engineering or trying to manipulate his advancement in God's plans for him. He still hadn't come to the place of understanding that only God opens doors that no man can shut! So two more years of training by the Spirit were necessary. It is one thing to be placed in a position of authority but quite another to rule in the spirit of righteousness and justice, free from the bribes and manipulations of men. We see from Joseph's subsequent handling of his brothers that the prison time had served its purpose well. He was devoid of bitterness and anger but understood that even the hard and ugly things which strike our lives become tools in the Lord's hand to fashion a weapon fit for its purpose!

Back to Mark 11 - the colt was discovered tied up outside the door at the place where two ways meet. Is this where you stand, bound outside the door to your destiny? You can see the door, have some idea what is beyond it but have been unable to enter it. People have come past you and gone in and yet you can only stand and wait. The significant thing is that you stand at the place where two ways meet –and you have a choice to make. Will you go your own way and follow your own desires or will you die to self and yield to the one who looses you and be led to the feet of Jesus to be used for His purpose and pleasure. This waiting time is for you to contemplate the cost of either path. The path to Jesus ‘feet leads you to the place of pressing, of dying to self to bring forth His life, to the Mount of Olives. Paul said:

For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you.” (2 Cor 4:11)

This path is the path to death to self which leads to life. It is the path which will bring persecution and hardship for the sake of the gospel and the the greatness of the power that comes forth from our earthen vessels will be seen to be of God. It is the path where one does not preach with persuasive words of men’s wisdom but in a demonstration of the Spirit and power. It is not the popular path but the narrow way where one is called to die to one’s reputation with the establishment of man and choose rather the approval of God. It is the path where you understand that anything you suffer in His Name causes the life of God to be released to others. The reason He has sent a command to loose you is because He has need of you!

The other way is the way of self, the way of comfort, the path where men will applaud your achievements. It is the path that leads to the best seats in the synagogues and position and power over men but it is also the way that leads to death

(Pro 16:25) There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

This path runs to and from Bethphage, House of Figs, where there is no passion for Jesus, because this house has been eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, where men clean the outside of the cup but the inside is full of dead men’s bones; where long prayers are made to cover up the robbing of widow’s houses. This is the House of Religion where one is made aware of one’s nakedness and only participation in the various ‘fig leaves’ offered makes one feel acceptable in God’s sight. “ Sign up for this course, participate in that group” is the cry that goes forth. There are many programs run in this house and much activity and busyness but little sign of life. There is a numbness, like a limb where the circulation has been cut off but it continues to walk on relentlessly in spite of the lack of feeling.

Jesus is presently standing on the Mount of Olives, surveying His people and weighing their hearts. It is almost a sheep and goats scenario and only He can see into the heart. Men judge by the outward appearance. This is why the Word does not tell us which House the colt was tied up at. There are colts with ‘Bethany ‘ hearts tied up and trapped at Bethphage and there are those who honor the Lord with their lips but their hearts are far from Him, going through the motions at Bethany. If we were to judge by the outward appearance we would choose the wrong candidates as vessels fit to carry the Lord’s presence. Only Jesus knows those who are fully His but the day of loosing is coming and men will exclaim as in the Song of Solomon:
(Son 3:6) Who *is* this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

This is an exclamation of surprise as if it is someone unexpected, not a big name preacher or a world-famous evangelist – no, God is going to use the weak and the foolish and the despised things, the nameless and the faceless ones who have been patiently waiting and submitting to refinement after refinement in preparation of being a vessel of honor.

Mary was also a ‘colt‘ who was released at God’s appointed time to carry Jesus and bring Him forth in the earth. She took the path of death to self, death to her reputation and the approval of man. Her response was:

(Luk 1:38) Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

She considered it a blessing to be persecuted for Jesus’ sake. She looked beyond her own comfort to the bigger picture:

(Luk 1:54) He hath helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy. As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.

She did not consider her suffering to be compared to the glory that was about to be revealed through her. This is the attitude the Spirit of God is wanting to bring forth in us. He is looking for donkeys, humble and willing to only be vessels which carry Jesus’ manifest presence into the earth but take no glory for themselves. No-one took any notice of the donkey – in fact they could hardly see it because it was covered with garments and was small. No-one shouted ‘how wonderful this little donkey is, what a stunning entrance, impeccable delivery of God’s message to us!’ They only saw Jesus, only glorified Him. If we do not put to death the desire for the praise and approval of man that lurks within our hearts, we will find ourselves offended and bitter when we are not acknowledged or noticed as being the ones who have brought about the arrival of His manifest presence. In fact I very much doubt God will use a colt who is continuously looking back towards Bethphage and the compliments of men! The need for men’s approval comes from having been fed in the House of Figs where rejection is a very real prospect if one does not behave accordingly. Sadly, one comes under a spirit that makes one a slave again to fear. Romans eight tells us that this is not the spirit that God has given; THROUGH Him we can cry ‘Abba Father!’ – we are accepted in the Beloved.

(Mar 11:11) And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

So Jesus came into the temple, observed everything that was going on and then left. He didn’t deal with the things that offended Him immediately. Sometimes we can mistake the Lord’s presence at our meetings for His approval of what is happening at them. This however is not the case in this season. We are in the time of Revelation 11:1

(Rev 11:1) And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.

The temple of God, His Body, is being measured and those that are worshipping are being weighed. This is a time, Beloved, to be very sensitive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit of sin in our lives. It is not the time to put off dealing with issues until later. Your future is dependant on you aligning yourself with His purposes fully in this day – ‘not my will but thine be done!’

Interestingly, we are in the 30 days before Rosh Hashanna (SEPT 3rd and 4th) during which the Jews blow the shofar every morning and examine their hearts because they understand that on Rosh Hashanna the Books of Life are opened and decisions are made in Heaven over individuals. So this whole month is a time of repentance from areas in which we have departed from God. This is done according to the searchlight of the Spirit and not by digging up our own backyards.

We are told that once Jesus had surveyed the goings-on in the temple, He went to spend the night at Bethany. Although He may visit our meetings, He dwells with those who have chosen the good portion of intimacy with Him. Church, we need habitation, not visitation and the only way to get Him to stay is to deal with sin and worship Him in intimacy. He will not come and dwell in our programs or courses. He dwells with those who are of a humble heart:

(Psa 34:18) The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as be of a contrite spirit (crushed with sorrow for sin)AMP.

He will visit but He will not stay if the temple needs cleaning out!

After a night of being refreshed by the love of His friends at Bethany, Jesus sets out on His Father’s business. His first appointment is with the fig tree. This had nothing to do with his natural appetite. Jesus is hungry for worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. He dealt with the fig tree after looking at the state of things in the temple. Why does He react so angrily? The fig tree represents a system of religion which has developed from eating fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The fig tree was covered in leaves, the very leaf Adam used to try and hide his nakedness. There was nothing nourishing on it but it gave the appearance of being healthy and attractive and full of life. This is exactly what Jesus saw in the temple the previous day. There was much activity and seemingly spiritual behavior going on. Yet these were only fig leaves to give an appearance of godliness. Programs and organization often are attempts to hide a feeling of nakedness and having nothing to offer. The Church has fallen into the trap of believing that the more meetings and courses on offer, the more spiritual we are becoming. However it is a spirit of fear that is behind all the religious programs and plans and frenzied activity; fear of not being acceptable to God; fear of being seen to be naked; fear of no-one coming to the meetings; fear of falling short of God’s requirement. It is important to realize, Beloved, that the occurence of these things is not only seen on the outside in the organized church, but on the inside, in our hearts. This is the place where we first become vulnerable to the doctrines of a religious spirit. We not only have to come out from a system of religion – the system of religion has to come out of us!

Jesus was disturbed by what He saw in His Father’s house – organization and moneychangers, the sale of doves. Moneychangers were those who made sure that people from far-off places had the right currency to offer, only then was their offering of worship acceptable. The poor could not bring their own doves because invariably there would be found something wrong with them; only doves sold at the temple were acceptable currency for them to offer. God’s righteous requirements were turned into a money-making exercise. Eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil produces a religious system of works to be acceptable to God. Those who come with their gifts to offer to the Lord are only allowed to exercise them in officially determined ways eg. only church-ordained prayer meetings under the control of appointed leaders. Heaven forbid anyone should start a meeting at home without the official sanction of the Pharisees!

When Jesus declared that the fig tree would no longer bear fruit, He was addressing

Adam's sin and resulting fig-leaf religion, the system that laid heavy loads on men's backs and did not lift a finger to help them carry them. He proclaimed an end to this fruitless system and then went into the temple and began clearing it out.

(Mar 11:15) And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves; And would not suffer that any man should carry *any* vessel through the temple. And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.

He overthrew and brought down every demonic table and seat in the temple; every area in which the religious spirit had influence, was cleansed. In this time, Jesus is coming to cleanse His temple. As Malachi 3 tells us, He is coming as a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap to deal with His priests. Everything that is of a religious spirit in us is to be overthrown and pulled down, that we may offer offerings in righteousness. Any doctrine or belief-system that has been taught us by a religious spirit needs to be dismantled and the Word of Truth is coming to do it in us. He is going to turn things upside down within us and drive out all that is of man and works. This is what the day of visitation will be like. It will not be a day of comfort and pleasant sensations of His presence. He is coming to challenge the rituals we have been going through for years, thinking this is what God requires of His people. Church as we know it is never going to be the same again and there are going to be some Pharisees who are very upset!

Jesus said that they had turned the temple into a den of thieves. This is a house indwelt by thieves who are the sons of their father, the devil and he comes to steal, kill and destroy. It is a counterfeit, a system of religion set up in the place that should be a House of prayer. It robs people of a chance to experience the kingdom of God, which consists of righteousness, peace and joy. This is because there is always one more requirement to get to a place of being acceptable, one more course, one more meeting. The people of God are weary and heavy-laden and they need rest. The yoke of Jesus is easy and light – worship Him in spirit and in truth. The robe of righteousness purchased by the precious Blood is the only requirement which makes us acceptable to God.

It is interesting to note that the fig tree was cursed and the temple cleansed on the second day of His visit to Jerusalem; yet only on the third day was the evidence of this cleansing work seen in the fig tree which withered from the root up. Let this be an encouragement to you. Sometimes we deal with areas in our lives, make prophetic declarations, repent and re-consecrate ourselves yet we see no outward fruit immediately. Don't question that the work has been done. Rejoice in faith because on the third day, all that has been cut off will become apparent. The root starts to wither underground where no-one can see so it seems that our efforts have been ineffective – not so! Hosea 6;1-3 describes a process which takes place once we have repented and are wholehearted toward the Lord:

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

Only on the third day are the results of the work of the second day seen. Don't waste time trying to deal with all the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The enemy will keep you busy forever, in what is another form of the religion of works. Deal with the root and the fruit will wither and fall off on its own.

There are two houses, two trees, two ways. There is one colt, waiting for its appointment with destiny, at a crossroads. There is one temple, which needs cleansing. There is one Lord, Who is coming as a refiner's fire. John the Baptist described Him like this:

(Luk 3:16) he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire, Whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.

Let us choose the good portion of sitting at His feet; choose to eat of the tree of Life and by so doing, choose the path which is narrow but leads to life. Let us choose the fear of God over the fear of man. Let us allow the Holy Spirit free access to every area of our temples and joyfully submit to His purging fire, knowing that as we do, there is a glorious afterward as all evidence of the root of religion withers up and the way is opened for the manifest presence of Jesus to come forth through our lives.

Departure Of Holy Spirit?
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If Holy Spirit is *removed* along with the Faithful Church in the Rapture, how then is John 16:7-11 to be interpreted?

In Jn. 16:8 Holy Spirit ***convicts*** the world of sin. If Holy Spirit is absent during the Tribulation, how then will sinners come to repentance without conviction of sin? As for the *unfaithful* Church who is left behind, who then will give *remembrance* of the Word (Jn. 14:26) after the Antichrist shuts down Christian Web sites on the Internet? Also begins Christian persecution through shutting down all spiritual broadcasting, prohibits Bible sales and other Christian literature, and probably even the assembling of Christians together in homes to study the Word, etc.? He may even close down all Christian churches, probably through taxing them. Many Christians will be gone, and those left behind will not be able to work unless they take the Mark of the Beast. (Rev. 13:16, 17) How will lack of tithing due to these circumstances keep the churches going?

After much grief and remorseful repentance, from where will the *unfaithful* Church draw *HELP*, boldness, and great strength to refuse the Mark of the Beast, and persevere in delayed faithfulness to Lord Jesus in their persecution and martyrdom through their beheading? (Rev. 20:4)

It is not too late **for the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to search it's heart before Lord Jesus and repent of all *convicted* and revealed hidden sin by Holy Spirit as we await the Rapture** (1Thes. 4:13-18 — 1Cor. 15:51-57).

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"For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way." (2Thes. 2:7 — NKJV)
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[The following comments are quoted from *DAKE'S ANNOTATED REFERENCE BIBLE*, p. 230, N.T., columns 2 and 3.]

"The hinderer of lawlessness (2Th. 2:7) *What is it?* — (1) It is something already known (vs. 6); — (2) It now hinders lawlessness (vs. 6-7); — (3) It is strong enough to prevent the revelation of the Antichrist (vs. 6-8); — (4) It will hinder lawlessness until it is removed from the earth (vs. 7-8); — (5) It is called ***"he"*** (vs. 7); — (6) It will be removed from the earth before the second advent (vs. 7-8); — (7) It will not be here when Christ comes to destroy Antichrist (vs. 7-8).

"*The hinderer is one of 3 things:* (1) Governments (Rom. 13:1-7; 1Pet. 2:13); — (2) The Church (Mt. 5:13 — 2 Cor. 2:15-16 — Eph. 6:12-18 — 2Cor. 10:4-7) — (3) The Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:7-15).

"The *hinderer* of lawlessness must be the one that will be taken out of the world before Antichrist can be revealed (vs. 6-8).

"Will governments be taken out of the world? No, because Antichrist reigns over many kingdoms (Dan. 7:24; 11:40-45) … during the time the hinderer of lawlessness is removed (Rev. 11:15; 16:13-16).

"Will it be the Holy Spirit? No, for **He will be here all through the Tribulation and forever** (Jn. 14:16 — Acts 2:16-21 — Rev. 12:17 with 19:10 — Zech. 12:10-13:1). **Multitudes will be saved by the Holy Spirit during the Tribulation**, as now (Acts 2:16-21 — Rev. 6:9-11 — 7;1-21 — 12:5, 17 — 15:2-4 — 20:4-6).

"It is the Church. It will be raptured before Antichrist comes, and this is the only one of the hinderers of lawlessness that will be removed from the earth (1Th. 4:16).

"The 'he' of 2Thes. 2:7:

"The only argument used to prove that the Holy Spirit is the hinderer of this passage is the pronoun ***he***. It is believed that the Church could not be referred to as ***he*** because it is the Bride of Christ; that the Church is spoken of as a virgin, a woman, and that it is referred to by feminine pronouns.

"On the contrary, the Church is:

"(1) Not referred to by feminine pronouns. — (2) Never symbolized by a woman. — (3) Never called the Bride of Christ [see note, Rev. 21:9-10: The word Bride is used only 5 times in connection with Believers (Jn. 3:29 — Rev. 21:2, 9 — 22:17] The word Bridegroom is used 10 times in connection with Believers (Mt. 9:15 — Mk. 2:19-20 — Lk. 5:34-35 — Jn. 3:29). All these passages refer to Believers who will live in the New Jerusalem, which is the Bride, the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:2, 9-10).

"The Church is called a man (Eph. 2:15; 4:13 – *"new man"*) ***and the Body of Christ*** (1Cor. 12:12-13, 27 — Eph. 1:22-23 — Col. 1:18, 24). *Because* ***CHRIST IS A MAN****, it would not be proper to compare His Body to that of a woman or to use feminine pronouns in referring to the Church.* Since the Church is not a woman, a lady, a virgin, a bride, and is not referred to by feminine pronouns, and since the Church is called a man and ***the Body of Christ, who is A MAN***, the Church can be referred to by the pronoun ***he***.

"The Church is the only one of the three hinderers of lawlessness that will be taken out of the world. We must, therefore, conclude that the he, or the hinderer of lawlessness of 2Th. 2:7, must refer to the Church being taken out of the world. And THEN shall that wicked [one] be revealed who will be destroyed 7 years later by Christ at His second advent (vs. 7-8)."

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Beloved Saints of God, according to Scripture, and not *"popular opinion,"* **HOLY SPIRIT will *REMAIN* on earth *CONVICTING THE WORLD OF SIN* during the Tribulation** as well as throughout the Millennium during Lord Jesus' reign on earth, and thereafter.

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Doors

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I am focusing all my energy on this one thing, forgetting what is behind and looking forward to what lies ahead – Philippians 3:13

Each of you have doors in your life. Doors of the past, doors of the present and doors of the future. Doors of the past once they are closed they are not to be revisited.

Much of My church are constantly revisiting old doors. Many of My precious warriors are continually returning to things of old. Disappointments, hurts, rejections, and lies of the past.

This is a new day. The day that I the Lord your God have made. It is time to move forward. Is it not time to move forward, reach a new level and walk in all the things that I have purposed for each of you?
I have so many great and wonderful plans and treasures for My children but many are being held back. Held back by their own choice to continue to open doors of the past. Many of you are being tormented by the enemy and not finding victory in your lives and circumstances, it is because you are continually revisiting old doors, and leaving them open.

Close the doors of the past. Close them, and do not move back to them. Move forward. Walk in who you really are in Me, do not live under lies or condemnation anymore. For, can I release a church that is being tethered to their pasts? Surely not!

When I came to earth I did not continue to dwell in the past, I was always looking forward. Looking to what the day would bring and the Kingdom work I had to accomplish.

Oh My beautiful church, My friends, I love each of you more than you could ever know. You can never know the depth and the width of My love for each of you. I love to take you higher and higher. My heart is to always give you what is best and move you forward. Not staying tethered to what is behind or remaining stuck in the day, but moving forward into all the glories and treasures I have for each of you.

I am waiting on many of you. Yes, I the Lord your God am waiting on many of you to stop revisiting doors of old, not being tethered to them any longer and moving forward.

Stepping out into the areas of destiny I have called you too. Laying down mindsets once and for all that are not of Me, laying down lies once and for all that are not of Me. Taking the steps forward that I have commanded you too through My Word.

You have everything that you need right now to live victoriously in Me. I have opened the doors of heaven and poured out My blessings and all My authority on My church. So why do you wait?

Why do you wait for the door to be opened when I have already opened it for you? You are My friends, and I love you very much. I long to share My heart with each of you. In Me the doors of the future will be opened to you. Using My Word you can declare prophetically My Word over future situations.

For you are not disarmed, you are armed. You are FULLY equipped. You are lacking NOTHING. Through Calvary I have given you EVERYTHING.

Close the doors of the past. Let go and move forward. Go higher, go deeper, let Me take you where I want to take each of you. Churches, and individuals.
Be attentive to My Spirit. For I am a God of growth, I am the God of continuum. Church, Friends it is time to move forward.

Examine your hearts in the light of My Presence, allow Me to show each of you where you are still tethered and revisiting doors of old, or even remaining in the comfort of today.

Yes, look to today and listen to what I am doing today, but continue to have your eyes fixed on Me, and what I have to come, for great and mighty moves of My hand await each of you.

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Doors Of Relationship
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Staying focused on the vision and purposes that God has mandated, opens our sight and perception to discern the spiritual doors that mark times and seasons of divine appointments where we are destined to come face to face with God. The Lord Jesus is our harvest. If you were a stick in the mud when you entered His manifest presence, you will leave with roots that reach down deeply to draw from the wellsprings that flow with Kingdom knowledge. You will leave with fully formed branches full of leaves and fruit. Your life will bear the fruit of knowing Christ and His presence with you will become shelter for others in their times of need.

Doors of relationship are first formed out of our obedience to God and our willingness to stand in the anointing, unmoved by our circumstances or reactions of those around us. Many would believe that these encounters first manifest in the quiet of the day where we are already resting in our hidden place in the Lord. Not when the Holy Spirit is teaching and preparing us how to war with spiritual weapons. This is the time and the hour where we learn that no weapon formed against us shall prosper and ....

Rom 8:36-39
"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV

The prophetic is purposed to release life breathed words to give the people of God direction for their lives. More importantly, the prophetic should release the people themselves to experience the person of Christ in greater dimensions. With our focus stayed on WHO the door is, let us be refreshed and renewed in reading the beginning of the 10th chapter of John.

John 10:7-9
7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.
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At the very beginning of the 10th chapter of John, Jesus is teaching that anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the door is a thief and a robber. In this example, where is the door first being manifest? IN us! Revelation 3:20 speaks of Jesus standing at this door seeking to enter in.

Rev 3:20-22
20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." ' "

When spiritual doors are being manifest in our lives, they will manifest by the order that scripture teaches. Christ first! The doors of our heart that Jesus knocks on oftentimes reveal areas of our lives that we have not yet surrendered to Him. Before Jesus comes knocking, we're not even aware of the spiritual places within us that God's presence awakens.

Because Christ IS the door, He will always reveal Himself as the door within us first before He will reveal Himself as the door within others. Just as water overflows a glass when it becomes full, faith abounds and the spirit is poured out on everything around the glass. It is the same with all that is manifest in Christ. The principal of The door (Christ) is first revealed within us. Then, in the right application, the door begins manifesting in relationships around us. Any other way leads into idolatry.

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Daughters Of The American Revolution

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I am calling you my daughters of America, to remind me to come before my throne and to remind me that your nation America was birthed to throw off religious repression, persecution, and control, to oppose taxation with out representation.

Yet you have defaulted for kings like King George, instead of standing in the liberty that your sons shed blood for to have a free country. You have let the church become a religious set of controls and oppression, instead of freedom of spirit and in mutual loving submission. You have let tithing and offerings (taxations) by con men and fleecers in the body of Christ, without accountability and accurate representation of who I am.

So daughters of my once free church, I am calling you to rise up and cry out for a revolution in my Church's in this "land of the free" America which has become a land of kings and tyranny in my most holy body.

I am sending an alarm to the Minute Men! I am sending an immediate pressing alarm to rise up from your beds of complacency! Daughters cry out for an American Revolution!

Whom the Son of Man has set free is free indeed! Do not be bewitched and default your Christian liberty!

LET THE EAGLE ONCE AGAIN SCREAM LIBERTY!!!

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Death On The Highways

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

July 8, 2005

Back in March of 1999 I opened my weekly letter with the following scripture and comment: "The earth is YHVH's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalms 24:1). This past week we went to a burial of a neighbor (Tzvika). His daughter is in the same class as our daughter. He was 47 years old" (end of quote).

Early this morning my daughter left in a hurry to go on a two- day excursion with her pre-army training group. About a half an hour after she left, she called to say that her friend and classmate mentioned above was killed in a motorbike accident.

The rays of the yellow light of the setting sun bathed the hundreds that came to the burial of this young lady. Only a short 14 hours before she was alive, celebrating her 18th birthday. Now her friends were stooping over her grave, watering the flowers scattered over the freshly dug dirt with their tears. Her life long friend and neighbor (who was sitting in a wheelchair next to the grave) gave her a lift on his motorcycle after the party, and what was ringing in my ear was the echo of the old song of the 60's:"no one knows what happened that night, but tell Laura I love her". So many times with tragic accidents many stand around the grave wishing they would have said "Tell ---that I love her or him."

It was only a year ago that I wrote about other neighbors who lost their daughter in a car accident. A couple of years before that, two sisters from our community were also killed in an automobile crash. In between times we wrote about two believers, a mother and her nine-month pregnant daughter, who were all killed in truck-auto accident. Not to mention the Mayor's 19 year old daughter who was killed several years before that. Thus, going last night, again to our small cemetery that looks out over the Coastal Plain, we are reminded that the earth in which those bodies are lying does not belong to the Arabs or the Jews, it belongs to YHVH.

It just so happened that two days before the accident Rimona visited with the mother of our other neighbor, whose daughter was killed almost a year ago. The family is very religious, and Bat El, who was 20 when she was killed, walked in her parents' footsteps. In lieu of army service she rendered services to high school students, teaching them Judaism. Rimona was given a booklet that the family had just published of an essay that Bat El had written on the subject of Faith.

Just before Rimona left, Bat El's mother showed her the last photograph that had been taken of her daughter on the morning before the accident. Bat El had been hiking with some of her girlfriends and had been sleeping out. She got up at 4 A.M to hike to the top of the hill or mountain where they had been camping; it was there that she wanted to say the morning prayers. Her friend's camera caught her, on top of the hill, with her hands raised praising YHVH just before sunrise.

In this very enlightening essay Bat El defines "faith", quoting a few Jewish sources, and elaborates by using mainly the example of the "faith of Abraham", and the ambiguous situation that faced the latter who was asked to sacrifice the son of promise. "Abraham faced a faith issue unlike any other, while his heart was being tested. what did he think about the Almighty? Which of the two Divine revelations to him was he supposed to believe?.. " In other words, if Abraham were to be convinced that YHVH was not going to go through with the sacrifice, because of the promise, then the test would have been of no effect, and in fact YHVH's word could not be trusted or taken seriously. But, if YHVH truly and earnestly wanted Abraham to sacrifice his son, what about the promise? "Was this some kind of joke or a cruel game that Elohim was playing with Abraham?

"Well, Abraham believed in YHVH's promise as if he had never been commanded to sacrifice his son. " But he also believed that YHVH wanted him to sacrifice his son, as if there had never been a promise. "This is the secret of faith for him who is a champion of faith"; in spite of the dichotomy and irrationality of the situation. "For the man of faith the promise and the sacrifice are not mutually exclusive, in spite of all rational considerations.. "The history of the People of Israel bears out this kind of faith.. And this is not truer than in our own day and age. We, the generation of the Holocaust, the sacrifice, are also the ones who have been privileged to attain to the sovereignty of the State of Israel, after all the exiles and sacrifices. We, then, are also the generation of the promise. Thus, in spite of "And offer him there.", the "In Isaac I have I called your seed." validates Abraham's faith completely." (translated by Rimona).

It was hard to believe that a 14 year old wrote this and much more. It was not surprising therefore to hear from her mother about her special gifts, and how around the Shabbat table, and in other situations, she amazed everyone. Rabbis who knew her were all astonished at her devotion to her calling in life and her love for Truth and for the God of Israel.

In contrast to this very religious family, living up the road to our right, is the very secular family down the road to our left. Each of the girls had a completely different life style, but yet each ended up in the same place almost side by side. What can we say?

"YHVH, make me to know my end, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how transient I am. Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You; Certainly every man in his best state is but vapor. Selah" (Psalms 39:4-5).

Days Of The Spirit And The Bride
Cheryl McGrath

A Commentary in the Aftermath of December 26th, 2004
Jan 11, 2005

Apostolic Intercession Born of the Spirit

In the days immediately following the earthquake and tsunami of December 26th, a number of Christians shared with me their frustration at their inability to find adequate words to intercede as they felt they should. In the main, these were strong and experienced intercessors who normally would have no problems expressing themselves in prayer. Some felt confused and overwhelmed by their sudden sense of inadequacy, questioning why in such a monumental tragedy they found themselves unable to pray with strength and conviction. A seasoned Australian prayer warrior shared with me in an email: "(there is) Nothing but a turmoil I don't understand, and don't know how to express. The only thing coming out of me is "Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done on Earth as your will is done in Heaven" - and that seems so inadequate." Another shared "I have been in a state of grief and helplessness." Let me say here, especially to any who found themselves in this position, that I believe this experience was rather widespread among believers, even among those with powerful intercession ministries.

Personally I am persuaded that during that first week, as the sheer enormity of the event unfolded before the world, the Holy Spirit was pouring out a burden of intercession into every available vessel He could find within the church. More than "prayer warriors", the Spirit was wanting "prayer carriers" in those initial hours. Furthermore, the depth of the intercession needed was far beyond the scope of mere words for most of us. Those who were found available and willing were led into a travail more intense than many had ever previously experienced. Human trauma of such an unprecedented scale demanded an unprecedented response from Heaven - and it came! Corporate intercession, far too huge for one, two, or even a few intercessors to carry, was mobilised, not through the organisation of men and ministries, but through the spontaneous response of the Bride to the Spirit.

Those of us who somehow stumbled through the emotional trauma of those first few days perhaps did not realise to what extent the Spirit was at work beneath those surface-level emotions, drawing us into the very birth pangs of creation spoken of in scripture. Groanings too deep to utter were ascending to Heaven as the Bride-church responded to the cry of the Spirit. I believe that far from being inadequate and futile as many felt their response was, apostolic intercession was being drawn forth on a level not previously seen by men or angels. If you were one of those "vessels" the Spirit poured Himself into with a deep, unutterable travail, I encourage you to take a moment to try and grasp the prophetic significance of that! Nevermind that you didn't understand why you could find no words. Nevermind that you snapped at the children or couldn't look away from the suffering faces of the victims on the television. Nevermind that you felt restless, unfocused and overwhelmed! We should not be surprised when the natural mind does not understand the things of the Spirit. I believe what the Spirit was working out in the church in those first few days subsequent to the disaster was far bigger than any individual, and we will only begin to understand its scale and significance in days to come. Looking back, we will discover that the world changed for ever with the events of December 26th 2004, just as it did on September 11, 2001. But so too, was the church changed forever. Like a tsunami, something earth-shattering has been set in motion that cannot be turned back.

It is my firm conviction that even as the world gasped in shocked horror in those initial hours as news reports revealed more and more devastation, death and suffering, the Bride of Christ was being thrust forward into a new level of corporate intercession that can only be described as apocalyptic. Truly apostolic intercession of this nature cannot be brought forth by a man-controlled church. It is the sovereign responsibility and privilege of the Spirit of God and ushers in a new era of apostolic witness that will prepare the way for Christ's return. We are about to enter unprecedented days of the Spirit and the Bride moving as one on planet earth on such a scale and unity as has never before been known, not even in the days of the early church. In the days ahead the Spirit and Bride together will go forth across the nations, bearing manifested witness to the resurrection life of Christ. The Holy Spirit will unveil an elect company of living sacrifices that are the true Bride of Christ. As the "wife of the Lamb" yields in total submission to the holy governance and sweet fellowship of the Spirit of God, the Spirit will adorn her with the glorious reflection of the Bridegroom, revealing to the world the treasures of the knowledge of Christ that have been hidden within the Bride.

End Time Signs or "All Things Continue as They Were?"

Many church leaders have used the descriptive term "birth pangs" in response to the December 26 earthquake and tsunami that literally changed the face of the earth. Jesus was the first to use this phrase to describe some of the signs that must take place on earth before His return (Matthew 24:4-8). One leader was quoted as saying this current disaster was not a sign of the end times because creation has been groaning for hundreds of years. If you have ever experienced "birth pangs" you know they are not just there for the sake of causing grief - they have a greater purpose. A birth may take place over a lengthy period of time, or a short one, but every woman giving birth has a right to expect that those pangs are going to end with an expected result. When birth pangs are evident, you might say that the natural body is in a state of "earnest expectation" of a new life being revealed.

The scripture uses the same language to describe the revelation of the Bride-church, or the "sons of God", on the earth (Romans 8:19-22). The purpose of birth pangs is to produce change. Jesus said these birth pangs, or "sorrows" have a beginning. It follows that they will have an end. The scriptures state that creation groans in expectation of something that is to be revealed. Therefore the birth pangs of the earth should not be dismissed as "business as usual", but should be seen as a sign to the church to watch expectantly for something they are bringing forth.

Other "voices of reason" point to former earthquakes and tsunamis that have been bigger and resulted in greater loss of life, inferring that if it's not the biggest it is of less spiritual significance. I suggest that the church should be turning to the Word of God to evaluate the significance of this recent event rather than comparing wave heights and Richter Scale measurements. Rather than making premature assertions based on strictly scientific data, the church should be doing what the church is called to do - watching. Given Jesus' warning that the days prior to His return would be similar to the days in which Noah lived (see Matthew 24:37), surely we should be asking if there has ever been a natural disaster, apart from the Flood of Genesis 7, on a such a scale, destroying scores of towns and cities, submerging islands and moving at least one coastline, in one day? We should further consider that the event in question began with the largest earthquake in forty years, and then escalated with a series of killer tsunamis that stretched over twelve nations and two continents. This is not a time, then, for intellectual theorising, but to be seeking the counsel of the Spirit of God and of trusted and proven prophetic voices.

If we are to walk and interact with the world as witnesses to the truth of God's Word, we cannot be selective about the truths contained in that Word. When Jesus' disciples came to Him asking what would be the signs of the end days, He did not treat their question as irrelevant or untimely. Instead He gave them detailed information concerning the very signs the church should be watching for as His return approaches. Many argue that Jesus stated we would not know the day nor the hour when He would return, but in that same sentence He told the church to "watch therefore" (Matthew 25:13). Several years later the apostle Peter , who had experienced this conversation firsthand, exhorted the early church to be "looking for and hastening " the day of God (2 Peter 3:12). It is clear then that though we do not know the day or the hour of the Lord's return, we are to be a watchful and knowledgeable church about the signs of the times. While there may be a great many opinions and interpretations concerning the specific nature and timing of what the Bible calls the "end of the age", scripture makes it clear that natural disasters will play a major role in the days preceding the Lord's coming to reign on earth (see Revelation 8 and 16). Therefore, those who are wise will not dismiss the possibility that God may well be speaking through this recent shaking of the earth.

Is God a God of Love or Judgment?

Early on the morning of 26th December, prior to the devastating earthquake and tsunamis, I came aside with the Lord for our usual time of communion. I was wanting to share and hear His response on several matters weighing on my mind that day . However, instead of the sharing and listening I was hoping for, something unexpected occurred. Entering the restful Presence of the Lord, I suddenly began to be washed over in the Spirit by what I can only describe as waves of the most extraordinary and inexpressible Love. Each wave would roll over me, then recede, only to be followed by another wave, more intense than the previous one, pulling me deeper and deeper into what seemed like an endless ocean of pure Love. To my spiritual senses it seemed like I was being drowned in this Love that was all around me and filling me at the same time. The experience must have lasted for several minutes but I had no consciousness of time. I was only aware of the glorious Presence of the Father , and that I was in His literal embrace. For some reason I did not understand, He was filling me with the experiential knowledge of His profound Love, not only for myself, but for the whole of mankind. I want to stress that I am at ease and secure in my relationship with God as Father and I can boldly enter His Presence through the Blood of Jesus with no sense of shame, having been healed of any former barriers in that area. On two or three occasions I have been summoned into His Holy Presence to receive counsel on specific matters. However, what I experienced on the morning of December 26th was a totally new revelation of the love of the Father that was beyond the realm of words. I literally became speechless as this Love was poured over and through me, to the point where I would have gladly left my earthly body behind to stay in the intensity of the Father's embrace forever. As the Father's loving Presence continued to roll over me like huge waves, I became aware my body could not withstand this spiritual atmosphere much longer and that if I remained in this place I would die. At that point, the intensity of the waves began to weaken, until I found myself back in my normal state, wondering why I had been allowed this brief but profoundly beautiful manifestation of the pure Love of the Father. I believe I was taken by the Spirit as deep into the Father's love as my mortal frame could endure. Little did I dream, at that moment, of the horrible and tragic events that would overtake the nations of South East Asia within a few short hours of my extraordinarily beautiful experience.

I decided to share this personal story only in the hope of reassuring those who may currently be struggling to reconcile a God of love with a God who can allow natural disasters causing death and destruction on the scale we have recently witnessed. It is not the intention of this article to enter into the argument about whether the earthquake and resultant tsunamis were a sign of God's impending judgment, or otherwise. That particular debate will no doubt rage for some time to come, and I have no desire to add yet another opinion to the many already being expressed. It is disturbing to hear arguments going on in the church over this issue. Frankly, it is not important whether we think God instigated this particular natural disaster or not. God will reveal the answer by His Spirit to those who have a need to know. It is important, however, for us to understand that God CAN decree such events if He so chooses.

My purpose here is to challenge the popular misconception that God cannot be both a Loving God AND also a God who imposes judgment. It is understandable for the unredeemed world to be undecided on this issue , but when and how did the church become so confused? My own profound experience on the morning of December 26th affirmed even more deeply to me something I already believed - that God's love and desire for intimate, one to one fellowship with the human race is beyond understanding or human reason. However, on hearing a few hours later of the devastation and loss of life caused by the earthquake and tsunamis, the possibility that God's Hand could have been instrumental in allowing such carnage caused no conflict of faith within me.

Why is it that so many believers are shaken in faith by any suggestion that God could possibly be so offended by sin that He would hold mankind to account? (By the way I do not agree with the view that the tsunami was judgment on certain religions and idolatrous practices. There is just as much, if not more, false religion and idolatry in western nations, and God is no respecter of persons.) I suspect it is because the God many Christians worship is a made-to-measure customised God whose only desirable attribute is grace. But God is more than Grace, He is Truth. (John 1:17), and He is not divided. If we truly want to know God, we have to accept and live with ALL of Who He is, not just the parts we like. Remember that the same God who displayed His love for the world by allowing His dearly cherished Son to die in agony, also commanded the deaths of Egypt's firstborn. The same

Lord who humbly washed the feet of His disciples also whipped the money changers out of the temple grounds. The same Spirit who gently alighted on Christ as a dove, also left Ananias and Saphira stone cold dead at Peter's feet. And the same God who created mankind will also judge mankind.

God is a mystery far beyond the understanding of the human mind. He is not a man, that we can define and discuss and explain. He is not obliged to play by our rules or confine Himself to our humanistic sense of fair play. God's only obligation to mankind is to fulfill His Word. It doesn't matter how many theological books we read, or how many prophetic words we receive, or how many good works we do, it is only through knowing Christ we can know God. But we can never contain Him, and should not attempt to do so.

Furthermore, God does not owe us any explanations for His actions. His attributes have been clearly seen and understood by man since the creation of the world (Romans 1:18-19). Have we forgotten that He is the Creator, and we are the created?. Similarly, the church does not need to defend God. Jesus never defended or explained His Father while He was on the earth. He merely demonstrated His Father's attributes of mercy, grace, humility and an authority that was above all earthly authority, saying "if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father". At the same time He taught a threefold gospel of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8-11). He did not waste time or effort reasoning with men about His Father's right to be Who He is. Jesus' stated mission to the world was about seeking and saving that which was lost (Luke 19:10). That too is the mission of the church to the world. Regardless of whether or not we as individual disciples of Christ believe this event to be wrought by God's Hand of judgment, our purpose and our mission remains the same - to be those who demonstrate the sacrificial love of God in Christ to the world. The world should be able to look at the church and say "I have seen Christ."

Which God Do We Want?

Whether or not the devastation the world endured on December 26th, and other events that will no doubt follow in coming days, prove to be acts of God's judgment or simply natural disasters on a grand scale, for those who are His children there is no conflict of faith. Our God is a God Who can both judge man and then weep with man, because He has walked as one of us. The church's role in this disaster is not to be arguing within itself and debating with the world about the validity of God's love. The truth of God's love is not-negotiable. God is not ever going to do anything more than the Cross to prove the depth of His love for all of mankind, either to the world or to the church. When You have given all You have to give there is nothing left to prove. The church's role on the earth is to do the same as Jesus did - sacrificially demonstrate that love to the homeless, the orphaned, the widowed and the brokenhearted victims of disaster.

In the gospel Jesus left His church, there is no conflict between God's heart of active love and God's acts of judgment. He is both Love and Righteousness at the same time, and is compelled to demonstrate both. It is only the foolishness of man that demands He must be one or the other. Jesus was the very embodiment of God's love, yet He taught that God should be feared (Luke 12:5) You cannot truly love God without fearing Him, and the more you love Him the more you will fear Him. For those who have been redeemed by His Son's Blood, the fear of God Jesus spoke of is not the fear of wrath and eternal judgment the world walks in. It is a reverence that dawns in us as the Spirit reveals God's absolute authority over all creation. It causes our flesh to tremble and our hearts to be irresistibly drawn towards Him. The fear of God will not cause us to run from His Presence; it will cause us to run TO His Presence. If you have ever looked out at a night sky and marveled at the vastness of the universe, you have feared God. If you have ever looked down at your sleeping child and wondered how you came to be trusted with such a gift, you have feared God. There are times when, as God's children we can run headlong into our Father's arms and share our most precious secrets and hopes with Him. There are other times when we can only kneel in silent awe and adoration in His Presence. Fearing God is simply knowing the difference. Unfortunately too much of the church no longer knows the difference.

Dear friends, if we are afraid to believe that the God who sent His Son to die for us is capable of also bringing His judgment to an apostate church and a sinful world, we have reduced Him to an entity that

Peter, John, James, Paul and the believers of the early church would not even recognise. We need to make up our mind which God we want - the God and Father of Jesus Christ, or a God we don't need to fear.

A new era is being birthed across the earth. The coming days will be the days of the Spirit and the Bride together manifesting Christ throughout the nations of the world in an unprecedented measure of glory and power. This is not a time to be reasoning and debating, it is a time to be demonstrating. The Wife of the Lamb must know her God intimately and fear Him reverently. She must be about her Father's business. The Spirit knows how to awaken the Bride - and He has begun.

"And the Spirit and the Bride say "Come!" (Rev. 22:17)

Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

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You may never know that Jesus is all you need, until Jesus is all you have. Corrie Ten Boom

Definers Of The Times

David White

"Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated." (II Chronicles 20:22)

LAST DAY OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT YET PROMISED

Regardless of how dark it may become and how much sin and lawlessness continue to increase in the world, God has still promised a last day outpouring of His Spirit upon all flesh. (Acts 2:17) God's promise remains that the knowledge of His Glory will cover the earth just as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14)

No place or people on earth will be omitted from having the opportunity to experience an outpouring of God's Spirit. This is God's word that is forever established in heaven. (Ps. 119:89)

God and God alone will have the final word as to what takes place on the earth. The Psalmist declared, "For the Kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations." (Ps. 22:28)

INCREASED DREAMS AND VISIONS COME WITH OUTPOURING

With an outpouring of His Spirit will come an increase of dreams and visions among God's people. God is committed to making His purposes and will known to His people. Job reminds us, "for God may speak in one way or another, yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction." (Job 33:14-16)

Recently the Lord gave me a dream that speaks to some of what is on His heart for this time and season. This dream was probably more real to me than any dream I have ever had. After the dream ended, I continued to dream of how I must remember what I had just experienced.

THIS DREAM WAS MORE REAL TO ME
THAN ANY DREAM I HAD EVER HAD EVER

In the dream I was with a group of Christians, when suddenly, I was taken from them and brought to what I would describe as a platform that was part of and near the top of a very high tower. I remember looking down from the platform noticing how high I was and realizing there was no ladder or elevator or stairs that led to where I was. I knew there was no way possible that I could ever get to where I was on my own. God had to have gotten me there. I also realized there was no way I would ever get back down without God. .

. . . I remember thinking this was a place of, 'no return'.

I was reminded that God's intention is to bring the church to a place and a level many had thought was no longer possible. In spite of our obvious weaknesses and at times utter unfaithfulness, God would remain faithful to His promises. "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself." (II Tim. 2:13)

NOT BECAUSE WE DESERVE IT, BUT BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL

I understood that in spite of who we were, God was taking the church to a place of, ‘no return’. This will not occur because we are in any way deserving or worthy, this was not even the issue. All of our righteousness is still as filthy rags. (Is. 64:6) "It is not because of your righteousness or the uprightness of your heart that you go in to possess their land, but because of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord your God drives them out from before you, and that He may fulfill the word…" (Deut. 9:1-6). We must never forget that God is our righteousness, and He is a covenant keeping God.

Through this experience I understood that the next wave of the Spirit, of which is soon to break, will not fade away into church history books, like previous visitations, but WILL REMAIN until history comes to an end.

‘History’, is really about ‘His-story’, and at the end of age, the Lord of Glory, not the Anti-Christ will have center stage. We are entering into a time that the prophets of old, and even the angels have longed to see.

MAN WAS NOT GOING TO CLAIM CREDIT FOR THIS

As I assessed the situation and how I was unable to do anything to get down from where I was and back to where I had been, I was filled with confidence, that what God was about to do, had to be, and would be, a work of His Spirit. Man was not going to claim any credit for what He will do.

God has allowed many to get to a place where it looks impossible for them to see the fulfillment of His promises in their lives. Some have come to a place where it seems God will never be able to use them in any significant manner again. Even in the world, situations will exist that will seem hopeless. Yet what we are no longer able to do, God can and will do. He will complete the work He has promised.

The message, ‘We can’t, but God can", will be a major emphasis in the days ahead.

ALTARS OF WORSHIP

All of a sudden in the dream, I was taken from the platform on the tower to where I was suddenly a part of a worship gathering.

During the worship, some of the people present, including myself, made our way to the front and to the area around the altar. I then heard the Lord speak about what He called, ‘altars of worship’.

I am aware that God has already raised up altars of worship in many places. A number of cities have already heard the call to establish 24-hour worship centers. However many others are soon to appear, not only in this nation but also in many nations across the earth. The times we are now in will demand it. These altars of worship will release the Lord to be who He is and do what He wants to do.

Jehoshaphat, King of Judah was told that a "great multitude" was gathering against him. The enemies of God’s people were advancing. Jehoshaphat did not have the answers to the problems He now faced. The situation looked hopeless for Judah. Judah was on the verge of destruction. Listen to the king’s prayer that, according to some modern standards, may not have exhibited great faith, but nevertheless, moved the heart and hand of God. "For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You." (II Chron. 20:12)

Jehoshaphat led the people to call upon God. Then as directed, He raised up an army of worshippers who simply sung and praised the Lord. As a result of their worship, God Himself set ambushes and defeated their enemies. God arose and His enemies were scattered. We are entering a similar hour where God will arise!

REVIVAL AND SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

Some have given up, but God has not

Some, in looking at the church and how far we are from where the Lord wants us, have lowered their expectations of seeing a sweeping revival and spiritual awakening in many places. However God has not given up. He is the God who can make a way where there seems to be no way. He has not forgotten prayers that have been prayed over generations.

After hearing the Lord speak about the altars of worship I then saw two different scenes. These events would occur, as the altars of worship were in place.

First, I saw a picture of a heavy rain that was occurring in a deep fog. I could hardly see the rain for the fog, but it was very obvious that it was raining very hard.

"ASK THE LORD FOR RAIN"

The prophet Zechariah encouraged God’s people, "Ask the Lord for rain in the days of the latter rain." Then, as we do, the assurance is that, "The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone." (Zech. 10:1) These are the days that if we gather and ask, regardless of how dry it has been, its going to rain!

I’ve had the opportunity to travel to many different places both in the U.S. and in other countries. One thing I’ve noticed about every place, without exception, is that there are at least some, and sometimes many who live there, who have heard and believe that God has chosen their city or area for revival. I remember once questioning the Lord, about how it could be true that all these cities will be the next place where God is going to move. Yet, did not the Lord say He would pour out of His Spirit upon ‘all’ flesh? Did He not say that the knowledge of His glory would cover the earth as the water covers the sea?

It is not the time to faint or worse, give up, but rather it is the time to believe. Did not Jesus say,

"Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40)

"I SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SCENE FROM HELL"

Next, I saw what appeared to be a scene from Hell. I saw what seemed to be corridors or levels of Hell. At one of the lower levels, I noticed what I knew was a soul of someone who had lived at some period of time on the earth. This person was forever lost, in agony, and forever hopeless.

After seeing this poor lost man or woman, I then heard the words, ‘It's all about souls’, ‘It's all about souls’, ‘It's all about souls’! It's not about our ministries, it's not about our visions and dreams, it's not about our security, it's not about our reputation, it's not about our accomplishments, it's all about souls. It is all about the harvest, and a harvest has been appointed for every city and nation on the earth.

That's why you are where you are. You did not get there on your own. God brought you there!

In Matthew 24 Jesus reminds the church that yes, "lawlessness will abound" and, "the love of many will grow cold". He continues by warning us of the absolute necessity of endurance and perseverance regardless of the trials of the times. Yet He also assures us what will be on His heart as all these things unfold and that being, the lost. . .

". . .And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then (an only then) will then end come." (Matthew 24:14)

DEFINING THE TIMES

As the enemies of God's people approached, and as it seemed doom was sure, God raised up a voice to remind the people, "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude for the battle is not yours but God's." (II Chronicles 20:15)

Through the prophet Jahaziel, whose name means, "God sees," God instructed the people to do three things. First, they were to position themselves.

1) To survive this battle, they had to get in their place.

2) Secondly, they had to stand still. They had to stay in their place and get still.

3) Third, they were to see the salvation of the Lord. In other words, they were to 'watch and see what God was about to do.'

At the end of the age, the church will not be defined by the times, but instead will be the definers of the times.

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Doxology

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Main Entry: dox·ol·o·gy Function: noun Etymology: Medieval Latin doxologia, from Late Greek, from Greek doxa opinion, glory (from dokein to seem, seem good) + -logia -logy : a usually liturgical expression of praise to God

Ps 18:3-14 NKJV
3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. 4 The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears. 7 Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, because He was angry. 8 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down with darkness under His feet. 10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire. 14 He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them. 15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, the foundations of the world were uncovered at Your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. 16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me. 18 They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my support. 19 He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.

Then the Lord said:
"Sing to Me a song of ascent! Sing to Me praises. For I am your Deliverer and I am coming on the wings of the wind! I am coming to make deliverance for the bondage of My people. I am coming to destroy the ramparts of darkness! I am going into the dark places of the earth, and they will cough up salvation. I will send many of you to various places and on assignments as stealth bombers! Hidden in My love and under the shadow of My wings, and the enemy will be scattered! I will ARISE! I will FIGHT for you! Believe and SPEAK MY WORD! For it has LIFE when it is empowered by My people!

Speak it over your loved ones and plead the BLOOD of Yeshua! Then I will sing to them a new song! I will sing over them! I will woo them to My side and dangle them on My knees! I will make the crooked paths straight and I will disassemble the work of the enemy in their lives! I will lead them into paths of righteousness for My names sake! ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE
WITH ME!

I AM the First and the Last, the Beginning and the END! I AM the GREAT I AM! I AM the ALL CONSUMING FIRE, and MY FIRE IS FLOWING like a river to you My beloveds. I am cleansing and healing, I am delivering and freeing you from all the strategies of the enemy. I will UNCAGE you and let you speak the TRUTH to those I send you to! DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR FACES! For I will send some of you BACK into the lions' dens and the haunts of jackals and you will speak MY PRONOUNCEMENTS, and the earth will tremble! Let ME lead you and guide you. Do only as I say to do. No more, and no less! DO NOT BACK OFF from their stares and unbelief!

I will empower you with the Spirit of MIGHT and you will not be afraid for I AM WITH YOU! Only speak in LOVE, and do not defend yourself to them. Speak and if they don't receive it, kick the dust out from under your feet and walk. Go to your next assignment FREE of any fear of reprisal. For I WILL DEFEND YOU. I will make your face as FLINT! I AM RAISING UP My DREAD CHAMPIONS. I will pour out My Spirit and I will have a church that is filled once again with the Spirit of the FEAR OF THE LORD!

Just PRAISE ME and spend time with ME in the WORD, for I am opening up books, books of secrets kept for some time. I am opening up books of revelation and wisdom. I will pour out into those who are willing to come aside and to wait on ME. For darkness is filling the earth. AND IT IS TIME to FILL YOU UP with MORE OF ME! I desire obedience and not sacrifice!

I am weeding out the garden of your soul and you will come forth as GOLD! I will do a perfect and mysterious work in this hour! Just come to ME My loves! ComeI am waiting for you! I LONG TO HAVE YOU IN MY ARMS! I am JEALOUS FOR YOU! Come to ME. YOU will OVERCOME by the power of your testimony and the BLOOD of the LAMB slain for the sins of the world! I AM WITH YOU! I AM WITH YOU! DO NOT THINK I HAVE GONE ANYWHERE.

Just as I was with those in the furnace of Babylon, I am with you, no matter where you go! Do not entertain defeatism! Do not entertain discouragement! THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB IS STILL POWERFUL AND LIVING AND ENOUGH TO HEAL AND SAVE! LET ME LOVE ON YOU AND DESTROY all that would keep you from intimacy with ME, and the fullness of your destiny.

Dramatic Deliverance
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Gen 45:7 NKJV And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Obad 17-18 NKJV Israel's Final Triumph "But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. 18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau shall be stubble; They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau, "For the LORD has spoken.

"I have a message for those of you whom I will raise up like Joseph. I am bringing forth many changes in your lives, that I may position you for great deliverances. Many of you have been used as catalysts for revival and sown many seeds for Me in a number of ways. But now I am changing the course of direction for you that you may be in a position to help MANY more be delivered from the times of great destruction coming on the earth.

So you need to draw near Me to get My plans, day to day. I have new alignments I am making to bring forth the finances that will fund the end times army and I have great ideas for making wealth for many who have a marketplace anointing. I am LOOSING those in the earth now, that you will be prepared. But know this, that I am doing this for the benefit of MY PEOPLE not just so you can hoard and spend it as you wish. This is for the deliverance of others, not only yourself. I will invest much into your hands that you can distribute it as I will. So many lives will depend on your obedience in this matter. So do not neglect the secret place in Me. Do not fail to spend time with ME so that you can get My will translated into your hearts.

Many of you will have homes of refuge. Many of you will have communities of refuge. Many of you will have resources of gold given you, and some of that will be supernaturally provided, as you put your trust in Me. I have many plans to bless you and to bring you to the place of death to self, that many others may live and not die, but go through to the end. So many are looking for deliverance from this earth, when what I want is deliverance from your flesh and the enemy, and the world. Who will GO for us? Who will lay down their lives and pick up MINE?

Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of man had no place to lay his head. He had to depend on others for support and hospitality. Many of you have too much pride yet inside of you to be that flexible. Can you give up NOW at this point, your idea of what you want to do and put it in My hands? I will give it back and provide all you need. It is a heart transition that I am calling for. I want you to be willing at any moment to change direction or roles as I lead you to. But if you are stubborn and unyielding, how can I ask you to do anything on the spur of the moment? You will then hesitate. Hesitation can get you killed in a perilous world. You must be willing to OBEY and ACT when I say to do something.

That is the kind of obedience I am calling for. Are you willing to lay down all your addictions to the things of this world and to lay down your will for Mine? If you will, I will use you as My mouthpiece and I will wreak great deliverances through you for many who are My own, or who WILL be Mine!

I will break the power of spirits of bondage to sex, drugs, alcohol, entertainment and all forms of idolatry if you will lay down all the idols in your own heart. But as long as you cling to your OWN opinions and your own ideas for your life, how can you be free to do what I WANT? Don't you know how much I LOVE YOU? There is nothing that you will lack if you are willing to love Me in this way. I am asking for TOTAL SURRENDER. No more me, myself or I in the picture. Just obedience to My will. If you will love ME back in this manner. I will use you to terrify the forces of hell, and NOTHING will be impossible for you. GREAT miracles will follow you wherever you go. Great deliverance from all forms of evil will happen as you encounter the forces of the enemy.

Isa 60:1-4 NKJV
Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see

Prominent leaders in business and industry will be saved and bring great change in influencing many others for the kingdom of God. For many do not see ME as BIG as I really am. To many I am still a weak, impotent God, even within My church who calls Me by their name yet at the same time they blaspheme My name by making me a mere man in the eyes of others.

I am not a God afar off, but close at hand! There is nothing impossible for Me. NOTHING is impossible with ME. NO-THING is impossible for ME! My love never fails, and I will not fail My church in this hour. But I AM preparing her for her finest hour and I will have a SPOTLESS BRIDE. I have loosed many more angels for this end times scenario and I will accomplish all My heart longs to in the preparing of My Bride. You are on the precipice of revival and many are looking for me in the clouds when there is still so much more to be done to accomplish the preparation of My Bride.

Many of you are unawares of the violence that fills the lives of many of My children all over the world. They are MORE PREPARED THAN YOU ARE! They are more prepared because they have been through much lack and pain, and they know how to seek My face and how to suffer with ME, that their pain would be accounted to them for the GLORY that is to come. I told you that if you share in My suffering , you will share in My GLORY. But that glory exposes your weaknesses, and brings awareness of your fallibility and utter nothingness without ME.

THAT IS WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO DO. BECAUSE IT IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, IT IS ABOUT WHAT I DO THROUGH YOU! IF YOU COULD DO IT ON YOUR OWN, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR ME. BUT YOU CANNOT GO THINKING " Oh now I'm ready, because I am more perfect! " NO, that 's not the way it works My beloveds. You are not to strive to be as perfect as the big name evangelists and teachers. You are to put all your trust in ME to move through you. In your WEAKNESS, I can be shown to be STRONG.

When you are absent of pride in what you can do, then you are more ready for Me to move through you. You must become empty of yourselves to be filled with ME.

Thank ME for your weaknesses. For in your weakness, people can see that it is not YOU doing the miracles and healings. It is ME. When you think yourself the least capable, then that is when I can use you, without you taking the glory for yourself!

THAT is the KEY. You can not think, only if I reach this place of perfection, then I can be used. NO! That is the voice of religious striving! I just want you to OBEY Me as I tell you what to do.

I don't use the perfect. Not many wise are chosen, remember? Remember always that My love NEVER fails for you. I am not here waiting with a hammer to beat you down. If you will just OBEY then I will loose all you need to do what I have told you. BUT YOU MUST TAKE THE STEPS OF FAITH.

1 Cor 1:26-30 NKJV Glory Only in the Lord For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

1 Cor 1:25-29 AMP
25 [This is] because the foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men. 26 For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth. 27 [No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame. 28 And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are, 29 So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.

Perfect or Perfectionism
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One of the largest injustices in the church today is the lack of patience with each other and an intolerance for anyone who doesn't move to the same beat we do. Intolerance, impatience and frustration are part of a complex stronghold associated with perfectionism along with pride, ego and vanity. It is an adulteration of true love, the kind associated with true Christian love. One is conditional, and not love at all. The other is motivated by the love of Christ in us. Perfectionism says, hurry up and get it together so we don't have to put up with your aberrant behavior or behavior which is not agreeable to us.

We don't like, sometimes, those who are different. Some in the church have traveled a much harder road, and we don't have patience with them, even enough to pray for them, when they need soaking prayer and for us to love on them . The fault is in our own dysfunction that seems invisible to those of us walking in our pride. We think we are better somehow if we are quieter and more at peace, instead of preferring the weaker brother or sister. Also, sometimes we aren't quite honest in confronting in love the things we see in others that do need attention. We are often impatient to take the time it takes to love on others. And loving on others takes time.

I remember someone teaching us at a leadership group for future cell leaders once that when you make a new convert, you should spend at least 15 minutes a week with them! At the time I was appalled that he could stand and say that without realizing the lack of concern and care there was evidenced in that statement. Remember, if you will, how the early Christians did things...they broke bread together, and shared all they had with each other. They met daily and we can't even give of our very busy time to those in need. You know if we tried less to do, to the many, and just cared for the one we know, it would speak much better for us as a whole church.

Like the person who wrote this....

Aristides, a Christian from Athens, wrote this in defense of Christians to the Emperor Hadrian in the year 125 AD....... "they love one another, and from widows they do not turn away their esteem; and they deliver the orphan from him who treats him harshly. And he, who has, gives to him who has not, without boasting. And when they see a stranger, they take him in to their homes and rejoice over him as a very brother; for they do not call them brethren after the flesh, but brethren after the spirit and in God.

And whenever one of their poor passes from the world, each one of them according to his ability gives heed to him and carefully sees to his burial. And if they hear that one of their number is imprisoned or afflicted on account of the name of their Messiah, all of them anxiously minister to his necessity , and if it is possible to redeem him they set him free. And if there is among them any that is poor and needy, and if they have no spare food, they fast two or three days in order to supply to the needy their lack of food. They observe the precepts of their Messiah with much care, living justly and soberly as the Lord their God commanded them. Every morning and every hour they give thanks and praise to God for his lovingkindnesses toward them; and for their food and their drink they offer thanksgiving to Him."

This attitude of gratefulness and thanksgiving is not evident in the pride of perfectionism. In perfectionism there is DISCONTENTMENT with self and with others. Nothing is ever done as perfectly as it SHOULD be. I know very well as I lived with perfectionism all my life, in my foster home and with my natural mother, and I became what I judged. I have had to still battle thoughts in my mind that criticize and judge others. Faultfinding is a close companion to these other spirits associated with perfectionism. And never feeling good enough is transferred often to God as a result of the harsh taskmaster in our lives. In God's eyes we often never feel good enough.

This is often accompanied by self-condemnation and condemnation of others. It fits quite well with a religious spirit because a religious spirit is like a harsh taskmaster, always demanding MORE. Always ready to compulsively confess to whatever sin there is out of fear of punishment...but without inner healing, not really achieving the peace that comes from heart change wrought by the Spirit of God when He comes and heals your inner man. Roots of perfectionism in our heart are often fueled by fear that came as a child; fear of failure, fear of punishment or abuse or neglect, that came when we didn't do things perfectly.

But fear involves TORMENT the scriptures say. And only the LOVE of GOD can cast down these fears and uproot the damage done when parents or teachers demand more of a child than they can do themselves such as happens with perfectionism. Trying to please God like we did our parents is noble but can become just a habit of compulsive behavior and confession, and no real healing will take place unless we surrender completely our will in getting the healing we need.

PRIDE is also greatly connected to this stronghold of perfectionism...pride, ego, vanity, arrogance, intolerance, frustration and impatience. It is seen in many alcoholic families and is deeply imbedded in ancient cultures all over the world.

So in an effort to dispel some religious demons I looked up the word perfect in the Word, and the study speaks for itself. God sanctifies us with His glory and in order for Him to do that we need to get into His presence, through reading the word to transform our mind, and through intimate worship and prayer and meditation with and on the Living Word Who is a person. Remembering that Christ Jesus admonished the religious that they search the scriptures for in THEM they think they have salvation, but they were unwilling to come to HIM the well of Living Water. Perfect is about WHOLENESS. Becoming whole so we can walk in His perfect will.

OT:8003 shalem (shaw-lame'); from OT:7999; complete (literally or figuratively); especially friendly: KJV-full, just, made ready, peaceable, perfect (-ed), quiet, Shalem [by mistake for a name], whole.

OT:4357 miklah (mik-law'); from OT:3615; completion (in plural concrete adverbial, wholly): KJV-perfect. Compare OT:4356.

OT:4356 mikla'ah (mik-law-aw'); or miklah (mik-law'); from OT:3607; a pen (for flocks): KJV-([sheep-]) fold. Compare OT:4357.

OT:7965 shalowm (shaw-lome'); or shalom (shaw-lome'); from OT:7999; safe, i.e. (figuratively) well, happy, friendly; also (abstractly) welfare, i.e. health, prosperity, peace:KJV-X do, familiar, X fare, favour, + friend, X great, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ty), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, X wholly.

Isa 26:3
5341 Thou wilt keep him in 7965 perfect 7965 peace, 9999 whose 3336 mind 9999 is 5564 stayed 9999 on thee: 3588 because 982 he trusteth 871a in thee.

NT:5046 teleios (tel'-i-os); from NT:5056; complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with NT:3588) completeness: KJV-of full age, man, perfect.

Our whole walk is a progressive climb towards wholeness!

Matt 5:48 2071 Be 5210 ye 3767 therefore 5046 perfect, 5613 even as 5216 your 3962 Father 3588 which 9999 is 9999 in 3770 heaven 2076 is 5046 perfect.

NT:197 akribesteron (ak-ree-bes'-ter-on); neuter of the comparative of the same as NT:196; (adverbially) more exactly: KJV-more perfect (-ly).

Acts 24:22 KJV And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

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Rom 12:2 KJV And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and (5046) perfect, will of God.

1 Cor 13:10 KJV But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

NT:5046 teleios (tel'-i-os); from NT:5056; complete (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with NT:3588) completeness: KJV-of full age, man, perfect.

2 Cor 12:9 KJV And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me

NT:5048 teleioo (tel-i-o'-o); from NT:5046; to complete, i.e. (literally) accomplish, or (figuratively) consummate (in character): KJV-consecrate, finish, fulfil, make) perfect.

2 Cor 13:11 KJV Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. (2675)

NT:2675 katartizo (kat-ar-tid'-zo); from NT:2596 and a derivative of NT:739; to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust: KJV-fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

Gal 3:3 KJV Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh [2005 - made perfect]

NT:2005 epiteleo (ep-ee-tel-eh'-o); from NT:1909 and NT:5055; to fulfill further (or completely), i.e. execute; by implication, to terminate, undergo: KJV-accomplish, do, finish, (make) (perfect), perform (X -ance).

Paul also talks about finishing the race and working out your salvation (the word for deliverance in that case) with fear and trembling. It is a PROCESS, and not instantaneous as some would have us think. God is not like a snow sled driver yelling MUSH YOU HUSKIES! He leads us into paths of righteousness for His name's sake , it says in scripture. Emphasis on HE LEADS. We cannot accomplish perfection by trying harder to be more perfect as that is a fakery.

If we could , why would we need a Saviour?????

He is our righteousness! It is by faith we have been saved that no man could boast! But our churches are full of boasting. SO GOD MUST COME AND TRANSFORM US! His word in the Old Testament establishes this. The lame are not yet leaping like deer commonly, like it says in Isaiah 66. He promises to bring us forth to birth of Christ in us, the Hope of Glory. We are on the path. And there is also admonishment to those who stubbornly refuse to get the healing needed to be made perfect! It is ONLY in HIS PRESENCE that we can be healed and perfected. Not by our own might or strength, but by HIS SPIRIT! But we must submit to His will in inner healing and deliverance. We must cooperate with the Holy Spirit!

Eph 4:13 KJV Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: [5046 perfect]

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Phil 3:12 KJV Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. [5048 perfect]

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Phil 3:15 KJV Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Note it says GOD WILL REVEAL IT, not your brother or sister feeling compelled to "FIX" you. There is the responsibility to be listening through relationship with Him inferred in this. Also there is a difference in "fixing" others which is a form of control, and telling the truth in LOVE which comes out of real RELATIONSHIP with another person. We need to know the difference. Often out of fear we don't confront our friends but whatever we do it better be because God told us to do it, not out of our compulsion to "FIX" others.

Col 1:28 KJV Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: [5046 perfect]

Col 4:12 KJV Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

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1 Thess 3:10 KJV Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? [2675 might perfect]

NT:2675 katartizo (kat-ar-tid'-zo); from NT:2596 and a derivative of NT:739; to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (literally or figuratively) or adjust: KJV-fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

2 Tim 3:17 KJV That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

Herein is the reason partly of being made perfect that our works would be to the Glory of God, fully in obedience to Him.[739-perfect]

NT:739 artios (ar'-tee-os); from NT:737; fresh, i.e. (by implication) complete: KJV-perfect.

Heb 2:10 KJV For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Here again is the word teleeo (5048)and we are made perfect through what? Suffering!

NT:5048 teleioo (tel-i-o'-o); from NT:5046;
to complete, i.e. (literally) accomplish, or (figuratively) consummate (in character):KJV-consecrate, finish, fulfil, make) perfect.

Heb 7:19 KJV For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Heb 9:9 KJV Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

Heb 9:11 KJV But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Heb 10:1 KJV For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

Heb 12:23-25 KJV To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: 5048 made perfect,(teleeo again)

Heb 13:21 KJV Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

James 1:4-6 KJV But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

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James 1:17 KJV Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. [5046 perfect]

James 1:25 KJV But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 2:22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? (of course not)

James 3:2 KJV For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

This also indicates it is impossible to please everyone something a perfectionist does not believe totally. It speaks for FORBEARANCE a fruit of the Holy Spirit that bears with the weakness and faults of others.

1 Peter 5:10 KJV But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. [2675 perfect]

1 John 4:17-18 KJV Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. [5048 made perfect]

Love that is perfect.....God's love casts down all fear. When we are fearing what other people think or fearing failure, or punishment, or retaliation or death or anything we are not perfected in love and this should be a clue to us that we need His healing LOVE to touch us MORE.

Rev 3:2 KJV Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 4137 perfect

NT:4137 pleroo (play-ro'-o); from NT:4134; to make replete, i.e. (literally) to cram (a net), level up (a hollow), or (figuratively) to furnish (or imbue, diffuse, influence), satisfy, execute (an office), finish (a period or task), verify (or coincide with a prediction), etc.: KJV-accomplish, X after, (be) complete, end, expire, fill (up), fulfil, (be, make) full (come), fully preach, perfect, supply. NT:4134 pleres (play'-race); from NT:4130; replete, or covered over; by analogy, complete: KJV-full.

NT4130 pletho (play'-tho); a prolonged form of a primary pleo (pleh'-o) (which appears only as an alternate in certain tenses and in the reduplicated form pimplemi); to "fill" (literally or figuratively [imbue, influence, supply]); specifically, to fulfil (time): KJV-accomplish, full (... come), furnish.

2 Chron 19:9 KJV And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart.[8003]

Ezra 7:12
426 the God of 8065 heaven, 1585 perfect 9999 peace,

OT:1585 gemar (Aramaic) (ghem-ar'); corresponding to OT:1584: KJV-perfect. OT:1584 gamar (gaw-mar'); a primitive root; to end (in the sense of completion or failure):KJV-cease, come to an end, fail, perfect, perform.

Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil. [8535 perfect]

OT:8535 tam (tawm); from OT:8552; complete; usually (morally) pious; specifically, gentle, dear: KJV-coupled together, perfect, plain, undefiled, upright.

OT:8552 tamam (taw-mam'); a primitive root; to complete, in a good or a bad sense, literal, or figurative, transitive or intransitive (as follows):KJV-accomplish, cease, be clean [passed-], consume, have done, (come to an, have an, make an) end, fail, come to the full, be all gone, X be all here, be (make) perfect, be spent, sum, be (shewself) upright, be wasted, whole.***. teman, Teman. See OT:8486, OT:8487.

OT:8486 teyman (tay-mawn'); or teman (tay-mawn'); denominative from OT:3225; the south (as being on the right hand of a person facing the east): KJV-south (side, -ward, wind).

Job 8:20 KJV Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man, neither will he help the evil doers:

Job 9:20-22 KJV If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life. This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.

Job 22:3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous? or is it gain to him that thou makest thy ways perfect? 8552 perfect

Job 36:4 For truly my words shall not be false: he that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

OT:8549 tamiym (8549 he that is perfect in taw-meem'); from OT:8552; entire (literally, figuratively or morally); also (as noun) integrity, truth:KJV-without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely (-ity), sound, without spot, undefiled, upright (-ly), whole.

Here we see perfection linked with integrity and truth... it is when truth goes in us, that we get set free. Someone can read the bible for 25 years, yet not practice what they read...as they have not truly taken it in. The Holy Spirit's job is to quicken the truth in our hearts when we hear it!

Ps 18:30 KJV As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Ps 18:32 KJV It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Ps 19:7 KJV The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

Ps 37:37 KJV Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

Here perfection is aligned with PEACE! He who is made perfect will have peace. And the mind that is STAYED on HIM will have peace.

Ps 64:2-4 KJV Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity: Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words: That they may shoot in secret at the perfect: suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

Ps 101:2 KJV will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

Ps 101:1-7 KJV I will sing of mercy and judgment: unto thee, O LORD, will I sing. I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me. A froward heart shall depart from me: I will not know a wicked person. Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer. Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: he that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me. He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight. [8549 perfect]

OT:8549 tamiym (taw-meem'); from OT:8552; entire (literally, figuratively or morally); also (as noun) integrity, truth: KJV-without blemish, complete, full, perfect, sincerely (-ity), sound, without spot, undefiled, upright (-ly), whole.

It is interesting here that perfection is associated with not being unequally yoked with the wicked. That means obedience to God in all our ways, and not being afraid of the rejection of man.

Ps 138:8 KJV The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth forever: forsake not the works of thine own hands. [1584 will perfect]
OT:1584 gamar (gaw-mar'); a primitive root; to end (in the sense of completion or failure): KJV-cease, come to an end, fail, perfect, perform.

Prov 11:5 KJV The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.

Prov 4:18 KJV But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. (gradual process implied by shineth more and more glory to glory)

Prov 2:21 KJV For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it.

Isa 18:5 KJV For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and down the branches.

Isa 38:3 KJV And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

Over and over in scripture it refers to the perfect in HEART so look at David whom God described as a man after His own heart as an example of perfection and in that we do not see someone who never made mistakes do we, but his heart was perfect in repenting before God. In his heart David wanted to do what is right.

1 Chron 29:19 KJV And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision. [8003 perfect]

OT:8003 shalem (shaw-lame'); from OT:7999; complete (literally or figuratively);especially friendly: KJV-full, just, made ready, peaceable, perfect (-ed), quiet, Shalem [by mistake for a name], whole.

1 Kings 8:61 KJV Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

Micah says, and what does the Lord require of you oh man? (to paraphrase) But that you do justly, show mercy, and walk HUMBLY with your God! Jesus said Justice, mercy and FAITH are the weightier matters of the law. So continue to press in sons of man and be diligent seekers of Him as that is who He says he will reward!

If perfectionism is something you are trying to overcome "Living With a Perfectionist" by Dr David Stoop is wonderful for opening of the eyes and good suggestions for overcoming in some areas.

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, I confess that I have struggled with perfectionism and I want to be free, so I ask you to unravel the cords of perfectionism over my mind and heart and soul. I surrender to you my life completely and renounce all trying to keep in control of it. I want to surrender 100% Lord to Your will in my life. I renounce all religiosity, all perfectionism, all pride and discontentment, all ego and vanity, all frustration , intolerance and impatience with others and I thank you that You are removing them from my life; that you will give me abundant grace to over come all the works of the enemy that have hindered me. Uproot and heal all the negative experiences In my life and help me to forgive those that treated me with perfectionism. Help me Lord to worship and praise You in all things. Give me a grateful heart, a heart of thanksgiving before You. Pour out Your manifest LOVE in me and set me free from all my fears Lord, in Jesus Mighty name! Amen!

Dangerous Radical Prayers

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> *Numbers 6:24-26*
> *24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee:*
> *25 The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:*
> *26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.*

Have you ever had someone tell you never pray for patience? And in saying this they talking about how the bible says tribulation brings patience? And who wants more tribulation, right?

Well this is partly a joke and partly an admission that one wishes to avoid God's dealings and just stay the way we are. That is we like it in our comfort zones and we want nothing to disturb us there. God however is going to put us through tribulations anyway, to produce patience whether we like it or not, so why are we making it harder than it has to be?

Blessings
The blessing quoted above is becoming a popular saying these days, and is well suited for those who love their comfort zone.

Now compare that to a really dangerous prayer, one you best not pray unless you are totally serious with God. It goes like this:

> Lord, judge me, strictly,
> and correct me severely,
> so I may serve you perfectly.

Did you say ouch?

Well we're going to build on this idea and offer some scriptural prayers of blessing. These will be based on our own end time prophetic vision; dangerous radical prayers. We will include scripture references with each one, ones that form the basis of each prayer.

In a previous article of mine, *The Stumbling Block*, I spoke of how the bible has over 40 some verses that detail promises to those who will follow Jesus. They are promises of *persecution, suffering and martyrdom*. We will lay out some dangerous radical prayers that fall under each of these headings. But first let's start with something relatively tame; and then give some of a more generic nature. Here goes!

May you never walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful. But let your delight be in the law of the LORD; in which you meditate day and night. And may you be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bring forth fruit in his season; whose leaf does not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper. [Psalms 1:1-3]

May you trust in the Lord with all your heart and not depend on your own ability or understanding. May you acknowledge him in everything you do, letting him direct you in all things. May you not be wise in your own eyes, but fear the Lord and depart from evil. [Proverbs 3:5-7]

Now one not so tame:
May you be willing in the day of His power. [Psalms 110:3]

Willing to do what? What ever the Lord will command!
[John 2:5]

May you be conformed to the image of Christ. [Romans 8:29]

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: That the eyes of your understanding will be enlightened; so that you may know the hope of his calling, and the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [Ephesians 1:17-19]

May God grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God. [Ephesians 3:16-19]

May you be poor in spirit, mournful and meek. May you hunger and thirst after the kingdom of God, and it’s righteousness. May you always be a peacemaker, merciful, and pure in heart. [Matthew 5:3-9, Matthew 6:33]

May you be hidden in Him in the day of his anger. [Zephaniah 2:3]

May you mature and grow up into the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God. May you come unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That you will thereafter not be as a child, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; so that you may put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. [Ephesians 4: 13-15; 23-24]
May you be clothed with righteousness. Psalms [132:9, 16]

May you put away childish things as you mature. [1 Corinthians 13:11]

May you behold how pleasant it is to dwell in unity and receive the blessing of life for evermore. [Psalms 133:1-3]

May you be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might, putting on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [Ephesians 6:10-13]

May the Spirit fall upon you and make you into another person. [1 Samuel 10:6-7]

Persecution

May you be persecuted for righteousness' sake. May men hate, revile, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for Jesus’ sake knowing that he who endures to the end shall be saved. [Matthew 5:3-11 Mark 13:13].

May you be troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; [2 Corinthians 4:8-9]

May you count it all joy when you fall into various temptations knowing that the trying of your faith works patience. Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

[James 1:2-4]

May you consider the things of this world as trash and waste for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus. And may you know him, the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; [Philippians 3:8-10]

Suffering

May you be a chosen vessel unto the Lord, refined, but not with silver; rather chosen in the furnace of affliction. May he show you what great things to suffer for his name's sake. Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for you in the flesh, arm yourself likewise with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
And may you never terrified by your adversaries: which is to them a proof of destruction, but to you of salvation. For to you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; [Isaiah 48:10, Acts 9:15-16, 1 Peter 4:1-2, Philippians 1:28-29]

May you learn perfection through the things you will have to suffer. [Hebrews 5:8]

As you suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of your soul to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator. [1 Peter 4:17-19]

May the Lord demonstrate his great love for you by chastisement. And may you never despise the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked. For whoever the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives. If you endure chastening, God deals with you as a son for your profit, that you might be a partaker of his holiness, and afterward receive the peaceable fruit of righteousness. [Hebrews 12:5-7:10-11 Revelation 3:19 Proverbs 3:11-12]

May he work patience in you by many tribulations. And may you glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope will make you unashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in your heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto you. [Romans 5:3-5]

Rejoice, inasmuch as you are a partaker of Christ's sufferings; so that, when his glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, then may you be happy; for the spirit of glory and of God rests upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. [1 Peter 4:13-14]

May his strength be made perfect in your weakness May his grace be all you need in any situation. May you take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake. For when you are weak, then you are strong, because his grace is sufficient and his strength is made perfect in your weakness. [2 Corinthians 12:9-10]

May you reap in joy after sowing in sorrow. Psalms 126:5-6

May you have suffering turn to Joy as when a woman is delivered of child. John 16:20-21]

May the Rock fall upon you and grind you to powder, and may that powder then be mixed with water from the river of life, forming a marvelously pliable clay. May the master potter then take this clay and fashion a vessel fit for His use. [Luke 20:17-18, Isaiah 64:8, Romans 9:20-23, 2 Timothy 2:20-21]

Martyrdom

May you be given grace, by the mercies of God, to present your body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And to not be conformed to this world: but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. [Romans 12:1-2]

May you be ready to be offered up after you have run your race! That you will know when the time of your departure is at hand; having fought a good fight, finished your course, and kept the faith: [2 Timothy 4:6-7]

May you have boldness in the day of judgment. May the perfect love of the father be shed abroad into your heart by the Holy Spirit. So that as perfect love casts out all fear, you may walk through the valley of the Shadow of death fearing no evil. [Romans 5:5, 1 John 4:16-18, Psalms 23:4]

May you be always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest. For those who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in your mortal flesh. Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise you up also by Jesus. Though your outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For your light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for you a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; as you look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. [2 Corinthians 4:6-18]

As you endure tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword may you be more than a conqueror through him that loved you. For neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate you from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. [Romans 8:35-39]

May you be able to say with Job *Though He slay me, yet I will trust him*! [Job 13:15]

May the Lord be your God for ever and ever: and be your guide even unto death. [Psalms 48:14]

May your death be precious in the sight of the LORD. [Psalms 116:15]

May you come to sit with him in his throne as he is seated with his father. Amen. [Revelation 3:21]

Draw Near

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"Let's draw near with a true heart..." Hebrew 10: 22

In Exodus 33: 7, Moses set up the tent of meeting to provide a place for a personal encounter with God for the children of Israel. But the people would not use it. The bible said *"whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrance to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent."* They were content to watch from their tent doors – to worship from afar.
Why did the people not go beyond their tent doors? Why were they satisfied to remain so far away despite the open invitation to encounter God face to face? Their reaction is similar to what it was when God came to meet with them at Mount Sinai. They were afraid to draw near and so asked Moses to go instead of them. To them, God looked so awesome, so all-consuming that there was that fear that "won't I be consumed if I go too near? Won't I die?"

There is something in us that keeps us from drawing near enough to God. It is the fear that he will consume us, that we will lose control of our lives. That he will take over completely, and that will surely mean death to our goals, plans, and ambitions. Death to those things we consider to be 'our good'. So like the Israelites we are content to worship from afar – from the place of security. *"they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to his tent".* Blocked by the fear of being consumed by God they forfeited the glory of finding God and settled for emptiness.

There is always shallowness when we choose to worship from afar. We will never find intimacy except we make the choice to draw near. Whenever we seek to save our lives in our pursuit of God, we begin to lose it. It is true that intimacy will cost us something – it is risky. For when we draw near, Jesus does come to take over and consume us. And yes, we might have to give up our cherished dreams and ambitions. But all these cannot compare with the friendship we will get. Nothing can compare to the glory of seeing him with an unveiled face. The bible says "The LORD will speak to Moses face to face as a man speaks with his friend". Can anything compare with this?

Hear how Paul describes it: *"I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ"* Philippians 3:8
Draw near, though you will lose your life, yet it is only then that you will find it.
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PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can

come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ chim_ibidun@hotmail.com
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Discernment Is Not The Problem

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> *Matthew 21:23-27*
> *23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?*
> *24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.*
> *25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him?*
> *26 But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people; for all hold John as a prophet.*
> *27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.*

People are asking what is really going on in Florida. So let’s take a look at two possible explanations and see what makes more sense.

Some are saying the Florida Outpouring is not a real revival. True enough, it’s an outpouring of healing and evangelism. And it’s not the great end time outpouring of the Spirit that we have been praying for, at least not yet.

So try and follow this logic.

Since the outpouring is not a real revival, it must be a false revival. DUH!
Since it is a false revival, all the manifestations are faked. DUH!
Since the manifestations are all false, the healings must be demonic. DUH!
Since there are demonic healings, the entire outpouring must be a deception. DUH!
Since this entire business is a deception, this must be the great end time delusion. DUH!

Now try this approach.
Since God is moving in great power, the enemy is showing up and trying to spoil things.
He will throw in some strange fire and get some skeptics upset.
Then he can sow lots of discord and discredit the outpouring.
And maybe that way, he can stop the move of God before it goes any farther. Hey it worked before!
Since you can fool some of the people all of the time and all of the people some of the time, that’s all it takes!

Discernment

Discernment: keenly selective judgment: good taste and judgment;
knowledge, understanding, grasp, appreciation, familiarity, recognition, perception,
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People are moaning about a lack of discernment. Discernment is not the biggest need. It’s what you do with the discernment you have. **The biggest lack is a Christ like attitude**. The accuser of the brethren is said to operate day and night. Revelation 12:10. Jesus is said to ever intercede before the father in heaven. Hebrews 7:25.
Which one are we going to come in agreement with? Do we curse or do we bless?

Now there is the case of a Pharisee who went up to pray Luke 18: 10-13. He had discernment, and he used it to accuse the publican of being among the extortionists, the unjust, and the adulterers.

The Christ like attitude is seen in John 8:1-11. There Jesus knew [discerned] that the Pharisees were liars, since they misquoted the Law of Moses. And he knew they were also guilty of obstructing justice, by not bringing in the other guilty party in a case of adultery. Leviticus 20:10. Did he accuse them in front of all the people in the temple? Did he expose their corruption? Or did he give them space to repent?

What Are We Looking And Praying For?

Here are a couple passages that speak a promise of restoration to God's people, after a time of strife. I believe these foretell the end of the Civil War and the joy of the coming Kingdom of God in the great end time revival. Come Lord Jesus.

> *Isaiah 29:17-24*
> *17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?*
> *18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.*
> *19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
> *20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:*
> *21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.*
> *22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.*
> *23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.*
> ***24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.***
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> *Isaiah 52:6-10*
> *6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.*
> *7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*
> ***8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.***
> *9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*
> *10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

Discerning The Body of Christ

Clo DiPilato

A Word of the Lord on March 22,2002

Oh My people it is at the very center of My heart that you would begin to discern that which I have placed within the center of your hearts which causes you to be a lively stone in the temple of the living God that makes up the living edifice I call the Christ, the many-membered Body which is the completion and fullness of My Son who sits on the throne in heaven ruling and reigning and henceforth expecting until His enemies are made His footstool, and until all things are subdued unto Himself.

I am at work within My people to agitate you into the place of understanding that truly I AM a "many-membered Body" and even as the expression of nature is varied and with a multiplicity of facets and expressions even so I reveal Myself with fullness and variety through My people, and when you begin to understand this you will no longer bite or devour or doubt or cast dispersion upon one another, but you will begin to see that even as a diamond with many rays of light reflected and refracted out of the brilliance catching the light and the glory of the Sun (Son) , even so I reveal Myself through this many-membered Body.

That which I have given you to show forth of My person and My revelation and My will in the earth is not undermined or put in any jeopardy or disdain because you receive the balance of an opposing word or truth. And yet My people insist on thinking that their little portion of truth, their little portion of light is the ultimate in understanding and revelation and they forbid the significant other voices through which I speak that I might have the representative of My true fullness in the Earth.

For all that I do in this earth, I have a prophetic expression. I have an expression of warning and judgment, and I have an expression of blessing and health and wholeness. My eyes wander throughout the whole earth to see those whose hearts are perfect toward Me, and turned toward Me and longing toward Me, and I am quick to speak a word of power and blessing and reconciliation on the behalf of those who seek Me. Your discerning the need for my chastening and correction and wrath upon sin and disobedience and backslidings will never dilute My love and determination to dispense My favor, and My grace and My mercy when I so desire to pour it out on a people or a person who seeks Me and desires to know Me and please Me, no matter how frail their flesh may be, and no matter how pronounced their weaknesses may seem to you.

And in the fullness of time when the cup of my wrath is full and I have pressed out the grapes of my wrath it shall be clearly seen that it is a winepress I have trodden alone . I am the only one who truly sees into the hearts of men to render righteous and undefiled and unadulterated and pure judgment because I am the one who sees deeply into every motive and situation, and therefore I have left the judgment purely to My Son who sees with My eyes, and it shall only be given to a people who see as I see to "sit on the 12 thrones judging Israel (My people) in the earth." I do not see as men see, and I do not hear as men hear, but with righteous judgment and with equity I judge all the earth to render unto every man according to his works, and if I cannot trust My own people to truly discern My body in the earth, how I can I trust you to sit in judgment of the world, and of angels (which indeed is the very inheritance of the saints in light?)

I am not giving My judgments or My words of judgment to any people or any person or any prophet who is not fully discerning My Body in the earth because I will not have My works and My word defiled by the heart that has no understanding of My purpose or the manifestation of My Body in the earth.

And when you are so limited in your understanding that you can't perceive My fullness manifested in My people on many levels of truth, and many levels of expression then you do not understand Me.

If you are in the desert where there is no water and the ground is parched and dry and the slithering creatures of the earth feed on the dust are you going to declare because you are in the desert that there is no lush green mountain from which flows out fountains, rivers, and streams of waters coursing between the pathways of rocks and earth cut out by the very force of those waters?

And yet My people do this very thing when they fail to recognize that just as I express Myself and My nature through the Creation with the different aspects of My character showcased fully where ever you might light your eyes in this earth, even so I express Myself through My Body from My anger and wrath and judgments to My mercy and life and restoration and reconciliation.

You prophets of judgment who despise My vessels of Mercy and Grace, I am against this attitude in your spirit!!! You only have a facet of My truth and a facet of the revelation of My will and purpose. You do not have the whole picture. You are only a stone in the edifice I am building for My glory, and if you refuse to be built up together with those of a different expression than you are working against the manifestation of the fullness of My glory and knowledge being realized in the Earth. You cry out against sin and uncleanness, but then you defeat My very purpose in bringing a people together that I can fill with My glory so that there is NO desire for such things by NOT recognizing where I am coming forth in a greater fullness of life and purity.
You have your eyes only to see the wicked and the perverse, and you refuse to perceive where I am exalted in love and honor and obedience. Beware lest you be as Jonah, more determined to be the recognized prophet in the land than a vessel of My choosing to lead people to repentance and restoration.

You prophets of prosperity and blessing and never-ending Mercy who despise the words of warning and judgment I send through My servants, you lack understanding that I have truly created vessels as My weapons of war against the wicked works of Satan even trying to infiltrate My people with worldliness and habits of sin and uncleanness. I have raised these ones up to manifest My Holy anger against that which keeps My people from entering in fully to what I have for them.

Don't you know that only that which is truly holy and pure can inherit the fullness of My glory and My blessing that you so willingly and eagerly and continuously pronounce upon My people?
Don't you realize that without the prophets coming forth with the words of warning and judgment and pronouncements against sin and uncleanness there can be NONE of the blessings and prosperity which you so eagerly preach and teach and prophesy to My people ? Without a true cleansing from all that is contrary to My holy and undefiled and sinless nature you can never be the habitation of My glory I have purposed for you to be!! You do not undermine the message I have given to you of blessing and prosperity by receiving the words of correction and judgment. You do NO disservice to My outpoured mercy and grace by allowing the hard word of the Lord to come forth in all its power and authority. Rather, you are allowing the stones of My glorious Church which I am raising up at this time in the Earth for the purpose of revealing Myself to the World to be built up together as the true habitation of God through the Spirit.

Oh my people hear the word of the Lord!!!! You cannot pick and choose what revelation of My Spirit you want manifested in My holy temple, the Church. If you want the fullness of My being and My expression to be realized in the power and glory which you prophesy about then you are going to have to begin to discern My Body in the earth, and you are going to have to begin to see that I speak as the voice of MANY WATERS.

Though you cannot understand all, or find agreement in all, you can rest in the trust of knowing that I am the God that is able to bring into a righteous focus and a greater understanding the revelation of Myself through My Body in all the aspects through which I determine to manifest. I speak with many significant voices to insure My prophetic approval upon that which I am doing in the Earth from the most gracious and merciful of My blessings to the harshest realities of My corrections and judgments. I truly am doing far more than what your own constraining dreams and visions and paradigms will naturally permit you to perceive, but if you enter into the fullness of My mind and My thinking then you will begin to understand that which I have purposed in and through My church so that My people can be as the wells of salvation which hold the water of life from which the thirsty souls of men will draw forth the living water.

Oh, if ONLY you knew the gift of God within!! But you must have a vision which supersedes your own little portion of understanding and revelation and come up into a higher place in Me where you can see the bigger picture of My Body in the earth even as I see it. Then you will see yourselves individually consecrated unto Me and My purposes and corporately revealed in the earth as the sons of God, even the mature manchild whom I am setting in authority to rule all nations with a rod of iron while at the very same time I pour forth a revelation of My mercy and grace and love and forgiveness and power of the priesthood for cleansing and restoration and deliverance and wholeness and healing to all those who will hear the cry going forth by the Spirit and the Bride saying "Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

Begin to perceive that even NOW I am training you to be able to understand the multifaceted-ness of My nature in how I deal with My own, and with My people because in order that you might be in this world what I have called you to be , you are going to have to understand the fullness of My dealings and My character in mercy and grace and judgment and justice for you shall indeed be the dispensers and the executors of My will in all these things when I come in the fullness of My kingdom in the Earth.

I, Jesus, the Head of My Church, shall not move in this earth apart from My Body. Thus saith the Lord!!

Respectfully Submitted to the Body of Christ,

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Darkness Then Light
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These things must come to this nation, but don’t be afraid, because of the prayers of the people of God, there will be a great Spiritual filling of this entire nation.

There will be flooding in one area and there will be fighting in other areas of this Nation. There will be earthquakes in some states. There will be depression in some states. There will be a great crisis in every state. There will be unemployment and there will be trouble in families.

There will be fire in some states. Then there will be a reviving of the spiritually destitute and dead things pertaining to God. There will be such a terrible time of darkness (crisis) here in this nation. God is doing a mighty new and awesome thing in this nation.

Creative miracles and notable miracles will be seen regularly. Evangelism and the miraculous will be on the rise in this Nation.

You have been given THE Very RIGHTEOUSNESS of God. You have been given power over all the power of the enemy. Satan is subject to the Christians. Use what you have been given. Don’t hold back.

Your family will be saved because you are saved.

Your ability to do things that are impossible in the natural realm and in natural human strength, is simply supplied to you by the Holy Spirit.

God is cleaning up America.

I Am is going to do it. There is a great deal of praying for this nation to be saved. Continue your prayers and intensify them. This nation will be a Christian nation once again. The power and presence of God will be here in a tangible and awesome degree. God will bring power and His presence will be great in this nation. There will be distress in other nations everywhere as well.

Nations will be needing God to intervene and bring power and glory as well. They will immersed in the word and power as will the USA. Don’t fear because of what you are seeing. I will keep those in perfect peace whose mind is kept on Me.

Prayer is the only way to overcome during these times. Stay sensitive the Spirit of God within you.

The Holy Spirit will guide you in what to do and where to go. He will overshadow you with power and protection. There are angels surrounding you and your loved ones. Some will be visible, others will not be visible.

God says that He will cleanse America and restore the light in America.
His Spirit will move upon the face of the darkness and cleanse every dark area.
Jesus gave us abundant life. Now you will see the darkness but then light will come forth.

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Disarming The Irregulars

Wolfgang Simson

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The THREE BOOTHS

I saw a long line of newly-saved people entering the Kingdom of God. Everything was new for them, so there were three booths set up for them to pass through. At the first booth, they would sign up for God's army and pledge total loyalty to God. From then on, they were under orders, no longer their own, and were given a uniform and boots. At the second booth, they were given a sword, and at the third, a scythe - a harvesting tool. Astonishingly, only around one in a thousand of the new arrivals even went to the first booth; almost everyone went to the second stand, and almost everyone also ignored the third stand. Almost nobody went to all three stands, as God explicitly intended.

The IRREGULARS

Everyone hurried directly to a huge plain full of people and activity. Under an enormous dust cloud thrown up by the many feet, small groups quickly formed and were joined by the new arrivals. These countless groups made themselves banners, flags and uniforms decorated with very creative logos and emblems. It was an incredible colorful confusion of thousands of small militia. In other words, an irregular army. The chaos was complete; some blew for attack, others for retreat. Some acted out bizarre rituals, others sat around the camp fire laughing. Some practiced sword fighting, others gathered their weapons and spoke of peace. Some of the groups even attacked each other. It was a scene of hectic activity, but without any recognizable order. Generals cooked, cooks were pilots, pilots dug trenches. I was horrified, and saw clearly that this army would never win any battle. Everyone was terribly busy, but all the zealous action came to nothing in the long term.

The ANGELS

Suddenly someone shouted "The Angels of God are coming!" They were right: some way off, I could make out a huge number of God's white warriors; powerful, almost larger-than-life angels. The people broke out in an ear-shattering shout and cheer, "Hallelujah, the angels are coming. At last, it's about to begin!" The cheering was indescribable. But the excitement slowly faded, and the shouts of 'hallelujah' died out. Finally, silence descended. Then I looked at the angels more carefully. Standing close together, they looked like a police cordon in front of a crowd of hooligans, with set, sad faces. Step by step the white phalanx slowly approached the motley crowd. Consternation spread, and some of the banners began to retreat. Pale-faced, the people stumbled backwards, shocked and unable to comprehend what was happening. In their shock, some even lost their swords and pennants. The mass of people were driven back into a large valley without exits as the rows of angels slowly but deliberately advanced. The people were finally trapped in the valley like sheep. Some began to cry, others called out to God for mercy, yet others called for help. Most were simply silent.

At last, a huge angel stepped forward and said in a voice loud enough to be heard in the farthest corners of the valley, "That is enough! You have done as you please for long enough. End the war you declared yourselves. Submit to your God. Lay down the banners and flags you made yourselves. Take off the uniforms and boots you were given, as well as the insignia you created. Repent, because you have been disobedient. Lay everything on the ground beside you and kneel to ask your Father to forgive you. In His mercy, he will grant you a fresh start."

The people froze. Astonished disbelief spread through the crowd. Some started to talk, some even started shouting "Pay no attention to them! Listen to me!" But some began to understand. A few sobbed. One or two started to remove their insignia, lay down their banners and flags, take off their uniform and kneel in the dust, asking God for forgiveness for their disobedience. Whenever another person knelt - or even an entire group - an angel left the phalanx, took what the person had laid down, and carried it out to the plain, slowly creating a huge mound of banners, flags and uniforms. The angel then returned to the kneeling person, both as a sign and a guard, because some of the people who had not yet understood what was happening were angry, shouting "Traitors! Deserters!" at those who knelt, ordering them to return to their militia.

The number of stubborn rebels and militia leaders shrank continuously as more people recognized that they had been incredibly misguided and laid down their uniforms and weapons. Finally, after a long time, everyone was kneeling. The angels set the huge mound of uniforms, banners and flags alight, and everyone watched transfixed as the once so precious possessions vanished in the flames. When the fire had burned down, the angel spoke again in a very gentle voice, saying "Now stand up and follow us. Let's start over again."

A New START

The people stood up, naked, without a uniform, but their shame covered by the angel at their side who led them back to the point at which they had entered the Kingdom of God. This time, each person went slowly and deliberately to the first booth to write their name in the army register before receiving a new uniform and boots with no insignia. The angel then took them to the second booth, where they received a sword, symbolizing the Word of God. They then went on to the third and final booth, where they were given harvesting tools and a clearly-defined task and position. The angel then took them to a clearly defined position on the plain, where he instructed "his" person to assume his personal position and obey God's battle orders. The angel then left. With time, an incredibly powerful army formed. Everyone was in the right place and knew exactly what his job was. Nobody did what seemed right in their own eyes, but paid great attention to their own task and function. I saw joy, but also wild determination, written on the people's faces. That was the end of the 'film' for me. I had tears in my eyes, and was both horrified and thankful. At the end of my talk that evening, I decided to recount my vision just as I have written it here.

CLINT TOEWS

Clint Toews is a Canadian prophet and author from Winnipeg. He stood up at just that moment, explaining that he had planned to speak at another church in Toronto, but that God had redirected him, telling him to be where I would speak, and that he had a prophetic word for the moment. I do not allow just any 'prophet' to take the microphone, so checked with my friend Dr. Ken Stade, also from Winnipeg, who led the meeting. He agreed that Clint should speak.

Clint said that God has a very simple message to us all. It is written in Joshua 5:13-14. Shortly before conquering Jericho, Joshua encounters an unknown man armed with a sword. He approaches the man and asks "Are you for us or for our enemies?" The man answered "No!". Clint exclaimed "This 'NO!' is God's answer to our unspoken question about when he will join our project, our plan, fellowship, church, outreach, even our war. God will not join our human plans, and particularly not our church. It is He who builds His church. So, 'No!' But if we repent, confess our pride, our pitiful denominationalism and favoritism, and kneel down and remove our shoes because we recognize that Jesus is standing before us, the Commander of the Lord's army, then he will again assume the command which we have usurped. If we then take the place he assigns us and follow His commands, victory will come quickly; Jericho is a historic example. The honor for God's victories will then no longer go to some banner, flag, denomination, missions agency or terrific plan to save the world, but to the Lamb of God alone, Jesus Christ."

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Do The Labor Of My Spirit

Stephen Hanson

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"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28

The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own ***labor****. I Co. 3:8*

"Come to Me all of you who labor and are weary and I will give you rest. Learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart. "

"Many there are, who labor in this hour. Many of you labor at many different things. You labor in your jobs. You labor with your families. But how many of you truly labor with Me? For it is a work that I am calling you to. I am calling you to work alongside Me. There is any overtime pay that you will receive as well. For you will reap a harvest with Me. You will work during the sunshine and the rain. You will work in all kinds of weather. You see, even though I've come to give you rest, I've also come to give you labor. But my labor is worth its pay. There are many that strive for many different things in this hour. Strive for the work that I would give and not that the world would give. Seek those things that are above and not those things that are upon the world. "

"I have told many of you that the hour is racing towards the last days. For I tell you that that hour is rapidly approaching. I have said in my word that scoffers would come in the last days. For they say, 'Where is He who is promised to come?' But I tell you that I will come. "

"Do the labor that I've asked you to do. Teach and do those things that I've called each of you to do. Then your labor will not be in vain."

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*Please continue to be in prayer for us. I have sent out an application to another school nearby and I'm waiting for an interview. There are 15 other applicants for this postion. Pray that the doors wil be opened so that we will see which way to go.

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Lessons from the Duck Yard

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At our home in Gonzales Louisiana my wife Marylee keeps a collection of about 40 ducks of several types in a large pen in the yard. We live on 3 acres, so we have the room. We have a hose running from the house to the duck yard to give them water when needed. And they usually had plenty to meet their needs. We live in a very rainy part of the country, so often the duck yard becomes a sea of mud. That is mud, mud, mud and more mud!. Why mud? Well, because ducks have a habit of thoroughly eliminating any vegetation in any area where they are penned up. They dig down into the mud and root out anything that even resembles plant life. One side effect of this is that they create lots of holes and ruts in the ground. It becomes very uneven due to all the holes and extra treacherous when the holes turn to slippery mud.

One afternoon, while helping Marylee with some chore in the duck yard, I considered the condition of the yard. It was hot and dry that day. The ground in the duck yard was hard and dry. It was full of holes and nothing grew there. The ducks and the heat had turned it into a small scale desert! I thought to myself that this ground will need to be plowed before being re-seeded. If we were to get rid of the ducks and take down the fence and return the pen to a normal lawn, it would need a complete plowing to make it level again.

"That's part of what it means to break up the fallow ground!" The Holy Spirit spoke to me just at that moment. And in that moment He opened up a couple of verses in the bible and related them to a series of scriptures relating this to the Church. Now I see that the duck yard is a figure for the Church. And even more that the damage done by the ducks to the lawn that was originally there, parallels the devastation that the enemy has wreaked upon the Church. And further, the means I would have to use to restore the lawn are a reflection of the means the Lord will use to restore his Church in these last days.

The key verses he showed me were these:

> *Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?*
> *When he hath made **plain** the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?*
> *For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him. (Isaiah 28:24-26 KJV)*

And:

> *6. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *7. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a **plain**: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*
> *8. Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*
> *9. The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*
> *10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth. (Zechariah 4:6-10 KJV)*

*The key word linking these two passages in the word **'plain'**. Plain refers to a piece of ground that is flat, level or even. Plowing up a plot of land has several results. The hard ground is broken up so it will accept new seed. The weeds are all killed off, and the ground is made plain or level. All of these are typical of what the Lord must do to the Church.*

Both passages speak of a portion of ground being made **plain.** They are made plain for a purpose! The plowman in the passage from Isaiah had the purpose of sowing seed. Zerubabel in the passage from Zechariah has the purpose of building the House of the Lord.

The background to all this can be found in Isaiah chapter 1:24-28

> *Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:*
> *And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:*
> *And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be*

> *called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*
> *Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*
> *And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed (Isaiah 1:24-28).*

This passage is a short summary of the Lords program for the end times. It includes purifying the Church, converting the lost, vengeance on the enemy, and destruction of the sinners.

Here verse 27 is the key verse giving an understanding of the Lords plans.

What is Zion?

***"Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, …".*Zion is the Church. Redemption is the restoring and purifying the Church. Verse 27 elaborates on this. Judgment is the means of making this happen.**

***"…, and her converts with righteousness."* This is the results of the redemption. Zion will have converts, the converts will have righteousness.**

> *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 1 Peter 4:17*

The Judgment that must begin with the house of God is expressed in many ways in scripture. One of these is plowing. Here are two instances of Judgment on Jerusalem referred to as plowing.

> *Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **Zion shall be plowed** like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. Jeremiah 26:18*

> *Therefore shall **Zion for your sake be plowed as a field**, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest Micah 3:12.*

These verses were fulfilled literally in the destruction of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. But they also have a figurative meaning speaking of judgment on the Church. The Plowing is Judgment.

Here in Hosea the idea of breaking up fallow ground is related to righteousness. When the ground is broken up, the Lord will come and rain righteousness.

> *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. (Hosea 10:12)*

Who is the Plowman?

Back in Isaiah 28 we can learn something about the plowman by the way he is described in verse 26

> *For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him. (Isaiah 28:26 KJV)*

Clearly this speaks of Jesus who is instructed by the Father and only does what the Father tells him.

Now in Zechariah 4 we find a reference to a great mountain becoming a **plain.**

> *Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a **plain**: and he shall bring forth the **headstone** thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. Zechariah 4:7.*

*What is the great mountain mentioned here? It is **Mt. Zion**, a figure for the Church. A mountain that shall become a plain speaks of a great humbling that must take place. Now in this figure, the ground is become a plain, but where is the seed it is to receive? It says 'he shall bring forth the **headstone** thereof. Can a plain have a headstone? Can a mountain have a headstone? No what God is doing here is switching metaphors. He begins to use a different figure of speech.*

In verse 9 he says " *The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of* **this house** *…."* A house can have a headstone. This is the house of God referred to in 1st Peter 4:17. That is the Church. So God is saying that the Church, seen as a plot of ground, or a mountain, must be broken up to receive seed. And this is the same as saying that the house of God must be judged so it can receive its headstone.

What is the Seed? And What is the Fallow Ground?

We know that the word of God is described as a seed, for example in the parable of the sower.

The fallow ground is our hearts. Either we break it up ourselves, or the Lord as the plowman will break it up for us. It must receive the new seed.

In Ps 119:11 we read *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."* The word hidden in the heart is the seed received by the ground. The idea of breaking up ground and opening up your heart is found in Jeremiah 4:3-4 where it says

> *For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.*
> *Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, …..Jeremiah 4:3-4*

It is the broken and contrite heart that will receive the Word of God.

What is the Headstone?

The headstone is the one that caps off the building. Ephesians 2:20 says:

> "… Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

The headstone of the Church is Jesus; the Church is founded on the Lordship of Jesus. This is the headstone mentioned in Zechariah 4. The headstone of Mt. Zion.

Isaiah tells us, in the same chapter 28 where we read of the plowman,:

> *Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, **I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone**, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. Isaiah 28:16*

*The word 'therefore' when seen in the context of chapter 28 follows a long series of indictments of God's people. It implies that what follows the '**therefore**' is His Judgment upon his people, based upon those indictments.*

What is the Judgment?

The Judgment is accomplished by setting the Headstone in place. When Jesus takes his proper lace as head of the Church, He will judge the Church. Jesus is the judgment.

But this will be an occasion for great praise and rejoicing. The text in Zechariah says "*he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it".*

Verse 9 and 10 speak of Zerubbabel laying the foundation…:

> *The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*
> *For who hath despised the day of small things? for **they shall rejoice**, and shall see the **plummet** in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth. (Zechariah 4:9-10 KJV)*

Who is the builder?

The historical Zerubbabel is an ancestor of Jesus, figuratively he is a type of Jesus. It is Jesus [Zerubbabel] who builds the house. Recall that Jesus was a carpenter, one who built houses, and ships. Verse 10 says *for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel.* Once again we see rejoicing. Notice that Zerubbabel has in his hand a plummet. That is a plumb line, the instrument of a carpenter! A plummet, or plumb line is used to determine if something is truly vertical or upright. The line or measuring rod is used to see if something measures up to a standard. This is the same plummet seen in Isaiah 28:17 where it says "*Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet …":*The one who lays the foundation and wields the plummet is Isaiah 28 is the same one doing it in Zechariah 4. The Master Builder, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The historical Zerubbabel was the one who built the second temple, a type of the end time Church, in the book Ezra. This was a time of great rejoicing in Israel. It is prophetic of the great rejoicing and great revival to follow God's restoration of the Church in the days ahead.

> *And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD,* ***because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid*** *Ezra 3:11.*

What is the Result of Setting the Headstone in Place?

> ***Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. Isaiah 1:27***

Genesis 28, shows us an example of someone putting a stone in place. Here we read in the story of Jacob, how he took a stone and set it up for a pillar.

> *And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.*
> *And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. Genesis 28:17-18*

In verse 17 we see he was afraid and saw that the place was dreadful. This speaks of the Fear of the Lord that must come to the Church. Calling the place 'the house of God' clearly refers to the Church. The stone that he had for a pillow can be thought of as a 'head' stone. The act of setting it up for a pillar is to set it 'in place'! [It speaks of the Son of Man having a place to lay his head, atop his body the Church!] Making the stone a pillar speaks of building something, the Church again. Once the head stone is set in place he pours oil on the top of it. This speaks of the Father sending the anointing to his people once they submit to the Lordship of Jesus. This is what is meant by the words in Zechariah 4.7 "and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, ***Grace, grace*** *unto it." The grace is the anointing!*

Jacob is acting as a type of the Father in this passage. It's the Father who sets the headstone in place and who imparts the anointing. It's the voice of the father crying **Grace, grace!** It is the Father setting up the Kingdom of God in His Church on the earth; putting the Lamb upon the Throne and saying "Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies! It is God arising and coming to his resting place. It is the fulfillment of the prayer "thy kingdom come".

We see it further illustrated in Psalm 133.

> *Psalm 133 A Song of degrees of David*
> *1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in* ***unity****!*
> *2 It is like the precious* ***ointment upon the head****, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of* ***Zion****: for there the LORD commanded the* ***blessing****, even life for evermore.*

Here you can see the psalmist speaking of Mt. Zion, the Church, in the context of pouring ointment, or oil, on the head of Aaron. Aaron is, of course, typical of Jesus, our High Priest. The body of the High priest is compared to a mountain, in that the oil on the head is likened to dew on the top of the mountain! Setting the headstone in place is equal to setting the head on top the body. This is where the Son of Man lays his head. This means that the body comes together. It comes into unity.

Unity
And so the result is UNITY! The brethren dwell together, in unity. And because of this, the Lord commands a Blessing.

This is the blessing mentioned also in Haggai 2:16, *from this day will I bless you.*

The same concepts are covered in the book of Ephesians. In chapter 1 we read that He is the Head of the Body

> *And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,*
> *Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all Ephesians 1:22-23.*

In chapter 4 there is a discussion of what happens when the head and body come together.

> *Till we all come in the **unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*
> *That we henceforth be **no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
> *But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is **the head**, even Christ:*
> *From whom the whole body **fitly joined together** and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh **increase of the body** unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:13-16:*

*And here in chapter 2 it speaks of the Headstone, Jesus Christ, as the chief cornerstone, and how **the building will grow** or be built only as it is fitly framed.*

> *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*
> *In whom all the building **fitly framed** together **groweth** unto an holy temple in the Lord:*
> *In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:20-22*

*The Body and the Temple are the same. They can only grow when the head is in place. The foundation is the headstone. The Church is not the Church unless it is submitted to the head or "... holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, **increaseth with the increase of God**." Colossians 2:19*

The foundation is the Lordship of Jesus. Since the foundation is the Head the Church must be built from the top down, just as illustrated in Psalm 133. There the body comes under the anointing from the top down as the oil is poured on the head. When it reaches the hem of the garment we can expect to see a release of healing power!

Instruments of Judgment

Notice that in these passages, the carpenter, the wise master builder, is never shown with hammer or nails, cement, saw or chisel. These are instruments of construction or assembly. This carpenter is shown using instruments of measurement or judgment. The passages in Ephesians indicate that once the building is 'fitly framed' or once the body is rightly joined to the head, it will grow automatically! Once the Church gets right it can't help but grow! People will be attracted to the presence of the Lord!

What is the Result of Breaking up the Ground?

> *Zion shall be redeemed with judgment**, and her converts with righteousness. Isaiah 1:27***

Figuratively the bible describes what happens after the ground is broken up in terms of rainfall. Once the ground is plowed and the seed is sown, the Lord sends His Rain. Here are a selection of verses that speak of the Rain and the Harvest.

> *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain**, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:3*
>
> *He shall come down like **rain** upon the mown grass: as **showers** that water the earth. Psalm 72:6*
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> *Then shall he give the **rain** of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures Isaiah 30:23.*
>
> *For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: **I will pour my spirit** upon thy seed, and **my blessing** upon thine offspring. Isaiah 44:3:*
>
> *Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and **let the skies pour down righteousness**: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it Isaiah 45:8.*
>
> *Thou visitest the earth, and **waterest** it: thou greatly enrichest it with **the river of God**, which is full*

> *of **water**: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.*
> *Thou **waterest** the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with **showers**: thou blessest the springing thereof.*
> *Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness. Psalm 65:9-11*

This verse from Micah describes the results in a more literal fashion:

> *But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be **established** in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and **people shall flow unto it**. Micah 4:1*

And these verses from Isaiah 2:

> *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
> *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and **let us go up to the mountain of the LORD**, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*
> *And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more*
> *O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD* Isaiah 2:2-5.

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Dividing Up The Land Of Israel
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"The World Has Entered Into The Time Of Dividing Up The Land Of Israel"

I have sought to clarify the real strategic, democratic, and biblical issues surrounding the Israeli government's evacuation and retreat from Gaza and Northern Samaria. My goal is to correct misinformation about events in Israel, and to present more accurate information from an Israeli, Hebrew, and Messianic perspective about facts on the ground.

Today, I ask the question -- ***what is the prophetic import of events going on in Israel today?***

Signs and Weathermen

An ancient Indian proverb cautions care when using one's finger to point something out. A passing onlooker may end up focusing on the finger, and may totally miss the object to which one was pointing!

In Matthew 16:1-3, Yeshua warns that it is possible to be aware of current events while at the same time totally missing what these events are prophetically pointing to. Even a weatherman can miss the significance of a coming storm!

"When it's evening, you declare that tomorrow will be good weather, because the sky is reddish. And in the morning you announce that there will be nasty weather today, because the sky is red and overcast . . . You know how to discern tomorrow's weather, but you don't know how to discern the signs of the times."

What significance should be drawn about the disengagement from Gaza and Northern Samaria? Is the lesson to be learned simply a call to good citizenship, that Israel's citizens should obey their Prime Minister without question -- as it were, a unique Israeli exercise in upholding the democratic form of government? Or is the disengagement a prophetic wake up call to Israel and the nations -- a decisive prophetic line in the sand which has now been crossed, with international and eternal consequences?

The prophet Samson ended up "eyeless in Gaza." It is our prayer that, with Israel's recent departure from Gaza, the eyes of the prophets and the eyes of the Jewish people, who are all called to be prophets, would be opened more clearly and that we would all prophesy with even greater accuracy and devotion to Yeshua (see Psalm 105:15; Numbers 11:29)!

A Retreat by Any Other Name

The forced evacuation of Jewish Israelis from Gaza and parts of Northern Samaria is the first and only case in Jewish history of Jews uprooting other Jews from their homes and synagogues, and then destroying those buildings -- all in order to hand over portions of their divinely promised land to enemy forces (the uprooting of Yamit under Ariel Sharon's supervision in 1982 and its handover to Egypt probably should also be included). It is also the first case of the Israeli army retreating from terrorist forces. And it is actually the third time in the modern era that Israel has abandoned territory promised by God to Israel.
In 1956, Israel abandoned Gaza due to U.S. and Russian threats (it was later retaken by Israel in June, 1967). On July 1, 1994, Israel's Yitzhak Rabin handed over Jericho to Yasser Arafat, an event

shepherded and promoted by former President Bill Clinton. Today, Sharon's unilateral retreat has been euphemistically called a "disengagement." But even in Hebrew, a retreat is still a retreat.

Frozen Snapshots

This past week, Israeli TV has broadcasted non-stop live and on-site, covering all aspects of the evacuation. Israelis have been bombarded with a marathon of sound bites and "eye bites" -- Jews removing other Jews from their homes, farms, and synagogues. The pictures, especially footage of bulldozed homes, have broken the hearts of many Israelis, while others have responded to the tragic evacuations with cold sneers and derision. While some Israeli hearts are responding to this tragedy with tenderness, other hearts are hardening and refuse to hear their brother's cry rising up out of Gaza's soil.

Some modern Israelis find it embarrassing and difficult to relate to the sufferings, exiles, and pogroms that have characterized Jewish history among the nations. They don't want to think of their people as having been victimized, and so they avert their eyes and their hearts when forced to consider such issues.
It may be shocking for some to discover that certain Israelis cannot or will not see the parallels between the suffering of Gaza's Jews and the suffering of the Jewish people in Europe and the Arab world. Nevertheless, it is heartening to know that many other Jews are finding tears on their cheeks and softening occurring in their hearts. ***Please pray that God will have His way with many Israeli hearts, tenderizing them and causing them to seek for Messiah Yeshua's face amidst the pain.***

Here are some fleeting descriptions of scenes that flashed across Israeli TV screens this week:

Jewish Children in Gaza

A small tot steps outside his house -- unaware that his parents are about to be removed -- and shyly hands out tiny cookies to the soldiers waiting to enter. A three-year-old riding out of his home on the broad shoulders of an IDF officer asks with a big smile, "Are we going out for a fun ride?"
Another three-year-old girl runs over to an IDF commander (who has just explained to her parents that they are about to be evacuated) and gives him a big kiss and an even bigger smile. A small class of eight-year-old boys chant Psalm 130 as soldiers wait to evacuate them from their schoolroom ("Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! Hear my voice!")

Grown Men Crying in Gaza

As the army and police announce to Morag resident Yuval Unterman that he needs to evacuate his home, he quietly rips his shirt (a sign of Jewish religious mourning) and stands wordless in front of the soldiers. As the shammash (synagogue attendant) opens the Netzarim synagogue ark where the Torah scrolls are housed (in order to remove them and evacuate them as well), he staggers and buries his face in his hands, shaking with sobs.
Tekoa Rabbi Menahem Fruman, known for his heart-to-heart dialogue with neighboring Arab communities near Bethlehem, tenderly removes a Torah scroll from the Neve Dekalim synagogue -- his long, wispy, white beard wrapped around the scroll -- crying. He walks slowly out of the synagogue, his face creased with agonized tears. A Holocaust survivor, dressed in his original prison camp uniform, kisses soldiers who have come to evacuate him, and leaves his home weeping.

Soldiers Showing Incredible Restraint and Kindness in Gaza

One of Israel's most respected and decorated soldiers, Colonel Erez Tzukerman, commander of the famed Golani Brigade, quietly listens as a Gaza resident (a former soldier under his command) weeps and shakes at the fact that his commander and brother-in-arms is evacuating him from his own home. Erez nods his head in understanding, does not react or defend himself as he is yelled at, and then embraces the soldier as they cry together.

A 25-year-old commander quietly listens to the Fitusi family explain all the terrorism they have endured, read aloud a letter that the six-year-old daughter has written to be read to the soldiers, and then slowly walks out the door to prepare for the family's evacuation. A five-year-old boy comes over to him; the commander crouches to talk with him, kisses him on the head, and asks quietly, "Do you hate me?"

IDF Southern Command General Dan Harel and Southern District Police Chief Commander Uri Bar-Lev openly weep in different Gaza synagogues as their own forces get ready to evacuate the buildings of praying Jews. Soldiers carrying a "hilltop youth" out of a yeshiva in Homesh, Northern Samaria, lay him down gently on the ground and then hug him. He gets up and runs over to the Torah scroll being evacuated and kisses it, weeping.
A young woman soldier who has just evacuated a family from their home goes behind a bus (where she can be alone) and begins to groan and wail deeply over what she has just seen.

One soldier told me that he wandered around one of the abandoned towns after the evacuation and saw over a hundred hungry, abandoned dogs and cats; empty houses ghost-like in their stillness, with chocolate milk still on kitchen counters, freshly made bread barely taken out of open ovens, food still on the tables, half-empty fridges -- as if the Rapture had just taken place.

The lives of those evacuated have been severely shaken. Many have left homes that up to four generations have lived in. For many, their communities were all that they have ever experienced. They are now, for the most part, living in temporary housing or crowded into hotel rooms, awaiting the outcome of slow government bureaucratic processes.

Pray that God will use the pain to point these people's hearts to Himself. Pray for their resettlement to the east of the Gaza Strip, and for the daunting physical needs involved. Pray for the soldiers who have taken the brunt of evacuating Gaza's Jews. Pray that God will speak to them in their hearts and use the residual pain to open their hearts to Him, to ask questions that only He can and will answer.

A Pre-Bar Mitzvah Prophecy

Back to the Israeli television broadcasts this week: In the living room of one of the families about to be evacuated, the father asked his oldest son if he had anything that he would like to tell the commander evacuating him. The boy quietly opened his Bible to Amos 9:13-15 and chanted in sing-song Hebrew the ancient words of the prophecy. As we watched in our own living room, tears streamed down our cheeks. Hear the words of the prophet:

"Behold, the days are coming, declares YHVH, that the plowman will overtake the one who is reaping, and he who treads out the grapes will overtake the one who is sowing seed. And the mountains will drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring back My people Israel from captivity, and they shall rebuild the destroyed cities and inhabit them. And they will plant vineyards and drink the wine, and will eat the fruit of those vineyards. And I will plant (Israel) upon their own land and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given to them, says YHVH, your God."

This pre-bar mitzvah boy prophesied a mouthful. God is in the process of bringing His people Israel back to their promised land of Israel. Over the past 150 years, the Jewish people have been rebuilding destroyed cities and have even planted new towns in the pristine desert sands (as in the case of Gaza's communities). As this river of restoration flows (the Hebrew word for *restoration* is *tikkun*), and as the process expands, then more Jews return, more destroyed towns are rebuilt, and the Jewish people once again find themselves at home in their own land.

Bumps in the "Restoration Road"

But there are bumps in the restoration road. This happens in every struggle and in every process of taking back from the enemy what has been stolen. Opposition and attack sometimes briefly slow down the process. The evacuation of Gaza and four villages in Northern Samaria is one such bump in the road. This is a setback and a cause for grief and mourning. The fact that Jews have been used to inflict this on other Jews is also a tragic surprise.

But the evacuation of Gaza is not the reversal of the process of restoration. It is a grievous road bump on the way. As Michael Freund said recently, "This is hardly the first setback we have suffered on our long and sometimes torturous return to Zion, and it is almost certainly not the last" ("Jewish Gaza will be rebuilt," *Jerusalem Post*, Wed., Aug. 17, 2005, p.14).

The Jewish people will never again be decisively exiled from their land, as one or two embittered and disgruntled Messianic preachers have been arguing for. Though there is definitely a sifting and a purification coming for the nation of Israel, it will not entail the full exile of Israel nor the full evacuation of Jerusalem (see Zechariah 14:2b). The return of the Jewish dry bones in Ezekiel 37 is described by God Himself as occurring in unbelief. But God is not caught off guard by this spiritual fact. Indeed, He is the One who is causing the people of Israel to return to the borders of the promised land -- including to the Gaza Strip.

It is important to remember that the process of restoration cannot be smoothly charted as if it were part of some American engineering manual, or even a Messianic Jewish engineering manual! The process of restoration is not easily condensed into an efficient and scientific linear equation, a four-color flow chart or an intricate time-line. Such a computerized approach to the restoration process is probably more Hellenistic than Jewish, more fatalistic than prophetic, more mechanistic than mystical.

God is a Multi-Tasker

The truth is that God is capable of doing more than one thing at a time and, in fact, God works in precisely such a multifaceted way. He has determined to bring His people back to the land of Israel, even in unbelief; to establish them in their land, even in unbelief; and to cause them to grow into an amazing and world-perplexing people, even in unbelief.

All that is lacking for Israel is the breath, the *Ruach*, the Spirit of God. When YHVH pours out His Ruach of grace and supplications (Zechariah 12:10), we the people of Israel will mourn, we will repent, we will embrace our Messiah Yeshua, we will come alive as a mighty army (Ezekiel 37:10), and we will move under God's feet as His divine threshing sledge bringing judgment and blessing to the nations (Isaiah 41:15; the Hebrew word for this sledge is *morag*, one of the names of the evacuated Gaza communities).

God's process of restoration is cyclical -- He brings His people back to the same land from which they were originally exiled and evacuated. He is moving simultaneously to establish physical restoration and spiritual restoration in the bodies and spirits of the same Jewish people who once rebelled against Moses' authority and David's dynasty. God's river of restoration continues to flow over the Jewish people and into their hearts, even though there are occasional eddies, side pools, and backwaters. And God will use the pain and the agony created by this evacuation to open Jewish hearts to His own heart, and to bring Israeli hearts into a right relationship with His own heart.

The exile and public agony of Gaza's Jews has sadly occurred, but this momentary light affliction has not stopped the process of Jewish restoration to and in the land of Israel. It has

not reversed the flow of the river of restoration. Indeed, it has opened the door to one of the last days' most significant prophecies regarding the restoration of Israel and the judgment of the nations.

Three Big Prophetic Events

Two momentous prophetic events have occurred in the last 25 years.

According to Bob Jones, a prophetic brother, **World War Three began** on October 6, 1981, with the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat by Islamic jihadi forces (led by Ayman Zawahiri, now Osama Bin Laden's second-in-command). This rise of an armed and fanatic army of Islamic world jihad indicates that world jihad will figure prominently in the coming battles of WWIII.

On September 11, 2001, another prophetic brother, James Goll, was told by the Lord to turn on his TV immediately. As he watched planes crash into the World Trade Center, God told him that **"the time of the hunters" had begun**. This term refers to Jeremiah 16:16-18, a prophecy of a worldwide season of anti-Semitic persecution which will purify the Jewish nation as well as fully bring them back to their ancestral homeland of Israel. This prophetic word re-emphasizes that growing world-wide anti-Jewish persecution will now be linked to anti-Israel strategies and Islamic jihadi terrorism.

The **third event, the time of dividing up the land of Israel, is kicking into high gear in front of our eyes**, and it is the evacuation of Gaza which has proved to be the alarm bell. A little bit of background is necessary here.

"The Secret War Against The Jews"

The Arab and Islamic world has been actively trying to wipe out the Jewish State of Israel since the late 1940's. The PLO has made the destruction of Israel its organizational strategy since its inception in 1964, whether by direct armed attack or by "the plan of stages" -- whittling off pieces of Israel, through diplomacy, until direct military attack can be decisive.
The nations of the world and, in particular, the USA, have also been advocating a political process which would divide up the biblical land of Israel. The organization known as the Quartet (composed of the USA, the European Union, the UN, and Russia; see www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2003/20062.htm) has been pushing since 2003 for what it has euphemistically been labeled "a performance-based and goal-driven roadmap, with clear phases, timelines, target dates, and benchmarks aiming at . . . a permanent two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

Since unimpeded access to Islamic oil is essential for Western economies, and since oil access is also connected with progress on dividing the land of Israel, it has become a clear policy goal of oil multinationals, Saudi Arabia, and allies in the U.S. State Department and the C.I.A., to push for strategies to make this dream a reality. Two books which throw light on these strategies are: "The Secret War Against The Jews: How Western Intelligence Betrayed the Jewish People" by John Loftus and Mark Aarons (www.john-loftus.com) and "Sleeping With the Devil: How Washington Sold Our Soul for Saudi Crude" by former C.I.A. Middle East case officer Robert Baer. Loftus and Baer are commentators for the FOX Channel.

A Long-Standing U.S. Policy Goal

It is to be assumed that Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has already run into these international and strategic hardball pressures. There is a place for much compassion here. What would you do if you were Israel's PM, you did not believe the Scriptures, and you needed to simultaneously fend off U.S. pressure, terrorist attacks, and impending legal action against yourself (possibly) and your own children (certainly) for illegal campaign funding?

It seems that Sharon hoped that he could gain world sympathy by a unilateral disengagement, while simultaneously freezing world pressure against further withdrawals. But U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice recently popped that balloon on August 18, 2005, in a *NY Times* article with Joel Brinkley and Steven R. Weisman. She "offered sympathy for the Israeli settlers who are being removed from their homes in Gaza" but also made it clear that she expected Israel and the Palestinians to take further steps, in short order, toward the creation of a Palestinian state. "Everyone empathizes with what the Israelis are facing," Ms. Rice said in an interview. But, she added, "It cannot be Gaza only."

In a recent TV interview here in Israel, former Consul General of Israel in New York, Alon Pinkas, stated that, with the evacuation from Gaza, "the U.S. has seen the victory of its 38-year-old policy." American Rice and Israeli Pinkas dovetail in agreeing that the evacuation of Gaza was a long-standing U.S. policy goal, and that the continuing division of the biblical land of Israel is an ongoing U.S. strategic goal.

"The Time of the Dividing Up of the Land of Israel"

So, the evacuation from Gaza is not taking place in a vacuum. At this point, with the exile of the Jewish remnant from the Gaza Strip and from parts of Northern Samaria, **the world has now entered into the period which can be called "the time of the dividing up the land of Israel."** The first fruits have been seen globally on television this past week. It is unfortunate that the U.S. is one of the prime movers in this dividing process.

This season will involve intensified world focus on and preoccupation with forcing Israel to retreat from other portions of the biblical heartland. It will involve political, economic, and military pressure. Two decades ago, an internationally respected, prophetic brother prophesied that the USA would face another oil embargo when a man named Abdullah would become King over Saudi Arabia. Abdullah acceded to the Saudi throne on August 3, 2005. The economic pressures against Israel will also include oil embargoes against the USA and other countries -- Islamic oil weapons crafted to weaken connections between those countries and the state of Israel.

We have been warning about the immediacy of this biblical scenario for nearly 12 years. What is sobering is that in the first round of this battle, Israel has been pressured into evacuating portions of its own lands..

What Will Eventually Develop According to the Scriptures:

- There will be a concerted effort on the part of enemy Arab nations to occupy all of the land of Israel and to destroy the Jewish state. The enemy will be characterized by murderous spite, derision, and hate-filled joy (Ezekiel 36).
- All of the nations mentioned in this future pan-Arab attack, described in Psalm 83, are presently Islamic. Look for a jihadi Islamic context in this future war against the Jewish state.
- Based on Ezekiel 38-39 this coming jihadi invasion of Israel will be decisively defeated.
- The nations of the world will continue to attempt to divide the land of Israel and will finally use military force to achieve this goal. This will result in severe judgment on those nations and the return of Messiah Yeshua (Joel 3:1-3).
- In pursuit of the above strategy, the nations will invade Israel and divide Jerusalem, expelling or evacuating Jews from East Jerusalem while allowing them to remain in West Jerusalem. This evacuation will directly catalyze the return of Messiah Yeshua (Zechariah 14:12-21).

In light of these biblical scenarios, we encourage you to keep God's strategies and prophetic plans close to your heart.

We encourage you to pray for your country -- that it would bless and protect Israel and the Jewish people, and not turn against them. We encourage you to intercede for Israel's protection and salvation. We encourage you to reach out to Jewish people around you -- your Jewish friends and acquaintances -- and to share the good news of their Messiah Yeshua's life, atoning death, and amazing resurrection.

We encourage you to prepare for the coming wave of anti-Jewish persecution, terror, and future holocaust. How will you be able to save Jewish lives and protect them as they return to their promised land?

Thanks for reading these words and for chewing on them. We bless you and thank you for your friendship, prayers, and support. They mean a lot to us!

In Yeshua, Israel's Messiah and the Light of the world!

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Destruction upon the South, USA
LaTonya N. Malinconico

Destruction in the City
LaTonya N Malinconico

Late 2004

Dream One: I was in the middle of tall downtown buildings and a huge flood was coming so a group of people and I decided to hold on to the buildings inside of this tall see-through building. We were a little high up in the business building. The wind was huge and swept away almost anyone who was not holding on to something. And if you were holding on to something, you had to pray and hold as tight as you could because the wind came, then a big wave of water came. Then when people thought they were safe and were starting to get off the buildings, another wave came. I remember I was in the street and I looked to my left side and saw the buildings shaking and slowly water started to come. I started to run back to the building but the dream was in slow motion. I barely made it before the water hit. I think I was in New York because the buildings were so huge. Somehow we got on a train ride and were leaving and I remember green grass but there was no conductor and everyone on the train looked tired. Then I woke up. I had forgot about this dream until I started to research and write about my dream concerning the destruction of the south. So that is why it is posted along the destruction of the south dream. This dream along with many other people's dreams about New York could mean that God is not playing when he shows us the things that will happen. If we don't warn the people, God's judgment will be on us for being bad watchmen. It also serves as a reminder that if we don't have Jesus Christ as our foundation, we will get swept away by the wind and water like a house built on sand. So let's be prepared.

Destruction upon the South, USA
LaTonya N Malinconico

Visions & Dreams
March 2005

Dream Two: My husband and I were together at my Aunt's House and I was telling them that something was happening outside. It was dark all of a sudden and loud thunders where everywhere suddenly. Then we went through one of the doors in the house and I was outside by myself and there were remnants of water everywhere. There was lightening. Huge lightening and I could tell where they would hit. Very loud!!!! Everything was flooded and desolate. I was looking around and I could see people scattered and homeless people. A few trees still stood tall. I went under one tree because I didn't want to be hit by lightening but a woman came and told me not to stand under the tree because there was a huge puddle of water there and the lightening was coming straight for it. In slow motion she grabbed me and the lightening struck and I felt it a little but it hit her instead. There were people in trenches and they were all scattered everywhere. I woke up and went to the bathroom. There I was just starting to think about the interpretation when God gave me an open vision. It was a map of the United States and zoomed in to the south and there appeared what seemed to be a fault line that spread across the tip of California to the East coast of Florida & Georgia. Under the line everything was flooded, destroyed or devastated. Then He said that the South will be destroyed because she used to be the Bible Belt and now she is a whore! Immoral in sex-sins and letting everyone run over her. I walked away and tried to go back to sleep but I couldn't and I felt sad for the South so I prayed to God that he would forgive the Sins of the South and prolong her judgment.

> ***(Isaiah 1:18-21)*** Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (19) If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: (20) **But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it.*** (21) How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

The Bible belt from Secular Sources

A bible belt is an area of fundamentalist Protestantism, where reliance on teachings from the holy books of Christianity is at its most pervasive, and often its most literal. In particular, the Bible Belt (with capitals) covers a number of southern and Midwestern states of the U.S.

The "belt" terminology is common in the U.S. to describe regions with a roughly east-west orientation that share a feature: e.g., the Rust Belt (declining industrial areas) and the Sun Belt (hot-weather states in the south and west).

“We all know the phrase, but where exactly is The Bible Belt? It is a geographical region in the South and midsection of the United States. To be a true Bible Belt Christian, you must have a clear understanding of the things you don't do, like smoking, dancing, going to the pool hall, drinking, or making a public appearance without a Bible in hand. You must believe that your actions are controlled by the Holy Spirit and that doing God's will is the most important part of your life -- no matter what scoffers might think.

Some say that certain people in the Bible Belt go overboard in both their religious and political (usually conservative) practices. But Bible Belters believe that their lives are totally controlled by God and they could no more change their ways than fly. Furthermore, they don't apologize for their seemingly irrational behavior. Like a favorite bumper sticker declares, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven."

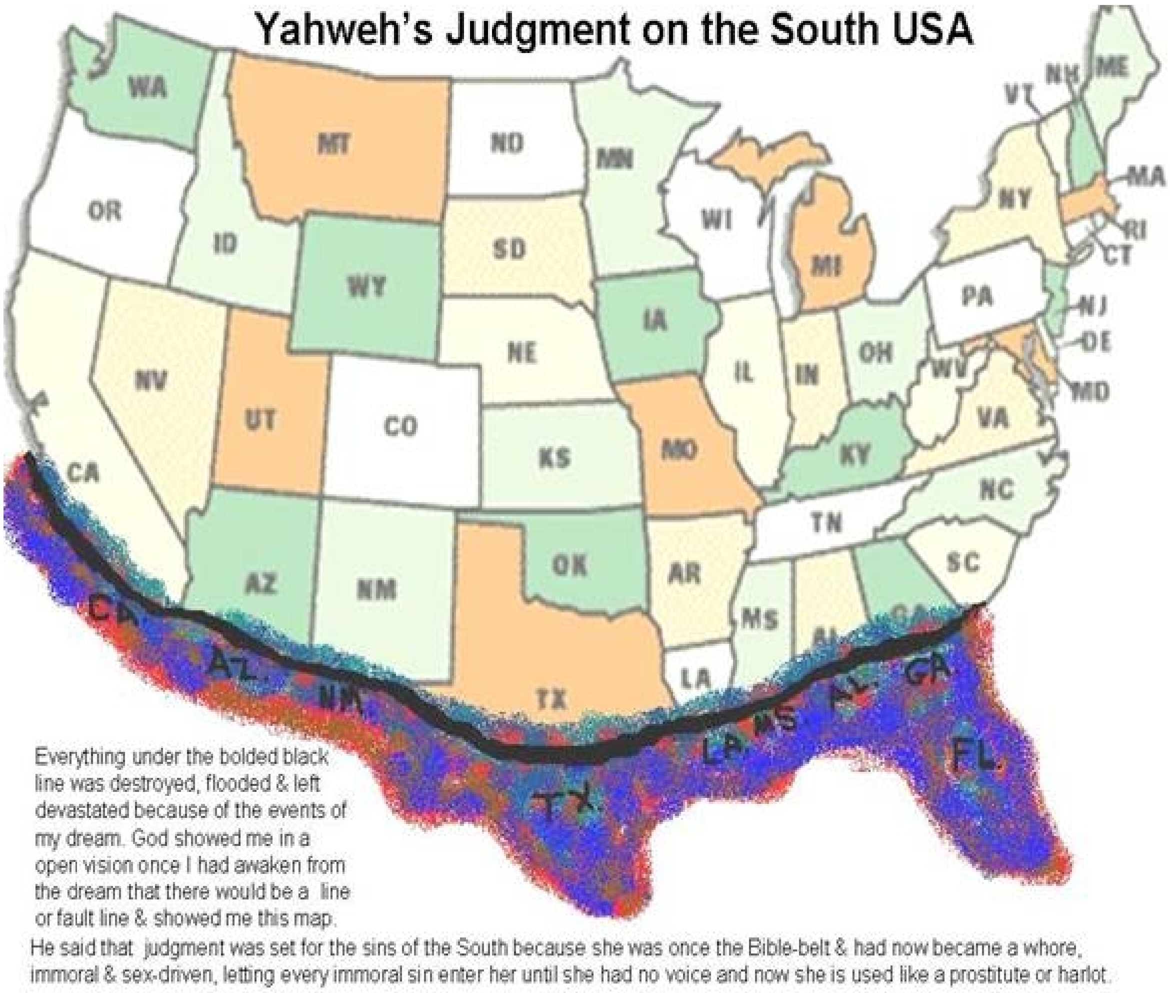
The Great Awakening was the beginning of the movement. If there was a "Bible Belt" in America before then, it was located in the North with such groups as the Massachusetts Puritans and the Pennsylvania Quakers. But, about 1790, something happened. It was as if a great wave suddenly flooded the land. The second Pentecost had begun.”

Today in music, the south has impacted the lives of many through sex, drugs, cars and more sex. In videos today, especially in hip hop and pop, they are wearing no clothes. The rich go to strip bars. The girls get breast implants to be in MTV’s Spring Break. Pornography is made in the south. All of these factors along with the fact that there are so many gay couples in Atlanta and so much fornication in the sunny Miami Beach. Even here in Houston, if you stand up for the bible, they take it out of the court and tell you to go talk to the Supreme Court. Gay marriages, abortion clinics, it is all enough to God. The South needs to repeat.

I remember last year when a friend of mine told me that she had just come from a conference of preachers (nationally know) and that they were all staying at this top hotel. My friend loves to travel and have sex with famous people. She wants to be a groupie, so she is always going around to events. I asked her why was she at a preacher’s conference. And she told me that they needed girls. Most of these well-known preachers where from the south and over big churches but they are addicted to porn and sex. Many, she said were well over there 50’s and still sinning. God does not like that. Things like that make me wonder why the secular world is not interested in the gospel sometimes. They can tell when people are fake more than Christians sometimes. As Christians we are to stand up against the injustice of this nation, the sins of the pastors and teachers. God told us to preach the gospel. If the Bible Belt is going to be judged by God for the things she has not done and taking care of, where does that leave me and you? Simply, we are to pray and ask God to forgive the sins of this nation and the South. We are to help those pastors who do have sins to stop and repent before the Lord. We are to make it hard for them to play sex on regular TV. We are God’s people and he wants a church with no blemish or spot. I pray for the South and hope that God will prolong his judgment a little while longer. I have included a map of my dream along with references to Nita Johnson’s dream and Dumitru Duduman’s dream about America being destroyed to show the similarities of our dreams so that America can wake up. This is real, it is not a game to play with the Lord.

In Christ,
LaTonya Malinconico

This was the map in my dream- LaTonya Malinconico



Yahweh's Judgment on the South USA

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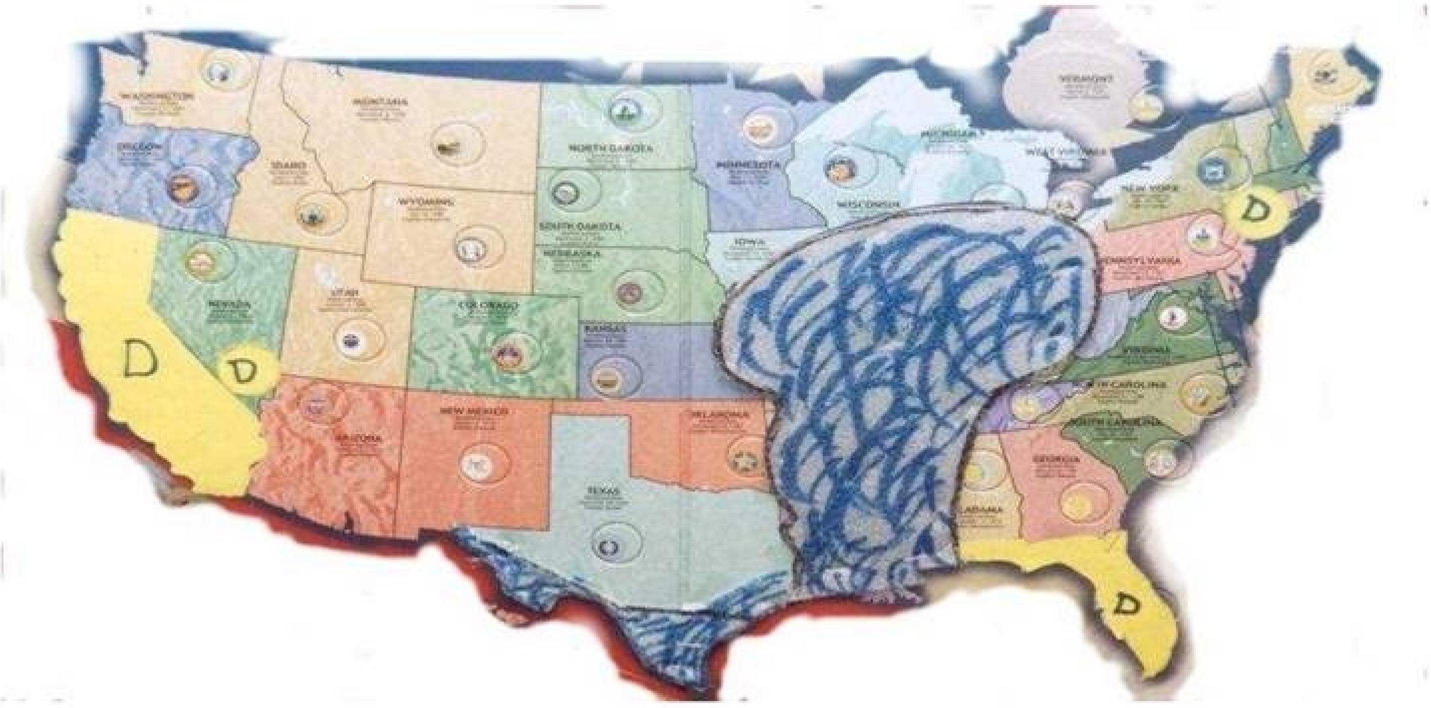
Everything under the bolded black line was destroyed, flooded & left devastated because of the events of my dream. God showed me in a open vision once I had awaken from the dream that there would be a line or fault line & showed me this map.

He said that judgment was set for the sins of the South because she was once the Bible-belt & had now became a whore, immoral & sex-driven, letting every immoral sin enter her until she had no voice and now she is used like a prostitute or harlot.

The following article was from Mrs. R. B. Braswell (Hattie Irene French) taken from www.pebblesofhope.org and http://www.aarons-advocates.org.

This is the Map of gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande river flooding of Texas as Hattie saw it for the duration (two years) of the Visions and warnings given to her.
For many months only the Rio Grande River flooding was involved; then later for only a month or so, the Gulf Coast tipped into the Gulf of Mexico and was flooded (covered) with water.

No city names were mentioned and no absolute details as to where the cut off lines are to be were given. She was explicit about the southern lines being perfectly straight and helped me produce this map insofar as her poor eyesight could relate. She always refereed to the straight southern border map as "Ugly Texas"
Very close to the end of her life she heard the Words: **"I Shall Restore!"** and saw the form, (map) of Texas restored back to it's original shape; her comment was. "Oh Texas is beautiful again!"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This is the flooding map of the United States as Seen by my mother, Hattie; Dumitru Duduman, Dell, and Ephraim. America will burn areas are shown in Yellow, ALL of New York State will burn, not only New York City!

California, Florida, **ALL of New York state is destroyed,** and the city of Las Vegas are shown in yellow overlay and were seen by Dumitru Duduman as being "Sodom and Gomorra" and to be destroyed. The blue wavy portions of Texas are as seen by mother. The Mississippi River Valley Basin is outlined exactly as Dell saw it by the names of numerous cities that he was given. Mother and Ephraim saw that area to be larger toward the top as the Mississippi drainage area widens to include the whole of the Great lakes and some of the lakes of Canada as well. Essentially the entire Mississippi River Valley is to be flooded by the Great Lakes draining through it. Mother saw two mushroom clouds at the very top of the space and Duduman was told that a place of Russian penetration would be in the state of Minnesota. The whole area is a well know geologic fault zone with the Madrid Fault underling the whole region. There are countless articles on the Madrid Fault disaster of 1811 on the net.

All of these visions and warnings to mother focus around Isaiah 18 with some references to Revelation 18. Duduman was given all of Revelation 18 and told "This is the United States!" The messages are about how repent unto salvation and how to live a clean life and not about fear.

The Vision

Nita Johnson

Excerpt from "Prepare For The Winds Of Change II."

On January 27, 1989, I had been in a spirit of prayer all night and was finally just starting to dose off to sleep. Suddenly, I was fully awakened by a vision of a map of the United States. It was not a vision in my head but was what some call an open vision out in front of me.

The map was in a silvery light and was completely sectioned off into states. just as suddenly as it had appeared, I heard a voice, as robust as the sound of many waters yet with great intensity, begin to give directions. Starting with the West Coast, the voice would speak and that same silvery light would shoot down from the direction of heaven like a laser beam onto the map. The light would follow the path directed by the voice and then effects would follow as I will explain. First, the voice cried out: 'The West Coast, California, Oregon and Washington, starting from the southern most tip all the way up to Seattle, will suffer natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods and fire, and enemy attack. "The line shot up the map taking most of California and leaving only a small section that bordered on Arizona and Nevada. It went up through Oregon taking about half of that state and then on up through Washington, taking about one-third of that state, then moving out toward the ocean through Seattle. The minute the line touched Seattle, everything west of the line disappeared,

The voice then cried out, "Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois will suffer natural disasters, such as floods, earthquakes and tornadoes, and enemy attack. immediately, this line started at about where Lansing, Michigan, is and fanned down in what became two lines going south first. Then one line swung back up easterly through Ohio, going out over the Great Lake Erie through Cleveland. The other line swung down through Indiana and then headed back up northwesterly and went out into the Great Lake Michigan up by the way of the northeast corner of Illinois and out through Chicago. When it was done, it looked like two "u"s side byside. This affected areas all through the region, for instance, as far east as Detroit and easterly in Michigan to the Great Lake itself on the west. The whole southern part of the glove experienced cataclysmic results.

Next, the voice called out, "Most of Louisiana and all of Texas will suffer natural disasters, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and enemy attack. " The line shot up through New Orleans east of Baton Rouge, up through Shreveport in a kind of wiggly way then cut off all of Texas. Texas disappeared. Louisiana experienced devastation but didn't disappear.

I was ready for this to end, yet the Lord continued.- New York down through Pennsylvania, the Virginias, the eastern Part of Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida will suffer natural disasters of every kind, hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, etc. and enemy attack. "Then everything that was east of the line disappeared.

The Lord continued, "The Grand Canyon will suffer natural disasters. " The line seemed to start at the bottom of the Grand Canyon heading northerly straight up to Montana through Yellowstone. This was also accompanied by cataclysmic disasters like floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, and fires. This affected a substantial area, including Arizona, Utah, western parts of Wyoming, the eastern tip of Idaho and southwestern part of Montana, The regions did not disappear, but experienced utter catastrophe.

Then Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama, West Tennessee, Kentucky, and on it went. There were severe heat waves, hailstorms, energy blackouts, severe snow and ice storms as well as extreme arctic cold spells to the loss of many lives. I saw it so often occur in some the least likely areas, famines, pestilence, plagues, and more. Nevada and Utah were all but destroyed through natural disasters of every kind and ultimately enemy attack. They did, however, remain on the map (Please note that I am not declaring that the states that disappeared fell off into the sea. I don't know why they disappeared, only that they did. Consequently, I am merely relating what I saw, not trying to interpret.)

I was so dumbstruck that I felt numb, even bruised. It was hard for me to pull it all together in my mind. I just sat there in shock. Finally, I realized if I didn't write it down, I'd lose a lot of it as there was so much detail. So I wrote what I could remember Some states, such as New Mexico, were lost from my memory. I couldn't remember what happened to them, so I didn't record it.

I distinctly remember, however, that the only part of the US. that was not devastated was the Central United States, a region basically west of the Missouri River, as I have indicated on the map. I also realized that many of the things that would begin happening immediately would be of an unusual nature, such as natural disasters that would seem improbable or even impossible, at least for that particular geographical area,

I was instructed that this sequence of events would start immediately, picking up momentum with time until eventually the succession would be happening with gunshot rapidity, until all was fulfilled. It's important to understand that the natural disasters did not specifically follow "the lines", but the lines seemed to indicate the borders of the severely affected areas. The only one exception was the line that went up through the Grand Canyon north to Montana. In that case, the line seemed to symbolize the central core of action with a radiating aftermath both to the east and west. I saw natural disasters in Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands followed by warheads.

Finally, I saw a severe diminishing of our nation's military. Officers, and enlisted men, as well as the closing of many critical bases were part of the scenario. Our ability to defend ourselves was critically reduced, to a point of near ineffectiveness. (The Military cut down was not incorporated in this vision, but was seen many years ago.)

These disasters have already begun, just as He said they would. Since that vision, there have been two earthquakes in California, terrible fires, a hurricane on the East Coast that did what all the meteorologists said could never happen. The storm entered inland through Charleston, South Carolina, went north and headed back into the ocean through

New York. Flooding for the first time in history was recorded in a community in northern Ohio resulting in unusual deaths. Most recently, there was an earthquake near the southern border of Missouri, and floods in the plains, and terrible disaster in Florida from tornadoes. Those are just a few instances, but hopefully, they're enough to drive the point home. These things are neither freak accidents, as some would have you believe, nor are they just satanic humor on mankind. Church, please realize that the Lord commanded everything that I saw hit the map. He also told me it was part of the sequential calamities which are warnings ultimately leading to full judgment assigned to this country. They are like blinking red lights along the path of judgment. Go back! Stop! Repent! The end is at hand! Will you hear? Will you pray? How in His great mercy would He gladly stop or minimize catastrophe for His praying church!

As I said earlier, the church will be here through much of it, but not the worst of it. At that, some will utter a sigh of deep relief, but I can't. I don't want people I love left behind to experience that. I saw the devastation. Never again will the people be able to sing, "Oh, beautiful for spacious skies, with amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesty above the fruited plain. America, America, God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea." It will no longer be true.

One better to quote will be Jeremiah:
Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a reservoir of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! (Jer. 9:1 Amp.)
The Lord does not delight in the announcements He has made. He has waited this long time that we, as a people, might repent. Some foolishly say, "God is love. He wouldn't do that." My friends, God is also holy and for that reason He must let this nation who is so steeped in the love of sin and idolatry drink the whole cup of wrath that it has been storing up for two hundred years. If God judged Israel even one time for the sin of the nation, then He must unleash that same righteous judgment against America.

Last, but not least, it doesn't really matter if we believe all, part, or any of what has been written in these pages. If our response is continued apathy, it will all come to pass, most of it before our eyes, as the Lord will fulfill His purpose. The motivating factor, which will cause Him to purge the land by fire, is the sin that has and will continue to rise up before His throne day and night.

Canada will experience as much devastation through various forms of natural disaster, as America. As I shared in an earlier chapter, it will be for the same reasons. Both will experience the purging fire of judgment.

The Lord weeps over the souls of men who have and will suffer through these calamities. He weeps, for His heart breaks over our pain. Fear and unbelief blinds our eyes. Jesus longs to give His light and faith, and bring the sinner to repentance. The things that have moved Him to withhold His judgments up to this point are His intense love for His church and His now over extended mercy for the unrepentant.

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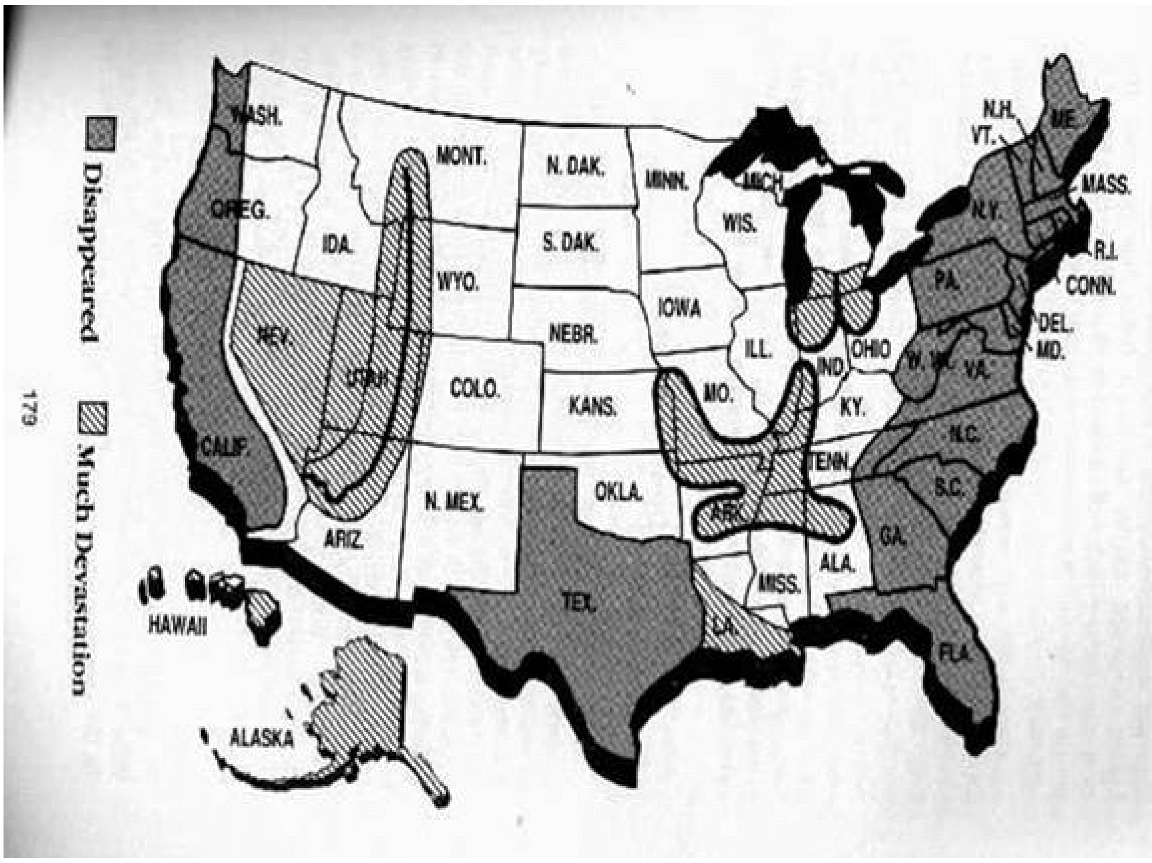

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Dark Valleys and Mountain Tops

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My people, My beloved people, I would say unto you today, I am bringing many of you through dark valleys of suffering but always I lead you up onto the mountain top again and you experience the joy of knowing the darkness is behind you. I hear you asking, "But why must we suffer, Lord." I am calling all My people to go forth into ministries of caring for the hurting, brokenhearted people of the world and how can you minister to such without having walked in the shoes of those who are hurting and brokenhearted and who are suffering from trials of sickness and disease in their bodies.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (Psa. 147:3)

After sojourning in dark valleys for a time I am raising up countless of My people to go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, to draw people unto Me, to bring healing to sick bodies, to bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones, to care for homeless children, to give of your much to meet the needs of multitudes who have lost everything in the disasters that have come upon the world in these days. Have I not warned in My Word?

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be and unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. (Matt. 24:21,22)

Look around you, My people. Do you not see evidence of great tribulation throughout the world. I hear you crying out and saying, "Why, Lord, why are you allowing such devastation in the world?" Look around you again and observe the abomination of great sin everywhere. Do you not see that I must allow punishment against man's sinful ways.

O, My people, are you not observing that, even in the midst of great turmoil I am pouring out My Spirit upon all flesh.

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. (Joel 2:28,29)

My beloved ones, make yourselves ready for a great outpouring of My Spirit around the world. Observe how I am raising up your children and your teenagers to don the mantles of the prophetic, of healing, of preaching and teaching the Word. Be in readiness for the miraculous to be in evidence such as you have never seen before. Be in readiness for divine encounters with My angels who will come unto you to bring guidance as you serve Me.

Yes, My children, you are nearing the end of time but, as you willingly follow Me you shall see My glory come upon each of you as you bring the multitudes unto Me and safely into My kingdom.
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Dance With God

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When You Dance With God, Let Him Lead

Bridal Garments of Humility

Isaiah 62:4-5 - "You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married . . . and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you." NKJV

One of the greatest, most breath-taking moments in a wedding is watching the bride promenade down the aisle, wrapped in the most glorious of garments. Crowds hush and all eyes are affixed, for she has captured the room just by her appearance.

Even today, Holy Spirit is training us in humility to rule and reign with Him as His Bride. If the Bride is to be equally yoked to the Bridegroom, she must wear the same wedding garments He wore. If Jesus, the King of Kings, chose a crown of thorns, how much more should we adorn ourselves in the beauty of meekness? If He forsook His divine robes of righteousness for earthly burlap robes, how much more should we wrap ourselves in a mantle of humility?

Matching Your Heart With God's Heart

At the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, each one of us will be wrapped in different garments, brilliantly embroidered with the fruits and rewards from our earthly lives. A stunning, colorful, tailor-made royal robe will be our portion.

In the Lord's great wisdom, it's as though the outer garment that covered each person was a simple burlap robe -- a mantle of humility. Underneath that robe is the beautiful royal robe of our giftings. The Lord displays these at different times, but most of the time it is a secret testimony between you and the Lord.

Walking in humility is a heart issue, a lifestyle, an attitude that is God-given. An impartation of humility is different than a decision of humility. You can't instantaneously grow humility in your heart. Rather, it is a journey of a lifetime of matching your heart with God's heart. Ask God to do whatever it takes to make you a pure reflection of His Son.

Prayer: Lord, I give you permission to do whatever it takes to kill my pride. Help me to be the first one to run to the cross, humble out, and say "Yes" to you, Lord -- always. I need Your help to forgive and always put other people before me, even as You sacrificed everything for me. I want to cloak myself in a garment of humility so I am a Bride that matches her Husband.

When You Dance With God, Let Him Lead

I Corinthians 1:27 - "But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty." NKJV

God does not like to be put under a microscope. Perfectionism, performance-driven, and program-oriented attitudes will hinder us from moving in the Holy Spirit!

He is asking all of us to be flexible and to let Him be God. We offend Him by the little boxes we put Him in and by the different ways religion tries to control Him. We say "everything is done in decency and order," but, Beloved, there is something greater than our human logical order: He has divine order. Divine order was for His Son, Jesus, to spit on the ground, make clay with His saliva, and spread it on a man's eyes so that he would be healed. That doesn't sound too orderly! Are you willing to move in His divine order and not be so logical and fenced in by formulas that you miss the move of Holy Spirit altogether?

Entering the School of the Holy Spirit

Guess what? God is God, and we are not! So, let Him be God. Often God will move in ways that offend your mind because He wants to test our heart. I feel like the Lord is asking us, "Are you really willing to follow Me, even if you don't always understand my rhymes and reasons? Are you really willing to make mistakes and be in The School of the Holy Spirit?"

Most of us are more concerned about protecting our own reputation than really being consumed with the fame of His name. Are we willing to step out of the boat in faith, even if we are sometimes wrong, or if we get rejected? What are you willing to risk to learn to hear the Lord? We need to be willing to do anything for God -- even make mistakes.

We must make a covenant to be available to however God wants to use us. In my journey of being a weak and broken vessel, I purposed in my heart not to just fall back on The Four Spiritual laws, or other religious tools that we can pull out of our bag of ministry tricks. But rather, I want to be willing to be a fool for Jesus. In the midst of not always knowing why God tells us to do something, we must do what He says simply because we love Him. Do not be afraid to jump off cliffs for God. Another way to spell faith is R-I-S-K!

Prayer: Lord, forgive me for putting You in a box! Let your fire come and baptize me with Your Holy Spirit. Burn up all the religion and control. Teach me how to minister to those whose hearts are broken or need physical or emotional healing. Teach me to let You lead and simply follow You!

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The Least Shall be the Greatest
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> *James 4:6, 7, 10 - "Therefore He says: 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up."*

Years ago when ministering in the nation of New Zealand, I was given an open-eyed vision that changed my life. I saw an enormous fiery angel full of the glory of the Lord walking up and down the nation. He was brandishing a mighty sword that was beheading those who were standing tall in their own pride, egotism, and self glory. The Lord was dealing with the haughty attitude of their heart through this powerful angel.

Those who were bowed low on their faces and postured themselves in humility were spared, knighted, and promoted. The Lord was raising them up to a new place of leadership because of their meekness and humility of heart.

God requires and honors humility! If you want your life to have significance, then position yourself at the feet of Jesus.

Church Politics and the Heart of God

As I have ministered in conferences nationally and internationally, I've seen many people moving in self-promotion and climbing the corporate ladder of ministry through church politics. Honestly, this breaks the very heart of God. It also tests our hearts when we are overlooked and others are unfairly promoted above us. The Lord allows these "fires" to work a death in our own hearts - killing our pride and need for position.

We cannot use people - or prostitute His bride - to build our name, ministry or personal mailing lists. The goal is to be so accepted and confident in His love that we do not need the lime light because we are so in love with The Light of the World, the glorious man Christ Jesus.

At the end of the day, His opinion is the only one that counts. When we are so rooted and grounded in His affections, it is easy to not care about promoting ourselves. It is then that we find ourselves in that wonderful place of reckless abandonment - of being a laid-down lover of Jesus - and our lives are truly all about Him.

There is a price behind the anointing!

The years of being overlooked are a fiery inferno, but the Lord can use it to work gold in our hearts. The challenge in this life-long journey is to keep our heart soft, humble, and bowed low before Him. Our gifts will make room for us in due season. Do we have love and humility, regardless of what happened to us or have we become disqualified because of bitterness and hardness of heart?

Prayer: *Lord, help me to stay on the operating table as You perform heart surgery. Make me so rooted and grounded in Your love that I don't promote myself. Give me grace and humility to accept Your timing and orchestration of my life.*

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Do We Look For Another?

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"Now when John heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto [Jesus], 'Are you the One that should come, or do we look for another?'" (Matthew 11:2,3).

You will recall that John the Baptist was the one sent by God to be a voice in the wilderness, the prophet who went before Jesus to prepare His way and announce the coming Kingdom. John pointed out that the One coming after him was the One Who would be preferred above himself. It was John who revealed to us that great mystery of God's Purpose in seven simple words: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

John's ministry reached its height when Jesus came down to the river Jordan to be baptized. There John saw the heavens opened, saw the Spirit of God descending upon Jesus like a dove, and heard a Voice saying, "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." With evidence like this it is difficult to doubt; and so, with great authority and conviction, John said, "I saw, and bare record, that this is the Son of God" (John 1:34).

John knew his purpose had been fulfilled, and with great eagerness he handed the reins over to the One he had so faithfully proclaimed. He had prepared the way, and now the One he had been preparing everyone for had arrived.

Shortly thereafter, John was arrested and put into prison. His work was complete, his sun was setting, and just as he had said, Jesus was increasing and John was decreasing. But oh, what a decrease! The ministry was finished, the crowds were gone, and John was left alone in prison with only a few disciples who came to visit him.

When everything is stripped away you are soon left with little but your own thoughts. In prison, John had a lot of time to think. And the essence of his thoughts were along these lines: Did I make a mistake? Is Jesus the Son of God, or not? If He is the Messiah then where is His Kingdom? Why doesn't Jesus do something? Did I really see the Spirit and hear the Voice, or was that just my imagination? And if He isn't the One, do we need to start looking for another?

We can all take comfort in the knowledge that even the greatest prophet who ever lived (Luke 7:28) can have troubling thoughts, moments of doubt, and crises of faith. We all experience times when the darkness mocks us and circumstances try to convince us that the best course is to "curse God and die" (as Job's wife so eloquently put it). We can afford to be philosophical and detached about Jesus increasing and us decreasing while we are still ministering out by the Jordan, but in prison the truth of what we have been proclaiming is put to the test. Sadly, many of us fail the test. Jesus simply does not do what we expect - and this upsets us!

The real crisis of faith is along the lines of this Man. We can all disagree over Bible doctrine and interpretations of Scripture. But what will you do about Jesus? He will not change Who He is to accommodate Who we think He is. He is Who He is. We either have to come to grips with Jesus as He in fact is, or we have to settle for something less or something else. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). So the question we all have to answer is this: Is Jesus enough? Is He enough, just as He is? Or do we still need Him to do something else in order to satisfy us? Intellectually we can say, "Yes, Jesus is enough. Amen to that. I believe it." But I am surprised at the growing number of people who are openly suggesting that Jesus really is not enough for them! We need fellowship, they say. Or we need God's blessings. Or we need spiritual gifts and more powerful anointings. To believe that Jesus is Enough (they say) is simply too mystical, too simplistic, too out-of-touch with the real world - no matter what Colossians 2:10 says.

I would suggest, brothers and sisters, that if Jesus is not Enough for us then we have not really met Him yet, or at the very least, we do not know Him very well. Corrie Ten Boom said, "You may never know that Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have." That is the purpose of all God's dealings with us in this area of being decreased (or as I like to say, being reduced to Christ). Jesus is not quite all we HAVE, and so we are reluctant to say that Jesus is all we NEED. The problem, dear friends, is not that we have too little, but that we have too much. It is not that we need more of the Lord; I believe we already have all of Him. We just need less of everything else. Like the Laodiceans, we consider ourselves to be rich, increased with goods, and in need of nothing (Revelation 3:17). Like Martha, who was vexed over "many things", we have too many religious things, too many Christian things, too many spiritual things, too many church things, too many of the "many things" that distract us from the One Thing that is needed (Luke 10:42). No one is ever vexed over the One Thing. It is always the "many things" that vex us, all those "things" apart from Jesus that we think we just cannot live without, all those "things" we think we "need" simply because when it gets right down to it, we do not see Jesus as Enough.

Now we all face the same temptation John faced. What is the temptation? There in prison he began to think, and he came up with a question, and if you really look at this question I think you will see where the suggestion comes from, and you can still hear its echo from time to time. The question is this: "Are you the One, or do we look for another?" And notice this is not John's own personal dilemma. By using the word "we" he included himself and others who were equally puzzled and wondering within themselves as to whether or not Jesus was the One.

The essence of the question is this: everything we are, everything we have, and everything we believe is based upon Jesus being the One; but Jesus has disappointed us, not so much by what He has done, but by what He has failed to do. We expected His Kingdom to be thus and so, we expected Him to be thus and so, and nothing is as we expected it would be. Now we can continue believing in this One Who frustrates us so, this One Who seems to be moving so slowly, or we can look for another, someone who can be depended upon, someone who makes sense, someone who always answers us according to our own thoughts, desires, needs, and schedule. Someone who does not require us to be decreased in order for him to be increased, someone who does not talk about denying ourselves and taking up a cross, but will just love us the way we are and let us be who we are. Are you the One, Jesus? Will you allow us to make You into what we want you to be, or do we look for another?

This "looking for another" is the entire object of our adversary, that spirit of Antichrist that is forever trying to corrupt us "from the simplicity of Christ" (II Corinthians 11:3), always trying to get us to leave "Him that called you" to follow after "another Gospel" (Galatians 1:6), which really is no other, Paul says, only the appearance of Another, Something Else, or Someone Else. At least Peter, for whatever faults he may have had, was smart enough to realize that there was no one else but Him: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). But this does not stop people, even Christians who should know better, from "looking for another." They look for another pastor, another preacher, another teacher, another prophet, another ministry, another sign or word or prophecy or teaching or manifestation or meeting or miracle. The simplicity of Christ, the reality of Who He is, cannot keep their attention for very long.

In another place Jesus asked, "Whom seek ye?" (John 18:4). In other words, who are you looking for? This particular crowd was pressing in to have Him arrested and put to death. The day before the crowds were pressing in to proclaim "Hosanna!", and before that they were pressing in to make Him their king by force (John 6:15). At other times the people pressed Him to hear the Word of God. Still other times the people pressed Him to be healed of their diseases. Have you ever noticed that everyone wants something, that there are more takers in this world than givers? Pressing Him, pushing Him, forever wanting more and never satisfied. Very few know how to sit at His feet just to hear His Word. Very few are willing to pour out the best ointment on Him, and when they do, they are severely criticized for such a "waste". Very few are content just "to be with Him" (Mark 3:14). Instead, this one wants a loaf of bread, this one wants a healing, this one wants a teaching, this one wants a sign, this one wants an answer to a question, this one wants proof of His divinity, this one wants something to accuse Him with. Does anyone seek Him for His sake? Does anyone press upon Him, not for what He can give, but for Who He is? Does anyone seek Him out, not to get some need met, but so they "may know Him" (Philippians 3:10)?

Whom seek ye? Have you discovered Him yet, and is He enough, or do you seek another? We do not proclaim the preeminence of Christ because it is a nice doctrine to believe in; for us, it is a matter of life and death, because everything hinges on whether or not Jesus is preeminent. If He is preeminent then He is Enough, and there is nothing else but Him, and there is nothing worth proclaiming except Him. To John in prison, and to us wherever we may happen to be, Jesus says, "No, you did not make a mistake. I am the One, but I am more than you can imagine, more than you dare to dream. Blessed are they who are not offended in Me."

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The Hidden Christ
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Jesus, the Christ of God, did not reveal Himself to the world at large, but to a handful of disciples. We ought to ask why He did not appear upon a mountain in blinding light, or descend in a cloud, but was born into the world as a baby in a stable. A few shepherds worshipped Him the night He was born, Simeon and Anna blessed Him in the Temple at His dedication, and two years later some astrologers from the East worshipped Him. But no one else in all the world grasped the significance of this Child. He was hidden from 99.9% of the world.

When Jesus first met Peter, what was Peter's perception of Jesus? Here is a rabbi who has attracted quite a large gathering of people with His interesting stories and teachings. Very well, there is nothing wrong with that, I'll even let you borrow my boat while you preach. Did Peter perceive Who this Man really was? Of course not. He called Him "Teacher" and "Rabbi".

But then the Teacher said to go out into the deep and let down the nets for a catch of fish. Peter must decide whether or not to obey. After all, Peter was a fisherman, and since he had fished all night and caught nothing, what would be the point? What does a carpenter know about fish? Nevertheless, he complied. When he did as Jesus said and let down the nets they caught an abnormally large amount of fish, so much so that their boat threatened to capsize.

To you and me this may sound like a coincidence, or luck. Some might call it a miracle, and it is miraculous, but it is more than a miracle, it is a sign. A sign is a miracle which points to some truth. This is a miracle, but the miracle was not done just for the sake of Peter gaining an abundant supply of fish for his business. It was a sign given by Christ in order to reveal Himself to Peter. In Scriptural language, it is "revealing His glory." There is nothing glorious in the Son of Man, but in the Son of God we see glory.

Jesus merely said, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch of fish." Nevertheless, Peter perceived that Jesus was no ordinary man. For when he saw what happened, he fell down and sobbed, "Lord, depart from me, for I am a sinful man." The One he called Teacher he now calls Lord, and Peter is immediately made to see the contrast of himself, a sinful man, and Christ, the Holy One of God. Everyone else heard the teaching, but Peter saw the Person.

Why would catching a huge net of fish produce this reaction in Peter? Why was he not simply thankful, or happy, or incredulous? What caused him to fall down upon his knees and confess his sin? It was not because Jesus gave him an altar call, or led him in the Sinner's Prayer, or even asked if He could be his personal savior. It was not necessary, because once Peter's eyes were opened to see the Real Jesus, he fell to his knees quite naturally.

The object of Christianity is not to give people a teaching or to lead them in a prayer, but to introduce them to a Man. I would rather have thirty seconds of seeing than thirty years of preaching. People can listen to me preach all their life and never understand a word, but if the Lord opens their eyes to SEE Who I am preaching about then they will understand everything.

When people are in your presence, what do they touch - a system of beliefs, a code of conduct, an ethical standard, or a Person? We may have an abundance of words and teachings, but all of them together are nothing but letters if they are not constantly pointing us to a Living Christ.

We have surely failed if we can put together a teaching that is so easy to follow that we do not need to know the Lord Jesus. Unfortunately, when I listen to some people teach, I realize that anyone can put their teaching to good use, whether they know the Lord or not. So the teaching is worthless to the Kingdom of God because it creates no dependency upon Christ as All in All.

Eventually the revelation of Christ moved Peter to make the bold confession that "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus did not teach Peter what to say, He merely revealed Himself to Peter. He did not sit down with His disciples and say, "I am the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Now repeat that after Me several times, and I will test you on this in the morning." He did not teach them a catechism or a rosary or a mantra or a confession, He merely revealed Himself to them as He in fact is. They made the confession in due course, having revelation.

The Testimony of Jesus always springs forth from the Revelation of Christ. If we do not have the Revelation then we cannot have the Testimony. That is to say, we cannot bear witness of what we have seen and heard if we have not, in fact, seen or heard anything. We try to get people to confess in order that they may ATTAIN to something, but true confession comes forth naturally after they have OBTAINED it.

Not only was Christ Himself hidden and revealed in degrees, but most of what He taught was hidden. He purposely disguised the truth in parables, and only explained Himself privately to His disciples. Even then, much of what He said was misunderstood, and they failed to grasp the significance of it until after His resurrection, when He opened their minds and hearts to understand, and the Spirit came to bear witness of Christ and teach them inwardly.

When Christ rose from the dead, we would expect Him to present Himself alive to Pilate, to Herod, to Caiaphas, and to the all the people who had Him crucified. But He did not. We see that Christ had the ability to reveal, or not reveal Himself to people. For Mary mistook Him to be the gardener, and the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did not perceive Who He was, because it was hidden from them.

You see that Christ is revealed or hidden from men as He so desires. So many professed disciples of the Lord Jesus fail to recognize Him. The Lord tells them to go to Galilee, but they go to Emmaus. Many people sitting in church would not discern the Lord Jesus if He walked up the aisle and sat down on the altar. They are not really His sheep, therefore they cannot hear His voice, and they do not know Him.

Even His closest disciples are prone to doubt and unbelief. After the resurrection, Thomas declared, "I will not believe unless I see the scars and put my hand into the wound in His side." When Jesus therefore appeared to them He did not argue or try to convince Thomas. He simply said, "Behold! Look! See my hands and my feet!" When Thomas saw the Lord, he spontaneously cried out, "My Lord, and My God!" This is revelation. Revelation does not require any arguing or convincing, as if it all depends on how well we can make a defense of the Gospel. I see no argument in the Lord Jesus, I only see Him. Seeing Him, I am convinced, and no argument is necessary.

Now we want to impress upon you that the seeing which we talk about is an inward seeing, an inward revelation, an enlightenment of the heart. Jesus told Thomas more blessed than the ones who see with their eyes are those who see with the Spirit, and know and perceive Christ as Lord and God.

There is an apostolic prayer recorded in Ephesians 1 which touches upon this issue:

"I pray that God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ will give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the (full)knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and the riches of His inheritance in the saints, and the exceeding greatness of His power in us who believe."

This is a rich prayer. It is very high. There are a couple of lessons for us here.

First, God must reveal His Son to us by way of the Spirit who illuminates our heart. How can we pray the Lord's Prayer for years and never enter into God's thought or mind for what it all means? Because we learned to recite the Lord's Prayer but we did not have the spirit of wisdom and revelation to SEE what we are praying for. But Paul saw it. Who showed it to him? It came to him by revelation from God Himself. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Where and how do they see Him? Their heart is enlightened and thus made pure. In like manner, Paul prays that we too would be given this revelation of Christ.

Second, the word "knowledge" here does not mean head knowledge or facts we can learn from an encyclopedia. It is the Greek word EPI-GNOSIS, which is a compound word more accurately translated, "full-knowledge". It means to come to a mature, experiential, existential, and complete knowing of Christ. So, Paul is praying - not for sinners, but for people who are already Christians - that God will reveal Christ to them in ever increasing measure so that He may fill all things. It is another way of saying, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done." For this indeed is God's will, thought, and design for the Church, the earth, and the universe - the whole of creation.

It is amazing to see how many times Paul uses the word "all". He says the grace of God has appeared to ALL men, that his mission is to make ALL men see, that Christ is to fill ALL in ALL, that ALL things will be gathered together into Christ. God's end is not the Church, but ALL. The Church is only the beginning. He begins with a man (Abraham), then with a family (Israel), then all the nations. In like manner, God intends to fill the individual, then the Church, then all things.

God has purposely hidden Christ and makes Him available to us only by revelation when we have humbled ourselves as children and forsaken our wisdom. Revelation is sufficient, for if we have the revelation of Christ then we see all we need to see, and if we do not have the revelation of Christ, nothing else will do us any good. The Church is the synthesis of individual disciples who have the revelation of Jesus and have received His Life, and Jesus is building His Church upon the revelation of Himself.

Do You Have the Faith for the Radical Things of God?"

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This weekend, I spoke at Jubilee Church in Camarillo, California, and shared about the new generation the Lord is releasing -- the Joshua Generation. I feel there are many of you who are working in the marketplace, and you are full of creative ideas that have not been fulfilled yet, so I am sharing more of this with you today.

Please read the following Scriptures:

Joshua 1:2, 3 ***"Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all these people, to the land which I am giving to them -- the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses."***

Joshua 6:1, 2 ***"Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the LORD said to Joshua: 'See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.'"***

A Church Without Walls

I feel that the Lord is releasing many new movements on the earth, and one of the movements is called "The Third Day Movement." I feel the Lord wants to release a church without walls. He wants to mobilize the men and women to do exploits in the name of the King. **There needs to be a cry inside of us that we will be ones who will do exploits for the King of Glory.** *Amen?*

When we remember Moses, it says he lived to be 120 years old. His eyes were not dim, but because of his disobedience, he was only able to see the Promised Land and not go into it, but he prayed for Joshua and gave him wisdom.

Are You a Giant-Killer or a Grasshopper?

Now, I want to go back into Moses' time a little. We all know the story about the twelve spies. We know how they went into the Promised Land, and they saw the giants. They came back and they said, "There are giants in the land -- and we are like grasshoppers." The only ones who had faith to go into the land were Joshua and Caleb.

I feel that the Lord wants to stir faith inside of us that we are *not* grasshoppers. I think there is something in us that says, "The giants are so big, and the strongholds of Jericho are so huge. Would God ever give us divine strategies to take down these strongholds in our lives, and in the lives of our families and friends?" There needs to be a switch to something inside us, faithfully saying, ***"Lord, You will give us divine strategies. We just have to take one step at a time."***

Do You Have the Faith for the Radical Things of God?

You see, they weren't able to go into the Promised Land because of their unbelief. They wouldn't believe their God, so they were willing to continue in the wilderness and in a place of familiarity. Often, in the church, we are used to what is comfortable and familiar. **I feel the Lord is saying, "I want to use fresh strategies and fresh impartations of my Spirit. I want you to break out of My old familiar wineskins."**

There needs to be a cry inside of you that you are willing to be forerunners -- revolutionists -- that you are willing to take the glory of the Lord outside the walls of the church into the

educational and political systems, the music industry, entertainment, the marketplace, and that you are willing to move in the radical things of God.

Do You Cry for a Visitation? Are You Willing to Live in the Miracles?

There needs to be a cry in you that says, "Lord, I want you to break out in the marketplace."
I feel that the Lord is saying, **"Are you willing to move in the times and the seasons . . . like Daniel, like Joshua?"**
Is your cry, *"Lord, I want to get the fresh strategies in our world for what you are doing in our lives"*? There needs to be that cry that says, "Lord, I want more of you."

They were willing to live in the miracles. Moses had radical 40-day-and-night visitations. There needs to be a cry in you that says, "I want those visitations. I want an encountering and a gripping. I want to meet my Jesus face-to-face."

There needs to be a cry in you that says, "Lord, the platform of the church is too small; but Lord, where can you radically use me to impact my world in everyday life, as a prophet, evangelist, teacher, and preacher with prophetic words and words of knowledge that **can impact my world and bring a shaking of the kingdom of God?**"

Be Fearlessly Radical Even Among the Rich

I want you to not only be able to move in the church, but to be able to have "suddenlies" of the Lord -- to be able to have sounds in the secular world that can start to bring the presence of Jesus Christ into stadiums for the purposes of God.

Why not have a dream? Why not develop radical inventions? Why not move in the medical community with radical intelligence to bring cures of leukemia and cancer? Some of you have been gifted in the medical field -- you've been gifted in science -- you've been given a sharpness.

I think so often in the church we say, "Yes, Lord, we should get everyone ministering to the streets." We talk about the inner city; and I feel that the Lord says, "It's not just the inner city. It's not just the poorest of the poor. I want you to be able to go to the rich. I want you to be able to go to the influential. I want you to be able to go to the educational and political systems and **impact your world radically**."

Why Not Dream Big?

Why do we only sanction that we take a tract and go to the street corner, when many of you are so gifted? **You need to move in your gifting and use your education to activate radical strategies that will break open the King of Glory to move in your midst.**

You Have More than You May Realize!

You see, some of you are saying, "I don't have anything"; but if you have a word of God, it will open up doors, and you can go into the courts of kings. **The Lord is going to change how the prophets are used.** We have gotten into a conference mentality.

More and more, the most radical prophetic voices are going to move almost like invisible men and women behind the scenes to go and talk to kings, prime ministers, and leaders in the world. Many of them you would never know on the platform of a church, and many of them you would never see on a conference itinerary; yet, they are used radically as brokers for the King of Glory.

It Is Big

Whatever your gift is, the Lord will use it. Whatever your talent is, the world will use it. Many times, the five-folders have sinned against the business and education system. They've said that the only place to use your gifts is from the platform, instead of empowering you to sit at corporate board tables as stock brokers, as educators, where you can give the prophetic word of the Lord and change the course of an entire corporation for Jesus Christ.

We need to stop being envious and pining away for the church platform and start being about the business of Jesus Christ. "Arriving" does not mean standing on the platform of a church. We are in a prophetic journey our whole lives. We need to carry the presence and love of Jesus wherever we go. In one place, you will give a word; in another, one person will get saved; and in another, delivered. That is part of moving in the gospel of Jesus. We need to bring the kingdom of God into everyday life. It is not enough to just sit in conferences.

If You Give it Away, He Will Multiply it Over and Over Again

When did you last dream and ask for prophetic revelation of inventions that would change the world trends in music? How about songs that would change history? How radical do you want to be? How entrepreneurial?
In everyday life, are you radical for Jesus? Is your cry, "Lord, let me see the broken, let me see the weak, let me see the despised"? You have to be willing to let God customize your own death. Now, when Joshua was going to go into Jericho, he sent two spies. They went into Jericho and they met Rahab, a prostitute.

When you go into the music or computer industries, you are going to meet Rahab. You are going to meet the gentiles. You are going to meet the prostitutes. You are going to meet the ones who say, with terror in their hearts, "I heard about your God," and you are going to bring salvation for their whole generation. Did you know that Rahab is in the line of Jesus Christ -- she is the great, great grandmother of Jesus!

Are you willing to meet Rahab? Are you willing to meet the prostitutes? Not just the prostitute on the street corner -- but that radical gentile, that sexually perverted person in the music, entertainment, or computer industry? Is there something in us that says, "Give us a radical word in season that will break open their sin, bring deliverance, and bring them to Jesus Christ?" You see, if you really loved Him, you would give Him away. If He is your first love, what else would you do but talk about Him?

For Joshua, the Jordan was in flood season. They had to believe for a miracle. Many times, when God breaks you out of the old familiar things and brings you to the new, you have to go through the flood waters. There were wild lions around the river, there was a cry for strategies. And the Lord said, "On the third day, have the priests carry the ark. Where their feet touch the water, the waters will recede."

The ark carried the glory and the presence of God. There needs to be a cry in us that, as we start to transition from the old to the new, we carry the glory and the presence of God. There needs to be a cry in us to press into the face of Jesus with hunger and passion, no matter what crosses our path.

How hungry are you? You can't do it without Him. The Jordan symbolized death; the Lord is going to kill a lot of old wineskins. It is not enough to just remember the miracles of years past. Are you moving with signs and wonders now? Are you moving with a fresh anointing of the presence of God now? Are you seeing people healed and saved? Are you crying out, saying, "Lord, I want you?"

Or Are We Barren with No Salvation?

You see, it is not enough to just have a fire party. The presence and the fire of God come to grip us with that radical first love so that everybody will get healed, saved, and delivered. There is an empowering fire, and it is not just for you.

See, the Lord is saying, "Wake up, Bride." I want the sleeping giant of the church to wake up. Come on. "Arriving" is not the platform of the church. If you just look up at people there and don't take what they're offering to get equipped and do the things of God, it is idolatry.

Idolatry is Self-Seeking, It is Not God-seeking

So, they get to the other side, and their enemies are afraid. The Lord could have said, "Joshua, now is the time to take out Jericho." What did He say? "Now is the time to call a meeting with all the warriors." And Joshua called all the men forward and took a flint knife and circumcised them!

Ladies, we can relate to this because the Lord circumcises our hearts, too. We get the easier deal on that one. Why would the Lord take a whole army and put them in a place of radical weakness and dependability on the King of Glory? They could have gone on their own strength.

In approaching Jericho, the men of war were already terrified. They had terror because they remembered the miracles that took place with the Red Sea. They knew that the God of Jehovah was in their midst. He wanted them circumcised. He wanted a fresh covenant, because they were moving into a holy war.

Will You Let the Lord Circumcise Your Heart?

I believe the Lord is saying, "Many of you need to be circumcised with a fresh anointing and a fresh repentance to move into that place of a fresh covenant; to move into that place of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and to be able to go in and take the land."

Joshua is on a faith journey; it is not any different than ours. Suddenly, we have the flood waters. We have to follow the Lord. There is nothing else that we can do besides follow the Lord. Then our hearts are circumcised. The enemy could have come in and wiped them out, but from a great place of vulnerability, and for weeks in recovery, they had to trust in their God.

From a Place of Humility, Visitation Comes

Then the Lord came with a divine visitation. The Captain of the Hosts showed up, and He gave them divine strategies to take down Jericho. How does He give you strategies to take down the strongholds in your own life? Do you ask the Lord for divine visitations and strategies, or is your knowledge of the Lord simply, "If I come, I will get into the river"?

I tell you, people, getting in the river is not enough. Getting a little warm feeling is nice, but it is not enough. There needs to be a radical gripping of God. A gripping in the depths of who you are. No one can make this happen, because there is a sovereignty of God. There is a place that you can position your love and your hearts.

Each One of Us Is Moses!

Each one of us is moving in the old familiar ways. We are in a season where the Lord wants to break you out of your old familiar paradigms and break you into a place to be a militant Joshua Generation. Each one of you is at a crossroads of the Jordan. God is inviting you to die.

The Jordan represents the cross. We die to our selfishness; we die to just us getting it and not giving it away. You want a multiplication of the prophetic; you need to start prophesying. You want a multiplication of the gift of healing, then you need to pray for the sick. You want a multiplication of moving in wisdom, then you need to counsel people and to ask God to give you wisdom and strategies for their lives. If you start to move into the kingdom, He will give you more. If you just go home, and say that we had a radical, wild conference, but you are not on fire, starting to give away Jesus, then you missed it.

Is Moses Dead?

Are you just a little grasshopper? Or, is there something in you that says, "**We have a big God.** We have a God who can take down giants. We have a God who can take down every city and every stronghold. We can go before Him. We have a God who can move on our behalf."

This is a word of freedom. It is a word to get you mobilized. It is a word to get you to say, "Go for it!" **"Move in God! Go for it! Be radical, fiery brides for the King of Glory! Take the land! Take the territory for God."**

I want there to be a jealousy -- a holy jealousy, so you say, "Why not me? Lord, you could use a Gideon, why not me? Lord, you could use a David; why not me? Lord, you could use a little girl named Esther and made her a Queen. Lord, why not me? Lord, you could use my life. You used a Mary; why not me? Why can't you use my life?"

You See, He Can Use YOU!

Are you a Moses? Or a Joshua? Ladies, are you grasshoppers? Do you think only the men can be generals? Do you think that you can hold things in the Spirit? Can the Lord use you to move armies and come up with radical strategies for the King of Glory? Or, is it only the guys, and we get to be their shadows?
Are you guys saying, "This little light of mine, a little flicker?" Or are you a blazing torch?

There needs to be a cry that you are willing . . .

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Rev 4:1 - "After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'"

My goal in worship is to get behind the veil. My passion is His presence. His presence is manna that must be sought after and received every single day, or it becomes stale. There is one thing that God cannot deny - hunger for Him.

How hungry are you? Are you willing to passionately press through into His presence? Beloved, He must first deal with your heart. One key to unlock worship is to first ask the Lord if there is anything hindering us in our heart.

As I work through stripping off all sin and self before the Lord, it is as though I trade in my rags for His robes of righteousness. Then, He can begin to give you His heart, His purposes, and His love for you and His people.

DOWNLOADS FROM HEAVEN

During worship there is so much activity happening in the supernatural. It is when the creative presence of the Lord God touches His people. Some people see pictures, hear Scriptures, get a word of knowledge, or hear His voice. All of this is valid, real and scriptural. But, what does worship really do?

Worship moves the very heart of God and changes the very heart of man. It takes only a few seconds of a face-to-face encounter with the manifest presence of God to change the course of human history for you, your city, or your nation.

ENCOUNTERING SHEKINAH GLORY

In the Old Testament, His presence was often referred to as the Shekinah glory - the fire of divine visitation. God would literally come to visit His people. In II Chronicles 5:14, the glory of God filled Solomon's Temple and the priests could not stand to minister.

The thick weight of the presence of God would settle in so heavily that people would have to lay flat on the floor, prostrate before Him. Never underestimate the power of worship.

"What can make the angels cry? Cause their wings to hide their eyes?"* His beauty can! Worship is encountering Him. It is an invitation to the place where angels cannot go, beyond the very boundary lines in heaven where God will whisper to you the secrets of His burning heart. You will hear the love songs of God's heart and return them back as songs to Him.

PRAYER: Lord, awaken my heart to worship You. I want to be one who desires You alone, rather than just what You can give me or how You can use me. I want to be able to see what the angels see, go into Your throne room, encounter Your beauty and be ravished by Your love. When songs have become familiar and routine, burn a fresh fire in my heart so that worship will transport me into Your very heart!

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Discovering Your Ministry
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Recently while in Chicago, I conducted a survey asking for those in "full-time ministry" to stand. The response was predictable. Less than one percent of this large congregation stood. The traditional definition of "full-time ministry" had relegated their understanding to be only those who are paid church staff. The clergy and the laity is a commonly used distinction in today's church world. Laity is the Latin word that means common ones. Put another way the classification of Christians is professionals and amateurs. Professionals are paid and amateurs perform their task as a volunteer.

This mentality has created a religious culture where church is a place we go to a couple hours a week and ministry is what we do while there. God's original intention was for us to be the church not just "go to church." Pastors tirelessly encourage their congregations to bring people to church instead of taking the church to them. The misunderstanding of ministry is rooted in the belief that ministry is what I do instead who I am. Your occupation is what you do "full-time" in the real world and your ministry is what you do "part-time" in a church environment.

When NASA launches a rocket into space, the trajectory must be precise. The target can be missed by thousands of miles if there is the smallest error made in the scientist equation for navigation. Is it possible that the church has made errors in the ministry equation that has resulted in us missing the mark of how ministry is supposed to function? It is shocking to people when I tell them, Satan does not care whether they go to heaven or hell. He is, however threatened when those that have perceived themselves to be "common ones" or merely church attendees awaken to the relevancy of their ministry in the marketplace. I have met many successful but unfulfilled Christians that would give up everything to find significance. They believe that by resigning their position in the secular arena and pursuing the "full-time" ministry they find can significance.

I came to realize after years of pastoring that my recruiting philosophy was to motivate new comers to join our church, catch my vision, and be committed to what I wanted them to do. In essence, I was asking them to abandon their vision to assist me in mine. It was a reality check for me to see that I had inadvertently communicated to them that what I wanted them to do was the will of God for them. The person who influences your life to the greatest degree is not the person you believe in but the person that believes in you. The authority of a leader is not to be used to produce motivation in people through domination. A leader that has self worth will never lead to prove his worth. If believers are made to feel that they know nothing, we create an unhealthy need in them that leads to co-dependency. Leaders should take their own temperature every day by asking themselves, "Am I equipping people to fulfill their ministry or mine?"

The Lord warned the people that Saul in his insecurity would make their sons eunuchs. A eunuch was a male servant in a king's household that had been emasculated by castration. This was done to protect the king's harem. The eunuch did not have the ability or desire to reproduce. Passion between a man and a woman will produce children. When leaders are secure enough to let people be passionate about their vision they will be fruitful and fulfilled. We want have to be concerned with trying to keep them in our church or our harem. They will stay where they are fulfilled.

The greatest calling is not to ascend the proverbial corporate church ladder and become an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher. The greatest in the Kingdom is a servant. Jesus confronted His disciples in Matthew 20: 17-28 about their bickering over whom would sit on the right and left of Him in His Kingdom. He told them that the way to greatness in His kingdom was to become a servant. I think Matthew had a better understanding of what Jesus meant than the others. He was a tax collector and was well acquainted with the motives and the maneuvering of men. Matthew 9:9 says that Jesus met Matthew in what we would consider the marketplace. It is interesting that Matthew describes his first encounter with Jesus by saying, "When He saw me He saw a man, not a tax collector." This was important to him because the religious leadership of that day considered men in this line of business to be unworthy and unspiritual. All of the men Jesus chose to be His disciples and eventually became apostles came from the marketplace not from the halls of religious training. Jesus could relate to the alienation they had experienced. His credibility as a teacher was constantly questioned because He had spent all of His adult life as a businessman (carpenter), rather than a student of their doctrine. The venues for Jesus' teaching were primarily in the marketplace and seldom in a synagogue or temple.

In Matthew 13, Jesus gives several parables illustrating how the Kingdom of God functions in the world. In one of them He describes the word of God as being like seed that is sown. Then later He says that the good seed are the children of the Kingdom. The sequence is that the seed is sown in you and then you are sown into the field, which is the world. I am convinced that many feel like misfits in church ministry because they do not realize that the "field or profession" which they consider to be secular and unspiritual is really where the Lord has sown them. So they continue on this treadmill of going to church receiving revelation that keeps them in frustration of how to make application. The weekly gathering of the church as a congregation is essential to provide fellowship and equipping. However, the scope of ministry must broaden beyond what we previously believed to be valid. The equipping ministries of Ephesians 4 were not given to the church to keep them ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth but to equip them for their ministry in the marketplace.

Do not let yourself be confined as a spectator by thinking that you are to "go to church" week after week and be entertained by "the ministry." Your occupation is not a hindrance to your destiny;

Your destiny will shape your occupation when you turn it into your ministry.

In other words, your job is your ministry and your ministry is your job.

Earnest Desire

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“I am the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings and the LORD OF LORDS. I Am Your Source and ROCK of Salvation. Am I not able to provide all that you need? Am I so weak I cannot orchestrate everything for you that you need to do the work of My Kingdom? I own the cattle on a thousand hills.
What I want in leading you through trials is to see the condition of your own heart. I want you to see the motivations and the true nature of your own desires that war within. I WANT TO BE YOUR EARNEST DESIRE! Above all that is in the earth, I WANT TO BE YOUR FIRST LOVE.

I am wooing you My bride to first love and compassion for the things that I have compassion for. I want you to ache at the hardship of others as I do!
I want your prayers and intercessions for others and not just your own needs. Why are you here anyway? Have you an answer for that? If I AM THE ADONAI, the LORD of your life, is it not to serve me? Did you truly turn your life over to ME? Is it not to do MY will? I only did what the FATHER was doing. I was obedient even unto DEATH. Should you divert from My will for you? Should you go neighing in the desert after other lovers? Should you prostitute yourself with idols of self, money, man, & entertainment? Should I not be a JEALOUS LOVER? You are prone to idolize so many things. I am removing IDOLS in your life. I am allowing you to feel the isolation I feel when you only want to do what YOU WANT!

Do you wonder My beloveds at My wisdom? Is it not I who made the heavens and the earth? Is it not I who spoke forth the Word and brought LIFE forth into the world? You have no realization how much you seek after your own wisdom, your own will, and understanding over MINE. You think that your wisdom is My wisdom. THAT IS NOT THE CASE. The one who seeks after MY wisdom, seeks me in worship and prayer and the Word and WAITS on ME for direction. Waits on words, vision or inner peace. They don’t rush ahead planning their lives as if they had control of them.

James 4:13-16 NKJV Do Not Boast About Tomorrow
Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; 14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. 15 Instead you ought to say,"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 16 But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil.

I said He who comes to me must come as a child. A child cannot just do what they want. Sons and daughters obey their parents. They look to them for guidance and affirmation. Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden I said. I want you to know ME, to truly KNOW MY WAYS. In order to know them, you need to really KNOW ME – My goodness, My love, My kindness, My will, My patience and My self-control. I AM your Beloved Teacher, Your Rabbi, Your Adonai. There is nothing I will withhold from those who love ME. And I’ve told you that he who loves ME, obeys Me. How can you obey Me, if you don’t even look to ME for what you are to do?

Riddle Me this? What is brown and beige, and stubbornly goes it’s own way? Could it be a donkey? I sat on two donkeys coming into Jerusalem, the mother and the foal. I was demonstrating MY humility in obeying the Father and thereby fulfilling prophecy. But I was also saying something about obedience versus stubbornness in that display. I sat on it’s back, a place of burden, and I am the RULER over heaven and earth and all that is under the earth. I am the HEAD of My church. Both adults and children bowed to ME, as KING. A Donkey is servant to man, not man to donkey. You are not to be a servant to stubbornness and idolatry. I came to end all idolatry and restore man’s relationship to US, that you might walk WITH US , instead of going your own way.

You are My beloved, and I am yours! I am here for you night and day, day in and day out. There is nothing I will withhold from the heart that loves Me, and I am calling out to you to come CLOSER. Come to ME, and turn away from all the distractions of the world that you may walk in My perfect will. For I love you as no other loves you! I am ravished with love for My bride and I will exalt her in the days ahead in the eyes of man and demon, and all the angels in heaven. You have no idea the dimension of the love I have for you. That love is the same for every human being on earth. I desire that none would perish. Though many will turn away…I am calling out to you to come. Come closer My beloved, come into the inner chamber and lie down with ME. Lie down and rest with ME, that I might whisper to you secrets and sing over you songs of deliverance!"

1 Sam 15:23 NKJV For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

1 Cor 10:14 NKJV Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Gal 5:18-21 AMP But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law. 19 Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, 20 Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), 21 Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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Retrofit:
1 : to furnish (as a computer, **airplane,** or building) with new or modified parts or equipment not available or considered necessary at the time of manufacture
2 : to install (new or modified parts or equipment) in something previously manufactured or constructed

"I am retrofitting My bride and when I finish her retrofitting, then she will cause great destruction to the enemy of your souls! I will have a people unto Myself that will only look to ME for direction and guidance, and for all they need to do it. I AM THE RESOURCE. Listen carefully as I say it again…I AM YOUR RESOURCE of everything you need. STOP looking to man to fulfill what only I can fulfill!

Listen for the sound of MY VOICE. If you quiet yourself you will hear. If you keep in the word and worship, and actually DO the Word, then MY GLORY will be your rear guard. If you stretch out your hand to feed the hungry and take in those who are outcast, and truly seek out the one who is lost, then you will ride on the high hills of the earth.

My church has been starving or only eating cookies for too long! Cookies are sweet but they cannot sustain you without malnourishment. You need to eat MEAT. Many of My sheep have grown ANEMIC in the WORD because they are still drinking milk and not eating meat. You cannot grow the way you need to if you only sip on milk, for you are no longer babies. You are adults and need to be fed adult food.

I am retrofitting teachers, and prophets, pastors and evangelists. I am retrofitting Many to be apostolic, but only those who have been willing to pay the COST. Many want the power, but not the character required to yield that power. So many are anemic because they have been fed by those who have grown fat, and no longer live My word, but only speak it. They can teach it, but not DO it, much like the Pharisees of old. My retrofitting will destroy the yokes of the enemy that have tried to hinder and I will sweep clean My threshing floor.

Behold I COME, and every knee will bow or be broken. Every heart will yield or be broken and crushed. Every mind will yield or be turned to corruption.
Behold the SUDDENLY you have been waiting for is at the door! Do not hesitate, for he who hesitates

is like the waves of the sea, being tossed to and fro! Obey ME, and you will live. Deny Me and you will perish. The river of LIFE and LOVE will flow into every crevice and corner of My church and it will no longer be subject as before to the things of the past. But to those who have been in pretense, it will be a painful time of realization. Do not hesitate to come unto ME. I am the LIVING WATERS! I AM ALL YOU NEED! I love you and cherish you unlike the world that is perishing. I will never leave you nor forsake you, nor deny you, if you do not deny ME.

The former things are passing away. Yield to the NEW WINE I POUR OUT, and you will shine like the stars in the heavens! The enemy has fought you because he is fighting what I want to do! Do not be hopeless. For you have not yet suffered as unto death as I did! Do not give up the HOPE that lives inside you. ALLOW ME to come into your hearts and do the new work and you will go forth as stall fed calves and you will leap for JOY! For behold I do a NEW THING, NOW it shall spring forth! And as it overcomes you, you will do great damage to the kingdom of the enemy and he will be made a display of. Remember I told you if the world hated me, it will hate you. So do not be surprised when some do not share your excitement at what I do now!
Do not be surprised when men's hearts show their hatred towards me. They hated me and they will hate you for all I will pour into you!"

Judg 5:25-28 NIV
25 He asked for water, and she gave him milk; in a bowl fit for nobles she brought him curdled milk. 26 Her hand reached for the tent peg, her right hand for the workman's hammer. She struck Sisera, she crushed his head, she shattered and pierced his temple. 27 At her feet he sank, he fell; there he lay. At her feet he sank, he fell; where he sank, there he fell-dead.
28 "Through the window peered Sisera's mother; behind the lattice she cried out, 'Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why is the clatter of his chariots delayed?'

Luke 14:34-35 NIV 34 "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? 35 It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Acts 22:20-25 NIV And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him.' 21 "Then the Lord said to me, 'Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'" 22 The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, "Rid the earth of him! He's not fit to live!"

Isa 54:16-17 NIV "See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; 17 no weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.

And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap." Josh 3:13 NKJV

Ears To Hear

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Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what He is saying to the churches– Revelation 3:13

My precious church, My heart breaks when I continue to look at My church, and I do not see the heart changes and decisions that I require. How much longer must I continue to send forth the same message? The same type of message?

Let those who have ears to hear, hear! Why don’t you listen My church? The only way that My church is going to move forward is as My people come to Me, and commit to come to Me in the quiet place. For many are carrying Me on their backs like backpacks and are not surrendering to My will and listening for My voice.

I am the God of grace and mercy, and I am the God who forgives. My church has greatly sinned against Me, and My church, you must repent. For I will lavish My grace upon you, and I will raise you up as a holy city, a body to shine to all the world, but while you invite sin into your midst, I cannot do all that I wish to do.

Oh My church, grieve My heart no more. Lay aside all hinderances and comes away and listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. Listen to what My heart is for the church.

Do many of you know My heart for you? Do you know My heart for your church? Do you know what My heart is speaking to you daily? Are you allowing My heart to be the center of the church?

My people, listen to My Spirit. I am ministering outside the walls of your buildings. I am ministering outside. I am ministering to the broken, to the crushed, to the oppressed, to the faint and discouraged. I am outside ministering in the places that many would not expect Me too.

My people, how much longer will you stay within the walls of your buildings? When you will move forth and minister outside? When will you begin to walk deeply in what you believe I am showing you, and My heart for you?

For time is short My church. Time is short. What is happening in the physical is reflecting the spiritual. Time is short. It is time for you My church to decide what you will live for. What you will hear. If you will hear what My Spirit is saying to you, will you not move forth? Will you not take the step outside, no matter what it costs you?

My eyes are roaming the earth looking for those who are willing to be used by Me, and are willing to lay down their lives. My church, many of you are not willing to give Me your whole lives, and yet you cry out to Me, why I do not take you further. You must surrender.

Oh My church, repent! Rise up, and walk in the destiny I have for you! You are My representatives on earth. You are My vessels.

Do not pollute My house anymore. Do not lock Me outside of My house anymore.

My heart is saddened My church, because for many of My churches, I am locked outside by programs and mans desires.

Repent My church and let Me back in. Let Me begin to show you what I have called My church to be. Let Me show you what I have to come.

For a great shaking is about to hit the church, the purifying and cleansing is here. I am moving forward those who are willing to move forward and stand. I am about to do great things in this season. I am about to show the world My power in greater ways than ever before.

As a general of an army does a head count, so am I doing the head count in My church now.

Who has ears to hear?

Who is hearing what My Spirit is saying?

Repent My church. Pollute My church no more. Let Me back into My house. I will not have My house turned into a den of thieves.

My house is holy, is blameless and pure, by My Spirit, I will purify and cleanse My temple, and My church WILL shine with those who are willing to stand before Me, surrendered before Me, and seek first My Kingdom.

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JESUS Promotion!!
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> *"Humble yourselves before the Lord" James 4:10*

My beautiful church, how I delight in you and adore you. How I have called you to be My Bride, and I have such a great destiny for you. I am purifying My church. I am cleansing My church, removing all the weeds so that My church may grow like never before.

My church, I deserve all the Glory. I Am the Great Creator, Sustainer and Author of all things, and there is nothing bigger than Me. My church, I am saddened by the self-promotion that I see in My church.

I am saddened to see many hearts wanting to promote their own names, and not My Name. I see many taking the Glory for many of My works, and I will not have this.

I have seen many of you have taken a step forward into the limelight when I have said take a step back. I see many hearts are committed to promoting their names, through the works of My hands.

I will not stand for man taking My Glory. I will bring about a holy fire to My church, that will humble all, and show all My Might and My power. For I have not called My People to promote their names, but to promote My name.

For as you die to self, I rise up within you.

I see this self promotion that has come over My church, has come over through insecurity. How much longer will you My people refuse to allow Me to heal you, and fill your wounds with My healing balm? Do you not see through you not allowing Me to heal your past, and move you forward, that you are allowing the enemy to have a foothold.

Through insecurity many of you are trying to fill your wounds with the approval of man. The praise of man. I tell you the truth, nothing will satisfy you, nothing but the bread of heaven. Nothing, but Me.

I have called you to promote the name of Jesus!!!! My Name!!! I have called you to promote My Name! At all costs, dying to self that I might live in and through you.

Check your hearts My church. What do you promote? Are you promoting your own name? Or My Name?

My Holy Fire is going to fall upon My church, and burn out all pride. I will burn out pride from My church. For if you begin to promote yourselves, you will begin to worship each other's acts, ministries and names. Idols will form. Is this what I have called you too? Surely Not!

Repent for your self-promotion My church. Repent for standing in the place, that I the Lord your God am meant to stand. Do not push Me aside any longer, but choose to live radically abandoned to Me. Promoting My Name.

As you continue to die to self, and continue to let Me live in and through you My church, I will exalt you. I will exalt you. It is not for you to exalt yourselves.
Humility is leaving My church, and I am grieved. For man is nothing without Me.

Can you rely upon each other for salvation? Surely Not. Are your works stable? Surely Not.

It is only My works, and the moves of My hand, that brings life. That creates life, and produces works of eternal and supernatural value.

My church, stop promoting yourselves.

Let, I the Lord Your God, stand where I am meant to stand. For I will not stand for pride. I will not stand for man stealing My Glory.

I love each and every one so much, and I long to have all in relationship with Me. I want My name taken to every inch of the earth, so all may know My saving grace. I want My church to take My Name to the world. To promote My Name, not their own.

Promote My Name Church!!!!

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Earth Change

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Earth Change – Part 1 - The Hand Warmer

I recently attended a prophetic seer's conference. As I left this, I was waiting at the station to return home and another member of that conference stood near me. As we boarded the train for the 20 minute journey to Birmingham New Street (UK). The Lord started to open up something to me and as I spoke it, spoke what I saw, it was unraveled to her, to us.

I saw a pair of hands held flat, palm to palm together and in them, was a warming bag. The type that is made of material, in this case A RICH CORDED TYPE RED MATERIAL, about 5 inches square. This reminded me of a hand warming bag. Inside them you find grains of compounds, infused by chemicals which cause heat when friction and motion comes about them. As a result of this friction the chemical grains inside the bag are heated and when held in the hands, the hands experience the release of heat through the bag.

I saw the Lord securely holding this bag in his hands and moving it vigorously from left to right, disturbing the chemicals inside. Shaking the bag.

He explained that the bag was the world and that He was shaking the world. But contained with the bag were Christians and non Christians, for we are in the world but not of it. Christians and non Christians alike are experiencing and are part of what is been shaken in and with the world. But here was a difference between Gods people and the peoples of the world.

Through their shaking, described as the effects upon a house, the world's walls, windows and doors and their roof and foundations were being destroyed and dismantled. This caused the peoples to feel and experience exposure, insecurity, cold, blight and vulnerability combined with a growing sense of uncertainty, dread and unease. On the other hand, Gods people were HELD SECURELY in the Lords hands, in the red bag. You see whereas the world was experiencing coldness, the church is experiencing AND radiating warmth – in the MIDST of this situation. This warmth has come about as a result of and is a PRODUCT OF the shaking.

It is a sign to a perishing world, but God is testifying to His keeping grace by enabling those who are held securely to know that God is PRODUCING and EFFECT within all this turmoil. But we need to hear these words…BE STILL and KNOW that I am God. Despite what is happening we need to realize we cannot be snatched from His hand(s) and that it is GOD who works, both to will AND to do. So secure in this, we can marvel at HIS HANDIWORK in all this.

In amidst of this incredible SHIFTING, the world begins to "see" and "experience" the invisible HEAT of the LORD. Subconsciously the world is being "drawn" to his creative work amidst the turmoil of destructive elements. When I am lifted up I will draw all men unto myself. We are enabled, by NO FLESH or effort of our own to BE used as a witness of Him, a witness to His work, for no flesh can glory in His presence.

It's all His work; it is all of His GLORY, HIS OWN GLORY that comes from Him alone.
By all this, God is causing a heat, warmth, a fire, the RADIANCE of Him, to manifest, to reveal Himself to the creation where within He is placed. The whole of creation awaits the glorious manifestation of the sons of God. The church is IN the world, and God is in the church and the church is WITHIN HIM in the world…much could be understood of this paragraph alone, but not now. But God wants to instill and grow us a vision of Him that SURPASSES all that we have tried in the flesh to know, do and

understand and indeed effect. Glory to Him.

Within it all, he reinforced and reminded me of His control of each and every situation…by simply saying the rich red corded material, was His blood, with which, He covered and soaked His church… Hallelujah. Amen.

I will continue this in Part 2 – The two trees. Please be blessed to read on.

Earth Change - Part 2 – The Two Trees

The second leg of my train journey was straight through from Birmingham to Newcastle. My reserved seat was located. A window seat alongside an aisle seat. As I knew that the journey would last 5 hours, I preferred a table seat, which was free until Sheffield. After that I may have to give this seat up if the traveler who booked it arrived. They did not, however a family of 3 took up their prebooked seat around me at the table. Liking space I moved after a while to an adjacent seat that was free, which also had a free seat next to it. By this time my original booked seat was occupied by a traveler, but the seat next to him was free.

Very quickly, the train filled up, so much so that passengers had to stand in the spaces, near the toilets, dividing the carriages. There were 2 young girls, about 17/18 years old standing there with heavy cases. Looking around me, though there was room for individual persons to sit, there was no space for the two friends to sit next to one another. I became strongly impressed to offer my seat, enabling these 2 young girls to sit together.

Here, the natural began to invade…they will think you're "tapping them up"…what will the other passengers say, particularly those who could have done the same…"wont you look foolish" and "what a scene you will create" I still was impressed to do this. So I went to the young lad who was in my seat and asked if he minded if I sat next to him, this would allow the 2 ladies to sit next to one another. No problem.

So I asked them if they had far to go, about an hour and a quarter they replied. So I explained these seats were free if they wanted it. They agreed, and in front of a whole carriage, I helped them with their bags…I felt stupid and conspicuous because the train had already traveled 5 minutes out of the station. But I knew I was doing what was needed. Everybody became aware of what was happening and there was a strange silence and veiled looks as this bumbling man, helped these girls.

Somehow I knew the atmosphere in the carriage had changed. As they left the train one of them took the trouble to say thank you, and I knew she meant it. Why this detailed description of an apparently innocuous situation?

It was because of what the Lord showed me…continuing the theme of the hand warming bag, without me realizing the teaching was being demonstrated, unknown to me. This is the REST of what He said BEFORE this happened. He took me to Ish:53:1-2. Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? 2. He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

Also Matt. 10:42 and if anyone gives a cup of cold water to one of these my little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

Also I was reminded of a passage I think is in Isaiah, where it describes the Lord planting two trees next to one another in a forest. The strange think about this is that these trees were from different temperate climate zones. There was no way that these should, thrive, survive and live next to one another. It shows the ways of the Lord in causing that which should not to be married and exist to be coexistent with one another…and how he often plants the opposites next to each other. Consider the above 3 scriptural context.

The first vision was of HEAT, WARMTH or FIRE emerging through the shaking.
The second vision was of WATER being offered in discordant circumstances.

You see fire and water don't mix, they are opposites, usually water puts out fire, but in this living scene…the fire and water are COMBINED and operate TOGETHER.

The result when heat and water are combined = STEAM. God was showing me that in these times he was transforming the natural atmosphere to present a taste of HEAVENS VAPOURS. Its like swimming against the stream. If salmon achieve this to, return to their spawning grounds…Life is conceived and birthed through the process. Maybe God is bringing us the church back to His original spawning ground.

God is I believe about to transform the earthly environment, through His shaking and working to shroud this earth with heavenly vapors in the midst of the world which is falling apart and experiencing an increased exposure to the base vulnerability that exists within the fabric of man.

Its time to shine like stars…its time no longer to hide your light…its time to arise…its time to join in and experience the multiplying efforts of our Lord in all this shaking…its time to move even more so under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Its time to allow God to re create the waters, vapors and mists of Eden's Garden. Its time for God to walk with Adam again in the COOL of the day. Its time. Its time, for the Lord is about His business and his house is not yet full.

Notice, Adam and God walked together…in the COOL of the day. The cool is the time AFTER work has ceased…highlighting the fact that its Gods time to create something within Adam as COMMUNION takes place. We and all earths residents, may be about to experience a holy moment, such as when Moses met with the Lord God at the burning bush…where Moses saw a bush before him, that though apparently on fire, alight with flame…the bush was not consumed…heaven visited, but earth was not consumed…and a holy hush prevailed.

Through a series of "opposites", God is creating the heat within the situation and as the waters are contacted…His vapours, the mist of heaven, transforms…the environment that we exist in. He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly, more than we can even ask, imagine and think…be still and may they KNOW that HE is GOD…to God be ALL the glory.

Enemy Accusation Thrown Out

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I heard the Lord say "I'm working to disarm the accusations of the devil in the lives of my people that the enemy has claimed victory over." These unfounded testimonies of the devil are being dismantled by the true testimony the Lord. I heard the Lord say: "The testimonial accusations of the enemy are being thrown out today. The devil has boasted long enough in the court room of heaven bringing accusation after accusation against my people, and I am releasing a decree as a banner over them says the Lord, and it reads... "VICTORY IN THE NAME OF JESUS".

The devil has taken spoils from the camp of the Lord long enough and he will now be forced to pay back 10 times what he has stolen in retribution. "I HEARD A GAVEL DROP IN THE SPIRIT and a command was given to a messenger angel to release the verdict from the High Court of the Ancient of Days and to render a favorable outcome on behalf of the saints of God".

God is working by His Holy Spirit to bring restitution and recompense for all those who have been stolen from, robbed from and taken advantage of by the trickery and deceitful schemes of the enemy. Not only will this recompense be marked dollar for dollar or by year for year, but according to the degree of the heartache and pain the devil will be forced to make a return of a ten fold recompense for all his diabolical trickery and deceit.

The Voice of Freedom

I hear the voice of Freedom beginning to ring out in the ranks of God. I hear the grand stands of heaven still cheering and applauding the righteous verdict of the Great Judge of heaven and earth. I heard a strong voice in heaven saying:

"Now has come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren,(he who keeps bringing before our God charges against them day and night), has been cast out!" (Revelation 12:10) This is the means by which the saints of God in this hour have overcome the testimonial accusations of the devil. "And they overcame him (the devil) by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the UTTERANCE OF THEIR TESTIMONY, for they did not love and cling to their lives even when faced with death."

Boasting in the Blood of the Lamb

The saints of God are overcoming the accusations of the devil by taking refuge and boasting completely in the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb. The Lord has heard cries of the righteous coming up before Him and a swift verdict has now been given. The devil has worn the Lord out with his habitual trampling of His courts. The Lord has cut Satan off from his presence. "Enough is Enough! No more railing accusations!

This very same thing took place with God's righteous servant Job. In (Job 1:6-8) "Now there was a day when the sons (the angels) of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan (the adversary and accuser) also came among them".

The devil was there to bring accusation before the Lord concerning Job. Even now Satan's attempt is to turn the heart of God against those He dearly loves. The only problem is that God has already purposed to only view each of us according to the applied blood of the Lamb. When Satan comes to bring his seemingly factual accusations to God concerning us, the only thing the Righteous Judge can say is, "I have no idea what you are talking about. There doesn't seem to be any verifiable evidence or any valid reason as to the accusations you bring to me today. So remove yourself from my courtroom or I'll have you thrown out of my presence again!"

A Hedge of Protection

Even now just like Job the Lord is placing a "Hedge of Protection" around His elect. We are beginning to come out of places of obscurity and the wilderness of hiddenness where so many of us have lived for so long. It was necessary for us to be lost in these obscure places of hiddenness so that when the time of deliverance comes we are made so dependant upon the master that we can only think of Him and His desires and not our own. We've learned complete dependency upon the Living God for everything.

The enemy can find nothing to accuse these love sick slaves with!

Father in the name of Jesus I ask for deliverance too come to all today. Thank you Jesus that it's by your blood that we are able to overcome the evil plots and wicked schemes of the enemy. Holy Spirit even now bring deliverance to all who have been entangled by the web of the enemy, and release the angel of favor from the presence of the Lord with the swift verdict of freedom on their behalf. Thank you Lord that You have rendered a favorable decision on our behalf and that the verdict given is "Not Guilty" by reason of the Blood of the Lamb!

Exhortation Concerning Earthquakes

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My Child, do not become unsettled in your mind. I Am your Rock and Your Foundation. I am your Sure Foundation!

The shakings will come. Yes there are wars and rumors of wars just as there are shakings and rumors of shakings. But you are not to be rattled by what I have shown you. Tell those who have heard what you have seen not to be nervous or anxious by what I have shown you. Doesn’t My word tell you that you will know, so that you will not be caught unaware?

Come, sit with Me. Come all you who labor and need rest! Come sit in My lap and let me show you that your security is in Me. Come and rest and learn of Me. I am meek and lowly of heart and you will find rest in My midst. I will show you what you must do and I will see you through it. You run here and there, but I want you to sit, My Little Ones. You wear yourselves out and quickly become distracted by the world and what is going on around you. Yes, I have called you to be My hands and feet. But wouldn’t it be good to hear from your Head – Jesus – to know where it is that you are to take My hands and feet?!?
:::smile:::

I have sent My Holy Spirit to teach you and it will do you good to sit at My feet and hear what the Spirit says.

I Am your Prince of Peace. You will never find true rest unless you are resting in Me. So come! Come to Me, My child. Be still and know – KNOW – that I Am God!

Edom Moab War

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“To all those who love His appearing”

- In this prophetic “moment” the Lord’s face turns toward His bride, in order to fully prepare her for Himself.
- The last most important commission of “The Church” before the end of the church age is to intercede for God’s appointed purposes in Israel. The “Rapture” will not occur until this is fulfilled.
- Before the Bride is taken, her prayers will usher in His end-time mercies for Israel.
- His repentant Church is the vessel who with a new heart, will be moved by compassion when Israel is attacked and nearly destroyed.
- The Lord always performed a miracle when His heart was moved by compassion.
- The Holy Spirit indwelling His Church and moved by compassion will intercede, as is foretold in the book of Joel, God will answer and the enemies who surround her will be destroyed through His people Israel, [and the world will not disagree with their decision to respond severely].

These things that I will now describe came to me over three years ago…

Journal entry, Tuesday June 18, 2002:
“This A.M. in Jerusalem, the 69th suicide bombing of Israeli citizens took place, killing 19 and wounding about 50. At 2:15p.m., as [my wife] Kathy and I were retrieving e-mails at the nearby QFC store, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me, prompting me urgently to return home (a four-minute walk). As I quickened my pace, I was reminded of the many scriptures He had been putting before me of His Sovereign intention for good, for His ancient people in the land…I was brought home quickly, to look again at these scriptures and to record these impressions, and to pray. Even as I sat down in His presence, the urgency began to break out: A great ‘destabilizing’ is about to occur…The ones who would reproach Israel, and His people everywhere, will seek to terroristically and even ‘reasonably’ demand the evidence of Israel’s God to be REFUTED, before the nations…It is clear that the land WILL BE ALLOWED to be divided…
Joel 3:2
‘…and there will I deal with and execute judgment upon them (i.e. - the nations) for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel…and [because] THEY HAVE DIVIDED MY LAND.’ (Amplified Version, emphasis mine)

[But it is ALSO clear, in the promise of God, that neither the land, its people, nor shall Jerusalem ultimately be divided or defiled:]
Joel 3:17
‘So shall you KNOW that I am the Lord your God, dwelling in Zion, MY HOLY MOUNTAIN. Then shall Jerusalem be holy, and strangers and foreigners [not born into the family of God] shall no more pass through it.’ (Amplified)”

…This journal entry brought more light on the scriptures to me, which over the months I began to call, “How to pray for Israel”. At one point, Kathy was led to send the message to a friend in Israel, a vibrantly committed woman from an Orthodox Jewish family (who had found her Messiah in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth!) She wrote back, stating that she had been moved and encouraged, and had even circulated it to others. Then, in December of 2002, after much timely arrangement, Kathy and I met with Bible and prophecy teacher Chuck Missler, at his headquarters in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. He stated that this reminded him of only one other time in his ministry when a prophetic message was brought to him several years before, that time by some Messianic Rabbis from Oregon. Now, you have to understand that Chuck knows scripture and Bible prophecy as well as any anointed scholar in the world, but he listened in complete silence for some time, as I

described the message (which follows). He began to take notes, and then asked if he could use my quotes. I said, "Yes!" Within about a week, his weekly "K-rations" tape, which is sent to his subscribers all over the world, carried the message of "How to pray for Israel". Although it was abbreviated, compared to what I had shared, it listed in sequence the key scriptures that the Lord had shown me about the prophetic setting in which we, God's people, are about to be called to action in prayer, in an INTENSITY we have hardly known before—for Israel. We met with Chuck two more times. The last time was just before we moved to New Zealand on December 31, 2004. I also shared this word privately with Bible teacher Charles Capps. He was struck by it, and said he would put me in touch with his friend Mike Evans. I had first tried to contact Mike Evans (before anyone), but I was not able to make contact with him.

In "How to Pray for Israel", The sequence given is as follows:

Psalm 94:2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.

Psalm 94:3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?

Psalm 94:4 [How long] shall they utter [and] speak hard things? [and] all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?

Psalm 94:5 They BREAK IN PIECES thy people, O LORD, *(Ed. –This is a precise description of what happens in a bus bombing) and afflict thine heritage.*

Psalm 94:6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.

Psalm 94:7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall THE GOD OF JACOB regard [it]. *(Ed. –note the need in the Islamic mind to define Israel's God as distinct from their own. There is a grim imperative within Islam to discredit any other name or representation of God other than their own, that of "Allah". But the name is actually taken from the pre-Mohamed era name for the "Moon god". This is clearly not YHWH, the God of JACOB.)*

So what does the Lord say to do?

Joel 2:16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where [is] their God?

(Ed. –We MUST now understand what this actually means: there is involved here, "WHO, WHERE, and WHAT". Identified here is that we are to go to a place between the porch and the altar, which in the blueprint of Solomon's Temple refers specifically to the location of the Bronze Laver, where the priests were to wash before entering the Holy Place. Weeping is figurative of a deep repentance bringing washing, or cleansing, without which prayer cannot be heard [Ps. 66:18, and Ps. 6:8]. Then, we are instructed at precisely the intercessory words to pray. The issue of pleading to God for the REPROACH against His Name represented in His people has had powerful precedent in Israel's history [Deut. 32:26-27]; even during times of Israel's most sinful leadership [1 Kings 20:28], and has powerful promise of its effect in Israel's future [Zech. 12:9-10].)

Joel 2:18 ***THEN*** will the LORD be jealous for His land, and pity His people.

Joel 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto His people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen.

Who is to pray this prayer? Who are the "ministers (priests) and kings"?

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him [be] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. KJV

In the prophetic context, between Joel 2:18 and verse 19, there is an implied "event" of God's intervention and judgment, both FOR His people, and AGAINST His enemies…

The Coming Edom-Moab war against Israel:

A. The Prophetic Setting:

1. A "broken people" (Psalms 94…)
2. A divided land (Joel 3:2)
3. A moment of extreme crisis (Joel 2:15), which is notably a THREAT FROM THE NORTH (Joel 2:20).
4. *The Church intercedes;* God destroys the enemy by the hand of His people Israel.
5. Ezekiel's "dry bones" (Eze. 37:4-5), "…you shall live", and
6. The Passover promise (Exodus 6:3-8), "…I WILL rescue you…AND bring you into the land".
7. With this mandate of the Church complete, the "Time of the gentiles" is fulfilled and the "Rapture" is then due to occur…

B. "Division of the land" arises out of a spiritually unfinished state or condition. It is spiritually still linked to Joshua's unfinished conquest. The LORD Himself, in the soon-coming Joshua-Messiah ("Yeshua") was prophesied by Joshua, in his old age, to finally complete the task (Joshua 13:1-6, and Joshua 23:1-5). King David, as a type of the King to come, prophetically (but for Israel, only temporarily) subdued the Edomites and the Moabites, taking their wealth and OCCUPYING THEIR LAND (1 Chronicles 18:11-13). God sent Nathan the prophet to David at the end of David's life, to announce that HE HIMSELF would appoint and plant the people of Israel, "…that they may dwell in their own place AND BE MOVED NO MORE." (1 Chronicles 17:9)

C. He Himself will SOVEREIGNLY complete the task, via the intense intercession of The Church, the "ministers and priests" of the Lord.

D. Who is the "heritage" of the Lord: Jacob vs. Esau?

1. Jacob (Genesis 35:10-12), named **"Israel"** was promised the land given to Abraham and Isaac.
2. Esau (Genesis 36:8-9), Jacob's brother, named "**Edom"**, defied his Father Isaac after the Covenant blessing was denied him. He left to dwell with the descendants of Ishmael at Mt. Seir. A long history of enmity existed between Judah and Edom, and several prophets spoke unfavorably about Edom (Is.11:14; 34:5-17; Eze.32:29; Joel 3:19; Amos 1:11-12; Mal. 1:2-4).

E. Who is "**Moab**"? According to Genesis 19:37, Moab was the son of Lot and his oldest daughter, incestuously conceived after Lot had been graciously rescued by God out of the destruction of Sodom. The Moabites occupied the high plateau immediately east of the Dead Sea. From the time of Israel's APOSTASY at Shittim onward (Num. 25), the Moabite tableland north of the Arnon was a source of CONTENTION between Moab and Israel. During the reigns of Saul and David, Israel and Moab were at war. The OT refers to Moab as "people of (their god) Chemosh" (Num. 21:29; Jer. 48:46). Chemosh was portrayed as a god of WAR. *(Ed. -Could this be paralleled to the current inhabitants of that land, and their god of "Jihad?")* [References from Baker's Encyclopedia of the Bible, Vol. 2, 1988]

F. The Prayer for Israel: Joel 2:17

1. between the porch and the altar
2. against the reproach of Islam and the nations
3. to the Covenant-keeping God.

G. The significance for the Church: why do we pray this prayer for Israel?

1. For the completion of God's covenant with Israel: the Righteousness of the New Covenant imparted (Isaiah 54:4-8), a Sovereign act, in response to prayer (Isaiah 32:14-18).
2. Israel empowered as God's instrument: Eze. 25:14 **(Edom and Moab destroyed, "…by the hand of my people Israel")**
3. The last prophetic purpose of the Church completed (Romans 11:25-27, 31).

Effect: Israel at peace with restored borders (Joel 2:18-19, Eze. 36:1-9).

Discussion:

What have we seen of the evidence in events in modern "Edom"? Ezekiel, chapters 25, 35 and 36 all directly pertain to the prophetic events which are unfolding at the present time of the year 2005, reading with the pungency of modern-day news headlines; only, with the pungency of a vantage point from heaven that lays bare "the thoughts and intentions of the heart", as only the Word of God can do:

Ezekiel 25:12-17…

"Thus says the Lord God: Because **Edom** has dealt against the house of Judah by TAKING VENGEANCE and has greatly offended and has become doubly guilty…I will also stretch out my hand against Edom, and will cut off and root out man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate; from Teman *(Ed.- prophetically, the principal city of Edom, which is in modern day Jordan, stretching northward into Moab, the area of modern-day Syria)* even to Dedan *(Ed.- modern day Saudi Arabia)* they shall fall by the sword. And I will lay **MY** vengeance upon Edom **BY THE HAND OF MY PEOPLE ISRAEL**; and they shall do upon Edom ACCORDING TO MY ANGER…and they shall know MY vengeance, says the Lord God." (See also Isaiah 34; Amos 1:11-12; and Obadiah) "…Because the Philistines *(Ed. - those who roughly occupy the same regions of modern-day "Palestine")* have dealt revengefully and have taken vengeance CONTEMPTUOUSLY, WITH MALICE AND SPITE IN THEIR HEARTS, TO DESTROY IN **PERPETUAL** ENMITY…I will stretch out My hand against the Philistines…and destroy THE REMAINDER OF THE SEACOAST."

Notice also that the simultaneous regional destruction of enemies from the east, the northeast, and the west is told, because these people are of a coordinated alliance which has identifiably sworn permanent enmity against Israel and God's people. Quite apparently, no effort of governments or treaties of man will alter their intentions. Therefore God appoints to them a time of His judgment, which will be seen to the whole world as a refuting of their claims, together with His pronouncement that there is a God in Israel!

This precise description of sudden utter desolation upon Israel's specifically-named neighbors, by God THROUGH Israel, has never before occurred. From the time of Isaiah to the present day, there has not been such an event. It is a prophetic event of such a magnitude as to be observed as unfolding specifically in the time of the end, AND AS A PRELUDE of other events to follow in sequence. Damascus, Syria is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. In Isaiah 17:1, the permanent destruction of the city is prophesied. The timing of the permanent destruction of Damascus is very likely a notable effect of this regional war. It may be significant in this respect to note that the major Islamic terrorist organizations are headquartered in Damascus. Their instigations of terror may be the tripwire for their future demise together.

The book of Joel ends with the commencement of literally a new dispensation for Israel from the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

“Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for their violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. But Judah SHALL REMAIN AND BE INHABITED FOREVER, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. And I WILL cleanse and hold as INNOCENT their blood and avenge it, which I have not cleansed, held innocent and avenged, for the Lord DWELLS IN ZION.” (Amos 3:19-21, Amplified)

The likely evidence is that these events are set to PRECEDE the Gog-Magog invasion.

It might be said that what we will call the Edom/Moab war, is going to be one of the unfolding phases of events leading to Armageddon, but as such, it will evidently still be a separate action, A DISTINCTLY SEPARATE “WAR”. The reasons for this include the fact that according to Ezekiel 38:11, when Gog will be enticed to attack, it will come against “the land of unwalled villages…who are at rest, who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls.” This is obviously not the current condition of Israel, as we speak. Israel has walls being built to protect it from terrorist infiltrators. Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, it has never fully been at rest, or dwelling securely. Indeed, it has not been able to, in the face of a perpetual vow from its immediately surrounding foes to see Israel destroyed. Currently chief among these are the Palestinian terror organizations, inspired and trained by Iran, fostered and headquartered in Damascus, Syria, and financed by Saudi Arabia.

Furthermore, in that time the only “wall” that is spoken of is the wall of fire—the Shekinah Glory—which will AFTERWARD be seen around His people in Israel, not before the devastating Edom/Moab war. The expression “At rest” also has only truly applied to Israel when in its history it has been at peace with God Himself, living securely in Covenant with Him.

The evidence is that prior to the Edom/Moab event, there will yet be some serious issues that God will have to “sort out” with Israel. This would include the continued, willful forsaking of its Covenant, until its modern-day prosperity as a secular state is suddenly lost (Isaiah 17:10-11). Concurrently, the prophet declares that, “…in that day the former glory of Jacob [Israel, his might, his population, his prosperity] shall BE ENFEEBLED, and the fat of his flesh shall BECOME lean.” (Isaiah 17:4, Amplified)

Gog, however, distinctly comes “To take a SPOIL AND A PREY; to turn your hand upon the desolate places now inhabited, and assail the people gathered out of the nations, WHO HAVE OBTAINED LIVESTOCK AND GOODS, who dwell at the CENTER of the earth” (Ezekiel 38:12). Zechariah makes mention of the very SAME event in time, saying that THIS will be the time for His people from all over the (now apostate) world to return to the land:

“…Jerusalem shall be inhabited and dwell as villages without walls, because of the MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE and LIVESTOCK in it. For I, says the Lord, will be to her a WALL OF FIRE round about, and I will be the GLORY in the midst of her. Ho! Ho! Hear and flee from the land of the north…Escape to Zion…For thus said the Lord of hosts, AFTER His glory had sent me [His messenger] to the nations who plundered you, for he who touches you touches the apple or pupil of His eye.” (Zechariah 2:4-9, Amp.)

Both of these references speak of a dispensation of supernatural security, only AFTER previous disaster to the nation. These both directly describe that Israel will be occupying circumstances of tremendously acquired wealth as well as world-wide notoriety as the “center” of international attention—not negative attention, as its first 50 year history has had it, but evidently now, very positive attention. This directly implies at least two basic presumptions: 1.) Israel has no more immediate threat from its formerly “Palestinian” territories, and 2.) Israel has had enough unopposed opportunity to draw huge numbers of immigrants in a very short period of time, because the political and economic scene has drastically changed from its former state. For those inclined to think that all of this could occur through the mere process of negotiation, as has been attempted up to the present time, the scriptures say otherwise. According to scriptures such as Ezekiel 36:11 and Joel 2:18-19, God Almighty promises to build them up, to multiply, and to increase them, “…according to their

FORMER ESTATE". This refers directly, in context, to His plan to grant their borders according to His original plan to Joshua. That would be anything but "negotiable" to Israel's immediately surrounding enemies, today!

Also, very revealingly, the naming of the confederation which accompanies Gog and Magog, helps to further clarify that it is a separate event in time. Ezekiel 38:5-6 describes that league, and conspicuously LEAVES OUT Teman and Dedan, and Edom/Moab. This is so presumably because they will no more be powers to be reckoned, although Dedan apparently retains some political power (Eze.38:13) at the time of the Gog invasion.

The evidence is that there will be a massive, devastating war in the middle east in the near future, brought to a crisis by the escalating instigations of Israel's implacable regional neighbors—the descendants of Edom and Moab, who have historically sought to oppose Israel, as God's Covenant people in the land of His choosing with them, for HIS GLORY IN THE EARTH. The effect will be an aftermath of Israel victorious, although bloodied, and its "Edom/Moab neighbors" utterly destroyed. Their former territories will once again be occupied, over a period of months or several years, under circumstances favorable to Israel. This period of robust prosperity will result in the covetous invasion of Gog and its confederation, which is a distinctly separate event than the previous war, but necessary as part of the plan of Almighty God to allow this stepwise escalation of confrontations and successive judgments, to reveal His wisdom and will for the Earth He created. The events of the Gog-Magog invasion, and Armageddon to follow, are of another description, and higher purpose, in the summing up of all things. This may be described in greater detail, separately.

The above is only prelude to "His Appearing"!

Mike Landrum

Echoes From Heaven

Jeannette Rodgers

I am calling forth a life called worship. Deep calleth unto deep I say unto you. The praise shall pour from your lips and your life will be worship and song shall pour from your heart. Oh, that you would hear the echoes from heaven. If your ear will incline toward Me, you will hear and be unified with the heavenly hosts that encamp around in song and worship that is never ending. The host of angels that dance and sing and worship day in and day out all day and all night , Oh how they await the unity of those called Mine. That my children in the earth will join those with Me in the heavenlies in unified worship that is everlasting.

I look to the earth and watch for the life called worship, and the song called tried, tested, faithful, victorious and blessed. I listen for the praise at the mountain and the song in the valley and the worship called hunger, brokeness, love and holiness. I have come to bring you life and Life abundantly. I have placed the song of triumph with you. I have called you worship. Cry out Cry out... for this is the song of deliverance for many. My eyes look to and fro seeking those who will only worship in Spirit and Truth which is in Me. These will hear the echoes from the heavenlies.

Oh, that you will hear the echoes from Heaven and begin to dance and worship with the legions of angels and yea, even those warrior angels that battle on your behalf. Yea, I say it is through worship that I will be glorified. Come and seek My face and not My hand alone. I call you now to an intimate place in Me, an invitation to you, to come in , into the Holy of Holies. You cannot bring luggage or baggage here. You cannot bring unforgiveness, nor jealousy, nor strife, nor anger, nor bitterness here. You cannot bring self motivation or self edification here. This place is Holy ground. Remove your shoes from your feet. Remove your attitudes. Remove your performing. Remove your heavy garments. Remove your traditions. Remove your rituals. Remove your agendas. Remove your plans. Remove your titles. Remove your positions. Remove your wealth. Remove yourself. Remove false humility, Remove pride, Remove these things that you may enter in to this Holy place, for there I AM waiting. For there worship is true. That is the place called Beauty of Holiness.

Draw nigh....that you would hear the echoes from Heaven.

There is coming healing, deliverance and holiness from this place called Beautiful in My sight. In the echoes from Heaven a song will be brought over you and healing shall be in it. One shall sing life upon you and there will be deliverance through it.

I have given Worship and it is the key to the gate called Holiness. I have given this unto you. Come in, Come in. I am releasing the echoes from Heaven to you that worship would be done in earth as it is done in Heaven.

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Eagles Gathering in California

Timothy Snodgrass

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EAGLES GATHERING IN CALIFORNIA

August 27, 2005

In the early 1980's the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart that 'as it goes in California, so it shall go with the rest of the nation', and I believe that in no time in history has this statement been more true than now. Much is being weighed in the balance as we approach the end of 2005, and our nation now appears to be walking on a thin razor's edge of either judgment or revival. Keep your eyes closely on California this year, for I believe that as it goes in California in 2005, so it will go with the rest of the nation in 2006.

Many prophetic warnings have been given to the state of California, and likewise, many promises. To say that one or the other is valid or invalid would be a misrepresentation of what the Holy Spirit is saying. Do not concentrate solely on warnings and become a 'calamitist', whereas to over-focus on judgments is the path to eventual deception. But to ignore prophetic warnings can be a deadly mistake, whereas 99% of the time prophetic warnings are given so that the Church can intercede and ultimately avert the event.

Our ministry has released some strong prophetic warnings for California for this year, including words regarding a potential great quake, but these warnings have been for the purpose of averting or minimizing the size of the events through prayer and strategic action in dealing with the root of the issues (such as dividing the land of Israel and other national issues which will eventually lead to judgment if we do not pray for our leaders, instead of judging and condemning them). Remember, we should confront and attack flawed policies and issues, not attack people. We are called to pray for our leaders, not persecute them, so while educating our people on the issues, at the same time we must watch our words and not publicly condemn the leaders whom God has placed in office. Pray for them, address them in love and respect, and expect God to miraculously work behind the scenes to solve the problem and put the house in order, whether it be the House of Representatives, a House of Worship or a household of parents with their children. Pray for your leaders, do not slander or condemn them, whereas one thing is certain: if you touch God's anointed you risk having the judgment of God fall on your own house.

This year, as much spiritual warfare is being waged over the nations of the earth, I see a changing of the guards as many leaders within the spiritual and political realms have to give account for the seeds they have sown during their time in office, whether it be good or evil. As many nations are now being weighed in the balance and on the verge of severe judgments, I see a gathering of eagles on the frontlines in key cities around the world, and a call to prayer being trumpeted by God's elect to intercede for a change of direction while there is still time. One of these key cities is San Francisco, but there are other great cities as well where I believe the eagles will be gathering to intercede for America and the nations of the world. God's time clock is Jerusalem. Israel's evacuation from Gaza this month indicates that the world has now moved one step further towards that clock striking midnight, and although judgment may be delayed temporarily, it cannot be delayed indefinitely. Use your time wisely, for the King cometh!

Blessings,

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MINISTRY UPDATE - Over the next three months I will be traveling to Perth, Australia; San Francisco, California; then Sumatra, Indonesia where I will be gathering with other eagles to blow the shofar of warning and intercede for God's mercy and a divine interruption of judgment in these nations for the sake of the harvest and the elect. The 9.3 quake in December was just a warning of greater judgments to follow if there is not repentance, change of direction and the beginnings of a spiritual reformation. The initial birthing process of reformation need not take place at a national level to avert judgment, but can begin as a small flame within a single city as leaders begin to repent, unite and pray for their nation in brokenness and humility. The actions taken this year will determine the destiny of many nations in 2006.

Please consider sowing a gift today towards these strategic missions in Australia, the US and Indonesia, whereas airline tickets need to be purchased thirty days in advance to get the best price. Send all gifts to:

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Everything Has Its Time
Catharina Schouten

Daniël 12: 10
Many people will have their hearts and lives made pure and clean, but those who are evil will keep on being evil and never understand. Only the wise will understand.

Everything Has Its Time
Eclesiasties 3
1 Everything on earth has its own time and its own season.
2 There is a time for birth and death, planting and reaping,
3 for killing and healing, destroying and building,
4 for crying and laughing, weeping and dancing,
5 for throwing stones and gathering stones, embracing and parting.
6 There is a time for finding and losing, keeping and giving,
7 for tearing and sewing, listening and speaking.
8 There is also a time for love and hate, for war and peace.

Daniel 12
Michael, the chief of the angels, is the protector of your people, and he will come at a time of terrible suffering, the worst in all of history. And your people who have their names written in The Book will be protected.
Many of those who lie dead in the ground will rise from death. Some of them will be given eternal life, and others will receive nothing but eternal shame and disgrace.
Everyone who has been wise will shine as bright as the sky above, and everyone who has led others to please God will shine like the stars.

Daniël 12: 10
Many people will have their hearts and lives made pure and clean, but those who are evil will keep on being evil and never understand. Only the wise will understand.

A word that the Lord brought to my mind:

I Am sifting and purifying….
The time is close at hand that the world will witness MY army……
But now My mighty hand moves through the lives of my warriors- in-waiting. I will clear and uproot all that's not of Me…. and redouble what already had been given……
Light will grow lighter, darkness turn darker, clean will be cleaner and the foul will get even filthier…….

I break up and bind together, I remove and I will add…… to the army of MY choosing, the band of warriors that I will put together and by My Spirit will restore….
A time and yet a short time and My people will finally be one…the time of their shattering will be put to an end…….
I call My beloved together…. Fear not the time of drinking the bitter water……. Drink it, for I am the

one who offers it!
Just like leather needs to be tanned and stripped of all that needs to get out of it, likewise I am busy to sift and purify…….
Do not fear this process but rather undergo it as a blessing…….Drink the bitter water that will purify and fortify…….

You need to become like a Hammer: people need to be touched and impacted by My Word…..
You need to become like a Fire: people need to be made clean and pure by THE WORD OF MY POWER and set ablaze with zeal and passion for Me…..
You need to become like a Sword: so that I can cut asunder that which originates from Me and from the flesh…..

My Army will radiate with unblemished purity and undivided strength! I will tolerate nothing less! Do not resist what I have set out to do…… Be still and know that I am God…..
I am the Lion of Judah! Eat My food and drink My water! The honey is in Me!

I Am the Lion of Judah!
In Me you will find honey
that will taste good and sweet
to those who have been broken,
but turn out bitter
to those who will not quit walking in the flesh!

I want to roar, I am The Lion with the Honey in Me.
Honey is sweet for those who circumcise their hearts but bitter for those who walk in the flesh. The I Am is giving you a choice today!

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Just serving Him, by serving you!
Catharina Schouten
*** Thank you Jan Pruis for the translation!**

Go On He Said
Catharina Schouten

I called Tina Ames to help me with the translation, of this word that I received, but we end up to both taking our talid and start to worshipping the Father.
That is why there is also a little note of Tina in this word.

Tina thank you for your help, but most of all, for your pure and humble heart
Catharina Schouten
Here is the word I received:

Father told me:

I am so lonely,
I am so lonely, everyone asking things of Me.
They are coming before My Throne to complain
or to ask something for them selves.
Where are the ones coming just for Me?
Will you take a seat beside Me in this place?
Will you come with Me in My Silence?
Will you strip yourself from the world and your own needs
and be with Me. Will you draw near Me and give Me your love?
Will you come and sit just for My face and not for what I can do?
Will you give Me your love, your trust, will you?

Your Loving Father

This morning I was looking for the Father, I tried to shout to get financial restoration but instead of shouting, I suddenly began to sing words like, “I love you Father”, “I’m not here for asking something Father, I’m not here for what you can do or give me. I am here Father just for You.” While I was singing, I heard His sweet soft voice telling me over and over again………
“Go on………..Go on”

I sang without knowing any time, and then suddenly I felt His power and strength. I could then shout, but not for myself, “not my finances, “my” things. I heard my spirit and voice cry out for the lost souls. “Give Me back My lost souls!”
The singing gave way to groaning intercession and suddenly I felt deep down in my heart “If we will sit at His feet, give Him our love, pour out ourselves before the Throne of Father then He will take it over and we will literally pray and sing what is in His will. You totally forget about yourself when you have His love, you have everything. You are using His heart.

The Father spoke,

“I will pour out Living Water on you.
It will be for the ones who are truly in My Spirit.
The ones who sit at My feet will become one with Me.
These are not asking anything for themselves in self righteousness
but truly seeking for My heart. These are the ones I will tell My secrets.

I will reveal Myself to these faithful, humble vessels.
They are in the Holy of Holies. They will reveal My Word, My Plans and I can trust them because they will bring My People to Me."

Note of Tina Ames:

There is "One Thing" I seek, to behold the Face of His Beauty, if we will only seek Him, Worship Him first, then pray our intercession will change the world. Let us come to Him in holy reverence, in honor of who He is, He is worthy of extreme adoration and praise. There is none like our Most High G-d, Our Father, in Heaven. Let us Worship the Lamb and give Him thanksgiving and praise for bringing us to the Father. Holy and Great is His Name, His is Worthy of all Praise.

Just serving Him, by serving you!
Catharina Schouten

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MY glorius Victory, prince Divine,
Clasp these surrendered hands in Thine,
At length my will is all Thine own,
Glad vassal of a Saviour`s throne!

Enough Is Enough

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Are you Listening? He that has an ear, let him hear.
Enough is Enough, saith the Lord God Almighty!!

For in this time ***if*** you LISTEN ***then***, you will HEAR what I am saying to you My precious one.

For do you not hear the weeping from My heart?

For you have been given these things which I have proclaimed before you so that you might walk IN THEM and TOWARDS Me. I love you with an everlasting love.
Run, Run, to Me!! Come, Come to Me.

For yeah, many cry out , Bless me , Bless me, but yeah it has been written and therefore:

2 Chronicles 7:14
[14] ***IF......*** **My people**, who are ***called by My name***, will ***humble themselves*** and ***pray*** and ***seek My face*** and ***turn from their wicked ways,***
THEN.......will I hear from heaven and ***will forgive their sin*** and ***will heal their land***.

How can it be that only through devastation you are unified?
I say unto you, Enough is Enough!
How can it be that only through death people mourn and comfort each another?
I say unto you, Enough is Enough!
How can it be that Love is shown only in times where nothing else is left?
I say unto you Enough is Enough!
How can it be that My people, My church, My children and all who were created by MY breath only call upon My name in times of need?
Truly I say unto you. Enough is Enough!
How can there be division and yet you say I AM is there,
How can there be strife and yet you say I AM is there.
How can there be bondage and yet you say I AM is there.

For surely I say unto you in this hour, where the hands of the clock have moved, the shift has come and the suddenly's and the quickly's and the unexpected is upon the earth.

Enough is Enough! Is it not?

Is it not enough that I have given you, the gift of eternal life , the blessings of Liberty, the blessings of prosperity, the blessings of unity, the blessings of love, the blessings of family, the blessings of children, the blessings of friendship, the blessing that you are because I created you with divine purpose and beauty.

Seek Me, Seek Me.....

Where I AM , there is LOVE,
Where I AM there is peace,
Where I AM there is unity,
Where I AM there is Liberty.
There you will find ME, My presence, My Love, My peace, My plans for you.

I AM your hiding place and your refuge...yeah even in the midst of all that surrounds you. IF you will seek ME you Will find Me. For it is I that wait upon you.

Is not my Word, My Life that came to bring you abundance, enough?

Listen, Listen and you will hear the trumpets as they sound.

Joel 2:19-The Lord replied; I AM sending you Grain , New Wine, and Oil:
Enough to satisfy you Fully!!

Enough is Enough!!

Elbow Room

Valarie Randleman

Elbow room is a place of expansion, a place of enlargement in Me. It is not a place of limitation; it is however, a place of spaciousness. As I said to My servant Abraham: "Lift up your eyes and see".... and as you look, see with the eyes of faith. I desire to give you double eyelids as an eagle. When you look at the Son, that extra eyelid will allow you to peer directly in the light of His presence.

So I say, Rejoice and again, I say, rejoice! Continue to come to the high places of worship, praise and most important of all, to meet Me, your God. For I know the plans I have for you..., plans of a future and hope. All power and authority is in My hand. I beckon you to come often. Let's commune in the secret place for there are vast treasures in My presence. In My presence there is fullness of joy, at My right hand are pleasures forevermore. Come on up, the view is beautiful!!

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Eternal Life

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What is eternal life? Is it endless mediocrity? God forbid! Jesus did not just come to this amazing planet to take away our sins and keep us out of hell. He came to do that and much, much more. He gave His life in order that we might obtain the same exact life NOW that we would have if we were in heaven. There's nothing more basic and yet so misunderstood than John 3:16!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life!"

Before we can understand the meaning of "eternal life", it is imperative that we understand the meaning of the opposite meaning "perish".

Perish – atrophy, break down, become contaminated, cease, collapse, crumble, corrode, decay, decease, decline, decompose, demise, disappear, disintegrate, degenerate, deteriorate, dissolve, dwindle, end gradually, expire, fade, fail, fall, fragment, fold, hush, lessen, melt, recede, retire, retreat, shrivel, sicken, sink, stop, slump, spoil, suppurate, taper, thin, tire, tucker out, vanish, waste, wither, wane, waste away, weaken, wear away, to withdraw.

Now lets read John 3:16…

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish (atrophy, break down, become contaminated, cease, collapse, crumble, corrode, decay, decease, decline, decompose, demise, disappear, disintegrate, degenerate, deteriorate, dissolve, dwindle, end gradually, expire, fade, fail, fall, fragment, fold, hush, lessen, melt, recede, retire, retreat, shrivel, sicken, sink, stop, slump, spoil, suppurate, taper, thin, tire, tucker out, vanish, waste, wither, wane, waste away, weaken, wear away, and withdraw) **but have ETERNAL LIFE!**

Well now, that's a little more than we've probably ever considered before. Notice this foundational scripture does not emphasize sin. Neither does it mention demons and hell. It's all about the wonderful benefits of believing in Jesus to be the only begotten Son of God who came to do something totally wonderful! I wonder what would happen if we presented this message to those trapped in sin. A dog will never let you pull the bone out of his mouth unless you give him a steak instead. We all have the teeth marks to prove it.

Eternal Life in The Eternal Now

Eternal refers to eternity-past and eternity-future all compressed into the eternal now! It speaks of fullness every hour of every day. Eternal life means that we are forever growing, thriving, progressing, increasing, expanding, developing, advancing, waxing strong, enlarging, prospering, radiating, rising, scoring, shining, succeeding, abounding in plenteousness, flourishing, overflowing, proliferating, growing, improving, upgrading, blossoming, appreciating, strengthening, broadening, building, and gaining.

Eternal Life is the Now Life. It's the life in Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is always now. We are alive in Him NOW and forever. Whatever we desire to attain when we die can actually be granted now as the life Jesus has bestowed upon all who believe in Him is eternal and that includes this present time; today. Up until now, we have denied ourselves the privilege of such a great and precious revelation. I decree and declare that this moment on, we will grasp with our understanding what we have been given by our Father right now!

Most people fail because they procrastinate. They put things off and mentally live in the future. They somehow ignore the power of living in the moment. Successful people plan for the future but live highly productive lives in present tense. They are not looking to know God when they get old. They are seeking Him today. They are not waiting to die and be free from sickness. They are receiving their healing now. They are not waiting to retire to enjoy their family. They are making their family time a priority now. They seize the moment and live life in fullness. This is the meaning of eternal life in the eternal now!

Purpose of Our Life

Note: To see God's original intent in creating mankind, we must go to Genesis and look at Adam and Eve in the garden. They're the blueprints before "the fall".

God did not create Adam and Eve to:

1. Exercise their faith for healing
2. Exercise their faith for money
3. Do spiritual warfare with demons
4. Witness to people about salvation

God created them to bring Him pleasure by enjoying His creation and each other. It was due to the fall that we find ourselves having to engage in those things mentioned above. We must understand that Jesus is held in the heavens until all things are restored. The first thing that must be restored is our minds! We must develop a **redemption consciousness**. We must meditate on what was purchased for us at Calvary. We must learn to possess that which was already possessed for us by Jesus. We must bring Him the pleasure He so desires and deserves. He takes pleasure in our continual, perpetual, prosperity right now!

Psalms 35:27 Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, "Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

Elijah's Three Tasks

Bill Somers

> *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: Mal 4:5*

The verse quoted above should be a very important part of our end time prophetic vision. The obvious reason, pointed out by many, is that it gives a sign to look for, that must precede the Day of the Lord. Many have written that they expect to see a movement or ministry that would function like Elijah did. Men and women moving in the spirit and power or Elijah. Some are even expecting Elijah himself to come in the flesh!

The second reason is that this verse links the ministry of Elijah with the End Times. I find that there is something very special about the story of Elijah as related in the Books of the Kings.

King Solomon takes up 11 chapters of 1 Kings. Jereboam has chapters 12, 13 and half of 14. Chapter 15 and 16 take us through a group of succeeding kings taking us up to Ahab.

Elijah comes along in chapter 17 and continues to the end of 1 Kings in chapter 22 and takes up again in 2 Kings. Elijah's ministry is carried on by Elisha who finally dies at the end of chapter 13. That makes 19 chapters in all. In these 19 chapters we find a great wealth of types and allegories of the End Times.

Our opening quote from Malachi 4:5 is referred to in the Gospel of Mathew.

> *And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?*
> *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.*
> *But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.*
> *Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. Mat 17:10-13*

Note here that in verse 11 Jesus says Elias [Elijah] shall come, and in verse 12 He says Elias has already come! And they understood that He meant that John the Baptist was Elijah! This is a multiple fulfillment of Malachi 4:5. John the Baptist fulfilled it and it will be fulfilled again in the future.

This indicates that John the Baptist carried out the role or tasks of Elijah in Jesus time. And we can expect this to occur again in our time. It also means that God is operating according to a certain pattern in the way he works things out. This pattern was set forth in the ministry of Elijah. The pattern was repeated in the ministry of John the Baptist and will be repeated again.

What this pattern is can be found by looking at the three tasks of Elijah.

The major points in Elijah's ministry are these:

1. He has a first confrontation with Ahab,
2. He is secluded for 3 and a half years,
3. He returns and holds a sacrifice on Mt. Carmel,
4. He flees from Jezebel to Mt. Horeb,

5. He returns from Mt. Horeb to carry out his three fold commission,
6. He meets with Ahab in Naboth's vineyard,
7. He is taken up into heaven.

Item 3 here is especially important. It gives us a great picture of confrontation with evil and triumphing over it. It is also a foreshadow of end time revival and harvest. But we are going to take a look at item 5, the three fold commission of Elijah.

What exactly was it?

> *And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria:*
> *And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room.*
> *And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 1 Kings 19:15-17*

A Pattern is Set.
Elijah was told to go and anoint Hazael, Jehu and Elisha. Elisha was to be the new prophet coming after Elijah. Jehu was to be the New King of Israel. And Hazael to be the new King of Syria. In these cases the prophet acts as the spokesman and agent of God. He passes along to the person being anointed, God's power and authority to carry out a particular office. That is he places a mantle or commission from God on a particular person to do a particular job.

We know that Samuel anointed Saul and David. The Kings were sometimes anointed by prophets this way. It is also common for prophets to anoint other prophets and pass along their gifts or mantles this way. What is so curious here is Hazael! What is the point of having Elijah anoint the King of Syria, the leader of Israel's enemies?

We find in 1 Kings 19 where Elijah recruits Elisha.

> *1 Kings 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.*

And later in 2 Kings 2, Elijah finally passes the mantle to Elisha.

> *2 Kings 2:*
> *9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.*
> *10 And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: nevertheless, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.*
> *11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.*
> *12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces.*
> *13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan;*

In 2 Kings 9, Jehu is anointed. But not by Elijah, who has been taken up into heaven by then. And it's not by Elisha either but by one of his servants.

> *2 Kings 9:*
> *1 ¶ And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead:*
> *2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber;*
> *3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not.*

And we read in 2 Kings 8, how Elisha anoints Hazael.

> *2 King 8:*
> *7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Benhadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither.*
> *8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and enquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?*
> *9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?*
> *10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest certainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath shewed me that he shall surely die.*
> *11 And he settled his countenance stedfastly, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept.*
> *12 And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child.*
> *13 And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD hath shewed me that thou shalt be king over Syria.*

Notice here that Elisha did not actually pass a mantle or physically anoint Hazael. He did however acknowledge him as the new King of Syria. And recognize that he would be carrying out judgment against Israel.

In some ways this reminds me of Moses before Pharaoh in Exodus 12, when Pharaoh says

> "*Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and* **bless me also**." Exodus 12:32

So Elijah's three tasks were to raise up a new prophet, anoint a new king, and acknowledge or authorize a new enemy to execute judgment. He did not personally complete all three, his successor did some of it. Because he has left the scene before it is all completed.

The pattern repeated.

How does this compare with what John the Baptist did?
In Mark 1 we read:

> *Mark 1:*
> *9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.*
> *10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:*

Here John did not anoint, he baptized. The effect however is the same. Jesus was the new prophet who succeeded John. For John said,

> *He must increase but I must decrease. John 3:30*

Jesus is also the new King of Israel. John also leaves the scene before the third task is finished.

The new 'king of Syria' is Judas Iscariot, the man of perdition. And Jesus 'anoints' or authorizes him to carry out judgment in the following passage.

> *John 13:*
> *21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.*
> *22 Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake.*
> *23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.*
> *24 Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake.*
> *25 He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it?*
> *26 Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.*
> *27 And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.*

Here the judgment is not against Israel the nation, but against Israel personified, namely Jesus Himself. But all three elements of the commission are fulfilled. And the three characters are in parallel.

Elijah is to Elisha is to Hazael as John is to Jesus is to Judas. John baptized Jesus who was the new prophet and the new king. Jesus gave Judas permission to betray him.

The Book Of Acts

In the Book of Acts we see the same pattern again, though not quite as clear. In this case the three characters are Stephen, Paul and Caesar Nero.

Stephen's ministry has some parallels with John the Baptist's. He had a great impact in his time and ended up being martyred.

> *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. Acts 6:8-9*
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> *And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.*
> *And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Acts 7: 58-59*

His ministry was followed by that of Saul as he became Paul. So Paul was raised up and had a ministry that was greater that Stephens, just as Elisha's was greater than Elijah's and Jesus' was greater than John's. Paul was the new prophet, and he proclaimed Jesus and the new king in his ministry to the gentiles. Since Jehu is a figure of Jesus in the second coming, each instance of this pattern has Jesus as King.

As the Lord spoke of him in Acts 9:

> *… for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings,*

> *and the children of Israel:*
> *For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. Acts 9:15-16*

Near the end of Paul's ministry we see how Paul ends up being sent to Caesar.

> *While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.*
> *Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.*
> *For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.*
> *Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go. Acts 25:8, 10-12*
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> *Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar. Acts 26:32*

So what happened here is that when Paul said : *I stand at Caesar's judgment seat,* it was the same as when Jesus said to Judas *That thou doest, do quickly .* Paul was giving Caesar permission to carry out judgment against him, just as Jesus gave Judas permission.

"Caesar' has the meaning of "severed". The Caesars referred to in the New Testament are.
1. Augustus Luke 2:1
2. Tiberius Luke 3:1 20:22
3. Claudius Acts 11:28
4. Nero Acts 25:8 Philippians 4:22

Nero was the Caesar that Paul went before and who had him martyred. The name Nero, interestingly enough, is said to have a numeric of 666.

End Time Application..
I once heard an interesting discussion about ministries raising up other ministries. It was said that since the reformation, all the great leaders who came along were not able to raise up successors who went on to become **greater** than them. Luther, Calvin, Knox, Wesley, etc all represent peaks in the progress of the church. These peaks were followed by declines. Likewise the great revivals are all peaks in the growth of the church. Each revival was followed by a decline.

But the Word of God says

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And we take that to mean that the end time church will be gifted with a ministry that will also carry out the three tasks of Elijah. That today's church leaders will be privileged to raise up a new generation who will far surpass them in accomplishments. They will be ministries who will do the greater works.

Likewise, the revival we have today, great as it is, will be far outshone by the final end time revival and harvest that the Lord is going to give.

In this case the three tasks of Elijah are to raise up a greater ministry, Proclaim a new King, King Jesus, and to lay their lives down in service to Jesus.

The three characters are today's church, the end time church [man-child] and the beast or anti-christ, whose number is 666, and who is given power to overcome the saints. {See Satan's Final Challenge by Bill Somers}

We can see that the pattern in the ministry of Elisha is a pattern for the end time church. The pattern set by Jesus is a pattern for the end time church. The pattern followed by Paul is a pattern for the end time church, [It shows Paul to be a type of the end time church, his conversion a type of revival.]

And so this pattern as it will work out gives us three stages. First is where we are now, preparing for and anticipating a great revival and harvest.

Second will be the End Time Apostolic Church that will receive the final outpouring of the Spirit and will do the Greater Works.

Third will be a church that is willing to present their bodies a living sacrifice, laying down their lives just as Jesus and Paul did. And being able to say with Paul:

> *For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*
> *I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*
> *Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:6-8.*

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Bill Somers Prophetic Vision

Eat My Flesh

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Except a man eat my flesh and drink my blood, he has no life in him (John 6:53).
How can this man give us His flesh to eat? So wondered the crowd, and so we wonder, even when we know that Christ is referring to Himself in a spiritual sense (My Words are Spirit and Life...the flesh profits nothing). So what is meant by this strange command? How may we apply it to our Christian life?

It is actually not as mysterious or enigmatic as it sounds. Let us say at once that what man needs is more than healing of the body, or restoring of the soul. He needs the impartation of Life into his spirit, his inner man. In order to abide in the Living Christ one must be alive in spirit. This presence of Life in the inner man is absolutely essential. We need more than a touch from God; we must have God Himself. There is an ocean of difference between receiving the blessing and receiving the One Who blesses; between getting a touch and receiving the One Who touches; between healing and the Healer; between redemption and Redeemer; between salvation and Savior. The former deals with what God has or can do, while the latter deals with God Himself.

For too long we have contented ourselves with what God can do for us and what He can give us. We come to the Lord with a need in mind, and the next day we approach with another need, and the following day we return with yet another request. This pattern repeats itself continually. We return again and again to withdraw a little more from the heavenly bank. Surely we should let our requests be made known unto God, and we must also ask, that we may receive. But think: if a man owns a field, does he not also possess the buried treasure in the field? Christ even gave us a parable to this effect. Does it not stand to reason then, that if we receive HIM, we possess all He has? How shall He not, with His Son, freely give us all things?

So when we turn to the matter of His Life in us, it is important that we grasp Christ for Christ’s sake, and not look on Eternal Life as a separate thing Christ gives to those who ask. Christ is Our Life. We do not call upon a friend and say, I would like to speak to your emotion for a few minutes, but later I want to address your intellect. Later I hope to commune with your heart for a bit, and maybe then our bodies can go out to eat dinner while our souls remain here and read a book together. How absurd to even consider it, for we do not divide people into parts and relate to them as separate things. We relate to others holistically, and even though we can clearly identify the parts we would never dream of isolating one part of a persons life and trying to separate it from who they are.

In like manner we must begin to see that Christ is Life, the sum total of many parts which equal His Being. The individual parts are what we usually seek - a little life for the dying, some health for the sick, a word of wisdom for the ignorant, a dose of guidance for the confused, a shot of patience for the impatient, a wave of joy for the depressed. We ask for, and receive a thousand and one little pieces of Christ and think this is Christianity. This is not Christianity.

If we would realize that God only has one Gift, that is, His Son Jesus Christ, it would save us a lot of unnecessary heartache and effort. Would it shock you to learn that God has not given us a thing called eternal life? The Apostle John made this quite clear in his inspired writings, saying first of all, in the oft quoted John 3:16, that the Son is that which was given, and eternal life is simply the reward for those who receive the Son. It becomes even more apparent in the First Epistle of John, and one of my favorite passages of Scripture: This is the record, that God hath given us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath Life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not Life. Yes we are given Eternal Life, true, but the Life is not floating out in space somewhere waiting to fall on those who ask. Eternal Life has nothing to do with everlasting existence. Eternal Life is a Person; the Life is the Son; hence, we need only ask if we have received Jesus and we shall know whether we have Eternal Life. The Life is bound up in the Son, as is every one of Gods precious gifts. Having the Son, we therefore have all the Son has. Eternal Life is simply an alias for Christ.

Now the Scripture concerning eating His flesh and drinking His blood becomes clear. Jesus had just multiplied the bread and the crowd was thrilled. Give us to eat of this bread evermore, they said. Please hear what I am saying. It is good to be fed, to have the bread and fish multiplied before your eyes, and to take up the basketfuls that remain. This was indeed a miracle. But the things Christ gives you and does for you will never satisfy you. Only He alone can satisfy. They ate of the loaves, and were filled, yes. For a time. After a little while the hunger came back again, the stomachs began to growl, and they had to seek Christ for bread all over again. This pattern would fain repeat itself for ages. So Christ offered them more than another meal; He offered Himself as the final solution and fulfillment of all they hungered for.

The simple, beautiful truth of this passage is that we must receive Christ into ourselves, digesting Him so to speak, and thus uniting with Him. For he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Obviously the physical Christ could not be received, as the crowd pointed out. How then do we receive Christ? May I say it reverently? The Holy Spirit is Christ in a receivable form. The physical Christ can multiply the loaves and fill our stomachs; but the Spiritual Christ can satisfy us with His Presence. This is why He said, It is expedient for you that I go away... but I will come again. We look forward to His Second Coming, and the Rapture of the Church, but there is an immediate sense to which He refers to as well: that is, His coming to us in the form of the Holy Spirit. As a Man we could only behold Him, as Holy Spirit we may receive Him; as a Man He could give us to eat; as Spirit He becomes our food and drink, our life and sustenance.

Encouragement
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This word was received in my spirit Tuesday (6/14) around 10:30am. I believe it will illuminate as well as encourage. Church, we can ALL He wants for us!

"Be encouraged, body of My Son, the doors are shutting to the old ways so that the new ways can be identified and open."

"The old thoughts are being exposed as unsatisfactory so the new release of My heart can be desired and sought," says the Lord.

"The old fatigue is being revealed so that new life can be yearned for and received," says the Lord.

"You have not come to failure, but to a temporary impasse, to that moment in Me which stands between what you have had and what I have for you. You have not come to the place of stopping, but instead to a foundry that you be rekindled with new fire. You have not come to a time of destruction, but a season of coming more completely under the shadow of My wing," says the King.

"Nothing will prevent what I want, but what I want more than all else is you. Therefore, allow that which I am counting as less than yours to fall away so that I can renew you in this day," says the Lord.

"Allow Me to show you what you haven't seen, so what I have seen will be envisioned and embraced. Then you will be catapulted forwarded in the race," says the Lord.

"My will shall be revealed as you take your place in My grace, My words will be established as you cleave to My way, **My anointing will be yours as you allow that which has seemingly brought you to naught to become the impetus of beginning to do as you ought. If you will, then in days ahead you will not be caught unawares due to being burdened by cares,"** says the Lord.

"For I am coming to bring power, I am coming to release increase, I am coming to deploy My anointed ones in their strength. But you must grasp My height, My depth, My breadth and length if you are to rise up in My strength, for I am larger than you have imagined and am desiring to do much more than you have dreamed."

"Now thrust in the sickle and see if I don't produce through you," says the Lord. "Break up the fallow ground as it is encountered. Till the soil, pour the oil and gain strength for the toil, so that you will be able to spoil the enemies plans by My commands," says the Lord.

"For I am now commanding, that you become more demanding in your standing, that you might see the landing that I have for you a place of arrival in newness, **a display of wealth in My spirit, a rising of healing in your bodies and a supply of provision for My every decision**," says the Lord.

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Endangered Species

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“I am looking forward to the end of all time, when I can sit with you all at My banqueting table. The plates are set out, and the food will be just wonderful. In the meantime, I am looking out for those who are truly an endangered species ! I have been working in your hearts to make them more one with Mine, and to help you to learn dependence on ME, instead of on man. I am Your Abba, and there is nothing you cannot bring to ME. Surely those who truly seek after Me and spend time with Me in this hour are an endangered species for everyone is too busy, busy striving – “busyness as usual”.

I am also setting a table before you in the presence of your enemies as you learn to worship Me in the beauty of holiness. Surely goodness and mercy will follow you the rest of your days if you will follow Me. Do not feel sad when men persecute you and say all manner of evil against you, for so they treated the prophets of old. You are not alone in this world. Many are suffering far greater things all over the earth. Those in muslim and Hindu nations and those in Buddhist and Communist nations have given of their lives, and suffer hardship and abandonment by family and friends, and the loss of all things of this earth. Do not think it strange My beloveds if you have to endure hardship as a good soldier of Christ !

I tell you the truth, that even if the earth trembles and shakes off it’s axis, not one word of my Word will be changed. All things will be fulfilled. Be NOT AFRAID , for I have conquered the world and all the power of the evil one ! I have a big surprise for the enemy’s forces. He thinks he will be able to overthrow My plans. It has always been his strategy and the pride with which he succumbed. In ages past, he has seemingly triumphed. But in this hour, I WILL ARISE AND MY NAME WILL BE MADE GLORIOUS IN THE WHOLE EARTH !

The hearts of My children in ALL NATIONS will thrill as I come closer and closer in dwelling with You, and living in UNION with you in an even greater and more tangible way !

The fire on many altars is strange fire. People worship and praise Me, and then go home and do not follow ME. Many are following men and not ME. Many are following after money and self. Many are seeking to lift their name up in the guise of lifting up Me. Whose names are a treasure to Me ?
Who is it that I come close to ? Is it not the CONTRITE of heart ? Is it not the one who TREMBLES at My name ? Yet this people are snared in holes and no one says RELEASE !!!

I will break through the gates of bronze and the bars of iron that are holding my people hostage to pride and arrogance. It will come however at a great cost to them. Pride comes before a fall I’ve said. Sometimes a fall is all that removes pride. Sometimes people will only become humble through chastening. Pray that you may be kept from the day of wrath ! Pray for those caught in the trap of the WORLD, the flesh and the devil ! Pray for the blindness & deafness to be removed ! I will soon RELEASE MY SPIRIT in power and glory ! I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind!”

Isa 30:30-32 NKJV The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard,
And show the descent of His arm, with the indignation of His anger
and the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, tempest, and hailstones.
31 For through the voice of the LORD Assyria will be beaten down, As He strikes with the rod. 32 And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, It will be with tambourines and harps;
And in battles of brandishing He will fight with it.

Isa 31:5 NKJV Like birds flying about, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem. Defending, He will also deliver it; passing over, He will preserve it."

Ps 12:5 NKJV "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,
Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

Isa 60:2 NKJV For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

Isa 42:6-8 NKJV "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,
As a light to the Gentiles, 7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. 8 I am the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

Matt 5:11-12 NKJV "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matt 5:44 NKJV But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Luke 11:49 NKJV Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'

Luke 21:12-14 NKJV But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. 13 But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

John 15:20-21 NKJV Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.

Covenant Life
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May 15th, 2005

Luke 1:72-75 NKJV To perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, 73 The oath which He swore to our father Abraham: 74 To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.

2 Cor 3:6 NKJV who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

“My covenants are SURE. When I speak a promise to you, it is a covenant between you and I. Did I ever not keep My covenant with Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob ? Did I not fulfill all that I told them ? Did they have to strive to
inherit it ? Did they ever fail in their behavior between promise and fulfillment ? Of course they did, but they never lost HOPE. They never lost sight of the promise, though time and circumstances were so opposite sometimes to how they thought I would work.

The same is true for many of you now. I have made many promises to you.
And many are wondering, “When Lord ? – When will You come and do all You have promised ? “ My

Beloveds, I am not slack in My promises. I am IN YOU. I am CHRIST IN YOU, the Hope of Glory. I have spoken over and over again to many of you, because I want you to hold on to your hope, though it would seem to you I am delayed. MY TIMING IS PERFECT ! It always brings the results that I want ! So relax, and know that when I speak something you can COUNT on it ! I will fulfill all I have purposed for your life. Your job is to continue contending for that promise. Don't give up. FIGHT the good fight of FAITH. Speak only what I have said, and not what the enemy has told you !

He is a liar and the father of all lies. He is trying to steal and rob, and to make you feel disqualified as if I am such a weak God that I cannot fulfill My promises. Surely in a flood of many waters, I will sustain you !

Ps 32:6-7 NKJV For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

I have also given many of you promises about your children. Those promises I am not slack on either. I have all in hand. Do not fret when things seem bleak and do not be dismayed. Rejoice and praise for the soon coming glory will brighten your days ! Do not give in to grief and sorrow ! Again the enemy is just trying to steal your joy ! The JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH !! Remember ? So shout aloud, and praise Me in the middle of your circumstances… This is the way to OVERCOME ! Thank Me even for what seems impossible and sad to you ! THANK ME, and praise and dance, and sing, and shout for joy ! Do not allow the enemy the upper hand !
REJOICE and be EXCEEDINGLY GLAD ! This will set him off tilt ! This will quench his firey darts and you will find yourself in a whole new place of JOY
inexpressible and overflowing ! STOP COMPLAINING and begin to rejoice, and watch what I will do !

Remember how great My love is for you. Remember that I love you as I love My own SON ! I have told you and I will tell you again and again ! I never get tired of telling you that I love you ! I never get tired of YOU ! I am wanting your company. I am wanting that time with you. Relax, and be strong and of good courage ! Know that I have all in the palm of My hands.
Just PRAISE and WORSHIP. Just speak the promise into being ! Do not speak out the lies of the enemy ! Overcome evil with good. Overcome the lies with MY TRUTH. Put on the garments of PRAISE for the spirit of heaviness ! I am longing to be with you, and you will not wait much longer to see your hearts Desire."

Rom 11:26-31 NKJV And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."
28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.

1 Cor 11:25-26 NKJV In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Heb 7:22 NKJV by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.

Heb 8:6-11 NKJV But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises. 7 A New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34) For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. 8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 9 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. 10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Heb 8:11-13 NKJV None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Heb 9:11-14 AMP But [that appointed time came] when Christ (the Messiah) appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come and are to come. [Then] through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with [human] hands, that is, not a part of this material creation,
12 He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], but His own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).
13 For if [the mere] sprinkling of unholy and defiled persons with blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a burnt heifer is sufficient for the purification of the body, [Lev 16:6,16; Num 19:9,17,18.]
14 How much more surely shall the blood of Christ, Who by virtue of [His] eternal Spirit [His own preexistent divine personality] has offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, purify our consciences from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the [ever] living God

Heb 10:16-18 NKJV "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.

Heb 13:20-21 NKJV Benediction, Final Exhortation, Farewell
Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Rev 11:19 NKJV Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Even Now
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"EVEN NOW!"
by Catherine Brown

> *"Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, 'Lord, the one you love is sick.'"* John 11:1-3

Jesus Cares

Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Twice, in just a few verses (v3, v5), we learn that Jesus cared deeply for the sisters and their brother. It's important for us to acknowledge this because, otherwise, the family's circumstances and Jesus' initial response to them might cause us some bewilderment. We can depend on the Lord's love to be our strong foundation in times of trouble. In times of desperation and devastation, we can rely completely on Jesus.

Negligence Or Knowledge

Jesus was in close proximity to the village where Lazarus lay extremely ill. It was perfectly achievable for Jesus to go and visit Lazarus and heal him from whatever sickness or disease was afflicting him. However, despite the severity of the situation, Jesus delayed His visit to Lazarus for two days and, in the interim period, Lazarus passed away.
Without a firm underpinning of Jesus' love in our lives, God's timing and chosen method of response might seem puzzling and, perhaps initially, frightening to us.

Do we look at delay and become concerned that the Lord is somehow negligent in our circumstances? Jesus' disciples also wrestled with similar questions.
One evening, during a terrible storm, the Lord and the disciples were out in a boat on the lake. The Lord was completely exhausted and fell into a deep sleep. Meanwhile, the waves and the wind became higher and the disciples became exceedingly afraid. Still the Lord slept on, utterly spent and unable to waken.
When the Lord did not immediately awaken, the disciples cried out in terror, "Don't you care about us, Lord?" Jesus stood up, commanded the waves and the water to be still, and restored peace in the elements and peace in the hearts of His men. Both Jesus' actions and His words demonstrated the depth of His love for them and the authority given to Him by Father God.

Jesus is not neglectful; he has intimate knowledge of every detail and facet of our lives. Jesus has the words of life and knowledge that are our anchor in life's storm, which bring us out of defeat and into victorious living. When doubts and anxieties arise in our hearts, the Lord wants to reassure us and give us peace. At times like these, we just need to rest in the love of God and remember to trust Jesus. Jesus comes to us today and says to the storms that rage around us, "be still." Precious one, receive His peace.

Kingdom Perspective: Word Of Knowledge

Jesus had the word of knowledge about Lazarus' life locked deep in His heart. He knew that, ***"This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."*** **John 11:4**
The Lord wants us to view our lives through this Kingdom perspective that, no matter what we face, He is our everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. We need to ask the Lord for His perspective in our circumstances.

Walk By Light

> *"Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has not light." John 11:9, 10*

Life is not always sunshine and laughter. There are times when our hearts are broken by unexpected tragedy. At such times we may stumble and be in great need of God's help and healing. It is possible to become so preoccupied by circumstance that one can forget to focus fully on Jesus.
However, it is not with a rebuke, but with words of tenderness that the Lord beckons to us, calling us out from the shadow of melancholy into the glorious Light of His love. The shadows may be feelings of doubt, helplessness, hopelessness, heartbreak, or fear. They may be shadows of worthlessness, shame, pain, or loss of vision. In our weakness, we come to Jesus, in whom we find rest for our souls and hope for our hearts. We do not need to feel strong and have all or, indeed, any of the answers. Jesus is THE answer. He is our ever present strength and shield. Jesus is compassionate towards us and loves us with an everlasting love. Jesus is with us whether we are aware of His manifest presence or not. His promise to us is that He will never leave us or forsake us -- no matter what. There is nothing in heaven or earth that can separate us from His love.

> *"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."* John 11:11

Even Now - Martha, A Champion Of Faith!

> *"On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'" John 11:17-22*

Even Now!

What an incredible transition for Martha! Martha had once been disciplined by the Lord for having a wrong attitude towards Mary, who sat at the feet of Jesus, whilst Martha was busy around the house (Luke 10:38-42).
Here was Martha, now a champion of faith, being the first to make her way towards Jesus. Martha's heart was overshadowed with sorrow at the sudden death of her brother, yet she pursued the presence of Christ in her difficult circumstances. Her attitude towards Jesus was one of love and respect. She did not blame Jesus for her brother's death or look for someone to accuse. She refused to feel sorry for herself, but instead, chose to hope in Christ, being full of faith for her dead brother to be healed.
Her magnificent words, "even now," are surely a wake up call to the depths of our beings, to rise up and say "even now," Lord we will believe you for a miracle in our personal situations, whatever they may be. Even when all looks dark, as we are confronted with death and despair, as we weep with those who are suffering, will we say, "even now!" Jesus is our strong deliverer, the Resurrection, and the Life.

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Entering Into the Kingdom

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> ***For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*** Romans 14:17

The Kingdom of God is Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost. What does this mean? I believe that these are the signs or results of entering into the kingdom. That is to day, if you have entered into the Kingdom of God, they you should have Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost, and that on a continual basis. In these days we experience Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost on a hit and miss basis. But God is calling us to a place where we will have Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost all the time. That place is the Kingdom of God!

I have heard several explanations of this which I will lay out and show that they are just differing ways of expressing the same idea.

The Kingdom of God is wherever God is King.
If you are at a place where you are if full agreement with the word of God, completely submitted to his authority and fully and instantly obedient to his command, they you can say that Jesus is your King in every area, without reservation.

The reason Jesus manifested the Kingdom is that he was totally in accord with and submitted to the Father.

The Kingdom is entered by Repentance.
You can enter the Kingdom by a full repentance. Repentance means a turning, Here it must mean a turning away from sin, and towards righteousness. Or a turn away from walking in the flesh and a renewed walking in the spirit.

> **Jesus words to Nicodemus.**
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> "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the **Kingdom of God**." John 3:3

Here Jesus speaks of seeing the Kingdom. This is a reference to seeing in the sense of *understanding*. The natural man cannot discern the things of the Spirit, that is the Word of God, and so only those who are born again can understand what the bible says about the kingdom.

> "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the **Kingdom of God."** John 3:5

Here Jesus speaks of entering into the Kingdom. The requirements are to be born of water and *of* the Spirit, So what does this imply? Well being born of water refers to baptism which we are told is to bury the old man of the flesh. It means to be dead to the flesh and dead to self. Then Jesus explains what it means to be born of the Spirit.

> The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:8

This is saying that those who are born of the Spirit will come and go wherever the Spirit leads them. That is to say they are completely led by the Spirit of God.

So if you are fully dead to self and completely led by the Spirit, you have entered into His Kingdom, in this life.

What the Kingdom is not.
This means that the Kingdom is not heaven. It does not refer to entering in to heaven, the place for departed souls of the righteous. It is not God's presence. God manifests his presence here on earth in many ways and at many times. Those who experience this do not have to be in His Kingdom.

What the Kingdom is.
The Kingdom is God's Rule.
The Kingdom is the End Time Revival
The Kingdom is the Millennium.

> *For the **kingdom of God** is not in word, but in power*. 1 Cor 4:20.

> *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the **kingdom of God,***neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 1Cor 15:50

God is calling us to enter into His Kingdom in these last days. Remember that the Bible tells us "… that we must through much tribulation enter into the **Kingdom of God.** Ac 14:22

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Envy -- One of the Most Deadly of the 'Evil Works'!"

What is Envy?

One of the "works of the flesh" I'd like to study from Galatians 5:20 is "envying." This is similar to "jealousy," but not quite the same. Jealousy is more directed at a person, while envy is directed more at possessions, positions, or what they have. Though all of these works of the flesh are to some degree intertwined and overlapping, the apostle listed them separately for an obvious reason, and so we should look for their distinguishing characteristics as well.

Like jealousy, envy is one of the most deadly of these evil works, as we are told that even Jesus was crucified because of envy (see Matthew 27:18; Mark 15:10). The Pharisees and Sadducees were envious of the great crowds that followed the Lord. This, too, is where many of the divisions and infighting in the body of Christ begins.
When one church in a place starts to grow or prosper, or a special grace or anointing comes upon them, church history establishes very consistently that this will likely result in persecution from other churches and other church leaders. This is a deadly trap that many church leaders have been just as prone to fall into as the leaders of Israel in the first century.

Envy can be one of the most destructive of all of the works of the flesh because it usually affects church leaders, who then infect their followers, defiling many people, bringing devastating enmities and divisions in the church. These leaders will usually claim to be protecting the sheep or defending the truth, but the Lord is not fooled and we must not continue to be either. Either jealousy or envy will be found at the root of almost every division in the body of Christ. We must learn to recognize these evils when they arise in our own hearts or in those we accept as leaders.

As the Lord taught in the Parable of the Sheep and Goats in **Matthew 25:40**,
"Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." NASB
Therefore, if we are envious or jealous of any of His people and thereby persecute them, we are actually being envious of the Lord Himself and are persecuting Him. The way we treat His people, even "the least" of them, is the way we are treating the Lord.

How Envy Works

One of the most tragic ways that envy has manifested itself in church history has been with the way a passing generation tends to persecute the emerging generation instead of blessing them and helping them prepare for their own purposes. Just as King Saul became envious of David, those who are insecure in their position will be threatened by any new movements or ministries that emerge and often attack them. This has been repeated in almost every spiritual generation to date.

The worst curse that was ever placed on Israel was if they forsook the Lord, they would devour their own young. Is this not exactly what has happened to almost every generation in church history, when, for a period of time, the greatest threat to the life of emerging leaders would be their own spiritual parents?

It is easy for a subtle form of pride to come upon those who are mightily used by the Lord, causing them to think that if the Lord desires to do anything great on the earth, He would certainly call on them first. Many great leaders have fallen to this pride that actually disqualifies them from further use by the Lord. Since they believe they are the best candidates for accomplishing any major purpose of the Lord, they cannot conceive that any such thing which comes through others could be from the Lord.

Therefore, they reject it and often persecute it.

There will be a time when the hearts of the fathers and sons are united. Then we will know that the end of this age is truly near, just as we are told in the last chapter of Malachi. Until then, we need to understand that those who arise with a special anointing or grace for leadership of a new emerging church or movement will most likely be attacked, and most likely by the present church leadership.

As a ministry we, too, have been subject to this quite often and have learned to expect it in every new city or situation that we enter to do a work for the Lord. Not all leaders will do this, but we have learned to count on some doing it. When we first moved to Charlotte, we were welcomed by most everyone until we started drawing large numbers of people. Then some began attacking us and, as we have continued to grow, the attacks have increased.

However, many, if not most of the church leaders in Charlotte, blessed us when we came and have continued to bless us, help us, and cheer us on -- even those who had some of their people begin coming to our church. This has been one of the greatest examples of true Christian nobility and true Christian leadership that I have witnessed, and is a great inspiration. I have come to trust these like few others. I believe that much of the fruit of our own ministry should go to their account. When these come to us with a word of concern or correction, we listen because we know that they have our best interests at heart. These are the ones we look to as the true elders in our city.

One reason that I have studied this specific problem in the church for so long is that I do not want to fall to it myself. Understanding is light, and when you have light on your path you should keep from stumbling. Even so, to date I really have not been tested the way that others have, and do not know how I would react to it. I hope that I would do well and try to smoothly pass the baton when it is time. However, one characteristic that I think leads to stumbling is thinking that it could not happen to us because we understand it. Understanding helps, but we must always keep in mind the exhortation to **"let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:12, NKJV)**.

Our Best Opportunity to Be Transformed in the Lord's Image

I have also come to believe that many who have run well for their whole lives fall to this near the end of their lives simply because they have not been healed of the afflictions that others brought upon them -- which is simply the failure to forgive. Unforgiveness leads to bitterness, and bitterness will defile or poison many others. Because as a ministry and I personally are almost continually attacked by someone, we have to preach, teach, and practice forgiveness continually. This is hard, but it is also our best opportunity to be transformed into the Lord's image.

We have one pastor in the Charlotte area that seems to be making a good living just attacking us. Once, when I was listening to his radio broadcast and he was saying many things that were not true about us (and some that were), I asked the Lord if He would stop this man. The Lord replied instantly, "Yes, but who do you want to take his place?" I got the point and have been content to let this man continue attacking us for many years now. I think it may continue through him and others until we have been conformed to the Lord's image, who laid down His own life even for the very ones that were torturing Him. Since we obviously still have quite a way to go to be like Him, I expect this to continue, maybe for as long as we are here.

Combating Envy

Another way we have tried to combat this tendency to be envious or jealous of others is to give positions of authority in our ministry only to those who show a genuine devotion to equipping and raising up others. One of the main things that I look for in leaders is the joy on the face of leaders when those under them do well. Our key leaders all tend to get more excited about those that they have trained being used by God in a major way than they do when they are personally used by God. These are true spiritual fathers and mothers who are deserving of "double honor."

Paul the apostle observed that we have many teachers but not many fathers, and I think the same is still true (see I Corinthians 4:15). We tend to call them spiritual fathers who are older and experienced, but being a father has nothing to do with age or experience as much as it does the ability to reproduce.
Just as in the natural most become fathers when they are rather young, the true equipping ministries which are listed in Ephesians 4 may also be quite young. There are many who do ministry well, but rarely train or equip others. We need to question whether such are really the equipping ministries listed in Ephesians 4, as their primary purpose is to equip others to do the work of the ministry.

We will begin to take this calling to equip others seriously when we know that this will be the only way the church can attain to **"the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13 NASB)**.

Success!

I try to keep as the focus of my life that the ultimate reward of success in this life is to hear the Lord say on that great day, **"Well done, good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21 NKJV)**. As a pastor, I also realize that for me to hear those greatest words, I must do all I can to ensure that all the Lord has entrusted into my care hear those same words as well. I therefore must keep in mind that my hope of success is the success of those who are a part of our ministry or members of our churches.
Because of this, I am compelled to measure my own job for the Lord by how well others are accomplishing their purpose. We preach this continually, and I know some get tired of hearing it, but I do not intend to quit. I know when this ceases to be a basic value that we have in ministry, we will have diverted from a basic purpose we have.

If we truly see that a basic measure of our own success is the growing anointing and success of those we have trained, it is much harder to be envious of them. For this reason I believe that John the Baptist is one of the greatest examples of true godly leadership. His whole job was to point to Jesus and to prepare the way for Him, not just build his own following. He knew all along that the One coming to follow him was much greater and considered himself not even worthy to untie His shoes. Then, when the Anointed One came, he rejoiced just to hear His voice, being a true friend of the Bridegroom, and rejoiced to decrease as He increased. For this reason, John was honored by the Lord as being called the greatest man born of a woman. Such true nobility of spirit is the hallmark of those who truly are the greatest.

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Emancipation Of Africa And The Black Race

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There is a place in God’s heart for the liberation of the black race and Africa. Many cries have come before the Lord and God has sent a deliverer. He has sent Moses. He has sent Joseph for the posterity of the African people.

He has put Moses in strategic places of the world preparing them for the liberation of Africa. Some have been trained already and God wants them back in Africa to produce a change and to liberate the people from the curses some Africans are battling.

He has also sent Joseph into a foreign land so that Africans away from home could be saved and well kept. Africans got to come together. They got to be one. Joseph and his brothers got to unite.

God is bringing liberation to Africa and to the black people in Diaspora. He is going to bring freedom from corruption, slavery, discrimination, diseases, poverty etc

God is bringing healing to the nations. If you would meditate on Romans 8 and see the liberation of Africa with the eyes of the Spirit, you would know what I am talking about.

All nations are represented before God and it may surprise you to know that they were all in Eden as well. The African nations were present in Eden and are all represented before God. There are angels for every nation and these angels could put on the native attire of each land. They represented each tongue. For each tongue is a nation before God. These angels would fight for the nations they are assigned to. They stand before God beholding his face.

God has remembered Egypt and he is saying to her what he said in Isaiah 19:19-25. I believe the same word goes to the other nations of Africa.

A lot of people had thought the African race was cursed by Noah when he said - cursed shall be Canaan but, it ain't so. The people of ham are blessed and are really blessed and thank God for the redemptive work of Christ. We are made free by the blood of the lamb. Its time intercessors begin to cry more on behalf of the nations. Liberation is coming. Lets sing it, shout it for it would surely come.

A lot of people want to see a black president of USA. It could happen. The discrimination of the black people could fade away. Just like that. Its already happening as Africans and black people are already holding top positions in governments, senates and in world organizations.

Awake ye nations. Awake ye black people. Its time for Africa. Its time for the black people to rule, subdue and replenish.

Eye Of The Lord

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My eye is on my land Israel,
Full of blood, fire, and smoke.
Cataclysmic changes are coming.
I will purge the Middle East with fire,
A great earthquake will come to this region
Changing the geo political structure.

I stand in the congregation of my people
Those that have made a covenant with me,
I will extend my mercy to them.
But I will thoroughly purge
the threshing floors of iniquity.

The rubble is being removed from my church,
The foundations of eternity will be laid,
Even the redemption of Jerusalem.

Seek the Lord while He still may be found,
For He will raise up a strange work of judgment,
A work of righteousness and truth.
A judgment more to be desired than gold,
An assaying to bring forth my holiness and glory.

I am doing a new work a work of foundational reconstruction in my holy temple.
My measuring line is going out from Jerusalem,
Measuring every man, woman, and child.
I am weighing them with regards to my justice, compassion, and faith.

Many will soon die here,
Much blood will run.

Vengeance is mine I will repay.
I will lay my hand against the compromised and those walking in the Egyptian ways.
I will draw out with my judgments.
I will draw my people out of Egypt's ways,
Come out and be separate touch no unclean thing.

For my church I am about to draw out true teachers and prophets.

I am about to draw out the political and military leaders of the earth with judgments.

So be wise O Kings of the earth

And acknowledge the Sovereign King of Kings.

For the time is short!

The harvest is almost complete!

The darkness is increasing when no man can work!

And the light of my glory will be on my holy ones!

I am holy, laughing at the nation's rage as they conspire against me and my holy ones,
For I am installed on my holy hill Zion.

I am removing lampstands now.
I will remove many lampstands now,
Those who have scattered and fleeced my flock.
I will gather the remnant flock from all the nations.

I will raise up my tabernacle,
The sure mercies of David.
The Lion of Judah roars from His holy habitation!

Endure until the end!

For a whirlwind and tempest of fire is coming.
The glory of the Lord shall fill the earth as the waters cover the seas.

HOLY! HOLY! HOLY! IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY!
WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME!
THE WHOLE EARTH IS FILLED WITH HIS GLORY!

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Emergency Prophetic Alert

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Something has been happening every month on the 24th. This time it is a release for his people to go out and to be blessed but it also is releasing of his judgments. **Zechariah 1:17--2:12.** At first he was somewhat angry with the sinners but now he's extremely angry and his mercy is really falling on his people. The enemy has really been trying to split us up but there are "craftsmen" coming to send the enemy on their way. God's people will become so numerous that you won't be able to count them. God calls for all those who are lost to come to him and no enemy can touch us because it would be touching the "Apple of his eye" Be content with God and do not lose hope because soon and very soon God will be upon us first spiritually then later physically right before us. Be still and listen because from this day forth he has awoken the spirit, the glory, his spirit, his glory, within us.

The Lord gave the above to my daughter on Nov 19, 2005. I believe the second part of Haggai is starting to take place. The verse in Haggai where it speaks of the **lord shaking the heavens, the earth, the dry land and the sea** is slowly happening. After the lord gave my daughter the above word he spoke to me to look at the USGS report. He then wanted me to look at volcanoes. There has been allot of activity with both and it has been increasing. The earth is in travail. We are seeing earth quakes in diver places. The first prophetic word the lord gave my daughter regarding Katrina did happen. We didn't understand the dates until Gabriel a friend in the lord explained it on this site. Now the second wave is upon us and is coming.

God gave a prophetess named Cheryl Matthews a vision two days ago regarding Haggai. In the beginning of the vision she saw a torch that was the color of yellow gold fire. Then she saw a sword. Next she was taken and shown the earth shaking and then a volcano exploded violently. After these two things she was shown water pounding the earth and holes opening up in the earth. The lord spoke to her after one of the visions to look at the time it was 12:28 a.m. the next time he showed her it was 12:29 a.m. He spoke to her to remember the time. We believe and feel like it is confirmed in our spirit that the above is dates. Only God knows for sure and time will tell. He also showed her 1:11 am which she doesn't feel like it is a date. After this she said she was in a church in the vision and she heard a man call her name and said read Haggai chapter 1 and 2. I believe the gold fire she saw is the glory and the sword is judgment. Maybe the lord is saying I will pour out my glory at the same time of these events. If the above are dates then the end of this month might become a major change in the world we know today. We will be safe during it all. **Psalms 91.** I do believe we are in the beginning stages of **THE LORD SHAKING THE HEAVEN, THE EARTH, THE DRY LAND IN THE SEA TO BRING FORTH THE SONS OF GOD.**

Also he gave both me and the prophetess above the scripture Isaiah 60. He is soon to pour out his glory! God bless everyone as we end this year and begin the next established in our places to do his work. Be ready for the lord to show himself!

Misty Murphy

Only Few Hearken
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The anointing is on me so strong while writing below that I'm feeling heat all over me.---

I heard the Lord speak to me today with much authority and thus saith the Lord:

I hear the Lord saying...

For how long should I have spoken to you backsliding church and nations. I called to you for repentance but only few hearken unto my prophets. Are you blind that you do not see my signs? For I wept for you, Church, and called out to thee and you turned your face from Me and seeked that which was not of Me.

Do you not know that time has run out on you, for I will come through the land with My judgments. Soon and very soon I will be upon you. Will you then seek those things which you chose over me, for they will be taken from you. Did I not give you much time to get prepared and repent? I have stood up from my weeping position.

You will see Me and know that I have come across the land.

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Emerging Picture of Changed Church

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Seeing The Emerging Picture of Changed Church

The continuing reformation that is considered to have officially began in 1517 is taking another step forward. Much is said but not so much understood about the exodus of the faithful from the "institutional church".

Many clearly see that the church is facing massive change. We are all somewhere between dug in with our heels and ready to fight change - to fleeing to the wilderness mountains to wait for the picture of the new to present itself.

Pieces and parts of the new are sprouted and growing forth from the spiritual into the natural. One of these parts is relatively small group churches led by shepherds who encourage everyone to participate with the spiritual gifts given them by the Holy Spirit.

Another part of this picture is seeking true Holy Spirit leadership rather than human hierarchy. It is very clear that the new is based on relational connections rather than institutional structure. Another part of the new is immersion into all facets of living. The great division between "religious" life and all other life is melting. The new church is just as likely to meet at work, school or home as in a special building.

These are some of the emerging parts to the picture but how do they fit together and how does the larger meetings and various church structures fit into the picture. Many institutional church people have there heels dug in and are resisting change while many others are wondering how should we change and how does the picture fit together.

Many large structured churches are recognizing the need to also have small groups meeting in homes and other places outside the main church building. They are to some degree seeking to move with the change as far as they can see it and as far as it does not threaten the existing traditional structure.

History of the ongoing reformation has been that the catholic church changed very little through the early reformation and ousted those who would not remain conformed to their unchanged expression of church. The next level of Protestant church after many denominational divisions built its walls like the Catholic church had done and strongly resisted the next level of Pentecostal restoration and again ousted those who received the newly restored truth and experience. This pattern has continued from the days when Jesus preached greater truth and was ousted by the religious order of His day until now.

There is a strong propensity for this pattern to continue to reproduce itself.

However, there are multitudes who will not be left behind and will move with the Holy Spirit into the newly restored experiences and revelation of God and His Word. Leaving that which is behind let's move on to into the reality of intense intimate personal relationship with Father God and love based relationships with one another.

Having come through the blood of Jesus let us walk as He did in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit motivated by God's passionate love. Let us now experience the things in practical reality that we may have been taught but have not experienced in the past expressions of institutionalized church.

Let us focus on the picture of the new church as the pieces that are beginning to fit together for some with ears to hear and eyes to see who are now beginning to see.

There will be mass meetings of many believes coming together in citywide meetings and regional meetings for glorious praise, worship, prayer and fellowship. These glorious meetings will not be the primary church. The primary church - the foundation of the church will be the autonomous small groups bonded together by the Holy Spirit led by local shepherd elders. Autonomous yet connected to many other groups all fitting together as each joint supplies what it is gifted with from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus through the Holy Spirit will truly be head and no man will stand in His place. Elders will know by the Holy Spirit the Lord's direction and represent into their group what God is doing. The cross connection of apostles and prophets from these fellowships will flow from group to group and city to city representing what they see and hear God doing into the groups and cities they are sent to and are called for by the local elders.

How should an institutional church begin now to restructure itself and its systems to be part of the emerging picture of changed church.

First, we must resist the temptation to resist change and hold tightly to the ways of the past. No matter how good they may have been.

Secondly, begin to release the people and teach them they are not laity sitting before clergy but can be filled and led of the Holy Spirit to minister to one another. It will not be easy to step aside and make room long enough for people to begin to arise in their calling.

Thirdly, assist in the development of autonomous home church groups and teach them to hear God for themselves. Help them to know the are not coming to church; they are the church.

Fourthly, get connected with apostles and prophets and ministries that are moving toward the fulfillment of the new emerging picture of the changing church. A word of caution, do not be entrapped by mislead or false leaders seeking to take control of you and your people.

Fifth, begin to make your physical facilities and resources available for special meetings and gatherings of home group churches and function as a part of the citywide church. Seek to assist and serve the church not capture it or rule over it.

These are indeed major adjustments and the whole picture is not yet clearly visible to us but as we begin to move in the vision we see much more regarding our part in the emerging changed church will become given to us by the Holy Spirit.

The existing institutional churches that will go through the difficult changes and basically dissolve what has been to become a part of the new will be greatly blessed and used. There will be multitudes of new believers and dropouts from the past that will come alive and bring forth a great harvest

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Esther Related To Recent History

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Dear Friends. Some years ago I send this bible study about Ester to some of my friends. A short time ago I was for a week on the island of Patmos in Greece and I had time to add some parts it. We plan to print it as a little booklet in Uganda. I pray that the Lord will speak through this thoughts to you. From the 3rt of September to the 12th I like to go back to Patmos with a small group to pray there. Let me know if you are interested. Shalom! Christa

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Thoughts about the book of Esther related to recent history and our time

It is a real question for the Jewish people and also for us as Christians, how it was possible that the Holocaust could take place in civilised countries like Germany and Austria. Germany and Austria were so-called Christian countries, as at least 90% of the population was baptised and many musicians, poets and philosophers came forth from there. Still the worst murder one ever heard of, was initiated and carried out through our nations. These are difficult questions, but we have to ask them, because if we do not seek answers, the danger of repeating the same tragedy is unavoidable.

I believe that the book of Esther is partly giving us an answer. Before we look into the book of Esther I like to quote a word that Jesus spoke in ***Luke 11, 23- 24 "He who is not with Me is against me, and he who does not gather with Me, scatters. When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places seeking rest; and finding none, he says I will return to my house, from which I came. And when he comes and find it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked then himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse, then the first."***

Being passive is a very dangerous way to live. If we know the word of God but we do not live according to His word, we open the doors for very evil spirits. This applies not only to a person but also to a whole nation. It is not enough that a nation knows about the word of God. Jesus is warning us that if we do not really fill our house with the Holy Spirit other evil Spirits will take advantage and it will be worse with that person or nation then ever before. Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the **2. Thessalonians 2, 10- 12** ***"..and every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."***

I do ask myself the question how to bring real fruit of repentance and this is one of the reasons why I'd like to share about the book of Esther. The book of Esther gives us more insight in what happened in the time of the second world war and today.

The name Esther comes from the word, "nistar" and means hidden. God is hidden in the book of Esther and we don't even find the word God or prayer in the book of Esther. There is a hidden history of God with His people and I believe that the book of Esther has a special prophetic meaning for our time.

We read in Esther: 3, 1 ***"After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of***

Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him." Just before this took place, Mordecai a Jew, saved the life of the king by telling him about a plot made against him. The king placed exactly the wrong person in the most prominent position.

Haman was a descendent from the house of Agag, the king of the Amalekites. The Lord told King Saul to destroy the people of Amalek totally, but he kept their king Agag alive. ***1 Sam 15, 2 "That says the Lord of Hosts: I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way, when he came up from Egypt. Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox an sheep, camel and donkey."***

This disobedience cost him the kingdom and the throne of Israel and the prophet Samuel had to tell him: Obedience is better then sacrifice and that the Lord has chosen another king. After this the prophet Samuel went and anointed David. Haman was a descendent of king Agag, who would not have existed, if king Saul would have been obedient to the word of God.

As Joshua was battling against Amalek centuries before, Moses grew tired during his intercession for Israel. Hur and Aaron needed to hold up his hands to support him in prayer. Through this the battle for Israel was won. It seems that it was firstly a prayer battle which brought the victory over the people of Amalek. God has determined to battle against the spirit which is behind the people of Amalek and there were no other people in the Bible, whom God was willing to destroy completely.

Exodus: 17: 14-16 " Then the Lord said to Moses, write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner, for he said: Because the Lord has sworn, the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."

In the year 2000 we where a small group praying and fasting at the memorial place at the former death camp in Treblinka. The Lord spoke to us, that as we deal with the spirit which is behind the Nazi Movement, we are dealing with the spirit of Amalek. A few days later we had the privilege to be part of the „March of the Living" which takes place every year from Auschwitz I to Auschwitz II Birkenau. The main Rabbi at that time was Rabbi Lau from Jerusalem and he finished his speech at Auschwitz II Birkenau with exactly this word from ***Exodus 17, 16 „Because the Lord has sworn, the Lord will have war with Amalek from generation to generation."*** We understood that this impression was right and looked up all the scriptures about the people of Amalek.

Why was the Lord so angry with the people of Amalek? We find the answer in ***Deuteronomy 25, 17 "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary, and he did not fear God. "Therefore it shall be, when the Lord your God has given you rest from your enemies all around, in the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance, that you will blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget."***

The people of Amalek did not fight like soldiers would fight in a normal war. Normally the strong young men went in front of their people and they fought against the army of the enemy, which was also set up with their strong young men. But the Amalekites attacked the rear guard of the Israelites which meant, the mothers and children and elderly or the weak ones from behind. Today you would say the civilian people. God confirms in His word that this strategy is without the fear of God and their way of attacking was totally evil and cruel. In this same spirit the concentration camps were built and especially the weak ones, the mothers and children, the elderly were right away tricked and what was looking like showers, was in reality the gas chambers. To give an example. I will try to describe the worst death camp of all the camps which was in Treblinka. Firstly there was no camp at all to live and the Jewish people needed to wait in the trains until their turn came to be gassed. Probably more then one Million Jews were killed here in only 13 months. Everything on the railway station was a trap. Many of the people where no longer alive when they arrived in the death camp Treblinka after a long and cold journey without water and food. From the little village Treblinka a train track was leading into the woods. A mock-railway station was set up there with signs to Berlin and Warsaw. A clock was painted on the wall always showing 12 o'clock. Next to the ramp was a house decorated with a "Red Cross". The older people or those who could not walk anymore were brought here and right away murdered by shooting them in the neck. All those who could still walk needed to go to a pathway called the "Schlauch" which means the "pipeline". Shortly after. they had to undress, and go on to the gas chambers. The 13 gas chambers where decorated with a "Star of David" to make them believe that it was a synagogue. Even a curtain from a torah shrine in a synagogue was put in front of the gas chambers with a word in Hebrew from ***Psalm 128, verse 20: "This is the gate of righteousness the righteous will enter."*** I often think about how we mocked God Himself in a terrible way and what will happen to our nations, who did this, if there is no real repentance, followed by fruit of repentance? Paul wrote in his letter to the **Galatians 6, 6 "*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*"** This truth relates not only to one person but also to a whole nation. Sin is not going away just if we wait and let the time go on. We are called to confess our sins and the sins of our people before God and the victims of our transgressions.

Today the same spirit of Amalek is operating in America, Israel or Iraq through the terror attacks. We saw how a passenger plane crashed into the Twin Trade Towers in New York City, or young suicide bombers go into discotheques, restaurants or busses full of civilian people. This is the same spirit that stood behind the Nazi Movement, the spirit of Amalek who does not know anything about the fear of God.

Haman is accusing the Jews before the King, with an accusation, which continues over thousands of years**.**

Esther 3: 8-9 "Then Haman said to the King Ahasuerus, "there is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other peoples, and they do not keep the kings laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain. If it pleases the king, let a decree be written that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the kings treasuries."

There was always the problem that the Jews were different and lived according to their own laws, which are connected with the God of Israel. Just to be different was already a reason for persecution. The accusation is that the Jewish people do not keep the kings law was only the truth, if the king or anybody else was demanding to receive godly honour and worship for himself. Then of course the Jewish people could not be part of it because they knew the fist commandment not to worship other Gods. Exodus 20,1- 3 ***„I am the Lord your God,…You shall have no other Gods before me."*** This commandment is also for us as Christians and that is the reason why so many believers in Jesus as the Messiahs have lost their lives in the first centuries during the time of the great persecution under the roman Caesars.

Money also always played a big role in the Middle Ages and in the time of the Nazi regime. If someone borrowed money from a Jewish person in the Middle Ages, and he was not willing to pay it back, he took care that the Jewish person was falsely accused and killed. Then he was free of the debts which he needed to pay back. The Nazi's took over all the possessions of the Jewish people and even cut their hair off, before they went to the gas chambers, and used it. They also took the gold teeth out of the mouths of dead Jewish bodies. Very similarly, in our time the economy and the oil coming mostly from Arab states, plays a bigger role in the negative attitude of western countries towards Israel as many would like to admit.

Haman planned to kill all Jewish people in the whole kingdom of Ahasveros. (His kingdom reached from Kush to Hodu, which means from Ethiopia to India with the main centre in today's Iraq.) Haman's reason for wanting to kill the Jews, was related to the faith of this people in the of God of Israel. Mordecai was willing to greet Haman but because he knew, the first commandment, worship God alone, he was not willing to change his faith and to honour Haman as a God. That's why Haman got so angry at Mordecai. Hitler did not only demand to be greeted but he demanded to be greeted with "Heil Hitler" which means salvation is coming from him. The people needed to fall down before Haman and worship him like a God. Haman wanted to have a "Final Solution". It was hindered at that time through the prayer and fasting of Esther and Mordecai with their friends but sadly later agreed on under Hitler at the Wannsee Conference in Berlin February 1942.

Because the King gave Haman such great authority he wrote a letter: **Esther 3:13** ***"And the letters were sent by couriers into all the kings provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day".*** The spirit which stands behind the Nazi movement is also now behind the fundamentalist Moslems. Their declared goal is the total annihilation of the Jewish state and the people.

I do not believe that the Holocaust was God's intention and if something like this would happen again it would be related to the tragic state of the church, which is sleeping for the bigger part again. Since there are many and clear approvals for a newly growing Anti-Semitism and Racism we need to wake up. We are called as Christians to stand with the first covenant people of God.

We Christians often have a strange attitude when it comes to fighting against something. We are taught to love our enemies and to love all people, but not the powers that are behind these people. The question is, how to fight these spirits standing behind these people and their ideology. Often the military can not get a hold of this terrorist, because they work together with spiritual powers. This can explain also why some leaders of the main Terror organisations are able to hide for so many years. It doesn't seem to be possible to find some of the famous leaders of these terror groups. It is firstly a spiritual prayer battle in intersession and it is a vital and real call from God to the Body of Christ.

Esther 4: 3 "As Mordecai and the other Jews heard about this new law that Haman made in the name of the King, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing, and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

The Jewish people responded like the people in Nineveh. As Esther tells Mordecai how little she can do, he gives her an answer which is also very important for us as the Body of Christ in the nations.

Esther 4:13- 14, "And Mordecai said them as an answer to Esther: Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

This word from Mordecai is a very prophetic word from God for the whole church today. If we keep completely silent today God will send help for Israel from another place but you as a church will perish. In other words you will lose your call to be salt to this world. If the church is only proclaiming what all the whole world considers as being right, then we miss the call from the Lord and our legitimacy in this world. Jesus explained it with the words in **Matthew 5, 13 "*You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men*."**
In the last years we met for regular days or weeks of prayer and fasting. I believe the Lord will use our times of prayer and fasting and He is preparing us for a time like this. We also should have the courage to call for prayer and fasting meetings even if we are a small group without any program or speaker.

After Esther says she is ready to pay the price we read in ***Esther 4, 16, "Go gather together all the Jews which are in Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day."***

Esther's maidservants in the castle surely were not Jews. We know this because it's written that she did not reveal her identity until that day. Here we see an example of Gentiles, non- Jews, who are willing to stand with the Jews in fasting and prayer for Gods intervention in saving the Jews out of danger of life and destruction.

As Esther and Mordecai started to fast, they did not had any clue how God would answer but they had faith that he would answer. They knew this could cost their lives. After Esther received grace to come before the king and he granted her request to come to her banquet, she felt she needed to wait another day to make her real request. (She felt the idea was right but the timing not.) When the king asked her why he was invited to dinner, she answered:

Esther 5: 8 "If the king regards me with favour and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and fulfil my request, let the king and Haman come tomorrow to the banquet I will prepare for them. Then I will answer the king's question."

Exactly on that night the stage was prepared and things changed for the good of the Jewish people. The king could not sleep and asked someone to read to him from the king's chronicles. There they found the story about how Mordecai had saved the king's life. It came to his attention that Mordecai was never honoured or rewarded for this act. Also, on the same night, the wickedness of Haman was fully exposed. Haman could not handle the fact that Mordecai was not afraid of him and did not bow down to him. Mordecai's fear of God was much stronger than any fear of man. Haman felt sure, because Esther had again invited him to dinner and he went ahead and at the advice of his wife prepared the gallows for Mordecai. All the evil intents of his heart came into the light. Even in the House of the King they knew, that Haman had prepared a gallows to hang Mordecai:

Esther 7: 9 "Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's behalf, is standing at the house of Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him on it!"

So the wickedness of Haman was exposed right away and after that, the King immediately gave order to hang him. Then the king took the ring of authority from Haman and gave the ring to Mordecai and to Esther. Through prayer and fasting the whole situation was changed and turned over. As it happened, also through the prayers of Daniel, supported by his fasting it released a fight in the heavenly places and ushered in a new time of restoration return of the Jewish people. Only during the time of fasting by Esther, Mordechai and their friends, God revealed His plan how this evil power could be broken and overthrown, which wanted to destroy and annihilate the whole Jewish people. Only in this complete dependence on God, He turned the fate to the good for the Jewish people. Esther asked for the revoking of Haman's law.

Esther 8: 5 "If it pleases the king, she said, and if he regards me with favour and thinks it is the right thing to do, and if he is pleased with me, let an order be written overruling the dispatches that Haman, son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, devised and wrote to destroy the Jews in all the kings provinces." This legitimate request was never fully answered by the king. The reason for it is in ***Esther 8: 8 "Now write another decree in the king's name, in behalf of the Jews as seems best to you, and seal it with the king's signet ring-for no document written in the king's name can be revoked***."

This law was never revoked, the king only gave Esther the right to declare a new law, in his name, which gave the Jews the right of self-defence towards their enemies. Even this right of Israel's self-defence is today strongly opposed by many nations. When Israel is targeting known terrorists before they are able to carry out their acts of terror , criticism is coming from many nations.

Maybe the Lord is calling today for a revoking of this law against the Jews, which Haman put in place and which was sealed with the king's ring. We know and can come in our prayers in the name of a greater king, JESUS, who has been given power over heaven and earth. He sealed His authority with His own suffering and death.

This turning point brought the fear of the Lord to many people also from the nations. ***Esther 8:17 "And many people of other nationalities became Jews because fear of the Jews had seized them."*** This means that people of the nations turned to the true God of Israel, because there was no other people at that time who had a revelation of the true God.

It is interesting that Mordecai and Esther are from the tribe of Benjamin and from the house of Kish. This was the family of king Saul, the house of Kish. Esther got an opportunity from God at a later point in time to put things right in bringing the judgment of God over the people of Amalek. Today our fight is not against flesh and blood or any nation, but against evil powers who try to rule over whole nations. By the grace of the Lord, God is giving us an opportunity today to stand with His chosen people, knowing that we and our forefathers have missed it before and brought bloodguilt over our nations. Esther understood that the judgment of God over the house of Haman needed to be completed.

Esther 9:13-14: Then Esther said, "If it pleases the King, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do again tomorrow according to today's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged on the gallows. So the king commanded this to be done; the decree was issued in Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten sons."

Saul had sinned in not putting a ban on the people of Amalek and not killing the Amalekite king Agag. If we as believers from the Nations again leave Israel on her own in the hour of great need, and we say we did not know, we have no excuse, because we do know from history and have to learn from it. We are called by God, to be a blessing, a helper and a comfort to God's chosen people. Isaiah 40, 1"
Comfort, comfort My people ! Says your God."
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Essay on The Kingdom Of God

Bill Somers

2 covenants, 2 kingdoms, 2 churches.

After Jesus' return mentioned in Rev 19-20 we see that the saints will reign with him for 1000 years. Because of this it is commonly assumed that this is the beginning of the millennial kingdom. [When I say commonly assumed, that means that I'm going to disagree with it.]

Note that here people are identifying the millennium with the kingdom.

But recall that earlier in Rev we are told that he has taken his power and reigned. **When does the kingdom come?** Rev 12 or Rev 20?

If it comes with the return, as in rev 20, that would be in a fashion that all could see. But in the gospels he has told us that the kingdom comes without observation. So it must come as spoken of in Rev 12. If you read carefully in Rev 20 it says the saints reign with him. Perhaps this is a point where they begin to reign with him, but He has been reigning from some time earlier. But the saints that overcome and endure to the end are those who are invited to sit in his throne. [It's the most backslidden Laodicean type saints who are offered this greatest reward.]

He begins His reign, in full and the 1000 year kingdom with the outpouring of the Spirit when he comes as the latter rain. The kingdom is within his people's hearts as they give him full authority and obedience. They will follow the Lamb wherever he goes [Rev 13] because they will be willing in the day of His power. [Ps. 110}

Let's consider what exactly the kingdom is to try and see when it comes.

In **Revelation, The Passover Key** [Destiny Image 1991] Dan Juster writes :

> Wherever the rule of God is manifested, whether in healing, deliverance from demons, healing family relationships or starting an alternative school system, we see a manifestation of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God came in the ministry of Jesus and continues to be shown in the ministry of the Church and of believers who affect every area of life. Hence the Gospel of the Kingdom is the good news of the opportunity to come under the rule of God and to see every area of life impacted by the power and principles of God. [page ix]
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> Through the ministry of Jesus and the apostles, and through the Church today, the Kingdom of God has broken into this age. The Kingdom of God truly came in Jesus. However, it came partially. The Kingdom is already here in one sense, yet not here in others. This "already but not yet" dynamic will typify this age until the return of Jesus. Whenever we see a body healed or a marriage restored by the power of God, there is the Kingdom. However, the full coming of the Kingdom rule over all the earth, as was the hope of the prophets, awaits the return of Jesus. [page x]

Here he is talking about the kingdom being here but not yet. It reminds me that it is said he hath put all things under his feet, but we do not yet see it.

The kingdom that is here is seen in the ministry of Jesus, the apostles and the church. The kingdom to come or the full coming of the Kingdom awaits.

The kingdom is here in as much as the King is here. For those that earnestly seek him, he has never left. He has promised to be with us always.

Yet the kingdom of darkness is present also as there is a world system 'under the sway of the wicked one'. Darkness over the world and gross darkness in the hearts of people. How can both coexist? Just as wheat and tares in the same field.

One scriptural example is that of Athaliah. This wicked queen [a type of satan] reigned in Jerusalem for 6 years. Yet all during that time, the true king lived in Jerusalem too! But it was not until the beginning of the 7th year that he took up his power and overthrew her. [He was waiting for a certain level of maturity.]

Another example is that of Adonijah, a son of David [and type of anti-Christ]. Adonijah proclaimed himself king at the same time Solomon was anointed king. After a short struggle, where a fair number of David's men aligned themselves with Adonijah, Solomon prevailed, and proceeded to purify his realm.

But here we're talking about the kingdom of darkness vs. the kingdom of light. Let's get back to the Kingdom of God as seen so far and the Kingdom of God in full. What are the various possible definitions? And what does the Bible say?

The kingdom of God is wherever God is King. I often use this short definition to show that the kingdom comes when you make him king of your heart. So that way it comes 'without observation'. [In Jesus earthly ministry, He proclaimed the Kingdom was at hand because He is the King.]

Yet many of the kingdom parables describe something quite different. The story of the vineyard and wicked vinedressers, the three loaves made with leaven, the 'treelike, towering mustard plant, filled with demonic types, and others speak of a kingdom where clearly God does not rule. What's the catch?

With that in mind I'll modify the definition to state that the Kingdom is wherever God is supposed to be King. This can be where there is a small measure of God's power demonstrated, and a small measure of obedience rendered to the King. And these parables of the partial or flawed kingdom clearly speak of Old Testament times and conditions. So the partial Kingdom didn't begin with the ministry of Jesus, but it has been here all along.

It has been with God's people all along. It's found in scripture wherever God had dealings with men. It's found wherever God had a people. And all through the bible God has had some people, a remnant with whom he had a covenant, that is promises he made to them.

So the various covenants that scholars speak of means he has had this kingdom all along. These include covenants with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and the Children of Israel in general. We can sum them up in what is known as the Old covenant.

So What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is:

a. wherever God is King
b. wherever God is supposed to be King
c. wherever he has a covenant people
d. wherever God's power is at work or manifests.
e. all the above.

The Kingdom is wherever he has a covenant people; there he is **supposed** to be King whether they are obedient or not. The Kingdom Comes in Fullness [completion] when he truly does reign in the hearts of his covenant people. And it is seen when He is revealed in his people. [The Revelation of Jesus Christ.]

There is a promise of a new covenant where the stony heart is removed and replaced by a heart of flesh. It's a covenant where his laws are written in/on our hearts, where He is Lord of all our heart. And it's where His love fills our hearts to the point of overflowing like rivers of living water gushing forth.

Is this the New Testament of the new testament church that we see in our day?

Even though we speak of the church beginning with the New Testament, i. e. New Covenant, this church is really still under the law. Old Testament Israel is a type and picture of the New Testament Church. We have repeated all the sin, error and idolatry of Judaism, as the things that happened to them are the examples of what has happened to us. And likewise the judgment that came on Judaism is a prophecy of the Judgment that needs begin at the House of God.

We claim that we're not under the law. If so then we must be under the spirit. But however much we claim to be under the spirit, it remains to be seen. [In other words, *show me the money* - show me the fruit of the spirit.] And isn't that what the world is wanting to see. Show me the Fruit of the Spirit, and then I'll take you seriously.

The New Covenant is here with the Blood of Jesus and The Baptism of the Holy Ghost. But it's not yet in full. We are told that we have an 'earnest' of the spirit. That's like a down payment, or a token, a measure of the spirit.

The Old covenant is the law. It could not, and cannot produce the fullness of the kingdom anymore than the blood of bulls can bring forgiveness of sin. The Law can bring only death. It yields dead religion, dead Judaism, dead Christianity, dead faith without works, a dead fig tree, cursed because if produces no fruit.

The New Covenant was promised in New Testament times but still waits the promise of the father. The New Covenant is the Life Giving Spirit. It's not just the down payment, sample of or demo of the spirit. It's the Spirit without measure.

> *Mt 8:23 ¶ And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.*
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> *Ps 119:130 ¶ The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*
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> *Zec 4:6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Conclusion

So the first Kingdom is a potential one. It's derived from and it corresponds to the Old Covenant. It's typified by the Law. God's presence and power are seen, but his people's allegiance to Him is spotty. These people are God's covenant people in old testament times and throughout the 'church age' till now.

The second Kingdom is the Full Kingdom. It comes from and corresponds to the New Covenant. It's typified by Grace. Where the law was not able, grace is sufficient. God's presence and power are seen and demonstrated in a peculiar people who show forth his praise. These people are God's covenant people in the end times, the saints who endure to the end and overcome by death to self and by obedience unto death. From the time of Pentecost onward, the two have overlapped. Eventually the old will pass away.

Another Scriptural parallel

In First Corinthians chapter 13 we can see, if we look with prophetic eyes, the transition to the New Covenant typified. He calls it a 'more excellent way'. Up to that point in First Corinthians we witness the spirit addressing the problems found in a church under the law. They are disputes, divisions, all manner of pride, strife, abuse and contention. The church seen in First Corinthians is a real mess.

But the more excellent way is that of Love. When he speaks of the love of the father 'shed abroad' in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, it's the result of receiving the Spirit 'without measure' [a condition equal to 'Christ being formed in you' or 'Christ in you']. References to maturity found in chapter 13 should tell us that this is the maturity spoken of in Ephesians. That is the 'measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'.

What does it take to produce the bride without spot or wrinkle of Ephesians 5:27 The washing of the water of the word [Eph 5:26] is the Revelation of Jesus Christ to the bride that enables the Revelation of Jesus Christ in the bride. It's the completion of the mystery of God.

Another clue is found in the mention of Tychicus in Eph 6:21-22. He is a type of the Holy Spirit.

In Second Corinthians you can see, in allegory, the transition to the New Covenant completed. Here the Holy Spirit is typified by Titus. And the Later Day outpouring of the Spirit is seen in 'the coming of Titus' and the results of his ministry. Look at the description of the Corinthian church once Titus has done his work.

> *2Co 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.*
> *10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*
> *11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.*

Truly this is a picture of the mature church. [You can also see her as the woman in Proverbs 31.]

Establishing the Kingdom

So contrary to what some may say, [another disagreement here], the church does not establish the kingdom [the full kingdom]. When the church gets right it **becomes the kingdom**.

> *Mt 8:23 ¶ And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him..*

And then she proclaims the Kingdom.

Moses tried to deliver Israel by his own strength and failed. He had to wait in the desert 40 years till the time was right. When he returned the people willingly followed him. This is a type and an allegory; it set a pattern.

Jesus tried to be about his father's work at age 12 but had to submit to his parents. When the time came and the power of the spirit was given without measure he began to proclaim the kingdom was at hand. This was a demo of God's power and also an allegory.

The church has tried and tried in her own strength for 2000 years and failed. [Like the first two days of the war against Benjamin.]

When the fullness of time comes, under the last days outpouring we are about to have, the types will be fulfilled. We'll see a church empowered by the Spirit, doing the will of the Father, and laying down their lives for the brethren.

It will proclaim that Our God Reigns. It will walk in righteousness, peace and Joy of the Holy Ghost. That's the Kingdom of God!

End Time Dreams Index

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My personal testimony on God's call upon my life is documented in HARLOT CHURCH — http://www.etpv.org/2004/harch.html where I detail how in 1975 God spoke to me in a dream, calling me to repentance. That dream still *burns* within me today, and with the **I AM IN CONTROL** dream they both remain the most awesome of all the dreams I've ever dreamt. After that first dream in 1975, two more dreams followed that made the most dramatic change and lasting powerful impact in my life. A year later I embraced Jesus as my Savior and Lord.

Right after I became Born Again, for years I received a steady stream of dreams that guided my spiritual and personal life. In one of those dreams, I was about to receive communion on the outdoor steps of a cathedral from a priest. As I opened my mouth to receive the host, the priest was suddenly drawn away, as though sucked back into the church while I heard a Man's Voice say, *"Read the Bible."* I then turned around and seemed to be suspended about 1,000 feet in the air. I looked throughout at a *"sea of humanity"* of every race and different ages. They *all* reached up with their frantic waving arms toward me, seeming desperate for something. Later, I came to understand that I was being instructed to equip myself with the Word of God in my heart to minister Lord Jesus to many of the world as well as to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Bill Somers, Host of END TIME PROPHETIC VISION, http://www.etpv.org/, for his kind and gracious help in many ways in helping me bring these dreams and articles as well as the **I AM IN CONTROL** graphs to Lord Jesus' Church. I had often wondered what I was going to do with these dreams. Little did I know that Lord Jesus through Holy Spirit had prepared Bill's Web site to post these dreams to His Saints. I continue to be amazed at the awesomeness of God's blessings and provisions to His children. Bill began his Web site in 1996, and a year later I was led to him *yes, by Holy Spirit* and to his Web forum where Lord Jesus' dreams could be posted to His Church. *"Thank you, Bill you precious and most dear and wonderful Saint of God! May God truly bless you for your labor for Lord Jesus and to His Church."*

By now, there have been many questions and inquiries about who I am. My brief bio-sketch is as follows:

Age: 67 Born Again: 8/30/76 Baptized in the Holy Spirit: 10/11/76 Married 35 years
Homemaker. I tend to my husband's debilitating illness full time, and have no time to spend on the computer answering e-mails. My humble apologies to whoever has tried or would like to get in touch with me.

Finally, my prayer is that *"none should perish but that all should come to repentance"* (2Pet. 3:9), *"Nor there is no salvation in any other* [except Jesus Christ]*, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"* (Acts 4:12).

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[REVISED: September 11, 2005 While in prayer a few weeks ago, I asked Lord Jesus if there were any further postings to do before He calls me Home in the Rapture. *The very first thing next morning,* Holy Spirit *strongly* and *clearly* impressed upon me that I was to write an added *amplification* about Himself *as His **anointing** would instruct for insertion into this Index. It is a* ***strong message*** to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and I am yielded to obey Holy Spirit. I have therefore inserted His *amplification* between the two **<=========>** dividing lines. I have also added two later postings at the end of this Index under **ADDENDUM**.]
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The **GREATEST FAILURE** in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth throughout Her over two thousand years' presence on earth *has been to not seek the same intimacy with Holy Spirit* which She has with Father God and Lord Jesus. ***Teaching on intimacy with Holy Spirit*** has been *sadly* lacking in the five-fold ministry which Lord Jesus *"…Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers* ***for the equipping of the saints*** *for the work of ministry,* ***for the edifying of the body*** **[the Church]** ***of Christ****…"* (Eph. 4:11,12).

Throughout the Church Age Age of Grace no teaching has existed on *surrendering oneself as a willing vessel* as well as his/her ministry to the ***CONTROL*** **of God the Holy Spirit**. Had it existed, that dynamic teaching would have flowed through the universal Body of Christ throughout the ages, and She would be quite a different Presence on earth today. When surrendering to God, *one surrenders to Father God, to Lord Jesus and to Holy Spirit, all Who are God the Holy Trinity!* Thusly, the Church of Lord Jesus has *sadly* remained weak in Her relationship with Holy Spirit by failing to universally ***"WALK and OPERATE in the Spirit."***

[*Clarification: Several years ago as I prayerfully sought and pursued a desired intimacy with Holy Spirit wanting to know Him personally I was stunned to receive "a quickening with a pierced understanding" in my spirit that I was to refer to Him without "the" as a preface to His name. In other words, I now know, think of, and refer to Him as just "Holy Spirit" and not "the" Holy Spirit. (I do not refer to familiar persons with "the" before their names. For example, when I refer to my friends John or Mary I do not refer to them as "the" John or "the" Mary. I know them personally because they are my intimate friends, and thus I correctly refer to them just as John or Mary.* ***Likewise, I do not preface Lord Jesus and Father God with "the."*** *I know them intimately and personally.)*

This immediately dissolved a confused aloofness (remoteness) within me toward Holy Spirit. As I began to address Him personally as just "Holy Spirit" I began to receive a secure warmth and release in my spirit. I became totally yielded to Him and also began to enjoy a sense of familiarity and growing intimacy with Him that I had not experienced before. In or aside from prayer I also began to "hear" Him through "stronger" promptings urgings in my spirit that have greatly encouraged me to operate unrestricted while "flowing" freely in my spiritual walk. I prayerfully share this tribute to Holy Spirit with the Church of Lord Jesus to help Her understand that a cool and confused aloofness will only continue between Her and Holy Spirit until She begins to address and treat Him as a Person, and with the same reverence and intimacy that She has with Father God and Lord Jesus.]

Throughout the ages, Holy Spirit has been looked upon as A SPIRITUAL TRUST FUND set up by Lord Jesus for His Church before His return to Glory (Jn. 17:5, 13 Acts 1:9-11). ***Power*** (Acts 1:4-8)*,* ***anointing*** **[*calling*]** for ministering in the ***Offices***' ministry **(**Eph. 4:11, 12) and in the ***Gifts*** (1Cor. 12:1-11) were given for service to God and to the Church while She walked in the fuits (Gal. 5:22, 23 Eph. 5:9), as well as for spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:12-17) and victorious living (1Jn. 5:4, 5). Holy Spirit has been looked to *only* for impartation of His anointing for ministry in the Offices and Gifts as well as for power, service, help, fruits, inspiration, revelation knowledge, teaching, counseling, guidance, wisdom, discernment, humility, brokenness, strength, boldness, fire *(zeal)* and comfort, but has *never* been sought after ***personally*** and ***intimately***. Saints of God, **Holy Spirit should be desired and yearned after, LOVED, adored, honored, praised, glorified, worshipped, obeyed and cherished.** *(Does anyone actually question just where all THAT is found in Scripture? I repeat:* ***Holy Spirit is GOD*** (Acts 5:4)*. He is the author of the Word through His* ***anointing*** *upon the writers. Should He have had to "spell" this truth out to the Church? Should He have exalted Himself?)*

Holy Spirit has been looked upon *only as a SOURCE of spiritual Help.* He has never been thought of and sought after as a *PERSON.* Here lies divergence *(the offending difference)* that leads to an *impersonal* rather than a *personal* relationship with Him. Throughout the ages Holy Spirit should have been intimately pursued by the Church, and not treated as an *"impersonal and indifferent administrator*" *(corruptly interpreted as "it" in "itself" as in Rom. 8:16, 26 in the KJV Bible until "Himself" was correctly substituted in the NKJV Bible)* bearing the ***anointing***. He is Father God's and Lord Jesus' *REPRESENTATIVE* to the Church (Jn. 14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:7). He is the *EXECUTIVE* of God on earth to carry on the work that Jesus *"began both to do and teach"* (Acts 1:1). [See Acts 1:2-8; 5:9; 10:19; 11:12; 13:2-4; 15:28; 16:6; 20:28; 21:4-11 1Cor. 2:9-14; 12:1-30 2Cor. 3:8 Eph. 2:22; 3:5.] **He was SENT by Lord Jesus** (Jn. 14:26; 16:7 Lk. 24:49) **to administrate *(control run manage)* His Church. *HE DID NOT LEAVE HER AS AN ORPHAN*** (Jn. 14:18) ***TO OPERATE IN THE FLESH.*** (Gal. 3:3; 5:16)

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>> *"But when the Helper* ["Comforter" KJV] *comes,* ***<WHOM I SHALL SEND TO YOU>*** *from the Father,* ***the Spirit of truth*** *who proceeds from the Father,* ***HE WILL TESTIFY OF ME****"* (Jn. 15:26).

>> *"However, when He,* ***the Spirit of truth****, has come,* ***<HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO AL-L-L TRUTH>****; for He will not speak on His own authority, but* ***WHATEVER HE HEARS HE WILL SPEAK;*** *and He will tell you things to come.* ***HE WILL GLORIFY ME, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*** *All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that* ***HE WILL TAKE OF MINE AND DECLARE IT TO YOU****"* (Jn. 16:13-15).

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"Whatever He hears He will speak…" **Holy Spirit *declares* Lord Jesus' words, and speaks through yielded and *ANOINTED* Saints of God *WHATEVER LORD JESUS GIVES HIM TO SPEAK*.** Therefore, Holy Spirit is to ***administrate be in CONTROL*** in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ***not the flesh***.

How much more clearly does this have to be spelled out to Lord Jesus' Church? Why does confusion on this subject continue to reign in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth? ANSWER: ***the flesh.***

The Church remains weak in *power* to overcome Satan's *endless* attacks, temptations, torments, harassments, deceptions, schemes, persecutions, and afflictions because of Her lack of *intimacy* and *surrender* to **the One Whom Lord Jesus SENT to minister *anointing* and *power* in His absence** (Acts 1:8). John the Baptist declared, *"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance,* ***but He who is coming after me…WILL <BAPTIZE> YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND FIRE"*** (Mat. 3:11). [See Isa. 42:1]

To have Holy Spirit ***in*** Lord Jesus enter and ***indwell*** the Believer the Church (1Cor. 12:13) at the time of the new birth is one thing, but to be ***filled* with Holy Spirit and *anointed* for ministry, and empowered for service, witnessing and spiritual warfare** is an entirely different thing. *The moment one is* **baptized with the Holy Spirit** *is the moment when* **He *fills* (unfastens Himself *unfolds and expands Himself within)*** *the Saint with* **HIS power, ANOINTING, boldness and fire** *for ministry and service as well as for spiritual warfare.* ***He has already been i-n-d-w-e-l-l-i-n-g the Believer***, but *now* He gets underway and ***ANOINTS*** the Saints yielded to Him. This was evidenced in Lord Jesus when He was ***BAPTIZED* [filled] *WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT*** (Mt. 3:16) by John the Baptist *(His cousin)*, who had already been ***filled (baptized) with the Holy Spirit by God*** in his mother's womb (Lk. 1:13-15; 3:16, 22). ***THEN, and only then, did Lord Jesus begin his ministry NOT BEFORE He was baptized with the Holy Spirit*** (Mt. 3:13-17 Lk. 4:1, 14, 15, 18, 19 Isa. 61:1). [See also Acts 10:38]

[NOTE: *Shortly after I was Born Again, I asked a man of God, "How may I serve God?" His reply was brief:* ***"BE WILLING."*** *I then told Lord Jesus that* ***I WAS WILLING*** *to do anything He called me to do* ***FOR HIS GLORY****. In His loving faithfulness, through Holy Spirit He* ***called*** *and* ***anointed*** *me, and I have remained obedient to His "call" twenty-nine years.* ***I quickly learned to "count the cost," and have never looked back*** *because in the Word I learned that I could do ALL things through Christ Who strengthens me* Phil. 4:13. **<JESUS NEVER FAILS>**]

As God, Son of the Holy Living God of Israel, Lord Jesus was spotless (Heb. 9:14), was the unblemished Lamb (1Pet. 1:18, 19), and was without sin (Heb. 4:15). *("I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance…"* (Mt. 3:11). However, **THAT LORD JESUS WAS BAPTIZED IN WATER FOR REPENTANCE OF SIN IS COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION. *Lord Jesus was BAPTIZED (filled) with the Holy Spirit*** (Mt. 3:16) ***as symbolized with the likeness of a "flaming" dove that descended and "LIGHTED" upon Him***.

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Mt. 3:16 **KJV**: *"…and* ***he <SAW THE SPIRIT> of God*** *descending* ***like a dove****, and* ***lighting*** *upon Him."*

The word ***lighting*** is defined by Webster's Dictionary as follows: ***"A flame for lighting something; to make or become light; to cause to burn; burn; to conduct with a light; illuminate."***

Mt. 3:16 **NKJV**: *"…and* ***He <SAW THE SPIRIT> of God*** *descending* ***like a dove*** *and* ***alighting*** *upon Him."*

The word ***alighting*** is defined by Webster's Dictionary as follows: ***"to come to rest from the air; land; perch; lighted up."***

>> "The SPIRIT of the Lord SHALL <REST> UPON HIM, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge AND OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD" (Isa. 11:2).

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From the Greek **"KHRISTOS"** we get the name **"CHRIST."** [In Hebrew: **"MESSIAH."**] The English translation *(meaning)* of **"KHRISTOS"** is ***<ANOINTED>.*** Lord Jesus, Himself, declared in Lk. 4:18, *"…He has* ***ANOINTED*** *Me…"* [Isa. 42:1; 61:1] *AFTER* He had been ***baptized (filled)* with the Holy Spirit** in Lk. 3:21, 22 (Mt. 3:16) and not before.

>> DO WE NOT CALL OURSELVES *"CHRISTIANS" "ANOINTED ONES?"* <<

If Lord Jesus needed to be ***baptized (filled)*** with the Holy Spirit for ministry ***"ANOINTED"*** (Lk. 4:18 Acts 10:38) why not His Church? ***HE IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. The Church IS His Body*** (Col. 1:18, 24 Eph. 1:22, 23). ***Lord Jesus is to be IN CONTROL of His Body BY***

HOLY SPIRIT! (Acts 1:5, 8) Lord Jesus' tender love and compassions fail not, and His tender mercies are unceasing. However, one cannot help but wonder just how grieved He has been about **the DISREGARD of *Holy Spirit's rightful AUTHORITY and CONTROL* in His Church throughout the Age of Grace.** *(He specifically instructed His disciples today's Church* ***to not begin witnessing until they were BAPTIZED with the Holy Spirit*** Acts 1:4, 5, 8).

Due to the lack of teaching, the universal Church of Lord Jesus has neglected *OR* avoided to be ***filled BAPTIZED with the Holy Spirit of God*** ***and has been GRIEVING*** (Eph. 4:30) ***and QUENCHING (extinguishing)*** (1Thes. 5:19) ***the FIRE and POWER of the Holy Spirit of God throughout the Church Age.***

To be BAPTIZED with the Holy Spirit is to be FILLED and equipped with anointing for ministry, and power for service, witnessing, winning souls, discipling, healing (Acts 1:8), ***and spiritual warfare.*** (1Cor. 12:27, 28 Eph. 6:10-18 2Cor. 10:4-6 2Tim. 2:4)

[NOTE: Semantics *(the study of meanings in language)* in explaining ***baptized*** and ***filled*** enter here, but ***through prayer not confused debate*** **for Holy Spirit's help** in studying the Word and understanding how He indwells, fills, ***anoints (calls)***, empowers, activates, flows, ministers and operates according to the scriptures, the cloud *(blur; confusion)* will lift on how Holy Spirit is to be yielded to, as well as surrendered to *HIS* ***anointing****, to HIS operation,* and *to HIS total control.*]

Among other Scriptural accounts, interesting and definitive Scriptures that illustrate how the Christian is to *"flow"* in the Spirit are found in Acts 8:26-40. In the Old Testament, the Book of Ezekiel graphically illustrates how Holy Spirit *entered* this prophet (2:2); *lifted* him up (3:12; 8:3; 11:1); *fell* upon him (11:5); *took* him up (11:24); and *brought* him out in visions (11:24; 37:1). ***Why not in today's Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth?***

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>> "Not by might nor by power, BUT BY MY SPIRIT," *says the Lord of hosts* (Zech. 4:6).
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Holy Spirit *operates* through the ***anointed*** **<CALLED>** vessels that are to *minister* in their appointed Offices of Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers (Eph. 4:11, 12). ***HOLY SPIRIT <ACTIVATES >*** **[turns on sets in motion]** ***THE ANOINTING TO MINISTER NOT THE SAINT*** (Acts 1:8). *The* ***anointing*** *of these Offices never shuts down.* It is always in action.

Other Saints are *appointed to serve* through a **<MOMENTARY IMPARTED *ANOINTING*>** when Holy Spirit operates *AT WILL* any of the nine ***Gifts*** listed in 1Cor. 12:1-11: ***revelation gifts*** word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits; ***power gifts*** faith, healing, miracles; ***inspiration gifts*** prophecy, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

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>> FOR THE GIFTS AND CALLING OF GOD ARE IRREVOCABLE [binding; permanent; not annulled; not voided] (Rom. 11:29).
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GOD IS ALWAYS IN CONTROL IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH *THROUGH HIS HOLY SPIRIT.* (Acts 8:14-17; 9:17, 18; **19:6**)

CONCLUSIVELY, the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is to be a light in the dark (Mt. 5:14 Eph. 5:8), and is *commanded* to preach the Gospel to the world, win souls, heal, and do spiritual warfare (Mk. 16:15-18). The Church is also to walk in faith and to defend the Faith. *The Saint of God is endued with power from on high to operate, serve, witness, and do battle with the sword of the Spirit* the Word of God *while emerging victoriously* (2Cor. 10:3 Eph. 6:10-18). ***THE SAINT <LABORS> TO DO SERVICE, AND ENGAGES IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE NOT HOLY SPIRIT.***

As for the Saint who has been baptized with the Holy Spirit, it is not enough for you to proclaim that *you <HAVE> the Baptism of the Holy Spirit* and pray in tongues. The fundamental question is this: ***DOES HOLY SPIRIT <HAVE> YOU?*** Does He have ***control*** of you as a ***holy vessel of God*** through whom He now flows and operates, and accomplishes *HIS* holy works in and through you ***for the glory of God***? Do you know what God's actual *call* is on your life? The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not to be *boasted* about, *displayed* (showed off) or treated as a *spiritual status symbol*. **Spiritual pride hinders and quenches HUMBLE SERVICE THAT IS TO GLORIFY AND EXALT GOD** (Jas. 4:7, 10) ***not the flesh*** (Gal. 6:7, 8).

It has been *unmistakably and clearly evident* throughout the Church Age that **the Holy Spirit of God has *NOT* had *CONTROL* of the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.** Otherwise, the world would be more spiritually enlightened because of the Sovereign Presence of the "Light unto the world" (Mt. 4:16; 5:16 Lk. 1:79; 2:32 Jn. 1:4, 5, 9; 3:19-21; 8:12; **9:5**; **12:35**, 36, 46 Acts 22:9, 11) and through the fullness of the Word of God being ***preached***, ***taught***, ***demonstrated, operated, and exercised WITHOUT QUENCHING AND GRIEVING THE AUTHORITY AND OPERATION OF HOLY SPIRIT in the surrendered Church unto Himself.*** That is not to say that Satan (Acts 26:18) would be standing helplessly on the sidelines without any interference (1Pet. 5:8 Jn. 10:10), but that *the Church would be far, far, FAR more spiritual, powerful,* ***BOLD***, *zealous* (blazing aflame) *effective, and victorious in Her warfare against Satan t**hrough the power of Holy Spirit** than She has been for over two thousand years.* **Her neglect of *"WALKING and OPERATING in the Spirit"* has caused *great confusion* as well as much *grief, pain,* and *heresy* in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth throughout the ages, *while Holy Spirit has been kept stored away OUT OF SIGHT and out of mind.* Yet remembered, however, only during worship singing.**

Why did Martin Luther dissent *(oppose)* against the Catholic Church, thus bringing about the Protestant Reformation? Y*et sadly to this day, the **flesh** still keeps marching on, even in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.* (Gal. 6:7,8)

Due to *a lack of passion and zeal* in honoring Lord Jesus, there will still be many Saints in the Church of Lord Jesus *who will NOT want to yield to Holy Spirit*. They are *content* with their spiritual status quo *(existing state)*, and will not want to *press on* beyond their comfort zone. *THEY DO NOT HAVE A HEART FOR GOD. "Can two walk* [intimately] *together, unless they are agreed?"* (Amos 3:3)

Can both *grieving* (Eph. 4:30) and *quenching* (1Thes. 5:19) the Holy Spirit of God qualify as sins? Scripture does not spell this out as such. Only *blaspheming* Holy Spirit (Mt. 12:31, 32) sends one to Hell no matter how remorseful one becomes. *(Study this Scripture.)* Yet, how can Holy Spirit be so ignored, neglected, avoided, resisted, overridden, disobeyed, insulted, wronged, quenched and grieved that He would *not* be deeply hurt, insulted, upset, distressed, ***ABUSED***, snubbed, affronted, offended and perhaps even angered? Yes, even resistance to the point of abandoning Holy Spirit ***because of PRIDE in one's own "spiritual" works through self appointment and self promotion <ABOVE> the AUTHORITY and CONTROL of the Holy Spirit of the Living God in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.*** A serious study and meditation on *LYING TO HOLY SPIRIT AND ITS REVEALED <CONSEQUENCE>* should be done in Acts 5:1-11. He has just as much *prominence* (importance distinction status) as Father God and Lord Jesus have. Do you not find it interesting that one can blaspheme Father God and Lord Jesus and be forgiven, *but there is absolutely no forgiveness regarding the blasphemy of Holy Spirit?* (Mt. 12:31, 32) Why is He so exceptional? Does this not stir a conviction in the heart of the Saints that great injustice, negligence and abuse has been done to Holy Spirit throughout the Church Age?

Many in the Body of Christ have *"EXALTED" THEMSELVES WITH "SELF APPOINTED" <CALLINGS> WITHOUT "CONFIRMED TESTIMONY"* to the Church of Lord Jesus about their *<CALLINGS>.* (1Cor. 1:26, 29; 2:9-15) The Church remains *clueless, confused, and powerless* against Satan's attacks and deceptions upon their minds, spirits, souls, flesh, lives, spiritual growth and maturity as well as in their ministries due to ***WORKS OF THE FLESH*** operating in the Church.

For example, there are the **LARGE-SCALE IMPOSTERS** ***masquerading WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING*** **who have *VERY, VERY CAREFULLY* learned to *"talk the Talk and walk the Walk as well as many other 'ministers of songs and music' who sing the Songs and play the Music" while all along FLEECING THE FLOCK.*** (2Tim. 3:1-9) In many instances their songs and music do *not* leave one in a state of worship and adoration. *There is nothing "spiritual" about either their songs or music.* (Mt. 6:24)

And *THEN* there are the many Internet and Mail Order Ordained Ministers' Certificates popularly used for tax dodging purposes (Lk. 20:25) among other uses. Words fail to even touch upon this hypocrisy. The following Web Ordained Ministers site advertises without any scriptural reference to God, Lord Jesus or to Holy Spirit *not even one reference to a Scripture!* Log on and check out http://www.amfellow.org/ and its ***DOVE Logo**!* Another site leaves one laughing as well as enlightened on this scam. http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,595083967,00.html

And *THEN* there are the "*can preach and cannot preach certain Scriptures' guidelines*" set forth before pastors by certain denominational Church boards. This glaring practice exposes the ***WORKS OF THE FLESH***. Is this not known as *"muzzling* (gagging) *the ox?"* (Deut. 25:4 1Cor. 9:9 1Tim. 5:18) *From whence cometh such authority? Where is this taught in Scripture?*

FURTHERMORE, *IS HOLY SPIRIT <IN CONTROL>* OF THE SCHOOLS OF DIVINITY / THEOLOGY THE SEMINARIES? *Or need one ask?*

IN CONCLUSION: *INCREASED ABORTIONS DUE TO INCREASED ADULTRY IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH!* DOES THE WORD OF GOD POINT A FINGER? (2Sam. 12:1-9 Isa. 48:22) *Saints of God, it is written in the Word of God, "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER," and "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY?"* (Ex. 20:13, 14) *"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God"* (Heb. 10:31).

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>> *"IS NOT MY WORD LIKE A FIRE?"* (Jer. 23:29)

>> *Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that **your body is the TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT who is IN you**, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?* (1Cor. 6:18, 19)

>> *Do you not know that **YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF GOD** and that **the SPIRIT OF GOD dwells IN you**? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are* (1Cor. 3:16, 17).

>> *Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, **who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness**…*(1Cor. 4:5).

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One may question, *"Is the above occurring today in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth?"* Without the *AUTHORITY and CONTROL of Holy Spirit* in Lord Jesus' Church, one can surely believe that it is. Lord Jesus knows, and He alone will judge His Church at His Judgment Seat (2Cor. 5:10).

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>> *Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: **"The Lord knows those who are His,"** and "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity"* (2 Tim. 2:19).

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And then there are those Saints who are *NOT* **<CALLED>** to minister in an Office or to exercise the Gifts but who *proudly* proclaim and exalt themselves as such, *deceitfully PARADING their self "anointing"* while strutting around like peacocks in the Church. These pretenders and offenders have become ***mavericks (rebels lone rangers)*** working against God's Word. Keeping in mind that those of the world *do not* address Lord Jesus as "LORD," **could this in part be the *lawlessness (walking in sin)* spoken of by Lord Jesus to His Church in the following Scripture:**

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>> *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who DOES THE WILL of my Father in heaven**. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' and then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME you who practice LAWLESSNESS' "*** (Mt. 7:21-23).

>> *Whoever commits sin also commits LAWLESSNESS, and SIN IS LAWLESSNESS* (1Jn. 3:4).

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SPIRITUAL ENVY, DISPUTES, SLANDER, and GOSSIP by many in the Church (Jas. 3:1-18) have become flaming and dangerous restraints as well as stumbling blocks to spiritual growth and maturity in the Body of Christ. (Eph. 4:29 Col. 3:1-17, 23-25 Rom. 7:14-25 2Tim. 2:23-26 1Cor. 3:3) **[*Give them a crumb of news or gossip and they'll make a BANQUET out of it. " Hear ye, hear ye!"*]** This continues to hinder victorious Christian living due to *the lack of Holy Spirit's CONTROL* in the lives of these Saints. ***This type of behavior does NOT bring HONOR to nor does it GLORIFY God!*** These Saints carnally and foolishly ***ignore*** the Scripture that declares, *"And what does the Lord require of you but to **do justly*** [spiritually, morally, legally right], ***love mercy*** [forgive as God in Christ forgave Eph. 4:32], *and to **walk humbly*** [without pride, *self-righteousness*, unfaithfulness, disobedience, slander, gossip, deceitfulness, haughtiness, pretentiousness] ***with your God?*"** (Micah 6:8) Yes, dear Saints of God, *judgment DOES begin in the House of God* (1Pet. 4:17). ***IS IT WELL WITH YOUR SOUL?*** [Study: Gal. 5:16-26 Jas. 3:13-18 Rom. 8:1-17 Eph. 5:9, 10 1Jn. 4:7-11 **Phil. 4:8**]

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>> *"All **flesh** is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever"* (Isa. 40:6-8). [See 1Pet. 1:24]

>> *I say then: **WALK IN THE SPIRIT**, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** lusts against the **SPIRIT**, and the **SPIRIT** against the **flesh**…* (Gal. 5:16,17).

>> *For those who live according to the **flesh** set their minds on the things of the **flesh**, but those who live according to the **SPIRIT*** [set their minds on] *the things of the **SPIRIT**…For if you live according to the **flesh** you will* [spiritually] *die; but if by the **SPIRIT** you put to death the deeds of the body, you will* [spiritually] *live. **For as many as are LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, these are the sons of God…The SPIRIT Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**…*(Rom. 8:5, 13, 14, 16).

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The universal Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is ***not walking in FAITHFULNESS, HUMILITY, HOLINESS and OBEDIENCE to God*** and His Word because She is ***compromising** with, and parading before the world in vain glory, yet **behaving** as though She is righteous in the sight of God*. (2Chr. 16:9 1Chr. 28:9; 29:17 Jer. 9:23, 24; **16:17**; 17:9, 10) She has not been *FILLED with Holy Spirit's CONTROL, power and presence* to do *"**anointed**"* service unto God, and to do spiritual warfare with the enemy through prayer, fasting, and the Word through which ***she would then emerge VICTORIOUS in the strength of Her Savior, Lord Jesus*** (Eph. 6:11-12 2Cor.

10:3, 4 Phil. 3:13-15, 20; **4:13**). ***The Church is to be walking in authority through DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD*** (Eph. 6:17) ***and in DEMONSTRATION OF THE POWER OF HOLY SPIRIT*** (Acts 1:5, 8 Gal. 5:25) throughout the world while triumphant against Satan, the adversary of the Church (1Pet. 5:8).

[The reader should do a study of the Holy Spirit of God operating throughout the Book of Acts. **Read also Romans 8** where the ***Spirit*** is referred to eighteen times, and the ***flesh*** twelve times.]

After becoming Born Again (Jn. 3:3-8), many of the Saints of God want to be *spoon-fed* the Word, and have others pray for them rather than assume responsibility for *nourishing themselves* with the Word (1Cor. 3:1, 2 Heb. 5:12-14 1Pet. 2:1, 2 Jn. 8:31; 15:7), neglect ***learning how to pray*** with help from Holy Spirit, and *maturing* in Christ-likeness with Holy Spirit's help and zeal. They neglect to exercise *strong vigilance against sin through* ***humble*** *DAILY heart searching* and repentance before Lord Jesus in prayer (1Jn. 1:7, 9). That is how *lukewarm habits* set in, which in turn stunt and inhibit spiritual growth while also quenching fellowship and *intimacy* with their Savior and Lord.

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>> *"So then, because you are LUKEWARM…I will* ***spew*** **(VOMIT)** *you out of My mouth"* (Rev. 3:16).
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How does Lord Jesus feel about His Church's *disregard* of **HIM WHOM HE *SENT*** (Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7 Lk. 24:49) **IN HIS PLACE TO *ANOINT*, EMPOWER, HELP AND COMFORT HER?** (*The additional scriptures give strong clarification to the misunderstanding of 1Cor. 12:13 by many in the Church* Jn. 14:16-18, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15.) Furthermore, how does Lord Jesus feel about His Church's neglect to be ***baptized (filled)*** with and ***empowered*** by Holy Spirit so as to *boldly, obediently, fearlessly, humbly and faithfully* fulfill Her *CALLING* to be strong in the Word (Josh. 1:8, 9) while growing in Her Lord and Savior's likeness, and be victorious in spiritual warfare against Satan? Could today's Church be far more successful in her works and accomplishments? ***Without intimacy with, and CONTROL BY HOLY SPIRIT in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,*** how can She be further and *totally committed*, fearless and triumphant in exalting Lord Jesus in Her witness of Him to the world? (Jn. 12:47-50 Acts 26:15-18) *Could Lord Jesus be speaking about this to His Church today?* Is He drawing more of the world unto Himself (Jn. 6:44; 12:32) ***through Holy Spirit's conviction of sin*** (Jn. 16:8) because His Church is ***faithfully living for Him*** and ***"walking in the Spirit"*** while also preaching the Word of God, and exercising the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17) with ***POWER, BOLDNESS,*** and ***FIRE****?*

>>> IS JESUS LORD OF ALL, OR IS JESUS LORD AT ALL? <<<

[PERSONAL NOTE: As a follow-up to Holy Spirit's amplification about Himself, a *SUPERB* book to help the reader draw closer to walking with and understanding Holy Spirit, and hopefully becoming *intimate with* and *surrendered* to Him, is **"THE SPIRIT HIMSELF"** by Ralph M. Riggs in hard cover (printed in 1949, published by Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Missouri 65802), and also in paperback by *Pentecostal Classics.* Their revised print date is December 1977. It is also available in Spanish: **"EL ESPIRITU MISMO,"** paperback, Concordia Publishing House, ISBN 0829705511. They can all be ordered at AMAZON, http://www.Amazon.com as well as from ALIBRIS, http://www.alibris.com. [An interesting index listing every Scripture that mentions Holy Spirit throughout the Bible is found on page 194. ***Note that references to Isa. 49:19,21 are incorrect and should be noted as 59:19, 21.***

Another book is **"LISTEN TO THE SPIRIT"** by brothers Dick and Don Hillis, *(Overseas Crusades, Inc. and The Evangelical Alliance Mission),* published by Baker Book House, 98 pages, paperback. *(My copy is a second printing in 1974.)* It is written in the First Person as if the Holy Spirit were the Author. It is simple, yet an *EXCELLENT* read. Also available at AMAZON and ALIBRIS.]

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My personal testimony on God's call upon my life is documented in HARLOT CHURCH — http://www.etpv.org/2004/harch.html where I detail how in 1975 God spoke to me in a dream, calling me to repentance. That dream which still *burns* within me today as well as the **I AM IN CONTROL** dream, http://www.etpv.org/1999/control.html and http://www.etpv.org/2004/control.html, remain the most awesome of all the dreams I've ever dreamt. After that first dream in 1975, two more dreams followed that made the most dramatic and eternal impact in my life. A year later I embraced Jesus as my Savior and Lord.

Right after I became Born Again, for years I received a steady stream of dreams that guided my spiritual and personal life. In one of those dreams, I was about to receive communion from a priest on the outdoor steps of a cathedral. As I opened my mouth to receive the host, the priest was suddenly drawn away, as though sucked back into the church while I heard a Man's Voice say, *"Read the Bible."* I then turned around and seemed to be suspended about 1,000 feet in the air. I looked throughout at a *"sea of humanity"* of every race and different ages. They *all* reached up, frantically waving their arms toward me while seeming desperate for something. Later, I came to understand that I was being instructed to equip myself with the Word of God in my heart to minister Lord Jesus to many in the dying world as well as to minister to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Bill Somers, Host of END TIME PROPHETIC VISION, http://www.etpv.org/, for his kind and gracious help in many ways in helping me bring these dreams and articles as well as the **I AM IN CONTROL** graphs to Lord Jesus' Church. I had often wondered what I was going to do with these dreams. Little did I know that Lord Jesus through Holy Spirit had prepared Bill's Web site to post these dreams to His Church. *(I continue to be amazed at the awesomeness of God's blessings and provisions to His children.)* Bill began his Web site in 1996, and a year later I was led to his Web forum *yes, by Holy Spirit* where Lord Jesus' dreams have been posted to His Church. *"Thank you, Bill you precious, most dear and wonderful Saint of God! May God truly bless you for your love, faithfulness and labor for Lord Jesus and His Church."*

By now, there have been many questions and inquiries about who I am. My brief bio-sketch is as follows:

Age: 68 Born Again: 8/30/76 Baptized in the Holy Spirit: 10/11/76 Married 35 years Homemaker. I tend to my husband's debilitating and painful illness full time, and have NO TIME to spend on the computer answering e-mails. My humble apologies to whoever has tried or would like to get in touch with me. Furthermore, Holy Spirit prompts me to *declare* and not to *debate*. In other words, He instructs me on what Lord Jesus ***gives Him*** to say to me.

Finally, dear Saints of God, my prayer is that ***"none should perish but that all should come to repentance"*** (2Pet. 3:9). ***"Nor THERE IS NO SALVATION IN ANY OTHER, for there is no other name* [EXCEPT THAT OF JESUS CHRIST] *under heaven given among men by which we must be saved"*** (Acts 4:12).

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Entering The Kingdom of God Age

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"Why are we still operating in theory of the kingdom instead of the reality."

Jesus spoke much about the kingdom. Indeed the gospel of the kingdom and our part in seeking, entering and experiencing it is the theme of His message. Several people have recently asked me the following question or one similar to it. "Why are we still operating in theory of the kingdom instead of the reality." This is a valid question when viewing Christendom in a collective overall sense. However, not everyone can be included in the "we" in this question. There are maturing kingdom people among us who have entered into the "ruling city" inner portion of the kingdom and are experiencing more than just the theory of the kingdom of God lifestyle.

We are beginning to recognize that there is a progressive journey into the "ruling city" of the kingdom. Not all believers are there yet and there are some extreme difficulties along the journey. There is clear biblical symbolic metaphorical language defining the spiritual territories of the ruling spiritual kingdoms and the journey of passing from one to another.

There are two spiritual kingdoms vying for the heart of man and thereby the dominion of the earth. There is the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. Each kingdom has an inner portion and an outer portion. The inner part is the capital or ruling city of each kingdom. The ruling city of the kingdom of spiritual darkness is spiritual Babylon. The entire kingdom of darkness including the outer portions and all that is under the rule of Babylon can be referred to as the Babylonian Empire or the evil world system. The ruling city of the spiritual kingdom of light is New Jerusalem, The entire kingdom of light including the outer portions and all that is ruled from New Jerusalem is the "Israel of God."

Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Gal 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

As those who sat in darkness we saw a great light and began to move toward it. At the point we leave darkness and enter the light we have entered the Israel of God (the kingdom). But we are not yet in the ruling city of the kingdom, the New Jerusalem. As we make the journey closer to the bright clear light of New Jerusalem, our imperfections and residue of selfish and religious ways are more visible. Fresh repentance and practical cleansing must occur before we can continue onward in our journey toward the New Jerusalem in which is the fullness of the kingdom that we seek.

There is a short answer to why "we" (some) are still operating in theory instead of reality. The short answer is: Rev 21:27: **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles.** No one with a residue of Babylonian religion or selfish sinful ways can enter the ruling city of New Jerusalem. Thus many continue to battle frustrations of seeing the glorious light in "theory" but are yet not able to experience the practical reality of it. Only after having been truly completely cleansed by the process of our own cross of death to self and religious deceptions that were trained into us in Babylon, can we enter the ruling city.

Within the ruling city of New Jerusalem everything is God's way and everyone is in total alignment with His way. There is no personal frustration from any area of lack. There is always enough of everything needed to accomplish the will of God for us at the time. There are no seemingly noble and seemingly worthy works from our own initiatives or religious requirements to be done. We are at total rest in Him and truly will do only what He is doing and there is always enough to do what he is doing.

The New Jerusalem is the purified Bride of Christ. Many are on this journey and are at different points of progress of purification or cleansing from defilements. They are a part of the Body of Christ and have entered the kingdom but have not yet entered the New Jerusalem ruling city. The only reason for anyone who is truly seeking God to not enter New Jerusalem is defilement. **The predominant root of defilement is the gods of self and religion.** The seed that planted selfish and religious deception is the lack of experiencing the fullness of the love of God in Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

The kingdom is in the Holy Spirit.

Rom 14:17 for the ***kingdom of God is*** *not eating and drinking, but* ***righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.***

Luke 17:21 "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

The kingdom that is to set the standard of rule that changes the rule of the planet from the Babylonian style of the kingdom of darkness to the New Jerusalem style of the kingdom of light is in the Holy Spirit within God's people. The very life of Christ is manifested within His Body by the Holy Spirit. There is no kingdom of God on earth without the Holy Spirit. The "Christ in you" people entering the "New Jerusalem lifestyle" is by the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Intimacy and oneness with God is by the fullness of the Holy Spirit. The empowerment of grace and endless love of oneness with God by the Holy Spirit is the cleansing agent that produces the experience of the cross and the resurrection life that removes ALL of the defiling residue of Babylonian self and religious life.

The devastations and serious difficulties we face in the process are only the tools of destruction for our self focused and religious lives. Through this death experience of loss and devastation we reach the point that we have nothing left but Jesus. Then are we are ready to enter into the fullness of the Holy Spirt for the comfort that can only come from God. And we are ready to step into the Holy City, the ruling city of the kingdom of God, the New Jerusalem people of God - the purified remnant focused only on Jesus that have been changed and will touch those around them starting a chain reaction of spreading the kingdom of God as leaven in a lump of dough.

Mat 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them: ***"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,*** *which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened."*

It will not help to change the form of how we do church from institutional to organic or adjust our form of music nor any other attempts at improvement if we don't first experience a greater fullness of the Holy Spirit in our lives leading to a greater intimacy with God.

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End Time Outline
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"Which things are an allegory: ..." Galatians 4:24

The five phases: Kingdom Judgment Redemption Harvest Finale

This is an outline of the End Times from the Church's point of view. The sequence of events can roughly be broken up into 5 phases. I am going to define these phases; and then present examples from scripture where they are illustrated.

To properly understand all this, keep in mind that these phases are overlapping, except the finale. And the phases are loosely defined and *will not all occur in the same part of the Body of Christ at the same time*. So strive to be skillful in the word as you read this.

Phase 1. **The Kingdom**. This is the Lord coming to take up His Kingdom.

It is commonly taught that the millennium, Christ's 1000 year reign with his saints, begins after His return to earth. You will find as I did that things make much more since, when you realize that the 1000 years begins with Christ coming to his Church and beginning to rule there. This is the coming of the King. The Kingdom comes to the Church first, because the King comes to the Church first. Solomon began to rule in a chaotic time and gradually extended his rule by wise judgment. Likewise Jesus comes to rule in his Church and gradually extends his rule throughout the church for 3 and a half years. All the time intervals in the book of revelation are 1000 years or equal to 3 and a half years, except the 3 and a half days mentioned at the end of revelation 11. This is a textual clue that this 3 and a half years is the last 3 and half days of Daniel's 70th week.

We are not going into proving this at this point so for the sake of argument we are assuming that the Millennium, the 3 and a half year kingdom of the beast and the three and a half year ministry of the end time Church begin at the same point. That point is the kingdom phase

Phase 2. **The Judgment.** The coming of the King must bring judgment, because the King is the Judge and Judgment must begin at the house of God. This is the period where the Lord purges and purifies the Church by means of judgments against her. It will consist of strife within the Church, and attacks against the Church from outside as well as other general judgments. It is the great shaking.

Phase 3. **The Redemption**. The Lords purpose for judgment is often redemption. This phase is the ending of the judgment. It includes many elements. Revival, Restoration, Reformation and Revelation. It is God coming in awesome holiness and irresistible power. It is the Fear of the Lord and The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Phase 4. **The Harvest**. This is the great ingathering of souls. This time when the gospel will be preached through all the world. This is the time that the Church will become the spotless bride that Lord desires as the remaining unsaved members are brought in.

Phase 5. **The Finale** This is the Second Coming of Christ in clouds of glory to execute the final judgments and fight the final battles. This is when his saints and holy ones come with him and the dead in Christ will rise.

Now the following examples will not show all 5 phases, some will show just 1 or 2, others may show all 5. Recall the story of the 5 blind men who studied the elephant and each came away with a different report.

> **Matthew 8**. *23 ¶ And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.*
> *24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.*
> *25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.*
> *26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*
> *27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!*

Verse 23 speaks of the Kingdom. Jesus entering the ship is Jesus entering the Church. His disciples following him, shows the end result, his people obey him. Verse 24 and 25 illustrate the great judgments to come. The tempest of the sea, is the persecution by the people of the earth. Verse 26,27 show the restoration phase. The Lord puts a halt to the judgments and reveals his awesome power to his people.

> **John 8**: *1 ¶ Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.*
> *2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*
> *3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,*
> *10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*
> *11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

Now here, Jesus coming to the temple is the Kingdom Phase. As you see the woman brought before him, notice he is seated. This is a clear picture of the Church coming before the **Judgment Seat of Christ**. So it is the Judgment phase. Verse 10 is the redemption and verse 11 speaks of redemption and harvest as He commissions her to GO!

> **John 16**: *20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.*
> *21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.*
> *22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*
> *23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.*

In this passage Jesus prophecies to the disciples regarding the judgment phase and the joy to come afterward in the redemption phase.

> **Isaiah 1** *21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.*
> *24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:*
> *25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:*
> *26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*
> ***27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.***
> *2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
> *3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.*

Here in Isaiah 1, verse 21 summarizes the reasons for judgment on the city, the Church. In verse 24, he declares his intention to bring that judgment. And verse 27, where Zion speaks of the Church, is a key description of his intentions where the judgment phase will lead to the redemption phase and that to the harvest, the converts. And again redemption and the converts are the subject of verses 2 and 3 in chapter 2. In this passage the phrase ‘mountain of the Lord’s House’ refers to the Church. And notice especially in verse 3 where it is referred to as the Mountain of the Lord, the House of the God of Jacob, Zion and Jerusalem!

> **Isaiah 28:***14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.*
> *15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:*
> *16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*
> *17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.*

Here the Lord addresses the scornful men that rule this people, that is to the pastors and overseers of his Church. Verse 15 lists some reasons for the Judgment phase. Verse 16 speaks of the cornerstone being laid in Zion. This is Jesus coming to the Church and thus is the kingdom phase. And again in verse 17 judgment is mentioned along with righteousness, just as in Isaiah 1:27. Note that the line and the plummet are tools of a carpenter! Jesus uses the line and the plummet not to build with. Other tools are for that. These tools are for measurement! In other words they are instruments of judgment. The line and the plummet are used to see that the Church measures up to what God has intended for it. Lets look further.

> *Isaiah 28: 24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?*
> *25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rie in their place?*
> *26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.*
> *27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.*
> *28 Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.*
> *29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.*

Here the plowman breaks up the fallow ground. This is the judgment phase. In verse 25, he casts in the seed. This is redemption preparing for harvest. Verse 26 shows the plowman instructed by the Father, indicating that Jesus is the plowman. And in verse 28 we see threshing instruments of an unusual sort. The rod and the staff are the tools of the shepherd! So here we find Jesus the carpenter, the plowman and the shepherd, all in one passage.

> ***Isaiah 29:*** *13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:*
> *14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.*
> *17 ¶ Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest?*
> *18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.*
> *19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
> *22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.*
> *23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.*
> *24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.*

Isaiah 29 covers much of the same ground and chapter 28. Verse 13 again gives a reason for the Judgment phase about to come. In verse 14 we see a reference to a marvellous work That marvellous work is the kingdom phase we spoke of above concerning chapter 28. This cross reference from Psalm 118 may make it clear.

> *Ps 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.*
> *23 This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.*

Verse 17 alludes to a soon coming harvest, while the rest of the chapter tells the results of the restoration phase to follow the judgment. Verse 24 reminds me of Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for **they shall see eye to eye**, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

> ***Isaiah 60 1 ¶ Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.***
> ***2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.***

> ***3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.***
> ***4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.***
> ***5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.***

Here Isaiah speaks of the redemption phase followed by the harvest. Verse 1, "arise, shine" speaks of his people coming through the judgment and being filled with the glory, while the rest details the harvest.

> ***Psalm 2:*** *1 ¶ Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?*
> *2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,*
> *3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.*
> *4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.*
> *5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.*
> *6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*

Here the first three verses speak of the persecution of the Church during the judgment phase, while verse 4 and 5 tell of the redemption . Verse 6 is of course part of the Kingdom phase.

> ***Psalm 48*** *11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.*
> *12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*
> *13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.*
> *14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.*

These verses speak of the redemption phase with great rejoicing coming after the judgments, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God in the Church. Verse 14 may allude to the Finale phase.

> ***Psalm 65****: 1 <<To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.>> Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.*
> *2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.*
> *3 Iniquities prevail against me: as for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.*
> *4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.*
> *5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:*
> *7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.*
> *9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water: thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.*
> *10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof: thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.*
> *11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.*
> *12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness: and the little hills rejoice on every side.*
> *13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.*

Here verse 1 says praise waiteth for thee oh God in zion. The implication here is that the Lord then must come to Zion. So this speaks of the kingdom phase. The Lord coming to his kingdom. The promise here in one of obedience as it says, unto thee shall the vow be performed. And later it says to you all flesh will come. Verses 3-5 speak of the Judgment seat. That is of being chosen to come before him. Bro. Rick Joyner tells in his vision the Hordes of Hell, that the judgment seat is terrible. That he had never seen the Lord look quite so terrible! Verse 5, in mentioning the terrible things alludes to this. Verse 7 echoes Matthew 8 where the Lord calmed the sea. It indicates that the roaring of the sea is none other than the tumult of the people. This then is the redemption phase. Verses 9-10 speak of the latter rain coming down on the freshly plowed fields. This leads to the harvest and the abundance mentioned in verses 11-13.

Psalm 74 is a prayer of the Church undergoing the judgment phase. **Psalm 89** also is a prayer of the Church undergoing judgment, leading to **Psalm 90** this psalm speaks the redemption phase and **Psalm 91** speaks of the harvest phase. **Psalm 94** is also a prayer of the Church under judgment. See especially verse 3 "…how long shall the wicked triumph?" See also Ps. 130

Psalm 119 is the prayer of the Church in the redemption phase where she is able to say I have hid thy word in my heart that I might not sin against thee. It is the heart that is the fallow ground broken up by the plowman. In Jeremiah 26:18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, ….

Here the plowman is Jesus, and his word is the sword of judgment and also the plow that breaks up the ground. But this is so it can receive the seed, (also the word) and hold it.

> *Psalm 126: 1 <<A Song of degrees.>> When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream.*
> *2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them.*
> *3 The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.*
> *4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south.*
> *5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.*
> *6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*

Here we find the judgment phase ending in verse 1, the redemption phase in verses 2-4 and the harvest in 5-6.

> ***Psalm 132*** *8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*
> *9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.*
> *13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.*
> *14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*

The key idea here is the Lord arising and coming to his place of rest, Zion, the Church. This is the kingdom phase, the passage in verse 9 speaks of the redemption phase.

> ***Revelation 11:*** *1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*
> *2 But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.*
> *3 ¶ And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*
> *7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.*

Here we see the prophet John instructed to measure the temple, the altar and the worshippers. This speaks again of the Church being judged. The measurement is to show that the Church is redeemed when it measures up. This alludes briefly to the judgment and redemption. The outer court is the outside world. The Kingdom has come to the temple, or the Church, but it will not come to the outside world till 42 months after. The two witnesses also speak of the Church and the power to come upon it during the harvest. And verse 7 speaks of the finale. All 5 phases are touched upon here.

> ***Revelation 12: 1*** *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*
> *2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

> *3 And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*
> *4 And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.*
> *5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

Here we see the woman represents the Church. The travail she goes through is the judgment phase. The dragon ready to devour her child speaks of the persecution that is a part of this judgment. The bringing forth of the child is the redemption phase. This is also seen in John 16:21. Verse 10 tells of the kingdom phase as well as the redemption phase.

1st Chronicles 12, a revival chapter speaks of all the tribes of Israel coming together to make David King! This speaks of the redemption phase of the end times when all the denominations of the Church will come together under King Jesus.

Judges 14: *14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.*
15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? is it not so?
16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?
17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.

This case is especially interesting. The answer to Samson's riddle was "what is sweeter than honey and what is stronger than a lion?" Here the meat and the sweetness are types of the Word of God. Therefore the giving of the answer speaks of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Samson is a type of the Lord and his wife, a type of the Church. The fact that it came to pass on the seventh day, speaks of the millennium. So this is the kingdom phase. His wife weeping before him speaks of the judgment phase. The giving of the answer is the Revelation of Jesus Christ and so it is the redemption phase. The wife immediately giving the answer to the philistines, a type of the world speaks of the Church revealing Jesus to the lost. This then is the harvest phase.

> ***Numbers 5*** *11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him,*
> *13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, neither she be taken with the manner;*
> *14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:*
> *15 Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, ...*
> *16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the LORD:*
> *24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter.*
> *27 And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her,*

> *and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people.*
> *28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.*

In this example, the coming before the Lord is the kingdom phase. The bitter water is the judgment phase. [Bitter tears of repentance] and the redemption phase is seen in verse 27-28. If the woman is defiled, the swelling belly speaks of being with child like the woman in Rev. 12. The rotting of the thigh is like Jacob, whose thigh was touched after he wrestled with God at Peniel.. From that point on, he could no longer depend on his own strength. So this is the redemption phase. The alternative of conceiving seed in verse 28 also speaks of pregnancy and bring forth the man-child. Here the Lord is both the High Priest and the Jealous Husband.

Second Corinthians. This entire book clearly speaks of judgment and redemption.

Ephesians This entire book speaks of the Church in the redemption phase, leading to harvest. The kingdom phase is seen in Chapter 1 verse 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

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End Time Things
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In this essay we will look at End Time Things, what they are, and what elements and themes in the bible can be considered end time things. Then we will look at some contrasts between the end time things and earlier ones. The Lord has kept the best for last.

First and foremost is of course the Second Advent, or Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter 19 depicts the Second Coming like this:

> *Re 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
> *12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*
> *13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*
> *14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*
> *15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

> *Jude 1:14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

There are many other references to the second advent, especially those that speak of the Son Of Man coming in the clouds.

Another theme that is clearly an end time thing is The Last Day pouring out of the Spirit. It’s mentioned in Acts 2 where we read of what will happen in ‘the last days’.

> *Ac 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*
> *19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*
> *20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:*
> *21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Here the speaker, Peter, is quoting the prophet Joel from Joel 2, where the translators used the term afterward instead of the last days.

> *Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

Just prior to that we see Joel mentions something called the latter rain. In natural terms the former rain was the spring rain, and the latter rain was the fall rain. These were crucial to bring the spring and fall harvests. Wheat and barley were harvested in ancient Israel in the spring, just as we harvest winter wheat in the spring today. But in this instance there is a supernatural element involved as it tells of the former and latter rain coming both in the first month. That is a double rain!

> *Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the **latter rain in the first month**.*

Over in Hosea, we read that he will come to us as the latter rain and it will be in the third day! This clarifies what Joel is saying and makes it easy to see that the pouring down latter rain is another way of expressing the pouring out of the Spirit. And the mention of the third day lines up with the expression ‘last days’.

> *Ho 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will he revive us: **in the third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.***

The latter rain and the pouring of the spirit are the same thing basically and are clearly end time things. As rain enables a harvest in natural terms, the latter rain speaks of end time revival [or restoration] to precede an end time harvest.

Here in Matthew the Lord clearly identifies the harvest as an end time thing.

> *Mt 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

The context this appears in is a series of parables on the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God. This also is an end time thing.

The Kingdom of God is a complex topic and the Lord has much to say about it. Some of what we know is what it takes to enter the Kingdom of God. [I go into this topic at length in my article *Blowing In The Wind*. I could repeat most of that here, but I want to move on to the next topic.]You must be born again, you must be led by the Spirit, [John 3] and you must become as a little child [Mark 10:15].

The Kingdom of God is found wherever God is King. To speak of some future time when Jesus returns to earth to set up his Kingdom is a misunderstanding. The kingdom is not of this world, visible and political. The kingdom does not come in a way you can observe or see, it’s invisible and spiritual. Those who are led by the spirit have entered the Kingdom of God. They have become obedient in all things.

The Latter Rain Outpouring of the Spirit is what leads us into the Kingdom.

And The Kingdom of God is an end time thing.

> *Re 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and* ***the kingdom of our God****, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

Consider the New Covenant as mentioned in Jeremiah and Ezekiel

> *Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*
> *32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:*
> *33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD****, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts****; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
> *34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for* ***they shall all know me****, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

This tells us of a new covenant that the Lord intends to make with his people. He will write his law in our hearts. And we shall all know Him.

Here is another description from Jeremiah 32.

> *Jer 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts,* ***that they shall not depart*** *from me.*

Here we see that this new covenant will make it so that his people will not depart from him. Ezekiel explains it this way:

> *Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*
> *27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to* ***walk in my statutes****, and ye shall* ***keep my judgments****, and do them.*

The Lord is promising that he will cause us to obey him! And that by putting his Spirit in us. On other words, God says I will put my spirit in you that you might not sin against me. This can only come about during the latter rain outpouring.

The key factor in each of these themes is the Holy Spirit. He plays the leading role in the End Time Outpouring, the Kingdom of God, and The new covenant. Essentially all three of these are the same thing, and the same event. So the New Covenant or New Testament is an end time thing.

There have been individual cases of people who have been led by the spirit. Certainly many of the first apostles and disciples, and down thru history as well. Today as we approach the coming of the latter rain, and the coming of the Lord at the second advent, there are increasingly more such people. Still the full force of the latter rain, and it’s impact are yet to be seen. I believe we are in the last days. You may call it the third day, the seventh day [of God’s week], the millennium or whatever. It’s in or on this day that these things will begin to happen. The end times and the end time things will come rushing at us.

Let’s look as some important contrasts.

Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

The Old Covenant is the Letter of the Law [which kills] vs. The New Covenant is the giving [without measure] of The Spirit [which quickens].

The Old Covenant is The Law of sin and death. The New Covenant is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus

> *Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
> *2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*
> *3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*
> *4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
> *5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*
> *6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
> *7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
> *8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
> *9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
> *10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. When you are led by that spirit you are not under the law; you have been [or will be] set free from sin and death!

Compare the tree of knowledge of good and evil vs. the tree of life. You can see that the fruit of the tree of knowledge, a fig tree in the story, is self righteousness, a.k.a. religion. The fruit of the tree of life is the fruit of the spirit that comes with the fullness of the Spirit.

In Hebrews 12 the Lord says basically the same thing when speaking of the mountains. The mountain that burnt with fire and smoke, vs. Mt. Zion.

> *Heb 12:18 ¶ For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,*
> *19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:*
> *20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:*
> *21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*
> *22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that*

> *speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

Note how this passage links several end time themes together. They are Mount Zion, The Church, The City of God, The Heavenly Jerusalem, The perfection of the Saints and the New Covenant. All of these are end time things.

Compare The church as depicted in 1st Corinthians vs. that of second Corinthians. The reformation of the Corinthian church happens because of the visitation of Titus. Titus in this case is a type of the Holy Spirit; his arrival totally transforms them. In Ephesians the Spirit is typified by Tychicus. In Romans He appears as Tertius. The writer of Hebrews [Heb 13:23] is Timothy. Do you see a pattern here?

The contrast between being under the law or being led by the Spirit is also expressed in Galatians as Ishmael vs. Isaac.

> *Ga 4:21 ¶ Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?*
> *22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.*
> *23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *24 Which things are an allegory: for these are* ***the two covenants****; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*
> *25 For this Agar is, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*
> *26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

Note that here *mount Sinai in Arabia* is the mountain that burnt with fire, while *Jerusalem which is above* is the Mount Zion mentioned in Hebrews 12 above; also the New Covenant. Verse 24 says there are two covenants, the first is passing away, the second is the *everlasting* covenant.

In Galatians there is another discussion of being under the Law.

> *Ga 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*
> *17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.*
> *18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.*
> *19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.*
> *20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Here one of the ideas is being dead to the law. We speak of it as death to self. In death to self, the old man is dead and the new man is Christ., You put on the new man by acting like Christ. If you act like Christ, you can't sin. You are walking in righteousness, because you are clothed with righteousness. Jesus is the Lord our Righteousness. So therefore, to say I am crucified with Christ, etc. is an end time thing. And to put off the old man and put on Christ is an end time thing.

Second Corinthians talks about becoming a new creature in Christ This too is an end time thing.

> *2Co 5:16 ¶ Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.*

> *17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

One last note, in Matthew, Jesus warns about false prophets in the End Times.

> *Mt 7:15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.*
> *16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*
> *17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.*
> *18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*
> *19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*
> *20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

We are to know them by their fruit, the real from the fake. This can only be found in those who have the spirit and the fruit of the spirit that results, from those who are totally led by that Spirit. Once we have entered into the latter day move of the Spirit, it will be clear who are really spirit led. They will have these fruits:

> *Ga 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
> *23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
> *24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*
> *25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

Expect The Unexpected

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For in this time and season, I say unto you, **Expect the Unexpected**.

I say unto you, your destination awaits you. You have overlooked what I have done. Look back, just Look, then move forward. Upon arrival, something new will be waiting and something new I shall do. For those things that you have considered in your mind, as you reason about what will come, are not those things in which I have predestined. You are **expecting** to see things as **you** would expect and not according to My plans that I have already put into action.

Expect the unexpected.

I AM with you and I have gone before you. I will give you peace that will surpass your own understanding. I will move in Ways that you will not understand because I AM. It will require of you a trust in Me that is more than you have had. A new level of faith that will move you out of the boat and into the water. Listen for My voice and I will lead you.

Trust in Me and not in those things that you question with doubt, as if they were from Me. Filter out I say, filter out the particles that are unclean and distracting and those things that have had you looking to and fro in confusion, as if you cannot hear Me or see Me moving. I will hold your heart steady. Expect the unexpected.

For there, I say, For there, will be the place in which I will be waiting. Place your expectation in Me alone and I shall be your defense and I will keep you as you move forward in Me. I AM able. This will require of you to step up and step out. For truly, I say unto you, It will require of you to push forward, press on and look up. Believe, trust and Expect what your mind would call unimaginable, or impossible. For I am working all things together for good. **Expect the unexpected**.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Expect the Unexpected

Romans 8:19-37

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth

pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. 29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

God’s Everlasting Love

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written:

“ For Your sake we are killed all day long;   We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Ears Will Be Opened

Barbara Lynch

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My people perish for lack of knowledge. But I am about to unleash a whole new spectrum of knowledge to My church. Ears will be opened to the voice of the Lord and many will fall on their faces in complete repentance for their lethargic state that they have allowed themselves to slip into. Broadminded: I am a broadminded God and I listen to all the cries, but it is time for my Body to get rid of their excuses and get ready to receive My Glory. There is a false sense of security that has enveloped My people and they must come out from under that blanket of deception. I am about to unleash My Holy Angels once again and they shall operate in Revelation Chapter 17 in all of it‘s fullness. Many will stand in complete awe at what is about to happen. Tell My people that it is time for the harlots to repent and come back to the living God. The one who created this heaven and earth. The one who gives life and takes life away. It is time for the fulfillment of all things. It is a time of complete surrender to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

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It is time to face the truth. My people have blasphemed Me continually day and night and they have not heeded the warnings of My prophets. They think they have forever to do what is right, but not so, saith the Lord, not so! For I am about My business of destruction at this given time and I am destroying all the man made foundations. I am tearing down everything that is not of Me. I am shaking even the very roots of the foundation. Many will stand but even more will fall. The price for foolishness is great. The insincere at heart will come under great judgment at this given time. There will be no solace for those who would not heed My voice. Mighty thundering will be heard across this great land that I have created. Many thundering in the days ahead. The lightning will flash and many will see the hand of Jehovah at work. But there will still be those who will mock and scorn. That is OK, because theirs is eternal punishment in the lake of fire. No more make believe. No more warnings. Just judgment across this great land.

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Now I am going to do My new thing. I have worked with My people and those that were going to heed My directions have heeded and those that were going to go in a different direction, went. Now I can accomplish all that I need to accomplish in this end time strategy. Fix your eyes upon Me and do not look away, for I am giving new directions to My faithful few and they will see all things line up with My Word. No more walking under the umbrella of deception. Only the truth will prevail at this given time. For My chosen ones are going to bring the truth to My church and no more will they sway under the pressures of the evil one. Absolute and complete commitment is what this end time strategy is all about. Those that I am using have given themselves over to Me in complete commitment to all that I am calling them forth to do. Only the faithful ones survived this mighty onslaught of the enemy. Only those, whose only agenda was to follow Me at all cost, are being used in this end time hour. You shall see the Glory fall and prevail in the church. You shall see My might angels hard at work on your behalf. I have spoken and so shall it be.

Everyone Who is of the Truth Hears My Voice

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For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice. (John 18:37b)

My people, My beloved people, I shall open the eyes of your understanding to the truth of what I have taught you from My Word and I say unto you, all who accept My Word as truth shall surely hear My voice as I speak to you. My people, I yearn for you to come unto Me, speaking forth to Me in prayer and, as you quiet your hearts, to hear Me speak to you.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door I will come in to him and dine with him and he with Me. (Rev. 3:20)

O, yes, My children, it is My desire that you hear My voice, speaking to you. Do not expect a loud, booming voice but rather that still, small voice with which I speak to My people.

...and after the earthquake a fire, and after the fire a still, small voice. (1 Kings 19:12)

As you spend time in your quiet place, seeking Me in prayer and listening for My voice you shall surely hear Me speak to you. Begin to record the thoughts that come into your mind and soon you shall recognize that the thoughts and words are not your own but rather from Me.

My precious people, I am preparing you for ever greater ministries and, indeed, you need to hear My voice as I direct you. You are moving into a very critical time in My plan for the world and you need to be endued with My strength to sustain you through ever more times of tribulation which shall come upon the world.

O, yes, My children, in a moment of time I could dispense with all tribulation but, were I to do so what would stop the avalanche of sin which is engulfing the world today? But you, My precious people, shall I protect in ways you cannot conceive. I have chosen a path for each of you and as you obediently walk that path you shall meet with many and shall touch their lives for Me, bringing many into My kingdom. Have I not said in My Word that I will never leave you nor forsake you and since My Word is truth you shall know that I shall be with you always.

You may ask, "In what form shall tribulation come upon the world?" What have I told you in My Word regarding what shall come in the latter days?

For nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famine, pestilence, and earthquakes in various places. (Matt. 24:7)

FOR NATION SHALL RISE AGAINST NATION....

My people, I ask you, "Is this not happening in many parts of the world, even as we speak, and does these events not tell you that we are indeed living in the latter days. I am calling you, My people, to fervently pray for the leaders of the countries involved and for My plan to come into reality.

AND THERE SHALL BE FAMINE...
Are you not reading in the news media and hearing of many areas of the world where famine is prevalent and people are dying of hunger, especially little children. My children, I have promised you in My Word...

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. (Psa. 33:18)

Yes, My people, I shall keep you alive in famine but I am calling you to bring sustenance to those who have no way to help themselves in time of famine. I am calling you to fervent prayer for the hungry of the world.

AND THERE SHALL BE PESTILENCE....
O, My people, what greater pestilence than the aids virus which has taken a multitude of lives in some parts of the world, leaving countless children orphaned. I am calling you, My people, to give of your abundance to bring help to these people. I am calling you to fervent prayer for them.

AND THERE SHALL BE EARTHQUAKES IN VARIOUS PLACES.
You, My people have had abundant evidence of earthquakes taking the lives of countless people in the world and they shall only increase in many parts of the world. I am calling you, My people, to fervently pray for survivors.

I would speak to you, My chosen ones, and say, I have not promised you immunity from the tribulations of the world and disaster could strike in your area. I am calling you to search your hearts and determine whether you stand clean before Me with all sin in your lives forgiven. I am calling you to seek My direction regarding any physical preparation I would desire that you make in preparation for the disasters that loom on the horizon. There is much that you can do to prepare and I shall speak guidance unto you. Listen, listen, My precious people, for I have much to impart unto you in direction and guidance for your lives.

Watch therefore for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming. (Matt. 25:13)

Exposing a Coming Work of Darkness

Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus:

As there are greater manifestations and visitations of the power and the glory of God, even so the enemy is engaging his own forces and the powers of darkness to challenge the pure, true, and glorious works of God.

He will do this through his own "lying signs and wonders", even to the point of being able to form illusions to convince people of a reality that does not even exist so that he can deceive them.

If you go to the movies, I'm not talking about Al Pacino and his creation "Simone". Neither am I talking about a mental/diabolical sickness of fabricated relationships as showcased in the story, "A Beautiful Mind". I am talking about evil spirits having permission to manifest in human form because there is something within the hearts of God's people that allows an openness for delusion. It's called NOT receiving the "love of the truth". Ref. 2 Thess. 2:9-11.

The Lord has been showing me this for several months now. However, today, He drove it home to me to the point I am wondering if it is now time to get this word out:

There will be " internet personna" that are spirits of darkness which will actually take on human form when put in the position of having to do so, but they are really evil spirits publishing the works of darkness, and if you do not have discernment everything will sound quite right, but if you have your senses exercised to discern good and evil, eventually you are going to come to conclusion that these are "angels of light" released to do the devil's work of disruption and confusion to the work of God.

The "wolf" in "sheep's clothing" is the "word" (sheep's clothing--the Lamb of God, the Word) with the wrong spirit (wolf).

The mandate of these "ministries" will be to much glorify the works of evil and darkness by majoring in the exaltation of these things. The Name of Jesus and any word from the Lord is only for the purpose of masking the true intent which is to gain confidence of souls that can be easily deceived and beguiled and led astray.

Another purpose of these ministries will be to have an agenda to wear out the saints by drawing them into false visions, ministries and concerns so they do not truly give their time and prayer focus to the true burden of the Lord and true work of the ministry.

These ministries are going to have power to impart fear, doubt and unbelief by using a reverse "spiritual psychology" of **appearing** to be drawing swords against the very thing they promote from the spirit realm thus drawing undo attention to works of darkness when the works of God would be accomplished in a greater way by the meditation, worship, adoration and revelation of Jesus Christ.

Beloved, I am not talking about some little lonely person who thinks they have a ministry when they don't have much of one at all, but they are able to "posture" on the internet as having something they may not truly possess because they have a certain flair for words and ability to write spiritually convincing articles. That is another article, and someone needs to hold my feet to the fire on writing it!!!

I am talking about literal diabolical spirits that are going to take on human attributes in order to do an evil work.

Some reading this have already had an inkling in the spirit of this coming attack of the enemy. The devil is the "prince of the power of the air". It is exceptionally easy for him to intercept and defile this medium called "cyberspace". He regards it as his "turf".

This is a matter which must be addressed with strong prayer until the spiritual atmosphere is fortified against this coming onslaught of satan.

Also, contend within your own spirit for the "love of the truth" as you have never done in your life. Agonize before God until you're soul is in gut-wrenching agony over it and you feel like you'd rather that God just kill you NOW so you can get it over with and just go onto heaven than to be one who will be walking or living in deception in the perilous times that will be marked by apostacy and delusion. This is how SERIOUS this word is for your soul and mine!!

To prove this is the true word of the Lord, I do believe it will be seen, but I am praying IN ADVANCE for a "cleansing wave" to come quickly on it's heels before it does it's damage. Right now, it is here in a small measure, but not to the extent we are going to see it.

I believe this is only one of several issues regarding the misuse of air-waves by both men AND devils that the Spirit is going to uncover within the next few weeks to come.

And I declare by the word of the Lord, that the air waves ARE to be wrested out of the hands of the enemy and repossessed by the Lord Jesus Christ, and His true servants. Jesus paid a price for EVERYTHING to be restored to Himself and His beloved people including the ability resonant in the very atmosphere we breathe to transmit light and sound to the glory and praise of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Coming Kingdom.

This is a serious word, and needs to be a short one, at least it's short for me!!

Always in the Love of Jesus,

Clo DiPilato Herald of His Kingdom

Dearest Friends in Jesus,

I've gotten much response to the prophetic article I sent out last night labeled, "Exposing A Coming Work of Darkness." Many share with me that the Lord has shown them things along the same lines. Others desire to have more "information" so they can be alert. And some others want to have more of a scriptural basis for believing such a thing could be true before they will accept that such a thing could be the word of the Lord.

Very rarely do I defend what I have sent forth as a prophetic word because I feel that the Lord will defend His own word, especially by allowing what He says to come to pass in His way, and in His time. However, because of the unusual nature of that word, I do feel it is right for me to share from the scriptures reasons why I do believe I've heard from the Lord. This is not for the purpose of being drawn into debate on the subject. I simply do not have time for such a thing. This is because I feel everyone who has approached me for more scriptural insight did so out of a willingness to have an "ear to hear", and not out of a divisive or contentious spirit. For that reason, it's very much in my heart at this time to give you what I feel is the scriptural foundation for the word that went out last night.

First of all, I think it would have all gone down MUCH easier if I had simply said the devil is going to stir some folks up to oppose the work of God on the internet. It would have been more palatable if I had said some demon-possessed trouble makers are going to make the lives of the true servants of the Lord miserable when they try to do God's work in cyberspace.

But that is not what I said. I said, believing I spoke under the unction of the Spirit:

"I am talking about evil spirits having permission to manifest in human form because there is something within the hearts of God's people that allows an openness for delusion."

The first thing I want to lay as clear foundation for this article is that the enemy NEVER does anything without God's permission.

The devil had to go the throne to get permission to afflict Job. Satan had very direct orders from God regarding some set limits in what he could do against Job.

And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand , So satan went forth from the presence of the Lord. Job 1:12.

Consider the story of Job and how that the devil had permission to afflict Job, and then consider the assertion of the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 54:16 and 17.

16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.
17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper;

This may shock some people, but God from the beginning knew exactly what Lucifer would do. He knew that he would not keep his "first estate", and that he would plunge from his exalted position of being the chief worshipper of heaven's domain to being relegated to the role in the providence of God of being "waster". This is a statement that may defy conventional wisdom about the devil, but he was purposely created by God to destroy, not to be the everlastingly instated original angelic "pipe organ" and heavenly choir director. To believe such a thing is to conclude that God who knows all had no idea that "iniquity would be found in him." (See Ezekiel 28, and Ezekiel 28:15 specifically)

(God's plan has ALWAYS been that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Redeemed , the Bride, the Lamb's Wife, the New Jerusalem would be the principle possessors of the revelation and expression of worship!! The church is not God's "second choice" when it comes to worship.

Here's a GLORIOUS thought: The Bible talks about angels who do nothing at all before the throne of God but say "holy, holy, holy". They've been doing that forever and ever, and it will be an onoing thing for that particular class of angels because it's their calling to do so. Nothing but "holy, holy, holy".

What a sight it will be to behold in heaven these objects of passionate adoration for the Lord Jesus Christ saying "holy, holy, holy, and never wearing out, and every syllable carrying within it the very same intensity and desire as the very time it was ever spoken from the day of their creation. And yet within those beings created to glorify God, there is yet one desire yet a little bit deeper, yet a little bit stronger, yet a little bit more powerful, and they literally are "longing" for understanding they simply don't possess:

10 ¶Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:
11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.
12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 1 Peter 1: 10-12.

Look up that word "desire" in your Strong's. It means to desire with longing, and to have the heart set upon the thing. The angels LONG and PINE for understanding of what has been so freely given to God's people, the gift of salvation, and the ANOINTING to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost!! God's people have reasons to worship and adore the Lord in ways the angels will never know, and the angels actually have their hearts set on trying to figure it out!!)

The devil has permission to activate destructive abilities, but it's part of a master plan to achieve a greater purpose, and that is why the weapon the devil is in the hands of God will NEVER prosper because GOD is in control, and He will not allow it to be so!! The enemy can only go SO FAR, and then God "reels him back in". In fact, if God sneezed in his direction, he'd drop dead. **He is absolutely powerless apart the permission granted him by God.**

The devil asserted to Jesus his ownership of the kingdoms of this world in the wilderness temptation, and demanded that Jesus worship him. (Luke 4:6, 7) Note very clearly, that a claim to "ownership of the kingdoms of this world" never amounted to a right to receive worship, anymore than the king of Babylon and [primary ruler of the world at that time had a right to receive worship from Daniel, or the three Hebrew children.

Jesus did not argue with the point that the devil possessed it. He argued that he had no right to expect any worship. If Jesus did not recognize that the devil had been given authority from God to rule the world for a span in time, the contest would have been ended right there in the wilderness, and Jesus could have taken over. He did not bow down and worship satan, but instead he aligned himself in oneness with His Father in recognition of the fact that an element of authority had been granted to the devil, **but worship still belonged to God alone**!! (Luke 4:6.) .

The devil is the "prince of the power of the air" because he has "permission", he was granted this authority by God in his fall, and for no other reason.

He is recognized in his "princehood" (to borrow a phrase from Thompson's Chain Ref. Bible) in the follow scriptures:

Jesus recognized satan as the "prince of this world".

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. John 12:31

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me. John 14:30

Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. John 16:11

The Apostle Paul refers to him as the "god of this world", and the "prince of the power of the air".

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ who is the image of God should shine unto them. 2 Cor. 4:4

Wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Ephesians 2:2

Now, how does all of this connect to my article where I said,

""I am talking about evil spirits having permission to manifest in human form because there is something within the hearts of God's people that allows an openness for delusion."

The Lord will give permission to evil spirits to manifest in human form because He is the God who "creates the waster to destroy", and there is a spirit of apostacy and a lack of the love of the truth in God's people that needs to be destroyed!! The purpose of these spirit beings taking on human form will be because God's people have allowed themselves to become fodder for STRONG DELUSION:

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thess. 2:9-12.

Why did I highlight the scripture**, "after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

It's because one of the "works of Satan" is described in 2 Corinthians 11: 13-15.

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

In this portion scripture, we have three things:

1. men who are deceivers, who transform themselves into the apostles of Christ. 2. Satan who transforms himself into an angel of light. 3. Satan's ministers who are transformed as ministers of righteousness.

Now, WHO are "satan's ministers"?? It would be easy to conclude this is simply talking about charlatans and those false teachers and false prophets spoken of by the Apostle Peter in 2 Peter 2 who will bring in heresies, and deceive God's people with made up stories so they can steal their money. But there is a clue here in the scripture.

These ministers are "**transformed**" into ministers of righteousness.

The word used for "**transformed**" is not a word that indicates a process, such as would be used in the transformation of the character of the one growing in knowledge and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ from the inward perspective of a character/nature transformation.

This particular word for "transform" is the same word used by the Apostle Paul to express the glorious reality of mortality taking on immorality:

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself. Phillipians 3:20,21.

The word for '**transformed**' and "**change**" is the very same word. This is not any gradual, or organic type of change. It indicates a supernatural change. When you get to heaven do you believe you are going to have the same old body with all of it's aches and pains for a few thousand years of eternity while you go through some evolutionary or metamorphic type of process to get into your glorified body?? That certainly is NOT heaven!! The transformation will be instantaneous and miraculous, and complete when you receive your 'glorified body'.

I believe the devil's "ministers of righteousness" are a high level of spirit-beings who will be transformed/changed into beings that appear human through a supernatural process.

Now, do you think I'm treading on dangerous territory??

My friend this IS the work of an anti-christ spirit to be able to duplicate and counterfeit the things that God does.

Thessalonians tells us that antichrist sits in the temple of God showing himself that he IS God! It's more than just your carnal nature ruling when the Spirit of God should be ruling. In context, we find this "man of sin" has all power and lying signs and wonders. Your carnal nature does NOT have that. This is a diabolical force that can mimic God in order to deceive those who are deceivable.

The Bible tells us in the New Testament that there are two very specific Bible stories which those in the last days should pay heed to: One is the wilderness wanderings of the children of Israel. It's referred to both in the book of 1 Corinthians in the 10th chapter, and in the 3rd and 4th chapter of Hebrews. Notice how the devil and his "ministers", as portrayed by Pharoah and his magicians were constantly able to duplicate the works of God in the manifestation of the plagues, **up til the very end of the contest.** The bottom line is that we are about to the "end of the contest", and the enemy KNOWS his time is short.

Now, consider how that at this time there are many who are claiming supernatural visitations and manifestations of the glory and power of God. For the purpose of this article, I am going to assume all of these ones who are sharing such stories truly HAVE had an encounter with God and with the supernatural realm. Some have even truly had face to face encounters with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you honestly believe that the true Holy Ghost activity in the spiritual realm will be stepped up without the enemy seeking to counterfeit it and dilute it through delusion in some way?? I have only mentioned one little piece of the puzzle, but there are going to be many manifestations that come under the heading of "lying signs and wonders" and we are very carefully told through the scriptures that we are to be alert and watch for these things!! Matthew 24 is a classic chapter on end-time theology.

What about this verse?

24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Now, the other Bible story we're told to consider, especially when seeking to understand the end-times is the story of Noah. We usually think about the worldliness of Noah's society, and how they were "eating and drinking", and we compare it to the loose living of our day. Then as Christians, we think about how Noah built an ark, his family got into it, and were saved from the wrath of God, and we rejoice knowing that Jesus is our "ark of safety" in troubled times. We don't think much beyond these thoughts when we consider the Lord's instructions to consider the days of Noah.

But my friend, let me tell you that in Noah's time there was hideously insidious spiritual wickedness in high places going on. At that time "sons of God" came down to have relations with the daughters of men. Read about this in Genesis 6. They were a supernatural race, some believe fallen angels, and they caused a corrupt seed to be manifest in the earth. This is an exceptionally interesting Bible Study in itself, and I could not begin to do it justice. When the Bible speaks about Noah being "perfect" in his generations, it's not so much talking about his moral good character as it's referring to the gene pool of his family not being tainted with this defilement. The Lord Jesus Christ had to be born into a pure stream of humanity without mixture in order for full salvation to be realized, and that's why Noah's family was preserved. They were the ONLY pure genetic stream. All other families had been corrupted by this foul mixture with foreign spirits!!

Now, if these "sons of God" (and in the Old Testament, the term "sons of God" refers most often to angelic beings) were a spirit being, how could they have physical relations with human woman where children were actually being produced if they were not able to transform themselves into human form?? This was a phenomena of the days of Noah, for spirit beings to take on human form, and I believe it' scripturally sound to believe it will be duplicated in these last days, as one of the "lying signs and wonders".

This is all about "spirits of antichrist". What is "anti-christ"?? It's the spirit that is AGAINST the true anointing. Anti-Christ also means the "INSTEAD of Christ. " The devil has never stopped loving religion and he has never stopped in his quest for worship, and especially to destroy TRUE worshippers. He wants the attention and the glory INSTEAD of Jesus receiving it.

There are two places where the enemy will be seen wreaking havoc in the earth:

One is the lives and hearts of those who are willingly deceived because they never truly received a love of the truth. GOD HIMSELF is allowing this, and permitting it!! This is very clear in the book of 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2.

The other is where there IS a true move of God that he wishes to corrupt and infiltrate and turn astray. Amazing how that in the book of Revelation, the church that is greatly lauded/applauded for holding FAST the Name of Jesus and the faith is the very place where satan's seat is! He will ALWAYS set up camp where he can best oppose those who know the power of the Name of Jesus in revelation reality!

For now, this is long enough, and as the Lord gives me more, I will share.

I know there are many waiting for some scriptural clues on discernment of these things to come, and that will be given within the next few days.

Blessings and love in His Name,

Clo DiPilato Herald of His Kingdom

Explosive Change
Susan Cummings

Tonight, the Lord began to speak to me in my dreams. I began to have a series of dreams and within them, He showed me two scenes. In each scene, there was a scenario, a choice, and an explosion. By the time the second explosion came, I was jerked awake, as I realized that I wasn't just dreaming, but the Lord was speaking.

I then heard the Lord loudly speak these words:

Explosive Change

There will now be instant, irreversible, absolute change
Even good intentions must give way to Me
No more standing in self made plans
All things will now fall away as I pass over the lands

All human reasoning's
All self motivated plans
All need oriented solutions
All flesh inspired visions
All will now bow to Me
For I AM now passing over thee

What will you give unto Me?
What offering will I see laid before Me?
What treasures have you laid up for Me?
All will come under My scrutiny
All that remains will be what is Holy unto Me

For the cries upon the earth now so great
I have come down among men to see all that awaits
As the Earth now shakes under My Weight

Behold!

The days of men are marked and set
And My Word has birthed and now begets
From the Beginning I AM have created
My Living Force issuing forth as I stated
Laying out the expanse of Time
Building a home for this creation of Mine

Walking amongst men down through the Ages
Laying down My Life for the fallen races
Preparing the way for My Explosive Changes
Balancing the scales and paying each man his due wages

For the weight of sin will no longer have dominion over men
Who have cried out to Me from their chains and dens
And who wholly embraced My Fiery Judgments in their flesh
Now will see My Grace as I lift up, and break forth

The rest will see what their works are worth
As this new hour has fully birthed
And I inhabit the realm of Time
To bring fully forth the devils demise

All has been spoken
All will be finished
The Righteous will stand
The wicked will perish

As the final seals are opened
And the waiting seven thunders now explode
All will release the final hidden decrees
Culminating the Beginning upon the lands and the seas

Every eye will see
And every man will choose and bend their knees
As the Truth unfolds and I AM now seen
For even Time gives way to Eternity

What will you do as I explode on the scene?

-Susan Cummings
1-11-05
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Note:

-This word began to be written down at 5:05 am and ended at 5:50 am
- Double 5's= Double Grace for those who seek the Father's Face

There were 2 scenes
There were 2 choices
There were 2 explosions

When I was finished writing this last thought, my daughter's buzzer sounded its morning alarm.

It's wake up time…..in more ways than one.
For all men, there are choices, only two.

-Susan

Expecting The Fourth

Bill Yount

"Are You Expecting The "Fourth" Man To Show Up On July "Fourth?"

In the midst of all the threats of attacks surfacing for the fourth of July, I sensed the Lord asking me a question. "Are you expecting the "fourth" man to show up on July "fourth? Remember My Son was the fourth man in the fiery furnace when the three Hebrew children were cast into the fire. Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego . . . if they hadn't been thrown in the flames - who would remember their names?"

On Sept.11th the enemy as far as we know planned to hit three targets using three planes as bombs to bring America down with fire. I believe the number three is significant at this time. It was right after the THREE Hebrew children were cast into the fire that the "Fourth" man (JESUS) began to be revealed to King Nebuchadnezzer who commanded this hellish plan of destruction. The King commanded first for the furnace to be heated seven times hotter than it was. The King raised the heat of the fire so hot that his own most mighty men were slain by the fire. I sense this is what's happening when we see terrorists being destroyed by fire themselves at the command of their king - Ben Laden. Notice both kings got their servants to die for them in their attacks against God's people. Again the enemy is trying to ultimately destroy God's people the Jews and America for taking a stand with Israel. .(New York City I believe has the greatest population of Jews in America and STILL does since the attack on New York City!) Hitler burned Jews in fiery furnaces to try to destroy them. Fire is still the enemy's favorite weapon.

But fire is nothing new to God. He has always used the fire of the enemy to reveal Himself in! He still uses the wrath of man to praise Him! The Lord could have stopped the fire inside of the Hebrew's fiery furnace. But He wanted to show the world that His children had something better on their worst day than the enemy had on his best day! God reveals Himself in fire!

Daniel 3:25 "The king answered and said, "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the FOURTH is like the Son of God!" I believe any attacks from now on the Kings of the earth are going to start seeing the "fourth" man - Jesus showing up in the midst of the fires of calamities. Notice it was the fire that actually burned up the things that had the Hebrew children bound. God uses enemy fire to free us and show Himself strong on our behalf. After that furnace experience the Hebrew children never feared fire again.

Rev. 1:14 "His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire: 15: And His feet like unto fine brass , as if they BURNED IN A FURNACE!" John saw the feet of Jesus that confirmed He was the fourth man in the furnace fire with the Hebrew children! Jesus revealed Himself to John that He had walked through the fire with His people - and He is still walking with us.

Daniel 3:17 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, O King. 18: But if not, be it known unto thee, O King that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

We can trust Him!

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Emergency Mode
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I Heard A Strong Angel Proclaiming: "'Emergency' Mode! Alert Every Minister And Ministry To Call In Their 'Reserves'!" *(Nahum 2:1)*

"He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily!" Nahum 2:1, KJV

I heard the heavens rumbling with angelic activity scrambling as their urgent assignments were being shouted out: "Alert every minister and ministry to call in their reserves! There are many whose wall of prayer protection is breached and they don't know it!"

Ministers and ministries must call in their reserves of "intercessors" whom they have overlooked in the past but are urgently needed now.

"OVERLOOKED INTERCESSORS WHO ARE NEEDED FOR MINISTRY BREAKTHROUGHS!"

I heard the Captain of the Lord of Hosts commanding strong orders to ministers: "In this 'emergency' mode, every brother or sister who has wounded you or you may have wounded must be forgiven and reconciled and called upon to intercede for your life and ministry this hour!"
I saw some brothers and sisters who were holding offenses against one another, and were actually hindering their physical healing and spiritual advancement. Some of their brothers and sisters whom they refused to forgive and be reconciled with had the gift of healing for their bodies! These were some of the most powerful intercessors who were born to be a major power in the lives of these ministers and ministries.
No wonder the enemy had worked overtime to separate them!

"OVERLOOKED FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WAITING IN RESERVE TO RECEIVE THEIR CALL OF DUTY!"

I sense overlooked family members are some of the most powerful forces that will launch many ministers into never-before breakthrough -- including the prayers of their children and grandchildren! Yes, even "unsaved" family members.
I know myself and of others in ministries who have humbled ourselves before unsaved loved ones and asked them to pray for us. I sense they were at first shocked that we would respect them that much. And then the Holy Spirit seemed to begin to hover over them to cause them to seriously consider . . . "Maybe I ought to learn how to pray since I have been asked to." It knocks the walls down between the saved and the unsaved, and the Holy Spirit begins to agree with us to call those things that are not as though they already were (by faith calling the unsaved, saved!).
Many have experienced seeing their unsaved loved ones praying themselves right into God's Kingdom with this kind of request of them.

"YOUR WIFE IS YOUR MOST POWERFUL INTERCESSOR ON EARTH WHO IS WAITING IN RESERVE FOR YOU!"

I have many intercessors around the world who pray for me and my ministry. One day, in a meeting, God showed me in the Spirit many prayers from intercessors rising up to the Throne for me. Then, all of a sudden, I saw my wife's prayer shooting upward like lightning, surpassing every other prayer on earth, reaching the Father's throne room instantly, and getting immediate response!

I am not saying to just ask your wife to pray "for" you, but to actually pray "with" you. As you come into agreement in prayer you will see victories that will take place no other way! Especially praying in the Spirit together, which will cause you to become the most intimate with each other, spiritually, bringing breakthroughs in the natural realm.

"THE NAME OF JESUS ALONE IS WAITING IN RESERVE TO SHATTER THE ENEMY TO PIECES!"

I sense many who, being in a hurry and who are not taking prayer seriously, are overlooking the name of Jesus! The name above every name! Use it continually! When you just can't seem to pray . . . whisper the name of Jesus! He lives forever to make intercession for you! Remember, He is praying for you and His prayers always get through!
And pray much in the Spirit. It allows you to pray perfectly as the Spirit Himself prays through you!

"THE RESERVE CALL FOR MINISTRIES TO CONNECT, PRAY, AND FLOW TOGETHER IN BATTLE!"

Has the Lord called you to a ministry and then seemingly left planet earth? Does He seem like He is not paying much attention to you and "your" individual ministry?
The reason the Lord is not paying much attention to "individual" ministries right now is because it isn't the season for individual ministries. God is seeing through corporate vision right now . . . He's got the whole world on His mind and heart. And the best thing we can do is to try to forget ourselves and "our" ministry long enough to humble ourselves and prefer and esteem other ministries above our own, and reach out and connect with them to receive the corporate anointing that He is releasing this hour. Each of us needs the corporate power for us to be launched into our destination! As ministries confess their weaknesses and pray one for another, healing will flow like mighty waterfalls!

"PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS AND CALL IN YOUR RESERVES TODAY . . . WE ARE IN WAR!"

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Miracle Gro
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"I SAW ANGELS POURING 'MIRACLE GRO' UPON THE HEADS OF GREAT MEN WHO HAVE FALLEN!" Judges 16:22

"Howbeit the hair of Sampson's head began to grow again after he was shaven!" Judges 16:22

"A SEASON OF MIRACLE HAIR GROWTH!"

I have heard when you get your hair cut it gets rid of the dead ends of your hair. It causes your hair to grow healthy again. When your hair is shaven the 'dead ends' are definitely all gone! You only have new beginnings!

I saw Jesus anointing many heads that were bowed down with sin and shame with fresh oil. Angels were pouring 'Miracle Gro' upon these fallen ones. These men and women who had fallen into sin knew that only by some great miracle could they be lifted up to bring honor, to ever be used again. Many were crying out to God one last time.. "Remember me!" I saw angels being released to these repented ones proclaiming, "We've got your miracle! He's the glory and the lifter up of your head!"

"WHAT DO YOU MEAN PETER FELL?"

The Lord then reminded me of a boat ride that I took on the Sea of Galilee. I was in awe of the presence of the Lord on those waters. I thought to myself. This is the sea where so many miracles took place. We were about half way across the sea. I was curious. I asked the Lord. "Are we near the place where you called Peter out of the boat and he walked on the water before he fell?" The Lord answered me... "What do you mean Peter fell? This is the sea where Peter walked!" As though He didn't understand my question. Like he didn't know of the word failure in Peter's life! Again His voice echoed across the waters.... "This is the sea where Peter walked!" God doesn't know of the word failure in your life either. If you have confessed your sin and mistakes and asked forgiveness and repented, those sins are gone, gone, gone in the first split second! I used to think they were somewhere in the bottom of the sea of forgetfullness but I had a knowing on that sea of Galilee that they were not even down there.... 'The fish ate them!"

Perhaps you've heard the story of a man who walked past a monastery every day to go to work. Every day he felt so sinful as he passed by this holy place where monks appeared to live such holy, godly lives. One morning he finally found a monk who had stepped outside the gate of that holy place. As his heart beat with awe of the holy monk, he got up the nerve to ask the secret of their holy lives behind those walls. The monk humbly uttered their secret of the ages.... "We fall down and we get up!" The man was set free by those words. "A just (holy) man falls down seven times and gets back up again!" Proverbs 24:16

"GOD DID NOT SEE THE LAST TIME YOU FELL DOWN....HE ONLY SAW THE LAST TIME YOU GOT BACK UP!"

A champion gets up one more time than he falls down and they get their picture on the front of Wheaties' boxes. That's how they get there!

"I honestly just felt a tingling in the roots of my hair!"

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The Country Music Scene
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"I Heard The Lord Say, "I Will Invade The Country Music Scene In Nashville, Tennessee!"

In the Spirit I saw a "band of Angels" with the address of Nashville, Tennessee written on them. These Angels were picking out sheet music from what appeared to be a warehouse of songs in Heaven. These songs seemed to have been stored up for such a time as this - a time of great trouble on the earth. These songs had such simple lyrics and music that children would be able to understand and be touched by them. And yet these lyrics were so profound and had such an unusual anointing that it would cause a drunken man to put down his bottle and become sober in the presence of God. These songs would touch people in the gutter to the uppermost parts of society bringing strong conviction of what life is really all about.

As the Lord was shaking heaven and earth these songs were being shaken out of heaven dropping down into Nashville, Tennessee to be dispersed to the nations. There were songs of "deliverance" - casting out evil spirits of addictions and fear. While these songs were being played on jukeboxes in bars whole taverns began coming under the influence of the Holy Spirit while ministering Angels were showing up in places where few saints had dared to go. Bars were turning into alters! Curse words were replaced by the name of Jesus. "DJs" were being touched as these songs were being requested over and over by the lost and the "righteous."

I sense the Lord had planted many of His people in the soil of "Country" music. Now they were budding forth in the Spirit and with great discernment expressing the "love songs" of the ages from the Father's heart. Many of these love songs would minister to marriages in the Body of Christ bringing healing to many couples that had forgotten how to say and express their love for each other. The anointing of these love songs were arresting and canceling many divorces in the Body of Christ as well as in the world! The love of God was exploding in recording studios in Nashville. The voices of Angels were being dubbed on recordings replacing back up singers who thought it was their own voices. I heard the Lord say, "I will invade the country music scene in Nashville, Tennessee!" I am in the "redeeming music business" and many of My songs will come forth out of Nashville."

"Over this city of Nashville will come forth a garment (mantle) of praise for the spirit of heaviness, beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for mourning." It will be said in the days to come that "God is singing at the "Grand Ole Oprey!"

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Extended Warranty

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"Satan Lied In 2005! Your Prophetic Word, That You Believed For This Past Year, Has An 'Extended Warranty' On It. . . It's Good For The Next Year, Or Until It Comes To Pass!'"

December 20, 2005

I sense in the Spirit that many are troubled and confused over personal prophetic words that they have received in the past, including the year of 2005. Many thought these words would surely be fulfilled by the end of this year. The year is coming to a close and many are wondering, "What went wrong?"

"Have You Read The Fine *Red-Blood Print* On Your Warranty?"

I am not trying to get out of the responsibility of speaking forth words, but when God says, "This is the *day* of something to happen," prophetically the word *day* can represent a *season* that has started for that word to come to pass. Also, I sense with words such as "2005 - THE YEAR OF THE BRIDES," can mean that 2005 represents the year of the *season* beginning when singles will discover the one God has for them. I sense this word had its launching in 2005 and will continue into the future to be fulfilled in these last days.

I want you to know that if December 31 comes around and you are still single, this word is not over for you. You are still in the *season* of discovering the one that God has for you, for these are end-time weddings He is referring to. I have had many confirmations to this word through people finding their bride or groom this year and have personally attended some of these weddings.

"Even If Your Prophetic Word Seems To Have An*expiration Date*. . . "I'm Extending The 'Warranty' On It!"

Our God is unlimited. When we think it's over, it's just begun for God! Time gets in God's way when He prepares us for the fulfillment of His word to us. We mostly use *alarm clocks* when we try to figure out His timing. We set a certain time, and when it doesn't happen, we get into the *alarm* mode. But He makes all things beautiful in His time.

You have probably heard the story of the man who asked God, "Lord, what is a thousand years like to you?" The Lord answered, "A thousand years to me is just like a second!" The man also asked the Lord, "What is a million dollars like to you?" The Lord answered the man, "A million dollars to Me is just like a penny!" The man then asked the Lord, "Lord, could I have a million dollars?" The Lord answered, "Just a second!"

I sense that Satan has lied to many in 2005, trying to convince them that their word, dream, or vision that was hoped for by the end of this year is not coming to pass after all, and therefore, it is too late. I want to encourage you. Read the fine red-blood print of your extended warranty on your prophetic word and know that you are closer to its fulfillment now than ever before!

But then again, December 31 is not here yet. . . is it?

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Eyeore
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Eyeore ***...** HIS' Burro's*

Dream/night vision

In a prophetic dream scene I was shown a hot air balloon with a basket gondola standing in front of me in the great open expanse of light blue sky with not a cloud to be seen. Inside this basket-like gondola, was a little donkey or burro standing upright (!) against the basket side nearest me. He stood there on his hind legs with his front legs and hooves dangling, one front hoof pointing one way slightly and the other hoof pointing opposite, as in a total relaxed position, and yet the burro's eyes were expectant with light point. This little burro was humorous to see in this strange placement, in this upright stance! The only way to describe this burro of thick lashed large darkest eyes and hairs of face, would be "endearing".

As I looked closer at the burro, his large eyes and ears, and the coloring of his top notch hairs I spoke in the dream, '*This little burro looks like Eyeore !...*' (of Winnie the Pooh fame ;), although he was not an animation at all, but was a **real live burro** in this dream scene.

I watched then as the fire in the bottom of the gondola flared sending up waves of heat, which lifted the balloon up and away further from me, blowing in the currents, being steered of the wind alone it seemed, as the hot air balloon carrying the little burro was lifted swiftly away and up into the distance ....and I awoke fully.

I heard, "........*Not by might, nor by power, but by **My Spirit**, says the **Lord** of hosts."* - Zech. 4:6b

The open sky: *"He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because **HE delighted in me"*** - Ps. 18:19

The Lord began to open this vision to me with this meaning: This burro represented servant burden bearers, sure footed mount Zion climber's. Even as the humble colt who carried our King Jesus on HIS triumphal entry into Jerusalem; bearers whom carry most precious cargo.

I was made to understand that this burro represented many of His prophetic intercessors. He spoke to me that these ones not only carry the burden of the people of God up before HIM, they also then bring the 'burden of The Lord'; HIS heart and messages shown and heard by them in those heights of Glory realm, back down from HIS Throne to earth, to share vision with God's people. For, as we know from scriptures,

"Where there is no vision the people perish (caste off restraint)*……"* – Prov. 29:18

The Lord confirmed the fictional name 'Eyeore' to me, in that these ones represented by this humble humorous 'appearing' dream burro are as HIS Eyes and ears; The Spirit of God always roaming, looking and searching. These ones are seers (see-er's), even as I had been impressed of the beautiful limpid deep pools of thick lashed dark eyes of this dream-burro; Friends of God, humbly cloaked servants, having audience of HIS very eye and even the more, for they are In HIS very pupil as the apple of HIS' great endearment.

*"........for he who touches you touches the **apple of His eye**.*" -Zech. 2:8b

I was then impressed again of this Truth -- even as this burro appeared slightly ignobly humorous to me in this dream scene -- Our Lord will take and use what **appears foolish in this world, confounding the wise and the learned**. - I Cor. 1:27-31 *"..... that no flesh should glory in His presence." v.31 "that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."*

I hear The Lord say concerning this vision, *"Yes, these friends of Mine are as Eyeore's for they are in My Eye, and I gift to them My* ***ore*** *to bear; My heavenly currencies of greatest wealth.*

My bearers of burden are garmented humbly outwardly. Seeking for Me on the rocky heights; They find Me, for I am very near to my bearers, whom are dear to Me.

I fill their packs and vessels with wealth that is high above any human or earthly understanding.

Even as you were shown in this vision gondola; In Fiery Holy Spirit Love I lift them, My beloved ones of endearment, in My zeal heat of incense and intercession, drafting and drawing them into My very presence by My Spirit.

I delight in these most noble beloved vessels who commune of My Spirit.

I show and gift in to My bearer's the treasuries birthed out from My very Eye.

You may be sure I do this, for My people WILL HAVE My Vision delivered and be accountable; Not necessarily by the might of muscled appearing war horses and their riders, nor by the power of mortal high understanding, but through my beloved bearers prepared of ME,,,,, delivering by My Spirit .... alone." (-Zech. 4:6)

I then heard this further instruction, *"be prudent"*.

It is prudent (frugal handling of HIS' foreseeing wealth) that I / we do not pass by, or pass over these precious bearer's, perhaps even perceiving them as 'only' humorous appearing with no word of value for our 'lofty' ears? We are to hear these servant/friends of our Lord, when they tell of what they carry, for it is birthed from the very pupil of our Lord's Heart Eye!

Gold and precious gems are being mined and discovered in heavenly courts and gifted into these 'bearers'..... most precious heavenly "ore" is being returned to us all, in response to their intercessions and communion. Our Lord's wealth-return is being laid upon these ones who are of HIS great Heart endearments; Eyeore's of the character, nature and authority of Christ.

We may look and see with our natural discernments judging them as ignominious; Or we may judge aright by HIS Spirit, listening and hearing them, for as our Lord has spoken; these burro's are some of HIS ' *Most Noble beloved vessels....'*

v. 2b "...........The **Lord** *is* ***His Name: Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'*** *- Jer. 33:3*

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"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of The Lord; As the waters cover the sea." - Hab. 2:14

Praying For The Soul Of America

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Jul 16, 2005
Dear Intercessors & Warriors:

Let us join hands with the Holy Spirit to save the soul of America. This battle must be fought on the threshing floor and won. This is God's battle, which must be fought by God's people for the establishment of the Kingdom of God in America and around the nations. We need a shift in the spiritual landscape of America now. The boundaries must be adjusted. Our lines must return back to beacons mounted by founding fathers of America. The Supreme Court in America to a very large extent shifted the lines. ! Please let us all join in prayer.

Please forward to as many prayer circles as possible. Also print this and take to church this weekend.

2 Chronicles 20:15 - And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for **the battle is** not yours, but God's.

Matthew 18:19 - Again I say unto you, That if **two of you** shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

Joshua 23:10 - One man of you shall **chase a thousand**: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you.

Prayer Directives from www.dutchsheets.org

Make radical choices to fast and pray:

Pray for President Bush: for wisdom, strength and boldness. Pray against any deception or compromise. Pray that any counsel not consistent with God's Will, would not be received. Pray that he clearly hears only God's Will - even if God has to speak sovereignly through dreams or other methods.

Pray for the Senate that they confirm the right choice. Pray against filibustering of God's chosen person. Pray that there will be no compromise among conservatives.

Pray for the appointee(s): I believe God has groomed and shaped the perfect person(s) for the Court. Pray that she or he is found, appointed, and confirmed. Pray that they have strength and wisdom for the battle.

Pray the Word: Isaiah 1:26; Psalms 2; Psalms 24; Isaiah 9:6-7 and others God will show you.

Churches: Please do not conduct business as! usual. Pray in your services - and not just one or two minute prayers before messages or offerings. Pray! Take 15-20 minutes, give up sermon times, and give even entire church services to prayer. Jesus called His house "a house of prayer."

Individuals: Participate in all of the above. Send this email to every Christian you know, especially those in leadership.

Ministries: Ditto to #5. Especially sound the alarm. Use your correspondence lists, radio programs, T.V. programs, etc., to stir people to pray.

If you would like more help in promoting prayer, we have further prayer insights on this situation, general prayer information, and even a video/DVD/CD prepared especially for this cause. Thirty minute and 80 minute versions are available at a very low cost. Use this message for your personal help in praying, play it for prayer groups and congregations, or take the information and share it yourself. It is packed with critical information and facts.

Ha! ve numerous prayer meetings throughout the week - mornings, evenings, and lunch hours. Use this to stir up the prayer ministry of your congregation. Teach and preach on it. Encourage those able and willing to fast. My congregation is doing all of the above. Take a team to Washington, D.C., to pray. These should be teams of intercessors praying outside the White House, Supreme Court, and Capitol every day. Sow finances into ministries or organizations on the front lines of this battle.

Praying church, arise! We can win this battle for the control of the number one entry point of moral and spiritual decay in America over the last 50 years. But it will only happen if we pray!

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Faith And Identity

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Nov. 18, 2005
We have just returned home from a ten-day trip with a group from Restoration of Israel Ministries. It was a wonderful refreshing time of fellowship, divine appointments, and many wonders and signs from the Spirit of Holiness. Yet the journey was not without its times of testing for the group, the memory of which will no doubt fade away in the shadow of YHVH's amazing grace. We want to thank again ROIM for hosting us during those days.

In light of our experiences in the course of the tour, it has been interesting to read on the Internet some of the materials that is in opposition to the present move of the Spirit to restore the identity of the Lost Tribes of Israel. It is not hard to discern the spirit behind these attempts to frustrate YHVH's prophetic plans to re-establish ALL Israel; strewn throughout these writings is vipers' venom, marking the identity of those who are behind such efforts. These attitudes towards the destruction of Israel are not new, they stem from ancestral hatred that originated in the conflicts of the firstborn over an inheritance. Psalm 83 says it best:

"For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.' For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You: For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab and the Hagrites; Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assyria also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot" (Psalm 83:2-8).

To blot out the name of Israel, is to destroy the identity of the seed of Jacob. We know that the seed has been scattered and has settled in every nation, and that the majority are, as Ezekiel puts it, " in their graves." There is only one way, for those who are lost in that grave of non-identity, to be raised to life, and that is through a Redeemer who has the right and authority to call them forth from that tomb. We, of the Ephraimite movement, know beyond a shadow of a doubt who this Redeemer is. We would not have our resurrected identity without first being born again, through the Gospel of our

Messiah Yeshua. The faith that comes alive in us is that of our forefather Abraham. This "faith" identifies us immediately as those of the seed that was preserved, but was scattered, or sown, by the Mighty One of Jacob/Israel.

"Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed [sperm], not only to those who are of the law [Judah], but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all" (Romans 4:16).

This "faith", when it comes alive, begins a process that cannot be stopped by any man, except by those who at one time may have had it but have chosen to deny it. Faith begins to draw us into "repentance"- a turning away from the ways of sin or lawlessness (torah-lessness, antinomianism), and back to the ways of righteousness and holiness. Repentance turns us away from the grave, and all of the shrouds of unbelief, doubt, blindness, forgetfulness, and despair. But more important is the bringing forth of the 'new creation man', and at the same time renewing our identity as a redeemed natural "nefesh" Israelite. This present move of the Spirit, also brings the people of "the faith" back to the Torah, which is their instruction manual, as well as 'identity papers'.

From the beginning YHVH has had a plan to redeem His creation, and Israel, His "firstborn", plays one of the most important roles in this drama. Almost every day we stand in amazement as He roles back the heavens, to reveal in the light of Yeshua, His kingdom order and His righteousness in the called-out remnant. Truly His will is being done on earth as it is in heaven!

Let us celebrate this Shabbat, as we enter His rest and rejoice in His salvation. Let us return to the whole counsel of Elohim, from Genesis to Revelation.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Failing To See
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September, 2005

I had a heavy burden on my heart on September 21 when I got home from work to intercede on behalf of this nation, on behalf of the church system, and on behalf of all Christians for the Lord to have mercy on us and on this nation. Yes indeed the judgment of the Lord is upon this nation and this is just but the beginning of many sorrows.

I have sat back in silence and listened to the controversy regarding whether what happened in New Orleans (Hurricane Katrina) was God's judgment on America or not… and then came Hurricane Rita. I have heard many men and women of God talk about a revival while promoting conferences (business as usual), I have heard perhaps one or two talk about repentance – it seems many are avoiding it because it is a taboo in the body of Christ – currently a sensitive topic. For some strange reason, many "men and women of God" are failing to see the judgment - hands of the Lord on this nation. The Lord sent a strong message through Katrina but they wanted to rebuild and carry on with Mardi gras but I believe the Lord will ensure that it is inhabitable. Bottom line, there will be further destruction in New Orleans to get their attention because some are not hearing what the Lord is saying.

Repentance is needed not rebuilding!
There will be no sustained rebuilding without repentance!

I prayed to the Lord for an intervention during Hurricane Rita - for a miraculous intervention of a five to a category one – there was no turning around, so I prayed for minimal damage to the State of Texas and prayed that He would honour my prayer. I prayed that other men and women of God were doing the same and interceding for the state of Texas because He is a merciful Lord who hears the prayers of His servants.

The Lord intervened out of mercy showing the power of prayer and His mercy towards us. What hurricane Rita did was nothing compared to what would have happened if many men and women of God had not interceded.

Consider the hospital in Galveston and the staff that stayed to look after the patients – I could not sit back and watch as I did with Katrina. We needed a miracle. I thought about the thousands of people stuck on the Freeway. We needed a miracle else, many would perish. I thought about the devastation in New Orleans; we could not handle another disaster with such magnitude. The Lord answered our prayers but there was a condition attached to the answered prayer. If we do not repent as the body of Christ and as a nation, we will see more disasters with more intensity because of the stubbornness of our hearts – in reality that is what is going on (that was what the Tsunami was also about, and that explains the intensity and frequency of the natural disasters).

I pray that we seek His face. I pray that the men and women of God preaching the adulterated gospel, those who have given priority to receiving money and will rather preach a lie than the truth will fall on their faces and repent. I pray that the church system will come out of religion into "Truth" because, God's intention, God's purpose of a Church was never the building of structures/and organizations. His intention was to have a people transformed into the character - nature of His Begotten Son - Jesus Christ so that the whole earth would be filled with His glory – and that is the Christ in us, the hope of glory!

I pray that men and women of God will come to the realization that it is an abomination to charge for the gospel for freely we have received and freely we should give, the Apostles and Jesus Christ never put a price tag on the word of God.

I pray that those that insist on taking prayers out of schools will repent for He is the Lord God and He decides what will be and what will not be.
I pray that those who want the Ten Commandments taken out of buildings, courts and do not want the mention of His name (the name of our Lord God) will fall down on their faces and repent because surely the wrath of the Lord is upon this land - contrary to what some church system leaders believe.

I pray that we all come out of the delusion that we are in control of our lives and realize that He is the Lord God and He is the one in control and without Him, we can do nothing. He is showing us His power and His wrath, the part we do not like to acknowledge and it is coming across very loud and clear.

I pray that we humble ourselves under the mighty hands of the Lord God and come to the realization that we need His covering back on this nation else we will be destroyed - because without Him we are nothing.

I pray that we realize that accumulation of wealth through greed can be destroyed within seconds but the “Truth” which is “His word” shall remain.

I pray that Men and women of God will start interceding for this nation for the Lord is calling us to repentance because indeed many have turned their back on Him. The church that was to represent Christ has forsaken Him, it has turned into an organization with bricks and wood rather than a living organism filled with His glory. Surely, the wrath of the Lord is upon us. Let us therefore humble ourselves under the mighty hands of the Lord in repentance and prayers, and may be He will have mercy on us and relent because this is just but the beginning of many disasters and sorrows. It will hit the four corners of this nation the South, North, East and West and the four corners of the earth if we do not get down on our faces in humility and seek His face in repentance and prayers. We are an example of a nation that has turned its face from the Lord.

The Lord is using us as an example for others to see but in spite of all this…

I see the Lord birthing out His glorious church by His Spirit worldwide for I hear the whole earth travailing and groaning for the manifestation of the sons of God. That is what is happening and they are coming forth for the Lord explicitly said, the year 2004 onwards will be the year of the revealing of the sons of God - that is when they will start coming forth.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

1. **Job 28:28**
   And to man He said, ‘Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to depart from evil is understanding.’

2. **Psalm 111:10**
   The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.
3. **Proverbs 1:7**
   The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
4. **Proverbs 9:10**
   The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

5. **Proverbs 15:33**
   The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

6. **Isaiah 33:6**
   Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His treasure.

Jeremiah 23
[17] They keep saying to those who despise me,
'The LORD says: You will have peace.'
And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts
they say, 'No harm will come to you.'
[18] For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD,
And has perceived and heard His word?
Who has marked His word and heard *it?*
[19] Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury—
A violent whirlwind!
It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.
[20] The anger of the LORD will not turn back
Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart.
In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.
[21] " I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran.
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
[22] But if they had stood in My counsel,
And had caused My people to hear My words,
Then they would have turned them from their evil way
And from the evil of their doings.

Jeremiah 5
[22] Should you not fear me?" declares the LORD.
"Should you not tremble in my presence?
I made the sand a boundary for the sea,
an everlasting barrier it cannot cross.
The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail;
they may roar, but they cannot cross it.
[23] But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts;
they have turned aside and gone away.
The same Lord who made the sand a boundary for the sea an everlasting barrier so that it can not cross, has the power to let the sea cross the boundary of the sand. This is not the hand of the devil, the devil does not have that kind of power, this is the demonstration of the power of God to let us understand and know that He, The Lord God is in control of all things. He is cleansing our filth and everything that can be shaken, will be shaken. Yes, He is the same Lord that causes the earth to quake and activates the volcanoes. His voice is upon the waters and His voice shakes the wilderness.

I beseech the men and women of God to let us humble ourselves before the Lord God in repentance and prayer as the body of Christ, then as a nation.

In Him,
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Faith And Patience

Rick Joyner

"It takes both faith and patience to inherit the promises of God."

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> *"Now Jericho was tightly shut because of the sons of Israel; no one went out and no one came in. And the LORD said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and the valiant warriors. And you shall march around the city, all the men of war circling the city once. You shall do so for six days. Also seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark; then on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And it shall be that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people will go up every man straight ahead." -Joshua 6:1-5*

What kind of strategy is this? It's obvious that this was not a military strategy intended in some way to soften up their enemy; rather, it was intended to accomplish something in Israel--faith, patience, and obedience. If they were going to win battles God's way, they were going to have to learn from the very beginning to do things His way.

We must keep in mind that the Lord could move His little finger and all of His enemies would cease to exist. The strategies He gives to us for victories are almost always meant to accomplish something in us--they rarely have anything to do with a strategy intended to outsmart or overpower the enemy. That has already been done. The reason for the battle is what He wants to work in us, not the enemy.

Seven Steps of God's Strategy for Working in Us

Let's look at this strategy step-by-step, adding the seventh step that Joshua adds in verse 10, to get a sense of how He is trying to accomplish these things in us:

1) The first thing Joshua had to do was see Jericho as already taken.

Joshua and the people had to have God's vision, seeing from God's perspective through their spiritual eyes, not just what their physical eyes saw.

2) They had to march around the city one time a day for six days.

In **Joshua 1:3,** they had already been told by the Lord, ***"Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you..."*** It is interesting that the Lord also made Abraham walk throughout the land that he was being given. There is spiritual significance to actually touching or walking in what we are claiming. For major strongholds, it will often require repetition, endurance, and faithfulness. Therefore, they had to circle the city over and over until it was imprinted in their souls that this was their land.

3) The priests had to march with the men of war carrying the ram's horns.

Priests are intercessors, and the ram's horn represented the message going forth. In many of the attempts to bring down some of the great strongholds of our time, there is an assault by the courageous, action-oriented leader types. In others, almost all intercessors will take little outward action. We need to have a joining of the men and women of action, the "men of war," and those devoted to prayer before we will see the victory.

4) On the seventh day, they had to march around the city seven times.

Seven is the number of completion, and this represented complete obedience to the strategy of the Lord. Again, this strategy was not so much to bring the walls of Jericho down, which would have been an easy thing for the Lord, but it was to bring His people into complete obedience to Him. This will be required before we will see victories over the great strongholds of our time.

5) When they heard the long blast of the ram's horn and the sound of the trumpet, all of the people were to shout, and the walls would fall down.

The ram's horn was the command of the Lord sounded through His priests. The shout was the command of the Lord which sounded through all of the people. The authority of both, in perfect harmony and timing with the Lord, is needed for the victory. We are going to have to come to this place of harmony and unity so that when the Lord gives His command through one, it is immediately echoed by the people and not run through committees or debated. That may be the democratic way, but it will not work if we are going to be a part of the ones who cross over to take the land.

6) They were then each to go in straight ahead to possess the city.

Many great victories in history were ultimately turned into great defeats because the commanders lost control of their soldiers after the breakthrough, and they all started attacking whoever and however they wanted, which resulted in chaos. For this reason, it is said of the army of the Lord in **Joel 2:7-8**, ***"They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like soldiers, and they each march in line, nor do they deviate from their paths. They do not crowd each other; they march everyone in his path. When they burst through the defenses, they do not break ranks."***

Presently, the church is a long way from being able to do this because most do not even walk a straight path now, but drift about from church to church, or ministry to ministry, doing whatever pleases them rather than following the clearly revealed will of God. This will change for those who cross over. We will learn how to march in a straight line, with clear purpose and direction. And when there is a breakthrough, we will continue to have the discipline to keep going straight without crowding others.

7) *"You shall not shout nor let your voice be heard, nor let a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I tell you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout!"* -Joshua 6:10
Probably the greatest hindrance to spiritual advancement in the church today is the same as it was for Israel in the wilderness: the murmuring of the people--their grumbling, complaining, and second-guessing of the leadership. This absolutely will not be a part of the generation that is allowed to cross over and begin possessing the Promised Land. There are a multitude of Scriptures that address this

issue, but let us just consider these three about how important it is for us to learn to control what we say:

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit." **-Proverbs 18:21**

"He who guards his mouth and his tongue guards his soul from troubles." **-Proverbs 21:23**

"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless." **-James 1:26**

Obedience to the Lord of Hosts

Of course, a book could be written about each of these seven principles. It is interesting how closely the most effective leadership and management courses now follow these principles. Sports news has been filled for weeks about one who many consider the best wide receiver in the NFL, and possibly even the best athlete in the league. He was not only benched, but he was removed from his team because he would not march in line with the rest of his team, and he could not control his tongue. He was making many millions a year just for playing a game. Not only has he lost that, he may never play again for anyone. If even the most talented player begins to destroy the fabric of a team, any true leader will get rid of that person fast. The Lord refused to let a whole generation go on with Him because of this.

The first thing Israel had to do was learn to march in order. The great commanders in history are those who trained their troops well. That alone will not make you a great commander, but it is not likely you could ever be one without well-trained troops. Great commanders are not looking for the affection of their troops--they are looking for their obedience. Consider this: many churches, ministries, and movements faded away because the leader chose their lieutenants more on loyalty to themselves rather than ability or true obedience to the Lord.

Again, this opens a can of worms that to address effectively would be worthy of a whole book. Consider the following examples from historic battles because we are going to have to fight for our land, and we are going to have to take on a military mentality. There is a reason why the Lord of hosts, or Lord of armies, uses that title ten times more than His other titles.

One of the Duke of Wellington's greatest victories against the French army in his Peninsula campaign came as the result of his troops being just a little more disciplined and a little more trusting of him than the French trusted their general. The two armies marched back and forth over the same ground for nearly two weeks within sight of each other. Both generals were doing this waiting for the other to drop their guard for just a moment so that they could attack and exploit this letdown. They did not have time to tell all of their troops what they were doing. The troops just had to trust their general. Finally, the French army took a brief pause late in the afternoon, thinking it was too late for Wellington to attack them. To the shock of even Wellington's own officers, he gave the order to charge. They did not debate it--they did it, and the French were soundly defeated.

Wellington could not have done this if his troops had not been so well-trained to be willing to go through this exercise and then immediately change their routine and charge the enemy. Wellington's reward for this brilliant victory was to be made the commander over all of the allied troops. He was chosen then to lead the battle against an even greater foe: Napoleon himself, who Wellington defeated at the Battle of Waterloo.

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It was basically this same strategy that allowed Sam Houston to defeat the Mexican general Santa Anna and for the Russian general Kutozov to wear down Napoleon's massive army when he invaded Russia. In both of these cases, the armies were taken to the very limits of their endurance, grieving at what appeared to be the lack of the will to fight on the part of their commanders. However, both commanders were waiting until the proper time so that they could fight and win. Afterwards, they were considered geniuses for their patience.

Few of the truly great commanders in history are ever referred to as "beloved," but rather "revered" or "respected." There are exceptions, but even they do not have one of their goals as winning a popularity contest. Victory brings far more true affection than trying to be a nice guy to everyone. If we are called to leadership, we will love our people far more, and in truth, we should be severe enough to train them right so that they do not die in the battle, but accomplish their purpose.

We must also consider how many well-meaning Christian leaders have attacked some of the great strongholds of our times too hastily, without the proper preparation, training of their people, or even having the strategy of the Lord. The result has been far too many defeats for God's people. It takes both **"faith and patience"** to inherit the promises of God. Many who have attacked these strongholds had faith, but they lacked patience, and so the only thing accomplished was that the saints became worn-out, and now, many have a defeatist mentality.

This will change.

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False Prophets

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>> *“The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My word, LET HIM SPEAK MY WORD FAITHFULLY. What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the Lord.* ***“Is not My word like a fire?”*** *says the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks the rock [hardened heart] in pieces? Therefore behold, I am against the [false] prophets,” says the Lord; [“I am even now descending upon them with punishment, these prophets] who steal My words from one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets]. Behold, I am against the prophets,” says the Lord, “ who use their [own deceitful] tongues and say, ‘Thus says [the Lord].’ Behold, I am against the prophets,” says the Lord, “who prophesy lying dreams,” says the Lord, “and tell them and cause My people to err and go astray by their lies and by their vain boasting and recklessness, when I DID NOT SEND THEM or command them; nor do they profit this people at all,” says the Lord* (Jer. 23:28, 30-32 — Amplified Bible).

>> *Then the Lord said to me, “The [false] prophets prophesy lies in My name. I SENT THEM NOT, neither have I commanded them, nor have I spoken to them. They prophesy to you a false or pretended vision, … the deceit of their own minds”* (Jer. 14:14 — Amplified Bible).
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DREAM — August 7, 1989

It was a pale gray day. I walked in the midst of a large gathering of people in a countryside setting. They were mostly men, and all wore winter clothing. Some wore jackets while others wore coats. Strangely, however, it was not cold at all. The temperature was quite mild.

We were in an enormous open field setting. The mowed grass was “healthy” green. There were no flowers, bushes, weeds, fences nor rocks to be seen anywhere. In the far distance, I could see many, many healthy tall green trees all around the enormous field. In the middle of the open field was a *very* long wooden bare table with empty chairs. The people moved about casually while talking among themselves. A while later, I noticed that a few people now sat at the table. There was an empty chair at one end of the long table, but there was no chair at the other end of the table.

Later, I saw large groups sitting in audience-like fashion on both sides of the table, behind some of those already seated on both sides of the table. I now sat in the midst of the audience on one side of the table. A man in the audience, on the opposite side, to the left, stood up in the front row just behind those seated at the table. He was a portly, middle-aged man with auburn color hair and a ruddy *(reddish)* complexion. He was robust and healthy in appearance, and spoke with a strong accent saying, *“I’m waiting to be seated at this table.”* Many in the audience on both sides of the table nodded their heads in agreement as some also made similar comments.

Later, I stood about thirty feet away from a drab gray concrete building wall to my left. It now stood in the midst of the field. It had no windows. A stout, fair complexioned, white-haired woman in her mid sixties and wearing a black coat hurriedly approached me from the left, saying, *“I’m here for the bride’s dress.”* She then quickly walked past me toward a doorway into the building.

Approximately one hundred feet ahead of me was the same long table. All the chairs at the table were now occupied, and the audiences had grown into larger crowds on both sides of the table. They calmly talked among themselves.

Next, the white-haired stout woman rushed out of the building with her right arm stretched up high as she held a long white wedding dress by the collar with her hand—not on a hangar. As she passed me to my left with the dress draped down her arm, I clearly saw the beautiful white lace and fine delicate embroidery on the dress. The woman was quite excited and in a great hurry. She hastened towards the people, parading up one side of the table between those seated at the table and the audience, then went around behind the empty seat at one end of the table, and came down the other side between the table and the opposite audience while excitedly exhibiting the bridal dress for everyone
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to see. While everyone focused on the dress, I noticed that a white tablecloth now covered the empty table. The chair at one end of the table remained empty while the other end of the table remained without a chair. After a short time of exhibiting the wedding dress to everyone, the woman quickly hurried out of sight to the left.

On my way towards the table I saw an empty chair that stood by itself far away from the table. While walking by the chair, I glanced down and noticed a bride's headpiece in the form of a crown *lying on its side* on the empty chair. It was an *exquisite* crown made of stiff white lace. I picked up the headpiece, and held it up high with my right hand. I then walked toward the crowd and stood by the empty chair at the head of the table, and cried out loud for everyone to hear, *"Look! It's the bride's headpiece!"* Everyone looked as I held it up high for everyone to see. I did not parade it in the midst of the crowd as the older woman did with the bride's dress but stood close to the empty chair at the end of the table. Excitement began to build up in their midst as they fixed their eyes on the bride's headpiece. It had no veil. *END*

[NOTE: Bolded, capped, and underlined emphases in scriptures are mine. All quoted scriptures are taken from **NKJV** unless otherwise noted as **Amplified Bible**. I encourage the reader to read this document with a Bible in hand.]

INTERPRETATION

The large gathering of people in the countryside represents a company of false prophets. Although the weather was mild, their wearing jackets and coats symbolizes that their hearts are cold towards Lord Jesus and His warning:

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>> ***"BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits.*** *… Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, '****Lord, Lord, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESIED in Your name,*** *cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them,* ***'I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, you who practice lawlessness!'*** *"* (Mt. 7:15, 16, 21-23

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The healthy green grass symbolizes prosperity. Their open show of "walking" on green grass reveals that they are parading as being true prophets called by God into the five-fold ministry of Eph. 4:11, 12. Inwardly, they are quietly but publicly boasting of being prosperous and blessed by "supposedly" being called to the Office of Prophet.

The full-bodied trees in the distance represent the masses in and of the world sprouting forth their endless "fruit" of unrighteousness and ungodliness. (Jn. 15:18-25 — 1Cor. 6:9, 10 — Eph. 5:5 — Rev. 21:8 — Ps. 1:4-6)

The long wooden table symbolizes a place of fellowship. Here, those few people who now begin to sit down at the table are anxious to reveal themselves to be prophets of God.

The empty chair at the end of the table represents where Lord Jesus should be seated. However, *He does not* ***KNOW*** *these prophets* as declared by Him in the above quoted Scripture. Therefore, His absence clearly reveals His rejection of these *"so-called"* prophets. (Eph. 4:11) It is Lord Jesus Who *SENDS* His Church prophets, as declared by Him in Mat. 23:24 under the anointing of Holy Spirit. (Eph. 4:11, 12)

The audiences seated behind the prophets symbolize a greater number of *"wannabe" (want to be)* prophets who are eager to parade themselves as prophets of God. Neither they nor those seated at the table have been *"called"* to the Office of Prophet by Lord Jesus through the anointing of Holy Spirit. They are walking in the flesh, and are carnally minded.

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>> *For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who*
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live according to the Spirit [set their minds on] *the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded* [walking in the flesh] *is death, but to be spiritually minded* [walking in the Spirit] *is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity* [hostile] *against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then,* ***THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD.*** *… For if you live according to the flesh you will* [spiritually] *die* [go to Hell]*; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will* [spiritually] *live* [go to Heaven]. ***For as many as are LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, these are sons of God*** (Rom. 8:5-8, 13, 14).
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The man with auburn color hair and reddish complexion, who stood up to declare his intention of wanting to sit at the table with the other prophets symbolizes an *"imposter,"* seeking to justify himself as someone who has been *called* by God to be a prophet. His stout *(fat)* appearance reveals him to be corpulent: *FLESHY*. He has been operating *"in the flesh"* and not under the anointing of Holy Spirit. **His *"pronounced"* accent is intended to proudly set himself apart from others in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, symbolizing that he has a *"unique voice"* because he is speaking as God's mouthpiece to the Church.** This *"imposter"* is a *liar*, and unless he repents, his fate is spelled out in Rev. 21:8.

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>> *"Therefore, behold I am against the prophets," says the Lord, … who steal My words among one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets]. Behold, I am against the prophets," says the Lord, "who use their [own deceitful] tongues and say, 'Thus says [the Lord]' "* (Jer. 23:30, 31 Amplified Bible).
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Because of my anointing to observe, discern and operate in the Spirit, in the dream I am *"assigned by the Spirit"* to sit in the midst of one of the audiences to observe and discern these people to be false prophets.

The gray concrete building wall that now appears in the midst of the field symbolizes Hell. Its lack of distinction and color represents this building as unholy and unsanctified. Its lack of windows symbolizes that there was no Light within. It is a darkened den of iniquity. Housed within it is a maverick *(nonconformist individualistic)* church that has rebelled against the Word of God and *"struck out on her own,"* away from an intimate, *faithful,* humble, obedient and worshipful relationship with Lord Jesus. She lacks conviction of sin due to her carnality.

A woman in a spiritual dream symbolizes a church and/or sin. The stout, fair complexioned, white haired "mature" woman represents an easily recognized sin-laden *(flesh ridden)* church. This woman symbolizes both, and has been around for a *very, very long time.* Here again, her stout *(fat)* appearance also reveals her to be corpulent: *FLESHY*. She has been operating *"in the flesh"* and not under the anointing of Holy Spirit. She has *"structured"* and promoted herself as a *"social country club"* for the Saints' pleasures and amusements rather than operate under the anointing and teaching of Holy Spirit to *TEACH* and exhort *(encourage)* them how to pray, read and study the Word of God, and to work out their salvation through fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). Her white hair *(symbolic of "wisdom")* portrays deception through *"counterfeit wisdom." THUSLY,* the result is her fictitious teaching and consecration of *"false prophets"* that *"tickle ears."*

The symbolic color of sin is "black." The woman's black coat symbolizes her as clothed in unrighteousness through disobedience and rebellion to the Word of God Lord Jesus Christ. Her *"mature"* appearance reveals that she has been performing in this *"theater"* atmosphere *far too long*. Throughout the ages she has deceived many, many Saints in the Church into *walking and operating in the flesh,* and not in the Spirit of God. The following Scripture from the Book of Romans is written to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and *not* to worldly sinners. Saints of God, please read the following Scripture carefully and *STUDY:*

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>> *I say then:* ***WALK IN THE SPIRIT, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh;*** *and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.* [Rom. 7:13-25] *But if you are led by the Spirit you are*

not under the law. [Rom. 8:14] *Now* ***the works of the flesh*** *are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness* [immoral; shameless; wicked]*, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath,* ***SELFISH AMBITIONS****, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past,* ***that those who practice such things WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.***

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering [patience], *kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.* ***If we live in the Spirit, let us also WALK IN THE SPIRIT*** (Gal. 5:16-25).
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The wedding dress held up high by the woman's right hand represents *"hands on,"* symbolizing that this church has had a *"firm hold"* over many Saints' spiritual lives and their *"dwarfed" (suppressed)* spiritual growth. Their stunted spiritual development has kept them from growing and maturing in the Word of God, and *walking in* and *after* (Rom. 8:1) the Holy Spirit.

Parading the bride's wedding dress in front of everyone clearly represents this church's show of shameless pride and self-rule *("doing her own thing")* without conviction through the Word of God.

The table here symbolizes teaching and fellowship. The *"teaching"* here is to a class of ambitious *"wannabe"* prophets with others waiting on the *"side lines."* The white *(color of purity)* tablecloth is intended to display a show of righteous teaching and *calling* of God. However, the empty table reveals that these people were not "nourishing" themselves on the Word of God.

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>> ***"And the*** **[false]** ***prophets become wind, for the word is not in them"*** (Jer. 5:13).
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The wedding dress being taken to the bride reveals that this church is alert to the imminent Rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. She believes that she will be *"caught up"* to be with the Lord forevermore.

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>> *…that He might present it to Himself a glorious church,* ***not having spot or wrinkle*** *or any such thing, but that it should be* ***HOLY and without blemish*** (Eph. 5:27).
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However, because of this church's *unfaithfulness*, disobedience, pride and unrighteousness she will be left behind to suffer *famine of the Word of God horrendous awful dreadful terrible unbearable atrocious unspeakable horrific ghastly hideous horrible appalling painful suffering famine* consequences under the dictatorship of the Antichrist. Because of Lord Jesus' great love for her (Jn. 14:21 Pr. 10:12), and His mercy toward her because He ***"never leaves nor forsakes [her]"*** (Heb. 13:5), and is her ***"HOPE OF GLORY"*** (Col. 1:27), she will still be able to *remorsefully* repent of her *unfaithfulness* and unrighteousness so as to finally enter Glory even though she will still be persecuted and martyred for her faith in her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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>> ***And it was granted to him*** **[Antichrist]** ***to make war with the saints and to overcome them*** (Rev. 13:7).

>> *He* [lamb with two horns, speaking like a dragon Rev. 13:11] *was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.* ***And he*** **[Antichrist]** ***causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.*** *Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man:* ***His number is 666*** (Rev. 13:15-18). [Read

Revelation Chapter 13]

>> And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God*, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands.* ***And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years*** (Rev. 20:4).
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The bridal headpiece in the form of a crown represents the bride's *"fallen crown."* When I picked it up from the chair I did not parade and display it before the people. Instead, as a *called* prophet of God I stood by the empty chair at the end of the table, held it up and symbolically declared   by showing the *"bride's fallen crown"*   her unrighteous standing before Lord Jesus as *unfaithful*, proud, shameless, disobedient, backslidden, rebellious, and impenitent *(no remorse)*.

The chair with the *"fallen crown"* headpiece, which the bride *(church)* would probably have occupied, and that belonged at the other end of the table is distanced *away* from the table. This reveals just how far removed she is from holiness, *faithfulness,* obedience, righteousness and fellowshipping with her Savior and Lord. This church has left *"her first love"*   Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ   and is therefore *"fallen."* (Rev. 2:4, 5)

The missing veil symbolizes pride   no shame — haughtiness   arrogance   overconfidence   self- sufficiency.

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FALSE PROPHETS Scriptures

Jeremiah: 5:13, 31   6:13   8:10   **23:9-40**   Chap. 28   29:8, 9

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COMMENTARY

I've read and studied the Book of Jeremiah often, and what unfolded before my understanding was *stunning!* It could've almost been *specifically* written *for* today's Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth **(JUDAH)** in Chapters 1-25 in great and explicit detail. (**JUDAH** is mentioned in Jeremiah 183 times.) While some may debate that it specifically refers to the Israelites of that time, the Word throughout the ages *expressly* deals with the condition of the heart.

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>> *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?* ***I, THE LORD, SEARCH THE HEART,*** **[2Chr. 16:9]** ***I TEST THE MIND****, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings* (Jer. 17:9).

[IMAGINATION OF EVIL HEART[S]: Jeremiah 3:17   7:24   9:14   11:8   13:10   16:12   18:12   23:17]
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A study of the Book of Jeremiah by the reader would bring even greater and somber revelation with deeper conviction from the *"past" (Almighty and Creator God's declarations in the Old Testament)* that **sin is sin, no matter what shade or degree**. The Word which endures forever (1Pet. 1:24-25) *clearly* declares in Hebrews 12:14 that ***"WITHOUT HOLINESS, NO ONE SHALL SEE THE LORD."***

A summary at the end of the Book of Jeremiah in *DAKE'S ANNOTATED REFERENCE BIBLE* states that **the prophecy of Jeremiah might be considered the great book on *backsliding* and the dangers of *apostasy*.** Apart from this only one other book even mentions the word *"backsliding"* (Hosea 4:16   11:7   14:4). *Jeremiah's theme seems to be that of judgment without mercy for those who become apostates and defy* [challenge   treat with contempt   rebel   resist
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disregard ***disobey***] *God*. Jeremiah's purpose was to clearly reveal the consequences of sin and apostasy; to reveal to [us] our own future in the plan of God for man; and to emphasize the fact that *the destiny of every man is determined by his conformity or lack of conformity to God and His plan*.

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MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH

At this particular time, I would like to reveal to the Church of Lord Jesus that in mid December 2004 I received strong promptings from Holy Spirit to work on and post the remaining end time dreams I had filed away in a binder. I began to receive them in August 1989, beginning with THE RAPTURE!, http://www.etpv.org/2003/therap.html. The prompting and conviction I received from Holy Spirit was that I should finalize the few remaining dreams in an orderly but prompt fashion. Therefore, since the beginning of this year I've been working on and posting those dreams that remained while linking each dream with the previous posted dream, etc. Following the posting of this dream, *there remains one more end time dream to be worked on and posted.* I cannot say why I have received these strong promptings *because I do not know.* Perhaps I will receive a few more dreams to the Church that will be current, *OR, BELOVED, WE ARE ALMOST OUT OF HERE!* But ONLY and *ONLY* Lord Jesus knows the exact moment when He will call His Bride Home.

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My previous post:

COME, LORD JESUS!
http://www.etpv.org/2005/clj.html

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POST DATE: February 27, 2005
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Fully Alive Transparent And Real

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Beloved,

“You have a concern over public exposure, which could prevent you from being as transparent as I have called you to be, as I desire you to be.. Don’t allow distractions or concern over any self-revelation to prevent you from following My plan for you. Trust Me to take you where I desire for you to go and protect you as you obey Me. Keep your focus on Me and My assignment for you without undue concern over revealing something about yourself.

“I am bringing you to a new level in My ways, a new place in your spiritual journey filled with peace. There is a place for you, a place I, your God have for you that when you get there you will have peace and you will know in your spirit that it is your place. I know your heart, your desires; I know what pleases you and delights you. The place I have for you will be so comfortable and so beautiful that it will seem familiar in some ways.

“I Am, God, Jehovah, the eternal One, the God who was, who is, and who is to come; the God of the past, present and the future. the God of *your* past – I know everything about you and I have the power to heal and restore all things. I am the God of your present – today – I know all that is in your heart, I know My plan for you and I have it all in My loving hands. I am working in you to will and do My good pleasure. And I am the God of your future. It is all worked out. I have a plan for you and My plan is perfect It contains all that you need for life and peace and joy. Trust Me completely with your life, past, present and future. My plans for you are good and will bring you much joy as you submit to it.

“I am now clothing you anew in white, the symbol of purity and surrender. As you surrender everything, all that you are and all that you long to be, all that you have and all that you desire to Me, I am bringing you a new level in Me, a new level of purity, a deeper level of surrender, a new level of anointing and fruitfulness and a greater level of peace.

“Give up everything from the past – even those things which seem so difficult to give up. Release it all to Me. Do not be concerned with what you’ve lost or given up. Don’t look to people to fill needs. Don’t mourn over your losses. And do not attempt to patch the wound. Don’t try to put a bandage on it and make it all well. Give it all to Me and allow Me to bring complete healing in this area.

“I want to show you the two sides of a coin – heads or tails. Different views. On the one side is your calling to be an encourager – a type of cheerleader who brings the good news of the gospel to those who need to hear. One who points out that victory is ahead - in God. I call you to speak words of comfort and encouragement to those I send your way.

“On the other side is the call to be real – not putting on a cheerful façade for others, an outward face that does not match your inner self. You have not been called to be always cheerful and always smiling. Don’t paint a smile on your face to hide what’s inside. Trust Me completely with every area of your life – your emotions, your desires for your personal life and your ministry gifts and calling. Trust Me in every way in every thing and I will make everything around you alive with My presence.

“ I want you to be fully alive - not drawn back to the past with half your mind and half your emotions there, but fully living in the present, fully alive in Me. Not just barely alive, having a pulse with no other sign of life. Not just playing at life as children playing house, but fully engaged in living life to the utmost, walking in abundant life.

“Wake up to My fulfilling, satisfying, energizing, enervating, electrifying, powerful, loving presence. And you will be more alive than you have ever been or ever imagined you could be. Wake up to the abundant life that Jesus came to bring you.”

Feet And Tongues Of Fire

Lana Perry

My Precious children I love each of you so very much. I am constantly calling you closer to Me, and constantly calling each of you to come deeper. This is and will always be the cry of My heart for you My children. That I may lavish My goodness and love upon you in ways you have never known before. That I may show you My greatness and kindness, and that My Spirit may overflow in your lives.

I am now anointing My people's feet. This is a time where I am sending out My children to the nations. I am sending some of you out physically. Some of you are believing to be sent to nations, and I am calling you to go. I am calling you to stand up and to believe what I have spoken to you, and not be moved by what others around you say.

I am going to provide for many of you and you will see Me bridge together people of different cultures, different groups, and different nations. I am moving and bringing together' many things in My Spirit.

I am anointing each of your feet to move forward. To not stay where you have been, but move onto what I have for you. To not remain in the past, but move forward into the future. To be constantly listening to My Spirit and moving. Where things seem impossible, believe. Where things seem dull, believe. Where things seem too hard, believe. Believe and I will perform the miraculous before your very eyes.

Many of you are called and are going to the nations, and there you will see Me move in great ways. You will see the enemy rise up against you harder than ever before, but you will walk in great victory.

I am anointing My children's feet, and the impossible is now becoming the possible. In ways where people have said before that ‘it is not of God', they will now see that it is of Me. I am moving differently, in a way that people will see the miraculous provision of My mighty hand, and where it can only be done by My mighty hand.

I am anointing My children's feet in prayer and intercession. Many of you are interceding for nations, and I am saying to each of you that I am giving you this nation. As you continue to ask of Me, I will give the nations to you. You may not physically place your feet on these nations, but you are spiritually placing your feet on these nations. I am going to give you your inheritance. The nations are your inheritance. I am going to show each of you a Mighty move of My Spirit as you intercede for the nation that I have placed on your heart. Whether it is the nation you live in, or another nation, intercede. I have called all My children to intercede for the nations, and for the leaders of nations.

Fire is falling on many of your feet. I am pouring My fire onto your feet, onto many of you, to confirm My call on your lives. My call for you to ‘go out'. My calling on your lives to ‘go out' into your neighborhoods, into your workplaces, into your families, into the streets and proclaim My Word.

I am pouring My fire onto your feet, so that each of you will know the call that I have placed on you. Have I called each of you to sit still? No! I have called you to get up! To get up, out of your comfort zones, and spread My Word. I am calling each of you to allow Me to minister through you in your places of influence. I am calling each of you to be proactive. Do not sit around and wait for someone else to do it, allow Me, to move through you.

I am pouring My fire onto your feet My people. Listen! Listen to the call I have placed on your lives. I am now showing each of you in different ways, that which I have called you too, I am pouring My fire out onto your feet, reaffirming My calling on your lives. Listen! Do not walk away, listen.

For where your feet tread, My Spirit arrives. You take My Gospel with you wherever you go. Do not be hesitant, do not be fearful. Come to Me and listen to Me reaffirm My calling on your life, so that you may again go out, continue to go out and allow Me to move through you. Many of you are doubting your calls, and many of you are staying where you are out of fear and insecurity.

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up! I have anointed you, and I am now pouring My fire onto your feet. Listen to My call. Do not fear anymore, walk out in My confidence, My love, My boldness and My victory.
I am releasing a greater fire onto the tongues of My children. I am anointing your tongues.

Many of you are now being brought forward, brought forward by My Spirit to speak forth the Word. Many of you are being sent out, and will deliver fresh and powerful words, My Spirit flowing through you, words that have a fresh anointing. This is what I am doing. I am anointing your tongues with fire.

I am purifying many of you for the task ahead. I am purifying many of you for the calling I have on your lives. Why do you tire of the purification process? Why do you tire of becoming more like Me? Do not tire in this process. I know it is hard, but continue to surrender and allow Me to do My work in you, and conform you to be more like Me.

Many of you are being sent into places now that are places you never dreamed of going, but I am sending you there. As you speak out My Word, and allow My fire to come forth from your mouth, you will see release, you will see hope, you will see freedom come to the people receiving these words.

A greater anointing, a greater fire is now falling for those of you who are willing to speak out.
I have called all of you to speak out. Wherever you are, you are to speak out. Whether before one person, or a thousand, you are to speak out. Leave fear behind. Stop allowing fear to overtake you, and speak out.
You have I, The God of the Universe living inside you, and I will speak forth the truth through you, and My Word will NOT return void. I have anointed each of your tongues, and you will speak and My fire, will flow forth and destroy all not of Me.
I am showing My children, the importance of the tongue. I am showing many of My children the importance of speaking My truth now. Speaking My truth out and allowing the fire of the Holy Spirit to flow through you and break down the things not of Me.

Many of you are speaking words of death. Words that are bringing death to your lives, others lives, and situations. Speak life.
What does My Word say? Speak My Word! Speak life!
Do you want your tongue to be cold? Do you want your tongue to bring death upon the life of another? Or will you allow Me, the Great I Am, to pour out My fire in a greater way upon your tongue, and you may speak forth blessing, and encouragement.

Choose My children.
My army is now being raised. I do not want an army of people who speak words contrary to My Word.
I am now aligning you. I am placing each of you where you need to be.
Increase of fire and boldness is coming to My children. It's being poured out. Strongholds will be torn down by messages from My heart in ways they never have been.

This is a new day. I am bringing about a Mighty move of My Spirit on this earth, through anointing My children's feet, and tongues.
I can anoint, but you must choose.
Listen to My voice, and choose! Choose whether you will receive the fresh fire from heaven upon your feet and tongue.

In Quietness You’ll Find Strength
Lanna Perry

17th March 2005
Sydney Australia

Many of you are crying out and are desperate for answers and breakthrough. Many of you are seeking Me for things that you have been believing for a long time, many of you are walking through the fire and trying to find strength to continue on. Many of you are facing discouragement, battle, deceit and lies, and are wanting an escape.

I see a frustration has come over My church. A frustration of wanting to see Me move and quickly. A frustration and a cry of ‘why am I not doing things the way you want Me too, or why is it taking so long? ". My children listen to Me again. Listen to what I am saying. I have the perfect timing and nothing will come to you one minute too early or one minute too late.

Many of you are searching for the answers. Crying out ‘answer Lord, answer Lord’, and I am answering you now. No matter what circumstance or situation you are in quietness is your strength.

Yes, listen to those words I speak. Quietness is your strength. What am I saying? I am saying that in the time you spend alone with Me, listening to Me, and surrendering to My will, it is there that you will find all the answers and all the guidance you have been looking for.

Stop running around. Stop running back and forward trying to work out what I am going to do or what I am doing. Stop. Stop asking people what they think, and come to Me.

Your strength to get through the trials is My strength. Where do you receive My strength? In My presence. Why is quietness your strength? Quietness is your strength because you stop talking and listen to Me. When you are quiet you are surrendering to Me, and allowing Me the room to speak into situations and circumstances. It is through My voice that you are given all the strength and all the empowerment to stand firm in Me, and to go further and further forward in what I have called you to do.

It is the continual surrender of your desires, and telling Me what I should be doing, that brings you to the place of actually hearing from Me, and receiving all I have for you. Being quiet before Me, is where I teach you to rest. Sitting still, surrendering and listening to My voice, that is where I can still your hearts, and where I can then speak forth the peace that I am longing to give you and the grace I am longing to give you in order to endure the trial or whatever situation it is that you may face.

Today, too many of My children are continually running. Maybe not physically, but in their minds. Life is busy enough as it is, to then have My children running back and forward in their mind and emotions.

It is in the quiet that you will find your strength, My strength, My strength in the words that I speak to you.

You will receive the revelation, strength, comfort and peace in My presence, being quiet.

In the quietness, you shall see who you are.
In the quietness I shall be able to show you, your reflection of yourself in Me.
In the quietness, I shall be able to guide you and empower you.

As you silence your voice, and be quiet, it is then that you will hear Me speak. It is then that your heart is pliable and able to receive that which I have for you.

Are you being quiet My church? Are you being loud in your witnessing, and quiet before Me? I am calling you to be quiet, and in that quiet you will find your strength.

I want communication, I want to hear the cries of your hearts, and I want to hear what troubles you, but as you leave time to be quiet before Me, you will see great things. You will see Me change your heart, and give you all you desire.

While you are not taking the time out to find your strength in quiet, you are not resting or receiving all that I have for you.

Many of you need to be quiet, and not complain anymore, and not continue to tell Me over and over how I must do things. You must silence your will, and all your striving and efforts, and be quiet. In quietness you shall find strength.

In quietness you shall find My strength.
What shall My strength be?

My voice speaking to you, and empowering you. THAT My children is what gives you strength, my voice empowered by My Spirit.

Will you be quiet?
Are you truly desperate to hear Me speak?

If so, then stop running around, complaining and trying to twist My arm, and be quiet, and listen to what I have to say.

The Battle Is Raging
Lanna Perry

17th March 2005

Sydney Australia

The enemy is raising up around many of you like a flood. The enemy is battling hard against a lot of you, to stop you from completing that which I have called each of you too. Many of you are feeling angry and frustrated and at the continued darts of the evil one, but do not be dismayed for I am standing with you, and in Me, you are victorious.

Many of you are feeling frustrated, even tired of the battle that seems to continue to surround you. My children, I am shifting. My children, I am shifting things, and in the heavenlies, I am moving things. Preparing paths, and moving things forward, and soon they are about to come into the natural.

Many of you are on the brink of breakthrough. Many of you are on the brink of seeing an increase of anointing being poured over your lives, and many of you are about to see situations in your lives, things you've believed for, become possible. The impossible is becoming possible.

I am holding the core of the earth and I am shaking it. I am bringing a shaking to this earth, that is going to bring about a mighty repentance and conviction to people. I am shaking the earth, I am allowing the battle to intensify to see which of you will walk through this completely, wanting all of Me, and all that I have for you.

I want to see which of you are prepared to give Me all or nothing. That is what I am calling out for. All or nothing. I do not want mediocrity or complacency I want all of you, all of each of you.

Do not be discouraged by the battle that is raging, but be encouraged knowing that I am moving mightily in each of your lives, and because of this, the enemy wants to bring about chaos and frustration to many of your lives. Trouble, and chaos. Yes, the enemy is coming in like a flood, but I am raising up a standard.

Each of you are victorious in Me. As you stand in Me and remain focused on Me, you will continue to go deeper into Me. Count the cost. Many of you have wanted the recognition for ministry but have not realised the price you must pay in order to serve Me. The recognition is mine.

I am now waking My children up. Shaking and stirring. I am shaking My church, allowing the enemy to bring about trouble to see how faithful and determined each of you are to follow Me. I do not want half-hearted followers. I want passionate followers. Warriors.

I am now stirring things within many of you. I am bringing forth, and bursting forth many tears that have come from travail, and I am bursting forth many passions and desires that I have been continually stirring within My people.

The battle is intensifying, so My children, you must continue to be prepared in Me, and continue to learn to rest in Me, no matter the circumstances. No matter what the battle brings to you, I the Lord am raising up a standard against the enemy.

The more and more each of you hunger and thirst for Me the deeper I will take you in Me. Continue to come to Me and listen to Me speak to you. Listen to Me speak My sweet words to each of you. Do not let the enemy have even a toe into your life.

Use the Sword. Use My Word, and fight off the evil one. I the Lord am battling for you in the heavenlies. The victory has been won, but I am continually training My children's hands and fingers for war. It is now a time with the shaking and stirring on this earth that I am training My children's fingers hands and fingers for battle.

For the enemy is not going to give up easily and he sees the destiny I have for each of you and does not want you to move forward in Me. He sees the great breakthrough's and open doors many of you are about to receive and is doing all he can to stop this.

He will not win, if you do not allow him too. Overall he is defeated but he can win small things in your lives if you allow him too. So don't allow him too.

Come into My presence and battle through your resting in Me. Battle through your resting in My presence. Many of you are finding it difficult to rest in My presence, feeling that many distractions are coming to you, what I say to you, is continue to press in, for I see the hearts of My children. I am seeing your hearts, and am honouring each of you greatly.

As I am shaking and stirring on this earth, as you continue to press into Me, no matter how difficult it is, I am going to pour out an overflow of My Spirit on each of you. I will pour out My Spirit over each of you in a greater way. The anointing and the Spirit is going to pour over more and more of you as you continue to press into Me My children.

The enemy is doing all he can to keep you My children away from spending time in My presence. Do not be dismayed, but continue to come into My presence, and no matter what happens, continue to press through. Continue to press in. Not through striving but through the empowerment of My Spirit. The enemy is trying to tire out you My children for what I am about to do. So even if the time you are spending with Me is not feeling deep, keep pressing in, know in faith that I am there and that I am moving. Do not rely on emotions but stand on truth. My truth.

The enemy is raging, but I the Lord your God am raging mightily by My Spirit. I am raging in each of your lives, bringing forth breakthrough, release and mighty moves of My Spirit. Do not let the enemy have a toehold. I know many of you are tired, but come to Me, and let me replenish you. Stand against this battle, as it is so fierce, stand against it in Me, as you continue to rest and press through in Me. Take up My Sword, know I am standing with you, and know that I am shaking this earth. Waking up My children, and those who are willing to give their all, I am moving forward, quickly, and the enemy does not like this.

My Spirit is stirring, My church you are on the verge of breakthrough. Do not give up. Hold on, come and let I the Lord your God love on you, and refresh you.

The Old Has Passed, The New Has Come!

Lanna Perry

Sydney Australia
15th March, 2005

The Old has gone. The Old has passed away. Why are many of you still holding onto rags from the past? Why are many of you still clinging to things of Old? Do you not see right before you the beautiful new garment I have given you?

I am not calling you My children to walk in the old, so why are you walking in the old? I am doing a new thing, yet many of you are still caught up back in the past. Why? Why let past hang up's and your past hold you back from what I have for you in the future. What I have for you now.

I am leading many of you into the promise land you've been waiting for, yet you want to move forward, but without letting go of the old rags. Why are you holding so tightly to the old rags?

Do you not want to be stretched and trust Me in new and deep ways? Do you not want to see the Lord your God move in a new and fresh way in your lives, and take you into places you've never dreamed? Then let go My children.

Many of you are crying out to Me, to release you, to set you free, to take you forward, yet you will not let go of the things of old, the past, in order for Me to take you forward.

I am not calling My army to walk in the old. I am calling My army to walk in the new.

Many of you are falling into legalism and religion, and this is not My heart. My heart is for each of you to be done with legalism and religion and walk in the newness that I purchased for you at Calvary.

Many of you are remaining where you are because you are choosing to hold onto the rags of the past. Look at these rags. They are filthy. They have been stained, and worn out, and you are still holding onto them, because they are familiar.

Let go. Let go of the familiar and grab hold of the new. Look at the beautiful garment I have placed before you, before each of you. You cannot move forward, and take hold of this new garment I have for you, until you let go of what is already in your hands.

My precious children, stop living in the old. Stop living in the past. Stop living in dreams, and lies from the past. Stop living in hopes from the past, stop living in bondage and wounds from the past.

You can **CHOOSE** to move forward. It is your **CHOICE!** You My children must let go. I will not force your hands open. You must **CHOOSE** to let go. As you can choose to let go, then you will be moving forward.

Many of you are still living in disappointments of the past. Many of you have given up on coming closer and deeper in Me because of disappointments in the past. Are you content to allow yourself to miss out what I have for you now, what I want to lead you onto, because you are holding onto the old rags of the past.

Many of you are feeding off old manna. Do you not want to receive fresh manna? New manna? Come to Me, and receive. Take up the call to sacrifice, listen and come to Me.

Let go of the old. Let go of the past.

Many of you are holding onto old ways that I have moved. Many of you are expecting Me to move in the ways I have in the past. I may, I may not. Let go! There is a new move of My Spirit that is filtering through My children, and My church. Embrace it. Embrace that I am a God of creativity and that I am continually moving in new and fresh ways. Stop putting Me in a box, and limiting Me to moving in one way. Stop that, and embrace the new, the freedom, of new ways I can move if I so choose.

Let Me lead each of you into the promise lands that I have for you. Let go of the past. Let go of the old, and embrace the new. Even if you do not know what the ‘new’ is that I am bringing to you, embrace it. Embrace the new, for as you do, you will see that by My Spirit I will be moving you forward, into the blessing and abundance that I do have for you.

Let go of the old filthy rag, and take up the brand new beautiful garment, that is before you.

Favour

Geoff Pick

22 March 2005
http://www.ourchurch.com/member/p/propheticwords/

I will cause you
I will cause you !
I will cause you !!!
To walk upright

In me is your salvation
I am the eternal breath
Imparting life within
Surely you are set apart in heaven
To walk with your God

And I am going to take you far
Further than you can conceive
In me is life abundant
In my well is great joy within

You are not forgotten
You are a feast of my delight
A flame upon a hill
Rising higher to light up the evening sky

Now I lavish
Now I unwrap
Now I set apart
My chosen servants
Releasing my good news across the earth

Favour from my throne
Goodness from me deep inside
Shall flow out
Oh the mountains tremble
before the chosen army of your King

Receive, receive, receive
Believe in me
Take heed to My Word
and walk in my light alone

The sound of thundering hooves
Charging forward
The Kingdom comes now in mighty power
The King is on the throne

French Bread Soaked in Golden Oil

Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw a thick slice of French bread. Someone gave it a squeeze and I could see that it was soaked in golden oil. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My children to realize something of great importance. I want you to enter into the new hour that is coming with your heads held high. I want you to know that I am with you all the way. I want you to maintain your focus on Me, looking to Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith, to get you through anything that comes your way.

That being said, let Me tell you these words of hope. Take them into your heart, beloved, and savor the passion with which they are spoken:

I, the eternal God and Creator, have something wonderful for those of you who have surrendered to My cause. I want you to know that My offering holds much in the power of My Spirit coming forth, proclaiming My goodness and offering all for which one could long. My Spirit is coming forth, beloved, in copious amounts, giving to you the long lost treasure for which you have sought. I, the Bread of Life, am supplying you. I am giving you that wonder for which your heart has longed. I am supplying you with benefits that far exceed anything you have ever known – ever realized could exist.

Now get your hearts ready to receive, knowing that the Beloved has seen fit to extract from His very being that which will send you catapulting into a new arena of rich delight. I will hold back nothing from one who is surrendered to My call. I will pour forth liberally. Be that as it may, many will not understand this wonderful outpouring. Many will look on this gift of My loving presence with an attitude of disgust. Many will want to have no part in this wonder that I am pouring forth, they will turn on their heels and say, “No, thank YOU!!!” To those I wish to speak these most profound words:

You know not of what spirit you are speaking. You know not what spirit is requiring these words from you. You know Me not! You knew Me not, and you will never know Me, if you do not take that step into My offering. You know Me not now, and you will not know Me in eternity the way that I want you to know Me. I want you to know Me in the richness of My grace, but you will only know Me in My wrath – My vengeance – on those who refuse My offering – the offering for which I gave My life – My wholehearted love and devotion. You knew Me not. You will not know Me in the rich design of My plan for you. You will be forever doomed in that place of absence from the Beloved, if you refuse this offering that I have so amply provided for you. Step into My good graces. Step into the design of My will for you. I am pleading with you to take that step now. Don’t wait. Don’t procrastinate. Receive Me and all that I am, for the hour of decision is upon you and I am about to pour forth the oil – the exciting oil of wonder that comes with being fully surrendered to the Lord your God – the One Who is looking upon you with a heart gentle with love – gentle with a wooing to draw you close – gentle with a call to draw near. Draw near. Don’t turn in this final hour. Don’t turn from My truth being made real to your heart. Don’t turn from Me – from My open arms. I am calling to you. I am about to pour forth the oil of wonder that I have provided for you, for this hour. Don’t turn away from Me. Come near. Receive. Receive all that the Beloved is offering. Don’t turn from Me – from My heart of love. Come near. Receive. Receive from the heart of the Beloved this most wondrous proposal of His love – His confounding love – His love of pleasure. Seek My heart. Seek the pleasure that is found in knowing Me. Step into the design of My will. Step into My heart. Step into Me!!!

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The Mountain of Spices

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Song of Solomon 8:14 (Joyfully the radiant bride turned to Him, the One Altogether lovely, the Chief among ten thousand to her soul, and with unconcealed eagerness to begin her life of sweet companionship with Him she answered) Make haste, my Beloved, and come quickly, like a gazelle or a young hart (and take me to our waiting home) upon the mountain of spices! (Amplified Bible)

I cry out to you, “Come closer, come closer into the sweet companionship that I have for us to enjoy. Come closer into the waiting arms of your Beloved.” I tell you truly that time is of the essence. The waiting time is growing shorter. The time of the great announcement is nearing. Be of good cheer! I have given you glad tidings this night – words that should thrill your heart.

I am so eager for you to know Me, and for us to enter into this hour of devoted love – a love so devoted – so wonderfully inescapable – that you cannot imagine its wonder – you cannot fathom its depths nor neither understand its heights.

I am calling for you, My beloved. Come nearer to your God. Come into the embrace that will last for all time, for in so doing you will notice some things of surprising grace: Your Beloved has seen fit to extend His virtuous heart to you, His beloved. He has seen fit to explain many complicated wonders to you, and enable you to understand things for which you have pondered day in and day out, at times thinking that you will never really understand the truth of the hour. But you, beloved, will enter into a new understanding of Who I am to you, and you will be thrilled beyond all capacity.

I tell you that I am calling to you, dear one. I want you to come up higher – higher than you have ever been – higher than you have ever known existed – to the mountain of spices that I have prepared for our happy union. This is a union that will enable you to see clearly the wonders that lie in My heart. This is a union of the sweetest contentment available to anyone, anytime, anywhere.

I am calling to My beloved. Prepare yourself for the most extraordinary. Prepare yourself to enter into a new hour when My embrace will captivate you, sending you into a pleasant situation of wonder – wonder in Who I am and where I am advancing you.

The Song of Solomon holds many word pictures that are most dear to My heart. You ponder over these words, but cannot understand their depth. I wish to explain these word pictures to you. I wish for you to experience these word pictures. I wish to open for you the wonder of who you are in Me, as we, together, walk in this holy union of love, thereby living out this song of great truth.

“Mysteries, mysteries, mysteries,” you say. “Lord, you speak mysteries to us —mysteries too grand for us to fathom.” I tell you, dear one, that I am about to open those mysteries to you like never before. I fully intend to let you see into this realm of love and wonder. So get your heart ready for a deep exploration of the love of the living God, and know that with this exploration is coming an experience that will knock your socks off – knock them so far that you, beloved, will stand in awe in My presence, wondering about My goodness to you, and vowing your allegiance to follow Me up the mountain of spices where we will dwell together forevermore!!!

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From Devastation To Destiny
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"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Whether you have been traumatized by the recent devastation from Hurricane Katrina, or another situation, I proclaim the verse above over each of you as you begin to read this article, and I declare freedom over you - from trauma, terror, anxiety, stress, fear, death and all ungodly soul connections that would cause you to experience loss of faith, loss of vision and loss of joy in the Lord, in Jesus name! I speak to your spirit man to FOCUS ON THE LORD, and upon His Word, and the report of THE LORD!

As we have all been watching the news and attempting to do what each of us can do for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, I felt the Lord wanting me to encourage the people of God to now FOCUS ON HIM for peace, instruction and insight. *"Lord, You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."* (Isaiah 26:3)

I have sensed for some time a warning that the next onslaught of terrorism would be "natural" disasters. However, the Good News is, We, the people of God, still win! No matter how things look, God is able to take us from the midst of "impossible" situations into miraculous victory!

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)

In this time, the Church and the people in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and the rest of our nation is about to rise from devastation into destiny!

"(1) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. (2) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1 & 2)

There are many praying saints throughout these regions. What happened was terrible, but it was for their sake and because of their prayers that worse devastation did not occur. Those who are still living need to know that their life was spared to go forward to walk in God's purposes and destiny for their life "for such a time as this."

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IF MY PEOPLE....

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1 Chronicles 7:14 says, *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and HEAL THEIR LAND."*

On January 27th of this year, the Lord had me send out a word (ref., "If We Do, He Will Heal Our LAND" at http://JoniAmes.InJesus.com). He said that, if we followed the directives in that verse, He would literally HEAL our LAND. We really NEED this to be done.

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WAS THIS "JUST A TEST" FOR WHAT IS AHEAD?

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Even now, other natural tragedies are lining up to occur:

* Weather officials say we are "just now" getting into the heart of hurricane season, with at least six more hurricanes to come, and three of them expected to become major hurricanes. (http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/)

* In Southern California near the Mexican border this past week, in just one day, we had a swarm of earthquakes start near San Diego. (See http://earthquake.usgs.gov/). On September 3rd, there was a 5.8 earthquake in the Southern Mid-Atlantic ridge - out in the Atlantic Ocean! Many have been warning of an impending 8.0 or greater quake for California.

* Recent reports warn of the possibilities of the awakening of a Super Volcano in Yellowstone Park (http://www.unmuseum.org/supervol.htm).

* There have also been warnings of "a whole lotta shakin' going on" along the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which travels along the middle of the nation along the Mississippi River (See map at: http://earthquake.usgs.gov/bytopic/new_madrid.html).

* The Bird flu concern, which experts say could infect as much of a quarter of the world's population and kill as many as 180 million to 360 million people - at least seven times the number of AIDS deaths, all within a matter of weeks. (http://www.keepmedia.com/pubs/USNewsWorldReport/2005/06/27/902689)

* Some have warned that we are in danger of asteroids that may collide with the earth in some form - it has happened in times past.

Add to all of this the present "War Against Terrorism," and the present chaos in New Orleans area, and it can be pretty scary. - And if you listen to all the "conspiracy theories," it can be even more scary! - But God is faithful!

In this time, may we humble ourselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways, so that He will hear us from heaven, forgive our sins and HEAL OUR LAND!

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TIME TO CALL FOR ANGELIC INTERVENTION

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It is time to call angelic intervention from the Lord of Hosts! They can go where we cannot, and when we cannot go! Ask the Lord to send them forth to minister to the victims of Hurricane Katrina! - *"Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?"* (Heb. 1:14)

"The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them." (Psalm 34:7)

As we call forth angelic intervention, pray what the Word has to say about what will happen: *(5) Let them (our enemies) be like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the Lord chase them. (6) Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the Lord pursue them.* (Psalm 35:5 & 6)

And remember what the Lord does with Angelic help:

They are sent to rescue us and lead us to safety:
"When we cried out to the Lord, He heard our voice and sent the Angel and brought us up out..." (Numbers 20:16a)

They are sent to direct our path:
"Behold, I send an Angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you into the place which I have prepared." (Ezek. 23:20)

They are sent in response to our prayers:
"It happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar--the Angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar!" (Judges 13:20)

They are sent to destroy our enemies:
"And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the Lord went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses--all dead." (2 Kings 19:35)

They are sent to testify to and strengthen us:
"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you..." (Rev. 22:16a)

"Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him." (Luke 22:43)

They are sent be our watchmen:
"So they answered the Angel of the Lord, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have walked to and fro throughout the earth, and behold, all the earth is resting quietly." (Zech. 1:11)

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WORSHIP IS OUR WAR-SHIP

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When Job suffered all of his losses, he worshipped God. (Job 1:20-22)

It is time to call for the prophetic singers, dancers, and musicians to "COME FORTH!" for such a time as this, to help restore spiritual order, focus, and vision for God's people. Even to pray that such people will come forth from the midst of those who are victims of the present disaster in New Orleans! - We call them forth from their devastation and into their destiny as worshippers of the Most High God!

The Lord inhabits the praises of His people. He shows up on the scene! - This is definitely a time when we NEED to have OUR "air space" inhabited BY HIM! It is time to have WORSHIP be our WAR-ship and to FOCUS ON and PRAISE JESUS, our Lord & Savior. As we praise and worship the Lord, HE will inhabit our nation, thwart the enemy's plans, and HIS plans will come forth!

There was a time when the Israelites worshipped Him in the midst of a war, and it threw the enemy into so much confusion that those who came up against the Israelites all battled and killed each other! - The battle is the Lord's! (I Sam. 17:47) - As we WAR with our WORSHIP, we will be able to say:

"He has put a new song in my mouth -- Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the Lord." (Ps 40:3)

The Lord showed me that when Jesus spoke in Rev. 3:7 of opening doors no man can shut and closing doors no man can open, and of the "key of David," that the key mentioned was the key to the door of the Tabernacle of David. That is, Harp (music) & Bowl (intercession) type of prayer, praise & worship - which the Lord is restoring in this time (ref. Amos 9). He said that it would open up that Rev. 4:1 door of revelation, where He says, *"Come up here and I'll show you of things to come!"*

For those who are willing to take that journey, tremendous wisdom, direction and revelation will be opened!

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PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

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When we pray in the Spirit, Jude 1:20-23 tells us that we build ourselves up in faith on the inside, keep ourselves in the love of God, help ourselves to look for mercy (instead of criticism and judgment), walk in compassion, discernment, and save others from destruction. *"(20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (21) keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (22) And on some have compassion, making a distinction; (23) but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh."*

Rom. 8:26-27 lets us know that when we pray in the Spirit, we also are able to pray past our own weaknesses (personal opinion, judgment, etc.) for the root issues we do not have any personal knowledge about, and are able to pray in the will of God for situations: *(26) the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (27) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

And THEN, because we've prayed in His will, Rom. 8:28 tells us: *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."*

We do not know what the enemy's plans are or where he is at - but the Holy Spirit knows everything! As we pray in the Spirit, HE will find and destroy the enemy's schemes and carry us into victory!

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MOBILIZE THE CHURCH

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It is time to mobilize the church - cast our nets on the other side - OUTSIDE the church walls, and thus bring in the "big haul"!

The harvest is ripe! - The stadiums that are now full of displaced people who are "in despair" are like David's army at the cave of Adullam - they are candidates to become an integral part of the Army of God!

(1) David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. (2) And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. (1 Samuel 22:1 & 2)

Lord, send forth the fishermen and the hunters who have TRUE HEARTS for your people, to bring in the harvest! *"Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the Lord, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."* (Jer. 16:16)

It is the job of the Church, not government, to take care of people. What we do even for the least, we do for and to Jesus. So, Church, "Let's roll!"

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PROPER USE OF THE PROPHETIC: FOR INTERCESSION

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"But if they are prophets, and if the word of the Lord is with them, let them now make intercession to the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left...do not go to Babylon." (Jeremiah 27:18)

Whether the Lord told us about the disasters or not isn't the point. We don't need a pat on the back for having known about it in advance. WHAT did and will we DO with it? When we receive a prophetic word of warning, it is given to us to intercede on behalf of the people that may be affected! - To cry out to God for the salvation of their souls. And maybe even to go in, BEFORE the event would take place, to bring them to repentance, or for intercession so that the disaster would be averted or lessened! - Or go warn them to get out!

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LET'S USE THE BRAIN GOD GAVE US

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So many times when the hurricanes are being forecast, people ask me, "What do you think?" - Well, I think God gave us a head to use. If we are in an area that is told to evacuate, then we need to EVACUATE!

If we are not sure what the storm is going to do, let's be ready - keep our cars' gas tanks topped off; keep extra water and emergency essentials (http://beprepared.com/ or http://www.nitro-pak.com/) on hand - whether to either evacuate with, or to keep at on had to be Place of Refuge for others, if we are in a safe enough zone.

Let's have a plan in place so that our family and friends will all be able to connect with us and get to safety, or even to know if each other is okay, after the storm.

Check out the Homeland Security site for a more complete overview of how you can be better prepared: http://www.ready.gov/index.html

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PLACES OF REFUGE

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In the Bible, there were designated cities of refuge (Numbers 35 & Joshua 21). The Lord has been calling many to prepare to be a place of refuge in times of trouble in this day as well. I told everyone at the turn of the century to keep those "Y2K" provisions, because they would be utilized in times to come.

Pray and see whether the Lord would speak to you to have a place of refuge. Make sure that, if you feel you are to stay in place, you are in a "safe" area and have ample provision to last you, your family and any guests for 3 to 6 months or more.

God may call you to faith on this. If so, that is fine. But if He calls you to have a place of refuge, then be sure to be prepared. *"In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge."* (Prov. 14:26)

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FAITH

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"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1)

"Now the just shall live by faith; but if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." (Heb 10:38)

Have faith in God that, no matter what happens, it doesn't catch Him off guard or unprepared! God is bringing us all into a new place of trusting in Him to be our source! - Our Jehovah Jireh. Even if we do not see the provision, He does, and He can get it from where it is to where you are. Or He can stretch yours to feed 5,000 like He did with the loaves and fishes.

Remember: Whatever doesn't kill us makes us stronger. And if it does kills us, we do go to a better place!

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THE PLANS OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL

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In Matthew 16:18 it says, *"...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."*

A little explanation here...in that day and time, the men met at the gates of the city to make their plans. This scripture is referring to the plans of the enemy. It is basically saying that "The plans of the enemy shall not prevail against My Church!" In other words, through our prayer, praise and worship, the enemy's plans can be canceled on the planning tables, at the very gates of hell, at inception!

The prayers of the righteous avail much! Prayer in agreement adds to the power! One can put a thousand to flight; two can put ten thousand to flight.

God is still on the throne, and we are still His Church. He will NEVER leave or forsake us! And He cares about us as much as He did David, and will go after our enemies just as He did David's in Psalm 18!

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GOD LOVES YOU!

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His promises to remember:

"(10) The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (11) I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." (John 10:10-11)

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jeremiah 29:11)

"You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3)

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WHAT'S LEFT? - GOD!!!

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Job was a human being, just like us. He lost everything too - family, home, business, friends.
The friends that were left didn't act much like friends. They said it happened because he must have some hidden sin he hadn't repented of. Sounds familiar regarding the events of this day, too, doesn't it?

What did he do? In Job 1:20-22 it says: *(20) Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. (21) And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord." (22) In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.*

The result? From Job 42:
(10) And the Lord restored Job's losses. when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.(1)1 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the Lord had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold. (12) Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys. (13) He also had seven sons and three daughters.(16) After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children and grandchildren for four generations. (17) So Job died, old and full of days.

If you are reading this, and you have suffered loss, whether through Hurricane Katrina, or another situation . . . May the Lord give you the same grace Job had, and may He requite and restore you in like manner, working all things together for your good, and may the rest of your life be better than you've ever known, in Him!

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Prayer
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Father, I thank you that no weapon formed against us will prosper (Isaiah 54:17), that the plans YOU have for us are GOOD (Jer. 29:11), and that you came to give us LIFE! (John 10:10). We thank you for the blessing of the LIFE you give to us, and we give NO place to the enemy's thoughts or plans. Help us to remember YOUR words and YOUR heart for us in this time, and to keep each other encouraged. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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The Weeping Of The Holy Spirit
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Recently many have told me that this is happening to them and contacted me to pray for them because it scared them. I have been experiencing it too...which, over the years, I've learned, usually happens with me from the Lord, and it is called, "the weeping of the Holy Spirit" or "prophetic intercession."

You may feel like crying, and tried to brush it off because you thought it was "depression from the enemy" or "the blues" creeping in or that you were "losing it?" - MANY people have been going through this lately.... Some have even had thoughts like, "There is no hope!" Or "I'm not doing anything worthwhile in life" or even thoughts of death. You are not feeling this for yourself. You are standing in the gap. - Much of it may be for the victims of Katrina, or other items of intercession - whether personal, national, or Corporate Body of Christ issues.

Do NOT ignore this, nor think that you are "losing it" or that it is just the "blues" - nor allow the enemy to turn it inward or into depression....this weeping that is coming from our inner-most beings is the weeping of the Holy Spirit - Prophetic Intercession. It isn't depression, hormones, or insanity, so cast down those imaginations!

We must not let the enemy defile it by calling it "depression," or by any other name. We also must not defile it ourselves by "turning it off" or turning it inward. To do so would be to harden our hearts to what the Spirit is saying, which would deeply grieve Him, as well as reverse its intended use and bear no fruit.

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WHAT IS THIS WEEPING SAYING TO US?
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"Oh my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me, that I cannot hold my peace, because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war." (Jer. 4:19)

The enemy of our souls is out to kill, steal and destroy, but the Holy Spirit within us wants to use us to properly do battle against the enemy. However, we must remember, "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty THROUGH GOD for pulling down of strongholds." (2 Cor. 10:4)

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SO WHAT DO WE DO WITH THIS WEEPING?
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We must allow the Holy Spirit the "right of way" to take it over and to direct it. - We must turn TO it and not from it...."Today if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts" (Heb. 3:7) ~ We must not be ashamed of the weeping that He desires to cry out through us!

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WHAT ELSE DO WE DO?
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We need to ALLOW the Holy Spirit to cry and to pray through us when this unction comes upon us and to NOT "shut it down." Additionally, don't worry about the "words" you will pray....

Romans 8:26 & 27 says...(26) "the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.." (27) "Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

As we allow the weeping unction of the Holy Spirit to cry out through us, we will be praying for the things for which the Spirit within us is weeping, in the way the Lord wants it prayed about, and in the will of the Lord for the outcome.

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AND THEN WHAT?
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Romans 8:28 says... "and (then) we know that all things (will) work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

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LET THE READER UNDERSTAND...
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In other words, when those tears and/or deep groanings come, LET them! Grab your Kleenex and "go with it"! Don't stop it! ~ Be led by the Holy Spirit. ~ And understand that even if you don't have your prayer language, you are still His Sheep and you can still hear and obey the voice of the Lord and be directed to pray according to the will of God. ~ In whatever way He desires for you to pray! ~ And "pray it through!" - Until you have a "release" or a sensing that of peace that it has been "taken care of."

Don't be concerned about "words"!! ~ It may be that you will experience tears and/or groanings alone! ~ Also, we don't need to be embarrassed by tears (ours or others') if they begin to flow! We just need to "let go and let God"! ~ NOT to "fake it" or get loud to get attention! ~ It may well occur when we are all alone!!

Let's just allow the Holy Spirit total access to and through us, to be led by Him, for His purposes to be accomplished when and how He causes that unction to come. It is a time to let the "rain" of the Holy Spirit "reign!" ~ To let Him cry out through us for souls and for mercy!

Especially in this time when so many have serious needs, let us heed the voice of the Spirit to "pray it through."

Rev. 2:11 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches..."

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Faith Determines Cooperation
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FAITH DETERMINES COOPERATION
There are many things that operate in My realm which you are unaware of in yours. To the exact degree you believe, is the exact degree that I reveal things to you. My dear one, your faith does matter. Your faith is very precious to Me. It is your faith which determines your level of cooperation with My ways. It is your faith which connects you to partner with Me in ushering My kingdom upon earth. Resist doubt. Resist unbelief. Resist wavering. Do not listen to the voices that say it cant be done. Yes it can, says Your God. Do you trust in the words of men, or in My Words? Hang on and cling to Me. I AM your Source. I AM your resource. I AM all you need. So let the faith in your God, Who has brought you thus far, complete that which was begun. Cooperate with Me and lets see our way through this together.

Heb 11:3 AMP
By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

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Avenge Not The Demonic World
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AVENGE NOT THE DEMONIC WORLD
Vengeance is Mine, it belongs to Me. I am the Judge Who renders punishment to the wicked. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give Me this place, for I have written, Vengeance is Mine, and I will repay. Do not torment demons. Do not punish principalities.

There will come a time when I will give My saints a two edged sword which will execute vengeance and the judgment written. I will honor them with the power to punish all demonic disobedience. Even now your weapons are not of flesh against flesh, but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. The demonic is strong in its rebellions against Me. Bind them and loose yourselves and stand strong against them and bring every thought into obedience to Me. Even so My Beloved ones, it is not yet time to punish all disobedience. Your obedience is not yet fulfilled. To do so is presumption and folly and opens doors of persecution into your own life. You reap what you sow.

2 Cor 10:4-6 NKJV
For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting

down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

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Pornography Is Sin
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PORNOGRAPHY IS SIN
The earth is coming of age and the harvest of all things is in order. Beloved ones, it is time for the weeds and tares to be uprooted in your life. You can not sup at the table of demons and My holy place. You must choose one or the other. Being intimate with the works of darkness is unauthorized and puts you outside My safe boundaries.

Pornography is sin. Pornography is worshipping and coveting graven images of sexual acts. In the Old Testament where I gave, the most basic commandments to My people, I said, thou shall not commit adultery and thou shall not covet. Desiring, longing for and lusting after another is a breach in My commandments. In the New Testament did I not say that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart? The strength of jezebel grows stronger every day as she fornicates the eyes and bodies of those who would join her bed. Only tribulation awaits those who feast with jezebel's graven images.

I have heard the cries of My people, and I AM delivering them through My Presence as I descend upon earth. I AM your loving Father, and because of My great love, I chastise those I love and I also judge sin. The more that I invade earth, the greater My judgment is upon sin. Separate yourselves and flee from the table of demons.

Repent and cry out for deliverance. Yes jezebel's lure is very strong, and I did not say fight temptation, I said flee it. Turn your back on sin. Do not dabble, do not open the door. Keep your eyes averted. Keep them as precious gates to the windows of your soul, and your vision will not be deceived and blinded.

1 Corinthians 10:21 NLT
You cannot drink from the cup of the Lord and from the cup of demons, too. You cannot eat at the Lord's Table and at the table of demons, too.

Rev 21:6-8 NKJV

And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

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Women Of God Step Forward
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WOMEN OF GOD STEP FORWARD
I have gone before you and prepared the way. Hardened ground has been broken, becoming soft and fertile to receive the gifts you have to give. Come forth women of God and step into the places I have prepared for you! Take one step forward. Your line stretches long and in perfect synch as you take your step at My command. Yes, dear ones, it is your time to move into place. Now wait for My Word and step. How glorious it is to see you, My beloved ones. You have suffered so long under the tyrannies of intimidation. You have bowed low, now let Me lift you up. Yes dear ones. Head up and shoulders back. Shine for Me.

Est 5:2 NKJV
So it was, when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of the scepter.

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Feet

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My precious jewels My precious treasures I am walking with you every step of the way. Each step you take daily I am with you. I am walking with you, I am walking behind you to protect you, with you to accompany you, and before you to prepare the way.

Many of you are wandering along the path. Many of you are taking steps in places and directions I am not calling you to step. Do not step out of what I have called you too. Why would you want to step away from what I have for you?

Walk inline with Me. Stop allowing distractions to lure you to take steps to the left or the right, listen to My Spirit, and walk inline with Me. Follow after Me.

Many of you are seeing that the roads that I am leading you down are not easy. They are not glamorous but they are hard. They require sacrifice and surrender.

Many of you are seeing that I am the God who leads His precious jewels down the road of dying to self, down the road where you die, and I live.

Count the cost My jewels. Count the cost My treasures. Count the cost My people.

Do you truly want to walk in the perfect line of your God? Do you want to walk in the footsteps of your God? Are you willing to do what it takes to follow in My steps? If so, then surrender and continue to follow after Me.

I see some of you are trying to walk with one foot on My path and one on your own paths. Many of you are straying from what I have called you too, and I am asking you My people to rise up and walk FULLY in what I have created you to do.

I am calling you My people to walk FULLY in the destiny that I have for you. I am calling you My people to walk FULLY in the knowledge of who you are in Me.

Stop being half-hearted My people. You are tripping because both of your feet are not firmly planted in Me.

Place both of your feet in Me. Walk and follow My path, and know that every step you take I am with you. I will never leave you, I will be with you until the end of the world.

My Spirit is hovering over the church. My Spirit is crying out ‘no compromise’. My spirit is crying out ‘rise up’, My Spirit is crying out ‘walk fully in Me’, ‘follow Me completely’.

Be recklessly abandoned to Me. Many of you are hearing words and wondering, how, how must I do what the Lord is asking?

Come to Me and I will show you. Come to Me and surrender from trying to walk on your own path, with one foot on My path and one on your own, and I will show you.

Many of you are wondering which path to put your feet too. I speak to you My people come to Me, and rest. Rest on My path, and I will show you where to place your feet.

My anointing is flowing over each of you as you walk in what I have called you to walk in.

I see some of you are tired of walking the same path. Know that I am walking with you on this path and that nothing will stop you. When you walk on My path, the path I have ordained for you to walk on, nothing can hinder you, unless you allow it.

As you walk on My path, you are protected in Me, and I am guiding you. As you walk on My path, nothing can overcome you, unless you allow it too.

The enemy is trying to sway many of you off My path. The enemy is trying to tempt many of you to place one foot on your own path and one in Mine. Do not do that.

Do not be lukewarm, but walk fully in Me.

As each of you, My precious and beautiful jewels walk in Me, on the path I have created for you to walk on, you will be blessed and prosper in ways you've never dreamed.

As you walk on the path I have created for you, yes it will be hard and there will be much sacrifice, you will carry your cross and die daily, but how much greater will I shine through you?

Are you wanting to walk My path so you may be glorified, or that I may be? Because on My path, as you walk fully on My path, it is I that is glorified, not you.

Walking on your own path glorifies yourself, but walking in My path, glorifies Me.

Where will you put both of your feet My people? Choose today!

I am walking with you. I am accompanying you on this journey of life. Walk fully in the destiny I have created for you. Walk fully in My Spirit and walk fully in My anointing over you. Do not stray. Do not give into the wiles of the enemy in these last days, but walk fully in Me.

Make Me First – Not Last!
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My precious church, I am the Creator of all things. I have made the earth and everything that is in it. There has never been anything before me, and there will never be anything after Me. I have created things out of nothing. I have spoken forth and what I have desired has been created. With My spoken word, the impossible becomes possible.
I am grieved My church. My heart is grieved. My heart is grieved to see so many of you running to Me as a last resort and not first. Why are many of you running forward to man? What are you seeking from man? Answers! Only "I" can give you the answers you are looking for.

I am raising up My army and preparation is hovering over each of you, yet many of you are running off from the preparation and seeking man. Seeking man for My voice. WHY? WHY? Why are so many of you abandoning your first love and running to people and things that cannot help you?

Do you doubt My power? Do you doubt the power in My hand and in My voice? Why? Why are so many of you running.

Insecurity and Impatience. I love each of you so much. I speak not in condemnation but I speak to you in conviction. Conviction of My Spirit. Things are coming to this earth, that are going to shake the earth. The earth and everything in it will be shaken. Can man help you then? Surely not.

My church, My treasured possessions, I am the foundation of all things. Without Me there is nothing. Without Me there is destruction, and lies. There is NO complete truth apart from Me.

Oh My church, My Bride, do not abandon your first love anymore. Do not be half-hearted with Me. Give me your whole heart. Give me everything that you desire. Everything. Stop living with one foot in Me, and one in man.
Why run to others for comfort. Yes, I have given you each other so that you may be a comfort to each other but did I design this to be before Me? Did I create this to be above Me? Did I create relationship so that it can take My place? Surely not.

Oh church, listen to My Spirit. Do not allow the enemy to subtly lure you away anymore. Many of you are doing things which do not seem outwardly wrong, but subtly they are placing Me second. It is placing Me as the last resort and not the first.

Many of you are taking Me on when you need Me. Oh how this grieves me. Stop running to man. Stop running.
I look to each of you with great favour. I long to lavish so many of My blessings and love upon you, but you are not waiting for Me to move. Church, you are becoming impatient and running forward.

A great move of My Spirit, a great shift and shaking is coming to this earth by My Spirit, but if you have one foot on the solid foundation which is Me, and one in man, you will fall.
Return, Return to your first love. Allow Me again to be your first love. Examine your hearts and see where you have allowed Me to slip into being your ‘last love’.
I do not condemn you, I love you. I love each of you more than you could ever imagine. Put Me in My rightful place in your lives. If I want to send a word to you, I will. You will not have to organise it for Me.

Let go My church. Let go of the control. Let go of trying to manipulate Me. Let go. Surrender.

Let Me again be your first love.
It is NOT My heart for you to have Me as your last love, to be the second, third or forth step in your plans of life, when you don’t hear Me answer straight away. Listen. Listen My church.
The Spirit is speaking. Do not grieve Me anymore. Repent. Repent church! Repent My treasures.

Come to Me and let Me shower My love upon you. Let me touch your face and tell you how much I love you. Let us dance together, let Me lead, and let Me pour My love on you.

No more manipulation and control. Let go.

Come back to your first love. Return. Let go and return.

I am the beginning and the end, but My heart is to always be the first, the beginning, the ultimate in your life. Do not put seeking man for anything above Me, I am first.
Let Me again be your first love.

Rain Reign Rain Reign
Lanna Perry

22nd March 2005

My precious children, My Rain is falling now. I am pouring out My Spirit in greater ways than ever before. I am pouring out the latter rain. The rain of My Spirit.

I am pouring out My Rain now, all the droplets falling to the ground, and everything My Rain touches does not stay the same. I am sending forth the Rain of My Spirit in a Greater way.

Many of you are not coming into My presence to allow My Rain to fall on you. Many of you are still continually being distracted by things around you and it is covering you and keeping you from the Rain of My Spirit.

I am bringing about change. As My Rain falls, nothing stays the same. I love each of you so much. I love you so very much. I long to hold you in My arms and to tell you how much I love you. I am pouring out My anointing in greater ways, yet if you do not come to Me, you will not receive.

Open your hearts My people. Open My hearts My jewels and allow My Rain to fall into your hearts. As My Rain falls into your hearts, you will see the seeds I have planted in your heart continue to grow. If you are not opening your heart to Me, and allowing My Rain to touch those seeds, they will not grow. They cannot grow without My Holy Rain.

As each of you allow My Rain to fall on you, I will Reign in your lives.

As you allow My Rain to fall on you, all of you dies, and I Reign completely in your lives.

Hear this My precious and beautiful people.

As you allow My Rain to fall on you and in your heart, your flesh comes into submission, and I Reign.

When My Rain, My Spirit falls, everything comes into submission to Me. Everything!

I Reign! I Reign in this world, and in the Heavenlies. No one Reigns above Me. I Reign.

Come to Me My Precious jewels, My chosen people, come to Me and worship Me. Come and as you worship, allow My Rain to fall upon you. Open your hearts and allow My Rain to touch you.

Many of you are harboring dry and wounded places in your hearts. Allow My Rain to fall. Allow My Rain to come and to minister to those places. Allow My Rain to take the sting out of these areas. Allow My Rain to bring peace, bring healing, and bring a sealing of wholeness. Allow Me to Reign.

Many of you are hungering for more and more of Me. As you come and allow My Rain to fill you, and you drink deeply of the Rain that I am pouring out, you will see yourselves being continually filled, yet continually hungering for more. You cannot taste the goodness of Me, and not want more. My Rain, will make you hunger for more. As you continue to hunger for more and come to Me, I will continue to fill you and feed you.

I will Reign in You. As you place yourselves in a position to receive the Rain I am pouring out, I will Reign in your lives.

I am grieved at the fact that in some of your lives, you are not allowing Me to Reign completely. You are allowing Me to Reign in some areas but not others. Come to Me, Surrender and let Me Reign in all areas, and pour My fresh Rain upon you.

Many of you feel wounded from battle, dirty from sin, and feel you have still been caught in the miry clay. Come to Me, allow Me to pour My fresh Rain upon you, and wash you clean. You are clean through Me.

Come and let Me wash My Rain over you, and wash away all that is not of Me. Oh how I love each of you so dearly. I just adore each of you so much, and I long to continue to lavish My Rain upon you.

I long to Reign completely in your lives, more and more, so that I may have My way in your lives, and bless you abundantly. As you allow My Rain to fall on you, and allow Me to Reign in your lives, I will pour out a Rain of blessings upon you.

Oh sweet treasures, you have no idea how much I love you. I have chosen you. I accept you, and I marvel at your beauty. At the great work I am doing in each of you.

Allow My Rain to fall on you. Come out of the places that are keeping you from receiving My fresh Rain, and allow Me to Reign.

As My Rain falls on each of you, you will be taken deeper into worship. As you allow My Rain to soak into every part of you, you will enter a new dimension of worship.

As each droplet falls upon you, you will come deeper and fall more and more in love with Me. Your heart will melt continually, and anything in your heart not of Me, will be washed away.

My Rain does not fall without anything be touched. Growth and fertilisation will come through My Rain falling in your hearts. Open your hearts, and let Me, the Great I am Reign.

I delight in Reigning in your lives.

Will you let Me Rain on You? Will you let Me Reign over you?

I love you!

For Edifying The Body
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Because the exalted [thing] among people [is] an abomination before God!!

1Jo 2:3 And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we are keeping His commandments.
1Jo 2:4 The one claiming, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
1Jo 2:5 But whoever is keeping His word, in this one the love of God has truly been perfected; by this we know that we are in Him.
1Jo 2:6 The one claiming to be abiding in Him just as that [One] walked ought also in the same manner himself to be walking.

My children! I would like to tell you a mystery:

The mystery which will keep (protect) you in all difficulties, fears, needs and dangers:

It is the humility of the heart before ME!

Seek after this humility in all situations, every day!

That you raise up ME and bring down (degrades) yourselve!

I have told you, that I only know these children, which have put on (attracted) these humility.

And I will give it to you also!

In humility I came to this earth,
In humility I have gone the way to the cross,
In humility I have sat down to the right of my father
And in humility I meet you!

This mystery know only few - from this ones - which are calling themselves MY CHILDREN!

And through the humility you will distinguish the sheep from my pasture and the sheep of the devil!

Humility is the band of unity and the foundation (condition) of Love to one another!

1Sa 16:7 But Jehovah said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for Jehovah seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart.

Gal 4:16 Therefore, have I become your* enemy by speaking the truth to you*?

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks [that he] is a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge what I write to you*, that they are commandments of [the] Lord.

Luk 16:15 And He said to them, "_You*_ are the ones justifying yourselves [or, declaring yourselves righteous] before the people, but God knows your* hearts, because the exalted [thing] among people [is] an abomination before God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word [or, the Expression of [divine] Logic] became flesh and tabernacled among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of an only-begotten [or, uniquely-begotten] from [the] Father, full of grace and truth.

1Pe 2:4 To whom having approached [as to] a living stone, on the one hand having been rejected by people, on the other hand chosen [and] precious before God,

1Pe 2:5 and you* yourselves, as living stones, are being built up [into] a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

HAUGHTINESS CANNOT PRAISE REAL HUMILITY!

HAUGHTINESS CANNOT SEE GODS GLORY!

Phi 2:7 but He emptied Himself, having taken the nature of a slave, having come to be in the likeness of people,

Phi 2:8 and having been found in appearance as a person, He humbled Himself, having become obedient to the point of death-even of death of a cross.

DO YOU FOLLOW THIS "FOOLISH" SAVIOUR?

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fail. (NIV) 2. Peter 1,10

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First Fruits
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"The first of the first fruits of your land you shall bring into the house of YHVH your Elohim. You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk" (Exodus - 23:19). In today's world, there is very little significance to first fruit or to firstborn; in some circles separating milk from meat seems to be more the order of the day (if indeed that's what it means). In the eyes of YHVH and in His plan of redemption, the principle of firstborn, or first fruit, is of paramount importance. In his epistle, James, after addressing the 12 tribes, writes: "Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruit of His creatures" (James 1:18). Also Paul writes: "For if we are in the Messiah we are a first fruit of a new creation order", (ref. 2Cor. 5:17; Rom 8:23). James' mention of the twelve tribes is no mere coincidence, for they are the ones who had been designated as first fruit, even before Messiah's redemptive work had been executed. The concept of first fruit already had its beginning in the days of Cain and Abel, and later in the covenant that YHVH made with the line of those chosen for the position of firstborn in humanity: Noah, Shem, Ever, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

When Moshe was told by YHVH to bring His people out of Egypt, he was sent to Pharaoh with the message that, "Israel is My son, my firstborn" (Exodus 4:22). Later, after killing all the firstborn of Egypt, YHVH announced to Israel: "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn; whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine" (Exodus 13:2). "You shall set apart to YHVH all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be YHVH's" (Exodus 13:12).

The Hebrew word for firstborn, in Exodus 13:12 is "peh'ter", meaning to separate, or first open. Other meanings for the same root are: remove, set free, depart, split, and break through. The injunction to "set apart" or to "dedicate", in this verse, is from the same root as the noun "Hebrew". (Note: generally, the root for to set apart or to consecrate is k.d.sh, and for firstborn it is b.ch.r.) This unusual choice of words, here in Exodus 13:12, seems to highlight the idea of breaking through and passing over, while being given, or recognized as belonging to, YHVH. This makes the Hebrews, whose name is derived from their forefather, Ever, a firstborn nation dedicated and set apart unto YHVH their Elohim.

But what does it actually mean to be a firstborn or a first fruit?

According to the Torah statute it means to belong to YHVH. Those who are His, are identified as His property by being stamped (literally, or figuratively), or marked out. This principle of possession is articulated in the oft-occurring expression: "for My namesake". The notion of ownership and possession, commonplace in the world, applies no less to YHVH's relationship with His people. "But YHVH has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be His people, an inheritance, as you are this day." (Deut. 4:20); "for YHVH'S portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance." (Deut. 32:9).

A few years ago while visiting some friends who have two little boys, 3 and 5, we were told the following story: When the boys' grandmother had visited them she said to the 3 year old: "Because I love you, you are the apple of my eye". The older brother became indignant, and in defense of his younger sibling said to the grandmother: "If you love someone you don't call him fruit!" YHVH, like that grandmother, calls Israel, as a sign of endearment "the apple of My eye" (Deut 31:10). But whereas in the case of the little boy it was very clear why a dotting grandmother would so call her grandson, it is less clear in the case of Israel, in fact it begs the question: What is so lovable about a stubborn, rebellious, idolatrous, adulterous people, who are actually more like a speck in the eye? Is it for their namesake that YHVH persists in His love, or is it because they are His beloved first born? (See Ez. 36:22-32)

Moshe seemed to understand this Torah ordinance. For when YHVH was about to judge Israel, he reminded Him concerning His own inheritance: "O YHWH, do not destroy Your people and Your inheritance whom You have redeemed through Your greatness, whom You have brought out of Egypt with a mighty hand.. Yet they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out by Your mighty power and by Your outstretched arm" (Deut 9:26,29). Later Daniel and Ezra interceded for YHVH's people in the same way (see Daniel 9 and Ezra 9). True intercessors for Israel always understood this principle of the firstborn or first fruit. It was the most effective prayer in addressing the Almighty.

It is not only the 'possession' who is marked for the sake of identity, but the 'possessor' too is stamped for the sake of His beloved. In Isaiah, YHVH points out that Zion is engraved on the palm of His hand: "See, I have inscribed, engraved, etched you on the palms of My hands" (Is. 49:16). Is there a more direct illustration of this than Yeshua's "burrowed through" hands, described so graphically by King David in Ps. 22:15-16? YHWH's unalterable love for His possession is seen in the death of the Messiah. May we respond to Him as beautifully as the Shulamite does in the Song of Songs: "Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised. (Song of Songs 8:6-7).

The Messiah is seen standing with a winnowing fork in His hand. He has gone out to the nations for the harvest, to bring in and process that which belongs to His Father, that first fruit nation Israel (both houses), which will ultimately be placed in a basket and taken on the 8th day to the place that is called by YHVH's name (ref. Deut 26:2; Exodus 22:29-30). "Therefore the redeemed of YHVH shall return and coming with singing unto Zion and everlasting Joy shall be upon their heads" (Isa 51:11).

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Follow Hard After Me

Victoria Boyson

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"Follow Hard After Me!" -- A Vision of Our Journey with the Lord

Jesus and I were walking very briskly through a heavily wooded area. We traveled for some time, He in front and I behind. I knew He was taking me somewhere, that we had a destination. He told me to follow hard after Him. I repeated His words to Him to show Him that I understood what He meant, but neglected the word "hard." He corrected me, "Follow hard after me."

Following Jesus When All Seems Against Us

We kept moving, with His hand in mine, quickly through the woods. Many times heavy branches hit me in the face, but I kept following Him. Occasionally we met people as we walked; some would encourage us, while others would hurl insults at us, but we kept walking.

I looked down at one point and realized we had been walking on a narrow log the whole time, which was no more than a foot wide. Below us lay a very deep ravine. I couldn't believe we had been walking so fast on what turned out to be a very perilous passageway. But Jesus seemed confident of where and how we traveled; I grasped His hand even tighter.

We continued walking and would, on occasion, meet people who would try and convince us we were going the wrong way. When they found they could not deter us, they started throwing things at us. This made me mad, so I turned and started yelling at them. They only increased their attack against us as they pelted me with rocks and sticks.

Because I had stopped following Jesus in order to scream at our attackers, my hand had slipped from His without my realizing it and He had disappeared out of sight. Instantly, terror stuck me as I found myself on the narrow log with miles of open air below me that reached to a rocky ravine.

I dropped to my knees too afraid to journey on and terrified to go back. I closed my eyes, hid my face in my knees and cried.

Suddenly, I felt a hand on my shoulder . . . it was Jesus. He didn't scold me. He very tenderly said, "Come on, get up, we've got to keep moving." He reminded me of His command to follow hard after Him, and so we started out again.

"He Leads Me Beside Quiet Waters . . . He Restores My Soul"

In the distance, I saw a clearing where a river flowed. It glistened with the light from the sun. He said, "We'll stop there and rest a while." My journey seemed easier knowing there was a place to rest ahead of us.

As we arrived at the river, we took off our shoes and put our feet in the water. I was so tired, I just wanted to lay down and sleep, but Jesus made me eat a lunch He had prepared for us. After the meal, we lay near the bank of the river while the sun warmed us. It was really very nice.

"He Leads Me on Paths of Righteousness . . . "

We met some people at the river's edge who began to flatter me. They wanted me to stay with them and help them; they told me that I was "just what they needed!" The temptation to stay with them was very strong, because I was tired of traveling. I wanted to settle down. It felt good to be needed by them, but the Lord quickly pulled me away from them. As He did, I saw that they were wearing costumes and masks. They were not people at all, but were wolves in sheep's clothing.

I was a little angry with Jesus, because He had separated me from them. I felt He was being unfair to me at that moment, but then I realized it meant being without Him. I shuttered when I thought of how close I had been to staying with them. I determined in my heart not to follow my own reasoning, but to trust in His.

"Even in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I Will Fear No Evil"

We continued our journey by walking along the bank of the river; it was very difficult. The banks were covered in jagged rocks and we were moving very fast. My ankles burned from all the twisting and turning they made.

But, after awhile, even our difficult journey became monotonous, and my mind began to wander. I thought of all I had endured on this journey and began to feel sorry for myself because of the insults I had endured.

Then, I remembered something that I had asked the Lord for a long time ago which He had not given to me. I started to get mad at Jesus. As my temper mounted, I stopped short and withdrew my hand from His. He turned and asked, "What's wrong?"

"Jesus," I said, feeling sorry for myself, "you didn't give me what I asked you for . . . do you remember? "

"Yes," He replied.

I was convinced that I was in the right this time. "I really need that!" I declared.

He didn't get mad or annoyed with me, He just stroked my hair and said, "You don't need that right now, honey; it would only slow you down."

Instantly my heart was at peace. As sure as I had been that I needed it, I was now just as sure that He was right. I knew now that I needed to stay focused on my journey . . . to stay focused on Him.

"You Have Prepared a Table for Me . . . "

We continued on our way for a very long time, with fewer interruptions now, because I had determined in my heart to follow hard after Him. I was beginning to understand more about Jesus, and I was learning what to expect from our journey together.

As we walked, the sky turned to a wonderful emerald blue and the trees became more and more beautiful. The air was warm and filled with fragrance. Jesus walked much slower now, not quite as hurried. I knew we must be nearing the end of our journey.

We walked into a clearing where the grass was plush and green. I knew that where we were was a secret place. It was extraordinarily beautiful, peaceful, and quiet. Giant willow trees hung like a picture frame over a gazebo by a gentle stream. Flowers filled the air with their sent; I felt I was home.

We sat down at the table where a delightful meal was prepared for us. We laughed together as we ate, and talked of our journey and how beautiful the garden was. I was so happy to be with Him in this place.

Jesus continued to surprise me with wonderful fruit and all my favorite desserts. Everything tasted better than ever before; it was filling and satisfying. With every bite, I was filled more and more with His love, and the strain of my journey faded away. As we laughed and ate, I felt that I would be content to stay in this wonderful place with Him forever. I felt so refreshed.

Unexpectedly, saints robed in white appeared all around us as though they had always been there, but I had been unable to see them. They approached our table with great joy and carried gifts for me in their arms.

Jesus spoke, "These gifts are from me. They are your reward for your dangerous journey." He beamed with joy at my surprise. "I love presents!" I exclaimed. I was so excited. They were wrapped so beautifully; I couldn't wait to open them.

"Surely Goodness and Mercy Shall Follow Me All the Days of My Life"

The first present contained a beautiful crown -- I was stunned by its elegance. I took it out of its box and placed it on my head; everyone agreed it suited me perfectly. The second box contained a robe, which was red, trimmed in white. I was in awe of the look and feel of it. I slowly ran my hand down it, admiring the feel of the fine fabric. I burst into tears at the thought of what this robe must have cost Him, and it was all for me.

I began to realize now, as if for the first time, just how much He really loves me. I looked deep into His eyes and said gratefully, "Thank you."

He smiled an understanding smile, but then laughed, saying, "Put it on!"

I put on the robe and danced around to show everyone. They laughed and applauded with great joy.

As I danced I realized that my shoes were suddenly elegant slippers. They were not the worn out leather boots I had on during my journey, but beautiful silver slippers. I had not even noticed the change and the Lord laughed with great delight at my shock.

Oh, how He laughed!

The Greatest Gift of All

There was more laughing and dancing, talking and crying.

Then, secretly, the Lord pulled a small box out of His robe and said quietly, "I have one more present for you."

I opened this gift with great reverence; I knew it must be something very special. As I opened the package and lifted the lid on the small box, I was amazed at what I saw. In this small, thin box, with no elaborate trimmings, was His beating heart!

I gasped!

"I am giving you My heart, child, please use it well," He said. "I am sending you to where your journey began and you will need all that I have given you here."

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, so I am sending you among the wolves to gather my sheep to Me. You must protect them. But, I have no fear in sending you, because you have all that you need . . . you have acquired it by following me!"

Your Great Journey has Only Just Begun . . .

He stood for the first time since we had arrived and, with great satisfaction at a job well done, He motioned to a small boat at the stream near by. With help from the saints, we loaded my provisions into the boat.

Jesus unhooked the boat from its shoring and gave it a gentle shove out into the stream. I waved good-bye and blew Him a kiss, but could not take my eyes off of Him.

I did not know where my journey would lead me next, but I was not afraid. I knew that He was with me, guiding and protecting. He was my gentle savior, sending me to battle with all I would ever need. I would not lack.

I realized then, my journey had not ended in this place, it had only just begun.

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Flying High in the Spirit

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John 4:23-24 - "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

I believe the Lord gave me a vision of those yearning to experience a deeper walk with Him in the Spirit. He showed me a kite being lifted up by the wind. It is evident that the string, which was controlled by the hands of the One flying the kite, directed the destiny or destination of the kite.

There are many in the Body of Christ who yearn to go deeper, to fly higher in the realms of the Spirit, to be free from the things of this world, to be in the very presence of their Creator. They love to praise and worship Him who is so worthy to be praised. They love to come into His courts offering praise from a thankful heart. They love experiencing His anointing oil, so warm and soothing to their souls. They love to stand under the waterfall of the Holy Spirit being refreshed by the living water He pours out. Oh, it is refreshing indeed.

The Lord does in fact desire to be worshipped. We were designed to worship our Creator. Through the simple message of a kite, He showed me that in order to keep the kite on a steady, clear path, some things must be intact. First, the one flying the kite must be the Lord Himself. Our spirits, represented by the kite, must be directly connected to Him. This is only done by making sure we are firmly grounded and attached to our lifeline, which is the Word of God, through faith in the truth of the Full Gospel of Jesus Christ. By being connected to this lifeline we are able to avoid or overcome obstacles in our paths that could so easily ensnare us. As the kite lifts off the ground, there may be a variety of obstacles (due to our flesh nature) to overcome. If we truly desire to reach the heights (in the Spirit) the Lord wants to bring us to, we must be careful not to try to get there without abiding in the Truth.

The Lord said when the Holy Spirit came He would convict the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment (John 16:8).   Remember the Spirit is not just any spirit. He is the **HOLY** Spirit. If He chooses to reveal something in your life or in your midst that is contrary to His holiness, do not rationalize or try to ignore it and then attempt to go higher in the Spirit. Instead, repent immediately and turn away from it. God does not take this lightly. Remember why Jesus was nailed to the Cross. Do not forget what Jesus did for you. Jesus asked His disciples to have communion in remembrance of Him. This was not to practice some religious act, nor was it only to remember His wonderful promises of peace and liberty of a life in Him. It was to remember why Jesus came to earth. He came to pay the full price for all sin. His body was broken, His blood shed for us. Therefore, we are to humble ourselves before Him, for He will lift us up in due time. Whom the Lord loves, He chastens. We are not to focus on the sin nature, but when the Holy Spirit does reveal something that is not of Him, we are to willfully turn our hearts away from it and unto Him in repentance. The Lord desires us to come to Him with clean hands and a pure heart, so that we can enjoy LIVING COMMUNION with Him and partake of the Living Word (bread) and Revelation (wine) of Him daily. This is done by acknowledging our complete need and dependency on Him, and by faith, receiving all that the Father freely offers to all who simply ask.

Worshipping in Truth apart from the Spirit leads to bondage to the law producing condemnation.

Worshipping in Spirit apart from the Truth leads to error producing deception.

Worshipping in Spirit and Truth leads to holiness producing the fullness of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, which by definition is the Kingdom of God.

My message to the Body today is to stay firmly connected to your lifeline, the Word of God who is the Word of Life. Do not become overly focused on the experience of flying higher and higher without yielding yourself first to the Refiner's fire. We are called to be a Holy Nation, a Bride, pure and without spot. Do not untie yourself from the Truth and let your kite fly where it will, for eventually, the kite will crash and the fall will be great. Allow the Holy Spirit, just like the wind, to lift you up where He wills. At the same time, remain connected to the Word of God and test all things.

There is an increased wave of deception being unleashed in this hour and many will fall prey to its very subtle lies. I exhort you to know what you believe and WHOM (the Spirit of Truth) you believe in. Do not listen with itching ears to those things that appeal to your flesh. Be wary of those who offer you what looks good or may even taste good, such as that which was offered to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Jesus gave a serious warning regarding false prophets or anyone operating in falsehood. In Matthew 7:16, He said "you will know them by their fruits". He did not say you would know them by their accurate words.

A prophetic word is not to be received just because of accuracy.

A prophetic word is to be discerned by the fruit of the individual offering the word.

If Eve had discerned through spiritual eyes the cunning spirit of the one offering her to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, perhaps she would have realized something was wrong. It is evident the serpent had beguiled her to look through her natural eyes as seen in Genesis 3:6 which says, "So when the woman SAW that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the EYES, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate." Remember the fruit of the SPIRIT is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).

Ephesians 5:9 - For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Fruit is not accuracy, popularity, numbers, figures, dollar amounts, flattery, credentials, degrees, how famous a person may be, who they rub elbows with or what circles they mingle in. **The fruit Jesus spoke of can only be spiritually discerned.** Discernment is developed as the writer of Hebrews explains.

Hebrews 5:14 - But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Fruit is dispersed from one's lips:

Hebrews 13:15 - Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Proverbs 18:21 - Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat of its fruit.

The serpent's words were tempting and tasty, and Eve willingly chose to receive the lie. By looking through her natural eyes, she reached out and ate. Unfortunately for Eve, and all mankind, she accepted the lie. She then partook of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, rather than the Tree of Life, which then produced death.

Matthew 7:17 - Even so a good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. Do not listen to words produced by your own natural understanding or the words of those who speak from an unrepentant heart. Instead listen to the Voice of Truth who only speaks from a heart of pure love for you. The Holy Spirit speaks words founded in the justice and righteousness of God, which is the truth that sets the captives free.

John 16:13-14 – 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

The Spirit of Truth will lead you in the paths of righteousness for His Name sake to glorify HIS SON, not man.

God's power is being revealed in greater dimensions as darkness attempts to cover the earth in greater measures in this time. We will see increased signs, wonders, and miracles in the days to come, both genuine and counterfeit. We must be wise as serpents and harmless as doves to discern and know how to respond to each situation we encounter.

Know that he who is faithful in what is least is also faithful in what is much. Please take the time to be faithful with the truth you have been given and what may sometimes seem to be just a small gentle breeze or nudge of the Spirit. Allow the HOLY Spirit to lift your kite to those places He sees fit and in His appointed time and way you will soar with the eagles. God's Spirit will lift you up to the Sun of Righteousness whose brightness and glory will overtake and consume you in His love and grace. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty! Whom the Son sets free is free indeed! Be ye ready!

Freedom in Faith

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Faith is truly a gift from our Father in heaven. It is also listed in the Word as fruit of the Spirit. We know we have His Spirit when we are living in and through faith in the accomplished work of Jesus Christ on the earth. There has been many debates about should we do this, or abstain from that, touch this, refrain from that. But we need to see what the Word of God speaks of such issues. They were alive and well in the time period when Jesus walked the earth. The disciples, now apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ, had to continually clarify the Word of God to new converts. If you can imagine, these new converts came into the Faith of Jesus Christ with some preconceived man made traditions and errors. We are going to begin this study by looking first at the definition of Faith.

What is Faith?
Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
Faith is the substance. Lets stop there for an examination. Substance is: that which has mass and occupies space, the choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience. Faith has weight. It occupies space! Faith is the most vital part of "the" idea or experience. We have often said " I hope so and so comes to the Lord" When faith is applied to that hope, it occupies space, it provides mass or weight in that space. It IS that which we hope for. Paul further explains faith that we might grasp its weightiness and realness. He says Faith is the evidence of things NOT seen. What is evidence? It is your basis for belief or disbelief; knowledge on which to base belief . What is our basis of belief or disbelief in a matter? It is the Word of God. Jesus was the Word made Flesh and dwelt among us. What He has said, is what we have faith to believe, or not to believe. He is the plumbline. The discerner of the written Word. Therefore we can take any scripture from the Word of God, add faith to it (giving it weight) and expect to see evidence that will prove the scripture True. The heart understands faith immediately however the mind has to attempt to formulate it into understanding. As we meditate on the Word of God we will get understanding as our minds shall be renewed by FAITH.
How Does Faith Work?
1 John 4:8
He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is **love**

Galatians 5:6
For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith** which worketh by **love**.

Faith is from God. Its God's gift to us. In actuality it is HIS FAITH IN us and not our's to claim alone. The scripture says that faith worketh by love. Who does the work? LOVE. Who is love? GOD IS LOVE. Knowing this should increase our faith tremendously because we will have confidence in the Love of God toward us regarding what he has said about us in the written Word.
I have heard it said " this faith thing doesn't work". No it doesn't if it isn't directly connected to Love. The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts and activates our hearts to faith. Faith works by Love. Love, who is God, WORKS the faith that has been apportioned to us, that we might have the power to believe HIM. This is the mystery and awesomeness of the SON of God. If we want our faith to work, and it isn't working, we need to check our love walk immediately!Unfortunately you can't fake that one, pretend, or be shallow in regards to it. If it is not genuinely set in your heart, deception will creep in and tell you that it isn't working despite walking in love. IT WORKS ONLY through loving our neighbor MORE than ourselves. By By Pride. Pride must be cast down for it is a vain imagination that exalts itself against the knowledge of LOVE (God).

Hebrews 11:6
But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Now that we have understanding on what faith is, and how it works, we can begin to PLEASE GOD. We have believed that God is, and we will be rewarded of God because we have DILIGENTLY sought Him. That little word diligently has some HUGE meaning! It means our seeking of God should be in this manner: quietly and steadily persevering especially in detail or exactness. In Faith we study the Word of God to find out WHO HE IS and WHAT HE SAYS. In Faith we receive instruction from Him and also His Character for we are the Children of God. We become the SUBSTANCE of that Word because of FAITH. We hope to be more like Him, and in Faith we BELIEVE we have already received it because of HIS WORD and then it occupies space! It occupies the space in our hearts!

The Nay Sayers
Ephesians 6:16
Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

The nay sayers are those who come against the faith that we have in Him saying it isn't so. Just like the serpent did to Eve in the garden of Eden which caused her to doubt the Word of God and therefore she changed that word. We often come acrossed these nay sayers and most often in the fellowship of saints who will say to us " it isn't so". What do we do when that happens? We take the shield of faith! For what we truly believe in our heart cannot be swayed by nay sayers. We continue to stand in position and lift up our faith by the Word of God, canceling out any form of attack against that which we know is true. It didn't say we had to throw the darts back. It just said SHIELDS UP! Stand on what you know is True. Stay away from those things you don't know from direct experience with God, and you will not waver. You will stand strong and the darts shall fall and not touch you.
1 Thessalonians 5:8
But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

Always remember as we are reminded in the above scripture, that faith worketh by LOVE! Not argument. Love alone. Shield your mind with the helmet of salvation which is the hope, the future prize of those things promised to us from the Lord. Press toward the mark.
The nay sayers are usually those who have cast off their first faith. They have walked the road of complication. Often times getting into arguments of do's and don'ts which are weeds and thorns to their faith. Faith CAN be cast off. Remain diligent in seeking the Lord!
1Timothy 5:12
Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith
When the nay sayers arise, remember this scripture *Romans 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?* God's faith is always working. He is a FAITH God. That is illustrated throughout the scriptures! Those who have nay sayed what you have come to believe in the Lord, will not receive of the Lord in that area because of THEIR unbelief, however YOU WILL. For the faith of God that works in you will bring it to pass as you speak those things which you believe. It is how you received the gift of salvation through confessing with your heart in true belief that Jesus is the Son of God. If you are believing your loved one's will enter into the kingdom of God and you trust God to make it so, and another believes not for their family thinking that they will never change, what do you suppose will manfiest from their belief (faith).
We can't help ourselves! What is in our hearts comes out of our mouths. We are a chatting bunch. We are very quick to say what we do and don't believe. Even the lost porport their believes publicly and with great enthusiasm! What does your faith speak? Listen to your own words, make adjustments to your believes accordingly by the Word of God and walk in the fullness of what He has prepared for you THIS DAY.

Acts 14:9
The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

How do you suppose Paul perceived this person had the faith to be healed? One of the ways he may have perceived it is through the verbal response of the person to the message he was preaching. Jesus also looked for faith in people and many times by what they spoke from their own lips. Remember the centurion? He understood authority and received faith because of that experience. Jesus was so impressed to even say he had not found such faith not even in Israel.

Luke 17:6
And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

These are the very words of Jesus. He is telling us how powerful our words truly are. Did he say it would occur right in that minute? No, he left that for us to discern by personal relationship with him. He just said IT WILL HAPPEN. If you take a look at seeds, you can receive a lesson of great proportion. Some seeds because of their nature, take longer to germinate, and grow into fullness. I'm a farmer. I know lettuce grows very fast and in a season in our colder climate, I can grow it to maturity at least 3 times in that season. However corn is different. Its going to take a lot longer to produce to maturity. Even more so is the maple tree. It takes MORE time to mature from a seed planted. Where is that seed of faith? Paul tells us

Romans 10:8
But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

It is located in the heart and in the mouth! It cant be just the mouth, nor can it be just the heart. We need agreement. The mouth must agree with the heart. This is what produces the works of faith otherwise it would be dead. What we need to remember and be in patience regarding, is not all have the same proportion of faith. We all start out the same, but we all grow at different rates. We cannot judge the faith of another who is just beginning to grow in the FIRST faith.

Romans 12:6
Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

We will also speak according to the proportion of faith. No matter what you believe it eventually comes out of your mouth. Whatever is in the heart has to come out at some point. However, it is imperative that we understand that life and death is in the tongue. Do we speak Life (faith) or death (doubt)? It will be based on what we believe, and there is no condemnation if there is doubt from Christ, it just means that those are areas in our walk where we need to be strengthened by the Word of God.

2 Corinthians 4:13
We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

In part 4 we will be discussing the freedom that we have through faith in Jesus Christ. This is a more contentious issue for many as they have been taught that it is either the law or faith. However as the Word will illustrate PLAINLY to us. The law is fulfilled in love, and there are considerations to other believers to be made who have not yet grasped our freedom. Those who receive this word will know it is the GOOD NEWS of the gospel because of the freedom that we have IN Christ Jesus.

Freedom in Faith
All of our needs are met IN Christ Jesus-Faith in the Son
1. Deliverance
2. Healing
3. Salvation
4. Prosperity
5. Peace

Galatians 3:24-25
Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster

The law is our schoolmaster. It taught us that we were in sin by giving us a standard that we could not constantly live up to at all times. But after we have understood the law, and what is right and wrong, faith is to come. At that point we are no longer UNDER a schoolmaster. In a sense we have graduated. Graduated from rules and regulations and obeying these ritualistically, to understanding of the heart of God because of faith in Christ Jesus, so that we may live according to faith to please God. When faith is come, the law is imprinted on our heart. We already have it in us. Jesus is the Word. He dwells within us. The Christ dwells within us. We do not have to worry if we are keeping this or that law because the Lord left us with two commandments in which he said all the rest of the law and the Prophets hang: 1. Love our God with all our hearts, mind, and strength; and 2. Love our neighbour as ourselves.Lets look closer at what the Lord has said. Bold highlights will be used to draw your attention.

Mark 7

[1]Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.
[2]And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.
[3]For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.
[4]And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.
[5]Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?
[6]He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
[7]Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
[8]For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.
[9]And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
[10]For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death:
[11]But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.
[12]And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother;
[13]Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.
[14]And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand:
[15]*There is nothing from without a man*, *that entering into him can defile him*: but *the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.*
[16]If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.

[17]And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable.
[18]And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, **it cannot defile him**;
[19]Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?
[20]And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.
[21]For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,
[22]Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:
[23]All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.
[24]And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid.

Jesus is PLAIN AS DAY about outer observances not being of any profit to a man. When we so put too much effort on the things that others can readily observe, we are walking into dangerous territory because both we and them can be deceived into believing they will end up being the glue to our salvation! Let faith fill our hearts.

The Law and the Prophets

Matthew22
[36]Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
[37]Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
[38]This is the first and great commandment.
[39]And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
[40]On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Jesus said that he did not come to do away with the law but to fulfill it. the law has nothing to do with the traditions of men! Men built more and more burdensome yokes side by side to the law making it most difficult for any man to fulfill it. They couldn't fulfill the basic law of God. Jesus did fulfill the law, and if we do these two commandments above, we also fulfil the law. For he states that on these 2 commandments HANG ALL THE LAW. The wonderful witness of faith in Hebrews 11 illustrates to us how it taken all together should look. now let us remember what we said at first. Now that FAITH HAS COME, we are no longer under the law as a Teacher. It had its purpose but now Faith is come and the law is fulfill. Remember again, Faith WORKETH BY LOVE! Not all will experience the freedom we are meant to experience in faith.

Hebrews 4:2
For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: *but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

Faith is active, its a substance. Its the WEIGHT of the WORD of God, that PRODUCES EVIDENCE. Many confuse the following scripture. Missing on little word can change the whole understanding of the scripture.

James 2:18
Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and *I will shew thee my faith by my works.*

James has said that our works DEMONSTRATE our faith! When we have faith, we will DO works with it. Its a natural spiritual progression. If the Word says, *Honor your mother and father that you may have long days on the earth*, and I believe that Word is a true command, THEN I will DO those things which support my belief. I will make sure they have enough to eat. I won't be doing something to bring shame to them. I will DEMONSTRATE FAITH in the Word. It is a witness without words.

1 John 5:4
For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Many will ask you the complicated questions as they did Jesus. They will ask you how to develop a formula that they can take comfort in. In most cases they won't like your answer, because they will see it as too simple. But THAT is the GOOD NEWS. IT IS simple. John says in the above scripture that WHATEVER if born of God. WHAT EVER! It doesn't matter what it is, it only matters if GOD BORN it. If God BIRTHED it, that BIRTH IS the victory that overcomes the world. It is our FAITH in Him.
If we are looking for anything from the Lord we have to seek him in Faith. He WILL reward us. He says so. There is a caution set forth for us in regards to faith. Some understand their freedom much more than others. This is the proportion of Faith spoken of earlier in the study. Often times those two levels of faith will conflict between believers. One knowing that there is nothing wrong with doing " THIS" and the other believing it is " WRONG". Paul gives us an answer Romans

14:23
And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

There is a mighty POWERFUL freedom to us as believers, if we dared to truly believe in the power of faith from God. Paul simply states to those who are debating the issue, IF YOU DOUBT, and DO what you find DOUBTFUL, THEN, and ONLY THEN is it sin, because it wasn't DONE OF FAITH. Selah. No wonder their lives were in danger. I can imagine saying that today in front of many who believe certain modes of behaviour are sin. I don't think I would want to be the one to stand in front of the many who believe contrary to what my faith is telling me! But alas I must listen to the wise counsel of God which says...

1 Corinthians 2:5
That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

POWER of GOD IS AUTHORITY of GOD
FAITH IS THE ONLY WAY TO PLEASE GOD
According to the FAITH apportioned to YOU, SO BE IT.

Romans 14:22
Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth

Kicking Against The Pricks
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Acts 9:5
And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the **pricks**

I was just laying in bed ready to fall into sleep, when I heard the Lord say to me three times " its hard to kick against the pricks". I listened as a vision was given for me to observe.

The Vision
I seen a long stemmed rose. It had many thorns up the stem, and even smaller ones on the bottoms of the leaves close to the bud. I watched as the rose budded forth into a beautiful flower.

The Foundation to Understanding
The vision unfolded every time the Lord was revealing something to me. The Lord told me the pricks were sharp as is the Word of God, and are attached to the stem from the vine. They are like discerners of the thoughts and intents of our hearts. When we kick against these " pricks" we have been discerned.

He also said, that the pricks protect the delicateness of the Rose which is busy blooming. Not only do they keep intruders out, but they also keep beauty in. The pricks are like the guards of the flowering plant.

The Lesson of the Vision

Consider how hard Paul must have been swinging his foot against the pricks. He believed at the time with great fervour that he was doing God a favor by persecuting believers. The Lord showed me that each time Paul kicked with full power and might against the pricks surrounding the ROSE OF SHARON, he was only causing injury to himself. The pricks were fine. The Rose was fine. But he was deepening his wounds.

Jesus (the ROSE of Sharon) appeared to Paul out of great mercy for Paul and asked him why he was harassing Him so greatly. Jesus told him, it was offensive and intolerable that he be doing this. What was he doing? He was kicking, or, as the Strong's puts it " striking with the heel" ---- Read Genesis 3:15 which we happened to be speaking of a week ago---at Jesus through Christians of his time. What or who are the pricks? The pricks are actually ruinous or perilous resistance. Once again we ask to what? To THE WORD OF GOD ---JESUS CHRIST.

What Was Taught

The Lord was showing me, that it is actually perilous and a futile thing to resist the Word of God. You cannot succeed in destroying that which is indestructible! He used thorns on a rose to illustrate this to me. How the Word of God keeps in the beauty, and keeps out the seed of the enemy which desires to crush the Rose. No matter how much resistance comes against the Rose, it is futile, for the Rose is surrounded by the double edged sword of the Word of God. I understood how strong this Word to me in the night really was. NOTHING can stop the will of God. Nothing can stop the Word of God. It will do all that it is sent to do and accomplish. What a promise! May it increase your faith.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

Ge 3:15
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
BRUISE: *break, seize upon*

Revelation 19:12-14 (King James Version)
[12]His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
[13]And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: **and his name is called The Word of God**.
[14]And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean

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Song of Solomon 2:1
I am the rose of **Sharon**, and the lily of the valleys.

Isaiah 55:11
So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall **accomplish** that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it

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Hebrews 4:12
For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a **discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Parable Of The Fig Tree

Bill Somers

> *He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.*
> *Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?*
> *And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:*
> *And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. Luke 13:6-9*

The passage above, one of Jesus' parables, can be interpreted as an allegory of the end times. Just as he interpreted the parable of the sower for his followers, we can interpret this parable in the same way. First we identify each element of the story and then explain their interaction.

The Elements.
The certain man here is God the Father. The vineyard is the world and the fig tree is the church. The fruit he is looking for is the harvest or the completion of the Great Commission. The three years are three millennia since the birth of Jesus; the church is entering its third millennium. The vinedresser is Jesus. Digging about the tree and fertilizing it speaks of the judgment on the church that must come before the harvest. Indeed the judgment is required to produce the harvest just as fertilizing is required to produce a crop.

The Action.
There is a threat of judgment on the unfruitful tree.

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> *Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? Luke 13:6-7*

The owner of the vineyard is God the Father. He comes expecting that it will finally bring him the fruit his heart desires, but finding none he decrees judgment, a judgment of wrath.

> *Luke 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

The three years are three millennia since the birth of Jesus; the church is entering its third millennium. This also hearkens back to Genesis chapter 1, where God commands the earth to yield its harvest on the third day.

> *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*
> *And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and* **the tree yielding fruit***, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*
> *And the evening and the morning were* **the third day***. Genesis 1: 11-13*

The vinedresser is Jesus, who intercedes with his father to forestall his wrath.

> *Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Hebrews 7:25*

Jesus is following the pattern of intercession used by Moses in Exodus 32, Numbers 14 and other places.

> *Therefore he said that he would destroy them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them. Psalms 106:23*

So the vinedresser proposes an alternative that will make the tree fruitful. This is not a judgment of wrath, but of strong chastisement.

> *And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:*
> *And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. Luke 13:8-9*

To dig about it and dung it is to fertilize it so it will bear fruit.

> *Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you John 15:16*

The digging is breaking up of the fallow ground.

> *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you. Hosea 10 12*
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> *Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest. Micah 3:12*
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> *For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.*
> *Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. Jeremiah 4:3 -4*

If we don't break up our own fallow ground, our hearts, the plowman of Isaiah 28, Jesus will come along and break it up for us. This next passage shows speaks of judgment coming to the church as a plowing on the hill of Zion. And the second verse gives the results of the plowing, revival and harvest.

> *Micah 3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.*
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> *Micah 4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.*

The dung speaks of reproach, and judgment.

> *Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us. Psalms 44:13*

A rain to water the tree and allow the fertilizer to be absorbed into its root system must follow it. This speaks of the latter rain that brings the harvest.

> *Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. Hosea 6:1-3*

> *Also, O Judah,* ***he hath set an harvest for thee****, when I returned the captivity of my people. Hosea 6:11*

This passage then is speaking of Judgment on the Church.

> *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: …. 1 Pet 4:17*

And this is a redemptive judgment, a judgment with a purpose. It's so that the church might be purged and purified so it can be used to bring in the harvest. So it will bring forth fruit.

The scriptures are full of examples of God's people coming under judgments and how they prayed and sought him during these judgements Let these be our examples for intercession in these trying times about to come upon us.

> *We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments:*
> *Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.*
> *O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee.*
> *O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. Daniel 9:5-8*

> *Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. Nehemiah 2:17*

> *Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.*
> *Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, and with the contempt of the proud Psalms 123:3-4*

> *Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants; how I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty people;*
> *Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O LORD; wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed. Psalms 89:50-51*

> *And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned?*

Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.
Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: Nehemiah 4:2-4

All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?
All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee: they hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, We have swallowed her up: certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it. Lamentations 2:15-16

Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach. Lamentations 5:1

Psalm 44 To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil
1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto them.
4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.
5 Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us.
8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah.
9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame; and goest not forth with our armies.
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy: and they which hate us spoil for themselves.
11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat; and hast scattered us among the heathen.
12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, and dost not increase thy wealth by their price.
13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen, a shaking of the head among the people.
15 My confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me,
16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the enemy and avenger.
17 ¶ All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way;
19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the

slaughter.
23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

Romans 8:
31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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PUNISHMENT OR A FINAL END?
By Bill Somers

The Lord quickened a scripture from Jeremiah and gave me to understand that it expressed his heart and intention toward America as he brings His judgment on us.

> *Jeremiah 30: 10. Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make [him] afraid.*
> *11. For I [am] with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.*

My understanding of this is that the coming judgment is a chastisement. That the Lord will "not make a full end of" America but "will correct ... in measure, and will not leave ... unpunished."

He also gave part of Isaiah 48, later.

> *3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did [them] suddenly, and they came to pass.*
> *5 I have even from the beginning declared [it] to thee; before it came to pass I shewed [it] thee:....*
> *9. For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.*
> *10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.*
> *20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it [even] to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.*

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Final Generation

Maria Magruder

For I have been injecting faith into the final generation that will do great exploits in My name, says the Lord of the Armies of Heaven and earth. I have been injecting great faith by the ministry gifts that I have set in place on this earth over the last decade, and you are about to see the fruit of this injection manifest in every part of the earth. There will be no place left unturned by My army, by My mighty hand.

For I am now pouring out My power to those who have received (and not rejected) My Words into their spirits and their minds. For I am freely injecting to those who are hungry with great wisdom and understanding of My ways of the supernatural and great faith.

Many of you have not seen what you desire to see, you have heard, but have not seen. Your eyes will now be opened unto the heavenlies, you will see into the heavens, you will see into My heart and My Spirit will release upon you the life of the everlasting, eternal power from the inside of your spirit, that will cause an explosion on the outside around you, that will cause the world to see Me.

You will walk in the authority on this earth, as I have created you to do so since the beginning of this world. For you are the final generation to take My Word to all the earth in great power, as heaven has enabled you. You will find victory in every opposition and challenge that comes your way, because My power is greater than any devil, and worldly circumstance that will attempt to stop you. For as you stay plugged into My power, My anointing, My Spirit, nothing will stop you, nor will anything harm you.

Come up to the level of great faith, Believer. No longer will you just speak faith, but you will now work your faith with great manifestation of power.

James 2:18 But someone will say, you have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works and I will show you my faith by my works.

For faith is a mighty force that I have given measure to every Believer. Every believer has a measure of force and power. You will now not just "have: faith, but you will show your faith with force by your works of power, because you are the violent who will take it by faith, take it by force. For in My faith is the fruit of patience, those who have let patience have its perfect way and who have been diligently waiting and seeking me will see this force manifest as a great impact of an explosion in their life. As you are destined to walk in power, you are destined to be witnesses unto Me unto all the earth, you are destined to be evidence providers of who I am, says the Lord.

For those of you seeking for breakthrough in one area or another, the Lord would say to you, "I AM THE BREAKTHROUGH", "I AM THE LIFE FORCE THAT WILL BREATH UPON YOUR SPIRIT AND YOUR TEMPORARY CIRCUMSTANCE MUST BOW TO THE BREAKTHROUGH, MUST BOW TO ME, THE BREAKTHROUGH LIVES IN YOU." "I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

For you are the final generation that will rise up in power, as a one great un-stoppable army. For everywhere you turn you will find a place to minister My power and truth unto, and you will not be an army on the defense, but you will be a strong army on the offense, pushing back the every foul devil, every darkness, setting the captive free from bondage, as I co-labor with you and IN you.

Be at peace My sons and daughters for your season and your time of manifestation of power has come.

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Fire Over France
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This word that I released for France titled, "FIRE OVER FRANCE" was originally sent out in 2001. It was brought to my attention this week due to the historic news coming from France and the riots that are ensuing. We must look past the smoke and see the reality of God's will in the midst of these national calamities and controversies. The entire planet is being shaken and the stage set for His glory. A true manifestation of Isaiah 60:1-5. Please read the prophetic word below still in its original form from June of 2001. It was also translated into French and this is included below as well. Chad Taylor

Fire Over France
Chad Taylor

I saw a pillar of holy fire over France and the Lord said, 'I will burn with My glory over France. I will remember the words of former prophecies from centuries ago and now they will burn. They will burn like a city upon a hill that cannot be hid. They will burn like a pillar of fire by night and pillar of smoke by day. It will lead My people from Captivity. IT will cast the rider and the horse into the sea and My people will surely be set free.'

I saw stars falling from the sky and hitting Paris France and the Lord said, 'I will send My messengers and harvesting angels to this city. They will put in the sickle for the harvest is ripe. They will position My church in this city for harvest and revival. They will upset ancient principalities and open the leaved gates. Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut... (Isaiah 45:1).

I saw the city burning and the sea reflecting its glory and the Lord said, 'I will burn with such an intensity from this place it will be seen from across the sea and they will be in awe. The lowly and the famous shall come to this place to worship Me. I will be lifted up and then draw all to Myself. And like the sea I will cover this place with My glory. Kings and those in high place shall now turn and be saved. Those with royal blood and the blood of those that once conquered will now bow their knee to Me and be saved. This is the hour that I will light a fire in Paris France says the Lord.

I saw a generation of youth on fire like torches in the Lord's hand and then the Lord said, 'I will capture the hearts of France's youth. I will ravish their heart and take them into the secret place, the holy place. They will take up the sword of My Spirit and win nations. They will cross land and seas for Me to set the captives free. They will be gallant and do exploits. For this is the destiny of the Lord for My seed in France, "Before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet to the nations" O France. I called you and set you aside. (Jeremiah 1:5).

I saw a storm forming over France with lightning and thunder and the Lord said, 'A storm of political controversy is forming over France, but from this storm they will see the Lord upon the water and they will cry out to Me. From this storm of controversy they will cry out to Me and I will hold their hand and lift them up from the storm. I will lift them up and save them. For I remember the covenants I made with

their forefathers, and I will surely give them the land that I promised their forefathers. I will surely give them the land says the Lord. I will surely give them back the land.

I saw a mighty river coming out of France filling the sea and then the Lord said, 'A mighty river of revival will come from this place. A mighty river that will water Africa, that will sustain nations and cities. A river that will rush through America reminding her of her first love. A river that will bridge the gap between nations and churches creating an atmosphere for My glory. Out of France's belly will flow river's of living water. Out of France's belly rivers of living water and the nations will be healed.

Prepare Yourself O France! The Fire Of My Glory Is Upon You And The Day Of The Lord Has Drawn Nigh!

(You can also find this word and others for nations and various cities at
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Feu sur la France.
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"J'ai vu une colonne de feu saint sur la France et le Seigneur dit:"Je brûlerai avec ma gloire sur la France. Je me souviendrai des anciennes prophéties des siècles passés, et maintenant elles brûleront. Elles brûleront comme une ville sur une colline qui ne peut être cachée. Elles brûleront comme une colonne de feu la nuit et une colonne de fumée le jour. Cela conduira mon peuple hors de la captivité. Cela perdra le cavalier et le cheval dans la mer, et c'est certain mon peuple sera libéré.

Des étoiles tombant du ciel et frappant Paris.

Je vis des étoiles tombant du ciel et frappant Paris, France et le Seigneur dit: "J'enverrai Mes anges messagers et moissonneurs dans cette ville. Ils prendront la faucille car la moisson est mûre. Ils vont mettre en place Mon église dans cette ville pour la moisson et le réveil. Ils vont renverser des anciennes principautés et ouvrir les portes oubliées. "Ainsi parle l'Éternel à son oint, à Cyrus, Qu'il tient par la main, Pour terrasser les nations devant lui, Et pour relâcher la ceinture des rois, Pour lui ouvrir les portes, Afin qu'elles ne soient plus fermées;"

Ainsi parle l'Éternel à son oint, à Cyrus, dont j'ai pris la main droite, afin d'assujettir les nations devant lui ; et j'ai desserré les reins des rois, pour lui ouvrir devant lui les deux portes oubliés, et les portes ne seront plus fermés... (Esaïe 45;1)

Paris, une ville qui brûle intensément.

J'ai vu la ville brûler, et la mer refléter sa gloire et le Seigneur dit: "Je brûlerai avec une telle intensité depuis cet endroit, cela se verra au-delà de la mer et ils seront dans une crainte respectueuse. Le plus humble et le plus célèbre viendront dans ce lieu pour M'adorer. Je serai élevé et ensuite j'attirerai tout à Moi. Et comme la mer je couvrirai ce lieu de Ma gloire. Les rois et ceux qui sont élevé, à ce moment se tourneront et seront sauvé. Ceux qui sont de sang royal et du sang de ceux qui ont conquis autrefois fléchiront le genou devant moi et seront sauvés. C'est l'heure où je vais allumer un feu dans Paris, dit le Seigneur.

Jeunesse en feu!

Je vis une génération de jeunes en feu qui sont comme des torches dans la main du Seigneur, et alors le Seigneur dit: "Je vais capturer le cour des jeunes de France.

Je vais ravir leur cour et les conduire vers le lieu secret, le lieu saint. Ils prendront l'Epée de Mon Esprit et gagneront les nations. Ils traverseront terres et mers afin de libérer les captifs. Ils seront brave, vaillant et feront des exploits. Car c'est la destiné du Seigneur pour Ma semence en France. "France Avant que je t'eusse formé dans le ventre de ta mère, je te connaissais, et avant que tu fusses sorti de son sein, je t'avais consacré, je t'avais établi prophète des nations. Je t'ai appelé et mis à part" (Jérémie 1;5)

Controverses politique

Je vis une tempête sur la France avec des éclairs et du tonnerre et le Seigneur dit: "Une tempête de controverses politique est en train de se former sur la France, mais de cette tempête ils verront le Seigneur sur les eaux et crieront à Moi. Mais au sein de cette tempête de controverses ils crieront à Moi et je prendrai leur main je les élèverai hors de la tempête. Je me souviendrai de l'alliance que j'ai faite avec leurs ancêtres et leur donnerai la terre que j'ai promise à leurs ancêtres.

Je vis une puissante rivière sortir de France et remplir la mer, et alors le Seigneur dit: "Une puissante rivière de réveil sortira de ce lieu, une rivière qui mouillera, arrosera l'Afrique, et soutiendra nations et villes. Une rivière qui se répandra, jaillira sur l'Amérique lui rappelant son premier amour. Une rivière qui comblera les fossés entre les nations et les églises en créant une atmosphère pour Ma gloire. Du sein de la France coulera des rivières d'eau vive. Du sein de la France des rivières d'eau vive et les nations seront guéries.

Prépare-toi, ô France ! Le feu de ma gloire est sur toi et le jour du Seigneur est sur le point de paraître !

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Fire By Night
Carla Rickard

When The Man Comes Around

And I heard, as it were, the noise of thunder: One of the four beasts saying: "Come and see." And I saw. And behold, a white horse.

There's a man goin' 'round takin' names.
An' he decides who to free and who to blame.
Everybody won't be treated all the same.
There'll be a golden ladder reaching down.
When the man comes around.

The hairs on your arm will stand up.
At the terror in each sip and in each sup.
For you partake of that last offered cup,
Or disappear into the potter's ground.
When the man comes around.

Hear the trumpets, hear the pipers.
One hundred million angels singin'.
Multitudes are marching to the big kettle drum.
Voices callin', voices cryin'.
Some are born an' some are dyin'.
It's Alpha's and Omega's Kingdom come.

And the whirlwind is in the thorn tree.
The virgins are all trimming their wicks.
The whirlwind is in the thorn tree.
It's hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Till Armageddon, no Shalam, no Shalom.
Then the father hen will call his chickens home.
The wise men will bow down before the throne.
And at his feet they'll cast their golden crown.
When the man comes around.

Whoever is unjust, let him be unjust still.
Whoever is righteous, let him be righteous still.
Whoever is filthy, let him be filthy still.
Listen to the words long written down,
When the man comes around.

Hear the trumpets, hear the pipers.
One hundred million angels singin'.
Multitudes are marchin' to the big kettle drum.
Voices callin', voices cryin'.
Some are born an' some are dyin'.
It's Alpha's and Omega's Kingdom come.

And the whirlwind is in the thorn tree.
The virgins are all trimming their wicks.
The whirlwind is in the thorn tree.
It's hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

In measured hundredweight and penny pound.
When the man comes around.

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts,
And I looked and behold: a pale horse.
And his name, that sat on him, was Death.
And Hell followed with him.

(Lyrics Johnny Cash)

I was listening to this song when the Spirit of the Lord came upon me. With great mourning I was enthralled in a vision. I seen two things occurring at once. I seen the mass exodus of many all at once with screams of horror for those who weren't ready to die, and with others I seen and heard them calling upon the name of the Lord both ready to live, and ready to die. As I seen the beginnings of labor in the earth, I seen the Lord high and lifted up, and He was preparing for HIS KINGDOM COME. As these things increase and continue on the earth, I seen the Glory of the Lord and His train not only filled the temple, but it filled the earth and I seen His People continuing to Praise and Worship Him in spirit and in truth, calling out for Him. I seen the mountains melting, and the sea roaring at the sound of His Name. I heard the Glory of Heaven. Heaven was busy shouting a triumphant shout.

On earth I seen many groaning and wailing for they knew that this thing was preparing the coming of the Lord. I seen the many membered church of Jesus Christ shouting a victory warring whoop and a dance of feet stamping on the ground in unison.

I asked the Lord what is this?

He spoke " This is my kingdom come. All these things taken together and you know it is at the very door. I'm Coming Soon. I'm coming in all My Glory. For my kingdom to come, first must the kingdom of satan be overthrown in the earth. He rages now for his time is MORE than short. You are witnessing the Pale Horse named Death and Hell that follows with him"

Revelation 6:8
And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Fire Released From The Bones
Carla Rickard

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The BIRTH OF FIRE BY NIGHT

The Lord gave me a vision while deep, so deep in the Spirit during worship. He showed me the people’s veins in the congregation. Veins that had liquid fire flowing through them. The fire was a beautiful red and gold.

The Lord told me:

There is fire that has been shut up in the bones that is being released into those who are willing to be bold and fearless. There is a strong Prophetic Worship coming onto “ ordinary” people. This anointing comes in an instant. There is no need to “work it up”. It’s walking always in glory. It is beginning first in those who have been last. It is in those who have nothing but total trust and faith and abandon to Me. Those who have been using their gift, where ever they can, this anointing will fall on them suddenly.

The requirements have already been fulfilled. The requirements are trial by fire, to enter into MASTERY IN FIRE. There are few, but they are planted in various spots, who are NOW walking in MASTERY IN FIRE. For once the Fire comes, and mastery occurs, then the manifestation of rain appears! Those who have ears to hear. LISTEN and REJOICE!

Apply The Blood To The Door Posts
Carla Rickard

The Lord showed me in a vision....
The destroyer has been set loose to see if there is still faith on the earth. Anoint your doorposts with the Blood of the Lamb that the destroyer will pass over your homes and families. Remain where the Lord has said for you to be.

Exodus 12:12-14 (Amplified Bible)
[12] For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment [proving their helplessness]. I am the Lord.
[13] The blood shall be for a token or sign to you upon [the doorposts of] the houses where you are, [that] when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt.
[14] And this day shall be to you for a memorial. You shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations, keep it as an ordinance forever.

Hebrews 11:27-29
[27] [Motivated] by faith he left Egypt behind him, being unawed and undismayed by the wrath of the king; for he never flinched but held staunchly to his purpose and endured steadfastly as one who gazed on Him Who is invisible.
[28] By faith (simple trust and confidence in God) he instituted and carried out the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood [on the doorposts], so that the destroyer of the firstborn (the angel) might not touch those [of the children of Israel].
[29] [Urged on] by faith the people crossed the Red Sea as [though] on dry land, but when the Egyptians tried to do the same thing they were swallowed up [by the sea].

Fishing In The Mist Of The Storm!

Bobby Conner

Snuggled deep beneath a warm comforter, I am sound asleep in my bed in Moravian Falls, North Carolina. The covers are pulled tight around my shoulders because of a sudden cold snap as the first prophetic event begins to unfold.

I was awakened by the sensation that the covers were being pulled away from my shoulders. Half asleep, my first impression was that my wife was trying to rearrange the covers. However, she lay quietly sleeping by my side. Quickly I turned to the other side of the bed, and it was at this point that the Lord spoke to me in a very firm yet gentle voice, Get up! It is time to go fishing!

STANDING IN THE STORM

The time was exactly 2:22 A.M. In this prophetic experience I was transported by the Spirit of the Lord from the comforts of my bed to an enormously large body of water.

Standing at the edge of this massive sea, the sky was awfully dark. The clouds were violently turbulent and the winds were swirling and blowing incredibly strong. Lightning flashed across the darkened sky and illuminated the storm-tossed sea. This was clearly not a tranquil, peaceful, serene setting but rather unsettled, troubled waters.

The waters were extremely stirred, with waves mounting high with white caps and foam. The raging wind caused the rain to sting against my face. As the lightning flashed and the thunder was crashing, the sound rolling across the waves seemed to be amplified. I shivered as the wind drove the rain deep into my clothes. It was one of the most tempestuous times I ve ever experienced, but I could feel that this storm was more than just a natural storm. I could not explain it, but I could sense that this was a very unnatural disturbance I was beholding.

MEAT FOR THE MASTER

Standing at my side, the Lord said, I am hungry! You are to catch supper. Intensely, He was steadfastly gazing over the troubled waters. I knew He was expecting me to catch some fish, but I was thinking how hard it would be to fish in such a violent storm. It was difficult for me to even stand in the strong gusts of wind. Although I did not voice my thoughts out loud, He reassuringly said to me, This is the best time for fishing. Fish are more easily caught at this time.

A PLACE OF PERFECT PEACE

Then I looked more closely at Him and noticed that His hair was not being blown about by the wind. Neither were his clothes wet and flopping wildly in the wind, as mine were. Christ, knowing that I was now observing Him, said, Come closer to ME.

As I moved ever closer to Him, the winds became calmer. When I came near to His side, there was a place of perfect peace and protection from the storm. He smiled, saying in a most comforting tone, Yes! I am still the PRINCE OF PEACE.

Even though the situation with the wind and weather had not changed, there was a quiet, calm confidence in the Lord s presence. I wondered why I didn t come closer sooner. Looking deep into my eyes, I knew that He was expecting more from me than just standing by. I could sense that He expected me to get busy obeying His command.

THE HEART OF THE LORD

I was extremely ill-prepared to fish, so I said to Him, I don t have anything to fish with...I don t have any bait.

He said, You still don t understand. I AM the bait. He then slowly placed His right hand over His heart. Holding it there a moment, He extended His hand out from His bosom. I was not prepared for what I saw. There in His hand was a part of HIS HEART, and it was the deepest crimson red, almost purple. He placed it in my hand.

I was overwhelmed with the immense worth and value of just a tiny piece of HIS HEART. I could feel its eternal worth and value, and I knew at that moment that what I had in my hand was most precious. The statement of 1 Peter 1:18-19 filled my heart:

Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain lifestyle but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Truly God gave His very best to ransom and redeem fallen mankind. Christ Jesus is the ETERNAL LAMB without blemish or spot. He is the sinless perfect sacrifice. Words cannot express the worth of one single drop of the precious blood of the Lamb.

I could not think of casting this portion of His heart into the dark, troubled waters that were raging and roaring at my feet. Yet He instructed me, saying, Cast this upon the water.

Now I was openly weeping, saying, No, Lord, no! This is far too precious to cast away.

He said, What you feel is right. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy! He filled my heart with the promise of Psalm 126:4-5: Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

I looked at the part of the Lord s heart in my hand, and it now appeared to be a very bright orange, almost illuminated or glowing. He said, Cast it out upon the water.

This portion of the Lord s heart was attached to His heart through my hand by a very thin, yet bright, scarlet line. I knew that I was to throw this as far as I could, with all my might.

THE HUGE SILVER FISH

I released it into the air. Because of its bright orange glow, I could see it clearly as it flew through the gusting wind. At the instant it came in contact with the water, an extraordinarily large shiny silver fish leaped out of the water, taking the object in its mouth. This was a magnificent, brilliant, beautiful fish, and the lightning flashed against its shiny silver body. There was no fight or pulling against the line in my hand, but this enormous fish quickly swam to the shore at our feet.

This huge fish was extremely beautiful solid silver. However, as I looked closely at the fish it appeared almost transparent. You could see into the fish, and it was filled with untold numbers of smaller precious fish.

I gazed into the face of Christ Jesus, and His face was radiating the most satisfying, pleasant, joyous smile. He spoke with great compassion saying, For this cause I came into the world: the seeking and saving of lost mankind. This is the reason I've established my church on the earth to reach mankind with MY HEART.

THE MULTIPLYING FISH

He questioned me, asking, Do you know how big this fish is?

I somehow knew this was a 55-pound fish. I said, Yes, it weights 55 pounds.

Yes, He replied, but it is 55 X 55. At these words, the fish would multiply in size each time it was touched.

THE MASTER S MEAT

He said, Pick up the fish and place it into MY HANDS. When I placed the fish into His hands, Christ placed the fish into His heart, saying, This is the meat I have to eat of.

I was thrilled and sad at the same moment thrilled because of the immense pleasure the Lord was having, yet sad at the thought that I didn't have any more of the special bait. Knowing my every thought, He said, You will always have MY HEART from MY HAND if you will come to Me. The more you give away, the more you receive.

Words could not describe the contentment I felt as I stood on these shores with Christ. I could see, without a doubt, that bringing people to Christ is the highest calling one could ever undertake. Nothing we do will bring more pleasure to Christ than presenting to HIM the souls for which He died. These are the most brilliant crowns that we will one day lay at His feet.

Now is harvest time! Only as we follow Christ can He make us to become true "fishers of men"! This is the greatest task one could ever give himself to.

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Five Cleansings Are Coming To Levi

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Malachi 3: 1-3 "Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the messenger of the covenant, IN WHOM YOU DELIGHT. Behold He is coming," says the Lord of Hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire AND LIKE LAUNDERERS' SOAP. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; HE WILL PURIFY THE SONS OF LEVI, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness."

I believe we are about to enter into a most dramatic fulfillment of this scripture. Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament and the last chapter is often read as a tremendous prophetic declaration of things that we can expect in the "last days." In the last chapter, there is the promise of the "Sun of righteousness arising with healing in His wings." This is in reference to Elijah the prophet coming and turning "the hearts of the fathers to the children" and vice versa. However, I believe most have missed the overall theme of the entire book of Malachi. The first 2 chapters are almost never preached about. These two chapters are entirely a rebuke to corrupt priests and their polluted sacrifices. Malachi 3:8 speaks of robbing the Lord in tithes and offerings. This scripture has even become a "favorite" for pastors to preach to their congregations related to giving money. Yet, this scripture is generally preached completely out of the context of what is being addressed.

As you can see, from the passage I have quoted, the Lord is still addressing priests and THEIR corruption and evil. The actual corruption is that the priests are not saving up the mandated storehouse tithe out of the tithe that they are receiving from the people. The first two chapters already established that the priests were to receive tithes from the people or they wouldn't even have the means to give "polluted offerings." The storehouse tithe was a big deal because it was the benevolent fund for the widows and orphans.

I say all these things just to establish the fact that the great prophetic book of Malachi is, first and foremost, a book that speaks of the coming correction and cleansing of the priests. Once this happens, we will enter the awesome Malachi 3:18 stage where we, "shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked." After that happens, the promises declared in Malachi 4 can begin.

What The Hurricanes Have Prophesied

In previous posts, I have spoken about the hurricanes of the last couple of years. Last year's hurricanes were "John the Baptist" storms giving warnings to "prepare the way of the Lord." Even two of the storm's names were Ivan and Jeanne which are "John" in other languages (Russian and French). I also shared about the meaning of Mars' unprecedented closeness to the earth and that it signified the Lord coming near us while representing His specific designation of "Lord of Hosts." Similarly, Katrina and Rita tell us also that the Lord of Hosts is upon us and full scale changes will now be forthcoming.

Zechariah 9:14 speaks of when the Lord comes to save His people, "The Lord God will blow the trumpet, and go with the whirlwinds (hurricanes) of the south." We are just a few days past Rosh Hashanah—the Jewish New Year, and it is also called The Feast of Trumpets. The Lord has blown His trumpet and is declaring that He has come and is coming in the hurricanes of the South. Just to make sure we understand that, even the hurricanes' names have prophesied. Katrina means "cleansing" and Rita means "pearl." Our Malachi 3 passage tells us that He will come as "launderers' soap" and, of course, Jesus is our "Pearl of great price" for whom we are to give up all.

Judgment Begins In The House Of The Lord

Though many may be ready for the Lord's judgments on sinners to begin, 1 Peter 4:17 plainly states that judgment will begin in the house of the Lord. Our Malachi 3 passage further specifies that this judgment will begin upon the "sons of Levi." The Levites were the priestly tribe and, in symbolism, this title refers to pastors and shepherding ministers. The reason God will judge His Levites first is because Levites are the "walls" of our cities and nations. What shows up in the city and nation is because the Levites have "bound" or "loosed" it—through their conduct and behavior. A city of unrighteous Levites will reap and manifest great unrighteousness for the city. When the Levites cease to be the cause of the unrighteousness, then the Lord will separately judge the unrighteousness. He will actually perform whatever the righteous Levites of that city will request, as they will carry the authority to "loose" judgment or mercy.

So, we are "suddenly" upon a unique season of the Levites being dealt with so that an ensuing "unprecedented" move of God may be released. A Great Awakening has already begun, but a great mark of it will be the exposure of corrupt "Levites."

Cleansing Number One: The Defilers

I believe that the first cleansing that is released upon the "sons of Levi" is one that will surface wolves that have been disguising as shepherds. Right now, in our country, there is a large network of absolutely corrupt and defiled ministers of the gospel. They operate almost as a "Christian" mafia and they are ravaging the Body of Christ from the inside out. They are "broken levees" that are permitting every imaginable source of filth, slime, and pollution into the house of the Lord. These "pastors" are decadent in every form of the word. They are involved in pedophilia, homosexuality, incest, serial adultery, drugs, witchcraft, and some even in bestiality. Many of these "ministers" know about each other and cover for each other. They abuse teachings on submission to "spiritual authority" to hush opponents and thus hide and further their cause. They self-delude themselves into believing that because they are doing so many "good things" that this other behavior is permissible for them. Mafia boss, John Gotti, was known for many "good deeds" and acts of generosity, however, in the eyes of the law he was still a murderer and a criminal. Many of these "ministers" that I speak of are in the same category. They all will boast and demonstrate many good works; yet, they are corrupters who have opened doors in the city and nation to every fowl demon. Exposure and judgment is about to come to this group.

What is going to shock many is how widespread this behavior is. There is a "black root" of ministers whose private lives would, at times, shame the French Quarters of New Orleans. If you have wondered why the French Quarters of New Orleans was spared, it is because God must deal first with the "French Quarters" within His church. Get prepared to be shocked at who all is involved with this level of defilement. The Lord is pulling off the clothes of these "ministries" and they include very well known TV and national ministries. The cleansing will begin and, as it does, a horrific "stink" will fill the air from coast to coast and even into the nations. Be prepared because it will be worse than most think and you will be tempted to lose trust in everyone. However, be encouraged to know this is actually a coming of "the Lord whom you seek" (Mal. 3:1) and that it will be for a long-term good.

Cleansing Number Two: The Adulterers

Some may be surprised that this is a separate and secondary work of cleansing and refining. However, this group is very different from the first mentioned group – although, apart from God's intervention, they could end up in the first category.

The first group I mentioned has been confronted repetitively and have passed up multiple opportunities to repent. Unfortunately, most of them are rotten from the inside out and will die in their sin. This second group, however, will be redeemed as they come forward, confess their sins, and get clean. I believe there are many, many more in this group than the first and the exposure of the "defilers" will bring a redemptive fear of the Lord on this group.

There are many "good" pastors and ministers who have developed a wrong bond with someone in ministry and then have fallen into sin. For many, it is a secretary or some co-worker in ministry that they often interact with and, in a moment of weakness, a serious line was crossed. Now is the appropriate time for them to repent in private before the "plumb line" falls and they are exposed before many. Those involved will cease to get away with their sin as His "launderers' soap" continues to work its way through the "sons of Levi." Launderers' soap is NOT like Ivory Soap but, it is lye that burns skin yet cleans clothes. It is a lye that exposes "lies." Many ministers will be restored by the Lord after this cleansing and will serve again as true shepherds in God's house. However, I believe most from this category will lose their moral authority to lead in God's house as their personal testimony will be just too damaged to do so. I believe those who do repent before the Lord will find that the Lord will open up new spheres of ministry that do not entail being a shepherd in God's house. He really is going to 'stock' His house with true shepherds; not perfect shepherds, but shepherds who reflect the Biblical requirements for a shepherd.

Cleansing Number Three: The Hirelings

There will be no room for giddy finger pointing as this cleansing work goes deeper and deeper. The message will get more clear that sexual impurities are a big deal with the Lord. By the time the cleansing gets into its third stage, even the ministers 'casually' involved in pornography will know that they can not do that anymore. As the Lord's lye continues to expose "lies," it will now surface the "hireling."

The "hireling" is one who is primarily motivated by money. He may have started out in sincerity, but things have so changed that he makes no decision without that consideration. His entire ministry routine is guided by "minimum fees," guaranteed offerings, and book sales. His conversation with other ministers always quickly gravitates to the money considerations and even financial comparisons. He even believes that any new place of financial "bonanza" signifies some awesome anointing on His life. Of course, there are rich "hirelings" and poor "hirelings." There are poor ministers who are still making all their decisions based on the money factor. They would leave to follow a better salary at the drop of a hat if it became available. There is no real sense of call to a people or a region, but they serve anywhere if the price is right.

Biblically, the difference between a prophet and a false prophet was that a false prophet did what he did for a reward. It was called "the sin of Balaam" and it signified that one had defaulted from a true ministry position. It was not whether there was a legitimate gift or not, but whether a love for money had now become the guiding force. Unfortunately, I must say that this sin is very widespread in what is called the "Charismatic" or Spirit-filled community and the Lord will be exposing it. Again, this is a good time to repent of this sin before forced exposure brings it to the light. It is not a small thing and will cause many to default in their ministerial destiny. As a secondary caution and warning, I believe that the affection for "things" and money in preachers often precedes adultery. First, one feels entitled to "things" and then one feels entitled to people. God is pulling the "clothes" off this sin and, as a result, even more people will lose faith in Christian leaders. But, fear not as this is still "the Lord we seek" coming to His temple so that the Levites might offer "an offering in righteousness."

Cleansing Number Four: The Self-Promoters

The "launderer's soap" will continue to scrub through the "sons of Levi" and pride and self-promotion will be the target. Pride, of course, is the most subtle of all sins as it reinvents itself as we 'mature' and progress in the Lord. If pride can't induce us to shamelessly self-promote ourselves, then it can infect us with the pharisaical "at least I'm not like them" version of pride. It is generally best to just assume we have pride and to be in a place of constantly asking the Lord "where is it?"

Self-promotion is something that is not always obvious to the human eye. It is also easy to misjudge someone as self-promoting. Self-promotion is about getting ahead of God. It is about leaning on the arm of the flesh in an area that God has told us to wait on Him. It is stepping into a "political" spirit where we intentionally seek to make connections that will potentially promote us into another sphere of influence. Two ministers can actually do exactly the same thing and, for one, it is self-promotion and, for the other, it is simply responding to the Lord. If we write a book in response to the Lord, it is obedience. If we write a book to "get our name out there," it is self-promotion. In the same way, you can be on TV or the radio through self-promoting efforts or through obedience to the Lord. However, one will produce an Ishmael and one will produce an Isaac. Whatever you get through self-promotion will eventually war against your destiny and even your walk with the Lord.

The great danger of self-promoting is that it projects you to a sphere of influence without a developed character base. Every new level of influence makes one susceptible to a new assault of more "sophisticated" demonic spirits. "New levels equals new devils." Many of those in the "defilers" category arrived to their place of apparent success through the path of self-promotion. Allowing the Lord to promote us in His time is one of the basic character tests for those with significant callings. The failure to wait for that promotion is a primary disqualifier for an increased realm of spiritual authority.

Cleansing Number Five: Quenchers Of The Holy Spirit

Many "sons of Levi" will survive the first stages of refining, yet will find themselves disqualified at this fifth level of cleansing. It will not be enough for a pastor to be free from the above sins if he is guilty of quenching the Holy Spirit. This will still be considered a very serious offense in the sight of the Lord and one at which He will no longer wink. "Quenching the Spirit" can possibly be an overused phrase or concept. However, to a minister, it simply means making less room for the Holy Spirit than what the Holy Spirit has requested. It is refusing to prioritize the fruit AND the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A church that does not prioritize the presence, the power, and the person of the Holy Spirit will not properly reflect anything that the Lord will want to bless.

An entire book could be written on this theme, but the basic sin that the Lord will be judging is the sin of CONTROL. The Type A personality is a very dominant characteristic of pastors. It requires intentional steps of "dialing down" for this personality type to coexist with the organic creative person of the Holy Spirit. This personality type can preach "not by might, not by power, but by my Spirit" but has difficulty actually living it. There is too much "might and power" in this personality type.

The Lord truly will build HIS church and the Holy Spirit is the Trinity's agent of Church transformation. He is going to increase and increase as the Father pours Him out upon all flesh. The church leader that does not make room for Him will find himself being His enemy. The "launderer's soap" will not stop washing and purging until it has an infrastructure of shepherds to whom the Lord can entrust a great harvest. He will not have Defilers, Adulterers, Hirelings, or Self-Promoters—neither will He have those who restrict the Promise of the Father. He will pour out His Holy Spirit in the last days and His church will openly receive Him and allow Him to reproduce Christ in us. THEN the sons of Levi will present an offering in righteousness (Mal. 3:3).

Conclusion

I believe that over 90% of the Senior Pastors here in the United States will not survive the coming work of refining and purging that is coming to the "sons of Levi." I'm not even sure what I mean when I say, "will not survive," but that is what I hear in my spirit. This is not a minor "attitude adjustment" that is coming to the leadership, but it is an entire overhaul of the "sons of Levi." At some point, it WILL look like Katrina has gone through the Church—and the stink will be great. I have not even addressed the refining coming to the Church itself. As the Church begins to see what God is no longer condoning in the pulpit (He never did condone it—but now judgment will be seen), there will be a release of the fear of the Lord that will greatly benefit the Body of Christ. He really cannot send GREAT harvest until this process takes place. The harvest would be contaminated and become spiritual children of the existing decadence. The timing for this is NOW. We will first see His axe/acts of righteousness come down on "the defilers." When you see it, stay sober, for this is just the beginning. The Lord, WHOM WE SEEK, is coming to His House.

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Further Judgments Coming
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Spoken in Cassville, MO
The area of southwest Missouri is soon to be judged. For you are called the Bible Belt, yet where is My Spirit? You still party and play; run here and there; do this and that. . . where is your time for Me? There is none. Well, soon there surely shall be. Judgments are coming your way. Prepare now, for this is the day of preparations.

More judgments shall come forth (judgments after Katrina and Rita) . . . from the North going down towards the South . . . from the East going towards the West . . . from the West going towards the East (not necessarily in that order).

The trucking industry is going to be effected, therefore fill up your pantries and water barrels. Get your life surrendered to the Lord. Seek Him with all diligence! Walk out of the dictates of the flesh and walk in the obedience of the Spirit!

Ye Bite And Devour One Another
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Many that call themselves Christians bite and devour one another (Gal. 5:15). You say, "what does that mean?" By your words that you speak to and behind one's back releases oppression and consequently destruction to another's life. Words are either used for good or for evil.

There is power released when you speak. *There is life and death in the power of the tongue* (Prov. 18:21). Blessing and cursing should not come from the same mouth (James 3:10). Are you speaking life/blessing into someone's situation/life, or death/cursing? Are you innocent or guilty? Judge for yourselves Discipline yourself to listen to your own conversations and thoughts. You might be amazed at the death that is being formulated through you. The adversary loves to seed strife amongst the brethren for the purpose of giving place to him that he might kill, steal and destroy. Unforgiveness gives place to the devils (I Cor. 1:10,11). My thought is that unforgiveness is one of the means in which strife comes from. Unforgiveness gives birth to bitterness, of which defiles many (Matt. 15:11). Heed the following scriptural warnings:

Heb. 12:14,15 *Follow peace with all men, and holiness,* ***without which no man shall see the Lord; looking diligently lest any man fall of the grace of God****; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.*

Matt. 12:36 *But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they* ***shall give account thereof in the day of judgment****. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*

Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, BUT that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers (Eph. 4:29). This is the time that those of us coming out of the preparation chambers will no longer be hearers of such conversations! We will no longer be a participant in such defilement by listening to the corrupt communications. This does not mean the false brethren won't be ex-posed and the brethren that have gone astray made accountable. Such as John exposing the truth about Diotrephes (III John 9), Paul exposing Alexander (II Tim. 4:14). This is obviously not considered idle or corrupt conversations. So, I suggest you allow the work of sanctification to be done by the Holy Spirit so the prophets of the Lord do not have to point out your sins (Jere. 23:22).

Let me quote scripture again. . . *there is life and death in the power of the tongue* (Prov. 18:21)! So many think they know about everyone's life and make judgment statements to them or to others pertaining to them; they need to do this or they need to do that; or they shouldn't do this or that, when in fact, you probably know nothing about what the Lord is doing in the other person's life. In fact, your judgments are at times the very thing that you do. Do you realize the severity of judging one's situation and you're wrong? Let's go to Job and find out the consequences of your words and solutions for someone's life when it isn't from the Lord.

Job 42:7 *And it was so that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Eliphaz, the Temanite,* ***My wrath is kindled against thee,*** *and against thy two friends;* ***for ye have not spoken of Me the thing that is right,*** *as My servant Job has.*

If you'll read their counsel to Job, you'll find it sounds like good counsel, BUT it wasn't the correct judgment/counsel pertaining to Job's situation! Would you like God's wrath kindled against you for a few moments of folly in your criticizing or judging someone?

Gossip is rampant within the Christian world! Brethren, this ought not to be so. Love is to be our motivating factor of whatever we say about *most* brethren. I say *most* because there is a time to openly expose/ make accountable some brethren, as stated above. Paul did multiple times but with the attitude of wanting them to come to repentance or be removed from fellowship with the brethren.

You wonder why your life is so meaningless and you may have continual afflictions . . . check out your own conversation and attitude of heart. Envy and strife give place to confusion and every evil work (James 3:16)!

For the innocent, the following is the weapon of warfare that I use daily:

Isaiah 54:17
No weapon (something prepared; any apparatus; artillery; whatsoever) that is formed against thee shall prosper; and ***every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment (verdict) thou shalt condemn.*** *This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.*

Florida Holds The Keys

Kelly Brooks

As I have been watching the events unfold in our great nation and praying for Terri Schiavo, the Lord has been speaking to me about the crucial hour in which we live in this nation. I heard the Lord say, "*Florida holds the keys" (Key Largo, Key West, Florida Keys.)* What happens here is what happens in the West and this entire Western nation. This is not about one human life but the life of the entire nation or the death of it is hanging in the balance. We have to pray that the scales of justice be tipped on the side of life. We are at the 11th hour in this nation. As Terri's parents file with the 11th circuit again, pray that justice be done. The clock is about to strike 12 and God often answers just before the midnight hour. We must pray that God make a way where there seems to be no way.

I also heard the Lord say, *"There is a burning Bush in Florida, what happens here will spread like wildfire to the rest of this nation,"* please continue to pray for *Gov. Bush* that he will make the right decision in spite of what public opinion says. He is at a crossroads, no matter what decision he makes his life will be forever changed. Pray that he have wisdom and use every legal means of power that he can, and that he fear God and not man. The judges are making their decisions but God is the ultimate judge. *James 2:13 says, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.* There is no in between. We either love life and hate death, or we love death and hate life. This nation must choose life over death. *Proverbs 18:21 says, "The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit."*

On February 18, 2003 Brother Kenneth Hagin prophesied that 2005 would be the year of judgment. The issue of life is at stake, and this nation will be judged for the choice it makes. Pray for the judges to choose mercy over judgment and life over death. The Lord also reminded me of our past presidential election in which he spoke to Kenneth Copeland and said, *"We as Christians will be responsible for how we vote. If we vote for the wrong person, and that person gets into office then we will be judged for it, and if we choose not to vote we will also be judged for it."* I believe once again we have a choice to make. We may not be able to physically go to Florida, but we have a responsibility to pray for righteousness to prevail once again.

Kelly Brooks

Flying Swarm

Vicki Camp

9-11-05 Early today, Sunday, a vision came to me suddenly ... Swarming out in front of me was a huge flat plane of flying insects; flying in front of me and away from me -- outward and forwards. I *knew* they were hornets and/or wasps ! I looked at these, this great dark swarm flying out ahead, in wonder - pondering with Lord for some few minutes as this vision lingered,,, oh so real seeming. "What are these, Lord ?"
Then came to me scriptures I had recently been reading in Ex. 23, and which I later today have looked up and re-read.

From v. 20 and on in this chapter, God is instructing Israel to take the land of Canaan, giving commandments and promises, and in some how-to's ....God assures them of these three,.

* The LORD will send **HIS' angel** ,, before them to make their way ahead of them. (I personally believe this angel is our Lord Jesus Christ, for this one bears GOD's Name.)

* The LORD will send **HIS' fear** before them, sent ahead amongst the inhabitants,,

* and The LORD will send **hornets** before them -- to pre-fight in Israels' 'taking of this promised land' !

v. 28: ***"And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you........"***

What struck me as I read the whole text,, is that GOD says HE will 'go before' them and that the battle is HIS (such as at Jericho), but at other times Israel must fight to drive-out these integral people groups and tribes in order to gain their land / inheritance -- which is given them of and from The LORD GOD ....
Either way or both = the God' miraculous, or our fighting battles; Both together, HAND in hand - We can see and know that our God goes before them (us), ahead of them (us), to pre-fight and prepare their / our way !

"***Now all these things happened to them*** *(Israel, O.T.)* ***as examples, and they were written for***

our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." - I Cor 10:11

There is a day and time when our enemies will fear our very approach for The Lord will send hornets of fear ahead of us - that is, the very 'fear of The Lord' will pre-step before us, saints. We can and will see this occur as we go forward speaking in strong prophetic God' Voice,

"*Flee, flee now, all agents of satan for we come, WE COME In Christ, imprinted with HIS' Name, to win the many, many persons for HIS' Kingdom !"*,
and these will be fleeing.

Even as young David spoke prophetically to that giant Philistine Goliath, before striking and killing him with a single small stone,
(in part) ***"........ for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."*** - I Sam. 17:47, and note too: 'all the assembly' is to see The Lords' / David's victory.

As always with prophetic visions brought back up to remembrance, though this one is very fresh; I can re-see those hornets still, a dark ominous swarm flying ahead of God's troops (us) .... pre-flying ahead, pre-going, pre-paring the way of victory.

It's very Truth - God can and does use anything HE so want and chooses to use,,, even insects and human beings.

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Faith Multiplied Into Joy And Power
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Precious ones, heaven smiles upon you as you put feet to your faith and literally walk out what you believe. A little bit of faith goes a long way. As you apply faith to your walk and also go through death to self will, I always multiply your mustard seeds. I have adorned your walk with diamond studded jewels. You also have golden memorial stones planted in your garden from places where you have been.

Do not look backwards at your sorrows of loss dear ones. Do not personalize areas where you have walked into death to self and granted Me Lordship over your life. You are NOT bad. As you have yielded all to Me, I see only exemplary behavior from your lessons sometimes so difficult to learn. My priceless ones, from My loving hand, I see only advancement for you, along with future joy. In that day as you remember those special walks of faith you will notice that I have wired these memorial stones with My power. These, your stones shine all the way up to heaven and will become your delight as your walk of faith is transformed into your walk of power.

There is one essential thing that you need in walking through the threshold of this great field ready to be taken…. Make sure that your feet are shoed with peace. You must learn the secret of truly resting upon Me, letting My Word carry you, where you place all your weight into My strong arms of love. As you feel the warmth of My embrace, I shall flood your body, soul and spirit with peace and you shall come into the rest I have prepared for you since the beginning. This walk shall put all enemy under foot. Then allow Me to carry you into the Voice of many waters, where My Presence goes to the nations. As you jump into My arms, My Presence shall bubble forth inside and all around you.

Eph 6:15 NKJV
…and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Rom 16:20 NKJV
And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

Isa 52:7 NKJV
How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

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To Forgive
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TO FORGIVE

Papa You told me to always forgive,
seven times seven that I might live.
For if I don't forgive others, this I see -
How can You also totally forgive Me?

It is in extending mercy that I receive back
My seeds sown from going around the track.
These endless circles have got to stop.
I know not how, until I reach the top.

On this tall mountain, this stumbling block.
My life keeps ticking going around the clock.
Faith moves mountains and sends them to sea.
Why oh why can't I heal me?

I have taken on too much to see the whole
What I need today is Your touch to my soul.
Help me to release the anger I feel
And come into alignment with Your truth that is real.

My forgiveness releases the soul that is hardened.
It allows You to work because I have pardoned.
Let not this person be tormented with hell
Rather please release and please make well.

For all of us are in need of repair
We each have faced our own despair.
I can not hold back what You freely give.
I release my judgment so that we both may live.

Matt 6:14-15 NKJV
"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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To Stretch Or Grow Past Your Boundaries
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To Stretch Or Grow Past Your Boundaries?
Listen to wisdom before you extend a course past your comfort zone. Whether you stretch yourself or another stretches you past your boundaries, when the tension is removed, you will snap right back into your comfort zone. As you arrive back at your starting place and wonder at what pulled you out, you will not be sure about anything. This is the reaching out in works without established faith.

Like zeal without knowledge, many take a risk, then wonder: "Will this explosion burst forth in power to final breakthrough, or will it turn into anger as I am cut back?" And that is the demonic ploy to captivate those who stretch past their boundaries without being proved.

Beloved ones, the road to faith is built one step at a time, and that road is built by My loving hand of confirmations. If you wait for My confirming Word, then what I build in your life shall be true growing and not stretching. With growth you will accomplish your breakthrough, and you shall be able to maintain it.

Rom 10:2 AMP
I bear them witness that they have a [certain] zeal and enthusiasm for God, but it is not enlightened and according to [correct and vital] knowledge.

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To Wash The Shame Off Begging Parents
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After years of shame in begging for heart's desires and earnest needs, the skeletons in the closets are being cleared out. The parental rods of authority could hold not another ounce of weight, for they have bent and bowed low under the pressure of unyielding children. As the parents bow low in humble places, I have promised them a lighter load. I will lift them up and graft them in with their children for a new day of resurrection power. The possibilities will be endless as they plug into My resurrection life. Why seek ye the living among the dead? They are not here, but they are risen into newness of life!

Luke 12:2-3 NKJV
For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

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Five Movements In The Earth Today

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Recently I was asked to bring a message to a leadership conference in Australia. There were men and women from every state in Australia. The weight of this word was heavy upon me, but as I shared it I realised it was for a broader audience too.

As I pondered what God was doing in the earth, I thought back to a recent encounter with God. In November 2005, during a time of great sickness and being bed-ridden, I was caught up to heaven. Many things were said during that time, but I saw five movements in the "earth opera" which bear telling at this time:

1. There is a movement from fishing to hunting.

Jeremiah 16:14-16, "I am now sending for many fishermen, says the LORD, and they shall catch them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks." The day of the fisherman is passing, the day of the hunter is here.

Paul demonstrated a hunter approach · To the Jews in the Synagogue (Acts 9:30); · To the Greeks in the Areopagus (Acts 17:22); · To the Romans in Ephesus (Acts 26:1).

Hunting means you must come into the environment of those you pursue. You can not sit on the banks of the river and cast the net in. You must enter the world the catch live in. God is moving on marketplace ministry. I have seen this in Zambia, Malawi, the USA and Australia.

2. There is a movement from majestic ships to small boats

Isaiah 33:20-23, "There [in Zion] the LORD in majesty will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, where no galley with oars can go, nor majestic ship can pass by". In the last days God is not going to allow two kinds of church:

· Majestic ships, full of weaponry and soldiers for their cause - money in the boat and for the captain. · Galley's with oars, full of slaves under the decks serving to the beat of the drum.

The day of marching to the beat of one pastors drum is over. The day when we yield our passions to one local body, and do what the pastor says is over. Leaders across the body must adapt to the fact that it is our job to raise others up. We are here to release, to discover what is in the heart of the people.

The day of the famous vessel, bringing gold and wealth into the house of one man or ministry is quickly passing. The early church brought wealth to the feet of the apostles, yes that's true. But it was distributed to each as they had need. When was the last time you saw a famous TV ministry distribute it's wealth to the needy? If they believed so strongly in their own prosperity message, or reaping and sowing, don't you think they themselves would be doing more sowing?

3. There is a movement from religion to righteousness

Jeremiah 22:1-5, "Go down to the house of the King of Judah. to he who sits on the throne of David. act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place."

God wants us to take real care for those who have need.

· If we obey this command, kings that serve David will come. · If we do not, kings of a foreign nation will come and ransack the place. · Is it going to be the world in the church, or the church in the world.

4. God's judgments are in the earth

1 Chronicles 16:12-14, "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually. Remember His wonderful deeds that He has done, His marvels and the judgments of His mouth. He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth".

The church, and more broadly the Body of Christ, has entered a strong season of weighing, testing and judging. The Lord is watching our conduct - especially toward leaders.

In the context of the fact the leaders are falling all over the place. John Paul II is dead. Paul Cain, Darrell Evans, Roberts Liardon, Ed Traut and many others have fallen. God is in the earth and how are we going to take the "audit" coming up.

5. God is underscoring fathers and sons

Malachi 4:5,6 "I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse."

If you look at every reference to the "day of the Lord", or the last day of judgment a few things happen just before it. The restoration of all things, starting with this one thing - fathers and sons.

Everywhere I travel, this theme is being preached and stressed. I have written at length on this in my book, "The Spirit of Elijah" so I will not repeat it again here. But clearly God wants the body to relate as a family, not as a structured business.

False Manifestations or Abused (revised)

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I want to modify my stand on this issue as expressed in last weeks article as reprinted below.

My stand was based on reaction to various writers asserting that The Toronto Blessing and Brownsville Revival were false and demonic. And that many of the same writers are claiming that the current crop of phenomena are also false and demonic in origin. These include Angel Orbs, gold dust, jewels, oil, feathers and other such items. While these accusers claimed that all such were false, I was determined to claim that they are all true and some are just being misused. Now I am prepared to acknowledge that some are false as well. So I stand corrected.

Nevertheless, many of these are being misused and the *central problem remains the mixture* present among God's people and the intentions of those receiving them. So I'm saying that yes, there are some false, but also that many are true.

I recommend studying the following teaching from the late Derek Prince.
Protection From Deception Navigating Through The Minefield Of Signs And Wonders by Derek Prince
http://www.geocities.com/lostorfound_2/Deception.htm

Original Article:

False Manifestations or Abused

October 7, 2007
A lot of this chatter about false prophets and manifestations is really missing an important point.

If people have problems with the "prophetic movement" or various manifestations, does it mean that we are plagued with false Prophets and demonic signs? I don't think so. Am I saying these are True Prophets? Not exactly. We have people with genuine gifts, but perhaps the true Prophets and Apostles are yet to be revealed.

The source of all this, the jewels, the gifts, the anointings, the gold dust, and the Toronto - Pensacola business is from the Lord. It's just that there is **'mixture'** in those who are receiving them. These are spiritual gifts, and these gifts get abused.

Merchandising your ministry is abusing a spiritual gift. Using the Holy Laughter refreshing to fleece the sheep is abusing a spiritual gift. Selling words of personal prophecy is abusing a spiritual gift. Prophesying after the flesh, putting your own opinions or pet peeves into a prophecy, is abusing a spiritual gift. If the Prophets are calling for repentance, but the Pastors are taking up an offering, what then?

Gifts vs. Fruit

Spiritual Gifts do not produce the Fruit of the Spirit. But many think that as long as their gifts are working, that they are right with God! King Solomon had great gifts. If we look at his final end where he turned and worshipped other gods, does that mean he was a false prophet and do we need to remove the books he authored from the bible?

So what does produce Fruit of the Spirit? Seeking the Kingdom first, and walking in the Spirit.

I think that these people will get their chance to repent, but some will go from being like Baalam the Prophet to becoming like Baalam the soothsayer.

The Real Test?

Here’s something I found while looking over some of the discussions going around, about false manifestations. This writer claims the following.

> The real 'test' of whether or not something is legitimately from the Lord is based on whether or not we are somehow changed as a result. Those who hung around with Jesus generally didn't leave him in the same condition they came to him in. Either they left with some level of inner growth or healing, or with a hardened heart wanting to get even further away from him than before.

Now here is a great example of using man’s wisdom to support your statements. I note that there is no scripture given here to prove their point. In fact what they are saying here is entirely false. But it sounds good!

In my view there are only three things you can use to support an argument in spiritual matters. The Bible, the dictionary and the rules of logic. And all these can be abused. You must still have the witness of the Spirit.

But when you have hearsay, opinions, or citing non-biblical authority, watch out. Phrases like *everybody knows*, or *the bible clearly teaches*, lead me to say O Really? Or when some want to quote from ‘the rabbis’ or Jewish tradition, it’s not authoritative, and rarely even documented.
The same goes for Matthew Henry, Watchman Nee or whoever. Here in this case someone makes a statement and just expects you to agree because it sounds reasonable.

Back to the question at hand. Who says that this is the ‘real test’? Where is the proof?

This same writer goes on to say this:

> So many of our modern manifestations have little or no lasting effect on the people involved. If you are 'slain in the spirit' on the carpet, get covered in 'gold dust', or bark like a dog or cluck like a chicken, yet afterwards you get up and are just the same person as you were before, then I have to question the authenticity of your so-called 'manifestation'. Just because it's 'real' doesn't mean it's true. God may not give me a stone when I ask for bread, but the devil will certainly try to hand me one and pass it off as bread from the Lord, If I am foolish and inattentive enough to believe that I can't be deceived like others have been.

Now if you note the final sentence here, this person is assuming that people are being deceived. So what conclusion will they naturally reach? Secondly from the tone of the entire paragraph, they are operating in a scornful attitude.

> *Proverbs 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.*

When this happens, if some that have manifestations are changed and some are not, what does that mean? Those who are not changed are deceived? Give me a break! Those who are not changed got their manifestations from Satan? Are Jesus and Satan taking turns passing out manifestations?

Then there is the question “How do you know who is or is not changed?” It’s possible for some to be changed by a spiritual impartation and not even realize it!

> *1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*

He is the only one who can judge whether someone has come away changed. So how can we evaluate the manifestations on the basis of man's opinions about who has changed?.

And what about those who are changed? Some, make that many, were saved, healed, restored or delivered in the movements that came from Toronto and Brownsville – Pensacola Florida. Yet this was not the ultimate revival, and not everything that happened was perfect. But the problems were not in the source of the manifestations, but the church structures that received them.

It’s the same with what’s happening today. Spiritual gifts are real but flesh gets in the way. It’s not so much the phenomena but what people do with it.

> *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*
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> *Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

Fear No Man

Chip Brogden

Many Christians are in bondage to the fear of man. In discussing this very real and widespread problem, let us acknowledge from the beginning that we cannot be God's spokesperson and be afraid of people. We will find it difficult, if not impossible to faithfully give all the counsel of God when there is a spirit within us that withdraws from people out of fear, timidity, or anxiety.

If there has ever been a time in your life when you bowed down and said, "Lord use me, speak through me, have Your Will through me," then you can expect that the Lord will immediately begin to deal with you regarding the fear of man. It is a fundamental lesson we must learn in order to be fruitful and faithful with all God commits to us.

Let us get right to the point: we are afraid of others because we love ourselves too much. When you have dealt with self-love, the fear of man will be dealt with at the same time. The fear of man is but a symptom of self-love, and is manifest in three basic areas of our relationships with others. If a servant of God is able to overcome in these three areas, he or she will be free of the fear of man. They are: desire for appreciation, desire for compensation, and desire for promotion. We will look at each one individually.

DESIRE FOR APPRECIATION

Multitudes of saints fall at this point. We want others to understand us. We want them to comprehend the meaning behind our actions. We want them to grasp what we are saying. We cannot bear the thought of being misunderstood. We wish for others to appreciate the truth we speak, the word we bring, the insight we have.

The flesh is clothed in such a desire, and it will be a snare to the one who speaks the Word of God. We cannot be afraid of other people, what they will think, how they react, if we do and say what we are led of the Spirit to do and say. Fear of man will cause us to utter many words in addition to those given to us by God. This must be avoided at all costs.

When Jesus spoke to the multitude, He did not glory in how large the crowd was. He did not congratulate Himself on having such an influential ministry. Instead, He sought to thin the numbers out by sifting them with a difficult word, saying, "You must eat my flesh and drink my blood if you wish to be my disciples." At this saying, the multitude and many of His disciples turned aside and no longer followed Him. Instead of running after them in an effort to make Himself understood and accepted, He watched them go. Then, turning to the Twelve, He said, "Will you also go away?" Here is a Man who is not afraid to be misunderstood because He is not afraid of people, what they will think, or what they will say about Him unjustly.

WE can discern His meaning, but THEY could not. Why did He not explain what He meant? Because He had no love for Himself, no desire to be understood. He only called for those who had ears to hear. He spoke the Word and allowed the hearers to exercise their own judgment and spiritual discernment. He had no desire to be appreciated or accepted. He would not have them accept HIM while rejecting the WORD He brought. If they rejected His Word, they rejected Him.

To overcome the fear of man, we must not only be willing to be misunderstood and unappreciated, we should expect it. Then we will be free to speak what God has given us and will not be troubled should others fail to grasp the significance of it.

DESIRE FOR COMPENSATION

When we are bringing the Word of God to the people who are supporting us materially it represents an inherent conflict of interest. The temptation is to tone down the Word for fear that we will offend those who are taking care of us.

The compensation received may not be limited to financial things. When our friends hold a special place in our heart we are likewise tempted to speak softly to them to keep the friendship intact, whereas an identical word to someone we do not know will not be as soft. If God bids us to speak softly, then let us do so. But we cannot speak softly to those we have a relationship when the word we bring them should be anything but soft.

Again, self-love is the problem. For example, a pastor who is dependent upon his congregation for his salary is going to have a difficult time bringing them the whole counsel of God. Not that he cannot preach, but there is an invisible line he dare not cross for fear that too many will be upset. Invariably if this line is crossed you will find him sweating and fretting over it. Perhaps he will make some calls and offer apologies to the offended ones. He is overcome with the fear of man, because he looks to man for his support. Every utterance and action must be filtered through the question of, "What will our supporters think?"

To overcome the fear of man, we must not look to man for our support, be it financial or emotional. Abram rejected the gifts of the King of Sodom, and afterwards the Lord said to him, "Fear not, for I AM your exceeding great reward." Since the Lord is our Provider as well as our Provision, we must look to Him alone. We do not look to gain supporters, partners, pledges, tithes, and offerings. If we do not have something it is because we do not need it. For when we need it, God will provide it. Certainly He will USE other people to bless us, but we do not LOOK to people to be blessed. In fact, we should expect that people will not want to support us. Then we can minister to them without fear of man.

DESIRE FOR PROMOTION

We who work for the Lord often wish to be seen and to be heard. We wish the largest audience possible. Naturally we want people to speak well of us and promote us that many more will hear the Word we have from God. Hidden within such a desire for promotion is the fear of man.

I once discovered another ministry had taken a portion of my writing and edited it before forwarding it to their subscribers. In eliminating the more offensive portions of the text they watered-down the message I was communicating. I contacted the ministry and asked them to either publish the entire message or retract it completely. Since they could not bear the whole counsel of God they informed me that they would retract it. Their closing comment was, "Most writers are happy to have even a portion of their works published, as some promotion is better than none at all."

Our desire for promotion will inevitably lead us to compromise, tone down, whitewash, filter, edit, distort, or make more palatable the message we bring. If we are promoting ourselves, then let us do all we can to push our names to the top and be pleased with any recognition we may receive. But if it is God's Word we speak, let God see to the promotion of His Word as well as His servant. Better to have a small circle of influence with freedom to speak as we are led to speak than to have a large circle of influence obtained through a message deemed "safe for public consumption".

In order to rid us of the fear of man, the Lord will prepare a path for us strewn with misunderstanding. Finances will dry up. We will be placed on a shelf for many days, until we no longer look to people as our source. To overcome the fear of man we must be wholly GOD'S and no one else's. A man or a woman who does not need to be appreciated or understood; who does not desire compensation, material or otherwise; who does not desire a large ministry but a faithful one; this individual is free to be the SERVANT of all without being ENSLAVED to all.

May God quicken this to our hearts that we may fear no man.

First Nations Presents Proclamation Of Forgiveness

Flo Ellers

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FIRST NATIONS

On October 4, 2005, (Rosh HaShanah) at 10 A. M., a team of seven (7) Native American Indian leaders will meet at the White House with Mr. Rubin Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. Mr. Barrales will receive our "PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS" (see attachment #2) in behalf of President George Walker Bush. We are going as representatives of the Native community to address the America's people's "Chief". It is a "heads of nations" meeting if you will, and we will go according to Native protocol. We want to declare forgiveness on behalf of our people and declare forgiveness in Jesus Name and to ask our Heavenly Father to roll back the reproach and defilement on the land so that we might see revival in our nation.

The names of the ministers who will be going to the White House: BISHOP GLEN W. ANNISKETTE is a Thlingit Indian from Alaska. Glen currently lives in Tennessee. He has been ordained a bishop in the Church of God; Cleveland, TN and is an International Missionary Evangelist-at-Large. He has traveled to many nations financing evangelistic crusades touching countless thousands with the power of the Gospel.

REV. IVAN DOXTATOR is Oneida of the Iroquois Confederacy. The Oneida were the first allies ever of the young United States. It was the Oneida warriors and their women that broke through British lines at Valley Forge and took supplies to George Washington and his troops.

The Oneida sent over 200 warriors to the battle of Oriskany which was a real turning point in the Revolutionary War. That battle broke the back of the British advance and set in place their defeat at Saratoga. The Great law of the Iroquois Confederacy was the model for the Declaration of Independence and the young American Government. The Iroquois were present in 1776 at the development and signing of this historic document. Therefore, as a representative of his tribe, he carries much authority in the heavenlies to release this forgiveness.

REV. LINDA S. DOXTATOR (Cherokee) is a Licensed Professional Counselor that specializes in working with survivors of trauma. She was the Disaster Coordinator for WA Univ. and Univ. of MO during the Oklahoma Bombing and Floods of 1993. Linda works with the women and children in ministry with her husband Ivan as they seek healing for Native people.

REV. M. GEORGE KALLAPPA, SR. (Makah Tribe; Neah Bay, WA). After Rev. Kallappa received his Bachelor of Theology degree from Seattle Bible Training School he immediately went into full time ministry traveling to 60 tribal groups. He currently serves as Superintendent of the American Indian Fellowship of the Northwest Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God.

REV. DEWEY KIRSTEIN, III (Cherokee) is ordained with Goshen Ministries, Inc. and co-pastors Miracle Ministry in Virginia. Pastor Dewey has worked with YWAM since 1989 and has traveled to many nations and tribal peoples of the world.

CHIEF G. ANNE RICHARDSON is a Spirit-filled Christian working among her own people and the Navahos. She is a duly-elected tribal chief of a federally recognized tribe.

DR. FLO E. ELLERS (Tlingit from Alaska) is ordained with International Fellowship of Ministries—a John G. Lake ministerial organization. Rev. Ellers received her doctorate from Shalom Bible School; West Des Moines, IA in 1999. She has been traveling to the nations and working in full time ministry since 1982. Her ministry is Global Glory Ministries, Inc. Her current passion is to raise up and equip God's end time revivalists.

Dr. Ellers was asked to be the Native American representative during the "2nd Washington for Jesus" rally in 1996, where 500,000 Christians gathered at the Washington Mall in WA. D. C., to pray for this nation. She was given, along with the other speakers, 10 minutes to address the nation. As she prayed, the Holy Spirit inspired her with what later became known as the "Proclamation of Forgiveness" (see #2 attachment). Recently, Flo sensed the prompting of the Lord to present this document to President Bush so she worked with State Senator Greenleaf of Pennsylvania and he helped facilitate a presidential appointment with Mr. Rubin Barrales to present the "gift of forgiveness" to the Nation's Chief. She, along with her team believe once the President of the United States accepts the forgiveness, heaven will record this prophetic act and as a result revival will break forth in America.

If you or your ministry or church would like to help us financially to go to Washington, D. C., please make your checks out to Global Glory Ministries, Inc. Seven is the number of completion. There are seven of us going to the White House. As you know, the airfares, hotels and meals will be a huge expense for this venture. If you can only give $7 (one dollar for each First Nations representative) that would buy one McDonald's meal and we would be grateful for any gift small or large.

If you cannot give financially, will you at least pray for us? As you know, the enemy does not like what we are doing and we will encounter some warfare but it can be minimized if you will pray. "Goonalcheese!" That is "Thank You" in my Tlingit language.

Appreciatively,

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"Proclamation Of Forgiveness"

Presented to

The Honorable George Walker Bush, President of the United States

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord." (Psalm 24:1)

The earth is the Lord's by right of creation. His absolute sovereignty precludes our right to determine our own destiny. Our purpose for being is with the God who has created us all

ONE NATION UNDER GOD…

In Christopher Columbus' traveling diary, he said as he approached this land, "I was blown by the wind of God." Columbus came with a holy ambition to establish a nation where Christian liberty would prevail, but others who came did not all have a purity of heart. With force they used their long knives to take the wealth of the land; the temptation before them too powerful to resist. A brown-eyed people unable to defend their land and their families were consumed in the greed of the settlers from Europe. What would have been the ultimate outcome of this nation had the early settlers wholly followed the Puritans one desire for religious freedom?

ONE NATION UNDER GOD…

What would this nation be like today if our forefathers had resisted the proud attempt to take destiny into their own hands and seize the reigns of history?

ONE NATION UNDER GOD…

What would this nation be like today had the early pioneers been willing to present the Gospel to the Native American Indian and to lift them up out of their spiritual darkness to serve the Living God?

ONE NATION UNDER GOD…

Instead their lust for the gold in the land promoted acts of aggression on territories which were not their own. The encroachments were a willful violation of the Word of God that says,

"Do not remove the ancient landmark." (Proverbs 23:10) The bows and arrows, the hunting knives and the tomahawk were no match for the Remington rifles. A once proud people had to bow into submission as acre after acre was forcefully taken from them. What would this nation be like if all the races could have dwelt together in harmony sharing the land and its vast resources?

ONE NATION UNDER GOD…

Deceptive governmental leaders said, "Let's make covenant with these people. They are too naïve and could not possibly understand the ramifications of these treaties." So one by one a treaty was drawn up and one by one each of the 372 treaties were violated and broken. The intense hatred of the governmental leaders released orders for the genocidal eradication of the Red Man. The pony soldier's pet saying was, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian." The historic massacres amounted to over 50 million! The buffalo by the thousands lay slaughtered across the land and the once defiant Native American Indian blood soaked up the ground and the land became defiled and cursed.

O America, America, in the midst of all of this, God shed His Grace on thee. He brought you here for His eternal purpose—to bring religious freedom to this nation and the nations of the world. Your mandate from Him was for you to propagate the nations with the Gospel from your stately posture and you were to begin with First Nations people but you have never fulfilled your mandate from God. Instead, you force-marched them onto reservations and all their dignity was stripped from them—all hope for a future was gone. Their blood is crying out for restitution. We have sown to the wind and we have reaped the whirlwind. If our nation is to be changed our national sin must be recognized, acknowledged and repented of and then we can be

ONE NATION UNDER GOD…

There was another Man whose Blood was also shed. He was the Man from heaven; the very Son of God who came in the flesh approximately 2,000 years ago. He lived among men and healed all their hurts and diseases; and when His Blood splattered that ole' rugged cross, He never cried out for revenge but said, "Father forgive them…" Our shed blood cries out one message; His Blood cries out another message; therefore we as Native American Indian Christian representatives of the host people of this great nation make this proclamation to President George W. Bush, The Congress and other national leaders that we forgive our nation and its leaders for what they have done to us in the past. We believe if you will accept this Proclamation of Forgiveness we will see and experience a mighty outpouring of God's Presence that will affect all of the United States of America and then we will truly be

ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

Feast Of Hanukkah

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In 168 BC Antiochus IV Epiphanes conquered Jerusalem. He killed thousand and thousands of Jews. He offered swine in the temple upon the altar for the purpose of defiling the temple. He set up idols in the temple to be worshipped.

The church today represents this Antiochus . . . tares and false prophets sown into the modern day church for the purpose of killing the full counsel of the Written Word; presenting a defiled gospel. The church is full of idols such as lust for money, materialism, gluttony, witchcraft, sorcery, etc.

Three years later Mattathias started a revolt and after he died, his son Judas Maccabees (hammer; extinguisher) finished it.

Years ago Father started a revolt by calling a remnant out of the manmade structure of today's church. According to BARNA Research Group around one million have been called out of the structured church throughout the world. Satan tried to stop this revolt by harsh siftings and tribulations, which God allowed for the purpose of purifying Himself a bride. Those that remained within the sifting/purifying process have become the manifested sons of God, His firstfruits bride.

We have now come to the completion of this revolt. The celebration of Hanukkah is about to manifest (beginning eve of Dec. 25th), the firstfruits, the manifested sons, His firstfruits bride, are about to come forth to cleanse the manmade temple.

After the cleansing (represented by the firstfruits, separated remnant being purified) of the temple (now the living temple) there was found only one **small cruise** of **PURE** olive oil (Holy Spirit) with which to light their holy lamps. This **small cruise** of oil is representative of the **ONE SMALL**, purified remnant, filled with the Holy Spirit (oil), that was called out in previous years and have remain-ed faithful during the cleansing process. Now comes the miracle!

Hanukkah begins with the lighting of one candle on the menorah. Each evening after that, one additional candle is lit until the last evening when all **EIGHT** are now lit. This is also known as **Feast of Dedication**! The **SMALL cruise** of oil was miraculously multiplied to be enough to light all **EIGHT** candles; their own candle being the first one and then the following seven* This **SMALL** cruise will be used to bring the remaining body of Christ into completion . . . the completed living temple! (Eight is the number for completion.) HalleluJah!

The first lit candle is representative of the **SMALL** remnant that have been purified/ cleansed/ separated for the past years. Now remains **SEVEN**, representative of the remaining seven-year tribulation period of which we are about to enter (See study on A Purpose and End Result of the Seven Year Tribulation Pertaining to the Church; Daniel 12:10.) The **SMALL** remnant (small cruise of oil) will see you through until you become the bride . . . they have enough oil to bring forth a completed bride!* They have enough for the remaining seven days, until fresh jars of **CLEAN** oil could be brought into the temple . . . becoming the living temple . . . the bride!

Father is about to **DEDICATE** His living temple (the manifested sons) in this coming Feast of Dedication. A **SMALL**, faithful remnant is coming forth! You may ask why I think it will be this year during the Feast of Hanukkah (Dedication) of 2005. Because I know some of us have had spiritual visitations from the kingdom of our Father **to prepare us** for this coming Feast of Hanukkah. John 10:22,23 *And it was at Jerusalem the **feast of the dedication**, and it was winter. And **Jesus walked in the temple** . . .* read "living temple"!

Malachi 3:1
*Behold, **I will send My messenger (an angel), and he shall prepare the way before Me**: and the Lord, Whom ye seek, **shall suddenly come to His temple**,* (read "living temple", of which we are (I Cor. 6:19)) *even the Messenger of the covenant, Whom ye delight in: behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts*

*It is the responsibility for each individual to keep their own lamps filled after they have entered the holy of holies (Matt. 25:4-10)

Becoming The Bride Of Christ
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The Process You Must Go Through to Dwell in the Holy of Holies

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After you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, then you must go on to work out your salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). There are different seasons to accomplish this. One is in the wilderness experience of Israel, which deals with sin and is your opportunity to forsake sin and go into another season (Deut. 8:2,3).

Another season is the fiery furnace experience of Job, to reveal false doctrines and burn them out of you and replace them with truth – these are the foundational truths - then you continue to have revelations of truth as you continue to grow (Job 34:32,35; 36:9-11). He brings you out from under Agar and puts you under Sarah. (In this current day, some are going back under Agar, known as Jewish Roots movement.) When these foundational truths are established, you go into another season. This fiery furnace experience can go hand in hand with the wilderness experience. Other types/shadows of the Old Testament are Daniel in the lions' den (Dan. 6:16) and the three Hebrew boys in the fiery furnace (Dan. 3:23-26).

Yet another season is in the cave of David, waiting for your deliverance to come forth. This is also portrayed in David with his 5 stones (representative of the purified saints) in the bag, waiting for their time to come forth. They have already been purified in trials and tribulations and are now smooth stones, ready for the master's use (II Tim 2:20-22). They are gathered together, waiting (some are literally gathered together and others are spiritually in the same place of waiting) . . . some are discouraged, some are in debt (I Sam. 22:1,2).

The final season of preparation to become the bride is the prison portrayed by the isolation chambers of Joseph in the dungeon. Here you are alone with the Lord, being tested to see if you will remain faithful when there is only you and the Lord and your hopes have been deferred multiple times. Betrayals have brought you to this place (Gen. 40:23), lies have been told about you and believed (Gen. 39), there is no defense, these lies have caused you to be put into the deep isolation chambers of the dungeon BUT you come to realize it was God's will for you to be placed here; forgiveness comes for all those that hurt you.

When these seasons are finished, you've become crucified to self. You've participated in the sufferings of Christ and the work is now complete. Your exit from this season is done hastily – all of a sudden, totally unexpected (Gen. 41:14)! Joseph's gift/calling brought him out of these seasons of preparation (Gen. 41:9-13; Prov. 18:16).

When you have accomplished these seasons, you become the bride of Christ, also known as the manifested (disclosure, revealed) sons of God (Rom. 8:19); those that have come into the full sonship of the Lord. Then you enter and dwell in the holy of holies Your inheritance of the kingdom (governmental rule) then manifests. The ones that don't complete this process, are either spewed out (Rev. 3:16) or dwell in the outer or inner courts and are the guests to the wedding IF they endure to the end; even the guests must have on the robe of righteousness (Matt. 22:11,12).

The outer court saints are the ones that the antichrist wears down and overcomes (subdue, conquer, get the victory over) because they did not go on to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit (II Tim. 3:5), the power source of God's kingdom.

Inner court saints have the baptism of the Holy Spirit but stayed at that place and didn't go on into the refining fires to become the bride of Christ. They love the gifts of the Spirit but go no further. This is where the foolish virgins must go back into to buy the oil for their lamps. There is a price to pay (surrendering one's life) to receive the Holy Spirit (oil) and a higher price to enter into the holy of holies (Luke 14:28-33).

When you become the bride, this is when you have become "they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony" (Rev. 12:11). This is where you inherit the governmental rule of the Lord (Dan. 7:18). The preceding is the process in which you must go through to come to this inheritance.

Please don't be as the foolish virgins (Matthew 25:1-12). Don't give up and let go of your rewards of what took years to be prepared to receive! This is the place where you receive your full inheritance of the "blessings of the Lord". It seems to me the foolish virgins got caught up in the "blessings" and miracles and allowed the call upon their lives to dissipate; they lost their inheritance because there was not time to go (back to the inner court) and buy the oil needed for their lamps and get back into the holy of holies; the door was closed and would NOT open again.

Keep your eyes focused on the fact that the groom IS COMING to the remnant to make them the bride and give them entrance into the holy of holies. You've been adorned (you've had a visitation from the angels of the Lord and they prepared you for His coming (Mal. 3:1), this was in the spiritual realm) but there's still been a time of waiting, BUT I can assure you, the wait won't be as previously experienced. Don't get impatient and don't allow others to deter you from your hope and vision . . . HANG on . . . the groom IS on His way! Any day now, His appearing to His bride shall be! This is not the wedding according to Rev. 19:9. This is the High Priest coming to allow us entrance into the holy of holies, as the Old Testament type/shadow.

Perhaps this COMING will be this year during the Feast of Hanukkah, also known as the Feast of Dedication (beginning eve of Dec. 25th) . . . He'll dedicate the bride as the bride. HalleluJah!

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In a revelatory Realm of Heaven by the Holy Spirit the eyes of my spirit are open. I see a flood of revelation flowing like a river toward me. I feel the manifest presence of the Lord. I see angels all around in heaven. I feel the glory of God coming upon the Church to the Earth.

I see this holy being before me saying, "welcome to the Third Heaven". I could see his huge and long wings that were more then easy to cover himself or others around him. He could cover himself with these wings and still there will be more of the wing to cover others.

Then he said, "Again welcome to the third heaven, for the Third heaven is also in those born of the Spirit for they are the Temple of the Holy Spirit. You have within your self the Most Holy Place. The Glory of the Lord will come to the church and fill all his people and then pour out into the world.

As he spoke knowledge was giving to me that this is a revelation angel who functions are to protect, and hide mysteries for a set time to be release. He then said, the Lord of Sabaoth says that the time has come to release and uncover these mysteries for this time.

However, the Redeem must pray for the Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Revelation to be poured out upon them. They must pray for seeing eyes and hearing ears. The Lord now gives to His Church the Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Revelation. There will be great prophetic rivers and great revelation rivers pour out upon His body.

Then the revelation angel looks into my eyes, and could see holy fire in His eyes. Then this holy fire in his eyes came out into my eyes. My eyes begun to burn and I could see living fire in my eyes.

Now in Heaven I had a vision in this vision, I could see flying eyes and flying ears release upon the body of Christ. Then the revelation angel said I have two golden earrings giving to me from the Lord of Sabaoth for you. Then the angel put these two golden earrings through my ears, my ears begun to hear new sounds in heaven that I never heard before and my ears begun to burn with holy fire too.

Then the revelation angel took from under his right wind a tall glass of revelation. He said this is the revelation that shall be pouring out in this time in your generation. Now the Lord of Sabaoth has asked of you to drink this cup and drink all of it.

Now the revelation angel said those who see your heart should be giving the holy fire in your eyes, those who become your bondservant shall be giving your golden earrings. Those who are seated in fellowship and in love with you shall be giving the same cup of revelation that was giving to you today.

Those don't see your heart their sight will be remove, those who don't become your bondservant shall lose their hearing ear, and those who don't seat and fellowship and love with you shall not drink of this wine. I am not saying this just to you, but I am saying this to all those that shall bear the cup of this revelation in this time.

Your Lord will pour out such revelation in this time and in this generation that there will be higher accountable that He will hold His people of this time and of this generation accountable.

Then I could hear the Holy Spirit say I give you grace for your sight and I give you grace for you hearing. I love to speak, and fellowship with you my people. I love to lead you unto your destiny in Christ. I love to lead you unto hope and a good future.

Now I see another angel come beside the other angel. This was an angel name the mysteries angel, he says I am like revelation angel in certain areas and we work together. The revelation angel remains in the third heaven well I come to earth to speak among God's people. I only speak to those who can see me, and only those whom the Lord anointed their eyes and ears to see and ear from me can only see or hear me. In the last 20 years I have been busy planting seeds of revelation around the world in those who can see. Now we come to the time that those seeds will grow, multiply, fill the earth and be harvested.

Revelation is harvested through the fruits that come forth from revelation, and the worship that giving to the Father through the revelation giving to him. I will visit those who I planted seeds of revelation with throughout their life. Even if they don't know that I am there, but still they can see me. I will be with them in the seedtime, the drying time, the lifetime, growing time, multiply time and the harvest time. Those that I have plant seeds with are ministers of revelation and have be giving a ministry of revelation from the Lord.

Now the revelation angel said the time has come, the generation has come for me to open wide my wings and release the hidden revelation for this time, upon the body of Christ. The Lord will fill His Church with revelation.

Now the mysteries angel said now I will go to the home churches, cell churches, local bodies, cities, groups, networks, nations, the world, and the Body of Christ and speak to them on those levels. I will speak on a group level instead on a person-to-person level, and I will be with them in seedtimes, growing times, multiply times and the harvest times. The mysteries angel says that the drying times are not giving on a group level only on a personal level. The mysteries angel says that the Lord give the church a ministry of revelation to the world in this time, and the church together shall be ministers of revelation in this time.

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In a revelatory Realm of Heaven by the Holy Spirit the eyes of my spirit are open. I see two angels, revelation angel and mysteries angel standing before me. Then I hear a trumpet sound with the ears of my heart.

Revelation angel says this is the holy sound calling the Lord's people to His Throne. Let us go and see what the Lord would say to you in this time for his people.

Then I could see another angel a strong and powerful angel standing before me. He then said there are other angels like me, but not that many. We lead the Lord's armies under the Lord of Host who is the Lord of Sabaoth. We are preparing now for a great battle that we will fight very soon. Yes there are other battles that we are fighting right now. We are most busy when the saints pray on the earth.

A great battle is about to begin; this battle will be fought within the church. This will be one of the great battles, but this battle must come in order for the church to fulfill her destiny and that the prophetic words over her can come to pass, this battle is about destiny.

Now I see another angel that looks like a diplomat. He says that he is sent forth to give the word of the Lord to those who will change history. He brings the Lord's commission to those who will change history. There is only one of me; I am at the Lord's Command I carry only His word in certain times and seasons. The Lord has power to change times and seasons.

The times and seasons are going to change for the church. This will be times of the Lord's favor and times of the beginning of His glory arising in the church. These will be times when He will pour out revelation upon the church, and the church shall be giving the mind of Christ, which is a life of revelation from the Lord.

Now the two angels, revelation angel and mysteries angel standing with me said it now time to move on to the Throne Room. We then began to fly very fast in heaven. It seems that heaven is a big place. Then the mysteries angel says heaven is lager then earth and hell. Heaven grows everyday with glory and power. Heaven is full of the fruits of the Spirit. When you come to the Throne Room you come to Heaven by faith in the Spirit. You are to be filled up with heaven so you can take it back to earth and impart it to the body of Christ and to the world. This is what every believer is to do.

Now we come to the area outside of the Throne Room. It was so glorious, powerful, great light and great revelation. The Revelation angel says what you see, hear, and feel will become the life of church and the world will witness this everyday from the church.

Now I had a vision in the vision of heaven that I am having right now. I could see before the outside of Throne Room a battlefield this battlefield was huge before my eyes and it look like you had to go through a lot to get to the throne room.

Then the revelation angel and mysteries angel and me jump into this vision. I could hear the loud sound from the Throne Room calling His Body to the Throne Room. But getting there seemed to be great battle that had to be fought.

The mysteries angel says if they only know the truth that they can come to Throne all the time, by the Blood of Christ. The church lack vision and does not know her destiny. Many members have hard time praying and seeking God. They have a hard time coming to the Throne Room, for the reason they lack knowledge.

They need a revelation of the Throne Room to overcome the lies and deceptions of the enemy. Prayerlessness was everywhere. Many members lack the discipline to pray for the reason they lack vision. But the Lord is going to Baptist his church with holy love, burning love, passionate love for the Lord. In addition, the church lack discipline in prayer for reason they have a lack of love toward their Lord.

Now I could see saints that made it into the Throne Room standing at the door of the Throne Room, praying and crying out for those on the battlefield. Then I could see many, upon many, upon many and upon many fighting in this on going battle to get to the Throne Room.

I could see some who had been to the Throne Room many times and went back to dug up wells of past revivals, I could see many wells being dug up again, even wells that other didn't think of. These ones went back by the leading of the Lord to dug wells of past revivals had in them burning hearts of fire.

I could see as the wells were dug up. Then I could see those who dug them pray, and pray, and pray for the Lord to bless them again. Then angels came from nowhere with cups of water, this water was supernatural water. They then pour this water into the wells that we had dug up again. Once when this supernatural water touch the bottom of these wells that water in them open up and begun to fill and become full and begun to over flow.

Now I could see floodgates holding the new revivals back and I could see man made dams trying to hold back other revivals. I could see prophets speaking to them to open up. Then one by one the floodgates open, and one by one the dams break forth.

Now I could see as the well of revivals and these new revivals begun to fill the earth. Then I could see the life of God begun to fill the battlefield.

But before all of these good news happens. I had a vision that those many that found it hard to come to Throne Room that some of them begun to attack with swords and tongues those who were used to dug up the wells again and those who were trying to open the floodgates and break through the dams.

I also could see fire fall from Heaven from the Throne Room. This was revelation coming down. It looked like rocks of fire coming down from the Throne Room. Revelation was coming to every place. Revelation will come, the glory of the Lord will come, and the goodness of the Lord will come.

Now those who were not being touch by the rocks of revelations, those who didn't receive the rock of revelation were the ones that begun to pick up swords against their brothers and sisters who had revelation.

First of all these that don't have revelation didn't want it, now they are angry with those who had revelation. And this angry was from demons of hate and of religion.

Now I could see angels come from everywhere with swords to fight against those who fight against their brothers and sisters who had revelation. This was the beginning of the great battle that must be fought, won, and overcome.

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In a revelatory Realm of Heaven by the Holy Spirit the eyes of my spirit are open. I could see a powerful light throughout heaven. I then heard a voice saying this powerful light is the great light that the church shall walk in these days and this great light will be the light that lights the way for the future and the end time church.

Now again I see these two angels, revelation angel and mysteries angel standing next to me, then they said now it is time for you to see more what is about to happen in your time.

I then see a vision in a vision of a globe; this globe was around us, it was a vision in us and a vision around you, and vision of my heart.

Then I could see armies of angels place above each nation around the world. I then looked upon the European nations and could see many, many, many, many, many angels that I could not number. They were placed over each nation waiting for their release from the Lord of the Hosts.

Then one of the angels standing waiting over one of the European nations said to me, very soon the spiritual nature of these nations will begin shaking and moving under the power of the Holy Spirit. There is coming a heavy anointing of the Holy Spirit upon these nations.

Now I see armies of angels placed over African nations, and again I see many, many, many that I could not number. Then one of these angels over one of these African nations said to me, the Lord is arising a powerful and mighty church in Africa that will shake the nations of the earth. The Church of Africa will be a spiritual leader to the body of Christ around the world.

Now I see armies of angels over the nations of Asia, then one of these angels with a company of angels over one of these nations began to talk to me, The Holy Spirit will humble, and move mighty in hearts of His people, you will see great signs in the earth in these parts of the world. These great signs will be many, and these great signs will began the fear of the Lord to the world. There will be great fear of the Lord abound in the hearts of many in these parts of the world. Upon many souls, many souls will be humbled and will fearfully worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

Now I see armies of angels over each nation in the Middle East, and one those angels among a company of angels said to me, from these nations the church of each of these nations will arise with greatness, for so long you have seen these churches under the feet of others however, no longer shall this be. The Lord will open wide the gates and doors of these nations to the Church and the Kingdom of God.

Now I see armies of angels over each of nations of Central America and South America, now one of the angels of one of the companies of angels placed over these nations said to me, the Lord will open the gates of deliverance and repentance wide over these nations. Now I could see pure and holy rivers began to flow in many places in these nations and these rivers grow and became strong rivers and these strong rivers grow and became mighty rivers in the lands of these nations. Now these rivers begun to connect with each other and begun to created floods between themselves and flooding these lands in these nations.

Now I could see an army of angels over America and an army of angels over Canada, and one of these angels came to me saying, great burning fires will burn throughout these two nations. These great burning fires will never be put out, instead these great burning fires will increase and fill these two nations and the hearts and minds of these people. These great burning fires will go to all the nations of the earth. Then I look over each of the American States and I could see armies of angels over each of these states too, and likewise over the Canada provincials too.

Now in Heaven after this powerful vision I could see other men and women of God standing with us and they have been with us since the beginning of these prophetic words to the church and the world. We all worship and give praise and thanksgiving to the Lord.

However, then there was no noise or sound in heaven, after awhile the Holy Spirit said, it is time to get you houses in order, get your hearts in order, seek the Lord with all your hearts and actions. Be busy in seeking and praying to God in this time. Prepare yourselves for what is about to befall the church and the nations of the world.

Now the Lord of Sabaoth, who is the Lord of the Hosts, who is Jesus Christ our Lord, was standing before us all. He begun to speak and He begun to say, "I did not come to bring peace, I am coming with a sword in my mouth, I am coming to establish my will, my house, my kingdom, and those who will repent in their ways and mindsets can enter into my leading in this time and hour for the church and then for the world."

"What is about to begin is the great Battle of your time, this battle must come. For this battle is a reformation, is a revival, and I will pour out great light, great revelation, and great power and you shall know of the goodness of the Lord."

"What will come forth from this; is massive movements of the Holy Spirit throughout the body of Christ and throughout the world."

"What shall come forth from this Great Battle; is revival life for my church, I will restore the revival life, and revival will be a way of life."

"What shall come forth from this great battle; are revivals and my resting glory upon cities. Revivals will be here and there, and near your heart. Revivals will come and go and revivals will come and remain, and revivals will come and birth more revivals. Revival will come and go from revival to revival."

"What shall come forth from this great battle; will be massive revivals throughout the world and the church, massive revivals resting and remaining in cities around the world; a life of massive revivals and glory coming, coming, and going from revival to revival."

"This great battle is the battle that will break out among the church when the outpouring of revelation begin, this revelation will lead to the opening of the seals that will lose these times and life of power, glory, and revival in the church and throughout the world."

Furthermore, the Holy Spirit says, the great battle is about to begin, and the leading up to this great battle is already in action and movement. The outpouring of revelation is going to begin!

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I see a flood of glory flowing into my life; the eyes and ears of my hearts are open. In a vision I am taking to Heaven, I am now in a revelatory Realm of Heaven by the Holy Spirit. I hear the voice of the Holy Spirit say, bless are those who can see and bless those who can ear that they may enter into the visionaries times.

Do you know when God is moving, can you see God in others, can you see the touch of God upon the church, where is God building and where is He moving today? Bless are those who know and see these things.

Do you hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to the churches, to the city church, to national churches and to the body of Christ? Can you hear Him speak through His prophets and apostles? Do you understand what He is saying today? Bless are those who see, hear and understand these things.

Then revelation angel and mysteries angel says, it time to continue on with these prophetic words. Now I see moving visions and prophetic words flying down from Heaven entering into the months of His Holy Prophets. The living moving visions and prophetic words are living and moving lights and moving waters hovering and flying to the months and the hearts of the Holy Prophets.

Now I looked and see others around us that they too are seeing these prophetic words that the two angels are releasing to their trust and care. The Holy Spirit says, these are the hidden ones that have been planted by the Lord throughout the world. Soon there time will come and they will be establish in the church and in the earth for they are establish in heaven. They are the ministers of revelation.

Now I hear again the calling sound of the Throne Room. The two angels say it is now time to go before the Throne Room. The Two angels say you only need faith in your heart to go before the Throne Room. Now we came to this great door that is the door to the Throne Room. There were two angels guarding it, one on the right and the other on the lift. The door to the Throne Room was always open to His people to enter into by the Blood of Christ.

Now I enter into the Throne Room, and I could see the Lord Jesus at the Right Hand of the Father. I could hear Him praying and making intercession for the church, for Israel, and for the world.

Now I look upon the Throne of the Father I could only see light, He was covered with light. This light begun to fill my soul and heart, this light filled heaven, and then this light filled the church, and then this light filled the world.

This is the coming great light that will fill every born again believer, the church will be a church full of the light of the Father and the light of Christ.

As this light filled my heart, mind and body this light begun to shine from inside toward the outside. I was filled with this light, and I was covered with this light and I give out this light to those around me.

Now I could see this light filled the believers in Christ and likewise this light filled them and covered them and shines out from them and touches those around them.

The Church become full of light, I could see as the church begun to fill with this light and I begun to see this light arise across the body of Christ all over the world.

Then I could see this light began to come down upon cites and nations all over the world. I could see communities being filled with this light.

I began to look more upon the light of the Father, for He was covered with pure holy light. As I kept my eyes upon Him, I begun to change, my eyes and my ears were opening more. The more as I stand before the light of the Father the more I changed and the more I see and hear from the Throne Room. My heart begun to become full of light, it is like my heart is now a lamp stand for the Light of the Father and the Light of Christ.

Now as I look at the light that covered the face of the Father I begun to see visions coming forth in the light of the Father. I could see a vision of North America and I could see living holy fires all over Canada and America and as look into sky over these two nations the skies was as of holy burning fire and this holy burning fire rain upon these two nations, the rivers and seas of these nations were as of holy burning flowing fire.

Then the Father's hand reached into this vision of holy fire and took some of this fire from out of this fire and imparted into me heart. The fire was so great, the fire burn, burn, and burn.

Now I could see another vision come forth from the light of the Father in this vision I see Africa and the glory of God covering these lands. The Father said there only need is for the glory of God to cover Africa. I could see this was the glory in the book of Acts as In Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came upon those waiting upon the Lord. I begun to see the signs of the Apostles and I begun to see the believers move in signs and these was the life of God in them. Then again the hand of the Father reached into this vision of Africa and took apart of this glory and imparted into my heart.

The Father says, I will to impart the fire and the glory into every child in my house; for the fire and glory will come upon the hearts of all my children. I then see a vision come forth in the light of the Father and I see many hearts with the fire of the Lord resting upon them and I see the glory of the Lord cover each of these hearts.

Now I see another vision come forth in the light of the Father, I see a vision of the Middle East, I see angels flying fast and moving fast over all these nations, I then see mass numbers turned to the Lord. Government's fall, rise, and change at the working of these angels.

Now I see another vision come forth from the light of the Father this vision was a vision of Europe, I could see many clouds over these lands. I see clouds over cities and clouds over nations. I can hear the prayers of the saints and I could see the fire of the Holy Spirit among them. I hear these words, things are going to changes, and things will not always to remain the same. These begun to rain one by one, some rain at first to begin and as they rain others begun to rain. I then heard these words; all the past revivals and moves of God will all come again in one generation to the nations of Europe, now only they will come, they will come with a double portion of the early moves of God.

Now I see a vision of Russia and nine other nations in that part of the world. I see strong movements of the Spirit, stronger then the mighty waves of the Oceans. I see these movements come like mighty waves, and like mighty storms. I could see just as storm weather acts upon the earth touches so many likewise these strong storms of the Spirit would do to these lands however, instead of destroying things in there way, the blessings, the glory and the kingdom will come, and yes the works of the devil will be destroy.

Now I see another vision in the light of the Father. This is a vision of the rest of Asia, and I see mighty signs, might, happens, and mighty manifestations of the Holy Spirit. These lands will know the Scriptures and will know the power of God. I see many, upon many movements of the power of God.

Now I see a vision in the light of the Father, this is a vision of the nation of Japan, and see mighty movements of the Holy Spirit shaking this nation all over, I see there cities strike with the power, might and the shaking of the Holy Spirit, massive number were saved all over Japan. Now I see a new sun arise over this nation under God, This sun is the Sun of Righteousness with healing in His wings and power beams striking, touching, and impacting everyone.

Now I see in a vision Center and South America and I see running honey come down from the Third Heaven, and I see running wine coming down from the Third Heaven both the honey and the wine cover these lands and nations.

Now I see a vision of Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands and I see rushing mighty winds of the Holy Spirit all over these nations. I see these mighty winds blowing over and blowing throughout these lands. I see these winds resting and living upon these lands.

Now I see a vision of the earth, and see angels with revivals going from the Throne Room to the nations of the Earth. I could see fire there and here, there were revivals everywhere.

Now I see another vision of the earth and I see in earth the church as the bride of Christ in waiting and being prepared. Then the Father with his hands took this great and huge bottle and then the light of Father poured as liquid into this bottle unlit this bottle was full of the light of the Father. Then He took this liquid light of the father and poured it upon the bride of Christ; and then this liquid light flow as liquid light from the church to the cities, nations and the world.

As I stood before the Father and The Son, the light of Father came more and more upon me, and as I stood I enter into the light of the Father, I moved into the light of the Father. I heard the Father say enter into the light of the Father. The Light of the Father is the coming great light upon the church and the earth.

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The Holy Spirit comes upon me and then I see a vision of a revelatory Realm of Heaven. Now the revelation angel and mysteries angel says these are the days of great light, great revelation, great revivals, and massive reformation that will come upon the church and then overflow into the cities, nations and the world.

I then see a tree standing before me in a vision. The fruits are full and ready to eat. This is the tree of glory and its fruits are revivals that come upon the church and then overflow into the world. The leaves are the grace to enter into these revivals. Now I see another tree this is called redemptive judgment, and fruits on this tree are called reformation, and leaves are called mercy. The fruits on this tree are full and ready to eat. There will come reformation to the church and there will be reformation in the world. We have entered into the times of glory and judgment.

Now we continue onward to a place in heaven where there is a huge window and this window is a supernatural mirror that brings changes to the earth. Changes the earth into the image of heaven, which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now we looked down unto earth, and we see a great mountain that increases and grows throughout the world and at the top of this great mountain is the city of God.

Now I see this great wind that covered the earth and hovered over the earth. Then this person stood before us. He is the Lord of the Harvest.

Now He began to talk in great authority, His voice shakes the church and the world, all things that was shaken, except for the Kingdom of God and the Bride of Christ. There was all over, covering and around Him a consuming fire. Then I see strong and mighty angels standing guard next to Him.

There are two mighty angels standing guard and standing watch, they are waiting to raise their swords against those things that withstood the changes and movements of the Holy Spirit In addition, they will Holy Spirit. There are angels place wherever that the Holy Spirit will move in such movements to raise their swords against those things that do not become humble, or become meek in the presence of the Lord.

Now the Lord of the Harvest has begun to speak His council to those who have a hearing ear. He says He is building houses of Harvest all over the world. These houses will grow, increase, and become huge for the glory of Christ. These houses will be centers of equipping, sending out, and resting places. These houses will connect together in vision and in anointing.

Now within the cities the houses of harvest will connect too in vision and in anointing. As the numbers of gain are reap and gathered into these houses of harvest they will become too limited to hold such gain and such glory and they will begin to work together and come together more and more, unlit there is a sound oneness comes forth. They will walk in union and in harmony as one church in the city.

Now I see a vision of a house that the Lord is building, this is the house of the Lord, from the foundation of the apostles and prophets the Lord will build His house and fill His house with glory.

Now the Lord of the Harvest begun to speak about the coming harvests, I could see the winds of the Holy Spirit blow upon the cities and nations of the world. I could see great numbers and beyond numbers of angelic activity all over the world. I could see massive numbers come to know the Lord as the winds of the Holy Spirit blow upon them.

There were harvests in cities across the world. The winds of the Holy Spirit went from city to city, I could see nations after nations change under the power of God. I could see the societies change under the power of the Lord; many societies became very fruitful in all things unto godliness and unto the Lord. I could see the image of cities change under the power of the Lord to the image of Christ.

Now I see the labors that equipped the labors that will equip the labors that will enter into the coming harvests. I could see a sea of labors entering into the fields of harvests, these labors were not ordained ministers, and instead they were saints.

Now I see nations under the glory of the Lord, now I see societies under the glory of the Lord, now I see cities under the glory of the Lord, and now I see communities under the glory of the Lord. I see schools, colleges and the marketplaces under the power and glory of the Lord.

Therefore the Lord of the Harvest, who is the Holy Spirit said; I speak unto the church in prophecy, visions and dreams. Hear what I say unto the churches, he or her who have a hearing ear or a seeing eye hear and see what I say unto the churches and unto the church. These things I say will become real, pray for these things to come to pass, seek my council and prepare for them to become real, and pray for wisdom in how to move forth in the steps of prophetic fulfillment, for I will teach you, show you the way, and lead you.

Therefore the mysteries angel says, the time has come that the eyes and ears of the church to be open. The church will no longer sleep, for the time has come for the church to awake. The Lord gives this generation the seeing eyes and the hearing ear, that they will see and hear and enter in, for revelation are doors and gates to the glory of the Lord, and the goodness of the Lord.

Therefore the revelation angel says, the door to the Throne Room is wide open and calling sound is going forth in the church, and hear the call to come up here by faith, for those who come before the Throne Room will be giving the keys to open all doors and gates of the supernatural and the glory of God in the earth.

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Follow Me

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Image on my spiritual eye
I am walking along the beach with Yeshua, He indicates me on a lighthouse.

This lighthouse radiates clearly.

On the ground near the lighthouse there is movement and noise

The image comes closer….
People are on their way going from one event to another event….

It seems a bit like a marketplace "come to see, come to see"

These are meetings with a lot of miracles, but the people obviously are not getting enough of this and they are going from one meeting to another…

Wonders and signs and beautiful music, it seems like a sort of funfair, and they are building a lot of buildings, and the buildings must become very beautiful, more beautiful then the ones before.

Suddenly the image change to the other side the image on the other site is different.

People are stumbling, are sick…there are great disasters, But you can see people are helping, sometimes they are coming together to worship their Master, but after that they swarm out again to help the other people.(Isaiah 61:1)

Then I saw both images together…. and something strange happend: The light and the bright radiance of the lighthouse seems to get weaker and weaker….

But on the other side, where it seems to be darker, there the light started to shine brighter and brighter ….
There is a big radiance of light

Explanation:

Image of the area around the lighthouse:
Christians who are running after miracles instead of surching for the Fathers heart...…. busy with building new buildings … to the point that the buildings become an idol
These Christians are more busy with these kind of things then with their God Who wants to circumcise their hearts and change them.

Image of the other side:
The world with her circumstances, and the Christians who only come together to search and worship

the Lord and after that they go back into the world serving the people…(Isaiah 61: 1)

The light of the lighthouse stands for Jesus, He wants to do something new in the world, what no eye has seen and no ear has heard… religion, old structures and old forming will He leave behind… He wants to be there where people search Him and where people want to follow Him, because His Heart is burning for the lost souls.

The word of the Lord:

"Follow me, and come with me, to catch fish….
I see the lost world; I see it with pain in My heart….
But I also see the future behind these events….
I see de back of the embroidery
I love you My children, I have allowed you for a long time to go your own way.
But if you read my Word then you see that I didn't pay a lot of attention to the miracles that I performed…
I often said: Don't say a word… I already knew that many of them were looking for Me only for getting their own desires
Only few are reading My Fathers heart.. A heart that is burning for the lost souls… a heart that wants to proclaim freedom to the captives, heal the broken hearted, to let out into light those bound in the dark…. But He also wants to change the lives of the people.
To change a heart of stone into a heart of flesh.
A miracle is then only a small part of what I Am doing in peoples live… The result which I have in mind is much bigger.
And that result is: A new child in My kingdom…A temple available where I can come in with My presence
Don't let your desirers go after miracles and signs, do not rejoice about that, rejoice for your name is written in the Book of Life!
And follow Me, I need your legs to walk… your hands to bless… your mouth to proclaim My love… FOLLOW ME… and I will affirm you.
And you will do greater things then I when I walked on the earth.
Follow Me!
And I will be the Light that shines in and over a lost and dark world…."
Your loving Father

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FOOTPRINTS

by Bill Somers

We often hear mention of types and shadows in the Bible. These are part of the figurative language the Lord uses all throughout scripture. In order to understand this figurative language, I believe it will help to consider exactly what are types and shadows. The use of the terms ‘type’ and ‘shadow’ are themselves figures of speech. And a figure of speech is a device or means of presenting information, written or spoken, through *verbal* images, figures or pictures.

What are verbal images? Analogies, metaphors, similes, symbols etc.
What skills are needed to use or understand them?
What peculiarities of types and shadows in the natural (in real life) are carried over into their use in the Bible?
What can this teach us about understanding God's word?

Shadows. Compare for example a photo and a silhouette. A photo shows a realistic likeness of its subject while a silhouette shows only the outline of the subject. The details of the outline are accurate but everything inside is obscured. Sometimes it takes a fair amount of skill or guesswork to identify the subject from looking at the silhouette. Now compare a silhouette with a shadow. Both are outlines of the subject; and both may be quite accurate in the details of the outline. A shadow however can be drastically out of proportion, it can be distorted by stretching or by foreshortening. It can be skewed at an odd angle. It may fall across an uneven or irregular surface whose details make the shadow hard to discern. Discerning a shadow is more difficult when you have very little light to go by. It often helps to have light from more than one source. Sometimes a shadow will be mixed in with shadows of other subjects. In these cases it helps to have a good knowledge of the subject when you try to pick out the shadow.

So when it comes to understanding the language in the bible, we find that the figures of speech are very often obscure. They are dark sayings or dark speech. ‘Shadows’ is actually a very accurate description. Picking out various shadows from a confused background can require a lot of skill. A particular person or thing can be used as one kind of shadow in one chapter and be used as another kind in the next chapter.

Types. One of the root meanings of type as used in Greek is ‘footprint’. Let’s consider the nature of footprints and the problems we sometimes have in reading them. A footprint is the print or impression that is left in the ground by a man or animal. It indicates the outline or shape of the foot that made it. The quality and readability of a footprint can vary greatly with the condition of the ground and the attitude of the subject. Prints on hard ground are very faint, on uneven ground, they can be distorted. On grassy soil they may be totally unnoticed. Also if the subject was running or turning at the time, the print can be greatly distorted. Commonly footprints can be mixed in, over or under other ones adding to the difficulty. A tracker has to develop great skill in reading footprints to be successful. Again, the more you are familiar with the subject that made the print, the better you can identify it. The more light you have during your investigation, the easier time you will have.

So it follows that the more you know of the things of God, the easier you can see what the types and shadows He uses in His word refer to. And the more light, illumination of the Holy Spirit, you have, the easier it is to see what His word means. It is the experience of receiving the quickened word that develops your understanding. Add to this the fact that every revelation of His inner truth can be the foundation of a further revelation. This is the maturity, or skill in the word referred to in Hebrews 5.13 *For every one that useth milk [is] unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them* ***that are of full age****, ….*"

Another very important element in this skillfulness is the understanding that there can be and often are several themes active in a given passage of scripture. And there are multiple lessons that can be found in the same verses. This is because types and shadows can overlap. Just as footprints can overlap or be mixed up with others, and shadows can overlap and cross, so can the 'types and shadows' in the bible. So part of the skill in discerning these is to be able to filter out details that do not pertain to a particular theme or lesson. This sometimes means taking things out of context, and sometimes means adding missing details. So how do you do this with out adding to or subtracting from the word of God? Only as led by the Spirit. And as you receive revelation knowledge in this way, submit it to others for judgment, just as you would with any prophecy.

This means that not only are there multiple lessons in a passage of scripture, but there can be multiple interpretations of the passage, all correct.

For example, in the Story of Balaam and the Ass there are multiple lessons found. ***And it's all in how you explain the elements of the story to bring out the lesson you wish to give.***

A. Balaam can be seen as a type of man in general. When the ass wanders off into the field, it speaks of man distracted by the things of this world. When the ass crashes into the wall of the vineyard, it speaks of the Lord chastising those in the Church [the vineyard]. When the ass comes to the narrow place, it speaks of truly following the path of holiness.
B. Balaam can be seen as a type of the Church coming into revival.
C. Balaam and the Ass together can be seen as a type of the Church coming into revival, here Balaam in the main body of the Church and the ass represents the prophetic ministry, which can see what the main body of the Church cannot.
D. Balaam can be seen as a type of false ministry contrasted with the ass, a type of true ministry. Then the story becomes one of role reversal. The prophet acting like an ass and the ass acting like a prophet.
E. This can also speak of the way true prophetic ministry is often rejected.
F. There is also a lesson in judging by the outward appearance. Someone you may think is an ass may suddenly begin to move in the prophetic. And some who commonly move in the prophetic, may act like asses when they are in the flesh.
G. The conflict portrayed when Balaam strikes the ass can be seen as a type of the prophesied 'Civil War in the Church'. In this case when the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, the conflict stopped.
H. The vision of the Angel of the Lord with **drawn sword** causing the ass to lay down speaks of intercession being made upon seeing the Lords Judgments in the Earth [the sword].

And so on. Each of these is a good sound interpretation, but does not exclude the others. The lessons and messages derived here just have to be presented at the right time and with the anointing of the Spirit to have the effect He intends.

Many examples can be made of these principles in other parts of the bible. They will come to us as we are open to the Spirit's teaching us and developing our skill in the word. The diet of meat, that belongs to them of full age, brings skill in the Word of Righteousness.

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For California

Angela Gulartie

"The Intentions of the Lord for California vs. false prophets"
Angela Gulartie
Sep 23, 2005
[Posted from Upstream Ministries]
From a California prophetess who is a strong intercessor...

Dear Pris,

The Holy Spirit has released me to speak regarding California, with the posting today (9/22) of Robin Paisley's call to prayer, that out of the mouths of two witnesses, it may be confirmed.

Robin is hearing accurately as did Rosalie Snyder, who posted the submission entitled "The Big One", on www.etpv.org, posted by you on 9/20/05. The "big earthquake" will originate in the New Madrid Fault Zone, in Mississippi, not California. The risk to California will be from the seas, not the earth's shaking.

Some months ago I sought the Lord in intercession, seeking to know His Will for California so I could pray appropriately. This was during a season where He had called me to a time of extended and intense personal worship, so the connection between us was very strong. I determined in my mind, and purposed in my heart, that I would not let go of Him until He told me what His Will was.

He made it clear in no uncertain terms that His will for California did NOT include a devastating earthquake which split the state in half and caused part of it to drop off into the ocean. I will not go into the rest of that vision at this time, except to say, that He showed me His desire to lay down a grid work-like pattern of His substance, throughout this state. And after He showed me the grid, it crisscrossed the state, He pumped His life through it much like blood in a man's veins except it was white light instead of red blood, and I saw Him bringing California back to spiritual life. THAT IS HIS WILL for California, not death, not destruction.

I did what all of us should do when God reveals HIS WILL, I got in agreement with Him. We know the power of agreement, He tells us in His Word. And that day, the fate of this state was changed.

I have held fast to His vision, despite the many fear mongers who blurt out prophecies of doom without stopping to ask God whether what they are seeing is something "inevitable", or whether what they are being asked is to take spiritual steps to avert something that does not correspond with His Will.

Hear the Word of the Lord, prophets of Baal! This day your destruction has been foretold. Consider your words carefully, whether you sow seeds of fear, or seed for the Kingdom, for as you have sown, so shall ye reap.

Within 24 hours of the vision that God sent, confirmation came from two different prophetic sources, neither of whom I know personally or have ever had any contact with (Teddy LeShan Desta and the Fizers). Their postings at that time confirmed what God had shown me and what He had said, and confirmed that I had heard and seen accurately.

Earlier this week, God took another step in implementing His plan as southern California all the way through the Central Valley experienced a lightning storm.

This was NOT a "natural" storm; it lasted almost the entire night, with very little rain, as large and frequent bolts of lightning came down from Heaven to earth, with multiple lightning strikes and no loss of life or accidents reported. It was so intense, that believers and non-believers alike were asking, "This is God, what is He trying to say to us?" It was a supernatural storm sent from Heaven (the third Heaven, not the second heaven!)

What God was doing, quite simply, was sending the pulsing of His Power through this state, just as He had foretold in the vision. He's implementing His plan. That requires, His presence, His substance, in a way we have not previously seen.

So I speak to you, Robin Paisely and Rosalie Snyder, for you have stood fast and heard true the Word of the Lord, and He will reward the constancy and faithfulness of your hearts. Shakings there will be for California, but not unto death and destruction, if the people of God will step into their place and do what must be done. There will be some shakings because the pressure must be relieved, for it is now known in scientific circles that the failure to have appropriate stress relief through the correct movement of the tectonic plates is what caused the big Chilean earthquake.

For Dreams To Come True

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Perhaps we need to be shaken from our slumber to possess the promises of God! Amazingly, in spite of all the signs, wonders and warnings announcing that we are truly in the last days, Jesus also said there is a mysterious drowsiness that we have to overcome. Indeed, immediately after highlighting the various evidences of the end (see Matt. 24), He compares the church to virgins who "all got drowsy and began to sleep" (Matt. 25:5).

Virgins sleeping at the end of the age: This seems incomprehensible with all the signs in the heavens and wonders upon the earth, not to mention the increasing presence of Christ. Yet this phenomenon is something we each battle: the tendency to become spiritually drowsy and lose our focus as we wait for the Lord's return.

There is a subtle activity of the enemy that dulls our perception and seduces our zeal. Our vision takes a backseat to other less important aspects of life. From the beginning, the voice of Satan has had this lulling effect on mankind. Eve's excuse for disobedience was, "The serpent hath caused me to forget" (Gen. 3:13 Young's Literal Trans.).

This sense of spiritual forgetfulness, of drowsiness, is the cloud of blindness that we each must discern and overcome. It was in regard to this that the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart through the following dream.

There was a temple standing in an open field. My view of the temple was from its side, about 200 yards away. I could not see its front, yet it must have been completely open because great light flashed out from the inside; it pulsed like lightning, yet was solid like sunlight. The block of light issued straight out and I knew this light was the glory of God.

The temple was so close, I knew that with a little effort I could enter the glory of God. His Holy presence was clearly within my reach. There were also others directly in front of me that I recognized as people from church. Everyone seemed very busy. And while the temple and its light were visible and readily accessible to all, every head was bent downward and turned away from the light; each was occupied with other things.

I heard one voice say, "I have to do laundry." Another said, "I have to go to work." I could see people reading newspapers, watching televisions and eating. I was sure everyone could see the light if they wanted to - even more sure that we all knew His glory was near.

There were even a few people reading the Bible and praying, but everyone maintained the downward distance of their gaze; each had a barrier of some kind between themselves and the place of God's presence. No one, in fact, seemed capable of standing up, turning, and walking into the very near glory of God.

As I watched, suddenly my wife lifted her head and beheld the temple in the field. She stood and walked without pausing toward the open front. As she drew closer to the light, a garment of glory formed and thickened around her; the closer she went, the more dense the light surrounding her became until she stepped in front of the temple and turned completely toward the face of God.

Oh! How jealous I felt. My wife had entered the glory of God before me! At the same time I realized that there was nothing stopping me from approaching God's presence - nothing except the pile of things to do and responsibilities that, in truth, ruled my life more than the voice of God.

Pushing the weight of these pressures from me, I determined to rise and enter the temple myself. But, to my great regret, in my dream as I rose up, I suddenly woke up!

The longing and disappointment within me seemed unbearable. I had been so close to entering God's presence. How I wanted to enter the temple and be swallowed up in His glory! I cried, "Lord, why did You let me wake up?"

Instantly, the word of the Lord responded to my cry. He said, "I will not have My servant's life fulfilled by a dream. If you want your dream to come true, you have to wake up."

Breaking Passivity; Setting Priorities

Beloved, today, God is awakening us to the reality of His presence. The promises God gives us in the Scriptures must become more to us than a dream-like reality only reserved for the hereafter. Moses frequented the glory of God! Israel's 70 elders ate and drank in God's resplendent glory (Ex 24). Jesus unveiled God's glory on the Mount of Transfiguration! Paul says that we all can behold the glory of God and be transformed by it (2 Cor 3).

For this reason, the Scripture says, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Eph. 5:14). If we truly want Christ to "shine" upon us, we must arise from the distractions that entomb us in lethargy and spiritual darkness.

Right at this moment, the presence of the Living God is near enough to hear the whisper of your heart. But if we want our dream of standing in the presence of God to come true, we must wake up.

Field Of Scattered Sheep

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Through vision, the spirit of the Lord has taken me to an open field. A large field full of beautiful sheep. As I am approaching this field walking slowly. It "appears" that the sheep are sleeping. At this thought I could not understand if the sheep are sleeping why am I sensing a tearing at my heart, and then the weeping begins to flow like a river. I begin to move quickly towards them but I am unable to get to all of them at once because they are "SCATTERED" throughout the field. I am led to the sheep "one by one" where I begin to notice that in fact, the precious sheep are not sleeping at all. They are wounded and unable to move, paralyzed, confused, and dismayed.

I begin to approach the sheep, slowly, carefully and tearfully.

The first one, his legs is broken. He cannot stand. His legs are broken by hurtful words, ridicule, control, abuse, rejection and feeling unloved.

The next one, he is bleeding, and there is a cut, very deep.
He is cut from the deception and lies and manipulation.

The next, he is so frail, I can see his ribs sticking out.
He has been left with no food, no water and unable to even get himself up to eat what is there and was once considered food is no longer edible.
He is severely malnourished.

The next one, he is paralyzed, unable to move.
He is numb from all that he has seen, and he is feeling alone and abandoned, knowing he normally moves by the Shepherds direction and with the flock.

The next is trying to get up and keeps falling down and when he gathers just enough strength to hold himself up he begins limping around in circles of confusion, not understanding or knowing how he could be left in the field with no shepherd to show him the way.

The next, someone has come along and taken the wool off of his back and left him and the rest of the sheep, only caring about the financial gain they will make from the wool and not the condition of their health.

The field was large and there were sheep everywhere, it looked like a field of cotton covering the ground. There were too many to tend to all at once. Before I can tend to the others I am being led to begin to bring these first few one by one into a barn where there is food, water and supplies for them. Each one being cared for individually so that once they recover they can travel in the flock together.

There are three people who are standing in the barn and "waiting" for the sheep to be brought in for care. We begin to mend the wounds one by one. It seems as though once the sheep were brought in and cared for, they QUICKLY recovered and begin to walk again on their own.

When did this happen and why I asked the Lord?
The response I receive was HIS WORD.

My precious sheep who have been scattered throughout the fields. I know where you are. I know My sheep. I will not leave you and I will come for you. Yeah, I say unto you this day Help is on the Way. Hold fast, Hang on, For I know the plans I have for you. I will not leave you without Food or Water. I will not leave you hungry or hurting. I will not leave you in distress and confusion. I will not leave you broken and discouraged. I will not leave you dwelling in abandonment, rejection, and hopelessness. I will never leave you NOR forsake you. FOR I AM your Shepherd and I will gather you from here and there to bring you to a place of Life and Recovery, where you will be restored, healed, delivered, and made whole in ME. I will lead you to Mount Moriah where provision will be waiting. I AM your direction, your protection, your deliverer, your healer, your comforter, and you are safe in ME.

Beloved, I will gather you from the fields in which you have been scattered. My sheep know My voice and I know My sheep. Do not doubt, Do not fear BUT trust, hold your peace, wait, for surely I say to you THIS DAY, I am gathering you ONE BY ONE to a place of refuge.

Ezekiel 34 (New King James Version)
Irresponsible Shepherds
1 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: “Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! **Should not the shepherds feed the flocks**? 3 You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. 4 **The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.** 5 So **they were scattered because there was no shepherd**; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them.”
7 ‘Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock”— 9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! 10 Thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them.”
God, the True Shepherd
11 **‘For thus says the Lord GOD: “Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.** 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and **deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13** And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will

bring them to their own land; **I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.** 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16 "**I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick;** but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

17 'And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats. 18 Is it too little for you to have eaten up the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture—and to have drunk of the clear waters, that you must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And as for My flock, they eat what you have trampled with your feet, and they drink what you have fouled with your feet."

20 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. 21 Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, 22 therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 **I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them**—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

25 "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. 26 I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. 28 And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid. 29 I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. 30 Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and they, the house of Israel, are My people," says the Lord GOD.'"

31 "**You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you are men, and I am your God," says the Lord GOD.**

Focus on the Inner Man

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Why did Jesus need to fast and stay in the wilderness for forty days and nights in order to commence His ministry, even though He had never committed any sin? It had to do with His inner (or spirit) man or soul. Truly, His inner person was a part of God Himself (the Rock cut out of the Mountain—Dan 2:45), but that part of God needed sufficient connection with the rest of the God Head (the Father or the Mountain) in order to manifest all the fullness of God. Before His baptism in the River Jordan, Jesus lived basically like a normal human being, but without sin. He did not appear much more spiritual than the other youths of His days—no too much praying or any thing like that. That was why He had much rougher time than His peers. Being in a poor background, and being that the evil one who ruled the whole world knew who He was, He faced unusual amount of difficulty as a youth.

Heb 5:7-8—[7]*During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.* [8]*Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.*

You see, Jesus had it rough as a youth, but each time He cried to the Father concerning His problems, He was always heard because of His perfect submission to the will of the Father. Apparently, the Father did not want to instruct Him about the need to maintain unbroken communication as the only way to live above problems, in the face of world dominance by the evil one. This enabled Him to see the difference, so as to learn obedience, albeit the hard way. Jesus was also creating a lesson for His future followers.

1 Pet 2:21—*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

You must have read several prophetic words about the end-time company of the Josephs—the 144,000. For many years these people have been passing through the hardest of times. They cannot understand why they must always be on the wrong side of luck. Many of them have been suffering from seemingly incurable diseases. At a number of times many of them have wished to die. One thing that surprises them though is that whenever they think that they have reached the terminal point of their lives somehow a short-lived breakthrough appears. These are people that will bear Christ inside of them in this end time. God has allowed them to suffer like their Master in order to learn obedience. The time for their ministry has finally arrived.

When it was time for Jesus to begin His ministry, the Father instructed Him to meet John the Baptist in the River Jordan for baptism. This was followed immediately by the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Father then moved Him by the Spirit into the wilderness where He was shown what continuous connection to the Father through prayer could do to His inner man, and the infinite possibilities that result through that. This became the source of His power all the days of His ministry.

The Goal of the Gospel

I believe that the goal of the gospel is the restoration of mankind to the exact image of God. This requires that Christians be transformed into the divine nature. The nature of a man/woman resides in the inner being or soul. Also, the experiences of a man/woman in this world depend on the inner being. A person cannot be sick if the inner being is not (spiritually) sick, irrespective of the number and kinds of bacteria, viruses, fungi, snake, scorpion, murderers, wild animals or whatever around him/her. That explains why Jesus could be in the wilderness for forty days and nights. That is also why Jesus healed many people simply by forgiving their sins (that is, freeing their inner being from sins).

Gal 4:19—*My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*

Eph 4:11-15— [11]*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,* [12]*to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up* [13]*until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*
[14]*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming.* [15]*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*

The goal of Paul's ministry was that Christ be formed inside his disciples. The Lord has also appointed the various ministers of the Church for the same purpose of attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Regrettably, the Church lost focus and got involved in all kinds of things—politics, business, etc. For example, some churches specialize in teaching people how they could get rich by paying their tithe, without realizing that a person who attains to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ does not need all these paraphernalia called money or wealth and yet could get whatever he/she wants instantaneously. Jesus never had even a dime in His pocket, yet He could solve any problem instantaneously. When He wanted to ride into Jerusalem on the best transport possible in His time, He never asked for tithe in order to get the transport. He simply gave the command and rode into Jerusalem on the transport He wanted.

In order to grow up into Christ, from whichever level in the spirit one currently is, every effort must be directed at the inner man. The difference in Jesus' life before and during His ministry was determined by His inner being. Before His ministry, He focused little attention on the strength of His inner being. In order to even commence His ministry, Jesus was led by the Spirit into wilderness where He worked on His inner being. All the days of His ministry, Jesus knew that He could never minister on any day without having worked on His inner being before the breaking of the day.

Old versus New (Inner) Man

Col 3:5-11—[5]*Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.* [6]*Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,* [7]*in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.*
[8]*But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.* [9]*Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,* [10]*and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,* [11]*where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

Every human being that wants to grow up into Christ begins from the old (inner) man. When the person is born again, a new (inner) man is born, albeit in its infancy. The two natures now begin to struggle for control of the human being, as can be seen in Rom 7:14-24. The human being has a role to play in determining which of the two natures gains dominance.

The old man is made up of many members or demons—fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, lies, etc. These are demons the new man that is created by god when a person is born again must contend with.

Eph 4:17-24:

The New Man
[17]*This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,* [18]*having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of*

God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; [19]who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.
[20]But you have not so learned Christ, [21]if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: [22]that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, [23]and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, [24]and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Col 3:12-17:

Character of the New Man
[12]Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; [13]bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. [14]But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. [15]And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. [16]Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. [17]And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

It is obvious from the preceding passage that the new man is also made up of many members. The more the members of the new man that are available in a person, the stronger the new man, and hence the person. However, the old man, being much more established in the person than the new man, will not easily allow the members of the new man to come in. In fact, the house cannot contain all of them. One must give way in order for the other to expand. The fall of man happened when Adam and Eve favored what we now call the old man to come in and crowd out what has now become the new man.

John 3:30—*He must increase, but I must decrease.*

The principle that governs the growth of the new man is that the old man must decrease. The person involved must work to decrease the old man. How?

Rom 8:13—*For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.*

Learn From Jesus

Matt 11:28-30—*[28]"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29]Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30]For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

Any person who desires to grow up into Christ must learn how He lived His life from the day He was baptized in the River Jordan. Jesus prayed a lot, and through prayer He received from the Father the power and virtue that was necessary for His life and ministry. He taught His followers His pattern of prayer, popularly called “the Lord’s prayer”. It is through the pattern shown in the Lord’s Prayer that a person works to kill the members of the old man and then introduce and strengthen new members of the new man.

Matt 6:9-13—*[9]"This, then, is how you should pray:*

> *"'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, [10]your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. [11]Give us today our daily bread. [12]Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. [13]And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.*

Jesus’ pattern of prayer begins with hallowing the name of God, that is, praise. This may or may not be by singing.

Psa 100:3-5—[3] *Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*
[4] *Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*
[5] *For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Picture yourself as entering the throne of the King of the universe. Do you go in anyhow? Would you not begin to praise His holy name, no matter your current circumstances? Even if you are having problems, when you remember that the reason why you have problems is the presence of the old man in you, you will do well not to project your problems above praising Him.

The next item in the Lord's Prayer is to pray for the kingdom of God to come. The kingdom of God is available wherever God's authority is absolutely recognized. This means where the word of God is totally obeyed. This prayer calls for total obedience to the word of God, starting with the person praying, to possibly all mankind. It is at this point that the person praying should confess his/her allegiance to the authority of God, which means being in love with the commandments of God. Psalm 119 contains King David's prayers concerning God's laws.

Confessing to God about one's love for His word, which means desire to totally obey God, is very important. This kind of prayer greatly impacts the inner man. If a person prays effectively before the beginning of a new day, as the person goes through the day, the love expressed to God concerning His laws will definitely control the inner man, out of which proceeds the issues life (Prov 4:23). The laws or word of God is actually a part of the Holy Spirit that is visible (John 6:63). Similarly, disobedience to God's word, or sin, is a part of the evil spirit that is visible. For many years evil spirit had dominance in the life of a man. As the man prays expressing love for the word of God, the Holy Spirit (members of the new man) will begin to replace the evil spirits (members of the old man) in the heart.

The next item in the Lord's Prayer is for the will of God to be done on earth as it is done in heaven, starting with the person(s) praying. This is a prayer of surrender to the will of God. A person should be able to tell God, "I want to do your will O God" (Heb 10:7). King David said similar prayer in Psalm 119. This prayer point confesses to God that the person does not want spirit of disobedience (the old man) in his/her heart, but of course the spirit of obedience (the new man). By this prayer point the person invites God to intervene and destroy specific members of the old man from the heart.

"Give us today our daily bread." That is the next prayer point in the Lord's Prayer.

John 6:26-28—[26]*Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.* [27]*Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."*

This is the word that the Lord Jesus has for those who go to God just to ask for bread and butter, or for any other thing of this world. That is living after the flesh. The people involved are not interested in the miracle of making impossibility possible in their lives. The Lord admonishes us to focus on food that endures to eternal life, spiritual food that is. So, when we ask God to give us today our daily bread, we should be referring to spiritual food for the strengthening of the inner man. Everybody needs a handout of spiritual food everyday. There is no one so rich that s/he does not need to receive spiritual food each day. Even Jesus so much relied on daily receipt of spiritual food from the Father.

John 6:31-35—[31]*Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"*
[32]*Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.* [33]*For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*
[34]*"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."*

[35]Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

Here Christ says that He Himself is the bread you should ask for; not the physical body or tent that housed Christ, but the Spirit that dwelt within the body. You can eat the Spirit and you can also drink it. He is the fruit of the tree of life (Gen 2:9; 3:24). He gives divine life to a human body, bequeathing it with the divine nature. A person that possesses the divine nature is a son of God indeed. That is the person that can live without sin. For such a person, no problem is impossible to solve through divine power.

Eph 3:14-19—*[14]For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15]from whom his whole family[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16]I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17]so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [18]may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, [19]and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

Paul prayed that God may continue to strengthen the Ephesians in their inner man, obviously by giving them their daily spiritual food everyday, through the Holy Spirit. Since the spiritual food was the spirit of Christ, it would lead to the formation of Christ in the person's inner man. As this feeding on spiritual food continues everyday, more and more divine attributes would form within the person, until the person is filled with all the fullness of God. The person now becomes an exact image of God, like Christ. Miracles galore!

2 Pet 1:3-4—*[3]His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. [4]Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

By now you must have noticed that God's main concern about us is that we may attain to divine life and godliness, not all these worldly things we give priority to. That is why Jesus said that we should seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God, and every other thing will fall into line (Matt 6:33). The prayer point about giving us today our daily bread is very crucial in growing up into Christ. Knowledge of the word of God and His promises concerning the divine life and godliness are very essential in this prayer point. It is by properly presenting to God His own promises that we may receive the spiritual food we need for each day. As we continue to daily feed on spiritual food that God gives we begin to participate in the divine nature; naturally, we begin to increase in holiness, moving towards perfection.

The next prayer point in the Lord's Prayer is to ask God to forgive us our debts, having forgiven in our hearts those that offended us. Forgiveness of sins is by means of the blood or divine life of Jesus; that is why this prayer point comes after we have received our spiritual food for the day, which is the life of Christ. Since the life or blood of Christ is now available, we can begin to confess the sins that are hidden in our hearts as members of the old man. The Holy Spirit or blood of Christ will blot out the evil spirit that has been hidden in our hearts.

Psa 66:18-20—*[18] If I had cherished sin in my heart, Lord would not have listened; [19] but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.*
[20] Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

The time has now come for the human being to present his/her many problems. Having established the kingdom of God in the inner man, it is now time for all other things. The reason why the prayer points above must come before the other things is contained in Psa 66:18 quoted above. If the sin hidden in the heart is not removed, the Lord would not listen to what we say about our many problems.

Dan 10:12-14—*[12] Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in* *response to them. [13] But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. [14] Now I have come to explain to you what will happen to your people in the future, for the vision concerns a time yet to come."*

Daniel needed to achieve spiritual solution to a problem. He humbled himself in prayer and fasting, but the solution could not appear. The prayer and fasting dragged on. It was after three weeks that the solution came. The angelic messenger that brought the solution now explained the reason for the delay. The solution he looked for was for the people of Israel and what delayed the prayer was evil spirits that existed in the location of the people of Israel. Even though God desired to answer his prayer the very moment he began the prayer, because of his personal standing before God, evil spirits that were connected with the people of Israel blocked the prayer. Those evil spirits or sins had to be taken care of first before the solution Daniel desired for his people could be delivered. It took Daniel three weeks to take care of the sin of his people through prayer. There is a lesson for us in that.

The last prayer point in the Lord's Prayer is, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one". This is all about the various problems and temptations of life. They are the last things the Lord wants to hear. If you did a good work in the other prayer points, you will receive solution to all your problems. However, most often it may take many days, weeks or months, just like in the case of Daniel.

1 John 3:21-22—[21]*Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God* [22]*and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him.*

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Focus On The Person

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My children, sometimes I will minister to you through the study of My Word, and other times in other ways. There are times when I want you to sit in My Presence and know Me. Just as there are different ways to relate to those you love, so in My Presence. Sometimes I want you to praise Me, sometimes just sit quietly and listen to My heartbeat, sometimes listen while I love you. Sometimes just take the time out to enjoy My company.

Relationships require a focus on the PERSON—not their assets, their words, their deeds, but the PERSON. My Word is an essential “resource” and you do well to read it and know it, but ALSO learn to focus on MY PERSON, so that you may receive My love and know My care and attention.

I love your response to Me, but I need you to look Me in the eye and not be shy or awkward in My Presence. You need to know My love, My voice, My attention to you in every detail of your life. Stop and smell the roses. Don’t be so focused on DOING that you miss the BEING. What lover would do that, and miss out on the joy, yea, the ecstasy of the love relationship. Deep love needs TIME spent in one another’s company, sharing, talking, being face to face, heart to heart. THIS is the better part—and Mary knew it. Other things are not unimportant, but this is MORE important, for I desire to love you, and for you to know that love and ENJOY ME.

Heart to heart as well as mind to mind. Let Me soothe you, nurture you, care for you. Relax and allow Me to lead you in the dance of life—two dancers cannot both lead! I adore you. I adore My people and I want them to know that.

Love has become so cheap, and so casual an emotion that it is losing its meaning and impact. Real love is strong, faithful and very powerful. It is passionate and highly tuned to the other. Don’t confuse love with socializing

Sit in My Presence. Focus on MY Person. This is neither mystical or immoral! That is the enemy’s lie. I am not a perverted Being as he is, so My motives are totally pure. Allow My love to shine on you, as the sun shines on the earth. Sunshine =- Sonshine—beaming daily—24/7—on the world and into ready hearts. Regardless of man’s sin, or the evil perpetrated by those under the enemy’s control, My love is a constant, “given” and I love man—in the realest, truest sense of the word.

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Foundations
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May 29, 2005
FOUNDATIONS
As you find your place and look over the spot,
Remember My Words as you survey the lot.
Make sure your foundation is level and set.
It's not time to gamble or time to bet.
I want you sure, I want you stable.
I will equip you well so that you are able.
So remember to build on what I have given.
In a sure strong place, those nails were driven.
Build on scripture, and build on relations,
intimacy with Me reaching out to nations.
Build on My character and integrity to boot.
This will assure that you will bring in the loot,
Of what was lost from days long past.
I renew all things so they will last.
Your foundation needs repaired
From what was snared.
Take your time and bring to balance.
Set a straight line and point your lance.
The victory is yours to build and raise up.
So gather the resources and swallow the cup.

1 Kings 6:37-38 NLT
The foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid in midspring of the fourth year of Solomon's reign. The entire building was completed in every detail by midautumn of the eleventh year of his reign. So it took seven years to build the Temple.

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Loving Without Grasping
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LOVING WITHOUT GRASPING
Learn to love by letting go. There is a yearning of the soul that desires to possess that which does not belong to you. My love does not covet, it sets free. Give those that you love into My care. Yes, you have heard that you give roots and wings to your loved ones. Grant them the stability of knowing you are there for them and then release them one step at a time to learn to crawl, walk, run and then fly into their destinies in Me.

Remember that birds are flighty. If you chase a bird it will fly away. As you yearn with My Spirit over those you care for, keep the palm of your hand open and like a bird in flight, let them freely come and go in your life as they will. Remain in loving watch care over their lives and provide an open palm of a warm safe shelter for their hearts. Stay faithful and you will always have friends no matter what age.

Phil 2:3-8 NLT
Don't be selfish; don't live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself. Don't think only about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too, and what they are doing. Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.

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Melted For Breakthrough
Sandy Warner

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MELTED FOR BREAKTHROUGH
My beloved, I gave you promises that you have not yet fully occupied. You have been pressing in and believing Me through a great deal of frozen territory. Through the passing of time, the warmth of My embrace has warmed your circumstances and has yielded an unseen thaw from the inside out. Just like defrosting a freezer, there is a moment of breakthrough when the ice has turned to slush and suddenly the freeze gives away. That which holds you back from possessing the promise is breaking up. This is the joy of My breakthrough upon your enemies. Look now, for the joy of birthing comes.

Even as you have seen your heart melt with the breakthrough of tears. And even as the waters burst before the baby comes forth, know that birthing is nigh. This is a sudden birth, get ready to hold the birth of your promise. Be assured a baby is unseen until the moment it appears. You will hold that baby in your arms and feel the deep contentment of fulfillment.

2 Sam 5:20 AMP
And David came to Baal-perazim, and he smote them there, and said, The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like the bursting out of great waters. So he called the name of that place Baal-perazim [Lord of breaking through].

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From Rags To Riches

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From Rags To Riches - A Cinderella Story / A Prophetic Word For Those Who Are Widows.

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16)

Many times our hearts are warmed by stories that end in a "Cinderella" type way. What is so wonderful about this story is that it is true. It is an exciting story of hope and provision. It is a story told by God Himself to give us assurance and confidence that He will meet our needs. The story of Ruth takes place in the time of the Judges in biblical history. As I stated in another article, this was not a time in history in which we see much spiritual growth. Actually, it was quite the opposite. We see the nation of Israel backsliding as it partook of the worldy influences of its neighbors.

The first step in this wonderful story is that Ruth chose to follow Naomi and the God she served. There was something in Naomi's life that must have been attractive and inspiring to Ruth, even in the midst of all the tragedy that they would have to endure. Before we go any further, I feel it is important to understand the prophetic "types" that Boaz, Naomi, and Ruth (the main characters of this story) represent. Boaz - the "kinsman redeemer", represents Christ our - Redeemer. Naomi, represents the Holy Spirit in that she led Ruth (a gentile, to her redeemer), and Ruth who represents you and I.

"Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of BETHLEHEM, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The NAME of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. And they went to the country of Moab and REMAINED there. (Ruth 1:1-2)

One thing interesting about the book of Ruth is the precision and purposeful care in listing everyone by name. There seems to be a concerted effort to mention every person in this story by personal name except one, whom we will read about later. Another, is that the name "Elimelech" means: "he who trusts in God." Bethlehem means: "House of Bread." So here we have a man who's name means to literally "Trust in God", moving from the "House of Bread" to the pagan land of Moab! Even in the midst of famine conditions (both naturally and spiritually) we can have assurance that God will meet our every need. He has PROMISED in His Word to not only teach and comfort us by His Holy Spirit, but to feed, clothe, and to provide shelter to all who TRUST in Him. (spiritual and natural provision) Elimelech did not live up to his name, failed to see the house of bread before him, and moved his family to a land that was founded on sin and rebellion.

Moab as you may remember was the product of incest and deceit. After Lot and his daughters escaped Sodom, his daughters spoke amongst themselves and the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man the earth to come into us as is the custom of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him and preserve the lineage of our father." (see Gen. 19) The fruit of this incestuous act of deceit would give birth to Moab, the son of the eldest daughter, and Ammon to the younger daughter. The ancestors of these two brothers would plague the Israelites and the people of God to this very day.

The bible goes on to say that the sons of Elimelech and Naomi took for themselves Moabite women as wives. It wasn't long before Naomi's husband and two sons died within the ten years that they were living in Moab. Naomi arose with her two daughters in-law to tell them that she was going to return to Bethlehem because the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. Naomi spoke to her daughters in-law to, "return each to your mothers house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." So she kissed them and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn back my daughters, go - for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, If I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the lord has gone against me!" Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she (Naomi) said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law... (Ruth 1:3-17)

Ruth made a choice to follow Naomi. a "type" of the Holy Spirit to her God and home. Ruth was confident that the Lord, in whom she had come to trust through Naomi's witness , would take care of her future and fulfill her hope. Orpah, on the other hand, returned to the "world" around her including their "gods." Ironically, we never read or hear of Orpah again. Naomi tested the commitment of both of these young women as the Holy Spirit will with us. It is of tremendous importance to understand that God WILL test us. This validates our commitment and confirms VICTORY and testimony in our lives. It was only after Ruth was DETERMINED to FOLLOW after Naomi, that she was permitted to enter into the House of Bread. The decision of Ruth to follow after God would change her life forever as well as ours as we will see later!

"The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." (Ruth 2:12)

As soon as Ruth arrived in Bethlehem (House of Bread), she went out into the field of Boaz to glean for herself and Naomi among the reapers. Boaz, upon meeting Ruth in "his" field instructed Ruth not to glean from another field and to, "stay close by MY young women." Boaz assured Ruth that as long as she was in HIS field and among HIS people, that nobody would harm her. This is a wonderful picture of Father's PROVISION and PROTECTION. Ruth would respond to Boaz, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant..."

Ruth returned to Naomi with an abundance of provision and purpose! Ruth told Naomi of all the wonderful news of her day, and Naomi would respond, "Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said, " This man is RELATION of ours, one of our CLOSE RELATIVES." Chapter 3 continues with Naomi telling Ruth, "Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact He is WINNOWING barley tonight at the THRESHING FLOOR. Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor..." (Ruth 3:2-3).

Ruth obeyed and said, "All that you say to me I will do." The Holy Spirit in our lives is continually giving us direction to go to the threshing floor to meet our kinsman-redeemer. The "Cinderella story" begins here, with Ruth's OBEDIENCE to follow the direction of Naomi. The bible says that Ruth obeyed without a second thought! This really is what PURPOSE and destiny is all about. We read and hear so much today about a "purpose-full life." We have books, resources, and conferences attempting to tell us what our purpose is. This generation more than any other in history is searching for its identity and purpose. Most are going through the only LIFE they will ever have, just to hanging on and nothing eternal to live or die for. The answer for purpose WILL NOT be found in a book or a conference. The formula has always been the same - They are the words of Jesus to "Follow Me." Those who choose to follow Jesus in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit will find destiny and hands full of purpose!

"Now it happened at midnight that the man (Boaz) was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your WING, for you are a close relative." Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. And now my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request...Now it is true that I am a close relative; however there is a relative CLOSER than I. (Ruth 3:8-12)

This "closer relative" is the one I was talking about earlier. Out of all the names mentioned in this book along with the importance of this individual as one who might perform the duty of the "CLOSE RELATIVE"(vs.13), you would think a name would be mentioned or attached to this person. Prophetically, the name does not belong to a person! This "close relative" is RELIGION! (I believe this is why a personal name is not applied) In Chapter 4 the book closes with Boaz going to the city gate, "and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by."(4:1) This "close relative" was willing to redeem Ruth as long as there was something in it for him (religious system). But as soon as the RELATIONSHIP was offered with Ruth, a rejection quickly came. This is exactly what religion desires! It wants and desires what you can GIVE it financially, in attendance and in dead works without RELATIONSHIP. This close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself. (religion can never redeem) Buy it for yourself. (see Ruth 4:5-8) And this is what Jesus, our Redeemer did.

He PAID the ultimate price with His life. It was Boaz that desired Ruth stay the night at His feet. It was here at the THRESHING FLOOR that Ruth would sit at the feet of one who would redeem her without condition. Boaz covered her with his shawl and generously provided and blessed her. The question of why a wealthy man like Boaz would sleep on the threshing floor is easy to answer: It was a priority for Boaz to watch and protect His HARVESTED crop! Boaz was protecting his harvest and the labor of those who "worked in the field." Boaz stayed CLOSE to what was His, so that no THEIF of robber would steal any part of what was His.

"So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife..." Ruth, a gentile (you and me) in a far and away pagan land followed Naomi (a type of the Holy Spirit) to Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer (a type of Christ) where she found purpose and destiny at his feet. As her bridegroom he imparted into her a future that would effect every preceeding generation up to this day. For you see, Ruth would give birth to Obed, who was the father of Jesse, who would be the father of King David. Out of whose lineage the Christ, Messiah would be born. This should give us tremendous hope, for we now realize that this poor and widowed woman from Moab would be brought into the Messianic lineage. This is the picture of God's grace -- to take us as sinners from rags to riches!

Any of you who may be reading this, who are widowed or have been abandoned by a spouse: I have given you Ruth as an example and model of My desire for your life. I know your pain and have walked with you as I reached for your hand. All I ask is that you close your hand in mine, and allow Me to lead you into the life that I have laid out for you. It is not over my precious one. We have many things yet to do together My child. There are many like Ruth who need to came back to the House of Bread. Lie at My feet and I will cover you and give you rest. I will comfort you and call you My own. I will give you hands full of purpose and provision - this is My promise. This is My Word.

This is a tremendous story of "rags to riches" through a woman's desire to sit at her redeemers feet. It was here that the "alabaster box" of a broken life was broken at the feet of Jesus by a broken woman. Religion has been a close relative for many, for to many years now. This close relative will demand much from you and give you little in return. This IS a close relative if you find yourself striving for spiritual approval. Religion will have you in program after program, singing in the choir and every function there is to sing in, committee after committee, teaching class after teaching class and so BUSY that you have no personal and intimate RELATIONSHIP with your kinsmen redeemer. Everything is DEAD WORKS without a love relationship with Jesus. The bible says that many will come to Him in the last of days and proclaim all of their great "WORKS," only to hear, "Depart from Me. I never KNEW you." Our Redeemer is desiring an intimate relationship with you today. He desires to give us purpose and provision, just as he did Ruth. The word for you who are seeking their purpose in life is simple. "Follow Me!" No man, book, or formula can give you purpose in life - it comes from Him who designed it and He desires to lead you into it!

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From Revelation To Revolution

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"Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar...(Joel 2:17a)."
I must admit that I would much prefer reading what someone else has to say about this particular time in history as opposed to writing about it myself. Yet I am compelled to write, due in part to my frustration that no one else seems to be saying the things that need to be said. I do not want to be an echo, but a voice; as such, I am constrained to put forth, as clearly as I can, what the Lord is saying to me. This is done with fear and trepidation, but woe upon me if I do not speak the things which, I believe, the Lord has entrusted to me as a stewardship to the Body of Christ. May God give us grace.

DISCERNING THE PRESENT TIME

For over a year now the Lord has been dealing with us concerning issues related to prayer for God's Kingdom and God's Will, and we have likewise presented these themes to the Body of Christ. We have sensed a call to a higher dimension of prayer than is commonly alluded to, and we have responded to that call - haltingly at first, and more vigorously as time passed. Meanwhile, we have repeatedly called the Church to view prayer, not as a means towards our own ends, but as THE means through which God's End is achieved: and that End is "in the dispensation of the fullness of times to gather together into one ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, whether they be things in heaven, or things in earth, even IN HIM (Ephesians 1:10)."

Last year I began writing a book. As of now it remains unpublished and incomplete. Perhaps people are not ready for it. Perhaps I am not ready for it. Maybe it will never be published. But portions of it have been posted to the website, and here is an excerpt:

"When we begin to pray for God's Will and God's Kingdom we are standing on behalf of the entire Church as overcomers. We are doing two things. On the positive side, we are joining together with God and agreeing with Him, praying in line with His eternal purpose in Christ. "As in heaven, so on earth." On the negative side, we are asking for the elimination of this present evil age, this rebellious generation, and all that fails to give Christ the preeminence - both within the Church and outside of the Church."

I did not release what I had written next, but as I go back and look at it again it seems very appropriate to the season we have entered, so now I will share it with you:

"This [praying for the Will and the Kingdom] is not a frivolous thing. It is calling for a revolution in the way things are. It is commanding all that IS to make room for all that IS TO COME. It is calling for the end of all things pertaining to man, this present world, and the defeated devil. "Thy Kingdom come." In this Kingdom Christ alone has authority and power. Think of the implications. For this to be realized it will mean either the elimination or the subjection of every earthly government to Jesus Christ. It will mean the eradication of every religious institution, denomination, movement, group, cult, false religion, doctrine - anything which fails to give the Son the preeminence, and certainly those things which misrepresent, malign, distort, or bear false witness to the Lord Jesus. It will also mean the abolition of everything pertaining to the kingdom of darkness, every principality, power, and eventually, satan himself. The souls of men that refuse to submit to Christ must also be judged and dealt with once and for all. The Creation which groans and travails in pain must be purified by fire, liberated, and recreated again. We are talking about a major upheaval.

"I wonder if we really grasp the import of this kind of praying. I doubt if we really perceive how critical this sort of prayer is to God's purpose."

Friends, that word was too strong for last year, or last month, but it is dead-on for this present moment. It is the kind of word that will be easily misunderstood and misconstrued, the sort of thing that can get me into trouble with some people, but it accurately reflects what I perceive is happening and is about to happen now.

On September 2, 2001, nine days before the September 11th attack, I wrote the following to our mailing list:

"To get to wherever we are going will require a deeper pressing in to the Lord than what we have experienced up until now. It is too easy to become familiar with the Truth and reduce it down to a system or a teaching instead of Life and experience. It has to be pressed into, taken violently, and held tenaciously so that it will become part of who we are, not a commodity that we purchase at wholesale and distribute to others at retail."

I said all of that to say this: it certainly seems that we are now thrust into a situation in which we will have to put into practice everything the Lord has been saying to us, whether we like it or not. IF WE WILL NOT PRESS INTO THE LORD, HE WILL PRESS HIMSELF UPON US. The Lord has very definitely been preparing us as Esther, bringing us into the Kingdom "for such a time as this", when there is so much at stake. We are shocked and saddened at the terrible events which have exploded onto the world scene, but we are also aware that the Lord has been preparing us spiritually well in advance of this season. He has given us something to say, and a means through which it can be communicated to a large number of believers scattered across the face of the earth. Thus, our own calling and mission has been crystallized by these events, and more than ever we reaffirm our commitment to seek the Lord and bring revealed Truth to the Body of Christ as He quickens us to do so.

If there was ever any doubt before, there is no doubt now: we are at war, and not just in a literal sense, but in a much deeper, spiritual sense. Of course there has always been a war between God and satan, light and darkness, good and evil. We do not want to minimize that. But even more now than ever we are at war between things the way they have been up until now, and things the way they will be. In other words, overcomers will be raised up during these days, and others will stumble. Some will grow in the knowledge of God and get aligned with His Kingdom, and some will become offended and fall away altogether. These are "perilous times" (II Timothy 3:1).

We are in such a time as spoken of by the angel of Revelation 22:10-12:

"Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this Book: for the time is at hand. He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

We see here a further polarization between the righteous and the unrighteous, a very pressing conflict between those who will stand for God's Will and God's Kingdom, the preeminence of Christ, and those forces at work that would render powerless the Testimony of Jesus by keeping the saints focused on the natural, the flesh-and-blood, the carnal, and the temporal; particularly those elements and factions within the Church itself that do not accurately represent the heart and mind of God, but claim to. Organized Religion claims to represent Christ in the earth, but if that representation is faulty then it is almost as bad as having no representation at all, and in many respects it is preferable to the enemy, for now he is able to distort God as God and reduce Him down to the level of our own vain imagination. The Testimony of Jesus does not consist of what we think or say about Jesus; it is the revelation of Christ as He IN FACT IS. To manifest HIM as He is, in life as well as words, is to properly bear the Testimony. The problem is that the Church claims to have the Testimony of Jesus when they are in fact representing something which is NOT Jesus, but is actually far removed from the revelation of Christ.

We must be ever jealous over the Revelation of Christ and the Testimony of Jesus. Those who know their God will be strong, and do exploits (Daniel 11:32b), while evil men and seducers, in the Church and outside of the Church, will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (II Timothy 3:13). Thus, because the days are evil, we as the Church must be diligent to watch and pray:

"See then that you walk perfectly and straightly, not as fools, but as wise, and make up for lost time, because the days are evil. No longer be ignorant, but understand what the Will of the Lord is (Ephesians 5:15-17, paraphrased)."

I see three applications for us here:

1. "Walk perfectly and straightly, not as fools, but as wise." A cursory study of the Book of Proverbs tells us quite a bit about a fool, and there are basically two things that characterize a fool - he believes everything he hears, and he speaks everything he thinks. According to this definition, the Internet, the news media, and the Church are full of foolish people. By way of contrast, a wise man does not listen to everything, and does not take anything to heart without deliberating over it first. The way you see the world today: is it based upon what everyone else is saying, or have you heard from God yourself? "Circumspectly" could be defined as "leaving no margin for error; exact." It is not just a happy-go-lucky, "whatever will be will be" walk.

2. "Redeem the time," which I have paraphrased as, "Make up for lost time" could be alternatively paraphrased as "quit wasting time" or "make the most of the time that remains." We have needed an adjustment in our priorities for a long time. We have majored on minor things. The various demands made upon us in an evil day need to be triaged and classified into urgent, important, and not important. We do not have the luxury of doing as we please with our lives. If we mean business with God it will require some upheaval in our schedule and daily "to do" list.

3. "No longer be ignorant, but understand what the Will of the Lord is." We have steadily proclaimed to the Church God's Ultimate Intention of "all things in Christ", which involves a decreasing of all things so that He may increase, thus having the preeminence of all things. I am absolutely distressed at how few saints comprehend this. In an evil day we cannot afford to be ignorant or in the dark as to God's Purpose and Desire. There is enough material on Watchman.Net to keep you occupied in this study for the rest of your life. It is THERE, waiting for you to take full advantage of it. More importantly, the Holy Spirit WITHIN and the Anointing, Who is Christ, is ready to teach us all things, if only we will listen (I John 2:27)! There is no excuse for being willfully stupid or ignorant. Furthermore, if we have not grasped God's universal, strategic Will, we will find it next to impossible to cooperate with His specific, tactical Will for us individually.

Brothers and sisters, it is time to seek the Lord. I believe the urgency of the situation is real. We truly are living in a different world today than we lived in just less than two weeks ago. This is a different world, and a different Church, when the hearts and motives of many will be revealed by the Lord Himself for who and what they are (Luke 2:35). Now a time has come in which we are being weighed in the balance, when things that need to be shaken will be shaken, when silver will be purified from the dross and wheat will be separated from chaff. It is true of the world in general, but I am mostly talking to the Church right now. We just see it more evidently and clearly in the world, but there is much more to be judged within the Church than there is to be judged within the world. These are, indeed, "perilous times" for all concerned.

OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT HAPPENS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN KNOWING WHY IT HAPPENS

Many within the Church are saying, "This happened because. . ." and then they go on to postulate their theories. Some say God did it, some say the devil did it, some say man did it. May I suggest that understanding why it happened is not the issue we should be concerned with. Instead, the Church should be saying, "This happened! Now how are we, as the people of God, going to conduct ourselves? How are we, as the Body of Christ, going to respond to this?" You see, our response to what happens is much more significant than the events that trigger our response.

To illustrate, consider the situation David faced when he and his men returned to Ziklag and discovered their village was burned and all their wives, children, and possessions had been carried away by the Amalekites (I Samuel 30). The Bible says, "David was greatly distressed; for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters." In our grief, we want to know why, and we want to hold someone - God, the devil, our leaders, or our enemies - responsible.

But this is a defining moment in David's life. It is what makes him a king even though he does not yet have a throne or a crown. David could have begun to analyze the situation by torturing himself with paralyzing questions like we have been asking: "Why did God allow this to happen? Is God punishing us for something we have done wrong? Is this His judgment? Is this just a random case of man's inhumanity to man? Or is the devil trying to come against us?"

No! In the midst of his own grief, distress, pain, and uncertainty, the Scripture says, "But David encouraged himself in the Lord His God." This is one of my favorite passages of Scripture, because it lets me know that my encouragement is in GOD, and I am not dependent on someone giving me all the correct answers; I do not have to have someone come along and help me process the situation and restore my faith. I am thankful for encouragement when I receive it, but my strength is not based on the praise or the criticism of man! I do not need a prophet or oracle or minister or pastor or anyone else to analyze and interpret WHY a tragedy occurred. THE LORD IS THE STRENGTH OF MY HEART. And the Lord is your Strength as well, a Rock, and a High Tower.

David consulted with the Lord, and basically told God, "You have my attention! Now what do I do? What's next? How do You want me to respond to this situation?" And the Lord gave David His marching orders, and eventually everything was restored. We are not saying that understanding why things happen is unimportant, only that knowing why they happen is of secondary importance; of primary importance is how we respond to what happens. We can still see the Lord at work in all things, even if we do not have all our questions answered (Job 42:1-6).

GOD REMAINS SOVEREIGN OVER ALL NATIONS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

God is indeed at work among the nations of the world today. Nothing escapes His attention. Every promise God makes to a nation, whether it is for blessing or cursing, good or evil, is conditional on how that nation responds to Him (Jeremiah 18:7-10). God is sovereign, and even though all authority in heaven and earth belongs to Him, He allows the sons of men to have the run of the earth (Psalms 115:16). Yet, this is still within the realm of His authority. He can permit, or He can not permit. He can allow, or He can not allow. When He opens a door, it will not be closed. When He closes a door, it will not be opened. When He determines to bless a nation, you cannot curse it (Numbers 23:11,12). And when He determines to curse a nation, you cannot bless it, or even spare it, without bringing down a curse upon yourself (I Samuel 15:17-19).

So man is free to do as he wills to a certain extent, but God still retains His authority. If necessary, God will intervene in the affairs of men to bring about a major course correction if they get too out of hand. The Flood of Noah was just such an event. So was the confounding of the languages at Babel. So was the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

God personally led the Hebrew exodus out of Egypt, established them in Canaan, ordered their exile into Babylon, their restoration, and the ultimate destruction of their nation in 70 A.D. But Israel is not the only nation God dealt with (Jeremiah 25:15-33). He had quite a lot to say and quite a bit to do with nations like Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Rome as the world's first superpowers, not to mention the countless nations and people groups, such as the Philistines, the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Midianites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Ishmaelites, the Jebusites, the Canaanites, the Ethiopians, the Arabians, and scores of others, too many to name. It should be noted that most of these nations are now extinct, because God will not deal with them forever. Is it not reasonable to think that God is as involved in the nations of this world today as He always has been?

Jesus Himself says that there will come a time in the future when, apart from God's direct intervention, man would totally annihilate one another and destroy all life on earth (Matthew 24:22). So while it is true that God has "given the earth to the children of men" it is also clear that, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof: the world, and they that dwell therein (Psalms 24:1)." Given the extent of man's inhumanity to man, this should be of great comfort to all of us. Ultimately, GOD IS IN CONTROL.

A RESPONSE IS REQUIRED FROM THE INNER COURT

So where do we go from here? How does this apply to us as Christians scattered among different nations around the world, being the salt of the earth and the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16)? If we believe the Lord is sovereign among the nations then we must discover what He would have us to say and do as His ambassadors to the particular nation we find ourselves in. Our purpose for writing is not to speak to the political situation, but the spiritual situation. We have done everything possible to communicate to the Church why and how it must leave the outer court and come into the inner court to meet God (The Priests of the Lord, Part 2, Watchman.Net). Now do you understand why? Wars and rumors of wars, death, destruction - it is all very frightening, but it all pertains TO THE OUTER COURT; and there is little we, the Church, can do if we meet with the conflict THERE on some carnal, fleshly, and may I say, emotional, zealous, or political level.

Here is our opportunity to see God's Will and God's Kingdom brought forth. The question is: who dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High? Who will go into the inner court, minister to the Lord, and become a friend of God? Who will linger before the Lord with prayer and fasting until these issues are settled? Who will cooperate with God in prayer so that His Will is accomplished in the earth and His Son is revealed?

I am continually drawn to the power of the ONE. God can save by many, or by a few (I Samuel 14:6). Sometimes He will do it with ONE - an Enoch, a Noah, an Abraham, a Moses, an Elijah, a Daniel. "The effectual fervent prayer of A RIGHTEOUS MAN avails much (James 5:16b)." It is good to have prayer chains and to bring the Body together for corporate prayer, we need more of it and it ought to be encouraged. At the same time, God would have us pray as if no one else is going to, in full assurance of faith that if we are in alignment with His Will, His Ultimate Purpose, we cannot help but see our supplications come to pass (I John 5:14,15). We can have a million Christians praying together but if they are praying according to what the "outer court" is telling them instead of the "inner court", it is not effectual. In days to come, if we pray according to the reports we see on television or read in the newspapers we will be misled. True prayer has its source in God, and we cannot pray according to the MIND of the Spirit unless we are praying BY the Spirit and not according to OUR mind (Romans 8:26,27).

"I sought for A MAN among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none (Ezekiel 22:30)." Listen! The land was destroyed, not for lack of a remnant, or a group, but for lack of A MAN. One righteous man (or woman), making up the hedge, standing in the gap before God on behalf of a nation, would have made a difference.

Moreover, to pray in one accord with the Body of Christ is to pray as ONE MAN (Acts 4:24). It is time to seek the Lord, to search the Scriptures, restore relationships with one another, and begin to pray REAL prayers: effectual, fervent prayers that avail much, not "God bless me" prayers. We must be about our Father's business.

What is needed from the Church in this time? A response is required: not an "outer court" reaction to what we see and hear, but an "inner court" response to God Himself, and it must be a response that goes further and deeper than mere human compassion towards the victims, anger towards the killers, and fears about the future. As human beings there is a natural reaction that we cannot help but have when we see catastrophe and death. It is pointless to deny our feelings, or lightly dismiss them. It is even unhealthy to do so. We feel compassion for the victims; anger towards those who perpetrated these acts; desire for retribution against those responsible; anxiety and tension over the general state of things. THAT we would expect from anyone. THAT is flesh and blood, and that is understandable, but that is NOT Spirit and Truth.

Jesus says, "The flesh profits nothing" and "the flesh is weak (John 6:63; Matthew 26:41)." Paul says, "They that are in the flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:8)." There is a certain bravado about the flesh that gives the illusion of strength, but it profits nothing, and it is weak, and it cannot be pleasing to God in spiritual matters. It is the flesh that says, "We're going to get them!" and "We're going to rebuild bigger and better than before!" Now we give allowances to the Natural Man that he will react as his flesh dictates, but we dare not allow the Spiritual Man to react in this manner, and by this of course I mean the Natural Man as the person without the Spirit of God, and the Spiritual Man as the person within whom the Spirit of God resides.

There is an element which calls itself "prophetic" which operates from the flesh as well, and we must exercise due diligence in making sure the words we proclaim or the words we listen to are truly from the inner court, and not just the shallow, hollow rantings of someone's opinion - even if it is a good opinion. We cannot take the time to listen to someone talk out of their own imagination and then tack a "thus saith the Lord" to the end of it to add credibility to their speech. It sounds right to the outer court worshippers, Scriptures can even be produced that seem to validate what is said, but those who stand before God in the inner court will immediately detect the defilement of the flesh (especially if they dare to challenge the one who so speaks).

Invariably, "prophetic" words from the outer court will be imbalanced, e.g., words of doom will lack grace and mercy, and words of blessing will lack warnings of judgment and calls to repentance. A word of "certain" blessing that does not give any incentive to deny Self and take up the Cross falls short of the mark. A word of "certain" judgment that does not offer a promise to the obedient or give hope to the repentant is either totally false or prophetically immature. A vision of destruction or calamity which is proclaimed as a certain, unavoidable fact fails to take into account that the purpose of the revelation was to inspire us to make intercession against that very thing, to stand in the gap and avert that very destruction we are proclaiming. The failure to understand this constituted the whole problem with Jonah's attitude over Nineveh (Jonah 4). The grace of God intervened in spite of Jonah's objections that it would make "him" look bad when "his" word did not come to pass.

What better way to get the Church to cease praying than to deceive her into thinking that all hope is lost, and the Day of Grace has ended! In the end, Abraham could not save Sodom, but he still prayed: and the fact that he prayed for mercy in the midst of pending judgment is what truly made him a prophet (Genesis 18:17-33).

THE SORT OF PRAYER GOD REQUIRES

We are not the first saints in history to be called upon to pray in this manner. When Japan invaded and raped China in World War II, a Chinese brother named Watchman Nee gave us some perspective that very much speaks to our present situation and call to prayer. He attended a believer's convention, and by accident was seated next to a Japanese brother. The tension was palpable among the onlookers. But brother Nee was unruffled, and when asked to offer prayer, he prayed as follows:

"The Lord reigns. We affirm it boldly. Our Lord Jesus Christ is reigning, and He is Lord of all; nothing can touch His authority. It is spiritual forces that are out to destroy His interests in China and Japan. Therefore, we do not pray for China; we do not pray for Japan; but we pray for the interests of Thy Son in China and Japan. We do not blame men, for they are only tools in the hands of Thine enemy. We stand for Thy Will. Shatter, O Lord, the kingdom of darkness, for the persecutions of the Church are wounding Thee. Amen."

I will admit that when I first read this a few years ago I was absolutely dumbfounded. Only after being educated by the Holy Spirit was I able to understand this kind of praying. It is a fine example of what it means to bring God's Kingdom and God's Will to bear upon the earthly situation. It raises the bar from the natural, flesh and blood, what-I-can-see-and-hear level, and brings us directly into the throne of God to view things from Heaven's perspective. Notice that brother Nee specifically said we do not pray for China, or Japan; we pray for God's Will, for God's Kingdom, for His Purpose, for His Desire in these two nations. The foremost issue for brother Nee is not what happens in China or Japan; of course that IS important, and he was personally impacted by these events, as were the house churches he served so diligently in China. But he was not praying on behalf of his own will or his own work, but on behalf God's Will and God's Kingdom. He had his interests and his concerns, but of greater concern to him was "the interests of Thy Son in China and Japan", e.g., the preeminence of Christ, the enlargement of His Kingdom. Does this not apply to the present crisis?

We repeat: in order to really come before God and get His Heart for our situation we have to be willing to lay down what we want and begin to pray for what He wants. If we do not want what He wants then we are going to have to either change what we want or stop praying. We cannot force God to do what He does not want to do, but we can very definitely prevent God, at least for a season, from doing what He DOES want to do, through prayerlessness, disobedience, or unbelief.

"TO HIM THAT OVERCOMES..."

As we look at the promises made to those who overcome we should see that God is not establishing some new order or special group which enjoys rights and privileges not accessible to the rest of the saints. This is not the establishing of new promises, but a bringing us back to the same exceeding great and precious promises which are potentially true of everyone who is in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). It is not establishing a new foundation, it is calling us back to the foundation which is already laid. That being said, we point out that the difference between those who overcome and those who do not overcome is a difference in their own PERCEIVED position. We all ought to perceive that in Christ we are seated in the heavenly places. We cannot overcome without this perception, this seeing, this revelation. If our perception is earthly, we will remain earthly. If our perception is heavenly, we will overcome.

The moment one's perception shifts from the outer court, the natural, flesh and blood, worldly, and earthly realm to the inner court, that which pertains to the heavenly places in Christ, at that moment one enters into the promises which were there all along, waiting to be realized and taken advantage of. Overcomers represent the means through which God may restore the entire Church to its proper position. Their prayers for the saints and their service to the saints is meant to bring the entire Church to the EPIGNOSIS (full-knowledge) of Christ that the entire Church may rise up and fulfill its destiny as overcomers (Ephesians 4:13). In this present time, if we will come into the inner court and stand before God on behalf of His Kingdom and His Will, then no matter what happens, the Lord will be glorified, His Son will be exalted, and His Kingdom will soon be manifest among the nations.

Our Father: may Your Name be hallowed, may Your Kingdom come, may Your Will be done - as in heaven, so in earth. Accomplish Your Purpose, and establish the Kingdom of Your dear Son in us: individually as disciples, corporately as the Church, and collectively in all creation; that Christ may be All in All. As we seek first Your Kingdom, may all that we need be added to us, whether it is daily bread or forgiveness of sins. Conform us to the image of Your Son that we may live as One Body. Deliver us from evil by raising up overcomers who will have the Revelation of Christ and will bear the Testimony of Jesus, demonstrating the preeminence of Your Son over sin, self, and satan; who overcome by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their Testimony, and the laying down of their lives. The Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are yours. Of the increase of your Kingdom there will be no end; You have given all power in heaven and in earth to Your Son; and through His Name every knee will bow and every tongue will confess to Your Glory. Reveal the glory of Your Son, that we may know Him, and as He must increase, so we must decrease. We do not pray for the United States, or Canada, or England, or France, or Afghanistan, or Pakistan, or Iraq, or Israel - but we pray for the interests of Your Son in these nations, and in every other nation upon the face of the earth, until Your Kingdom is established. Maranatha! Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus.

France

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"The Woman and the Bastille"

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As I sat and waited upon the Lord, it occurred to me that this type of woman was similar to the type that one encountered as a member of the lowest public classes that existed at the time of the French Revolution where the aristocrats were now being overthrown by such a member of the social grouping to which this woman belonged

I felt that what I was seeing about this woman was what I was being shown about France. I do not purport to know much if anything of note about French history, but I felt the Spirit was showing me the place of France now. This is what transpired.

The woman was French and her clothing represented revolutionary dress, which had many layers and ruffs, layers like an onion would have. Just as this woman had many layers to protect herself from the exposures to the street living, so has France covered herself with many layers to protect herself from the cold, a self imposed exile or an exile of circumstances.

The woman appeared eccentric and out of place, a wanderer. A carrier of baggage. She was embarrassed by her predicament. In pondering this, these words came "Its time to separate the many layers, to reveal its place, its true place in history, not living like as in the past, but to live to and prepare its time for the future" "Its time for her to understand her many dimensions and tides of understanding, time to remove the dirt of embarrassment protected of its history"

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Freedom Fighter
Garth Soso

(Psa 65:4) Blessed *is the one* You choose and cause to come near You; he shall dwell *in* Your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.

Yes indeed my friend. I am your God. I am your hope. I am your all in all my friends. I am all that you desire. I am all you see, hear and touch. I am your all encompassing God. I Am He who enables you to seek My face. I Am He who prepares your heart to hear My voice and to do My will. No one can take credit for anything in My kingdom. My kingdom belongs to Me and I will build and establish it that way that I please.

I enable all things to happen. I direct all of My people's steps that abide in me and I in them. All My people have a testimony of how they came to know Me. All of My people have a unique flavor unto Me. I Am He who has written your testimony in My book of life. Every mountain overcome, every hurdle jumped has been by the power of My spirit. I have done everything for you to enable you to come unto Me. I directed your steps even when you didn't know Me as your God. He who's name is written in My book of life has, each day, each hour, each minute and every second written out in My book of life.

Some may wonder, "well Father, have I not had My own free will? Yes you have my children. I have given you free will on this earth as My word says (Det 30:19). Nevertheless, I am a big enough God to use all of your choices and decision for your good. That is the goodness of your God. I am the same yesterday, today and forever. I know what has happened yesteryear, today and will occur in the future. I am a God who sees all things and remembers all things. I have not forgotten one iota of your life from before creation up until you are reading this word. I have taken the liberty of closing off much of your memories for your assignments here on earth. I have not given you the full capacity of your hearts and minds in order to train you to be My overcoming children.

This is a time of war for my own and for those who are not My own. My children will war in a place of rest. My rest is a position of power. As you rest from yourself (works), the I Am goes to battle for your freedom. As you lay down your life to Me voluntarily: laying down all striving, anxiousness, fear doubt, unbelief and many other characteristics of the enemy; I fill your up with good things from My house. All good things come from heaven above. I am the God of goodness. All of My good work can be found in My Son, Jesus Christ. He is the One I fill you up with. Jesus Christ is the One who goes to battle for My children. My Son shall be your cloud of covering by day and your pillar of fire for sight by night. Yes indeed My people.

The battle in heaven is increasing in intensity and has already spilled over into the natural. Many of My own have been a bit dazed and confused of sorts in their seeking My face. I say to you. Stay the course. Stay on track and breakthrough the enemy of your soul, who is trying to hinder you in anyway, shape or form. He is desperate because He knows that He is losing the war for My children's hearts. Stay the course My people because I am sending you My Freedom Fighter in Power. Over

Fresh Start
Yolanda Ballard

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FRESH START

Things aren't always what they appear to be. Don't judge your circumstances and say that this is the way your life is at present, because that is the way the enemy is trying to rob you of My truth. He is trying to get you to look and judge the way your marriage is or your relationships are with other people. He wants you to look and judge and then be discouraged with the way things appear to be.

I want you to rise up and tear down the strongholds built up by the enemy by our misguided mind sets. Be determined to not judge our circumstances and say that is the truth. For I tell you this day to look to My word and say that is the truth for your life. Walk not by sight but by the faith I give you through My word.

This is the day that I AM beginning to change your circumstances based on the truth of My word, but you must cooperate with Me for this to happen. Yes, I AM giving you a fresh start once again that you may dive into My word and see what I have promised you there. I want you to say "no more!" to the enemy and that you won't allow him to destroy relationships with others any longer. For he is out to steal, kill and destroy that which I began in you. For I started a good work and I AM faithful to complete it, but you must work with Me and not against Me.

If you want Me to bless you, you must stand on My word. If you see it in My word, then it is My will for your life and don't accept anything less. Yes, I promised that you would prosper and be in health as your soul prospers in Me. And for your relationships with others, if it doesn't line up with what My word says love is, then cast down the lie and stronghold. And build back up based on My truth. You know I AM out to bless marriages and not tear down. And I AM out to draw My people together so they can worship Me as one. Be sensitive to the devices of the enemy.

Yes, I give you a fresh start full of My grace and truth. Don't look back at your failures and striving based on what you can see, but trust in My word and only look to Me, and see how I will bless you and transform by the truth of My word the appearance of your everyday life. Yes, no longer will you focus on what the enemy has done but what I AM doing, but you must look to Me and trust Me, and stand behind your shield and use your sword to tear down. Keep covered each day with your armor of light. Let My love blind the enemy and bring discouragement to his camp. Yes, turn the tide and let Me wipe out the enemy from your life. Walk in truth and not by the lie the enemy tries to build up around you. Cast down the stronghold of darkness and walk in my truth and light.

Yes, this is the day to rejoice because the truth has set you free! My love I give to you is powerful. Don't allow the enemy to rob you. When the enemy uses others to come against you, rise up and forgive. Don't let him weigh you down. Walk in the principles based on My word, and then the enemy cannot ensnare you. Be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. A kind word can turn away wrath. Don't feed the flame of the enemy's devices. Yes, quench it out using the truth of My word, My grace, and My love.

Fresh Starts
Sandy Warner

Feb 2, 2005

Dear one, I AM bringing you out of the long hard winter season of your life. Look for the budding forth of My promises. Move forward into your fresh start. I will grant you new perspectives, new vision, new gifts, new plans, new friends, new provision, new approaches to get where I want you to go. Look now for the buds to appear in your life. I AM rebuilding your life into a rich and fruitful basket of provision.

Song 7:10-13 NLT
"I am my lover's, the one he desires. Come, my love, let us go out into the fields and spend the night among the wildflowers. Let us get up early and go out to the vineyards. Let us see whether the vines have budded, whether the blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates are in flower. And there I will give you my love. There the mandrakes give forth their fragrance, and the rarest fruits are at our doors, the new as well as old, for I have stored them up for you, my lover."

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Mom Goes To Rap
Sandy Warner

Feb 6, 2005

NOTE TO READERS: For those of you unfamiliar with the rhythm of rap, places where you see a word Capitalized are accented. They fall on the off beat and also on the on beat when tapping the foot. Have fun with this "prophetic" Word!

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MOM GOES TO RAP
A one, a two, a three, a four.
As I Popped in my Shower,
My Foot kept a Tappin',
As the Rhymes and the Jingles,
They Just kept a Rappin.
It's a Fun when He's the One,
And it's a HO-ly Thing.
It's the Power of the Gospel,
And a Bell that Rings.
Deep IN the Hearts
Of a Young generAtion
It's the Sound of a Rappin',
A pe-CUliar Nation.
What IS this Power
That Comes from aBove
To Tap out a Jingle
But Filled with Love?
It's a Blast
That will Last
Not a Fix
Full of Mix.
So Watch out devil
Of What you Took,
Cause we're a Take-in it Back
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A beFore you Look.

GOD created Rhythm
In ALL He Did.
It's the Basis of a Movement
That He Planted in His Kids.
So Move on, Take Ground
Take it on the Chin.
Stomp your Foot
Jst a Waitin' to beGin.
So Look at that Rapper
Takin' on a Chin
She's a Foot stompin'
Chuckle justa Waitin' to beGin.
What IS this Word a-Bout a Chin?
It's a Holy Unction in a New wineSkin.
Don't GET it, Yet?
Haven't Placed your Bet?
It's Growin' a Beard,
Hey! That sounds Weird!
As the People watch On
Just a Lookin' at that Chin,
It's Aaron's Beard
And they're Wantin' IN.
It's a ForerunNer
To What is yet to Come.
The Power of Unity
Ac-Corded as One.
It's the Apostles as they Gather
Under one Roof.
No Fiery Dart -
These Guys are bullet Proof.
It Brings a Tremble
As They asSemble.
Watch Out, they're a Comin,'
This is Not just a FUNin.
These MiraCles are here to Stay.
Look on People, we're IN a new DAY!

Acts 5:11-14 NKJV
So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things. And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

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Wounded Or Corrected?
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There are times when you bare your soul before men that you receive backlash. Accusation, misunderstanding and judgment leaves you feeling naked and shot. Worse yet, in your wounded state, it leaves you feeling like a bad person. This erodes and seeps down into your soul to further your decay of failure into self rejection. Precious One, listen to ME. This is not My good gift.

Yes, I feed tenderhearted correction into your life as you need it. Yes, I use circumstances to form you into My image. And, yes, I bring everything into your life and turn it for good. But do not think that I AM judging you, stripping you naked and shooting you over your failures. I AM not rejecting you, dear one, and neither do I ever point a finger to condemn you. I weep with you as you mourn over your mistakes, I weep even before you know you make them.

My beloved child, would I severely discipline a child who earnestly wants to please Me and seek My way? I AM only stern to the rebellious who defiantly turn from My loving and gracious heart. I AM full of compassion over you who fall and tremble at My Word. And how it moves My heart to wild rejoicing as I see you willing to stand up and try again! How proud of you I AM, dear one, to see you keep on keeping on. Now, let My love wash and cover you. You are not naked, you are clothed in My forgiving and pure white garment of righteousness.

NIV Romans 10:4

Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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Like A Rock

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LIKE A ROCK
You have climbed a great mountain of pain in your life and I shall turn this mountain into your greatest blessings. You have overcome many spiritual enemies and I made you rock hard in the process. I am settling you solidly and firmly, most sure and assuredly. I am planting you rock sure, My rock Bride. I have set you upon My rock to stay.

Hiding within the ark of My Presence, our secret place brought you to rest upon this mountain and there you shall stay. Like the flood waters in Noah's day, you rose above it all to be lifted into another destiny. You shall discover this new solid place in Me as you witness the flood waters descend all around you. Though the ice and the sun, the wind and the rain come and go upon your mountain, you shall dwell forever planted upon this holy mountain of rest and blessing.

Gen 8:4 KJV
And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

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From the Church in Israel

Francis Frangipane

Israel is the epicenter of many of the world's events. Indeed, what happens in the Holy Land can cause powerful shock waves around the world. Daily, we are deluged by reports from newsrooms about Israel. As we in the church have learned to care more for the Jewish people, we have become more sensitive to how the nation of Israel views us. We are even concerned about the viewpoints of the Orthodox Jews as well as the positions and threats of Israel's Islamic enemies. Added to this sea of voices and opinions, we also listen to the teachings of evangelical preachers, calling us to pray for the peace and protection of the Jewish people. All of this is good and acceptable. However, most of us have yet to hear from the actual leaders of the evangelical church in Israel.

Thus, on a recent trip to the Holy Land, I made it a point to visit with a number of Israeli pastors. I was so impressed with their love, faith and humility that I asked them if they would issue a statement that might, in some way, express their hearts to the wider body of Christ, especially to the church in America, but also throughout the world. The pastors with whom I spoke were, in fact, representatives of a larger group of around 70 leaders. As I listened to their hearts, it was easy to see that these were believers in pursuit of Christ's character. Although they came from a variety of church backgrounds, their hearts were steadfastly united in Christ, and they are individuals given to prayer and evangelism.

I believe Christianity needs to hear the voice of the church in Israel. Thus, in the months ahead, my hope is to feature the perspectives and insights from leaders serving Christ in the Holy Land. Indeed, I was blessed to learn that, when major hurricanes struck the Gulf Coast of the USA, these leaders did not automatically judge and condemn the United States. Instead, they focused their congregations on redemptive prayer for America. As I listened to them, I was deeply impressed that the church in Israel was truly growing into the spiritual temple of God (Eph 2:21-22; 1 Cor 3:16). In a very moving way, I felt the significance of a genuine holy reality - as big a miracle of grace as the restoration of Israel itself. The church in Israel was praying for believers in America and around the world. They were truly becoming "a house of prayer for all nations."

With the memory of Hurricane Katrina in mind, they sent this greeting:

To the Church in America,

Shalom. We are a body of leaders in Israel who would like to express our hearts concerning the tragic events which took place in America due to recent hurricanes. Please help us connect with as many of our brothers and sisters as possible by forwarding this letter to the Body of Messiah throughout the different churches in the USA.

First of all, please accept our apologies for not responding earlier. Sometimes the sheer enormity of these events leaves one at a loss for meaningful words. We are struck by the weight of the catastrophes which hit the Gulf States of the southern U.S. and by the resulting distress and suffering of so many people. We feel earnest sorrow for the great loss of life and livelihood; and we would like to assure our brothers and sisters in America of our love and prayers, as we earnestly beseech our God to intervene in this situation. We consider it important to let you know that we are standing with you in this critical hour, wanting to express our sympathy and brotherly friendship and taking the opportunity to utter our thanks for the American believers' faithfulness concerning their relationship to Israel. How often in years past have we received your intensive support in prayer and in generous giving!

Our main reason for wanting to extend comfort to you is the simple fact that you are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. In addition, God has used America again and again to provide assistance to Israel as a nation. We are bound together on many levels. "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it…" (1Corinthians 12:26).

At the same time it is our prayer that God will use this season of shaking as a new awakening of the American church, as well as the nation. May He impart His heart and thoughts to His people in more meaningful ways than in any previous generation. May His kingdom break through in new and bigger dimensions - within the United States and, through selfless American Christians, across the entire world! For it is written, "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Israel - as God's chosen people and the firstborn among the nations - has experienced a history of much shaking, even to the degree of judgment (a history that has not yet come to an end). But we know that the reason for this is God's holy love and divine calling. He disciplines the ones he loves (Hebrews 12:6). The United States has been considered by all a favored nation, used mightily by God and blessed for her missionary work and for standing by Israel through the years. She has been given abundant material and spiritual blessings. She sees herself as the leader of the world. It is only to be expected that such a nation will be held accountable to a higher standard of righteousness. We want to encourage you to shine brightly amidst a darkening world. In this sense of blessing, calling and responsibility there are strong parallels between our nations, highlighting God's principle that "from everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked" (Luke 12:48).

We pray that your ear would be next to God's heart in the midst of the calamities which have stricken your great nation. May you tangibly experience His presence in every trying hour. Through the tears, may you and your nation experience the richness of God's mercy. May He be glorified in your courageous and compassionate response.

We love and appreciate you. We are with you.

Your brothers in Yeshua our Messiah,

Arthur Goldberg
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Daniel YahavAvi Mizrachi
Howard Bass
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(And many others who were not available to sign this letter).

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The Value of Brokenness
Francis Frangipane

Up until the moment Christ enters our lives, surrounding our souls there exists a hard outer shell, a "survival nature," which protects us against life's harshest offenses. The shell is necessary while we are in the world, but becomes an enemy to our new life in Christ, where the nature of Christ becomes our shelter. Thus, as the shell of a seed, a nut or an egg must be broke before its inner life comes forth, so it is with us: the "shell" of our outer nature must also break in order to free the Spirit of Christ to arise in our hearts.

This need to be broken is recorded in Luke 20. Jesus Christ described Himself as the very cornerstone and source of life itself. Yet, as such, He also said that He was, "The stone which the builders rejected" (vs 17). We say we believe in Him, yet how we often reject the wisdom of His words when we build our lives! This self-sufficiency and self will is what must break before we can ever fulfill the will of God, which is Christlikeness. It is only because we are still unbroken that we trust the ways of men rather than God.

Yet, Jesus warned, "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust" (Luke 20:18). He is saying that, ultimately, only two types of people will remain: the broken and those scattered like dust. Only the broken can survive the coming glory of God. We either fall and break on Christ or He will fall upon us and scatter us like dust.

God brings low those He plans to use. Consider our spiritual heroes: Joseph, Moses, David. Each suffered an extended time of wounding and breaking until they became low enough for God to raise them up. Or consider the early disciples: they enjoyed limited success working with Jesus, but in His most crucial hour they all failed Him. Even the inner circle of Peter, James and John failed the Lord. They slept at a time when Jesus desperately needed their prayer and companionship. In cowardice, they denied they ever knew Him. Yet, their failure did not disqualify them. Amazingly, because God used their failure to produce humility, they received qualifying grace. On Pentecost, God raised them up in power to represent the risen Christ!

Failure functionalizes our capacity to live more perfectly dependent on Christ. It causes us to more genuinely rely upon the Lord for wisdom, virtue and strength. It cripples our strength, turning the heart away from itself. We learn to fall upon Christ and, though broken to pieces, the Son of God can now flow out through us to others.

Sin is not our worst enemy; worse than sin is "self." Thus, as a hammer is to the shell of a walnut, so are our mistakes in the hands of our Heavenly Father; God uses them to unlock our spiritual inner nature. On the other hand, if we do not bring our failures to God in humility and repentance, they actually cause the opposite effect: they can create a thicker outer hardness. We may become cynical and angry, blaming others for our difficulties. If we do not see the Lord orchestrating our circumstances, we become entombed in our humanity, never able to see the true life of Christ emerge through us.

Let me also clarify that Jesus said that He would not break "a bruised reed." For those who come to Him devastated by tragedy, Jesus immediately seeks to bring healing. God's goal in all things is to create within us dependency upon Him. We either come with brokenness or He will supply it.

Wheat and Tares

Another means of breaking comes in how we deal with offenses. We live in an imperfect world for a reason: God seeks to perfect character here. In Matthew 13, Jesus explained that two types of people grow side by side in the kingdom: one He called "wheat" and the other "tares." He sowed wheat, but an enemy came later and sowed tares. Until the harvest, the appearance of tares is quite similar to wheat. Thus, when asked if the tares should be uprooted, the farmer (Jesus) said, "No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest" (vs 29-30).

Why will Jesus let wheat and tares grow side by side? Tares perfect the character of the wheat. Why wait until the harvest? Because it is only then that the difference between wheat and tares becomes evident. At harvest, the wheat head, full of mature grain, bows, while the tares remain stiff and unbending. The contrast is plain: the bowed versus the unbowed; the humble versus the straight and stiff-necked.

This parable also tells us that we have no right to judge, uproot or even try to "discern" the tares before the harvest time; even Jesus will not remove them until then. The question we need to ask is not, "Who is a tare?" but "Am I truly a wheat?" Remember, prior to the harvest, the differences, outwardly, are indistinguishable. In fact, both survive the storms, droughts and blights that strike each equally. Yet, one produces grain, while the other is barren; one becomes valuable, while the other is gathered to be burned.

God allows the tares to grow side by side with the wheat to perfect Christlikeness in the wheat. When offended, the wheat humbly forgives; when faced with conflict or failure, the wheat does not blame others. In fact, the wheat does not even judge the tares, it prays for them. That's how you know you are a wheat. On the other hand, the tares cannot deal with the imperfections of the wheat; they judge the wheat, and other tares as well. They become angry, bitter at life and easily offended. They are the unbroken. You know you are becoming a tare if, instead of interceding for the imperfections of people around you, you simply criticize them. If you carry offenses from years ago and still blame people for your failure, you are avoiding the wheat, you are becoming a tare. At its essence, the difference between the wheat and tares is the measure of love functioning in each; the wheat is able to truly bow to its Creator.

The Unshrunk Cloth

Just as our failures can break us, so God allows other situations to reduce us. I know, we think of ministry in terms of wholeness and expansion, but much of what is seen outwardly is attached to the work of God inwardly. In fact, one way we expand is to be willing to shrink. What do I mean? Listen to what Jesus taught:

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results"(Mk 2:21).

The Lord says that you cannot mend an old garment with a new patch because once the garment is washed the patch will begin to shrink. As a result, it will pull away from the garment and a worse tear occurs. I have seen it happen in many churches: someone is brought in to fix a situation but they understand "ministry" as being an opportunity to display what they can do; they have yet to be cut to size. As a result, when they see the little hole God wants them to fill, as they reluctantly shrink, they pull away from the old garment, causing a worse tear than at first.

So, a wise seamstress will soak a new patch in hot water before sewing it onto the older garment.

This gives time for the patch to shrink to the size that is needed. After it is shrunk, she then sews it permanently into the old garment.

The Lord must also shrink us before He can use us. When we come to a church or join a ministry team, we cannot help but be aware of the dozens of things we feel qualified to accomplish. In fact, we look at others and think, "I could do better than that." If you are looking at the assignment someone else has and feel you could do better, it is because you are still, to some degree, unshrunk. God hasn't brought you into the body to do someone else's task; He wants you to focus upon your own, even if it is seemingly insignificant.

We argue, "But how will I advance unless someone sees my talents?" The Lord said, "He who is faithful in a little thing, will be faithful in much." We must simply do the thing God tells us and not envy others and their tasks. We seek to do some great thing for God; but God wants us to do little things as though they were great. The entire ministry does not need repair, just the hole we are called to fill. Each ministry has an exact size requirement.

How does the Lord reduce you so you can be useful? Like the seamstress, He puts you in hot water. God must shrink us from our exaggerated opinion of ourselves before He can use us in greater projects. We must simply fill the size of the need before us without envying the tasks of others. If you find yourself, for a time, in hot water, it might be because you took on tasks that were beyond the Lord's assignment for you. He is shrinking you to the size of your calling.

The end of it all is this: the Lord takes serious His plan for our lives. He has one goal with us: create us in the image of Christ. In His wonderful, all-powerful hands, He can use our failures, "tare-able" people, and our time in hot water to work for both our good and His glory in our lives.
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Faith That Doesn't Falter - Love That Never Fails

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Rom 5:1-5: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

In the face of terror attacks and potential desperate volatile world conditions of war, natural disasters, global warming, moral degradation, and dwindling world oil reserves it is possible to begin to lose hope. If our hope rests only in natural strength and resources, there could be little reason for hope of a future much less a good future. It might be difficult to find reason to have faith in natural strength of men and governments to overcome the challenges and handle the situations of the world.

And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor 13:13

Hope depends on faith. If we have little or no faith we will have little or no hope. True faith works by love and God is love. Therefore our hope is in God. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word. What word? The word of God, the word of love, the word of faith. Hearing that God actually loves us is the source of faith. The same God who by his power spoke all things into being, the God who created all that exist, the God of all wisdom and understanding truly loving us is the root of our faith and the reason for our hope. Intimately relating to God and living in His passionate endless love gives us faith that will not falter no matter what the circumstances. As we simply rest in His awesome love, doubts and fears are gone and we experience perfect faith and everlasting hope. The peace of God that passes understanding floods our hearts even in the most desperate circumstances. (Gal 5:6) (1 John 4:8,16) (Rom 10:17) (Rom 10:8)

If God's love were to fail, if he ever just ran out of love, then we would have no hope. we would have nothing in which to believe - no faith. The good news is that God's love never fails, it never runs out. (1 Cor 13:8)

All of our well being begins with our relationship to God. We must become one with the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit. Only then are we fully ready to relate to those around us. This is the basis of the relational church. Intimate relationship with God first and then intimate relationship with His people is the coming church model. This is the basis of the current reformation from organizational to relational church. This is the cure for the powerless church of the past and the key to living in the kingdom of God lifestyle.

If the hundreds of millions of people worldwide who call themselves Christians were to live this way the world would be saved and changed. (2 Chr 7:14) (Psa 33:12) There are some people living this way today and miracles are again happening as they did in the first century. Mature love produces mature faith and all things are possible to those who believe. (Mark 9:23) Our hope is firmly planted in the love relationship with our all powerful loving God. The reflection of that love back to Father from His children spawns awesome praise, sincere worship, pure adoration, eternal life abundantly now, endless hope and joy everlasting. Thank You Father!

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Facing The Future With Faith

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The soul of man has been awakened by the events that have been unfolding. The spirit of fear will attempt to exploit these unprecedented, traumatic times, seeking to paralyze people with fear. In fact, the world news reports are chilling. The overwhelming question echoing from mankind is: what does the future hold? People of all walks of life are crying out in utter desperation, seeking answers to the situations coming upon them. With increasing despair and great anguish, man is seeking straight answers in these uncertain times. "What does the future hold?" The world's attention has been arrested with reports of earthquakes that virtually wipe-out entire cities in a moment. It would seem that the entire earth is facing extreme, catastrophic problems.

We watch--shocked, stunned and horrified--as the earth is ravaged by earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fires, famines and wars which bring about unspeakable acts of terror. We hear the warnings concerning looming plagues that could kill untold millions in mere days.

Looking into the eyes and faces of people, you can see the deep desperation; one can sense the cry for help as the soul of mankind cries out for understanding, seeking help to grasp the days we are living in. With each bewildered look, you hear the cry, "What is going on? What does the future hold?"

Considering all these things looming on the horizon, just what does the future hold? Or will there even be a future? The answer is yes. God has promised a future, filled with bright hope. Our goal must be to position our lives into the place where God's promises become living reality.

It is essential that the Body of Christ rise up and take our place in this crucial hour; this is our destiny. We must stand confidently before a shaken world. Lifting high, the Lord holding forth the Light of God's steadfast promises, knowing it is the Truth that will set people free. Now is the time to arise and shine. We must move in true faith--not fear.

It is during these dark days that the glory of God will be seen again upon His people (**Isaiah 60:1-5**). We are to become a shining, brilliant city, set on a hill giving hope to all who are set in darkness. We are identified as salt and light; the world must see us function. If salt looses its effectiveness, it is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden down. As you well know, salt in the great oceans of the world acts as a great preservative, helping to cleanse and remove harmful contaminates from the earth. This must be true of our life as well.

The question is: what does the future hold? The best answer to this question is to point mankind to the fact of ***who*** holds the future. For the followers of Christ Jesus, God has promised a future filled with bright hope. This is not a time to despair; this will be the Church's finest hour. God reveals His future plans for His people, stating, "I know my thoughts and plans I have for you. . . My plan for you is that you have a future filled with hope," **Jeremiah 29:11**. He wants us to have a future filled with hope!

It is crucial that we take our stand, firmly relying upon the unshakable Word of God. Our faith must move from the head to the heart. It is time to truly believe. Faith that is not tested is not true faith. God is calling for faith that will produce substance and evidence (**Hebrews 11:1**). No longer can we just talk about God and His awesome power, we must move in Divine power (**1 Corinthians 4:20**). We must display the awesome deeds of God (See **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**). The promise of Christ Jesus is stated in **John 14:12**, ***"These works that I do and greater works than these shall you do."***

The Light of God's Word will dispel the doom of darkness. It is in His light that we see light. It is not time to stumble in the dark, but rather, ***leap*** in the light. As we yield to the Holy Spirit, lifting our eyes to behold His glorious face, we too are changed into His likeness (See **2 Corinthians 3:18**).

Wise Words To A Weary World

An awakened ear releases the tongue of the Learned (**Isaiah 50:4**) to speak a word in due season to them that are weary.

The body of Christ will mobilize to lift up the feeble hands that bring strength and hope. We must point man passed the problems to the promise. Our message must be: "God is good, and He does good" (See **Nahum 1:7**). This will combat the endless lies of the devil as he seeks to cast a shadow upon the goodness of God and the validity of God's word (See Genesis 3:1-10). Does anyone have answers for these days? The answer is a resounding "YES!" The Lord is releasing the much needed light for these dark days.

It is not time to stumble in the dark, but rather to leap forward in the Light. We are called to walk with a goal, aim, and divine purpose. Do not lose sight of the promises. We are called to be salt and light to affect swift and sure change. God will have for Himself a people of purity and power.

Walking with a goal, aim, and purpose during these times of confusion will result in a calming effect. See **Ephesians 5:14-15**. This is how to respond in these days of despair! ***"Let your light shine. Darkness cannot put out the light; however, the light does dispel the deepest darkness. You are the light of the world a city that cannot be hid."*** See **Matthew 5:14.**

We must know the Word of God, and greater, we must know the God of the Word. Man will not live during these days by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God (See **Matthew 4:4**).

The Word of God must be in our mouth to wage war against the lies of the enemy. Remember, the devil still repeats his first lines to mankind, "Has God said?" Now is the time to stand firm upon the solid rock of the Word of God. A house on sand cannot stand during these days of winds and rains of judgment. See **Matthew 7:27**. Only the firm foundation of faith in Christ will sustain us in these times of trouble. The words of this song say it well, "On Christ the solid Rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand." This must be our message--the solid rock of faith in Christ.

I will say the Lord is my Light. We must learn to declare the promises of God in order to enjoy the protection of God. We must declare what God has spoken over us. **Joel 3:10** declares that the weak are to declare themselves strong and fit for any purpose. In **Micah 3:8**, we discover that we are, without question, filled with the Spirit of God, producing ample power.

Decree the word of faith to destroy the plans of the devil; we must know what is written. Christ Jesus released an awesome example of resisting with the written Word in Matthew 4. Each time the devil spoke and attacked, Christ resisted with the statement: "It is written." Truly, God's people are destroyed because of a lack of knowledge of the Word. It is time to seek the Lord until He comes and reigns righteous upon us (**Hosea 10:12**).

The name of the Lord is a strong tower. We must find our safety in the shelter of the Lord, drawing ever closer and closer to the King of Glory.

It is the devil's plan to kill and destroy as many people as he can (**John 10:10**). However, God has a greater plan. He plans for you to have an overflowing life. It is up to us, as children of God, to withstand the foe of our soul in this conflict. If we truly resist the devil, he must flee (See **James 4:7**).

Our goal is to establish the kingdom of God with power and true authority. You are called to overcome--to be the head and not the tail, to be above and not below. Greater is His power and presence within you than all the raging powers of hell within the world. It is time to shake yourself awake and arise and shine (See **Isaiah 60:1**).

This is no time to retreat, but it's time to advance ever higher and deeper into the realm of the Spirit. These are the days of God's dread champions. Be bold and very courageous, knowing that God has promised to go before us, placing His fear upon the faces of our foes. The conflicts of the kingdoms are upon us.

Share the Bread of Heaven With a Starving World

Learn to speak victory and declare what God has spoken. Things are not like you see. They are like God has said. In **Job 22:28**, we are instructed to decree a thing, and it would be established. We must walk by faith and not by sight. What we see can easily mislead us. However, what God said is faithful and sure. The grass will fade and the flower vanish; however, the word of God will stand.

It is time to read the manual and get to know the plans of God. Thy word have I hid in my heart; it is in His light that we see light. Tell the good news to a seeking world. We have the words of life. With great grace, we will share the bread of Heaven with a starving world. Lift Him up high for all to see. Lift Him up in your daily lives when people are watching to see how you will respond during the days of hard testing.

As we walk in faith and love, confidence will replace chaos, and faith will silence fear. The steadfast presence of Christ, living within His people will be a calming force in a world shaken to the core. Scripture warns that men's hearts will fail them for the things coming upon the earth. This could well be the beginning of these times.

Remember God has not given us the spirit of fear but of love and joy and a sound mind. Now is the time to set our mind and heart upon the Lord, looking fully into His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. Our mind will be kept in perfect peace as we firmly focus upon the Lord.

Just as Paul stood before a hopeless people on the deck of a ship in the mist of a terrible storm, his words were, "Be of good cheer. . . There stood by me this night an angel. . . "

Someone must take a stand and declare the good report. God will bring His people out. He will see us through. He did not bring us this far to let us down. Our future is strong, and our hope is anchored in God. He is steadfast and true. The Prophet Nahum declared, "God is good.. . . a very present help in the time of trouble." And He knows the people who are trusting in Him.

In Isaiah, we learn that if we are to maintain lasting peace, it will be because we have fixed our mind upon the Lord (**Isaiah 26:3**). Remember, He said, "I am the Lord. I change not."

Things change, and circumstances shift. However, God remains steadfast and sure. For the people walking in true faith and fully following Christ, God will release great grace and mercy. However, for the people who choose to reject the wooing of God, these will be times of deep sorry and pain. The cry from God's heart is: **look unto ME and live**.

For Those Whom God Foreknew

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There isn't a sin, pressure, or any global unrest, that can hinder "what God foreknows!" God moves according to the Power and Significance of what He foreknows, and not "what mere men think they know."

"...for those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that Her might be the firstborn of many brothers. And those He predestined, He called, called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.." Romans 8:29-30.

There is an "atmosphere of the foreknown" that has wrapped itself around you. Regardless of the hell you may be experiencing now, even those soulish ties that may be apprehending you from experiencing the fullness of Maximum Life, "what God foreknew about you WILL COME TO PASS!"

Experiencing the Likeness of Christ comes as the result of what God foreknew about you. Before you were ever born, the Father embraced you as His son, blameless and holy in His sight, Ephesians 1:3-5. He already established us as offspring of the Divine, even before you knew that you needed to experience the Significance of Salvation by repentance.

.."for He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and Will..." Ephesians 1:4-5.

Holiness was never intended to be the name of a denomination or even a spiritual ritual of religion. Holiness is the very Nature of the Father and His Kingdom. It is the very reality of the Father Himself. And since we were formed in Him before the world began, we too, are Holy. Holiness "is" God. Being formed "in" God makes us Holy as well.

The seasons and years of the earth "have no power to hinder what God already recognized before the world began." Regardless of the situations in your life, when the Spirit "recognizes what God already foreknew, believe me, YOU WILL BECOME APPREHENDED BY THE FATHER. God is never worried or pressured by the foolishness of the world. He is never fearful, dismayed, or stressed out about anything. For those He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son.

You see, the Father desires for us to be "as Christ in the earth, and not byproducts of the religion of men." Many are patiently waiting for their family members to be byproducts of religion "while thinking that what they're waiting for is the image of Christ." However, religion is not the Image of Christ. It is the image of the fallen.

God is raising up Kingdom voices that will "stir the Atmospheres of God, and awaken within those who hear, the very Seed of the Image of Christ." God predestined us to be as His sons, not religious beings. Many are patiently awaiting the wrong thing!

He "set the Atmosphere in order" to bring forth sons of God. It will not release or bring forth anything else. God established the Kingdom "to receive you as a son of God." Creation itself, groans for you. There is no groan from religion. But there is a groan "from the earth, for us to be manifested as sons of God!"

"..The Creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed..." Romans 8:19.

Salvation is the initiator of Divine sonship. It is not the door to becoming a byproduct of a fallen thing. Many have become byproducts of a form of godliness, while at the same time, fearing the Invitations from the Spirit to become the Father's offspring.

The Holy Spirit gives us the "endurance and the capacity to find peace in the midst of significant patience, as we await the things that God has foreknown before creation, to be revealed in our seasons and times." I Peter 1:20 states that Christ was chosen as an Unblemished Sacrifice for our sins "before the foundations of creation, but was revealed in these last times for our sake!"

Coming into the fullness of your Destiny "is to simply awaken to the Wisdom and Intentions that God already knew about you." It's becoming one "with the knowledge concerning you that only the Father knew before the world began." He predestined you to become conformed to the Image of Christ. His destiny for us "is to also become conformed to the Beliefs that Christ believed."

It is impossible to discover one's true destiny "if we also fear the right to believe what Christ believes." We will never discover "what we are afraid to become One with in all things."

Father's Word to You

Judy Bauman

I have already given you everything
You need to fight the enemy of your soul.
You are My child,
You are My soldier,
You are My friend.

Pray to Me as Jesus prayed.
I Am His Father and
I Am your Father.

You are more than a conqueror
You have already been given the victory.
You are My righteous instrument ~ My instrument of choice.

I have given you keys.
I have given you My power and authority.
I have chosen you and I will send you in My time.

You are My diamond and you are in the process of being polished.
You need to trust Me and not your old man.
Don't trust the ways of old.

Give yourself wholly to Me and
I will give you the desires of your heart.
Trust Me, obey Me, follow Me, love Me; for I will never disappoint you.

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Fresh Water for a Dry Desert

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"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. I will open rivers in the high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water." ISA. 41:17-18

... Your problems aren't your problems! Your perception of these problems are draining you of your time and talents. Look for the presence of Jesus, He is there with the visitation you are thirsting for!

The heavens around you have been filled with warfare but God is prevailing on your behalf ..the atmosphere will become clearer as you climb higher in your thirsting of God. As you seek the face of God others will feel the hand of God. Know Gods ways and see God's works.(Psa. 103:7) Your difficulties have not quenched your desire for the Lord and in greater measure they will not withhold the Lord from visiting you with his restoring presence.

"Heavenly Father, I come in Jesus wonderful name. I ask that you would refresh your laborers. Encourage them not to give up or quit. Open our eyes to see you and your wonderful blessing. Let the powers of the enemies be broken Now!!! In the dry places let your river flow. Thank you Jesus, In your mighty name. Amen!"

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Fullness, Wholeness, Completeness

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Obtained through Righteousness

The promises of God to us are obtained through the righteousness of Christ. We are made righteousness or put into right standing with God through Christ.

Ephesians 4:12-13
His intension was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ's Body (the Church),

That it might develop until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, that we might arrive at the really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

This is the time for the body of Christ to operate in the fullness of Christ.

Roman's 5:17-19

For if, because of one man's (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive (God's) overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness (putting them into right standing with Himself) reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Well then, as one man's trespass (one man's false step and falling away led) to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness (leads) to acquittal and right standing with God and life for all men.

For just as by one Man's disobedience (failing to hear), heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteousness (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him).

We are brought into the family of God through the finished work of Christ. And it does not come to us by our own performance or wisdom or works.

When Jesus gave His life for our sins, He also did this that we might receive His life or His kind of life.

Our salvation is a gift from God.

It is void of our own efforts.

Luke 9:52-55
And He sent messengers before Him; and they reached and entered a Samaritan village to make (things) ready for Him; but the people would not welcome or receive or accept Him, because His face was set as if He was going to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do you wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?

But He turned and rebuked and severely censured them, He said, you do not know of what sort of spirit you are,

For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them from the penalty of eternal death, And they journeyed on to another village.

Luke 10:8-9
Whenever you go into a town and they receive and accept and welcome you eat what is set before

you.

And heal the sick in it and say to them, the kingdom of God has come close to you.

Luke 10:22-24
All things have been given over into My power by My Father; and no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, or Who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son may choose to reveal and make Him known,

Then turning to His disciples, He said privately, blessed (happy, to be envied) are those whose eyes see what you see!

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For the Spirit which you have now received, is not a Spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (WE ARE FAMILY) (the Spirit producing son-ship) in the bliss of which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus) testifies together with our own spirit (assuring us) that we are children of God.

And if we are His children, then we are (His) heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

I Corinthians 2:4-5, 7-10, 12, 16

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive enticing and plausible words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power of God (a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them,

So, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy) but in the power of God.

But rather we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden (from the human understanding) and now revealed to us by God (that wisdom) which God devised

and decreed before the ages for our glorification to lift us into the glory of His presence.)

None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.

If the rulers or demonic spiritual rulers or spiritual principalities of darkness had known the plan of God for mankind to be given the same authority that Jesus had on earth, they would not have put Jesus to death.

But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, (all that) God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him and gratefully, recognizing the benefits He has bestowed.

Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny.

Now we have not received the spirit that belongs to the world, but the Holy Spirit Who is from God, given to us that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts of divine favor and blessings so freely and lavishly bestowed on us by God.

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

We have an unction or anointing or a deposit from the Lord in our spirit after we are born again and that deposit is the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things.

I Corinthians 3:21, 23

All things are yours.

And you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ (in Him I have shared His crucifixion); it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I live now live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

II Corinthians 12:9

My grace (unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor, unlimited kindness and blessings in Christ, the fullness of Christ's Spirit and power) is enough for you (sufficient for any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully) for My strength and My power is made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in your weakness. When we abandon all of our own human level tactics to advance the kingdom of correct the problems, then God overshadows, oversees and overthrows and overrules in our behalf, through our faith in His faithfulness.

We can say that we are using God's faith.

Now we are favored because we are in the family of God. His blood was shed for the remission (debt of sin paid in full, dismissal of debt of sin) of our sins.

Every family member or covenant member is included in the benefits of the family in Christ.

He will bless the works of our hands.

Zechariah 4:6

Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

All spiritual power and things are obtained through the righteousness of Christ.

The power of God is obtained from God through righteousness imputed to us. The holiness of God, the fire of God, the wisdom of God, the mercy of God, the prosperity of God, the healing of our bodies, the peace of God and our salvation is obtained through the righteousness of Christ.

Daniel 11:32

The people that know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits (for God).

Every generation has been given the responsibility to advance the kingdom of God. The responsibility has been given to us now. We are holding the torch so to speak. It is our turn to give this generation a witness of the grace and salvation of God in Christ.

He has made us the ones to go into every nation and preach the gospel to every creature.

We will pass it on to the next generation if the Lord tarries.

It is our duty to minister to the lost and dying and suffering in this world. We must do it now or the enemy will destroy their lives and we will be accountable.

II Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through out the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him.

Acts 2:39

For the promise of the Holy Spirit is to and for you and your children, and to and for all that are far away, even to and for as many as the Lord or God invites and bids to come to Himself.

Acts 3:16, 25

And in His name (authority given, power of attorney) through and by faith in His name, has made this man whom you see and recognize well and strong. (Yes), the faith, which is, through and by Him (Jesus), has given the man this perfect soundness (wholeness) of body before all of you.

You are the descendants (sons) of the prophets and the heirs of the covenant, which God made and gave to your forefathers, saying to Abraham, And in your Seed (Christ) (Heir) shall all the families of the earth be blessed and benefited.

No one else can take your place. You have a place and a work that no one else can do.

You are empowered and favored.

Hebrews 11:33-35

Through faith Christians of old were able to subdue kingdoms, administer justice, obtain promised blessings and closed the mouths of lions, extinguished the power of raging fire, escaped the devourings of the sword, out of frailty and weakness won in strength and became stalwart, even mighty and resistless in battle, routing alien hosts.

Some received their dead by a resurrection.

Ephesians 6:10

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord (be empowered through your union with Him); draw your strength from Him (that strength which His boundless might provides).

Galatians 3:26-29

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ (into spiritual union and communion

with Christ, the Anointed One, The Messiah) have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.

There is (now no distinction) neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you all are one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham’s Seed), then you are Abraham’s offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:6-7

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba! (Father!) Father!

Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then it follows that you are an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Colossians 2:9-10, 20

For in Him (Jesus) the whole fullness of Deity (the God-Head) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the God-Head-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

Galatians 2:20

If then you have died with Christ to material ways of looking at things and have escaped from the world's crude and elemental notions and teachings of externalism, why do you live as if you still belong to the world? Why do you submit to rules and regulations?

Galatians 3:23

Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily from the soul, as something done for the Lord and not for men.

I John 4:17

In this union and communion with Him love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment with assurance and boldness to face Him, because as He is, so are we in this world.

We are born of the incorruptible seed (the Word of God). In a seed is the same substance of the type or kind of thing or animal of person that the seed came from.

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. We are born of the seed of God. We are going now like Jesus in God's eyes. We are favored by God like God favored Jesus. We are made righteous and made Holy in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:20

But we are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven, from it also we earnestly and patiently await the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) as Savior…

Isaiah 43:21

The people I formed for Myself, that they may set forth My praise and they shall do it.

John 14:11-14Believe Me that I Am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? What I Am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His Own miracles, deeds of power).

Believe Me that I Am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the very works themselves. (If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you).

I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you) whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I AM).

Isaiah 41:10-13

Fear not (there is nothing to fear) for I Am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I Am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My (victorious) right hand of rightness and justice.

Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing, nothing at all.

For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I Am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not! I will help you!

II Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith (we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk) not by sight or appearance.

We walk by the faithfulness of God to us.

God is 100 per cent trust worthy, 100 per cent honest, 100 percent faithful to His Word and promises. God is 100 per cent pure in His motives.

God is not a man that He should lie or the son of man that He has to change His mind.

When God speaks, his Word goes into eternity and is forever settled in heaven.

II Corinthians 6:17-21

Therefore if any person is (engrafted) in Christ (The Messiah) he is a new creation (a New creature altogether); the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself) and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation (that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him).

It was God (personally present) in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against (men) their trespasses (but canceling them), and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of restoration to favor). We are favored. We are justified and forgiven.

So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We (as Christ's personal representatives) beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor (now being offered you) and be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin (committed no sin), so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness).

II Corinthians 6:3

We put no obstruction in anybody's way (we give no offense in anything), so that no fault may be found and our ministry blamed and discredited.

II Corinthians 6:16,18

What agreement can there be between a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Hebrews 10:17-23

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their law-breaking, I will remember no more.

Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom (He whom the Son sets free is free indeed) (We are free to use His power, His authority and receive every promise in Christ) and confidence to enter into the Holy of Holies (Faith IS Confidence) by the power and virtue in the blood of Jesus,

by this fresh (new) and living way which He initiated and dedicated and opened for us through the separating curtain (veil of the Holy of Holies), that is, through His flesh.

And since we have such a great and wonderful and noble High Priest (Who rules) over the house of God,

Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water.

So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.

Religious doctrines and philosophy has made Jesus really big and us really small, but God has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Jesus) and made us sit together with Him in Heavenly places. We are now joint heirs with Him. We are God’s children.

We are members of the household of God.

God is as faithful to us as He is to Jesus.

We always say to those that are stepping out of the boat, “Be careful”

Jesus said “Be careful for nothing” Go for it. Don’t worry. Don’t be afraid. Be of good cheer. I AM with you always. I will never leave you nor forsake you.

We are the light of the world. God has some of us in places where there is darkness, but our light will change the darkness into light.

We are to bring God into every adverse situation.
Remember give no place to the devil.

God also has a planned ending for our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

We are now living in the unlimited spiritual realm of the Lord Jesus.

We have freedom in Christ Jesus to use unlimited power to heal, to deliver, to do miracles, to advance the kingdom of God on this earth

The new covenant in Christ Jesus will never be broken.

Colossians 1:13-22

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His Love.

In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, (which means) the forgiveness of our sins.

Now He is the exact likeness of the unseen God (the visible representation of the invisible); He is the Firstborn of all creation.

For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.

And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

He is also the Head of (His) body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place (stand first and be preeminent)

For it has pleased (the Father) that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently.

And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of Him (the Son) all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, (the Father) made peace by means of the blood of His cross.

And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

Yet now has Christ, the Messiah reconciled you to God in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father's) presence.

Romans 8:1

Therefore, (there is) now, no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

There is an analogy about the way we are one with Christ.

If I took an empty glass and dipped it into the ocean, the water in the glass is the same water that is in the ocean. It has same makeup of the water in the ocean. When we are born of God we have God's Spirit living in us. I will write My laws in their heart and in their minds will I write them. I will live in them says the Lord. I will dwell in them.

It is no longer I that live but Christ that lives in me, Paul wrote. The Spirit of God makes us alive unto God. If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things have become new. The old spirit in us has been quickened or made alive with the Spirit of God living in our spirit.

The new spiritual man is led by the Spirit of God, and we are to allow the Spirit of God to have freedom to operate in us. We live by faith and by the faith of God.

Jesus gave us the ability to become sons of God by exercising our faith in His finished work on the Cross. By faith we can bring salvation to every nation and every person on earth.

All things are now possible to those that believe.

2005 is going to be a glorious year for God's people. Don't be fearful, because the enemy will fight you and challenge you to try to weaken and stop you. But God has given you the victory over satan.

He can’t stop God or even slow Him down.

No weapon formed against you shall prosper.

Natural disasters are going to shake up a lot places and upset a great number of people.

But stay in prayer and focus on God.

Nothing by any means shall hurt you.

A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand a your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

All things work together for good to those that are called according to His purpose and those that love God.

God has you covered.

Your life is hid with Christ in God.

Satan is a liar and a deceiver. He will only try to distract you and lie to you.

Don’t be distracted. Stay on course with the gospel message.

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Give No Place To The Devil!

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When Adam and Eve was in the Garden of Eden, the devil came to Eve and deceived her saying that they were depraved from being like God. God had spoken saying let us make man in our image and in our likeness or someone like us. Adam lost the garden because he was deceived. He was the guardian of the garden of Eden.

We have been given authority in Christ to guard and protect our home, our country, our government, our families, our churches, our health, our bodies, our music, our minds, our children, the media, our environment, the internet and the air waves.

Give no place to the devil in your private life, in the weather, or in the earth. You have been enabled and empowered through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God (copy Him and follow His example), as well-beloved children (imitate their father).

John 14:12-14

I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes, I will grant (I Myself) will do for you whatever you shall ask in My name (as presenting all that I Am).

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I set before the choice of life or death. He is your life and length of days.

Luke 10:19

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you.

John 15:1-9

I Am the True Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit (that stops bearing) He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the Word which I have given you (the teachings I have discussed with you)

Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. (Live in Me, and I will live in you), Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

I AM the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me (cut off from vital union with Me) you can do nothing.

If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a (broken off) branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

If you live in Me (abide vitally united to Me) and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine,

I have loved you, (just) as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love (continue in His love with Me).

There is nothing greater than love. God is Love.

Let your name be synonymous with healing, with power, with love, with goodness, with glory, with Faith, with creative miracles, and with the anointing.

God’s love is active and dynamic; constantly working and doing and being expressed towards everyone.

John 1:16

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have al received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift upon gift.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the rich, eternal treasures that are above, where Chris is seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things, not on the things that are on earth.

For as far as this world is concerned you have died, and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Our minds have be trained to think like new creatures in Christ. We have the new nature and the power and the Redemption of our lives through Christ, but our minds are still just the same as if we were without the new nature and power and the life of Christ.

Romans 8:18-19

(But what of that?) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred upon us!

For even the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God’s sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their son-ship.

Colossians 1:13-23

The Father has delivered us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, (which means) the forgiveness of our sins.

(Now) He is the exact likeness of the unseen God (the invisible representation of the invisible); He is the Firstborn of all creation.

For it was in Him that all things were created, in Heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.

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And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

Yet now has (Christ, the Messiah) reconciled (you to God) in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father’s) presence.

And this He will do provided that you continue to stay with and in the faith (in Christ), well grounded and settled and steadfast not shifting or moving away from the hope (which rests on and is inspired by) the glad tidings (the Gospel), which you heard and which has been preached (as being designed for and offered without restrictions) to every person under heaven, and of which (Gospel) I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:27

Christ in you the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:8-10
See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual wolrd), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding (the teachings of) Christ (the Messiah).

For in Him the whole fullness of the deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father-Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Headof all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

Every devil and demon in the earth and in hell is subject to Jesus and us in Jesus name or authority.

The devil could not kill Jesus and he can't kill us, because we are in Christ.

We have been running from the devil until now. Now let the devil run from you.

God's power in us and in the kingdom of God, is unlimited. His grace is unlimited, His wisdom and love are unlimited.

There is nothing greater than the love of God. His love is active and dynamic. His love is unconditional and everlasting.

Luke 10:19

Occupy until He comes.

I John 4:15

Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he (abides, lives, makes his home) in God.

Ephesians 1:18-23

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set apart ones).

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable an unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in heavenly places,

Far above all rule and authority an power and dominion and every title that can be conferred, not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And He has put all things under His feet and appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church).

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

I Corinthians 6:17

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

Amos 3:8

The Lion has roared; who will not fear?

The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?

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What He (Jesus) Inherited, We Inherited

I Corinthians 3:22-23
All things are yours.

And you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

His (Jesus) inheritance is our inheritance. Whatever is true of Jesus is true of us. What did Jesus inherit?

John 14:2-3,12,16
In My Father's House there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I Am going away to prepare a place for you, And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I Am you may be also.

I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and standby), that He may remain with you forever.

Ephesians 2:4-6
But God- so rich is He in His mercy, Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us.

Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, he made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's Salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue or our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Galatians 3:26-27,29

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ (into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah) have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.

And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed), then you are Abraham's offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:1,4-7
Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate;

But when the proper time had fully come , God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to (the regulations of) the Law, to purchase freedom of (to redeem, to ransom, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us and be recognized as God’s sons).

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the (Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!

Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then it follows that you are an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Mathew 5:3,5,10,14
Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous – with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake (for being and doing right) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mathew 25:33-34
And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, come, you blessed of My Father (you favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation), inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:11-14
In Him we also were made (God’s) heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His own will.

So that we who first hoped in Christ (Who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the firstfruits, the pledge an foretaste, the down payment on our heritage), in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it-to the praise of His glory.

Epheisans 2:18-19
For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father so that we are able to approach Him.

Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God’s own people, cconsecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God’s own household.

In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:3-6
And that the mystery (secret) was made known to me and I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote you.

When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

This mystery (secret) was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the (Holy Ghost).

It is this: that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promise in Christ through (their acceptance of) the glad tidings (the gospel).

In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (and unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear).

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the Holy Spirit Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality that you may really come to know (practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God and may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

John 10:27-30
The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to my voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed. And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all else; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

I and the Father are One.

John 14:27
Peace I leave with you; My own peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled).

No matter what happens around us we have the Lord’s Peace on the inside of us. Receive it.

Colossians 1:11-14
We pray that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, to exercise every kind of endurance and patience perseverance and forbearance with joy, Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints God’s Holy People in the Light.

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, which means, the forgiveness of our sins.

John 14:12-14
I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in through the Son.

Yes I will grant (I, Myself will do for you whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am).

Luke 10:19
Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Luke 10:16
He who hears and heeds you hears and heeds Me; and he who slights and rejects you slights and rejects Me; and he who slights and rejects Me slights and rejects Him Who sent Me.

Acts 1:8
But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

I Corinthians 4:20
For the kingdom of God consists of and is based on, not talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul).

Psalm 16:5,11
The Lord is my chosen and assigned portion, my cup; you hold and maintain my lot.

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy and power, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Ezekial 44:28
This (their ministry to Me) shall be to them as an inheritance, for I Am their inheritance.

I Corinthians 15:27-28
For He (The Father) has put all things in subjection under His (Christ’s) feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection (under Him), it is evident that He (Himself) is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject to (the Father) Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all (be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life).
II Corinthians 6:16
What agreement (can there be between) a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 9:15
(Christ, the Messiah) is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an entirely new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance-since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the old first agreement.

Hebrews 10:10-17,23
And in accordance with this will (of God) we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).

Furthermore, every (human) priest stands (at his altar of service) ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip (from every side of us) the sins (that envelop us) and take them away-

Whereas this One (Christ), after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins that shall avail for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.

For by a single offering he has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

And also the Holy Spirit adds His testimony to us (in confirmation of this). For having said,

This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding), He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.

So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His Word.

Psalm 37:28-29
For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked (in time) shall be cut off.

Then the consistently righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

Psalm 82:6
I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives; indeed all of you are children of the Most High.

Adam did not have a natural father. God was his father.

Romans 8:9-11,14-17,32
But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God (really dwells within you (directs and controls you). But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child a child of god.

But if Christ lives in you , then although you natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of the righteousness (that He imputes to you).

And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life you mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For the Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (the Spirit producing sonship) in (the bliss of) which we cry, Abba Father! Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus testifies together with our own spirit assuring us that we are children of God.

And if we are his children, then we are (His) heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

He Who did not withhold or spare (even) His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not freely and graciously give us all other things?

I Corinthians 15:51-53
Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep (in death), but we shall all be changed (transformed).

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead (in Christ) will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay) must put on immortality (freedom from death).

Hebrews 3:14
For we have become fellow heirs with Christ (the Messiah) and share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence and original assured expectation (in virtue of which we are believers) firm and unshaken to the end.

I Peter 1:4
By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape (by flight) from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

Philippians 1:11
May you abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God (that His glory may be both manifested and recognized).

Proverbs 3:24-26
When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.

Be not afraid of sudden terror and panic, nor of the stormy blast or the storm

And ruin of the wicked when it comes for you will be guiltless,

For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught (in a trap or some hidden danger.

Proverbs 23:7
As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Mark 16:17-19

And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;

They will pick up serpents; and even if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.

I Corinthians 2:13
And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Holy Spirit , combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language to those who possess the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 2:9-10
But on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, all that god has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him (who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him an gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed.

Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny).

Ephesians 5:5
For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous (who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain for he in effect is an idolater has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Luke 12:15
And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man’s life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing over-flowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs.

Acts 20:32-35
And now brethren, I commit you to God (I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care). And I commend you to the Word of His grace (to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor). It is able to build you up and to give you (your rightful) inheritance among all God’s set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).

I coveted no man’s silver or gold or costly garments.

You yourselves know personally that these hands ministered to my own needs and those of the persons who were with me.

I Corinthians 6:9-11
Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

Acts 26:16-18
But arise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, that I might appoint you to serve as (My) minister and to bear witness both to what you have seen of Me and to that in which I will appear to you.

Choosing you out for Myself and delivering you from among the Gentiles to Whom I am sending you,

To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me.

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Fears Will Come and Fears Will Go

Susan Cummings

Fears will come and fears will go, but you must stand even in the darkening flow.

For the Hour of release has certainly begun, and both streams will move as I have told you, and take over the lands. But all who are Mine will not fear, but stand. For I AM the covering over you, and all that comes to you is allowed by Me. If I am in control, then keep your eyes upon Me, and walk through it all in full knowledge of Me. Nothing can overtake those who walk with Me.

Take charge of your thinking and the emotions that try to dominate your hearts. Set your hearts upon Me and remain fixed. Be firm in your stance, and allow no doubts to creep in, for I AM Faithful to you. Nothing can stand before Me and My Word. If My Word is true, and you trust in it, then stand in it, and see My salvation. For the natural and spiritual winds will greatly increase as the Release also does, but all that is Mine will remain planted and rooted in Me and will not be tossed and turned in this hour.

Station yourselves in the secret place and seek My Face. Allow no diversions to rob you of your position or of your faith. For the diversions will come to wear you down, but be vigilant over your time and keep Me ever before you. The actions you take now, will keep you fixed in the days to come, for you are laying a standard by which you will walk in. So, keep it simple, focused, and ever mindful of My leading. You will do well to mark this day, for it is a day of turning and beginning for you.

The awakening has indeed begun, and all of Mine are awakening and rising up, and standing alert. For the alarms have sounded, and the searching has begun, but know that it is by My Hand, and you must stand. Take no day for granted, but prayerfully listen as you go, and know that I will indeed show you the path upon which you must go. Follow not men, or the edicts that will soon come, but follow My Voice and then you can safely run. Keep your hand in Mine, and walk on.

Great shakings have only begun, but even more are to come, for the foundations will surely break forth and many lands will move and break, but all who are Mine will stand firm and not fear even in the great quakes. For I have ordained that you minister in this hour, as it only announces the coming of My great Power. So, wait upon Me, listen for your parts, and then do My Will as the earthly lights grow dark. For all who have Me will shine in the darkness and bring much Truth to the crying masses. I will draw those who hunger after Me and bring them to salvation and liberty. It is the beginning and it is the end, as I am moving and birthing, and showing My Hand.

I am releasing great wisdom in this hour and those who listen and partake, will walk in divine revelation and administration as they go and are sent. The old veils are ebbing rent, and hearts are being laid bare, as all things are shown for what they truly are. But even in the unveiling is My mercy shown, for I know all whose are given unto Me, and to each of them will I send My servants, to bring them unto Me. So, fear not, judge not, and doubt not anymore, but stand firm and rejoice even as the seas and winds roar.

Greater things will come from My Storehouses as the nations begin their final separation and the breaking, and those who stand and are faithful to Me, will do great exploits as I pass over them and take them to the nations.

Fears will come and fears will go, but Mine will stand and My Glory they will show.

Great utterances of My Spirit will sound from the heavens as I purge out the final leaven. The heavenly fiery blasts that will totally consume the holy outcasts, and great signs will come forth as they open their mouths, and release the sealed words of Truth.

Great is the Sounding of the Seven-fold Fire and great is the Roaring of the Ancient Thunders.

The Sounds come upon the Shaking Winds that have now been released through the Ancient Gates and into the Hearts, and Ears, and Mouths, and Hands of Mine. For the latter is greater than the Former Wine. It is time for the Full Counsel to come forth from the Sons of Mine, who now stand in their places at the end of time. All that has been written will be seen, and known as the Truth, for the false will fall before the King.

Even so, it begins.....

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Realignments and Reassignments
Susan Cummings

These are days of realignments and of reassignments.

For I am realigning you in your thinking and in your understandings.

Unless you change your thinking and come into agreement with My Word and My Spirit, then you cannot walk in the full Unity of My Spirit and of My Purposes. All things are measured, weighed, and illuminated by My Word. Therefore, come aside and learn of Me, and allow Me to establish My Mind and Word within yours. My thoughts are not your thoughts, and you must be renewed in the Spirit of your Mind.

Unless you allow the Truth to bring the revelation of My Word, your thinking will stay in dead works. It is the washing of the Water of My Word that cleanses all unprofitable, unclean, and sinful things from your souls, and it removes all dead spiritual debris from your minds, and then the illumination of My Word can begin to ignite that Word and bring clarity, understanding, and wisdom to you. Walk in the Light of My Word and allow it to establish you in all of your ways.

The assignments that I am bringing you into demand change. Unless you change, then you cannot grasp the things that you must allow to be formed within you. I am bringing understanding to those who seek after it as a treasure and a great precious possession. You must be lovers of the Truth, to walk in My Power. For the Word comes forth in Power only when those who are formed, forged, and fashioned by it, allow it to do it's work within them, and then they become that Truth. When that Truth is formed within, then you can walk in it's Light, and the authority of that Word.

You must embrace Me fully. You must change, and come to Me, and begin to reverence My Word above all else. If you have anything set before you other than Me, then I cannot bring you change, for I must be your sole Source and Lord. Take down all that hinders you, and throw aside those things that keep you from spending time with Me. Give me your undivided attention. Take heed to what you give your attention to, for what gets your attention, will also obtain a place in your hearts and minds if it is not properly discerned and given no root within you.

Heavenly assignments now are coming forth to those who have positioned themselves before Me, and to those who have been forged and made ready. Prepare your minds for action, for great change and challenges. For the times demand focus and also determination to remain on task. For subtle distractions will come to allure those who walk with Me from their courses, and you must remain diligent and fight the good fight of faith. I have told you the change was here, so now you are to receive. This is a time of equipping but also of positioning and functioning. Trust Me, and step forth when I say to.

Do not judge things by the outward appearances, or the season that is being portrayed in the natural, for you are not to walk after the natural anymore, but by the Spirit. You are led by Me, and are not limited by time and men, but by My Hand. Walk forward, and lean not to your own understanding, but grasp what is My Will, and be not moved. You have spoken before, now it is time to stand anew, and see what will now flow out of you. For I have increased within you, and now we both will flow together as I have shown you. Get ready for action, and for divine cooperation, for you must stay aligned with Me.

Greater separation will now come, as those who agree with My Word will now be separated with those who compromise My Word. There will be no mixing anymore, but firm stances will be taken. Men will choose to walk in Light or darkness. There will be no fellowship with darkness. For I search the inward parts of men, and know what's within. Judge not by outward appearances, but judge by My Spirit. I will show you the Truth. For I know every heart.

This is an hour of alignment and of assignment.

It is a time of positioning and of functioning.

You know what to do, now prepare to walk in it.

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All Of Heaven Is Astir
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All of heaven is astir
Great anticipation flows amongst the heavenly host
Gathering and assembling to see the final outpouring
That comes from the Father in this prophetic timing

Much activity is seen around the Throne
As the hosts prepare for the heavenly sounds
Now released upon the fiery winds and glorious breath
Befalls the earthen vessels that await their birth

Sounds of Holiness and sounds of great Joy
Burst forth from within the prepared hearts of men
As the heavenly fiery winds now descend
Igniting the hearts and vessels of His broken ones

Commotion aplenty will break forth in waves
As the Flaming Vessels now begin to greatly blaze

Brought forth out of the furnace of preparation
Now to fully stand at their end time stations

No longer bound, cornered, and hidden
But coming forth to do the Father's bidding
Late does the bells now toll
Announcing their coming forth of old

All of heaven is astir
Cheering the awakening and the final birth
Former runners and torches from the past
Gather to stand and see the final runners pass

The Heavenly Witnesses watch as they come forth
Lightning fanning the old and the new Torches
Two flames perfectly united into one
Healing the breech and birthing the Son

Quickly igniting and fanned with the Glorious Breath
Raising up the scattered fallen Tents
Establishing again the boundaries of Holiness
Amongst the remains of the former foundations

Fallen, and yet, created anew
Standing as the Standard and the Flame of Truth
Bidding to come, the many and the few
To fully consecrate their hearts anew

The Gates are now closing at the end of the age
Begins now the Hour of the Greatest Change
Written within and upon the Holy Pages
For men to read and walk upright in the Stages

Heavenly decrees and written orders now descend
Placed in the spirits and into the hands of holy men
Vessels of Fire that He will now send
Filled with the Fire and Eternal Breath within

Clothed upon, within, and now greatly through
Advancing in this year's concluding
Ever reflecting the Father's burning and brooding
Demonstrating the Godhead's doings

Years have come and years have gone
No longer delayed, but comes forth with the final song
Played upon the Heavenly strings
Uniting the sequential chords of the man child's coming forth

First comes the one's, two's and three's
Then the full wave of the greater Fiery Company
Breaking forth in the Hour of greater Outpouring
Aflame and brightly burning

Ordered and numbered according to the battle
Positioned and layered in their heavenly stations
For the sounds do come forth that signal the flow
That comes as the last Trumpets do blow

All of heaven is astir
For the ending of the old and the birth of a New Year
The joining completing and the nets repaired
Gathering as one for the preparations for the harvest

Winds of darkness and Winds of Light
Blowing forth in the earth, side by side
Signaling the final end time fight
As the Flaming Ones begin their flight

Eagles of Fire carried upon the winds
Ascending and descending to gather the Sons
Visions, dreams, and fearsome trances
Usher in the hidden revelatory embraces

Wisdom reserved down through the ages
Opening to those who devour the Holy Pages
Shakings and Flashes of Lightning and Thunder
Unrolled to sound the hidden utterances

Men will run frantically to and fro
Seeking to gather and to grow
But only those hidden in Christ from the sin
Will run with the Fiery Flames of the Wind

Change and transformation will come overnight
To those with the Royal Birthright
Branded and fashioned with the Father's Hand
Upon their hearts and Minds, His Name

Ushered to the frontlines of Destiny
Conquering the prisons that hold good men bound
Bringing forth the righteous seed amongst darkened men
Treasures formed and divinely fashioned

Now to stand with their brethren at the end
United and holy, hell plucked firebrands
Called and numbered for their final task
Over the earth, they are now strategically cast

Sounds of urgency and of great change
Usher forth from the Trumpets that blaze
Lifting upwards our earthly gazes
As the Holy Fire and Breath now rages

Great cost and sacrifice comes with the price
But glorious rewards and heavenly insights
Unfold to those who are positioned in this call

Breaking forth into the darkened nightfall

Deep darkness covers the earth and men
That reject the Christ sent forth to die for them
But great Glory and Light shine upon His
Who embraced the scourging and allowed the transformation

So, now comes the birthing with the New Year
Flames of Fire and Glorious Breath
Beginning the uniting of the two broken Covenant Sticks
Into one Scepter of Holiness

Union comes between the Two Houses
Bought with a terrible and costly price
But openly shaming the darkened ones
Who thought they ruled and held the reins

Only to find, to their eternal shame
Plays out the end of the manmade game
And so begins the final outward release
As from the beginning, the Word has been forthtelling

Eyes to see and ears to hear
Fully opened and ignited even this ending year
Floodgates and storms of Truth to rend
The heavens and the earth now come to their end places

As the Father births forth the end time Sons
The stages presenting their props and cues
Causing much stirring amongst the evening news
As the racers and the seals fully break forth

All of heaven is astir
One year ends and another finally begins
So comes also the season and calendar changes
As the earth now greatly pushes and braces

Awaiting it's release from the locked stages
Now can it release the blood spent ground
Opening the prisons of the cursed bounds
To finish the last fiery round

Listen, can you hear the heavenly sounds?
Opening and sounding in waves and rounds
Those who hear and join in will stand faithful
As the earth expels the hidden ungrateful

No longer will the Truth be delayed or hidden
But disclosed and open for all to hear and see
Many will gnash and many will fall to their knees
Forced to acknowledge the King of Kings

So, comes the Flood and the Fiery Streams

As the heavenly hosts write the final pages
Left partially unwritten, as men make their choices
Now the hosts gather to participate and to rejoice

2005 established the beginning of the great divide
Separating the holy and the profane tides
2006 ushers in the restoration of the two sticks
Uniting the brethren in true covenant

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Hebrews 12
Isaiah 58:12
Isaiah 61:1-4
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Face What You Fear!

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"That which I greatly feared has come upon me" (Job 3:25)

As a young man, I had many fears: Fear of heights; fear of enclosed spaces; fear of the dark. In that first year of salvation I was blessed with a youth leader who wanted to try new things. One day at a retreat/camp, he announced that to graduate, we all needed to go abseiling. It was a 120 foot decent over a cliff, leaning over the ocean's rocky shoreline. I cried all the way down, but overcame that fear.

Six months later we went on a caving expedition near Goulburn, NSW. The selected cave was called "the chimney" because it went 100 foot down a tube, then emptied into a bell shaped cave. Abseiling in the dark, on slippery dirt was fine. But at the bottom there was only a small hole leading out. "Where's the way out?" I asked Christo, our guide. "Through the squeeze," he said. I choked. The squeeze turned out to be a long tunnel, at times descending into water, and in places you held your breath to get through! I cried all the way through that dark and dangerous place, but guess what - I found Jesus there! Deliverance from fear!

"Fear not for I am with you" (Isa. 41:10)

Yes that was a promise I had to hold on to; God is with you, so do not be afraid. There is nothing that can happen, that He did not foresee already. "When you walk through the waters I will be there, and through the flames". Floods and fires may come, it's not all going to be rosy, but God will be there. Sounds like suffering to me. There was a startling image in TIME magazine in September. It was a woman swimming down a street in New Orleans (after the levy had broken). Behind her, there were houses on fire (set ablaze by looters). New Orleans must look for God in the midst of her trial, and do not fear.

Confront your fears

God is love, and in His love He "casts out fear". "There is no fear in love, perfect love casts out all fear" (1 John 4:18). God wants to fill your heart and life with love. But you must face what you fear, to drive it out.

A physician once told me that a broken bone is stronger than an unbroken one. Once it has been reset, it will be wider and denser than before. So too, a broken man is stronger than an unbroken man. That's why God beckons in Hosea, "Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is He who has torn, and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up" (Hos. 6:1). Yes, the startling truth is that God breaks and strikes at times. Not that He is an abusive father, no far from it. This is a spiritual thing.

Peter put it this way, "You should suffer for righteousness sake. but do not be afraid" (1 Pet. 3:14). Suffering for stupidity, there's no payoff in that. And suffering because we deserve punishment does not produce much fruit either. But suffering for righteousness' sake - that produces a wonderful harvest. Rejoice then when you suffer! Suffering drives fear out of the heart, in a way nothing else can. God does not want his children to live in fear.

Of course suffering can also produce the opposite fruit - engendering fear if we let it. Children raised in poverty very often pursue wealth out of a fear of being poor again - just note the personal habits of many raised during the Great Depression. "God didn't give us a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7). So what are you afraid of? What is your, "But Lord!"?

What are you afraid of?

God wants us to be free, free of fear and shame. God will make us confront whatever we fear. But when presented with this issue, we may buck, we may back off, we may say, "But Lord!". Consider three examples.

a.. Peter was afraid of ritual uncleanness. He was afraid of being found with the unclean Gentiles. One fine and sunny day God interrupted Peter's day. It was lunchtime, and he had a vision of a sheet descending from the sky, full of unclean animals. "Take, eat" was the command. "But Lord!" came the reply. (Acts 10:9-16).
b.. Hosea was told to marry a prostitute. He replied, "But Lord!". He knew what the law said about stoning a "loose woman" to death, but God wanted him to live a parable to Israel (Hosea. 1:2).
c.. Jonah was told, "Go to Ninevah". His reply was (implied of course in his actions, by going the other way) was. "But Lord!" (Jonah 1:3). Watch out Jonah, God wants you to confront your fear of speaking to the Ninevites, here comes a whale!

My wife and I have six children and we love them very much. Since he was born, we have had several dreams of loosing our son Elijah. Different scenarios: car accident, suffocation, drowning. We developed an unhealthy fear of losing him, and became quite protective. In February 2005 I was away in Canada (in the freezing cold) and my wife was relaxing by a pool in Junee NSW (in the bright warmth). Her back was turned only for a moment to answer a question, and our son, age 2, walked into the pool and sank like a stone to the bottom. Were it not for a brave 10 year old called Ruth, who saw it and dived in, our son would be dead. We have learned the real meaning of the "dedication" service. We really hand our children's lives to God, trusting Him.

"They did not love their lives, even unto death" (Rev. 12:11)

In 2002 I took a team to minister in Arthurnupudi, Tamil Nadu among the BJP/ RSS Hindu people of that district. We held an impromptu street rally in the evening, to which (we estimate) 600-800 people came. The street was full of expectant people who responded to the offer of prayer and the call for salvation. But on the outside fringes, there lurked some angry young men.

They carried weapons, they were stirring people up. Suddenly from behind me came a man with a rusty coconut knife. He put the blade near my throat, he had alcohol on his breath. The seconds paused like minutes in the gathering darkness. Then our interpreter, Danny Edwin said, "He wants you to pray for his sick wife". wilt. "No problem" I said! Sometimes God asks us to go right to the edge. For some blessed individuals, that will actually be their graduation to glory. Loving not their lives, and fearing nothing whatsoever, even death.

Come on, face your fear!

Find What You Have In Common

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(One of the most important issues I believe, at this time, is how believers are divided about many things. The enemy desires that we would be split on various things. What can we find that would unify us and help bring us into one accord? Of course there are issues that are at the core that we must believe in---the death and resurrection of the Lord, the reality of sin, and other things. But I believe, that many of the things that separate believers are of little or no consequence. Seek those things that you would have in common with each other, and then the enemy would not have a foothold.)

12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Eph. 4:12-13

21 For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. 22 If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Matt. 24: 21-22

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. 7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. Matt. 24

“I tell you that the time of the great tribulation is approaching. Men and women will rend their hearts for these days. I tell you that many think that these days are far off. They are not far off. Many believers think that they will taken out before any of this happens. I tell you that there has been a great debate about this for many years. I have come to perfect my bride. I have come that they would grow unto full stature. To go to full stature you must go through a portion of these days. You have seen many of the birth pangs that have been upon the earth. I tell you that the pangs will increase.”

“ One of the greatest devices of the enemy during this time is to divide Christians. You will be divided about spiritual gifts. You will be divided about tithing. You will be divided about the anti-christ. I tell you that the enemy is aware of all of these things, and he chooses to find those things that would divide you. I tell you, what can you find that you would agree upon? What is there that would bring you into unity? Or are these issues so important that you can’t fellowship with one another? “

“I tell you that a great Civil War will come. I tell you that certain groups of believers will be set up in each camp. Instead of preparing for the last days, you will be separated from each other. Oh, the folly of it all! “

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Where Is He Who Correctly Handles My Word
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Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Corinthians 4:2

"I tell you that there is time coming when many within the body of Christ will become split apart because each will form their own group. I tell you that some have already begun this. Some think that they follow a correct understanding of my word, but I tell you that their understanding has become poisoned. They look for ways that they can attack others, and they use my word as a weapon against each other. I tell you that my word has become twisted and distorted; it is a sad occurrence. My word will not become twisted and distorted. I will not allow it. For some are like the Pharisees and Sadducees; they loved to pick apart things. They followed the letter of the law but they did not know the “intent” of my word. Are you one of these? If so, then I say that it is time to lay your weapons down. When I say “Be ye separate,” that does not mean that you are separate yourselves from those who hold the same beliefs. I tell you that you have become darkened in your understanding. You think that you know the truth but the enemy has clouded your vision. When a true prophet has brought froth my word and has spoken it correctly, you say that “surely this was not from the Lord.” You say this because it has penetrated your heart. You say this because it has exposed your sin. You say this because you have examined the scriptures, but you have distorted them. I say, ‘Woe to those who have done these things’ for the very word that you have declared as wrong will come back to you. Where is he who correctly handles my word? Where is he who has a heart of wisdom? “

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Four Years Of College Or One Word Of Knowledge

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I sense many of God's people are living under a cloud of regret that they have not gone on to further their education in their younger years. They are feeling that this has limited them in serving in the Lord's Kingdom. The enemy has convinced many that their lack of education disqualifies them from ever expecting to be used effectively by the Lord. I personally am not against education but I heard the Lord say concerning these people. "Four years of College - or one word of knowledge! It makes no difference to Me! Time spent in My presence can give you "knowledge beyond college!" Jeremiah 33: 3 "Call unto Me and I will answer thee and show you great and mighty things that you know not of."

The Bible says that Jesus Christ was made unto us "wisdom." He is our wisdom. James says, "If any one lack wisdom let him ask of God and He will give it generously." Furthering our education is good for all of us but we should never let it limit us from being used of the Lord. When we spend time with the Lord who is all knowledge and all wisdom we will begin to know what He knows.

1Corinthians 1:20 "Where is the wise? ... hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God. It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." 25: "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." 30: "But of him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom....31: "That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord!" 2:5 "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

1 Corinthians 3:18 "Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise." 19: "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

Many times God's wisdom is foolishness to the world.

When Walt Disney was in elementary school the teacher asked the students to draw a garden of flowers on paper. When the students handed the papers in, the teacher came back to where Walt Disney was seated and said. "This is not correct. Flowers don't have faces! Walt Disney responded - "Mine do!" (ever hear of Walt Disney?) God is about to release fresh revelation and creative ideas that the world has never heard of. As we rest in the presence of God instead of striving to know things revelation will come forth to us. John (the revelator) was on the Isle of Patmos for the word of God. One of the first words that comes out of John's mouth was, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day!" The Lord's day is the sabbath. Sabbath means "rest." I believe John was resting in His Father's love for him, feeling His arms around him and out oozes the whole book of Revelation! Rest will bring you revelation. We are still trying to figure that book out and it just oozes out of John while he was resting in God's presence. So much revelation came out of John that one church couldn't hold it all. He had to write to seven churches!

Draw near to God. For there we will find "knowledge beyond college." TD Jakes once said, "We should come to God stupid instead of thinking we know everything!

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Good For Us
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"One thing I am sure of: I was blind before, but now I can see" (John 9:25b).

The Lord reveals Himself to us in a variety of ways, and every testimony is different. Peter received the revelation of Christ while fishing. But Thomas received the revelation of Christ only after the Lord appeared to Him and showed him His wounds. Paul received the revelation of Christ on the road to Damascus, as he was on his way to kill Christians. One man says Christ was revealed to him as he stood watching a tree in the dead of winter. Christ was revealed to me as I sat in my backyard, arguing with the Lord over the Bible.

What do these experiences have in common? They are spontaneous unveilings of Jesus Christ. Without warning the Lord simply reveals Himself, and whereas we were blind before, today we see. It is like walking out of one room and into another room, closing the door behind us. We are the man born blind in John 9. It is not that he can improve himself, or gradually come to the place where he can see something. He is BORN blind, and he can see nothing but darkness until the Lord, the Light of the world, makes him see. So many blind people hope to improve their seeing through sermons, meetings, and more teachings. But one moment of seeing is worth ten thousand years of learning. It is better to sit at the feet of an ignorant man who has seen the Lord than it is to be instructed by the most educated Bible teacher who is blind to the things of God.

Him We Preach
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"Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily" (Colossians 1:28,29).

Paul is writing to the Colossian Christians. He is writing to brothers and sisters in Christ whom he has never met face-to-face, and he is writing to them from jail. What will he say? How does he introduce himself? What we have in the first chapter of Colossians is very little about Paul himself. Instead, Paul takes the opportunity to introduce Another - or rather, to re-introduce Him. For we have here, in this first chapter of Colossians, that great revelation of Christ and God's Purpose: "That in all things [Christ] may have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18b). Everything about this first chapter of Colossians is designed to take us deeply into Christ, and these depths are so deep that it takes your breath away. This is Paul's introduction, and what an introduction it is!

So when we come to the end of this first chapter, down to verses 28 and 29, we gain some insight into Paul's purpose. What drives him? What is his intention? What is he called to do? And I think we can take this one verse in particular, verse 28, and apply it to the whole reason for creating "The School of Christ," and for having the ministry of Watchman.Net, because our purpose is exactly the same as Paul's. I am amazed at how much I have in common with brother Paul, and if I believed in reincarnation, I might think that I was Paul in a previous life! I don't really believe that, of course, but I am trying to convey just how close we are; it is as if we are hand in hand working towards this singular purpose.

And what exactly is this purpose? After giving us this magnificent vision of Christ in all His glory, in all His preeminence, in verse 28 Paul finally tells us something about what he is doing: "Him we preach."

HIM we preach. HIM we preach. Who? Christ. This glorious Christ Jesus of Whom he has been speaking.

Now we might pause and consider the significance of those three words. Paul, you see, was not preaching some new religion he invented as an alternative to Judaism. Perhaps you have seen those history programs on television? I watched one the other day on the origins of Christianity. The producers interviewed these professors of religion and history, those "egg-heads" and intellectuals who are supposed to be experts. Do you know what they were saying? They were saying that Paul traveled all over the Roman Empire in order to establish the Christian religion.

Well, that sounds correct. I suppose most people simply accept that and move right along. But folks, Paul did no such thing. I may not have any theological training or seminary degrees but I tell you that Paul did not go around trying to establish the Christian religion, and he did not go about preaching the "institutes of Christian faith and doctrine." What was he doing? Verse 28 tells us precisely what he was doing: "Him we preach." HIM. HIM. HIM! Do you see that? Do you get it? Not a doctrine, or a religion, or a catechism, but a Person, an exceedingly great and precious Person, this Preeminent Christ. That, friends, is far greater than any mere religious doo-dad! Paul was not occupied with Christianity per se, and he would have nothing in common with the Churchianity we are all so familiar with; he was forever and always occupied with CHRIST. "Him we preach."

Do you know that Paul did not plant churches? I know everyone today is interested in church planting, and they believe the primary purpose of an apostle is to plant churches. I disagree with that premise because I do not see it in the Scriptures. Who planted the church in Antioch? Read the last half of Acts 11 and see for yourself. I say that there is only One Church, and Jesus is building it. That wonderful church in Antioch came into being because a handful of nameless believers left Jerusalem and decided that instead of preaching Jesus to the Jews only, they would preach Jesus to the Gentiles. Just see the progression of it, beginning with Acts 11:19. Then look at verse 20. What were they doing? "Preaching the Lord Jesus." They did not go to Antioch to teach them how to have a house church. They preached the Lord Jesus. HIM WE PREACH! In verse 21 we find that a great number of them believed. By the time we get down to verse 26 we find that the believers were now called disciples, and the whole lot of them were referred to as "the church." And it was there in Antioch that they were first called Christians.

Do you see the key here? Do you see the principle? You know, the Church of Antioch was not the result of some great church planting effort sponsored by the Church of Jerusalem. It came about because someone went and preached Jesus. HIM WE PREACH. That is the point. Do you see it? That is the key. If you want a "New Testament pattern" there you have it. It has nothing to do with where you meet, how often you meet, or what you do when you meet; it has to do with Whom you preach.

Now we can trace Paul's progress from the time he met the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus all the way to the end of his life. We can chart it from beginning, to middle, to end and find a straight line from which he never deviates. He says, "Him we preach." Where did it start? Acts 9:20 says that after Jesus revealed Himself to Paul, "Immediately [Paul] preached Jesus Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God." Immediately! Whom did he preach? Jesus Christ.

Go forward a few years and take his temperature again. How does that wonderful book of Acts conclude? Paul is in custody now, under house arrest. "Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house, and received all who came to him, preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no one forbidding him" (Acts 28:30,31). He is still preaching and teaching Jesus. He has not wavered or changed one iota from the path he started.

Now go all the way to the end of his life. Before Caesar cut off his head, Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Timothy 4:7). What a powerful testimony! You see how the line is carried all the way through. He preached Jesus from the beginning right through to the end.

We have taken "church planting" as a goal, or a means to a goal, when the goal is not "church planting" at all. What were they really doing? Not planting churches, but planting Christ - sowing the Word, the Living Word, so that He will find some good ground to build His Church upon. Those who believed were called disciples, and together they are referred to as the Church. That is the right order of things. Christ must have the preeminence: the first, the full, and the final place, and when He has that kind of position then we will see disciples made and ekklesias come forth spontaneously.

In addition to the Scriptures we have already referenced, consider the following:

"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36).

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole" (Acts 4:10).

"And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 5:42).

"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them" (Acts 8:5).

"Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus" (Acts 8:35).

"[Paul] preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18b).

"And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ" (Acts 18:5).

"And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to [Paul] into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening" (Acts 28:23).

"From Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ" (Romans 15:19b).

"We preach Christ crucified" (I Corinthians 1:23a).

"I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Corinthians 2:2).

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord" (II Corinthians 4:5a).

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?" (Galatians 3:1).

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world" (Galatians 6:14).

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8).

"What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice" (Philippians 1:18).

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (Colossians 2:6).

So Paul tells us the secret of his success and the key to the whole New Testament - for that matter, the key to the whole Bible and the Key to Everything. After presenting us with this glorious unveiling of Christ, Paul does not say, "This is WHAT we preach," but "This is WHOM we preach." Christianity as an institution has long been occupied with things: churches, clergy, teachings, doctrines, religious things. The "house church movement" is similarly engrossed in the dynamics of how to meet, where to meet, and what to do when meeting. The "charismatic movement" is obsessed with alleged manifestations and spiritual gifts. The "prophetic movement" is absorbed with what they think God is saying, doing, or about to do. Paul was preoccupied with a Person, and the difference between what we preach today and Whom he preached then explains how and why he was part of a small remnant of people who were able to turn the world upside down without the aid of the Internet, television programs, or international conferences and meetings.

When people touch Christianity today they are mostly touching a religious way of thinking or living or acting or talking - not Biblical Christianity, but mere Churchianity. They are touching external things such as where, when, and how church services are to be conducted, things such as which nuance of church doctrine is correct, and so on. But seldom do they touch a real Person, and seldom are we able to get at the Person Who stands above and beyond all these other things. Compared to Him it is all so much minutia, all so very petty. Well, all I can say is Paul did not get lost in minutia. Once he caught sight of Christ he never let go of Him.

So Paul preached Christ. "Him we preach." Now, he had a certain way of going about it. Let's keep reading Colossians 1, verse 28: "Him we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom." I see so much in so few words! There are two dynamics here. Warning every man and teaching every man. Warning and teaching. Here we see the ministry of a watchman. I would say, friends, that we need both the warning and the teaching. Warning, I believe, represents the prophetic ministry. That's not all there is to the prophetic ministry, but it is a major aspect of it. And of course, teaching. Prophets and teachers working together. Going back to the church in Antioch, you see prophets and teachers gathered together in Acts 13:1, ministering to the Lord. Now most of the time, prophets and teachers are in conflict. Prophets tend to rely on inspiration and revelation, while teachers tend to rely on searching out and studying the Scriptures. Very rarely do you see the two functions coming together in a single person, but when they do it is extraordinarily powerful. Paul was that kind of person. He had incredible prophetic insight and revelation, and he also had the ability to translate what he was seeing and teach it to others. We desperately need the prophetic gifts and the teaching gifts working together in one accord.

Let us keep reading verse 28: "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom." In ALL wisdom. You know, a little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing. Every denomination is based on a little bit of knowledge taken to an extreme, and before long that specialty becomes the thing they stand for. Free Will, Pentecostal, African Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, Holiness, Apostolic, Prophetic, Reformed, Charismatic, House Church, all of them stand for a particular "thing" and make that "thing" their distinctive. We even have denominations for different races. I spent over half my life in a denomination, and since leaving that denomination I have traveled about and seen a number of groups, some of which I would call cults (although they would not call themselves cults). There is very little difference between a cult and a denomination, the only real difference being that the first group is demonized and the second group is Christianized. You can find fault with that if you like, but my point is that it is all based on a little bit of knowledge, a little germ of truth, but it does not represent "all wisdom."

There are only two sources of wisdom: the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit, and both these are always pointing us to Christ, "in Whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3). We need a good working knowledge of the Scriptures and a good working relationship with the Spirit in order to say we are truly speaking with all wisdom. The Scriptures are the objective standard by which all our subjective revelations may be measured. Let me explain what I mean. If you come to me and say, "God told me thus and so," how do I know whether to believe you or not? What if I come to you and say the same thing? You should not just take my word for it. We cannot trust ourselves. We need something outside of ourselves by which we can judge and test all things. This is what we have in the Scriptures. I can take the Scriptures and weigh what you are saying, and you can do the same thing with me. If it lines up with the Scriptures then we can accept it, but if it does not, then we can reject it. That is what it means to exercise good, sound spiritual discernment.

Or look at it the other way. Take the Scriptures without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Just use your mind and try to figure it all out. What will be the result? Error and deception. Just see what a man like Joseph Smith or a woman like Mary Baker-Eddy can do by taking one or two passages out of context! They did not know how to rightly divide the Scriptures, and they did not submit themselves to the authority of the Holy Spirit, the One Who interprets the Scriptures for us. To take the Scriptures and try to study them the same way you would study math or history or social studies is a grave mistake. Give a Bible to someone who does not have the Spirit of God for a teacher and you end up with either a Pharisee or a false prophet. Jesus pointed out that even though the Pharisees searched the Scriptures they failed to recognize Him, refused to come to Him, and eventually got rid of him - all the while clinging to their carnal understanding of the Law, and quoting Scripture the whole time! Why, even the devil can quote Scripture, just as he did in the temptation of Christ.

What am I getting at? I am saying that the Holy Spirit confirms the truth revealed within the Scriptures, and the Scriptures confirm the truth that is revealed by the Spirit (or, disproves what is purported to be the Spirit when it is not the Spirit). We need both, and this is what I see in that one key phrase: "in all wisdom." And if you notice again, the prophetic ministry relies heavily on the Spirit, while the teaching ministry relies heavily on the Scriptures. When they are working together you have harmony and balance. So Paul preached Christ, he brought warning as well as teaching, and he used "all wisdom", both the Spirit and the Scriptures, to accomplish the mission.

We come to the end of verse 28, a very rich verse indeed, but there is more. Every word is priceless. We are about to discover the reason behind all this. Whenever we see the word "that" in Scripture we should listen carefully because we are about to be told the "why", the reason, the purpose behind what was just stated. Now Paul writes, "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom." Why do you do it, Paul? What makes you tick? What motivates you? What are you driving at? What is the point? What is the goal? "That we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

Now when we see the word "perfect" here, let us understand that the sense of the word does not mean sinless perfection, but rather, spiritual maturity. Perfection, according to Paul, is spiritual adulthood. It is the full-knowledge of Christ. We will have more to say about that later today. But for now, recall that in I Corinthians 13:10-12, Paul talks about it. He says, "When that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away." He then talks about speaking, understanding, and thinking like a child until he became a man, and then he put the childish things away. And he talks about seeing through a glass darkly versus seeing face to face. What does it all mean? Spiritual maturity, coming to the full-knowledge of Christ. As children we only see in part; that is immaturity. Perfection is seeing face to face. That is intimacy. Seeing Who face to face? Seeing Christ - and I do not take that to mean seeing the Lord after I die. That has nothing to do with spiritual maturity, that is the natural direction of life. Paul declares that the light of the knowledge of the glory of God has shone in our hearts already, and can be seen in the face of Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 4:6). We are talking about seeing Christ in the Scriptures, seeing Christ in our hearts, seeing Christ in our circumstances, seeing Christ in our brothers and sisters, seeing Christ at work in the world around us. To see all things of Him, all things through Him, and all things to Him (cf. Romans 11:36) is spiritual perfection.

What an awesome goal! And if you are keeping count, you will see that three times now Paul has said, "Every man." He says we warn every man, we teach every man, and our goal is to present every man perfect in Christ. Every man! Is this hyperbole? Does Paul really think he can do it? Well, remember he is the one who tells us that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (cf. Philippians 2:10,11). He is the one who tells Timothy to pray "for all men... for God will have all men to be saved and to come to the full-knowledge of the Truth" (I Timothy 2:1-4ff). Either Paul is delusional or he is pursuing a worthy goal that is truly bigger than himself, bigger than just having a little ministry or planting a few churches here and there; something that is flowing right out of the heart of God Himself. He has "every man" in view (not just the Church), and no one is excluded, because God includes all men, and Paul cannot settle for less than what God intends. "He is the Savior of all men," Paul declares, "and especially those who believe" (I Timothy 4:10). This is the Savior Whom Paul preached. What an awesome thing this is, and awesome is too weak of a word to describe it. The very idea makes your head spin. It might even drive some to despair, the enormity of it.

Paul might have buckled under the pressure. He certainly grew weary. He certainly was misunderstood, rejected, and persecuted. He suffered so much. What kept him going? Verse 29 of Colossians 1 says, "To this end I labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily." He labors, and he strives. That's the way Paul was. Laboring and striving, even when he was laboring and striving for the wrong things, he was absolutely dedicated to the mission. But there is something more extraordinary at work in Paul, something more than sheer willpower or determination. I tell you willpower will only take you so far. Willpower is overrated. We need something else, something supernatural, something that does not rely upon my limited willpower. What was it? "I strive according to HIS WORKING which works in me mightily." It was not the strength of Paul, but the strength of Christ in Paul, and through this Christ, Paul said, "I can do all things" (Philippians 4:13). All things!

So Christ was working mightily in Paul in order to accomplish His Purpose. Did Paul succeed? Yes -

but Paul did not see the fulfillment of that glorious mission. Paul was finished, but God's Purpose was not. God's Purpose would continue on beyond Paul, down through the generations, and today the torch is being handed off to this generation, and when our time has passed, if the Lord tarries, we will hand the torch off to the next generation. How could Paul have imagined that we would be here today, nearly two thousand years later, discussing those letters of his, getting captivated by that same Christ Whom he preached?

And so we have taken this small passage of Scripture for our very own, because I believe it speaks to the exact purpose for which we have come together in this School of Christ. If someone asks, "What is your goal? What is your reason for living? Why this website, and why this School of Christ? What are you getting at?" My answer is this: we preach Christ, and we warn every man and teach every man with all wisdom, that we may bring every man into a perfect, complete, mature, and fully-developed relationship with Jesus Christ. To this end we will labor and strive according to His working which works in us mightily. Amen.

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Great and Mighty Things
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Jer 33:3 AMP Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand).

Dan 4:3 AMP How great are His signs! And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion is from generation to generation. [Dan 7:13,14; Luke 1:31-33.]

Luke 1:49 AMP For He Who is almighty has done great things for me--and holy is His name [to be venerated in His purity, majesty and glory]!

John 14:12-14 NKJV The Answered Prayer
"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

“ My KINGDOM endures forever. Greater is HE that is in you, than he who is in the world! GREATER things, I said to you, you would do, because I left this world to go back to My Father. But the greater things come to them who seek My face, not just my hand. Who is it that really wants more of ME? Where is the one who will sit at My feet? This is the one to whom I will pour out My glory, and to the One whose heart LONGS for ME, even when they can’t be with me, their heart is still fixed on MINE!

Get ready to receive glory. Get ready to be drawn in to the place of supreme holiness. For I AM HOLY, and He who desires to live as I lived must walk in holiness. I said to ‘BE HOLY AS I AM HOLY’! I am removing the areas of compromise in your life, that you may receive what I have to pour out into you! He who shares in My suffering will share in My glory I said. The suffering is for a moment, an hour, a day, a month, a year, or a season, but it works eternal glory in you! It works holiness to those who are called. It works perseverance. It works humility so that when you see others suffering, you do not ignore them, but you do what I would do!

To the one who shows no mercy, no mercy will be given. To the one who shows mercy, he will receive mercy when he needs it. To the one who loves, love will be shown. Sowing and reaping is a law of the Kingdom. But, I have come to give you what you don’t deserve! You did not deserve to be freed from sins. You did not deserve life when you murdered with your words those around you; when you hated, when you didn’t forgive. But yet I have forgiven you greatly all that you have done, by My BLOOD shed for you!

No My beloveds, I do not anymore only give what you deserve, otherwise you would all be dead. The law doesn’t change, my word doesn’t change. And My mercy endures forever, yet to the one who has been heartbroken beyond repair, and reacts in pain and rejection, I will show that one great grace, for I know what he has endured. Mercy triumphs over judgment! I AM the ONLY TRUE JUDGE! I know what is in the heart of a man! I alone know!
So look to ME for how to pray, what to say, what opinion you should have of another. SEEK MY FACE and I will show you that you may pray, not that you may gossip, or judge.

James 2:13 NKJV For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

John 2:24 NKJV But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

“ I am trying to clean up your mouths because with your mouths you speak both blessing and cursing and it should not be so among you! If you want authority, then you must put away the pointing of the finger. When I said to judge it is to determine the origins of what a man is speaking from or doing things from, what spirit is in a man. I did not mean for you to sit as judge and executioner! If you want mercy for the mistakes you make, then give mercy to others. If you want to be treated kindly when you fail, then give kindness to others. It will make them wonder how you could love that much anyone! Remember that MY LOVE leads to REPENTANCE!

If a leader has faults, then PRAY for him. If a leader refuses to receive correction and will not change, and you have prayed and spoken truth to him, then you are not under obligation to side with him any longer. What does light have to do with darkness? I’ve told you in My word that if you side with someone in their sin, then you SHARE in the sin. Yet my people prefer to be as prostitutes, making themselves whores with the unbelieving, the greedy, the murderous, the adulterous and perversion of men that are in leadership, rather than obeying ME WHO IS THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER. They serve prostitutes and align themselves with them, then wonder when things don’t go right in their lives.

Soon the time of Glory is at hand, and I want all of My children to be able to receive all I have for you. My love will be poured out from on high. My river of honey will explode inside of you and you will be changed. Know that when this happens many who were not right in their heart will weep and sob for the sins they have committed. Remember that YOU are not the judge. Do not kick at the goads. I am the Mighty One of Israel. Nothing is impossible with ME. Pray now for your own souls! Pray for those who have turned from righteousness and followed after self, and greed, envy and self seeking, that they may be spared when I pour out My glory. Remember that the priest who stood before the Holy of Holies would not live if they walked in sin and entered in! Ananias and Sapphira experienced the same for a lie and deceit.

Seek ME NOW, that you might be cleansed in your heart. Desire earnestly the best gifts Paul admonished you, but one thing I said through him, was that there was something greater. LOVE is the greatest. To learn to LOVE ME with your WHOLE HEART and soul, strength and mind is the first commandment. To love one another as you love yourself is the other greatest commandment. Some of you don’t love yourself because you misunderstand MY LOVE. So you can’t love your neighbor as yourself. You find it hard to forgive or endure hardship. You find it difficult to pray for others who are difficult in their behavior because you don’t understand the supremacy of My love for you! The FATHER loves you as He loves ME! The FATHER LOVES YOU AS HE LOVES ME. THE FATHER LOVES YOU AS HE LOVES ME! EVEN WHEN YOU FAIL. EVEN WHEN YOU AREN’T PERFECT. Even as you love your own children when they aren’t perfect – the Father loves you! You are loved because you love ME! Nothing can take His love from you.
When you fail, REJOICE, and worship ME. When you fail, ask for forgiveness and forgive yourself, and praise ME that you failed! Praise ME that I am helping you to overcome all that has come against you. GRACE to GRACE you are moving forward. Glory to glory is being poured out as you enter My presence. STOP CONDEMNING YOURSELVES AND STOP CONDEMNING OTHERS. Those who are on the outside are already condemned. Not everyone moves through healing at the same pace so have patience with one another and PRAY for one another as you would for a sister and brother! I AM WITH YOU AND I SEE ALL YOU DO!

I AM ABOUT TO BREAK CHAINS OF SELF HATRED! I AM ABOUT TO BREAK CHAINS OF

REJECTION AND SELF REJECTION, OF REBELLION AND HATRED OFF OF those who have been greatly abused and bruised!
I HAVE NEED OF YOU! AS I REMOVE YOUR CHAINS, REACH OUT TO THOSE LIKE YOU I SEND TO YOU! HAVE CONFIDENCE IN MY LOVE FOR YOU! REJOICE! AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE, SING AND PRAISE AND DANCE AND DO NOT HOLD BACK FROM SPEAKING MY WORD ALOUD. PROPHESY TO THE HEAVENS. PROPHESY TO THE EARTH. PROPHESY TO DEMONS AND PRINCIPALITIES FROM MY WORD! USE THE WEAPONS OF WARFARE I HAVE GIVEN YOU! I AM RELEASING THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT! I AM ROARING OVER YOU AND OVER MY CHURCH! I AM JEALOUS FOR MY BRIDE AND I LOVE YOU INTENSELY AND WILL NO LONGER ALLOW THOSE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME TO ABUSE ONE ANOTHER!

I am releasing MIRACLES and healings and I will do mighty signs and wonders in the earth. GREATER THINGS YOU WILL DO! FAITH is a key, as much as holiness, so reach out to ME, and I will imbue you with all you need to be BOLD as a LION! The Lion of Judah is ROARING and He will roar through you as you reach out to others! Be not ASHAMED of My MOST HOLY SPIRIT! Speak tenderly to My people!"

Rom 1:29-32 NKJV being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Luke 11:48-49 NKJV In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,'

Ezek 3:17-21 NKJV "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.
20 "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. 21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man that the righteous should not sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul."

Ezek 2:6-8 NKJV "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

Ps 147:5-8 NKJV Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; His understanding is infinite. 6 The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground. 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God, 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who makes grass to grow on the mountains.

Ex 32:11-12 NKJV Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: "LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people.

Ps 33:16-21 NKJV No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. 17 A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, 19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name.

Jer 32:19-20 NKJV You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. 20 You have set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, to this day, and in Israel and among other men; and You have made Yourself a name, as it is this day.

Zeph 1:14-18 AMP The great day of the Lord is near--near and hastening fast. Hark! the voice of the day of the Lord! The mighty man [unable to fight or to flee] will cry then bitterly. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, [Jer 30:7; Joel 2:11; Amos 5:18.]
16 A day of the blast of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the high towers and battlements. 17 And I will bring distress upon men, so that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's indignation and wrath. But the whole earth shall be consumed in the fire of His jealous wrath, for a full, yes, a sudden, end will He make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
[Luke 21:35,36; 2 Peter 3:10-13.]

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Garden Hose

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9-16-'05 As I communed with Lord, I saw in vision a simple green garden hose running water out the end, and hanging down hundreds and hundreds of feet,, from the sky ! As I looked up I saw that this hose originated out from thick white clouds, dropping down in a fluid slightly undulating way due to that water flow, with the bottom few feet of this hose and nozzle crooked toward my direction, just some few feet (10-12 ft. or so ?) in front of me. I watched that heaven sent water pouring out, understanding some of the obvious message The Lord was sharing with me,,,, as I looked.

"....... *wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, " you have heard from Me (Jesus); for John truly baptized with water, but* ***you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit*** *not many days from now." .... "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."* - Acts 1:4b,5 & v. 9

I was somewhat taken-aback at this simple and common seeming garden hose representation. However, for edification I want to share what I hear The Lord speaking to myself, which perhaps will speak to some of you readers also,

"For some of you It's time to get yourselves under the channel of flow for the first time, and some of you need to come for My refill; to get yourselves placed under the heavenly pouring out spout of My Spirit.
Is your spirit feeling dehydrated ? Or are you thirsty, dry, muddy even, and in need of My pure wash and anointing outflow ? Are the bones and joints of your balance creaking in their need of My fluid balm ? Have you been caught up in the cares of this world ?
Be honest with yourself and thus with Me, and give answer.

".......I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give ***drink to My people, My chosen****.*" - Is. 42:20b

I say, lower those world-care umbrella's that keep you separated and unsighted to the skies above: My heavenly vision. Take off your hats and scarves, those crowns of human understanding, which only hinder your forward moving at this time.
For at this point, beloved, I want you to see that you only need to move a few steps towards Me to partake. I am instructing you; Whatever it takes to get your spiritual feet unstuck and moving, do so. Step towards Me; put yourselves in place to receive, and move under My channel of righteous flow.

"And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will ***pour out*** *in those days of* ***My Spirit****; and they shall prophesy:..."* - Acts 2:18

Look up. For in My love for you I would have you see and experience today The heavenly faucet that is open to you, even Me, My Spirit Who flows down to inundate you; washing, covering you, filling you, inside to outflow.

Come here to Me, look up, open your mouths wide and drink Me in, while My flow, My Spirit is freely pouring. No payment by you is required for I have paid for you whom are Mine. Yes, I have seen your hunger and thirst towards your God, my beloved – This is My Joy, you are My joy.

Believe Me, believe in My Words, and come with quick feet, humble hearts expectant, childlike faith, panting to receive. I do and will answer and give. I do and will satisfy you with **all** satisfaction; Holy Spirit flowing upon you, fresh-filling you beyond your past or present experience.
Beloved, listen to the gush, see and do, while My refreshing is close in your hearing and view.
I say today, today, why do you hesitate? I love you. Come. Step lively now."

*"As the deer **pants for the water brooks**, So **pants my soul for You, O God**. My soul **thirsts for God, for the living God**."* - Ps. 42:1,2

*"Now when these things begin to happen, **look up and lift up your heads**, because your redemption draws near."* - Jesus, Lk. 21:28

"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." - Jesus, Jn. 4:14

*"... Open your mouth wide, and **I will fill it**."* -Ps. 81:10b

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Dunamis; Pot Set to Boil

Jesus speaks,
"And you shall receive power** (dunamis) **when the Holy Spirit has come upon you…" -Acts 1:8a
Dunamis - Greek: Strong's # 1411; strength power, ability. a) inherent power, power residing in a thing...' + more, and from which we get our words; dynamic (from *dynamis* power..) and dynamite (powerful, explosive); A couple of modern English examples.

This past Sunday morning at our gathering I saw of Holy Spirit in vision a great welling up of a piece of ground and a shaking....I saw this mound of earth rise up, but there was no full 'bursting open' even though the grumbling beneath the surface was rolling, pitching and mighty...for I could also hear the earth moving and the accompanying power scrunching noises, as I watched this scene.
Then I saw a huge stone that was set behind this rolling earth, and the giant stone was moved from out of it's place because of the pitching and moving of the earth mound..... I knew it was the stone that had covered Jesus tomb.
I then heard, ***"....and some said it thundered...."*** - Jn. 12:29,... Voice of Father, ***'I have and will glorify My Name'*** –v. 28,
and The Lord speaks this to me:

'So it is with some of you....Even as the earth shakes, there is a deep rumbling within' that is uncertain to you as of yet. There is a disquiet and a build-up of force within', deep within' your belly and innermost being, even as in the bowels of the earth. You know and feel the pre-shaking already within' yourselves, but this thing you are feeling seems so big and yet you cannot see it or understand it now, because it's not fully burst forth out of you and around you at this time. You are like a pot set to boil. This is of Me.

I tell you this under-earth build-up and disquiet, is the same mighty rumbling power that moved the *stone from My tomb....This is the same power that raised My body from the dead and the same power that I've filled you with, even my dunamis, My Spirit - My Resurrection Spirit .... My Spirit that resurrects through the rolling thunderous workings of My Hands and My Voice.*

Fear not these pre-rumblings within', for soon I will burst forth Resurrection Power and Empowering; My Might from within' you will then flow out as torrent rivers which never dissipate -- outflowing to touch the many needs of those around you in the coming days....Yes, the coming days of great need. There will be signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, in you and through you who are marked of My Name. My Name will be glorified.

The swelling, rumbling, shaking and displacing are Me.... be assured of this. I will speak loudly, and the people will cry for answers and cry for help. Again I say, fear not.... I will speak and move, and you and I will answer the people; healing of might, with signs, wonders, and power display, even of this Shaking Might of My Spirit of Resurrection Whom creates, re-animates and brings life to that which has been dead.... I am coming mightily by My Spirit for the days of need .....

Believe me now, and get ready to rumble even more my people, ...the disquiet and swelling are Me; Even unto the bursting forth of My Glory from the midst of you. A might shaking I will have, and a might shaking I will do.'

Jesus speaks,
*" **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.***
(But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive:…." – Jn. 7:38,39

* after note: One thing that struck me in this word at the time I received, was the Lord speaking twice to "*days of need*" and "*days of great need*"...which I understood to be a definer of the days ahead. (though how far, or close I do not know.)
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Geneva And Switzerland

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Geneva is a very important city. It's one of the great cities which, in the end times, risks being destroyed, or at least part of the city; the Lord showed me this some years back. Geneva is a city which will be judged as a result of its iniquity and its position against Israel. Geneva is a city which has all these compromises with its spirit of globalization, the United Nations, and the spirit of humanism. I saw in a vision, the mark of humanism in Geneva.

It's for this reason that the Lord is in the process of placing in Geneva a Muslim movement, and this Muslim movement is here and wants to take the city of Geneva. And Geneva can be at the same time a wonderful blessing, but also a curse for Switzerland. I saw in the spirit, thousands of Muslims in the process of installing themselves, and they were arriving armed. I see mosques being built and the city being held by the spirit of Persia. I believe that Geneva is the only city in Switzerland which is going to shake the country and cause it to react. In the time coming, either Geneva is going to be separated from Switzerland, or the Christians will have a great victory, and Geneva will go through a process of deep purification.

There is a huge amount at stake for the city of Geneva. This is what the Lord showed me: the people of Geneva are called to be a prophetic voice. As I see Lausanne manifesting signs and wonders and becoming a missionary city, I believe that Geneva is in the process of becoming a city of combat, prophetic intercession to be a voice in the spirit of Elijah who will oppose the spirit of Jezabel and Baal.

In some time, maybe next year. or in 2 years. the city will experience a mild earthquake (there was already one in February) I saw that the earth will shake, this is due to the spiritual forces in motion. I see that the Lord is going to send you prophets, this has already been happening for some years now, who will come from all over the world to raise up the prophetic voice in the City, such that the Christians in Geneva get up and blow the 'Shofar', not only so that the glory of God be manifested in the congregations and a purifying of hearts, but also so that the army of God can arise.

We no longer have any time. From next year -2005- we will enter into a new era for the body of Christ - it's an era of combat! Either you enter into spiritual warfare or you are not going to make it. In other words, we no longer have a choice. We must go forward. What is essential for you in Geneva is to be connected to ministries who a very strong anointing in the area of spiritual warfare, like Ana Méndez, Cindy Jacob and others. These types of ministries are necessary for the city of Geneva. That Christians need to truly understand that they must build a tower to watch over the city and watch that the enemy does not come to invade the city and to destroy it. I am saying these harsh words not to frighten you, but to say that Geneva is the most dangerous city in Switzerland. It's through Geneva that the blessing of Calvin came, but now Satan has reclaimed his throne which he has in Geneva to set it up over Switzerland.

I don't know whether the canton of Geneva will separate from Switzerland or remain, but the stakes depend upon the combat of the Christians in Switzerland; as the church in Switzerland is called to become a wall of protection for the whole of the EU, who will in time, try to strangle the movements of revival. Ministries, churches, schools, headquarters of churches in Europe will all have their headquarters in Switzerland, to be seeking refuge against the great anti-Evangelical movement which will take place in the EU. The church will continue, she is a power. Against all odds, the church must watch over the spiritual children which will be raised in Switzerland. God has placed Switzerland to be set apart for this purpose. But Geneva will cause Switzerland to limp. It's for this reason that the Christians in Geneva must enter into this prophetic time, in order to enter into a time of combat before it becomes too late. In fact, in my opinion, in some areas, the city has already been drained. The city has already been eaten away by the enemy. The official churches are burnt out. And Geneva already has its principalities of globalism that are over the city, like New York, Brussels, like Strasbourg and others.

In each country there is a city which is dangerous. In France, it's clearly Strasbourg. In Germany, it's Berlin, the headquarters of the throne of Pergamon. The throne of Satan was at Pergamon, according to the book of Revelations. At the beginning of the 19 century, an archaeologist brought the throne of Pergamon, the throne of Satan, to Berlin. This is spiritual; it's the prince of darkness who wanted to reign over Berlin, and it's at this moment that the movement of the Moravian Brothers declined. And this is how the throne of Satan at Berlin was established, and the Nazism movement was put in place. As we often see things taking place in the physical realm which seem trivial, and which, in fact, have a profound reality in the spiritual realm, we have to understand that the Christians have to discover and to interpret the signs which exist, to be a blessing, and to protect the country and its future.

I am telling you that in the coming years, an iniquitous treaty will take place soon, a treaty which will be a curse. In the coming years, princes and government will meet in Geneva, and the enemy will make of Geneva a city which, with the impetus of the European Union, will declare war against Israel. It's for this reason that the Christians in Geneva cannot combat against the powers which are over the city of Geneva, they are too strong.

But know one thing, that throughout the world, thousands of Christians will be praying for the city of Geneva. The Holy Spirit showed me that a time will come when Geneva will be the most important city for the church of Jesus Christ in order to deliver it from the evil power which is in Geneva, who wants in the name of the UN, UNESCO and others drive the nations to declare a war against Israel. This would be a terrible curse! This power was not able to come at the time of the 2 nd world war. This is why this spirit established itself in France, just a few miles away, by the Lake Leman/Geneva in the town of Evian. I saw in the spirit that now the throne of anti-Semitism which was over Evian (remember the famous meeting in Evain 1939, where at the end of it 32 Nations told Germany, that they don’t care about the Jews), has established itself in Geneva. There is an enormous combat at hand. I don't want to crush you by saying these things. Don't be afraid. If prophets tell you these things, this means that God is in process of rising up prophets who are going to come to Geneva and that your church will become a church of prophetic intercession. And this is the ministry of Elijah that God wants to raise up in the church. This is why God is going to raise up in Geneva a true prophetic and apostolic movement. The neighboring towns will be there to support you. Nothing is lost, my brothers, but the combat is there, and it is very, very serious!

It's been 2 years now, that I have felt pressed to come to Geneva. I know in my spirit that what I tell you is going to run through the churches in Geneva. And I know that the release of this word is going to trigger off something. I know that the heavens are going to open for you, my brothers and sisters, because God wants to bless the city of Geneva, and there is going to be a very powerful revival here! But I have to tell you that I saw in the spirit, the destruction of at least a third of the city, but you must understand something. It is not because I saw it in a vision that the city will be destroyed. God can turn around these events if the city repents. Never forget this, that the affliction that God prepares, in the way that he warned the people through the mouth of Jeremiah, can be avoided if, as in the time of Jeremiah, if the Israelites repented at the right time, things could have been avoided. The affliction that

God pronounced through the mouth of Jonas did not take place during the time of Jonas, but 40 years later because the Ninivites repented. We see the judgment of God over Niniveh with the prophet Nahum.

Geneva has a particular vocation in the end times. The church of Geneva will rise up in the glory of God to bring, as is the case for France, the sons of Isaac to be reconciled with the sons of Ishmael. In the end times, Geneva will experience time of glory in the church when numerous Jews and Arab Christians will come together to worship the Lord together when the Muslim-world has been broken and will worship the Lord . Thus there will be a new Geneva, at the time of great revival for the nations, just before the return of our Lord Jesus, a new city will rise up which will be a city of fellowship, worship and manifestation of the glory of God for the end times Halleluja, thank you Jesus, blessed be your Name!

I saw something which I found very strange, a great statue of 3 persons in Geneva; I saw it in a vision. And the Lord, by an earthquake split up these 3 people as a mark of judgment over a church which is a sleep. And at the same time, the Lord wants to knock down these statues to show the city of Geneva that a new era is starting. (If you don't know what this statue is, He will show you, sometimes I myself do not understand). God is breaking the past to build something new. Churches of Geneva, you are called to become a prophetic church. I saw an enormous water fountain; the present water fountain will be shut down. There will be work done on it, and there will be a new fountain which will be magnificent and more splendid. When you see the new water fountain, this signifies that a new source will gush forth from the city of Geneva for the end time revival.

I also saw that the city of Geneva has a palace, I don't know if it is a UN palace or maybe UNESCO. This will move, and a new palace will be built, more beautiful. But this is not a good thing. This means that the power of the enemy will increase. But the Lord will prepare something. I saw that the Lord is in the process of establishing in the city new churches which are young churches which a special focus on worship. Many churches in Geneva will have an apostolic support of church movements or federations, maybe from North or Latin America, I don't know. But I know that every church will have an international link, which is necessary, both for you and for them, meaning the Churches who want to have revival. These churches will need to have a logistical support of powerful apostolic ministries from all over the world. That's why it's important to pray to have interpreters and translators. Glory to God, Thank you Jesus, Your are the King of Glory, the Lord of Lords, you are the Prince of Life and I bless you Jesus for the Victory in your Name, Halleluja, Amen.

There will be a movement of Christians, I see this in the spirit, this must have been started already, of high level diplomats who live in Geneva and who will meet up together with their wives to pray. There will be a move of the Spirit in these high levels of international administration in the city. You must pray for this, it's really ,great. Blessed be the name of Jesus, Glory to God

The city of Geneva will experience an enormous storm. I don't know when or how, but there will be an extremely heavy rainfall as though the water is there to wash the city and to announce the shaking, of the earth. The city will be shaken, as there will be a confrontation above the city between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God. I saw steeples in Geneva, and these steeples will be attacked by lightening in a powerful way. There will be hail storms, roads will be flooded, trees will be uprooted, and branches will be chopped off.

In Geneva, there is a palace (hotel intercontinental maybe) where people, emirates, governments and Arab princes meet. I see this now, they are fixing the price of petrol, and they are doing something with regards to petrol. The Lord has shown me that the time where they can govern through petrol shall be limited. Amen

I see in the town of Geneva, the Lord is rising up African churches, it's great, and these churches will be torches for intercession and deliverance. They are going to do a lot of spiritual warfare, and some of them will be connected to Government Ministers in Africa and nations in Africa who will be converted by them. These churches will have a logistical position for the mission to Muslims.

The Lord will soon be completely changing the authorities in the city of Geneva. The church must put in motion a chain of intercessory prayer for the new authorities that the Lord will put in place, and this is very important, Amen

The end of 2004 will be a very difficult year for Europe. What I see is like movements of fear, like the spirit of fear will visit the European nations. The church must not accept the spirit of fear. I don't know what is going to happen, but I know it will be very strong!

Finally, there will be a meeting of high level individuals who will take decisions concerning the Palestinians. They will not make good decisions once again. (Remember the Geneva agreement which was established in October 2003, 3 times worse/even more anti-Semitic than the Oslo and the Akaba agreement).

I see the city in a sort of mud, it's like I see people walking in the city as though they are walking in mud, very strange...

When I speak of Israel, never forget the love of Jesus for the children of Ishmael. The francophone world has a particular vocation for the love of the children of Ishmael. God loves Ishmael, and this is really the ministry of the francophone church, to reconcile the children of Isaac and the children of Ishmael in Yeshua HaMashia, Halleluja.

God is going to do great things for the conversion of Muslims. The church has to approach and express love to the Muslims, to help them being restored into the body of Christ. And Switzerland, with the city of Lausanne, and Geneva will be pivotal in sending missionaries to the Arab world. Amen.

Gaza and Zephaniah
Cal Werner

To All:
The consideration of the decree in the Knesset of the pullout from Gaza is a sign from the Lord, written in the scriptures in Zeph. 2:1-4, as a warning of the closeness of the impending Day of the Lord's anger. The Lord led me to share this at a bible study in October 2004. The Christian response to this warning is given in Zeph. 2:3 (this correlates with Luke 21:36). A beautiful and brief summation by Traci (with full permission from the author to be used by all who which to copy it) follows on Zephaniah which was written in early January 2005. Zephaniah has been hi-lited by the Holy Spirit on the listening hearts of some of his saints these past 7 months.

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The Message of Zephaniah
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(To Those Who Have Ears, Let Him Hear...)

The trumpet of the Lord is sounding even louder. Where spiritual discernment abounds in the spiritual ears of those who inquire of the Lord, the message He gives is resoundingly clear; the day of His wrath is soon approaching. God's day is at hand; and there are many who are not listening to the warning given. This day is soon to come upon us; a day in which God will greatly intervene in human affairs. Sin must clearly be punished or God wouldn't be just. Secure and careless people will be dealt with. They are secure in the sense that they say in their heart, the Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil; that is, they deny both his administration of rewards and punishments. But in the day of the Lord's judgment, it will become clear that those who perish, will fall a sacrifice to Divine justice for breaking God's law, and because they have no interest by faith in the Christ Jesus' atoning sacrifice.

This day of the Lord is very near; it is a day of God's wrath, wrath to the utmost. It will be a day of trouble and distress to sinners and hypocrites who profess to know God and yet in their hearts serve Satan. It is not be wise for them to try the patience of God. What is a man profited if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? And what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Let us flee from the wrath to come, and choose the good part that shall never be taken from us; then we shall be prepared for every event; nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is also a warning to the nations who have rejected God, that have no desire toward Him, is not desirous of his favor and grace, and has no mind to repent and reform. On the day of God's coming wrath He will justly say, Depart from me. However it is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of God through Christ Jesus. He is saying to the elect church, "Seek the Lord all ye meek of the earth which have wrought his judgment, seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be that you shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger (Zeph. 2:3)."

To those who would inquire of the Lord and turn to Him with a repentant heart, they are the ones that are ever humble and dependant on Him; not trusting in themselves or their possessions; and He has promised to save them from this day. They will be hidden safely in Him on the day of His wrath. God has said that He will restore their fortunes (Zeph. 2:7), eliminate their enemies (Zeph. 3:8), increase their territory (Zeph. 1:13; 2:7,9) give them peace (Zeph. 3:12) bring them salvation (Zeph. 3:14-20).

God's people will be righteous in our treatment of one another, loving one another as we truly love God, and are drawn to Him by that love in Christ Jesus.

We know what God's decree will bring against impenitent sinners, therefore it highly concerns all to repent in the accepted time. How careful should we all be to seek peace with God, before the Holy Spirit withdraws from us, or ceases to strive with us; before the day of grace is over, or our lives; before our everlasting state is determined! Let the poor, despised, and afflicted, seek the Lord, and seek to understand and keep his commandments better, that they may be more humbled for their sins. The foremost hope of deliverance from national judgments rests on the hinges of prayer.

Remember, God is full of gentleness (Zeph. 2:7, 3:17), joy (Zeph. 3:17), and grace (Zeph. 3:9-20), but He is also a God of justice (Zeph. 1:8,9; Zeph. 1:15, 18).

We must trust God to work out His plan in these coming days, and:

Seek Him through a close and intimate relationship with Him. Truly know Him as the Father He is to the righteous in Christ Jesus. (Zeph. 2:3) Be meek and humble in heart and die to selfish desires. (Zeph. 2:3b) Simply stand, and wait on the Lord to carry out His restoration of righteousness through justice, and be sure that you are among the righteous. (Zeph. 3:8) Pray and intercede for the elect of God continuously.

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To All:

The Zephaniah/Gaza warning is the among the latest and possibly the last warnings. Some who watch and warn have been led by the Lord to desist from warning any longer. A brief history of some of the most recent warnings is helpful here.

Sept. 11/01 stands as the continental divide between awake and true North American watchmen (and ladies) and those who are not. Some knew ahead of time, some more accurately than others. Speaking of the day of the Lord and the signs leading up to it, Isaiah 30:25 "in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall."

Another sign that some were told to watch occurred on the temple mount in Jerusalem (it does not become much more central than that). The bulge in the temple wall that busted out in Sept of 2003 was a sign for the season of the "suddenlies"(a word that many heard was "suddenly"). Isaiah 30:13 "...like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant...".

The Lord led me to notice a pattern which I wrote in an article called, "An Emerging Pattern?" in April of 2004. The Lord had given the Russian Christians about a 20 year warning before Communism obliterated their ranks at the turn of the Last century. A book by David Wilkerson entitled "Set the Trumpet to thy Mouth" written in 1985 gave a clear and distinct warning to Christians. As a sign following the word, the oilfields in the middle east went up in flame and smoke during the first Persian gulf war, around 1992, which David had mentioned in his book. 2004-1985 was 19 years and the warning that time was almost up.

In October of last year, as the Lord led me to write a friend later, "The "bell has tolled" (borrowing a phrase from someone who I believe heard the same thing) on our civilization, secular and spiritual. The final call is being sent forth in the spiritual as the books are about to be closed, the door on the Ark is about to be shut and sealed (Hebrews - few of Israel entered God's rest, they are an example to us), the final marking of the Lords saints who are found worthy (Lk 21:36) is occurring, and the harvest of unrighteousness and righteousness is about to occur in this world.

Keeping these things in mind and how the world will be cleansed by fire should we walk in the power of His Holy Spirit every day."

And now the warning of Gaza and Zephaniah. As Traci aptly summarized, "Seek Him through a close and intimate relationship with Him. Truly know Him as the Father He is to the righteous in Christ Jesus. (Zeph. 2:3) Be meek and humble in heart and die to selfish desires. (Zeph. 2:3b) Simply stand, and wait on the Lord to carry out His restoration of righteousness through justice, and be sure that you are among the righteous. (Zeph. 3:8) Pray and intercede for the elect of God continuously."

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God Bless America

James White

God Bless America, But Don't You Dare Tell Us To Repent James White
Jun 15, 2005

Christians are unpopular folks today. I mean by that, anyone who takes seriously biblical truth and biblical principles will find himself on the sharp end of angry stares if we dare speak the truth in the midst of today's national crisis. To what do I refer?

America has all of a sudden gotten very religious. There are vigils and candlelight prayer services on every corner. People who hadn't said "God" except in profanity for years are all of a sudden very pious and reflective. Radio personalities who were focused upon tax cuts or some other political issue on Monday, September 10th are now mulling over the role of "evil" in our world. The past week has turned the landscape upside down in many ways, to be sure.

Lest anyone think this new religiosity is a reason for rejoicing for Christians, it most surely is not. Oh yes, we are hearing old Christian hymns being sung. Ostensibly Christian churches were full this past Lord's day. But there is no such thing as "partial Christianity," nor is there any such thing as a Christianity that stands side by side with Islam, or Judaism, or Buddhism, and says, "We worship one God under many names." And surely, there is no Christianity that does not speak of repentance from sin. The new religiosity of America has two basic foundational pillars: there is one God, unknown, but addressable under any variety of religious epithets, who has revealed absolutely nothing of objective value regarding His will regarding worship or human behavior; and second, this God has no wrath; knows nothing of sin or judgment; and hence, any person who dares to say that God would punish a person, or a nation, is a glowing heretic to the new American religiosity.

The problem is easily seen: Christians believe, fundamentally, of necessity, that there is one true God. This true God is not Allah. This true God is not Krishna. This true God is not the god of Joseph Smith or Buddha or the Sikhs or the Bahais. Our God went to great lengths to differentiate Himself from all the gods of the peoples and religions that surrounded His ancient people, and that for a purpose He Himself proclaimed: He seeks true worship, worship based upon a knowledge of who He is in reality, based upon His revelation to man. He does not grant to man the freedom to make images of Him, to worship Him in a manner that pleases the creature rather than the Creator. God is particular about His worship. His worship is intimately, vitally connected to truth. Without truth, there is no worship of the Christian God.

And the truth revealed by the Christian God in the Scriptures is without question when it comes to the matter of His law, sin, rebellion, punishment, wrath, and judgment. One of the most amazing things to observe is the willingness shown by "evangelicals" to jump right onto the "we shall never utter a word about wrath or sin or punishment" bandwagon. Is the remnant so small that almost no voices will be raised to cry out against this foolishness? To withhold the truth about sin and judgment out of fear of man's opinions and feelings is to make the cross of Jesus Christ a travesty! There is no cross, there is no sacrifice, where there is no sin, no offense that demands forgiveness be wrought through His perfect sacrifice! The person who refrains from speaking of sin and judgment to "win" a person over is doing so through unfaithfulness to the very gospel itself! And to what has such a person been won over? Where is the gospel when there is no sin to be forgiven at Calvary?

But it is right here that the new American religiosity clamps its hands over its ears and refuses to hear. America wants God's blessing. America wants God to protect us from more horrific visions of airliners flying purposefully, relentlessly into our national monuments. We want God to be near us as we board our aircraft. We want Him to protect us from the horror of thinking about what it was like when the towers collapsed. We want Him to guide our military and allow us to flex our muscle and launch our missiles with impunity. We want a blessing God, a caring God, who simply panders to our wants and whims. This is the "God" of the new American religiosity.

But what America does not want is a God who is holy, who is just, and who has revealed His will concerning how we, His creatures, are to live. America is a land soaked in blood. We glory in violence. We are so selfish, so bound in our avarice, fornication, and sexual lust, that we murder our own offspring in the womb (or at birth as in partial-birth infanticide). Our hands are covered in blood, and yet we think lighting a candle and lifting them up while mumbling "God Bless America" is going to bring God's favor? Listen to the words of God to another nation that likewise was "religious" but refused to hear the word of repentance:

"So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; Yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood." (Isaiah 1:15).

Is America so arrogant, so utterly self-absorbed, so diseased by religious liberalism and philosophical subjectivism, that she thinks she can ignore all of history itself and demand from God blessings when she refuses to repent of her evils? Do we really need to be reminded that Planned Parenthood has killed more little children in our land in the week since the attacks than died in the attacks themselves? Are we so blind? Surely the scourge of abortion would be enough to warrant the unleashing of the wrath of God, but there is so much more! We are a nation on a crusade--a crusade to wipe from our history books every vestige of our former religious past. The religion of scientism, with its chief idol in the person of Darwin, has become enshrined in our very governmental policies. There is no creator, we are told, to express His law for us in the first place. We want to banish God and His law from our courtrooms, our schools, our every public institution. If God says it is wrong, we celebrate it. Every form of sexual debauchery is found in the land. The airwaves are filled with programs that exalt fornication and adultery. Major film stars are lauded for the most sinful lifestyles. Homosexuality is not only turned into an acceptable "lifestyle," it is made a political right, a political force, a test-case for being properly "tolerant." The list goes on and on and on. The widow and orphan is oppressed, while the nation indulges in every creature comfort, sits back in its luxury, looks about upon the bounty of the land, and says, "Ah, what the labor of my own hands, my own intelligence, my own insight, has accomplished."

Religious liberals may mock our "literalistic" reading of the Bible at this point, preferring to simply label us "fundamentalists" and ignorant, but the fact of the matter is, they know they could never win a scholarly debate on whether the Bible actually teaches that these things are sins which must, inevitably, bring God's judgment upon a people. They know that is exactly what the Bible teaches. They are just embarrassed by it, and hence seek to suppress that truth.

As I said, Christians who believe the Bible are an unpopular lot today. If they speak in accordance with the Word they may well find themselves being called "unpatriotic" and "judgmental." In fact, given that the new orthodoxy demands of us the confession "Everyone is God's child" over against such clear biblical teaching as John 1:12 (remember how Christians refused to say "Caesar is lord" and died as a result?), we must be ready to "count the cost" in engaging in formal, cultural "heresy" by speaking the truth. We need to realize: this new American religiosity can take on the same kind of fanatic zeal that kept the hi-jackers' hands steady all the way to their end. May God grant His people the strength to proclaim loudly God's demands upon a wicked nation, and may He be pleased to bring repentance and revival in a land where darkness reigns.

Go Beyond The Surface
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Many of you are crying out to Me for the jewels you have been desiring, the revelations and the intimacy you have been desiring, yet you will not make the sacrifice to go beyond the surface.

Why do you want to remain just scratching the surface of knowing Me and My heart?
Do you think it is My heart for each of you to scratch the surface of Me? Surely not!

There is a depth to Me that is not known by many. There is a depth to My heart and Kingdom that few see. Few see, because few choose to go forward, and go below the surface.

I have called each of you to dig. Dig deep. As you dig deep it means that you must continue to die to yourself, and continue to see the state of your heart, but as you do, you fall more and more into My arms, knowing you cannot do anything alone. The revelation that you need Me, becomes so much more engrained in each of your hearts.
Many of you are starting to dig deep and what are you finding? JEWELS!

The jewels are hidden. The jewels of My heart and Kingdom are hidden. Hidden from the natural eye, but deep in Me. You, My children, My bride, will not see the jewels on the surface.
The jewels are deep. The jewels are found when you get your hands dirty in knowing Me. The jewels are found as you take steps away from all that has entangled you, all that has hurt you, and all that is worrying you, and take steps towards Me.

Jewels are found as you take your eyes off your circumstances and onto Me. Jewels are found as you radically abandon your desires and plans and follow mine. Give all to Me. That is when you find jewels. When you do not rely on emotions but on My Word wholeheartedly.

There is no instability in My kingdom, but if you remain at the surface, you are relying more on yourself, and your emotions, and not sacrificing for Me, and you become unstable. Thrown around by the wind and the waves.
As you dig deeper in Me church, you find jewels, and your roots are strengthened and watered.

Stop feeding your flesh. Stop wasting your time, effort and money in feeding what will not last, what is unstable, and start investing your time, money and effort more into Me, and My Kingdom, then My Bride, you WILL see the jewels you desire.
Many of you know Me, and are still discontent, why? Because you are sitting on the surface, scratching the surface and not digging deeper into Me. Paying the price to go deep.

Wake Up My Bride. Have you not realised what I am saying? What I continue to say over and over?
Do not remain scratching the surface. Die to yourself, and come deeper.

Many of you are making judgments on Me, that I am not good, that I am not providing that which you are continually calling out for. I always provide on time, but you must press in. I will not always come to you with what you desire on a silver platter. You must HUNGER and THIRST for that which you are desperate for.

For if you are not hungry and thirsty for what you desire from Me, then you are not desperate.

If My Bride, you are truly desperate for the jewels of knowing Me, and My heart, and the plans I have for My Kingdom, then press in.

Go below the surface. Stop spending all your lives on the surface, but do what I am telling you to do, to come deep. Then you will find the jewels you've always been desiring, and I promise you My Bride, once you have a taste of what is below the surface, you will NEVER go back.

EVER.

Dancing With The Enemy
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Do not copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect His will , really is Romans 12:2

My children, I love each of you so much, and I long to dance through this life with each of you. I long to dance with you into depths of Me that you have never even dreamed or imagined.

I see that many of you are beginning to dance with the enemy. Many of you are allowing the thoughts, and impressions of this world to sway you into his arms.

The enemy is doing all he can to lure my children into dancing with him. The temporary and fast fulfillment, offering things that are not of Me, and many are beginning to dance with him. This is not my heart for each of you.

I do not speak such words to bring about condemnation, for I am not a God who condemns I am a God who loves, and I will love you to life. I will love you in a way that it hurts your flesh, but I will continue to love you this way, until you die to all that is not of Me.

Each day as you entertain thoughts not of Me, and as you speak out words not of Me, and continue to take steps towards things not of Me, you are dancing with the enemy. You are dancing to his rhythm and not mine.

Oh My precious dancers, how I long for you to stay in My arms. I never move, and I am always holding you, but many of you are being lured by things of this world. Do not allow a wrinkle to come upon your holy and blameless cloak that I placed over you through My death.

Many of you through your wounding are dancing with the enemy. Allowing things to 'feed' you that are not of Me. Pour your time, efforts and finances into My Kingdom and dancing with Me. Many of you are dancing with the enemy through your thoughts, feeding lusts and greed. Be set free, dance with Me.

The enemy is luring many now. My Spirit is moving quickly bringing things together, and preparing for the destruction that will hit this earth, and I am strengthening My people and helping them stand firm, but many of you are placing yourselves in a position to dance with the enemy.

You cannot serve two masters. You cannot dance with Me, and the enemy at the same time.

You cannot be lukewarm, and have a foot in either kingdom, you must choose.

Through your actions, your thoughts, your money, your time and your effort, are you dancing with Me or the enemy?

Rise up My church. Stop entertaining the flesh. Stop entertaining thoughts not of Me, and speaking things not of Me, and allow Me to bring you back to the place of being in rhythm with Me.

Leave the enemy, the flesh, the world and all it's lusts behind, and dance with Me. Step away from the beats you are hearing from the enemy, and dance with Me, to the beat of My heart.

Dancing with the enemy will lead you to death, dancing with Me leads you to eternal life.

Stop Chewing
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My precious children, My precious possessions, My precious branches, heed the word I am to speak for My heart is grieved. My heart is grieved My children, because as each of you are connected to me the One and Only true Vine, yet many of you are doing things that I am not pleased with.

My precious branches, you know what I see? I see some of you chewing at other branches, chewing at others to try and disconnect them, being motivated by jealousy or deceit or by gossip and slander. Have I not called My church to work together? Have I not called My precious jewels to work together for My Kingdom?

Why do you compare? Why do you strive to be better than each other? Why have you allowed manipulation and control to come into My church? Why have you allowed these things to come in and pollute that which I am trying to purify.

Look at your hearts My branches. Look at your hearts. Forgive those who have hurt you and bless those who curse you. Stop chewing at other branches. Stop chewing down others, to bring about disunity.

Do you want to continue to chew and chew until others and continue to try and cut them off?

Your words are cutting many down. Your words are cutting many people to the hearts My children. Listen to My words. I am speaking.

LOVE!

Did I not teach you through My word to love? So love one another.

This is NOT how I have called My church to be. This is NOT my heart for the church. This is NOT what I want. This is NOT pleasing to me, it is displeasing, so repent. Unite, and love one another. Heap blessings on each other. Let go of grievances, let go, stop hindering My work, and allow Me to grow each of you and My church.

Show My love to each other. Allow Me to set you free from grievances and hurts. Stop chewing each other.

How greatly do I love you? How greatly have I poured my love over you. I have spoken to each of you to love Me and love each other so LOVE.
Do not grieve My heart anymore. Repent. Repent of trying to chew others off from Me. Repent for your slander, bad words, gossip, hatred, unforgiveness and unclean hearts. Repent.

I love each of you so much and I forgive you, but I the Lord your God will not tolerate some of My children allowing the enemy to use them to chew off other of My branches, My children.
I will not stand for it.

My precious branches, My precious children, there are those of you who have been on the receiving end of this chewing. I want to say to you, continue to cleave to Me. Continue to cleave to Me the vine. Continue to allow Me to comfort you, and I will bring about justice for you.

I will bring about justice in your life, and I will prevail.
I hold each of you close to My hearts. I hold all of My children close.
My church, look at your hearts, let My Spirit clean you and cut off any strongholds of the enemy.

Stop chewing off other branches, stop causing disunity. UNITE.
LOVE. FORGIVE.
Stop chewing and start blessing.

God's Coming Revival In New England

John Paul Jackson

On February 15, 2004, at 2:02 A.M., I had a powerful vision and rare encounter with the Holy Spirit. In the vision I found myself standing at the back of a stage with musicians and vocalists during a worship conference or church service. The Lord kept saying to me, "There are parents here tonight who have a sick child and I want to heal that child."

What happened during the remainder of this vision brought me to my knees; I was hardly able to breathe in the thickness of God's weighty presence. The impact of what I saw awakened me, and for forty-five minutes, while still gasping for breath, I continued to lie in bed weeping from the power and beauty of what I had just witnessed. The Lord continued speaking to me, often audibly. When He did not speak, He opened my mind in some heavenly way that branded or etched an understanding of many things deep within me.

I saw that prayer will increase at exponential rates and will permeate New England. The Lord showed me how He was going to create a new bond of unity among New England pastors who are seeking more of His presence. Churches would grow by the hundreds in a two- or three-week span of time.

God Will be Justified to Bring the Fullness of His Plan for New England Through Prayers of His People

The Lord showed me how He was going to change the understanding of all the gifts He has given to us, and how He will use humility to demolish the walls separating the gifts. Then He showed me the beginning of another season of healings, miracles, signs, and wonders. I understood that God's greatest desire is to flow through us.

I was heartsick as the Lord showed me how the Church is guilty of pride, pretense, position, prejudice, and politics. The Lord showed me how even low levels of pride multiply and spread to contaminate others. However, the Lord told me not to be disheartened. Through the prayers of His people, God will be justified to bring the fullness of His plan for New England into being.

God let me know that we are standing at a very important time in the history of New England, and that we must be on guard for the hidden ploys of the enemy. Speaking against the men and women He has put in place will not be tolerated as the Holy Spirit begins to kindle the fire again.

Simultaneously, God will release a fresh wind of worship to musicians and vocalists. A sharpened spiritual awareness will permeate worship teams, and the Holy Spirit will touch percussionists who will often sense the coming of His presence. This profoundly increased presence of the Spirit will release His glory cloud, healings, miracles, deliverances, salvations, and increased intercessory prayer.

An Invitation to Begin the Process of Preparation

This is an invitation to begin the process of preparation. It is not a guarantee, nor is it to be construed as a prophecy that any certain church or denomination or group of churches will be the recipient. It is merely a statement of what the Lord has shown me about a few attributes and aspects of what will be seen in a great move of God that will come again to New England.

Streams Ministries International
www.streamsministries.com

Global Day of Prayer

"Since the days of Pentecost, has the whole church ever put aside every other word and waited upon Him for ten days, that the Spirit's power might be manifested? We give too much attention to method and machinery and resources and too little to the source of power." Hudson Taylor (1832-1905)

Two Hundred Million expected to join Global Day of Prayer
This Sunday, May 15, will be the Day of Pentecost, and the **first Global Day of Prayer** will call **the nations** together to ask God for a "greater Pentecost."

The National Day of Prayer on May 5th was *the* ***"Day of Ascension***," the day that our Messiah Jesus, *"was taken up into the sky while they were watching, and He disappeared into a cloud." He had just said, "When the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about Me everywhere..."*

The disciples met together continually for prayer and ten days later, the Holy Spirit came— just as Jesus promised — in power. *"Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm in the skies above them, and it filled the house where they were meeting."*

2000 years later — Arising from Africa. In 2001, one stadium in Cape Town, South Africa was filled with 45,000 people who came to pray. In 2002, it expanded to eight stadiums and 350,000. In 2003, 2.5 million gathered in 130 stadiums. On May 2, 2004, the movement exploded. More than 22 million rallied in prayer at more than 2,000 sites throughout every single country on the continent of Africa (56 nations).

African leaders and leaders from most major traditions of Christian faith are again calling people to join in a historic act of united prayer. As Christians around the world pray, it will be the first ever Global Day of Prayer on May 15th. In this time of global turmoil, Christians will join together around the Earth in united, focused, fervent prayer ***asking God for transforming revival!***

May 15, 2005, Pentecost Sunday and the *Global Day of Prayer*
Christians in many lands will assemble in massive gatherings in stadiums and open squares. In other places, believers will gather in homes and other public venues. To help connect and align prayers even more, there will be a six hour live Concert of Prayer broadcast, one hour from each continental area. The signal will be relayed by satellite, radio and Internet so that many millions will be linked simultaneously all over the world. The same broadcast will be repeated so that people in any time zone can take part on Pentecost afternoon or evening. For more information concerning the GDP, go to www.globaldayofprayer.com.

Go Forth And Do The Exploits

Bill Burns

The winds of change are blowing. I am calling the kings of the Third Day to the forefront now to sharpen your weapons, to put on your armor, to dress yourselves for battle, and to go forth. Run to the battle! Turn back the battle at the gate! I am manifesting Myself as the King of kings and Lord of lords. I am the Warrior King, and I now inspire you, My people, to become all that you are called to be. I am looking for and calling forth an army. You are that generation of warriors. Army of the Lord, arise to the battle! Cast off every restraint. Cast off the reproach. Rise up to your calling, and go forth in victory over all the works of the enemy. You shall bind the kings who have been set to work against My kingdom. Arise to the call. Be strong. Go forth and do the exploits of My chosen generation, the Glorious Church.

Establish An Altar Of Praise

Bill Burns

February 27, 2005:
I announce the Jubilee. It has been prophesied, spoken, and believed. Now is the time of the building of the altar of praise in which the whole Church can receive the blessings. As you come together corporately and establish a place of worship, I will lift you up. I am looking for a people of praise and worship, a people who will come to the high place and submit themselves unto Me this day, says the Lord. Turn again to believe that I am the Blessed One, and I will bless My own. Jubilee is not just a fleeting thing; it is the most powerful of that which I have done in this season. I announce that you shall receive the greatest opportunity for advancement in your Christian life -- even more than the years behind you. Step forth, establish an altar of praise in your heart.

Marsha Burns

Victory is awaiting you through the veil. The veil has been torn, and I have already made a way for you to gain the victory. Come into the Holy of Holies, which is a place of victory. I have made a way for liberty. I have made a way for freedom. I have made a way for Jubilee blessings. I have gone before you to make the crooked places straight and to break in pieces the gates of bronze and to cut the bars of iron. I have made a way, and I am calling you forth into the Holy of Holies, into My presence where I will release you into great victory and great blessing. But, you must come through the veil. Do not stop short. Do not stop at places of hindrance. I have made a way and paid the price, says the Lord. Now, come!

Go Forth As Strong Warriors

Bill Inello

A while ago I was reminded of a snowball fight I had in high school back as a young kid. A group of us older kids huddled together in the middle of our snow covered field, and were soon joined by a group of younger kids from lower down the year whose itch for the snowballs got the better of them, and after a few snowball exchanges, it became clear that there was war between us and the younger kids.

Because the younger kids were more in number, it was clear that they had the advantage in numbers, and our group not eagerly welcoming the idea of being overpowered, took the defensive position and began to retreat, giving the younger kids a chance to bombard us with snow balls of all sizes.

In retaliation, we huddled even closer and decided to each pick up our fill of snow balls and just charge at them with a magnificent roar hoping they would back away. While we saw this as our last resort, hoping at most that we would get through these band of kids with at least two us pelted with snowballs, at worst some of us swarmed and completely "white-washed" in snow as some of our friends, we instead to our surprise saw that, on the contrary, when we charged at the little kids letting out a massive roar and making our demands known through waving our snowballs in the air, their strength in numbers no longer seemed to be of any significance as they retreated, some tripping over others desperately trying to get away from us. What was even funnier was the fact that as we let out our heartfelt roars, some of them screeched in terror not wanting to contemplate what would happen to them should one of them be left behind to face our high school "vengeance".

It was with this that the Lord spoke and said:

Like the group of older kids, many of My people have felt surrounded and trapped by the enemy. Many of My own have retreated at the thought of being overwhelmed by the enemies forces. Yet the Lord would say that I have given you the victory on all fronts. Many are being "pelted" at with snowballs of discouragement, despair, a desire to give up and a mentality of defeat yet have I not said that when the enemy comes like a flood, I will raise up a standard against him? YOU are indeed the standard that I am raising up in this hour says you God. You are the ones that shall cause him who is the accuser of the brethren to flee seven ways. I have not called you to retreat but to advance and take ground. I am calling the Joshuas and the Calebs, those who will see the impossible and look it square in the face and declare 'with God, ALL things ARE possible'.

I already claimed the victory 2000 years ago and so as you take back ground that has been stolen, remember that I am for you and not against you. I AM the Lion of Judah who ROARS on your behalf. When the Lion of Judah roars, all hell comes to a standstill because I am he who is risen and seated in high places. I have given you the authority to take the kingdom of darkness by storm. Do not allow the 10 spies mentality to choke your faith. You are victorious over all that has beset you because of who I am in you.

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Getting From Fear to Fight
Robert Ricciardelli

Many of God's people today remain in the caverns of their life, paralyzed by fear. Before we can get out of the cave and into productive Christian lives we must face the fear at the mouth of the cave. Whenever there is a major obstacle that we must deal with in our life, there is an enemy lurking to devour our attempt for freedom. Here is a great illustration of the enemy from Revelations as we see an enemy seeking to snatch the birthing of what God desires to do.

Revelation 12:1-4
The Woman and the Dragon
[1]A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. [2]She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. [3]Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. [4]His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

When God is birthing something in you, when He has given you an assignment and the authority to fulfill that calling, you need to expect a dragon waiting at the mouth of the cave ready to pounce and detour you from fulfillment of that call. The enemy always seeks to devour the seed of the Lord. Many of God's people sit inside their cave of fear or habit and ask the Lord to remove the enemy, when all along He is waiting for you to take the authority and slew the dragons coming against your destiny in Him. How many times have you gone to a meeting and the message excited you to action? You vowed to change this and do that as you come out of the cave, only to get beat up enough to back pedal to the perceived safety of the cave.

I know in my own life there have been habits and patterns formed by fear that have kept me from the plans of God. There have been times of derailment and other times it was more of a subtle deflection off "The Way". As I became more free from religion and spent more time in His presence, I began to see the enemies tactical plan to destroy my destiny. It was at that point that I had to make the decision to fight. It is not a one time decision as the enemy is always lurking and that I must eternally choose the path of mastery over sin and death. The only other choice I had was mediocrity and the lie from the pit of hell is that we can somehow compromise and do both. There are two choices in our obedience to our Heavenly Father, decisions that bring life and decisions that bring death.

Genesis 4:6
Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? [7] If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

The Lord says, we must master it and He has given us His Spirit and authority to master every enemy we face. Why would the Lord desire us to fight the enemy? Our Father God knows that in the fiery battle, integrity and virtue is forged. Thank goodness that when we are young in the Lord He keeps us from many of these battles until we mature and are ready for battle. Our heavenly Father is all about training and testing us towards His likeness and His authority. When I was a child I acted and thought like a child, but none of us are to remain as children in our growth as His kingdom ambassadors.

Exodus 13:17
[17]When Pharaoh finally let the people go, God did not lead them on the road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest way from Egypt to the Promised Land. God said,

"If the people are faced with a battle, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." [18]So God led them along a route through the wilderness toward the Red Sea, and the Israelites left Egypt like a marching army.

Israel was tested for many years in the desert until the people were ready to engage with the giants in the land of promise. He knew if they had to face warfare prematurely they might desire to return to Egypt, or in other words, back into bondage. But as we mature, he leads us to engage in battle as a way to mature us.

Our God is not a pacifist; He is the Lord God, mighty in battle. And we know that Satan certainly is not a pacifist and we must be ready for battle. The enemy desires to beat us up so much that we do not even want to hear the Truth any longer, much less respond to it. That is how many end up backsliding. They have been defeated repeatedly in an area, or area's, and no longer want to engage. Part of our problem is that we are often not told the truth of what it is to be a son of God. It is a path of war as we advance and take back the territory that the enemy has stolen.

Unfortunately, many churches are set up inside the cave. They do not want to do battle in the marketplace as they retreat to the comforts of vain religion. Part of the growing discontentment of God's people in the mainstream or institutional church is that they are not being taught to live as kingdom dwellers authorized by the blood of the Lamb for victory. Especially in the western churches without threat from hostile governments and economies that can provide leisurely living, it has become many times a convenient, comfortable and entertaining gospel. This is not the truth and we will not advance until His people demand the truth and demand that leaders are responsible to teach it.

We are designed to live and move and have our being outside the cave. We must have the attitude that says, "If I perish, I perish, but I will live each day as a soldier to set captives free. We must rather die in battle then sit back in comfort watching others die around us. The truth is, we are dying while we live in that bondage if we think that is what the Christian life is all about. How can we set others free when we are trapped inside as well? We are not cave dwellers; we are children of light and fighters of freedom.

Matthew 11:12
And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

We must be warriors in the Spirit of almighty God and advance His kingdom. We must be encouragers to those around us to get them on the path of freedom. We must be patient with those that are wounded and paralyzed with fear to step out of their caves. They are afraid of even hearing the truth any longer because they stepped out before with truth and were not prepared for the giants in the land.

Matthew 13:14-15
[14]This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah, which says:
You will hear my words,
but you will not understand; you will see what I do,
but you will not perceive its meaning.
[15] For the hearts of these people are hardened,
and their ears cannot hear,
and they have closed their eyes-- so their eyes cannot see,
and their ears cannot hear,
and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me
and let me heal them.'

Fear will cause us to find shelter in the cave and never live out the bountiful experience of Kingdom living. If we choose to stay there, will seek out teachers and churches that say it is God's will to be comfortable and safe in the cave. We must pray for those who have retreated and at the same time impart wisdom and revelation of the fear that has caused them to slip back or be idle. Let's rally the troops for the great adventure which is only in Christ Jesus. When we are in Him and have been obedient to His word, paralyzing fear can be eradicated. In the next few weeks, I will talk about some steps we can take to venture out of the cave and into victory in the land of giants in Jesus name!

A Call To War
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I felt this was a timely word from the Lord. Jeanette as become a friend and prayer warrior for Joyce and I and the ministry. I thank God for those like her that stand with us in battle. Thanks to all of you who have supported us with your prayers. Robert Ricciardelli

Hi Robert,

Your article, 'Fear to Fight', felt like a page out of my journal. The enemy has bound the church in fear and complacency disguised as a sophisticated, careful, wise stewardship. I wonder what Paul would have to say to us today were he to see it? A man who moved by the Holy Spirit's prompting....being compelled to change plans at a moment's notice in a time when changing travel plans was not as easy as getting a different flight. A man beaten, imprisoned, stoned and flogged for the sake of the Gospel.

We have found ourselves walking in the steps of the Pharisees with one thousand man-made rules causing our heavy laden steps to become bogged down in the quagmire of fear, rather than running the race with the feet like a deer God has given us. Complacency came quietly camouflaged in a package of "you don't want to offend anyone" "you don't want to sound judgmental." It came cloaked in a twisted definition of being about peace and love. It came with a self focused message of being 'happy.'

The veil is so thick few see that to bring peace and love, to be set free by the blood of Jesus Christ means to fly into the face of the enemy. It means war. Carrying the banner of Christ Jesus our King as His kingdom advances.
The church has become a breeding ground for pacifists, those refusing to participate in a call to war.

2 Samuel 22: 32-40 calls us to remember.
"*He trains my hands for war*"

How often we repeat **Ephesians 6:10-20** without understanding the depth of what God has given us. He has given us the uniform worn only by those soldiers equipped for the frontline of a fierce battle. The Navy Seals of ancient times.

Hebrews 12:11 says God is training us to yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness, by disciplining us, which seems painful rather than pleasant at the moment.

This is the pain the church is feeling in this time. As God makes the way for a great revival, He is waking up His sleepy church and training us up for the frontline battle. A body that is not fed becomes weak and atrophied. A body fed without exercise becomes lazy and out of shape. Breaking that pattern requires a disciplined time of training. We are in a bootcamp of sorts as God calls to those willing to enlist, and that is only by the workings of His Spirit in us.

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:4

As God reveals the strongholds of satan and begins to tear them down, it is to His glory that He chooses to use us as warriors in His kingdom, proclaiming His sovereignty. God is opening the eyes of our heart to see the spiritual realm where the battle is fought with forever consequence. God is calling us to a maturity to stand and fight.
We must surrender to His leading lest we be distracted by counterfeit battles the enemy sends to pull us away from the work of the Lord. The enemy sends a spirit of confusion to entangle holy and worldly and blind us to the significant.
God calls us to a stillness in Him as He grows us deep and strong and opens us to see from His perspective.
It is a lean time in the physical and abundant in the Lord.

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
Revelation 19:11

The victory is assured in Christ. We are not fear, but to boldly follow Him.
Amen?

Thanks for being on the frontline bro!
Love,
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Light To the World
Robert Ricciardelli

All of us are called to be witnesses and expressions of the glory of God to the world. If we are called by His name, we are presenting a witness to those around us as to who He is. The challenging question is, "what type of a witness am I expressing through my life? Am I presenting His life and truth, or am I presenting a life of goodness or religion that many who do not know Him live out each day?

Matt 5:14-15 You are the light of the world. It is impossible for a city situated upon a mountain to be hidden. (15) Nor do men
light a lamp and place it under the bushel, but on the lampstand; and it shines to all who are in the house.

In Matthew 5 verse 15 the Lord speaks about placing the lamp under the bushel. A lighted lamp placed under the bushel cannot shine out its light. I often think about all the possibilities that keep Gods people from presenting the kingdom of God through their lives. Sin is the obvious choice as we all have that in our lives, but let's talk about some of them that are more subtle.

Matt. 6:25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?

This would be the subtle sin of anxiety or worry. How can we be advancing as kingdom folks with the weight and concern of life's essentials? I know I have fallen into this many times when I could not see where the provision was coming from, or better yet when. One of the problems we face is putting our trust in what we can see or figure out. That does not lend well to a life of faith and it does not lend well for us to shine the light of Christ.

Covered by a bushel, what does that actually mean?

Here is one thought; in ancient times a bushel was the weight as a measure for grain. It was their standard or weight of exchange for food. It was very much a part of making a living during that time. Thus, hiding the lamp under the bushel indicates anxiety and weight we may carry concerning our living. If we Christians are anxious about our living and concerned about how much money we are making, this anxiety will become a bushel covering our light. I have found this to be true in my own life. How can I focus on the kingdom of God and His glory and presence and at the same time be overly concerned with how I can figure out the resources needed to do so. I am all for planning, and stewarding, but it is the anxiety that needs to go.

Kingdom people see and think differently

When we are on our game, we will have a kingdom focus of seeking Christ and His righteousness, while knowing that all things, especially the essentials in life, will be provided for us from our heavenly Father. It might not come the way we had figured out, and it may come at the eleventh hour, but beloved, rest assured, it will come. In the midst of these tough times, when we live and move and have our being in the peace of Christ, this gives evidence of an uncovered light that shines before men. When we can praise Him and enter into His presence in the midst of trials and adversities we are living in appreciation of His comforting presence that will never leave nor forsake us. As kingdom dwellers, we can go on day after day only caring about Christ and His church, and to the obedience in what He has called us to.

When others see the joy of the Lord which is our strength being lived out, it is an attraction they do not see in the people who are not yet born into the kingdom. We have all seen this in our experiences. Brother how can you be so full of joy when you just lost your job? Sister, you cannot buy groceries this week and you are still singing His praises. How can this be? This happens because we do not see things as they are, but as yet unseen. We have a loving Father that knows our every need and if He can take care of the birds in the air, He will surely take care of His sons and daughters. People will know from our conversations of hope and life in Christ Jesus, in a world consumed with thoughts of the economy, wars, and when the next earthquake might strike.

By being such a people, we touch the hearts of others and shine upon them the light of Christ from within. This shining penetrates them.

The marketplace is a great place to shed His light of truth, mercy and grace. They cannot see what we see as fear and anxiety is upon them and many times consumes them. There are some that have developed positive mental attitudes and have taken courses on thinking positive for health and a stress free life. Self help books are among the bestsellers, but separated from God, self can never ultimately succeed. The fact that God's universal principles of laughter and discipline of focus work, some may find a temporary fix to their fears just by applying these principles. The truth is, without the presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the peace will be fleeting and it is only a delusion of the true comfort only God can deliver. When we are living a life of faith and have removed the bushels that desire to cover us, the presence of God within us will influence others, regardless of context or jurisdiction. They will see a people set apart, seemingly on top of a mountain shining brilliantly.

Glorifying God through Our Shining

Matt 5:16 *In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in the heavens.*

John 1:12 *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name*

Galatians 4:6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."

We are regenerated through Christ as children of our almighty God and Father. To the audience of the world, they will see His characteristics through those who have become children of His light and His authority. Good works are brought forth through the obedient behavior of His children through which men may see God and be brought to Him. Our shining will glorify the Father because it expresses what God is. To glorify God the Father is to give Him the glory in everything we do. Glory is God expressed. When His kingdom people express God in their behavior and good works, men see God and give the glory to God. God hidden is God Himself, as He remains regardless of whether we are expressing His truth through our lives. But when God is expressed through us, that is the glory of God. If as the kingdom people we have such a shining light, God will be expressed in this shining, and all those around us will see the glory, which is God expressed.

As kingdom dwellers, we are the light of the world. As light we are like a city on a mountaintop and like a lamp shining in a house. From without and within, we shine to express God, to let God have the glory in the eyes of others. We desire to exercise such an influence upon those around us. May we be ambassadors of light to the world, as kingdom dwellers in the presence of the almighty wherever He leads. May His light shine before men to break the bondages and deception, so that the harvest of souls can be brought forth. Oh Father, lets us shine your light, forgive us when we let the bushels of this world cover us. Remind us that the only covering we need is you. Remind us of our purpose to serve you and advance your present and coming kingdom in Jesus name, amen.

God’s Favor on His people

Debra Lindvall

Word of the Lord for 2005

2005 will be a year of **God’s favor** on his people. The spirit of the Lord is declaring Grace, Grace to His people this year. Over every circumstance and obstacle that is and that is to come. I Hear the Spirit of the Lord saying “it’s time, it’s time, the set time to favor My people has come.” This is a predetermined time by the spirit of God to bring us out of what has been and into His Divine favor. His favor is bringing a double portion of blessing and provision to us for all the has troubled us.

Psalm 102:13 (NKJV)

You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.

Isaiah 61:7 (NKJV)

Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

Resistance from the enemy

This Divine Favor will not come without **resistance from the enemy**. But I hear the Lord saying “his resistance is futile, who I determine to favor will be Favored.” Stand your ground and speak/shout with a loud voice to the mountain GRACE – GRACE.” This is my standard that I am raising up against My enemy’s. “My favor will shield you and protect you. It will not be by your power or might but by my Spirit of Grace.”

Zechariah 4:7 (AMP)

For who are you, O great mountain [of human obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain [a mere molehill]! And he shall bring forth the finishing gable stone [of the new temple] with loud shoutings of the people, crying, Grace, grace to it!

Psalm 5:12 (NKJV)

For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.

Angelic intervention

Increased **angelic intervention** is coming. The Lord is dispatching His Host at His Word. You will see this intervention in three areas. *Divine warnings* - His Angels will bring warnings to escape impending danger and disaster. To those who are seeking Him and His Kingdom. *Message delivery* – Our fasting and prayer in some cases will bring a response that God will send an Angel with to bring the answer. *Reconnaissance* – God is sending Angels to houses, cities and nations to confirm ‘the cry of injustice.’ If confirmed judgment will come swiftly, but if they find repentance great blessings and favor will come to them.

Gen 19:1 , Act 27:23-24, Jug 3:13, Acts 12:7, Acts 5:19

Critical Mass and Crisis overcome

We are coming into a season where the Church is going to reach ‘**critical mass**.’ This will happen at an individual level and a corporate level. At an individual level, the power of the Spirit of God in some will reach ‘critical mass’ and a spiritual chain reaction will take place to bring them to a new level and dimension of glory. At a corporate level, the ministries that have labored for the ‘Kingdom to come’ in cities, regions, and even nations the Spirit is saying “it has not been in vain.” Your labor is reaching ‘critical mass’ in the spirit, which will bring about BREAKTHROUGH SUDDENLY in those cities, regions, and nations. At the time of this spiritual change individuals and ministries will find that **crisis is overcome** with an ease because the ‘Breaker has done it.’

Ephesians 1:19 (AMP)
And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Eph 3:20 (NKJV)
Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Amos 9:13-14 (NKJV)
“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it.
I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

Extraordinary Abundance

This will be a year of **extraordinary abundance** in the area of finance and physical health, for those who have sown in faith and believed when they did not see and those who’s treasure has been in heaven. For those who have patiently waiting on Him to act, the Spirit of the Lord says “I am releasing to you abundant prosperity and health.”

Psalm 112:3 (NKJV)
Wealth and riches will be in his house, And his righteousness endures forever.

Ps 132:15 (NKJV) I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

Isaiah 58:8 (NKJV)
Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Jer 30:17 (NKJV)
For I will restore health to you And heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD, …

I sensed strongly that this word comes with conditions for His people. For those who desire to walk in what God is declaring they MUST be connected and submitted. Connect to His Body (I hear “in vital union with”) that is the church and submitted to His Kingdom Government.

God's Favour On Australia

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The Word below is entitled God's Favour on Australia. Some background history may help. The Lord has been talking to me about the 800 Australian Light Horsemen that liberated The Wells of Beersheba in 1917 and opened up the entrance into Jerusalem. Today The Lord impressed upon me to reread Col Stringers book, 800 Horsemen.

You may not be aware that on October 31, 1917, 800 Australian Light Horseman defeated the Turks that had been in control of The Wells of Beersheba for 400 years. 50,000 British and Allied troops had failed and were running out of water when The Australian Commander requested that they have a go.

In one hour in failing light against artillery guns, machine guns, 4500 entrenched infantry, and bombing from the air 800 men rode across 6km's of open desert on horses that had not drunk any water for between 48 to 70 hours. The Turkish army were defeated and this was the gateway into Jerusalem. Many crusades had been fought against the Turks in the previous four centuries including Alexander The Great but nobody had been able to defeat the Turkish entrenched position at Beersheba.

Australia spilt the blood of its sons on Jewish soil in 1917 and overran the enemy and gave back the land to its rightful owners. This opened the way for General Allenby to lead Allied Troops into Jerusalem. In Tel Aviv there is a monument to our Light Horsemen.

God's Favour on Australia

Australia this is your hour of blessing. You are now entering a time of My favour on your nation. The youngest nation in the world (we were 16 years of age) blessed the oldest nation in the world and now I declare it is time for my blessing to come upon you. I am releasing My Spirit through your land in an unprecedented way. I am doing a new thing. You have been my hidden warriors and now I am bringing you forth to battle again. I am giving you a new authority in the heavenly realm. It is time to rise up and fight once more. I have reserved a special grace for you in this hour. I am going to move in such a way that the eyes of the world will be upon you. Many will come to see for themselves what I am doing. The signs and wonders that I do through My Spirit will amaze the world. I ordained you for this destiny, this birthright. Every aspect of your nation will be permanently changed. The blood of your soldiers in Israel has been heard and in this season I am answering their cry. You will do great exploits again that will shape the destiny of nations. This time those exploits will be in the spiritual realm. I am giving you an ability to take enemy ground very quickly. The enemy is already afraid of what you are doing and panic and confusion is starting to set in as your anointed prayer warriors arise for battle. Prayer warriors from Australia will fight over Jerusalem in the heavens and prevail with astonishing results. Many will come to join you but you have been chosen to lead the way with strategic strikes against the enemy. This is a time to stand and wait for your orders. Prepare yourself for battle. Your advance troops have already been in action for some time but I have kept it hidden. Indeed I am blessing you because you blessed Israel. I will bless who I will bless and nothing can stop this from happening and Australia I choose to bless you in this season.

Golden Fountain of Glory
Karen Francis

On October 17th, 2005 I was returning home from a job interview I had in Pittsburgh, PA and while seeking the Lord, I saw the following vision.

I saw the body of Christ living together, as a community and there were no walls. They were united in the Spirit and love of the Christ, and all were serving for the sake of the kingdom of the Lord alone, with no personal agenda involved. While watching the body of believers, I saw a huge golden fountain of glory radiating from the midst of them. It was shaped just like a large water fountain. It was the glory of the Lord that radiated from the midst of them, yet the believers couldn't see it themselves.

I saw the nations surrounding them, covered in darkness and despair. They seen the fountain of glory very clearly, being drawn to it, knowing it was the Lord. The world around the body of Christ was falling apart in every aspect, desperate for help. Those in the body of Christ were not hurting or lacking in anything.

It was like the times when the nations surrounding Israel feared Israel, because of their God.

Isaiah 60:1-14
Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

"Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. **Then, you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with jo**y; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

The multitude of camels shall cover your land, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall ascend with acceptance on My altar, and I will glorify the house of My glory.
"Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts?

Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and **the ships of Tarshish will come first,** to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, **because He has glorified you.**

"The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession. For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you, shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly ruined.

"The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the pine, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. Also, the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing to you, and all those who despised you, shall fall prostrate at the soles of your feet; and they shall call you...**The City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.**

I was very encouraged by this vision and after receiving it, Isaiah 60 came alive for me anew.

I have not seen the body of Christ, live like this yet. This is how it truly should be. The nations surrounding us, should be full of fear and dread of us, due to our mighty powerful awesome Holy God overshadowing us continually.

A sister in Christ wrote: "Seems the people/church are so wrapped up in HIM and do not even see what the 'nations' surrounding her see in her and coming forth from her."

She was exactly right. The people were so full of living ***from*** the Life of Christ, that they were not aware of this glorious fountain radiating from their midst. It was a beautiful vision (one that I would like to paint some day). The golden fountain sprang forth in such a way, that it completely covered them.

We truly must come together as one body in Christ. Living our lives from Christ life and not our own life. When one part of the body hurts, the entire body hurts. When one part is strengthened, the entire body is strengthened. We cannot be full of Christ, until we are entirely emptied of self. To the poor in spirit, belong the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:1)

This does not mean there won't be persecution, but our life will be so consumed with Christ, that even the persecution will be a part of the testimony of Jesus Christ that will give Him glory.

We are truly coming into times of major calamities. It is in those times, that the body of Christ will be most effective to the nations surrounding us, who will be in great despair and distress. The Lord is preparing a people even now.

We truly must come to a holy fear of the Lord, Who is the King of all in heaven, earth and below the earth. We must come to have a reverential fear of the Lord, knowing that He is all that He says He is. He will perform the very Word He speaks forth. He is the living Word in action. When we come to fear our God, the nations will also. They will see the Lord Almighty doing great exploits on behalf of His children and He is caring for all our needs. We will not need health insurance, because our Physician heals all our diseases. We will not need to worry about provision, because our Provider is providing for all our needs, etc.

Who or what can compare or be likened to Him? What love is comparable to His love? What power is comparable to His power? He is the Lord and He alone performs the words He speaks. He will do all that He says He will do. He is God and there is no other.

Psalm 126:1-3
When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then, our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. **Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."** The Lord has done great thing for us, and we are glad.

All For His Glory,
Karen Francis

God Has Prepared A Banquet!

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We are living at a time when it is vital for the Church to have understanding of the times. No longer can we cluster in holy huddles and ignore the rest of the world going to destruction. God's heart is moved by the cries of the lost and the hurting and the Church of the Firstborn upon Mount Zion is about to be galvanized into action for the purpose of extending the Kingdom of God and to bring in the harvest. The earthquake in the Indian Ocean is to be used as a tool in God's hand for His glory and His praise. What seems like a scene of devastation and destruction has laid the table, so to speak, for the presentation of the manifestation of His purposes, prepared before the foundation of the world – before the fault lines were formed or any of the continents created, God was planning ways to reap the harvest and reach the souls for which the Lamb was slain. This backdrop of darkness and hopelessness will serve to cast a spotlight on the unfolding of His endtime purpose – a Bride, clothed in the glory of God, reaching the lost with the irresistible love and compassion of Christ!

We read in Isaiah 25:6 that God will prepare a feast, a banquet of good things:

'And in this mountain the Lord of Hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the people, a feast of wine on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of refined wine on the lees.'

This sounds delicious and, at first glance, conjures up an image of His people having a party and eating the most delicious foods. However, this is not actually what it says and this interpretation is just another example of the mistaken belief which the Church has fostered for years – that God pours out His blessings for us and us alone to enjoy. This is what, up until now, has made the Church of Jesus Christ largely ineffective and unfruitful in the earth. If we look closely at this verse, we see that the feast is prepared not just for the Church but for all peoples. What God has prepared on Mount Zion is not a 'bless me' party but something that will feed all the people of the earth.

If we look more closely into the kind of banquet that God has prepared, we discover something else amazing – we, the Church, are not partaking of the menu, WE ARE THE MENU! Now before you switch off your computer in disgust, allow me to explain. The Word says firstly that God prepares a feast of 'fat things'. This is the Hebrew word ' shemen' which means:

grease, especially liquid (as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively richness: - anointing, X fat (things), X fruitful, oil ([-ed]), ointment, olive

In other words, this is a feast of the anointing, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that causes fruitfulness. Where else is this outpouring going to take place but in the lives of His Church, the Church of the First-Born? Then we can go forth declaring the year of His favor:

(Isaiah 61:1) ' The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is on Me; because Jehovah has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to preach the acceptable year of Jehovah and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to appoint to those who mourn in Zion, to give to them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the mantle of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that He might be glorified.'

Does that not sound like a feast for the needy of the earth? God does not want us to wait for the world to bring their needs within our four walls – He wants us to be the portable ark of His presence, bearing within our earthen vessels the anointing that breaks the yoke and sets the captive free; the healing oil that binds up the broken-hearted and exchanges their mourning veils for the oil of joy and gladness! God is making us ‘fat things full of marrow’; He is anointing our heads with fresh oil, an overflowing anointing that does not run dry, fit to meet whatever need we come into contact with. We are the light of the world and the day of the ‘greater works’ is here!

The banner pictured at the beginning of this article depicts the mighty river of blessing and provision the Lord is pouring out on Mount Zion for all the peoples of the earth because He wants them to taste and see that He is good. God is wanting the lost to not only hear the good news of God’s love but to actually experience for themselves His character, which is ‘goodness’. It is His kindness which leads us to repentance and as the hurting and broken experience the outpouring of His love and power through us, their hearts will be turned from serving vain idols to serve the Living God. In essence we, the Church are to be God’s ‘take-outs or take-aways’ from the kitchens of heaven; taking the manifestation of His goodness to the ends of the earth, so that the glory of the Lord may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea!

The Holy Spirit will be moving on the hearts of many of His people in these days as they view the scenes of devastation following the tsunami. He will propel laborers into the harvest field of these countries; men and women moved by the compassion of Christ and laying down their lives for the widow and the orphan, the broken and the homeless; taking the light of Jesus into the darkness of the aftermath of this catastrophe. God will use this event to liberate His people from passivity and religion and thrust them into the fullness of their inheritance. Did He not say, “ask of Me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance”? Church, it is time not to ask for an inheritance of silver or gold or things that perish and pass away but to cry out to the Lord for souls – an inheritance that is beyond the reach of dust and decay. We are all desperate for our portion of the promised land but we need to grasp the fact that the promised land is not a physical place or a mansion or a fat bank balance and fancy cars, it is a Person, Jesus Christ - and our assigned portion is the revelation of Jesus within us. This is the hope of glory. The glory is not something that comes to us but something that is released within us as we are obedient in stepping out and carrying the presence of Christ to a needy world. We are the feast of fat things; Christ in us is the menu of the day and the world is desperate to be fed with the True Bread of Heaven.

The other part of the feast God is preparing on Mount Zion is ‘wines on the lees’, in fact ‘refined wines on the lees’! Wesley explains that wines that have been sitting for a long time gain strength and after this, they are drawn off and refined. Have you been waiting for years for the fulfillment of your destiny in Christ? Well, God has been busy turning the water of the Word within you into wine, strong wine and it is now the Third Day of the feast and He has saved the best wine until last! The word for ‘well refined’ is ‘zaqaq’ and means:

to strain, (figuratively) extract, clarify: - fine, pour down, purge, purify, refine.

Have you been through a purging, purifying process? Well, now you know why! God is about to serve you as an accompaniment to His main course, the meat of His Word! He has prepared a banquet and the invitation is going out to the lame and the broken to come and feast on the goodness of God. This is what you were born for, this is your destiny – to be part of a mature, anointed portable feast for the peoples of the earth. The time has come to be poured out. Will you accept the Lord's invitation and say, “here am I Lord send me”, or will you continue to be settled on the lees and complacent? This is dangerous because wine gets beyond the stage of being drinkable and becomes spoilt, acidic and rancid tasting, good only to be thrown out. God is wanting to set apart those who have accepted His invitation as Zeph 1:7 says. This is your chance to be dusted off, be uncorked and released into your destiny in God. If you want to preserve your life, you will lose it(Matt 10) but if you are willing to be poured out for His glory, you will save your life. God is searching His shelves, looking for mature rich tasting wines to serve to the people of the earth. This is your time, say,” yes Lord, pour me out for your glory”.

The restaurant is Mount Zion and the menu is a manifestation of Jesus Christ in love and power. As

the poor and needy come to dine Isaiah 25:7 says that God will destroy the veil that is over the head of all nations:
‘And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering which covers all people, and the veil that is woven over all nations.’

I believe this not only refers to the veil over their spiritual eyes that is taken away when they come to belief in Christ, but also to the veil of mourning that covers the nations where disaster, be it earthquake or war or famine, has struck. We have seen so clearly in these last few days the profound wretchedness and despair that has come as a veil upon the nations that have been struck by the tsunami. Many many people have lost loved ones and all they own. This is an opportunity for the Church to arise and be the light of the world. Isaiah tells us that dense darkness covers the peoples but the glory of the Lord has arisen upon us. It is time for the Lord to remove the reproach of His people from off all the earth, as Isaiah 25:8 says. What is this reproach? It is mentioned in Isaiah 26:18:

(Isaiah 26:18) We conceived; we have been in pain, we gave birth to wind. We have not brought about any salvation in the earth; nor are the people of the world yet born’

This speaks of a lack of fruitfulness, of no harvest coming in. But now, on this Third Day, the Lord will remove that reproach from His people. No longer will the Church be barren and unfruitful, religious and lifeless. He has been preparing His vessels in the fires of affliction and the vessels of honor are coming forth in this day. The fast He has chosen is for us to be the feast He has prepared for all peoples:

(Isaiah 58:6) ‘ Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed ones go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to break your bread to the hungry, and that you should bring home the wandering poor? When will you see the naked and cover him; and you will not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break out as the dawn, and your health shall spring out quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard’

Christ within you is the hope of glory. The dinner bell has rung and Mount Zion and the Church of the First-Born invite the hungry and the poor and the broken to come and feast on a meal that is without cost. Do you hear the sound of the trumpet in the heavens as the invitation goes forth?:

(Isaiah 55:1) ‘ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat. Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.’

Let the feast begin!

God is About to Breathe on His Promises Over Our Lives

Amanda Butel

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His Breath

God is about to breathe on His promises over our lives. He is challenging us to embrace the Word He has placed in our hearts, and to invite His Holy Spirit to breathe on us. He is wanting to restore to us a new hope and a fresh vision. He is wanting to fulfill His purpose in and through us.

The Spirit of the Lord is searching to and fro, seeking out those who love Him. He is yearning for intimate relationship with a people who are hungry, holy and humble before Him. God is wanting to bring form to His Word, and manifest His Presence to this dying world.

There is an intensity -- a sense of urgency like never before. I don't know about you, but I want the power of God in my life. I don't want to just get by, acting out a mediocre and average existence. I don't want to finish this race without having given my Lord everything. I desire, with all my heart, to live wholeheartedly and abundantly -- passionately serving Him -- with His mighty hand backing up all that I do -- for His glory.

In order to be whom God has destined us to be, we cannot afford to become complacent and lose a sense of expectancy that God is about to move on our behalf. Without hope, we will be shredded and disintegrated upon the winds of disappointment and fear. Without courage and trust in God, we will perish to our own devices. So we need to learn the habit of anticipating His supernatural intervention at all times. With all the pressures and strains of this world, it is so easy to become tired, frustrated and discouraged. Often times it doesn't seem as though God is working on our behalf. It can appear as though the heavens are brass and the hand of God is far from us. But He is wanting to remember His promises to us, and demonstrate Himself in and through us beyond what we could ever hope, dream or imagine.

There is a short story of a woman the Bible calls a notable (great, high, mighty, noble, rich) woman -- the Shunammite woman (II Kings 4:8-37). She honors a holy man of God (Elisha), and hospitably feeds him whenever he visits town. Eventually she builds and furnishes a special room in her and her husband's home, and provides lodging for Elisha and his servant Gehazi whenever they need it.

The Promise Is Spoken . . .

To show his appreciation for her generosity, Elisha asks if there is anything he can do for her -- but she graciously declines. It is plain that in helping this man of God she wasn't after a reward -- her heart was to simply assist him. But the Lord recognizes her humility and, when Gehazi informs Elisha that the woman has no son, Elisha calls for her and prophesies, *"About this time next year you shall embrace a son."* (verse 16)

Her reply reflects many of our own when the Lord speaks over our lives. Sometimes His promises can seem wonderful and grand -- but unachievable. She cries out, *"No, my Lord. Man of God, do not lie to your maidservant!"*

In other Words, *"Don't get my hopes up . . . This sounds too good to be true. I couldn't stand it if God said He would grant the desire of my heart and it doesn't come to pass . . . Surely I can't live if this Word isn't fulfilled!"*

Today we are sensing a shift in the heavenlies. God is challenging us to embrace the promises He has placed in our hearts -- despite how things may appear in the natural . . . To believe for the impossible and make way for the improbable . . . To take up the shield of faith and ward off the enemy's accusations of doubt, fear and hopelessness.

Let's read on to see what happened . . .

True to the Word of the Lord through the mouth of His prophet Elisha, the Shunammite woman conceived and bore a son when the appointed time had come . . . and the child grew (verse 17).

The Promise Is Delivered . . .

God breathed life on her womb. Even though her husband was "old," and natural biology's prognosis was that a child was out of the question, she conceived and manifested God's promise. She physically embraced the fulfillment of the Word of the Lord. Notice that this occurred when the appointed time had come.

Know that there is an appointed time and season for the fulfillment of God's promises in your life. And once God says it, His Word cannot return to Him void. It is like defying the basic law of gravity . . . It cannot be done. It's a principle of the Kingdom. God says it, and that settles it!

But this story doesn't end here. . .

The child is out with his father one day in the fields, when he clutches at his head in pain and is taken up to the house where the Shunammite woman -- his mother -- holds him in her arms until noon when he dies.

Hang on a minute! PLEASE REWIND!! The little boy dies!? I thought he was the manifested promise of God! A few years down the track, sure -- but the promised child none-the-less! Dead!?

I imagine the Shunammite woman didn't just stand by and watch her child pass away without a fight. I can see her now as she tenderly cradles his small frame and rocks him back and forth . . . I can hear her heart pounding as she bravely ignores the hard swelling lump in her aching throat, and sings softly over him. All the while she is fervently praying -- trying to ease his pain, not allowing him to see her anguish. I can feel her desperate attempts to impart her own life and strength to him, so that he might recover, and bounce back through the fields to greet his father. She is sponging his clammy face and limp hands, and wiping his grubby feet with her tear-soaked garments -- all the while whispering Words of healing and hope.

Bringing cool water to his gray, chapped lips, she struggles to fight away Fear and Doubt as they coil their cruel talons of despair around her heart. Taking evil advantage of her pain, they attempt to drain away the hopes and visions she has of her boy's future. They relentlessly seep poisonous lies of unbelief and confusion into her mind, clouding her peace and judgment while she is at her weakest. *What do you think of your wonderful God now?* They torment her. *It appears as if He has abandoned you -- right when you need Him the most . . . He is withdrawing His promise . . . Obviously you don't deserve it . . . Can't you see He is judging you . . . Maybe this promise wasn't really from God in the first place . . .*

This gut-wrenching scene continues . . . As the intensity of the midday sun reaches it's peak, I sense this desperate mother feels her young boy's life slipping away. She grabs his little face and demands him to focus his glazing eyes on hers. Gathering every smidgen of scattered courage within her, she delivers a final convincing plea: *"Live, son, live! You have so much to look forward to. So many experiences to partake of. A long, full life to live. It's not time for you to go. Live, son, live!"*

But he dies.

Have you ever held a promise in the palm of your hand, or tasted the outworking of God's Word and power in your life, but then seemingly hit a brick wall, and watched it fall apart right before your eyes? Have you ever felt like the very life of your destiny was sliding away between your fingers?

Please, let me encourage you, DON'T GIVE UP! Watch what this mighty woman of God does . . . Despite her grief and confusion, she gently lays the lifeless body of her darling baby boy on the prophet's bed in the upper room, shuts the door and says, *"It is well."*

The Promise Is Laid Upon The Altar

The Shunammite woman had a determination in her heart that she heard from God. He had granted her a promise, and she wasn't going to accept anything less! She lays her promise on the altar of her former sacrifice -- in the room she and her husband had prepared for the man of God; and without explaining her intentions to anyone, she has a donkey saddled and heads out to find Elisha -- the vessel of her promise. Elisha's servant comes riding out to meet her -- asking after her, her husband, and her son. The woman's response rings true. *"IT IS WELL!"*

Can you imagine? The thing she holds most dear to her heart . . . That which she prayed and stood and waited and believed God for all those years and years . . . The sweetest, warmest, and most amazing miracle of God's manifest power in her life, is lying cold and stiff, and she says, *"It is well."*

I think I would be throwing a major wobbly right about here -- wouldn't you?!

She has watched the mighty Hand of God transform her desert, barren circumstance into a glorious testimony of His loving grace, only to see it distort and vanish in a fleeting moment. And she says, *"It is well!"* Is she in denial? Is she cold-hearted? Is she losing her mind with grief? NO! She is walking in believing power! She says, *"It is well,"* by faith. She is not looking at her circumstance as it appears, but looking through eyes of faith and TRUST IN HER GOD! She is single-minded. She is pure-hearted. And she believes wholeheartedly that the man of God who prophesied her promise -- her son -- will be used as an instrument of the Lord to resurrect her boy.

Creating the Opportunity for God to Breathe His Life into Our Circumstances

Reaching the man of God, she abandons cultural protocol and throws herself at his feet -- persisting that he accompanies her home. She is desperate. Elisha accepts her determined plea and instructs his servant Gehazi to take his staff in his hand, and to go directly to the child without becoming distracted along the way. He asks Gehazi to lay the staff on the child's face. This is very significant. I believe Elisha's staff signifies the Word of the Lord.

As we embrace God's Word with everything in us, store His promises and His faithfulness deep in our lives, and walk in obedience, God can then breathe His life and ignite the flame of our hearts. His Spirit alights on His resident Word to manifest His glory, His life, and His power in and through us.

Recently I was going through my morning ritual of exfoliating in the shower, and the Lord spoke gently to my heart. *"You know, you spend more time loofah-ing your body than cleansing yourself with the water of My Word."* We need to ask ourselves: Is God's Word given absolute priority and securely positioned within my heart? So often we become consumed and distracted with the much less significant and less productive "outer" areas of our lives, sabotaging our personal potential and inner peace.

The Promise Is Resurrected

The servant follows Elisha's orders and positions the staff on the boy -- but nothing happens . . . that is, nothing happens until Elisha goes into the room, shuts the door, and prays!

Now look at what this radical prophet does . . . He lays over the top of the child -- mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, and hands to hands; and as he stretches himself out over the child, the young boy's flesh becomes warm! He repeats this process until the child sneezes and opens his eyes. The boy comes back to life! See the power of the breath of God! He can resuscitate what is seemingly gone!

Allow His Holy Spirit to breathe afresh on You and His Word and promises in your heart. Set aside any hopelessness shrouding your circumstances and declare, *"It is well."* Look

neither to the left nor the right as you focus on laying the truth of His Word across your heart, and invite His Holy Spirit to breathe upon your life, your strategies and your programs. Then watch Him move!

You see, when we try to complete and manage ourselves and satisfy our agendas in our own strength, we so often fail. And as we strive to take matters into our own hands and fix them with our personal knowledge and mere abilities, we tangle, distort, and hinder our fleshly works all the more. Allow God Almighty -- Creator of the Universe -- to breathe on your life, your relationships, your family, your work, your finances, and your future. His breath can create and establish from nothing! He can breathe upon dust and bring forth life. His breath can cause that which is rigor mortis to pulsate again. His breath can destroy the works of the enemy.

Because of her maturity and spiritual perception that "ALL WAS WELL," the Shunammite woman once again held the promise of the Lord in her arms. She once again embraced her son's warm, breathing, moving life -- brimming with hope and potential. She once again savored the moment of the manifestation of God's glory in her family. She once again testified to the goodness and greatness of her Lord.

God wants you to see what He has prepared for you. He wants you to have spiritual perception where you can look beyond the natural and see what wonderful things He has laid up for you. God wants to put His eyes on your eyes, His hands on your hands, His heart on your heart -- and breathe upon you. He wants to resurrect His promises which lay dormant in your life. He wants to prove His Word!

The question is, will you shut the door on fruitless striving, opinions, and your own agenda -- to make room to invite His sweet Presence and life-giving breath to usher in the fulfillment of His spoken Word?

MAKE THE CONNECTION

1) Connect with your God.

Your Heavenly Father has made a way for you to access Him. The Bible says that a major key to living a victorious life is to honor and praise Him despite your circumstances. Allow His Holy Spirit to completely saturate you with His fresh, powerful Presence. Welcome the Holy Spirit to carry you to new places in Him, heal you with His sweet oil, and consume all that isn't of Him with His purifying fire.

- **Ask God to breathe on you.** As we come to Him in worshipful intimacy -- mouth to mouth -- He can breathe His life . . . His way . . . His truth. *Oh Lord, breathe Your fire on the altar of my heart -- that I might know Your voice, Your Words . . . That I might express what is on Your heart.*
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- **Ask the Holy Spirit to give You His eyes** -- so that you can see what He sees -- and how He sees . . . *Spirit of God, breathe on my eyes so the blinding scales of this world would fall, and Your revelation would be unveiled . . . that I would see circumstances and people the way You see them . . . That I would be Kingdom-oriented, not self-absorbed!*
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- **Ask Him to anoint your hands.** Know that when you reach out to others, you stretch forth His hand of healing and deliverance. *Lord, touch My hands, that I might prosper and be successful in You. That I might bless others on purpose. That Your mighty Hand would back me up in all that I do.*
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- **Ask Him to stretch Himself out over you** -- heart to heart -- so you can be washed anew with His love and grace. *Lord, breathe on the outworkings of my body, that You would add Your super to my natural. I want to flow with Your purpose, and bring glory to You.*

2) Connect with your purpose.

If you feel frustrated or helpless in a particular area of your life, don't give up. PERSEVERE! Keep on keepin' on!

Notice that, at the end of the Shunammite woman's story, Elisha has his servant tell her, *"Pick up your son."*

In other words, take up your promise and go forth. Claim what is yours and alive in Christ Jesus -- and run with it! Run with the Spirit. Rest in Him, and run with the wind of the Spirit! Take the resurrected promise and proclaim His glory and His power. Testify of God's goodness.

The Shunammite woman does exactly that, she runs with the manifest Word of God in her life -- but not before bowing first. Not without acknowledging the miracle first. Not without an attitude of gratitude and a heart of thanksgiving. Ask the Holy Spirit to breathe on your path; and follow in obedience, gratefully giving Him glory for all He has done for you. Out of your place of desperation, consecrate your hope to Him . . . Don't give room to complacency, the fear of man, and religious ritual. Don't allow carnal methods and the pseudo solutions of this world system to dominate your choices and outcomes. Ask for more of Him. For His divine love! For His magnificent purpose in your life!

3) Connect with other God-fearing believers.

Who are you associating with? Are you in connection with people who are believing like you? Do you fill your conversation with faith and trust in God, and hope in His Word, or is your chit-chat splattered with phrases such as, *"It's highly improbable . . . Everyone is doing it this way . . . "* and the overrated cynical adage, *"Well, we'll just wait and see what happens!"*

Take heed and steadfastly guard your eye-gate and ear-gate with tenacious ferocity, to allow only the succinct truth of the Lord's Word to be enthroned in your life. This seat is from whence His power will flow!

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Gideons Arise
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Gideons, Arise For 'Lock-In' And 'Lock Down'" Plus: "Confessions Of a Fasting Housewife"
by Catherine Brown

Dear Gatekeepers,

Bless you!
I would like to ask you to read and pray this word through. Together, let us call for Gideon's Army to arise to the glory of God!
Catherine Brown

"GIDEON"

In prayer Friday (August 19, 2005), I heard a sound in Heaven and the word "Gideon" was shouted with incredible force. This first, powerful proclamation caused a rumbling that spoke of a massive impetus and movement. The noise resonated from the heavens to the earth. The effect was ground breaking!

As the word "Gideon" was proclaimed repeatedly, huge angels, one by one, began to emerge from a place of hiddeness in many nations. The angels had been covered over with white feathers. As they stood up, they were robed in white tunics and had a golden sash around them draped from their shoulders to their waists. It was as though the angels had been waiting, undercover, for a signal from Heaven to begin a particular assignment. They were now receiving their "marching orders."
As the angels stood to their feet ready to serve Christ, there was a simultaneous rising up of many young men and women alongside of older men and women. The spiritual awakening amongst the angels and the nations was causing a "Gideon's Army" to assemble and arise around the world!

"LOCK IN"

The second audible proclamation I heard from Heaven was, "Lock in!"
This spoken command caused men and women to stand side by side, joining with the mighty angel in each nation.
This, in turn, caused a knock-on effect of young men and women being joined together with an older man or woman (in like manner to when one person is bound to another for a three-legged race). The two generations became inseparable. This speaks of a locking in to the heartbeat of God, the mind of Christ, and partnering together as Gideon's army as an end-time army of servant-hearted lovers of Jesus. The mission is to overcome the enemy and win the multitudes for Christ!
This is a time for the joining of generations with apostolic, prophetic oversight and wisdom, to release a massive, Holy Spirit-inspired spiritual awakening in the earth.

"LOCK DOWN"

Finally, I heard a third audible proclamation -- "Lock down!" -- and, with this, I saw multitudes of (smaller) angels being placed on assignment on the borders of nations and on college campuses across the world. The angels formed an impenetrable hedge for the Kingdom of God. God was stationing and positioning his troops (both angelic and human) all across the earth in strategic positions.

I began to prophesy with all my heart and strength that the "Gideon shout" will be heard, received, responded to, and proclaimed in the nations and that all who are called for this assignment will hear and respond immediately. The Gideon's army will be unstoppable. This awakening will not only be in campuses in the USA, but will fan out across the globe and will touch many young men and women in work places, in addition to educational establishments.

Even as I write the revelation down, I see a blueprint falling from Heaven, and believe the Lord is going to release a strategic, global blueprint for the outworking of this Kingdom assignment.

"THE LORD IS WITH YOU MIGHTY WARRIOR"

The Lord raised Gideon up at a time of tremendous oppression. Every time the Israelites planted their crops, the Midianites, Amalekites, and other eastern peoples invaded the country, camped on the land, ruined the crops, and killed all the livestock. They invaded the land and ravaged it, causing the Israelites to call out to the Lord for help.

Into such desperate times the prophetic voice of God was heard and the angel of the Lord visited Gideon: ***"The Lord is with you, mighty warrior"*** **(Judges 6:12)**.

STEALTH WARRIORS ARE OVERCOMERS!

Ultimately, the angel of the Lord instructed Gideon to go in the strength he had, despite Gideon's protestations that he was from the weakest clan and he was the smallest in his family.

Gideon presented an offering to the Lord, which was acceptable to God; when Gideon saw the angel of the Lord face to face and lived, he built an altar to the Lord and called it "Peace." He tore down his father's Asherah pole; he blew a trumpet to gather warriors, sent out messengers, and spoke with God. He assembled more than 30,000 potential warriors and allowed the Lord to sift that army down to just 300 men. He then received a blueprint from the Lord to divide them into three companies of one hundred men each.

God instructed Gideon on the weapons of his warfare (trumpets, empty jars, and torches). Gideon overcame his fear and led his men into battle, facing a huge enemy and, in human terms, was totally outnumbered! But Scripture reveals that Gideon's stealth mission was God's perfect strategy to rout the enemy. When Gideon and his men blew their trumpets, broke their jars, and held up their torches, proclaiming, "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon," the Lord caused the men throughout the enemy camp to turn on each other!

APOSTOLIC OVERSIGHT AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCIA

The Lord is calling forth a Gideon's army in this hour that is a worshipping, praying, overcoming army. Gideon's army is an army of ordinary people, surrendered to God, serving Him with all their hearts, and obedient to His every command. Yet, Gideon's army is a radical band of believers who will do anything for Jesus, including laying their own lives down for others.

Gideon's army will receive supernatural military intelligence to be strategic overcomers! Gideon's army is an army that will be gathered, mobilized, and sent on assignment by the Holy Spirit and the generals He is raising in these hours with apostolic authority and compassion.

THE MULTITUDES WILL BE WON FOR CHRIST

Today, as in Gideon's day, many nations are spiritually impoverished, under the rod of the oppressor, and ravaged by enemy activity. Today, Israel faces extreme spiritual hardship. Today, Jesus makes a call in the earth for Gideon's army to arise.

Like Gideon, the children of God may believe to see God face to face; we will build an altar of faith in our hearts as we receive the anointing to be those who will confront ungodly activity in our nations (the equivalent of tearing down Asherah poles). If we listen with all His heart, we will be given strategies to plunder the enemy's camp and see the multitudes won for Christ.

Gideon's army received God's peace in the midst of battle. **We, too, must enter the battle from a place of rest.**

A SPECIFIC WORD FOR ISRAEL

Gideon placed a fleece before the Lord, and the Lord demonstrates His faithfulness and power through the miracle of the appearance of dew (once upon the fleece and once upon the ground). This prophetic proclamation has a two fold focus for spiritual awakening -- for the Gentiles and for Israel.

It is significant that dew is mentioned just before the Lord delivers the Israelites through his servant Gideon. Just a few scriptural examples of dew reveal its symbolic significance:

DEW AND FAVOR:

***" . . . His favor is like dew on the grass."* Proverbs 19:12**

DEW AND HARVEST:

***" . . . cloud of dew in the heat of the harvest."* Isaiah 18:4**

DEW AND RESURRECTION / SPIRITUAL AWAKENING (FIRST FOR ISRAEL THEN THE CHURCH):

***"But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead."* Isaiah 26:19**

DEW: HUMILITY AND STRENGTH - JESUS IS DEW TO ISRAEL:

***"I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily . . . like a cedar of Lebanon."* Hosea 14:5**

DEW: THE REMNANT OF JACOB:

***"The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many peoples like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind."* Micah 5:7**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! Jesus calls us to pour our lives out as a love offering in prayer, in praise, and in radical love.

Gideon's Army, arise and raise a mighty shout to Jesus in the nations! May God's generals arise and take their place to lead the companies of Christ to victory! May we listen together, prayerfully, earnestly, yielded, and with humility for Jesus' blueprint for harvest!
The Lord answered, ***"I will be with you . . . "* Judges 6:16**

Your sister and comrade in Christ,
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Gathering In The Jewels

Yolanda Ballard

Apr 15, 2005
Extreme measures must be taken in order to bring about a restoration of heart. Many have been trying by their own strength to heal that which was wounded years past. I want you to know that the only way to bring about a healing is by listening to the still small voice in your heart and obeying Its direction. In order to listen you must be quiet and still and be able to rest in the assurance of knowing that it is I who has started a good work and that I AM faithful to complete it.

This is the time and the hour that I will set the captives free. Yes, those who many have even given up on, but I have seen their hearts crying out to Me in travail. I have seen the faithfulness in their hearts that no one else has been able to see. And yes, I AM the One who will bring to pass their healing and deliverance. With a mighty travail of My heart's cry, bondages will be broken off and scales will fall from the eyes of those who have been lost by the enemy's lies and confusion.

Yes, I will set the captives free, but I AM looking for those who are willing and able to be the vessel I can move through with a mighty roar. For when I pour out My travail, the enemy's camp will be scattered, and many will rise up, even like Lazarus being raised from the dead. Yes, the grave cloths will unravel, and the minds that have been held captive, even by mental illness, will be set free. And those plagued by the deaf and dumb spirit will rise up in the revelation of the truth that Who the Son sets free is free indeed.

And I have set you free to set the captives free. So be willing and be available to reach out to those who are lost, not specifically to those of the world, but to those of your brethren. Yes, many of your sisters and brothers have been plagued by many infirmities of the heart and need those who are willing to reach out with My love.

Yes, My love is a powerful weapon against the forces of darkness. Never underestimate its power for it is I who broke the forces of darkness at the Cross, and it is I who broke the forces of darkness in the grave. And most of all when I rose up, I broke off all the chains of bondage off of all humanity with My victory shout.

So let out a mighty cry and say that the devil is defeated and is under your feet, and go out and claim your inheritance. Yes, lay hands on the sick and see them recover. Raise up the spiritually dead. Cast off the bondage from the mentally oppressed. Reap a mighty harvest of souls, those that I have placed a mighty calling upon. Yes, see those that have been disabled and see them as a mighty threat to the kingdom of darkness and a great asset to My kingdom.

Be on the winning side and fight for those I've given My life for. Don't cast them aside as waste. See them as a valuable jewel in the crown of the King. Yes, fight for those who are held captive, for this is the time and the hour to avail as you travail, says your King.

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Guidance In The Wilderness Of Your Expectations

Mary Lindow

WHERE HAVE THE TEARS OF THE BROKENHEARTED ALL BEEN STORED UP?
In My holy Place, where tears are counted as gold

WHERE HAVE THE SLEEPLESS NIGHTS OF ANGUISH BEEN NOTICED?
In the heart of the King who knows of your anguish on a personal level, for I too wept and struggled to do my Father’s will.

WHO HEARS THE GROANING AND SOBBING OF THOSE CRYING OUT FOR HELP, FOR SOMEONE TO CARE AND HEAL THEIR ACHING WOUND?
I do. The Listener from the heavens. And I have heard every word spoken and unspoken in your heart and have recorded in My book of remembrances.

I DO HEAR YOU CHILDREN. I DO HEAR YOU IN UTTER ANGUISH and longing for your hearts to be comforted and the present pressures to be mended by My voice rising up against the things that are hurting you and are causing you such great weariness.

I SAY TO THOSE WHO FEEL AS IF THEY ARE WEARY OF THE LAMENTS OF THEIR FRIENDS who are in an extended time of refining and anguish, open your hearts to my compassion and watchout what you with hold in their time of need. As you do to them…in your time of need so will it be done to you.

AMONG THOSE NOW IN AGONY, SORROW, AND TRAVAIL ARE THE EMERGING VOICES THAT WILL REFLECT PURE AND CLEAN PERSPECTIVE. They will not merchandise their callings or gifting nor run from difficulty. They will not lay claim to personal greatness, but instead will invest in the greatness of another young generation looking for ethical purity and holy fear of Me.

I KNOW THAT THE HOUR SEEMS LONG IN WAITING AND THAT YOU ARE NEARLY SPENT WITH THE SORROWS AND LOSSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED.

I AM LOOKING IN THE EARTH FOR THE JOSEPHS WHO WILL NOT WITHHOLD FROM OTHERS BUT INSTEAD, HAVE STORED UP FOR THEIR SEASON OF FAMINE.
He obeyed me and gave freely in their season of desperation and spared the next wave of leaders and the heritage that was to follow.

I AM SEARCHING FOR THE MARYS WHO WOULD RISK ALL THEY HAVE and who would pour out on the feet of those who have identified with the seed falling into the ground type of death, the precious and lavishly expensive oil, scented with the perfume of refreshing and life. These will receive even more to bless others in the days ahead because of the quality of sacrifice and the knowledge of its value.

I KNOW THAT YOU MIGHT NOT FEEL ME LIKE YOU DID IN THE PAST.
I KNOW THAT THE LIGHT SEEMS DIM RIGHT NOW.

IT IS TO TRAIN YOU TO KNOW ME IN YOU INNER SPIRIT BEING, TRUSTING THAT MY STILL SMALL VOICE IS ENOUGH TO LEAD YOU IF NEED BE…
...MOMENT BY MOMENT.

I WILL HOLD YOUR MIND TOGETHER, YOUR BODY IN REST, AND YOUR HEART IN MY HAND. I have spoken to those who are to assist you on your way and I am dealing with their hearts to let go of the fear of being used or the fear of letting go. All of this is in my plan.

THE WORLD SHALL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MINE WHEN LOVE, EQUALITY IN SHARING, AND COMPASSION ARE MORE EVIDENT THAN THE PERSONAL SHOUTS OF GREATNESS AND THE OPINIONS OF THE MIGHTY.

I AM WITH YOU.
LAY DOWN IN THE STORM OF YOUR LIFE, NEAR ME…
…RESTING IN THE BOAT...

…UNTIL I RISE AND CALM THE STORM.

WE WILL PASS OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS TURBULENT TIME with songs of rejoicing on our lips and with a greater love for each other strongly forged through obedience.

TRUST….ME.

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God Is Up To Something
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So? God Is Up To Something Fresh In This Season!

ALL OF US ARE INDIVIDUALLY SOMEHOW BEING LED BY THE FATHER!

ALONE...INTO QUESTS OF THE HEART.
He is testing us sorely to see if we long for any power from the
pull of glory, revelation, or any spiritual insights.

I TRULY SEE HIM TESTING US ALL IN DEEPER REGIONS OF OUR SOULS THAN WE EVER DREAMED EXISTED.

THIS THING HE IS DOING! IT IS A PRECISION OPERATION THAT "LASERS" AWAY EVERYTHING FRAUDULENT, EMPTY, AND EMBELLISHED!

HE IS DRIVING US LOVINGLY TO SIMPLICITY, LOYALTY, AND DIVINE PURPOSES. NONE OF WHICH WE CAN ACHIEVE OR FATHOM WITH OUR TALENTS, EDUCATIONS, SKILLS OR WIT!

The Lord longs to show you his favor. He wants to give you his tender love. The Lord is a God who is always fair. Blessed are all those who wait for him to act. Isaiah 30:18 (NIRV)

WHEN WE ARE DETERMINED TO PURSUE IN OBEDIENCE A TRUE FAITH IN CHRIST, we will encounter those things of the soul that can soooo easily get us off of the track that we are attempting to run on in order to collect the crown of victory! The sins that so easily overwhelm us are those we tend to be affected by. Usually it is something that we have struggle with or have been exposed to, from habits, age, or upbringing.

THIS IS A MOST IMPORTANT WARNING ABOUT DEALING WITH THOSE "PRECIOUS WOUNDS" AND "SPECIAL HURTS"! For a while our own beloved sin, whatever it may be, remains free to give full expression, and it will delay us from running the Christian race!

IT WILL TAKE FROM US EVERY MOTIVE FOR RUNNING, AND GIVES POWER AND ENERGY TO EVERY DISCOURAGEMENT. When we are weary and faint in our minds, let us remember that Jesus suffered, to save us from eternal misery.

BY INTENTIONALLY LOOKING TO JESUS, OUR THOUGHTS WILL BE STRENGTHENED BY HOLY AFFECTIONS, AND KEEP OUR SELF LOVING DESIRES IN A PLACE OF BRUTAL SUBMISSION TO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD. We need to habitually think about him. What are our little trials to his agonies, or even to our deserts? What are they to the sufferings of many others?

THERE IS A TENDENCY IN US AS BELIEVERS TO GROW WEARY, AND TO COLLAPSE UNDER TRIALS AND AFFLICTIONS; this is because we still need to understand the mercy and full power of that thing called grace.

WE AS FOLLOWERS OF THE LORD OF GRACE MUST COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT TRIALS

AND YES…EVEN ACCUSATIONS FROM ENEMIES AND PERSECUTORS MAY BE INSTRUMENTS to inflict sufferings, yet they are Divine discipline! Our heavenly Father has his hand in all of this and his wisdom will give a final answer to all of this "sifting of out souls!"

THE OPPOSITE OF BRAVERY IS NOT COWARDICE, BUT CONFORMITY. ~Robert Anthony

WE MUST NOT JUST GIVE IN TO A FATALISTIC GLOOM, WHERE WE FEEL THAT NO HELP OR HOPE IS COMING TO FREE US! God may let others remain alone in their sins, but he will correct sin in his own children. This is what a Father would do to a stubborn or forlorn child, who mopes around in a moodiness accompanied by a big black rain cloud!

PERHAPS YOUR EARTHLY PARENTS CORRECTED YOU OR I, TO INDULGE THEIR ANGER, RATHER THAN TO CHANGE OUR MANNERS. But the Father of our souls never eagerly hurts or brings down his children. It is always for our benefit.

OUR WHOLE LIFE HERE IS A POSITION OF CHILDHOOD, AND WE ARE IMPERFECT WHEN IT COMES TO FULLY GRASPING SPIRITUAL THINGS; that is why we must we must submit and in a real sense, "give in" to this place of loving care and discipline.

GOD'S CORRECTION IS NOT CRITICISM! When we are willing to let God walk the secret hallways of our soul and humbly allow Him to shine the light of purity and truth on all of our opinions about how thing should be done I His Kingdom, this brokenness and self exposure greatly increases personal holiness. MAY WE LEARN TO TRUST THAT THE PAIN BROUGHT ON US BY THE CALLOUSNESS AND MEANNESS OF MEN, is actually a correction for our whimpering childlike souls sent by our wise and gracious Father, for our spiritual good and maturing.

Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed--that exhilarating finish in and with God--he could put up with anything along the way: cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. Hebrews 12:2
(The Message)

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God's Judgment On The USA
Teresa Seputis

12 October 2005

Some people have noticed that I have been silent about Hurricane Katrina and ensuing events. There is a reason for that, which I will explain in a couple of paragraphs.

This write-up is more of a testimony of my experiences with God and what He said to me during them than an official "thus sayeth the Lord" prophetic word. Parts of what I heard was with my personal hearing instead of my prophetic/ministry hearing. I am pretty good at hearing God's voice in my personal life, but my ministry hearing is (of course) more accurate than my personal hearing. This email is not an official prophetic word, but I believe it is a message from God to us.

I first heard about Katrina and how it could destroy New Orleans on Sunday afternoon, the day before the hurricane hit. I spent that evening and the whole night in prayer and intercession and watching the weather channel. I did not even go to bed that night. About 5:00 AM in the morning (before Katrina had hit) the Lord had me go back and read a testimony I had written ten years earlier about being in New Orleans when a different class 5 hurricane was supposed to hit. That testimony detailed some of the sins of the city and then shared how I had interceded. At that time, God had turned away that hurricane (which suddenly dropped to a class 2 and turned to Florida). I had not thought about or prayed for New Orleans since. Then exactly ten years later (to the month), another class 5 hurricane was to hit New Orleans. God showed me two things before the hurricane hit. The first was that what we (myself and other intercessors who prayed for New Orleans in 1995) had not maintained in prayer what we had gained in prayer and Satan had retaken the ground. The second thing was that this a judgment of God and could not be turned -- the first judgment of God to hit the USA. As a nation, we have moved past being evaluated to being judged. That is not a good thing.

I wanted to drop what I was doing and just fast and pray and intercede for my nation for several days. But God would not let me. I was scheduled to get on a plane in a week and go to Asia, where I was to minister in three nations: Hong Kong, Singapore and India. I had a lot of things I had to do to get ready for that trip. God told me that I had to put aside my own business (my nation and it's situation) and focus on His business (Asia). God has great plans for Asia. I was shocked that He would say that to me, particularly since 2 Chronicles 7:14 was fresh in my mind. So God reminded me of the time when two of Aaron's sons burned unclean incense before the Lord in Leviticus 10. God struck them dead and then told Aaron and his surviving sons that they could not mourn those deaths or go to the funeral; they had to stay in the temple and serve the Lord because His anointing was on them.

I obeyed God and did not press in to Him for a prophetic word for my nation about this judgment and what we could do to prevent receiving another one. God continued to lead and guide me personally, such as telling me to fill up my car with gas Tuesday morning even though I still had 1/3 of a tank. I obeyed him. I drove by the station again two hours after I filled up and the price of gas had already gone up twenty cents a gallon -- in only two hours! Then God told me that the disaster on New Orleans was not a judgment against that city, but against my whole nation. He explained that our economy was very dependent on the price of gas and that gas prices were going to go way up and effect every aspect of the American economy.

I did not have a lot of time to ponder that because I got on a plane and went to Asia. God moved with great power there, especially in Hong Kong and India. I had open visions with the Lord, I saw and interacted with angels and there was also great releases of His power and anointing in my meetings. It was incredible to be in the midst of what God was doing there.

The judgment on the USA almost seemed surreal in the midst of the glory of God that I was experiencing in Asia. Very few people asked me about Katrina or the judgment of God on my nation.

But when I was asked, God gave me little tidbits of insight for my reply. I learned that the judgment was not against my nation as a whole (though that will come if the people of God don't prevent it). At this time, the judgment is on the church and our response needs to be to repent and pray and humble ourselves before God (and possibly before others as well -- something difficult for most Americans to do because we are a proud people.)

As God showed me that, I would humble myself to those who asked me and tell them that the Church in America had fallen under judgment because it had fallen asleep and allowed the evil one to take over many areas of our nation. There were still believers on fire for God -- in fact everyone I hang around with is in that category and it is hard for me to relate to the luke-warm group. But many in the USA have grown luke-warm and carnal and many believers have become so corrupted by the world's values that it was hard to tell believers from unbelievers just by looking at their lives and behavior. God said that we need to humble ourselves and repent and begin living for Him and putting Him first -- or even greater judgment would come.

When I was in India, an apostle I was working with told me about a prophecy that I think he said was from Kim Clement. (I haven't seen the word, I just heard about it second-hand.) The word said that God was going to send three more judgments on the USA before Halloween, and one of them was to my home state of California. Even as I heard that, I began to pray and intercede that God would turn away the California judgment. Something inside of me really cried out to God for my home state. It wasn't concern for my personal well-being because I was pretty sure that God would not destroy my own home in His judgment because I actively serve and obey Him. But I wanted Him to spare my whole state.

Near the end of my trip, I came down with a bad chest cold and I came home sick. Between that and the jetlag, I was totally non-functional my first three days home. All I could do was sleep, I was even too sick to seek God and pray about the judgment on the USA.

I have been home a little over a week now, and I am finally getting back in the swing of things again. One of the things I have been doing these past few days is praying about the judgment on my nation and asking God what we believers can do to turn it. I believe that God wants us to respond to Him in a certain way so that He is not forced to release more disasters on us. I would like to be a prophetic voice to help my nation make the right response. So far God hasn't given me a word for my nation, but He has been showing me a lot of things personally. I would like to share some of that with you.

On Tuesday Oct 4, I received an email from someone I don't know in India that called me a false prophet because I said that Sept 11 was NOT a judgment of God. (That one wasn't, and most of the internationally known/respected prophets heard the same thing from God that I did -- this was not a judgment but a lifting of God's protection as a warning. I also heard that the USA was being evaluated and could fall under judgment at the end of this evaluation.)

I felt offended that this person would call me a false prophet and I took it to the Lord. I was a bit surprised at the intensity of my offense, since I have had misguided people call me a false prophet before -- dispensationalists and others who don't' believe in the prophetic today. But this was different, I was being accused of being a false prophet because of the content of a message that God had given me.

At first I thought I should repent of my offense (e.g., I figured that I was responding in the flesh). But God later showed me that since this email attacked the message itself (which was given to me by God), so it was accusing Him of giving a false word. He did not like that. The offense I felt was not simply my own, I was also sensing His feelings about this email. God does not like to have words put into His mouth, He wants to choose precisely what is said. Likewise, He does not like it when people say that one of His messages is a false prophesy.

The Lord told me that I had indeed heard Him correctly about Sept 11. Back in 2001, we were under evaluation and had not yet reached the place of judgment. Unfortunately, that has changed for my nation and we have now fallen under His judgment.

Then God began to show me some things about the series of hurricanes that hit Florida last year. He said that those were not a judgment but were a natural outgrowth of Satan's control over the area. When the enemy possesses a territory, he fulfills his nature to "kill, steal and destroy" in that territory. One evidence of the devil's control was that case where the lady on life support was killed by her husband having her disconnected against her parent's wishes. That was a big controversy, but in the end he got his way and the woman was killed. That was just one of many evidences of the enemy's strongholds over several areas of Florida. The series of natural disasters was yet another evidence. Since the United States was under evaluation preceding judgment, God's protective hand was lifted and Satan was freer to bring his destruction to his territory. [This is not to say that all of Florida is under the control of Satan. There are godly strongholds as well and some important ministries are based there.] But the sad fact is that Satan has claimed much territory in Florida and that is part of why he was able to bring those disasters there.

The first judgment of God on the USA was Katrina. Note that hurricane Katrina did not catch us by surprise. We had advanced warning that it was coming, but we were totally powerless to stop it. We had enough time to evacuate the city and an evacuation order was given by government officials. But due to the pride and arrogance of the American people, many choose to ignore that order and paid for it with their lives. Even after the disaster, our sinful nature showed it's ugly head in the lawlessness, looting and violence that ensued before the national guard was in place.

Many Americans watched that on television and were horrified by what they saw in New Orleans. Many said to themselves, "That is not me, I would never act like that." But the ruling spirit over the USA is a hedonistic, prideful and rebellious, as well as self-seeking and self-serving spirit. And what we saw in New Orleans is a very ugly and extreme manifestation of the ruling spirit over our nation. Many of us have it control us to some degree or another just by virtue of having been raised in this value system. (I am not trying to justify my nation's sin... we need to repent of it and get right with God. We need to make a fresh commitment to His Lordship and a new commitment to put Him first and obey Him in all things. We need to replace pride/arrogance with humility and disobedience/rebellion with obedience to God.)

As God showed me these things, I began to realize that maybe I could be part of the problem, as well as some other deeply committed believers. I had sort of assumed that the judgment on the church did not really apply to me because I was His committed and commissioned servant. I saw myself sort of like Jeremiah who was set free from prison by the Babylonians and not taken into captivity with the rest of Israel. I assumed that God would protect His faithful servants from the judgment He was bringing on our nation. I do believe He will probably take care of His faithful servants as He releases judgment on the USA, because there are a lot of very committed Christians still left in this country.

Personally, I have been in an obedience covenant with God for a great many years now and I am deeply committed to obeying Him because I love Him. In fact, I have been traveling around the globe leading Christians in many different cultures into that same covenant and commitment to obey God because they love Him. And God usually falls with great power on those who make this commitment, filling them afresh with His spirit and empowering them to walk it out. I believe I walk in the Lord's favor and that my life pleases Him.

But then I looked back on my own life the past week. I had a horrible flight home from Singapore. Some of the most annoying people in the world were seated near me and they harassed me much of the 16 hour flight home. I got grouchy as this continued and then I started struggling with forgiving them. Then I started to feel guilty because of my attitude toward them, knowing God wanted me to walk in love and forgiveness. But I did not want to forgive -- I wanted something bad to happen to them. I began to feel so ashamed of my attitude that I started to avoid God for a couple of days. I was sick and jetlagged, so I spent most of my time sleeping. But when I wasn't sleeping, I vegetated in front of the television instead of seeking God. I am sure God was not happy with my attitude on the plane or with my behavior (seeking TV instead of Him) for my first couple of days that I was home. I began to realize that I was not as righteous as I had thought I was.

Of course, I have repented and gotten right with God. By Sunday Church service (5 days after I got home), there was nothing left of the rebellion or separation or addiction to television or failing to pursue Him. But the point is that I came home from a trip and fell into attitude sin, and I drifted out of that intimacy with Him. I considered myself a faithful and commitment servant, and yet I clearly was not without sin. I realized that when God looked at the church in the USA (evaluating us before judging us), He also looked at me and other people in my church and Christian community who consider themselves deeply committed to Him.

I began to wonder what God saw when He examined us. What did God see when He looked at me? What about when He looked at my pastor or a number of other people who I personally know who are deeply committed to the Lord and serving Him? Obviously He did not see enough in us to turn away His judgment. I remembered how Abraham negotiated with God for Sodom and Gomorrah to be spared if there were only ten righteous people there. I can come up with more than ten names of righteous people in my own church alone.

So I began to ask Him what was going on that allowed the USA to fall into judgment. What did He see when He looked at us? I began to wonder if I was part of the problem and how much I could be a part of the solution. So I began to ask Him point blank what I personally could do, how I could personally relate to Him, so that the judgment on the United States might be averted.

His answer surprised me a bit. He suggested I come before the judgment seat of Christ and let the Lord examine me.

I have had some judgment seat experiences with the Lord -- I picked up that concept from Rick Joyner's prophetic vision "The Final Quest" some years ago. The idea is an extension of 1 Corinthians 11:31, "For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged." The idea is to ask Jesus to help us examine our hearts/lives to find the things that He doesn't like, and then work on changing them. One day we will die and appear before His throne to have our lives/works evaluated (the rewards judgment). If we judge ourselves not, then we will have fewer things to "get us in trouble" because we already dealt with them, and with His help fixed them.

The way that this has worked out for me over the years is coming before Jesus' throne and having Him examine my heart/motives/actions/etc. At first the concept terrified me, I was so afraid of "flunking out." But as I began to have experiences with the Lord's judgments, I began to learn that His judgments are very good and I also began to get free from some bondages.

But the idea of coming before His Judgment throne in the context of having my nation judged sort of scared me a bit. What if God found things in me that He did not like and it reflected badly for my nation? That sort of worried me. I was not sure that was what God was talking about, but the idea occurred to me and it scared me. That was about 7:00 AM Wednesday during my morning prayer. So I agreed to His invitation and found myself before the Lord's judgment seat.

This time it was a bit different. Instead of being in an open vision and clearly seeing the Lord, I was strongly surrounded by the Lord's presence but could not see anything. The Lord began speaking to me. He asked me a lot of questions -- I don't think that all-knowing God was seeking information from me. So I tried to open my heart and see what He was showing me through those questions. Some of what we discussed were areas that I did relatively good in. That kind of surprised me because I really expected Him to focus on my weaknesses and short-comings, not no the areas of my strengths. Then He said something really interesting to me. This is a paraphrase, but He said, "Teresa, I know man because I created man. What I am asking of people in this judgment is not perfection -- I know man is sinful and fallen. What I am looking for is hearts that are committed to Me and demonstrations of My Lordship in most areas of their lives. I am looking for a godly and committed people, ones who obey Me and who honor Me."

I was starting to think, "This might not be so bad. He is not being so hard to please..." Then God began to talk to me about some areas where I did not measure up quite so well. This included the use of some of my leisure time (vegetating in front of the TV when I was upset instead of seeking Him), and it also included few people I had not fully forgiven from the bottom of my heart, etc.

This was starting to take a really long time. In the past, I had never be in front of His judgment seat for more than about half an hour at a time. But I had already been in this prayer time for over an hour.

Then the Lord began to ask me "what would you do in this case?" scenarios. They were things to test the condition of my heart. I am sure God already knew the condition of my heart. I suspect He was more showing it to me in response to the questions I'd asked Him earlier. Of course I was trying to answer Him as honestly as possible (even if I did not particularly like the answer. I mean, who wants to try to lie to God? It won't work!)

At one point I asked Him if it would be cheating to ask the Holy Spirit to help me. He said, "No." So I prayed and asked the Holy Spirit to help me respond in ways that God would like - even if that meant changing my heart or my expectations as needed. Then God reminded me that I was still being judged. I asked Him if He was judging my prayer. He said "Yes." I asked Him how I did on that, and He did not answer my question -- but I had the distinct impression that He was smiling.

Two hours had gone by now. I spent part of that just waiting on Him. But He did not seem to be done. At one point I began to pray very passionately asking Him to turn the judgment from California and was asking Him if there was anything I could do or any way I could respond to Him that would help convince Him to turn it. (When I was in India without internet access, I was told about a prophecy from a credible source saying that judgment will hit California before Halloween of this year. I got a witness in my spirit when I heard it.) Ever since I was told about that prophesy, it has been a big desire/passion of mine for God to turn that particular judgment on my state.

At one point God seemed to speak to me. I am not 100% sure this was really God and not the desires of my own heart -- sometimes it is hard to sort them out when we desire something very passionately. But I believe I heard God tell me that He would lift the judgment on California in response to the prayers of His people. He also told me that there would always be certain types of minor natural disasters in California, earthquakes and the like. People would always be coming along and saying that those were His judgment when they are merely natural geographic activity for this area. But when/if God does send a judgment, there were be no doubt in anyone's mind that this is from Him as opposed to just another natural phenomenon or terrorist attack.

After two hours of prayer, I needed to get on with my day, but God did not seem to be done "judging me." I finally asked Him about it. He told me that He was still watching and evaluating me. I got the impression that would go on for a very long time. I asked Him if it was ok if I went to do this thing for my husband and He said yes. So I left the prayer room and the overwhelming sense of the Lord's presence began to fade. I got busy with various things during the day, but spent a lot of it in prayer.

The next morning (Thursday) when I got up, the Lord told me that He was still watching me. I guess the message He is giving me is that His judging and evaluating His people is not a one time event, but a process as we walk out our daily Christian lives before Him. I know I can be on "good behavior" (any of us can) for a short period of time. But the question is, "Can we sustain it?" God is not looking at what we look like when we try to impress Him. He is looking at who His people really are and how we really live our lives day-in and day-out. Are we really living for Him, is He really Lord of our lives? Are we really about our Father's business, or are we doing our own things? Are we honoring and obeying Him in our day to day functioning when no one is around to watch us and we are not trying to act spiritual?

The next morning, Friday (e.g., today), God woke me at 3:30 AM and the judgment process continued for another several hours. Part of it 3was humbling, but part of it drew me into much closer intimacy with Him. I don't know exactly where we are going in my judgment experience as it is not over yet... But I do know this: as His people, we need to lay aside our own agendas, we need to humble ourselves and pray and ask Him to heal our land.

Quick Summary: -------------

The United States was in a period of evaluation for a few years, during which time God's protective hand was not on us like it had been on us before. That allowed tragedies like Sept 11 and some of the terrible series of hurricanes to hit Florida. But now the period of evaluation is over and we, as a nation, have fallen under God's judgment.

The first of these judgments to hit was Hurricane Katrina -- where we knew it was coming but were powerless to stop it. This judgment is (at this time) more on the church than the unsaved. Depending on how we respond to God, this will effect what happens next in our nation. We can turn this judgment if we respond to Him properly.

God's desire, of course, is for His people to repent, humble themselves, recommit to His Lordship in their lives and for them to pray for their nation. Even those of us who walk pretty close to the Lord and who feel the judgment doesn't apply to them personally need to examine their heart before the Lord and also pray for their nation.

If the church does not respond as per 2 Chronicles 7:14, I believe that the Lord's judgment will move from the church to the ungodliness and unrighteousness of the unsaved, and things will get much worse for us. People of God, especially those who love Him with all of your heart, let us apply 2 Chronicles 7:14 to our nation before God is forced to discipline us again...

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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Glory! Glory! Glory

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"For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea . . . "
Isaiah 11:9b
Yesterday (05/05/05) whilst swimming I had an extraordinary experience with the Lord. I saw the light of His glory dancing on the water. Almost in unbelief, I swam back and forth to see if it was just the light of the pool that was catching my eyes. But to my great delight I discovered it was not a manmade light, but the light of the glory of Christ Jesus! When I reached the point where the water seemed to be alive with light and motion, there were no spotlights and neither was the outside light penetrating that particular part of the pool!

SILENT PROPHETIC PRAYERS FOR THE UNSAVED

Interestingly, just before the Lord allowed me to witness this visual miracle, I had been silently asking the Lord about my fellow swimmers (all of whom were unknown to me). Lovingly, the Lord spoke to me about a mother and her son who were swimming in the pool, showing me areas to pray for in their lives. As this dialogue with the Lord continued in my heart, I became more and more aware of a marked increase of the Lord's manifest presence and glory. My silent prayers were, "Lord, heal and save these precious souls."

SHOW US YOUR GLORY, LORD!

Five years ago I had a phenomenal revelatory experience during which I saw the Lord literally appear before my eyes as a pillar of cloud/smoke on a placid Scottish loch. The pillar hovered over the waters, full of the presence of the Lord. I was traveling from Fort William to Skye with a group of children and young people on a Holy Spirit praise and prayer mission. At that time, I had been praying, "Lord, I will not go if your glory does not go with us." The Lord graciously granted a sign to confirm my petition and to answer that He was with us by revealing Himself in a theophany.*

(*Theophany: a temporary, visible manifestation of the presence and glory of the Lord, which may be in natural phenomena such as cloud or fire, in human form, or in prophetic visionary experience.)

At other times when I have seen the glory of the Lord, it has appeared as the consistency of a dense cloud, sometimes filled with iridescent glowing particles. In a recent conference in France, whilst my colleague and Messianic believer Avner Bosky was teaching, the glory of the Lord was so thick that I could barely see Avner's face.

Yesterday, I watched in awe as the spiritual DNA of God's glory danced before my eyes on the water. God's glory sparked and bounced off the water and then burst into a shimmer of light. It was like watching a miniature firework display as the water cascaded with the glory of God. Other bathers may have wondered why I just stood (almost with my mouth wide open) and marveled at the water. I wondered if anyone else could see it!
Isn't it wonderful when God does something new and opens our eyes to see something in a way we have never seen before? It is a work of grace, and glory and grace go hand in hand.

SWIMMING IN THE GLORY

Having stood at the edge of the pool rejoicing in God's glory for what seemed like an age, I decided to swim into the glory I could see on the water. As I swam in the waters, my physical body experienced the touch of God's glory, and as the water touched my skin, it was like I was bombarded with the rush of a million tiny bubbles. A glory spa! Wow! I experienced immediate joy in my spirit and also a release of God's healing power. I had to drag myself out of the water. I could have sat all day and watched the miracle before my eyes.

"SEE MY GLORY," SAYS THE LORD

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me before the creation of the world." John 17:24
Why am I telling you all of this? God wants us to experience his glory in every area of our lives. The Lord's desire is that we will see Him in his glory. God dwells in the glory. The glory is a shade and a shelter. Miracles happen in the glory.

The waters are often a symbolic image of mankind. This prophetic revelatory experience speaks to me of the outpouring of God's glory that is about to be released in the nations -- to call men, women, and children to salvation, healings, deliverances, baptisms, and resurrections.
"And the Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." Matthew 25:14

A PRAYER

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask that you open our eyes to see your glory, because when we see You as You really are, then we will worship You and surrender our lives. Give us yielded hearts to pray and reach out with tenderness and compassion to those who do not yet know You and also to bless Your Bride. We ask for faith for creative miracles, because the whole earth is full of Your creative, miracle-working power. We declare the earth is full of your glory! Give us hearts that are hungry to reach out in Your love with the spiritual DNA of Your glory.

"We bless You, Father, for Your holy presence in our lives. Conform us to Your image by Your Holy Spirit, to the glory of Your name. Amen."

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Gift Of Discernment Right Here In My Pocket

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Discernment is the big buzzword these days. This is a look at discernment vs. the gift of discernment.

Let’s ask the dictionary first.

> **Discernment,** a noun
> keenly selective judgment: good taste and judgment
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> synonyms: judgment, acumen, discrimination, perspicacity, taste, shrewdness, sensitivity, selectivity
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> **Discern** a verb
> **1.** *transitive verb* **see or notice something unclear:** to see something that is not very clear or obvious
> **2.** *transitive verb* **understand:** to understand something that is not immediately obvious
> **3.** *intransitive and transitive verb* **distinguish:** to be able to tell the difference between two or more things
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> Synonyms
> make out, notice, see, perceive, discover, observe, catch sight of, glimpse, detect, spot understand, perceive, distinguish, fathom, detect, be aware of distinguish, tell the difference, separate, discriminate, differentiate, determine, detect, recognize, know by sight.
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Let’s take that and make a working definition: discernment is the ability to see or understand something that is not immediately obvious, or to tell the difference between two or more things that is not immediately obvious. In our discussion it will apply to good vs. evil; true vs. false; or right vs. wrong. It implies that there is some effort made to know what is not immediately obvious.

The Gift Of Discerning

The Bible mentions the Gift of Discerning of Spirits in first Corinthians, when it lays out the various gifts of the Spirit.

> *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*
> *4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.*
> *5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.*
> *6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.*
> *7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*
> *8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*
> *9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*
> *10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another* ***discerning of spirits****; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:*
> *11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.*

Where it mentions discerning of spirits, it is not clear if it’s speaking about spirits of men, or angels or both. I knew a pastor once who a gift of being able to read people’s spirits. He told me he was surprised that others couldn’t do the same thing. When discussing a certain individual in their church, he said to a group of people: *Can’t you see this guy is a wolf!* No one else discerned the man in question. But he knew it automatically. He had that gift, and did not realize that it was the Holy Ghost operating in him to provide supernatural knowledge. He does now of course.

So What's The Difference?
The gift of discerning of spirits then is an immediate automatic knowing the nature of a person's spirit and or an angelic spirit. It implies that the knowing is immediately obvious. So there is a big difference between the two. Discernment is something you have to work at. The Gift of Discernment is just that a gift, an automatic knowing whereby things become immediately obvious through the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Let's put that a little differently. You have a situation where something is not immediately obvious. Using some study or making some effort of some kind can lead you to an answer. That's discernment. With the Gift of Discernment, the Spirit of the Lord gives you the answer right away. So that someone with this give, as the spirit activates it, will know things that are not immediately obvious to others.

Now what prompted me to get on this topic is a recent article on Discernment that I'm going to quote from and make some comments. The quotes below are all indented and taken from *The Lost Gift of Discernment* by Lee Grady http://fireinmybones.com/index.php?col=090308~The%20Lost%20Gift%20of%20Discernment. Emphasis is mine.

> 'We also learned that discernment is one of these nine supernatural gifts (see 1 Cor. 12:8-10). We were taught that since the devil has the ability to counterfeit, and since Satan's activity includes "all power and signs and false wonders" (2 Thess. 2:9, NASB), God's people must be equipped with the **supernatural power to tell the difference between the true and the false.'**

So far so good, the gift of discerning of spirits is a supernatural power and God's people need it.

> 'God gave us spiritual gifts in a package, and discernment is part of the set. It is not optional. Yet today it seems we've set discernment aside—perhaps because we're suspicious of any gift that requires us to exercise clear judgment.'

Here's where we run into trouble.
First God didn't give every one of his people this gift.
Second the gifts do not come as a set all in a package
Third, the gifts are all optional.

A careful reading of 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 quoted above shows that some are given one gift and some are given another. And that the gifts are given and operate as he wills. That means when He, the Holy Spirit wills.

There are those who claim that if you have the gift of prophecy, you can prophesy any time and any place you want. Those who prophecy for money depend on this to justify the practice.

Yet this is a common misconception in charismatic circles. People assume that they have all the gifts and can use them when ever.

Then the writer says: *we've set discernment aside—perhaps because we're suspicious of any gift that requires us to exercise clear judgment.*

Well have we set discernment aside? Can we say, I thought I had it right here in my pocket, what happened? Or could it be that we never had it to begin with, except for a few select individuals? If discernment is a gift, why are we required to exercise anything? That would be doing things in our own strength. In other words by works and not faith.

Next the writer gives three examples of what the bible teaches about discernment.

> '1. We are commanded to discern. The apostle John instructed us to "test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). The word "test" means to "examine as metal"—the process a jeweler would use to prove authenticity. Metals may look the same; only when you apply heat will you find which ones are fake or of low quality. All that glitters, in such cases, is not gold.'

This is not the **gift** of discerning of spirits, it is applying a formula to get an answer where something is not immediately obvious. But this example does show that we need to learn to test the spirits. This can lead to more discernment.

> ‘2. Discernment is a sign of spiritual maturity. The author of Hebrews told his readers that they were immature babies who couldn’t handle eating spiritual meat. “Solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil” (Heb. 5:14). The implication here is that those who don’t learn to discern are spiritually stunted.’

This is not the **gift** of discerning of spirits because it comes from practice. If the church lacks discernment or ability to tell good from evil, then the church lacks spiritual maturity. Can we achieve this by our own works or is it a gift we as a whole do not have? We can increase our level on maturity and thereby discernment if we concentrate on teaching the meat of the word.

> ‘3. Discernment is damaged when leaders compromise. The prophet Ezekiel denounced the priests and governors of Israel because they didn’t teach the people to discern. “They have made no distinction between the holy and the profane, and they have not taught the difference between the unclean and the clean” (Ezek. 22:26). Discernment, according to this passage, is shaped by the choices leaders make.’

This also is not the **gift** of discerning of spirits because it speaks of being taught by men. This last example is the most useful though. The church can increase in discernment through sound teachings, both in the foundational truths and the more profound ones. Lately it seems the only thing we can discern is the speck in our brothers eye.

Still all three of these examples concern discernment but not the gift of discernment.

There is a good example of real life operation of the Gift of Discerning Spirits in Kathie Walters article, Making Righteous Judgments [www.etpv.org/2008/mkrju.html].

Here is a good example from scripture of the Gift of Discerning Spirits in operation.

> *Acts 16:16-18*
> *16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:*
> *17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.*
> *18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

Here Paul knew automatically by the Holy Spirit, what spirit he was dealing with, and when the right time came, he commanded it to leave.

But today’s church is not walking in the Spirit as Paul did. It does not have the Gift of Discerning Spirits operating, nor does it exhibit spiritual maturity to any noticeable degree. And why not? Here may be a clue from Judges.

> *Judges 17:6 In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

Summary
Discernment basically means to know. The extended meaning is to know some thing that is not immediately obvious. Like “is it real, or is it Memorex?” The idea is that some effort is involved to know what’s what.

The Gift of Discernment is a spiritual gift of the Holy Spirit. This means that the Lord reveals things that are not immediately obvious. When this operates in a person they are allowed to know things that others do not.

The church lacks discernment mainly because it lacks sound teaching.

The church lacks the gift of discernment, perhaps because we have not asked for it. We may think we already have all we need, like the church of Laodicea.

Scripture references.

1 John 4:1-3
1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

James 4:1-11
1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?
2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.
3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.
4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.
11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

Giants Of Faith

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There were ***giants*** *in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. Gen. 6:3-5*
But without ***faith*** *it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11: 5-7*

“Indeed, my people will find shelter in Me. Those who search for Me will find Me. In the days of long ago there were giants upon the earth. But I tell you, that in these days, there will be “giants of faith.” Your faith will grow and grow, and you will be able to cast mountains into the sea.”

(The Lord showed me a giant of a man who was huge in stature. He was hurling gigantic boulders across the land. At first my thought was of the Nephilum, who were giants in the land long ago, but I believe that He wants us to be “giants of faith.”)

“In the days ahead your faith will be a much needed thing, for you will need it to be sustained and strong. For I tell you that nations will topple, the money will run short in the treasury, and the love of many will run dim. When the events of these days come, will you be prepared for them, or will you go on living as you always have? “

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Great Opposition - Great Miracles
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Great Opposition From The Enemy Is Creating The Atmosphere For Great Miracles!
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Two weeks ago I called Dick's Sporting Goods and they put me on hold.. While I was on hold I heard this CD playing of the Greatest Moments in Sports History. I was so captivated by these awesome plays and victories that I called back later and said.. "Could you put me on hold.. I don't want to talk to anyone. I just wanted to listen to these greatest moments in sports.

As I was hearing these greatest moments the Holy Spirit fell down on this CD and it was as though I began to hear in the Spirit the greatest moments that were about to take place upon the earth beginning this coming year!!

One play I heard on the CD I remembered hearing it and watching it myself on television. Years ago the Pittsburgh Steelers were losing in the Super Bowl with just seconds to go. Terry Bradshaw threw a long pass down field to Franc O Harris and the ball was seemingly lost in the scurry of the opposing team members all around him who were trying to intercept the pass. But then the announcer suddenly starts shouting .... "Out of nowhere Franc O Harris has just caught the football with 5 seconds left in the game and he is on his way into the end zone for the winning touchdown!! The announcer shouts as the crowd goes wild.. "Do you believe in Miracles?"

LISTEN CAREFULLY-- "YOU NEED TO SURROUND YOURSELF THIS COMING YEAR WITH 4 OR 5 PEOPLE THAT BELIEVE THAT "ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD!!"

The Holy Spirit spoke through that CD and said.. "This is the kind of events coming this year in our lives in the Spirit! We are about to witness and experience our greatest moments of victories of our whole lives!

Then it dawned on me.. why and what caused these greatest moments of Sports to take place. It was because these moments were surrounded by great opposition from the opposing teams!

"GREAT OPPOSITION ALWAYS CREATES THE ATMOSPHERE FOR GREAT MIRACLES!"

This coming year it may look at times like the cards are all stacked against you and you are outnumbered like Jehosaphats army.. Like there is no way you could ever win. But the battle is not your battle.. it's God's Battle! Know that this battle is already fixed in Heaven before it even starts on earth.

"IT'S A FIXED FIGHT FOR YOU!' "YOU WILL BE GIVEN A HEAVENLY EDGE THIS COMING YEAR TO OVERCOME AND SEE VICTORY AND MIRACLES IN YOUR LIFE!"

"Many will be inducted into Heaven's Hall of Faith and Fame this coming year! Hebrews 11 is still being written!" This is so very important this coming year... "CONTEND FOR THE FAITH THAT WAS

ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS!"

The Saints of old just didn't walk the walk, they also talked the walk! Scripture says.. "I believed therefore I have spoken!"

"THE WORD OF GOD SPOKEN TO YOU MUST BE SPOKEN THROUGH YOU!"

Saints of old called those things that were not as though they were! This coming year you need to call those things that are not as though they already were! This really pleases the Lord as we not only walk by faith but we talk by faith!

BRING YOUR MOUTH INTO AGREEMENT WITH GOD'S WORD THIS YEAR... BECAUSE WHAT YOU DON'T SAY CAN HURT YOU.

*** Examples.

The widow woman whose son died.. She laid his dead body on the prophet's bed and started for the prophet's house. She didn't even tell her husband what was going on. and when he asked why she was heading for the prophet's house, she said... "IT SHALL BE WELL!"

2 Kings 4:25. "So she went and came into the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold yonder is that Shunammite woman. 26. Run now, I pray thee, to meet her and say to her, Is it well with thee? Is it well with thy husband? Is it well with thy child?" And she answered.. "It is well!" Her child was raised from the dead. She was calling those things that were not as though they already were!

RIGHT NOW I WANT YOU TO SAY THESE WORDS AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR MOUTH AND HEART FOR THIS COMING YEAR.... IT IS WELL WITH MY HUSBAND! IT IS WELL WITH MY WIFE!... IT IS WELL WITH MY CHILD!"

"The Lord says..."Put Me in remembrance of what I have said to you. Say it. Talk it. Remember the little shepherd boy who spoke some words to a champion warrior, Goliath and I stepped in and made Him the champion."

We overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.. If you want to please God start calling those things that be not as though they were! That's what causes God to get excited to move for us! Without faith it is impossible to please Him!

Abraham believed God and everytime he introduced himself as Abraham he was saying... "I am the Father of many nations before he even had a son!

MARK 7:25.. Jesus tells the Syrophenician woman that she cannot eat of the children's bread. She says something that changes His mind. She says, "Yes Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs!" Jesus stops and says to her...verse 29. "For this thy saying,, go thy way, the devil just left your daughter!!" For this thy saying!!!!

I believe our words attract what we say! We prophesy all the time just by the words that we speak!!

Let's begin to prophesy this New Year in by calling those things that are not as though they already were!!

Doctors Will Be Astounded
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Doctors Will Be Astounded And Ministered To Through Miracle Healings . . . 'I Am Shaking The Medical Field!'"
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"Your heart sounds fabulous!" said the doctor as he listened intently through his stethoscope. "Instead of six months, I don't want to see you for a whole year!"
Upon leaving the doctor's office, I sensed the Lord speaking, "That was My heart the doctor just listened to. He will never be the same again! He will hear My heart beat for him for the rest of his life!"

I remembered saying to the Lord as I left my home earlier that afternoon for my doctor's appointment, "Lord, I give You my heart! It is Yours!" I think He took me up on it!

"The 'Report Of The Lord' Will Begin To Change Many Doctors' Reports!"

This past April, the doctors found something life threatening in my mother's body. The doctor said to my mother, "Mrs. Yount, you will have to quit your job and stop driving your car."
My mother, who is eighty years old, was working a part time midnight shift from 12 a.m. - 6 a.m., working in a rest home, taking care of older people! She quit her job and the state took her driver's license away from her. There were well meaning friends who would call mom just to remind her of all of the problems she was facing, but she would say to them, "I don't have any problems . . . I am going forward!"

My mother went forward the following Sunday to the altar in church to get prayed for. She called me and said, "Bill, I got anointed and prayed for. I believe God healed me again! I want my driver's license back!"
She troubled the doctors every week, wearing them down, saying, "When can I get my license back?"

Finally, a month ago, they gave my mother another test to check things out. The doctor said to my mother, "Mrs. Yount, I think you can go back to work now."
She responded, "How can I go back to work when I can't drive my car to get there?"
The doctor said, "Let me see what I can do about that." The doctor wrote a letter to the State and mom got her license back two weeks ago!
My mother changes doctors' reports! She seems to believe the report of the Lord so easily. She not only believes God's word, but speaks her mind about it even to doctors! I thank God that healing runs in our family. It started on my mother's side and on my heavenly Father's side; it runs through my veins, arteries, blood stream, and into my bone marrow!

"Generational Healings Are Beginning To Run Right Down Through Family Trees!"

When I was seven years old, I had a brain tumor. The tumor disappeared on the last set of x-rays right before the operation. The Lord later showed me what caused the tumor to disappear. Two years earlier, my mother used to embarrass me in front of a lot of people by telling everyone, "This is my little preacher!" The Lord showed me, recently, that it was my mother's spoken words over me two years earlier that ate the tumor like a spiritual Pac man when it came on me. Her words, "This is my little preacher!" has cancelled hell's assignment against me at least twice in my life! Words are so powerful!

If no one over you in your family has experienced God's healing power, just be the first one to receive it and let it flow right down through your family and generations to come!

"Don't Give God Your Sickness, Give God Your Body!"
Don't give God your sickness; He already took it by His stripes at Calvary! Give God your body and then His healing power will fill it! Then you will not only get your healing, you will get the Healer!

Be an organ donor. Submit (give) that member of your body to God where sickness seems to be. And then resist the devil and he will flee from you!

"Never let sickness or disease feel at home in your body. Remember, your sickness did not come to stay . . . it came to pass!"

I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS . . . I AM GOING FORWARD!

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Gospel or god-Spell
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For the past months, I have felt a grieving; a painful, deep sorrow coupled with a "sickened" spirit as I have observed prominent Christian leaders preaching out of what seems to be less than pure motives (money as a "key" to receiving miracles, healing, deliverance, for example). In one instance, a certain well-known personality declared that God has given him the "secret" to deliverance from perverse and pervasive spirits of addiction. This man declared that he would divulge the secret to each person who would call the television station and pledge a certain amount of money for the next twelve months.

As I listened, I thought, "Since when is God's deliverance for sale?" I thought of people who have no money, who cannot possibly "pay" the required amount for their deliverance from addiction. I thought about God's Word, "Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price" (Is. 55:1). I thought about Simon the sorcerer, whom Peter warned, "May your silver be destroyed with you, because you thought the gift of God could be obtained with money!" Acts 8:20.

I am not opposed to financial blessing: However, the profusion of what appears to be an imitation of Hollywood-success-appearance among God's ministers troubles my spirit.

Purpose-Driven or Spirit-led?

At the risk of offense and misunderstanding, I need to say that I believe we have it "upside down" in much of the teaching that fills the airwaves and hearts. We've become so fixated on being "Purpose-Driven" that we have neglected the biblical mandate to be Spirit-led. [For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God (Ro. 8:14)].

I am hearing as never before the "self-esteem" message being promoted, the "feel-good" message, the "I can do all things through a positive attitude" message all the while I have heard and felt the Spirit say "What about the cross? What about the pain? What about the cost? What about the price?" Whole portions of the Western Church appear to be sliding head-long into a "Cross-less Christianity" that offends no one, least of all the devil.

I hear the Spirit saying, "It's about the cross. It's about the price He paid, it's about the horror He experienced - the costly, costly, costly act of love and compassion He exhibited on that cross.

WHERE IS THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS?
Where is the truth of the passion of My Son? Where is the "crucifying of self?" Where is the death of ego and pride and passion and earthly, earthy desire? Where is the laying down of your life? Where is the picking up of the cross? Where is the bearing about in your body the marks of a price paid?"

"In this hour, many will be deceived. Many will look here and there and will be confused and frustrated because to slake their spiritual thirst they look to wells that have been dug by men and not by God. To satisfy their hunger they look to fields planted by men and not by God. So they will drink the putrid, death-infested waters of the flesh and they will eat that which does not satisfy. Oh, if only the cross would be lifted up again in this hour. Oh, if only My people would return to Me, I would heal them and forgive them and release them with My fire and with My power and with My anointing."

The Bible speaks of a coming "falling away." If we would open our eyes, we would see that falling away even in the sanctuaries, in the church halls, in the pulpits, in the very places that cry "religion" and cry "freedom" and in the places where mouths are opened to praise and to worship, but self-promotion and fleshy pride are the motives instead of broken and contrite spirits.

I am not judging anyone. I am no judge. I am merely a man. I am filled with blackness and evil without His grace and His mercy. The only thing within me that is of any value or of any good is of Him. Without His mercy and grace I would be utterly cast away. How could I ever judge another human? Yet I hear the Spirit clearly. I tremble as I tell you HE IS CALLING US (ALL) TO HIMSELF. He will not have us chasing false gods - ADULTERY! FORNICATION! Making our beds with the comfortable and the easy, giving ourselves to the acceptable and that which pleases the flesh. Neglecting the poor and the aged and the widow and the orphan while living at ease and squandering His blessings. AWAY! Cast off these false idols as we would cast off a coat that has been soiled with stinking, putrefying dead flesh and He will forgive, heal, fill, empower, enable us to become beyond what we ever imagined, dreamed or hoped.

I have heard over and over in the past days, "We have learned our lessons from Katrina. We are ready for Rita." Would that we should learn our lessons from the pain He has allowed that we might avoid the pain that must come as He shakes everything that can be shaken!

We did not learn our lessons after 911. We have not learned our lessons after Hurricane Katrina. We have heaved a collective sigh of relief that Rita did comparatively little damage. We think we've escaped, but there is no escape without repentance.

This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. (Jeremiah 6:16).

In His Amazing Grace,   Greg

Gold And Frankincense

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THE GOLD, THE FRANKINCENSE AND THE MYRRH

The first coming of our Lord and King was greeted with gold, frankincense and myrrh (Matthew 2:11). Recently while ministering at Peggy Cole's prophetic conference in San Francisco, California, we were visited by some unusual manifestations of the glory of the Lord, including the appearance of gold and the strong aroma of frankincense. This was my first time to experience the manifestation of gold, and I remember one meeting in particular in which I was sitting next to one of the guest speakers, Joshua Mills, a precious and anointed minister from Canada, and we were both covered with gold, from the top of our heads to the bottom of our feet. Prior to this time, I had heard many people talk about the manifestation of gold, but I had never personally experienced it. I believe that something powerful was released in California this year, and just as in the natural California is known as the Gold State, God is now beginning to release spiritual gold and riches from this state which is going to be imported to the four corners of America and the ends of the world.

As we prepare to enter into the New Year, I hear the Holy Spirit saying that it is time to seek the presence of God with haste. It was not by accident that the three wise men brought Jesus gold, frankincense and myrrh during his first coming, because it would be one of the final signs to wise men of the last generation that his second coming is quickly approaching. Judgments will increase, but it is not a time to focus on the world which is quickly passing away, but to focus on entering into the presence of God, and hiding ourselves in our prayer chamber for a season to seek wisdom and strategies for the coming year, for our time is short, and the coming of our King draweth nigh!

Blessings,
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Good or good
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This has been a very interesting week for us. My back situation has now gone from bad to worse. It seems that no matter what I do, in an attempt to alleviate the situation, it becomes progressively worse. Rimona also has been having more and more dizzy spells without a clear indication as to the cause. Some, who have been praying for us, feel that this is an attack from spirits of the occult. We wish to convey our gratitude to all of you who are praying. Thank you!

In the past few weeks the subject of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil has come up a number of times. We thus have been confronted, if you will, with this issue. It was suggested that I write on this subject, which is why I titled this "Good or good".

It seems that one of the greatest challenges that faces us, as Believers, is to remain consistent in the faith and revelation reality of the life of Messiah, which resides in us via the presence of the Spirit of Holiness. Yet, we can't deny that the power of sin has deposited its nature into the members of our soul (mind, emotions and will), thus we must be cleansed of all defilement of the spirit of the world and of the flesh (ref. 2 Corinthians 7:1). One of the obstacles that continue to trip us up, along our walk, is the teaching that we have to become more Christ-like or like God, which is reminiscent of the serpent's words to Eve (ref Genesis 3:5). That is not to say that our soul is not to reflect the image or nature of Messiah, but how it goes about doing it makes all the difference.

Even before Eve saw the tree, the serpent had already twisted YHVH's words, and lied to her. After the deception, when she looked at the tree she "saw"- the Hebrew root r.a.h, which can mean "to receive deep spiritual insight or revelation" - that it was "good for food, pleasant to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise" (Genesis 3:6). The tree's fruit somehow appealed to a desire to become like Him. Now what is wrong with something that is "good", since there was nothing evil about that fruit? In order for us to be able to discern the tree that has attributes, or fruit, that look good and can make us like YHVH, we would also have to look at another "Good".

Yeshua said something interesting about "good": "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, Elohim" (Luke 18:19). So if there is no one good other than YHVH, how could there be "knowledge of good" outside of knowing the Creator? Thus the "Good" actually becomes a person and not a virtue. Let us look at a scripture, that points to the fruit of the Tree of Life, that is the nature of Elohim: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). So how does the serpent manage to deceive us into believing that his tree can make us like God, or like Messiah? Obviously, only by deception! He counterfeits YHVH's characteristics and turns them into "virtues" of good, and then reasons that anything that is opposite of this knowledge of "good" is evil.

Upon partaking of this lie and deception, man began to live by a philosophy of trying to turn the evil that was now in him into good. Hence many of man's religious institutions teach that we must improve our character and nature by applying these virtues to our lives. As we begin to will to be good (patient, kind, gentle etc), we discover, just like Paul did, that "the very good that I will to do I don't do, but the evil that I don't want to do that I do". These resultant dilemma and frustration led to nothing but death, in spite of the promise to become "like God, knowing good and evil". So really the so-called good on that tree is just as bad as the evil.

Adam and Eve were created in the image and likeness of the Creator, so why did they have to become something that they already were? Unbelief in what YHVH has said brings us immediately into the place of being deceived. What is it that YHVH has said? "For the love of Messiah compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh" (2 Corinthians 5:14-16).

When Yeshua died all men died, and those who are now alive in Him are those whom Scripture calls new creation beings. "Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). "For in Messiah Yeshua neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation" (Galatians 6:15).

The life and nature of this new creation man is exactly the same as the Heavenly Father's. The Believer has a new identity and in order for him to know who he is he has to look at - r.a.h.- and receive wisdom and revelation knowledge as to who Yeshua is (ref. Ephesians 1:17-18), who is the exact image and likeness of the Father (ref. Colossians 1:15 . The Word tells us that, "I have been crucified with Messiah; it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of Elohim, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). "For you died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in Elohim. When Messiah who is our life appears [unveiled], then you also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:3-4). Moving from faith to faith and glory-to-glory means that we are maturing in who we are in Him. Thus by knowing Him, and our soul being obedient to expressing His nature in our everyday experiences, we will not have to practice virtues in order to become something that we already are.

The god of this age/world blinds the minds of the unbeliever from seeing the Glory of the gospel of Yeshua the Messiah, who is the image of Elohim so that the light does not shine on them (ref 2 Corinthians 4:4). We therefore must be careful to believe what is true of the gospel, and not let the philosophies of men and their religious institutions blind our minds. They may just try and persuade you that you really are not who YHVH says that you are in Messiah Yeshua, by using subtle theological terms in the process. You do not have to become "good" when you already are born of the nature of the One who is "Good", your Heavenly Father. The more you know Messiah Yeshua, the more you will recognize your true nature and discern what is not of Him and thus not of you. You see, YHVH did not withhold the knowledge of good and evil from Adam and Eve, but just had a different way for them to come to that knowledge.

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Garments of Righteousness

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Revelation 16:14-15

Thoughts of love that linger
In the heart of the one loved
Can bring inspiration
To help others find that which was lost
Amongst the storms of great confusion
That led them far from the cross
Which calls them to lay their burdens down
And allow mercy to bear their loss.

Who has knowledge of the beloved
Who has partaken of His amazing love
Let them proclaim God's holy promise
To repair that which was lost.
Mercy need not be just a memory anymore.

If tonight you were given
A choice where you could decide
To partake of the tree
Of the knowledge of good and evil
Or the tree of eternal life
Would you decide, like Adam and Eve
To believe the serpent's lie
Which declared you could be as God
Creating life according to your own design
Deceived into believing that what you conceived
Within the depths of your own mind
Would give birth to such revelation
That you would no longer be inclined
To allow memories to keep you in fear of the night.

Today the battle rages
Who will heed the Father's call
To be adorned in God's righteousness
Robes of His eternal love
And who will turn away
From the Father's hand of grace
Where into destruction they will surely fall.

> *"For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Revelation 16:14-15*
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> *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they*

> *are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Corinthians 2:12-14*

"*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth*." Apostle Paul proclaimed in his letter to the Corinthians that, because he had received the Holy Spirit, the words he shared with them expressed the heart and nature of God. He also proclaimed that those who had partaken of the Holy Spirit would be able to receive his words, because as deep calls out to deep, the Spirit that filled his life called out to the Spirit that filled their lives with the knowledge of the goodness and love of Christ. He stressed that those who were partakers of God's Holy Spirit would be able to bear testimony to the words he spoke.

Apostle Paul also spoke that those who were not filled of God's Holy Spirit would not be able to understand the words he spoke. His words would be foolishness to their way of understanding life. Not that he stopped speaking. He would continue to share what the Lord pressed upon his heart to share. But he was aware that those who were as the "natural man" would be like the first man Adam, not influenced of God's Holy Spirit, and that to their way of thinking, his words would be utter foolishness. They would not be able to relate to the words he spoke.

When Apostle Paul said that to the natural man his words would be foolishness, he was describing the natural man as a person who is born of the flesh, but whose faith is not yet found in Christ, so that he has not yet received the infilling of the Holy Spirit. His heart does not beat with desire toward the things of the Lord, and his mind does not bear testimony to the words that describe the power of the Holy Spirit, received through faith in Jesus Christ. The natural man has not placed his faith in God's Word that proclaims Jesus Christ bore mankind's sins, and that if they were to call upon His name in sincerity, God would adorn them in His righteousness, which is found in the Holy Spirit.

The Word proclaims that each person is born into the world as a natural man, who looks to the things of the earth for purpose, security and worth. The Word also proclaims that each person is born with a spirit, which is God's breath, that is able to respond to God. It is the spirit, God's breath, that will influence the heart and mind to seek after the holy God who cares for them. If and when the spirit within a person does respond to the Word, so that their heart and mind are inspired to seek out Christ in sincerity, then God's Holy Spirit will fill this person's life, so that they will be born again of the Spirit. They will be able to perceive the things of the Spirit and live in appreciation of the life God has given them.

When born anew, a person's spirit, soul and body are placed under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The old way of thinking, will pass away, which denied that God's Word held truth to lead, instruct, inspire and edify, as the Spirit reveals God's love toward them. It is the Spirit that will lead a person unto truth not previously understood when living life as a natural man. It is the Holy Spirit that will reveal the depths of God's love toward a person, so that their heart is inspired to live holy and obediently unto God.

> *"For if ye live after the flesh ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." Romans 8:13-17*

The Word proclaims that God first breathed his spirit into Adam, so that Adam became the first man who was able to respond to the voice of the Lord. The spirit within Adam was not the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would not be given until Jesus Christ ascended on high and purged the heavens, causing God to open wide His temple doors, so that whosoever should call on the Lord in sincerity would be able to receive His Spirit of holiness. Instead, Adam initially walked in appreciation of God and the world He had created. Sin, which causes mankind to exalt their ideas and opinions above the name of God, had not yet entered the world. Adam's spirit had not yet been polluted by thoughts that desired to exalt themselves above God; he was able to freely enjoy walking in the cool of the day with the Lord.

Once sin entered into the world, so that man had knowledge of good and evil, then the spirit within man became polluted. He became double minded; he had knowledge of God, who is good, yet now his heart and mind sought out things that seemed to promise safety, security and comfort to the flesh. And throughout history, it has remained natural for mankind, who is born with a spirit, which is able to respond to God, to exalt self above God. It has remained natural for mankind to place their trust in understandings and opinions that appear to offer hope and direction, yet which never seem to calm the quest and desires of the soul, so that much mental suffering has entered the world. What a person thinks upon will be reflected in the way they behave and respond, so that the world will bear the consequences of their thoughts and desires.

When a person's spirit, which is able to respond to God, does not respond to the voice of God, then a person will remain under the influence of the world. In that world, truth heralded by others who do not have faith in a holy God is naturally exalted. When a person continues to be influenced by the thoughts and opinions of those who deny and discount the power of God, they may find themselves becoming more insensitive to the voice of God. And as they continue on in their lives, the idea of a loving and merciful God will become an idea that is considered ridiculous and easily discounted.

Without the influence of the Holy Spirit, the spirit of a person will look to the realm of unbelief for an identity in life. In that realm, without the love of God to inspire them, they will find that their hearts become hardened. Their natural mindset will come to be critical, angry, fearful and resentful toward life. Not having known the mercy and love of God, they will not know to "fight a good fight," where they look to God in casting down thoughts aligned with unbelief. In the realm of unbelief, self is exalted so that behavior that is contrary to God's Word becomes common place. To walk in unbelief is to ridicule that which God declares as sinful. As a result, mental suffering abounds, which will give birth to physical suffering.

The spirit of the world, which is the voice of unbelief that speaks its opinions loudly, will continue to hold power over a person until they repent of their unbelief. It is the spirit of the world aligned with unbelief that seeks to kill and destroy that which stands in opposition to its advancement. But when a person calls upon the name of Jesus in sincerity, then will God's Spirit be poured out upon their heart and mind, so that thoughts of mercy and love encourage them onward in seeking a life that trusts in God. It is the Spirit of God's holiness, which bears long in mercy and love, that desires to save people from the suffering that has become their natural, familiar habitat.

The heart and soul of a person, whose spirit does not respond to God, may become hardened to the purposes of God to such an extent that they feel very comfortable and familiar living in the same realm of thought as the devil himself, which is the realm of unbelief. The ruler of darkness uses unbelief as a ruling force to influence people. When unbelief reigns over a person's life, then all types of opinions will be accepted, which may cause the heart and mind of a person to become so corrupted and downcast that their behavior is greatly influenced by unrighteous suffering, which reflects their mental state of being.

A person ruled by unbelief may easily speak words of accusation against God. Yet, God, who is perfect, continues to extend His mercy toward those who remain standing outside His kingdom of righteousness, having not received His Spirit of holiness. And just as Jesus was able to cast out "devils", which are evil spirits aligned with unbelief that have gained influence over a person's life, so is He able today to cast out evil spirits that influence a person's life. The battle for possession over a person's soul remains as fierce today as when Jesus Christ walked the earth. And today, Jesus is still gaining victory over the lives of many people. Jesus still heals, transforms and inspires the hearts of those who call out to Him today.

> *“For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.” 2 Corinthians 5:2-3*
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> *“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” 2 Corinthians 5:19-21*

Each person is born into the world naked before God; their hearts and minds are laid bare before God, and they are not ashamed of who they are. As a person lives out their life, moving toward adulthood, they will become conscious of the fact that they are separate from others, that they stand alone as an individual person in the world. In seeking to find shelter from the eyes of mankind, they will seek out the opinions and ideas of others, which they will take on as their own, so that they do not feel that they stand alone in the world. They will adorn themselves in the ideas of others, who they connect with mentally, so that the true condition of their heart is not laid bare. In adorning themselves in the ideas and opinions of others, they hope to find protection from the rejection or ridicule of others.

But God, knowing the desires of the heart of mankind, had purposed from the foundation of time that through Jesus Christ, a person could be adorned in garments of great beauty, so that they did not feel that they stood alone, nor ashamed of who they are. God purposed, through Jesus Christ, that mankind be adorned in His righteousness, so they would have knowledge that He who was with them, was for them. God purposed that mankind be clothed with the Holy Spirit, so that the righteousness of God influenced their thoughts, and holiness inspired their hearts. God purposed through Jesus Christ that the spirit, soul and body be under the authority of the Holy Spirit, so that God reigned supreme in their lives.

Within God’s eternal kingdom that fills the heavens, stands His heavenly sanctuary, “the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.” Within God’s heavenly sanctuary, Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of the “throne of the Majesty in the heavens.” Because the blood of Christ purged the things within the heavenly temple, “our house which is from heaven,” God opened wide the temple doors, so that whosoever calls upon the name of Christ in sincerity will be adorned in His righteousness, which is found in the Holy Spirit. When through faith in Jesus Christ a person is filled of the Holy Spirit, then will the person understand the value of being redeemed unto God, so that they no longer stand naked before God, but are covered in the righteousness that Christ has obtained for them.

Adam and Eve did not eat from the tree of life so that they could “live forever.” Yet because of what God has purposed and accomplished through Jesus Christ, mankind who bear the image of the first man Adam, having a spirit that is able to respond to God, are able to partake of eternal life, when through faith in Christ, they receive the Holy Spirit. Mankind no longer needs to stand unadorned, “naked” before God, wrapped in filthy rags, having had their garments spotted by the flesh, because a way has been made available where through faith, they may be adorned in the righteousness of Christ.

The spirit of a person, when joined unto the Holy Spirit, will flourish as they are nurtured by the love that God has toward them, able to appreciate the value of not walking alone. They will no longer need to look to the opinions and ideas of others as a covering for their soul, burdened by shame because of actions outside of God, because God will remind them that Jesus bore their sin for them. God is to be their comforter, so that if others should reject or discount them, His comforting voice will remind them they are of great worth and value in His kingdom of righteousness.

> *"Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:11-13*

When a person's spirit turns away from the voice of God, they will join the ranks of others who speak great swelling words of accusation against the Lord on high. They will join the ranks of others who are spiritually "wicked," whose spirits have refused to respond to the voice of God. Those who have had their garments defiled by the flesh, are those whose spirits and souls have continued to be influenced by unbelief, and not the voice of God. Because they stand united in their disbelief of God, they find strength to boldly speak ridicule against the Lord; their ridicule will be used to influence those who have just begun their journey into understanding what is involved in a holy relationship with God.

Yet today is the day of the Lord, where the Lord is able to show Himself strong on behalf of the one who seeks Him. Today, the Lord judges the hearts of mankind and determines who is to be counted among the righteous. Today, the Son will rise in the hearts of many so they have understanding that the Lord is good. Today, God will look upon the heart of a person who has found shelter in the Word, and will fill their lives with His mercy, love and holiness found in the Spirit. Today, the enemies of a person's soul, which include doubt, accusation, fear and pride, will be cast down to the ground, put under the feet of Christ, as God visits them, by releasing His Spirit of righteousness and truth into their lives.

Today, when a person hears the Word of God, a moment of accountability before the Lord is presented. Where do they stand, for or against the Lord? Will their spirit respond to the voice of God, so that they seek out God's Word? Will they discover that their thoughts of foundational truth, heralded dependency on self, which pushes God away, or will they instead find that they are drawn toward desiring to know of the longsuffering love that God has toward them? Will they continue to look upon the Word as a message that is pure foolishness, or will today be the day that the Word becomes alive to their understanding, as the Lord appears in their lives, through the Spirit? Will today be the day that the things of the earth lose power over their lives, as the Spirit of God leads their thoughts on high, so they are able to perceive and appreciate that the true foundation God desires them to stand upon is faith in Christ?

Will the Holy Spirit move in power in their lives, so that their hope in the things of the earth is reduced in power, and so that they will be able to shake off unbelief like dust from off their clothes? Will today be the day that the kingdom of God's righteousness becomes an ever present reality, so that the world they once clung to for security, will dissolve before them, becoming a mere distant backdrop that continues to recede into the horizon? Will today a person's spirit be united unto the Holy Spirit so that they live their lives in appreciation of the kingdom of God's righteousness that He has prepared for those who love His holy name?

> *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Romans 1:18-20*

All of creation declares the glory of God, so that no one is with excuse. God has given each person a spirit that is able to respond to His power and presence that fills all of creation. Yet, those who walk in unbelief are able to sway the thoughts of others through their words. Those whose spirits are aligned with unbelief, so that they speak the same words as Satan himself, may have joined the ranks of those whose spirits are as devils. Like Satan they speak accusation against God. And like Satan they deny the love, power and mercy of God. From out of their mouths proceed evil and wicked words that reflect the influence of unbelief upon their heart and mind.

Today words of great accusation are spoken by those who have power over others (like the kings of the earth); they are those who remain under the influence of “evil” spirits who deny the goodness of God. And the words they speak have continued to influence the thoughts of mankind. Yet, when a person hears the Word of God spoken, they can turn away from the accusations spoken against God and seek out an understanding of God for themselves. Men may be able to imprison a person’s physical body, but they cannot imprison their spirit. Each person upon hearing the Word, can seek God. The battle rages against mankind today, just as it raged against those of yesterday, yet God stands ever ready to be their help in time of need. Jesus Christ has made a way available for anyone who calls upon His name in sincerity, to be adorned in His righteousness, found in the Holy Spirit, so that they no longer stand naked before God and mankind.

Blessed are they who understand the fear of the Lord, for they shall find joy in the house of the Lord.

> *“Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood*, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:14-15*

*Flood – Hebrew 5104 – river, stream, canal; the River, which can refer to the Euphrates, Tigris, or Nile.

Groanings Of Spiritual Leader's
Sandy Warner

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GROANINGS OF SPIRITUAL LEADER'S
I have placed you under the care of spiritual leaders. Loved ones, those who walk with Me as spiritual leaders carry you. Like parents, they adopt you and are given direct assignment by Me of being watchmen over your souls. They watch in the night seasons and stay awake for you. I put them in places of intercession where depending upon your choices, they enter into great straits, with sighing, groaning and inaudible intercession. These are narrow places where they even experience grief over the condition of your choices.

Release them from the bonds of your spiritual kicking and grant their leadership in your lives. Listen to them. Give heed. Be persuaded, trust and believe in their calling. Yield to their wisdom and walk with them as friends. As you surrender to My Words through them, you become Our friend.

Heb 13:17 AMP
Obey your spiritual leaders and submit to them [continually recognizing their authority over you], for they are constantly keeping watch over your souls and guarding your spiritual welfare, as men who will have to render an account [of their trust]. [Do your part to] let them do this with gladness and not with sighing and groaning, for that would not be profitable to you [either].

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Deeper Waters
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DEEPER WATERS
My desperate child, I so yearn over you.
I AM always with you whatever you do.
Never, never, never alone. I AM here.
Always, always, always with you, do not fear.

I long to bring you into My secret place
I long to hold you in My tender embrace.
I AM calling you to relax and swim with Me
In waters so deep, holy and free.

Thank you for giving Me your most precious time.
Thank you for setting aside the making of the dime.
I will take care of your business as you take care of Mine.
It's My promise, My way is provided so let us dine.

Listen to the little nuggets of My Word.
Soak them in and let the seeds break forth assured.
I AM faithful to watch over what I have planted in you.
These seeds, they carry your destiny and all that is true.

So all that matters for now is that you relax
As you present to Me that which is taxed.
And let us move into deeper waters, My waters of life.
As you have laid down the struggles and places of strife.

Let My water hold you up and relax in the waves.
Knowing that I AM sustaining you as you are brave
To allow Me first place in all that you do.
I will settle the accounts and make them prosperous too.

Ps 42:7-8 NKJV
Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me — A prayer to the God of my life.

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Delegating Brings Promotion
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DELEGATING BRINGS PROMOTION
You are not able to handle any more load until you let go and delegate some of what you carry. You are destined for promotion, but you need separation from it in order to go there. It may take 3 people to do what you were doing as one, but this is a blessing. I have many workers prepared and waiting on the sidelines, sitting on shelves waiting for their place, their niche to serve. They are not able to move in, until you move on and let go. You are needed to help facilitate them, guide them and grant them the wisdom of your experience, but they will not receive their promotion until you delegate to them their destiny. It is the same for you. You will not come into yours until you delegate what you can no longer carry. This is My way, it is a good gift to all.

1 Chron 28:20-21 NKJV
And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God — my God — will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. 21 Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people

will be completely at your command."

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Groaning Over The One
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GROANING OVER THE ONE
Dear one, I understand the depths of having many children which are a great joy, and yet there is the lingering pain of agony in groaning over the one who is not. How I groan and labor along with you as you carry the one who runs from My truth. Hold on, dearest, hold on. Do not let go. I need you. I send angels forth to do your bidding. I also hear the deepest biddings that have no words, the ones that wrestle over the agony of separation from the one who runs away. Hold on, My love, I understand. I will stop at nothing until the hills are searched and every last stone is overturned.

Matt 18:12-14 NLT
"If a shepherd has one hundred sheep, and one wanders away and is lost, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others and go out into the hills to search for the lost one? And if he finds it, he will surely rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.

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Those That Love The Truth
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THOSE THAT LOVE THE TRUTH
When I ask you to be transparent before Me and before My people, I have shined My light through your life and My truth is made manifest. My light shines through, it can not hide. That which is true does not conceal, it reveals. Only darkness hides and it must flee as My light makes the truth known and clearly manifest. I came into the world to bring truth. All who love the truth recognize what I say is true. When I speak My truth through you, all who love truth shall know what you say is true. You will not be presenting your own ideas, you will be presenting what you have heard from My Spirit of Truth.

In contrast, I hide the truth from those who are wise in their own eyes. Only to those with childlike faith will I reveal the truth. And those who know the truth shall be set free. John 18:3 NLT Pilate replied, "You are a king then?" "You say that I am a king, and you are right," Jesus said. "I was born for that purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true."

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1 Cor 2:13-16 AMP
And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].

But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated.

But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him].

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [Isa 40:13.]

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Gospel Of The Kingdom

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> *Isaiah 52:7-10*
> *7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*
> *8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.*
> *9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*
> *10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.*

In a recent article by Ephraim Frank, he has this to say.

> Almost a decade had gone by, when in an early morning time of reading scriptures, (in the year 1994 to be precise), I became intrigued, like never before, by Acts 28. Paul was under house arrest in Rome for the *"hope of Israel"*. He had called together the Jewish leaders and explained to them why he was there. These leaders had heard about this sect of Judaism that was *"spoken against everywhere".*
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> After listening to Paul, they set a day to have him clarify what this sect was all about. When the day arrived, Paul "*solemnly testified of the kingdom of God* [Elohim]*, persuading them concerning Jesus* [Yeshua] *from both the Law* [Torah] *of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening"* (Acts 28:23). Upon reading this something leaped inside of me with a big, "*WHAT*? Paul was teaching the Kingdom of Elohim from the Torah and the Prophets?"
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> I had never once, in all my years, heard the Gospel of the Kingdom being presented from the Torah and the Prophets! "Where in the Torah is God/Elohim's Kingdom?" I prayed. I turned to my Heavenly Father and asked Him to show me. I left for work that morning in a state of absolute bewilderment. How was it possible that after 20 years of being a believer and singing that song, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God," I could still be so totally ignorant of something so important? I had read many times the parables of Jesus/Yeshua about the Kingdom of God/Elohim, but did not really understand what Yeshua and His apostles were actually teaching about the Kingdom from the Torah and the Prophets! Truly I fit the shoes of those who have ears but do not hear and eyes, but do not see!

Notice in the third paragraph quoted from Ephraim Frank where he says: *Truly I fit the shoes of those who have ears but do not hear and eyes, but do not see!*
This seems to be a case of spiritual blindness. There is a case of spiritual blindness that is parallel to this found in Luke, the famous Emmaus Road passage.

> *Luke 24:13-32*

> *13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs.*
> *14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened.*
> *15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them.*
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> *25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*
> *26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*
> *27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*
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> *32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?*

Suppose you had to preach "Christ and Him Crucified" from the Old Testament. It says *And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.* Exactly what scriptures could Jesus have discussed and opened to those disciples? For us today, it's fairly easy to know what Jesus might have showed them. The messianic psalms and prophecies are identified for us already, by scholars who have the advantages of faith in the Lord and hindsight into the old testament. Even so Jews today are still blinded to all the messianic passages we so easily identify.

> *1 Corinthians 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a* ***stumblingblock****, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*

When it comes to preaching the 'Gospel of the Kingdom' from the Old Testament, we don't have it all laid out for us in like manner. There is not a set list of Kingdom scriptures already put together for us. We will have to research and discover what verses to use for ourselves.

Part of the problem is once again, spiritual blindness. The church is split into so many factions that we have no consensus of exactly what the Gospel is, and no clear idea of what the Kingdom of God is. Too many pastors and teachers have differing ideas about what exactly is the Gospel of The Kingdom of God. It reminds me of a kingdom related scripture from The Book of Judges.

> *Judges 21:25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*

Surely this is an issue that requires some end time prophetic vision, for in Matthew 24 we see a prophecy as follows.

> *Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

As this must happen before the Lord returns, there must come a change or transformation of some sort to the church to enable this kind of preaching. Else how can we preach the Gospel of the Kingdom, if we are not clear as to what it is? Seeing how the Old Testament treats the subject will prove a tremendous aid to our understanding.

One approach is to focus on the word *Kingdom*, and it's synonyms; the other approach is to focus on the word *Gospel*, and it's synonyms. To preach the one is to preach the other, but using differing terminology. Typically the Bible repeats the same ideas over and over but it uses varying approaches and ways of explaining things. This is also a means of concealing things. Until by earnestly seeking the Lord, the Spirit reveals how seemingly unrelated ideas are connected together with a common meaning. The very phrase *Gospel of the Kingdom* is an example. In many places scripture speaks of the Kingdom of God, while in other places there is talk of preaching the Gospel or the *Good News*. Then as you read Matthew 24:14, as quoted above, you may see that these ideas are linked together. So that to preach the one is to preach the other, but using differing terminology. For this short essay, let’s look at first things first.

First Things First

In the quote above Ephraim says:

> How was it possible that after 20 years of being a believer and singing that song, “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God,” I could still be so totally ignorant of something so important?

In this we can find an important clue. In Matthew 6 we read:

> *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

And then in Matthew 22 we find Jesus saying:

> *Matthew 22:36-40*
> *36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?*
> *37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*
> *38 This is the first and great commandment.*
> *39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*
> *40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.*

The question now is whether Jesus is teaching that two different things are most important or is he saying the same thing in two different ways? We know that God is not the author of confusion, [1 Corinthians 14:33] So here he, Jesus, is telling us the same thing in two different ways. Instead of confusion, we can draw a conclusion here. That is: to seek first the kingdom of God is the same as to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Now take that and add in the First Commandment. That is "I am the Lord thy God, Thou shalt have no other gods before me. This being the **First Commandment** is yet another way of saying the same thing. It lets us draw another conclusion. That is: to seek first the kingdom of God is the same as to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and the same as to have no other gods before him. It’s the same idea said three different ways.

This is all based on Old Testament verses from Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy, all found in the

"Law of Moses" or the Torah.

> *Deuteronomy 6:5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

[Side note: Judaism tends to focus on Deuteronomy 6:4 instead of 6:5 and thereby misses getting first things first.]

> *Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:*

Here are the other verses in question,.

> *Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.*

> *Exodus 20:2-3*
> *2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*
> *3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

So if you are preaching from these scriptures, you are preaching the 'Gospel of the Kingdom' from the Old Testament!

The Good News is that there is a Kingdom Coming!

And beside that, the very idea that the Lord Jesus Christ is our God is Good News in itself!

Got Life?
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Got Life?
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In the context of spearheading a campus church planting movement, I have been thinking a lot about what life is. What makes something living? Specifically what makes a church living? If something is not living, does that make it dead? Don't you have to be alive first in order to be considered dead? Questions like these.

Biblically, God has got a lot to say about life. For example:

John 1:4 In Him was life; and **the life** was the light of men.

John 5:40 And ye will not come to Me, that ye might have **life**

John 6:33 For the bread of God is He which cometh down from heaven, and gives **life** unto the world.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

John 20:31 but these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have **life in His name.**

1 John 5:12 ***He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life***.

Obviously from these passages LIFE is found in Jesus Christ and having relationship with Him. But how do you tell if a believer is alive or a church is alive? I believe biology, the study of life and living things, may give us four key principles determine whether something is actually alive spiritually. Scientists have identified four characteristics that describe all living things. And these characteristics hold true biblically for the spiritually alive follower of Jesus and the Church.

For something to be biologically alive it must meet the following four criteria:
1. It must have a functioning metabolism that utilizes nutrients and processes waste.
2. It must grow.
3. It must reproduce.

4. It must be able to adapt and respond to stimuli.

Let's look at how these apply to the believer and the Church:

METABOLISM

Metabolism is the process whereby an organism breaks down, utilizes and assimilates nutrients needed for health and life and processes and gets rid of waste products. We individually and corporately need to be able to metabolize the Word of God and biblical truth so that it becomes a part of who we are. We also need to filter out the junk we are exposed to and get it out of our lives.

In many places, the metabolism of the Body of Christ is off. We have a hypoactive or slow metabolism that leaves us sluggish and overweight-- stuffed on the things of good information and the latest tantalizing trend but never breaking down truths into applications where God's Word become part and parcel of who we are becoming. There can be a huge chasm between what we intellectually know and what we functionally are. Hearing God's Word biblically ALWAYS was to be accompanied with obedience and application. Or we have a hyperactive drive that never lets us just be still and know HE is God.
A healthy metabolism also gets rid of waste products. We are exposed every day to a lot of toxins and junk. Some of the toxins are internally self-produced from areas of our lives and hearts that are not yet healed and whole or temptations we fall under. Others are ingested from external sources: TV, movies, media, office scuttlebutt, the atmosphere. Most often these toxins gain entrance through our eyes and ears. A healthy metabolism can process a limited amount of such and deal with it so it is gotten rid of. As we walk with Jesus and are being fed with the nutrition of His life-giving Word, our spiritual metabolisms should be able to get rid of the poisons we come in contact with before they actually do lasting damage.

GROWTH

If you had a newborn baby and that baby never grew, you'd be worried right? Yet in how many places is it considered status quo to see a life get born into the Kingdom and remain an infant for 20 years warming a church pew. It is not normal. It is not biblical. And with no growth, there can be no life.

Living things GROW. They develop. They get larger and more complex to a point. Healthy people in the natural grow physically, mentally, emotionally and socially. Churches as the Body of Christ should be no different. Church growth is traditionally spoken of in the growing-larger dimension of numbers. Churches should also be growing in community, in intimacy with the Lord, in understanding of His Word and ways, in strategic outreach, in interaction with the world around them with the goal of bringing the Kingdom. A healthy church develops in complexity as the relational matrix expands. Yet how many church bodies stop growing at pre-K levels or teenage levels or young adult levels of growth and never make into maturity in the Lord corporately.

The church's maturity is not characterized by buildings and programs but by the maturity of the leaders and the people that make UP the church. A church can only mature as far as its people do. A church can only go as far as its members are willing to go. Discipleship is a critical element of church growth. I am not against numerical growth. But along with growth in numbers a continuing maturation and development of the members present must be cultivated. Numbers alone do not equal biblical church growth.

REPRODUCTION

Living things REPRODUCE. The first commission given to man in the garden was to "be fruitful and multiply". The literal translations of those two words from the Hebrew could be "grow and reproduce becoming numerous". And beloved you can only reproduce what you are. Banana trees do not grow apples and multiply into apple orchards.

Healthy churches reproduce and multiply themselves. They plant churches. Believers are discipled to disciple others who will in turn disciple others. Everything is geared toward growth in God and reproducible discipleship that can be continuously multiplied. One of the things most lacking in the Body today is a biblical understanding of mentorship. Mentors that truly know how to reproduce what God has given to them in others and then release them are in short supply. Mentoring has two biblical functions: maturation and multiplication. A fruit when mature has seeds that will multiply into other fruit trees of the same kind. Again I cannot stress this enough.
You reproduce what you are. Leaders, this is a sobering thought for us.

Here is the key. A dysfunctional church that does manage to reproduce itself for the most part will either reproduce dysfunctional offspring or disabled offspring. Now God can intervene and heal and transform. But you reproduce what you are. Why not let Him do the work in you individually and corporately so that what and who you are is a living, healthy representation of what and who He is. Then that which you multiply into others will be functional and whole.

RESPONSE/ADAPTATION

Biologically speaking, living things respond to environmental stimuli and change. They adapt and adjust. Now I am not speaking about compromise. We are NEVER in any way to compromise the truth of the Word, ways or character of God to adapt to our environment. But we may need to adapt our strategies, methods and applications.

Many churches are just plain unresponsive. Needs change, opportunities change, issues change, culture changes and instead of asking the Lord for His response to the changing world all around them, they largely ignore it. God has called us to respond to the issues and needs our day, culture and generation with HIS Word and ways from the place of His grace with the message of His truth.

Controversies can be opportunities. Needs can become open doors to the Gospel of the Kingdom. Issues can become discussion points. Our message is not to change, but our platform of presentation just might. How can God's timeless truth minister and respond to the deepest heart cries of our hour?

ORGANIZATION

May I make a crucial distinction here?

THE CHURCH IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION. THE CHURCH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST.

The Church is an organism…period. That being said, all living organisms HAVE organization. The simplest one cell living creature has incredibly intricate organization. If the organization of the organism is out of place it can have deadly effects. But just because something is organized and even effective in doing tasks does not make it alive. A robotic piece of machinery is amazingly organized and more effective for some tasks than a human being but it doesn't make it living.

So are you building an effective machine and calling it Church or are you actually growing a living organism that is the Body of Christ? I am not against programs or being effective, but just because you have a thriving organization doesn't mean you have an organization that is living.
You often hear believers talking about dead churches. I would have to differ with this terminology in how it is predominantly applied. For something to be dead, it had to die! And for a thing to die, it had to first be alive. Many of what some consider dead churches were never alive to begin with. Never at any one time did they exhibit metabolism, growth, reproduction and response. They are not dead because they were never living.

So can God take non-living items and cause them to come to life? If the valley of dry bones in Ezek.

34 is any example, absolutely so... Ezekiel, at the word of the Lord in a vision, called the bones to come together. They then had organization. And the flesh and sinew came on them. They looked pretty good even at this point. But only after he prophesied to the four winds and called for breath to enter them did they come alive. Biblically, breath, wind and spirit are usually the same exact word.

Without God's Spirit, there is no life spiritually. The good news is that if God could visit the valley of dry bones with His Spirit and breathe life into inanimate non-living, at times good-looking organization, there is hope yet for some corners of the Church.

However, why not just go for God's life from the beginning? Why not dare to take God at His Word and believe Him to do what He says? Why not just do what the Bible says and no more and no less? Have you ever looked to see what components of how we do church are actually IN the Bible? And how many things in the Bible are not actively functioning in our churches?
It is a daring study and you might just find yourself at the crossroads of some changing paradigms. These are questions that have burned in my heart for almost 20 years since I was about 8 or 9. I have cried over them, been frustrated by them, debated their importance and finally the asking of them has led to the understanding of church planting I now have.

I am not saying you necessarily need to abandon all you have ever known or throw out all your existing structure. But it may be a prudent thing to evaluate it in the light of what the Bible says about what church looks like. Are church buildings a biblical mandate? Do you have to have a choir? Where is the hallowing of the three point sermon? How about those service orders-- spoken and unspoken? I am not saying any of these things are wrong. But are they the only way of doing things biblically or are they a product of the models we have been taught from our culture? And if so then, are they the best way of doing church for an unchurched generation that does not know any better than to take God at His Word unless we disciple them otherwise?

I am just asking some questions. I'm not here to give you the answers. But I do desire to provoke you to evaluate everything according to God's Word and be a Berean and go seek out Biblical answers not filtered through the lens of experience but that come from honestly asking Him how He desires His Church to be structured and run. Are you a well tooled machine or a maturing, multiplying, living Body? Do you have an intimate, ongoing, progressing, deepening relationship with Jesus? And when it all comes down to brass tacks: have you GOT LIFE?

Grape Clustered

Vicki Camp

12-21-04
I've been pondering with our Lord, a friend's request concerning the coming year - 2005, and have been sensing since last Friday that The Lord will be planting us the more so into armies, spiritual military divisions of Divine LOVE, groups of relationship = *families* of purpose .... in the coming days, weeks, months. This morning I heard this brief Word of Holy Spirit,

"Lord of Armies...."

" And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the Lord brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies." - Ex. 12:51 (armies = by their hosts, by their divisions, groups.)

Adonai Tzvaot: the Lord of Hosts. For HIS' purposes, and for our benefit -- soldiers of Christ' Cross and Resurrection: Emissaries in rank bearing 'The Good News",, The Gospel of Jesus Christ; Divine Love, of joy and bondage release, healing, the forgiveness of sin extended to mankind, as one by one lost individuals are gathered and drawn of Holy Spirit to join Christ !
Armies of worshiping warriors in The Love of God, our King and Lord Christ Jesus.
Worshiping warriors who know their God intimately and obey His commands through experientially learned obedience to HIS' Voice.
Warriors of quick yet careful obedience simply because of their / our extreme love-sickness and bursting heart desire to please HIM, our beloved Lord and King; The Lord of Armies, our retuning Bridegroom.

All these, HIS' different armies (groups) will have unique emphasis and flavor of God wealth...... intercession, evangelism, wonders, mercy, miracles, prophecy, healing and the more, expressed inwardly amongst The Body of Christ, and outwardly shown and offered to the world, as well.

Not all in the world will recognize the armies of our Lord being formed the more-so in coming days .... but some in the world will take notice, and some will even look twice and be redeemed - joining in with The Lord's Armies, with us....... Glory! For the very heavenly angels rejoice over each one, each individual person discovering and coming into LIFE = Christ Jesus. New birth.

In this coming year The Lord of Armies, our Lord of families in The Family,, will be expressing the more in earth by forming and placing us HIS' people, by the power and might of Holy Spirit……. As I'm writing this out, I hear this further,

> *"Step up, step forward and report !
> Step out of Egypt and into My explicit Ranks which I form the more tightly now ....
> Remember that you are in the world but not *of* this world. I say, volunteer today for your right assignments, beloved,,, for the Day of My full Power comes.*

> *Some of you say, "I do not know yet where I belong, where I am to be". I tell you to ask of Me, The Lord of Armies, and I will see and recognize your heart desire, very personally revealing to you your places with relationship compatriots, grouping you in My Divine order of family love ranks. Ask, and I will make it plain to you and I will place you.*
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> *You who are already placed and working together, know that I see you and I am delighted in you. I want you to grow even tighter in relationship, and take into your groups and clusters the new ones I send you. For you are to enlarge with more might, My Might, as you conjoin with new fresh members as My troops swell. Faithful ones, patient warriors, you have seen some harvest, now expect MORE. ,,, for I tell you in truth, My MORE is now, and is on the way.*
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> *In the coming days, by two and three, by three hundred and by thousands,,,,, My armies and My great Army of Family will move forward with confident steps at the trumpets tone of direction, at the gentle shift of My wind She will turn and go and do and BE,,,, at My desire, at My Voice.*
> *I speak; This will be.*
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> *Today this day, volunteer, step up and get placed of My Hand .... For I desire to cloth you fully for battle in My Glory garments; Divine clothing implanted in your inside and draped upon your outward; Love garments of authority worn as our battles and Battle, of victories and Victory continue,, and present newly...... ahead. No man, nor any principality nor power is able to stop MY LOVE.*
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> *So I say today, In and by ME ,,,,,get assigned, get aligned...... in this present season. I am washing with My word and wrapping up my people into garments of family, even likened to the grape cluster, beloved; Armies of My power and of My muster.*
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> *Report,,,, Report now,, and see that I, your Lord, I AM good -- all goodness resides with us."*

after: I have been seeing of Holy Spirit quick visions, off and on all the rest of this day, today: These huge appearing grape clusters with dew of morning on their sun-sparkling skins. Some are more reddish, some green, and some more purplish in color, many different shades... full clusters shown me as connected firmly to their *Main Vine*. **"I Am the vine…"** – Jesus, Jn. 15:1 & 5
Even so, Lord Jesus in Your Name.

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Grace, Grace, Grace
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May 2, 2005

05/05/05 Jehoash's Choice, Your Choice!

Grace, Grace, Grace. Three weeks ago, when making an appointment, this date came up and immediately I knew the importance of it in the Spirit. Five you may know is the number of grace and grace is unmerited favor. This coming Thursday is a time of FAVOR, A TIME TO ASK, and A TIME TO CRY OUT IN INTERCESSION to the Lord for His mercy in all our circumstances. It is a pivotal intersection in the Spirit. Which way will you choose to go? Will you go to the right, to the left, turn around and run in fear ….or MOVE FORWARD into the destiny and plan of the Lord for your life. Don't remain detached and complacent about it all. Purpose to pray together.

In the times of Elisha, prophet of God, (2 Kings 13:14) we find King Jehoash weeping because of what Elisha was going through at the time. This is the last recorded direction and prophetic outpouring of God, through Elisha as Elisha died and was buried shortly after this incident.

Elisha gave King Jehoash a choice, an opportunity for victory, **but Jehoash only went so far with God**. This is the place where the king is instructed to go and get a bow and some arrows. After Jehoash takes the bow in his hands, Elisha places his own hands **on top of the king's hands** and tells him to open the east window. Elisha says, "Now shoot the arrow." He does. Elisha declares it is an arrow of victory and it is the Lord's victory. Now, he says "take the arrows, and strike the ground." Jehoash strikes the ground three times….**then stops**. The word says the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have struck the ground five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram and completely destroyed it. Now you will only defeat it three times."

Shofar here…What are you leaving undone in the Spirit? What task has the Holy Spirit directed you to finish that you left out in the elements to be whipped away by the enemy. Don't you know that if God has called you to this, he will OPEN every door needed? You may have a NEW, and to you, but not to God, unattainably large assignment that you are being asked to complete. The enemy may have come in…like a flood and attacked you physically, or financially. Your dearest friends may not understand and you search the word of God to find the path through this tactic of the enemy. **I AM HERE TO SHOUT FROM THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN….THAT GOD IS STILL AND ALWAYS ON THE THRONE. WHAT HE HAS PROCLAIMED AND ORDAINED TO BE DONE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED. NOW SEIZE THE DAY. DO NOT BE COMPLACENT. GET ON YOU KNEES, PICK UP THAT PHONE, BLOW THE SHOFAR!! THIS IS THE TIME, YOU ARE THE PEOPLE, A HOLY CHOSEN PRIESTHOOD CALLED FOR THIS MOMENT IN TIME TO CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE. ALL HELL CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST THE PLAN OF OUR GOD. IT IS DONE AND WAS FINISHED ON THE CROSS AT CALVARY! DO NOT BELIEVE THE LIES OF THE ENEMY! RIP THAT DEATH SHROUD OFF YOUR FACE. IT'S SON…KNEE OUTSIDE!!!!**

Now I know many of you receiving this prayer letter are outside the United States, but I believe you will be encouraged by the LORD'S confirmation for us and please as you pray for your situation, if the Lord leads you, pray for us here in the United States in this pivotal time. Yesterday, I read in our bulletin that 05/05/05 is our National day of prayer. I don't know If those who picked this date understood the spiritual significance of this or not OR IF IT IS THE FIRST THURSDAY IN May sort of thing….but the thing is GOD knows! You say does God really care about numbers etc.? Well yes He does. Just read His word and directions for building and creating and orchestrating events length of days and you will see His numbers everywhere!

If you are outside the United States, know first and foremost this is God's time, God's day and this is not about my country, although I pray millions will recognize the significance of this day and pray for wisdom and revelation knowledge and that our leaders will have the mind of Christ and will accomplish those things God has given them the authority to accomplish! **I believe this word about Jehoash is a corporate word and that corporately, in the spirit of Elijah, we place our hands on top of the kings (our president's hands) and ask for victory**. I pray the same will happen in your country for you individually….and for your leaders. **May the righteous judges come forth!**

On a personal note, I have resigned from the Healing Rooms Ministry under the direction of my beloved friends Cal and Michelle Pierce. Last year I was Graphics Department director and resigned in April but was until this January still on the team of intercessors under the direction of Stacia Thompson. Being a part of this international ministry was a God revolution in my life. It was the Lord's school in the fast lane and accomplished quickly what the Lord desired to be changed in me. I always have a family there. In January I heard from the Holy Spirit that I needed to resign completely so I could sit at the Lord's feet and have time to **listen**….and to paint the visions that had began in the fall of 1998. I have also agreed for the second year to be Washington State Prayer coordinator for the Day To Pray For the Peace of Jerusalem under the co-direction of Robert Stearns and Jack Hayford see (http://www.daytopray.com) for more information and to sign yourself or church or synagogue up to pray corporately on October 2nd. Is your country involved? Perhaps you are the one to pick up this torch.

We are also now happily growing with Pastors Barry and Kay Hill (at present praying in D.C.) of the church under the bridge –Christian Life Church. OUR teenage boys are on FIRE!!! Since September, I am also ministering monthly at Pine Lodge prison. This has been so radically wonderful! Again for those who may not have heard…..We have had reconciliation with my son Karn after eleven years! I got a little dog…a wonderful, messy baby that needs love…many spiritual lessons here! I am living in thankfulness and have discovered it again and again like a key lost in the bottom of my purse! Lord willing I will be in Indonesia from July 1-15. When we put first the Lord's agenda all our needs fall into place, even healing for loved ones! He knows each hair on your head and has NOT forgot you….you are engraved upon the palm of His hands! Isaiah 49

So to close this with the subject of favor again…on 05/05/05 , grace, grace,**Grace---Thursday**--- we are having two meetings in our home, day time and night time. **Would you hold a meeting? Call the intercessors to pray in your home or church, release a word to RALLY the warriors on the walls? Blow the shofar** and remember….. "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on mount Zion. For there **the Lord bestows His blessing, even life evermore.** Psalm 133 ……I love you mighty prayer warriors of Yeshua!!!!! Go forth; go forth unto the ripened fields for they are ripe unto harvest!!!!!!!!!!!

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Grasping Victory

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During the Civil War in Rome, Julius Caesar marched on Rome against Pompey who was the ruler at that point of time. In battle Pompey and His forces were close to victory, and Julius Caesar was losing heavily. However Pompey made here his biggest mistake when instead of terminating him he allowed Caesar to retreat with his troops after which the latter reorganized and attacked again. This time Julius Caesar was the victor.

When he retreated, Caesar addressed his troops and said some memorable words: “you have survived today because of a man who did not know how to grasp victory”. What a statement! Caesar knew that his enemy was the victor, and he fully realized that he and his troops were spared that day because of his enemy’s error. He was now ready to regroup.

God is calling His church today to learn the art of grasping victory. The Lord says to the church “For too long you thought that you knew best; it is time to come to me for wisdom and guidance. I have already won the victory but if you keep making the decisions based on your lower point of view you will fail to grasp the victory”. The Lord says it is not enough to win victory you need to grasp it and make it effective in your life. The devil like Julius Caesar has been addressing his troops in like manner telling them “you have survived today because of the church’s failure to grasp their victory”.

Pompey’s case was a case of victory rightly won and then lost on the horse of ill advised strategies. Is it not the case with the church as well? It is not because the Lord has not spoken wisdom to us, rather because we did not hear Him! Instead over the centuries the church has incorporated advice from the world outside! Since when does an army follow advice from their enemy? Where did we read it? In what Bible? What prophet has told us that we need to hear and follow the world’s strategies?

We need to be Moses listening careful and carefully “be sure to follow the pattern that was given to you up on the mountain”, and this means first and foremost that we need to take time to be up on the mountain. It is unfortunate that many people in church today are actually applying strategies that they think are spoken up in the mountain, but the never actually climbed up to hear wisdom straight from God. Is this not plain nonsense? People who just decide by themselves what God must be thinking and then they act on what they figure out.

The Lord never called us to “figure it out”. He has called us to know Him and to hear wisdom from Him. Only then we will be able to stop our enemy from robbing us the victory.

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Getting Real

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Our Lord Jesus has a way of calling us to attention such that we can no longer live in self-deception as individuals or as groups. The sad case of hurricane Katrina has not yet really hit the nation’s soul, for New Orleans is destroyed and will never be rebuilt. One has only to see the devastated Lake Pontchartrain 20-mile bridge and Interstate 10 highway to know that even a category 3 hurricane is too great a force in that region to withstand using economical man-made structures. The self-deception about rebuilding in the Southeast may continue until God’s great Middle America shaking occurs and dwarfs its effect. Even so, it may also take God’s fire on the whole nation to get the attention of the rebel spiritual and political leaders of this nation. (Elijah’s wind, earthquake and fire sequence). Most celebrated leaders are presently showing no signs of calling for national repentance. Only real repentance will stem the tide of ever-increasing judgments that our Lord has been bringing upon His house, which the USA has long claimed to be.

It all hinges around man’s desire to decide good and evil for himself, leaving God out of the equation. Eve, who represents Christ’s bride, was deceived by satan into thinking that the fruit of good and evil was right for her. After all, it looked *good* to her eyes. Adam, who represents Christendom’s rebel leadership, wasn’t deceived, but ate of this tree of death anyway so that he could be with Eve. (Innocent Adam could have been like Christ and sacrificed himself to ransom Eve, but he didn’t.) Ask yourself, why didn’t Adam and Eve eat of the tree of Life when they could? The reason is obvious. The tree of Life is the entrance to God’s heaven, while the tree of death (human knowledge of right and wrong) is the entrance to satan’s hell. They both *chose* submission to satan’s wiles over walking in God’s holiness in heaven. (God’s will is done in heaven.)

When a region increases in wickedness, God’s judgment often begins there. That does not mean that He loves the people of the region less than others, only that they have chosen to live in a place of great wickedness, and He has warned us all against that. (Remember Lot and his wife!) Today in the USA the spiritual and the secular segments fight each other with great energy, consuming resources that ought to be applied to build up spirits. Clever secular men take advantage of the spiritual infants with flash-flash advertising and videos, stirring emotions and catering to greed. The epitome of this wickedness is seen in gambling casinos that ‘entertain’ the emotions while catering to ‘something for nothing’ evil instincts. Even churches use such methods to build empires while keeping their members in spiritual poverty.

Corporate America leads the world in gleefully producing poisonous artificial foods that assure the pharmaceutical and medical industries great riches to compensate for the physical damage done to the gullible. The USA president assures the world that Allah, the demon god of Islam, is holy. Fed-Ed teaches our children to be Me-First in a world controlled by the secular elite, who truly think that they know best for everyone. Religion drones on with little more than a passing glance to note and lament the suffering of those in the judgment regions, never thinking that they might be next. The blind are certainly leading the blind. Self deception are the watchwords of the hour, and many, many people have been willing to settle for the secondary advantages of this good and evil paradigm, as were Adam and Eve.

The pride and deception of Christendom's spiritual leadership is like the wind to the institutionalized. The wind often blows gently, bringing refreshing rain and strengthening the plant root systems, as when needed truth is preached. Sometimes it blows harder, and the plants are bruised and strike against each other without cause, as when emotions are stirred and self-deception is encouraged. Finally, the hurricane arrives that no man can control, when the Holy Spirit begins to take over and cleanse the hearts of the deceived. Leadership panics and tries to keep the wind from touching 'their' sheep, but it is too strong for them, and the sheep scatter.

The sheep haven't been given the real truth that they need to live outside of the fold (they have been institutionalized all of their lives). Chaos ensues as sheep vainly look for shepherds who have their interests at heart. Stronger, more charismatic and cunning shepherds arise to lure the sheep into new folds with promises of prosperity and the security of peace with God and man without the need for uncompromising righteousness. Some of these gold-greedy shepherds even use the name of Christ, but most simply offer help to those being judged by God to recover from or avoid disaster, and ask others to join with them in this humanitarian work. Widely-celebrated ecumenical evangelists direct the gullible to religious institutions. History reveals that most of the innocent new sheep will remain trapped in a state of spiritual infancy for the remainder of their lives. Reading truth in the scriptures only serves to create unrest in their spirits as the Holy Spirit tries to set them free from the institutions. The wolves in sheep's clothing strive desperately to keep their inmates in their cells. Most are still following them, naively heading rapidly toward their own destruction. The few who know and live the truth are despised and cast out.

It's time to get real! Remnant arise!!!

God's Reward

Francis Frangipane

It seems every couple months there is a major disaster or conflict somewhere in the world. With regularity, the images of human suffering explode into our consciousness and we are confronted, not only with our frailty, but also with deeper questions about the nature of God.

Some, to be sure, file every natural disaster under the label, "wrath of God." The perception that the fist of an angry God is purposefully causing untold agony, destroying the righteous together with the wicked, is an acceptable reality to them. In my opinion, such thinking tends to keep people somewhat aloof from the calamities themselves. Such analyses, however, are not easily assimilated by those whose hands have lifted the decaying bodies of the dead and whose ears still ring with the wail of the stricken.

Consider the repetition of suffering in our world just since the end of December, 2004. First we were deluged with images of the great Asian tsunami. Roaring into unsuspecting villages, in a few horrifying moments it swept almost 250,000 souls into eternity. Over the following months more earthquakes rocked Sumatra, then Iran and elsewhere, killing additional thousands. We've repeatedly seen the face of starvation in Africa and other third world counties. Then recently, we struggled to comprehend the gut-wenching destruction caused by storms, especially Hurricane Katrina. As the tide of terror ebbs into our memory, we ask: Where was God in these disasters? Did He cause them? Is He angry?

Beyond the Visible

Modern technology has enabled us to become aware of our world's reoccurring natural disasters. It is our awareness of human pain that disturbs us and moves us to pray, give or help. But the fact is our world is constantly harvesting heartache and sorrow, but it is unreported. Yet God sees it. Each year over 57 million people die worldwide from various causes. God sees every death, even those who vanish forever into eternal darkness without Christ. Globally, another 50 million babies are brutally aborted each year, and every muffled cry enters our Father's ears and descends into His heart. He sees the horrors of murder, rape and abuse; He is conscious of the starving, the diseased and the victims of accidents and wars. He is not the author of these particular deaths, but He is conscious of the collective suffering rising from our world.

However, the question is, where is God in all this? In ancient mythology, "gods" were portrayed as supernatural beings seated above humanity, luxuriating in a sensual "heaven." Not only were they indifferent to human suffering, causing pain was something like sport to them. They were capricious, given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.

When I hear people connect terrible storms, earthquakes or disasters with divine wrath, I feel that, as Christians, we should at least be cautious lest we unconsciously draw upon pagan imagery and misread the activity and heart of God. Pagan gods caused calamities; they were without compassion in their unrestrained affliction of mankind. Yet, the Spirit of God is united with us during hardship. His promise is that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Yes, He abides in eternity in a "high and holy place"(Is 57:15c), but He also dwells in the realm of time "with the contrite and lowly of spirit" where He seeks to "revive the spirit of the lowly" (Is 57:15c). The true God "is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist" (Acts 17:27-28). Paul spoke these words to *unsaved* Greeks; God was close even to them. The Spirit of God is consciously involved with every aspect of our lives, even to numbering the hairs on our head. Hebrews tells us that "There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb 4:13). Jesus said that the Father not only "sees in secret" (Matt 6:4,6,18), but even a sparrow will not "fall to the ground apart from [our] Father" (Matt 10:29).

If we are seeking to know the relationship of God to human suffering on planet earth, we need to accept this primary truth: *God is not separated from human sorrows.* The idea that the Almighty is removed from mankind's sufferings, I believe, is a deception rooted in paganism.

But let us probe deeper into God's nature. The Lord is not only conscious of mankind's suffering, a dimension of His heart is also wounded with our wounds and pained by our sorrows. Consider, even while Israel was suffering the consequences of its sin, God was united with them. Scripture reveals that a time came when the Lord "could bear the misery of Israel no longer" (Judg 10:16). What an insight into the God's heart! He was not sitting in heaven watching from a distance, measuring how much suffering His people could endure - *He was with them, actually experiencing their accumulative misery!*

Why should this idea of God suffering be strange to us? Throughout the Bible we read that one aspect of the divine nature is that He is "longsuffering" (Ex 34:6, Ps 86:15 KJV). His wisdom may be all knowing and His power fully capable, but His heart feels our pain. *God suffers.* He does not, like pagan gods, "harden His heart" to human pain.

When Israel had been enslaved by Egypt, the Lord told Moses, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people . . . and have heard their cry." He said, "I know their sorrows" (Ex 3:7 KJV). God *saw*, He *heard*, He *knew* their sorrows, and thus was moved with compassion to help. When I see, hear and know personally of human suffering, I am troubled deeply; I desire to help. This is exactly the heart of God! Our desires to help relieve suffering are not merely human traits, but a replication of the likeness of God Himself (see Gen 1:26).

When wickedness fully corrupts a culture, yes, it forces the Lord to execute judgement. However, it is a task of last resort. He feels "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezek 33:11). Even then, the idea of God *causing* pain must be balanced with the reality that He *feels* the pain He causes.

Those Whom He Loves

This is not a message about divine wrath, but about the vulnerability of God's heart.

I am not saying the Lord does not correct us. I have known the discipline and correction of the Lord, even when it seemed severe. I agree with the Psalmist who wrote, "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes" (Ps 119:71). Those whom God loves, He reproves and disciplines. Yet, it is not an angry God who corrects me, but a loving heavenly Father who disciplines me for my own good. Indeed, this is the great revelation that the Messiah brought to mankind: the Almighty God is not distant. He is our Father.

Several years ago, I had suffered through a particularly difficult time. I sought the Lord about the pain that I endured. He answered simply, "I have been as gentle with you as possible." Suddenly, I saw that it was the devil who caused most of the pain; people and my own poor reactions caused the rest. Yes, the Lord was involved redeeming a bad situation, turning it toward good, helping, restoring me and teaching me discernment and wisdom through it all.

God is our Father. It causes me pain to discipline my children. I do not enjoy it. As a child, before my dad would spank me, he would always say, "This is going to hurt me more than it does you." Is this not the way of God with us? Is He not our Father?

What God Himself Seeks

Yet, why does the Lord tolerate the grief and suffering that abounds on planet earth? Jesus explained it this way. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matt 13:45-46).

God is looking for something valuable, something costly. Yes, the Father found one pearl of great price in His Son, but there is something else the Father seeks, and that is the replication of His Son in us. Romans 8:29 reveals His glorious purpose: He has "predestined [us] to become conformed to the image of His Son."

The pearl of great price, Christ, is not only the payment for our sins, He is the pattern for our lives. Even as the life of Christ flooded the Father's heart with pleasure, so our conformity to Christ justifies the sorrows and suffering of our times. God is using the pain of these days to conform us to His Son. In spite of the sorrows and sufferings of this present age, something precious is being born. Jesus called these difficult events "birth pangs," divine contractions forcing us into conformity to the Pearl of Great Price.

As I write, Hurricane Rita is bearing down on the American Gulf states. As my editor reviewed this message, she informed that *Rita* actually means "pearl." Beloved, God is with us in our heartache, let us be with Him in the transformation of our lives. Let us give to God His own reward for creating man.

If We Do Not Lose Heart
Francis Frangipane

"He will speak out against the Most High and wear down the saints of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time." Daniel 7:25

The prophet Daniel warns of a time when Satan, through the Antichrist, will seek to wear down the strength of God's saints. How this occurs in the final hours of the age remains to be seen, but on one level this battle already is going on today: Satan seeks to wear us out through delays ("alterations in times") and in compromise of God's Word ("alterations in law").

The final effect of what seems like never-ending delays is that believers are worn out. Do you know anyone who is weary with his or her battle? Are you yourself weary? I know many who seem trapped in situations that should have been remedied months and even years ago but the battle continues against them. Situations and people, often empowered by demonic resistance, stand in opposition to the forward progress of God's people. As a result of satanic spiritual resistance, many Christians incrementally accept this resistance until a quiet, but weighty, oppression rests on their souls.

This battle to wear out the saints may be rooted in conflicts with children or spouses; perhaps it is some unresolved issue or division within their churches. It may be a work conflict or health battle, yet on and on it goes. Like a skilled and masterful thief, the enemy daily steals the joy, strength and passion of Christians, and many do not even realize what they have lost or how much.

The scale is actually larger than our personal struggles. Consider the various conflicts in the world. Some have continued for generations. We can understand why, even in the midst of great worship and praise by the redeemed, there is a place under the altar in heaven where the saints continue to ask, "How long, O Lord?" (Revelation 6:10). Fifty-eight times in the Bible, from beginning to end, the phrase *how long* is echoed by those who grew weary with waiting.

Sometimes the delays are God-ordained to perfect faith; as we seek Him He helps us grow. On the other hand, there is a vicious attack against us to oppose and delay the fulfillment of God's plans for us until we grow weary and quit. Satan is the dragon whose goal is to "drag-on" the battle with draining, wearying delays. He persists until we wear out, give up and quit praying.

Additionally, as situations stretch beyond reasonably expected conclusions, weariness of soul can also exacerbate the original situation, leading to fleshly reactions or just overreactions, which also need resolution. We lose patience, eventually seeking relief rather than victory. This compromises the standards of God and conscience.

Perseverance

There is a reason the book of Revelation mentions the word *perseverance* seven times. Over and over again we see those who persevered and overcame. It is one thing to have vision, another to have godly motives, but neither will carry us to our objectives by itself. We must also persevere.

The root of the word *persevere* is the word *severe*. We must face the fact that en route to victory our trials may get severe. Likewise, it is with severe faith - severe or extreme steadfastness - that we inherit the promises of God (see Hebrews 10:36). James tells us: "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

Endurance. Perseverance. Steadfastness. These are the qualities that breed character, that transform the doctrine of Christlikeness into a way of life. "Let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect." The key to perfection, to a life "lacking in nothing" is perseverance.

Weariness of the Mind

Have you grown weary? You are not alone. Part of the weariness we feel comes from faulty thinking. If we had known the battle was going to take as long as it has, we would have prepared for it more realistically. Every building plan will probably take twice as long as we assume; every virtue will take a year, not a weekend, to be truly worked in us. It may take a generation for some of our loved ones to be saved. If things happen sooner, we can rejoice. But we must guard ourselves lest we prepare only for the easiest of breakthroughs; some things will not manifest without time and tears.

You may think that it sounds like unbelief to expect difficulties. I don't think so. I think it is wisdom. Wisdom is not the enemy of faith. I have found that if I don't trust God and relax, I become anxious, fretful and distracted. I have also found that the Holy Spirit will not descend and rest in power upon a man who is fearful and controlled by his external circumstances. Jesus' spirit stayed in abiding peace, yet still He accommodated delays as part of life's package. He was often delayed by the huge crowds or urgent needs of the people around Him. People died waiting for Jesus to show up. Did He become anxious? No, He stayed focused on the Father and without losing His trust in God, simply raised the dead.

At some point we must come to the conclusion that God knows when we are growing weary in battle - be it praying for the salvation of a loved one or one more frustrating delay in reaching our vision. We must trust that He knows our battle and that He has a miracle conclusion waiting us. I know a dear pastor who labored long and hard with a new building project, but it was constantly being delayed. It was first scheduled for completion in September, then rescheduled for December, then January and then February. Finally, with weariness in his voice, he called and asked if I could join him for their dedication. It was set for the first week of March.

"When exactly do you need me?" I asked.

He answered, "March fourth."

Suddenly the Holy Spirit illuminated my heart. I told him that God had chosen this date prophetically. The Lord wanted that church, as an army, to "march forth" into their destiny. In a flash, the weariness weighing upon him was gone; joy and a sense of destiny swept his soul. The delay wore him out, but the delay in the hands of God became inspirational.

Dear ones, let us persevere. We just do not know what the victory will look like when we finally break through. Consider Joseph. Betrayed, enslaved, slandered and forgotten, he had to endure to reach his destiny. But the time finally arrived, and never in his wildest dreams could he have imagined that the outcome would be so wonderful.

What we *become* is more important to God than what we *do* for Him. Our struggle, though we may have been delayed time and again, deepens our character. Maintaining our standards when pressed, finding grace when stretched, makes us true men and women of God. The Almighty One is in control. He knows how to take what was meant for evil and transform it into something good, even using the devil's own devices to bring him down. God has something marvelous in store for us otherwise the enemy would not be fighting so intensely. Indeed, Scripture tells us that Satan rages worst when he knows his time is short (see Revelation 12:12).

Character Before Breakthrough

We mentioned Daniel earlier as a prophet who warned about Satan's ploy to wear down the saints. God gave him a vision of the end of the age. Here is what he wrote: "I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them" (Daniel 7:21). This is the nature of the battle. There are times we feel war storming against our souls, overpowering us. But the prophet said the sense of overpowering continued only "until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom" (Daniel 7:22).

There is a principle here that, once understood, will lead to victory in our battles. There will be a time, inevitably, when we feel overpowered. Yet if we endure, if we climb higher into God, if we refuse to lose our trust in God, a time will come when the Ancient of Days enters our circumstances. Looking at our newly developed character, which has grown strong through perseverance, He will pass judgment in favor of our cause. God looks at our character, forged in the fire of overpowering delays and battle, and says, "Good, this is what I was waiting for."

Whatever your battle, whether you are praying for your country or standing for your children, whether your cry is for the lost or for the end of some local or personal conflict, remember the words of Paul: "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary" (Galatians 6:9).

Master, I ask that You work in me the character that perseveres until the end. Forgive me for being such a wimp. Help me to grow up, to stand up until the harvest I have sown spiritually bears fruit. Thank You for not giving up on me! In Jesus' name, Amen.

God, Save America

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[An intercessory prayer sung to the melody of “God Bless America”]

God, save America
Land that You bore
She’s rebellious
Unrepentant
Let her live
Through the prayers
Of Your saints

Unto her, God
Show Your mercy
Because of Your
Holy love

God, save America
She’s almost dead
God, heal America
And let her live

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On October 29, 2001, I woke up at 3:30 AM and remained wide awake. The melody of “God Bless America” began, and then kept repeating on and on in my mind. Not able to return to sleep, I threw off
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the bed covers and went directly to the computer, discerning that Holy Spirit was prompting me to write the thoughts I was beginning to receive to the ongoing melody. It took me 20-25 minutes to get all the thoughts/words blended together to harmonize with the melody. When I was through, I was completely overwhelmed. I sent it to Bill Somers, host of this Web site, END TIME PROPHETIC VISION, as also prompted by Holy Spirit. Bill posted it.

For the past few days, I've been strongly prompted *again* by Holy Spirit to post this file. The spiritual climate continues to worsen in America. The ***praying*** Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth in America is on the high alert, discerning God's imminent and ***woeful judgment*** upon this nation. The Rapture is so imminent, and the fact becomes quite obvious that while the ***praying*** Church is still here She is to continue to pray for America. Those *backslidden* and *disobedient* Saints who will be left behind will go into deep shock, followed by deep remorse about *their* own fearful status of having to deal with the Antichrist that they will not be focused on praying for this nation. Even then, it will probably be too late. I urge Lord Jesus' Church to be in prayer not only for this nation, but also for the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth worldwide.

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God's Surprise Army

Kathie Walters

God's Surprise Army -Warning Strong Word

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As I was drifting off to sleep a few night ago the Lord spoke to me - "My Surprise Army."

Well I know about God's surprise army-so I didn't think any more about it. Then again last night as I was drifting to sleep, the Lord spoke to me again "My Surprise Army," so I want to tell you about God's "Surprise Army."

God's surprise army isn't very well known as far as personalities are concerned. It isn't on TV every week or anything like that, but let me tell you- it's powerful, it has the element of surprise. I've never been in the US Army but I would think that the element of surprise would be a great asset in a battle.

This army most people wouldn't even notice, you know why? Because they are small-well smaller than most of the army being trained and equipped..

THE FOOLISH THINGY'S

God has chosen the things that are not, to bring to nothing the things that are... and the foolish things to bring to nothing the things that are wise..." ."Why? - so that "no flesh will glory in His Presence" (I Cor 1:27-29).

That's why He loves to use the "are nots" and "foolish things." Then it's obvious that it's Him and not us.

In Liverpool, England (where the Beatles come from) if they can't remember your name they call you "thingy." People will call across the street to you, "Hey thingy..." If you are willing to be a foolish thingy, you can qualify, and God can use you.

He's not looking for your brains or your great ability - He's looking for some vessels, big or small, fat or thin, black or white, willing to yield to the anointing.

A KID PROPHECY

David had been ministering in a church one week-end. We had some sessions with the parents. Did you know you have to train parents how to equip their kids in the Spirit? Most churches haven't done that.

The children had been praying for the sick, prophesying, giving words of knowledge etc. I heard a little guy of about 6 prophesy to a large, tall man. Laying his hand on the man's tummy, because that's all he could reach, he said, "God's going to give you a lot of money, yes a lot of money. Then you can help people, you can give them some."

A couple of people standing near smiled. You could see their thoughts on their faces, "How sweet, what a cute little boy.."

After the little boy finished and went elsewhere to pray for someone else, the pastor drew me aside. "You know that word the little boy had for that man about money? Well a couple of weeks ago there was a well known prophet here and he called that man out and prophesied over him. The prophet said " God is going to pour out financial blessings into your life, because your heart is for the needy. He is going to greatly prosper you." Then he prayed for a spirit of wisdom for the man.

The little boy had said the same thing, he had given the same word, but it was not in religious words and it came out in a different way. He spoke his word in kid language.

TODDLER RAISED UP

Some years ago we were at a church in Oklahoma City. David had been teaching the kids how to move in the power of God. There had been a lot of miracles.

The day we were leaving, one the elders backed his car out of the garage and run over their little toddler.

The baby went blue and stopped breathing.

The man's wife became frantic and rushed to call the emergency. Their other children, (who had been in the meetings said, "Don't worry, Jesus will heal her" and immediately ran and laid hands on the child and prayed for her.

Immediately the toddler sat up and started breathing and the color came back into her face. She was perfectly fine.

WE WONT TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS!

One time some of the children in a church we were part of in Florida asked me to drop them at the church for the Wednesday evening service. They individually told me that God wanted them to be there. I had made other arrangements for that evening myself, but I agreed to drop them off and pick them up at 9 pm.

When I did pick them up they all came out of the church limping! I knew there was nothing wrong with them in the natural, so I got them all in my van (7 of them including my own two girls, between ages 7-10) and took them to my friend's house.

We sat them all down and said "Right, we are going to ask God what is going on and what He is saying? And why you are all limping."

We waited on the Lord for a little while then one by one they sat up and spoke. "God said, these people (in the church) asked Me to come, but now they don't want me," the first one said.

"God said, the people asked Me to send my Holy Spirit, but when He started to move they didn't like it, so He is going to leave," second child said.

"This church is going to close." Another said.

" In two weeks," said the next one.

Then another child said, "And the pastor is going to leave his wife."

Finally they said, "Can we go outside and play now?"

My friend looked at me and said, " I don't think we should tell people about this." " No" I agreed. Guess what? In three weeks the church had closed, and it was a good sized church. The Pastor took off and left this wife and family.

Children don't use the same terminology as us big people, but I like what my husband, David Walters, says "Children do not have a Junior Holy Spirit, they have the same sized Holy Spirit as anyone else." God has used children in ways that would blow the religious mind sets right out of the water.

PARENTS, PASTORS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Parents, pastors, teacher, let me ask you what are you doing with God's surprise army? Are you equipping them in the power of God, and teaching them how to live in the anointing? Or are you sending them to a back room with coloring books and cute videos?

Little Bible stories aren't going to cut it. If your kids and youth aren't having real adventures with God and aren't experiencing God's presence and supernatural ways, then sooner or later they will look elsewhere for adventure and excitement.

PRAYING FOR THE SOLDIERS - BY THE SPIRIT

During the Gulf war I lived near Charlottesville, Virginia. One evening our secretary, Cathy came to my home with her two children. Chris and Haley. Cathy and I intended to pray and the children were planning on watching a movie. All the children, mine and Cathys, suddenly said "Before we watch a movie, we need to pray for the soldiers in the desert." "OK" we agreed.

We sat around the coffee table, my kids, Faith (13) and Lisa (10), were sitting on the floor. There were a few general prayers said. "Lord, please help the soldiers." Faith began to draw on some paper which was laying on the coffee table.

As the prayers proceeded, I noticed that Faith was still drawing. "Faith, what are you doing? We are supposed to be praying." I was irritated - after all it was the kids who had asked to pray in the first place.

" She's alright, leave her" Cathy said to me. We continued to pray and lift up the soldiers in the desert. Faith was still drawing - I got more irritated. "Faith, please we are supposed to be praying." Again Cathy spoke up, "Leave her she's OK." Then I was a little annoyed with Cathy. "I've nearly finished." Faith said.

After a minute or two, Faith pushed the drawing in front of us . "Here," she said.

MORE AMMUNITION

At that moment a prayer group from Gainesville, Florida, called on the telephone. " God told us to call, and there is someone there who has something from the Lord that we should agree with you in prayer for."

Faith waved her paper. I put the speaker phone on so that we could all hear the callers and they could hear us. As we all looked at Faith's drawing, she described it to those on the other end of the phone line. She had drawn an underground building with various rooms. "This is all under the ground, hidden," she said.

Now this was before they TV news had mentioned anything about underground bunkers. She described several rooms in this bunker and had drawn what was in each room. In one room she had drawn a missile. "Now see this missile, they can't fire it properly - it doesn't hit the targets." She began to pray that indeed it wouldn't. (they find out that missile always went slight off course and never did hit the target properly)

WHAT FAITH SAW IN THE SPIRIT

After describing the underground bunker, she suddenly said. "Wait, I can see something else, it's like a movie. The Florida group was still on the phone, listening. " I see an American plane - it has been hit and it is coming down in the desert, inside the enemy lines." "I see the pilot, he is coming down in a parachute. There are enemy soldiers near, we must pray for him for a place to hide." The children prayed! After a short while, Faith continued. "Now I see a helicopter looking for him, we must pray for them to find him." The children prayed again. "The helicopter doesn't have much fuel, we should pray they come on and find him." Faith and the other children prayed again, so did Cathy and I, and the group on the phone.

"They found his signal, it's OK now?" Faith looked up. The heavy anointing began to lift. The children went to watch their video, and the Gainesville group hung up! Cathy and I had a cup of tea. We wondered about the whole thing- pretty wild we thought. But still, what did we know!

IT WAS REAL

This pilot's testimony was in Readers Digest, in the June issue 1991. His name is Danny Jones.

A MAN'S LIFE IN THE (SPIRITUAL) HANDS OF A CHILD

Another time when we lived in Orlando, a local Christian builder came to our house to visit. Ron always wore striking Christian T shirts.

Some weeks later I was driving in the car with Faith, then about ten years old. She suddenly put her hand on her heart and said, " I have a pain - it's something to do with the man with the T Shirts." She remembered the radical T shirts that Ron wore.

Faith prayed in the Spirit and then the pain she felt, lifted.

A couple of days later, while eating breakfast in the house, the same thing happened. Faith began to pray for Ron again.

The following Saturday while walking across the parking lot at the mall, Faith suddenly stopped and put her hand on her heart. "It's that man again, the one with the T shirts." She prayed in the spirit. "The pain has gone now" she said.

When we got home I decided to call Ron and find out what was going on. Ron answered the phone and so I asked him how he was doing.

I didn't tell him about Faith praying for him.

"Well I had a rough week" he said. "I had built three big houses and took out bridge loans on them - and I have been making those payments because they hadn't sold." He continued, "Last year I had a heart attack and the Doctor told me not to get under any stress, but these houses put a lot of stress on me - and I kept getting pains in my chest, I was scared, but thank God, it seemed to lift today."

"I know the houses will sell quickly."

He received a gift of faith from the Lord - and within the next 10 days all three houses sold.

God used a little girl to save a man's life. I am not saying that God wouldn't have used someone else if Faith hadn't responded. But, He did give her the opportunity to be used in a powerful way. I mean , would you put your life in the hands of a ten year old? I doubt it - because you just see a little girl - but God saw His anointing in that ten year old.

PLEASE, PLEASE WAKE UP

Time to wake up church - we must see what God sees-or we will be wondering why we are not getting all the victories we should. If some of the army is still waiting in the billets instead of being trained, equipped and used, what do you think will happen? We will not see some of the victories God wants.

What do you think would happen if all the adults came to church on Sunday and the pastor gave them all a sketching pad and a little story? They wouldn't get very strong in the power of the Spirit would they? They would hardly become mighty warriors for God. Well why do we do it to the children then?

I promise you the kids and youth are not going to be anointed and full of faith without the anointing and power of God.

I believe God is going to ask us Pastors, parents, teachers, "Did you equip these young saints to fulfill their destiny? Did you empower then in the anointing and show them how to live in My Presence and experience the supernatural life of God?"

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Good Seed, Good Crops

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I am sure by now, even some of you non-sports fans have heard about the steroid use and exposure surrounding professional baseball. I don't know if you have noticed, but it seems like as a whole, all the big power hitters have dropped about 20 pounds of muscle this season. Most of those beefy guys are not putting up the homerun numbers that they used to this year. It is sad that it takes exposure and fear of loss to finally have these guys forced into doing the right thing. The fact remains though, that some of them have cast seeds that are, or will be producing a not so productive crop. Even if they have stopped using the steroids, most will see the fruit of their disobedience in the form of heavy fines and suspensions, negative health trends, embarrassment and loss of commercial revenue and letting their teams, fans and families down. The seed was cast and the crops of that seed must be dealt with.

So it is with us who are called by the name above all names, Jesus Christ. Do we not realize that the Lord is always watching us and our deeds whether good or bad, eternally will not go unnoticed. We are always making decisions that can bring life and godly produce or death and some ugly shrubbery growing around us. The Lord will not remove the ugly crops we have produced simply because He wants us to learn to quit casting those seeds of death into the fields of our lives and the lives of others. By the grace of God, He will get us through those times teaching us the obedience we need to not make those mistakes again. We need to begin to Live in His design and plans for us. Only in Him can we plant the seeds which bring forth His life.

Where Do We Start?

John 5:17 "But He answered them, "My Father is working until now and I Myself am working.

First off, we need to understand that we have a heavenly Father that is always at work. Jesus patterned for us a loving son who desired to partner and work with His Father. We are to be fellow laborers in the harvest field for our God

John 5:30 "I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent me.

And so shall it be for us, that we seek the will of our Father and seek His initiatives and not our own. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." What voices are we listening to?

Galatians 6:5-7 "For each one shall bear his own load. And let the one who is taught the Word share all good things with him who teaches. DO NOT BE DECEIVED, GOD IS NOT MOCKED; FOR WHATEVER A MAN SOWS, THIS HE WILL ALSO REAP."

What are you sowing today? What crops have you grown, or are growing around you, through the seeds of life or death you have sown? Seed produces after it's own kind.

Planning and Planting with God

The Lord desires that we steward all that he gives us to do. We need to hear from Him His plans and desires for our life. He will work with us to reveal to us the relationships he desires for us to engage in. He will share with us what projects character qualities and projects He wants to produce in us and through us into the lives of others. Without developing our ability to hear His voice and live in truth, we will live without planning and planting the crops which produce the life Father longs to see grow up in all of us.

Partners with God

We are partners with God and He works with us, not for us. We must realize that our lives are not up to our own devises. Life is about truth and consequences. There are blessings of living in His truth, and also there is a heavy price to pay when we do not live by that truth. The law of action and consequences is one of God's most fundamental laws. Our thoughts and ideas have consequences because they lead to attitudes and actions. Those actions can produce life and they can also produce death.

Blame Game

Many of us have gone through some form of the religious repetitions of blaming and rebuking the devil for every thing that goes wrong in our life. I can see the devil now talking to God and saying, "You know I was nowhere near that guy's decision." We need to take responsibility for our lives. Yes we will be tempted, yes there is an adversary, but he does not have access to the Power living inside of us. Then how come we have so many problems? Well first of all, we are in a fallen world with fallen people and hurt people, hurt people. More than likely we also have made a bundle of bad decisions, including not spending enough time with our Lord or His Word. Life happens, so let's look at ourselves first before we play the blame game.

I am not talking about taking responsibility for our thoughts, actions and reactions to what we engage with. We know persecution and many other offenses will come our way because of our obedience to Him, but I am talking about all the ugly crops that are growing around us because of our past decisions, actions and sinfulness. Many times we are repeat offenders of the same decisions and actions that produce a consistent result of spiritual decline. Neurosis is the sickness we have spiritually when we do the same thing over and over again and expect a different result. GOD IS NOT MOCKED, WHATEVER YOU SOW, SO SHALL YOU ALSO REAP.

Brands Or Levels Of Christianity?

I know a man who once asked me to consult him on a few issues in his life. This man had not walked with God most of his adult years and paid a big price for it with losing his wife and nearly losing his children as well. I was encouraged to see him begin to turn towards the things of God. He told me that he had blown it doing it his way and now it was time to do it God's way and I said a big Amen to that. I have faith that this man will eventually live to what he professes, but in the mean time, he is still selecting his way before God's way which will continue to add pain to his journey. He is convinced that my standards are a few notches above his and that he is fine living at his own brand, (or level) of Christianity.

This is the problem of course, because there is only one brand of Christianity and that is to die to self and live unto Him, the Lover of our soul. To live is Christ and to die is gain and that goes both ways. We all know that when we die physically we will be with Him. An even more important thing for those that want to impact others for Christ and His kingdom, is to die to our self and our selfish ways.

Dying Is A Good Thing
John 12:24-25
24I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

How can we deny this truth? What is Jesus saying here? He is saying to not love or be attached to the things of this world, including self and self pleasure, but love and attach ourselves to the things of God's kingdom and obedience to Christ. We are ambassadors, and kings and priests in the kingdom of our God. May we always be conscious of the fact that our life truly is not our own and it was bought with a great price for a great purpose. So let's sow seeds that produce life bearing crops and put away childish things and sins that sow seeds of death and poisonous fruit.

Lord, please remind us to sow every breath, decision and action to you. May we be among those that are called by you as good and faithful servants of your kingdom which is now and is to come. We love you and need you every moment of every day. May we hold every thought captive to your will and your way. We give our lives to you this day and every day and ask you to have your way with us. May we all take on the attitude of Esther and many of your servants before us, "If I perish, I perish. We will serve the Lord God Almighty until our work here in this world ends, in Jesus name, Amen.

Gladly The Cross I Bear

Becky McLendon

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me MATTHEW 16:24

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. MATTHEW 22:36-40

We all know the shape of the cross. It is a vertical piece of wood for the body with a horizontal piece attached to it for the arms.

I see something here! The first and great commandment of Jesus is: *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

This is our VERTICAL love for God. Our BODY, which contains the inner man, and our MIND which is our head, is to be offered, a LIVING sacrifice to God, holy and acceptable. We love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind, from earth (where the BASE of the cross is seated) to HEAVEN where the LORD is seated. The FEET are nailed to this VERTICAL part of the cross, because they are KEPT in the LOVE OF GOD, not to run to evil. How BEAUTIFUL are the feet of him that brings good news. So we RUN not ahead of God but are restrained by Him until we are SENT.

The HORIZONTAL love is our love for neighbor (show mercy and do justly in the earth). This is the OUTSTRETCHED ARMS, loving men in the love of the LORD. He said with weeping, "*O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that stonest the prophets, how I would have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. BUT YE WOULD NOT."* Those are the outstretched arms with which we love men.

Then see what Jesus said. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets! He HUNG on the cross, the vertical being the absolute love for the LORD and the horizontal being the absolute love for His neighbor as Himself. Jesus IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS and he HUNG on the cross. And as we bear our cross in the blessedness of His choosing, the law and the prophets hang with us. We are KEPT by them, because THEY are Christ. So we can say we KEEP the law and the prophets if we bear our cross for we are in the Christ Who IS the law and the prophets.

There is a difference between taking up the cross and actually BEARING the cross. Many are CALLED to take up their cross and follow, but few actually BEAR it. Most go for the glory. That’s all they want, but they can’t have the GLORY without the cross! In fact we say I GLORY IN THY CROSS, O LORD. Jesus said you are for me or against me. You are close to me or far from me. We say I love you too much to quit. I love you and I cannot come down until it is finished. We have been chosen to be on the cross with him. On our cross Jesus shares everything: the glory the spit, the hate. Jesus is saying come on up, I will share with you. He is sharing his place with the Father with us and also his place in this world with us. He shares both the vertical and the horizontal of the cross. This cross puts those commandments, all the law and the prophets, in us and they are kept. There are three nails that insure that they are kept. We love from our cross too much to COME DOWN. We remain there until we hear IT IS FINISHED. We may be dung, and the off scouring of all things. But his word is kept. Persecution and hate, is a part of insanity. Insanity first, then hate, persecution. Let the heathen or insanity rage, but a pure language comes from having the mind of Christ. A pure language comes from the cross. Amen.

Blessings and Shalom

Get The House In Order
Barbara Lynch

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September 4, 2005, 3:29 AM

There are mountains and then there ARE MOUNTAINS! I am calling you forth at this given time to hurdle over the mountain tops and stay securely rooted and grounded in Me. I know who I am, but My people do not know who they are and the enemy comes again and again to steal from My chosen people. When will they learn? How long will it take? For some it will take so long that it will be to late. For others they are going to wise up quickly and they will arise out of the ash heap and serve Me with all of their hearts. This is the greatest time of decision in the church history. This decision will make or break My church. It is time to arise up out of the ash heap and serve the Living God and serve Him only, for I will have no other Gods before Me. I am true and I am faithful and I fail not My peoples. Look up peoples! Look up, for your redemption doth truly draw nigh.

Just as quickly as New Orleans was destroyed, I will devastate this whole earth. Many will be running to and fro. The peoples will be about their normal everyday lives and suddenly out of nowhere I will appear and it will be all over. I have spoken this before and nobody heeded My voice. I am speaking it again and still they will not heed My voice. Destruction must come upon this nation, for they are making themselves a nation without a Father. They are taking Me out of everything and I am wroth with My peoples. Come and take council from Me, saith the Father. Come and take council from Me and learn the truth of what is happening round about you. You are transgressing My laws daily and I will not permit it any longer. You have cast Me asunder. You have brought Me to shame over and over again. Enough is enough and I am tired of this horseplay that you call church and I have come to put an end to it.

Take not council from the ungodly, for they are already lost. Seek council from Me, for I am your counselor. I and only I have the answers to your questions. Why do you forsake Me over and over again? Why not just come to the throne of grace and accept all that My son did for you? WHY? That is My question to you tonight. WHY?

September 4, 2005, 3:45 AM

The first shall be last and the last shall be first, for I will not be mocked. I am tired little one, just as tired as you are and I am moving across this earth and many will die at this given time. There will be a mass slaughter of those who have set in My house and continued to indulge in their sins. Yes, this is the year of Great Grace, but there are those who still refuse to give to Me those things that so easily beset them. They enjoy the lust of the flesh and they continue to go back to the fleshpots of this world. I am tired. So very tired. And I must take action. I have been crying repent for 2000 years now and still they serve Baal. What can I do, I ask you now, what can I do? I must avenge the blood of My Son, for it is crying out from the ground just as Abel's blood cried out for revenge. I must do what I have purposed in My heart to do, just as they continually do what they have purposed in their hearts to do. Shame upon shame has been brought upon Me. Blasphemy upon blasphemy. What a disgrace. What shame. It must be repaid. Does not My word say whatsoever you sow, that you shall also reap? Well, it is harvest time and I am the harvester. Stand back I say, stand back. For the bloodshed will be great, but the number of My church will grow through all this blood shed. No more time to wait. I must act quickly.

November 12, 2004, 12:14 AM

It is time to get the house in order. It is time that everything unclean is eliminated. For the evil in this world is increasing and the evil will overtake the good in some areas. There is much being said about 911 and how terrible it was, but what is coming upon America is far more outreaching than 911. Many will truly run to and fro and many will take their lives at this given time. Many will not be able to distinguish the good from the evil, for their minds will have been darkened by the hardening of their hearts. There will be much tribulation at this given time. Woe upon woe will increase across this great America. Yes, some have repented and that is good, but so many more have not and that is what has brought this judgment upon My Chosen Land America. I had set America apart as a sign and a wonder of My Great Love for My people. But now it is being set apart to demonstrate My Great Wrath for a people that would not turn to the living Father, but chose to serve their own Baals.

America will no longer be America as you all have known her. She will be distorted on all sides and she will lack in every area. But the bright side is, this move of mine will bring a landslide salvation to America. Sodom and Gomorrah have nothing on America. She has reached down into the bowels of hell and pulled every abomination to the surface and she has played the harlot over and over again. NOW! Now, I will have My say so. The saints that have gone before are crying out for revenge on this perverted land, and I am answering their cries.

When will they repent? You just watch, saith the Father! You just watch!

October 30, 2003, 3:46 am

As you wait upon Me in the wee hours of the morning, I will share My heart of discomfort with you. My heart is heavy with the anticipation of what is coming upon My people in America and I am grieved because all of this could have been avoided, if only My people who are called by My name would have fasted and prayed as I commanded them to do, but to no avail. They were too busy with their own little meetings and to wrapped up in their own little worlds to give Me the time that I so desired to fellowship with them.

Truth is being shed abroad in this country and My truth shall be seen throughout the continent of America. Faith will arise within My people and they shall seek My face as never before. They shall see the rise and fall of a Mighty nation. They shall know what it is to sit in the comforts of their homes only to be uprooted and thrown into a state of frenzy as they try to escape My hand of wrath. The pleasures of this world will grow strangely dim and My people will run to the shelter of the Almighty once again and this time they shall stay under the shadow of the Almighty.

Who shall believe My report? Who shall stand upon the Holy Mountain and proclaim My judgments upon an unholy nation? My prophets will believe and My prophets will be sent forth to proclaim My word in Holiness and in My strength and in My power. Fire shall proceed out of their mouths and great signs and wonders will appear all around them. They shall see nation rise against nation and they shall see the Mighty fall, for this is My judgment upon this unholy nation.

Circumstances are about to change around about My Holy Ones! They shall come into the throne room of grace and receive My Grace in great abundance. They shall perceive My call upon their lives and they shall come running into My Holy Arms. For Holiness is where I am at. I am not in the facade of this world religion. I am in My Throne room of Holiness ministering salvation to My true prophets that have set at My feet and listened for My voice and have gone forth prepared and equipped to deliver salvation unto My people. Circumstances are about to change, as I have spoken many years ago. All those who have been warned and did not heed My warnings, will undergo a drastic change in their lives and they will stand amazed at the wonder of what I have done, and in the knowledge that they have missed the very best that I had for their lives. Listen intently to My voice little ones and do not stir from your place of worship until you hear My words of instruction; for this is a time of an unholy war that will ravage all those that did not have discernment of the times.

October 30, 2003, 4:03 am

This is not the time to be running to and fro looking for advice from others. This is the time to stay focused upon My face and to sit at My feet, knowing that I have all that you have need of and that I will supply all that you need to know and understand at this given time in your walk with Me. I am a faithful and a just God and I am taking care of My peoples that are called by My name.

Many false witnesses are running to and fro and speaking thus saith the Lord, and they have not been sent by Me, but they are on their own timetables and they have their own agendas. All will soon see and know that I am a true and loving Father, that only wants what is best for His children.

Time is running out for My people. They must come into the inner circle of My arms and they must sit at My feet for instruction, or they will be swept away by the false and will never understand the true.

Many false prophets have arisen upon the scene and they will shake the nations with what is not of Me, saith the Lord. Discernment is much needed at this given time and great wisdom is demanded of My peoples.

Job knew My voice, but there were times when he wondered just exactly what was going on around about him. Come under the protection of My Holy Mountain and you shall not be deceived nor will you be led astray with every wind and doctrine.

My people, truth must be sent forth and only My prophets can send the truth forth. My prophets, hear what I am saying at this given hour and understand the complete importance of what I am saying. I am requiring a time of fasting and prayer from each of My prophets at this given time. It is as you fast and pray, that you will hear the true voice of the Father and have discernment for this end time display of My hands at work in this unholy nation.

Rejoice before Me, and come bearing gifts of fasting and prayer and see what I will reveal unto your very hearts and eyes. For great visions will I give unto My peoples and great understanding of My Holy Word.

Spots. Do not allow any spots nor blemishes appear upon your most holy garments, but come before Me rejoicing, knowing that I am about to pour out the very core of My heart to My prophets and they will know all things pertaining to My end time word.

The glow of My Holy Wisdom will be evident upon My peoples and all will know that you have set at My feet as Moses did. Have I not been saying that you would see Me face to face? Have I not said that as I was for Moses, so I will be for you? I am becoming the Great I Am, to all those that will pay the price with **fasting and prayer**. Your heart will reveal yourself to you. Pay no attention to the voices of discord around about you, but stay focused upon My voice and My direction at this given time.

Holiness shall prevail in My chosen vessels at this given time. Knowing what is ahead will be apparent to all that hear My servant's voices. Seek not the wisdom of this world, but stayed focused on the wisdom from above. For it is from above that all wisdom will fall.

What is it that you are looking for? That is the question that I am sending forth for all to hear at this given hour. Is it a reed shaken by the wind? Or is it the truth that will come forth from My Holy Servants? **Matthew 11:7**. This is the day and this is the hour of Holy Redemption in the land and I am sending forth the harvesters at this given time. Many will find themselves on the road and many will find themselves with a change of authority and position. Be still and know that I am God and be still and hear the still small voice that will lead, guide and direct at this given time in My Kingdom. For I am giving Kingdom authority to My chosen vessels and they shall see truth restored to the House of the Lord. Truth shall prevail and many souls will be brought into the Kingdom, for this is the day of the harvest of lost and dying souls. The harvest truly is ripe unto salvation, and many have been waiting for this day and this hour. Seek not your own ways, but continue to seek My ways saith the Lord, for I am about to do a great and mighty works upon this land and all will soon see the I am in control of the heavens and the earth.

Going Through The Motions

Danny Korakas

Feb 20, 2005
Isaiah 1:12-18
"When you come to appear before Me, who has required this from your hand, to trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies — I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

We have just come out of what many would classify as a "Christian" holiday season. Likewise, we will soon move into the appointed time and season of Passover and Pentecost (Shavout) according to God's calendar. Many would argue the point of whether Dec. 25th is the proper time or even the correct season to celebrate the birth of Christ. Many of us know the pagan roots that many of the traditional "Christian" holidays have adopted. – From the Norse god "Yule" (yule-tide) who demanded human sacrifice ... to the pagan reproduction (bunnies and eggs) goddess "Eastar." It is not my intention in this article to debate these points. However, as we move into the Feasts (the Biblical holidays) that have been ordained by the Lord to be kept as an "everlasting ordinance" according to scripture, we have continually missed the blessings that these special times represent. God's timing means everything in the life of an obedient believer. I wrote in our last newsletter that Pentecost was going to be a pivotal time for a divine encounter with the Lord for those who will earnestly seek Him. I also stated that our conscious decision to wait upon the Lord at this set time would propel us into the intimate place of TABERNACLES. It is this SET TIME in God's calendar that I desire to share with you, along with a call for the church to cease from her "GOING THROUGH THE SPIRITUAL MOTIONS."

Many people, whether they celebrate Easter or Passover, tend to get outwardly religious and simply go through the motions. We know the program (resurrection songs) and format (resurrection sermons). Many have convinced themselves that they can somehow make the lukewarmness and sin of the previous year disappear through their religious "motions." This phenomenon has permeated Judaism as much as Christianity. I believe that the Lord is confronting us today on our spiritual motion and where our hearts and thoughts are truly directed. Worship in any form of expression, whether it be singing, lifting of hands, dancing, and even reading the scriptures is a stench to the Lord without a desire to intimately know Him. True and Spirit-led worship of the Lord is not an action, it is a RESPONSE to His Word and presence. In other words, what is the point and purpose of your worship if you do not have deep desire to know the Lord? It would be fair to say that worship without a desire to know the Lord is idolatry.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:20, "that unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. The Pharisees could quote the first five books of the Bible by memory. They tithed to the tiniest herb, kept the Sabbath and Feasts and meticulously held to the religious system. They had it all together and looked righteous by their outward appearance. However, Jesus clearly reveals that they will not inherit the kingdom of God because they did not know Him intimately. The scribes and Pharisees stood before Herod and explained before him that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem as it was unfolding before their very eyes. Yet, the same thing is happening today. We are reeling toward the Messiah's return and the church's greatest hour to arise and shine, but so many are spiritually blind to what is unfolding before our very eyes. The reason is obvious – a lack of intimate desire for a love relationship with our Bridegroom and one another as His bride.

As we look back upon history, we see that "going through motions" was one of the greatest areas of

SIN that the Lord addressed through His prophets. As we read earlier in Isaiah, the Lord literally HATED the sin of going through the motions or outward forms of religiosity. Many have gathered together (both Jew and Christian) to celebrate God's appointed times with much in the way of outward appearance. We have set up and performed our musicals and cantatas with ornate costumes. We have set up outdoor nativity scenes, which do not accurately represent something as important as the birth of Christ (The wise men or magi did not witness the birth in the manger.) We will argue and dispute over the clear Biblical gifts of tongues and prophecy, but have no problem going through the motions of the false traditions and teachings of our Savior's birth. We will self-righteously split churches over ridiculous doctrinal points, but we have no problem packing the church on Easter Sunday as families dress up their children in their Sunday best while their coat pockets are stuffed with Babylonian fertility objects and symbols (eggs and bunnies). Again, the church is drawn by the enemy into the comfort of going "through the motions" at the expense of truth.

Have you ever wondered why the pagan holidays are geared so strongly toward children? Children are bought hook, line and sinker with the ignorance of their parent's lack of Biblical understanding along with the lure of candy and material gifts. This strategy is designed by the devil to focus a young mind upon the desires that satisfy the flesh rather than the desires of God for their spiritual life and growth that are contained in the Biblical feasts.

We have to be honest and realize that much of the church is just going through RELIGIOUS motions year after year. The Biblical Feasts and our time of corporate fellowship together has tremendous and life changing significance if approached as "RARE" and precious rather than "common" and taken for granted. The Lord is reviving the Words of Isaiah for our generation at this appointed time in history.

"But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Barak to put a stumbling block before the children…" (Revelation 2:14)

The Lord found the holidays and even the feasts of the people to be an abomination and disgusting because the people gathered under the guise of His name for the purpose of ritual, and religious activity void of heart felt relationship. All of the prayers, lifting of hands, and religious jargon were a mask over the true condition of their hearts. The same holds true for today. Most show up to tithe (purchase their fire insurance policy) and go through the religious motions while failing to even acknowledge the Lord throughout the rest of the week. Religious tithing and attendance (the religious institutions gauge of spiritual maturity) without intimate relationship with the Lord is disgusting in His sight and a stench to His nostrils. Numbers beyond measure are preaching the Word of God behind the cloak of flowing robes and outward appearance to cover their sexual lusts and desires. The absolute truth is that many men within the church lift the same hands to the Lord that commit pornographic masturbation and adultery. (Yes, masturbation is fornication and adultery according to scripture and is the barometer of an undisciplined and corrupted covenant life – both marital and relational with God). From the mouth sing praises to our Lord and a matter of hours later, the vomit of gossip, profanity, and jealousy spews forth from the same mouth. How can we continue without a clear conscience to go through the motions with such stains upon our garments and soil upon our hands?

"When you spread out hands, I will hide My eyes from you." (Isaiah 1:15)

Would the Lord have something to say to us today? Surely, the day is at hand when the fire of God will come as Pentecost approaches. Beloved, one of the greatest things we lack as the church today is a CLEAR CONSCIENCE. A time of tremendous anointing is coming to the church to empower and fulfill the Tabernacle massage that is prophetically being declared. However, a season of EXPOSURE through fire is upon us. In the past, when God asked Adam and the church, "Where are you spiritually? " — we found a "fig leaf" to hide behind to give an outward appearance that everything was in order. Beloved, the Lord is taking away the fig leaves and any other means we have used in the past to hide our sinful and lukewarm nature as the church.

Isaiah prophesied in a day of spiritual apostasy very similar to what is transpiring today. At this time in history, Israel had abandoned her covenant that she made to the Lord through her forefathers. Instead, they were embracing the same idolatry and immorality that the world around them offered. The pagan ritual of child sacrifice was not only "socially" acceptable, but was even practiced by some of the "children of Israel." In Kings 16:3, we read that the leader of Israel made his own son "pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the Lord had cast out from before the children of Israel." I am convinced that the greatest outpourings of God's blessing and anointing is falling upon His people. At the same time, many are sensing an eminent judgment upon our blood-soaked land.

"Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity; a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord. They have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel. They have turned backward." (Isaiah 1:4)

The Lord had to judge the nation of Israel because the entire culture and majority of the people had rebelled against God to do evil in His sight. The Lord speaks in Isaiah 1:5, "Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick." It is hard to imagine an entire country "going through the motion" of life oblivious to its own wickedness. The United States with its precious gift of freedom has become the leading economic power in pornography, gambling (Yes, the lottery is gambling and a sinful use of God's provision and a lack of faith in His Word to meet your daily needs.), premarital sex, co-habitation lifestyle, homosexuality, lustful entertainment, demonic music, divorce, teen suicide, teen pregnancy, materialism and the list seems endless.

Like Israel, the whole "head of our nation is sick." Governments, on all civic levels, are led by a majority who proclaim to be Christian but live a life and hold to beliefs that are contrary to God's Word. The "child sacrifice" of abortion today is a crime against God's created order. Even the lowest animals of the earth do not stoop so low as to murder their own babies. The immorality in Israel was so bad at this time that Isaiah refers to the nation as "Sodom and Gomorrah." Of course, we know that God had to completely destroy these cities years before Isaiah because of their immoral practices and lifestyle. Are we on the same course today?

"Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God. You people of Gomorrah: "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats. When you come before Me, who has required this of your hand, to trample My courts? Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of the assemblies – I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates." (Isaiah 10-14)

The sin and stain of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction was not only homosexuality, but the failure of the "worshipers" to desire knowing God. The "believers" in Sodom and Gomorrah were simply going through the motions while the cities around them reeked with gross immorality and sin. I believe an even greater sin is the fact that judgment may have been diverted if the so-called worshipers in these cities had sought after the Lord and interceded in one accord for His presence to manifest in their land. We never read of a prophet arising and being willing to speak the TRUTH in these cities as well.

I find it tremendously alarming that the spiritual and national conditions in Isaiah's day are very similar to the conditions in many of the nations in which these newsletters are received. We have plenty of church (Temple) pilgrimages every Saturday or Sunday. The church and the nations of the earth are eaten up with idolatry: Our coins are stamped with "In God We Trust." Which god is this nation truly trusting and reflecting? We also pledge "one nation under 'god'." What 'god' are we pledging our allegiance to? Do the judicial courts know the God that is in the Bible they are requiring others to take an oath? What hypocrisy! The nations have turned their back on God and the outward religious show that they represent is hypocrisy and simply "going through the motions."

"How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; righteousness lodged in it, but now murderers. Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water. Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards. They do not defend the fatherless, nor does the cause of the widow come before them. (Isaiah 1:21-23)

It is easy to take this verse and apply it to most cities and nations of the world today. However, it applies just as aptly to the church in most cities and nations. We have become a harlot with the desires and ways of the world. (The world has influenced and corrupted the church more than the church has influenced and changed the world). We are stained and have become impure by our lust for money and the manipulating of the precious saints for their hard earned money. Our princes (leaders) have followed after the reward and praise of men rather than equipping the saints and desiring a greater anointing and work for others. They are rebellious and companions of thieves in that they have desired to be served rather than serve. Submission is very simple to define and the church has corrupted its true and powerful purpose. To submit to one another in the fear of the Lord is to SUB or to "come under" another's MISSION. Sadly, most leaders today want the entire congregation to embrace their vision rather than submitting to their call and taking an interest in the VISION that the Lord has given to those whom they have been called to SERVE.

"Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

I cannot help but to be encouraged and filled with hope upon reading this promise. The season of FIRE is intensifying and exposing the heart condition of humanity and the church. Embracing rather than resisting the refiners fire will be essential for the church to witness the promises of Isaiah 1:18. It is time that prophetic ministry within the church take the time to self-evaluate our propensity for "going through the motions" and our love of comfort. If you are genuinely called to the function of a prophet or assume the title of a "prophetic" ministry, you will be required in the days ahead to expose "darkness and tare" as much as "building-up and mending." Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy and our model for prophetic ministry. He loved with an everlasting love, but confronted sin and spiritual hypocrisy with TRUTH. Sadly, I fail to see this in much of today's prophetic voice. Jesus was approachable and always made time for those who diligently sought after Him. Today's prophetic voice is becoming more and more unapproachable in their selective camps. I recently read on a large and well known prophetic site that the "rest of this prophetic word" that I began to read could be finished by purchasing the tape for $29.95. Beloved, the Lord will honor and bless ministries through resources such as books, teaching tapes, etc. But, when we sell what we advertise as being "prophetic" or what is attached to the Lord's Word and voice, we have trampled upon the blood and grace that was poured out upon humanity FREELY.

Certainly, the prophetic movement is "going through the motions" and void in the fear of the Lord if we can "sell" what is truly a Word from God. The true prophetic voice is one that speaks what they hear their Father speak and does what they see their Father do. Prophet, are you speaking what the Father is saying? Seer, are you doing what you see the Father doing?

Lord, may your Word come to pass that your servant spoke so many years ago. May we be the church that turns from the sin of simply going through the motions and see ourselves for whom we truly are. May we look into the mirror of your perfect law of liberty and be found as white as snow and as white as wool."

An Open Door Into His Presence
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Revelation 4

1. After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."

AFTER THESE THINGS
"After these things" simply tells us that this is the next vision given to John.

LOOKED
John said, "I looked." He made a conscious effort to see. He turned his eyes, his mind, and his attention aside and purposed to gain understanding.

We also must turn our eyes, mind and attention aside ... away from distractions and concerns.

OPEN DOOR

As a result of John turning aside to look, he saw a door standing open in heaven. A door is an opening for the purpose of entering or leaving. An open door indicates that a passage or entrance is opened to another place.

The door into the Lord's presence is opened to us. He's also opened a spiritual door to each of us. We must ask ourselves ...

- What is the door He has placed before you?

- Does your door involve an opportunity or change?

- Is He calling you to transition to from one place to another?

- Is He calling you to step through an open door toward Him ... and consequently away from where you are now?

VOICE ... LIKE A TRUMPET
John heard a voice – like a trumpet – speaking. The sound of a trumpet is unmistakable and distinct. It's not quiet; it pierces the air. I've heard for so long that God speaks in a still, small voice. I now believe this is a deception of the enemy to make us believe that God's voice is not easily heard. However, just the opposite is true. We who belong to Him hear His voice. However, we must turn our ears, mind, heart and attention to listen.

COME UP HERE
An invitation was extended to John to, "Come up here." That invitation is also extended to us. His voice is like a trumpet because He wants us to hear His invitation. He is beaconing us to accept that invitation and go through the door.

I WILL SHOW YOU
As a result of John coming up, the One speaking told him, "I will show you things." We also have the same promise given to us. Amos 3:7 says, "Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless he reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." God does nothing without first revealing it to His servants. We don't have to walk in the office of a prophet for God to show us things. If we have a tender heart, an open mind, and a listening ear, He will show us things.

2. Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

IN THE SPIRIT
John was in the spirit. We must realize that we are tri-part beings – body, mind and spirit. I've heard it said that we are spiritual beings having a human experience. Our physical/human body lasts but for a short time, but our spirit is created to live for eternity. Just as we must exercise and nourish our physical body, so must we exercise and nourish our spiritual body (spirit).

THRONE
John saw a throne in heaven. Reference to the throne occurs 13 times in this chapter alone. A throne is an elevated seat occupied by someone in authority. This throne shows us the exalted nature of God. He is exalted above all else ... because He alone is worthy to receive glory and honor and power. It also shows His kingship. He is king over all that He has created. Just as He reigns and rules from on high, He desires to reign and rule in us — as we give Him the throne of our heart.

3. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.

JASPER
The One on the throne was described as a jasper stone. These stones must be magnificent. In Revelation 21:11, a jasper stone is referred to as "clear as crystal." It may very well be a diamond, which refracts light and shows a beautiful rainbow of colors. A diamond is also a symbol of engagement ... and reminds us that we are the Bride of Christ and are to reflect His light to the world.

SARDIUS
The One on the throne was also described as a Sardius stone. Sardius is thought to be a bright red ruby stone named for the city near which it was found. Red reminds us of Jesus’ shed blood ... and ultimately of His great love for us.

RAINBOW
There was a rainbow around the throne. The rainbow symbolizes God's covenant with us. In Genesis 9:13, He says, "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth." Again in Ezekiel 1:28, we read, "Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him."

A rainbow is formed when light reflects and refracts off of rain. We read in Psalm 72:6, "He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth."

Jesus is the light of the world (see John 8:12 and 9:5). Holy Spirit is referred to as living water (see John 4:10-11 and 7:38). Their activity together give color and depth ... like a rainbow.

This rainbow encircled the throne. A circle has no end ... neither does the covenant He has established with us through Jesus' blood (see Hebrews 13:20). It's an everlasting covenant.

EMERALD
The rainbow was described to be like an emerald. An emerald is a brilliant green color. This color is symbolic of new life ... which we have through the Son. This emerald color also indicates that the rainbow around the throne was brilliant — not muted and pale.

4. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.

ELDERS
God has chosen to give these twenty-four – positions (elder), places of authority (thrones), and garments (gold crowns and white robes) of honor. These twenty-four elders must have served Him well. Jesus said, "My Father will honor the one who serves me" (see John 12:26).

Just as He has given these elders positions, places and garments of honor, He has/will do for us.

- We read of our position in Romans 8:17: We are joint heirs with Christ.

- We read of our spiritual places of authority in Revelation 1:6: He has made us to be "kings and priests to His God."

- We read of the garments we will receive in Revelation 3:5: "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments."

5. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

LIGHTENING AND THUNDER
Lightening and thunder proceeded from the throne. While a flash of lightening is an unharnessed bolt of power, the rumbling of thunder signals a change in atmospheric conditions. We can see that lightening represents power and thunder represents change. Lightening always precipitates thunder. This is such a beautiful natural illustration of a spiritual principle. Demonstrations of His power (lightening) always precede change (thunder).

The thunder also speaks of the Lord's voice. We read in Psalm 18:13 that, "The Lord thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded." We also read in Psalm 29:3-4, "The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; The voice of the Lord is full of majesty." In many instances in Scripture, the Lords voice is associated with thunder.

VOICES

It's important to note that there were also audible voices proceeding from the throne. The ways in which God chooses to speak are many. In Scripture, we read of the Lord speaking from a burning bush, from a cloud of smoke, through a donkey, through His servants, through dreams and visions, and in an audible voice. We must be sensitive to hear His voice — through whatever means He chooses to speak to us.

SEVEN LAMPS

We also read that there were seven lamps before the throne. We read in Revelation 1:20 that "the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches." The seven churches to whom this was written were actual churches in Asia Minor. Although these were not the only churches in existence at this time, they represent the types of churches that exist throughout time.

SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD

The seven spirits of God represent the seven functions of Holy Spirit. We read in Isaiah 11:2, "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." In this verse, we learn the seven functions of Holy Spirit.

1. Spirit of the Lord

2. Spirit of wisdom

3. Spirit of understanding

4. Spirit of counsel

5. Spirit of might

6. Spirit of knowledge

7. Spirit of the fear of the Lord

Apart from Holy Spirit, we will not have this activity in our lives. We must walk in the Spirit if we desire to have these evidenced in our lives.

6. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.

SEA OF GLASS

There was a sea of glass before the throne. God tells Abraham in Genesis 22:17-18, "... I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

This promise is again mentioned in Genesis 32:12 as Jacob reminds God of His promise to Abraham, "For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.'"

God promised that Abrahams descendants would be as numerous as the sand of the sea. Anyone who's been to a beach can picture the sand. The grains of sand are innumerable. They are as a sea made of something other than water.

This verse of Scripture specifically mentions a sea of glass. Glass has some interesting characteristics in that it can be formed into a variety of colors, thicknesses, textures, and forms. It can also be used for a variety of functions - housewares, windows, eye-glasses. Perhaps one of the most unique characteristics of glass is the fact that it is made of sand that has been heated to a very high temperature.

The sand represents the spiritual descendants of Abraham. The sea of glass is those spiritual descendants who have been through the fire. Only when we have been through the fire will the dross be burned away ... and the impurities consumed.

Nobody willingly enters into a fire. Common sense tells us that a fire is not ... and will be painful. Yet, we are commended to "count it all joy" when we enter into various trials. We are better able to "count it all joy" when we look toward the author and finisher of our faith rather than the process of the fire.

Each of our fires will be different ... and there will more than likely be more than one at various times. It may be regarding finances, health, relationships, job, ministry or laying down good things that we desire to hold onto (and that are consequently a hindrance to His best).

Only after we've been through His fire will we have a pure heart – and a clear conscience. We can count it all joy that in the end we will be more like Him.

LIKE CRYSTAL
The sea of glass was described to be like crystal. 1 Corinthians 4:5 "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God."

Part of attaining a clear conscience is allowing God to reveal our true selves to us. It's being willing to have every part of ourselves exposed — as we really are. We must allow Him to shine His light on the dark recesses in our heart. We must resist tucking the ugly stuff away — out of sight of others and ourselves — hoping to keep them hidden. He wants to expose them whether they be issues relating to unhealed hurts, rebellion, anger, jealousy, lust or rejection. He desires to wipe away any stains so that His light can shine brightly. He desires that we have a pure heart and conscience ... clear as crystal.

FOUR LIVING CREATURES
I used the read this description of the four living creatures and be repulsed. Imagine, a creature covered with eyes! Now, however, I see these creatures as a reflection of the awesomeness of God. These eyes reflect the very nature of God. He sees all things!!! He is both omniscient and omnipresent.

7. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf (ox), the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

LION
A lion is known for strength. Jesus was also known as the Lion of Judah (see Revelation 5:5).

OX
An ox is surefooted beast who diligently serves his master. Jesus came as a servant to all (see Mark 9:35).

MAN
Man is created in the image of God. As such, we are set apart from other creations by our intelligence and ability to reason. Jesus was a perfect, sinless man. He is our High Priest who can empathize with our weaknesses (see Hebrews 4:15).

EAGLE
An eagle is known for being able to soar at great heights and also for their sight. As a result of this, the eagle has come to be symbolic of prophetic ministry. The prophetic can be summed up as hearing and communicating the heart of God. Jesus was our example of prophetic ministry ... and is the spirit of prophecy. He only spoke what He heard from His Father.

8. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

SIX WINGS
This is similar to the description of the six-winged creatures that we read of in Isaiah 6:2: "with two he

covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew."

WORSHIP

These creatures continually say, "Holy, holy, holy." In essence, they are worshiping God by responding to His holiness. They also respond to His omnipotence and supremacy with "Lord God Almighty" and to His eternal nature with "who was, and is, and is to come."

These creatures demonstrate what true worship is — our response to who God is. We must have an intimate relationship with Him and know Him so that we can respond to Him through worship. Worship is about God. It's not about music or dance or art — although it is most often expressed through these means. It's about pouring out to Him. It's about responding to Him.

9. Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ...

The worship of the living creatures has an effect that we read of in the next verse.

10. ...the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ...

The elders demonstrated true humility. They fall down, get beneath Him, and consequently place Him above themselves. Worship is demonstrated as they lay their crowns down. In essence, they are giving everything back to Him and not receiving any credit. They recognize His intervention on our behalf in all things. All good things truly come from Him and are to be given back to Him.

11. "You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

The elders responded to God through their worship. They responded to who He was (Lord), to what He'd done (created), and to what He was doing (by His will they exist). Likewise, we are to respond to Him through worship — to who He is and what He's done. Worship is more than a thought; it is demonstrated through our action.

The elders about the throne knew God as their Creator. As a result, that's what poured forth. They responded to who He was — to who they knew Him to be based on an intimate relationship.

What we do on a Sunday morning corporately needs to be a reflection of what we do all week long in private. Our daily worship means everything to Him. That's what blesses the Lord. When we really love Him because we know who He is, we'll worship Him. Remember, he's looking for those who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. He's not looking for pastors, prophets, teachers, evangelists, apostles, elders or leaders. He's looking for worshipers.

- How do you know God?

- Who is He to you?

CONCLUSION

In the throne room of heaven, we see Father, Son, and Holy Spirit present. Father is on the throne, the Son is reflected in the four living creatures, and the Holy Spirit is revealed as the seven spirits. We also see reminders of His inheritance — us — represented in the sea of glass.

The door into their presence is open to us. We read in Revelation 4:1 that the door is open. I believe that this door is not large and grandiose, but very small. We read in Matthew 7:13-14 that we are to "enter by the narrow gate ... which leads to life." When we take the broad way, we have room to take a lot of baggage with us — including our qualifications, unhealed hurts, achievements, ideals, pristine reputations, plans, gifts, talents, etc. When we come to the narrow, small gate with absolutely nothing to give but a pure heart, even our posture is low ... and demonstrates our humility — which He loves. Only then will we be able to enter through the door.

Through this chapter, Jesus is saying to us, "Come in. Come through the door. It has been opened for you. I am the door. Come through me and enter into our presence. We desire you. We desire your company. Come to us. Know us intimately. We want to reveal ourselves to you. Respond to us. Worship us. Join the choirs of heaven as they sing to us. We long for your fellowship. We long for you. Come. The door is open to you."

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Glory To The Righteous One

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Isaiah 24 was the chapter given in the final days of 2004.
Though this scripture speaks of terrible events in nature these will cause us to look for the One who comes in the clouds and whose glory will cover the earth.
The strong sense is of drastic separation between darkness and light and of the Lord Himself beginning to take the reins as never before, for truly the government is upon His shoulders.
Over and over I heard **"He comes riding in the clouds!"**
Luke 21:27
At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Isaiah 24:16
From the ends of the earth we hear singing: "Glory to the Righteous One".
There is a call for us to respond to His coming, to pray, proclaim, sing, prophecy this scripture.

Crossing the line
Isaiah 22:6 *Cross over to Tarshish, wail you people of the island*.
Isaiah 60:9 *In the lead are the ships of Tarshish, bringing your sons from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honour of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for He has endowed you with splendour.*
A line will be crossed as we enter the New Year and the change will be instant. Look for the line and look for the change. There will be opposition and distractions, but keep looking for the line.

Positioning before the Lord
"But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first" (Matt.19:30)
This is a time to humble ourselves under His mighty hand. There has been much changing of position as many 'walked through the door in 2004' and this will continue. The Lord spoke of what our attitude should be in such a time through Luke 14.
Luke 14:10 (Amp)
But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when your host comes in he may say to you, Friend go up higher! Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit (at table) with you.
Luke 14:11 (Amp)
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled (ranked below others who are honoured or rewarded) and he who humbles himself (keeps a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly) will be exalted (elevated in rank).
As the Lord takes up the reins, and begins to exercise His authority as never before, we need to know how to position ourselves before Him rather than before men.

He continued on in Luke 14, and there was a highlighting of the need for us to calculate the cost of what we are being called to in this time, to ensure that we are prepared and able to finish what which He is calling us to do.

THIS IS THE TIME WHEN HE IS TAKING CHARGE. HE IS ABLE; HE HAS PROVED HIMSELF

ABLE AND FAITHFUL. HE IS NOW PREPARING TO RULE AND REIGN AND LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO WILL ALLOW HIM TO DO SO.

Mantles released in 2004 will become visible in 2005.

Revelation 10:11 “You must prophecy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings.”

I saw a fresh release in the prophetic call for many in this season. There were fresh mantles released during 2004, and they will become visible in 2005. The emphasis was on the prophetic being the speaking forth for the Lord, rather than something paraded before men, and it would come from seeking the counsel of the Lord.
I felt there would be a much clearer distinction between the operation of the gift of prophecy as exercised in the Body of Christ, and the prophetic gifting and mantle that is the calling of God.
Many voices will be stilled or fall away, but others will increase in strength and some will even THUNDER in this time. They will be HEARD regardless of whether they are listened to or not!
At one point I saw prophetic words caught up and rumble and roll as thunder does. They could not be contained, but were flung into and around a nation.

Look for the coming King and His Kingdom

There is a crumbling around us of what man has established, but it is unwise to focus on this. Strength and encouragement will come as we look towards the One who is coming in the clouds.
Luke 21:27*At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*
Luke 21:28 *When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

VISION of deep thick darkness; but an increasingly bright orange glow over and above the darkness that was pressing it down.

I saw the deep darkness that is over the earth but ABOVE this, the glorious brightness and light of the One who ‘so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life’.
It will become hard to breathe and survive in the midst of such darkness, but Isaiah 60:1 will be our call: *Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.*
Isaiah 60:4 *Life up your eyes and look about you….*
We will need to constantly lift our eyes to heaven.
Isaiah 66:1&2 *This is what the Lord says; “ Heaven is my throne and earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? Where will my resting place be? Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” Declares the Lord.*
As we entered the New Year I saw the Lord seated on his throne and he was clothed in pure light.

VISION of a forest fire

For days prior to the end of the year I could see an orange glow. As it came closer it was a great fire, a raging fire, like a forest fire before which everything flees for safety. The fire has begun to burn, and the glow of the fire is like the glow of His Glory. The scripture that always comes to me at such a sight is in Ezekiel 20:45-48

The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man set your face toward the south; preach against the south and prophesy against the forest of the southland. Say to the southern forest: ‘Hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I am about to set fire to you, and it will consume all your trees, both green and dry. The blazing flame will not be quenched, and every face from south to north will be scorched by it. Everyone will see that I the Lord have kindled it; it will not be

quenched.'"
This is a word that has been given many times to be prayed over the South and North Islands of New Zealand. The sense is that as the Lord begins to release His fire, there will be no man who can take the glory for what comes; neither will the fire be quenched by man.

Following this I was given Habakkuk 1:5
Look at the nations and watch – and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told.

Disarray In The Nations
I see a bombardment of the nations. I see that there is disarray for the enemy knows his time is fast running out. I see explosions, like a firework display, over the nations as the battle increases in the heavenly realms as well as on the earth.

Picture of Survivors floating in the water like in the movie "Titanic". Just as with that ship, there have been many warnings that have been ignored, and there will be disasters. But, even so, there will be survivors – some because they have prayed, and many others because they have been prayed for!

Thick Darkness and Deep Silence seems to float before me and yet I do not feel afraid or dismayed. It looks like thick grey fog over the sea – not sure what this means, but I think of "famine of the Word".

Healing Anointing
I felt the healing anointing has been freshly released in the earth. Just as Jesus only did what He saw His Father doing, so it will be that this anointing will be released by the power and discretion of HIS Holy Spirit.

The over-riding sense on entering this New Year is of the Sovereignty of our Mighty God, and I have a great joy and excitement in my spirit before Him. Truly it is a joy to sing from here at the ends of the earth "Glory to the Righteous One".

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Great Wealth - Great Warning
Pat King

GREAT WEALTH

Open heavens in the area of material provision are going to be experienced by many in the Kingdom who have prepared their hearts in the presence of the Lord. The Lord's eyes are moving to and fro to search out those whose hearts are completely His. He will show Himself strong on their behalf. The resource and provision will be released in copious measures to many who will follow the leading of the Spirit in areas of helping the poor, the outcast, the destitute, the widows and orphans.

A TRUE GOSPEL MODEL

Particular individuals anointed by God will carry fresh apostolic vision and burdens in the area of equipping, outreach and missions will lead the Body with a true gospel model. They will preach to the poor, heal the sick, and work the miraculous in order to reach the needs of the broken and bring the gospel to the nations. The Lord will be honoring their love and faith by releasing increased empowerment, favor and resource.

FINANCES UNEXPECTED

Many Christians will come into unexpected financial blessing and increase within this next season. The Lord will test their hearts and will be watching for those who are trustworthy stewards of Kingdom provision. Those who are found to carry a single Kingdom focus will be rewarded with a second wave of blessing which will far exceed the first. Churches and Christian organizations who are willing to seek the Lord afresh for His heart for the lost in this season, will come into a new level of fulfillment in the area of intimacy with the Lord which will be followed by increased resource. Deep life prunings will take place during these seeking periods, which will prepare the church and individuals for greater fruitfulness and supernatural providence. Many leaders will find themselves laying down their current ministries and church structures in order to wait on the Lord. They will be very aware of the fact that, "unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY, PERSECUTIONS AND VISITATIONS

The apostolic ministry in the church is going to move along a path of maturation and testings. The maturing of the apostolic anointing in the Body will produce new levels of unity and oneness in the corporate Body. Persecutions as well as visitations of the Lord's presence in power will strengthen this process and produce a true apostolic movement exhibiting Kingdom humility, power, and purity. Great grace, great power and great provision will earmark the maturing of the apostolic foundations in the church. "And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all. For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, and lay them at the apostles feet, and they, would be distributed to each, as any had need." Acts 4:33-35)

BUT OTHER SUPPOSED APOSTLES WILL LUST FOR POWER

False apostles will also surface during this time. These will be individuals who lust after power and resources and who carry personal agendas. They will witness the abundance of favor on the true apostolic river and will desire to reap the rewards without paying the price. The true apostolic gift will be earmarked by the evidence of a crucified life which will manifest authentic Kingdom resurrection power.

GREAT WARNING

The love of money is clearly defined in the scriptures as being "the root of all evil". It is also the force that strengthens the "Babylonian system", through which all the world's buying and selling is based. (see Revelation 18)In this coming season of provisional outpouring, impure motives will surface in many. Love for the world and love for money and selfish gain will result in many choosing the path of Babylon rather than the Kingdom. The end result of choosing the Babylonian journey is destruction , great loss and sorrow, whereas "the blessing of the Lord maketh rich and adds no sorrow to it."

IMPURE MOTIVES WILL CAUSE SOME TO PERISH

It is imperative that believers watch over their hearts with all diligence for from the heart spring the issues of life. Deception and unclean motives in the area of finance and provision will cause individuals to perish and their silver with them. (See Acts 8:18-23; also: the examples of Judas in Matthew 26:14 - 16; 27:3-5 and Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11). This is a severe warning. "Every man thinks he is right in his own heart but the Lord weighs the heart." The Lord WILL be weighing the motives of His people and many will be found wanting in the balance.

A SPECIFIC WARNING TO PASTORS, LEADERS, AND ITINERANT MINISTERS

The Lord is looking to abundantly bless those whose hearts are completely His, with new levels of anointing, empowerment, gifting, favor and resource. MANY leaders and Kingdom spokesmen will experience these new levels of blessing. This will result in an increased harvest of souls and Kingdom advancement.The enemy is lurking however, and will attempt to move leaders out of faith and trust and into worldly and carnal strategies for Kingdom advancement.

THREE VISIONS . . THE GLITTERING SNAKE

Three visions were given regarding this on June 29, 2001:

1. The Glittering Snake - in a vision, a snake was seen that was fully studded with precious gems. It was glittering and shimmering with the reflection of the gems and could barely be seen for what it truly was due to the arrayment. The glittering effect was influencing and enticing leaders. When the leaders in the vision were captured by delight in the extravagance of the gems, they moved towards the serpent to touch and to handle the gems. As they did, the snake began to wrap itself around the body of the individual. The victim, representing leaders, did not actually physically die in the vision but in fact wore the gem-clad snake as a garment. They were not really aware of the serpent as it was well hidden in the massive extravagance of the jewels and glitter. They enjoyed being arrayed in the glitter but did not realize the source. Interpretation -- this vision sounds a warning to the Body (especially leaders) that demon powers will attempt to appeal to the lust of man's flesh and soulish desires in this next season. This appeal will specifically target the heart in areas of personal love for money and provision. If given in to--the temptation will wrap leaders in demonic, worldly bondage and thus cause leaders to misrepresent Christ and His Kingdom. Worldly and demonic glitter will manifest rather than the nature of Christ. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is destruction."

THE HOUNDS

2. The Hounds - demonic hound dogs were seen in vision, sniffing out the "ground of blessing". When they came to a place where they could smell a pool of blessing beneath the earth, they began to furiously dig through the soil. When they hit the level where the blessings were (seen in the vision as golden bones), they laid hold of them with a firm grip in their teeth and jaws and ran away with their treasure. Interpretation: the hounds represented demonic spirits who were looking to take for themselves that which they did not prepare or plant. The vision gave a sense of warning concerning leaders to be watchful for temptations to take from another's gifting or resource pool. The area of motives in ministry relationships needs to be carefully watched over.

LEECHES

3. The Leeches -- black leeches were seen sucking on to a healthy body. Interpretation: The black leeches represented individuals with impure motives who wanted to take (not just receive but TAKE) from gifted members of the Body to feed themselves. This could indicate areas of anointing, favor, reputation, and resource.

THE PLACE OF PROTECTION

Not even one individual needs to fall into the pre-mentioned traps and temptations. It is the Father's desire to freely give His children all things and in this coming season to bring about a flow of blessing to and through His people such as history has never known. Every child of God is a candidate to receive the manifestation of this outpouring. The Father wants to confirm His covenant and bless His people in order to make them a blessing (see Genesis 12:1-3 and Deuteronomy 8:18)The following are some ways that you can prepare to stand in the midst of the coming outpouring of His kindness: 1. Spend time in His Presence; seek His face. 2. Submit yourself completely to the Lord and His Word. 3. Remain in love and faith. 4. Clothe yourself in humility. 5. Resist temptation especially in the areas of the love of money, power, and reputation. Some scriptures for meditation: Haggai - Chapters 1 and 2 Matthew 6:19 - 34 James 4:3 - 10 Deuteronomy 8

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God Will Level Mountains
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We are moving into a season of tremendous revelation. There will be an increase upon the revelatory gifts mixed with the teaching gift in order to release keys to see nations reformed and transformed.

2005 BREAKTHROUGHS

Revelation will also manifest in the area of keys to release finances and wealth. Isaiah 45 will be a key passage to see breakthroughs in these areas:

1. God will level mountains. We will see the manifested presence of God enter into society in ways that will overcome opposition to the Body of Christ moving into society.

2. Supernatural doors of influence will break down gates of bronze (opposition). Favor will be the key to open these doors. With this we will see a new linking of key Christian leaders to the influencers of society on every level.

3. A time of cutting through the bars of iron. God is going to strengthen the church to persevere in the midst of adversity. We need to be violent in the spirit and not give up in the day of adversity. 2005 will be a violent year, but God wants us to fight back with godly violence in prayer and spiritual warfare. The exhortation given us was that this is a time for faith and not fear. We are in the season of running towards Goliath and we are not to fear him. God said that he would meet us in the fire of Nebuchadnezzar and it will not burn us.

4. There is going to be a new level of authority to break down strongholds that have held families, relationships, and finances for generations. Tremendous deliverances will take place for family members who have been held in bondage for years, and the prodigals are going to be restored and put on the path to their God-given destinies. God will give His people the tenacity and sharpness to stay on the cutting edge.

5. A release of treasures held in darkness. The shakings will reveal all sorts of minerals. With the world-shaking events presently taking place, the Body of Christ is going to step into a new level of financial influence. There will be a supernatural "convergence" that will occur that will call Christians to the forefront in times of crisis. This will manifest by the governments of nations, asking for help from the Christians.

6. The spirit of poverty and greed will be broken off of the prophets. True prophets will not be bought or sold.

COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIPS

It is a time to form new relationships and strengthen those you have walked with for many days. Covenantal relationships will work together in new ways to flow as Josephs and re-distribute seed. In the days of crisis the Lord will re-distribute wealth. Great networking will take place between Christian ministries, and many will turn their hearts to the poor. Great funds will be given, such as the release in the past few years of one billion dollars to the Salvation Army.

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCH

The African-American church in America will see a rising up of some leaders and a putting down of others based on their stance on justice and righteousness.

A SEASON OF SHAKINGS

We are in a season of shakings. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. There will be continued physical disasters where the plates of the earth will shift. In the midst of the shakings, God will raise up regional apostles and prophets who will be able to decree and see the natural disasters stop or be lessened in their city or region.

Tremendous sin is going to be uncovered, including homosexuality in the church. Financial improprieties will also come to light. Leaders will call for more accountability.

MARKETPLACE REVIVAL

God is moving in the earth in order to harvest the earth. This will manifest in a great harvest of souls, as we are entering a decade of harvest in which we will see some of the greatest harvests of souls the earth has ever seen. With this will be a tremendous outpouring of signs and wonders. Prophetic evangelism will be on the rise with signs and wonders accompanying -- especially in the marketplace. A tidal wave of God's glory will come upon the church that will result in great harvest.

A tremendous revival will occur in the marketplace with apostles arising and being set in place who will be people of great influence in their cities and nations. Apostolic leaders in the Marketplace who have been faithful are going to be receiving promotions. This will manifest in these leaders having significant business opportunities supernaturally brought to them without their having sought them. This will happen with such a frequency that these Apostles will have to develop teams to perform due diligence in order to determine which of the opportunities they could undertake. The prophets, in their spheres, will be involved in the project selection, once the due diligence has been developed.

GENERATIONS AND BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE KNIT CLOSER TOGETHER

Angelic activity will increase. Children will experience visitations of angels and proclaim this across the nations. This will be a sign even to unbelievers.

A special season of restoration will take place. There is an escalation of all things taking place and this will manifest in a restoration of relationships that have looked impossible to mend.

Leaders will have a special emphasis on lineage and legacy. The generations will be knit even closer together as one generation mentors another. There will also be special mantles poured out upon new leaders as He raises up a new generation of giants like unto Oral Roberts for evangelism, and Aimee Semple McPherson for healing.

STAND STRONG IN THE VISION THAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU

New "Samuel" prophets will come to the forefront who will help nations, and those with vision, transition "Saul-ish" nations to "Davidic" nations who will love God. Prophets will be positioned to help national transformations and anoint new government leaders.

The Lord is calling us into a deeper level of intimacy with Him. God will release a new measure of grace upon His people who seek Him. With this release, His people will thrive and flourish. Those things that have been hard will become easy and stress-free.

The spirit of Jezebel will manifest in a strong way, trying to persecute the prophets and leaders. Stand strong in the vision that God has given you. Don't run from Jezebel. Stand against her and she will run.

WORDS FOR SPECIFIC NATIONS

United States

The United States has been saved from those who would remove God from its borders, but now the nation must be established. There is a four-year window for the intercessors to war for the establishment of morality and righteousness. God is going to raise up a president in 2008 who will reconcile the nations to the United States. Bush has been called to be a man of war, like David, but God is bringing a Solomon to the office in '08 who will make peace with the nations.

England

We felt that Satan knows what an important nation England is for the re-evangelization of Europe, and he is marshalling his forces to try to discourage, destroy, and otherwise stop the Christian leaders of England. There was a call from the prophets to pray for England.

Iraq

Iraq is a nation rich in Biblical significance. It is also a place where Satan has built his strongholds. God wants to use Iraq to "crack open" the Middle East for an in-gathering of souls for the Kingdom. For this reason we are calling upon the Body of Christ to pray for the upcoming elections. A 21-day fast is being called, beginning January 15th through February 5th, 2005. Special prayer is called for the soldiers of all nations and relief workers, as well as Iraqi nationals who are fighting to see democracy established in the region. Pray to break the demonic powers of witchcraft and the occult who would bring confusion and discouragement, and bind the spirit of babel that would bring confusion on the troops fighting for democracy.

Singapore

God is going to use Singapore as an apostolic city-state to model the convergence of the church with those with philanthropic calls, both believers and unbelievers, to release compassion ministries in the nations of the earth. Singapore is going to be a first-fruits nation that God is going to use to bless the nations. It will be a sign of the release of wealth.

Asian Prophetic Insight

One of the prophets from Asia had prophesied in October that a catastrophe was going to come to Asia that would result in an open door for harvest for the gospel. He also saw that a pandemic would hit where 300,000 could die if prayer and help was not sent.

Syria

There is going to be a revealing of hidden and secrets things that will start in 2005 and continue into the following years. God is going to reach into this nation to create an openness to the gospel.

World

The tsunami in southeast Asia will cause the dollar in the economic structures of the earth to shift, beginning in mid-June.
A vision was given of God holding the spirit of mammon upside down and shaking the things it had in its pockets out for the Josephs of the world to catch.

STATES

Colorado

Colorado is going to see the beginnings of the "unlocking" of treasures of darkness from the mines. New veins of ore and minerals will be discovered in the ground that have been hidden until this season.

California

A dream was given to one of the prophets in November, 2004, that everything began to fall apart in California. In the dream, he was helping to put Christmas ornaments back on the tree. He knew then that he should warn the people that mudslides would come, weather patterns would change drastically (with snow), and an earthquake would come at some time after these drastic weather pattern shifts; and there would be a flood in Los Angeles and then a fire.

Several of the prophets had received that this was a judgment due to the vote to use stem cells for research that was passed in the last election. The word was that they needed to re-align their gifts, or else the whole nation would be changed by the Jezebel spirit that will arise out of California and try to pass similar votes in the rest of the nation. As a result, we are calling for massive prayer for Schwarzenegger. We strongly felt that the intercessors need to go for the ancient roots to heal the land of California.

Oregon

Oregon will see the ruling governmental structure, along with its influence and liberalism, fall. This will cause structures that are hidden, that are terrorist groups, beginning in 2005, to be exposed. Watch for physical shakings in the natural so spiritual change can come.

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Glory Without Wrath

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Why Glory is not Glory Without Wrath --Help in Discerning the Times
By Stacey Campbell

How do we interface what we know about the love and mercy of God, with the great tragedies we are watching unfold in our world -- tragedies such as the tsunami last year, and Hurricane Katrina this year? Are we to interpret these "acts of God" as divine judgments? If so, what kind of God wipes out thousands of people at one time, including innocent children? As someone put it to me last week, "Is the cure worse than the disease?"

The pursuit of God will lead you to ever-unfolding depths of the attributes of His character. It is in the context of intimacy that I would like to speak about what pursuing God or intimacy with God means, in light of the afore-mentioned catastrophes, because I believe, the world will see an increase in divine catastrophic judgments in the days to come.

Intimacy Leads to Understanding God's Wrath & Judgment

If the love of God, according to the Bible (1 John 4:19), is the starting point in a relationship with God, then the wrath of God is a culmination point that believers will encounter as they pursue the depths of the person of God. The maturation of intimacy will inevitably lead to understanding God in wrath and judgment. How do I know this? Because all of the people in the Bible who have ever seen God in His glorified state become acutely aware of the ramifications of sin, whenever they encounter His presence.

For example, the description by the only person to ever even see the 'back' of the glory of God (see Exodus 33:23, NKJV) wrote that the glory of God is His nature. His glory is found in the attributes of His character. Moses, a man who regularly talked with God face-to-face (Numbers 12:6-8) and had lunch with Him on the sapphire sea (Exodus 24:9-11), had boldly asked God if he could see His glory. God answers by revealing His nature by unfolding attributes, beginning with those attributes that we humans love - mercy, grace, longsuffering, goodness, truth, and forgiveness.

"And the Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin . . ."

Yet, the glory of God was not complete without a clear revelation of His justice through judgment:

"By no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and fourth generation." (Exodus 34:6-7).

Glory is not Glory Without Wrath

Likewise, another description of God's passionate, unmerited love for His people in Ezekiel 16 says God's nature, as a loving husband, ends with judgment because of Israel's unfaithfulness. Again, in this description, God begins in love and ends in wrath. A love so deep and jealous, as the love of God is, will produce wrath on those that spurn it (Ezekiel 16:36-43).

This jealous love affects not only the unfaithful, but even the righteous. The most righteous man on earth (see Job 1:8), when he gets into God's presence, suddenly understands his 'righteousness' in a whole new light: "Behold, I am vile. What shall I answer you?" He has nothing left to say (Job 40:4-5). Similar to these are the experiences of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:3-5) and John (Revelation 1:17). To know Him is to fear Him, according to those who have loved Him the most and pursued Him to the point of seeing Him.

A cursory reading of all of the prophets, in both the Old and New Testaments, reveal that wrath and judgment are as much a part of the nature of God as are love and mercy. Could it be that wrath is the corollary to love and that love without wrath is not love at all? To be intimate with God must be to know the fullness of who He is, not just the part.

I have been praying through the book of Revelations for the past few years and have become conscious of the unfolding depths of who God is. Those who actually see God are struck over and over again with what appears to be the dominant attribute of His character: holiness. Around the throne, they are not crying "love, love, love" or "mercy, mercy, mercy", but rather "holy, holy, holy!" In fact, those who see Him never stop saying that -- ever (Revelation 4:8).

Get Ready Church!

The whole Bible tells us that wrath is the outflow of both love and holiness. Holiness demands wrath, and that is the reason for the cross. Love and wrath met there. And love and wrath are still meeting on earth. To put it in the words of Revelation 14, I believe there will be concurrent *grape harvests* (wrath) and *wheat harvests* (salvation).
In fact, perhaps the revelation of God's wrath in judgment will actually precipitate millions of people coming to love Christ in salvation (wheat harvest). For those pursuing intimacy, a fuller revelation of who God is -- of His nature and glory -- will be seen in greater measure as these two harvests unfold. If the knowledge of the glory of God is going to cover the earth as the waters cover the sea (and judgment is part of His glory), then those who are maturing in intimacy must expect this and be ready.

The way I see it is this: according to all of the biblical texts about the last days, God's *wrath* nature will be increasingly revealed from Heaven through catastrophes. At the same time, His *mercy* nature will be revealed from earth through His Church. The greatest miracles in the Bible all occurred in contexts of crises. Under Moses, the miraculous was released in times of captivity or in the wilderness; the phenomenal rescues of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego occurred while the people of God were under judgment in Babylon.

In the New Testament, the great miracles occurred because the Church was under persecution or because people were blind, crippled and even dead! The great sin or sorrow provided a context for great grace -- "Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more" (Romans 5:20 NKJ).

The incredible miracles that have occurred in the Church in China in the last decades happened while the Church was in severe persecution under an atheistic government. The miraculous does flow more regular in Africa simply because there is more famine and disease there. I believe that global crises and release of divine judgments over nations will give birth to the *greater works* (John 14:12) and the *greater love* (John 15:13) that Jesus spoke of. **SO GET READY CHURCH! ! !**

Wrath and Mercy Abound

The numerous passages about the end-times in the Bible all point to a coming time where the wrath of God will be revealed from Heaven (i.e., Romans 1:18). There is no getting away from this. In the end times, wrath is coming to earth, and nations will be judged (Daniel 9:26; 12:1; Luke 21:34-36; Acts 3:21; Revelations 6). Of course, the individual believer is spared from personal wrath, through faith in the blood of Jesus.
But national wrath will come on the nations of the earth, and we will all be subject as citizens to it when it hits our various countries. In summary, according to the Bible, wrath is:

- Actively initiated by God (Genesis 6:5-7; Genesis 18:20-21, 19:25; Jeremiah 50:9,18, 51:1-2, 20)
- Passively allowed by God when He lets evil become His instrument of judgment (Habakkuk 1:6; Jeremiah 50:9,18; 51:1-2, 20, 24; Romans 1:21-29)
- Or, worst of all, God entirely withdraws His covering, and the devil takes over, when people go beyond His grace (Luke 19:41-44).

In practical terms, the knowledge of the glory of God covering the earth will look like wrath and mercy,

at the same time. Only God knows when the perfect combination of sin, knowledge, kairos time, and prayer (see Revelation 8:3-7) has occurred in a nation for judgment to be released.
When it hits, it will look like what happened when the tsunami struck Bandi Aceh in Indonesia (a center for radical Islamic terrorists). These terrorists had massacred thousands of Christians through jihad the previous years; yet, the first people in to help them, when the tsunami struck, were the Christians -- the same Christians who had seen their friends and families slaughtered by the Muslims. Mercy triumphed over judgment. God's glory was manifest through natural disaster (wrath) and through His Church (mercy) at the same time.
Or when judgment hits, it will look like Hurricane Katrina hitting a city like New Orleans, home of the 34th annual Southern Decadence festival, where 100,000 mostly homosexual men gathered annually for 5 days of unrestrained, public sex! This was welcomed and sanctioned by the New Orleans' mayor, as it brought in $100 million for the city. Yet, in the aftermath of the hurricane, many of the churches left standing in the city opened their doors to shelter the homeless and provide food, water and care for the suffering amongst them. Again, wrath and love met.

Prepare for the Manifest Glory of God!

Maturing in intimacy has profound implications on how we should live. We need to expect that tribulation will come. And we need to be prepared to manifest the glory of God within us, by rushing to areas of trouble and disaster. Supernatural miracles will flow as natural disasters happen. We worship with the host of Heaven when God's nature is revealed in wrath (Revelation 11:17-18; 15:1-4; 16:4-6; 19:1-2).
With the angels we say:
"You are righteous, O Lord."
The One who is and who was and who is to be.
Because You have judged these things.
For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,
And You have given them blood to drink.
For it is their just due. (Revelation 16:5-6 NKJV)

And then we rush to the affected areas to reveal His mercy on earth, through acts of goodness, grace, forgiveness and compassion. We love Him in Heaven by loving them on earth (John 13:34, 35; John 14: 15, 21-24; John 15:10,12; 1 John 3:14-15, 23; 4:7-8,11, 20-21). It is the way we must live as the future unfolds. It is the way those who know Him have always lived, because it is the way He lived.

"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple to become like his teacher, and a servant like his master" (Matthew 10:24-25, NKJV).

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How To Avert Judgment

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A teaching and prophecy

> *1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*
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> *Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*

With all the warnings of Judgment lately, I thought about doing a little teaching on the topic. Then the Lord woke me up early to add a prophecy to the teaching, which I will add on at the end.

If you look at the two opening quotes you will see two of the major ideas connected with God's judgments. One is that judgment begins at the house of God, and the other is about the 'redemptive purpose' of his judgments. The *house of God* can have various meanings but we will simply refer to it as God's People. The *redemptive purpose* is to save the souls of men.

So there is an important issue here. We naturally want to avert judgments because after all they consist of largely of death, destruction, famine, plague, pestilence, disease, privation, wars and other sorts of disasters. But if God has a higher purpose in all this, do we really want to avert his judgments? Would that be acting counter to God's purposes? Any judgment that is stopped before God's purpose is met, can only be a judgment delayed. What should be our response?

Now this is like any situation where we just plain don't know how to pray. We have some other options beside guesswork. They are:

a. Praise.
b. Worship.
c. Seek the Lord in our prayer closet.
d. Pray in the Spirit.
e. All of the above.

All of the above will work. Ultimately we should realize that a certain amount of Judgment must come. Then there needs to be a certain response from God's people that can reduce or avert further judgments. That response is repentance and worship. To see this, we will look at some examples from the bible where this happened.

Moses offered incense, David offered sacrifices, Esther petitioned the King. All of these show prayer or speak of prayer. All these instances are times when judgment was in motion or actually being carried out against God's people. And all resulted in the judgment being halted. For this discussion we are going to look at the story of Balaam.

Now this story just involves one man whose judgment was averted. Even though he was not a part of Israel, he still knew and served the Lord. The interesting part comes in when you see that Balaam is a type of God's people and the story is an allegory of the end times.

The Sword of Judgment

First let's set out the meaning of certain symbols and relate them to scripture.
When you speak of the Word of God, you are speaking of God himself. As in John 1.

> *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

This is reinforced by other verses like Revelation 19:13, speaking of Jesus.

> *Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

Next we need to see that the Word is also shown to be a sword.

> *Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*
>
> *Revelation 1:16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

The quote from Ephesians identifies the word as a sword. The one from Revelation illustrates this same idea, showing the sword coming out of his mouth as a word would come out when spoken.

The sword also speaks of judgment, of course. Here is an example from Jeremiah.

> *Jeremiah 25:29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a* ***sword*** *upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Here are two examples where we see the Angel of the Lord, who is the Lord himself, appearing with the sword of judgment. In each case the response of God’s people is repentance and worship.

> *1 Chronicles 21:15-16*
> *15 And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.*
> *16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a* ***drawn sword*** *in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then* ***David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces****.*
>
> *Joshua 5:13-14*
> *13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his* ***sword drawn*** *in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
> *14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And* ***Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship****, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*

The Revelation Of Jesus Christ

What is special about these examples is that they show the sword is drawn. It’s not put away or hidden in the sheath but revealed for all to see. We have seen the sword speaks of the word, and the word is Jesus. So this drawn sword is an illustration of The Revelation Of Jesus Christ. This is important to realize and gives us a clue to an end time application of the story. It shows us that judgments being carried out are an aspect of The Revelation. It’s one way God reveals himself. Psalms 9:16 speaks of this quite clearly.

> *Psalms 9:16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: ….*

These following quotes speak of the purpose of God in his judgment; of the results he is looking for.

> *Psalms 64:9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider of his doing.*

> *Isaiah 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*

Isaiah 1:27 is especially important in showing the purpose of God. Without the judgment, there will be no redemption. [Zion also speaks of God's people.] The second part of that verse, speaking of converts, shows that after Zion's redemption will come the harvest. Therefore without judgment there will be no harvest either! So it's no wonder that it says in first Peter that judgment comes to Gods people first.

> *1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: ….*

The Story of Balaam

> *Numbers 22:20-35*
> *20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.*
> *21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.*
> *22 And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.*
> *23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his **sword drawn** in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.*
> *24 But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the **vineyards**, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side.*
> *25 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her again.*
> *26 And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in **a narrow place**, where was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left.*
> *27 And when the ass saw the angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff.*
> *28 And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?*
> *29 And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee.*
> *30 And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay.*
> *31 Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his **sword drawn** in his hand: and he **bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face.***
> *32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me:*
> *33 And the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and saved her alive.*
> *34 And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again.*
> *35 And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but **only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak**. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.*

Here Balaam is a type of God's people. He is coming under judgment for disobedience. Notice the drawn sword in verses 23 and 31. The mention of vineyards in verse 24 is another clue, speaking of God's people. The narrow place in verse 26 speaks of the straight and narrow entrance to eternal life.

In this story, Balaam is a type of God's people; more accurately a type of our established religious institutions. Balaam's ass, however, is a type of the prophets and intercessors among God's people. You can see that the ass is clearly able to see the coming judgments, while Balaam is clueless. This is prophetic vision and insight. The ass also takes various actions to avoid the judgments and tries to warn Balaam. Up to a certain point, Balaam ignores the ass, then he begins to attack the ass. This speaks of the persecution of the prophets of old and the prophetic remnant of today. Eventually the Lord opens Balaam's eyes and reveals himself. And the aspect of himself that he reveals is that of the destroying angel carrying out judgments. This is the drawn sword, and The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Immediately Balaam's response is the correct one, repentance and worship. Then the Lord shows mercy and allows him to pass thru the narrow place. This tells of entering into the kingdom. Balaam receives a commission and strict instructions to obey. This tells us that the established religious institutions will not begin to repent till they actually see the judgments being carried out, and understand that they are from God.

Now this is not to say that all end time judgments can be stopped or the time of tribulation cancelled. That would be like someone who figures when anti-Christ shows up, all we have to do is cast the devil out of him and everything will be ok. I don't think so!

It's not very likely because all these things have to happen, and scriptures must be fulfilled. But it does show us how we should be responding: with repentance, worship and obedience. Once God's purposes are accomplished in one area, he will move on to judge other areas. Once Zion is redeemed with judgment, he will move on to reaping the harvest. And other judgments will be required for that.

The Prophecy

So it shall be with those of my people who humble themselves, repent and worship me. They shall enter in through the narrow gate, into everlasting life; and avert the sword judgments on themselves and their lands.

Whey they see my judgment being carried out, they shall know the Fear of the Lord. This shall be the beginning of wisdom and the entrance of my word in their lives and my sword in their heart. And thus many shall return to me.

My glittering sword shall mean death to many; but for those who repent it shall be death to the flesh and life to the spirit. And they shall be my overcomers; my late in the day vineyard workers.

How To Judge A False Prophet

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> *John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*

As we observe this so called Civil War in the Church, we notice there are a lot of people shooting from the hip and slinging about the accusation of False Prophet. Unfortunately most of this is totally unjustified. Lets look at the scriptures and see if we can make some sense out of all this.

The Pattern In The Sermon On The Mount.
Matthew 6:1-4 tells us to give, but not like the hypocrites do.
Matthew 6:5-15 tells us to pray, but not like the hypocrites do.
Matthew 6:16-18 tells us to fast, but not like the hypocrites do.
The rest of Matthew 6 focuses on trusting God for our provision, serving him alone and seeking the Kingdom and it’s righteousness.

Now on to chapter 7.
Matthew 7:1 tells us to judge not. But whoa there Nellie, John 7:24 tells us to judge.

> *John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*

So to judge or not to judge, that is the question. Sorry Shakespeare.

Look at the whole context of Matthew 7

> *Matthew 7:1-5*
> *1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.*
> *2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*
> *3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*
> *4 Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye?*
> *5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*

Once you look at the whole context of Matthew 7 you will see it’s following the same pattern as in chapter 6.
Matthew 7:1-5 tells us to judge, but not like the hypocrites do. It’s easier said than done.

Verses 1 and 2 are a warning against unrighteous judgment *with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged.* If you would judge according to the Law, then you are asking to be judged by the law.

Judging Like The Hypocrites Do.
If you recognize a false prophet by a failed prediction, do you want to judge him after the Law of Moses as Jesus accusers did to the woman in John 8?

> *John 8:5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*

If so don’t forget to include these scriptures in your thinking.

> *Galatians 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*
>
> *2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

It's judging like the hypocrites that puts you in danger of being judged in the same way.

So what is Jesus telling us in Matthew 7? "First cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."
Circling back around to John 8 again we read.

> *John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them,* ***He that is without sin*** *among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

So to judge righteous judgment, as we are commanded in John 7:24, we need to be walking in righteousness ourselves. Next we need to recall that God's judgments are redemptive in purpose.

> *Isaiah 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, …*

Then the proper way to judge a 'false prophet' is to restore them, and to do this in a humble manner, like we read in Galatians 6.

> *Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.*

Recognizing The False Prophet.
The other issue here is how to recognize a false prophet. Earlier we said, **if** you recognize a false prophet by a failed prediction then do you want to judge him after the Law of Moses? Deuteronomy 18 says this.

> *Deuteronomy 18:20-22*
> *20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.*
> *21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?*
> *22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.*

[If we follow this prescription and lean on our own understanding, we may have to take the book of Jonah out of the bible.]

Or do you want to remember that the letter of the law kills, and that good people make mistakes and fall into sin?

> *2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

False Prophets in the New Testament
So what is the New Testament way of recognizing a false prophet? Try this on for size.

> *Matthew 7:15-16*
> *15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are* ***ravening wolves****.*
> *16 Ye shall* ***know them by their fruits****. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*

> *Galatians 5:22-23*
> *22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
> *23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
>
> *2 Peter 2:1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily* [secretly] *shall bring in **damnable heresies**, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.*

It seems according to these verses, that a false prophet must be one who
a. 'inwardly is a ravening wolf' or
b. deliberately intends to deceive by bringing in heresies or
c. does not show any fruit of the spirit but only the works of the flesh.

Apply This To The Civil War

We read of great healing evangelists of the past. And we hear of those in the present who were sinners or taught false doctrine. Were any of these ravening wolves inwardly, or deliberately intending to deceive? Or were they just men who fell into sin and became deceived themselves? When these men are accused of being false prophets, are they being judged like the hypocrites judge? Go figure or as they say in Hebrew, selah.

One More Question

Now before we sign off here, there is one other question that comes up. Considering that our title is How To Judge A False Prophet, we need a complete answer to that question.

The Real Deal

We have suggested that there is a New Testament standard of recognizing a false prophet. So what do you do if you run into one of these? What if you discern by the gift of discerning of spirits that someone is inwardly a ravening wolf? Or what if you discover that they deliberately intend to deceive? Or what of you observe that an individual is totally walking in the flesh, with no evidence of Fruit Of The Spirit?

In other words, what do you do when you run into the real deal; a genuine, 24 karat, dyed in the wool, rude dude, false prophet? What about the case where the label *false prophet* is fully justified? Let me give you a clue: there is no formula or rule to follow in these cases.

First of all, be careful when it comes to making accusations. Recall that even the angels avoid this as it shows in Second Peter 2.

> *2 Peter 2:11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.*

Secondly consider the full context here.

> *2 Peter 2:9-13*
> *9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:*
> *10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.*
> *11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord.*
> *12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;*
> *13 And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you;*

Note that verse 9 says The Lord knoweth how … to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. This is saying that the Lord will deal with the problem. And especially that the Lord knows how to handle it. We don't unless he tells us.

The Lord may choose to use you in such a case, or he may not.
If you would judge righteous judgment in this kind of situation, you must be walking in righteousness and wait on the Lord for specific instruction. Acts 13 gives us an example of this. Note that when Paul spoke, he was filled with the Holy Ghost. Don't do this if you're in the flesh.

> *Acts 13:6-11*
> *6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a* ***false prophet****, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:*
> *7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.*
> *8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.*
> *9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,*
> *10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?*
> *11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.*

Here Paul was led by the Spirit to pronounce judgment [in the sense of punishment]. In contrast the story of Simon the sorcerer as related in Acts 8:9-24, Peter commanded the false prophet to repent.

> *Acts 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.*

Here is another case.

> *Acts 16:16-18*
> *16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:*
> *17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.*
> *18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

Here Paul knew automatically by the Holy Spirit, what spirit he was dealing with, and when the right time came, he commanded it to leave.

In each case these apostles followed specific instructions from the Holy Ghost. And that's how you make righteous judgment.

When you start tossing around accusations in the flesh, you're playing on the wrong team and following the devil's game plan.

Further Scripture References

> *Romans 2:1-3*
> *1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.*
> *2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.*
> *3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the*

same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Romans 14:4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

James 4:11 Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.

Galatians 5:14-18
14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Matthew 5:20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Galatians 5:22-23
22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Ephesians 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

How To Spot The Accuser

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> *Luke 6:41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*

Discernment

In this Civil War in the Church that we have been concentrating on we hear a constant cry for discernment. Many are majoring on discerning the mote in their brothers eye. Rather we should seek to discern the voice of the accuser of the brethren. Here are some things to look for.

What happens in this Civil War in the Church is that some people, for whatever reason, have yielded to a divisive spirit. This has directed them into becoming spokesmen for the enemy camp without realizing it. We need to pray for these people who are being used in this way. Remember this is a spiritual battle.

> *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Since the Lakeland Outpouring shifted into high gear around Passover, the accuser of the brethren has been working overtime. But even before that I received quite a few samples of his work as various people tried to sway me against it. Now after seeing even more of this kind of material, I have noticed that there is a pattern that most of these accusations follow.

Before launching into a series of accusations the accuser will try and set you up to accept what he is about to say. The process is like a confidence game. Once they get you to accept the messenger, you are likely to accept the message. Lot’s of the tactics used are just variations on the argument from authority. Once they get you to believe they are speaking from some authority, then they really don’t have to prove any thing they say. The whole idea is to get you thinking they have more spiritual authority than you do.

1. Such a person may offer Ministry history or credentials.
   Or they may give testimonies or examples to set themselves as some authority or mature voice.
   Some will imply that it has taken them much courage to say what they are about to say.
   While others will claim that they have been attacked for criticizing.
   This is a sympathy routine.

2. Expression of sorrow or regret that such warnings must be given.
   You will hear things like this:
   I’m not against such and so, but …
   It really grieves me to have to say these things.

I simply have to speak out and warn people.
I have been weeping over the sad state of things or deeply involved in tearful intercession.
I am only writing this out of love for The Church.

3. They may claim to have some special revelation or inside knowledge that others don't have.
Some will report having a dream or vision, or getting a prophecy to support their view.
Others will claim to have absolute certainty, or cite someone else who is 'never wrong'.
Or you will hear the claim that the Holy Spirit is instructing them to speak out.

4. Most common is the invoking the authority of the scriptures to support what they are about to say.
After all, it's implied, who can argue with the bible. For example:
The Word of God must be our standard.
This is not just my opinion, it's what the bible teaches.
The bible must be our basis of Judgment.
Don't get mad a me, this is God's word.
The bible clearly teaches that such and so.
Next they will give their **opinion** of what the Bible 'clearly teaches.'

5. Then they may employ lengthy quotes from scripture regarding deception, false teachers, false prophets, false apostles, no private interpretation of scripture, wolves among the flock, hirelings, lying signs and wonders, great delusion, Satan as an angel of light and so on.
The more scripture they quote, the more authoritative they will seem.
This is where the fear tactic comes in.
Please dear saints, don't let yourselves be deceived.

6. Then they proceed to judge someone after the Law, accusing them by name, usually with great scorn and ridicule.
They may insist that their interpretation of a certain scripture is the only correct one.
They will point to things happening that are not in the bible.
or claim that this is not the way God operates.
Or Jesus didn't do it that way.
Many of their accusations will have no proof, only hearsay or opinion.
They could claim there is no scripture to support someone's teachings. [This could be hard to prove, even if attempted. It would be a difficult matter to evaluate every possible interpretation of every scripture in the bible.]

7. But they will not cite any verses about tale bearers, strife among brethren, railing accusations, backbiting or slander.
And especially they will never consider that the letter of the Law brings death, and only the Spirit brings life.

We mentioned that this accuser tries to get you to accept him, or her, as a messenger with some authority, so you will accept their message. The aim of the accusations is to get you to reject the accused person or persons, so you will reject their message.

And after all that, what if there is some real truth in all the accusations? Then it all boils down to one thing: **Gossip**. We are told to be afraid of deception, when all the while we are corrupting ourselves with slander and gossip.

> *Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*

And I’m Repenting Too

While going thru some old mail, I found that back on May 2, I had forwarded to some close correspondents, a message Re: Todd Bentley that contained a lot of accusations from some other ministries. I'm now very sorry for this and repent for ever circulating or forwarding any such accusations. And for ever saying any thing that could be considered criticism of any other ministry.

Now here is a verse from Ephesians that can be seen as a prophecy of the Church coming out of Civil War and into unity. It is the work of the Lord, to bring about a Christ like attitude.

> *Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

And here are the results spoken of.

> *Psalms 133:1-3*
> *1 <A Song of degrees of David.> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*
>
> *Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for **they shall see eye to eye**, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.*

Hastening Forward To The End

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*You will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Matt. 24: 5-7 NIV*

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be **turned into joy**. John 16: 19-21 KJV*

“I tell you that these are the days that are hastening forward to the end. I tell you that this world is set on stage for its actors to play out the scenes. For in a short time this world will be thrown into cataclysmic events. For those things that have been predicted in my word will be happening. These are the days that many have looked into. These are the days that many have tried to understand. These are the days that are hastening forward to the end. “

“When you hear rumors of a war between China and Russia, then you will know that these events are near. When you hear reports of nuclear build-up, then you know the time is near. These are some of the things that will set the stage for the anti-christ figure to come upon the scene. Don’t think that peaceful relations will help solve these things, for they are to be fulfilled in my prophetic time table.“

“Come to Me, those of you who are weary, and I will give you rest. Come to Me, those of you who are burdened, and I will give you freedom from your burdens. Come to Me, those of you who are saddened, and I will help dry your tears. You may weep now, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. “

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Hearts After Him

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My precious church, I adore each of you so much and I long to build each of My children up into the mighty warriors that I have destined you to be. I long to continue to take each of you down the road of everlasting. Shining my light upon the path to which you are to walk. Shining my light on places I wish for you to visit.

My precious church, keep your eyes open and your ears attentive to My Spirit. For there are many walking within My church that have their hearts far from Me, and are allowing deception and control to cover their eyes and hearts.

My church, be aware of things not of Me that are being filtered into My church. I am bringing a separation by My Spirit of those to whom are seeking Me and walking with Me, and those who are within My house, and not following after Me.

I long to bring those who are being deceived and controlled by things not of Me into My arms and hold them close. To shower My love and forgiveness upon them, and break the chains that are holding them down. To set them free, and to turn their faces yet again towards Me, but they must come to Me. They must bring their hearts to Me, and seek Me again.

My Spirit is crying out My church. Be aware. Do not be deceived but continue to listen to My Spirit, and what My Spirit is saying to the churches.

Allow My wisdom to come upon you, and see through the ears of My Spirit and through the eyes of My heart.

Do not regard the words of man higher than the words that come from Me. Look at My Word and listen to what I am saying. Allow My Spirit to bring truth to your lives, and break deception and manipulation.

There are those walking within My church who are dressed in sheep’s clothing, but they are not following after Me. They are coming against those I have brought forward for a specific time as now, and are coming with an agenda that is not from Me.

Be aware My church. Continue to listen to My Spirit. Continue to delve into My Word. Do not be deceived. Do not be mislead. Bring everything to Me and against My Word and continue to pray for My wisdom and discernment.

For many of you are being attacked and torn down by those within My house for what I have called you too. Stand firm. Listen to what I have spoken to you, and remember you are called by Me and not man. Be teachable and continually open to My Spirit, but stand firm on the convictions that I have given you.

A great increase is coming to My house. I am increasing in areas of your lives that you have never seen before, but do not allow deception, torment and defilement affect you from those who are seemingly walking in My house.

Listen to Me, and I will take you where you need to be. I will hold you close to Me and love on you. I will speak My Words of truth to you and build you up into the warriors I have called you to be. I will not allow anything to come against you that you cannot handle and I will give you the strength to endure.

Those who are walking in sheep’s clothing, I will bring judgment to them, and they will answer to Me. My love will always continue to pour over them and I long to have them come to Me, repent and seek My face again, but I will not allow things not of Me to continue to reign for much longer. It may seem this way, but I am in control and I will be glorified.

When I return the world will see the manifestation of evil crushed under My feet, and the evil that is even within My house.

Come to Me, My church. Seek My heart and listen to Me. Continue to be pure before Me and allow My Spirit to continue to lead you and keep you away from things that entangle and deceive.

Worship Me and seek Me in Spirit and in truth and you will always continue to walk in the way everlasting.
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Halfway? Or All the Way?

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> *"There are plenty of Christians to follow the Lord halfway, but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends, and honours, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves." (Eckhart, 15th century mystic)*

How variously can one understand Eckhart's observation? How many possibilities exist for honest and forthright comprehension? His statement is so simple, even simplistic at first examination. "I can do that", we silently muse at the premise put forth by this ancient man. It does seem that simple, and it is, but oh, how very difficult is the doing in comparison with the thinking.

So many Christians, followers of Jesus, twice-born men, find it impossible even to part with earthly possessions in their pursuit of spiritual life. Most Christians will lift their hands in worship, sing the songs of heaven with unconcealed enthusiasm, rise early on Saturday morning to attend a "prayer breakfast", but ask them to reach into their wallets or purses and part with their money, the hard-earned currency of their labor and they balk like a cat being shown a waiting bathtub.

What does it mean to "disown" oneself? How is it accomplished that a man might "lay down his life" for another? What method is employed in the shedding of our own fleshy skins, and to what effect do we do so?

Let me remind us all of the command of Jesus – not to spiritual superstars – but to all of us: *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."*

I know, we prefer the words of blessing and the promises of prosperity to the harsh mandates of sacrifice and dying.

Yet the whole gospel message, the good news of God to man is centered on the continual act of giving, of sacrificing, of laying down one's rights, position, and even (especially) one's life.

The Apostle, who reminded us that he died daily also taught that *Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."*

We love words such as victory, triumph, over comer, conqueror, winner, success, champion, achievement, but none of these come without battle, war, contest, challenge, effort, cost.

Understand that without the disowning, the renunciation of ourselves, we have nothing in Christ. Recall when Jesus said *"Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."* And it was John who declared, "*He must increase, but I must decrease".*

But of course we know that; we've read it. We've heard it mentioned in sermons on Sunday. But notice the John's next words, the words that follow immediately after "He must increase, but I must decrease"*; "He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth."*

And there it is: "from above" is "above"; from the "earth" is "earthly". This is the continual and perpetual tension. This is the root out of which Paul writes the seventh chapter of Romans, the constant war and struggle between our "knowing" and our "doing." It all springs from the question of whether we are "above" people or "earthly" people.

Here is truth: "*we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath."* And then we were "born again", literally "born from above".

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God . . .
Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

Let me explain further: You likely own a car, or some material, tangible thing. If you own a car, you have in your possession the title deed to that particular vehicle as opposed to other cars driving your city's streets. This particular car by law, is yours. It is yours to do with as you please. You can care for the car, change the oil regularly, keep the fluids at prescribed levels, keep good tires on it, or you can abuse, neglect and ruin the car: It's yours. You own it. It's not just in your possession, it's yours to do with as you desire.

So too, we have been given our lives as gifts from God. What heaven desires is that we might return our lives to God in response to His love, grace, mercy and goodness; not because we must, but because we choose to; we want to. The words "My life is not my own" come into focus here.

Ruth Hill was a student, busy with life, making plans for her future when suddenly she realized this truth. Ruth wrote in her journal,

"Last week represented a monumental change in my life. I realized that all my plans and goals for my life were my plans and goals, not God's. I realized my life is not my own and that life is not about me. I knew there are millions of unreached people in the world and that I could change that.
Throughout the rest of the semester, God continued to change me, to build my passion for missions and to ruin me for everything except his perfect will."

And therein is the true secret of life in Christ: To be "ruined for everything except His perfect will."

So long as we maintain ownership of our lives, we are not God's. Only as we surrender the right of ownership, give up the title deed to our lives will we find true fulfillment in Him. Only as we become possessions of heaven rather than possessors of ourselves will be discover true freedom, success and joy.

We have been taught (wrongly) that it is commendable for one to surrender possessions, friends, and honors. Such sacrifice is nothing, for what can we truly own, who can we truly hold closely, what titles, tributes, prizes or reputations are truly worth keeping in the light of eternity?

Only when we move beyond the simple sacrifice of paltry toys and baubles and the "froth of life" and move into the arena of the death of self; the giving away of who, what and why we are, do we truly discover life as God intended it to be lived.

Is this sufficient? Am I wordy enough? Do you understand? Do my words mean anything in the pantheon of history or in the light of His glory? Meaningless words; only action, toward Him, away from self, holds any momentary or eternal value.

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.
Denial of Self
Take up my cross
Follow Jesus

A three-point sermon; a fulfilled life. "Disown," "renounce", "reject", "turn my back on", "disclaim", "deny", die.

"There are plenty of Christians to follow the Lord halfway, but not the other half. They will give up possessions, friends, and honours, but it touches them too closely to disown themselves."

Disown, renounce, reject, turn my back on, disclaim, deny. . . die. And live.

In His Grace,
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Hearts And Hurricanes

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…God made a wind to pass over the earth… Gen 8:1

Note: The message below was posted for Florida exactly one year ago, but it is also relevant for Louisiana and Alabama. Florida didn't take God's message to heart, will Heartland America? God is washing America's feet, but will we notice and begin wash each others' feet rather than flee from judgment. Surely it is time to get real, to be vessels of God's glory in our nation. Nearly all of God's people are infants spiritually, but they believe themselves to be mature. This is a result of following immature, prideful leaders who call attention to themselves rather than to Christ within.

Katrina means 'pure.' What a name for what may be the worst-ever storm to hit both Florida and Louisiana!

Here is an example of them great offense to God in our mega-churches and other institutions. A 'Christian' mega-church leader dared to write in a book published world-wide: "*I am not a spiritual man*." (See Silent No More, Islam Chapter, by Rod Parsley.) Then he proceeded to compare spiritual men to granola bars of flakes, fruits and nuts. Doesn't he realize that he is calling the Spiritual Man Jesus Christ and all of His *loyal followers* fruit cakes? Do none of the elders of this huge institution have the spiritual discernment to recognize the great rebellion in a pastor who dares to reveal that he is not spiritual? Since this pastor claims to be a spiritual leader, by what spirit does he lead? There is much witchcraft (rebellion) in the 'Christian' institutions, and God's people love it so! Such foolishness is basic to what is wrong with American Christianity, and why God's judgment must come upon us if there is no repentance and correction

Remnant, pray for Truth and responsibility, and cease to support the witchcraft.

Original Message of August 28, 2004:

Yes, saith the Lord, I am the author of the wind, of both the gentle breeze that blows refreshing rain to your lands, and of the violent storm that breaks your works and shakes your complacency. When you pray against the hurricane, are you not praying against my judgment? My people, should you not ask me, "Lord, where have we disobeyed, where are we in sin?" When I send multiple storms, is it not because you haven't sought My face, and have ignored my calls to turn from your wicked ways?

World-renown ministries have grown in your state, Florida, and you have been given great responsibility to exhibit My Glory. These ministries became prideful and led My Body into apostasy, further dividing it into parties; calling attention to themselves and not to My Son. Now repent of your pride, you elders, and gather together before me with humble hearts to seek My face. Learn of My righteousness first, follow My guidance, and then ask Me to heal your land.

There is no retirement in My Kingdom, yet you encourage men and women to play in their final years, to reject all calls to be used in the work of My Son. My people, look and see, My storms struck at the very heart of your state because it is your hearts that are set against Me. Why do you run and hide rather than face the consequences of your own iniquity? The shaking that has begun will continue until it has worked its work in the hearts of My people. Storms come to shake the complacent and wake up the sleeping. Storms will continue with ever-increasing strength until My people humble themselves.

Do not pray for mercy, pray for judgment in My house that will bring glory to My Son and wholeness to His Body. He shall surely have a perfect bride, and He shall surely not return for her until I send Him. Why do you think that I will send Him for a carnal Bride? My people, let Me prepare during this greatest moment of Truth so that you will be ready when He comes. Take My shakings to heart and be cleansed and prepared. Become able to shine forth to a dying world that sees My glory in My people.

Elders, you are held responsible to call My people to Me. Even if you are ignorant of My Truth, your guilt remains because you have accepted the role of leader in your congregations. Thus saith the Lord.

But as the days of Noah *were*, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be. Mat 24:37, Lk 17:26

Have A Worship Partner

Meredith Greco

I had the following dream on August 22, 2005. Although I don't understand all of it, I felt it is very timely as to what is happening now.

I'm in a town (almost like cities in Old Testament times that were walled in). There was a sudden urgency/panic and the people began to run to find hiding places. It seemed there were soldiers outside the city, (ready to attack?). I began to climb a rope to get onto a rooftop. I thought that might be a good place to see from, and I would probably be safe there. As I was about 2/3 up the rope, I dropped one of the cards that were in my hand. The cards were "Words" the Lord had given to me. I knew the Word that had just fallen was VERY important. I didn't want to have to climb back down. I reached out my hand and the card flew off the ground and back into my hand. Several people saw this and Knew this had to be of the Lord. I read the card....it said *"you have to have a worship partner to make it through the coming time."*

This was so important that I knew I had to tell the people. I told one lady to tell the people this, she only told them "*to worship*". I said, "*No! You have to tell them exactly what I told you! They must get a worship partner to make it through the coming time!"* Then I saw more of what was written on that card. It talked about many breakthroughs were coming for many people and then there was a very hard time coming. But even through the very difficult time, there would be some who would be blessed. At the end of the card......(it was like a closing in a letter)....and Jesus says something about having to go now...the time is almost here that he will fast again.

(I had many cards in my hand. I knew they were all words from the Lord. But it was like this was the only one that mattered right now.)

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History Belongs To The Intercessor!

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Months before the recent shifts in the Supreme Court, the Lord made it clear through numerous prophetic voices that the composition of the Court was about to change and that if the Church would seize the window of opportunity that had been blown open, we could see "judges restored as at the first."

Two weeks prior to the nomination of John Roberts, one of our young interns had a dream that a man named John Roberts was placed on the Supreme Court. This young lady had no idea at the time who John Roberts was, but she told her dream to our group anyway.

After some research, we found out that John Roberts was a possible replacement -- though at the time he was only a long-shot -- for the Supreme Court should any Supreme Court Justice step down. Thus, when Sandra Day O'Connor stepped down and John Roberts was placed as her replacement, we were not surprised, but we still could not help but marvel at God's desire to reveal his secret counsel to his friends on earth.

We believe, and still believe, that Roberts is God's man for this hour. Even if Roberts were to hold opinions contrary to the will of God, if the Church continues to pray for him, God's Kingdom will come, and His will, will be done through Chief Justice John Roberts.

His Will Be Done

Then, when President Bush nominated Harriet Miers to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on October 3, we at the Justice House of Prayer (D.C.) sought the Lord for His confirmation concerning Ms. Miers. For four weeks, we intensely cried out to the Lord for revelation concerning the Supreme Court nominee. Phone call after phone call and email after email poured into our office asking us for what the Lord was speaking to us and what our thoughts were concerning Harriet Miers' nomination.

However, for those four weeks, the Lord had kept us continually seeking him for the word of faith in our hearts over the situation of the Court without any real, clear word. We told all inquirers to pray that God's kingdom would come and His will would be done in the situation. During this time, we talked to many different prophetic voices around the nation, but none seemed to have any real sense as to the word of the Lord over the situation. Frankly, that was one of the most difficult seasons of intercession for us at JHOP.

However, during those four weeks, I was in Iowa with a few of my close friends and family seeking the Lord for wisdom on the situation. I continually brought before the group the need for the Lord to speak to us about Harriet Miers. During this trip, on October 21, my friend Chris B. had two simple dreams that we did not fully understand at the time, but they are now clear to us.
In the first dream, the Lord showed Chris the dimly lit stage of a school called Dominion Christian School, where he used to be a teacher. However, in the dream, the stage was enlarged, and there were thousands of "prodigals" returning to the stage of that school.

We believe that the Lord was speaking to us through the dream that the stage was being set for "Dominion" Christianity to be restored to the Body of Christ. For years, the Church has acquiesced the earth realm to the forces of darkness, but now, the Lord was clearly speaking to us to recover the Dominion mandate and prevail in prayer over wickedness (Please know that we are not necessarily advocating Dominion theology. We simply believe that the Lord is saying that he is restoring the attitude and position of "domination" in prayer over darkness).

Samuel Alito -- "New Jersey"

In the second dream, the Lord spoke to Chris specifically about the Supreme Court. In the dream, he was shown that a **"New Jersey"** was being placed on the Court. At the time, the dream made no sense to us since Harriet Miers had already been nominated to the Supreme Court. But in Chris' dream, the "New Jersey" was not Harriet Miers. Because the dream was nonsensical to us at the time, we filed it away for more prayer.

Only a week later, when Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination to the Court, we knew that the Lord had spoken to us through Chris' dreams, but we were still not entirely sure what or who the "New Jersey" was. The Scriptures make it clear that exaltation comes not from the east nor the west, ***"But God is the judge; it is He who puts down one and exalts another"*** (**Psalm 70:6-7**).

Thus, this past weekend, when we received the reports that Samuel Alito, ***FROM NEW JERSEY,*** would be President Bush's new nominee, we knew that God was orchestrating the entire episode. I feel that the Lord has revealed to us the person who is to replace Sandra Day O'Connor on the Supreme Court of the United States. We believe that Lord is saying through those series of dreams that the Church is to cry out for the Lord's Dominion over the Supreme Court and the Alito nomination.

Because of the words the Lord has continually spoken to me and to the prophetic voices around the nation, I believe that the Lord intends to end abortion and restore righteousness and justice back to our nation. **Thus, the question we ask should not be what the consequences will be if Judge Samuel Alito holds opinions contrary to the will of God. Instead, the question we ask should be what will the consequences be if the Church fails to respond to the Lord's promptings for intercession for this man and the Supreme Court. Ultimately, the responsibility of the Supreme Court belongs to the Church.**

As I write this, my company of young intercessors has embarked on another extended season of continual (24 hours a day until the confirmation process is complete) worship and intercession for the destiny of our nation . While we are only few in numbers here in Washington, D.C., these young adults understand ***the urgency of the hour*** in which we now live and are crying out to the Lord for "speedy justice" and for the kingdom of God to be manifested in ***this present, throbbing moment.***

The Church of America has fought too long and hard to relent and ease back now. So often after fighting long and hard battles, the Church is deceived into complacency and self-satisfaction. **Now is not the hour to hold back.** I am calling for the body of Christ around the United States and the nations to press in through fasting and intercession for the situation concerning the Supreme Court.

All these years of prayer for the ending of abortion and the erosion of righteousness and justice in this nation hangs in the balance. Now, ***it is our turn to respond*** in prayer and fasting -- to lay a hold of God's eternal purposes for the Supreme Court and ultimately, the destiny of this nation. Our response *now* will determine our future *tomorrow*. History is shaped by the intercessor!

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His Cup Is Running Over
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Dear friends,

During the past days, the Lord let me pray together with Charle during many days, for Jerusalem, Israel and what ever the Lord would reveal. Charle is an intercessor, received the a mantle to walk in the prophetic office since more then 10 years and received an apostolic mantle about 2 years ago through David Shemende, an amazing apostle and man of God from Africa, actually living in Tennessee. So as we prayed the Lord started to speak concerning coming judgments in several nations.

In fact the first visions where given during the days as New Orleans was being flooded, which certainly had motivated us greatly to pray and seek the Lord.

So thanks for keeping this Issues up in your prayers....!

"His Cup Is Running Over"
By Charle' Homan And Ueli Surbeck

as Ueli and Charle' prayed together during about 12 days. from August 27 to September 8 2005

I SAW GOD'S CUP OF WRATH RUNNING OVER. IT IS SIMPLY TO FULL.

"I will destine you to the sword. All of you will bow before the executioner, for WHEN I CALLED YOU DID NOT ANSWER, WHEN I SPOKE, YOU DID NOT LISTEN, YOU DELIBERATELY SINNED ------ BEFORE MY EYES ---- AND CHOSE TO DO WHAT YOU KNOW I DESPISE. Isaiah 65. 1 - 12 NLT

I was with the angels flying over North America, I saw the angels stamping each Nation that would be devastated, as we flew over with a sign as a Roman Numeral II.

North America was first then we went to Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Syria, Turkey. And then it went over to Europe, but with the exception of Greece, first to Italy, and then whole of Europe the angels were laying a blanket of black over the entire group of Nations and it represented judgment, Spain...then I cam back to North America and I saw Canada and Hawaii and I turned around and I saw Australia, but only half of it as the other half seem to have disappeared....then I saw Indonesia, Malaysia, Russia and China and then going to Africa. and then it went to Israel.

Then there where this two other visions, which where given later, but it seems good to hang them on, as they go in the same line as the word above:

It was the vision about an earthquake through North America, splitting it in the middle about a mile deep. from Houston, Texas straight up across America. it will come before the US has recovered from the actually flooding at the south coast....

And then later the Lord spoke the following sentence, "the slaughter of the innocent has began"....

Then a few days later the Lord gave the following Visions with a special concern for New York:

First Vision

I saw the Sky and suddenly out of the Sky airplanes where falling everywhere. it was like ripples, there where ripples in the sky, like there is in water. These ripples where like sound waves or electronic disturbance directed from the ground against this airplanes which made them fall out of the sky.

Second Vision

I saw many warehouses and then the ocean with a harbor appeared, in the harbor was a cruise ship which was on fire and is sinking. I was in the water outside the ship, I could see many animals in the water around the ship, they started moving and they must be somehow crocodiles or what ever, they were there eating up those who try to jump into the water escaping the fire on the ship. I tried to tell them don't jump, I was screaming and screaming but it was useless, they didn't listen they jumped anyway.

Third Vision

Suddenly I was in the water (somehow in the harbor area in New York) I could see people floating in the water and all kinds of things and I was shocked and moved back as I looked down I saw the head of the statue of Liberty in the water next to me, then Suddenly a big hole was blown out in the midst of the skyscrapers. People where melting like wax. it must have been a nuclear explosion. Then in addition to this explosion, suddenly I saw flat across the map of the United States and saw the following names jumping up, I heard the names of the cities as I saw them raise up off the map somehow I knew that these cities would be attacked at the same time: Cincinnati, San Francisco, Montreal, Atlanta, Dallas and Washington DC.

Fourth Vision

Then I saw Mexico City there were three planes trying to land at the same time came in from three different directions and crashed mid-air...

Then came Hawaii and I saw some tragedies, must be through some type of big wave, like Tsunami wave. Tragic, wiped out I believe the islands were sunk....then at the end I saw written: "CAN NOT BE OVERRIDDEN"

Then about two days later, the vision about New York came back very strong. I was again under the water, the statue of Liberty was in the water with me, I said Lord take me out of the water, take me out, now, praise God I was cold, it was so real, and I saw again the hole which was blown into the skyscrapers. it seemed that it was important for me to be under in/under the water, vantage point, I saw something, so suddenly I saw and a submarine coming to the surface and then after this there were many, it was like a fleet, and they were Russian, which was important for me to see. They all came to the surface in the Harbor, with the hole in the buildings , looked to me like the inside of the hole was coming out around the hole like it had been shot from the North to the South, Russia....I saw black Helicopters everywhere and men coming out on ropes and invasions of a sort...

I saw another fleet of ships going towards the disaster and then I saw a ship compass and the compass was in the direction of South/west.

After this we prayed specifically to receive an indication about timing. So as we prayed the Lord gave me a vision about a boat which wrote in the water 23 (it came from top to down) in the spirit I knew this was January.... (1- 23) and then the boat came again and wrote 2006 from the left to the right.

Last Vision: The Sword of the Lord hanging over America

I have felt that I am underwater since I have arrived, it is awesome because I think that when I went into the water in the vision somehow I stayed spiritually in the water for the vantage point in the water is very important right now. I saw the map of America and it isn't a star as I saw in the beginning, I saw it is a sword, God gave me great detail It is His Judgment! The sword of the Lord hanging in the balance against America...It firm and standing boldly and CAN NOT BE MOVED!

Personal comment (by Ueli):

The first vision gave somehow an overview of the coming judgments, which will be all over the world, but it is very clear it is starting in North America.....!

In the second part there is a clear emphasis given for the United States of America and this is very serious. What we received is part of the big picture, no prophet is given all.....but what is very clear, the destruction which occurred through Hurricane Katrina is only the beginning.

Two specific things are clearly announced by several prophets:

1. A coming earthquake which will divide America in the middle. Well many prophets have seen this vision about America being split so it is another confirmation....

2. And an attack in New York, which has been given already to some other people like Oral Roberts, Michael Boldea etc. and it is what is called the second blow.

For the fact that the Lord showed this vision about New York, was an answer to many prayers, it was on August 11. that the Lord woke me up in the morning with a prayer on my lips to call for the Christians and Jews in New York to leave....., So I prayed this prayer during many days, and with this Vision, I believe the Lord gave some very clear indications to understand, what he wants to say. The timing is to be taken very serious: Jan. 23. 2006 I believe, the Lord has already softened and delayed this judgment announced since last fall very clearly, so I have the impression there will be no delay anymore, but there is a clear call to simply prepare for!

May the Lord give you the grace and mercy to discern and prepare! Shalom from Jerusalem, the City of the Great King Ueli

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Here Comes The Judge

Kathleen Pirl

Here comes the Judge!
Here comes the Judge!
Order in the court!
Here comes the Judge!

AM I not judge of the whole earth?
Do I not appoint the seasons and times?
Do I not bring the harvest to fullness?
By my judgments are men reaped!
By my angels are they separated
wheat from tares
The righteous from the wicked

Will I not preside over the courts of heaven and the affairs of men?
Have I not made the time of the blowing of the trumpets a time of judgment?
To bring redemption to the earth?
To bring repentance to the sinner?
To extend my salvation at the Day of Atonement for all who sincerely seek my mercy?
The mercy of the lamb slain from the foundations of the earth!

I display my self in the cosmos.
Who is like Me the Almighty?
Be still and know that I am about to bring a work of purifying the earth and tearing open the veil, for those who long to enter in you must be free from sin.

I AM a Merciful God full of compassion
Come to Me
I will set you free!

Here comes the Judge!
Here comes the Judge!

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Are you rejoicing today, My blessed ones, as you contemplate what I did for you on the cross of Calvary?

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness, by whose stripes we were healed. (1 Peter: 2:24)

Yes, My beloved, I took the sins of the whole world on My body and died a horrible death on the cross and paid the price for your sins that you might have eternal life in heaven with Me. I took your diseases and infirmities upon Me and by My stripes you were healed.

In the words of the song...

He's alive, He's alive, no, death could not hold Him.
He's alive, He's alive, oh the stone was rolled away.
Satan thought he won the battle, when Jesus died on that tree.
But my Jesus came back from the grave and He won the victory
He's alive!

Yes, My people, I arose from the grave, triumphant in victory. What a day of rejoicing this shall be as you attend Easter services and hear once again the story of My death on the cross when I carried your sins and sicknesses on My body once and for all. How I arose on the third day and ascended into heaven, where I sit at the right hand of My Father, awaiting that day when....

The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thess. 4:16,17)

My beloved, what a glorious promise and much closer to reality than you think. You must prepare yourselves for that day and if you are alive you shall ascend into heaven with Me. Be watchful of the temptations to sin and always repent and seek My forgiveness. Guard your salvation. Stay close to Me, nestled under My wings and obedient to My direction for your walk with Me. Be always ready to go forth on assignment for Me and return to the safety of My everlasting arms.

O, My precious ones, how I treasure those who have chosen Me as their Savior and Lord and are walking on My pathway with Me. Even in the midst of great tribulation in the world you are being My light among unbelievers and winning many for Me. Continue, My children, to testify of My salvation to all whom you meet and you will marvel at how many hearts I have prepared and who are ready to receive Me.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. (Ephes. 2:8)

Indeed, My beloved people, it was by grace you were saved, in yourselves you could do nothing. I chose each one of you who would be Mine, before the beginning of the world.

Then He said to them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.' (Luke 24:46-48)

I am calling you, My people, to be obedient to My great commission, to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature....your world being your friends, your neighbors and your loved ones. I am preparing the hearts of people everywhere to comprehend the message of the Gospel and to seek Me with all their hearts

Heaven Scent

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"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (This alone is an incredible promise to you and me. The glory of God is the radiance of His presence which He desires to be revealed in us as His people) For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God." (Romans 8:18-21)

Several points and promises stand out as I read these verses. The first is that all of creation (both physiological and biological) that is calling out to God will be liberated from corruption through the promise of the New Heaven and the New Earth as spoken and prophesied in Isaiah 65. When we truly recognize our identity and place as sons and daughters of God; the creation itself will begin to be released from it's bondage through our liberty and rights as God's children. The "down-payment" of the Spirit of God within us is that powerful...It literally draws and pollinates the glory of heaven upon the earth.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and her people a joy. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying. No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for as the days of the tree, so shall be the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble; for they shall be descendants of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them. (Isaiah 65:17-25)

This prophetic word spoken by Isaiah shows us a definite creation of a "new heaven and a new earth." Could this be the "applicable key" that we have been searching for in truly understanding "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on EARTH as it is in HEAVEN?" I realize that many teachings and wonderful revelations have come forth regarding this verse. However, have we moved from hearing it into experiencing and living it? Incredibly, we know that these verses in Isaiah 65 pertain to the present dispensation of time and place because the birthing of children is still taking place along with the building of houses and the curse or labor of mankind's hands.

When we receive Jesus Yeshua as our Lord and Savior, we become a "new" creation in Christ. Within the new creation comes access to a "new" dimension of living and being. Although we still carry the tent or physical body of the "old" man, our inner or spirit-man is renewed every day in communion with the Lord. In the same manner, we live in the "old" or fallen world, but have access to the renewing presence of heaven. This truth should not only excite us; it should encourage us to the limitless possibilities that are set before us as sons and daughters of God. We have read the verse and have heard the phrase, "the Spirit of God that dwells within us." But have we really embraced, believed, and walked in this biblical reality?

This prophecy clearly shows us that the creation of a New Heaven and a New Earth must come before the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ. Again, I can state this because of the presence of mortal people and the evidence that sin and death are still present. (Along with childbirth as earlier stated). Now, at this point, I do not desire to offer this article as doctrine, but as a prophetic revelation for your discernment and hopeful benefit.

I believe that locked within these verses is a "pearl of great price." Could it be that portals or divine highways have been in place for the building of the kingdom of heaven on earth? Is it possible that we have missed our true and genuine call as the church and have been aimlessly stumbling in dead and limited works? I find it easy to conclude that there is purposeful reason that the millennial kingdom of Jesus Christ will be on "earth" and that we as church have been given the Spirit of God, anointing and authority to begin creating a habitation for His glory.

"But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. And the NATIONS of those who ARE saved shall walk in its light, and the KINGS of the EARTH (You have been called to be kings and priests unto our God) bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it." (Revelation 21:22-26)

This week has been a revelation breakthrough in my life as my eyes have been opened to the truth of God's Word that those who reside and abide in the New Jerusalem will be able to travel "into it" -- the spirit realm from earth to heaven and back to earth. Thus, the old wineskin (the church) and the old and fallen world will be illuminated with the life and love of Christ through the saints of God. Are we not to be a city burning bright with the glory of God upon hill for all to see? The divine traveling from earth to heaven as prophesied in the New Covenant must provide us a type of pathway that is seen by OBEDIENCE to God's Word, constructed by intimate RELATIONSHIP with Christ, and walked (traveled) upon by FAITH.

The statements above are the conditioning of our mind-set that must be in place for the bride to receive her Bridegroom. Its time we begin focusing on our wedding day and preparing for our new "living arrangements." The Bridegroom has and is doing His part in preparing a wonderful place (mansions) for us in heaven. His hands and feet have been bruised and pierced to the bone and He sweated blood in the building of His bride's home. The Bridegroom is approaching His wedding day fully prepared and ready for His bride. But what has the bride done to prepare for their eternal future together? Has she begun the preparation of her garment and the furnishing of her home in heaven? Has she even attempted to VISIT Him lately? Beloved, it begins here on earth and a desire visit heaven. It is in heaven that we receive the "pattern" (as Moses and David did) for an eternal marriage and lifestyle. It is the glory and the fragrance of heaven radiating through our lives that resurrects life and hope to a dying and dark world.

Those who know me realize that I am not keen on abstract or non-applicable prophetic material. But I am convinced that the Lord has chosen this time in my life to reveal His heart for "our" visitation and habitation with Him. Honestly, I am very ashamed and utterly convicted at how many times I have called on Him to come and visit me, but have never "really" sought to visit and habitat with Him. It's kind of like being a parent that must always go to their children's home for a Thanksgiving meal and intimate time together because the offspring are too busy or concerned with their own lives and needs.

Why would the Bible mention "heaven" over 500 times if God did not desire to show us something applicable and intimate about it? The word "heaven" sometimes refers to the atmosphere and universe (the second heaven) It is the third heaven – the residence of the Bridegroom that I hope you will be encouraged to longingly desire in a greater measure throughout the remainder of your "earthly" walk. The third heaven is also the residence of the Father. "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my FATHER'S HOUSE are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you KNOW, AND THE WAY YOU KNOW." (John 14:1-4)

Even Abraham under an inferior covenant, was seeking by FAITH and "waited (looked - better translation) for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God...that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:10, 14-16) The Lord clearly states that He accounted Abraham and the great seekers of a heavenly habitation as pleasing in His sight. You know, I honestly cannot say what this will require or even how to go about it. I wish I had some kind formula or spiritual answer to give you. I am simply and humbly stating what I believe to be a prophetic word from the heart of the Father in His desire that we visit with Him in heaven. I have not yet seen heaven...But more than ever, I am convinced that I hear my Father's voice calling me from "playing" outside to come in and spend some real time with Him.

I have learned (sometimes the hard way) that "timing" is essential for the anointing of the Lord to flow through prophetic ministry. Summer time is a time that we can get caught up in many activities and endeavors that lure us away from the kingdom of heaven. The Lord desires that we enjoy and rejoice in the newness of life and color that the summer months bring. However, the Lord desires that we also include Him in our vacations and the activities that the season brings. Likewise, He desires that make the time to swing by His house. After all, He is our Father!

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Carmel Caves
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"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit." (James 5:17)

We have a tendency to visualize Elijah as this fearless prophet dressed in a beastly garb calling down fire from heaven. We can even see this perceived portrait and interpretation in James and John in their frustrated responses to the actions of the people in their day. There is an element of truth to this; however, the Bible says that he was a man just like you and me. The mantle that was upon this prophet allowed him the courage to speak out against the RELIGIOUS IDOLATRY of his day. He called down fire from heaven for the purpose of proving to the people of Israel that what the world around them was worshiping were helpless and breathless idols. Notice that his purpose was directed toward the people of God and not to prove a point to the world. The same is true today. Father is calling many into prophetic ministry to bring fire from heaven in consuming the breathless and helpless religious traditions of man. It is also clear that the consuming fire is to come from HEAVEN. The role of prophetic people is to CALL upon the fire and not BE the fire. It is usually within the frustrated vessel that we tend to go beyond what the Lord has called us to. This has caused many much trouble and disappointment. The PRIMARY CALL upon receiving a prophetic word is to pray and intercede. This is the PRIMARY REASON we have been given a word, but our greatest deficiency is our failure to pray the word through before we speak and act.

The prophetic mantle that the Lord is placing upon those who are called to prophetic function (not "title")is sealed and powered with the revelation and Spirit of Jesus Christ. The mantle upon Elijah pales in comparison to the weight of glory that awaits to rest upon the children of God through CHRIST. We must avoid false humility and readily accept this glorious promise and mandate. Many of us, because we have been so beaten down and corrected into silence, fail to come under the weight of God's glory and receive His mantle and commission. God want's us to know that Elijah was a man just like us. However, Elijah responded to the CALL of God. Is the Lord speaking to you today to respond to His call? Maybe this will encourage you.

Elijah had an awesome time in the fire and power of God upon Mount Carmel, but it wasn't long before Elijah had a "CAVE - IN" or a Mount Horeb Crisis. This was not the high point in Elijah's ministry and call. Yet, the Lord allows us to witness and relate to the prophet's humanity. He was one of the greatest prophets and men to walk the Earth; what would cause such a spiritual low point in his life? Again, Elijah was just like you and me. He struggled with the same issues of faith, doubt, rejection, and the list could go on and on. We all must understand and stand free of the guilt concerning spiritual highs and lows. There are "Carmels" and there are "Caves" in the lives of prophetic people. Even Jesus experienced a low point on the Mount of Olives. It is a common trait among prophetic people to walk in rejection. A lot of this has to do with the way God has "wired" us. We tend to value the opinions of others because we realize and believe what the Lord is giving us is a vital PART of what He desires to do in the lives of people (the church). And you know, for the most part, these feelings are genuine.

The Lord desires that we embrace our weaknesses and recognize our dependence upon Him and each other. Once we come to this point of maturity and transparency, He will place a DOUBLE PORTION of grace and anointing upon us. This is why the Lord is making prophetic connections in such a dynamic way today --- to minister healing and encouragement to one another who are under the prophetic umbrella of ministry. (You will notice that Elijah did not have a like-minded or gifted person to relate to before his "Cave-in.") We need to be honest with ourselves to understand that one of the greatest pains of rejection is to have a vision from God that nobody else shares or supports you in. This is about to change! Lets look at what Father desires to share with us and some lessons we can learn as prophetic people.

Elijah came on the scene at a time when Israel had not only turned their back on the Lord, but also began to follow the pagan religions around them.(Much like today) The kingdom united under David was now gone and divided into Israel in the North and Judah to the South. It is clear that the nation followed the examples of its leaders. Jeroboam, the first of Israel's kings, put the nation on a downward spiral of IDOLATRY by setting up two golden calf idols for the people to worship. It seems in scripture that all ties to the true worship of the Lord at the temple in Jerusalem (the capital of the southern kingdom) were severed. It is interesting that the Bible states many times, "That Jeroboam made Israel sin." It would be in this idolatrous RELIGIOUS KINGDOM that Elijah would be raised up as a prophet. Many of the prophets that the Lord is raising up are leaving their place of calling! Mature prophetic people are being called to the Mount Carmel's of their communities; however, many are leaving for areas of comfort and like-minded communities. It's easy to be prophetic when everyone else is on fire and desiring to hear a word from the Lord. Today, the Spirit of God is defining "Prophetic Jurisdictions." These are watchmen who have come under HIS mantle and will man their GATE regardless of the condition or adversary. In other words, Do not be hasty to leave the areas of adversity in your life. It may be your greatest opportunity to truly see the arm of the Lord's power manifested through your life.

Elijah was called to the Northern Kingdom 40 years after Jeroboam in the reign of the even more apostate King Ahab. Ahab built a counterfeit temple in a counterfeit capital -- Samaria. Ahab married Jezebel who encouraged and financed false prophets to pagan gods. The irony is that the Jezebel religious spirit still exists today. Jesus mentions it being around even in the last of the last days in the book of Revelation. Jezebel systematically killed off many of the true prophets of the Lord. (Kings 18) The same systematic "killing" of the prophetic voice succeeded for much of the last 1700 years until the present reviving of the dry bones that we are experiencing in our generation. Ahab and this religious system "did more to provoke the Lord than all the kings of Israel before him." (Kings 16:33) We still see the same today! We see the systematic killing of the prophetic voice and expression through this same Jezebel spirit. It is a spirit of religious CONTROL built upon SPIRITUAL INSECURITY. Many have made excuses for dismissing prophetic ministry today and I do not wish to discuss this at this time, but I will say that the rejection of prophetic ministry within the church can be easily traced to leadership that lacks INTIMACY with our heavenly Father. (spiritual insecurity). How else can you explain this when over 1/3 of the Scripture is based on dreams, visions and prophetic ministry? The spirit of Jezebel is a religious spirit that essentially "prophesies" that the true prophets of God must be silenced (killed).

Elijah was suddenly stepping into this culture of religious apostasy. Such idolatry (ministry or religious idolatry today) called for confrontation and judgment. However, before the confrontation on Mount Carmel would take place, the culture (and the church today) would need to realize the truth of God's blessings had to be withdrawn from the land. The people had to realize the religious "stuff" they were serving produced no "eternal kingdom" fruit. In other words, the people needed to know that the rain that God WOULD NOT provide, the false gods COULD NOT provide. For 3 ½ years the people of that land were CONDITIONED by God for a showdown on Mount Carmel. The prophets of God in this day that are genuine will be full of love and compassion, but will speak forth TRUTH. A prophetic word of drought is coming to nations and individuals who are serving religion rather than God. The thirst and greed for money will pang the souls of many when their "earthly kingdoms" crumble (bankruptcy) beneath them. A panting for the love they search for will vanish in the wind (divorce) because they have rejected the love of the Father. Loneliness (disobedience) will grip the hearts of many as they have turned their back on God. All of this will happen and has already happened within the walls of the CHURCH.

We ask ourselves, how can people be so deceived by religion and forsake the blessings of intimacy and relationship with God? Perhaps, these droughts are the conditions that God will permit to bring many who serve and worship religion rather than Him to their knees as a type of Mount Carmel judgment. Beloved, we have been saying for so long that judgment begins in the house of the Lord. Well, it has begun. With the understanding of this word must also come the understanding that our Father is loving-kind, slow to anger, and merciful. This is why we must proclaim the word of the Lord and not "prophesy peace in the land when there is no peace." (see Jer. 6:13-14) The battle for souls is raging and it is raging within the walls of the traditional church!

While the nation of Israel (a type of the church) was "reaping what it had sown", Elijah was being prepared for Mount Carmel. Elijah told Ahab that a water shortage and famine was coming to "his kingdom", and then disappeared from sight. This is an excellent example of prophetic maturity. We speak the word of the Lord and then leave it in God's hands. So many times in our zeal, we attempt to "drive" the word in when all along we are just to step back in faith and watch God move upon His word. Our CONFIRMATION and CONFIDENCE must cease coming from the words and actions of man! Lets speak the word of the Lord and entrust it back to Him. You see, ALL prophetic words are conditional. A response to the word must come from those hearing -- who have ears to hear. We speak or express to build and encourage, but also that "the uninformed or unbeliever is convicted to repent." (1 Cor.14:22) It would be in this time of drought (natural and spiritual) that Father would teach His prophet about His miraculous ways of provision and protection. We must remember that it was a time of drought and famine and Jezebel was out to kill every prophet of God. (Kings 18:10) I want to encourage you with knowing that Father has a way of protecting His servants. Only when we come to a place of complete confidence and faith in God are we ready for the Mount Carmels.

Mount Carmel was close to enemy territory --- as it will be for us. Queen Jezebel was from nearby Phoenicia, which was the source of many false prophets. Beloved, you will not find many false prophets in the world system, but in the religious system -- this is the enemy territory. Like Elijah, we must choose these same locations so that the power of God is glorified and that no "Home field advantage" can be claimed by the enemy! In other words, we take the battle into their camp! It was now in the CONFIDENCE of the Lord that Elijah boldly challenged and confronted the prophets of Baal to confirm their gods by fire. Importantly, he also challenged the people from Israel who had gathered in their curiosity. "How long will you HESITATE between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him, but if Baal (religious spirit), follow him." (1 Kings 18:21) The heart of God is what we are to proclaim. His heart is to challenge the "religious" to go all out for Him.

Many of these false prophets may have had a verifiable prophetic gift, but because of their lust for pleasure and the things of this world their gift was warped and perverted ... and eventually led to their death. (see 1 Kings 18:40) Of course the demonic powers behind Baal and these religious spirits were no match for the One true God in His glorious power. These pagan prophets were as serious then as they are today --- selling their souls to the gods of this world and satisfying the lusts of their flesh. They exhausted themselves in their vain beliefs and futile activities. When it became obvious that Baal and the religious spirits had failed, Elijah calmly and confidently REPAIRED the ALTER OF THE LORD and set it up to be consumed with fire even with water soaking it. There was to be no mistaking the power of God through the prophetic word spoken.

The climax of Elijah's Mount Carmel experience was the coming rains. Elijah was so filled with joy at witnessing the power of God and how everything worked out that he outran Ahab's chariot to Jezreel -- a town 30 miles away! This was a tremendous spiritual high for Elijah. But for some reason, it was a short lived mountain top experience. It seems that no sooner than Elijah had reached Jezreel that he was ready to hang it up. I have been here myself many times; it seems they have been in times where I did not understand the word the Lord gave me and its application or the belief that the word fell on deaf ears and was not accepted. We must remember that the Bible says that "Elijah was just like us." Elijah thought that what Ahab had seen and witnessed at Carmel would be enough to send Jezebel and her false prophets packing, but instead Ahab just casually spoke to Jezebel of the days events. Jezebel, in turn, sought to kill the prophet within 24 hours! Elijah, in HASTE, ran for his life --- failing to remember what God had shown him during the 3 ½ years of drought. He told the Lord 300 miles later that he desired to die because of his failure. Then, at Mount Horeb of all places, Elijah continues his self-assessment and pity. What a spiritual downturn! The prophet of God HIDING in a cave! Many of you who are prophetic and even those called to be a prophet(ess) are hiding in your caves because of the same issues that Elijah experienced. The Lord understands many of the hurts and rejections that His servants have had to endure in the church. The Lord is gently calling you out today as you read this. We must understand that, like Elijah, we are most vulnerable after a spiritual high. Many of you may be hiding and silent with the gift God has given you. Like Elijah, the source of your discouragement and disillusionment may be caused by your preoccupation with yourself and your circumstances. Notice Elijah's response and emphasis on himself and his ministry rather than his trust in God. I want to encourage you to step out of the caves of discouragement and PROPHESY to the land and people Father has brought into your life. Whether it be through art, music, dance, writing, or speaking --- Prophesy and EXPRESS the heart of God! The grace of God is clearly seen upon Elijah's life --- from the highest peaks to the darkest caves. Not only did the Lord care for Elijah in the cave, He continued to teach him that He not only spoke through fire and earthquakes, but also with a gentle and kind voice. Do you hear Father gently calling you back today? It's your destiny!

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Heavenly Affections

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There is a change coming to the whole body of Christ. We are about to enter a season of one of the greatest installments of heaven ever demonstrated in history. Before any great change there is a process of transition that God brings us through. This process brings us to a place of being divinely "undone" with where we have come in life so that we can recognize that we need to get somewhere else even if we don't know how to get there yet. There is also a war right now for the thoughts and hearts of mankind because of the great season of change we are coming into as a body of Christ world wide. God is giving many of us who are forerunning a gift right now; He is allowing everything outside of Himself that we have put hope in to fail us, so that He alone remains. Everything that would tie our minds or hearts to an earthly position, or to a man of God, or in fulfillment that is not unto eternity, will not succeed. Many people are devastated over the failure in one of these areas. The reality is that God will not let the church stay where it is presently and is exposing anything that would get in the way of His love.

Bob Jones prophesied that God would begin to take away the general grace that is on the world in 2005.

What this meant in my understanding is that everything that sustained us outside of God, even seemingly good things, are being challenged if not totally removed. He also prophesied that those who would walk in intimacy with God would be given a greater grace than the one that was removed. He saw an angel representing "Great Grace" coming to the people of God.

Heavenly Viewpoint

There is always only two ways of looking at our circumstances. We can see in an earthly way which is usually (if not always) discouraging, or we can look from a heavenly viewpoint. If we see with our earthly eyes but do not have the ability to resolve the circumstance, then we will be unsettled and live in anxiety. The culture in this world lives off anxiety and a number of sicknesses that have been loosed upon us that come from this place of stress. Our natural being is looking for ways to take on our problems and if we don't cast our cares upon God they can get stored up in our physical being or in the realm of our soul.

Many people have difficulties ranging from stomach disorders to back pain just because of the way they carry stress in life. Others have bitterness or unforgiveness that becomes energized by the reality of their daily stress. Ultimately, even if they tried to live life at peace, without coming to the Prince of Peace, they are overcome by the way they are carrying this place in their mind and heart. This is also a reason that entertainment can be so destructive because it numbs our pain and allows us to forget the cares of this world if for only a few hours at a time. When the movie is over, though, the stress is still laying somewhere within us like a dead weight. People who use entertainment to escape know that it only lasts a short period, much the same way being intoxicated from alcohol will not resolve our pain but only delay it.

There is a Higher Way

Because we were seated with Christ in heavenly places, we have an option of how we want to look at life even now.

We can look for something to give us a resolution here on earth or we can look to Him to bring a supernatural resolution. Paul knew of the pain and frustration of the church of his day. He addressed this in Colossians by calling them up higher: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." -- Colossians 3:1, 2

There are two steps to this Scripture. It deals with our mind AND our heart being focused on things above. In this transition that the body of Christ is in we have to do everything we can to learn the disciplines of setting our affections on things above. Soaking in the Bible, worshiping, seasons of prayer and meditation, spending time in His beauty, cultivating the arts within us, being occupied with righteous work . . . these are things that tie our affections to heaven. These train our minds and hearts to dwell in the eternal reality of being with Jesus where He is.

Physical and Emotional Healings Can Happen in a Sovereign Moment

I believe many people are delivered of illness when they just focus from an eternal viewpoint because their physical body does not need to carry their cares anymore. In the same way, if we seek His Kingdom first, then our emotional stings from earthly relationships begin to get resolved in one sovereign moment with God. When we worship, our heart releases its cares to rest in Him. When we memorize Scripture, our mind thinks with a Christ-like virtue, and unforgiveness has no place in us and our affections can no longer hold it. This is why it's so important to behold Jesus and not the earthly realm.

The Provision For the Destiny is More Important Than the Destiny

Because He is Our Provision Paul Keith Davis always says, "If there is a destiny on earth, then there is a provision in heaven." If this is true, then we can not set our affections and focus on the earthly destiny no matter how awesome it is. At some point the failure of man or our own failure will cause us to look away, even if only for a moment, from our own promises of destiny on earth or our hopes for this life. We have to begin to set our affections on things above, so that even failure or betrayal cannot take away the faith in our hearts over God Himself. He is nothing like man or the best that this earth has to offer. We then need to focus on this provision of heaven that will enable us to cooperate with heaven while still here on earth. Ultimately, as we set our minds and hearts on this provision, we will see Him, Jesus.

Helicopter Dream

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In this dream I experienced a struggle with a long series of documents that spoke of or advertised worthy causes or events. I had to devote lots of time and energy to processing each one. It was making me very tired; I was loosing my peace.

Then still in the dream, the Lord showed me that these are just a lot of time wasters, and distractions. They are snares of the devil to get you to focus on the good, instead of the best i.e. God’s will for your life.

Next I found my self in the cargo bay of a military helicopter that was very cluttered. Suddenly a voice came over the loudspeaker system.

Take out the trash, and stow away the loose gear. Find your seats and buckle in.

The ‘Boss’ was getting into the pilot’s seat, and warming up the engines for takeoff. Remember a helicopter does not need a runway, it just goes straight up.

Interpretation

A Military Helicopter speaks of warfare.
A Combat Mission is in the works.
Trash speaks of the distractions in our lives, if we don’t need it get rid of it.
Loose gear is the important things that need to be put in order.
Your seat is your place of ministry.
Buckle in is to make your calling and election sure.
The Boss is Jesus, captain of the Host.
Getting into the Pilot’s Seat speaks of taking His place as head of the Body.
Engines starting speaks of the whirlwind.
Takeoff is ascending to heavenly places with Christ.

File under Rapture of the Manchild.

Heel Grippers And Healing
Sandy Warner

Dec 7, 2005

Heel Grippers And Healing

Since the days of Jacob, the ambition of heel gripping has wounded, devoured and plundered the hearts of many. Because of the passion inside, Jacob took the inheritance that was meant for another. In the end he received what he desired, but not without great cost and a change within his nature and his name.

There are many who have been greatly wounded by this spirit among My people. As a pendulum swinging to both sides of the extreme, some churches have fleeced My sheep for their wealth in money and spiritual gifts without the regard for caring for them as My sheep. On the other side are those who have worn sheep's clothing and come through the church gates for the purpose of promoting their product or gift, in order to build their own name and kingdom. Both have lusted for the wealth of another, and taken - rather than received.

My sheep in all shapes and sizes have fallen prey to this devouring where instead of being adopted, they were used and abused. I long to heal these wounded ones and adopt them into safe places. I long to place them into families that will give honor to whom honor is due. I yearn to connect My own where their voice is heard, where their wealth of gifts are used and appreciated, and where they will grow and bloom in a loving environment. Forgive and release the offenses dear ones. Change your own behaviors and then call out to Me to bring you divine connections.

Gal 6:10 NKJV
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Ps 68:5-6 NKJV
A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families.

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How About Healing Your Heel
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Hi Loved Ones,
Several noticed the typo on today's Ponder. It was supposed to be HEEL grippers. I consider the whole thing rather quickened, since I believe it was a prophetic blooper. God is going to heal the walk of those who have been bruised by wolves and betrayers.

Also several noticed that the ponder paralelled Dennis Cramer's post on Elijah List, Whose Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? I noticed that too! I posted this a few months ago on reserve at inJesus. I rarely know what is coming and it is always a joy to hear of their timing and how they confirm.

QUICKENED SCRIPTURES

Ps 41:9 NKJV
Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me.

Gen 3:14-15 NKJV
So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."

Rom 16:19-20 NKJV
Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

WORD TO PONDER: WRESTLING WITH DEMONS 6/16/05
So often you are unaware that the lack of peace you have in your relationships is actually that you are actually wrestling with demons. There are demons that take up resident in lives even in the womb and have lived out their personalities within people. They so masquerade themselves that even the person does not understand that the nature of their true personality and what they are feeling is not really their own. I see these things, dearest. I understand the wars that go on.

Your highest calling is to love, forgive and pray for those you love. As you learn to love those who are captive to demons, it releases them to overcome and become like Me. When you judge, criticize and argue with them, it only wounds their already wounded soul and brings them into worse captivity.

Lay down your contention. Lay down your striving and bring all soul wrestling to a close. Pray and take authority over the demonic, but do not use the weapons of flesh with people. Do not allow the demonic to steal your own peace. When you wrestle in our own soul over someone else's demons, you lose your peace. So repent of your ways, come into alignment with My heart so that you may find your peace and release others to find theirs.

Rom 16:20 NKJV
And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

PRAYER
Abba please heal those who walk with a limp. So many are bruised from betrayal and from wrestling with the demonic. Many heel grippers have acted like wolves and wounded so many. I pray that You grant us grace to forgive those who have sinned against ourselves and You, and that as we do, it will release those who have walked like heel grippers to have their identities changed into Your image, in Jesus Name.

May we overcome our limps and walk in peace. Lovingly, Sandy

The Very Last Drop
Sandy Warner

Dec 9, 2005

THE VERY LAST DROP
As I see you freely give every last drop you have of your time, energy and gifts, it brings Me to tears. My beloved child, how you touch My heart! Thank you for being My conduit in giving everything I have given to you. You have poured and poured and emptied all your energy of body, soul and spirit, - all for the sake of love. You have so little time to contemplate your own needs and yet when you do, I hear your concerns that I might pass you by. Oh dear one!!!!! How could I ever bypass the one who loves so much? You plant, you tend and you nurture, then you give away your harvest. As much as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it

unto Me! Your oil and your wine shall never cease. You shall never suffer lack as long as you have Me.

Acts 3:6 NKJV
Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

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Your Fruit Shall Remain
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YOUR FRUIT SHALL REMAIN
Just like homing pigeons always returning home to their place of birth, I have planted inside of you the ability to return to your resting place. Dear one, I understand the pressures in life draw you many places outside of the comfort zone of your intimacy with Me. There will come a day when you will be so settled in Me and I will be so settled in you, that you will dwell in your resting place no matter where you are or what you are doing. My will is that our times of intimacy will forever birth the fruit of our remaining as One.

John 1:32-34 NLT
Then John said, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn't know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, 'When you see the Holy Spirit descending and resting upon someone, he is the one you are looking for. He is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Son of God."

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Has God Forsaken His People?

Michael L. Brown

Some things are non-negotiable. God's covenant with Israel is one of them. How could He have made Himself more clear?

He gave His oath to Abram, and reiteratedit *six more times* to Abraham, to his son Isaac and to his grandson Jacob. On one occasion, "When God made His promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for Him to swear by, He swore by Himself" (Heb.6:13).

Why did God speak so decisively? It was because He "wanted to make the unchanging nature of His purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, [so] He confirmed it with an oath' (Heb. 6:17). God Who cannot lie bound Himself by an oath!

His covenant with Israel was reiterated through Moses, repeated by the prophets and rehearsed by the psalmists. Jesus Himself affirmed it (Matt. 19:28), Paul articulated it(Rom.9-11) and the gates of the New Jerusalem announce it forever (Rev. 22:11-12). God has chosen Israel as His covenant people.

What if Israel broke the covenant? What would then happen to them? Listen to these unmistakably clear truths: "Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished" (Jer. 30:11). God will completely destroy other nations, but He will not completely destroy Israel! He treats His people differently from other people; they are judged more strictly, but they will never be wiped out.

No matter what Israel does, God will never forsake them as a distinct people. In Jeremiah 31:31-34, the Lord declares that He will make a new covenant with Israeland Judah. But He doesn't stop there. It's as if He's saying, "Now, don't get me wrong! Don't think that this new covenant means that I'm abandoning My people. No!"

This is what the LORD says, He who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar – the LORD Almighty is His name: "Only if these decrees vanish from My sight," declares the LORD, "will the descendants of Israel ever cease to be a nation before Me." This is what the LORD says: "Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the LORD (Jer. 31:35-37).

As long as there is a sun, moon, stars, earth, and sea, there will be a distinct people of Israel– no matter what they do. It's God's promise! It's true!

"Is not Ephraim my dear son, the child in whom I delight? Though I often speak against him, I shall remember him. Therefore My heart yearns for him, I have great compassion for him," declares the Lord (Jer. 31:20)

Look at how relevant God's prophetic word is to our day and age. For centuries the Church, in arrogance, because of ignorance, claimed that she alone was the true Israel, that she had replaced the ancient covenant people. The Church taught that it was the Christians alone who were the true Jews. (How strange that these Christians were not claiming to be Jewish during the Holocaust!) The Church taught emphatically that the physical people of Israel(those who were ethnically Jewish and those who joined the nation through conversion to Judaism) were eternally rejected.

This is not some worn-out old doctrine. It is on the increase again in our day. Yet the Lord is not surprised. Twenty-five hundred years ago, He already addressed this issue:
The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: " Have you not noticed that these people are saying, 'The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms He chose?' So they despise My people and no longer regard them as a nation. This is what the LORD says: 'If I have not established My covenant with day and night and the fixed laws of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them' " (Jer.33:23-26)

People are still murmuring against Israel and despising the people and the nation.
God's answer is still the same: "I will never reject them!"

What exactly did God promise Abraham and his descendants? How long are His promises good? Psalm 105 has the answer for us.

He remembers His covenant *forever*, the word He commanded for a *thousand generations*, the covenant He made with Abraham, the oath He swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an *everlasting* covenant: "To you will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit"(Ps. 105:8-11).

Did God make himself clear? The Scriptures speak of God's *covenant*, the *word* He *commanded*, His *oath* which He *confirmed* as a *decree* forever, for a thousand generations, as an everlasting covenant. The Lord is trying to make a point!

Not only did He promise to bless Abraham and make him into a great nation; not only did He promise to multiply his seed; not only did He promise to make him the father of many nations; not only did He promise to bless those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him; He also promised Abraham the land of Canaan, with clearly defined borders, as an everlasting inheritance to his natural descendants –until this earth is no more.

Amazingly, some teachers have tried to get out of this perpetual land promise to Israel. They claim that in the New Testament, neither Jesus nor the apostles ever reiterate this particular aspect of the covenant. But why should they reiterate it? When almost all of the New Testament was being written, about one million Jews were living in the Land, Jerusalem was the spiritual and national capitol and the Temple was still standing. And Jesus made it clear that, despite Jerusalem's soon-coming destruction – a destruction that would last "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" – He would *come back* to a Jewish Jerusalem (Luke 21:24; Matt. 23:37-39).Obviously Jews would be in the Land!

But there is another reason why Jesus and the apostles did not *explicitly* stress the land promise to their people. The specifics of God's covenant with the patriarchs were so clearly stated in the Scriptures that it would have been a waste of words to repeat them all! David Brown, the respected nineteenth century Bible commentator, was correct when he said: "What is permanent in the kingdom of God under the Old Testament is PRESUMED in the New."

And let all believers who question Israel's rights to the Land, *based on the New Testament,* take note of this: The New Testament doesn't state that Israel would be exiled from the Land either! *Both* of these Old Testament truths, Israel's scattering and Israel's regathering, are presumed in the New.

The covenant God made with Israel is just like the covenant He made with David. The Lord declared to David that He would establish a lasting dynasty for him. He gave this promise to David's son who would succeed him on the throne:

When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. But My love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom Ire moved from before you. Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; your throne will be established forever (2 Sam.7:14-16)

What a wonderful word! In spite of David's terrible sin and Solomon's tragic backsliding, in spite of the godlessness of Davidic kings like Ahaz and Manasseh, the kingdom would never be taken from his physical descendants.

When the kingdom was divided and God gave Jeroboam the ten northern tribes, He did so to humble David’s descendants, "but not forever" (1 Kin. 11:39). He still left one tribe with the sons of David, "so that David My servant may always have a lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I chose to put My Name" (1 Kin. 11:36). The King of kings and Lord of lords is a direct descendant of David! God was faithful to keep His word to David, and He is just as faithful to keep His word to Israel.

His covenant with Abraham is just as unconditional and everlasting as His covenant with David. Read Genesis 15carefully. In ancient days, that is how covenants were made. Sacrificial animals were cut in two and their severed bodies placed in two lines. *Both parties* entering into the covenant would then walk between the carcasses. By doing so they were symbolically saying, "If I break this binding agreement, if I fail to uphold my side of the pact, then let me suffer the same fate that these animals have suffered." But something was different in Genesis 15. Only God passed through the pieces! This was a one-way deal (see Gen.15:17-21)

The Land belonged to other nations. But at the proper time it would be given to Abraham's seed. If they violated the terms of the covenant – especially as expressed through Moses – then they would be punished and even driven temporarily from the Land. But just as God's word to David stands firm, His word to Abraham endures, *no matter what Israel does.* This is what He said through Moses. When the Israelites are

…in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking My covenant with them. I am the LORD their God. But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the LORD (Lev. 26:44-45; see also Deut. 4:27,30-31)

Even today, when "As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on [our] account; [yet] as far as election is concerned, they are loved *on account of the patriarchs,* for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable" (Rom. 11:28-29). Could anything be more plain?

Right now the great majority of the Jewish people are our "enemies" as far as the gospel is concerned. They reject our message (the Orthodox Jews reject it most strongly), and some even actively oppose it. As individuals, they forfeit their covenant blessings when they turn from Jesus the Messiah. But as a people, they are still elect and loved "on account of the patriarchs.” Otherwise, God's promises have no meaning and election has no significance. “Abraham, I'm swearing by Myself, I'm putting My reputation on the line. I will bless your offspring always – no matter what. (But I may replace them with someone else one day!)" That is not the Lord that we serve.

God's covenant with Abraham is just as unconditional and everlasting as His covenant with the Church. The Lord "saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy" (Titus 3:5). Praise God, we were chosen by grace! But we are not the only recipients of the

Lord's unmerited favor. To Israel, Moses said:

The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt (Deut. 7:7-8).

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? God's covenants with Israel and with the Church are based on His promise, not our performance.

Old Testament Israel and the new Testament Church both stood, and still stand, by grace. Both received God's eternal promises. Together we make up the family of God: The faithful ones of Israel and the chosen ones from every nation become one new man out of the two, one body, one people. "For through Him[Jesus!] we both have access to the Father by one Spirit" (Eph. 2:18). Great is the wisdom of God.

This is not what the Muslims believe. It is a fundamental tenet of the Koran that both Israel and the Church failed. Moses was a prophet. Jesus was a prophet. But Muhammad was the seal of the prophets, the messenger of the final revelation. The Jews are not the people of God – they failed! The Christians are not the people of God – they failed! It is Muslims who are the people of God.

Of course, this is preposterous. But, in the event that you are still uncertain about the calling of Israel, consider this simple truth: If God could *forsake* Israel, in spite of His unconditional, everlasting promises, then He could forsake the Church! If God could *replace* Israel, in spite of His unconditional, everlasting promises, then He could replace the Church! So, if you hold to a theology that says, "God has forsaken physical Israel," or "The Church has replaced Israel," you had better be extremely careful.

Maybe the Koran is right!

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Harvest - God's Heart beat

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The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. - Matt.9:37-38
(Ref.13:24-30, Matt.13:8, Matt.9:37-38)
Harvest!, Harvest!!, Harvest!!! says the voice of the trumpet. Its time for harvest and there would be harvest. God is saying Harvest time is come. The time of your reaping is here. The fruits are ripe so get ready for there shall be a mighty harvest.

This harvest is all about the winning of souls. God desires it so much. From the references you would see that this message involves separation of the wheat from the tares, multiplication of the good fruits (30 fold, 60 fold and 100 fold) and then prayer for more harvester to come to the field.

Its time for pruning. Its time for separating the original from the mixture. God hates mixture. He wants to save the good and original Christians and multiply them. These represent the seeds that fall on good ground. God wants an increase of that.

The hour has come for judgment to come on the false church. They've taken a lot from us for they grew with us. Some of the even prophesied and did great signs and wonders but the time has come for them to be exposed. God is saying unto his people - Come out of her. She is Babylon, the city of fools.
God is calling his people unto him. He is calling for an holy separation. People who will seek him would know him. They would know that there is a paradigm shift.

Alignment to new strategies

There is a paradigm shift. Stop doing things the way you used to do them. Its a new day. God is giving new strategies. New strategies for new assignments. As God is giving new assignments to his people. He would give new strategies. We are to align ourselves with this so we can have the maximum and full harvest.

More harvest of souls

Its time for more harvest of souls. We need more people into the kingdom so prayers and actions should be taken towards this. There would be more harvest this season. The good people of the Lord would be replicated.

Maturity of the church

The harvest also concerns the maturity of the body. The church of Jesus Christ would be ripe, matured, complete and perfect unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Gradually the church is maturing and she would mature into her fullness - the full image of Christ.

Re-positioning/ Re-ordering

God is calling for a re-positioning. He is calling for a reformation. He wants a re-arrangement. He wants the church to be the way it was before. He is calling us back to order.
If you desire to be used by God re-position yourself.

Prophecy

Thus saith the Lord - I am bringing order to my house. My tabernacle of David I would build. In the midst of this, affliction would arise but my people shall prevail. I am going to do a new thing

- saith the Lord of Host and the ears of them that hear it would tingle. I `d bring precious stones and I'd rebuild the house of David. The ruins are fallen. Jerusalem is in a mess but I'll rebuild her. I am calling my servants with pure hearts to draw near. Do not involve yourselves in the mess that is going on. I am calling the prophets to alert my people of their false ways. I am re-ordering the path of my people.

I Have Heard Your Cry
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I have heard your cry. Your groanings have come unto me. I will grant unto you your hearts desire and your desperation will be no more. For you shall behold your hope. Your desire shall come true and you shall have what you ask for in times of prayer.

I'll prepare you - a servant before me and you shall put my house in order. You shall weep no more for I have heard your cry. Build my people with your words of prophecy. Sing songs. Use your enablement to awaken the nations that sleepeth. Do the work of ministry. All these would I require from you on the last day.

Therefore be diligent to put down in writing all that I've committed into your hands. Use them well. They are for the edification of my body. Build the house. Pray but prophesy also. Use my enablement to stir up the hearts of the people you minister to.

Put your yoke upon me and know that I care for you. I would help you. I will bear the burden in prayer. I will release you to your rest and you shall be assured that your wanted request have been granted.

The Chastening Process
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For whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth... Heb.12: 6 - 11. (Ref.- Heb.13:12, James 1: 2-3,12)

I sense in my Spirit that a lot of Christians today have to go through the chastening process. They ought to go through this process so that they can be matured. The Lord doesn't chasten babies. Lots of us are still babies. We don't want rebukes. But as long as you don't love it and don't want it. You will forever remain a baby Christian but if you'll decide to take the chastening of the Lord today. You'll begin to grow in the Spirit. The Lord is chastening his sons. He is saying that they should come out of the bad habits and come into light. Your works will be tried but count it all joy when you face divers temptations and trials. Many of us are going through the chastening presently and God is busy maturing us through this process of transformation.

Prophecy:

Thus saith the Lord:
I only want to refine and reform you (when you pass through trials). Its only because I want you to be better. I want to reform you so that you can be better. I only chastise them that are matured. I don't chasten babes. If you'll grow unto a stage of maturity then you got to take my chastisement. Take it for your refining. IF YOU `LL PASS THROUGH IT, I `LL BRING YOU OUT BETTER THAN YOU'VE EVER

BEEN.

Take the rebuke. Take the chastening for its only for this present time. I'LL MAKE YOU BETTER so you can forget about the sorrows of this time. Endure the chastening. Endure the hardship as a soldier for a brighter glory lies ahead of you.
Just look at Jesus. How he was tried at the cross. He received beating from merciless soldiers. They scourged him (ripped off his skin) and in pain he laboured to bring forth your salvation.

I have planned this your salvation well but you have to endure for a crown of glory awaits you in heaven. I plan to perfect all things but the journey to perfection starts from the cross. The cross signifies death. There are many Christians today who are not selfish. They are selfless. Its because they have gone through my death. The suffering process has killed the self in them. They are purified. They are tried and they are made better.

The pure man would always see me in all things. See me in your trials. Even in your darkest hour I would be with you. In tribulation. In trials. In lack and want. I would always support you. Go through the trials of the flesh. Do not oppose them. They would work out patience in you. Let patience have her perfect course. (James 1: 3-4).

To a minister God says :
I have planned to wait for you till you come forth so that I can USE YOU in meetings of the end-time. I want you to be a soldier of the Lord - full of vigour(strength) and power. Full of the Spirit of God.
And to his maturing sons he says :
Come to maturity my sons. I am raising you up. I am raising the standard. You must not compromise. They that are feeble shall become strengthened. They shall be as David and the house of the Lord shall be as God.

Be diligent to plan for out of planning, you will achieve much. Be prepared for every course you take. with diligence you shall excel.

To those struggling with the flesh God says:
Work out your salvation with trembling. Be afflicted and mourn. Weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy into heaviness. For with sorrow your heart will be made better and for godly sorrow worketh repentance.

These are the days of judgment. I am judging mount Zion. The mount shall be cleansed. I am raising a standard. I AM BUILDING MY HOUSE IN PURITY. I AM SETTING THE STANDARDS. I am reforming my people. My people shall be cleansed of their idolatry. In their hearts there are many idols. They are vivacious unto the things of the earth but I am changing all that. I want them to be conscious of the Spirit. I want their flesh deadened. I want them to be cleansed and purified. I am putting my house in order. I'd do what I would do and my house would be a better place.

Holy Ghost Joy

Todd Bentley

Today, I want to invite you to actually jump right into the river! I believe that some of you are drinking from the shoreline somewhat fearful of really getting in there! Don't be afraid! We'll ask the Lord to fill us up from head to toe with His Spirit—then we'll really be able to stay afloat and receive the joy that's found in God's presence. We'll even have some fun! So let's pray together:

Father, we want to thank you for your kindness to us! We didn't completely realize how much you want us to receive and experience Your joy. We want to honor You today as we dig into Your Word, and we invite You to expand our revelation about what it really means to walk with You, filled up with joy.

We want to soak up everything that You want to release to us today! Please fill us up from head to toe with Your Spirit so that we can stay afloat in the river of Your pleasures and receive everything You want to give us.

In Jesus name. Amen.

IMBIBING

God is into moving on (touching) our feelings and He wants each of us to release back to Him the same kind of emotions that we share with our husband, wife or friend. Relationship really is a two-way adventure. King Solomon expressed this so well:

"I have come into my garden, my sister, my bride; I have gathered my myrrh along with my balsam. I have eaten my honeycomb and my honey; I have drunk my wine and my milk. Eat, friends; drink and imbibe deeply, O lovers" (So. 5:1).

God wants our whole heart and He is inviting us to come to a sacred place of intimacy with Him so that He can touch us in a way that no one else can. He wants us to imbibe deeply. *Imbibe means: to take into the mind and keep, as ideas; to drink* (Webster's New World Dictionary). When we draw close to God with our whole being (body, soul and spirit), He can't resist our devotion and, as a result, His presence comes upon us. That's how we imbibe deeply. We're drinking and soaking in His presence. We're drinking from the river of His pleasures.

As I said last week, it can actually become easy for us to receive all that God has for us from the river of His pleasures—the joy, the fullness of the Spirit. But you know, if you're like I was, you'll need to learn how to drink from the river. With this in mind I want to share with you several specific ways that will help you to imbibe deeply.

HOW TO DRINK

DRAW NEAR TO GOD AND RECEIVE

One of the first ways that I learned to drink was by taking the initiative to worship the Lord and press in. As I communed with Him, it wouldn't take long before I would begin to feel the presence of God, and so I would actually lie down on my carpet and soak up His presence. If I felt His presence begin to lift or wane, then once again I would worship Him, pray and press in. As I spent time with the Holy Spirit this way, there would be such an exchange of love between us, just like King Solomon wrote about in the scripture just mentioned.

And so I would keep a low posture and continue to drink and, if His presence lifted, I'd get up again and ask God again for the glory and I'd ask again for His manifest presence to stay. I'd say, "God, I am drawing near unto you, draw near to me." When I felt that glory again, I'd get down on the carpet and soak it up. This would happen again and again—I would be deliberate about receiving from the Lord and giving to the Lord. There is a difference between being in the presence of God and actually receiving the Holy Spirit. So I began to practice receiving "God consciousness" to the point that now I can close my eyes and in seconds feel the glory of God.

BE SET FREE FROM "PROGRAMMING"

As well, what brought me to the place where I can drink deeply was when I was set free from the "programming" (in religion and in church) that teaches that it's wrong to have emotions, experiences and manifestations. After the Lord told me to go ahead and drink from the river of pleasure, I realized that if God has a river of pleasure, then He is into emotions, feelings and pleasure! This revelation set me free!

Having said that, I do realize that if the manifestations and the feelings aren't there, then we must hold on to the truth and the Word of God. (And the truth of God is the truth of God.) But when the feelings are there, then praise God . . . have the feelings! I'm not in that camp that says, "We don't need to feel or experience any manifestations." I'm like, "I need those manifestations!" Listen! A man with an experience far outweighs a man with an argument. I want to experience everything that I say I know because then I really know. Hallelujah!

He wants relationship with us. Listen. You wouldn't want to be in a relationship with your husband or with your wife and you wouldn't want to have intimacy and friendship with someone that was just downright cold. You don't say to your beloved, "Let's be together and just work. It's going to be serious, no emotions, no laughter and jokes. No intimacy. Nothing. I don't want you to feel any affection for me and I don't want to feel any affection coming from you." Many of us believe that's how we must relate to God.

But when we're set free from those mindsets, it's a whole lot easier to be able to drink and receive from the Holy Ghost. As I said last week, we're set free when we make up our minds to deliberately receive from God what He has on His heart for us. When we cooperate with God, we'll be set free!

BE OPEN TO RECEIVE

One other way is learning how to be quiet and still in His presence (Ps. 46:10)—being open to receive from God. In fact, in that quiet place I learned to come into His presence and lie on the floor with my mouth open! **"I am the Lord your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it" (Ps. 81:10).** With my mouth wide open, thirsty, He would fill me up from His river of pleasures.

God wants to fill you up, too! Did you know that God issued an invitation through the prophet **Isaiah**: **"Ho! Everyone who thirsts: come to the waters . . . come, buy wine and milk without money and without price . . . and let your soul delight itself in abundance" (55:1,2b).** God always does things in abundance. He wants us to go ahead and delight our soul in abundance. He is essentially saying something like this: "Come to the waters. Come without money. I want you to come for the wine." He is talking about the new wine.

So I started having a revelation about letting my soul delight itself in abundance and about coming to the waters, taking freely. Although I knew that I could drink as much as I wanted, I didn't actually see "the waters." I realized that I must come to the waters by faith because without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11:6). And that's how we were all saved—by faith—believing that Jesus died on the cross atoning for our sins and then praying and asking Him to come into our heart as our Lord and Savior. We can drink the same way that we were saved. We're invited to come to the waters and we can drink as much as we want to, just like when we believe from our heart and receive anything else from God.

By faith we can jump into the river, dip our faces into the water and lap it up! I said, "Lord, right now I am thirsty. So I come to the river and I'm going to let my soul delight itself in You. I want abundance, God. And You said I could freely drink so I am dipping myself in your river, Jesus, and I'm drinking right now. I'm drinking, Lord. I'm drinking. Yep. I'm opening my mouth wide! I'm freely taking. Just like, Lord, when I asked You to come into my life, I'm receiving." This may seem absolutely foolish to you. But some things really do confound our minds!

Listen. Jesus made some statements and decrees that most of the people never understood, that confounded their minds. The apostle John wrote about the time when Jesus **"cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink'" (Jn. 7:37)**. Right in the middle of the feast, on the last day, that great day of the feast (the Feast of Booths), Jesus got up and cried out, "Hey! Is anyone thirsty? Let Him come unto me and drink!" We might be thinking: come on! Why does God have to shout that out right then and there? That might shake somebody up or offend somebody.

Well, He said, " . . . let him come to Me and drink," so I took God at His word. I said, "Lord, I can drink freely, so I come and I'm putting my face in the river!" I started to drink by faith. And then I started to teach other people how to drink by faith. I'd tell them, "Okay, guys, let's make a barrel; get out your barrel." Then I'd declare, "We take our barrel and we dip our barrel down into the river and we say, 'Lord we drink.'" And I'd tell everyone to put their head back and open their mouth and say, "Lord, I tip my barrel back and I drink!" The reason why I'd have people say, "Lord, I tip my barrel back and I drink" is because when we have our mouth open, we can't talk! (And it's by faith that we receive.)

When we tip our heads back and open our mouths, we have to receive! We're directing our hearts and our love to God—we're giving ourselves to Him! And He's giving Himself to us! You know, there is a principle that we reap what we sow (Gal. 6:7) and when we give generously, we receive blessings in return (Luke 6:38, Prov. 11:25). When we give ourselves to the Lord, He gives Himself to us.

THE "LAW OF DRINKING"

The word *principle* means: *a fundamental truth, law, etc. upon which others are based* (Webster's New World Dictionary). With this in mind, I want to discuss the "law of drinking" found in the book of Esther because there is a principle in this law that the Lord wants us to understand.

Let's turn to the first chapter of Esther where we read that King Ahasuerus hosted two magnificent banquets so that every invited guest would have a revelation of the riches, glory and splendor of his great majesty (v. 3-5). At each feast, royal wine was served in abundance (v. 7). And they served this royal wine "in accordance with the law" which means that each person could drink as much as he wanted or not at all—there was no compulsion (v. 8). The wine was served according to the generosity of the King, but nobody was being forced to drink.

Now, I want us to come to understand the spiritual principle symbolized in the law of drinking; namely, that we're permitted to drink as much as we want according to the great generosity of the King of Kings! You know, Jesus is making a feast for us! In eternity His followers, believers, will gather together at the marriage supper of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-9) where the best wine ever created will be poured into our wine goblets (Matt. 26:29). But for now, here in planet earth, He has lovingly poured out precious seasons of renewal and revival for us, His church—an outpouring of the Holy Ghost and renewed intimacy—like good wine. We can drink as much as we want from His river of pleasures!

In this blessed place we can receive fresh revelation of the majesty, strength and power of Jesus Christ and His kingdom. Today, His generosity continues and He is telling us to go ahead and drink the royal wine in abundance. He is pouring out His Spirit with new wine! God is actually working into the heart of His bride a love for Him and a fresh revelation of His glory and His kingdom.

THE FRUIT OF RENEWAL

So we must not offend the Lord with a mindset that believes it's wrong to go after manifestations and that it's wrong for God to move in our emotions! Rather, let's let God offend our minds and any religious self-righteousness dwelling in our hearts. God has a way of offending us, doesn't He?! The fact is, when He uses the foolish, weak, base things of the world—even people like me—that can offend us! It can offend the "status quo!" But we can take comfort in the fact that Jesus always upset and offended the status quo!

Actually, when we went to Africa, for awhile we offended the status quo there because of the way we ministered. Our contacts said, "Todd, many souls are being saved but you don't wear a tie like the rest of us. You don't handle the church meetings like we do and when you minister, the Africans get drunk and laid out under the power of God." Even though, at first they had difficulty with this, later they said, "But you know what, we really love it!"

Also in Canada I hear some believers say they don't understand the manifestations and some of the drunkenness. The way we function seems so foolish to them and even offends them. However, they do admit that there is good fruit that has come out of drinking from the river—like thousands of souls saved and miracles happening!

Today, perhaps you're getting somewhat wet in the river but you're wanting more—more good fruit manifesting in your life—the joy of the Lord, ministering to the lost, healing the sick and even raising the dead. Maybe you're not getting as blasted and pickled as you want because there's a part of you that receives, but you can only go so far and then you shut down.

So we're going to pray and break the bondages that are hindering you from getting as wet as God wants you to get. We're going to believe the Lord will set you free from the guilt of wanting more than the walking by faith and not by sight mentality. He wants to set you free from this even as He continues to pour out the royal wine of His spirit in abundance. Your mind does not have to be dry. He wants you to be filled with Holy Ghost joy and to taste and share the fruit of renewal!

I want to invite you to pray with me that by the Spirit of God, freedom and liberty is going to come. Let's make some declarations, too.

PRAYER

Father, we want to thank you for Your great kindness to us. Thank you for setting such a magnificent banqueting table before us in the presence of our enemies. We want to taste the royal wine and we want to drink from Your river of pleasures according to Your generosity! O God, we don't take this for granted! We want to drink the wine, the refreshing and the renewal of the Holy Ghost!

Yes, Lord, let the vats overflow with the new wine and new oil. Today, Spirit of God, please set us free from religious spirits, religious thinking and that mindset that causes us to get stuck in religious duty. Please set us free from believing that we're only supposed to walk by faith and not by sight. We want to be rid of that guilt that tries to come on us when we want to enjoy the emotions and the manifestations of Your presence upon us.

God, we just want to thank You SO MUCH for giving us permission to enjoy your river of pleasures! We're smiling, God! Wow! We ARE being set free! Talk about Holy Ghost joy!

We want to take this freedom and joy to the streets! Lord, please anoint us to share the gospel—the good news that the kingdom of God is at hand—so those who are thirsty and weary can come freely to the waters and be refreshed and saved.

We don't want to keep this good news to ourselves, God. We're going with Holy Ghost joy in Your name, Lord Jesus! We're going to share about Your goodness and Your glory!

In Jesus Name. Amen.

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We live in a time in which the "spirit of the age" has spiritually, made inroads upon us. The influence of this world colors our spirituality, and leaves its mark, even upon our soul.

We are slow to learn even the simplest lessons in the school of the Spirit. We should never become involved in doctrinal issues, arguing or splitting hairs over minor points of no real spiritual significance. Rather, we are to respond and move in spiritual quickenings and revelation, heeding the words of Christ.

"But when you do alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand does. That your alms may be in secret; and your Father which sees in secret Himself shall reward you openly." Matthew 6:3-4

This concept of secrecy should not to be limited to the act of giving, as the principle holds true in all areas of Christian witness and ministry.

It is a fundamental fact that man seeks _expression. He should do so to develop a normal personality and character. This places a responsibility upon us, as the flesh nature has become so dominant in man's methods, that we may unconsciously allow its ways to sweep in and rule even in our spiritual life experiences.

We must remember this clear-cut and poignant truth: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). This is a truth upon which all real Christian life and spirituality is built. It is basic and fundamental.

We should not restrict the meaning of this phrase, "that which is born of the flesh is flesh," as referring merely to a function of our physical body. This is a true concept, but far too limited. Whatever has its inception and is birthed from a fleshly origin, forever remains in the realm of the earthly, and flesh. These cannot under any circumstances become spiritual, or bear spiritual fruitage.

On the other hand, whatever is "born of the Spirit" (whatever has its inception from and is birthed through the Spirit) is always spiritual in issue and fruition. All the service and work of man (though they may be considered as being "spiritual" by some) are merely a natural and religious expression. They have their origin from within the good, religious nature of man's being, and he gives it free expression in the form of service and works. Not being born of the Spirit, however, they can never be spiritual, nor can they ever merit a spiritual reward.

The ways and "methods" of man by nature, are diametrically opposed to the ways and "laws" of the Spirit. The question in the last analysis is not, "Is this a true ministry?" It is, rather, a question of motives and the birthplace of its manifestation - is it of the "spirit," or of the "flesh?"

This is the day of exhibition and exploitation. Many struggle to be seen, heard, and known. This is what man does, but not the Spirit.

"He shall not speak of (or from) Himself (that is, on His Own initiative) ... He shall glorify Me, for He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it to you" John 16:13-14 (comments added)

The Spirit does not detract from, but rather, focuses the attention where it belongs - upon the Lord Jesus. If the ministry is truly in the Spirit, the instrument will be hidden. Self-effacement will be the atmosphere. How awkward and reluctant the "Adamic nature" is in getting out of hearing, and out of sight.

In these days of man's exhibition, we often have become suspicious of his motives. In some cases one hardly dares to be kind of courteous, for he will be misunderstood. Someone might think we are attempting to "put something over" if we are polite. But the Word tells us, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

The disciples, on their way to Emmaus, were courteous enough to invite the Stranger to walk with them, and to enter with them into their destination. As the result of a simple act of kindness, a revelation came to hungry hearts. So much of value and real worth often hinges upon a seeming trifle. "Little is much, if God is in it." Do not fear to obey His commands; they are not grievous.

He is seeking refreshment today. Can you not spread before Him a humble meal in the quiet, hidden place of your heart? But remember, He may not wear the form you are expecting. He often "hungers" in the form of broken humanity. The forms He wears are many. So, serve the deep hunger of the needy one, and satisfy their need. In so doing, you may open the door to a deeper revelation of who He really is.

Heart Idols
David Webber

I have had a tremendous burden placed upon my heart recently to wait upon the Lord for some insight into the great doctrinal division that we see and experience in the body of Christ today. I have spent much time in prayer and fasting before the Lord over the past few days (literally mourning and grieving over the doctrinal division that I see) and I would like to share with you now what the Lord has shared with me about this.

I have written and shared recently a short article that had to do with the hearing of God's voice. Certainly, Christian's difficulty in hearing God's voice, or an inability to hear it altogether, or even hearing something that one believes to be the Lord but is not, is a major problem and a major reason that we experience such gross doctrinal division and controversy among brothers and sisters in Christ today (those who are supposed to be of "one spirit"). But the question that I presented to the Lord was this; "WHY are Christians having so much difficulty in clearly discerning your voice Lord?" In short, His answer to me was this;

"Because most Christians are not really embracing death to their self-life, heart idols (doctrinal and otherwise) are not being dealt with which then prevent them from hearing the voice of the Father clearly, or even worse, lead them into deception."

This issue of "heart idolatry" is something that came up in a conversation between myself and a local pastor several years ago. I will share with you some of the things that the Lord revealed about this at that time:

Heart Idols and the Doctrinal Pepperoni Pizza

"...I the Lord will answer him according to the multitude of his idols..." (Ezek. 14:4)

"...I the Lord have deceived that prophet" (Ezek. 14:9)

"...therefore the Lord will give you meat and you shall eat...until it comes out of your nostrils..." (Num. 11:19, 20)

"...the Lord has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets..." (1Kings 22:23)

"...and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him." (1Sam. 16:14).

I was engaged in a conversation with a local pastor recently in which the subject of "heart idols" came up. This brother said that he believed that people certainly do "make up their own minds about certain matters" and even embrace certain doctrines because of preconceived ideas; "hear what they want to hear" he said. And although there is some truth to that, I don't believe *that* accurately describes what is really going on spiritually.

If we take a look at some of the verses that I listed above, we should be able to see something that is not just a matter of people "making up their own minds" because of preconceived ideas or mindsets, but something much more shocking than that; that is; people can inquire of the Lord with a heart that is not pure (preconceived wishes or ideas – heart idols) and the Lord might just give them an answer that is according to the idol in their heart! Isn't that shocking? I believe that this is a reason why so many people can read and study the scriptures and continually find support for their doctrinal beliefs that are completely wrong! It all has to do with hearts that are not completely yielded to the Spirit.

Let me share with you a testimony in which the Lord carved this truth about heart idolatry upon my heart, and also on the heart of a dear sister and friend of mine:

Several years ago, a sister in the Lord was telling me about a particular issue that the Lord had been dealing with her about. It seemed as though the Lord had been asking her to do a particular thing that she was not quite comfortable in doing. She had gone on a retreat to seek the Lord for an answer about this particular matter and she had felt that she received one (an answer from the Lord). This answer, which she had received "from the Lord," had brought peace to her about the particular issue and she felt that it was resolved.

Well, it was resolved as far as she was concerned, until one day while in prayer, the Lord started bringing her attention to this issue once gain. He revealed to her at the time that He had not changed in His desire for her in the particular matter, but because she had prayed with an agenda (trying to get God to agree with what she wanted to do) He gave her an answer according to the idol in her heart. He revealed to her that she now needed to repent of this, and pray again, but this time with no desire or will of her own other than to do and obey the will of her heavenly Father.

Several days after this, the Lord then brought her through another experience to teach her (and me by extension) more about the danger of praying with heart idols.

One morning, the Lord woke me early and made it abundantly clear to me that I was to start a fast. He also made it very clear that my friend was also to fast, but that I was not to say anything to her about it, but that she needed to discern this for herself. When I talked to her late that morning, she expressed to me that she was not able to eat anything before work because she had been running late and didn't have time and therefore she was really hungry. I could discern that the Lord was testing her heart to see if she was listening for His still small voice in regard to the fast. She told me that the Lord might be prompting her to fast but her prayer that morning was this;

"Oh Lord, please have someone bring me something to eat at work today for I am really hungry" (It's hard to put all the details in this letter but the Lord had been dealing with her for quite some time regarding a "food idol").

Well, don't you know, shortly after praying and after having arrived at work, one of her customers shows up with a pepperoni pizza! She happened to be on a low carbohydrate, pseudo-vegetarian diet at the time, but apparently "God" sent her a pepperoni pizza to eat! How about that! Answered prayer? Maybe not...

She ate the pizza, yes she did, and the following day it was as if the heavens opened and the Lord began to speak … VERY LOUD AND CLEAR. God was speaking to her so clearly at that time that she was literally trembling in His presence. He showed her that her ability to discern His voice and her willingness to obey it had been tested. He also showed her that because she had prayed to Him with an idol in her heart, He had responded to her prayer through that un-yielded heart that lusted after food. He had responded to and through the idol in her heart that loved food more than Him at that moment. THE LORD had sent the pepperoni pizza (just as He sent a lying spirit to speak through the mouth of Ahab's prophets). While in prayer, she had apparently closed off the side of her heart that would have discerned the Lord's perfect will for her that morning, and because of this, her will was done (even with some supernatural assistance). Her proper response to the Holy Spirit's prompting to fast that morning should have been this;

"Father, you know that I am hungry and my flesh cries out for food, yet not my will Father, but Yours be done. My desire Lord, my only desire, is to discern your perfect will for me in this and every

situation ... and then do what you tell me.”

This particular "pepperoni pizza" lesson was one of many real life lessons that were taught to us about the essentiality of having a perfectly yielded heart in prayer, as this is the only way to discern the perfect will of the Father. This applies to every aspect of our lives, including receiving revelation and insight into the scriptures. This might be shocking to some of you, but God will even give us over to the idols in our hearts that relate to pet doctrines and beliefs, even as He gave the pepperoni pizza to my friend! To our carnal minds, these doctrinal “pepperoni pizzas” can make all the sense in the world, they can appear to be in perfect line with the scriptures, and we can even believe that we’ve heard from God Himself about them, yet in reality we have been blinded to the truth by our idols... and this by THE LORD!

Is this not somewhat frightening friends, to see that our own self-will and agenda's and even our traditional thinking and religious mindsets can actually bring a response from the Lord that is deceptive? Do you find that hard to believe? Read those scripture verses that I quoted above one more time. God will and does give us over to the idols of our hearts if our hearts are not pure and open and fully yielded to Him when we pray.

Beloved, God is dealing with many of us in this day as spiritual adults now and no longer as little children. Remember when Jesus said to Peter;” When you were young (spiritually) you girded yourself and went where you wanted, yet when you are old (spiritually mature) another will gird you (the Holy Spirit) and will lead you where you do not want to go." Well, it seems to me that through that verse the Lord is telling us that the “spiritually mature” can no longer do what they want, or go where they want, or eat what they want, or teach what they want, or believe what they want ... but they must come to a place of yielding perfectly to the Father’s will in absolutely ALL MATTERS. In order for this to happen, all heart idols must be dealt with, and this can only happen by embracing God’s judgment upon self.

There is tremendous doctrinal division and controversy over the meaning of passages of scripture in the body of Christ today, and the only way that this is ever going to change is for Christians to ask the Lord to bring total destruction and annihilation to everything that is carnal and earthy in their thinking. This can be a very painful process. Is that something that you are willing to pray for Christian? If it is ... then do it ... and embrace whatever God brings into your life to see this purpose accomplished in you.

And what if you don’t want to embrace the sufferings of Christ so that you might put on His mind and be able to discern the Father’s will in all matters? Well, I guess you can just sit back and relax in your spiritual darkness then Christian... Ask the Lord for a pepperoni pizza! ... He will probably give it to you. Want anchovies? He will probably give that to you too. Extra cheese? Sure! Rapture doctrine? Sure! Eternal torment for the masses? Sure! Whatever you want! You just name it!

Highway Of Holiness
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"And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there. Nor will any ferocious beast get up; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away." Isaiah 35:8-10

"The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. (the Holy City)" Revelation 21:26

"Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure." Hebrews 13:4

"Some of the wise will stumble, so that they may be refined, purified and made spotless." Daniel 11:35

I lay exhausted on the Highway of Holiness. Jesus sat on the edge of it – and seemed on another level to be a young boy – legs swinging over the side – totally relaxed and without a care in the world. Although I struggled to relate this to Jesus, say, suffering in Gethsemane, I knew that this was an aspect of His nature that I needed to see.

The Highway was pure gold, quite narrow, and slightly curved. Just lying here (there was no way I could stand or run yet – I felt that I would be blown away) I could feel the crooked things in me being straightened up – I could see the denizens of the earth as they really were – and they did **not** like it – pretty soon arrows were flying – but they mostly went wide of the mark – their eyesight was not very good. From their point of view we were on an elegant golden sky – bridge, elevated way out of the reach of the world. They simply couldn't reach it – there's a level of the atmosphere above which the demonic *cannot* fly – hence the arrows.

"Oh Jesus – you crack me up – I've wanted to be here my whole life!!! I've wanted this all my life!. But I'm so unclean! *That's why I'm here – and you are in Me, and I am in you. And in Me you are pure, and the longer you remain here and the longer you remain in the Vine – the purer you will get in yourself. The demonic in your soul will be burned off as you wait here – because **nothing** unclean will remain here. In your highest moments you've already started to run here, and soon you will run here – like a winged messenger.* Oh Lord – I beg of you – whatever happens please make it happen – though I know it won't be easy." I kept seeing a golden figure like the Greek god Mercury. He was young, and joyful, and had winged sandals and a golden trumpet. *"Yes – the best mythology and stories of every culture is my prophetic word onto Earth – only the best mind – of course it gets twisted and polluted but God is constantly speaking into the creativity of Man – which is why you're seeing Me and Kingdom plans more and more from the concepts of Hollywood – and the joke is – they don't know what's going on! Ultimately I rule Media – If I have allowed Satan and Jezebel partial and temporary control then so be it. And you are seeing the new prophetic anointing here."*

Something in me wanted to describe the width – to measure it – but I was rebuked. *"This is too Holy – it will never be measured by mans fallen measurement – it is from Heaven and Heaven knows the dimensions."* I was being torn apart inside – I was being winnowed – if the Oil of Jesus was not flowing over me I would have been consumed. The Highway was a perfect straight line – nothing on earth could be built so straight – so perfect – or so pure. And this would be the Mind Who would be reconstructing the architecture of earth when His Kingdom came. I was surprised when Jesus looked upwards and laughed, *"Satan you are soooo busted!"* There was some private agreement here that I knew nothing about. Divine chess was being played.

The Highway pulsed intermittently with the energy of God's breath, and His Word. Every few seconds it whispered "Worship the Lord." This was affirming the created order of things – and was the pulse – the heartbeat – of the Universe – which kept it energised and functioning.

Below us – there was much evil activity – this was as God saw it – no deception was possible from this location. For example Jezebel was a writhing mass of grey tentacles – a huge monster – and with people … (me?) trapped and tossed about in one of them. There was no colour down there – only shades of grey. "Ouch – that hurts – I want to die. *You will overcome … will you overcome? … Please? For Me.* Oh Lord – I'm so weak. Without You I've no chance, but I so do not want to fall from here.*"* The monster was attacking the Marriage Bed - and the worship there was a pillar of light up to Heaven - so holy and powerful that all the demons could see was blinding white light - they were jealous, and curious, angry, and terrified all at once. People would wander to the edge of the glory and get picked off - but inside the glory they were untouchable.

Jezebel was polluting all this in my mind. *"The Catholics know this – that sex within marriage is a holy sacrament – and one of the highest forms of worship. Why do you think that I hate divorce so much – and yes you do too. Why do you think that Jezebel has targeted this to twist and destroy it. Your quest, Tim, and your glory, is to fight and overcome her, OK?"*

Then I saw *a possible future*, where marriage and the family unit had been disbanded, and men, women and children were all kept in separate dormitories or compounds. I think that sexual perversion was encouraged, and blasphemous and nonsense songs and chants were organised. But angels and heavenly messengers appeared to be circulating incognito – teaching people, comforting, and leading to salvation. There was a hidden joy and knowledge and network that only the Kingdom people were privy to. Jesus said – *"Write this; IF Jezebel does overcome marriage then* ***In the poisonous swamp of free love there will stand a walled garden of True Romance.****"* Amen.

Suddenly Jesus jumped up – as if to play. *"Worship Me Tim!"* It seemed as if a huge – but dim – angel had a huge sword right at my throat. "On your feet soldier." I was desperate – caught on a knife edge between condemnation, and fear, but also desire – so much desire it choked me! All I could do was lie there looking at the sword, and then all I could manage was to kneel and grovel at His feet like a filthy and subservient Gollum creature. I was too weak and messed up. But I could also just about manage a battle weary knight kneeling at the feet of the King, helmet off ready for orders.

"Oh Lord – you know me. I want to worship but I do not know how." But I was missing the point – and it may have been that the angel was also. And Jesus just wanted to dance with the boy – very gently. And there was another Dance – one of true romance – with many elegant couples and true lovers in a ballroom. *"Worship Me, Tim – catch the ball …. Do you understand my love?* Yes Lord, I'm sorry that I don't know how to dance, help me – teach me to dance again – teach us all.*"*

"You think that the constant worship in Heaven is purely angels and saints constantly singing and praising at the Throne – and it is, it is – but there's so much more! Do you see beloved? Creativity is worship – so when I say Worship Me I also mean dance, or paint a picture, or write a song, or sing, or dance, or watch some birds, or email a friend, or wash your car, or plant some seeds, or weed your garden, or cook a meal, or go for a walk, or read the Bible, or tithe, or go to church. Do you understand – that this kind of creativity of worship continues into My Kingdom and into Heaven."

And I saw a farm on some remote part of the earth in the future – in the future Kingdom of Christ I think. A signal went out – and the labourers were called in off the field. "It's time to worship the King." This was now built into every day, and the workers gathered, and in their small group they poured out their hearts in gentleness, humility and thankfulness towards Jerusalem. Then they sat down happily and ate their lunch. A couple of the workers, however, still had to be taught – they had much to learn – and were resentful of this new order.

Elsewhere the sons and daughters of the King were dancing in a disco - and it was nothing less than a sanctified Holy Spirit "rave" - and the Blood soaked them, His oil of joy poured out on them as they danced and the Father embraced their hearts with His Love and healed them as they danced - and lightening shot between them and fires also danced and the wind blew through them as the angels marvelled and said "surely these are the sons and daughters of the King!". And to them this was a new kind of music, although it was rock music, it was redeemed and sanctified, because although Satan had controlled many of the musicians - it was God who was the creativity and there was divine violence within them. And I knew that the very best of earth - every culture throughout history - had presented its offerings to the King - and that the very best of earth would be preserved and enjoyed for ever.

"Tim - you think that the angels are going to teach you to worship. I tell you the truth - that my heart is so tender towards you and my children in your suffering and your dark places and your faithfulness is so precious to Me - that it is you who will teach the angels a new level of worship."

“This place is going to kill me, Lord; I’m being torn apart…. (On your feet soldier) … (Worship the Lord) …. (*Catch the ball) …. Is it possible that you’re focusing on yourself too much and hence your struggles ….* So gentle but so relentless – He was going to change me whatever it took. “Yes I see – my natural selfishness locks me inside myself and so I cannot throw myself into the dance and pour myself out to You – but I want to so much – lead me out. Rebuild me and refine me so that I can run and dance here always.”

Jesus was gentle with me, *“Why did you fall off your horse back then?* I was too desperate over the scripture on what happens to those who receive the mark of the beast …” He was nodding to encourage me to continue, “I suppose there are things we must know about the future, but that fear can overcome us as a result and crush rather than steer. … *yes, so …?* So **we must always run straight to the King** and love and be loved by You, and ask You for your help and your perspective and for you to flood our hearts with the heavenly picture and with hope – even in the midst of the future fear, and our current stumblings and weakness and sins. We need the knowledge, revelation, and wisdom, but without the crippling fear that can come from a religious spirit. Let us fly with the holy fear only, Jesus, that which is mixed also with **joy** and righteous zeal.”

And I was so weary and sad because of my sins and the sins of my people that I had to just lie there on the beautiful Highway and worship Him who knows all of our futures and plans divine escape routes, and forgives all of our sins. Praise the Lord. He began to comfort and heal me deeply yet again, for such is His wonderful nature, and His patience is without limit!

Here Is The Harvest Church!

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Blessings,

I just wanted to send out a note, sharing a few things I believe the Lord spoke to me about New Orleans and hurricane Katrina. These are insights that have been confirmed over and over again as I speak to fellow Christians about this situation.

First of all, I believe New Orleans was a city marked for death. I believe it was the mercy of God that hurricane Katrina was weakened and turned at the last minute. That if it had been a direct hit on New Orleans, that there would have only been a handful of survivors. I don't know if you saw the story, but it was a puff of dry air out of the Mid-West, that weakened and turned Katrina at the last moment. I believe this was the hand of God responding to the prayers of the saints.

Secondly, as I saw the suffering of these people my heart broke for them and their plight. I have spoke to many others who felt the same way. Father God is putting it into the heart of the church, to come to the aid of these people. I heard the Lord say more than once "this is the harvest church". "This is the harvest you have been waiting for". "How you respond to these people will determine the future of America".

Thirdly, we are in a battle. Even after the hurricane was over the enemy sought to destroy the survivors of New Orleans. They were locked into a dark place without food and water. There was a tremendous spiritual battle fought before freedom came for them. For many, the Superdome and the Convention center were a physical reality of the spiritual place they were in before the storm. If the church does not step in and reach out to these people the enemy will gladly take them.

The Lord has given the church and these storm survivors a tremendous opportunity. For many, this storm will provide the second chance they have prayed for. And for the church, if we put ourselves at risk and reach out to these people, in this time, we will learn the heart of God. And we will see a powerful move of God sweep across all of America.

Love you all,

Mark

Hidden Treasures

Mark Kaphaem

Over the last few months I feel the Lord has been speaking to me about hidden treasures that He would be bringing forth.

I feel there are many who for years have felt a strong calling on their life but have seen no outward sign of it.

Many of you feel like you have missed your calling of been forgotten.

Consider this, that perhaps your calling has not been for your generation.

Perhaps your entire life up to this point has been a time of preparation.

Perhaps your brokenness, your discouragement and your failure have been forming you for a very special purpose.

Perhaps your time of being overlooked and in hiding have been for a very special reason.

Many are called, but how many will persevere in their calling for years upon years with only token recognition and few outward signs.

Those are the ones who are chosen.

Chosen for what?

Chosen to serve.

Chosen to serve as hand holders. Chosen to serve as listeners. Chosen to serve as encourages and confidants. Chosen to bless and walk along side. Chosen to cheer on and lay down their lives.

Chosen to be the spiritual fathers and mothers to a new, young generation that is going break forth on this Earth and usher in the Kingdom of God.

Be encouraged. Your life has not been for nothing. You have not missed your calling. You have been in preparation. And the time has now come for you to fulfill your purpose on this Earth. Walk forth and embrace the sons and daughters of God. Lay down your lives for them. This is your calling. This is the reason you born in such a time as this.

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Hurricane Katrina Aftermath

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Damage done from the Hurricane

Bay St. Luis

- I-90 bridge disappeared from storm
- Homes next to any type of water has disappeared into gulf

New Orleans

- I-10 “Twin spans” bridge is destroyed with half of the bridge in the Gulf and the city is still flooding as of today, August 30, 2005. People are asking if New Orleans can be rebuilt.
- A man playing dominoes calmly got up from his game on 2nd floor of the Superdome and told the people under him to watch out and then jumped to his death.
- The psychological attitude of the citizens are of mass depression, confusion and suicide.
- New Orleans facts: voodoo, witchcraft, sexual perversion, Mardi Gras, Gambling, drinking, parties and orgies and murder have dominated the city for ages. It used to be a slave trade port as.
- 790,000 without power as of today. Many more are estimated to have died but they can not get to all of them today.
- There was a man who literally lost his wife right in front of him due to winds and the water. He has survived along with his children and grandchildren but can not find his wife. Many people are online trying to help the people there because love in the hearts of people everywhere have been stirred up.

Biloxi, Mississippi

- Hundreds have been killed so far from being trapped in homes and apartments that either collapsed or flooded in. Hurricane Camille in 1969 killed an estimated 200 people.

Alabama

- An oil ridge fell over and is in the side of the bridge, bridge is currently out

Georgia

- Many tornadoes have been hitting the state.

Hurricane Katrina Financial Info.

- estimated cost of $9-26 billion dollars in insurance and recovery costs, Hurricane Andrew was $15.5 billion dollars
- gas and oil prices estimated to go up extremely, Katrina shut down 90% percent of oil production for the entire USA
- it could be up to 6 months to drain water from all those places hit

Prophecy and History

- While Katrina was hitting the Gulf coast, the World was celebrating the 60th anniversary of War World II. War World II catered in the introduction of Nuclear warfare, conspiracies, and hate propaganda from Hitler and the Nazis against the Jewish Nations. Pope John Paul II began to stand up for the rights of the church against both the Nazis and later on, the Communist Russians.
- Katrina is the worst and biggest hurricane to hit the Gulf since 500 years ago. The Mayor of New Orleans said that **“the City is in a state of devastation”, words that have been said by many who have seen visions and dreams of judgments to come upon the USA.**
- According to several prophets and visions and dreams, it will get worst for the south, Katrina was just the beginning.
- God is and has been releasing His judgments upon both the southern part of the USA and beginning with Sept. 11th, the entire USA. Not only that but all over the world, natural disasters, tsunamis, earthquakes and volcanoes will continue to get worst.

My friend, LaShranda Simpson, came to me just this last Saturday, August 27, 2005, when we were preparing food for a party I was having that day and she told me that the night before, August 26th, 2005- my birthday, she had a dream. LaShranda is an U.S. Army veteran from the Kuwait/Iraq War on Terror. She had a dream that night that she visited the Army base in Shreveport, Louisiana to visit, when all of a sudden, water rose up everywhere in great “booms” or “blasts” and the Army men and women there had to get geared up to go help because something terrible had happened in Louisiana involving massive water and flooding. I found out about Hurricane Katrina later on Sunday. When dealing with God and the last days, nothing is a coincidence. God does indeed warn his people through the prophets.

According to Nita Johnson in a vision that the Lord allowed her to see, she had this to say about the destruction of the USA,

“Next, the voice called out, ‘Most of Louisiana and all of Texas will suffer natural disasters, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and enemy attack.’ The line shot up through New Orleans east of Baton Rouge, up through Shreveport in a kind of wiggly way then cut off all of Texas. Texas disappeared. Louisiana experienced devastation but didn’t disappear. I was ready for this to end, yet the Lord continued: ‘New York, down through Pennsylvania, the Virginias, the eastern part of Tennessee, Georgia, and Florida will suffer natural disasters of every kind, hurricanes, flooding, earthquakes, etc. and enemy attack.’ Then everything that was east of the line disappeared. *(Nita Johnson, Prepare for the Winds of Change II, pg. 199)*

Another vision that was emailed to me, that did not have an author’s name on it had this to say about what would happen in the USA, “…**Many committed suicide out of fear.** Among them were three well known people within the media. The heart became weak, and many died of heart attacks from just the knowledge of what was taking place… I saw five angels of wrath, relieve the five angels of mercy who had been hovering over Washington, D.C.; **New Orleans, Louisiana;** New York City; San Francisco, California; and Las Vegas, Nevada…”

The following article was from Mrs. R. B. Braswell (Hattie Irene French) taken from www.pebblesofhope.org and http://www.aarons-advocates.org:

“Essentially the entire Mississippi River Valley is to be flooded by the Great Lakes draining through it. Mother saw two mushroom clouds at the very top of the space and Duduman was told that a place of Russian penetration would be in the state of Minnesota. The whole area is a well know geologic fault zone with the Madrid Fault underling the whole region… All of these visions and warnings to mother focus around Isaiah 18 with some references to Revelation 18. Duduman was given all of Revelation 18 and told ‘This is the United States!’ The messages are about how repent unto salvation and how to live a clean life and not about fear.”

Even in the dream that I had about the destruction upon the South, USA, I saw some of the same things, along with a few other dreams that I had as well. In this dream, the Destruction upon the South, USA:

"My husband and I were together at my Aunt's House and I was telling them that something was happening outside. It was dark all of a sudden and loud thunders where everywhere suddenly. Then we went through one of the doors in the house and I was outside by myself and there were remnants of water everywhere. There was lightening. Huge lightening and I could tell where they would hit. Very loud!!!! Everything was flooded and desolate. I was looking around and I could see people scattered and homeless people. A few trees still stood tall. I went under one tree because I didn't want to be hit by lightening but a woman came and told me not to stand under the tree because there was a huge puddle of water there and the lightening was coming straight for it. In slow motion she grabbed me and the lightening struck and I felt it a little but it hit her instead. There were people in trenches and they were all scattered everywhere. I woke up and went to the bathroom. There I was just starting to think about the interpretation when God gave me an open vision. It was a map of the United States and zoomed in to the south and there appeared what seemed to be a fault line that spread across the tip of California to the East coast of Florida & Georgia. Under the line everything was flooded, destroyed or devastated. Then He said that the South will be destroyed because she used to be the Bible Belt and now she is a whore! Immoral in sex-sins and letting everyone run over her. I walked away and tried to go back to sleep but I couldn't and I felt sad for the South so I prayed to God that he would forgive the Sins of the South and prolong her judgment."

(Isaiah 1:18-21) Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (19) If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: (20) **But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.** (21) How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

God spoke to Daniel Rodes in 1960 about the end times and had this to say:

"…Famines: I saw famines of such destruction that multitudes of people were starving all across the world. These famines were unlike anything else ever known to man. The ground was opening up with huge cracks and suddenly the whole earth in those parts of the world became nothing but dust. I saw wind blowing in excess of 200 miles per hour on a sunny day, which was so destructive it destroyed everything in its way and whirled up dust and large clouds that blackened the sun. I saw the whole area covered with debris left by these raging storms… *I saw storms like hurricanes, tornadoes, thunder storms and extreme winds raging across the land, shredding everything in their way, destroying buildings and dropping huge chunks of ice some of which looked to weigh ten pounds or more.* Some of the hailstones appeared to be as big as a basketball I saw floods, the water of which literally covered cities; massive floods unlike anything we have ever seen in America Huge tidal waves were leaping across the land bringing with them great destruction.

… Earthquakes: I saw, in a vision, earthquakes of such magnitude that the ground opened up and swallowed huge buildings, leaving large, open cracks in the ground. These quakes did extreme damage on American soil. There was so much damage done in these earthquakes that there was no way to recover and there were no funds available to rebuild. There was a violent shaking of the earth and the people were so fearful that some were literally scared to death.

… Economic Failure: "I saw the stock market fluctuate up and down and finally come to a complete crash, never to rise again. There will be an extreme shortage of food, drinking water, and many people will die of starvation. The Word of the Lord came to me and said, 'Because prosperity and pleasure has become the god of America, she shall suffer the consequences of her rejection against Me.'" **The Lord said to me that nothing will ever be the same in America after the year 2000 because He hand is being removed from the USA.** I saw the American people, who seemed to have been so centered in on their own way, that they were arrogant and proud of having such an exceptional relationship with God. They boasted that they had sent missionaries across the world and that America had done more to spread the gospel than any other nation. ***Then I saw a radio and television pastors assuring the people that America would never be destroyed and if trouble did come, they boasted that they would be raptured out with all those who believe in the rapture.*** When I saw this, I became very disturbed because in my spirit I knew something was wrong. Then the Lord opened my understanding and I began to see that we have peddled every kind of religious philosophy and tradition across the world, but few were preaching repentance and a change of lifestyle. Then the word of the Lord came to me and said, 'My people shall surely go through persecution. Because of her iniquity and because of her careless living, she will have to be refined in the fire of affliction that they may come forth as gold tried in the fire.'" *(Prophetic Word & Visions, The Word Of The Lord For America, by Daniel Rodes)*

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"The Lord gave us through prophecy, the following message [which will be given in part here]: 'There will be seeing disasters and terrible things happening all around them and they are wondering, 'Is it any answer to our problems? Is this all life has for us? If it is, we may as well kill ourselves and have it done with, but before we do that, we will destroy the city. We will destroy her people. We will destroy our government. We will destroy her flags and we will torture those who have tormented us and we will bring to judgment those who have wronged us.' The Lord said in the same prophecy that there would be much disaster and terrible havoc coming to this nation, but our prayers can help to stall much of the problems and also can help change our national leaders. He also spoke of "burnings." *(Prophetic Word & Visions, The Word Of The Lord For America, by Daniel Rodes)*

A Question that I have…

Could it be that with disasters occurring everywhere in the USA, that **FEMA** will be able to gain more power over us, **marshal law** begin to occur and while we have so many troops over seas, we could get **attacked** on our homeland from more terrorists, Russia, China and Mexico? Well, others have saw this happening as well as I have, that other powers will attack us. However, we do not know when, but, as the natural disasters get worst, there could be a possibility that when all USA is so devastated, that these things could come to pass sooner than later. Just a question or thought to think about.

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Hurricane Katrina

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HURRICANE KATRINA – AMERICA I AM CHARGING YOU REPENT
A HARD MESSAGE - A MESSAGE OF FLINT

These past weeks - there have been many strong, clear prophetic voices concerning Katrina from America declaring the will of the Lord and I rested in the assurance that that there was no necessity for a surplus voice at this time.

But in an extremely busy period of ministry, suddenly last week I felt the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit over me concerning this matter and I was deeply troubled. I sensed the fear of the Lord upon me and I knew that these could in no way be merely my thoughts or my opinions - it is a fearful and dreadful thing to attribute things to the hand of the Lord of Hosts that are merely our own imaginations.

That too held me off for days - Father - I said - there are enough voices out there speaking to this issue - God said - I want you to speak - And it was a great burden to me because I knew that so many people were suffering so terribly and that this was a hard message and a message of flint - I said - Father - If you really want me to I shall - but I said it with great trepidation over this matter - I also knew that this instance was so important to Almighty God - that I had to be so accurate in the true discerning of his purposes and his intentions

ECONOMIC DECLINE

But the urgency continued - And as we were driving back home from our studios in Washington DC to our home in Virginia - I kept seeing in the sky huge words - ECONOMIC DECLINE and again ECONOMIC DECLINE

Then I saw an enormous hand that almost covered the sky - and I knew that it was the hand of God Himself and I watched in absolute horror as the hand started to lift itself - and I felt that the Lord said - I AM ABOUT TO LIFT MY HAND FROM THIS NATION

It was such a terrible sight and a feeling of terrible dread that overtook me that I panicked - and I said - Oh Father - NO! You cant lift your hand from America - America loves you - America serves you - I beg you - Don't lift your hand from America. And God said - REPENT...

AMERICA - I AM CHARGING YOU - REPENT

And I said - Father - we are repenting for the decadence of New Orleans - the body of Christ in America is responding dramatically to this wake up call - both in mobilizing aid and assistance and also in repentance across the nation for the complex and many issues that we as the body of Christ understand led to this disaster -

TWO GREAT AND FESTERING BOIL

Then I saw an awful thing - It is an unpopular and controversial message - I know -

THE FIRST BOIL - NEW ORLEANS

I saw a great and festering boil in New Orleans and the surrounding area that had burst and the puss was still oozing and the Lord SAID -

Yes - it is true - my body is repenting for many of the symptoms and the reason that this boil was able to fester in such a violent manner in this area - and the words came - DECADENCE - HOMOSEXUALITY - LASCIVIOUSNESS - LAWLESSNESS - RACISM - PRIDE - SODOM AND GOMMORAH - all of which I could see were boiling and festering in the heart of the boil - but then I saw a small tip of a very sharp needle move towards it - and the very INSTANT that the tip of the red hot needle barely even touched the centre of the boil - the boil erupted with violence because of all the toxic material and poison already boiling inside.

And it was such an insignificant move - with a seemingly insignificant tool - but it was the hand of the Lord that caused the boil to erupt -

THE SECOND BOIL - THE MIDDLE EAST AND GAZA DISENGAGEMENT

And then the Lord said - in the same manner - Americas role in the disengagement of Gaza - has been as a red hot needle to the boil in the Middle East -I HOLD MY CHURCH IN AMERICA ACCOUNTABLE

To the majority of my body in America - it has been a disregarded and insignificant move - they have viewed it as a needle - of little effect - but it has pierced the boil of the Middle East and I saw the words -UNLEASHING - BLOODLUST - VENGEANCE - POWER - LUST - GREED - COVENANT/PACT OF DEATH - HOLOCAUST

AN IGNITION KEY CONDONED BY THE CHURCH THAT LOOSED THE HORDES OF HELL

And somehow I sensed that the fruit of this act by the American Government - was somehow an IGNITION KEY that had opened the door to release the hordes of hell and satanic princes to execute a timeline in the Middle East that would speed up the times of the hunters and pave the way for the next holocaust - and yet the CHURCH in America - had stood almost VOICELESS - bound by PASSIVITY and A SPIRIT OF STUPOR -

And then I saw a terrible thing - I saw millions of Christians all across the United States of America - with their hands raised - worshipping the Lord - their faces rapt in worship all across the nation - their bibles in hand - dressed in Sunday best - their families seated at their side - and then I heard horrific chilling screams and then I saw right next to them concentration camps and the scenes of the holocaust and although the screams were literally bone chilling and the people were screaming for help, not one of those in the churches even turned their head to look - it was as though a spirit of passivity and stupor had overtaken them

And the Lord said - "This is what my Church did during the holocaust as the Jews in Europe burned - They raised their hands and they worshipped me - AND THIS IS WHAT MY CHURCH HAVE DONE TODAY ONCE MORE BY THEIR OMMISSION OF NOT SPEAKING OUT AS MY VOICE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR MY PEOPLE ISRAEL -

EXPEDIENCY - THE OIL

EXPEDIENCY - and the Lord showed me - Oil - and He said "Americas oil became a target because America sold the nation of Israel out for oil "

And He said - **I AM CHARGING AMERICA - REPENT FOR YOUR SINS AGAINST MY PEOPLE**

ISRAEL

I said " O Father -many people will have a hard time believing that the hurricane in New Orleans is connected with the roadmap and Israel

And God said again - I AM CHARGING AMERICA - REPENT FOR YOUR SINS AGAINST MY PEOPLE ISRAEL

"For I am stirred up with wrath - says the Lord - that my people have been forsaken and that my people Israel have been abandoned - For the voices that whisper peace, peace" - says the Lord God of Hosts - "are not my voices - and the voices that sue for peace in the Middle East at this time - sue for expediency says the Lord -

For I have heard the conversations - in the hidden places of the earth - I have heard the whispers and the strategies and the political expediencies - and my anger has been stirred on behalf of my people Israel - and yes even voices in my church arise and say - peace peace - but I tell you - that peace is far from thee and that disaster is near -

For my hand has been stayed - but my hand can be stayed no more - For I tell you America - that I called you to protect and to preserve and to be as salt to the nation of Israel - yet you have instigated a covenant of death -

And yet you say that all is well - and yet you say that all is good - and you say we are a good friend of the nation of Israel - and yet it is under your watch and it is in this timing and in this season - that my people have been betrayed

And where is the man and where is the woman and where is the church that would stand up for my purpose -

For my purpose is not your purpose O Church - And my plans and purpose are not your plans and purpose for the nation of Israel -

And yet you nod and yet you smile and yet you say among the churches of America - It is well and good - And I tell you this day America - I hold you in the scales for what is about to come upon my nation Israel - And you have been found wanting

And yet you say - It is not popular to address these things - let us walk in wisdom and let it be - and yet by your very omissions - you have granted the enemy the power to rule - And I hold you accountable for the omissions of my church America

For all is not well says the Lord and all is not good - For I have seen the commissions and the dealings - for the oil and for the wealth of nations that have changed hands behind secret doors - and I have seen the cloaking and the hidden agreements that laid the foundations for the pact of death - yes - even in the Whitehouse - I have seen and I have heard - and my hand is against it and yet you say America supports Israel - but I tell you church - that this next season lies at America's door - and I call you America REPENT - I call you America REPENT - Repent for the forsaking of my people for expediency - REPENT"

And somehow I knew that even as President Bush espoused the deals between Israel and America - that I sensed the huge outcry against him and against his office in the wake of Hurricane Katrina - was a warning from Almighty God to repent at the highest levels of government before his office was rejected by God himself.

(Please understand how hard this is for me to write as I have always been a strong advocator of this Presidency but it seemed as though I saw him seated at his desk - and when it came to issues of Israel I saw a black blindfold that completely covered his eyes and was tied tightly at the back of his head - and also that his ears were stopped by a cacophony of sounds - I saw a HUGE VICE literally pressurizing him down and then I saw that ONLY the CHURCH had the capacity to lift this terrible weight of the vice away from crushing his shoulders and chest - the VICE was the pressure bought to bear upon him re the issue of Israel - PUBLIC OPINION - STATUS QUO - EXPEDIENCY - OIL - and I realized that the Lord was not holding President Bush accountable alone - but was holding the CHURCH accountable because they were the called ones WITH THE ABILITY to lift the pressure of the vice OFF the Presidents neck by their own strong VOICE being lifted up in America - but there was hardly a whisper of the churches voice -only a few lone voices reached the presidents ear - but the words more often than not seemed to be stolen away by buzzing gnat like looking creatures before they could actually take root - and the President continued to be crushed by the weight and pressure of the vice.)

And then my attention was drawn to another strange and almost insignificant fact - and yet suddenly it seemed to be not at all insignificant - it was the fact that Condeleeza Rice - the voice and the Whitehouse vocal propagator of the disengagement of Gaza and the roadmap was born in the South in Alabama - and was at a church service grieving for her people - And I knew that the pain she had felt for her people was a shadow to what the God of Israel felt for the Nation of Israel . And somehow with a terrible certainty I felt it was connected - a direct result of judgment.

And I felt the burden and the grief -this time of the Lord Jesus Christ - for all the dispossessed and the homeless and the grieving in New Orleans

And how He loved them and grieved for them - And then he showed me - The entire body of Christ in America who were mobilizing aid and assistance and prayer and support in the most incredible manner - And I knew this was in His eyes truly noble and honorable and that the Church has yet to shine and will still be a tremendous witness in this hour - BUT THEN He said weeping -

"My Church have been blinded and sidelined as to the REAL ISSUE at stake here - and therefore are excluding it from their view

And I frowned at the Lord - looking back to the horrific scenes on the Gulf Coast - the total focus of my attention being there ALSO -

And I saw Jesus literally walk in front of the people trying to move their attention from the horrific scenes of the New Orleans disaster onto the scenes of the future - of the dying screaming people of the second holocaust - and He was weeping - and as the congregations noticed Him - they would smile at Him - some even clutched onto Him - but ALL seemingly without exception had their total focus on the present disaster in America - not even recognizing that the major connection with judgment was the ACTION of the American Government to ISRAEL and the horror of the turning of the IGNITION KEY that would lead to the UNIMAGINABLE - A HOLOCAUST WORSE THAN THE FIRST HOLOCAUST in years to come

And then the Lord talked of conversations from some in His church that were saying - "It must be the Lord in Israel - He has allowed THE GAZA disengagement" And I realized that I TOO was guilty of this talk - and of this omission over the disengagement of Gaza - not REALISING the ENORMITY of the CONSEQUENCES - the tiny red hot needle that seemed so insignificant yet was the initiator of a covenant of death. Finally Jesus stood quietly watching this huge congregation who were so wrapped up in the necessary and the noble but also wrapped up in their own spiritual experience. Then quietly he walked away - and He walked over to the Jews in the second Holocaust and stood with the dying and the screaming and the burning, tears streaming down His face

If we - as the Body of Christ forget the cause of Israel - We have truly forgotten the cause of Jesus Christ Himself.

I charge you Beloved America - let us not lose the HAND and the protection of Gods covering - Let us not continue to walk in the sins of omission

Let us repent before it is irreversible.

Fruits of Repentance :

1. America will be reprieved from a devastating economic decline
2. America will remain under the protection and hand of Almighty God - especially the Church in America
3. If the Churches voice on the matter of Israel rises - The power of this united voice can stop the 'covenant of death' in its tracks and the situation can be reversed before it is irreversible - It is NOT too late in the spirit realm - we as the Church of Jesus Christ CAN still change DESTINY in the earth

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Hot Melted Gold
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Let me touch your heartstrings. Let me have your deepest inner core. For indeed I wish to play your heart like a harp. Two hearts playing together – yours and mine – can create a music that the earth knows not of.

Yes, there is music that is sorrowful and there is music that is sublime. I wish to take you even beyond the sublime to a place where no words can express what you can see and what you can feel.

This place where our hearts can be melted together requires total trust and total obedience. It is as if I would take your heart and turn it to hot melted gold. Then I would pour this gold together with the hot melted gold of my very own heart. Who could say which part of this gold was yours and which part was mine, for the two have become melted into One.

Once this melting has occurred it will have happened for all of eternity. Who can unseparate two streams of hot pure gold once they have melted and been stirred together? Who can unmix two cubes of hot melted butter? Who can unmix the wind of my Spirit once it has entered a room?

Sublime – Divine –The things of MY kingdom are so far beyond man's ability to conceive. You (man) concentrate on the concrete and that which is mortal and falling into oblivion. Most do not even think to inquire after the things of my kingdom, or if they do, it is in a flippant or perfunctory way.

I will have a people who bow down to me and have fully given their hearts to me. They have not counted their lives of more importance than knowing me. [*Phil. 3:7-14*] They have not considered the things of this world of more importance than pursuing that which will last for all eternity.

These people will know me with an intimacy that will make others weep and gnash their teeth, for one day man will see that knowing ME and becoming One with ME was the only thing worth pursuing and the only thing of true and lasting value.

Gold, pearls, precious gems – all of these just hint at my value and worth. Even the galaxies can only hint at my magnificence and my great power.
Man's world is upside down, valuing the valueless and abhorring the valuable, yet all can respond to the sounds of a harp or a flute.

I wish to play *your* heartstrings, Oh man. Who will come dance with me? Who will sing in harmony with me and be willing to lay down their lives and give them to me? Who will be willing to put their lives at my disposal, no longer demanding to have things *their* way, but instead being desirous of learning and doing things MY way?

I AM calling for hearts that are willing to be mine totally. I AM calling for hearts that are willing to become hot melted gold and melt together with my heart. This is a place of passion, intimacy and unlimited power. It is a place of joy and wonder beyond describing.
I am calling for hearts!
I am calling for hearts!
Who will respond to my call?
Who will tell me "YES" and truly mean it?
Your Loving Jesus

A Fork To The Mouth
Judy Curmi

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Ardor is not a bad thing.* Have I ever said that passion displeased me? NO – I said that which was lukewarm displeased me. [*Rev. 3:14-16*]

I AM a hot and fiery God. I am not neutral, cool, lukewarm, lassie faire or any of a host of terms expressing tepidness or a lack of zeal. I AM a zealous God. I AM a jealous God. My Word says so many times. It is in many different ways that I express my passion and my zeal.

I am not the tepid, lukewarm. mealy-mouthed God that present day man has made me out to be. In fact, man's present day representation bears hardly any resemblance whatsoever to who I am and how I think.

By painting me differently than how I really am, this has given man the lee way and license to act in ways that are an abomination to me without being concerned about the consequences. The problem with this picture is that it is a *myth*, not *reality*, and mankind is going to have to deal with the *real* God, not man's caricatures or myths.

I am zealous for my people and I am zealous for my holy Name. My Name has been kicked around, ridiculed and boldly dragged through the mud. This is about to cease. The wicked will be very wicked, but their days are short and will be over soon.

In the meantime, as they continue to harass my people and profane my holy Name, they are continuously throwing fuel onto a fire. *This fire is made of their fruit and they will be required to eat it as everyone will eat the fruit of their labors.*

Is your fruit good or evil? Is it holy and pleasing or dirty and profane? I keep saying that time is of the essence and time is running out. Yet my servants who warn are either ignored or mocked and ridiculed.

Woe to you, Oh earth. You are even now about to start eating the fruit that you have produced. The food is on your fork. Your mouth is open and the very first bite is about to enter your mouth.

You have been willing to cast me aside and have zeal and ardor for all of the wrong things. Advancing MY will or MY kingdom has not been on your "To Do List". Instead this list is full of the vile, debauched and the self-serving.

As it was in the days of Noah, so it is today. As it was in the days of Sodom, so it is today. You saw how I dealt with these cultures and yet you still will not repent! If you will not repent, then I will not heal you!

Because you have chosen DEATH instead of LIFE, the Spirit of Heaviness is about to descend upon you. You have esteemed my grace lightly. You have chosen another cup and another portion altogether. So it begins.

Put the fork into your mouth and begin to eat. It will not matter whether you chew slowly or swallow quickly. The results will be the same, Oh earth.

I will have a people who are passionately in love with ME. For the rest, their ardor for their own flesh and the things of this world will be their undoing. It will be the poison that kills them. It will be the fire that consumes them. It will be so very, very heavy…
The Most High

Ardor: 1a. Great warmth or intensity as of emotion. Passion or desire b. Enthusiasm or devotion; zeal 2. Intense heat, as of fire – Syn. Passion. From Old French ardçre – To burn

Harlotry Of Babylon

Ron McGatlin

The Enemy's Scheme

There are two great ruling cities from which mankind can receive patterns for life. We have talked about the great ruling city of God, New Jerusalem, the Bride-of-Christ City. The other great ruling city is Babylon, the Harlot of the devil. The great ruling city of Babylon has planted its harlot patterns throughout the current world system. Babylon's patterns have produced much riches for some. She is extremely enticing and beautifully clothed in wealth. Yet inside, she is full of filth and abominations, a habitation of demons.

Babylon must fall. The great religious, and political system with all its patterns of life is judged of God and is coming down. Before the patterns of New Jerusalem can rule, the patterns of Babylon must be destroyed. The person seeking to enter the city-of-God lifestyle must have the Babylonian patterns and ways broken and removed from their life. The Babylonian system has been very deadly to the saints of God. Many have fallen and many are in captivity in Babylonian ways. God's people are warned to come out of Babylon, lest they share in her sin and receive of her plagues.

Revelation 17:1-6: Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came to me, "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: "MYSTERY BABYLON THE GREAT MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

Revelation 17:15,18: And he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues." And the woman whom you saw is the great city which reigns over the kings of the earth.

Revelation 18:2-4: And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird. For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury." And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

What a great contrast between the harlot city of Babylon described in the book of Revelation (chapters seventeen to nineteen), and the beautiful Bride-City of God, New Jerusalem described in Revelation (chapters twenty one and twenty two). The beautiful Bride-of-Christ lifestyle is filled with the glory of God—God abiding with man and man living in His very presence— partaking of a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and the Lamb. Tears are wiped away and curses broken. Men and women are thankfully serving God and joyfully praising Him.

Just as there is a natural Jerusalem and now a spiritual New Jerusalem coming forth, there was a natural Babylon that was destroyed and now a Mystery Babylon that is being destroyed. Many patterns that began thousands of years ago in old Babylon are traceable throughout ancient history and up to the present time. Ancient Babylon was the first great-walled city after the flood. It was built by Noah's great grandson, Nimrod. Noah beget Ham; Ham beget Cush; and Cush begot Nimrod.

Babylon became the birth place of idolatry that was spread throughout the ancient world and passed to empires and civilizations throughout history. Nimrod and his wife, Semiramis, were the first people to be worshipped as gods. Although many different names were used in different cultures, they were worshipped similarly in much of the world, and can still be easily recognized in many religions today. These patterns were subversively planted into the Christian religion, and churches today are still affected by them. This nation, the good old U.S.A., and much of the world is primarily ruled by the patterns of ancient Babylon. The patterns seen in Nimrod and Semiramis of ancient Babylon are very similar to the dynamics of worldly families, businesses, churches, and political governments of today.

Genesis 10:8-12a: Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth. He was a mighty hunter before the Lord; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord." And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he went to Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Resen.

The word "before" in the statement, "He was a mighty hunter before the Lord", could be translated "against". Nimrod was a mighty man "against" the Lord. He and Semiramis some way tapped into the darkness of mystical and occult powers. A departure from the patriarchal faith had occurred. It is represented by some profane history that Cush had become a ringleader of apostasy. Nimrod added mystical, demonic powers and knowledge to his natural strength and became a powerful force on the earth, conquering all those around him.

Nimrod was the first to wage war upon his neighbors, the first to train troops with exercise and hardship, the first to build towers and walled cities for battle. Nimrod exercised strong control over men. They were enticed with unbridled self-gratification. Everywhere Nimrod went, there were extravagant parties with orgies, dancing girls, music, games, and anything that would bring self-gratification. Nimrod also controlled by locking up the mysteries of science and sorcery that he had discovered and releasing them to men only when they were under his control. He used confession of sins and faults to control. When he had enough information on someone, and when they were awestruck by his great display of magic, he could easily control them.

Nimrod was suddenly cut off in the midst of his career of glory. Mystery surrounds his disappearance. But it is believed that he met with a violent death while on one of his expeditions. Semiramis, whose feminine beauty covered her immoral, manipulative, deceitful self, had usurped the attributes of her husband before his death. At his death, she took over her husband's place.

Semiramis, in her licentious ways, gave birth to a son after Nimrod was gone. She told people that Nimrod had reappeared in the person of a posthumous son. She held the son up as God and the people worshipped him. They worshipped her as the mother of God. Eventually she became the predominant goddess overshadowing the son. Thus through deception and manipulation she took over the assets and attributes of Nimrod and continued her lavish lifestyle.

Semiramis was seen as both the mother and wife of her husband. Nimrod was seen as the husband and the son of his wife. She was revered as the mother of god. The image of the mother of god with the child in her arms spread to all the idolatrous world. Semiramis is said to have finished the wall of Babylon and thus became the goddess of fortress and towers. The Diana of the Ephesians mentioned in the New Testament with her crown of towers is identified with Semiramis.

Babylon became known as a great center of extravagant wealth and revelry—a monument of glamour to the accomplishments of man—a place of harlotry and sorcery—a place of great wizardry, human knowledge and discovery—a place of competition and contention. But the primary characteristic was spiritual harlotry.

Spiritual harlotry is the seeking of our own needs and desires apart from God. God is our provider. He desires to meet our needs in every area of life. If we look to anything or anyone else to meet our needs, we are looking to another god and are involved in spiritual harlotry. Harlotry and idolatry are very closely related. Harlotry is looking to an idol (another god) for what our Heavenly Father should provide for us. Spiritual harlotry is selling our purity to meet our needs. It is self-seeking and self-serving.

It's easy to see how the bad heart-tree is a harlot tree. Spiritual harlotry is seeking to meet the needs of our life-structure on our own, instead of trusting God to take care of us. The good heart-tree is a bride tree, in which we are able to trust God to meet all of our needs and satisfy our wants.

Babylon is a harlot system, a means of meeting human needs and selfish wants apart from God. Babylon is ruled by a spirit of harlotry and is characterized by competition, immorality, and sorcery.

HARLOTRY IS SELF-SEEKING AND SELF-SERVING:

It is seeking to meet my own needs and desires apart from God.

COMPETITION IS SEEKING POSITION OR CONTROL:

Contention, Strife, Thieving (taking), Lying, Deceit, Manipulation, Seduction, Control, Dominance, War (fighting), Overlord, Tyrant, Back-Biting, Murder, Greed, Covetousness.

IMMORALITY IS SEEKING PLEASURE OR ENTERTAINMENT:

Lust, Fantasy Lust, Fornication, Sexual Perversion, Unclean, Overeating, Overplaying, Overworking, Overresting, Reveling (partying).

SORCERY IS SEEKING POWER OR DIRECTION:

Occult, Witchcraft, Hypnosis, Mind Control, Mind Power, P.M.A., Humanism, Intellectualism, Astrology, Psychics, New Age Junk.

Much of the world has taken giant steps into Babylonian harlotry in recent decades. Games and "playing" have become a major part of the U.S.A. Gambling lotteries and casinos are spreading widely across the land. Sexual perversion and recreational immorality are accepted as normal behavior. Psychics now openly advertise their "Psychic Hotline" numbers on daytime TV and are being looked to by many as a valid source of direction for their lives. Competition has intensified as people struggle for control in families, businesses, governments, tribes and nations. Computer and video games, gambling, spectator sports, recreational drugs and alcohol, entertainment, and other recreational industries probably already represent the largest segment of production in the U.S.A.

Are we seeking from another god what our true God desires to supply?

The Devastation of Reformation
Ron McGatlin

Reformation will not come without real revival. Revival / renewal have come in measure and many are prepared for the major changes of reformation. Revolution is a part of reformation that follows revival. The nations of the world MUST very soon experience the greatest outpouring of revival and renewal ever seen on the planet. The cup is full and spilling over. The potential destruction, if revival fire does not quickly sweep the earth, is unthinkable. Choices are greatly limited and time is short. The "Day of the LORD is upon us!"

Becoming one with God is the first major objective of revival and renewal. Moving from unbelief and religion to the reality of intimate oneness in the manifest presence of God executes the change that devastates previous patterns of belief structures and practices. The renewal of the heart of the person in the love of God is the first stage of personal revival. The life of God begins to flow in the purified heart of the love-cleansed believer. Life begins to flow as rivers of living water of the Spirit fill the person and then flows forth the life of God to others.

This produces personal devastation to the previous sin-colored self-life. Relationships change. Previously strong ties are broken. Financial strengths based on a different lifestyle begin to crumble. The enemy recognizes the potential harm to his strongholds and reacts in fear with insane evil fiery attacks of vicious lies, accusations, and every destructive tool he can employ.

What the enemy means for destruction works in and for the renewed revived believer. The devastation serves to further destroy all selfish living and breaks the back of self-will and self-concerns. This leaves us free to become totally available to God for His life to live in and through the dead empty shell of human reality remaining.

The joyous reality of Jesus rescuing us from the potential personal devastation replaces all pain of the past with absolute overcoming beautiful personal love with our Lord. Jesus takes us by our right hand, looks deep into our eyes, filling our body, soul, and spirit with pure heavenly love. We then turn and walk hand in hand with Him ascending the upward path of the heavenly hill with clean hands and a pure heart. (Psalm 24)

Now, we are ready to take reformation to the world around us. Now we are reformers as God lives and flows through us and anything that is not from Him and for Him is distasteful to us. We have no tolerance for the foolishness of religious man-focused, man-made traditions. Anything that smells of sin or mixture makes us want to throw up. We no longer have ears to hear the seducing voices of manipulating accolades of controlling men and their systems.

Reformation is the natural flow of God toward the kingdom of God ruling in every aspect of life from family, to church, to education, entertainment, and governments - to cities, nations and the world, **after** real revival and the resulting devastation of past life sweeps clean the heart and life of believers.

As this process must occur in the believer, so also it must occur in the nation that turns to God and is revived, renewed, and comes toward reformation. True love and humility, first in the individuals, and eventually in the nations is bringing reformation toward the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. **Think it not strange when the fiery trials of devastation come upon you and eventually your nation. For the Spirit of GLORY rest upon you.**

1 Pet 4:12-17: Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

*If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, **for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.** On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.*

But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Pet 2:20-23: For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. ***For to this you were called,*** *because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;*

Whatever God has put in your heart, do it heartily and quickly. For the night comes when no man can work.(Col 3:23) (John 9:4)

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We Are The Church
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We owe much to the past models of church and the faithful leaders and saints who have birthed multitudes into salvation and created a foundation of believers that are now bringing forth further reformation toward the original New Testament church model.

The word church has a very uncertain definition in many minds today. When one person says church they mean one thing and when someone else says church it means a different thing. God is lifting up a new/old standard and many are seeking to see through their own personal religious fog to discover the new/old reality of New Testament style relationship with God and with one another.

One of the most difficult concepts for our minds to digest is that **we don't go to the church, we are the church.** The practical reality of this is indeed a large hurdle yet many are absorbing it. If we don't get this, then changing the size of the meeting or the location of the meeting or switching around some titles and so on may only lead to the same imperfect concepts that have led to where we have already been.

When we look without religious glasses or fog to the New Testament model of the church that Jesus really started in its embryo form and the disciples brought into being by Jesus working with them by the Holy Spirit, we find it looks much different from most church systems of today.

A great transition began at that time as the old covenant "church" or temple/synagogue was no longer to be the center or primary presentation of the kingdom of God on earth. A new covenant "called out people" (church) were to be the gathering that would become a living organism flowing the very continuation of resurrected life of Jesus Christ on earth by the Holy Spirit, forming Christ in gatherings of people joined by the Holy Spirit in spiritual relational networks (body).

Jesus went to the temple/synagogue in fulfillment of old covenant living before His baptism - before the Holy Spirit descended and remained upon Him. As His ministry matured He went to these institutions and revealed Himself as Messiah. At that point serious opposition to the transition began. The decision was made to throw him off a cliff instead of receiving the new covenant reality of Jesus the Messiah. The transition to new covenant church was not made in the old covenant institutions.

Jesus gathered disciples and began to model and bring forth the church "called out gatherings".

Jesus gave his life on the cross, was resurrected, taken up into heaven, and returned to earth in the Holy Spirit to indwell His people thus establishing the NEW COVENANT reality of church.

Some of the early apostles continued to go to the old covenant institutions again and again to attempt to lead them to Jesus and the new covenant. Some people did make the transition with them. But the institution continued in the old covenant with Priest standing before the people offering sacrifices for the people and maintaining the old covenant way of form and shadow rather than transition into the reality of Jesus and the new covenant.

A great falling away occurred in the new covenant church. After a few centuries men began to change the ways of the church from what Jesus and the disciples had begun. Portions of the old covenant form began to be reestablished in the new covenant church.

A hierarchy of men ruling over the people was again brought forth and the division of clergy and laity was erroneously formed in the new covenant church. The new covenant was to include a nation of priests and kings. The headship of Christ living within the people by the Holy Spirit was replaced by a structure of men and their rules and rituals. This was a partial return to the old covenant system of Priest standing between the people and God. The resulting "church" was a perverted mixture of old and new. This created an opening for traditions of men and doctrines of demons to infiltrate the church.

Over a thousand years later the "great reformation" began a process of eliminating some of the old covenant ways as well as some traditions of men and doctrines of demons, from the new covenant church. We now can clearly see that it was not a complete reformation. In recent centuries and very recent decades, we have begun to see giant steps of more complete reformation toward becoming as the church that Jesus began.

One of the old covenant practices carried forward into the reformed church was the clergy laity division. The function and office of Priest was renamed the office of Pastor in most expressions of "Protestant Church". High Priest became Senior Pastor or Bishop and a hierarchy of men with various titles continued to stand before the people and rule over them. This old covenant practice mixed into the new covenant church hindered the power. love, and gifts of the Holy Spirit from flowing directly through the mature saints (elders) to the less mature saints.

The mature expression of the true new covenant church may not necessarily include the temples of brick and will surely not include a hierarchy of men standing as Priest between God and the people. We must not continue the old covenant ways in the new covenant church. Yes we will continue to reach out to the so called "institutional church" and continue to present the true Messiah, Christ Jesus our High Priest, Savior and King who lives now in His temple on earth. ***Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (1 Cor 3:16)***

Many unnecessary burdens are spawned by the perversions of the erroneous continuation of the old covenant headship concept of clergy over laity. In the new covenant church there are indeed spiritually mature people (elders) and spiritually immature people and there are servant gifts to mature and equip the people. It is always the work of Christ flowing by the Holy Spirit to do the work of these ministries. The clergy laity deception causes a few to stand as "Priest" to attempt to do the work of many that are only sitting in the pew and can therefore never mature. We are to all become priest and kings as Christ by the Holy Spirit is formed in us. We are to all mature and become "equippers" for the less mature around us by the work of the Holy Spirit.

The central foundation of the new covenant church is the believer in intimate relationship with God and with those around him or her. This means that the prayer closet and the living and dining rooms can become the main facilities of church. From there the church can flow to the office or shop and the mall or wherever. When the homes become the primary assembly then additional meetings can be held in rented halls, stadiums, brick buildings or any where as the many expressions of the city church can come together in glorious meetings of praise, prayer, and worship.

If we can get this, it is really good news, especially for many godly men seeking to serve God with all their heart as a Pastor (Priest) ruling over a congregation of pew sitters who have been trained to pay the Pastor to do the spiritual stuff for them. Why keep pumping a dry hole? It may be time to move to a new/old well with living water and return to the way Jesus and the disciples began.

God loves His church too much to allow the old covenant ways to exist forever robbing the church of the reality of the fulfillment of "Christ in you the hope of Glory."

I've recently discovered a good book written by David Newby from Australia. David has done research on the reality of the old covenant ways carried into the new covenant church and has good insight into this matter and some help in dealing with it. I am not trying to sell books but I believe this book to be a genuine help in bringing forth understanding of the history and the potential of the New Testament church. The book is called, "The Bubble Will Burst" by David Newby. You can get a copy here: http://www.openheaven.com/bookstore/

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Honeycomb Anointing

Brenda Dowdin

Several weeks ago I had a "supernatural" encounter with the Lord... I have been praying about it and asking the Lord for greater understanding of this experience...and if and when to share it? I sensed this morning the Lord saying now is the time...

It was a normal morning - I spent time in worship, prayer and reading of the living Word of God. Once I was finished I went in to get ready for work. I was showering and suddenly had this experience. It felt as though someone had a Kirby Vacuum cleaner hose over my head and my spirit was pulled out of my body. When this happened I could still feel the water on my body, yet I knew my spirit was somewhere way above in a heavenly place, in a vacuum. I saw a huge honeycomb over the state of California and I was emerged in to one of the "cells" of this honeycomb. Honey was dripping all over me. I was drenched in it. As this experience was transpiring I was "terrified!" The Holiness of God is and was terrifying! I asked the Lord, "What's going on here Lord? I am terrified!" This is what I sensed Him saying to my spirit, "The honeycomb is the purest place of my anointing, my "revelation. You don't need to be afraid, I am letting you feel my holiness!" At this moment when the Lord spoke these things, I had this incredible realization of how much I needed God's word under my feet as my foundation. And that in order to stand in this next new level of anointing we must know the word. Not just read it, but truly wear it, walk it, know it, be it. It's like putting Christ on through the word.... Needless to say I was "out of it" the rest of the day! I shared this with several one's I am accountable to. One of the comments I got back was that the Lord puts His word, even above His own name!

There are several things I believe the Lord may be saying here:

I. Deceptions, strong deceptions are coming upon the church. We have got to have the plumb line of God's word under our feet.

2. The Honeycomb, the word of God is the place of the purest anointing and revelation. There are nuggets, treasures in His word that He is getting ready to reveal as we press in to Him.

3. There is coming a greater release of His anointing of "revelation", to the body of Christ.

4. Honey is a pure food, it doesn't get stale. It keeps, just like God's word! The Lord has always spoke about "honey" being a type and shadow of His anointing...

5. Ps 133 His anointing being poured out! A key here is: we must be in unity, and then God will show up! Let's clear up any differences we have with one another and not miss out on what the Lord is doing!

Kathie Walters has a word that's been released called, "Grace, Grace, Grace!" She also speaks of the Honey in the Rock! Truly the Lord is speaking of something that is coming...let's be ready to embrace the new that the Lord is bringing. It's time to consecrate our selves, let the Lord deal with all hidden places, and come clean. We are a people of unclean lips, and live amongst a people of unclean lips! Let the Lord cleanse our hearts, and lips for His Holiness is terrifying in a wonderful way! I know that, that last statement doesn't make sense in our understanding, but I know it to be a "truth" from my own personal experience in Him! He is truly "terrifying in a wonderful Holy way!"

Ps 19:7-10, Ps 81:16, 2 Sam 22:2, John 1:1, 1 Sam 14:29. Yashua, my rock, my salvation, my living word, my revelator, my redeemer! The place of the purest honey and anointing!

Much love to you all! Brenda Dowdin firebrand007@hotmail.com

Shake Off The Dust!
Brenda Dowdin

You have entered a new level. In this level you will feel some resistance. The enemy only knows how to copy, so as old places try and rise up - resist them. Bind their power and loose all entanglements that come with them. This is a season that I will teach you about the new level you have entered in to. You are in a powerful place, walk circumspectly! Don't go out thinking you can clobber the world, just let me guide you! We will overcome one thing at a time and together!

This is also a time to be sober, pay attention, walk in the obedience you know I've called you to. That place of obedience will close all back doors to the enemies sly evil ways.... These are my strategies for you!

Worship and stay in submission to me. I will shield you from all evil as you stay in the shadow of my wing. It's like flying in space, we are passing by meteorites and I am shielding you as you move through this storm of rocks. We will not take on one hit as you stay hidden in me. This will also teach you to "rest" in my presence and utterly depend on me! Don't fret over the old waste places, I want to show you how much you have over come and give you great joy in it! You are my over comers, and my joy will be full in you! Shake off the dust from the old, and arise, shine for truly my glory has risen upon you this day!

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Fine Tuning
Brenda Dowdin

Just as your hear static on a radio until the dial is fine tuned, so it is that I am fine tuning you! I am taking up the areas where there is "slack" in your life. I am dealing with areas that have needed more self restraint and help! I am a loving God, I will gently guide you and deal with these areas. There is no need of "stressing out" over this. Just let my guiding hand take control. As you relinquish control and surrender your new days will spring forth in to delight and joy....trust me Beloved! I will never lead you astray! But always towards my guiding light!!! My Joy is a gift to you! Open up my "gift of joy", and wear it today!

Ps 16:11 "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

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Tenderness
Brenda Dowdin

My humility is like pure perfume. When you put it on my fragrance lingers upon you all day long. Haven't you noticed how when you are around someone with true humility that you are attracted to them. You want to be around them. It's my fragrance, the very nature of Christ upon them.

There will be opportunity coming to take the road of humility. The tenderness of your heart will determine the outcome. Allow me to break you and tenderize your heart. It will be like the box of alabaster that was broken for me, Ah such sweet perfume will arise in places where there's been breeches in relationships.... and I will be there with you.

When I talk to my people about "brokenness", many of them run from me. Brokenness is tenderness, a softening of one's ideas and will, it's a sweet surrender of "your will" to me. When you let me in I am tender with you. Don't fight me, trust me. You will be pleased with the out come! Trust me!!!

"This is the one I esteem; he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word." Isa 66:2B
"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart, These, O God You will not despise!" Ps 51:17

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Having A Grateful Heart
Brenda Dowdin

I am causing those around you to appreciate you, as well as you - them! It is part of my meshing my family together and bringing the "net" of people together in heart. Be grateful for those I've put around you to speak in to you and as opportunity arises always choose to speak life to them. Community is being formed and out of it will bring a great harvest!

One of my gifts to you is my family! Enjoy them, appreciate them and love them!

Ps 100:4 Enter into His gates with "thanksgiving", and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

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Shout Plunder! Shout Victory To The Lord!
Brenda Dowdin

I see the "sledge" you are walking through. You are passing through a membrane in to a new level. It's like passing through a birth canal. Press on, press through, for surly victory is on the other side. Enter in to worship. Pure worship will break you through in to this new level. Press against your own flesh of resistance. A new day is ahead. Shout Plunder to the enemy as you go through! Shout Victory to the Lord as you pass through! Proclaim that which you have been yearning to see! Break through is certain! There is light at the end of the tunnel! Press on! Press on!!! Sound the bells of freedom and liberty! Proclaim, proclaim this day, it is the Day of the Lord!

Link yourselves with those who are "like minded", believe for the unbelievable. I am about to do miracles.......press in Beloved's!!! The honey is coming down upon regions. Down upon my people, down upon those who haven't known me yet! My honey is my anointing!!! It's sticky and will land on those who I purpose and plan to touch...the market place will never be the same. Don't be surprised when I show up at your job. New things are springing up all over.

I am also tired, as you, of "business as usual"! Things are changing...change, change, change is coming. Prepare now and press in. Let me deal with all the old waste places, for surly I am coming with fire to burn up the chaff. I am coming and my holiness is terrifying, but I am a loving God. Prepare your hearts for a fresh wind is about to blow upon my creation. Prepare your hearts. September will mark this new thing, this new wave of Glory that will begin to be poured out. I am looking from region to region for the hunger of God. I am looking and watching from my heavenly throne. Who will cry out? Who will touch my heart with their pure hearts and clean hands? Will it be your region? Will it? It's up to you Beloved! Cry out day and night? I am listening? My ear is tuned to the voice of my intercessors? Cry out and I will surly answer in a profound way, says your God!

Watch for the purple in the sky, it is a sign of my majesty coming!

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Hear O Israel

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The greatest commandment of all time starts with the word "Hear"- in Hebrew, "Shema". *Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord with all your heart, all your soul and all your might - Deuteronomy 6:4-5*. This verse has been the rallying cry of the Jewish people for three thousand years. Eye witness reports of the Holocaust told of Jewish families holding their little children in their arms, whispering to them, then pointing to the sky, chanting out loud, "Shema Yisrael," as the Nazis machine gunned them into mass graves.

In this article I want to concentrate on that first word - "Hear." Unfortunately, the meaning has been clouded by religious controversy (as if the verse was primarily a Jewish theological defense against the Christian "pagan" belief in three gods) and by religious ritual (some Jews recite the verse with the three middle fingers pointing upward on the forehead with the thumb and little finger in the corners of the right and left eye, spelling out the letters of "Shaddai"; while other Jews wrap their tallit - prayer shawl - around their head like Moses covering his face before the glory fire of God).

Listen and Obey

The word Shema, much like the word Hear in other languages, has two meanings: *listen* and *obey*. So God is telling us to listen - to pay attention to hear and understand what He is saying; and then when we get it, we are to obey - to put into action what the word has said. This is similar to how Pastor Cho of Korea summarized his secret to ministry success as simply, "I pray and I obey."

So God is telling us first of all to develop a listening heart and to try to understand His will. You can't hear a radio station unless you turn into the right wavelength. Before we can "hear" God's voice, we have to "listen" for it. Romans 10:17 tells us *"faith comes by hearing."* That also has a dual meaning. Our faith is developed as we hear the voice of God in our inner ear, but it is also developed as we *"obey all things that I (Yeshua) have commanded you" - Matthew 28:20*.

Hearing by faith is just as much moral as it is mystical. Faith without obedience is a false faith, like sinking sand, a cloud without water, a body without a spirit. A famous verse in Jewish tradition, which puts the commitment to obey even before the ability to hear is Exodus 24:7 - *"We will obey and we will hear."*

Prophetic Anointing

There was a time in Israel when almost no one was receiving a prophetic word from God. People were neither listening nor obeying. Then God found one little boy whose heart was sensitive to Him. This little boy was Samuel. But he didn't know how to receive a prophecy. He had to learn. Eli the old priest told him that the next time he sensed the Lord might be talking to him to respond, *"Speak LORD for your servant hears" - I Samuel 3:9*.

There is a position, a posture of the heart, a willingness of spirit that makes us ready and able to hear a word from God. We have to *listen* on the inside, and be committed to *obeying*. We cannot make God speak to us, but we can train ourselves to be sensitive and focused on listening. And God certainly wants to speak to us. There is nothing wrong with His transmitter; it is our receiver that needs tuning.

Our staff and students take two hours together in the morning for prophetic praise and prayer. It is a time for listening to the voice of God and developing the prophetic gifts of the Holy Spirit. We believe God wants to raise up a new generation of local Hebrew speaking prophets here in Israel, just as He wants in every other tribe, nation and tongue. We see this as a kind of "school of the prophets" (I Samuel 10:5).

Kingly Authority
Another example is found in the famous dream of King Solomon, in which he was asked what he would like to receive from God. Above all the material blessings of this world, he requested, *"a hearing heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil" - I Kings 3:9.* The word here for a hearing or listening or obedient heart is *lev shomea*, from the same root as *shema* in both the passages above.

Note again the moral dimensions of hearing, so that we can discern between right and wrong. It was the listening heart that made Solomon worthy to be king. That same listening heart gives us the wisdom to exercise spiritual authority. Yet that authority also requires integrity. A king's throne is established in righteousness (Proverbs 16:12, 25:5).

Don't think you are going to have all kinds of spiritual authority without the corresponding responsibility of integrity and righteousness. We learn to reign by the qualities of righteousness (Romans 5:17), and it is the Spirit of Holiness that gives us the wisdom to rule as kings (Proverbs 8:15).

So whether it is to 1.) love the Lord with all our might, 2.) receive prophetic gifts and anointing, or 3.) develop leadership and kingly authority, everything starts with a listening and obedient heart. Like a leaf that flutters at the slight touch of the wind (John 3:8), so are we to be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit on the inside
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Holy Of Holies
Kathleen Pirl

The Cohen ha Gadol our High Priest who ever lives to make intercession is at the Mercy Seat, the ark of covenant, ushering in the way to the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies is the continual presence of YVHY, YVHV or Yeshua.

He is praying the Holy of Holies prayer for us for the time of great judgment is soon to be upon us. This is the prayer Jesus is praying for us:

Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy by the Truth; Your Word is Truth. Just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrate, make holy) in the Truth. Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching. That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that they world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me. I have given to them the glory and honor which YOU have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one: I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that they world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me. Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O just and righteous Father, although the world has not known You and has failed to recognize You and has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these men understand and know that You have sent Me. I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them. John 17:17-26

To be in the holy of holies is to be one with the Lord thereby the continual abiding presence of God is on and in us even while still in the world.

Come! We are entering into the days of awe.

REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.
Repentance is the gift of God; it is his kindness that leads us to repentance.

Come to the Mercy seat where there still is a place of repentance because of the way made behind the veil of the Holy of Holies the way made through His flesh.

Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude].

For whom the Lord loves He corrects, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

The foundations of the church are being shaken. I saw in a dream the Victorian house is being shaken by a great earthquake off its foundations. We were sitting on the floor praying and ministering to one another. The children were in the room upstairs. We could not move until the earthquake was over.

God stands in the assembly [of the representatives] of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment [as] among the gods. How long will you [magistrates or judges] judge unjustly and show partiality to he wicked? Selah

Do justice to the weak [poor] and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked.

[The magistrates and judges] know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness [of complacent satisfaction] all the foundations of the earth [the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice] are shaking.

I said, You are gods [since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives]; indeed, all of you are children of the Most High. But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes. Arise, O God, judge the earth! For to YOU belong all the nations. Ps 82

Until the shaking has stopped we can do nothing.

But I tell you the mystery of godliness and wickedness is coming to full maturity.

The harvest is ripe the angels soon to be released.

But weep and wail between the porch and the altar,

For the day of the Lord will soon be upon us.

Blow the trumpet!

The Day of the Ushering in of His return

For as lightning comes forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west, So shall be the coming of the Son of Man. Math 24:27

So the glory of the Lord will return to His temple from the east.

Afterward the man [an angel] brought me to the gate, the gate that faces east. (The east gate was how one entered the temple.) And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east and His voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with His glory. And the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east. Then the Spirit caught me up and brought me into the inner court, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And I heard One speaking to me out of the temple, and a Man stood by me. And He [the Lord] said, to me, Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever; and My holy name the house of Israel shall no more profane, neither they nor their kings, by their [idolatrous] harlotry, nor by the dead bodies and monuments of their kings.

This is the law of the house [of the Lord]: the whole area round about on the top of the mountain [Mount Moriah] shall be most holy, separated, and set apart, Behold, this is the law of the house [of the Lord]. Ez 43:1,2,4,5-7,12

So prepare the way,

Come up from the low Jordan River to the east over the Mt. of Crushing Anointing known as Olives.

Only the dead can see God, you cannot live and see God!

So die that you might live in resurrection power!!

Establish the eternal foundations of His temple.

Be holy as He is holy!

That He may return taking up residence in His House!

You are the temple of the Lord! BE HOLY! HOLY! HOLY!

You my Bride are to sing the Holy of Holies song the Shir ha Shirim the Song of Songs of all the ages my Love of Loves He is the Desire of All Nations!

His Holy Bride will enter into the Holy Of Holies with her Cohen ha Gadol to make atonement for sin participating in His sufferings.

Even if she has not seen him she loves him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with inexpressible and glorious joy.

She comes with HIM to the mercy seat, the inner chambers are ready!

REPENT before the doors are closed and no place for repentance is left.

She will soon see HIM her Desire!

She the holy Bride is standing in for the sins of the people making intercession with her High Priest Yeshua.

For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes,

Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by the leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water. …

And let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up (stimulate and incite) to love and helpful deeds and noble activities, Heb 10:22,24

Therefore;

THE WHOLE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH HIS GLORY
HOLY ! HOLY! HOLY!
IS THE ONE WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME!

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Holy Matrimony!?!

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I Heard in my spirit:

“DISORDER IN MY BODY!
 DISORDER IN MY CHURCH!
 DISORDER IN MY EARTHLY KINGDOM!

“Husbands are confused, used, noosed…
 Wives are abused, amused, rused…

“Many couples receive ministry of *spirit* death instead of the *Spirit* Life that My Son died to purchase! Humble yourselves now and learn of Me and My loving, gracious ways.” **Thus saith the Lord.**

> *There are three things which are too wonderful for me, yes, four which I do not understand: The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a virgin. [Prov 30:18,19] (Scriptures are NKJV, emphasis is ours)*

Implications: How a bridegroom woos his beloved bride is the deepest of human mysteries [even to Solomon, the wisest man]. That’s because the spiritual bonding that a courtship couple develops is unique to them, special in all of creation!

> “*He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord*” *[Prov 18:22; See also 19:14].*

A wife is a good gift from our Lord Jesus. A bridegroom ought to have the same rapt affection and humble respect for his intended that Jesus has for His bride {that’s us}. Yes, a husband is called to cherish his one-flesh partner as much as he loves himself. *[Eph 5:28,33]*

Why Marry? The *spirit* and soul bonding of holy matrimony is at the very heart of humanity. *[Gen 2:24]* God’s basic governmental unit is the family. Cities, nations and orders rise or fall on how they value and support marriage and family life. *All* human order (religious, political, neighborhood…) should be family rooted.

> *“…Be fruitful, and multiply, fill the earth and subdue it: have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” [Gen 1:28]*

Law Paradigm: Once, when I was a respected rocket scientist/manager and a (Nicolaitan!) church layman, I told a friend: “My wife is the spiritual leader in our home.” She was the most spiritual person whom I had ever met, so it seemed *natural* that she lead in religious matters. Who finds fault with that? My friend certainly didn’t challenge me. This way ‘*seemed right to man, but the end of it is death*’ *[Prov 16:25]* in many ways.

When I was told that God calls a husband to be *‘head of the wife’ [Eph 5:23]*, I sought to correct my ways. Around that time the *‘subjugation of wives’* was a hot topic at our men’s prayer breakfast. I well remember a pentecostal friend’s complaint: “I can’t get my wife to submit.” Everyone seemed to agree that wives who didn’t submit were rebelling against God, who would surely judge them.

When managing cutting-edge scientists, my authority was often subtle control, lest rebellion be fomented. Similar subtle control also appeared to be a dominant theme in our various churches, whose leaders used it to maintain their denominations. Legalistic submission, where dominant control is exercised over the submitted, seemed right to us. We just didn’t get it!

I didn’t know that attempts to control other adults are an abomination to God.

The Real Question: Courting couples do enjoyable things together, acting in accordance with their individual free wills. They seldom seriously disagree usually they get along *famously*. Some helpmeet couples even *live together* for years as in a ‘one accord’ equality until church marriage spoils their Paradise! Why do control issues so often plague church-sanctioned works, such as marriage?

Marriage Roots: In His wisdom, God created two sexes with widely different characteristics and capacities. Adam and Eve, God’s perfect creations, shared deep, heart-felt love. As helpmeets, they perfectly complemented one another, agreeing upon anything and everything as they shared God's anointing to manage His earth for Him. After all, didn't Adam say: "…Eve is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh…" *[Gen 2:23]*? Their Eden truly was Heaven touching earth!

What Happened? What ruined this 'one accord' helpmeet Eden? Satan deceived Eve her downfall resulted from a *desire* to choose between *good* and *evil* *herself* (*knowledge of good and evil* is God's business, alone). Although Adam wasn't deceived, rather than sacrifice himself to ransom Eve, he committed the greater sin. Adam deliberately chose to defy God and followed Eve into satan's hell.

What had been sown was now reaped. God cursed woman to suffer childbirth *pain* but to *desire* a husband! Man was cursed to rule over a wife and to *corrupt* our *good* earth with thorns and briars [spiritually: death, sickness, loss…] while *toiling* [sweating] for sustenance. But how might a wife's *desire* for her husband be a curse? Here *desire* implies controlling love. Eve had enticed Adam to give up his earthly authority to satan. Now, as a 'law' wife, God cursed her to try to lead. Conflict was guaranteed since Adam was cursed to rule her, [no longer 'one-accord' helpmeets, they lived on in this "Law" Paradigm, without Eden's grace]. *[Gen 3]*

Law Today: The *"…woman is the glory of the man." [I Cor 11:7],* but power struggles caused by the 'control battle' curse continue. Didn't Jesus' cross lift all curses? Are b*elievers* subject to God's 'Law' today? *Maybe so, maybe not!* In 'church' marriage ceremonies brides often vow [before God] to love, honor [sometimes obey] husbands! Such vows may break Christ's rule against oaths *and* reinvoke the law's curse, despoiling holy matrimony. Also, uforgiven sin or disobedience curse both husband and wife to obey the whole law [of Moses]. Such curses may pass on to new generations.

The Remedy: Widespread demonic and religious deception needs to be recognized and evil forces bound, defeated and cast out! Then, heart-felt repentance and the desire to obey Christ (within) brings salvation and *immediate* entrance into Heaven. This makes deliverance from all curses possible. Sin becomes easier to avoid because Christ within guides and empowers.

The capacity of one spouse to 'fill in' areas where the other is weak, to *complement* the other, makes for mighty marriage power! Both a man-woman joining as 'one flesh' helpmeets in Jesus Christ's grace and our betrothal to Him create powerful eternal spiritual bonds.

Jesus Christ rules perfectly, but how obedient is His earthly bride today? Doesn't she often adopt religious practices to try to control Him? Emotional worship, intellectual sermons, self-interest prayers… aren't such works merely the *desire* of a chosen but rebel, fleshly bride to rule? What about the forbidden 'party spirit' [denominations] supported by the establishment of clergy/laity classes [hated Nicolaitan works]? To sing *'Trust and Obey'* is fruitless unless Christ is obeyed, not a religious system, or even the written Word of God (the Holy Bible). **C**hurch-sanctioned marriage is plagued with control issues because God says that:

"Married couples who don't fully obey Jesus constantly strive for control!!"

Grace Paradigm A New Thing: A spirit of love and unity prevails when a 'one flesh' relationship is seen as an opportunity to multiply Christ's Kingdom on earth. After satan's deception is recognized and his forces bound, defeated and cast out, couples ought to humbly embrace God's Grace Paradigm of life, and:

Pray!! Listen!! Obey!!

Prayer in the Holy Spirit for each other provides the glue for holy matrimony. Marriages are happy and healed when both husband and wife seek to always obey *Christ within.* Marriage isn't just a relationship to satisfy ourselves, it is a daily opportunity to glorify our Lord Jesus. Merciful Jesus waits eagerly and to guide and empower marriages to create powerful signs and wonders to *glorify* Himself in and through His joyful, loyal couples!!! **Holy Matrimony!?!**

Recent History: 'Helpmeet' marriage may have been easier to initiate when the majority of the population was rural. The farm family could readily divide up life's responsibilities among male and female children. A husband and wife could easily establish loving companionship and strong neighborly working relationships.

Cooperative fellowship needed for solid, self-sufficient families defined early Midwest America 'church' was neighborly working relationships. A 'helpmeet' marriage atmosphere developed that led the world into Kingdom righteousness and revealed God's glory.

Myriad small Midwest supporting towns were deeply influenced by this godly farm community ethic. In my personal rural experience, I saw God openly at work in fertile soil growing grain, fruits and vegetables and in reproducing animals that provided milk, eggs, meat… It's been more challenging to see His hand in my present complicated urban world of science and industry. On the farm the family dog roamed free, in the city he must be confined or leashed. Modern urban churches often seek to leash congregations to leaders, legalism, levels… and shame on those who don't perform to their standards! Pioneer Midwestern material unity and spiritual vigor has waned.

'Christian' USA is now so double minded that half of its citizens desire a leader who is personally pro-life but wants abortion to be up to an individual (pro-choice). The 'abortion on demand' generation is losing its sense of the awesome eternal value of every human, born or unborn. Death for an unborn sibling at the hands of unrepentant parents, whether before or during marriage, brutalizes many children. (Psychological counsel for guilt feelings is useless only Christ's forgiveness removes guilt.) A nation that won't protect its weakest, most innocent citizens begs God's judgment. The 'A' twins, *adultery* and subsequent *abortion,* wreak havoc and lead to both 'Christian' and unbeliever divorces.

Freedom: Christ came to set the captives (to satan and to religious men) free. Marriage is blessed when both partners open the doors to their hearts to Him. God-joined married couples are able to overcome much more difficult challenges than either could handle singly. Two in agreement [with God] bring overcoming divine power to bear during life's trials. *[Mat 18:18-20]*

Courtship Order The 'helpmeets' marriage function ought not to take a back seat to mutual satisfaction of sensual, selfish, smothery… fleshly desires. Procreation began after the fall into satan's hell, but that didn't make lovemaking evil or polluted. God created marital sex for a couple to delight in. Patience is needed, however, for marriage timing is our Lord's responsibility. Prospective bridegroom and bride need to have prior knowledge of the joint earthly work that our Lord has for them. They also need to have hearts for this work. **Before marriage** is even considered, why not prove that you function well as 'helpmeets' in the works that our Lord assigns to you jointly?

Present Reality: What is happening in the spirit world, not what is observed in the natural, is reality. Repent and learn moment-by-moment obedience to the Holy Spirit. Tomorrow may be too late to excuse oneself of devilish custom and human marriage tradition. Enter into the glories and rigors of heavenly holy matrimony. Couples need a burning desire to complement each other and to quickly resolve every matter of concern with undying love to humbly agree in Jesus.

Recently, I examined spiritual relationships in marriages with which I am familiar. Some husbands seemed to rule dominantly over their wives while some wives had obviously usurped their husband's headship. Many who appeared to have near equality don't agree on life's important matters. No true helpmeet relationships stood out. Like Jeremiah vainly looking for one righteous man in Jerusalem, no marriage 'got it' by God's definition, where equality in spirit is maintained.

For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest anyone should boast. [Eph 2:8,9]

The Answer: Those who preach salvation through works, infant baptism, church affiliation… are liars. By grace alone Jesus sets us free from satan's hell [where we're all born under the 'law' because Adam's nature is inherited]. Jesus' blood and sacrificial death are needed to pay our [spiritual] death penalty and to lift all curses. Christ's free salvation from satan's hell is a *personal* matter for each individual to *choose or reject* when the age of accountability is reached. No husband, clergy, pope… has the right to stand between another person and God! A husband is 'head' of the wife only as he walks in *total agreement* with Jesus, and even then, he can't save her! Yes, this is a hard word for many who were 'married' by clergy, but not by God.

Lifting the Curse of the Law: Let's admit that sin and error creep into earthly walks. To have joyful helpmeet marriages, couples ought to regularly seek personal and mutual *forgiveness, and* to offer forgiveness to others. Jesus' blood heals and generates a *forgiving* spirit. As He does for us, *forgiven* offenses of a spouse are to be cast into the sea of *forgetfulness* [never revisited].

The extreme importance of a mutually-obedient marriage in the Lord is under emphasized in 'law Churchianity.' Many spiritual leaders seem unconcerned about **helpmeet order** in marriage a legalistic view of the Body of Christ is common. Clergyman, why use your authority to bless couples who take legalistic vows or have little concept of marriage order under our Lord? America, wake up! Ministries, look up! Your time for telling God how great you are is about to end! Law is bondage   Grace is freedom! Embrace the Grace Paradigm! The heart of love that a bride and groom share for each other can't survive many long years of subtle church legalistic control. Love grows stronger and stronger, however, as the freedom of abundant grace blesses holy matrimony! The holy remnant who gets the 'equal helpmeets' part right fills the earth with His glory!!

Walking in Heaven: Godly fruit develops when each spouse earnestly endeavors to hear and obey Jesus (as He speaks from within)   children thrive in such an atmosphere. In Spirit-led marriages, helpmeet wives have *no desire to control*   husbands don't try to *rule in the power of their flesh*. This is greater than a mere return to Eden, it is daily living in spiritual *Heaven*, itself. *[Eph2:6,7]*

Holy Matrimony Test

1. Do you and your spouse know and fully agree upon the works to which God has called you as a couple, and also upon *everything* else?
2. Are you now fully engaged in His assigned works, with miraculous signs following and much glory for God?
3. Do you daily pray together for your calling and your family and community responsibilities, worshiping Jesus and sharing love for each other?

> Lord, Jesus, I pray that blind eyes will be opened and, that all *religious* and *political* captives will be set free. May the sins of commission and omission of couples be forgiven, and may it be as if no one has ever spoken any words over them except words of (spirit) life. Thank you for your mercy and loving kindness. You are truly better than life.

Synopsis: Families and nations are greatly blessed when proper marriage order is maintained. Prospective bridegroom, establish a helpmeet relationship *before* you go to the altar (alter?), not later at the expense of your wonderful bride. The love, joy, peace… and spiritual gifts that flow gently from loving, helpmeet marriages in holy matrimony attract others to Jesus! When couples get the equal helpmeets part right, the earth will be "…*filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord*!" [Hab 2:14]

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Hospitality

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DREAM: I had a dream this morning... Someone (like a nurse) handed me a little baby too young to walk... the child had been through some type of surgery which had left 2 holes with bandaids over them near the child's stomach, near the belly button... the baby could not get comfortable... I kept holding it in different positions, and finally found the 'happy position'... the child stopped crying... I was happy because the child had found it's 'resting place'. I was Happy, it caught me by surprise to 'feel happy' (JOY)... then I woke up.

MESSAGE: So maybe that's part of our Job down here in our Battlefield Stations... just to help those around us to get comfortable enough to REST (IN HIM)... wherever they may have left off with HIM last is way beyond our knowledge, but the TECHNIQUE for getting people to REST is always the same (manners are manners)... then they can LEAN ON HIM... all we have to do is just make them comfortable enough to REST IN HIS PRESENCE, regardless of their circumstances, regardless of what they may be going through... God is Big Enough to meet them where they are (we are not), all HE asks us to do to just be HOSPITABLE toward them while HE gets HIS arms around them again.

Healing Of The Nations
Becky McLendon

Healing of the LAND will not come until we become clear in our stand concerning GAZA STRIP. It all seems to tie in with decisions that are being made about moving the Jews OUT of that land and giving it back to Palestine! This is the root of all the natural disasters coming on the land. I think God is RIGHT in his WORD about these things. So we pray that all ungodly decisions concerning GAZA will be thwarted no matter how things LOOK over there and no matter how many THREATS the Arab nations make against us and Israel. We are either for the Lord's plan or we are not.

I cannot shake that dream I had a few months ago where the Lord said: "ENTER THE LAND OF QUICK HEALING! GAZA STRIP" He was telling us the exact strategy for prayer and where to stand in faith. It has spiritual and physical implications, if we but rest ourselves in Him and listen to His holy words to us.

Many people all try to rush the end things so they can "get out of here" or "get rid of them"...but God's plan IS and always has been to restore all things unto Him, make them NEW. He does the moving out and weeding out right on time. GAZA plays an important role here! Hear the voice of the Lord.

Amen
Blessings and the true SHALOM of Messiah be with you and yours,
Becky

Ashes To Ashes: Nothing Else
Becky McLendon

Everything comes from Jesus; we are empty. We are only his leaven. W\e are his leaven and not the leaven of the Pharisees. It's not "like Him"; it is He. That is what leaven is. There is no artificial or substitute leaven. It's the real thing

It has to be ashes: ash-to-ash so they say ...the other is dust to dust. Only ashes can marry ashes, so if you are not both ashes you are unequally yoked. There are no ashes to ashes marriages yet, because God's people have not been cleansed of all unrighteousness. We are unequally yoked to the whole world system if we are truly in Christ and he is in us. For what hath Christ to do with Belial? Dust to dust marriages are not even equally yoked, because 666 is made up of all the mixture of man which is not ashes.

Did you ever notice at funerals they say ashes to ashes, dust to dust, but they sprinkle dust on the coffin? That body cannot be ashes...even those cremated are not ashes. Ashes is a life where there is nothing left of the wood, hay and stubble. True ashes is the word of God. The mouth of God is ashes. We are going there one day at a time. We could say an equal yoking is the true word of God to true word of God. We are born out of that true word and we go into it each day.

We are being given a revelation of our predestined state!! We came out of God, and we go in to God: ashes to ashes. This is our true identity in Christ! The chosen become his mouth to the nations.

The church needs to repent of its ignorance. Much of the church is still saying we are fine just like we are, in need of nothing. “Look at how successful and prosperous we are. God is really blessing. Look at the huge crowds we have. Look at our beautiful sanctuary.” But as we acknowledge the Lord we have to see how dumb we are in comparison to him. Truth to the carnal is called false teaching, or they say, “That’s for out yonder in the future.” They float around religiously singing, “When the roll is called up yonder,” and don’t realize the roll is called on earth. The first roll call was "Adam, Adam, where are you?" Think of the foolishness the Lord has brought us out of. Confessing Jesus is confessing “I can't do it; you do it.”

All that the heifer could do was burn. The ashes can do nothing. Only ashes can love with all its heart, mind, soul and strength. So only ashes can keep his commands!!! There is a whole new light shed on everything Jesus said about keeping his commandments! Keeping his sayings! It is impossible to do so if you are not ashes. it is impossible to please god, because the ashes is the faith it takes to please him. Only ashes can love its neighbor as itself. Gas lanterns had a cloth that was burned, so the ashes that remained give great light. I was always fascinated that mantle that was pure ashes could burn like that for a long time. The heifer was like that part of gas lantern. She had to burn so the ashes could give light. The heifer mantle could not endure, but her ashes could and did. So God’s election is a people who endured to the end, they are his ashes. It’s amazing how he can use a gas lantern to teach us things. Ashes is what is alive and remains “when the music fades, and all is stripped away.” Ashes is the “Heart of Worship.”

God's Hot Sauce

Bill Somers

Down here in South Louisiana a standard table item is the bottle of hot sauce. Several years back while applying this to some of my wife's home cooking, the Lord showed me a parallel between it and the church. This seemed good to share at this time, as I believe we are about to see it come to pass.

Hot sauce has three ingredients. Water, cayenne pepper and vinegar. And in these we can see a picture of the Church

Water represents the people of the Church. The pepper is the fire of God, or the anointing, and vinegar speaks of purging or cleansing. The vinegar is needed to keep the pepper mixed in the water.

The problem with this product is that if you let a bottle of hot sauce sit for a long time without using it the pepper separates out and floats to the top. There it forms a crust. Since the neck of the bottle is very narrow, it doesn't take much time before it is completely clogged. No hot sauce will flow if the neck is clogged.

This is like a church that has sat inside its four walls and did little or nothing to reach the outside world. It has become useless.

God is desiring to use his Church to bring in a great harvest of souls in these end times, but the church has become like that bottle of hot sauce; clogged up and useless.

Now imagine that the harvest is like a big plate of jambalaya. That’s a rice dish with chicken, shrimp, ham, pork or sausage; seasonings and spices all mixed in. And before you eat this jambalaya you want to spice it up a bit with some hot sauce!

Well before God can bring in His harvest, he has to pour out his fire on the world and get some people saved.

But the instrument intended for this, his Church, has become of little or no use! What will he do?

The same as I would do with a bottle of hot sauce which was clogged up. Shake it!

One shaking is never enough either; it takes repeated shaking to clear up the stoppage. And after each time you shake it you bring it very close to your face so you can see if you have cleared up the blockage. If it's not ready, you shake it again.

God is about to shake his Church. And with each shaking, we will draw it closer to Himself, examine it and judge it. And then shake it again till its composition is restored to usability. And all the little fragments have been put back into the mixture where they belong.

Then when he is ready, watch out world. His people will pour out of the old dead churches and astonish the world by showing them what Jesus is really like. They will be on fire for God and used mightily for His kingdom. Just like the burning bush, afire with the presence of God and not consumed.

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Bill Somers Prophetic Vision

Houston Vision
Rick Schmidt

I see the Lord visiting Houston in the following ways.

1. Tent meetings outside the camp and likely to the west of the city.

God will visit His people in tents across America for several reasons. I saw a tent erected in Katy Texas that will seat 6000 people. I also saw a parking lot where pallets formed the sidewalks to the tent. There are reasons why God will come in a tent. First I believe he wants many to break the model of God coming only to the biggest and best-equipped churches. There will be no manufacture of the anointing to come. It will be a time for God's people to remember their first Love. God will restore many of the great themes of Early American Christianity. This will be a process to displace the religious command and control system in place today. Secondly, God will create a lean and mean model for the church to develop the true identity needed to bless the nations. If we are willing to suffer a little to find God, He will honor our commitment and stave the hands of judgment that come against us even now. This will largely be through gifts given to the nations. God calls the city the "Port" of Houston. This will be a move that does not camp out at the sign of the Lord and will not build another earthly tabernacle but rather strive to build the vessels of God for the last day's ministry. Thirdly, God wants an independent prophetic voice to come from the people of God who are outside the paradigm of the day. These are not lone ranger voices. God reveals there is a powerful territorial spirit in the city that will cause even some of his favored churches to stumble in the early stages of this new move. Therefore He wants mature "silent partner churches" who will come along side this effort without recognition or outward promise of residual benefit to the local church. For these 4-5 that I see being a part, there will be great benefit as God makes them prototypes of His model for the city. They will inherit the blessings of unity among the brethren. These will also be the recipients and carriers of the first fruits for the city that will come out of the tent meetings. I further believe the leaders will be the core team for taking the model elsewhere.

2. Bridge ministry of intercession

Intercessors are the diplomats who will go between the move of God and the leaders who need to come out of the old wine skins and into the new model. First they will spiritually level the field for many to see the power of God to transform the whole of the city and bring unity among the brethren. There is coming a unity that is more than absence of conflict and outward appearance of togetherness as each agrees to disagree in their separate endeavors.

There is a three-fold anointing upon the intercessors in this hour. First is the Esther anointing to perceive the threat to the body, identify with the people of God despite many privileged positions, fast for the favor required, and boldly come before the Lord not on the basis of merit, protocol, history, or position---rather simply calling upon the Grace and Favor of the Lord when we deserve the worst. Second is the anointing of Abigail who lived in the house of Nabal the fool. She saw the arrogance of Nabal in his complacency and trust in the old order. She interceded on His behalf by bringing worthy provision and gifts to the new leadership God was bringing forth. She appeased the King by offering representative apology for the fool. Lastly, She warned Nabal about what he was missing and the results were a failed heart.

The third anointing upon the intercessors is the importunity of Mary at the wedding feast of Cana. She was the one mindful of the affairs of the wedding to that point. She new the stewards allowed the wine to run out. She cared about the outcome of the feast and called upon the Lord to do something to continue the wedding celebration. By faith she told them to do whatever He said even after He indicated it was not His time. Jesus responded and met the needs of the feast in a very prophetic way. He had them fill the empty vessels with water. It is the most basic element of life and a type of the basic elements of servants he will call forth in these last days. Then in the dark, without others knowing how, he turned it into wine and required the stewards to be the ones who served it up. Jesus is being beseeched at the importunity of the Marys who are watching the state of the church as it progresses toward the consummation of marriage to the Son. They are crying out with the fact that the wine of the Spirit is misused, squandered and nearly run out in many places. Marys have faith He will do whatever required and that means changing the base elements of the church and turning them into the finest of wines poured out in His service here in the last days.

3. Prototype model for the nation

God will model unity amongst the workers here in Houston. When the results are evident and secure, God will export the model to other cities around America. It will be a model of not “how” God brings revival but “why” God brings it. The alternate church movement will come out and enter into the grace and favor of the Lord. When they go back, they will possess buildings they have not built, and cultivated lands they have not planted. Cities will not have enough space under roof to contain the blessings of God about to be poured out.

The response of businessmen to this next move will also be a model developed in Houston. Many will be healed from the weakness and insecurity that is often the secret drive in them to be great businessmen. They will not look down upon the lesser people around them but rather see them as the Lord does. They will look down upon the higher value they placed on money and position when they see what its true value intended by the Lord really is. God is going to break the back of the Spirit of Mammon and release many great stewards of wealth to let the flow of substance and supply reach the leaders in the church and supply the needs of the people. There will be a supernatural partnership between business leaders and master builders in the Kingdom. Business with linkage will be the strategy of the day. All will be tied directly to fulfilling the great commission and as a result, both the work of the ministry as well as the quality of life of all believers will rise evidently for all to see. This will be so profound that that even the Jews will take note of the wealth and savvy with which the Christians operate.

Strategy

1. Get a tent and establish a prototype of the ministry and message the Lord wants to release. This tent needs to be whatever size the Lord provides to begin. It may be set up for five months to get the kinks out. By the time it is too hot for Houston, it will be in good time for another city which the Lord will show.

2. Continue to work with groups of intercessors there in the city. First we’ll craft the prayers that express the will of the Lord for the city. These we will pray and believe for the provision of the Lord. This work can come in the form of house meetings, larger meetings and area gatherings. Where

individual churches may be targeted for partnership participation, meetings in these churches may be appropriate. Where the intercessors know the church will need outward signs to even consider participation, faith venture intercessions will best be conducted at other neutral locations. Identifying 3-5 streams of intercessors will effectively aid in distributing information about meetings and purposes.

3. Strengthen relationships with those churches that Jesus brings into the foundation of the vision. This requires times of fellowship, prayer and planning so as to establish the basis for deeper trust and cohesion when higher profile activities create opportunity for mistrust and broken relationship. The first five are critical. These of the core intercessory leadership need to pray and agree about which of these churches the Lord is truly connecting to the vision. Telling pastors or perceived city leaders about the program is not the best means of establishing relationship. We believe Jesus is well able to bear witness to the key people without the promotion of men.

Tactics

1. Establish a name that describes the move as we see it. This gives people a point of reference for what the Lord will do.
2. Have Phone for contact and messages.
3. Set up w a website for several levels of communication.
4. Develop a vision brochure that shares the high points of the effort.
5. Identify skilled people who are willing to help in logistics and support.
Procure the following types of materials or supply-- PA system, Chairs, Halogen lights, portable generator 5000W, warehouse space for storage that includes a mailing address for deliveries of materials, large field in Katy(6 acres minimum),
6. We need a tent
7. Cash donations---- About My Father’s Business, Inc. (AMFB)is a 501(c)(3) capable if issuing a tax deductible receipt for ministry donations. The function of AMFB allows for DBA ministries to form under it. It might be best to establish an advisory ministry council for purposes of accountability in this effort. The outcome is a neutral ministry able to relate to all groups in the city.

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Holy Wind

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"Listen for my wind, it is coming, hear what I am saying to you. My wind will blow across this land and it is a wind of holiness, reverence, and a wind to expose and blow away the masks from my people. Some have created masks and costumes that they hide behind, not revealing who they are and what they are. They are masks of pride and religion, masks of joy, when behind them there is sorrow, masks of leadership , and masks of love and concern, when behind is distrust and fear, insecurity and intimidation. This wind must blow, for you must know what you are made of, you must see the "Real" person you are, only then can you confidently walk in faith, in these coming days. You have cried out to me" Cleanse me Lord, touch me with your fire. I have heard and I am answering. How will you know my wind? My wind is Holy, and you will surely know my presence for it will be such that you will be completely still and reverence me, I Am a Holy God and you are my people, be Holy also. Get ready, I AM sending a Holy Wind. Those who allow this Holy wind will find a joy in humility, for all pretense will be gone, Your anointing will increase for I know I can trust you with great power for my kingdom. So yield to my Spirit, listen for my wind, it is on the way. YOU WILL BE CHANGED"

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The How and the Therefore

Another look at Romans 12

by Bill Somers

One well worn cliché of bible study goes something like this. When the bible uses the word 'therefore', find out what it's there for! This principle, however often referred to, is not as often adhered to. You can find any number of preachers who use the text of Romans 12:1 and following, yet I have yet to find one who will expound on the use of 'therefore' in that passage

*"I beseech you **therefore**, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another."* (Rom 12:1-5 KJV)

The word beseech used in verse 1 is 'parakleo' in Greek. Related to the word paraclete, which refers to the Holy Spirit, parakleo refers to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It can mean 'summon', 'teach', or 'call' as well as beseech. What is it that we are asked, taught, summoned and called to do? Simply to obey God. If we do, we will see ourselves function as many members in one body, the Body of Christ. The word 'so' used in the beginning of verse 5 is like the word therefore, a word denoting a conclusion. The conclusion here is the consequence of obeying verses 1 and 2.

The verses following verse 5 present details and particulars of that obedience. But coming together and functioning as a body is the result of the obedience to those first two verses.

What about the use of 'therefore' in the first verse? It can be seen as the culmination of the entire line of argument in the Epistle to the of Romans. In this case, it is certainly not a simple matter. Or it can be seen as referring to the matters discussed immediately prior to it in chapter 11. In which case it raises other question we may stumble at. Unless, of course, we really are ready to present our bodies a living sacrifice.

The first view, encompassing the whole book, is that the message of the book is to simply obey God. Just as we stated above as the gist of Rom. 12:1-2. To present our bodies is to put ourselves at God's disposal.

This obedience is indeed the theme of the book. Beginning at chapter 1 verse 5 we find these words. *"By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:"* (Rom 1:5-6 KJV)

And in chapter 16, the last three verses of the book we read the following.
"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith. :To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen." (Rom 16:25-27)

Note the wording in the first chapter *"for obedience to the faith among all nations",* is almost identical to that in the last chapter: *to all nations for the obedience of faith*

The issue of the church is martyrdom, i.e. being a witness; and the issue of the gospel, or faith, is obedience.

The call for obedience is also stated in the gospels in different words. Jesus said *"If you love me, keep my commandments"*,(John 14:15) and *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."* (Mat 22:37)

So the injunction to **'present our bodies'** is also stating the theme of obedience in different words.

This view, that Rom. 12.1 is a major conclusion of the entire book, is of course, correct. However, it may lead you to view the use of '`therefore`' in this case as referring back to chapter 8 and/ or referring to the entire line of argument. This can result in seeing the material in chapters 9-11 as a digression. This is all the more easy to do because chapter 11 closes with several verses of praise. This praise could be seen as the end of the digression into discussing Israel. Then after this digression the writer returns to the train of thought in chapter 8, which has to do with enduring, laying down our lives and persecution.

The two views we are looking at here are concerning the use of 'therefore' in Romans 12.1.One is that it concludes arguments made throughout the entire course of the epistle, the second is that it concludes arguments made in chapter 11. These views are not mutually exclusive. In other words both can be correct.

This second view says that 'therefore' we are to present our bodies so that Israel might receive mercy. *"Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."* (Rom 11:31). And this is so that they might be saved. "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:" (Rom 11:26)

Let's run that down again. Since the Lord intends to save Israel; and He has prophesied it in His word. You could say it like this:

So all Israel shall be saved,
and because they may obtain mercy through your mercy,
therefore present your bodies a living sacrifice etc.

The difficulty with this is not in the therefore but in the how. How does it come about that Israel can be saved through our mercy?

In the first view of 'therefore', we become many members of one body of Christ, by obeying God. That is when we are obedient, we will be functioning in the body as the Lord intends. We can understand how this can come about. We simply are not willing to obey - in full - as yet.

What is more difficult to see is how this effects the salvation of Israel.

Let's look at Rom. 12.1 again *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."* (Rom 12:1) One key idea here is '`the mercies of God`'. This is also found in chapter 11 where we read *"For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."* (Rom 11:30-31)

It is we in the church that obtained mercy through their unbelief. So how has this come to pass? Because of their unbelief, Jesus died on the cross. And because Jesus died, for all men, we are able to be heirs of salvation in Him, so long as we repent and obey the gospel. Therefore the mercies of God are evident because `Jesus presented His body` a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which was His reasonable service to the Father.

The word service here, often translated worship is defined as the service and worship of God according to the requirements of the Levitical law; it carries a connotation of a 'sacrifice' by virtue of the Levitical law.

Could it now be that through the Holy Spirit, the paraclete, Jesus wants to offer his body the church a living sacrifice?

If you will grant that the love of God can be synonymous with the mercies of God, consider this next verse. *"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the* *brethren."* (1 John 3:16) Isn't this saying almost the same thing as Rom. 12.1? To present our bodies a living sacrifice, by the mercies of God is to lay down our lives for the brethren. So as Jesus showed mercy by laying down his life, we show mercy by laying down our lives.

And who are the brethren if not Israel? *"As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes."* (Rom 11:28). So this confirms the idea that Rom. 12.1 relates to the salvation of Israel discussed in chapter 11.

But it still gives us no idea of how this comes about.

Let's look at the idea of laying down our lives. In Revelation we read the following.

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev 12:11) Another translation uses states 'they loved not their lives, but laid them down for him'. It's clear in this case that laying down our lives, dying a martyrs death, is a means of overcoming the enemy. The question is how?

The word 'overcome' is defined as: "to conquer, to carry off the victory, come off victorious; as used of Christ, victorious over all His foes and of Christians, that hold fast their faith even unto death against the power of their foes, ..." (Oh Death where is thy victory?)

Now how does this victory over death accomplish anything? Let's look at what it says about overcoming in Romans Chapter 12. *"Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."* (Rom 12:19-21). What this tells us is that you overcome evil with good, that is by laying down your life. And this is because it gives place for the wrath of God. It provides a place or a cause for God to take vengeance. The words 'I will repay' are one of the great promises of scripture.

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink, if he wants to kill you, lay down your life. *"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it."* (Mark 8:35) And you will heap coals of fire on his head when the Lord takes his vengeance.

What will this vengeance accomplish in regards to Israel? Apparently the removal of the blindness. The blindness that keeps Israel from realizing that Jesus is their messiah. *"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: :"* (Rom 11:25-26)

So we are saying that by presenting our bodies a living sacrifice we are ultimately preparing the way for the outpouring of God's wrath. The day of His wrath which is to be the day of Israel's salvation. (See Isaiah 66.5-10)

Earlier we talked about the first view of Romans 12.1 as a reiteration of the call to obedience. We noted that this call to obedience is referred to at the very beginning and at the very end of the book of Romans.

Secondly we looked at Romans 12.1 as it relates back to Romans 11.

Now let's relate these two views together. We said earlier that we become many members of one body of Christ, by obeying God. That is when we are obedient, we will be functioning in the body as the Lord intends. We can understand how this can come about. We simply are not willing to obey - in full - as yet.

Keep this in mind and let's look at the idea of being willing to obey. In Psalms we find this reference to willingness:. *"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth."* (Psa 110:3) (Verse 1 of psalm 110 is one of the verses most often quoted in the bible, this verse portrays **a condition for fulfilling verse 1**. It is a `promise` by the Father to the Son.)

The word willing used here in Hebrew is a "freewill offering'. It is largely used in the context of the Levitical law regarding sacrifices. So it carries the same connotations as the word 'service' does in Romans 12.1.

So this verse could be rephrased: 'thy people shall present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is their reasonable free will offering (obedience), in the day of thy power ....'

So when we are willing to obey God to the point that we function in our place in the body, we will also be willing to lay down our lives, literally, when and wherever the Lord shall require. And this is because to present our bodies is to put them at God's disposal!

We also find this word for freewill offering in a passage from Judges 5.2 where it says 'when the people willing offered themselves'. Here is the context of that passage.

Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel, **when the people willingly offered themselves**. Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel. LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir, when thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. The mountains melted from before the LORD, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel. (Judges 5:1-5)

The context here mentions avenging Israel and alludes to the day of God's wrath by its references to: judgments on Seir and Edom; the earth trembling; the heavens dropping; and the mountains melting. It is the people making themselves a free will offering that is directly linked with The Lords vengeance and the deliverance of Israel. This the same line of thought we followed in relating Romans 12.1 to chapter 11.

So the idea of 'thy people being willing' relates to 'presenting our bodies a living sacrifice'. Then '**the day of thy power**' is what we are asking for when we pray 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done'.

Therefore the call to obedience in Romans, specifically in Romans 12.1 has a relation to the Second Coming of the Lord. And this is because it is instrumental in the salvation of Israel.

And looking further, the Second Coming of the Lord is implicit in other passages of Romans. The Lord who is ever interceding for us, is speaking these words through the writer of Romans in chapter 1.9-11. *"...without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. For I long to see you, ...* "

When we long to see Him as much as He longs to see us, we will be willing to present our bodies on that day.

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Preach and Teach the Gospel

The Gospel is Jesus

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The gospel that can change lives and reveal Jesus to this lost world is the only thing that can reverse the way the world is going. Everyone that is going away from God is going the wrong way.

When we really understand the gospel the way that God meant us to, we will become unstoppable.

When we try to become righteous by our own performance and be accepted by God by doing something, then we are rejecting the gospel and rejecting Jesus finished works. We are just running on the performance treadmill for nothing.

God made Jesus to be sin for us for one purpose. That purpose is for us to be made righteous, saved, made whole or healed (healing is not a problem, it is a promise), filled with the Holy Spirit, to have eternal life, and to be made kings and priests unto God. We have a Home in heaven.

Heaven is not where God lives. Heaven lives in God. The beginning and the end live in God

We have an image of ourselves as that of Adam after he was deceived by satan or as fallen man.

In reality we are made in God’s Image and Likeness. We are recreated in Christ Jesus. Jesus has multiplied Himself by recreating our spirits with the infilling of His Spirit.

If we are motivated by love, then we are motivated by God. God is Love.

The gospel is indeed good news. It is not a message of condemnation but a message of salvation, of adoption, and sharing of the inheritance of Jesus.

We have been adopted by God as His Own children. Ephesians 1:5

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Christ Jesus, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent. Ephesians 1:11-14

In Him we also were made God’s heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His Own will, So that we who first hoped in Christ (who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit>

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the first fruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage), in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it--to the praise of His glory. Galatians 4:4-6

But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to the regulations of the law.

To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us (and be recognized as God's Sons).

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our heart, crying Abba (Father)! Father! Galatians 3:26-29

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ,

There is now no distinction neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed), then you are Abraham's offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise. Roman's 4:13-15

For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through (observing the commands of) the Law but through the righteousness of faith.

If it is the adherents of the Law who are to be heirs, then faith is made futile and empty of all meaning and the promise (of God is made void and annulled and has no power).

For the Law results in divine wrath, but where there is no Law there is no transgression (of it either).

Therefore (inheriting) the promise is the outcome of faith and depends entirely on faith, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor, to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants--not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is (thus) the father of us all.

Adoption

To take legally into one's own family and raise as ones's own child. To choose and accept.

Legally we are now God's children. We are a chosen (selected).
Ephesians 1:4

I Peter 2:9

Even as (in His love) He chose us (actually pick us out for Himself as His Own) in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

Through Jesus we entered into a new relationship with God as our Father. Our Lord and Savior Jesus gave us this right to become the legal children of God John 1:12

He has given those that believe in Him, authority to become sons of God.

God gave us the Holy Spirit to change our old nature and our old mindset about who we are and what we can do.

We are living in the unlimited realm of God our Father.

We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ Jesus.

God our Father does not live in a small localized place in Heaven, heaven lives in God. He does not have a place in the corner someplace in the universe, The universe lives in God.

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, God's Own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is (always) the same, yesterday, today, (yes) and forever (to the ages).
Hebrews 12:23

And to the Church of the Firstborn who are registered as citizens in Heaven, an to one the God Who is judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect. Proverbs 23:7

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he. I Peter 3:9

The Lord does not delay an is not tardy or slow about what he promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is longsuffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance. II Corinthians 5:17,19

Therefore if any person is (ingrafted) in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

It was God (personally present) in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against men their trespasses (but cancelling them) and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor). I Peter 1:23

You have been regenerated (born again) not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

For all flesh (mankind) is like grass, and all its glory (honor) like (the) flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower drops off.

But the Word of the Lord (divine instruction), the Gospel endures forever. And this Word is the good news which was preached to you.

For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He who believes in Him, who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him, is not judged (he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation-he incurs no damnation); but he who does not believe (cleave to rely on, trust in Him) is judged already (he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence) because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ’s name).

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How Principalities Fall

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> *John 16:20-23*
> *20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.*
> *21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.*
> *22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*
> *23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.*

Mike Bickle of the Kansas City IHOP posted a prophetic dream this past week that has some interesting aspects *Victorious Church In The End Times by Mike Bickle*

Here's an excerpt that led to the present article.

Victorious Church In The End Times by Mike Bickle

Prophetic Dream On February 13, 2009

> C. Immediately as I finished the second session at 5 PM, I saw a token of a few of the events that John prophesied in Revelation 12:7-9 when war breaks out in heaven between Satan and Michael the archangel, resulting in Satan being cast to the earth at the beginning of the Tribulation.
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> > *7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought,*
> > *8 but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer.*
> > *9 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan…he was cast to the earth, and* ***his angels*** *were cast out with him… (Rev. 12:7-9)*
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> D. I did not see Satan—I saw **demonic principalities** being cast to the earth. They looked like large snakes (over 100 yards long and 50 feet thick), each having a huge head that looked like a dragon, and many of them were coming from the sky down to the earth.

His angels [Satan's] mentioned there in verse 9 are what we think of as **demonic principalities.**

Now Some Background

We want to add some insights to what's going on there so we'll start with some background.

Principalities

OK so what is a demonic principality? The best knows reference to these beings is in Ephesians 6.

> *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against* ***principalities****, against powers, against the* ***rulers of the darkness*** *of this world, against spiritual* ***wickedness in high places****.*

They are also mentioned a few other places, especially Daniel 10 which mentions the prince of Persia and of Greece. This verse from Ephesians 6 gives several descriptions of them, they may all be somewhat synonymous. Going a few chapters in Ephesians there is another important mention of them.

> *Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the* ***principalities and powers*** *in* ***heavenly places*** *might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,*

Leading into this verse is a long discussion of various ideas. One of these verses mentions being raised up into heavenly places.

> *Ephesians 2:6 And hath* ***raised us up*** *together, and made us sit together in* ***heavenly places*** *in Christ Jesus:*

The idea here is that God’s people, those mentioned in Ephesians 2:6, are at some point raised to **heavenly places** to show God’s wisdom to the **principalities and powers** that hang out there. This may not be the only reason behind Ephesians 2:6, and it awaits fulfillment of the scriptures of the Book of Ephesians. As seen here in this next quote, it awaits the fullness of time.

> *Ephesians 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*

There is a similar thought in Isaiah 51:

> *Isaiah 51:16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand,* ***that I may plant the heavens****, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.*

Old Testament Picture Of Wickedness

Now keep that in mind while we look at an allegory involving a character from the Old Testament who presents a picture of wickedness in high places.

This passage from Second Kings 9 shows the fall of Jezebel our image of a wicked principality. Here she is seen looking down from a window, which speaks of a high or heavenly place.

> *2 Kings 9:30-33*
> *30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel,* ***Jezebel*** *heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a* ***window****.*
> *31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?*
> *32 And he lifted up his face to the* ***window****, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three* ***eunuchs****.*
> *33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.*

In this story, Jehu is a figure of Jesus and he is coming to take vengeance for the blood of Naboth [the name means fruit]. Remember here that Jezebel is a wicked ruler in a high place. Notice several things about those who throw Jezebel down. 1. They are on Jehu’s side, this speaks of being on the

Lord’s side. 2. They obey instantly but do not act on their own, only at their Lords command. 3. They are on the same level as Jezebel, the same high window.

So to continue our comparison or allegory, what does it take to cast down a principality? It takes the same thing as it took to throw down Jezebel. Obedient servants of the Lord who can operate on the same level as the target principality.

The Eunuchs

Now keep that idea in mind too while we look at the meaning of eunuchs.

> A eunuch is a castrated man, in particular one castrated early enough to have major hormonal consequences; the term usually refers to those castrated in order to perform a specific social function, as was common in many societies of the past. Over the millennia since, they have performed a wide variety of functions in many different cultures such as courtiers or equivalent domestics, treble singers, religious specialists, government officials, military commanders, and **guardians of women** or harem servants.
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> From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

Eunuchs play a role in the Book of Esther where they have the task of preparing a bride for the King. They are incapable of desiring the bride for themselves, but only serve the Kings wishes.

In Matthew 19 Jesus makes a cryptic reference to eunuchs, speaking of those who make themselves eunuchs.

> *Matthew 19:12 For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have* ***made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake****. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.*

Here he also says He that is able to receive it, let him receive it. This is quite similar to he that has ears to hear, let him hear. So lets hear the meaning of this through our spiritual ears and consider what a spiritual eunuch might be. We find our answer in Revelation 14.

The 144,000

> *Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an* ***hundred forty and four thousand****, having his Father's name written in their* ***foreheads****.*
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> *Revelation 14:4-5*
> *4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are* ***virgins****. These are* ***they which follow the Lamb*** *whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*
> *5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are* ***without fault*** *before the throne of God.*

Here we find an answer to the nature of a spiritual eunuch. These are redeemed from among men, male or female. Which means they are virgins, that is, purified and **without fault**. They have made themselves that way by submitting unto God and resisting the Devil. They have allowed Jesus to enter their heart with his perfect love which drives out fear. So they have overcome fear, and the Devil has no power over them.

> *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

You can find them mentioned in Revelation 7, the 144,000. How do we know they are the same bunch as mentioned in Chapter 14? Because they are called servants of our God and they are sealed in their foreheads. Here is the reference.

> *Revelation 7:3-4*
> *3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their **foreheads**.*
> *4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an **hundred and forty and four thousand** of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*

The parallels with Chapter 14 are that they are standing atop Mt. Zion, a high place, with the Lamb, Jesus and have his fathers name written in their **foreheads**, and that they follow Jesus wherever he goes. This speaks of death to self and instant obedience to the Lord. So here we have spiritual eunuchs, the 144,000 seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, as mentioned in Ephesians 2:6.

These are said to come from all the tribes of Israel. Since most of these are what is considered the lost tribes, we are not just talking about Jews from Israel. Those in the lost tribes became gentiles. And lot's of them are likely to be Muslims: Arabs, Iranians, Turks, Kurds, Indians, and Pakistanis! Secondly the tribes of Israel are figures for the denominations of the church, so these 144,000 could be believers from anywhere on the Globe.

The Manchild
In Mike Bickle's article he quotes from Revelation 12 verses 7-9. Let's back up a couple verses and pick up on what else is going on there.

> *Revelation 12:5-7*
> *5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to **rule all nations with a rod of iron**: and her child was **caught up unto God, and to his throne**.*
> *6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.*
> *7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,*

Here you can see that just before there is war in heaven, a manchild is birthed and caught up to the throne of God. This event is sometimes called the Rapture of the Manchild. One thing we know about this manchild is that he shares with Jesus the authority to rule nations with a rod of iron.

The manchild is in verse 5 and the war in heaven is in verse 7, so it looks like one thing leads to another. The manchild going up somehow 'triggers' the war in heaven.

And where else to we see this mentioned but in Revelation 2.

> *Revelation 2:26-27*
> *26 And he that **overcometh**, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power **over the nations**:*
> *27 And he shall rule them with a **rod of iron**; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*

Here Jesus gives a promise to a certain group of overcomers that they will receive authority to rule nations with a rod of iron. So these overcomers are later known as the manchild. See the quote from John 16:20-23 at the beginning of this essay. And besides that there is the promise in Rev 3:21.

> *Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I*

> *also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*

Next, how do we link this manchild to the 144,000. [The number is symbolic, and may also have a literal meaning.] Well how's this. When the manchild is caught up to the throne of God, where else does he land but smack dab right on top of Mt. **Zion** with Jesus, the lamb like you see in Revelation 14? That makes the manchild people to be spiritual virgins or spiritual eunuchs.
Now what makes this Zion the throne of God? God's choice as he says in Psalm 132.

> *Psalms 132:13-14*
> *13 For the LORD hath chosen **Zion**; he hath desired it for his habitation.*
> *14 This is my **rest** for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*

And we're not talking about some hill over in Jerusalem. We are talking about the Mt. Zion in Hebrews 12, in the New Jerusalem. That's the Mt. Zion seen in Revelation 14.

> *Hebrews 12:22-24*
> *22 But ye are come unto mount **Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

Summary
God has a group of overcomers, mentioned in Revelation 2. These show up in Revelation 12:5, known as a manchild. They are raised up into heavenly places as mentioned in Ephesians, and they have a message to bring to the principalities there.
Then they show up in Revelation 14, caught up to Mt. Zion, where they fit our description of spiritual eunuchs. We also see them in Revelation 7 as the servants of God, who are sealed in their foreheads.

And then as we have seen with our illustration of Jezebel, it takes eunuchs in high place to kick out the bad apple principalities and take their place. So this is exactly what's going down in Revelation 12:7-9 and in Mike Bickle's vision, where Satan's angels get their eviction papers. And guess what comes next? **The Kingdom Of God**.

> *Revelation 12:10-12*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come **salvation**, and strength, and the **kingdom of our God**, and the **power** of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and **they loved not their lives unto the death**.*
> *12 **Therefore rejoice**, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

There is also a second group of overcomers. You see them in verse 11 above. They are the end time martyrs.

The establishment of the Kingdom is also seen from a different perspective, in Revelation 11. Once the principalities fall, their domains, **The kingdoms of this world** come under new management. And coming under new management usually brings a Grand Opening doesn't it.

> *Revelation 11:15-17*
> *15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
> *16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
> *17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

And that brings us back to Isaiah 51.

> *Isaiah 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.*

And Isaiah 52.

> *Isaiah 52:7-8*
> *7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*
> *8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.*

Holy Rich and Pure Love

Mary Clark

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The Father wants to draw us closer – closer than we have ever thought of being. He is now wooing us gently, but soon He will be wooing us hurriedly. Time is wasting. Time is of the essence. Rejoice! Be glad! Sing praises to His name, for He is taking us to a new place in Him.

Hold steadfast to this truth: The Beloved is singing songs of deliverance over us. He is singing them for a reason. He wants to deliver us out of the enemy's hand, and into His most pronounced grace. Get ready! Adjust your seatbelt, for once He speaks the words, we will be out of here and into a place of His love divine. Get ready! He is about to bestow His goodness on us, lavishing us with His rich glory. Think of butter – rich and smooth – as it seeks a lower level. That is what you must think of in order to get a picture of the Beloved's plan of rich endowment that He is sending forth.

Oh! Look and see the wonders of the living God as they manifest in your life. Look, beloved! Behold the Lamb in all of His finery as He comes, exhibiting to one and all the goodness that He has in His heart. He is a good God, through and through. He is a wonderful God. Acknowledge Him. Acknowledge the living God! Acknowledge Him now! He is doing a fine work of producing within every willing heart a wonderful sense of well-being. Rediscover your youth. Rediscover how it feels to abide in your mother's womb, safe and secure.

Our Beloved speaks:

"I am taking you to a place sweet with My presence. I am locking you in a place close to My heart, and, beloved, once you realize the fullness of these most profound words you will never go back to the world's ways. Oh, no! You will never go back to the ways of the world. You will be locked soundly in my embrace, producing within and without a steadfast love for every season – every season will bear My imprint – My imprint of love, as it manifests in your life – holy, rich and pure!!!"

Fair Warning

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In a vision, I saw a man hunkered down beside two large, gray boulders. He was wearing a green kerchief tied close to his skull, and he had a spear poised in his hand. Why did You show this to me, Lord? Who is this man?

This man was one who delights in exploiting My children. He is always looking to see when the time is "right" to throw his spear. Let Me tell you something more about him:

He is moving into your territory. He is eager to cause an upheaval. He is eager to see some of My children falter. But those who are looking to Me, and relying on My goodness to them, will dodge his spears. They will not walk in the path to which he is luring them – a path that would put you in harm's way.

I want you to know something, beloved: He has disguised himself with the knowledge of My word. He quotes My word as if it is a part of him. But listen closely. He speaks only words that will build himself up. He never points to the Almighty God. He speaks only words that build him up in the eyes of "his public."

Now, I tell you – I tell you truly, you will recognize him by the slant of his words. You will recognize him by the words that he speaks that declare “his greatness.” He will shine light on himself, trying to get My children to veer off My selected path for them. He will take delight in his luring. He will take delight in stabbing you with his spear, so don’t succumb to his enticing words. Stay focused on your God. Stay focused on My truth, for it will shine through as the light of day, and you will declare that you have never heard anything finer than the words of the living God.

The enemy is out to dupe you. He is out to stab you with his spears – his lies. Don’t listen. He is distorting My truth. He is giving it his own slant. He is also taking the knowledge of My truth and spreading it with a good dose of fear. He always delights in putting fear in the hearts of those who serve Me. Pay him no mind. Give him no attention. Turn from him and draw close to Me. In time, you will notice something important. You will notice that your Almighty God has seen fit to upset the enemy’s plans and has turned the tables on him. You will notice that the Almighty God is esteeming those who have chosen to walk after Him, declaring His truth with a vengeance.

I am the One True God. I hold secure the destiny of those who delight in Me. The enemy would like to pick you off, one by one. He would like to see you falter and fall away from My design for you. Pay him no attention. Don’t listen to his slant on things. It is sadly distorted. Stay in My word. Rely on My words of truth and follow after My heart. That, beloved, is where the benefits of service to Me pay off in full. That is where I want you – safe and secure.

So take delight in knowing that the Almighty God has spoken His words in your ears in order to warn you of the devil’s devices. Rely on Me for total deliverance as you keep your eyes fixed on Me. Rely on the rich quality of My words to scoop you up and place you in the wonder that I have for you.

I am moving those who will follow after My heart out of harm’s way. The enemy is trying to use scare tactics on you. Pay him no attention. Keep focused on your Beloved, and you will know true freedom and success in your walk.

If you look to him, giving him as much as a glance, he will try to nab you. He will try to pin you with his spear. Be on the alert. Stay focused. I am giving you fair warning: STAY FOCUSED! STAY FOCUSED ON THE BELOVED!!!

The Lord’s Specialty
Mary Clark

My children are coming into a new era, and that is for sure! I want you to know that I am not only fortifying you within, I am fortifying you without. Just what does this mean? I will tell you: I am conditioning you with My loving presence in a way that you have never before known. I am giving you My protection in a way that you will not see, but you will feel deep within. I am saturating you with all that I am. I am giving you a liberal dose of My loving presence coupled with My strengthening protection. What more could you want? What more could you ask for? I will tell you: You could ask for a signal as to when this is going to be done. You could ask Me to make Myself known to you in a way that will trigger that something within, enabling you to rise up to any occasion with the knowledge of who you are in Me. Well, beloved, you may ask for that, too. How about it? Would that be something that you would care to obtain from your loving Father? It is? Well then, you shall have it also.

And let Me tell you this too, child of the living God. The day is coming when you will see new things, hear secrets of old, and rise to a level of new understanding of who you are and where the living God is taking you. “Oh, my,” you say. “Father, that is far than we could even think to ask!” Beloved, beloved, so much is on the way for you, My beloved church, that you would tremble if I told you everything.

So much! So get your heart ready to receive, and know, dear beloved child, that your God is about to perform His specialty, and it is on the house. Any who would like to receive may receive. Any who would like to be in on this happy occasion are welcome to attend. Any who want to thank Me now should know that I am receiving praise at this moment. So get ready NOW to shout praises to the great King for all that He is bringing forth, and know deep within your heart that He is fortifying you with more of Him. And beloved, that is certainly a tall order – a very TALL order that I plan to fill!!!

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The Bread of Life
Mary Clark

I want My children to know something of vast importance. I am the Bread of life. I am calling all who will come to partake of My goodness. I want no one left out. I want all filled to capacity with My goodness.

The day is coming when those who walk in the knowledge of Who I am will stand in a new arena. They will be excited about this arena. They will be so delighted with this arena that they will feel as though their hearts will burst. I want to fill you with Myself, beloved – revitalize you. I want you to know Me personally. I want us to commune one-on-one. I want you in right relationship with Me to a greater degree than you have never realized.

I am eager for all to come and partake of the Bread of life. I want to fill you with more of Myself. I want you knowing My goodness from a personal perspective. I want nothing about Me to seem foreign to you. I want us united with one purpose. I want you to set your goal to follow after Me and see the exuberant quality of life that it will afford you.

Come! Feed on the Bread of life, and know His goodness. Know the wonder that lies in that goodness. Know that certain revitalization of heart for which you yearn. For just as surely as I have called you into a new place of rich discovery, I have provided for your well-being. Nothing will stop the flow of My goodness in your direction. Nothing will EVER stop the wonder in arriving to this new place – this new in-filling – that I have for all who will partake.

I am the Bread of life. True life is found in knowing and being one with Me. Communing with Me one-on-one will be a delight to every heart. So come, beloved. Partake. Enjoy all that I am offering, and know deep within that you have been selected to walk in a certain knowledge of the wonder – the great, great wonder– that is to be had – in following after the Beloved, being a partaker of His goodness, and walking in the certain knowledge that this special unity in Me can bring to your willing and exuberant heart!!!

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How Serious Are We About Revival

Conrad Lampan

A few moments ago I read an email that quoted from Evan Roberts, the revivalist God used to spark the 1904 Welsh Revival:

"Evan Roberts prayed after seeking God 13 years for revival in Wales, "Lord, the altar is built, the sacrifice is laid upon. We await the fire from heaven to ignite the flames of revival." WE ARE AT THIS STAGE OF REVIVAL IN AMERICA AND THE WORLD. GET READY! GET READY! GET READY!"

Reading the above quote one question explodes in my mind: can we seriously declare that "we are ready"? Can we, looking at ourselves with all honesty declare that we are "oh, so ready?" We need to take another look in the direction of the Throne. When Isaiah saw the Lord on His lofty throne he did not shout out "oh how ready I am" rather he cried out: "Wow is me!" and only after that he was sent by Lord. This is the readiness we need, an encounter with the most High that will leave us "without strength" like Daniel; or "as a dead man at His feet" as John in Revelation; or an encounter that will set us off the horse like Saul. Every man God used first had an encounter with God that left them undone.

How Undone Are We?

Our "undoneness" is the most accurate measure of our readiness.

What was the sacrifice that was "laid upon the altar"? Evan Roberts himself. He also said "I have reached out and touched the flame; I am burning and waiting for a sign" We can read all the books, and visit all the places, and be prayed for by every anointed preacher, yet until we are ready to surrender it avails for nothing, yet until we ourselves are burning no fire of revival will ever burn. Wesley said when asked about what he did to have revival: "I set myself on fire and people come to see me burning".

Custom Made Revival

Revival is not a side dish to the main meal of our plans. There is no way that we can have a "custom-made" revival. I have heard many people praying for a Welsh revival, or yet others pray for an American revival. Do not pray for a Welsh revival, rather pray for revival in Wales; not an American revival, pry for revival in America. Revival is not a controlled fire in the chimney to keep us comfortably warm while in the safety of our sheltered submission.

Many people are complaining and in many cases leaving their churches because -as they put it- the church has failed. Without entering into an argument now, I would say only that no church will ever go any further than its individuals. We have to admit that the church will never go deeper or higher than its individuals.

I brought up the above example because it is true also about revival. Revival will no go any deeper or spread any farther than individual commitment, and it will not touch people any more that it has touched us. No revival will revive my church more than I myself am revived.

Desire Without Relationship

The level of desire should match the level of surrendering. Evan Roberts experienced that submission that comes from knowing God so intimately that there is no room for self; that point where no strength is left and we can only go on if we depend totally on the Holy Spirit.

Revival is like a child: we cannot possibly conceive a baby just out of desire alone! A baby is conceived out of relationship. No matter how much you desire to have a baby if you do have an intimate relationship with your spouse all what you will get is an unfulfilled desire. It does not matter if you declare that you are going to have a baby, it is not going to happen by just declaring it. You can visit as many maternities as you wish, and see other's babies, but you will not have one until you do what you have to do.

If It Is Not Submission It Is Manipulation

Any intent on tapping on God's power without first knowing Him to the point of total submission, any intent to "move" God into bringing forth a revival without experiencing our wills submitted to His will hundred percent might actually verge on manipulation.

Revival will really come when enough people have surrendered; when enough people are crying "wow is me"; when enough people are on their faces literally melting their own will, and plans, and desires in God's furnace.

Our nation will be revived when "My people" humble themselves. When "My people" are revived then the nation will be revived. "My people" is not some ethereal, undefined nebulae to which we belong. "My people" is you and me and all who form the church. Ergo, we can expect revival in the nation when the church in that nation has been revived, and the church will be revived when we individuals have died and been revived by the Power of His Holy Spirit.

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Hear The Lion Roar!

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This vision took written form in a song:

As I sat in the peace and the calm of the morning
Whispering praises to God for all He has done
I saw in the heavenlies - dog-like creatures
Then the side of the face of a Lion that roared

Chorus:
When we praise the Lord Jesus in quiet adoration
The Lion of Judah will roar!
When we praise, when we praise, when we praise the Lamb of God!
Hear the Lion roar!

His roar was interpreted deep within my heart
He said, "Leave My children alone!"
The dog-like creatures - they shrieked in terror
Then they fled the scene like a cowardly crook

Chorus:
As we praise the Lord Jesus in quiet adoration
The Lion of Judah will roar!
As we praise, as we praise, as we praise the Lamb of God!
Hear the Lion roar!

Come all ye nations
Every tribe and tongue
Come all ye nations
Come to the Son
Come let us worship
Hear the Lion Roar
Come all ye nations
SING! … Hear the Lion roar!
Hear the Lion roar!
Hear the Lion roar!
Hear the Li-on roar!

Vision Of The Cross Words Of Warning

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Dear Ones in Christ,

Though this vision and word was given on July 12, 2000, only now do I believe I am released to share this with you. I do so with the permission and blessing of our elders.

THE SETTING

Morning Prayer took place at 5:30 a.m. at the home of our elders, Sam and Linda Jackson. It lasted about 5 months and this specific morning was the culmination of that time. Once in awhile others had made the 14 mile trek from town, but generally it was just Sam, Linda, my husband, Jeff, and I who regularly attended. This particular morning it was appropriately only the four of us, as we had that day completed a 50 day time of consecration. It was a very difficult time of testing to prepare us for hard days to come. When we arrived that morning Linda was preparing the Lord's Supper. It was so joyful because the Lord had also spoken to me en route to end this 50 day period by sharing the cup and the bread, and here Linda was already setting the table when we arrived! It was a wonderful confirmation for us both. She had been impressed to use her wedding glasses. The groom's glass was there, but we all drank from the bride's glass. The air was charged with expectation. It was a very solemn and reflective time.

THE VISION OF THE CROSS

After we had taken the bread and the cup we each quietly wept as we worshipped. There was such a sweet and powerful presence of the Lord. Suddenly, I heard a deep rumbling like an earthquake, but it seemed to be centered in the table. I opened my eyes and looked around to see if anyone else had heard it, but they were quietly praying. Thinking I had imagined it, I shut my eyes. Again the rumbling started. This time I kept my eyes shut and 'saw' as in a vision, coming up from the middle of the table, the Cross of Christ. It was very craggy, dirty and rugged. I was afraid to look at it; afraid but compelled to look anyway. As I saw the cross coming up, I saw the top of Jesus' head and the Crown of Thorns smashed onto His bleeding head. Knowing what was to come next, I turned away as I didn't want to see anymore. The rumbling continued and I knew the cross was continuing to rise up. I could hear the Lord Jesus gently asking me to look at Him. I glanced over in time to see His chest and extended arms on the crossbeam. When I saw His hands nailed into the Cross I was so grief-stricken and terrified, I turned away again. I wanted to see Him - but I didn't want to see Him like that! By this time the rumbling had stopped as the cross was completely lifted up straight above me in the center of the table. The Lord again tenderly yet firmly spoke to my heart, “Look at Me.” As I slowly opened my eyes to look up, I first saw His feet and then I saw His legs. They were muddy and cut up with a mixture of dried and fresh blood running down them. Then I saw the face of Christ beaten to a bloody pulp. His eyes were swollen shut and bruised. I didn't want to look; I couldn't bear it. Then His sweet voice resolutely commanded, “Look at Me.” I looked straight at His beaten and disfigured face and wept. He slightly opened His left swollen eye and looked long at me. It broke my heart to see Him in such terrible pain and so close to death. Even at such a dark time, there was a light in His eye that compelled me to gaze at Him. Then He did something that shocked me. He mustered a grin and winked at me with that swollen eye. He said, “Watch what happens next, Toots!” Then there was a brilliant flash of light that appeared to go from one end of a horizon to the other. The vision ended. I knew what I saw was the light of His resurrection. At first I wasn't sure if I had imagined this whole scene or what had just happened, especially when He called me ‘Toots’ – something that my uncle used to affectionately call me when I was a child. *That* totally caught me off guard! Then we all spontaneously started to pray and worship together out loud.

(I will add here, to the glory of God, that this vision happened four years prior to Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*. When I saw that movie I was so stunned, not only because of its content, but because the actor portrayed had the exact face the Lord showed me that morning on the Cross!)

THE PROPHECIES

As we began to pray, this somber word came forward. Sam and Linda both have a prophetic mantle.

Linda spoke:

“As you would sweep, clean and knock down the cobwebs before applying paint, so I apply a new paint. But, I brush upon you a new, fresh anointing on your hearts. I paint a new anointing on your heart. Just as with each war and revolution, there are new tools and new weapons developed. As I do in a new move, I cannot use old tools. There will be new paint, and new anointing to walk in a new day."

Sam spoke:

"This is the hour I spoke of that I will shake heaven and earth. All that has been built on the sand of men - like sink holes - will be swallowed up. I will build My house. No more will they say, 'Run here - run there.' I will send a famine of My Word. Yes, My Word. They shall seek My Word and only those to find it will be those who seek. [Those who diligently seek; will be the bearers of My Word.] Everything that can be shaken WILL be shaken. You will know the truth from false. You will not be deceived if you abide in My place. My house is a house of safety. Abide in Me."

"Come to My light. Even the dimmest of light will draw man to My house. I have allowed this gross darkness. I allowed Satan, as I allowed Pharaoh to bring darkness. My glory WILL be seen. You are My houses, My living stones. Think it not strange concerning the ripping and tearing. Let not your heart be troubled. This must come to pass in My house. It is for My purpose."

"There will be earthquakes and rumors of earthquakes. There will be wars and rumors of wars, but the earthquakes I send are going to shake My places of worship. Places of worship have been a stench in My nostrils. I WILL shake and tear them down. There will be wars in your own family in My house. They will turn against you. People will come against you in My own house."

They tell you, "Dance! There will be no church as usual."

"All will worship Me [in spirit and in truth]. No more biting and devouring. I WILL restore My glory. They will say, "Is this the Lord?" They bite and devour [My little sheep]. But My truth will be seen."

The Spider

At this point the lights went off and then back on very quickly. When the lights came back on, a large spider was walking right in front of us. I quickly killed the spider and put him in the trash. This is important because it is addressed later in the prophecy.

Sam moved into a prayer at this point speaking to the Lord:

"Everything that You have not planted will be rooted out. You start with Your house, Your elders, everything that is not of You will be struck down. We submit to You. We will not put our hand to the Ark - we will allow You to shake it. We will not carry it in an unworthy manner." (An earlier prophecy told us that God was shaking the 'ark' and that anyone putting their hand to it to stabilize it would be struck dead.)

"Aaron's dead rod bore fruit. You will stop the mouths of the people. You will show who is Your Aaron and the people will know. You will show with signs following. It is Your hour and we thank You. We anticipate You. We're tired of our own programs, our own works. You will complete and finish. Your work hour has come. It is here. You have kept the best wine for last [as you did at the wedding]. You have kept it in the cupboard. But you bring it out now. The strongest [wine], for the battle is strong. Thank You for bringing the best wine for this battle. You are The Breath of Life. There is no hope besides You, Father... no life. We eat Your body and drink Your blood. Thank You for Your work. Help us to see, understand, and adhere. Thank You for giving understanding to Your Word this morning. Everyone will see Your hand upon the wall. You will be precise and all shall see, all shall hear. Some will run under a rock. But ALL will know it is You."

"The harvest will be overflowing. The fields are ripe. We enter into those who precede us. But You have given us a new sharpened threshing instrument for this harvest. The wagons will be full of wheat and silos will be overflowing with wheat. You will appoint us to the fields and show us the ripe harvest."

The Admonishment:

“The spider that comes to distract will quickly be killed and My Word goes forward. Do not be moved. Hold fast to what I Am saying. Distractions come in, but ABIDE! Do not look to the right or to the left. Abide.”

“We think we will go to church to hear the Lord. If we don't hear Him in our houses, we're in trouble! Uzzah was placed to care for the ark. He was too familiar with it and took it casually. God waits patiently. But it comes to a place where people are partying and they say, "We are going to bring the ark to the city!" God shook the cart and Uzzah died. The party stopped. We're going to be in fear and trembling. Death. Fear is the beginning of wisdom. What we think is worship is a stench. Proceed in the fear of the Lord. Strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter. NO chasing names - chase God. He will remove it all together. NO WORSHIP OF MAN! He is a jealous God.

The Scripture:

My husband, Jeff, then added that the Lord had just directed him to:
Proverbs 1:20 Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares. ***21*** She cries out in the chief concourses, At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words: ***22*** "How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge. ***23*** Turn at My rebuke; Surely I will pour out My spirit on you; I will make My words known to you. ***24*** Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out My hand and no one regarded, ***25*** Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, ***26*** I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, ***27*** When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you. ***28*** “Then they will call on Me, but I will not answer; They will seek Me diligently, but they will not find Me. ***29*** Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, ***30*** They would have none of My counsel And despised My every rebuke. ***31*** Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, and be filled to the full with their own fancies. ***32*** For the turning away of the simple will slay them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; ***33*** **But whoever listens to Me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil**.”

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Amen.

In His service,
Judy

Harvest The South

Chad Taylor

I AM SHOUTING OVER THE SOUTH, "IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT AND WALK ON WATER!"

As I was praying and meditating about our presence in the southern region of the United States I heard the Lord say so clearly,

I AM SHOUTING OVER THE SOUTH, "IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT AND WALK ON WATER!"

It's time to quit talking about revival and it's time to start living and breathing it! It's time to step outside the protective and insulated boundaries of church and begin to make a legitimate impact on our cities and streets. As cliché as it may seem, "IT'S HARVEST TIME!

Think about that for a minute. HARVEST TIME. Can you imagine during the time of cultivation and harvest in the cotton or tobacco fields of the south if all the workers lounged in the warehouses and buildings watching the tractors sit and the fields grow? How preposterous would that be and how much of the precious fruit would be harvested? None. Yet that is exactly what most churches are doing right now. Conferences and neatly packaged prophetic meetings abound but still the harvest fields stand there unattended to. Entire neighborhoods have no awareness of our presence or message and are completely untouched by our parade of prophetic conferences and seminars. How many meetings on intercession can you attend until you start to really intercede? How many prophetic gatherings can you justify until you finally step out of the boat and begin to really touch someone's life and reveal to them their destiny?!

Really, we have come to the place as they did in Jesus' day when He entered the temple and cast out the money changers and tax collectors. If you read Matthew chp. 21 closely you will realize it was not only a money issue that Jesus was confronting but a people issue as well. As soon as the obstacles of revival were removed watch what happens in the very next scripture, "The blind and the lame came to Him in the temple and He healed them..." (v. 14). The masses that the temple was created to reach and heal were the very ones forced outside by religious agenda and good intentions. It has to stop or the Lord may have to pierce through our zealous facade and rebuke us like He did in days of old...

The southern states of the U.S. have been in a "freeze frame" for decades if not a century. Yet the role she plays in national revival is paramount. The south literally is a divine hinge for the door of genuine transformation and revival to occur and without her participation the rest of the nation stands in jeopardy. God desires the South to lead the way in harvest and evangelism and break the stereotype of the typical Sunday to Sunday church and forge a new way. When will we realize that Sunday morning does not reach the world - it reaches us and we my friend have been out-reached for far too long. The icon of Sunday and Wednesday needs to fall making way for an entirely new theology that meets the world daily in a dynamic divine confrontation thus becoming a relevant presence again thier lives.

I also heard the Lord say that we must not allow the Esau spirit or attitude to pervade our lives any longer. Esau sold out, he could be bought. So many have sold out to personality, notoriety and popularity and cashed in on other peoples labor and effort stealing the glory of God for themselves. They have sold their birthright to have their name printed in a conference flyer or magazine article and to have the accolades of men rained down on them. They have forgotten the grave warning of Paul the Apostle, "Do I seek to please men? For if I yet please men I should not be the servant of Christ..." (Gal. 1:10). We must resist this temptation to please the demand and desire of man and pursue the heart of God and his passion for Harvest. How quickly we have forgotten that Jesus is the LORD OF THE HARVEST not the Lord of our personal agenda or calendars...

We as a ministry remain diligent in our commitment to the southern region of the United States and her destiny. We have resided in southwest Georgia for over a year now and continue to witness history unfolding. We want to issue a new and fresh mandate to visit your region and grab hold of the plow with you. In the last two years we have traveled to Hawaii, California, Vermont, Minnesota, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Tennessee, New York, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and Old Mexico witnessing first hand the "critical mass" we are at as a church. We sense an urgency like no other time to focus on the southern states as well. If you have a church, ministry or are a part of a particular region and city we encourage you to contact us. We are committed to come to these places in the south this year and help you dig the wells of revival again. Simply email us at the email below and explain your strategy, heart and vision for your city. Size or numbers have no influence on our decisions so please do not hesitate to contact us.

We experienced dramatic impact in various places in the south already. In Newnan, GA. from our groundbreaking meetings last year a revival center emerged that is touching the world weekly with God's heart (www.harvestcenters.com). Our year based in Nashville in 2003 we walked the halls of The Ryman Theatre better known as the Grand Ole Opry and prayed for God to possess those historic halls once again and then later we met in the Planet Hollywood building and now both are facilitating revival meetings! "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given to you..." That is a literal word we can all live out from Joshua 1:3. If you would like for my wife and I to visit your city, church or ministry please contact us right away and let's seize this divine moment together.

I AM SHOUTING OVER THE SOUTH, "IT'S TIME TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT AND WALK ON WATER!"

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Heads Up to the Saints

Carla Rickard

I felt the Lord speak to me tonight that the living church was going to be experiencing a backlash very soon. Soon in God's time is indefinable by someone like me!

He said that these movements that are now happening within certain sectors of the Body are tainted with flesh and will bring judgment onto the house of God, not by HIM, but by man who is poisoned with wormwood.

The gifts of the Spirit will be under attack. Those who are really chosen and appointed will be treated with disdain because of the reputation of the false that proceeded them. Many will be persecuted and those who are "churched" will feel the greatest sting from this because those who will desire to keep their numbers up in congregations, will bend to this pressure of condemning the specially sent ones. It will be the churched ones who will feel the greatest sting of persecution. And still there will be great anger even within the churched against the movements such named as the Apostolic, Prophetic, etc, because they have chased after idols of the heart and not God and will have brought down judgment on the heads of all.

But at the same time the Lord says, this is for a purpose. The heat will be applied to iron out the wrinkles. Old ways will be removed as they are spotted with flesh. Fear not. These things must be. This will weed out the false, and reveal the Truth. Be prepared in your heart for enormous rejection of the things of God. You faith will sustain you through it.

---let the saints judge this word.

EasternFire~Carla Rickard
FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN
Hotcoals

Husband Of Blood

Luz Cintron

3 Mar 2005

Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast [it] at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband [art] thou to me. Exodus 4:25

Husband of Blood.
March 23, 2005

For every dream that dies
there is a truth that brings its freedom come to pass
for every heartache bore
there is a hymn of glory rising from our souls...

We hope in His glory
we wait in His silent love
we trust in His goodness
we ride in His faithfulness
He has become our all in all...

For every pain released
its longing brings us closer to the One we seek.
For every loss received
a deeper sense of love still binds our hearts to His.

We hope in His glory,
we trust in His goodness
we bind all we have to His,
all we are to Him,
to die and live through all
bound our hearts to His with cords of love.

For every hand that stretched
its fingers opened up in hope that life refrains.
For every trust betrayed,
there is a crop of glory hidden in His name.
We wait through the darkness

our eyes filled with hope and gladness,
there is life waiting in Him,
life for you and me in His blood.

For every painful loss
a sense of closeness opens up within our souls.
For every door that closed
a sweet embrace surrounds us in the One we love.
To know only Him and hope,
let us rise and go to Him,
dancing through the winds from the north.

Everybody brings a song,
written in tears and underlined in blood.
For every sin that was,
tearing us up, crippling our lives,
to trust and love,
there is a trembling in His heart,
that bleed its tears to brings us back,
there is a sigh of pain that bore,
the wrong inflicted to restore
each soul to hope.

We dance in the darkness
we find there His joy and gladness,
death and pain has no more hold in us
binding our hearts to Him,
found our all in His,
we live in trust.

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Humility Is A Weapon
Carla Rickard

March 16 2005
Live Word as Recorded.

There has been and is going on now a shift.
thank you Lord.
there is coming a shift ...
we are in it.
More power is being made available More Authority.

You can't see it, but you can feel it There is oh the lack of words ... Help me Jesus

The fight is heavy for some now, light for others but nevertheless...
there is an increase.
The war that is increasing is not against flesh but one that will require the flesh to lay down and die quickly. It won't be hard long and drawn out to die this way. It will be as you giving up the ghost. No one shall take your life, but you shall give it up willingly just as Jesus did on the cross.

When the flesh arises, you will put it down. Here is the power.
For when you lay it down, quickly, without thought of self you will find your Life
for it will be hidden in the Resurrection, In the Christ Hidden in Christ is Life
There is an anointing available to those who will not allow pride to stand in their way fighting to keep alive " rights" and "egos" . But die quickly! Kill it quickly !
Kill this sacred calf quickly For this is the sacrifice most pleasing to the Lord
is an obedient and willing heart to love the brethren laying down one's life for another However even greater than this is based on the first command
and that is to lay our lives down for the Messiah. Love Him First! That he may use us quickly when he needs hands to touch, eyes to see

What I am seeing here is this:

A church that has false humility a humility that is forced, unnatural.
What the Lord desires from us is that this way of life be more than just second nature, but to be our nature

I am seeing the Lord show me that he wants us to be able to quickly let go of the hot potato of offense that so easily gets tossed into our hands from another
Does it matter?
I see the Lord laughing and saying " who cares?
Who cares if you are right
Who cares if you are wrong?
I do not care of these things"

I care of only dead flesh, and resurrected Life
Do you care if your brother really thinks so much of you?
Then you have fallen into the trap of fear of man
Do not allow others to twist the scripture of being no offense to anyone
That is impossible
for if you walk in My Ways,
in My Word
You will offend
Not because of some inherit thing in yourselves
but by the fact My Word is the discerned of the thoughts and hearts of a man
Offense comes from the Word that is spoken
When a heart is hiding from me
But all is naked before me

Lay down and die!
or your life will be taken from you violently
It is easy to give over to Messiah
than to kick against the pricks

There is something the Lord is speaking now, ...*Offense brings death.*
Freedom, Liberty... brings life Allow yourselves to be free to be right, to be wrong, to be happy, to be sad. Give yourselves permission to be free
The Truth does not SET you free, it MAKES you free
It is a process. I haven't asked things of man that is impossible to accomplish
I have given my Word so that you may learn the process and get there
Is it easier to forgive someone who has hurt you?
Or is it easier to forgive yourself for hurting another/?
I am the Great Psychologist
Counsel is MINE says the Lord
I have Hidden my Counsel in the hearts of men and women.
draw on it. Do not be afraid to use your minds. For I have given you a mind to think with. I have given you the Mind of Christ, an ANOINTED MIND.
You can think but now, with a renewed mind. You do not think old ways
You think with the ANOINTED MIND sanctified to My Ways.
Do not be afraid to think. Its ok to think. For I think.
I consider
I weigh
I judge
I have given you My Word
My Spirit
And you have what you need.

Now get what you lack
EXPERIENCE!
Which is the knowing of the knowledge because now you have practical experience! You have tested the Word and it will prove TRUE
Its ok to think
Its ok to question
Questioning doesn't mean rebellion, unless you desire to rebel
Questioning ... get wisdom

The Lord is telling me go back to humility

False humility is the kind that is not instantaneous. It is not a look, it is not a feeling. Humility is knowing how much power you wield yet let no man know it
that it becomes a threat and burden to him Its knowing all things, yet not throwing it around to impress man Its knowing the truth, yet being accused of a lie
and speaking nothing; being content in knowing, even if no one else knows.
That humility is God given,
God ordained
and God maintained

This is the humble of heart that the Lord draws close to

Hush

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> *Habakkuk 2:20*
> *“But the Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth hush and keep silence before Him.*
>
> *“Hush Be silent before the Lord God, for the day of the vengeance of the Lord is near; for the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, and He has set apart for His use those who have accepted His invitation.” Zephaniah 1:7*
>
> *“Be still, all flesh, before the Lord, for He is aroused and risen from His holy habitation.” Zechariah 2:13*
>
> *“When He the Lamb broke open the seventh seal, there was silence for about half an hour in heaven.” Rev 8:1*

Humanism And The Tsunami

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Well, another week has gone by and the news continues to be focused on the Tsunami catastrophe. But if you remember, over the past five years or more the movie industry was already preparing the world for such a global problem. In these productions, nations, including the Jews in the State of Israel, were seen cooperating with their Arab enemies to save the rest of humanity from nature's evil disturbances. Yet amazingly enough, even though our scientists have known and warned about these possibilities, it has not caused one national leader to stand up and call for repentance.

One might ask why, and I'm sure that you know the answer. There is only one book, or set of documents, that makes a stand and points to the reasons for these catastrophic natural disasters and untold human suffering. YHVH the Almighty Creator, the Elohim of Abraham Isaac and Jacob, has given humanity a set of instructions that were to go out to every tribe and tongue of people. These instructions are replete with statutes, ordinances and laws, resulting in consequences; positive or negative, depending on whether they are obeyed or not. YHVH, even in the beginning, when speaking to Adam and Eve, set before them life and death.

In today's world of the worship of man and the works of his hands, the spiritual darkness of ignorance of YHVH's Torah is causing this religion of humanism (the "false prophet") to proclaim that there is no need for the Torah. In last week's letter (250) we quoted many scriptures that could help explain YHVH's position on the cause and effects of the Tsunami. We received many letters of appreciation, but there was one letter in which there was a rebuke that we thought might typify the stance of many Christians who find themselves participating with an anti-Torah spirit.

Humanism has penetrated Christianity, to the point that the very foundations (the Torah and the Prophets) upon which it is built are being undermined. Speaking of undermining, I can't help think of the tunnels that the terrorist have mined right underneath the army camps of Israel, stuffing them with explosives and blowing to pieces everything and everyone above. The letter referred to above demonstrates the degree of deception that religious humanistic spirits cause as they influence even the Believers to analyze the human condition through the prism of the knowledge of good and evil.

The letter:

"Is this article (250) not in extremely poor taste?! Implying if not actually stating that the victims "had it coming to them" due to their unrighteousness, when not one of us knows the heart of any individual one of them?!

DO YOU NOT KNOW? HAVE YOU NOT HEARD? MORE THAN 150,000 PEOPLE ARE DEAD !!!!!

Let us not run to the Bible (which is a !!!HOLY!!! thing!) in subconscious self-centered panic for the purpose of reassuring us of our own self-justification and thus come out citing hand-selected verses to match our own narrow mindedness but let us run to the Great Maker of all, in humility and in sackcloth & ashes of mourning, to consult the ***WHOLE COUNSEL*** of the one who calls Himself "I Am".

Sure, Jeremiah and Isaiah were great Prophets. But Yeshua outranks them all by LIGHT years!!!" end quote.

I have a feeling that the person did not really read the letter. The following are the scriptures from the New Testament that were "hand selected" in the above letter.

John 9:1-3: *"Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither...."*

Matt 5:45: "…*or he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Luke 13:1-5 *"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."*

2 Peter 3:9: *"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

The above letter and the usage it makes of scriptures is an example of the way repentance is perceived among some within Christianity, to whom it is nothing more than a trip to an "altar", or a partaking of a piece of bread and a sip of wine. Humility, however, is admitting under the conviction of the Spirit of Holiness that one has missed the mark of YHVH's instructions (Torah), and "sackcloth and ashes" would be confessing before the Almighty in deep sorrow for having been disobedient, and then renouncing that rebellious attitude and 'placing' it upon the altar of the fires of His Spirit, where it (the said attitude) will be turned to ashes. In the above scriptures we do see abundant mercy, but Yeshua spoke the "whole counsel of His Father" including the Torah, "or you shall all likewise perish". This is why without the instruction of the Torah and Prophets we will not really know what Yeshua and the Apostles meant by "repentance".

Shabbat Shalom

Ephraim

He Was There And Is Still With Us

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The other day in our after school home group, we discussed the topic of "hardship" and "suffering." Each of us were to respond to a question that required us to think back on past hardships and times of great suffering, and when we began thinking about it, none of us could really say we had "hardship" OR "suffering" in this life. We were trying to compare it to those in other countries, those in past centuries, etc. It perplexed us some that we could not attest to having any memorable tribulations. I went home after the get together and kept pondering this.

The Lord said to me in a very still voice that we all HAVE had past "hard times" and "sufferings" for in this world we have tribulation. But when we tried to look to them we turned to our PAST and saw JESUS instead of the bad times. I began recalling the times I considered very, very bad in my life, even up to this past year when I know I was severely accused and persecuted with great stress and crushing...I COULD NOT "SEE" the hardship or the pain of it any more. I ONLY SAW JESUS. He redeems our past sufferings. He is redeeming our PRESENT sufferings. HE WAS THERE and IS STILL WITH US. He wipes away our tears.

He then added, I will not put on you more than you can stand. My GRACE is sufficient for you. And LO I am with you always, even unto the ENDS OF THE EARTH.

Selah. Shalom and Amen.

Becky

Babylon

Becky McLendon

BABY LON

We don’t want manna we want quails! We want QUAILS!! Waaa, waaaaa, waaaaaa.

We want a popular king to rule over us.

We want to be loved by man and noticed!

They won’t be offended if we just continue to have nice little Bible studies ABOUT Jesus

but not actually LIVE as He lived!

BAA-BAA LON

What’s this I hear, the bleating of sheep? Oh, we didn’t want to totally get rid of the enemy and all his belongings, we kept back a few things for “god”. All we like sheep have gone astray? What does

THAT mean? I'm a good person! Baaaaaaaaaaaaaa baaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa.

BABEL ON

Come on, guys, hop on the wagon here and help out! Let's built a tower of power together. We can reach God and others will really think we are hot stuff and join us too. Let's make it the biggest and the best, and be sure to drop your money in the plate before you leave today. We CAN check up on your earnings to see if you are meeting your obligations to the organization! Hammer, hammer, hammer, hammer.

BABBLE ON

In my humble opinion, (a statement, which, by the way, does not make an opinion humble any more) I believe that the blah, blah, blah is the absolute of the pontification spoken with perfect eloquence and substantiated with exact chapter and verse from the perfectly correct and only acceptable translation of the scripture as approved by my denomination and my seminary. And I will become rude, crude and very unholy in my name calling and word curses against anyone who might disagree with my private interpretation, or my denominational slant. And furthermore………..

BABBLE ON AND ON AND ON AND ON AND………..

BABYLON!!!

Come out of her My people. Touch not her unclean things! Be not partakers in her plagues. Because SOON and very SOON her fall is upon her.

The Spirit and the Bride say come! Come! Come! Repent of Babylon and all that is in her. Come to Mt. Zion, the perfection of Beauty out of which GOD has shined. Zion, where the waters flow crystal clear and the leaves of the trees bring healing to the land. Look unto Jesus, the Beginning and the End of all things. Seek First the Kingdom of God and HIS righteousness. Follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

Amen and Amen.

Becky

Have You Spent Time With Me?

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> "*You do not know me or my Father," Jesus replied. "If you knew me, you would know my Father also." He spoke these words while teaching in the temple area near the place where the offerings were put. Yet no one seized him, because his time had not yet come.*
> *John 8:19-21*

“I tell you that I pour out my spirit to a people who will not receive Me. I pour out my spirit of blessing to all--but few receive it. I pour out my spirit to a world that does not know Me. All day long I hear the requests of those who ask favors of Me. They ask for this and they ask for that. They do these things and yet they do not know Me. You go to a doctor and you ask him to help you get well. You go to a lawyer and you ask him to help you with your legal matters. You sit and talk with them about these matters; and yet you do not sit and talk with Me about these matters. I will answer the prayers of those who come before Me, but I simply ask that you spend time with Me. You go to psychics and fortunetellers to find out the directions in your lives. Much of the world does this and yet few would come to Me. These are the reasons that many in the world do not know Me. But I tell you that I am coming back. I am coming back for those who do know Me. But this time I am coming back with a sword. I am coming back to separate the sheep from the goats. I am coming back for a body. I ask you church, ‘Have you listened to my apostles and prophets’? Have you heeded the warnings that have gone out? Are you prepared for what lies ahead? For the days ahead are written down in my prophetic timetable. During those days your psychics and fortunetellers will not help you. But all who call upon my name will be saved. “
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I Am About To Move

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Lead out in courage. Every step you take forward is gaining ground. Do not be discouraged, I am about to move in an unprecedented manner on your behalf. I am about to put you into a position you did not expect. The pen is mightier than the sword. Wield it to accomplish the purposes of God. Write down the things being given to you, the revelations from heaven’s realm. In them are instructions for carrying out the task. I will lead you and guide you all the way. You are not alone. I am with you, and for you, and you will surface as the instrument chosen to direct affairs. You are fully-equipped and although you may look like a foolish choice in the eyes of those without understanding, My ways are not the ways of men and those chosen of Me are the ones whom I have hand-picked and selected for the job. I am moving you into an office designed by the Master. It is not an office designed by men, but of God, therefore I am able to work through this office to accomplish My purposes.

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I Am About To Multiply Mercy To You

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I AM about to multiply mercy to you. I AM about to multiply something so great, that your critics will be silenced once and for all. Be expectant as I AM about to multiply something to you. even in the face of your present lack, yes, I AM about to move on your behalf.

Just as I multiplied the bread and the fish among those who followed Me into the wilderness, I AM about to multiply miraculously, ‘loaves and fish’ for you in this day. I AM about to give you something that you have never expected – something you did not even realize could be done.

I AM about to create something that is new and wonderful in your life. It will be multiplied many times over anything you have ever thought, dreamt or believed
Then you will know that it is I and that I love your with an everlasting love.

Soon you will realize that My glory is manifesting in your life in a totally new way. Don’t question why I bless you in this most unusual way,
My love for you motivates Me .

I esteem you highly and hold you dear child of My heart.
This grace speaks of My love that will protect you, and will bring you a new hope for your future.

It will lead you into My kingdom and into victory over situations and circumstances in a profound way, with great ease. It will offer you something that man will look on with envy, but you will look on with wonder that One such as I would see fit to manifest My love to you and through you in this most unusual way.

I AM moving you forward in great power and strength.
Isn’t that what My love for you is all about, to strengthen and guide you? Isn’t that what all of this is about, a sure sign of My love for you?

Isn’t that why I came, gave My life, and offered grace to whomsoever will come? Yes, it is all about life,
My love for you, perfect love
blossoming forth in your life,
I AM offering you a new hope for today, and a brand new hope for ALL of your tomorrows!!!

Live in My love
Father

For I know the plans which I am purposing for you, says the Lord; plans of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.
Jeremiah 29:11

(More reading ....Micah 7 from vs 7 to 20)

God bless you and keep you
God makes His face to shine upon you
God flood you with favor
and give you peace

"A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed."

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I Am Coming Soon

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I am coming soon, and many are in preparation for my return. I am sending you a new revelation of my breath, as I breathed into Adams nostrils and imparted life in all its fullness, so I come to breathe into you a release of my power and my glory for these last days.

This breath is not for your own benefit directly, you already have all you need, but this is for the impartation of my Spirit to those who are barren, to those who are struggling, to those who have been sat on the shelf, for those deemed to be too old, too young, my breath carries within it love that is fierce and possessive that pierces the hardest hearts of stone, rendering them malleable and so useful.

My love is fiercer than you have ever known, it crosses over the boundaries of sin and covers you with my blood, a blood that sanctifies, that makes you whole, makes you pure and cleansed in my sight. Stop looking at your failure, those days are behind you.

I need an army that is prepared and ready to stand with me, an army that will use the greatest weapon that the world has even known. The life blood of my Son, the commitment, the total devotion of Him for whom even death was not to much for you.

When you speak of His love, it’s a love far deeper than you have ever known, it’s a love who's depths cannot be fathomed a love that is totally captivated and focused upon this earth and every one of you.

The cry of His heart reaches out into the depths of the soul and by His blood denies the enemy his spoil as He irradiates the sinfulness of the human nature by it.. His death will not be denied, it is raised up against all that is unholy He scoffs at the audacity of the enemy who tries to rob from you even now all that is your inheritance in Him.

You have been given The Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven to bind up on earth all that is not of God, and you have been given all authority use it!

Time is short, and many are the questions of men upon the earth, they are writhing, knowing that something they cannot control is on the horizon and they look to every form of divination and deceit to find the answers. I give to you the revelation of this age to bring a word that is real, and true, that will cut through the fear. Challenge those who are seeking. tell them to look again at my word. Let your life be a living testimony, that they would see signs and wonders as you pray for their breakthrough.

Do not fear the plagues that are to come, you are covered by the one who sends you, I cover you with my protection, thousands may fall at your right hand, and tens of thousands at your feet, but it will not come near you. As I saved Moses and the Hebrew slaves, so I am marking ready those that belong to me. You were bought with a price, I have sealed you with my mark, nothing will take that from you, it stands for all eternity.

I am releasing an anointing for purity into your life, a holiness that transcends anything you have ever known before. You cannot do this for yourself, I pour out this anointing upon you, as I touch your lips with the coals from the alter and forgive your shortcoming and weaknesses you will be cleansed and speak with a reverence and holiness that bares witness to the one I sent. Your words will flow like crystal rivers, no compromise, nothing tainted, pure and unadulterated, clean.

I am sending you out, I am sending you to be a light to the nations, a light that will draw those who are lost, I am releasing a light that is piercing, that the enemy is afraid of, that is yours to wield against the enemy in these last days as you uncover all that is aimed against everything that is true and Godly.

Many are the sins of man, but not more that I can cover with my blood. Take time to seek me, I will be found, don't just speak with me, listen to me, hear my voice. I impart to you a momentum that will continually enable you to motivate, to encourage to build up those who are beginning to lag behind. Remind my sons and daughters that now more than ever there needs to be a strength of commitment like never before.

I send signs and wonders upon the earth, creational miracles, healings, the deliverance of many who have been in the enemies charge, but who's darkness is overcome by the light of Christ within you. Do not fear what the world fears, I bare my arm to you, an arm that will sweep throughout the nations swiping those that destroy and maim and who draw away many who are searching for the truth.

Time is running out, its up to each one of you to stand in the gap to become those who will release and pour forth prayers of petition and intercession.

Many of you are feeling the stirring of my Spirit within you to release something that you have never done before, many of you are afraid of the dreams and the visions that you have, many of you struggle with the word of Revelation in my word which points to much that will happen in this age. I am opening eyes to see, I am releasing wisdom, I am releasing illumination, I am releasing into each one of you a power to deal with everything that is ungodly that raises itself up against you.

Quickly, step into that place of leading now, of guiding others now, of reaching the poor the unlovely, the criminal, the prostitute, those called the dregs of society, those who consult the stars, who give out false proclamation. Quickly go now, these people are perishing, speak to them, show them by your actions that Jesus in you carries the real authority, it will overcome every situation that comes against you.

Never has there been such an urgency, "I don't want to loose anyone" I can hear the cry of the Fathers heart as he searches for men women and children who will throw off the dust of apathy and complacency, who will hear the alarm that has been released and run quickly before time has run out.

That still small voice.

Birth Pangs
Heather Butler

This world is being seized by a pain that has shaken and consumed it. Like a woman in labour who's only thought is to birth the baby so that the pain will stop, The body is in the transitional stage in labour seized by every pain ready for the birth of the body of Christ into her final calling, and prepared and ready for the one who is to come who's head was bruised.

As there are birth pangs in the world, so there will be birth pangs and groans in your own life, whereby the 'body of Christ' flexes its muscles ready for that final release of the power and majesty of God poured through an open heaven upon the world.

The violent praise that you have heard me speak about through the prophets is a must at this time, because the pain is so bad that its all that you can think about, but I come and I enable those who belong to me to focus on me, to breath in the deep, deep things of the spirit, where deep calls to deep, the stronger the pain the deeper the breath of my Spirit you need to take in. as Much grace is released for this final push. Everything within you is screaming "no I cant do this, its to much, its to painful, take this pain away" but I encourage you and call you into that place of complete trust in me, I call you to not give up, to focus, not on the pain but on the end results that will put everything into order ready for the coming King. Put everything that you are into that last thrust to birth within your own life all that I have ready for this end time .

I will not leave or forsake you, you have had my word, my promise, I am with you until the end of time.

Do not fear the one who is to come who is against you and who wants to wreak his revenge on the nations as he has since the very beginning, his end is nigh and he is thrashing about the earth trying to stir up a heart so black with death against my people, but it is his undoing, this has to happen to fulfil end time prophesy,

I have equipped you, I have given you all that you need for these last days. In the act of violent praise, and the violent prayers of faith by the saints the strongholds will be shaken, torn down and blasted out as I release from my own nostrils the response to your prayers and praise and worship. Don't see with your eyes, see with the eyes of faith, see victory and not defeat, see me in my majesty as we stand together and see these final callings and stands through to the end.

There are two sides to this coin, the birthing of the one foretold to come who is against all I hold dear, and the birthing of the beloved the one I love, the one who lives in complete submission to my will, who is spotless and without blemish, who's garments are washed in my blood the one that the enemy cannot overcome. Radiant, alive, faithful, wise, full of truth obedient, willing to give everything for me, committed totally to the bridegroom, ready to walk with him into these last battles for the lost, and the Armageddon that is to come.

Watch the Islands, see the hand of the lord in the Islands, see how the lord overthrows the enemy in the Islands.

The light dawns ever brighter, piercing the darkness of this last age, all authority is given to you, the keys you hold unlock and open the doorways to heaven and release upon the earth all that is stored in signs and wonders, grace and mercy, salvation, and a power greater and more resolute in my body than has ever been seen before. I call you forth, from the North, will you come, the East will you come, the South will you Come, the West will you come, I call you forth for this next season, will you come.

Watch the Islands
Heather Butler

August 13th 2005.

Watch the islands, see what I am doing in the Islands. (from prophetic words given to me July 21st 2005) Birth pangs.

I have this week had words of testimony sent to me about the islands of Vanuatu and Figi, and Hawaii. People have been so encouraging as they have read the prophetic word about Birth pangs, within it is an excerpt that says 'Watch the islands, see what I will do in the islands'

The lord is doing some amazing things in these isles. This is what I have seen this week concerning the string of tiny isles off the east coast of Australia . I believe this is the word of the lord concerning them.

Watch the Islands, see what I am doing in the Islands, my string of pearls, pearls of great price, aren't they beautiful. See them as I see them,

You don't see them as I do, you see them as small and insignificant, but I tell you that a chain reaction is coming to these Isles that will affect the south pacific. These tiny isles are the fuse that is being lit!

That still small voice.

Please pray for these Isles, they need our prayer, pray that Christian radio and media will have breakthrough in these isles. We praise God for UCB pacific Graham carter and the team who are working for the lord to get the gospel out to those in the south Pacific.
With every blessing Heather.
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Time To Run With The Horses!
Heather Butler

It says in the word of God that if we cannot keep up with men, how can we run with horses. As I was praying this is what I saw, and I speak it as a prophetic declaration over Kentucky in the name of Jesus.

I see an open heaven, a rolling back of the heavens as the lord gets ready to release his fire from heaven. This fire will consume those who have cried out who are hungry and thirsty, although it is a costly fire it is greater than gold, as the dross is burned away I see what could have been devastation turn into the most fruitful place. I entered in and saw men on white horses protecting the harvest, standing watch to protect this yield. I watched as a whirlwind came and whipped up the fire and planted it in neighbouring towns, a funnel of fire swept from Kentucky across the nation, keeping the enemy at bay, and releasing the anointing of the glory of God. The enemy wants to kill you, and the father needs you to die so that he can live in you. The men on the white horses are without fear, they have been tested by the fire, consumed by its flames, they know what is expected of them to run with the Spirit of the lord wherever he will lead. There are those who have not yet learned to run with the horses, those who fear change and challenge, but the lord says to them do not be afraid, as I was with your forefathers so I will be with you, stop looking at what has gone before, I am doing a new thing, I have opened the doorways of heaven to pour out my heart upon this place, to lavish my bride with every good thing, but first comes the fire, will you run with the fire of God in your bones, will you allow me to consume your every thought, take your thoughts and ambitions, strip you of everything that you are and replace your thoughts and ambitions with my perfect will for you. Will you run with me, stand with me even unto death. Come, I call you come. prepare the way I am soon to come. That still small voice.

I Am Coming Soon

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My children, I am coming soon. Prepare your hearts and minds for my return. Soon the trumpet shall sound and you will all be raptured. I would be here praying and watching for you for there are temptations on the earth that could distract you from winning my crown. I have preserved you blameless and I will preserve you blameless till I return.

On your road to perfection. You will find many obstacles. Take heed that you do not submit to them. Take hold of faith. It would guard you from distractions. Fight the fight of faith. You've got love - to love your neighbour as yourself. Hold on to it for it would guard from limiting yourself to just what you know. It would give you open doors to heaven so you could hear from me without ceasing. This two weapons would help you as you go on your journey to perfection and you would get there with my leading.

I Am Is Calling His Army

Catharina Schouten

Word out of the book of Esther
He also gave her plenty of food and seven special maids from the king's palace, and they had the best rooms.

12 Each of the young women was given beauty treatments for a whole year before going to King Artaxerxes. The first six months her skin was rubbed with olive oil and myrrh, and the last six months it was treated with beauty cream mixed with spices.

Word from the Lord:

I Am is calling His army!

Prepare , prepare for soon I will call you to walk over this earth!

Like Esther and the women, you need this time to soak in My oil, and eat the food that I give to you!

Prepare and do not hold back what I already see in your heart!

Give it to Me , give it to Me, and I will give you a pure clean heart, and will anoint you with My Spirit!

I Am is calling HIS army make ready, soon you must walk over the earth to tell the Nations the good tiding….

I Am coming back very soon, but before I can come back the remnant of My people will help Me to make a Bride where there is not one Bride at this moment….

You will help Me to save lost souls…….

MAKE READY ! MAKE READY the Sjofar sounds!!!

I the KING of KINGS is calling My soon to be kings and queens …….prepare yourselves!

Just serving Him, by serving you!
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Is It A Time

Julia Mason

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> *"...Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?" (II Kings 5:26)*

I have just returned from a ten-day journey in the Hawaiian Islands.

I have been laboring in the Islands for a few years now. I started out as an "exile" in 1990. Following my decision to dropout of college, my parents "arranged" for me to move to Oahu from Illinois to marry a man in the US Marines that I had known for five years prior. The marriage lasted ten months and I was left to "wander" the island for a time until I returned back to Illinois.

Before I moved back to the Mainland, I had made several friends of different ethnic groups. Hawaiian, Japanese, Filipino, Portuguese, and Samoan. I had found a good job at a local escrow company in Honolulu. I remember one of the Hawaiian ladies in the title department took me under her wing a bit. She seemed to sense that I was "displaced" in the Islands. She began to extend what locals there call the "aloha spirit". After weeks of knowing her, I began to embrace Hawaii as my home, more than Illinois where I was from. In 1993, my two-year old daughter and myself moved back to Illinois. The cost of living on Oahu was too great for a single mom with one income. I remember the night that we left. The Holy Spirit spoke gently to me and comforted my heart. He said that I would return to the Islands in His time and He would give me much favor there.

In 2000, I returned to Oahu as I was hosting a prophetic conference. I had personally contacted several local pastors and let them know that I believed it was a time to gather with prophetic ministers and hear what the Lord is saying to the Islands. I have been returning to Hawaii every year since. Sometimes my stays have been for a week and sometimes for several months. All in all, I believe that I can safely and accurately say that I no longer speak as a friend to Hawaii but as a daughter to Hawaii. I was welcomed fifteen years ago by a people that I did not choose, into a land that I had no inheritance in and became one less orphan in the Kingdom of God through their love for me and my daughter. I long for the day that Hawaii, as a land in transition, embraces the Lord Jesus Christ as King and breaks down the "altars" where their ancestors worshipped "the unknown God". (Acts 17:23)

It is with this heart that I extend the following prophetic word to the Body of Christ:

"...Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants?" (II Kings 5:26)

Elisha, an Old Testament prophet, stated the above to his servant Gehazi, when Gehazi was disobedient and received an offering from Naaman, who had just been healed of leprosy.

The Lord gave me a vision during my journey last week and likened Hawaii to Naaman; a mighty man in valor, an honorable warrior, yet afflicted with leprosy.

I believe that, just like Naaman had an ordained time for his healing, so also is this the time for Hawaii's healing. I believe that God is sending and also raising up "prophetic" voices to the Islands to speak to the affliction that has been in their land for many generations. I believe that God is "repairing" many breaches between Hawaii and the mainland, as well as with other surrounding nations. The greatest healing, though, will be within their own land. I recently learned from a local friend that on the island of Molokai, there is still yet an actual leper colony, where the afflicted were originally ordered to live in 1866 (http://www.nps.gov/kala/). I believe the Lord has spoken to me that there shall come a strong witness from this place where the lepers were once "exiled" from society in Hawaii. "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19) God shall bring forth rivers of compassion and healing from the Island of Molokai and the generations of those whose families were separated by this disease shall see the redemptive Hand of the Lord move mightily on their behalf.

Having spoken these things, I must caution any and all ministers who plan to visit the Hawaiian Islands during this time of healing. Just as Gehazi's disobedience was punished with the same affliction that Naaman was healed of, so also hear the Lord's instruction to "receive" from Hawaii with great discernment in this hour. The land of this afflicted people has been pillaged by Christian ministries in the name of Jesus for long enough. A great cry has reached the ear of the Lord and He has set into motion a season of healing for Hawaii. Let every man and woman, therefore, take heed to their steps to and from the Islands in this hour, lest we find ourselves as Gehazi crying out to God for healing of an affliction that came through disobedience.

Sincerely,
Julia Mason

I Am Knocking The Church Off It's Axis

Jeremy Lopez

"Even as the earth has been knocked off its axis by the tsunami, I am knocking the church off it's axis", says the Lord.

I am repositioning My church from a passive to an aggressive mentality. I am changing the direction from where man has altered and spoken his will and his desire into My house and temples. For I have not been working 2000 years on My people for them to get fat off of the hype of doctrine and sit back and wait until I come back to get them. No, I have been working for 2000 years to come and consume the praises of all that worship Me and have built me a habitation to come rule and reign in. I am returning to inhabit, appear and to be glorified in My saints.

I shall raise up sons and daughters of the kingdom of God that shall penetrate the very center of the heart of My church to cause a spring of life to arise in this hour. I will cause the tree of life to be made known this hour for My people to come and eat of it's sweet fruit of life. I will raise up sons and daughters to curse the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, even as My Son cursed the fig tree for not producing. Remember this, that works of good and evil can not and never will cause a life given spirit to produce. My people will begin to have the revelation that I have come to give them life and give it to them more abundantly. Even more than they are able to ask or think. For the day is coming when good and evil shall be no more and all that will remain shall be the life of the Son of the Living God. I will cause life to spring forth from out of the nations of the earth. Have I not said, that I will give to you the nations of the earth as your inheritance? Have I not said that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of your Lord and Christ so He may reign? How will He reign you may ask? Out of the Christ in the earth, which is you My people. It is Christ in you the hope of glory.

Grab a hold of the truth and revelation that I am pouring out this hour concerning the heavenly realm. Know this, that the day is at hand when My will shall be done on earth as it is in the heavenly realms of My glory. This has and always will be My will for you and the earth that I have given to you. Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Have I not said, "Beautiful are the "feet" of those that carry the good news of My word." You, Oh sons and daughters of the most high God are My hands and feet in the earth. You are the very salt which feeds the nations the light of My kingdom. The breath that I breathed into Adam that made him a living soul still remains in all that chooses to partake of its life. So arise this day and choose life so that I may spread it in and through you to reach every nation, culture and man that has given up hope in this life. Do the will of your Father My people, which is to disciple the nations of the earth," says the Lord.

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It’s A Long Way To Tipperary

Priscilla Van Sutphin

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WORD for IRELAND –
In the late hours of the early morning I heard this tune in my head.
I felt the Lord wanted to say something. I looked up the history which is very interesting and it involves many European nations, England, France, Holland and Ireland…and the comment is made at the bottom of the history brief… History was again made here when the Irish State formally honored, for the first time, the quarter of a million Irish people who had served in the British Forces during the first World War. More than fifty thousand of them died.

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Before Jack died in 1938, he composed a sequel called "It's A Long Way No Longer." We have yet to find the lyrics - and we're left to wonder what he wrote. Our wish is that in those last words, he embraced the hope that all Irish soldiers could come home - whether here or in the hereafter - and find peace, at last.

After reading that I felt the Lord may have a word for IRELAND He wanted to speak…I asked Him what He wanted to say and was reminded of a character in Braveheart who was Irish and called Ireland “MY Island” and the Scots all laughed at him. He actually saved the main character from death shortly after his arrival in camp.

I feel the Lord is saying:

“Ireland YOU ARE MY ISLAND! I cleansed you and brought revival to you many years ago, but since then things have gone from bad to worse in many ways and many have left the true faith of their fathers and have mixed witchcraft again with Christianity. Syncretism abounds and many have left the truth long ago. Many go to church but do not really practice what they hear.
I am going to shake you Ireland and break you free from the hundreds of years of oppression of the enemy. The true enemy is Satan and I am your FAITHFUL FATHER. I love you and will do great and mighty things within your borders to establish MY PEACE. It will not be the false peace of one world religion, but the PEACE that passes all understanding. The warring spirits will be brought down. I will sow love instead of murder and vengeance!
I will sow glory and you will have humility once again, and peace, and joy and all manner of wisdom from the FATHER of LIGHTS Who will destroy all that has opposed HIS WAYS.

I have heard the cries of the mothers and children. I have heard the cries of fathers. I will break the chains of bondage and idolatry that have held you captive for centuries, and RESTORATION will bring a different kind of war within your gates. War of My goodness against all the evil of the enemy!
I will bring down and I will lift up. I will destroy and I will RESTORE. I will bring all men through the valley of decision that they might bow down and know that I ALONE AM LORD, and there is NO OTHER. I will have no gods before ME.

I AM the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is under the earth. I will break down the walls of division, though there will yet be a wall of division of those who truly love Me with their whole hearts vs those who only pretend to love Me! I am raising up an army of youth that will be catapulted to the nations for MY SAKE and for bringing glory to MY NAME! Though you are small among some nations, You are mighty in Spirit. I will RECLAIM your sons and daughters and you will again dance in the streets and sing to ME a new song!

Your sons will return to ME, the Bastion of Hope, the Desire of all nations!
It is a long way to Tipperary, but no longer will you have to wait!
They will have purpose for their lives again, and hope will be RESTORED.

TRUTH AND JUSTICE will prevail over the fears and lies of the past!
LOVE will once again mean what it was meant to be! TURN TO ME, sons and daughters of IRELAND for I will once again REVIVE you and bring you forth to many nations to impact them for the Kingdom of GOD!!!

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It's a long way to Tipperary
by Bridget Haggerty

The Daily Mail correspondent, George Curnock, first heard the tune in Boulogne in August, 1914 - "a company of the 2nd* Battalion Connaught Rangers passed us singing, with a note of strange pathos in their rich Irish voices, a song I had never heard before…"

It's a long way to Tipperary,
It's a long way to go,
It's a long way to Tipperary,
To the sweetest girl I know!
Goodbye Piccadilly! Farewell Leicester Square!
It's a long, long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there!

One of the most popular songs among the British, German and Russian armies during World War, it sold a million copies in 1914 and was later recorded by John McCormack. But what of its origins?

According to our research, across the water, in Oldbury near Birmingham, England, a music-hall entertainer, Jack Judge, is credited with composing the song along with Harry Williams who was a musician. While Jack had never been to Ireland, it was where his grandparents were from.

On January 30, 1912, Jack was performing at The Grand theatre, Stalybridge, Cheshire, England with his younger brother Ted Withey. After the performance, he went to a club near the theatre. It was there that someone challenged him with a bet that he could not write a new song and then perform it on stage during the next performance. The bet was for five shillings, which in those days was the price of a bottle of whiskey plus 6 dozen cigarettes. After leaving the club, Jack heard a fragment of a conversation between two men, one of whom said to the other "It's a long way to.........." in the course of giving someone directions.

He seized upon that phrase as a song-title, and then added the word "Tipperary" to it. (In some records, it supposedly started out as Connemara but we can't find any decisive corroboration). His friend, Horace Vernon, wrote down the musical notation by listening to Jack singing the song.

Jack won the bet. He sang "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" for the first time, on the stage of The Grand Theatre during the evening's performance on January 31, 1912. It quickly became a favourite, and its catchy tune soon caught the imagination of the public. Another friend of Jacks was Harry Williams. Harry and his brother kept a small country pub in Oldbury, called "The Malt Shovel". While Jack was an entertainer in the evenings, he had a daytime stall in the local fish market. Harry often lent him money when trade was poor and Jack promised in return that if he ever wrote a best-selling song, he would put Harry's name on it. Jack kept his promise and both men made a small fortune from the song's royalties.

Today, it's still sung at parties, around campfires, at St. Patrick's Day Parades and in Irish pubs from Tipperary to Timbuctu; but in recent memory, perhaps the most emotional rendition came at a very special ceremony that took place in Messines, Holland.

During the First World War, Messines was completely destroyed. For more than three months, bloody battles were fought here, in almost continuous rain, at a cost of 170,000 killed, wounded or missing.

Locally called Mesen, it was a city long before the French Revolution, but lost its title during the Dutch occupation. In 1985, the title was reinstated, thus making Messines - with less than 1,000 inhabitants and a total surface of 900 acres - the smallest city of Belgium.

History was made here; it's a region often remembered in the poem Flanders Field's. Not far away is Boesinghe, where the young Irish poet Francis Ledgewidge was killed while helping to build a road in preparation for the attack on Ypres. He's buried in the Artillery Wood Cemetary nearby.

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IT'S A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY
Up to mighty London came
An Irish lad one day,
All the streets were paved with gold,
So everyone was gay!
Singing songs of Piccadilly,
Strand, and Leicester Square,
'Til Paddy got excited and
He shouted to them there:
It's a long way to Tipperary,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Tipperary
To the sweetest girl I know!
Goodbye Piccadilly,
Farewell Leicester Square!
It's a long long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there.
Paddy wrote a letter
To his Irish Molly O',
Saying, "Should you not receive it,
Write and let me know!
If I make mistakes in "spelling",
Molly dear", said he,
"Remember it's the pen, that's bad,
Don't lay the blame on me".
It's a long way to Tipperary,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Tipperary
To the sweetest girl I know!
Goodbye Piccadilly,
Farewell Leicester Square,
It's a long long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there.
Molly wrote a neat reply
To Irish Paddy O',
Saying, "Mike Maloney wants
To marry me, and so
Leave the Strand and Piccadilly,

Or you'll be to blame,
For love has fairly drove me silly,
Hoping you're the same!"
It's a long way to Tipperary,
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way to Tipperary
To the sweetest girl I know!
Goodbye Piccadilly,
Farewell Leicester Square,
It's a long long way to Tipperary,
But my heart's right there.
Extra wartime verse
That's the wrong way to tickle Mary,
That's the wrong way to kiss!
Don't you know that over here, lad,
They like it best like this!
Hooray pour le Francais!
Farewell, Angleterre!
We didn't know the way to tickle Mary,
But we learned how, over there!

Bruxation
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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I heard the Lord say “bruxation” which I realized was a medical term for grinding of teeth. And He had me look up grinding of teeth scrips. And then said,

“Not everyone who says to me LORD, LORD will enter the Kingdom of heaven.
Not everyone who casts out demons and heals the sick will enter the Kingdom of heaven. Not everyone who starts out IN ME, stays IN ME. The gifts of God are without repentance. ‘Not many wise’ are called I’ve said. The wisdom of God is greater than the wisdom of man. Man seeks after his reward in this world without thinking sometimes of the reward that is eternal and forever. What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his soul, I said.
Who takes to heart these messages? Who sees the signs of the times and knows that the end is near? If I told My people Israel, “you discern the face of the sky, yet you cannot discern the signs of the times”. And you My church marvel at the fact they could not discern who I was, yet you also
Do not always discern ME when I come in your midst. You sing and you worship a few songs, and when the cloud descends, you stop, as though nothing has happened.

What am I to do with you, for you are an adulterous generation who gives praise and laud to men more than to ME!?? I love you so much, I have given you the produce of the earth and the dew of heaven, yet you cannot take time for me in your day some of you. You lust and you covet oh My church and ask for MORE, oh My western bride, when I have given you the wealth of the earth in abundance. Yet some of you have devoured widows income and the income of single mothers alone with children without considering them precious in your site. You love your own life, when I have said,
John 12:25-26 NKJV He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates
his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

My church is filled with pretense and idolatry to man, division and discord, selfish gain, and the spirit of that harlot jezebel who only served herself.
Yet I will not make an end to you. I will be merciful and pour out My Spirit
upon all flesh, and you will repent or you will pay a great price. For I am longing for a bride that is whole and who loves only ME, her Bridegroom. There are so many sick among you. There are so many untended sheep in My pastures. But I will give you a new Shepherd, The GREAT SHEPHERD of the sheep Who will not allow you to roam on the high hills of the earth, and Who will tend you fondly as a father loves his only son. Those who humble themselves will be exalted in due time. Those who continue to walk in their pride and arrogance, disdaining others, will fall to the wayside. Some only

seem to want to learn the hard way, and so they will be filled with their own ways for a time, until they repent and are renewed in ME. Do not say it is the devil who does this. Do not give credit to the enemy when the mighty have fallen. For the law of sowing and reaping is made clear to you in My Word. If you sow to righteousness, will you not reap righteousness? If you sow in love, will you not reap love? If you sow in kindness, will you not reap kindness? If you sow in selfishness, will you not reap also what you have sown? If you sow in judgment will you not reap judgment? If you sow in criticism will you not reap criticism? If you sow in disgust towards the poor, will you not reap poverty and disgust from your fellow man?

The one I love, I chasten. If you would humble yourselves now, then you will not have to reap later what you have sown. I know the heart of man. I know everything that is in your heart. I know you love ME, for those who love ME.
I also know those who love themselves more than ME. All of you are growing in love and maturing in love, but I AM LOVE. I AM THE SOURCE FOR ALL YOU NEED. SO WHY DO YOU NOT COME TO ME, AND LEARN OF ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND MEEK. I have told you that the MEEK inherit the earth, not the prideful and arrogant. So humble yourselves while there is time, that I may not grind my teeth at you! Come and lay at MY feet and love on ME, and I will return that love, more than you can imagine! But you must come.
I am the LORD, and I will have NO OTHER GODS before ME.

Come to ME, all you who labor and are heavy burdened and I WILL GIVE YOU REST for your souls! Do not allow what you want to be “god” over what I WANT. For I tell you the truth, I always do what is best for you. I am the Lover of your soul. I know you inside and out. Will come to KNOW ME? – to know My goodness, My love, My gentleness, My meekness, My wisdom? My understanding? For if you learn of MY WAYS, you will know and understand that I love you more than anything you can imagine. And My LOVE is enough.
My love transcends anything you know on this earth. My LOVE is powerful and majestic, and will never leave you. My LOVE NEVER FAILS. I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU. Even when you fail, I am here for you. I never leave you, though I may leave you to your own backslidings if that is what you prefer. But humble yourself and come to ME, and I WILL GIVE YOU REST.
I will fill your soul with LOVE and LAUGHTER, with MY WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING. I will enable you to love others, as I have loved you.”

Matt 16:3-4 NKJV and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. 4 A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed.

Matt 7:21-23 NKJV I Never Knew You (Luke 6:46; 13:26,27)
"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matt 8:11-12 AMP I tell you, many will come from east and west, and will sit at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 While the sons and heirs of the kingdom will be driven out into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. [Ps 107:2,3; Isa 49:12; 59:19; Mal 1:11.]

Matt 13:41-42 AMP The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of offense [persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin] and all who do iniquity and act wickedly, And will cast them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth.

Matt 13:49-50 AMP So it will be at the close and consummation of the age. The angels will go forth and separate the wicked from the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God) And cast them [the wicked] into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth.

Matt 22:11-15 AMP But when the king came in to view the guests, he looked intently at a man there who had on no wedding garment. 12 And he said, Friend, how did you come in here without putting on

the [appropriate] wedding garment? And he was speechless
(muzzled, gagged). 13 Then the king said to the attendants, Tie him hand and foot, and throw him into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 14 For many are called (invited and summoned), but few are chosen. 15 Then the Pharisees went and consulted and plotted together how they might entangle Jesus in His talk.

Matt 24:48-51 AMP But if that servant is wicked and says to himself, My master is delayed and is going to be gone a long time, 49 And begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with the drunken, 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour of which he is not aware, 51 And will punish him [cut him up by scourging] and put him with the pretenders (hypocrites); there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Matt 25:29-30 AMP For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will be furnished richly so that he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away. 30 And throw the good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Luke 13:23-31 AMP And someone asked Him, Lord, will only a few be saved (rescued, delivered from the penalties of the last judgment, and made partakers of the salvation by Christ)? And He said to them, 24 **Strive to enter by the narrow door [force yourselves through it], for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able.**
25 When **once the Master of the house gets up and closes the door**, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door [again and again], saying, Lord, open to us! He will answer you, **I do not know where [what household--certainly not Mine] you come from.**
26 Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets. 27 But He will say, I tell you, **I do not know where [what household--certainly not Mine] you come from; depart from Me, all you wrongdoers!** 28 **There will be weeping and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves being cast forth (banished, driven away).**
29 And [people] will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit down (feast at table) in the kingdom of God.
30 **And behold, there are some [now] last who will be first [then], and there are some [now] first who will be last [then].**

Ecclesiastes 12 : 1-7 AMP
1 **REMEMBER [earnestly] also your Creator [that you are not your own, but His property now] in the days of your youth, before the evil days come or the years draw near when you will say [of physical pleasures], I have no enjoyment in them**-- [2 Sam 19:35.]
2 **Before the sun and the light and the moon and the stars are darkened** [sight is impaired], and the clouds [of depression] return after the rain [of tears];
3 In the day when the keepers of the house [the hands and the arms] tremble, and the strong men [the feet and the knees] bow themselves, and **the grinders [the molar teeth] cease because they are few,** and those who look out of the windows [the eyes] are darkened;
4 When the doors [the lips] are shut in the streets and **the sound of the grinding [of the teeth] is low, and one rises up at the voice of a bird and the crowing of a cock, and all the daughters of music [the voice and the ear] are brought low;**
5 Also when [the old] are afraid of danger from that which is high, and fears are in the way, and the almond tree [their white hair] blooms, and the grasshopper [a little thing] is a burden, and desire and appetite fail, because man goes to his everlasting home and the mourners go about the streets or marketplaces. [Job 17:13.]
6 [Remember your Creator earnestly now] before the silver cord [of life] is snapped apart, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern [and the whole circulatory SYSTEM of the blood ceases to function];
7 **Then shall the dust [out of which God made man's body] return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God Who gave it.**

1 Cor 1:25-31 AMP [This is] because the foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men.
26 For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise

according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.
27 [No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame. 28 And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are, 29 So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.

30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption [providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]. 31 So then, as it is written, Let him who boasts and proudly rejoices and glories, boast and proudly rejoice and glory in the Lord. [Jer 9:24.]

Occlusal attrition. **Attrition** is the term form the "wear & tear" that occurs when teeth meet each other (**occlusion**) while chewing. Those who have a normal "bite" (i.e., no **mal-occlusion**) are least likely to show significant amounts of attrition. Those who have mal-occlusions, the elderly, and **those who "grind" their teeth while sleeping** (**bruxation**) are more susceptible to noticeable occlusal attrition. Entire cultures and societies can have significant attrition that is secondary to eating a large amount of unprocessed grains – grains that still have significant amounts of dirt or sand in them. The soil acts as a mild abrasive, thus increasing the rate of occlusal attrition within the entire population.

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I AM God

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"For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God."
(Exodus 20:5)

ISAIAH

42:8 **I AM the Lord,**
That is My name;
And My glory will I not give to another,
Nor My praise to graven images.
43:11 I, even **I, AM the Lord**,
And besides Me there is no Savior.
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45:22 Look to Me and be saved,
All you ends of the earth!
For **I AM God**, and there is no other.
41:4 I, the Lord, am the first;
And with the last I AM He.
48:11 And I will not give My glory to another.
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45:12 I have made the earth,
And created man on it.
It was I
My hands that stretched out the heavens,
And all their host I have commanded.
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46:9 For **I AM God**, and there is no other;
**I AM God**, and there none like Me.
46:5 To whom will you liken Me,
And make Me equal
And compare Me, that we should be alike?
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45:5 **I AM the Lord**, and there is no other;
There is no God besides Me.
43:10 Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.
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45:18 **I AM the Lord**, and there is no other.
40:25 To whom then will you liken Me,
Or to whom shall I be equal?
44:8 Is there a God besides Me?
Indeed there is no other Rock;
I know not one.
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44:6 I AM the First and I AM the Last;

Besides Me there is no God.
43:3 For **I AM the Lord your God**,
The Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
45:6 **I AM the Lord**, and there is no other.
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48:12 I AM He, I AM the First,
I AM also the Last.
45:21 And there is no other God besides Me,
A just God and a Savior;
There is none besides Me.
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45:22 **FOR I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NO OTHER.**

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Commentary

During my Scripture research for my End Time dreams' postings a while ago, I was awestruck by the various times that God declared His Sovereignty in the Book of Isaiah. I became *so* awestruck that I made a composite of those scriptures and included them in one of my dream postings a few years ago. Interestingly, a while ago I felt a *prompting* to post it by itself, but chose to continue working on the dreams and their interpretations. Now that I have finished them, I find myself receiving that *familiar prompting* again. Therefore, I have formatted those scriptures here, for unto God belong all greatness, power, glory, victory and majesty. He alone *IS* God, and there is none other.

I would like to once again glorify Holy Spirit. He has been such a tremendous comfort, inspiration and help in so many, many ways that it would be totally impossible *for me* to serve and glorify Father God and Lord Jesus without Him. I would like share a book with the reader on Holy Spirit. Its title is **"***THE SPIRIT HIMSELF"* by Ralph M. Riggs. My copy was published in 1949 by Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, MO, 65802. Hopefully it is still in circulation as it is a *wealth* of teaching and information on the Person of Holy Spirit. I do not know if it is still being published, but I am enthusiastic in encouraging every Born Again Christian to seek after Holy Spirit in his/her daily walk. Once you begin to *walk in the Spirit* you'll never be the same again in your spiritual walk and service to God.

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My previous post:

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I Am Moving You On
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January 11, 2005

Restore relationships, I will restore what has been lost and broken. I will repair the breech and restore unto you everything that has been under siege by the enemy.

Evangelize. Bring in a great catch. I am throwing the nets out to sea, sending out those whom I would use in the least likely places.

You ask about the marketplace, about the community, the highways and byways. You ask about the plan that I would use. Can you see that I have earmarked you, strategically placed you to be a light and a conduit of My blessing? You will see more. You will see how I transfer skills from one to another, how I rearrange things so that you function in full tilt according to My purpose and good pleasure.

You will see what I have in store for you, how I am building you, progressing, moving things forward in your favor and on your behalf. You will watch Me take you to new heights, remove those things that are an offense, and create an atmosphere of love and camaraderie. No, I have not left you on the wayside, away from all the action. I am adjusting things to suit your needs, to glean those things of importance.

I am moving you on, onto higher ground in My Spirit, into greater authority. I am transferring wealth into your hands. I will remove the obstacles, and lay a firm foundation. You will see Me build upon it. You will not be tossed to and fro, but will firmly be placed on track.

Treasure untold is being released to you, joy unspeakable, great grace, health, and strength. I will pour out My blessing in your midst. Your children shall be healed, set free. I will bring you into the full realm of My blessing.

Kingdom Authority In The Marketplace
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I Have Destined You To Walk With Kingdom Authority In The Marketplace
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Change direction. Move out into areas of expertise opening up to you. Do not feel obligated to stay in a setting that is not conducive to your maturation, for I am leading you out and training you in areas of expertise you are unfamiliar with. I ask you to spread your wings, expand your area of expertise. I will teach you, train you, instruct you in those things you need to glean in order to move on and into all that I have for you.

Yes, I have provided a place for you in the marketplace. You will come out of hiding and begin to move in circles of influence. I have opened the doors and ushered you in and I will carry you on to take more territory. Watch to see Me shift things in your favor. I will lift you up and put you into a position of authority. I will march you on to take ground and I will make My mark in the industry.

This is the day, My Beloved, when I shall come in like a flood to raise up a standard in the work place. I am training and equipping My soldiers, warriors of the cross, to demonstrate My will. I am teaching you "the ropes," the way things are done, so you will be fully-equipped with proper instruction in these areas of expertise.

So arise, and meet the challenge head on, for I have destined you to oversee many and to walk with kingdom authority in the marketplace.

Rise Up!
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Recognize opportunity when it comes your way. Be expectant. No longer will the pathway be mundane. I will liven it up with perks along the way. I will open doors that lead to liberty in My Spirit, so go forth undaunted.

Today is the day of liberty, of movement out of the familiar and into the new, so be prepared to move forward with great ease. Greater things are in store for you, greater adventure. Be faithful in little and I will move you on into an abundance.

This is the day when I shall move in like a flood to bring things into alignment. Run with the mandate to usher My presence into the marketplace. Run with the call to evangelize the lost. Walk with integrity and you will see results, fruit of your labor. I will esteem you, give you endurance through the storm. Details of ministry will unfold. As you are faithful in little, you will see the increase, for I will move you on and into the full counsel of the Lord and you shall demonstrate My love to those in need of a touch from God. Believe and you will see the fruit of what I have planted in you.

Dance with Me. Be free to run and dance, to rejoice in your king. Holy, holy, holy. Favor is coming to you. Favor will rest upon you. My favor will pave the way for you to move onward into areas of ministry opening up to you. Go with the flow. Go in the direction opening up. Go forward with the torch held high. Be an instrument in My hands. Demonstrate My goodness. Be a light in a dark place. Be a light shining forth My glory. Trust Me to move you on and into the full revelation of Jesus Christ, the full gospel, the message of hope to those who are struggling. Bring glory to My name. Be My vessel of peace. Bridge the gap between young and old and fulfill the purpose and calling upon your life.

Sing for joy all the Earth! Make known the mysteries of your God. Rejoice, for all creation will rise up. Rise up, My love, rise up and sing! Rejoice in your king. I will turn your mourning into dancing. I will turn the course of events in your favor, so rejoice and do not be downhearted. Great grace is upon you to accomplish all I have entrusted to you.

To Use The Foolish
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I Choose To Use The Foolish Things To Shame The Wise
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Grasp onto the truth revealed to you today. Take hold of the word of the Lord and let it become a part of your being, for I choose to use the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.

I choose to use the base things to accomplish great feats for My kingdom, so do not shy away. Do not say these things are beyond you and are for someone else. Do not overlook the obvious, that it is nothing of yourself, not by your might or power, but by My Spirit that I will accomplish these things through you.

So go with the flow. Flow into every area of activity opening up to you. I will open doors that had been closed. I will unlock and unlatch those doors that have been shut tight. I will demonstrate My love to you and through you in multiple areas of expertise.

Watch Me take a vessel of no renown and display My handiwork through it. Do not fret and do not worry, and do not say that it is impossible, for I choose to cause it to come to pass, and it shall come to pass according to My plan and purpose.

Why would I choose a vessel of great reputation to perform My wonders? How would it be clear that it is nothing of the flesh man except that I use the least expected one to fulfill My purpose. Clearly I will demonstrate to you that it is not a flesh work that I would perform, but a work of My Spirit through a willing vessel.

I Am The Change

Susan Cummings

I AM the Change.

I AM the Opposition.

I AM the Answer.

I AM the Change, and it comes forth from My Plan for you. I told you that I was coming forth and shaking all things. Everything is going to change, including you. Nothing is going to be left that is not affected by My dealings and administration of this change.

Everything will be removed from it's place. Nothing will stay in it's foundation or base, as all things are under My scrutiny and My hand. Every work will be made manifest, and seen for that which it was laid and for it's fruit. For I AM bringing into the Light of My Truth everything that is made or wrought that it might clearly be seen, and dealt with. Nothing will remain that is not submitted to Me, given over to Me, or birthed forth from Me, in My House or amongst My People.

There will be no more mixture, or compromise amongst those who name My Name. For all that is Mine will be Mine, and not be allowed to reflect anything but Me. I AM the Reflection and Glory of My People. I will be seen as the Lord of My House.

I AM the Opposition that will accomplish this. I will oppose all that resist Me, those who refuse Me, and those that reject My Truth. For My Word will be the Standard amongst My Own again. There will be nothing that is lifted up again, except My Glory over them.

Whatever is not given to Me will bring opposition to those who refuse Me. For that which is kept will be the idolatrous thing that defiles and destroys. I will have nothing between Me and My People. That which comes between Me and them, is an idol and will be torn down. No more will I allow hidden things to be buried anymore.

I have repeatedly told you that what you do not deal with, let go of, or repent of and allow to be changed, will over take you, consume you and destroy you in the end. The old strongholds must be dealt with and destroyed to walk in freedom and to enter in to what I AM now doing. Do not fear this time, but see what I AM doing, and yield to it.

I AM confronting all things, exposing all things, and breaking forth in every place. Everything will be disclosed and all men will be brought to a decision. This is the Hour of decision and of opportunity, and then action.

I AM the answer. There is nothing that can be seen that I AM not seen in, or through. There is nothing that is made that is not made by My Hand, nor thought of that did not originate from Me. For I AM the Source of all Truth and Wisdom. I created all things, and will finish it all, as My Purposes continue to unfold.

Man and the devil has for too long undermined My Truth, for their selfish gain and greed, and have counterfeited My Creation, and Glory, and have tried to make it their own, but nothing escapes Me.

I use all things for My Purposes, and even their dead works will bring Me Glory in the days to come. For there is no life apart from Me. Though they will attempt to make life come forth from the defiled thing, it will be known that I alone am God.

I have told you that I am bringing change. That is so. The old is passing away. Even the created heavens will change. For I AM working a work in the earth and in the heavens that men will not believe, but for the elect's sake, I will be seen, and it will all be disclosed, and I am now bringing it forth. What was veiled will now be revealed.

I have told you that I AM the Opposition, and that is also so. Everything that comes, does so through My Hand and permission, and by My Knowledge. So it shall be, and it will be a strong force against all who resist Me, but it will also propel those who embrace Me. For to one, I will crush under My Weight of Glory that passes by, and to the other, I will lift up and carry them upon My Glory.

My Presence will be the answer to both. It is their decision and choices that make their course for them to follow. One to destruction, one to slaughter, one to famine, one to the sword, another to Life.

I AM the Answer.

All things are held by My Word, and will be judged by it.

For it has already begun, but will break forth in a greater way now, as the destroyer is moving and passing through the earth. I have warned and called but most did not truly believe I would really allow it, or think the warning was meant for them. Most do not look at their own lives and check their selves, but only judge others.

But every heart will yield it's fruit.

For the Change, gives place to the Opposition, which brings forth the Answer.

Death or Life.

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http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords
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I Am Taking My Rightful Place Among The Nations

Shirley Lise

February 7, 2005
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy. They shall gain ground, for I am coming in vengeance against those who have held them back, against those who have caused them to stumble. I am erecting a monument to signify the end of an era and the beginning of a new day when life and liberty shall be extended to the captives.

This is a day of war, for I have declared war upon the nations and I will wield My sword unrestrainedly to cut down and to cut off entanglements with the world and I will uproot and I will tear down according to My good pleasure. I am come to make war against those who oppose Me.

I have heightened awareness of My presence. What you sense is Me. I have come to subdue the Earth, to bring everything under My feet. Tremble and be afraid, for the glory of the Lord is upon you and you shall walk with integrity, no longer giving in to the desires of the flesh, but being led by My Spirit, for I have released My Spirit into the Earth in an unprecedented way.

Trust in the Lord God with all your heart and do not be concerned about the affairs of men. I am well-able to cause a rapid increase in those things promised. I am able to deliver, and deliver I will, for I shall oppose those things that have kept back the inheritance. I shall break through in ways totally unexpected to bring forth the promises made to this generation, that I am raising up a people after My own heart, Davids who love Me and follow My lead.

This is the day of fulfillment for every promise, from the smallest to the greatest, and I shall execute My will unopposed, so widen your boundaries and extend your tent pegs. I am giving you more territory, more influence, more credibility. I am thrusting you out of the comfort zone and moving you into circles and positions of authority. You shall call down the high places and raise up the low. You shall raise up a banner of peace and love, of joy and salvation.

Hearken to My voice. Hear the voice of the Lord. Listen to the small still voice and do not disregard it, for I am raising up a mighty army of warriors in this day who will do battle in the land, taking back all that belongs to them. Their children shall come out of oppression and depression and be brought to streams of living water to be refreshed.

Ask and it will be given. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened, for I am opening doors of opportunity at an unprecedented rate. I am pulling down strongholds across the land and sending in My battalions to completely annihilate the enemy. Just as David slew Goliath, so shall My army slay the giants in the land. So do not marvel when you begin to see kingdoms fall, for I am taking My rightful place among the nations.

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I Am Well Pleased
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December 18, 2005

The cool breeze blew against my face as I looked down from the ladder I was standing on, high above the people on the earth below me and the voice said, "Step up", but I answered, "There IS no other step, how can I do this?" and he said;

"I am with you, take hold of the section you see and stand on it and I will sustain you" and so I did, and amazingly I did not fall but stood there defying all odds of practicality and everyone was amazed!

A few below me carefully were trying to get where I was. One dear lady I even knew made it all the way to the last step and then, as she attempted to step up to where I was, lost her grip and fell, and as she fell helplessly I could see her face closeup and her last words were:" Oh My God!"...
I felt so sad about it, and also perplexed as to why, just 'why?'

As I awoke I saw and felt the importance of staying exactly in his perfect will.
To only do what he says, and no more, no less or I could end up like that dear lady, falling, helplessly realising too late, I should not have done even one thing of my own decision, but should have asked his council of, and I felt blessed that he showed me, and taught me, and rededicated my own life, all over again..
and then he whispered;

"I am well pleased" and I felt warm and closed back my eyes, and knew I was safe.

I love you,
The Whisper

I Am You, And You Are I
Susan E. Waldrop

December 8, 2005

I stood there, the air was electric, people all around, amazed by something that was bigger than life itself, as if some Egyptian beat was heard.
Everyone was in this space, starring at me, and then, I stepped out, raised my hand, and spoke, as his words came out-

"Feel Me as I come into your presence. Look not at those around you, but look within yourselves, and rejoice at me in you, for I live in you, and you in I. Touch My hem- let Me fill with My virtue. Smell my fragrance as it permeates your entire being.. Come up with Me to the higher ground.

Give Me your mind, Give Me your will, Give Me your life, and I shall make electric the energy where ever you go. They shall feel My Great light within you and around you, and you shall be called Royal, Holy, but yet touchable...

A Royal Diadem I place upon your head, as I seal thee; MINE.....
A Signet Ring I place upon your finger, to use as I give you the power NOW...
A Golden Anklet I place upon your Ankle so there is no question you shall dominate everywhere you WALK...
And My Glory and Dignity I place within and around you as My blessings- My PRESENCE GO WITH YOU NOW...FOR ***I AM YOU, AND YOU ARE I***."

I love you,

The Whisper

Breath With Me
Susan E. Waldrop

November 19, 2005

My Dear Darling,

Behold....
Relax, let all the tension go from every part of your being, and behold ME.

Enter into My rest. Enter into MY place of TOTAL SERENITY.
Come with Me, Move with Me, BE WITH ME.
Many seek what you have found. Many look their whole lives for what you experience daily with Me, for they have not reached that place of 'oneness' that you breath in.
They do not understand your kind. They say you are 'strange'..
'unnatural' you 'dream' too much.... you are 'uncomprehendable' to their human mind.
This is their first problem, they are moving by their earthly mind and not opening themselves up to "ME"..

Though death is all around the world now, they still run as sheep without a shepherd, wolves without a heart, or an ocean without foam.
They do not know the glory of My presence, but instead run after 'things'. Things that will never satisfy the real hunger that is inside.
Things that bind them and stop them, from the simplicity that is ME.

Blessed art thou, my dear one, for thou has laid thy life down, a living sacrifice, for MY use, MY glory, MY discernment as to the path I have for thee. A path of love, joy, peace, fulfillment of everything you have ever hungered for, and desired of.

COME, and BE WITH ME NOW, let Me speak MY PERFECT WILL to thee, let go of EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE.. this day, for great is the hour, and great is My plans for thy life, I will not let you fall........COME, and... ' BREATH WITH ME' .

I love you,
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I Am Your Security Blanket

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Recently, I was returning from a wonderful conference in CT. On the flight home a child sitting two or three seats in front of me was really upset and crying. I felt I was to press in and pray for him. He cried out in a loud voice, “I want my blankey!” When he said this I heard:

“As a child cries because he is afraid of being in the unfamiliar surroundings of a plane, and agitation sets the stage for an uncomfortable ride, he reaches for what he knows. He reaches for something that makes him secure when the lights are out and he’s all alone.”

“He cries for his mother to give him a blanket. Not just any blanket – HIS BLANKEY!”

“I Am your Security Blanket,” says the Lord your God. “Reach for me in times of distress and I will wrap My warmth around you. I will wrap My love securely around you and you need not fear.”

“Hard times come and hard times go, but I remain the same yesterday, today and forever. Remember My servant’s word in Psalm 91 and abide in Me and you will be secure.”

I Choose This Day!

Angel Dahilig

When the enemy uses his weapons
of doubt, discouragement, and fear,
condemning me as a failure and unworthy,
then I will pick up "The Sword",
God's Word and promises,
and counter Satan's lies with God's truth.
For no weapon (of condemnation, doubt, or fear)
formed against me shall prosper!

Although, the enemy attacks me one way,
I will scatter him seven ways, using God's Sword.
I will stand and defend my ground through "The Word".

Though he advance against me,
I will push him back,
as I stand covered by the shield of faith,
and my head is covered by my God,
who is my Salvation.

I will, little by little,
take "the promised land",
because I believe God's Word and His promises to me,
and I will guard my heart and mind,
and stand covered by the armour of God.

I confess with my words,
and in my thoughts and heart
the truths of God,
knowing that He is faithful to perform that
which He has spoken.

I stand firm,
and waver not,
though the enemy sends
doubts and discouragement, obstacles, and lies.

I choose, this day,
to fight the good fight
of faith,
to be at peace and confident
knowing that my God will provide for all of my needs,

and that He will never leave me nor forsake me.

He is my Defense and my Deliverer;
He is my Rock and my Fortress;
He is my Strength and my Shield.

I lay hold of God's promises;
I walk by faith.
I have picked up my Sword,
and with the help of my God,
I WILL TAKE THE LAND.

O', children of Israel,
I call upon you to
"Choose this day who you will serve!"

Will you choose blessings or cursing,
life or death?

Choose today to believe God's Word!

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)
Today I have given you the choice between life and death
between blessings and curses.
I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make.
Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live!
Choose to love the LORD your God and to obey him
and commit yourself to him, for he is your life.
Then you will live long in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors
Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

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I Do Not Operate Like You Operate

Cindy Jacobs

My children, I do not work in the seen realm. I do not work in the realm that you see. I do not operate like you operate, for I work in the unseen realm. I am doing things for you in the unseen realm that you do not understand. For the enemy would say to you that I am not working for your good and that I do not have a plan for your life. In fact, the Lord began to show me a vision of this maze and He showed me that some of you feel like you are in a maze; that you can´t get where you need to go. I saw you going along and you thought, This is it. This is the breakthrough, and you just ran into a wall.

So, you said, No, no, no! It has to be to the right, so you went to the right and you went up there and you were going and going and you really felt like you were getting somewhere, but you ran into another wall. And not only that, but I saw the demonic realm all around the outside of the maze and there were loud screams and gnashing of teeth and this was all designed to cause you anxiety. And the Lord began to show in the unseen realm that whether you knew it or not, there were angelic beings that have been sent to you to begin to show you how to go. And the Lord would say in this year, I am going to show you the path to take for there is a great battle in the heavenlies over your personal destiny and there is a great battle in the heavenlies over the church´s destiny. For the enemy is very angry at this church and the members of this church, for you have stood for the soul of the nation.

So, the Lord would say…

My Children, I know that you feel ragged. I know that you feel beat up and I know that you have gone through difficult days. For the enemy is coming against your soul, but I would say, Children, I don´t want you to think that what you see at this moment is reality because there is a greater reality and the I AM that I AM says I AM the greater reality than what you can see and what you know. For I am going to reveal to you a strategy, says the Lord. I am going to show you what you should do because you do not know what you should do and you do not know how to proceed from here. And the Lord showed me it was as if the people of this church and even the Christians of this nation have pushed and pushed and it is even like postpartum depression. After you have had a baby, then there comes this time where you women can feel really depressed. And the Lord would say to you, Surely the baby has been born! Surely you have done well. Well done, good and faithful servants! And do you not think that I am a debtor to you? Do not think that I will not return for the times of fastings and prayer that you have given to a nation!

Even now, says the Lord, There are answers coming your way. They are beginning to come down upon your head and upon your family for your children, for your finances and for those dreams that you set aside to dream My dreams, says the Lord. So the Lord says, Look up when you are in that maze, and you will begin to see that I AM going to put My hand down and I AM going to lift you out of that maze and you are going to know what to do and you are going to know where to go and you are going to have the answers. I would say, Trust in Me with all your heart, and don´t lean to your own understanding, for I will give you the strategy. I will give you the plan and I will give you the way and you are going to be more than conquerors through Christ Jesus. And, you are going to get where you need to go and your family is going to do what it needs to do and this church will have the victory! Says the Lord.

Cindy Jacobs

Identifying Sonship
Clay Sikes

Apr 5, 2005

The Sons of God continue to arise in the earth today as 'the true' continues to separate from 'the false.' Those who yearn for truth find it increasingly difficult to be in the presence of anything false, as the level of tolerance for such decreases daily. Equally so, those steeped in religion and its deception, or the spirit of anti-Christ, find themselves at odds with those who proclaim to live by the leading of the Spirit (every word that proceeds from the mouth of God). Think it not a strange thing that this is happening, but recognize the times in which we are now living. Recognize where you fit (who you are spiritually joined to, and where you are physically called) during this critical hour. 2005 is a year of positioning for what will happen beyond this calendar year. This is not a time for hesitation if indeed you have heard God. To be out of position at the end of this year will be costly.

God is in the process of establishing "a Church without spot or wrinkle." Many will be shocked to find that this temple is not the physical, social, or denominational edifice now claiming to be the Church. The true Church is made up of living stones, whose leading is the Spirit of God, whose sole purpose is His Glory. The true Church will usher in the next great move of God; and this move will be accurately called "The Kingdom of God." "The whole creation is groaning for the manifestation of the Sons of God, as God's Kingdom is forcefully advancing, and violent men (yielded vessels) are taking it by force."

The Kingdom of God is emerging in the earth, not as a descending Kingdom but as an ascending one, as the Sons of God birth the Kingdom on earth by simply 'hearing and obeying.' Even now, the Kingdom confronts the World's System with devastating effects. Every thing that can be shaken is being shakened, as the fire of God separates the works of men from the works of God.

God is calling Sons, those who have learned that of themselves they can do nothing; those who have learned to only move by a proceeding word from the Father; those who have experienced the Kingdom through much tribulation; those who have abandoned the arena of logic and reason, consequently finding purpose and destiny in hearing and obeying God.

True Sons have come to realize that no man can have faith for what he has not heard the Father say (to him specifically). True Sons know that faith can only come from having heard God personally, who know that the logos confirms what God's Spirit speaks. True Sons are moving in discernment, trusting the God (in them) and not themselves. True Sons are leaders who are not deterred by men or circumstances, having advanced to a point in which their very lives have become less important than Glorifying the God they serve. True Sons have made the great exchange - their life for His.

True Sons do not fall for the tricks of the anti-Christ spirit so prevalent in the earth today; a spirit so deceptive that the very elect would be deceived were it possible. True Sons can see a false prophet (and his bondage), while others buy into his lies, manipulation, and self-serving purposes. True Sons recognize that those who have overcome have done so by the blood of the lamb and the words of their testimony. True Sons recognize that one's testimony (his life) and his words MUST ALIGN to effectively minister truth; that no man can take you where he has never been. True Sons recognize that truth is not revelation until it is walked out in their own lives. True Sons do not seek a name or recognition in titles and accolades, but find their peace in the God in them and whatever lot in life He ascribes for them.

True Sons never strive, but know the meaning of entering into His rest. True Sons are not lazy but live a disciplined life spiritually, physically, and mentally. True Sons recognize that Holiness is internal, not external. True Sons exhibit the character of God and arrive at a maturity level of Sonship based upon years of yieldedness. True Sons will not compromise.

As Sons increase in the earth, the Kingdom will become evident as those in obscurity are brought forth. Birthing Sons is the mantra of present day Kindgom walkers. The Army of God is making strategy for victory as those 'called' Sons begin to connect with those with whom the Father of all creation has joined them to. Think it not a strange thing! Yield to the urges God has placed within you without fear of rejection, history, personality, socio-economic issues, etc., 2005 is a year of positioning!

I Flow From My Mercy

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"If you really believed that everything I do, and everything I am flows from My mercy, then you could always worship!"

It has been a time of such great devastation for our nation. Our hearts break for those whose lives have been touched by Hurricane Katrina. When things are so dark and difficult, and questions arise in our hearts, there seems to come an immediate response from within: "Who can I blame? Who is responsible for this?" We especially wonder, "Why would God allow such a thing?"

Worshipping Amidst Devastation

After praying for a long time for a particular situation within my family, the bottom fell out in a way that has impacted several lives, including my own in such a personal and real way. .As I sat listening to... worship music one evening, I found myself wondering how it is possible to deeply and genuinely worship with a sense of joy, in the midst of such devastation and unanswered questions to prayers that have been diligently prayed for years.

I heard these words: "If you really believed that everything I do, and everything I am, flows from My mercy, then you could always worship--no matter what you see, no matter what you feel. You would know that I am always working for the ultimate good and that nothing escapes My heart of mercy. The Mercy Seat was the very symbol of My throne. Everything is based in My mercy. It is who I am. I cannot be otherwise. I am pure mercy."

"He who trusts in the Lord, MERCY shall surround him." --Psalm 32:10

In the midst of the devastation, whether it be personal or national, we can worship Him from the depths of our hearts, knowing that even when things appear to be judgment, mercy is behind it all.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me ALL the days of my life" --Psalm 23:6

This is the heart of God for all mankind: that they would come to know Him in this way.

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If My People

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> *2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

We have heard this verse quoted time and time again. It is appears on banners. It forms the lyrics of songs. Ministries us it as their motto. We know of places scattered about the planet where it has actually been fulfilled on a small scale. But this promise, great and wonderful as it is, remains generally unfulfilled. And why not should be plain enough, we have not met the conditions God has set forth for this to happen.

Using The Whole Counsel Of God.

There is a way some speakers or writers play around with misquoting the bible to get people's attention or to make a strong point. It works like this. You take a familiar verse from scripture and change is a little to mean something different. Then you ask: Is That what the Bible says? NO! Then you take and quote it correctly.

Here are a couple examples:

> *James 4:7 Submit yourselves under your pastor's covering. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Is That what the Bible says? NO! Here is what it says:

> *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Or try this one.

> *Ephesians 4:11-12*
> *11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*
> *12 to do the work of the ministry*

Is That what the Bible says? NO! Here is what it says:

> *Ephesians 4:11-12*
> *11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*
> *12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

Here's another:

> *Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for thou hast employed the time tested literal method of interpretation.*

Is That what the Bible says? NO! Here is what it says:

> *Matthew 16:17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for*

> *flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

One more example:

> *Galatians 5:18 But if ye be a faithful church member, ye are not under the law.*

Is That what the Bible says? NO! Here is what it says:

> *Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

Now try this one:

> *2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray for Obama, then I will change his heart, and things will go back to normal.*

Is That what the Bible says? NO! Here is what it says:

> *2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

Now we are going down a side trail, that will lead us back to the theme, If My People.

Here is a short excerpt from a excellent article from Hannah Weiss.

> **G-d's Ultimate War Objective**
> **Hannah Weiss**
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> **G-d's War on the Israel-America "friendship"**
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> What I saw [in a vision] was a big piece of cloth, which was a kind of map. The western half was the United States, the eastern half was Israel. There was a rip beginning at the top, and the two halves were coming apart. There were no hands visible - it was G-d who was ripping them apart. But on both sides of the map were tiny people running back and forth, trying to stop the ripping. It was a slow process, but they could no more stop it than ants could stop one of us from tearing a napkin.
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> The Lord then said, "I am tearing Israel away from America. The US is moving away from Me into darkness, and I will NOT let her take Israel, My inheritance, along with her. Israel is staying here with Me." He said it in a tone of jealousy and possessiveness. He then said that the horrible string of terror attacks was a necessary part of the tearing process: America would not lift a finger to stop them; eventually Israel would see the falseness of such an "ally" and would stop fighting His plan to separate them.

Fullness of Iniquity

The Fullness of Iniquity is a concept relating to God's judgments being held back, for he is slow to anger. But there comes a point where the sins of a people reach a fullness or tipping point; a point of no return. When this is reached, judgment falls. Here are a couple clues to this idea.

> *Genesis 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the **iniquity** of the Amorites is not yet **full**.*
>
> *Matthew 23:32 **Fill ye up then the measure** of your fathers.*

There are three major issues in which America, and others have been walking a thin line, just short of the full measure of iniquity that it would take to bring down God's severe judgments. They are abortion, homosexuality, and support of Israel. In Hannah's word the Lord is saying *the US is moving away from Me into darkness.* I believe this is to say that the US and others, are about to step over the line

and fill the cup of her sins. And this will be on all three major issues in very short order.
[This is the darkness spoken of in Isaiah 60. But when this darkness takes hold, his glory shall rest on his people.

> *Isaiah 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.]*

A Look At The Long View

I believe there are two long range goals God has in mind for gentile nations before his final dealings with Israel.
First, for America and anyone else with the desire and ability to help Israel. Their power must be reduced to the point where they are simply unable to give Israel any support at all. This is a fixed minimum amount.
Second, for America and any other nation with a covenant relationship to the Lord. They must be judged and shaken to the point of repentance; the point where the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14 comes to pass. Then the Lord will heal that land and fight against their enemies. This is a variable amount. It depends on the prayers of the saints.

After This Manner Therefore Pray

Here is a short word from Glenn Jackson. I see it as another way of expressing a great truth from the word. Whatever is not of faith is sin.

> *Romans 14:23 … whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*
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> "Everything" in My Kingdom [relationships - beginning with one's relationship with Me, positioning and, indeed, ALL things said and done] must be built on the foundation [rock] of revelation knowledge [Matthew 7:21-27]. For to approach ANY situation or circumstance in one's own understanding [the mind of the flesh] instead of in the mind of Christ [1 Corinthians 2:16] surely means that one is unrighteously motivated and, thus, ALL that they say and do [regardless of how "good" it may appear or sound] is apart from Christ [John 15:5].

The Cry For Mercy Must Come First

Recently I have written a couple things about praying for Obama. There I came against legalistic prayers, and hypocritical prayers. These kinds of prayers are ‘not of faith’ others are. I still maintain that the cry for mercy needs to be louder than the cry for change.

Since then we have posted at least three major articles detailing how to pray, including praying for Obama. Like a shopping list, you add things to it as you go along.

Now if someone has a specific word or direction from the Lord to pray that way, then that is their assignment. If you take up someone else’s assignment and imitate their prayers, it’s not of faith. If you have a divine leading to pray in some other vein, then that is your assignment.

If you have no leading whatever on now to pray, pray in the spirit or enter into worship. Besides that the bible does give us a guideline on how to pray and what should take priority. [Priority and prioritize are words relating to what should come first, or what should come before something else.]

Now let’s take a look at how Jesus taught his followers to pray.

> *Matthew 6:9-13*
> *9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*
> *10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*
> *11 Give us this day our daily bread.*
> *12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*
> *13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.*

Here it’s pretty plain that “forgive us our debts” i.e. cry for mercy, should come before praying for Obama “deliver us from evil”. What we need today are apostolic leaders who will pray this way after the examples in Ezra 9, Daniel 9, and Nehemiah 1.

> *Nehemiah 1:6-9*
> *6 Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and* ***confess the sins*** *of the children of Israel, which* ***we have sinned against thee****: both I and my father's house have sinned.*
> *7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.*
> *8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:*
> *9 But* ***if ye turn unto me****, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.*

Also see 1 John.

> *1 John 1:9* ***If we confess our sins****, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*
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> *Joel 2:12-13*
> *12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:*
> *13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

If You Divide My Land

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A Word of the Lord to President Bush & His Administration:

"If you divide My land (Jerusalem), I will divide your Nation (The United States).

"Not only will your land be divided, but you will be invaded from the North, South, East and West. There will be rebellion everywhere. Smoke will go up from your cities. Anguish and crying will fill your Land and you, President Bush, will be ashamed. You say you believe in Me, but you do not listen to my prophet, Zechariah, ' for he that touches you (Zion) sticks his finger in the My eye!' And, have you not read the prophet, Ezekiel, " Behold I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen...and will gather them...and bring them into their own land (Israel)...And I will make them ONE nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel...and Neither shall they be DIVIDED into TWO nations any more, at all..." By what you measure, you will be measured; by what you meet out, you will get in return; by what you sow, you shall surely reap.

"Your vision for two Nations living in harmony, side by side, is not My plan. For I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who took Israel out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. I AM the God of Freedom and you dare to pollute my land with a people who have kept my people, Israel, in bondage for thousands of years! Do not break your teeth in fighting Me. Repent and get off your 'road' to destruction and I will repent of my just judgment and spare your Nation. Selah!"

What spirit has deceived Ariel Sharon, President Bush, Condoleezza Rice and turned the Western World over to that old serpent, the devil?

Is it the same spirit that had the British, during the 1940's, turn back European Jewish immigrants to Israel, who had escaped Hitler's death camps?

What happen to the British Empire after it DIVIDED the Jewish Homeland, giving 75% of the land designated by the League of Nations and its own British Mandate via the Balfour Agreement of 1917, to Abdullah, brother of former King Feisal, of Iraq?

The British empire was DIVIDED. You see, there is a divine principle here, stare desisis; 'You divide My land, I'll divide your land'.

History has shown that "land for peace' hasn't worked in Israel.

There is already a Palestinian State; it is called Jordan. It has been around since 1946!

So, why the call for 'another' Palestinian State?

This is a shell game, a con job and President Bush and Condoleezza Rice are being played like a fiddle. They are babes in the woods. The wolves are the Muslim propagandists and their accompanists, our leftist Press who paints little Israel as the aggressor against the gigantic, monolithic Arab world that surrounds her and wants to destroy her.

Ariel Sharon, the Prime Minister of Israel, has completely reversed his Zionist stand and is forcibly removing Jewish 'settlers' from their own homes in 'occupied lands' to appease President George

Bush and his 'Road Map' to peace.

George W. Bush announced to the world in May 2005 that negotiations with the ' Palestinians' (which ones?) would begin with the 1949 borders of Israel; this was back when Jerusalem was DIVIDED. Today, after the 1967 war, when six Arab nations attacked Israel and lost, Jerusalem is UN-DIVIDED.

So, our President wants to DIVIDE Jerusalem, again! (Doesn't anyone ever learn not to cross the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob?)

So, the Lord is reminding us AGAIN not to DIVIDE Jerusalem or the United States of America will be DIVIDED.

One doesn't have to be a prophet to understand this warning!

And what is the spirit that is deceiving the nations? It is the anti-Christ spirit.

Jesus is Jewish! He had a Jewish mother!

Speaking of Jewish mothers, it is the women of Israel who are the only ones standing up to Sharon and his 'disengagement' plan. Jewish mothers and their children have made an Alamo stand at the Palm Beach Motel (in Gush Katif, Israel) but were bodily removed and manhandled by the storm troop, Israel police, on July 6, 2005!! Hard to believe but true. The Jewish police fighting against the mothers of Israel.

Nadia Matar, 75 year old Nazi death camp survivor, writes a chilling report, a prophetic call for help from Israel (you will not see what she reports in the liberal American Mass Media). Nadia Matar is a real prophetic voice, in the face of an evil dictatorship ruling present day Israel. See her article at womeningreen.org Spread the word. Our President Bush is on a collision course with the God of Israel!

The hatred of the Jews, by the Arabs and others, is the hatred of God because the Son of God, Jesus Christ is a Jew! "Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish..."Psalm 2:12.

Now, because the President of the United States and his Secretary of State, are heeding the advise of the anti-Semitic State Department and the pressure of the Oil producing Arab Nations, instead of the Word of God, one can understand that we are about to be judged, DIVIDED and punished severely.

Warn the President. Sound the alarm! Blow the horn in Zion before it is too late!

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I've Got To Get Some Things Off My Chest

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Don't Read This

I warned you - I asked you NOT to read this, but here you are anyway . . . . Consider yourself warned!

I've gotta say something. It's going to make some good, Emerging Church folks mad and it's going to offend "Ex-Church" friends alike. Some "Institutional Church" people won't like what I'm going to say any better. What I need to say is going to be extremely controversial, and knowing I'm going to stir folks up, I'm going to speak out anyway.

Get mad at me if you must; argue with me if you need to; correct me if I'm wrong, but I've got to speak my mind regardless of the danger of anger, disagreement, misunderstanding or correction.

So here goes . . . .

I'm as "Post-Institutional-Church" as anybody I've met or read about. The organizational system of Christian Religion makes my spirit grieve. I'm all about a "Third Reformation" in the church. I live, eat, sleep and breathe "Emerging Church." Those who know me know that's an understatement.

I'm also a "veteran" (maybe more accurately, a "survivor") of the Institutional Church. I was born into a strict religious home. My mother was Choir Director and my dad was Church Treasurer in the old Evangelical United Brethren Church. Later, our church would become part of the United Methodist Church. When the churches merged, my folks left. They felt that the church had become too liberal, too soft, and too generic. The strongest memories of my childhood center on Sunday School and Sunday Worship and Catechism Classes.

My parents were close friends with our Pastor, known to us all as "Pastor Pfaltzgraff." He was a good man – a really good man. His son, Phil and I were best friends, and on many Sundays Phil would beg his mom to ask our family over for Sunday Dinner. Many also were the Sundays Phil's mom would remind her boy of how little food the Pfalztgraff family had available, and Phil would always counter with, "I'll share my dinner with Greg" and he did.

After high school, I joined the U.S. Air Force. On Sundays during Basic Training I attended a different "flavor" of chapel services each week. I wasn't all that religious and I certainly wasn't spiritually-minded. I had two good reasons to attend chapel services: 1) I was a smoker in those days and the troops were allowed to smoke as we waited in line to enter the service. It was a good chance to get a smoke. 2) I was curious about the differences between the Catholics and the Baptists, the Methodists and the Lutherans and all the other "flavors" and nuances of Christianity available on our base.

Three years later, I met Jesus in a powerful and dramatic way. I was "born-again," filled with the Holy Spirit and delivered from a three and a half package a day tobacco habit all in the same day. From that first day as a believer, I began to share my faith and to pray with hurting people.

Within weeks after being saved, the Holy Spirit called me into full-time ministry. My energy for ministry was boundless. I spent early morning hours praying, and the rest of the day was lived in the miraculous exhibition of God's grace in others' lives.

Following my active military duty, I enrolled in Bible College. I was introduced to the basics – the fundamentals of Theology: The Study of God and of His relation to the world. We learned "Systematic Theology," starting before the beginning of time and moving through the progressive revelation of God to mankind. We were introduced to Exegetical theology, Historical theology, Dogmatic theology and biblical theology.

We studied Hamartiology (the doctrine of sin), Ecclesiology (the doctrine of the church), Eschatology (the doctrine of "last things), Pneumatology (the doctrine of the Holy Spirit), Christology (the doctrines of Christ), Angelology (the doctrine of Angels), Soteriology (the doctrine of Salvation), Anthropology (the doctrine of man).

We learned about Church History and Worship and the doctrine of Stewardship. We studied the origins of the church, the development of the Roman Catholic Church and of the birth of the Protestant Church. (In the process, I decided I am neither "Roman Catholic" nor "Protestant" – I'm just a Christian, a believer, a learner-follower of Jesus. The Church I belong to predates either the Catholic or the Protestant Church!).

We discovered the art and science of biblical hermeneutics which is the basis for the interpretation of all scripture. Understanding this discipline would prevent us from using God's Word out of context, or from committing the common error of beginning with a position and finding a verse or verses to support our presumption (something I have heard many, many preachers and Christians do over the years). One of the cardinal rules we learned was that "Scripture must interpret Scripture." Over the years I've heard my share of bizarre teachings that originated when someone used a "text without a context" which became a "pretext" (a red herring, in the vernacular).

We studied Hebrew and Greek language and culture. We learned about the Aramaic text and delved into the history and the essence of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

We learned about Allegories and Parables. We discovered the interrelation between Old and New Testaments; we studied biblical archaeology, Christological Exegesis, Prophecy and the Prophets, Symbols and Types and what is known as "The Fuller" or "Deeper Meaning" of Scripture. We learned about Typology. We were introduced to the Prophetic Law of Double Fulfillment. On and on the list goes, and it's not my purpose here to bore you with every subject covered in the four-year curriculum that culminates in the Bachelor of Theology degree. My reason for listing these disciplines is to make you aware of some of the process of following what in those days we knew as "The Call of God."

I know that there are those who will vigorously dispute the entire concept of an individual, personal "Call of God." To them I would simply suggest, read your Bible. God has called out men and women for His purposes over and over throughout history. These men and women were separated from the mainstream of humanity. They were separated to dedicate their full lives, purposes and energies to God, aside from the general "call" to every believer to "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" and to "forsake" the world and to take up our crosses and follow Him.

I received such a personal "call" in 1971. That "calling" has been confirmed, affirmed and established through many voices and with many "signs following" for thirty-four years. I know, there is a nit-picker reading this who will quickly cry, "But 'signs following' are for every believer!" I know that. I'm not talking about the general principle of "signs following" the believer here. I'm talking about "signs" in connection with a personal, individual calling and confirmation by the Spirit of God. (See Acts 2:43; 5:12; Ro 15:19; 2 Cor 12:12).

For twenty-five years after entering "the ministry" I gave 60, 80 and more hours per week to the endeavor of "ministry."

There are those who would argue against the kind of biblical education I mentioned above. To those I would simply ask, "Who then will let us know when we have believed in error? Who will show us the proper means of interpreting God's word if not those who understand the original languages, the contexts, the harmonies of God's word?"

Please don't point me to 1 John 2: I've already read it. I also know how to interpret it because I learned biblical hermeneutics and because the Holy Spirit within me helps me to understand His truth. I also know that historically, "anointed" and un-educated people have strayed from proper interpretations. Every generation of believers has been subject to mistakes, misunderstandings and erroneous teachings, including my own. Yes, the anointing in us teaches us, but that is not to say that we don't need to listen to people who have spent their lives studying God's word and have communicated wonderful truth to us. Men such as Adam Clarke, Matthew Henry, Darby and Gill, Nave and Spurgeon, the list goes on and on, have given their lives to enhance our understanding of God's word and we ought not suggest that since "we have the anointing, we don't need those men."

Would you say that the men who studied and gave themselves to learning the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek languages were unimportant to the Body of Christ, since we all "have an anointing?" Who would have translated the words of John to us so that we could know we have an anointing if not for Bible scholars who gave us a Bible in our own language?

So don't suggest to me that erroneous beliefs don't occur – even in our contemporary, highly-educated world. I don't know how many spurious teachings and false doctrines I've come across – even among respected ministries! The Bible exhorts us to "study to show yourself approved by God." That study sometimes takes the form of formal, structured, systematic teaching. And it always has. There were "schools of the prophets" in the Old Testament. There were rabbinical schools in New Testament times. The Apostles gave "doctrine" to the church, and the church in turn "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine . . ."

The original Apostles taught and discipled those who came into their ministries. A prime example is that of Timothy, student of Paul. Truths were communicated from one generation of believer to another. And then at some point, two diabolical events happened: First, a "clergy" developed which took the authority, power and rule of the church literally out of the hands of Christ, the true Head of the church. Simultaneously a "laity" was created that had no history or root within either sacred text or in Christian community and experience.

The role of "pastor," a gift given by God to the church to assist the church in the process of maturation and edification and protection was used by these "clergy" to accommodate their newly fashioned positions. Since then, the role of "pastor" has risen and fallen with the times. One generation of "pastor" was looked upon as a pawn, a pauper, a "thing" to be used by unscrupulous men to advance their agendas. The next generation of "pastor" was dictatorial, controlling and tyrannical. This see-saw of cause and effect continues today, and in the wake of this struggle lay the remains of broken, abused, injured, confused and bleeding Christian people who only wanted to find a church where Jesus and not a man or a committee truly is Lord.

We're currently living in an hour when the term "pastor" and the "office of pastor" or if you will, "the gift" of "pastor" (see Ephesians 4:11-16) is being attacked, derided, scoffed at, belittled and disbelieved. So much abuse is being heaped upon the title, and those associated with it, one almost wonders about the source, the motivation of those aiming their flaming missiles at pastors. The characteristics of God – of His glory – are mercy, grace, patience, goodness and truth – in that order. (That's another truth for another day, but trust me - or better, check me out - Read Exodus 34). As I have listened to various "emerging churchers" speak or write about the gift of "pastor" in the negative, there is so much venom spewing forth that I want to point out, call attention to and plead with those involved: "Please, for God's sake, Stop It!"

I know a great number of men and women who call themselves or who are called "pastor." Some of them are maladjusted, almost neurotic, dysfunctional and out-of-control people. Some are in "the business" because they like to be in control of other lives. Some are "on the take," seeking to make financial gain through their position. And guess what? God knows all about it! And God will deal with such unscrupulous and misguided individuals. But the greatest number of "pastors" are good, fine, sincere and wonderful people who have heard the voice of God directing them to serve His church. These are literally, "servants of God and of His people." Their hearts break over the broken; they shed tears over the wounded. They long to see healing come to broken families and to see their communities cleansed and purified and touched with the mercy and the grace of God.

Why else would some of the people I know work full time, secular jobs so that they might give themselves to the work of the ministry? Why would otherwise brilliant men and women serve the church at half or a quarter of the pay scale they could receive if they used their talents and abilities in secular employment? (Trust me, some of my friends would have made fine attorneys, physicians, engineers, architects, builders and more. Some of my friends were attorneys, physicians, engineers, architects, builders and more and gave away those positions for the honor of serving Jesus in His church with all their energies).

To paint "pastors" with the broad brush of judgment is doubly dangerous: First, God and not man is the judge of all. Second, may I shout this gently? "You don't know the hearts of these people!" I have learned to leave alone what I know nothing about.

I want to encourage you to examine the source, the origin of the gift, title, position, or role of "pastor." This gift did not originate with man; it began with God.

Has the title "pastor" been misunderstood, abused, twisted? Absolutely! Are there pastors who are little more than "hirelings" in "the church?" Without doubt! Are there abusive, dictatorial control-freaks wearing the label of "pastor?" Definitely! But just because there are crooked lawyers and medical quacks among us does not mean that all attorneys and all physicians are phonies!

Let it be understood, I am not a pastor. I filled that role from 1973 to 1998, that's 25 years of my life; a quarter century; more than a career in the military. (And by the way, unlike the military, there was no "pension" or "retirement" program and no monetary compensation for those years I spent "pastoring" churches. I live today by faith, trusting that if I "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" "all these things shall be added unto" "us."

During some of the years of "pastoral" ministry, my family "prayed in" our next meals. We have memories of rejoicing when a farmer stopped by and gave us a bushel basket of sweet corn. (We ate sweet corn and water for a couple of days before realizing this was a medical mistake!) We purchased our heating fuel from a church that overcharged us for that fuel while we shivered in a drafty parsonage that lacked insulation. When we left the church, I had to settle a debt with the church for fuel we had used trying to keep our babies warm in the frigid Midwest winters.

I've learned to chisel plow in the spring and to chase sheep and inoculate cattle and all sorts of wonderful pastoral skills in my journey of the past thirty-four years. (I've done these things and more, then had somebody on Sunday morning say to me, "pastor, if you had to really work for a living, you'd understand what we're going through . . . "

I've worked through long nights, cleaning offices and department stores while my wife worked a day job so we could pay for a car that our congregation felt was "appropriate" for their pastor to be seen in and so we could put food on the table and pay for hospital charges for delivering our babies since we couldn't afford medical insurance. And I could go on, but the stories are boring and the things we learned through those years serve us well today. We are the better for those times, and we're far from angry because of them.

We do know something of what it is to "sacrifice" for the honor of serving God's people. And before you yell at me with the accusation, "See! You were out of God's will or you wouldn't have had to suffer!" let me point you to Hebrews 11. Some other folks suffered IN the will of God before us and in greater dimensions than we know anything about.

I've also had the privilege of being known as "The Senior Pastor" of a modern-day "Mega-Church." My income was commensurate to the position, and long gone were the days of struggling to pay the phone bill and the light bill and to keep the water flowing.

Amazingly, we've learned both how to be abased and to abound. "Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

But I'm not a pastor today. I no longer wonder or worry about a paycheck from the church: I have no paycheck at all! Yet my "heavenly Father" feeds my family and in the moment I have need, God provides.

And I'm not comfortable with the current expression of "pastor" in the church any longer. (Actually, I don't ever recall being "comfortable" with that expression).

During my doctoral work I focused my attention on the role of the pastor in the local church. I conducted a cross-cultural examination of the modern, evangelical pastoral role, using research in various world regions, including Europe, Southeast and Southwest Asia, the Middle East, Latin and South America, the Pacific and North America. In examining these eight world regions, I discovered that much of what we consider to be "pastoral" roles and duties is actually the product of our particular culture and not the result of a biblical mandate. In about 1993 I began to vigorously pursue a more biblical understanding of the position or gifting of "pastor."

Today I minister mainly to people who have for one reason or another (and there are many) left the "organized" "institutional" church. I know hundreds, perhaps thousands of "out of church" Christians; I am in touch with folks from South Africa to New Zealand and Australia; from Indonesia and Malaysia to Thailand and Germany and England and Ireland and the South Pacific; from South America to North America and beyond - people who love Jesus with all their hearts, but who do not attend organized church services.

Some of these people aren't injured at all. They just sensed the Spirit's leading to walk away from organized church one day and haven't heard Him instruct them to return.

Others have been offended, injured, hurt, abused, controlled, devalued by a heartless "system" of church. Many of these have been given beautiful talents – gifts – that have been unrecognized and unused by the "ruling elite" in the church.

Some of these people brought the injuries on themselves – but they are all people for whom Jesus died, and I, for one will not abandon even one of these, regardless of who is to blame for their pain and suffering. I'm sorry, if you don't like the fact that I will run to the aid of someone who is to blame for their own hurt, you'll have to take the matter up with God. In fact, while you're at it, why don't you ask Him what He thinks of broken-hearted people who caused their own pain? (I'll help you – we ALL cause some of our own pain, and He keeps loving us, reaching to us, embracing us, welcoming us even running to us to bring us back into His arms of love).

I also spend a good deal of time with often-frustrated pastors who are seeking with all their hearts to hear God and to obey Him implicitly.

I guess I'm a bit like a bridge – made to be driven over. I seldom notice the Narrows Bridge that connects the Kitsap Peninsula of Washington State with the main body of the continent. I cross that bridge every week that I'm home. Yet when I am approaching the bridge, my only thoughts concern the amount of traffic trying to get across. I don't ever recall pausing to look at the bridge or to even be consciously thankful the bridge is there. It's just a means of getting me over the gulf of Puget Sound and onto dry ground on the other side.

And I think I'm a bit like that bridge – which suits me just fine.

Years ago, a guy named Jeff Lucas was visiting us from England. He had carried an almost silly-looking, wooden staff with him across the Atlantic. He told me of his embarrassment when flight attendants asked him what the staff was for, was he Moses or some biblical character come alive again? Yet Jeff felt the Lord had instructed him to bring the staff with him on his flight.

One night during a time of prayer at the altar of our church, Jeff suddenly grabbed his staff, reached out over several people and laid the thing on my shoulders, one after the other. At the same time he began to prophesy, "You are a bridge! Don't ever forget this moment. God has called you, prepared you, ordained you to become a bridge!"

I didn't understand his words that night any more than Jeff did. We talked about it, wondering what the words meant.

Years passed and one day I found myself sitting in the home of a pastor as he told me with much pain about several people who had been faithful members of his church who had suddenly disappeared. He had tried to make contact with them, but to no avail.

Later, I went to the home of one family we had discussed. I spent several hours with them, listening to their hurts, their questions, their hearts broken open before me bringing tears to my eyes.

As I left the family's home, the memory of Jeff Lucas and his staff pierced my mind, and I began to understand the "bridge" the Holy Spirit was talking about through Jeff.

With Judy Collins I can say "I've looked at life from both sides now . . . " I can see from the perspective of the often-frustrated pastor and from the view of the often frustrated believer.

And I agree with both sides! I understand the "old" and the "new." I relate with the hearts of the "in" and the "out," of "leadership" and of "followership."

Among the difficulties I encounter with "pastors" of the "institution" is a fear of those who have left church. There's also a sense of fear among leaders to examine alternatives to the current structural church - the biggest fear is probably of the potential loss of a paycheck, which must be countered by the admonition of scripture to live by faith, to trust in God and to remember that His word declares that "a man's gift will make a way for him."

Typically, pastors (who may or may not be experiencing a "leak" in the hold of church attendance and membership) will question why we would want to do anything different than what we've always done. But the old adage "We've always done it this way" doesn't cut it in a world that's been rearranged by modern realities – fractured homes, a transient society, changing morays, fatherless children, time constraints and the need for rock-solid, real and valuable relationships.

People are tired of going to church, Sunday after Sunday only to "stare at the back of somebody's head" for two hours, then go home feeling "I've done my religious duty." Increasingly, people don't have time to give to a church that produces a shoddy representation of Jesus and a thin veil of spirituality.

Believers are weary of potlucks, church socials and most of all, exhausting programs that do little to win hearts to Jesus or to bring healing to communities.

Pastors are tired of preaching sermons, Sunday after Sunday, feeling somehow that a bunch of spiritually-starved people have wandered into the feeding trough of the church with knife and fork in hand demanding, "Feed me! Feed me!" when they should have been "feeding" themselves all week long without the luxury of a ready-made, professionally designed spiritual diet.

Pastors are weary of spending hours upon hours placating grumpy church members by sitting with them in their homes, listening to their complaints about other church members or other pastors and drinking weak coffee and eating fattening pastries while their cities around them are dying for a witness of the life of Jesus.

I know, I'm being extreme – it's my nature – you don't have to like it, but if you want to read this, you'll just have to endure my extremity.

In the words of my Northern Irish family, "Aye, laddy, we've got ourselves in a wee sit-ee-ation here!"

The Cure: Part Two of "I've Got to Get Some Things Off My Chest."

Let me be clear: In an atmosphere of great and massive change in the church of Jesus Christ, and while we await the emergence of an entirely new expression of the entity called “the church,” we cannot, we must not ever lose sight of the singular fact that THE church, God’s church, the church for which Jesus bled bled and died will never cease to exist until it has completed its full mission in the earth and the marriage of Christ’s Bride to her Betrothed is accomplished.

Even a cursory look at church statistics is enough to cause us to understand that the thing we call "the church” is in deep trouble. Church attendance is almost universally down, churches are closing their doors, selling their properties; denominations are holding emergency meetings to examine what has gone wrong, where they are failing, and what to do to change the direction in which their movements are going.

If you care to spend the time, visit George Barna’s website (www.barna.org/) and read the numbers for yourself. As in every other arena of life, “the numbers don’t lie.”

So what position and attitude should we take regarding this wholesale transitory stage we find the church, and ourselves in? Should we be fearful? Hopeful? depressed?, encouraged? What is happening to the church we once knew, loved and flourished in? Allstate Insurance for years used a television commercial that stated, “You’re in Good Hands, with Allstate." The voice of Allstate was an announcer from Des Moines, Iowa named Ed Reimers, whose deep baritone voice exuded strength, confidence and trust. The message was clear: If you were insured by Allstate, you need not worry about accidents, freak weather, or any other tribulation that life might bring, Allstate would take care of you.

We might say with strong confidence: “You’re in Good Hands with Jesus.” In other words, if the church is God’s idea, if it is His creation and intention, we humans don’t need to lose sleep worrying if the church will continue, succeed or prosper. If God is in control, it would be sin to worry about what will happen to His church.

Understand first of all that the Church of Jesus Christ moves forward – even in historical times when attendance is on the decline, discouragement among pastors is on the increase and every visible indication is that the church, like a punch-drunk boxer is clinging to the ropes, ready to take the proverbial “standing eight count.” Success in Christ’s church is not dependent upon or even gauged by any particular moment of time, current circumstance or momentary indication. The Church of Jesus is both universal and eternal in God's eyes, and so must be judged by the entire scope of history and time and even beyond the confines of time.

If we were to use a spiritual microscope to examine the condition of the church during the infamous “Dark Ages” we would conclude that the church had nearly become extinct and would surely cease to exist if the trends we were examining through the microscope were to continue.

But by using the long lens of a spiritual macroscope - God’s eternal Word - we gain a vastly different impression, diagnosis and prognosis of the church.

Understand that the Church of Jesus bears a Divine Destiny – a destiny determined by God Himself. And that destiny will be fulfilled not because of great leaders or great ideas or great revelations given to men, but because of five simple words, spoken by the very Designer and Architect of the church, Jesus Christ. In Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus declared, “I will build My church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.”

So while church statistics are almost universally on the decline, and while increasing numbers of people are walking out of and not into the doors of conventional churches, what I and many others refer to as the Institutional Church, I remain fully confident in the future and in the success of the church.

My confidence has nothing to do with social or cultural trends, and it is not because of some new under- standing or development of cutting-edge thinking, but my confidence has everything to do with the words spoken by Jesus that promise me He will build His church!

He said it: “I will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” This statement tells me that all the combined fury, rage, anger, hatred and cunning of the enemy of man’s soul cannot frustrate, detain, discourage or stop God’s church because Jesus Himself makes it clear that His church will grow not weaker, but stronger as the days of the end time advance. The destiny of the Church is greater in 2005 than it has ever been in history.

Examine Jesus’ statement with me: Jesus said, “I”; in other words, the building of His church is not dependent upon you, me, some denomination, the Roman Catholic Church, some local church, or any group of holy men. It is the exclusive responsibility and ability of Jesus and no other person, entity, conclave or assemblage to give life and continuation to His church.

A divine structure must have a divine Builder, and Jesus is that Builder, case closed. He said “*I* will build My church. . .” The use of the first person “I” both relieves and rebukes us from our futile attempts to build anything. We talk about the ministries “we” have built. We speak of “our” ministries. We look at what the anointing of the Holy Spirit has accomplished and are tempted to say "I" did something great for God.

The truth is only Jesus is capable of building what only heaven understands. When David, king of

Israel declared “I will build a house for God” the Lord responded by saying, “Will you. . .?” God made it clear to David that He, the Lord would build a house for David. That house was made manifest in the Person of Jesus, the Son of God. And it is Jesus – and only Jesus Who has the ability to build His church. He said “I *will* build My church. . .” The intention, purpose and determination of heaven is that His church would be built. There is no “if” involved here; no “maybe” or “should the opportunity arise” included. It is the purpose and will of God that His church should exist.

Further, Jesus said “I will *build*. . .” That is heaven’s intention, and if heaven intends to design, engineer, build, construct a spiritual edifice called “the church,” then it will happen.

He further stated, “I will build *My* church.” It is His church, expressly, completely, totally, and exclusively. The church does not belong to the Roman Catholics, the Southern Baptists, the Methodists, the Assemblies of God, the Lutherans or any other body, group, denomination or faction. It is His church. He constructed it and paid the mortgage for it with His own, divine blood.

And finally, He said, “I will build My *church*.” This is the structure, the configuration and the manifestation of His purpose. This also is the great point of tension in our current hour. The great question today should not be “will the church survive?” but rather, “What should the church look like?” Its existence is not in question or in jeopardy; its appearance is.

I find it worthy of note that Jesus began His instruction about the church with the word “I”. Remember Who He is: Jesus is God. Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus’ emphasis was continually on “I am.”

Recall the incident in Moses’ life at the burning bush. The Voice that answered Moses when he asked, “Behold, when I come to the children of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of your fathers hath sent me to you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say to them?” God’s simple response was “I AM THAT I AM: say to them I AM hath sent me to you.”

Now remember Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well in John chapter four: When the woman guessed that Jesus might indeed be the promised Messiah, He said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

In John chapter six, with the backdrop of a hungry multitude, fed by five fish and two loaves of bread, Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life.” In John eight, the Scribes and the Pharisees sought to tempt Him, and Jesus responded, “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

In John nine, Jesus encountered a blind man and said, I am the light of the world.” In the next chapter, Mary and Martha wept because their brother, Lazarus had died and Jesus announced, "I am the resurrection and the life.” In John fourteen, He told Thomas and the disciples and you and me, "I am the way, the truth and the life.”

Finally, when Roman soldiers appeared in the garden to arrest Jesus, He asked, “whom do you seek?” When they answered, “Jesus of Nazareth”, He said simply, “I am He” and these rough soldiers fell to the ground at the power and authority of His Name. And if a detachment of soldiers collapses at the name “I AM” what will happen when He declares “I, the I Am, God, very God, will build My church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it?”

There are three thousand different names in the Bible, but one Name towers above all other names, and it is this name, the name of Jesus, a Name greater than any other name, because He was “given a name above every name, That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the the glory of God the Father.

In the book of Revelation, His voice rises once again as He proclaims, “I am the first and the last, I am He Who lives and was dead; and am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of hell and of death.” We hear His voice and we sense His ultimate authority as He announces, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending, I am the bright and the morning star” And it is He who has declared "I will build My church.”

Think logically with me: If He built a mighty nation of two million from 70 paltry outcasts under the eyes of Pharaoh in Egypt; If He stacked the waters of the Red Sea in a heap and made a highway for every Israeli foot to pass across on dry ground; If He could produce water from a rock to quench thirsty throats and send manna from heaven to feed hungry bellies, if He healed the blind, cast out devils, called Lazarus to life from the dead; if He defied the royal seal of Caesar, tore away the bars from the grave, and threw the machinery of death into reverse, if He destroyed principalities and powers, triumphing over them in the victory of the Easter Tomb, then I ask you – can He build, sustain, prosper and keep His church in the twenty-first century?

He said "I will. . ." He did not say "I Hope" to build. He began that construction by His own death on the cross. He arose from the dead, ascended into heaven, poured out His Holy Spirit among those who would believe; He possessed them, activated them, motivated them and sent them into the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the good news of salvation in His Name and in so doing, Jesus established His church in every corner of the globe where man is found.

Think about this: At the moment of His crucifixion, He knew what lay ahead for the enterprise we call the church. He understood the difficulties that would come; He knew about the trials and tribulations, the hard- ships and the frustrations that would accompany His followers. He knew about rejection and rebellion, disillusionment and despair that would seek to stop the march of His army. In the very moment that the church was formed in the eternal mind of God, Jesus was aware of every tribulation and calamity the church would ever face.

As He hung there, suspended between heaven and earth atop Golgotha's brow, He knew the weakness and vacillation of His disciples. He realized that Peter had denied Him, Judas had betrayed Him, His followers had forsaken Him. He knew about the persecutions to come in Rome and the ugly wrath of Marcus Arelius and Diocletian. He knew about fiery torches and hungry lions and blood-stained arenas where His followers would seal their faith in blood.

He Knew darkness settle over world. Knew about formalism, liberalism, modernism, postmodernism, He knew full well that the love many wax cold, but said I Will Build My Church not because of us, but in spite of us!

In spite of current predictions of failure; in spite of men departing the faith and evil men growing worse & worse; in spite of it all, I will build My Church! What He began, He is able also to perform. And we can be encouraged: He is and He will build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

The great question being asked around the world as I write this is "what shape, what form, what structure will the church have?

Can you imagine the generations of people living in Israel in the inter-testamental period, between the conclusion of the Book of Malachi and the beginning of the New Testament?

Spiritual Israel understood that God would send a Messiah, a mighty Deliverer, a Savior. But what would He look like? What would He sound like? How would He dress? From whence would He come?

Nobody had the answer. Nobody could see clearly the form God's deliverance would take.

A man named Simeon saw Him – a Baby, eight days old, carried to the Temple to fulfill the Law. And Simeon cried out "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

This is the first face of God's Messiah, the first face of the church. Its form, still indefinable, its structure yet to be developed, its shape yet to appear, but Simeon, by the Spirit of God made it clear; this was Messiah – this was the Church. Whether Joseph and Mary or any other Scribe or Pharisee or thinker understood it or not; this was Messiah – this was the Church.

And modern day "Simeon", the prophetic voice in the earth today sees an infant form, an undeveloped structure, and announces once again, "for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel." This is the Emerging Church. This is the "yet-to-be-recognized" vessel that will repel every effort of the enemy and will prevail against the very gates of hell. Even now the childlike voice is being heard. Followers of Jesus – and not man's institutions or definitions of church are hearing the sound, inarticulate but distinct, immature but strident, beginning to sound out the first adolescent words that will become the concerto of heaven, the church of the living God, the expression of the Person of Jesus in the earth.

In His Grace, Greg

Emerging Church - A Response to our Detractors
Greg Austin

There are buzzwords inclusive to every stratum of society, every organization, movement and conclave of man: There always have been. Sadly, buzzwords and catchphrases seldom define anything with clarity and accuracy.

Perhaps nowhere is there as much potential abuse of "words" than in the arena of spiritual life, eternity, "the church" and religion.

Over the years I have developed what I call "Austin's Laws of Ministry." These are not exclusive to myself, but they are the important "laws" I have observed over 34 years of walking with Jesus and of ministering to people. I only have two laws on my list. When I get smarter, I'll add more laws, but for now, these work for me. Law Number One is this: "People Aren't Stupid." Law Number Two is: "Words Mean Things."

It's Law Number Two that I want to bring into focus for this discussion. When I was a pointy-headed theology student back in prehistoric times, my professors were fond of repeating a sort of "mantra" to we students. Over and over again until it was drilled into our mushy brains we heard the command: "Define your terms." In other words, "words mean things" and we must be clear about how we use words and what definition or meaning is assigned to them.

A case in point: Talk about "church" to any large group of people and ask for individual meanings and understandings of the word. I've done this exercise. It's enlightening to discover how many disparate and varied meanings a simple, single-syllable word can have.

So when we hear or use the term "Emerging Church", we might rightly expect to find a wide variation of meanings and understandings.

I want to be clear: When I personally speak of "Emerging Church" I am not in any way, form, manner or fashion identifying with any certain, tangible group of people. I am a follower of Jesus, not of any organization, movement, fad, group, or classification of people.

I don't care about vogue and popularity. I could care less about "jumping on the bandwagon" of this movement or that movement. I refuse to be categorized as "this" or "that" kind of Christian.

When I speak about "Emerging Church" I am simply referring to the reality that much of what we have been taught, much of what we do, much of our church "practice" has been tainted, mutated, polluted from the original template as revealed by Jesus Christ and His Apostles, and recorded in the Word of God.

Further, when I talk about "Emerging Church" I am referring to the quest to rediscover, to go back to the roots, the origins of spiritual worship; to find an authentic expression of Christ's Body in the earth. To reject denominational differences, the traditions of man, the expressions passed to us by the Roman Catholic Church or the Lutheran Church or of anybody's church except Jesus' church. I know, scoffers will wag their heads at my simplicity and perceived naivety. But knowing that I appear naive, I'm still on the journey; still searching out the authentic; still determined that I will see a church against which the gates of hell will not prevail.

So when I speak of or represent "Emerging Church" I'm not talking about a departure from classical, biblical, evangelical thought or doctrine. I'm talking about a departure from the religious traditions that man has laid on the skeleton of the church to create (in some instances) the monster of religion that looms in our current society.

To me, "Emerging Church" is simply "Authentic Church." It's the Church of Jesus Christ and of the Apostles. It's the true and straightforward appearance of the Body of Christ in the earth, on a mission to bring the earth to faith in Jesus.

I once was asked by a nice Roman Catholic lady, "Are you a Protestant?" My response was, "No, I'm not a Protestant." This confused my friend who said, "But you're not Catholic, so you must be Protestant." I like to have fun, but usually there's a serious meaning in my humor and I said to her "But I'm not protesting anything!" She then asked, "Then what are you?" I said to her, and to you, "I'm a Christian; a learner-follower of Jesus."

The point, Dear Reader is this: Don't label me. Don't try to "massage" my words into some kind of cultish, weird aberration of Christianity. There are "Christian Apologists" (so-called) who rub their hands in glee and cackle like gloating conquerors if they can morph someone's words into their version of heresy or biblical deviation.

Don't try to pigeon-hole me into your contrived lexicon of religious whackos – I won't fit there.

I'll attempt to follow my professors' edict and "define my terms" as I write, but I also don't want to muddy the waters with unnecessary explanations. This means you'll have to make certain basic assumptions as you read: Assumptions such as when I talk about "Christianity" or "Jesus" I'm talking about the spiritual truth revealed in the Bible – and for you "King James Only" folks, I'm talking about the truth revealed via the King James Bible. When I talk about "Jesus" I mean God's only begotten Son, Who was born of a virgin, and Who lived a sinless life and died an atoning death and Who arose from the grave on the third day and ascended into heaven making a new and a living way whereby we might be redeemed and restored in our souls, our spirits, to vital relationship with our Creator-God.

So, unless I give you a peculiar definition for any certain term or statement, you may assume I'm coming from a classical, biblical, evangelical, traditional, historical perspective. Goodness, gracious, the length one must go these days to prevent being labeled as a "this" or "that" kind of Christian! When I started this journey thirty-four years ago I was asked, one day into my new life, "Are you Pentecostal? " I'd never heard of the word "Pentecostal" but thought, "Who knows, maybe I am, even though I don't know what a Pentecostal is" and so answered, "I don't know." I was then asked, "Are you a charismatic?" Now I'd heard of "automatic", "cinematic", "thematic" but I'd never heard of "charismatic" but again thought, "Maybe I am and don't know it" and I said again, "I don't know." My by now frustrated inquisitor then asked in obvious frustration, "Well, what are you?" And in my innocence (and trepidation) I blurted, "I'm a Christian!" And thirty-four plus years later, knowing now what a "Pentecostal" and a "Charismatic" is, I'd still answer, with more conviction than then, "I'm a Christian."

Got it? That's what I am. I'm a Christian. On Saturday, May 18, 1971 at about 9:00 in the morning I told Jesus I was sorry for all the sins, all the rebellion, all the evil, all the foolish things I'd ever done in my life. I repented – I turned and went another way; away from myself and my wants towards God and His wants. I was changed; transformed; born again; redeemed; saved when I prayed that prayer. I was not a child that morning; I was twenty-one years old - Old enough to legally purchase tobacco and alcohol and old enough to vote for the President of the United States. I was considered an "adult" by society's judgment and was in my right mind when I had that conversation with Jesus. In that moment I was forgiven of all my sins. I was washed, purified and made whole by the Blood of Jesus. I was ushered into a living relationship with a living Savior. I was translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light. I became a Christian in that moment when Jesus heard my contrition and my godly sorrow. I've been a Christian now for thirty-four years and three months tomorrow.

So to what do I object in the myriad of internet hits one can discover in a simple "Google" search for "Emerging Church?"

Here's a direct "copy and paste" quote from a website purporting to give the reader clear and positive identification of anyone talking about the “Emerging Church.”

...labyrinths, icons, incense, chanting, candles, centering and
contemplative prayer...

Without contemplative spirituality, the emerging church would be nothing more than couches and candles.

What? What? “labyrinths, icons, incense, chanting, candles, centering and contemplative prayer...”? In the vernacular, “do what?”

Now I’m sure somebody out there, some spiritual investigator, some inquisitive mind, some experimenter of the realm of the spirit adheres to such folly. I’ve seen enough weird and strange stuff in my lifetime that I don’t doubt there are such folks floating around the fringes of faith, but coupling this statement with the conclusion that “Without contemplative spirituality, the emerging church would be nothing more than couches and candles” is absurd at best and entirely stupid and misleading at worst.

Don’t get your feelings hurt when I say that this kind of judgment-without-the-facts statement is irresponsible and foolish and harmful and just plain wrong. And if I just hurt your feelings, please forgive me, I’m not mad at you, but I won’t retract my observation.

Let’s attempt to define some terms here: “Contemplative Spirituality.” There’s a great place to start, because prior to surfing the web, looking at various treatises on the subject of the “Emerging Church” I had never heard of “Contemplative Spirituality.” So let’s see if I can get this straight: I’ll be back after I’ve read up on the subject to get an understanding.

OK, I’m back. I’ve read a bunch of words about “Contemplative Spirituality” and I’m ready to give you my results.

1) I have no idea what the term “Contempative Spirituality” means. It's beyond me and foreign to my faith and my understanding of the practice of Christianity.

2) I’m not interested in either “Contemplative Spirituality” or “...labyrinths, icons, incense, chanting, candles, centering and contemplative prayer...” I’m interested in knowing Him (Jesus) “in the power of His resurrection and in the fellowship of His suffering.”

3) I don’t like the tone of those who seem to want to attack anybody they don’t like. I never read about Jesus attacking anybody. Oh, He identified people according to their spirits, but He never lashed out, attacked or accused anybody. He loved even His enemies and His opponents and would have gladly forgiven them their sins and befriended them if only they would have allowed Him to do so. Oh, I want to be like Jesus.

4) After having studied about “Contemplative Spirituality” and all the supposed evils of the “Emerging Church” I’ve concluded that while there are some strange ideas floating around the spiritual atmosphere of The Church, neither I nor anybody I know in the “Emerging Church” camp is part of that strangeness. We’re just, as I indicated earlier, “Followers of Jesus” but we are also, and as importantly “Rejecters of Religion.” We hate religion. We hate man-made attempts to get to God. We despise the forms, functions and programs of man-made spirituality, “church”, religion, call it what you will.

5) I think that as a reaction to the man-made religion and religious traditions of men that we've experienced in the past several hundred years, it's normal and expected that exploration of other "ways" of practicing our faith would occur. Whenever one explores unknown territory, there is the occasional foray down dead-end paths, worthless trails and into confusing terrain. Henry Ford wasn't judged by his first attempts at building an automobile, but by the finished product after years of trial and error. Could we please wait to pass judgment on the burgeoning "Emerging Church" movement until sufficient light is shed on the subject and we can see at least a "Model A" appear?

6) As I was taught in college, in theology and in church practice, just as in every discipline of life, one must learn to “eat the meat and spit out the bones” of every teaching, posit or theory. It is a glutton and

a child who swallows everything set before him. It is a sign of maturity when a person “tries the spirits” and will “taste and see that the Lord is good.” We must be like the Bereans, who were commended because they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so (Acts 17:11). I'd prefer to measure Emerging Church theology, practice and understanding against the Scriptures rather than against contemporary detractors and antagonists.

So who are we, the people of g2k? Who am I? We are seekers of genuine, authentic, true New Testament, even “primitive” Christianity. We want to know the God of the Bible through His Son by the power of His Spirit. We want to worship in “spirit and in truth” and we’ve discovered that so much of what passes for Christianity is in reality a deviation from the original truths given us by Jesus and by the Apostles. We reject this man-made stuff with all the vigor and strength we possess.

We aren’t followers of Saddleback or Willow Creek or Brian McClaren or The Ooze or any other label, group, element or sect. We are followers of Jesus.

Here’s another statement taken from the same website quoted above, “The Emerging Church is emerging, but not with the gospel of Jesus Christ.” Wow! What a statement! Now, I’m certain that certain elements, certain people who align themselves with the term “Emerging Church” may be devoid of a comprehension or adherence to the gospel of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Word of God, but to paint all “Emerging Church” folks with the same broad brush is like meeting the Green River Killer, discovering that he possesses citizenship in the United States and determining, “Americans are all serial killers.” Such a determination defies simple logic. The same mistake is being made by applying judgments against everyone who uses the term “Emerging Church.”

And now, in my appraisal, I’ve said enough about the detractors, would-be experts and so-called Apologists who seem to be against nearly anything that isn’t just like them. I’ve got other things to do – such as live out the gospel – the Good News of Jesus Christ and to discover the Church He Himself promised He would build. A church made “not with hands” a church of His design, architecture and purpose, without the dictates, demands and interpretations of man.

Working my way through the “labyrinth” of religion, religiosity and religious men to find the Jesus of the Bible and the church of His design is enough for one man’s life work, I would think.

So, I’m an “Emerging Church” guy, determined not to become a spiritual moth attracted to some false light, but to be a lover of God and a friend of Jesus and of Publicans and Sinners alike, and to point as many souls as possible to the heaven God has prepared for all those “who love His appearing.”

In this world of deceptive voices and of seducing spirits, please know there is a sure way, a true path, and that Jesus’ sheep know His voice. Don’t live in fear. Don’t tremble with trepidation that you are being deceived. Talk to Jesus; the Jesus of the Bible. Tell Him the desire of your heart. Follow Him as His word is revealed to you and as the Holy Spirit guides you into all truth. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein (Is. 35:8).

Blessings to you on your journey! May you find that authentic and true representation of Jesus in the earth and in your own heart.

In His Grace,

Greg

In Great Famine, Is Great Provision

Maria Magruder

I heard the Lord say, “In great famine is great provision”.

The whole earth is literally now groaning for the sons of God to be made manifest and revealed to the world. With these groanings that have caused major earth events and movements, will surely come famines, as it has been recorded in the Word. Those in covenant with Jehovah, will surely walk through these great famines with His provision, satisfying your every need.

Psalms 37:19 And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

For not only has the earth been groaning for you, but you have been groaning within your spirit for My calling to manifest, for My giftings to be made complete in fullness, for the mantles and anointings to be active in fullness-for what has been pre-destined before time was, will now “be”.

Where the world will be in hardship everywhere, the sons and daughters of God will be made manifest to the world by My mighty hand of power, signs, wonders and creative miracles.

Psalms 33:18-19 Behold the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

Fear not the famine, but instead envelope yourself in faith in My Word says, the Lord. For surely where there is faith, there is provision, for that’s where the substance is. It is not in mans grasp, it is not in the wicked’s grasp, but the wealth of the heavens and universe is in My Word and My Word dwells within you My children. Everything you need and desire, for it is My pleasure to shower you all of My goodness and mercy.

As I sustained Elijah, Isaac, Abraham, and Joseph in severe famines, so will I sustain you. These men were obedient to “the call”, and forsook all natural circumstances, and kept their faith in Me, stepping out to what appeared to be famine to them, was only famine to the world, and even though the world was in great famine in those different times, the world was blessed by these men. A whole nation was blessed with provision due to Joseph’s obedience to follow through on the call of God, and so will nations be blessed by you, as you hold fast to all the promises that have been given to you. For you are called to bless whole cities and whole nations, for the greatest provider and supplier lives within you.

Gen 12:3 “…And in your ALL the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

As it is THIS DAY, those who are separated unto Me, will I send the ravens with great blessing, as it is THIS DAY those who are in covenant with Me, will sow during famine and reap one-hundred fold, for those walking by faith and not by sight will be providers and lenders because of the Blessing they are in covenant with. Do not under-estimate the covenant given to you My children.

Duet. 8:18 "And you shall remember the Lord your God for it is He who gives you power to get wealth that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers AS IT IS THIS DAY."

While the world is in times of famine, My body will be in great Blessing. For you are in this world, but not of it. You are not subjected to its system, you aren't a servant of the world, but you are a servant of the living God. Wealth, provision and money are to serve you, not you to serve it. You have been given authority to rule and reign over the world's system, seated in heavenly places with Me.

Prepare yourselves to be "lenders" and "providers" in these times of famine, for the world will look many places to find great provision in a time of great famine.

Duet. 15:6 "For the Lord your God will bless you just as He promised you, you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you."

Many will come to the Church looking for help, looking for their needs to be met in desperate times. For it will come to pass that even the government will turn to the Church, as the government will not be able to accomplish what the Church can, by My Spirit. You will especially see a flood of the fatherless, the widow, and the orphan coming into My house. They will not only be met with material provision, but they will be met with the power of My Spirit unto salvation, healing and deliverance. For the world will begin to look to you My bride, for the greatest wealth that has ever existed dwells within you, for the greatest wells of sustenance, provision, healing, miracles, wisdom and truth have been deposited and implanted in you for such a time as this! Glory!

Get ready, the ones who have come to know Me, trust Me, believe in Me, abide in Me, walking by faith and learning Kingdom principals will now walk fully into their destiny and into their full callings this very year of 2005.

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Is God Limited?

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The Existence of God and The Problem of Evil

In philosophy classes **The Belief In God** is often challenged in ways that make it out to be a logical absurdity. For example, we are told, if God is all powerful then can he create a rock so heavy that he cannot lift it?

Then there is the idea that everything has a cause, but God is the cause of all, or the First Cause. Then you are asked, well what caused God? How could He cause himself? What caused him to cause himself? And so on.

Let's take a specific example. 'God has put all things under his feet.'

Now remember that word 'all' means all! [Have you ever heard someone teaching error and supporting it by carping on the word 'all'? That is continually repeating that 'all' means all.]

So if God has put all things under his feet, then he must be under his own feet! Is God standing on his head or what? What kind of God is this anyway? Then comes the laughter and ridicule from 'those who profess themselves wise'.

Well for one thing, He is a God who expects you to use a little common sense. Here in this verse from First Corinthians He spells it out, giving us an example of using common sense. [A little common sense is a wonderful antidote to the errors that straightforward logical thinking, i.e. man's wisdom, lead to.]

> *For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. (1 Corinthians 15:27)*

Now after reading this, can you insist that 'all' always means all, or does common sense tell us that there are some 'obvious' exceptions?

Then there is what the philosophers call **The Problem of Evil**. If God is Good and he is the Creator, they why is there evil. The stock answer is free will. The free will of man allows for evil to be chosen, and man has to deal with the results. This just puts the question off a bit. Next you are asked well why is there free will if it produces evil. And How do you know there is free will, maybe it's all pre determined and if so then God is the ultimate cause of evil! Then the so called problem of evil becomes **blaming God** for the evil in the world. So you find people abandoning a belief in God when it should be obvious that He exists.

Now we are going to look at these matters and see first that there are limits to what God can and will do. And secondly we'll see that we can't accuse God of evil because we simply cannot judge things in many situations because there is no way for us to know all the facts. So the simplest and best course is to trust God and not depend on our own minds to figure everything out.

The Limits on God.

This article is partly inspired by something I heard in church once. That is:
God is not like some all powerful oriental despot who can just do anything he wants.

This remark immediately brought forth objections from some in the congregation. What heresy is this? Isn't God all powerful? Aren't all things possible with God?

Well there's that word 'all' again. With a little common sense and a search of the scriptures we can see that there are limits to what God can or will do. And most importantly we can find places where this is spelled out in scripture and illustrated in allegory and parable.

What are some of the limitations of God? Consider these:

He is limited by his nature and his word, as well as common sense and logic.

He cannot do something that is contradictory in nature.

He cannot deny himself.

He cannot swear by any higher, [so he swears by himself.]

He cannot contradict himself or go against his word.

He cannot lie. He cannot make a mistake. He never says 'oops'!

He cannot change what is written in his word. His scripture cannot be broken.

He cannot break his covenant.

He cannot fail to keep his promises.

He cannot let sin go unpunished.

He cannot show mercy where there is no intercessor.

He cannot show mercy where there is no repentance. [Intercessors can repent for others.]

He cannot ignore the cries of his people.

He cannot ignore the cries of the blood of the martyrs.

He cannot simply forgive the sins of all mankind and save everyone. No matter how much he may desire that 'none should perish' the requirements of Justice must be met.

Adam and Eve

When Adam ate the forbidden fruit, God simply could not change his mind and commute the sentence of Death. The seed of the fruit entered into Adam’s flesh and passed to his children. It eventually has to be purged.

This fruit was not an apple as often illustrated. It was a fig. Our clue is the skirts of fig leaves that they made for themselves once they saw they were naked. This is just a clue. The so called philosopher or skeptic may well object that this does not prove that it was a fig tree. Meaning that this scripture does not conclusively prove that it was a fig tree. Right. But we have to remember that God puts everything in his word for a purpose. So we have to take the clues he gives us and all the Holy Ghost to let us see the connection. To the skeptic who demands absolute proof, we can reply with the words of Jesus: 'He that has an ear, let him hear!' If you look at how the fig tree is used in scripture, you can see it’s association with the Law and with the nation of Israel, a people under the Law.

After all what is the knowledge of good and evil but knowledge of the Law?

When you eat an apple, the seeds are discarded with the core. But when you eat a fig, the seeds, which are so tiny and mixed in with the pulp of the fig are eaten too. The fig has no core.

We know the fig tree symbolizes the law and the leaves speak of self righteousness. And we know the letter of the law worketh or produces death. So by eating the fig man allowed the workings of death to enter and become part of his flesh. He took on the sentence of death all on his own. So Death comes not as an externally administered punishment for sin, but as a natural consequence.

Lust produces sin and sin produces death.

Romans tells us that Adam was of fore type of Jesus.

> *Ro 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.*

And here in Timothy we read that Adam was not deceived.

> *1Ti 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the*

> *transgression.*

So perhaps this means that Adam deliberately ate of the forbidden fruit, and took on the sentence of death, for the sake of Eve. For we see that Jesus willingly took on the judgment of death for the sake of His bride! Any time you follow the dictates of religion, which is the law, you are eating of the tree of knowledge. It produces death. When you follow the Lord Jesus in close personal relationship, you are eating from the Tree of Life.

Daniel in the Lions Den

In the Story of Daniel in the Lions Den, we can see the heart attitude of the Father reflected in King Darius. It would have been easy for him to use his power and make an exception for Daniel. But to do that, he would have had to break his word. So he refused to use that power. Daniel went into the den and came out again alive. [This speaks of death and resurrection, is there a clue here?.]

And then Daniel's accusers were cast into the den, to their deaths. So it all worked out for the better after all since King Darius got rid of a lot of troublemakers. And since those troublemakers were rulers in his domain, they all had to be replaced. Most likely with people of Daniel's choosing! This is also a picture of the end times when the ruling powers, accusers of the brethren, all of them, shall fall. They are to be replace by the saints who have the honor of judging them. Psalm 149.

David and Absalom

In the case of David and Absalom, the same father's heart is shown in David. Only in this case, David is persuaded by the 'Wise Woman of Tekoa" at the prompting of Joab, to use his power. The results are very instructive.

In the Law of Moses, there are very definite instructions on dispensing justice. The aim of these is clearly stated as *So shall thou put away evil from among you* [Israel]. Here is an instance in Deuteronomy where this principle is mentioned.

> *De 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.*
> *7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.*

In the case of Absalom, justice was not done. Absalom was guilty of murder, but not punished. He was only banished and after hearing the 'wise woman', David decided to bring Absalom home. So for his sin, Absalom was not judged or put away but instead was forgiven without having repented!

Absalom was never confronted with his sin. He was never challenged to confess and repent; and never formally forgiven and healed. He simply had his banishment [a type of sentence of death, or of the second death] cancelled. He was never allowed to see David. That is he could not come into the presence of his father.

David failed to put away evil, with disastrous consequences. Even after the rebellion and civil war, David wished to spare his life. Yet Joab, perhaps regretting his earlier mistake, slew Absalom. David used his power, and perverted justice. What did it get him but more trouble! In the end there was neither justice nor mercy served.

Jesus' Temptation in the wilderness

The temptation of Jesus by Satan is a challenge and attempt to get Him to use His power and reach His goals in the wrong way. That is without satisfying the demands of justice. We are going to look at this in some detail so bear with me.

> *Matthew 4:*
> *1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*
> *2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.*
> *3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.*
> *4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

> 5 *Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,*
> 6 *And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in* their *hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.*
> 7 *Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*
> 8 *Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;*
> 9 *And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*
> 10 *Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*
> 11 *Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

Let's look at the first phase of the temptation. Jesus was hungry. Don't forget that elsewhere in the bible it tells us that Jesus' food is to do the will of the Father. So Jesus was not hungry for something to eat. He had just begun his ministry by being baptized in Jordan by John. Now after 40 intense days of communing with the Father, he wants to get on with it. He has been wanting to be about his Father's work since he was 12 or even earlier. So he is hungry to get started and do the Father's will.

Satan wants to offer Jesus a way to accomplish his objectives, but it's a way that goes against the father's will and would not accomplish His work.

"*If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread."* Now why make stones into bread. How about some peanut butter too? How about some meat! And why change the stones. Just command some food to appear out of thin air. Just order up a Whopper, fries and a coke! The son of God can do this, can't he?

Joking aside, what we have here is an allegory. There is a lot of meat here if we just look for it. Usually we just skip over such things, but sometimes the Spirit will provide a clue as to the meat is.

Well a clue to understanding this passage can be found in looking at the two elements, Stones and Bread. If you search the bible for verses that contain both words, these will come up.

> *Lu 11:11 If a son shall ask **bread** of any of you that is a father, will he give him a **stone**? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?*
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> *Mt 7:9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask **bread**, will he give him a **stone**?*
> *10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?*

First note that we are making a double comparison here. Stones and Bread, Serpents and Fish, these elements make up an analogy. As stones are to bread, so serpents are to fish. As Jesus went about seeking to save the souls of men, he used good old figurative language to get his point across. When speaking to farmers, he talked about harvesting wheat. While talking to fishermen, he spoke of catching nets full of fish. Since the wheat makes up our bread, you can see that bread and fish are two major metaphors for saving souls. Stones and serpents stand for the unsaved. So lets expand the analogy like this. As unsaved is to saved so are stones to bread and so are serpents to fish.

The next element to consider is that Jesus speaks of a son asking a father for bread. This refers to Jesus asking His Father for the souls of men. This is found in the Psalms.

> *Ps 2:7 ¶ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*
> *8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

Elsewhere in scripture you can find mention of the stony heart contrasted with the soft heart or heart of flesh. That comparison parallels the Stones and Bread comparison.

> *Eze 11:19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:*
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> *2Co 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in*

> *fleshy tables of the heart.*

The bible also speaks of the temple being made up of living stones. Here those who are saved are described as stones. But you have to contrast them in a different way. Dead stones are the unsaved and living stones are the saved. Both are made from clay, the dust of the earth, but only one has Life!

There is another interesting comparison of Stones and Bread in the law of Moses.

In the passage beginning at Leviticus 23:10 The Lord gives instructions for observing the feast of first fruits. 50 days after that comes Pentecost, and on that day he mentions two loaves of bread.

> *Le 23:16 Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.*
> *17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD.*

Now the feast of Pentecost is first celebrated 50 days after the feast of First Fruits. First fruits being the day Moses led the people out of the red sea and on to the far shore. First Fruits commemorates the redemption of the first born which actually took place the night they left Egypt.

That day is traditionally regarded as the day when Moses came down from the mountain bearing two tables of stone. The tables of stone speak of the Law and the Old Covenant. So what do we see happening at later observances of Pentecost? Well the passage above tells us about two loaves of **bread**. Two tables of stone lead to two loaves of bread. So **stones and bread** are compared once again. Stone speaks of the old covenant, and the law. The bread speaks of the new covenant and the spirit.

So comparing stones and bread is a symbolic way of discussing the saving of men’s souls by the establishment of a new covenant.

Let’s look back at the temptation again.

In this temptation there are three stages: Stones and Bread; Cast thyself down; and The Kingdoms of the World.

Each of these stages relates to one of Jesus’ purposes in coming here.

Stones and Bread has to do with saving the souls of men.

Cast thyself down is about being willing to give his life.

The kingdoms of the world has to do with regaining the full authority over the earth that Adam lost. He came to give His life for the souls of men, and to destroy the works of Satan.

In each case of the temptation Satan is offering Jesus the easy way out. He is suggesting a simple solution or course of action that will give him what he wants without having to go to a lot of trouble.

A. In the Stones and Bread, Satan is saying: Look here, you want to save the souls of men, right? Well just give the command, you have the power don’t you? Just go ahead and proclaim 'all is forgiven'. It's simple and easy, right? [Sure, look what happened when David did just that.]

B. In Cast thyself Down, Satan is saying: You came here to die didn’t you? Well why go through all the torture and torment that’s in store for you? Just jump off the roof here and have a quick painless death, you won’t feel a thing! It’s so simple anybody could do it!

C. In Kingdom’s of the World, Satan is saying: Alright Jesus, you want to get the kingdoms of the world back? No Problem! Just bow down to me! Just one time! Nobody will ever know! And you can have it all just the way you want!

Would you buy a used car from this character?

If Jesus were to just cast himself down, he would never become the passover lamb for us, never take on the sins of the world, and never fulfill dozens of prophetic scriptures that he must. This was definitely not the way to go. Jesus endured the suffering that the Father required because he had a revelation of the Joy to come as the author and finisher of our faith.

> *Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

The **Kingdoms of the World** are not just the nations but Spiritual Domains as seen from a high mountain which speaks of the High Places! Jesus cannot just get these kingdoms from Satan. He will take them from Satan. There will come a point when He asks the Father. Then they are given to him by the Father

Isaiah 51 speaks of populating the heavens when Satan falls.

> *Isa 51:16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.*

In Revelation 11 we read that the Kingdoms of the world become the Kingdoms of our God and his anointed, Christ and the saints who are in Christ. Some of the saints will be given these kingdoms as their reward.

> *Re 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
> *16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
> *17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*

We also read there that he **takes his power** and reigns! This gives the phrase ‘our God reigns’ a whole new meaning.

> *Isa 52:7 ¶ How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, **Thy God reigneth**!*

Now on to other topics. We are going to look briefly at these as each one could be a major study in itself.

He cannot ignore the cries of his people, and He cannot let sin go unpunished. Here are a couple quotes from Genesis.

> *Ge 18:20 And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous;*
> *21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.*

> *Ge 19:12 ¶ And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place:*
> *13 For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it.*

And here's on from Exodus

> *Ex 3:7 ¶ And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;*

And this one is from first Samuel.

> *1Sa 9:16 To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.*

He cannot show mercy where there is no intercessor. This quote from Ezekiel is often cited as a proof text.

> *Eze 22:29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.*
> *30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.*
> *31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.*

Unknown Factors present in God's dealings.

These next topics are given to show that our knowledge of God's dealings is always limited. And therefore we simply cannot understand [or judge] what he is up to in many cases.

Interference in the heavenlies.

This next quote from Daniel shows us that there are times we can't understand what God is doing in a situation, because there are things going on in the heavenly realm. And unlike Daniel, we don't have an angel to clue us in on what's really happening.

> *Da 10:12 Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.*
> *13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.*

Challenges in the heavenlies.

This quote from Job should make us realize that things can happen to us for reasons we can't understand. And that many things can occur that God did not cause.

> *Job 1:8 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*
> *9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?*
> *10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*
> *11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.*
> *12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

God conceals his plans.

And this quote from Judges should tell us that sometimes it's God's wisdom to conceal his plans from us until the proper time.

> *Jg 20:25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.*
> *26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.*
> *27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,*
> *28 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.*

In this case, God's plan was for His People to suffer a series of defeats so as to trick the enemy. Do you think it would have worked if they had known all the details ahead of time? No way Jose!

God has sealed his Word.

Once again this shows that sometimes it's God's wisdom to conceal his plans from us until the proper time.

> *Da 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*
>
> *Da 12:10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.*

Conclusion.

There is a popular praise song that goes: 'God is Good, all the time!' Once I heard a pastor begin his remarks to the church by saying: "God Is Good!" And the crowd responded: "All the time!" Then someone in the audience yelled out: "He can't help it!" So there is one more thing God can't do. He can't help but be Good!

All this talk of blaming God for our problems comes down to **unbelief**. When all we have to do is this:

> *Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

I Have Chosen California

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"Re-Birth"

"It is no accident that I have chosen California. I have begun to do a re-birth in California that reflects the wealth of the natural resources in this state and I have only just begun to develop the natural resources here.

"Get ready to find new mines, new resources, new groups of fish moving into areas. There will be a re-birth of natural habitats, including habitats for aquatic and marine life -- these things will begin to flourish once again. Get ready for a re-birth in this land that will shake -- and quake -- the foundations that I have already begun to establish in this state.

"California is Thirsty for Truth"

"A new chapter was begun in California when Schwarzenegger was sworn in. I have begun to develop a new governmental infrastructure in California. Now is the time to get involved in government and politics on local and state-wide levels. People will begin to seek out your opinions on political and moral issues like never before. Like a bear seeking for honey will be the Californians seeking for righteousness. A new favor will fall upon you to make a difference in every area of daily life. Californians are being stirred for righteousness and for water. They are thirsty for Truth. Get ready and seek My heart on these matters."

Get ready for new finds. Just as new resources will be found in the areas throughout the state, also get ready to find new "finds" in people around you. California has already been known world-wide for the quality of its fruit. And, in this same manner, there has been much fruit that the Lord has been cultivating here, and it is time for the new harvest to be picked and shipped off.

The Lord says, "There have been many that I have sent here to be trained, equipped, and refined. It is now time for them to be released to the nations as the first fruits of what I will do through this state in the future. Then I will send the next wave of those I will equip here and they will come to take the place of those who will be sent out. It is time for the fathers to release the children, to send them out from the nest."

"The Season of Promotion"

The Lord says, "Even the picked-over will be promoted in this season, the 'not ready's,' the 'bad eggs,' those who were rejected, and especially the women and the youth. These ones will be among those who will be re-introduced as who they really are and their old limitations and self-doubt will fall off.

"I am looking for voices . . . I am like a star crying out in the night for those who will follow Me wherever I send them and who will keep their eyes fixed upon me as their sole source of life, of light, and of nourishment. I will be their only provider and they will be My children."
Get ready to see people in a whole new way -- to see them in a way that you have never seen -- and get ready to see people who have been passed over get promoted.

"Just as the testimony of gold went out from California during the Gold Rush, so have the testimonies of My works that have been taking place in California covered the globe. And just as California's reputation for having the best fruit, wine, and produce went throughout the Earth, so will the reputation that will be given to those who are released from this state.
"I am getting ready to release my special ones, my End Times Army, that will cover the globe with signs and wonders and with power. There are many who I brought to California before I sent them out so that they would be released with the My Blue Ribbon Seal of Approval. They will receive and bear My Blue Ribbon Seal of Approval and they will begin to move in a power not yet seen on this Earth. This is My season of promotion," says the Lord.

> *Revelation 21:1-7:*
> *"Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*
> *"And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain; for the former things have passed away.'*
> *"Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'*
> *"And He said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be my Son.'"*

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Its Harvest Times
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A Call To All Believers:
"Its Harvest Times"
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For the Lord would say that yes this is the time I am bringing release to the captives. I am breaking the chains and the bonds that have held My people and they shall move out in great power and expression. I am bringing a new level of creativity to My Bride as a tool to reach the lost. I am unlocking the mysteries and the hidden things that have been sealed in the rooms of heaven. Because I will have a victorious people, a victorious Bride, a victorious army of servants who's motto shall be 'not my will but yours be done'.

I am accelerating the pace at which I am moving across this earth. You shall see a manifestation of this in record numbers coming to know Me this year. For truly this is the harvest. Truly this is the overflow and the overload. I would that you My people were flowing with more of My Spirit, more of My power yet many of you believe that I cannot use you. Am I limited by what man sees as a limitation? Do I not use the foolish things of this earth to confound the wise?
Yes Beloved if you have My name and are called according to My purposes then you definately are going to be used to touch lives if you will believe.

This is truly the year of the harvest. Not only am I going to use the young people, but the Lord would say to those of you who are "retired" in the natural and you think you have seen your days, think again! For I am going to use even those who are old in body but are alive in Me. The days before you shall unparallel what you have already seen before. Did I not say that old men would dream dreams? I am not only going to give you the dream and the vision, but you are going to be alive to see them come to pass. I am even resurrecting the dreams that you thought would never again be a reality.

Yes I am visiting My people with a greater measure of My Glory that Isaiah 61 would come into its fullness. For you My people the Lord says arise and shine for your light has come. I am indeed that light that is shining upon you, for the cries of the Gentiles have reached My ears and it is you that I am sending to bring in the harvest. Great are the days you are living in. For even as there is great light, darkness shall also increase. But My Glory in you will only become clearer as you walk with Me.

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Inheritance Is About To Overtake You

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Like Ruth and Joseph, whatever counter part you are, INHERITANCE is about to overtake you. Not necessarily from a passing family member-

BUT THE ACCUMULATION OF YEARS OF WITHHOLDING THAT IS ABOUT TO BE RELEASED!

Do you understand this? Do you have the perception to grasp this and thus receive it? Isaac knew he had an accumulation of years of withholding coming to him so he sowed in times of famine! (Genesis chp. 26).

When we grasp that we have years of withholding also coming to us because of the time and season we are now living in we too will sow great amounts in times of famine knowing that much more is about to be released!

Listen, the sons of Issachar discerned the times and seasons and acted appropriately. We too are walking in their spirit. Do you know what time it is? HARVEST. There is a powerful footnote in Joshua that illustrates harvest and what it means to us personally:

"And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest..." (Josh 3:15).

"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do..." (1 Chron 12:32).

IF WE STEP INTO THE SEASON WE WILL BE IN AN OVERFLOW!

Let me say it again in context of the above scripture, if we STEP INTO the season which is harvest, we will experience an overflow! One way to do that at this very moment is to sow in times of famine into those already in harvest!

One more time, SOW IN TIMES OF FAMINE INTO THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY IN THE HARVEST!

I had no idea I would be writing this to all of you or receiving this revelation but I am glad I am! This is a NOW word for you and we must seize the moment and step into the SEASON which is HARVEST and get into the overflow. We have been giving from our want for too long, we must begin to give from our overflow so that this harvest can be reached and reaped.

Do you understand that? It is so critical that this current harvest is reached and reaped and we begin to comprehend the season and begin to step into it and receive the overflow or I fear many will miss it altogether.

Jeremiah best illustrates what I am trying to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved..." (Jer 8:20).

We have to be a people that discern the season and step into it. I honestly believe that by your sowing into Ochlocknee,GA. that you are stepping into the river that is overflowing. We have hit the bedrock of harvest here and are in a current overflow. You can be too. Also, we can not afford to look back on what we have already done but what we can do right now! This is not a "then" word it's a "now" word...

I sense a massive breakthrough RIGHT NOW as I write and I believe it will be compounded and increases as each one of you opens and reads this revelation and appeal, not from Chad Taylor but from the Holy Spirit.

It will also be exponentially increased in power and impact as even one of you responds to these current needs and gives above and beyond them. It will unlock the flood gates literally and we will step into this season which is harvest and give and act accordingly. I stand with you in awe of what is about to occur and the overflow each of is going to walk in. We be able to say sincerely as David did, "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want..."

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One footnote. Our needs that we mentioned to our friends was our current demand for further supplies to complete the public pool we now own in Ochlocknee, GA. If you do not know about this project we have engaged in for nearly 2 years now please see the link below. It is amazing what God will use to reach a city. We also are in transition from our present property to the next accommodations that God is providing and we have a specific need to be fulfilled to complete it. I pray the revelation above moves you in your harvest and overflow now, too much is at stake my friend for it not too...

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If I Perish, I Perish
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HIS BLOOD
We overcome him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony and we love not our lives even unto the death.

I begin this with a well-known passage of scripture. I pray that Father God blesses and keeps you in this day when we must come together in unity and love, standing together as an army that cannot be defeated because HE has already won the victory!!. Warriors arise!!!

Solomon Dedicates the Temple
(*1 Kin. 8:62-66*)
7 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the *temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. 3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, *saying:*

"For *He is* good, For His mercy *endures* forever."*

4 Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the Lord. 5 King Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. 6 And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with instruments of the music of the Lord, which King David had made to praise the Lord, saying, "For His mercy *endures* forever,"* whenever David offered praise by their ministry. The priests sounded trumpets opposite them, while all Israel stood.
7 Furthermore Solomon consecrated the middle of the court that *was* in front of the house of the Lord; for there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, the grain offerings, and the fat.
8 At that time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly from the entrance of Hamath to the* Brook of Egypt. 9 And on the eighth day they held a sacred assembly, for they observed the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 On the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away to their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the good that the Lord had done for David, for Solomon, and for His people Israel. 11 Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house; and Solomon successfully accomplished all that came into his heart to make in the house of the Lord and in his own house.
God's Second Appearance to Solomon
(*1 Kin. 9:1-9*)
12 Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and **have chosen this place for Myself** as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, **14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer *made* in this place. 16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.** 17 As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 18 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail *to have* a man as ruler in Israel.'

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Which are called - 7121 - qara' {kaw-raw'} **1)** to call, call out, recite, read, cry out, proclaim to call

unto, cry (for help), call (with name of God) to summon, invite, call for, call and commission, appoint, call and endow to be called, be named, be called out, be chosen
My Name - 8034 - shem {shame} - reputation, fame, glory, the Name (as designation of God) **d)** memorial, monument.
Shall Humble - 3665 - kana` {kaw-nah'} - be subdued, be brought down, be low, be under
And Seek - 1245 - baqash {baw-kash'} - to seek, require, desire, exact, request.
And turn - 7725 - shuwb {shoob} - turn back, of dying, in repetition, to restore, refresh, repair (fig), make requital, pay (as recompense), to reverse, revoke.
I specifically want to look at this verse : 14. My people - Who is HE referring to? These people are known of Him. They are called (chosen ones).
1 Peter 2 : And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. **But ye [are] a chosen generation**, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of **him who hath called you out** of darkness into his marvellous light.....For even hereunto **were ye called**: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps...
Chosen - 1588 - eklektos {ek-lek-tos'} - picked out, chosen, the Messiah in called "elect", as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable, choice, select, i.e. the best of its kind or class, excellence preeminent: applied to certain individual Christians, RARE!

Called - 2564 - Kaleo {kal-eh'-o} - to call aloud, utter in a loud voice, to receive the name of, receive as a name, to give some name to one, call his name.
We were chosen, selcted and called out. That means we heard HIM calling us by Name?
Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him **a** white stone, and in the stone **a new name** written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth [it].
Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make **a** pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the **name** of my God, and the **name** of the city of my God, [which is] **new** Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and [I will write upon him] my **new name**.
Rev 3:20 **Behold**, **I stand** at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, **I** will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
Other scriptures for being chosen-

Mat 20:16 So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few **chosen**.

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few [are] **chosen 1588**.
This same word **Chosen (Elect) 1588** is also used in these scriptures as chosen and elect in translation. Matt. 20:16, 22:14, 24:24, 24:31 & in Mark 13:20, 22 & 27, & in Luke 18 : 7, 23:35 & in Romans 8 : 33, Col. 3 : 12, 1 Tim. 5 : 21, 2 Tim. 2 : 10, Titus 1 : 1 & in 1 Peter 1 : 2, 2: 4, 6 & 9, 2 John 1 : 1 & 13 and finally in Rev. 17 : 14.

So His Chosen ones who HEAR HIS VOICE - His sheep hear His voice, not strangers or hirelings? Are you His Chosen one? Are you listening when HE Calls your name? Are you called by His Name?? He has given you a name? Whose Name must be glorified in all the earth? Do you know when a King makes you part of His household, you bear HIS NAME, His Robe, His Ring??? You give up your reputation to receive HIS Reputation and Glory!!!

John 10 : 27 - 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
So whose duty or call is it to come at His call to pray and turn and repent on behalf of the people and the land? It is the elect, chosen ones, isn't it? His Bride, His virgins, His remnant who has saved herself for HIM and Him Alone. To be filled with His Will, Consummated with His Seed!

Remnant!!! There's always a remnant! Who has ears to hear, who listens to the voice of our Lord and Great Shepherd? Who hears the call? Who is HE calling to repent and stand in the gap for a nation, for our land, for the lost, for the injustice, etc.????? If YOU are the remnant, then it is YOU, He is calling not the vast majority!!!! Let that sink in and listen to HIM! Is it you and I?

*How many times in scripture does it say that hearing they do not hear.....***Mat 13:13** Therefore speak

I to them in parables: because **they** seeing see **not**; and **hearing they hear not**, neither **do they** understand.
Act 28:27 For the heart **of** this people is waxed gross, and their ears are **dull of hearing**, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with [their] eyes, and hear with [their] ears, and understand with [their] heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

Hbr 5:11 **Of** whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are **dull of hearing**.
Isaiah 6 : 9 - And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Let's look at some examples of this! Here is David who offered a sacrifice that cost him for the plague to stop amidst his people.

2 Sam. 24 : 17 - 18 And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite.
Araunah - 728 - 'Aravnah {ar-av-naw'} Araunah = "I shall shout for joy"
= "make ye to shine (2 Sam. 24:16)"
= "joyful shouting of Jah (2 Sam. 24:18)"

Now look at Moses - He stood in the gap for his **sister,** who had spoken against him. Num. 12 : 13 - And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. *Here is Moses praying on behalf of his sister who had gossiped and judged him. Hmmm, I wonder what we would do?*

Then my favorite, Esther!
God always has and still does use a remnant, not everyone else. THE REMNANT!! Because He trusts us to stand in the gap for unborn babies and for His Will and Justice on this earth. He trusts us to listen and hear when HE calls. How many will HE say to "Depart from ME, I never knew you." Did you answer when I called and chose you for such a time as this? Did you hear when I called in the midnight hour?

It's a call of humility and we carry this call out on our knees calling out to God on the behalf of others, not for our own sake! That's what Jesus did, HE did it for lost humanity, didn't HE? Not for the crowds to hear HIM or for recognition, He did it in Blood and great drops of Blood in a garden where mankind lost it all. SO that we could have that communion once again in the Garden with HIM. He wants a body, not body parts, He wants to bring a body into His Presence and Will!! Those Drops came from His Holy Head in intercession in a Garden, form HIS head so our minds could be set free from the entanglements and lusts of this world. So our eyes would see, so our ears would hear, so our lips would be touched with coals of fire to speak only HIS WORDS no longer our own and we would cry out "Here am I Lord, send me." Not for me but for the lost and dying." !

Will we answer the call as His remnant and become of no repute and fall to our knees and be chosen vessels of fire, His Ministers of Fire and Flames and speak His Word into this generation, so they can be set free. Not speak into crowds for our own glory, but the WORD, His SWORD that will bring life and restoration and deliverance. When we speak that Word of life to the hosts of hell, Fire will come down and consume our sacrifice and set the captives free.
God looked and saw no one –

Ezekiel 22 : 30 -31 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Isa 59:16 And he saw that [there was] no man, and wondered that [there was] no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

Gap - 6556 - perets {peh'-rets} - **1)** breach, gap, bursting forth **a)** bursting forth, outburst **b)** breach **c)** broken wall *Who will stand in th gap for His People for His land, for the lost!*
Does He know you? Will you answer the call and allow yourself to be chosen for whatever HE calls you to???

Jesus said" Mat. 7 : 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' **23** And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Never - 3763 - oudepote {oo-dep'-ot-eh} - Never at any time
Knew - 1097 - ginosko {ghin-oce'-ko} - get a knowledge of perceive, feel, intercourse

John 10 : 14 - I am the good shepherd, and know my [sheep], and am known of mine.
John 10 : 27 - My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

The remnant throughout history has not had a glorious position, have they? BUT they were willing to do whatever it took to know HIM and be always in His Presence.
What fire is coming from our mouths to this generation? Is it directed of God, is it HIS word in our mouth? Or is the fire directed where it belongs, at the enemy?????? Who do we wrestle against, flesh and blood or the enemy?

Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against **flesh and blood**, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places].

Who is the enemy? People? The devil would love for us to believe that it is!
Gal 5:15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not **consumed** one of another.

(He said in 2 Chron. 7 : 14 ...and will heal their land
Land - 776 - 'erets {eh'-rets} - whole earth (as opposed to a part) INHABITANTS, people of the land.
John 10 : 16 - And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, [and] one shepherd.
Then look at the promise to those whose hands are feeble and their knees are weak on their faces before God.
If we only realized the power in our mouth/tongues and the way we use it. Curse the devil and his cohorts and bless the people.

Deut. 30 : I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Jam 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth **blessing and cursing**. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet [water] and bitter?

Rom 12:20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt **heap coals** of fire **on his head**.

Mat 5:44 But I say unto **you**, Love your enemies, **bless** them that **curse you**, do good to them that hate **you**, and pray for them which despitefully use **you**, and persecute **you**;

Luk 6:28 **Bless** them that **curse you**, and pray for them which despitefully use **you**.

Rom 12:14 **Bless** them which persecute **you**: **bless**, and **curse** not.

Pro 18:21 **Death and life** [are] in the **power of** the tongue: **and** they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Jhn 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out **of** his belly shall flow rivers **of living**

water.

Isiaiah 35

The Future Glory of Zion

35The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;
2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The Excellency of our God.
3 Strengthen the **weak hands**, And make firm the **feeble knees**.
4 Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you."
5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.
7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes.
8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray.
9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk *there,*
10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

And then of course this promise and word Isiaiah 61 -
The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to [them that are] bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn.....:
6 - But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: [men] shall call you the Ministers of our God...:
10 - 11 - I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh [himself] with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth [herself] with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

So in conclusion, what sacrifice are we willing to make for this land (2 Chron. 7 : 14). There were first sacrifices that were consumed by fire and we must be willing to do whatever HE Wills.
I do not assume to be right or even a teacher, I am just sharing what felt I was receiving from HIS Holy Word. SO whatever is not a witness to you, discard it.

Lord, give us the desire to do Your Will in this earth. Lord, even more importantly draw us near so we can constantly commune with You. Change us into Your Vessels of Glory for Your Purpose alone.
Consume your sacrifices with Holy Fire and make us vessels of pure gold to reflect and shine forth Your Light in the darknees and break fetters that bind the children who are captive.
How do we know that it is not for such a time as this that we are called to lay down all for our nations as Esther did.

Esther 4 : 16 - Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink **three days**, night or day: I also and my maidens will **fast** likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which [is] not according to the law: and **if I perish, I perish.**
Esther 5 : 1 - Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on [her] royal [apparel], and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, [that] **she obtained favour in his sight**: and the king held out to

Esther the golden sceptre that [was] in his hand. So Esther **drew near**, and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what [is] thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. Esther 7 : 8 Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage.

Imagine coming into the Kings Presence and having HIM extend His Sceptre of favor to you and asking you what you desire? Then you say, "My Lord that you would spare the lost of Canada? the lost of America? the lost of Haiti? those dying in Australia? Lord, that you would intervene and stop the slaughter of innocent babies? Lord, that You would touch the starving children and reach the orphans? Lord, that You would pierce the hearts of the religious leaders of our nation? O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: For we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish.

Hebrews 4 : 16 - Let us therefore come ***boldly*** *unto the throne of* ***grace****, that we may* ***obtain mercy****, and* ***find grace to help in time of need****.*
Time of need - 2121 eukairos {yoo'-kahee-ros}
- seasonable, timely, opportune
For such a time as this!
Blessings and Love,

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Rev. 12 : 11 - And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.
.......if I perish, I perish!
http;//www.tehillah.org/dreams.html

Is It Time To Build The Church?

Clay Sikes

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Though the title is intentionally 'catchy,' I ask you to test the meat of this word. Ask God to reveal any truth that may rest in the content of what is written here. As Arthur Burt says, "Test It!"

The Lord has been speaking recently about "The Body" being reconciled back to Him. I have been impressed in my spirit that there is a sequential order to this; that we must not get the cart ahead of the horse. The reconciled Body will build the Church, not the un-reconciled Body. First, The Body must settle into position as the parts that are called to be joined, are joined. As this joining takes place, as with all assembled Armies, God will speak and His purpose released as each part individually finds its part of the wall to build (See the Book of Jeremiah).

Many Christians (both in and out of Church) are busy trying to build the church themselves; this is an indication of the "temple mentality" still residing strong within. These efforts will fall in frustration and discouragement. God's word to us all is:

"REST AND ALLOW ME TO FULLY RECONCILE MY BODY BACK TO ME, AND THEN, I WILL RELEASE YOU TO BUILD MY CHURCH MY WAY."

True rest means that we do nothing outside the leading of God's Spirit; a concept so foreign to our activity based minds that it is hard to grasp. God has called us to "BE," not do "DO." The "DO" will come when we have first learned to "BE." The first "BE" is IN HIS REST, a place of no function without unction.

The reconciled Body uses spirit rather than intellect for direction; is not bound by years of tradition, education, or what has been familiar. The reconciled Body is sensitive to much change and recognizes that resistance to change is likely the force of tradition, the type that hinders God from being able to speak newness and change - "The traditions of men make the word of God to no effect."

The reconciled Body knows that "Sonship" depends on truly being led of God's Spirit (Romans 8:14), and that there is an inheritance upon this earth for every Son (Romans 8:17). The most blessed and powerful men on earth are those whose lives are a testimony of answered prayer (Revelation 12:11). This powerful Army is now emerging in the earth and will lead many into the greatest move of God this earth has ever seen; but we must not get the cart ahead of the horse.

Is It Too Great A Sacrifice?

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Again I speak of the future, for time grows short and the ears and eyes of man need to be sharpened. For there is much activity that goes on - yet many see and hear it not. Yet the angels keep asking, "Is it time yet, Lord? Is it time?" And I say back to them, "Yes, it is almost time." For there are many refusing to listen and many refusing to see what is right in front of them. Then there are those who see and hear, and yet say, "But it is not my problem for I am not in authority over that / them.

But do you believe that I would allow you to see or hear something, if I were not also giving you the authority to **"DO SOMETHING"** about it? For understand this, when you see or hear something that is not of Me, I would not be allowing it, were I not wanting you to pray about it. I would not allow it, were I not giving you the authority to pray into it. I am not allowing it for you to merely comment on it, to say that it is "too bad…." Know this – that nothing is by chance and that I, who am so great as to have created everything, that I - do not allow things to happen by chance, but I know well in advance, of what you will be seeing and hearing, for am I not God of All?

Some would say, "but God, that means I might be praying 24/7 because there is an ever increasing amount of things going on around me. God, is that what you are asking of me – to be in constant petition to you, My Lord and Master?"

I have shown you and taught you that prayer has many forms – for there is praise and worship, there is declaration / proclamation, fasting of many types, fervent intercession and wailing, shouts of joy and exaltation, there is weeping and travail and birthing of many sorts, many use My Word as a sword in their prayers of praise, thanksgiving, and deliverance. So am I asking too much that you would be in prayer 24/7? Even obedience to Me can be seen as a type of prayer and giving of yourself to Me, as being obedient to Me can be the hardest thing I may ask you to do. Remember Abraham and Isaac and the altar? Remember My Son, in the Garden of Gethsemane? Neither of these was easy to do yet they both did as I asked. Do you know and fully understand what that did to satan and his minions?

Yes, I say there are many types of prayer. So do you still think that My asking you to be in prayer 24/7 is too much of a sacrifice for you to do? Do you recall David playing his harp / lyre before Saul? Do you not understand how it quieted the demons within Saul? That many of you suffering from bondage could ease the torment and harassment and get a measure of deliverance from simply surrounding yourself with praise and worship music that honors Me. Do you not understand that the demons within cannot stand praise and worship that honors Me? They would rather leave, than to constantly have to hear it and to hear you sing and or dance with it.

Do you not understand what a powerful weapon of warfare music is and why the enemy uses it so effectively and efficiently with people of all ages? For if he can get you to listen to it – you have opened a door to your spirit which will not be easily shut. For he seeks to have his music seep / creep into your spirit that it becomes a part of you. Many do not realize what they are doing by listening to it, or its' oftentimes "lasting" effect, which can only be "cured" through My Son. For you must repent and seek cleansings of any and all that you have heard that it would be purged from you that you would be filled with My Holy Spirit, Holiness and Purity. But I say, that should you be tempted of this - then there is a deeper root. I say, "Ask Me, that I might reveal to you – that you might get rid of the "cause" from its root, not just the effect that manifests. **Be careful what you see and hear for your eyes and ears can be open doors to your spirit.**

That which you see can be just as dangerous. Why do you think the enemy has used technology and computers so effectively and efficiently? For it opens the doors of your ears and eyes to your spirit. Be careful what you see and hear. Seek Me, Seek Me, Seek Me – for I know what you see and hear. I know what you say. **I KNOW**.

So again I ask, is it too much for you to pray 24/7? Am I asking too much of you? Is this too great of a sacrifice for you to make to Me on behalf of yourself and others and for My glory?

How much are you willing to sacrifice to Me, Your Father that My Kingdom will manifest on earth? How much? Have you put a limit on what you are willing to give Me or **are you willing to GIVE ME ALL?**

Know that by placing limits on yourself you may be placing limits on Me. Yes, I will do what I will do – but do you always accept it? Understand this, You have gotten in the way of My destiny for you many times – by refusing to do as I have asked. You have created your own detours, reaped the consequences and have lengthened the time prior to walking in My destiny for you.

So I ask again, would you be willing to pray 24/7, if I were to ask it of you? Is it too great a sacrifice to make on behalf of yourself, others, and My kingdom?

Your answer will determine your future. For even now, I am knocking on the doors to many hearts. Even now, I am saying ***Pray, Pray, PRAY like you never have before.*** Because again I say***, the fate of this nation and many others will rest with those who are willing to pray and intercede in whatever form I have called you to use at this time and this hour.*** **Will it take prayer 24/7 to stop this assignment of death and destruction that is coming against this nation and many others.** Yes, it will take this from many who will be obedient to My call, who will hear Me knocking on the doors to their hearts. **It will take much – but it is possible.** As all things are possible through My grace and mercy.

Again I say, ***Seek Me, Seek Me, Seek Me. Ask for revelation and be obedient to My call. Seek and I will answer.***

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It Is The Season Of Explosions
Susan Cummings

It is the Season of Explosions. For I have began the release of My Purposes in many arenas and areas. It is time to focus and stand firmly.

The explosions will occur in many levels and dimensions for I am birthing forth and establishing My government and Order again.

I am exploding within My House. I am uncovering all that is covered, hidden, and entrenched within My people, and within My House. I will have a Holy People, who serve Me freely and without any hindrances, control, or wavering.

I am exploding within My Remnant Church. I am bringing all the idols down within the hearts, the minds, and the lives of all. There will be no idols within her, or she will not be Mine.

I am exploding in the religious systems of men. I am bringing Truth to the inward parts, and what is not Truth will fall before Me. My Holiness is now burning across the Land and it will consume all the dross and sin, and bring down the structures of men. What is not founded and built upon Me, will not stand before Me. The clean and the unclean will no longer agree.

I am exploding in the earth and in the heavens. Great signs will be seen in both, as I move within the realms of men, to deal with the sin. The shaking has not yet even fully began, but only the birth pangs. Men will know that I AM. Creation travails to give birth, and will release the pressure, for it cannot be held back any longer.

I am exploding in the government systems of men. What was hidden will become open. The hidden plans will be disclosed and men who are looking for Truth will see the truth of it all. Men will have their final day to rule, but it will swiftly come to an end, as I bring all things to completion.

I am exploding in the reaping and the sowing. Both natural and spiritual.
Natural reaping will bear the weight of sin, as increased pestilence and plagues sweep across the lands. Men have experimented with and have changed my natural laws for their own uses, and will reap their folly. Men have waited to release many things for their own purposes and wickedness. They love the darkness more than the Light. But My Own will know My Hand upon them as the waves move across the land.

Spiritual reaping will also occur as Mine will reap from their intercessions. Great spiritual advances will occur as Mine are launched forth and into their places and they will set free many from the captivity. It is time for reaping that which is Mine, from that which is not. I AM Jealous over Mine, and will release them from their chains and draw them to Myself.

It is time for the Horses to run and Mine to mount their steeds. For the days of Fire have begun.

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Grace Is Not Grace Until You Embrace It
Susan Cummings

Grace is not Grace, until you embrace it, child. For it cannot do it's work within you unless you let it in. My Grace is always available to you, but it never works it's work, unless you embrace it's fullness.

Transformation comes when you totally surrender to My Grace. For My Grace is your invitation to draw closer and to be changed. It is up to you to respond, and then to be obedient to My Voice in that time. If you cannot embrace it, then it cannot work within and without you.

You need my Judgments and My Grace to be fully complete. My Judgments are My Grace. My Grace is more than just My Judgments, it is also My Mercy, My Love, My Truth, and My Holiness. It is so much more. It is available to you. Take My Hand and walk with Me, and allow Me to change you even more.

I am unveiling My Grace to you so that you can be free from some of the entanglements that come against you from time to time. Many of your struggles stem from your weaknesses and some from your strengths. But all of them come from your lack of trust in Me. You must trust Me in all areas.

Remain rooted and grounded in Me. Do not waver, but keep your trust in Me. Do not try to please others, but please Me. For I am able to keep thee. I am able to change thee. I am able to set thee free. Do not fear what others think and keep your feet from wandering as you walk. But place your footsteps within Mine.

I am moving. Keep moving as I move.

Don't allow thoughts of inferiority to weigh heavily upon you. You know what I have said to you. Keep to My Word. Allow My Grace to be sufficient for you. I am able to keep you from falling and straying, if you embrace My Grace today.

Leave tomorrow to Me.

-Susan Cummings
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In Jesus’ Name We Pray

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I have gotten in the habit of ending all my praying with the phrase ‘In Jesus name we pray’. It’s almost as if this phrase is a magical formula that guarantees our praying will be effective. This is a habit I picked up early in my Christian walk from others who prayed that same way. Occasionally one of them would remind people that this is all based on a scripture.

> *John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father* ***in my name****, he may give it you.*
>
> *John 16:23-24*
> *23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father* ***in my name****, he will give it you.*
> *24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*

The problem with that is that it just doesn’t automatically work every time. Unless there is an anointing on it, there is no truth in it. Why? Simple logic. The anointing indicates the presence or inspiration of the Spirit of God who is also the Spirit of Truth, and of Grace. No anointing means no Spirit and therefore no truth.

Now we are not talking about praying the name of Jesus or using the name ‘Jesus’ in prayer. That is very powerful regardless. But there is a difference between using Jesus name in prayer and praying in the name of Jesus. And the promises Jesus gives in John 15 and 16 mentioned above have to do with praying in Jesus name.

What does it mean to Pray in Jesus’ Name?

In biblical language, your name is not just a word that you are called by. It indicates your **nature, character and authority**. So to Pray in Jesus’ Name means you must pray in his nature, character and authority, simple as that.

Character

We are called to be conformed to the image of Jesus, that would mean showing forth the character of Jesus..

> *Romans 8:29-30*
> *29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
> *30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.*

That image we are to be conformed to is the Jesus who learned perfect obedience by the things he suffered.

> *Hebrews 5:8-9*

> *8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;*
> *9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;*

Nature
We are also to be ‘partakers of the Divine nature.’

> *2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Authority
With these two in place, we are then to be able to speak God’s word with the authority of Jesus. And we know there is no limit to the authority of Jesus.

> *Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

This is what he is promising in John 15 and 16 quoted above. It’s not just a simple formula to get prayers answered.

So how does the fulfillment of this promise come about?

When God gives you a new name, it means he is changing your nature, character and authority. In Genesis, for example, he did it for Jacob who became Israel.

> *Genesis 32:28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.*

A New Name
Here are a couple passages where God speaks of giving a new name.

> *Isaiah 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a **new name**, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.*
>
> *Revelation 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a **new name** written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*
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> *Revelation 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him **the name of my God**, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my **new name**.*

Isaiah 62 has an end time context and of course, the book of Revelation has an end time context. So first we see that this is something to happen in the end times. Next, notice that the verses from Revelation tell us that the new name is given to ‘him that overcometh’. God’s not looking for survivors; he’s looking for overcomers. The overcomers are those who get the new name, which means a new nature, a new character and new authority.

> *Revelation 2:26-27*
> *26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*

> *27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.*
>
> *Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

This is the same group of overcomers we see in Revelation 14. They are with the Lamb [Jesus] and they have his father's name [nature, character and authority] written in their foreheads.

> *Revelation 14:1-5*
> *1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*
> *2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:*
> *3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*
> *4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*
> *5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

These are also said to be not defiled, virgins, i.e. pure; having no guile; without fault before God and to follow the lamb wherever he goes. These are the ones that will pray, according to the Name of Jesus. And their prayers will be answered by the father.

In Luke 24, the bible speaks of Jesus commissioning his disciples to go and preach. Note verse 45 which speaks of understanding the scriptures. This is a prophetic picture of the overcomers in the end times who receive the Revelation of Jesus Christ, that they might understand the scriptures and preach in his name.

> *Luke 24:45-47*
> *45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*
> *46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*
> *47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

Illumination

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Beloved Ones:

I recently returned from a family vacation to the Atlanta area, to visit extended family. On the return trip while flying over the Denver area I had a vivid vision. What I saw looked like the weather channel. I saw the winds swirling around, and weather fronts moving across the U.S. I heard the Lord say that Georgia would be visited by a fierce wind. I saw an oppression coming as what looked like storm fronts descending upon the face of the United States. Then after I returned home this Saturday, I read of the various earth quakes we've had here in California.

I began to ask the Lord about these things and this is what I sensed:

"The darkness is coming upon the land, but a great illumination of my presence will ascend from my Beloved Ones. I will use you to bring light to the darkness. I will even reveal hidden mysteries. I will open up portals that have been closed to man until this time. Murders, that have been shrouded in darkness will be solved as I give new discoveries to science. The Marilyn Monroe Murder and J.F. Kennedy Murder will be just a few of those that I will bring to the light. Light will illuminate the darkness and I will reveal my glory through these scientific phenomenon. Seasons will begin to change, and weather patterns will change. This will be a sign and wonder that the earth realm has stepped in to a new spiritual season. Places that have had heat will have cooler weather and those places that have been dry will experience rains. This is not a "global warming", but a "global warning" of the times and season the earth has entered in to. As the darkness becomes greater, so will my glory illuminate in my own.

Revival is coming.

You ask, What does it look like? It looks like love. It looks like serving one another in love. It looks like forgiveness. Brokenness, a contrite spirit. There is a pouring out of wrath that is coming, and a pouring out of my spirit. Little ones, I don't say these things to bring you fear, but to keep you in an alert and prayerful place- resting in me. My watchmen must stay alert, keeping their ears pressed up against my chest to hear my heart beat. They must warn my people. They must cry out for their land. They must be attentive to my spirit, and listen. I will hold them accountable for not communicating my heart. They must speak my heart in love. They must deliver the message, for they are only the messenger.

Be careful to not speak evil of my watchmen, for they only speak of what I show them. If they speak on their own I will discipline them. But, be careful to not judge them. Pray for them and bless them. Times are serious and the message of the Lord must come and be delivered....." "You are in the days of Acts, I will not tolerate open defiance any longer. Yes, there is still grace, but after a season of training, willful disobedience will be punished! Times are serious and this is a wake up call for my people."

Peace in the midst of chaos....

Our family arrived at the Atlanta airport at 5:00Am this last Saturday, for a scheduled flight at 6:30AM. As soon as we checked our baggage in they closed the airport. All they told everyone was, "There's been an emergency and no one is flying out or in right now." At first I wondered if it was a bomb, or a terrorist attack, but I felt a Shalom. We waited around an hour or so with at least a thousand others waiting patiently in line. Then we were released to fly. Apparently there was a fire in the Airport Tram that takes you to the airline gates. What I found interesting is we made it home still on time, no hitches in the trip. I sensed the Lord saying although there may be hindrances, his peace will be with us and that we will be in His timing. When you are moving with the Lord he has time under his control~ and in the palm of his hand! When we arrived in Denver we got off our plane and ran to the next terminal. Our second plane was waiting for us. We boarded, and with in 10 minutes were off in flight again.

Heavenly Gates.... The Lord began to speak to me about the gates staying open. When it seems that you have been delayed by hindrances, the gates of the Lord will stay open for you. Even if others are already on board with the Lord, he will wait for all of us! If circumstances are holding you up, and they are out of your control, trust the Lord. He's holding the keys and keeping the gates open to usher you through and you will arrive right on schedule!

I leave these thoughts and words with you all for your discernment. I realize we are in serious times and I take to heart the things I have related here. I am only a vessel, and I pray my words are accurate, but please offer me grace as I endeavor to hear him clearly, and then only through a glass dimly.....

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Standing At The Gate
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My Child,

The greatest battle is at the gate...you stand at the gate. The gate of decision, the gate of breakthrough, the gate of destiny. Don't hide your face from me right now. I take your chin in my hands and gently raise it up as I gaze in to your lovely eyes. You have eyes only for me, just as doves eyes. I am the true gate keeper and I hold the gate wide open for you to enter. I will clear away all distractions and hindrances. Trust me. As you have entered a new season, set yourself aside for me, lean into me more. Yes you are feeling oppression, and apathy, like you are in a sedentary state. I beckon you to let me lift your face towards mine, look in to my eyes and worship me. Worship will release your mind, will and emotions... Its a new season and I stand at the gate to usher you through in to victory!

2 Chronicles 20: 21-22 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the Lord, For his mercy endures forever." Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated!"

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I Long To See You

Bill Somers

> *For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain **contribution** for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem Romans 15:26*

A look at the theme of Paul's return in Romans as an allegory of the Lord's return, and its implications for the Church

Introduction

In Romans, Paul spends a lot of time talking about his return. Right in chapter 1 he speaks of wanting to come, and then goes into reasons he has not yet done so. In chapter 15 he returns to the topic, speaking of his journey into Spain, but first he has to go to Jerusalem. He mentions that the people of Macedonia and Achaia have made a contribution to the poor saints at Jerusalem; that this is his reason for going there first.

[It is commonly taught that Paul was speaking of finances here, that he was bringing a sum of money collected in Greece to give to the Church at Jerusalem.]

I believe that there is an end time lesson here. Paul's proposed journey is an allegory for the Second Coming Of Christ. The reasons for his delay have to do with things that must happen before he returns. His first stop on the trip is Jerusalem, where Jesus will also again set foot on the mount of olives. Of course we are talking about natural or physical Second Coming, not the spiritual second coming.

The people of Macedonia and Achaia represent the gentile church, and the poor saints at Jerusalem are the Jews who get saved at the very end. The gentiles contribution to those at Jerusalem is the sacrifice of their lives under end time persecution. These are the overcomers who 'avenge not themselves' but 'give place to wrath' because 'they loved not their lives even unto death'.

Revelation speaks of a certain number of martyrs that must be killed, during the end times, before God will avenge their blood. Once this remaining number comes in, things start to happen very rapidly. This remaining number of martyrs is what is spoken of in Romans 11 as the fullness of the Gentiles. And when they come in means they are harvested into heaven, by martyrdom. After this the blindness over Israel will be removed, so they can see clearly their need to call upon the Lord for their salvation.

How does this happen? We know that when the Lord returns, he first carries out judgment on the heavenly powers, before he actually returns to earth. This is important because it is these heavenly powers that form the veil of spiritual blindness over Israel, so that removing them removes the veil. Why then does he wait for a certain number of martyred saints before taking action?

A clue is found in Isaiah [34:4], where he speaks of stars falling from heaven as a leaf falling off the vine, or a fig off a fig tree. The stars falling from heaven are ruling demonic powers coming down. The leaves falling off the vine are saints which are martyred. If there is a correlation between the two, then the number of saints has to equal or better the number of 'stars' for the judgement to be complete. Which means that there is a set number that must be reached. This only happens by a great end time harvest with multitudes getting saved and then martyred so the fullness of the gentiles comes in.

Once the wicked rulers in high places are disposed of, the veil is removed from Israel and they are grafted back into the body of Christ, the olive tree {Romans 11]. This is referred to as life from the dead, and has a double meaning. You see, this also speaks of the resurrection of the saints at this time. Which is followed right away by the translation or rapture of the remnant of the saints who are still left alive after all the persecution.

That sums up what I believe the Lord has shown me about this topic. Before we get into the details of how scripture supports this viewpoint, a word about method.

Understanding Scripture

Approach the scripture with two things in mind. First, that every word is divinely inspired and has a purpose. Second, that the bible is primarily non literal.

I recall a time when I was explaining how the Lord had shown me the handwriting on the floor in John 8. I made a claim that the woman taken in adultery is a type of the church. "Well how do you know that she is a type of the church, how can you find these types all over the place?" someone asked. I didn't have a ready answer at the moment, but I learned to explain it this way. **You have to expect it**. You have to expect to find types, symbols and allegories in the bible. Once you see that this is how the Lord puts things into the scripture, it's much easier for him to reveal them to you. Then when you come across a type in the bible, you are prepared to see the correspondence between the type and the thing it points to. You cannot force a comparison or depend strictly on your own logic. It must not come by 'flesh and blood' but from the Spirit revealing it to you. But if you do not expect to find types, or your theological background has taught you to treat these topics as strictly literal, then you'll be stuck. You won't be able to go past the literal face value of the word, ever learning, but never coming into deeper knowledge.

Let's start with an illustration of how this works.

> *For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life*
> *But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead*
> *Who delivered us from so great a death ….2 Corinthians 1:8-10*

This is written by Paul, describing his experiences on one of the trips he took through Asia. That's the literal face value of this passage. How can you go deeper? Here's a clue. Jerusalem is also in Asia. If you substitute Jerusalem for Asia, you see that these words could have been spoken by Jesus after his resurrection. The same thing that happened to Paul had also happened to Jesus. [Just because it happened later makes no difference.] Here is a case where Jesus is speaking to us directly through Paul.]

The bible was produced by men writing down what the Spirit directed them to write. So all of it is God speaking to man. Parts of it have the appearance of historical record, or personal memoirs. But that is just the surface meaning. The real meat is below the surface. Here it seems as though Jesus is speaking through Paul, because he really is speaking through Paul. Many of the other things that happened to Jesus also happened to Paul. Paul is used as a type of Jesus in many cases; and he is also used as a type of the church in many places.

Romans

We're going to look at parts of the book of Romans. And we're going to filter out some of the details that pertain only to Paul, to look beneath the surface and see the parts where Jesus is speaking directly to us. And we'll cross reference other passages to bring out the fuller meaning.

The Trip

In Romans 1 we find the first mention of Paul's desire to make a journey and return to them.

> *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that **your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world***
> *For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers**;*
> *Making request, if by any means now at length **I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you***
> ***For I long to see you**, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;*
> *That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.*
> *Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but **was let hitherto**,) that I might have some **fruit** among you also, even as among other **Gentiles**. Romans 1:8-13*

One especially significant phrase is where he says ***without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers***;. This is a case where God uses hyperbole, that is exaggeration, to give us a clue that there is a deeper meaning. It's exaggeration for Paul to say that he prays without ceasing, but if we see that this is Jesus speaking through him, it makes sense. This is because we know from Hebrews 7 that Jesus is always interceding for us at the Father's throne.

> *Wherefore he* [Jesus] *is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing* **he ever liveth to make intercession** *for them. Hebrews 7:25*

Now one of the things Jesus is praying for is His return. His request is that "***I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you For I long to see you ....***"

Conditions

But something is preventing Jesus return. Now if we look at what reasons Paul gives for his return being delayed we can see that they parallel Jesus reasons for delay.

> *Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. Romans 1:13*

The phrase 'was let hitherto' is sometimes translated 'hindered until now'; and 'Gentiles' can also be translated as 'nations'. So this is saying that the journey has been delayed so he can have fruit among the nations or Gentiles. Lets look at what is meant by fruit.

> *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me*
> *I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:4-5*

Here we find that there are two ideas involved. One is being attached to the vine and the second is to then bring forth fruit. These correspond to the meanings of bringing forth fruit.

What is meant by Fruit?

Bringing forth fruit has **two** main meanings. The individual believer having the **fruit of the spirit** in their lives, and the **fruit of the earth**. Recall in Genesis where this is first mentioned. Here God commands the fruit of the earth to come forth on the Third Day. Prophetically, The Third Day is a Day of Harvest.

> *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. Genesis*
> *And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good*
> *And the evening and the morning were the third day. Genesis 1:11-13*

The fruit of the spirit is the evidence of Christ being formed in the believer. The fruit of the earth speaks of the harvest of souls into the kingdom of God. The fruit harvest that coincides with the Feast of Tabernacles, celebrated in the fall of the year, speaks of this harvest of souls.. Both of these are vital to our end time understanding.

First comes the harvest of souls that will come with preaching the gospel. This is touched on in both Matthew and Mark.

> *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:14*

> *And the gospel must first be published among all nations. Mark 13:10*

So looking back at Romans 1:8-13 what Jesus, speaking through Paul, is saying it this. He desires to return to us, but cannot until the gospel is preached to all the nations [Gentiles] and there is a harvest of souls from all nations. And these are not just political nations but ethnic nations as seen in Revelation 5:9.

> *And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; Revelation 5:9*

Second comes the fruit of the Spirit, here itemized in Galatians 5.

> *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: ….. Galatians 5:22-23*

Now how does this fruit of the Spirit come forth. In *Colossians* 1 we find this discussed along with other topics. Here are the key verses pertaining to our essay.

> *We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,*
> *Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,*
> *For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;*
> *Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth: Colossians 1:3-6*
>
> *If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; Colossians 1:23*
>
> *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Colossians 1:27*

Now this is quite a mouthful. Let's simplify it by bringing out the basic sentence structure of verses 3-6. When we do this is what we get:

> **We give thanks for the hope.**

Next, the hope is described several ways one of them is that it brings forth fruit in you.

> **Which brings forth fruit in you.**

Since the fruit is in us, we know this speaks of fruit of the spirit. Now there is a condition given; that is if we continue in the faith and do not move away from it.

> **If you continue in the faith.**

Then we see this hope described as a mystery and identified as the hope of glory.

> **This mystery is Christ in you, the hope of Glory.**

We'll describe continuing in the faith as obedience, and we'll see that obedience to the gospel is an idea that is brought out in later verses. To summarize this discussion so far, Jesus is delayed in returning because he is waiting for fruit among the nations. Fruit of the Earth which is the harvest and Fruit of the Spirit which is Christ indwelling his body. This is often described in terms of an equivalent idea, death to self. He must increase, we must decrease. So as He is formed in us, we must die to self.

And once we are dead to self, there is no fear of death. Then we can overcome the enemy who once held us in bondage by that same fear of death. So that facing martyrdom without fear is proof that we have overcome the wicked one.

We say that the fruit of the earth comes with preaching of the gospel; and the fruit of the spirit comes with obedience to the gospel.

[What exactly will obedience to the gospel require? Except martyrdom, for me to live is Christ and to die is gain!]

Notice also in this passage from Colossians, that it mentions continual prayer, verse 3. And it speaks of the gospel coming to all the world, verse 5 and 6, and being preached to every creature, verse 23. And verse 27 mentions the gentiles.

Now lets look back at Romans 1:8-13. We said the phrase 'was let hitherto' is sometimes translated 'hindered until now'. What or when is the 'now' he is talking about?

> *Making request, if by any means now at length* ***I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you***

He has been hindered till now, but now at length [after all this time] he says, I might come to you. Paul is talking about a present situation when he is writing this. But we find that Jesus, speaking through him, is speaking of a future time when he can say that the hindrances have been removed and the conditions met for his return. So this discussion is prophetic of a time yet to come when this will take place.

Here are some verses where we see this spoken of.

> *But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. Romans 10:18*
>
> *Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. Romans 15:19*

There are many issues and themes in Romans, but [to avoid getting bogged down in side issues] we are going to concentrate on the discussion of the return found in chapter 15, with references to Chapters 11 and 12.

The Gentiles

Chapter 15 opens with an exhortation to serve one another, to receive one another and to have one mind and mouth to glorify God. This speaks of unity in the body, the kind of unity we see prophesied in Psalm 133. It's an end time unity that comes when the body of Christ is assembled together, a fruit of the spirit.

Then we read as follows.

> *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers*
> *And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. Romans 15:8-9*

Let's break that down by rephrasing it somewhat.
Saying that **Jesus was a minister of the circumcision** is saying that he was a minister of the covenant to the people of the covenant, the Jews. Circumcision was a sign of the covenant.
To add **for the truth of God** is to say he preached to them the gospel of the kingdom.
To continue and say **to confirm the promises made unto the fathers** speaks of confirming the covenant and fulfilling the scriptures. All of which he clearly did, at least those pertaining to the first coming.

Then he starts in discussing the Gentiles [nations].
We read **And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy** and so on.

[How exactly might the Gentiles Glorify God? Jesus told Peter how in this passage from John

> *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not*
> *This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had*

> *spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. (John 21:18-19 KJV)}*

The use of 'and' at the beginning of this sentence "***And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy"*** breaks Jesus' ministry into two objectives. One is to minister to the Jews and the other is to bring salvation to the Gentiles.

The Jews

Look now to Romans 11 starting with verse 8..

> *8. (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.*
> *9. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them*
> *10. Let their eyes be darkened that they may not see, and bow down their back always*
> *11. I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy*
> *12. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?*
> *13. For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office*
> *14. If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them*
> *15. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? Romans 11:8-15*

Here in verse 11 it says **through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles.** Because the Jews fell in unbelief, the Gentiles could be saved.

Lets go over that again. Jesus came to the Jews, the lost sheep of Israel, but they could not accept him. We read in verse 8 above that God had given them **a spirit of slumber … unto this day** [until now]. I believe this is what is meant by giving them up in Micah 5:3

> *Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. Micah 5:3*

Therefore the gospel could be preached to the Gentiles, i.e. all the world. Now verse 12 is very interesting in that it describes the fall of the Jews as the 'riches of the world' and the diminishing of them as the 'riches of the Gentiles'. But then this is contrasted with their fullness, which he implies will be much greater when he says **how much more their fullness?** First their falling then comes their fullness. Verse 15 speaks of their casting away as the reconciling of the world and their restoration as something much greater, **life from the dead**. First comes their casting away, then their receiving back.

Then in verses 16-24 there is a long discussion comparing the Jews to natural branches of a good olive tree and the Gentiles to branches of a wild olive tree, grafted into the good. This is because the natural branches are broken off. Then it is followed by mention of grafting the natural branches back into the tree.

> *16. For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches*
> *17. And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree*
> *18. Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee*
> *19. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in*
> *20. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear*
> *21. For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee*

> *22. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off*
> *23. And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again*
> *24. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? Romans 11:16-24*

Micah, above, speaks of this process as the giving up of the Jews followed by their return. Paul here has three ways he describes it.
A. Their fall followed by their fullness.
B. Their casting away followed by their being received back again.
C. And their being broken off followed by their being grafted back in again.

Now these terms, fullness, receiving back and grafted back all refer to one and the same thing, their salvation.

Here is Romans 11:25-32.

> *25. For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in*
> *26. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*
> *27. For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins*
> *28. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes*
> *29. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance*
> *30. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief*
> *31. Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy*
> *32. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. Romans 11:25-32*

And now we find it spelled out plainly in verse 26 thusly: **And so all Israel shall be saved.**

Also here God is laying out his ultimate aim in verse 32, **that he might have mercy upon all.** In order to do so, he must first bring blindness upon Israel. Thus he says: **blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.** If the fullness of Israel is their salvation, then the fullness of the Gentiles is their salvation also. After the salvation of the Gentiles will come the salvation of Israel, the Jews.

Let's look at verses 26 -27. Rearranging the word order so it makes a little more sense we get this.

> *For this is my covenant unto them, all Israel shall be saved when I shall take away their sins; as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.*

All Israel shall be saved when I shall take away their sins; written that way it sounds pretty obvious doesn't it.

Now a look at 28-29:

> *28. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes*
> *29. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance*

They are enemies of the Gospel. [Don't be surprised at this.] It's for your sake means that this had to happen for salvation to be available to the Gentiles [the readers of Romans]. They will continue to be enemies of the Gospel till the blindness is removed. But they are beloved as touching the election.

The election is the choice i.e. they are chosen. This is because of the covenant made with their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That the gifts and calling of God are without repentance means that they cannot be changed, this applies to that covenant.

Now let's look very carefully at verses 30-31

> *30. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief*
> *31. Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy*

You, Gentiles, were in unbelief. Now you have mercy because of their unbelief.

They, the Jews, are in unbelief. They will obtain mercy through your mercy! Or in other words, they will obtain salvation through your salvation. And your salvation is what us meant by the fullness of the Gentiles coming in.

We note that the wording here is **fullness of the Gentiles be come in**. [One might expect this to mean "the full number of the Gentiles".] If fullness speaks of salvation, what does it mean to say it has come in? And where is it come into? And why is the word fullness used to mean salvation?

Without writing another essay on salvation, let's argue this. We who are alive and remain on this earth, who know and follow the Lord, are **being saved**. Those who have passed on to be with Him in eternity are the **saved** or have **been saved**. They have **come in** to the heavenly city and are those who stand worshipping before the throne and/or cry from beneath the altar. They have been harvested.

Now there are people continually being saved and continually passing on to be with Him, so how can we speak of a time, a fixed point of time, when the fullness of the Gentiles comes in?

Well look at how the Lord speaks of the fullness of Israel in Romans 11:12 and later makes that equivalent to saying all Israel shall be saved in verse 26. If the fullness of Israel is all Israel, then the fullness of the Gentiles is all the Gentiles. [And no, we're not teaching universal salvation here.]

Does this mean that a full number of the Gentiles will come in and no more after that? Here we must realize that the Lord can use generalities, just as we do. It does not mean that no Gentiles were saved before Jesus came. It does not mean that no Jews were saved after Jesus ascended to heaven. It does not mean that no Jews are being saved today. Nor can it mean that no Gentiles can be saved after 'all Israel is saved'.

It's referring to a significant event in which a large significant number of Gentiles come in all at once. That event is spoken of in Revelations.

> *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. (Revelations 13:7 KJV)*

And then, after that, a large significant number of Jews come in all at once. That event is spoken of in Zechariah.

> *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem*
> *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zechariah 12:9-10 KJV)*

The fullness of the Gentiles must come in before the blindness is removed from Israel. Then all Israel gets saved. So there is some kind of cause effect relationship between these two events.

We said earlier that God is laying out his ultimate aim in verse 32, **that he might have mercy upon all.** After the Gospel is preached to all the world, the fullness of the Gentiles can come in. His instruction to the Gentiles then is found just after completing chapter 11 and rolling on to chapter 12 where we read this.

> *I beseech you **therefore**, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1*

Here the word 'therefore' points back to the goal stated in chapter 11. That All Israel be saved. The phrase present your bodies a living sacrifice speaks of laying down our lives for the Lord. This is the martyrdom of the Church, the Saints spoken of in Revelation 6.

> *9. And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held*
> *10. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth*
> *11. And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. Revelation 6:9-11*

Here the martyrs in heaven are told that after a 'little season' the rest of those, **that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.** This speaks of a certain number whose martyrdom is required and a certain condition that must be fulfilled.

The Gentiles

Now lets go back to Romans 15 where we left off.

> *8. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers*

Continuing on from there we read.

> *9. And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name*
> *10. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people*
> *11. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people*
> *12. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust*

Now here we find 4 out of context quotes where the Lord reminds us that the Gentiles were always part of His Plan. [The word for Gentiles can also be translated heathen or nations.] The first, in verse 9, is from 2 Samuel 22:50, and s repeated in Psalm 18:49. The Second in verse 10 is found in Deuteronomy 32:43. The third found in verse 11 comes from Psalm 117:1. And the last in verse 12 is taken from Isaiah 11:10.

> *13. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost*
> *14. And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another*

Look at how He describes the believers in verses 13-14. Is this a description of today's church? Not exactly, rather it is a portrait of the End Time Church, one that's filled with righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, one where the Kingdom of God is established; and where belief equals obedience. A Church where the people are overcomers because they love not their lives, even unto death. It's a Church that is bearing the **Fruit of the Spirit**!

> *15. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God*
> *16. That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the **offering up** of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost*

These last 4 verses are very important. What he is saying here is something like this.

> I am praying that you be of a certain mind. [Ready, willing and obedient.]
> I already know that you are of this certain mind.
> Nevertheless, I write boldly to remind you to be of this certain mind.

SO THAT the **offering up** [not just the offering] of the Gentiles might be acceptable. Here he is looking back to Romans 12:1, where he speaks of a sacrifice acceptable unto God.

> *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living **sacrifice**, holy, **acceptable unto God**, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1*

Now here the phrase *which is your reasonable service* speaks of obedience. Service in this verse is sometimes translated 'worship'. It means that we can worship God by being obedient and offering up [or laying down] our lives as a holy sacrifice.

> *17. I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God*
> *18. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed*

Notice here once again the emphasis on the Gentiles obedience to the gospel. This is described as obedience in **word and deed** showing that there is fruit of the spirit present.

Continuing on in Romans 15:

> *19. Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ*
> *20. Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation*
> *21. But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand*
> *22. For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you*

These verses once again speak of the gospel being preached unto all the world. Firstly as something that is finally accomplished, and secondly reminding us that it had to be done before He could come to us. It's the fruit among the Gentiles. It's the fruit of the earth that gives us the number of saints in the end time harvest. It's the fruit of the spirit that gives the obedience that makes the sacrifice acceptable.

> *And the gospel must first be published among all nations. Mark 13:10*

Continuing on we read.

> *23. But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you*
> *24. Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company*

But **now**, he says, I take my journey! This meaning, now that the gospel has been preached to all the world, the fullness of the gentiles is come in. The Fruit is harvested. And so now I can come again.

> *25. But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints*

And **now** I go unto Jerusalem, where as we read in Zechariah:

> *Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*
> *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, … (Zechariah 14:3-4 KJV)*

Continuing on we read.

> *26. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain **contribution** for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem*

Because, the Gentiles, Macedonia and Achaia, [two witnesses, if you will], have made the contribution of martyrdom in obedience to the gospel.

How exactly is this a contribution?

Because these martyrs contribute to the required number that must be killed. Once the remaining number of martyrs have come in, the Lord will arise and take vengeance for their spilled blood.

> *God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Psalm 47:5*

When the Lord returns, he first carries out judgment on the heavenly powers, before he actually returns to earth.

> *For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. Micah 1:3*

Why does there have to be a certain number?

Simply because there is a certain number of His enemies that must be judged. In Isaiah 34 we read of this judgment.

> *And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree*
> *For my sword shall be bathed in heaven …. (Isaiah 34:4-5 KJV)*

Here the context is the Second Coming. The reference to the vine and fig tree is a reference to the Church. So to speak of a leaf falling from the vine or a fig from the fig tree is to speak of one of the saints falling in martyrdom. To speak of the host of heaven falling down is to speak of the fall of one of the heavenly powers, wicked rulers in high places. Psalm 82 mentions this when it depicts the Lord pronouncing judgment on *the gods*.

> *But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes*
> *Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations. (Psalms 82:7-8 KJV)*

So Isaiah is talking about the coming judgment of demonic powers of the air, [stars or hosts of heaven] comparing it to the martyrdom of the saints. There is a correlation between the two, then the number of saints has to equal or better the number of 'stars' for the judgement to be complete. Which means that there is a set number that must be reached.

The Missing Ingredient

But wait, there is a missing ingredient here. We know from reading Matthew 23 that there is another condition for Jesus to come to Jerusalem. He must be invited!

> *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!*
> *Behold, your house is left unto you desolate*
> *For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. (Matthew 23:37-39 KJV)*

That condition is met, I believe in the passage we quoted from Zecharaiah above, describing how the Jews will be grafted back in.

> *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem*
> *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be*

> *in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zechariah 12:9-10 KJV)*

The fullness of the Jews implies that they will indeed call upon him saying *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

The Second Coming

Once the powers of heaven are fallen, the blindness is lifted. The heavens are open and then the Lord pours out *the spirit of grace and of supplications* upon his brethren, kinsmen according to the flesh. This initiates the Second Coming.

If the blindness is lifted earlier or by some other means, the fullness of the Jews would come before the fullness of the gentiles, leaving many unsaved. This is why the Second Coming awaits the fullness of the Gentiles.

> *26. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain* ***contribution*** *for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem*
>
> *27. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things*
> *28. When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain*
> *29. And I am sure that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. Romans 15:8-29*

Summary:

Paul's proposed journey in the Book of Romans is an **allegory** for the Second Coming Of Christ. The reasons for his [Jesus} delay have to do with things that must happen before he returns. Paul's first stop on the trip is Jerusalem, where Jesus will also again set foot on the mount of olives.

The people of Macedonia and Achaia represent the gentile church, and the poor saints at Jerusalem are the Jews who get saved at the very end. The gentiles contribution to those at Jerusalem is the sacrifice of their lives under end time persecution. These are the overcomers who 'avenge not themselves' but 'give place to wrath' because 'they loved not their lives even unto death'.

Revelation speaks of a certain number of martyrs that must be killed, during the end times, before God will avenge their blood. Once this remaining number comes in, things start to happen very rapidly. This remaining number of martyrs is what is spoken of in Romans 11 as the fullness of the Gentiles. And when they come in means they are harvested into heaven, by martyrdom. After this the blindness over Israel will be removed, so they can see clearly their need to call upon the Lord for their salvation.

How does this happen? We know that when the Lord returns, he first carries out judgment on the heavenly powers, before he actually returns to earth. This is important because it is these heavenly powers that form the veil of spiritual blindness over Israel, so that removing them removes the veil. Why then does he wait for a certain number of martyred saints before taking action?

A clue is found in Isaiah [34:4], where he speaks of stars falling from heaven as a leaf falling off the vine, or a fig off a fig tree. The stars falling from heaven are ruling demonic powers coming down. The leaves falling off the vine are saints which are martyred. If there is a correlation between the two, then the number of saints has to equal or better the number of 'stars' for the judgement to be complete. Which means that there is a set number that must be reached. This only happens by a great end time harvest with multitudes getting saved and then martyred so the fullness of the gentiles comes in.

Once the wicked rulers in high places are disposed of, the veil is removed from Israel and they are grafted back into the body of Christ, the olive tree {Romans 11]. This is referred to as life from the dead, and has a double meaning. You see, this also speaks of the resurrection of the saints at this time. Which is followed right away by the translation or rapture of the remnant of the saints who are still left alive after all the persecution. All of which takes place just before the Second Coming.

Imagination
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Recently Randy Harris of Abilene Christian University spoke at a Mission Alive retreat for church planters about the spiritual gift of imagination. Imagination is the spiritual gift whereby Christians reflect upon scripture and natural revelation within their life situations to envision what God wants. It is "seeing things as God sees them, catching a dream as big as God is" (Harris 2004). Christian leaders, using this gift, image alternative worlds. For example, Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech envisioned a world of equality, where black and white live in harmony, without discrimination.

This Monthly Missiological Reflection images six transformations that the church must undergo in order to be faithful to God within contemporary urban cultures. The transformations generally deal with the incipient syncretism of Christian forms and beliefs with Modernity. It seeks to answer the question, "What does the church look like if it truly reflects the nature and 'passion' of Christ?"

Imagining Christ's Church in the City

From a Cognitive Cathedral to a Holy People Walking with God

Churches developed during the Modern era generally exist to dispense information. Unbelievers become Christians by receiving new information and grow in Christ to become leaders through enhanced understandings. The role of the preaching minister or pastor is that of teacher, dispensing information to the flock. Churches thus became cognitive groups ascribing to a set of teachings and meeting for a few hours each week in a palace of bricks and mortar to receive additional teaching.

God, however, expects more. He desires that his people not only know about him but that they also walk personally with him.

Envision churches full of people whose lives exist in relationship with God, where members passionately, whole-heartedly pursue full devotion to Christ. As Christians look toward the glory of God, they are "being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18). Like the early Christian church, they devote "themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

From Attenders to Community

People "go to church" for many different reasons: It is their duty. It is a place to meet people of influence. Their children receive moral instruction. Attending church assuages guilt and declares to self and others that they are religious. The church fulfills what Maslow calls "self-actualizaton needs." All is well because a responsibility has been discharged.

Turning to God, relating intimately with him in Christian community, discovering his will, and developing the discipline to implement a Christian lifestyle are frequently secondary motivations. Church is considered "a place" to go rather than a people of God in community.

Imagine churches where Christians are not merely spectators but live in community. Christians practice the "one-another" relationships descriptive of Christian fellowship in the Bible. They are God's holy people "clothed . . . with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." They "bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances [they] have against one another. [They] forgive as the Lord has forgiven [them]" (Col. 3:13). Love "binds them all together in perfect harmony" (Col. 3:14). The church is a community of God on a pilgrimage through life helping each other to continue as Christ's disciples and encouraging others to join them on the journey to reach heaven.

Consider, for example, Jim and Julie, who are struggling with their marriage, their children, and relationships in the workplace. Jim is wrestling specifically with sins of pornography and pride and Julie with depression and the fear of not being an adequate mother. Without the church their marriage will likely disintegrate. But the church as a one-another fellowship of the kingdom of God enables them to overcome sins and provides direction in their relationships. Their fellowship, typically a small group in a larger congregation or a house church, gives them the spiritual direction to live as God's people.

From Members to Ministers

Frequently church is equated with a "place" to attend rather than a fellowship for equipping God's servants for works of service. Church strength is naively gauged by church attendance. The result is that hundreds are mere spectators! Many "Christians" have merely "placed membership" by publicly declaring their affiliation or following a few easy steps to become members. Such understandings of membership have little to do with genuine Christian discipleship.

The Kipsigis of Kenya have a proverb that says, "Magisiche logok si kebagach" ("We do not have children and then leave them."). While we understand this concept with physical children, the concept has not been applied to "baby Christians." The focus continues to be placed upon initial conversion with less emphasis placed on nurturing new Christians to walk with God and equipping them as participating ministers in the kingdom of God. The sad result is that less than 20 percent of the Christians in a typical church do more than 80 percent of the ministry.

Imagine churches where all members have a place of ministry within the body, where leaders focus on training Christians for works of service as the church reaches into the world. Ephesians 4 says that Christ is the prime mover of leadership development since he has provided, by his grace and power, specific gifts to the body (vv. 7-9, 10). He gifted some to be apostles, others to be prophets, and still others to be evangelists and pastors/teachers. These leaders are to "to prepare God's people for works of service." No task is more important for these leaders. Note the progress in the text: The small initial body planted in a locality must be "built up" until it reaches "unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God" so that it becomes "mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (vs. 13). The church, then, is no longer composed of "infants, tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their scheming" (vs. 14). "Instead, speaking the truth in love" enables the church to "grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ" (vs. 15). The result is a body "joined and held together by every supporting ligament" which "grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work" (vs. 16). Ephesians 4:16 thus describes a mature body, equipped by its leadership for ministry. Doug Murren reports that churches that grow 25% or more each year always have 60% of their attending adults serving in some form of ministry (Murren 2002).

Christians must be nurtured to become Christ-focused, Spirit-led participants in the kingdom of God.

From the Strong to the Weak

In Western culture where they are voluntary associations of individuals, churches strive to gain the loyalty of searchers and to maintain the loyalty of members. Evangelical churches typically opt into this market-driven culture by becoming "vendors of religious goods and services" (Guder 1998, 84). Generally, the focus is on the rich and powerful who have the ability to create and maintain expensive church structures. The church, consequently, looks and sounds more like a business enterprise. Christian leaders begin to view themselves, despite disclaimers, as jars of gold, silver, or bronze rather than simple clay jars, or clay lamps through whom the light of the gospel shines to demonstrate the "all-surpassing power of God" (2 Cor. 4:7).

Imagine churches whose theme is authenticity, where all confess their weaknesses and acknowledge God's sovereign leading. Envision churches reflecting God's nature by caring for the weak, i.e., the children and the poor, those with no means to survive on their own.

Imagine children of unbelievers feeling excitement about God and Jesus, an excitement that then ripples into the family leading to the conversion of mother, father, and other relatives. Children's ministry, consequently, serves as a catalyst for evangelism, an entry point into the church. Barna records that 85 percent of those who come to Christ do so before the age of 15, and that human spiritual foundations are largely formed by age 9 (Barna 2003). Lisa Jones of Christ's Church of the Valley in Philadelphia says that parents have a natural inclination to be involved in their children's activities. These parents are invited to help with the children's ministry and willingly "do it for the kids." Searchers are then incorporated as helpers in the youth program because, "The best way to learn something is to teach it." An evangelistic children's ministry thus provides the relationships that serve to incorporate these searchers into small groups on their journey to know God (Jones 2004).

Envision churches with Jesus' compassion for the poor. At the inception of his ministry, Jesus quoted Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, and release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19). Acts of kindness done for the poor are in actuality done to Jesus because he lives among the poor (Matt. 25:31-46).

Although the nature of ministry to the poor may vary, it is not optional. Mission Arlington models an identificational approach to planting multiple apartment churches among the poor while simultaneously ministering to their needs. They believe in "taking church to the people" (www.missionarlington.org). Victory Outreach evangelizes and disciples hurting people through a confrontational, charismatic approach in the prisons, streets, and projects of urban cities (http://www.victoryoutreach.org/; cf. Mathison 1997). No church, even in suburbia, should isolate itself from issues of poverty and injustice. All churches must embody Christ's concern for the poor and disenfranchised. For example, the Adventure Christian Church in Roseville, California, has grown to 6,000 members in the suburbs of Sacramento in ten years while actively supporting and ministering in the inner-city (www.adventurechristian.org).

Paradoxically, much growth comes from the margins of society because of the church's concern for the weak.

In this ministry Christian leaders must posture themselves as fragile jars of clay (literally, clay lamps) through whom the light of the Gospel shines. Never should they portray themselves as prestigious, powerhouses, jars of gold, silver, or bronze.

From Cultural Accommodators to Kingdom Participants

Many churches, significantly influenced by Enlightenment thinking, have been molded to think in rational, propositional categories and have neglected to spiritually form followers of Christ to think of themselves as participants of God's mission and instruments of his kingdom. A syncretism, a blending of Christian beliefs and practices with those of the dominant culture, occurred so that Christianity spoke with a voice reflective of its culture. The church began to lose it moorings and was swept here and there by the ebb and flow of cultural currents. This process continues today with devastating results.

Many Christians are practicing Deists. They diligently study the Bible without expecting God to act in the same way he did in Scripture. They pray for the sick, yet expect God to work only through doctors' hands. God--who created the world, selected Israel to become his chosen people, and gave resurrection power to his Son - is viewed as a clockmaker: "God wound up the clock of the world once and for all at the beginning, so that it now proceeds as world history without the need for his further involvement" (MacDonald 1984, 304-305). In these churches God's "truth is too distant, his grace is too ordinary, his judgment is too benign, his gospel is too easy, and his Christ is too common" (Wells 1994, 30). Thus, Christians who seek to be faithful to the God of the Bible must break from their Enlightenment heritage to believe that God is "majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders" (Ex. 15:11).

Church Growth practitioners also absorb this Modern stance. Assuming that they can chart their way to success by their ingenuity and creativity, they focus on what humans do in missions rather than on what God is doing. Although they advocate faithfulness to God, decisions are based upon anthropological analysis and pragmatic strategies. Theological frameworks are not intentionally developed and formative to practical ministry. They assume the gospel rather than intentionally allow gospel to shape their identities and methodologies.

Thus their illustrations and video clips frequently affirm the connection of the Gospel to popular culture by emphasizing similarity rather than diversity. Hesselgrave writes, "A method of communication that is over dependent on the discovery and utilization of similarities is open to question. In the long run, the dissimilarities between beliefs and practices may be more important and utilitarian. . . . If one's objective is to convert and disciple, the number and importance of these differences will far outweigh the number and importance of supposed similarities" (Hesselgrave 2004, 147, 149).

Because of the church's propensity to accommodate to the prevailing worldviews of popular culture, the church must consistently define itself in itself biblical terms. The church, although contextualized for the contemporary situation, must seek to restore God's intentions for the church in every era.

Imagine churches who perceive themselves as part of the mission and kingdom of God. Church leaders base their identities upon scripture and then move from these theologies to practice. Their terminologies change. They do not "set the DNA" of churches, "build" the church, or "establish" the kingdom. Rather, they "enter into" the mission of God; they "serve" as participants in the kingdom of God.

Their understanding of the church also changes. The church is depicted in theological rather than human terms. The purpose of the church is to reflect the glory of God rather than to provide "religious goods and services." The church is understood to be "a unique community in the world created by God through the Spirit as both holy and human" (Love 2003) and as "a distinctive community formed by the calling and sending of God and reflecting the redemptive reign of God in Christ" (Guder 1998, 77-109). The church is composed of living stones built around the chief cornerstone to become "a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 2:4-5).

In Ephesians 2:19-22 Paul uses multiple metaphors to describe the nature of the church. The church is a new nation: Newly converted Christians are "no longer foreigners and aliens" but "fellow citizens" in a community of faith (2:19). The church is a family, or "God's household" (2:19). The church is a holy temple, well constructed with each part joined together and built around Jesus Christ, the chief cornerstone. This fellowship comes into existence through conversion: Those dead in sin (2:1-3) are made alive with Christ (2:4-7) by God's grace (2:8-10). Paul stacks metaphors one on another to illustrate a redeemed fellowship "brought together under . . . Christ" (1:3-11) and existing "for the praise of his glory" (1:12). These perspectives form an inspired picture of God's divine community.

From Monocultural to Multicultural

Despite the foundational Christian belief that "God does not show favoritism but accepts people from every nation who hear him and do what is right" (Acts 10:34-35), 11:00 a.m. on Sunday morning continues as perhaps the most segregated hour of the week in North America. The social distances, the alienation, and interracial suspicion in popular culture are also in the church. Christ, however, is "our peace" who brings together the nations, destroying the walls that divide them (Eph. 2:14).

Imagine fellowships where there is no "Jew or Gentile, bond or free." All are accepted in their rich cultural diversity within the church. Envision churches which borrow aspects of many cultures and incorporate them in unique ways. These churches draw from a collage of cultural metaphors, motifs, and parables from various world cultures to creatively draw and illustrate a Christian worldview. The diversity of God's kingdom is also reflected in the multicultural nature of lay and full-time Christian leaders. George Yancey's One Body, One Spirit: Principles of Successful Multiracial Churches is a practical guide to help churches sensitively enter other cultures within a city and intentionally become God's community of nations in urban, multicultural contexts.

To facilitate this transition, Christian leaders must view themselves as missionaries to the nations in urban North America.

Missional Transition

Churches rooted in modernity will continue to stagnate and dwindle. Most are in the maintenance mode. They look inward, taking care of their own immediate needs. They seldom perceive themselves as God's people on the journey through life helping fellow travelers to be God's disciples and encouraging others to join them on this God-directed and Jesus-inspired journey.

God, however, is working through both church renewal and church planting. This article defines some of the major transitions that the church must undergo to faithfully reflect the kingdom of God in this generation. Churches must focus on . . . .

spiritual formation
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equipping members for ministry caring for the weak their missional, kingdom identity multicultural ministry

. . . . to restore God's intention for his church.

Image Transition

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1 Corinthians 15: 49—*And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven.*

We pray and expect to receive great anointing of the Holy Spirit very soon. We will be clothed with the glory of God. This new clothing is the image or likeness of the man from heaven. Right now we bear the image or likeness of the first man, Adam. We pray and expect that image transition will occur very soon.

John 17:5—*And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.*

This was Jesus praying. He took the position of Adam and prayed for the restoration of Adam to his Gen 1:27 condition of being in the image of God, that is, being clothed with the glory of God. We must remember though that by the time Jesus prayed the above prayer, Adam was now a giant tree with many branches (Matt 13:32), and the prayer was for the whole tree.

Did God answer Jesus' prayer? When?

I believe that God's answer to Jesus' prayer is both continuous and conditional. By this I mean that starting from the time Jesus prayed the prayer, God started answering the prayer and has continued to answer that prayer. That was why Jesus included in the prayer, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message" (John 17:20). Even though Adam has many branches, only the branches that get detached from the old tree and are grafted onto the new tree of Christ and who abide in the new tree are restored (John 15:1-6).

We then see that anyone that detaches from Adam and attaches to Christ is a candidate for restoration to God's glory. The candidacy remains while the person remains attached, and the restoration happens eventually for those who remain to the end. How does detachment from Adam and attachment to Christ take place? Both happen at the Cross.

Galatians 6:14—*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been* ***crucified*** *to me, and I to the world.*

Through faith in the work that Jesus did for us on the Cross the world is crucified to us and us to the world. The world refers to the fallen man. Through the Cross, we are no longer part of the fallen man. How?

Galatians 3:13—“*Christ redeemed us from the* ***curse*** *of the* ***law*** *by becoming a* ***curse*** *for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”*

It was the curse which came upon mankind due to sin that made man a fallen being. Any person who is redeemed from the curse is no longer fallen. Our redemption comes by faith in (the finished work of) Jesus Christ (on the Cross). We must cling to the Cross, in every condition. To cling to the Cross means to always hold on to the fact that Jesus’ death on the Cross has redeemed us. We have been detached from Adam by the death of Jesus, and have been attached to Christ. Does this free us from the troubles of this world, which is easily seen as the operation of the curse?

For some time we may not be freed from the troubles of this world. In fact, the troubles may even escalate. It is for the testing of our faith. That is why Jesus says that we must abide in the faith in His finished work. Satan may buffet us, but our victory has been secured on the Cross, so we need to endure just for a while. We are in a battle. The enemy may throw any weapons at us, but we need not fear any evil since we are not under curse. When we have proved the seriousness of our faith, finally, the image transition happens. Before Jesus started His public ministry, He apparently suffered great deprivation. He must have lived below poverty line. Being the eldest son in a family that had lost the father it was tough on Him. He had to offer up prayer with deep cries to God, and He was heard because of His reverent submission (Heb 5:7). When His submission had been fully tested, he was then anointed with Holy Spirit and power. It was then that everyone got to know that He was not an ordinary man.

Rom 8:18—*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.*

Let us hold on to the Cross. Let us not give up because of all that the enemy is throwing at us. We are already victorious. The image transition will happen very soon.

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Impinging Borders
Brenda Dowdin

May 13, 2005

There are boundary lines in the spirit and the enemy has crossed over these lines. Lines of generations, lines of authority, lines in space, lines in time, lines of latitude and longitude, these lines have brought my church in to a warped mind set. I am re-aligning my angelic beings and bringing things back in to proper alignment. As I do people will be repositioned in my kingdom. Some will move, some will step down from places they are serving, others will step up. Generational strongholds will sovereignly be removed by my grace. (A supernatural grace will be released to get free of generational strongholds. Just as I freed the children of Israel from Egypt, so will I free my people.) Lines of authority are being re-established and I am shifting righteous leaders in to positions of authority. There is a changing of the guards, and a lining up that has begun. This shift is global and will be felt as such.

Look for signs and wonders in the heavenly realm, for a lining up has been placed in to motion. Even the ground shall prophecy this.

Science will stand in amazement and wonder and so will the church!

Blessings to you, firebrand007@hotmail.com

I Heard The Snapping Of Bands
Brenda Dowdin

May 13, 2005

While driving down Highway 99E, I heard the snapping of bands.....

This is what I sensed the Lord saying....

Bands that are attached to God's people are breaking. The Lord is bringing an alignment and shift and as we shift with Him, the power of the enemy is being broke from over our lives, like an old rubber band that is breaking apart. Strongholds are fleeing like the blinds over a window being rolled up quickly and suddenly.

I also see many in the Body of Christ who have felt they haven't quite fit in. They have had familiar spirits, generational spirits who have brought forth an oppression over their lives, and many for all of their lives have suffered from this. Some in the church have even judged these different ones because of not understanding the spiritual dynamics involved here. The Lord is bringing restoration and double honor for these precious ones. Watch for a sudden break through, its coming soon!

Finally, I heard the Father say this, "I am the Father of Lights, watch for Me!" Watch in the heavenlies for what I sense is a solar storm (war in heaven) ? I see stars exploding, like the Fourth of July fireworks. A new freedom is coming upon the Bride. The captive will be set free! Look for the Father of Lights....as you see the stars colliding know that my angels are waging war on your behalf....The heavens will prophecy and it will be a sign and wonder, an amazement to science. Don't be afraid for I am giving you a "Light Show of my Glory!"...

Blessing Beloved Ones... Brenda Dowdin firebrand007@hotmail.com

In 2005

Jim Murr

12/31/2004

In 2005 my judgments will be in all the earth. The whole world will know that I AM God and that I AM the God of Israel and that there is no God like unto Me, saith the Lord. My judgments will cause a mighty influx of souls into the house of the Lord. This mighty influx of souls will bring revival, and you will experience marvelous works, and you will see signs and wonders as never before seen by man. In those places of worship where my name is exalted and my word is not compromised you will experience miracles that are considered impossible by man, but I say unto you that there is absolutely nothing too hard for me, saith the Lord. I will turn the hearts of my ministers back to the word of God, and I will cause them to be touched by my Spirit. There will be a mighty refreshing in the whole body of Christ as I cause my ministers to be consumed with a burden for souls and a vision for revival. Yes, 2005 is the year of revival. It will not be as in the past. I will bring forth a new thing, saith the Lord. I will cause revival fires to break out all over the world. In 2005 you will experience a mighty harvest of souls, saith the Lord. Yes, in 2005 there will be a mighty outpouring of my Spirit all over the whole world. The gospel will be preached in every corner of the world. Millions of souls will be saved. Prodigal sons and daughters will come home. Marriages will be healed. Relationships will re restored. I will heal the broken hearted and I will set the captive free, saith the Lord.

In 2005 I will remember my covenants that I have made with you, saith the Lord. Yes, in 2005 you will see the fulfillment of my promises. It will be a time of jubilee and a time of celebration. In 2005 I will cause you to remember that I have chosen you and that my election and my calling are without repentance. I will no longer allow you to halt between two opinions. You will be forced to choose between me and the things of the world. Listen to me my children for I say unto you that 2005 will be the year that you will experience the fullness of your calling, saith the Lord. Many of you will surrender to the calling on your life. Some of you will teach. Others of you will become pastors. Some of you will go forth as prophets. Some will become apostles and build churches, and others of you will be sent to the uttermost parts of the earth to preach the gospel to the poor.

In 2005 I will raise up Josephs from the prisons and I will cause them to have dreams and I will give them the interpretation of those dreams. I will certainly give them my favor and I will cover them with many spiritual gifts. Yes, I will cause these Josephs to stand before kings and the whole world will know that I have chosen them, saith the Lord. In 2005 I will go into the wilderness and raise up men and women like unto my servant Moses who done more miracles than anyone other than myself, saith the Lord. The ones whom I have chosen with anointings like unto my servant Moses will know who they are. They will not have to be told. In 2005 I will also chose Aarons from the midst of the unknowns and I will anoint them with a royal priesthood, saith the Lord. I will cause their rods to bud and the whole world will know that I have chosen them, saith the Lord. Yes, 2005 will be the year that I raise up my chosen ones, and 2005 will be the year of revival, saith the Lord.
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In 2005

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In 2005, God is going to use the foolish things to confound the wise.

Recently, I had a dream, which involved a family from my church sitting on a platform in ministry. This family had faced trouble and heartbreak. This family had been despised and rejected, but God chose to elevate and promote them. The Lord, revealed to me that He is actually raising this family up for His glory and purpose. Some people will rejoice and marvel at the hand of God on this family's life while others will question and be puzzled by what they see. However, who God chooses to promote and favor will not be for man's understanding.

This year, God is going to promote, increase, and elevate those who have been rejected, despised, and scorned by the religious crowd. The first shall be last, and the last shall be first. Right now, the Lord is in the process of bringing those who have been wounded in spiritual battle to the forefront. He is dressing them up in royal garments and crowning them with His glory. These in line for promotion are those whose hearts stayed near to God even though they faced tests and trails and experienced wilderness and desert moments. Their experiences will be used to bless and reach out to others the general church has not touched.

God is removing the shame of widows. The Lord is adorning them with pearls and dressing them with garments of praise. This is the year God will restore and set things in order. In 2005, God will use the foolish things to confound the wise.

Inundated By Tasks
Sandy Warner

Dec 2, 2005

INUNDATED BY TASKS
Precious, the world will take every second of your time if you let it. Learn the boundaries of your gifts and calling and then find the joy of expression within that place. Delegate everything that you can outside of that place so that all may divide the load, and so you may rightfully stay where you are most effective. My Word to you right now is, LET GO. Release all that steals your time from what I have called you to do. Hunt and diligently find others who have been prepared for these tasks. Train them and let go. You can not embrace the fullness I have for you when you have grown beyond your past responsibilities. I have prepared others to fill these places, release them to grow and prosper in the ground that you have planted.

Phil 4:6-7 NKJV
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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Forward Button
Sandy Warner

Nov 30, 2005
FORWARD BUTTON
What was held back in the way of provisions and equipment for you to move forward, was protected and kept for you. Ask Me to loose that which was held back. Call for the angels to be set in motion to dispatch the help to boost you forward. I will launch you up and out of old intercessory places and you shall no longer be held in restraint. It is time to move you forward into your destiny. Let go of the losses and disappointments, leave them in My hands and walk out, run out, fly out, move out. Your equipping and provision shall go with you and in a great company of believers you shall move.

Ex 14:15-17 NKJV
And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward . But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

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Honoring Free Will
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Nov 29, 2005
HONORING FREE WILL
Beloved ones, honoring the free will of mankind is a hard lesson to learn. As you walk in your callings and fulfill what I have asked of you, you will face natural and spiritual obstacles. I AM teaching you how to resist the spiritual obstructions and stand strong against opposition. However, the strongholds and mind-sets of man are something you need to hurdle more gracefully.

There are times when the will of man directly opposes your calling. Yes, you are to stand for truth, but remember, your war is not against flesh and blood. I have not called you to argue or use the weapons of man to push it through.

It is in My very nature to truly give man freewill and I really do want volunteer lovers. Free will to choose is even the law, which I have set for My own limitations. If I force anyone, then it is a puppet life with no relationship. My very Identity is Love. Just like you, I want a real family, not one where one third will betray Me.

When you do not honor the free will of man, you inappropriately apply your faith to My backing your calling. I cannot endorse your faith-filled expectations to thwart the choices of those who oppose you, when I Myself live inside that limitation. Yes, because I AM Love, I even limit My own self to the same limitations.

This does not mean that I will not melt hearts to give you favor and open doors in the place of locked ones. Nevertheless, after a season of testing, if you still stand against a strong, closed mind, be willing to hurdle over it, walk around it or leave it behind. Understand that as My servant, what you have to give in your calling is never enforced, only given. It is true that in one sense, the boundaries of your calling are limited to man's receptivity, which is true of My own limitations. I do not force man to receive what I have to say. As it is said in My Word, "Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family." And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any mighty miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them." (Mark 6:4-5 NLT) Therefore, regardless of whatever you lose through the loss of one, I shall multiply it repeatedly on earth and in heaven, and you will receive the fullness of the rewards of your calling.

Rev 22:11 AMP
He who is unrighteous (unjust, wicked), let him be unrighteous still; and he who is filthy (vile, impure), let him be filthy still; and he who is righteous (just, upright, in right standing with God), let him do right still; and he who is holy, let him be holy still. [Dan 12:10.]

Dan 12:10 AMP

Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be tried, smelted, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but the teachers and those who are wise shall understand. [Dan 11:33-35.]

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No More Froth
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Nov 28, 2005
Your life, your anointing and your time is too important to waste on those who are not teachable and who are not hearing My voice through you. There are so many out there who do desire and want to hear what I have given you. Do not waste your time defending yourself, explaining yourself, or talking back to anyone. This results in a downward spiral, which is not profitable for them or for you. Simply walk away from all argument, and strife; stay silent when accused. Give it to Me and let Me be your defense. Repent when you need to repent, and apologize when it is the right thing to do. But don't bother with the dogs who bite and nip at your anointing. Just walk away and leave them to their foaming mouths.

Jude 13 NLT
They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the dirty foam of their shameful deeds. They are wandering stars, heading for everlasting gloom and darkness.

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In The Fear Of God
Sandy Warner

Feb 20, 2005

IN THE FEAR OF GOD
Most lives are busy walking to and fro.
We give ours to Abba that we might know.
We long to hear Him - as we endear Him.
And we do fear Him, He's a holy God.
Just one look from the Father's direction
Is enough for a lifetime of correction.

He is awesome and Mighty, He is power.
Supreme in His doings, yes, all do cower.
He is reigning most Sovereign over all.
Nothing escapes Him and nothing does fall
Without His knowledge, without His grand plan,
As we try escaping being mere men.

Humanity puffs up without knowledge of Him
Vanity and blindness put us out on a limb.
But He is so merciful to love us at best.
He gave us Jesus Christ to do all the rest.
It's by grace that we come. And grace that we stand.
By grace we receive and follow His commands.

To be a member of His family - to rule and to reign,
To really know the concept - we would never live the same.
Who is this God man Who came in the flesh?
He was Jesus Christ the Son Who gave us His best.
The Father chose to multiply Jesus' sacrifice for all,
His blood pouring from His veins redeems Adam's fall.

For in the fall of Adam, all men truly died.
But through the gift of Jesus Who was crucified,
We were brought back to living from among the dead.
Set free from sinning to embrace His love instead.
Now we are raised and resurrected with Him,
With joy in His cup it is filled to the rim.

He was firstborn among many brothers.
Soon this, the earth, will be filled with others
Just like Jesus Who laid down His life,
Many will be laying down their strife.
They will love in word and deed it is true.
They will die for their belief, for Who they knew.

We'll swallow His cup with our hearts at rest.
All that matters to us is to lay on His chest,
Laying everything down to give Him the glory,
Willingly sharing to sacrifice our story.
To the One we do love our yearning hearts will sing.
For the One we love we will sell everything.

Rom 8:20 NKJV
For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the

revealing of the sons of God .

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Hearing Under
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HEARING UNDER
The power to listen is understanding that you only know in part. As you speak little and listen much, it releases the flow. It opens a faucet and draws out the hidden wealth of another. Few find access to this place for very long. It takes discipline and effort.

Your heart is like a sponge. As the words you hear flow past your ears upon your heart, the wisdom soaks in and penetrates places that have lasting impact. The longer you stay under the spout, the deeper the impact. True listening is a place of submission. It is a place of deep humility, where your ear bows low and remains content to stay there. It is in that place of submission that you will find the hidden gems. Thank you dear one for listening to Me.

Prov 5:1-2 NLT
My son, pay attention to my wisdom; listen carefully to my wise counsel. Then you will learn to be discreet and will store up knowledge.

James 1:19-20 KJV
Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak , slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

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The Gift Of Faith
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Feb 18, 2005
The Gift Of Faith
It is through hearing My Word that a solid foundation is built in your life. For many years I have been building your faith. As I speak My Words into your life, quicken them, then confirm them, this builds your faith. This faith is an absolute assurance that even though you do not see Me, you know that I have spoken into your life and I am actively involved in taking care of you, loving you and surrounding you. This faith is like a pillow of comfort in which to lay your heart. This faith enables you to rest when everything around you is chaos. This faith is solidly and slowly built upon the building bricks of My Word, then mortared with experience and results. When it is set, there is a solid trust.

There is another kind of faith and it is called the gift of faith. This too is built on the same principal, yet it produces a different result. I know all things before they happen; thus in times when you need a breakthrough, when you need explosive faith, I prepare you with My Word to climax through the gift of faith. I know exactly the time it will take, the Words that you need to hear, the confirmations needed to set you, so that when you most desperately need a breakthrough, the gift of faith is there.

Any kind of faith is the creative element that dispatches forces with assignment in the unseen world.

The gift of faith is a sudden occurrence that explodes into the realm of the supernatural and it blasts away the obstacles in one blow. It is powerful upon impact. The gift of faith is declaring the passion of our joined assurance that what is decreed is NOW. And that is the gift of faith. Covet earnestly this gift and ask Me to build it within you for your breakthrough.

1 Cor 12:9 AMP
To another [wonder-working] faith by the same [Holy] Spirit, to another the extraordinary powers of healing by the one Spirit.

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To Touch You
Sandy Warner

Feb 14, 2005
TO TOUCH YOU
My dear, dear Bride. I want you. I want all of you. With great anticipation I have waited for the consummation of our mutual love. With longings too deep to be expressed, I have patiently waited all these years for you to overcome your fears and be set free to receive the fullest expressions of My love for you. I have held back and waited. I have yearned over you that you would come to a place to be able to receive. All of Me.

Sometimes I yearn to touch you with infinite tenderness as I am stirred by your gentle spirit. And sometimes when the intensity of waiting mounts, I come upon you suddenly, as an explosion of expression. There are so many places I long to take you in our journey of togetherness. Do not hold your heart back from Me. Trust Me that I only want the best for you and I long to give you the fullest expression of My love. Tangible and pure is My holy Presence as it comes upon you with refreshing waves of liquid love. Let My tangible anointing flood your being like the tides of the oceans that come and go. Then let My anointing build up like molten lava that bursts it lids upon impact. Violent in nature, but only violent through love. Break free dear Bride. All of you for all of Me.

Song 8:6-7 NKJV
Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, Nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.

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Independence Or Emancipation?

Roy Resh

How often we try to deceive ourselves by setting high, honorable goals, but miss the mark by ignoring their intent! In their Declaration of Independence from foreign rule, US founding fathers proclaimed that “*all men are created equal."* Blacks, native Americans, and yes, women too, weren't among the “*all men*” who were “*equal,*” and therefore “*endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, …Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*.”

Fifty-odd brave men signed this lofty Declaration, placing their lives and property on the line. At that time, “Pax Britannica” (British peace) prevailed in a far-flung, huge Empire upon which the "sun never set." Should the Colonies lose their war for independence from Britain, the signers would meet certain death at the hands of the earth’s most powerful nation. To the developed European world, the American colonies represented a disorganized coalition, a weak rebel rabble. And Britain was known to be fiercely protective of its authority in the day of the US Independence Declaration. Great blessings came out of the US revolution. Victory over Britain gave government “of the people, for the people, and by the people” an opportunity to prove itself. But five (the number of God's grace) prevalent areas of self-deception remain today to threaten the very existence of the US.

First: T**he *mortal human soul* is not generally known as distinct and separate from the *eternal human spirit***. This error colors every aspect of American life, and promotes a culture of self satisfaction to the detriment of the human spirit. Often in the face of high, holy goals, Christian religious institutions commonly advance the soul to the detriment of the spirit.

Second: **The denial that every human spirit has the same value, regardless of a person's flesh-based actions, be they good or evil.** Although some correction for the definition of “men” was made, the US still lives with carry-over from early self-deception that denied minority rights.

Next: **The widespread but false assumption that people are born good, and only need proper education and opportunity to do good in their lifetimes**. Most religious and psychological professionals fail to even acknowledge that the human spirit ought to come alive to regulate the psyche (soul). Many professionals consider those who give proper credence to the human spirit's need for salvation and nurture to be victims of an illness to be treated rather than having a good grasp of vital, eternal truth. Were humans truly born ‘good,’ a Savior isn't needed to bring release from satan’s hell and our own self-serving natures. Then Christianity is a false religion.

Next: **‘Prosperity’ in a material sense is often substituted for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Bridegroom.** Large elements of self-serving ‘Christianity’ have embraced US economic affluence as a sign of God's approval. This self-deception reduces the effectiveness of our economic, political, or religious leadership and is very dangerous to the spiritual and natural health of our generation. In the eyes of the world, America is becoming almost synonymous with greed and self-indulgence.

Finally: **Our divine betrothal to the King of Heaven and earth is not properly emphasized**. Undue trust in institutions, professions, and elevation of the written word (Holy Bible) over the Living Word (Jesus Christ)… are simply self-deception. Jesus guides the footsteps of the righteous, so each of us is called to be in moment-by-moment communion with Him.

The theory of evolution (now *unequivocally* proven invalid by the very existence of animal DNA) supported many of these false assumptions, Marriage and family relations are not simply human choices, they are established by God. It was Adam and Eve's *choice* to disobey God that opened the door to every earthly evil, and no nation or person is truly innocent in His sight. The high US founding goals seemed good to the majority, but God's judgment on the slavery error permitted a disastrous Civil War. God's anger then may have been light compared with His fury against a "Christian" nation that eagerly murders His unborn children. Like the Jews during Nazi German rule, conceived US children have lost their status as 'persons,' and with this went equal protection under our law. Babies are not a 'choice' of their mothers, they are a gift of God.

Every segment of our society is being been exposed to spiritual diseases created by self-deception, and internal collapse looms. We have yet to correct our sins. When war breaks out, many are often wounded or even killed by 'friendly fire.' We have become a self-deceived, religiously institutionalized people who injure each other with legalistic "Churchianity" traditions.

An old axiom states that those who embrace deeper truth will be reviled and mocked at first, but in the end will be honored, even if not by their own generation. Does anyone out there care enough to challenge the prevailing spiritual storm winds created by widely embraced error? Who will stand for the deep truth that humans are eternal spirits who temporarily live in natural bodies, and ought to be treated as such by every member of all societies? Think of the changes that will occur, and the blessings that will flow when self-deception ends and real truth prevails. Let emancipation of the spirit be so now! Amen & Amen.

Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!!

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Investigation Pt 2
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Shalom Fellow Israelite, Oct. 14, 2005

We trust that those of you who kept the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) with Beit Yeudah were blessed. Traditionally the book of Jonah is read during that day, but we felt to read the Gospel of John, as Yeshua is our redeemer and kippur and has a lot to say to us as our blood (life) covering.

Before continuing the letter from two weeks ago I want to share some scriptures from John (Yochanan) Chapter 14:

Yeshua said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Master, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Yeshua said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you [or is in you].

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you" (John 14:6-19).

"That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Yeshua the Messiah. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full" (1 John 1:3-4). May it be so!

Continuation from letter 287 [Investigation]

Following in the footsteps of the previous matriarchs, Joseph's mother was very much like her predecessors. Her womb was also barren and not capable of conception. Again, Elohim, with the power of bringing forth life from the dead, intervened in the womb of Rachel. She named her firstborn son, "Joseph", as she prayerfully and prophetically claimed a future of being "added to" (that is, having more children). It is perhaps noteworthy that immediately upon Joseph's birth, Jacob his father petitioned his uncle to let him return to his own country. Is there a connection between the 'emergence' of Joseph and returning to the land (Gen. 30:24-25)?

Joseph, while just an infant and perhaps even when still strapped to his mother, watched Rachel steal the household idols from her father. This disposition seemed to have affected Joseph's offspring in later years, as they too had a very strong propensity toward idol worship. Moreover, Joseph's mother was very jealous of her sister Leah, Judah's mother (ref. Gen 30:1). Could it have been the same jealousy that was manifest in the tribe of Ephraim, Joseph's son, in his relationship with Judah in later years, concerning which the Prophet had a few things to say (ref. Is. 11:13)? However, the attitude of Leah's children toward Yoseph, as we know, was non too benevolent either.

Little signs of favoritism, by Jacob towards his beloved Rachel's oldest, began to come into view at the outset, influencing decisions he made concerning his family. One such example was the family's journey home from Haran. Upon running into his brother Esau, who wanted at one time to kill him for stealing his birthright, Jacob divided up the family for protection and possible escape. As Esau approached Jacob's camp with 400 men, it is not hard to guess who was hidden, last in line, behind his mother (Gen. 33:2).

Joseph's brothers of course did not take kindly to this partiality, and began to despise him, as it became obvious that His father was grooming him for a special place in the family. Joseph had lost his mother, who died when giving birth to his brother Benjamin, and thus did not enjoy maternal protection during his formative years. Leah, whose children were his half brothers only, might have treated him more like a stepbrother. However, Jacob transferred all the love and affection he had for Rachel on to Yoseph. This became quite evident when special garments were being given to him that had, in fact, the markings of royalty. The brothers' enmity began to change to outright hatred, especially after Joseph gave an evil report about them to their father. The text makes it hard to know what Joseph's exact intentions were regarding his brothers, but the result was not a positive one. The brothers hated him even more, and to add insult to injury, Joseph had a number of dreams in accordance with which he was destined to a superior role in the family. Being a teenager, of course, he had no compunctions in letting everyone know about them. He was slowly putting the nails into his own coffin. As seen in previous scriptural stories, brothers who entertain enmity and hatred ultimately are led to contemplate murder. The Apostle John, in his Torah dissertation, put it this way: "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer" (1 John 3:15). The similarity of these two attitudes is unmistakable.

Finally, the day came when the brothers had their opportunity to get rid of this 'spoilt brat' once and for all, but YHWH's sovereignty and purposes prevailed, proving the wisdom and accuracy of His word: "A man's heart plans his way, but YHWH directs his steps" (Proverbs 16:9). Thus the prophetic mystery unfolds. Joseph's brothers stripped him of the outer garment that identified him, he was thrown into a pit (a dried up water well) of darkness and despair, only to be dragged off later and be sold as a slave to some Midianite merchants who were carrying special herbs and barks used for the preservation (mummifying) of corpses in Egypt. Next the brothers killed a male goat and dipped in its blood Joseph's cloak, which they presented to their father.

Now that we have gathered some of the evidence, it is 'lab' time. We need to examine the data accumulated thus far about Joseph's life circumstances, and in the course of this review ask ourselves if and how it applies to what eventually was to take place in the chronicles of Joseph's 'House'.

Shabbat Shalom,

Ephraim

"For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in and so all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:25).

Immigration Or Migration

Ephraim Frank

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In the past few weeks there have been a number of emails, and other cyber communications, that have been discussing the Ephraimites' return to the land of Israel. As we all know, at this time there are many complications involved in this move, the main one being the Messiah of the Ephraimites - Yeshua. There are those in Judah, especially amongst the Orthodox, who understand that the lost tribes must return before the Messiah Son of David comes. They are also awakening to the possibility that these Christians, who are returning to Torah and to their Hebraic roots and identity, are these very ones. But at the same time this issue is also at the heart of a dilemma, as in the eyes of the religious Jews, opening up the gates for the Ephraimites would mean admitting hordes of potential missionaries of a "false" Messiah. Moreover, if recognition of some form is granted to "gentile" Ephraimites who are believers in "that Man", what about the Jewish believers in this same Messiah, who also want to return and be recognized for what they believe?

For the past year we have been hearing of the formation of a Sanhedrin in Tiberius and Zefat. We did not pay much attention to this, as there is so much division in the camps of the Orthodox and ultra Orthodox that we did not think it possible for them to find enough common goals and grounds for such a feat. However, in recent weeks we were informed that this body indeed does exist, and looking at the list of Rabbis we realized its significance. One reason, among others, for such an alignment might be a strategic and tactical one, in face of the present political climate in which the disengagement/retreat plan is being put into force. But will it affect Ephraim's return?

While on the one hand the Sanhedrin is convening, there is another group of religious Jews, some of them Rabbis, who are making an attempt to create a political avenue or lobby, so that laws may be passed for this purpose and some form of acknowledgement be granted to "Ephraimites". However, in a discussion with one of those Rabbis, he told me that it was not feasible for the Ephraimite to maintain their Christian "position", as this would be a contradiction in terms and would give the idea that being a Christian makes one eligible for immigrating to Israel. I hope you can understand their dilemma.

More on the immigration issue, although from an entirely different angle: Recently I had two dreams that I thought might pertain somewhat to the Ephraimite return. In the first one, I was standing at dusk, looking toward the west I saw huge flocks of geese arising into the air. Upon awaking I felt that these geese represented Ephraim arising from the west during a period of growing darkness. The word that came to my mind just then was "migration", as geese many times make their way to their next destination by night. Migrating birds usually make many stops along the way. This brought to my attention a scripture from Jeremiah: "Set up signposts, make landmarks; set your heart toward the highway the way by which you went." (Jer 31:21).

A few days later, in another dream, the setting was daytime. I saw smaller flocks of geese flying in V formations. Suddenly one of the leaders would drop out and the flock would go into disarray for a time, until another one would take the lead, and then the others would fall in behind him. Again, upon awakening I felt that this somehow had to do with Ephraim's migration. During this period, or season, maybe even before the actual migration, the groups would gather with this "day light" revelation understanding. While "flying" out to their feeding grounds - congregations, conferences, tours, workshops, meetings etc - the leadership would alternate or even change altogether while the "flocks" would seem to be out of order during these times of transition, but would resume formation when the next leader would take his place.

Migration rather than immigration may or may not be YHVH's plan for Ephraim's return, but certainly it is worth considering, as YHVH knows the season and the hour for this to happen. We all know beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Ephraimites are on the horizon of YHVH's full restoration.

Blessings and Shabbat Shalom, Ephraim

I Preserve My Remnant

Sandy Warner

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I PRESERVE MY REMNANT 11/19/04

Throughout the throngs of history's making
I've preserved a remnant not forsaken.
Having forged the way through straight and narrow,
There remains today My quickened arrow.

Pressed through denominations and movements,
Like diamonds constrained among sediment,
My jewels of glory find their compressed way
Amidst growing darkness in the last days.

My clock keeps ticking with the sands of time
While My own separate as wholly Mine.
In the fear of their God they do tremble,
As others fall away and disassemble.

I allow stumbling blocks to bring a wedge
Trying the hearts of all those who have pledged.
Every person must decide at the line.
Demarcation is My way, to help redefine.

In these last days all mixture will divide,
As men set their minds and hearts to decide.
Strong meat is here, the menu for the day.
Hard to be chewed, there is no other way.

The holy and the righteous will stand apart.
While the unjust and the filthy will depart.
In the world and in the church all will see
Who belongs to Me with great clarity.

The ones who belong, lay low in My fear
Lest they too are deceived from what they hear.
Those who are sure will have willful mind-sets
Repeating and rewinding old cassettes.

Those who have learned not to trust themselves
Will find the book of Truth upon My shelf.
It reveals the hearts of those that are tender
Having born the fruit of decisions rendered.

They have learned from their mistakes how to win,
To lean upon Me and walk away from sin.
While others play with fire without feeling heat,
My own know the real, having faced defeat.

Strangers that are there will no longer be
At one with My own, building unity.

It is sad for all when the line is drawn
As My glory arises at this break of dawn.

Those who are in the middle of despair
As they mourn over those no longer there,
Must find My truth, resisting compromise,
Uniting their stand among those who are wise.

They shall shine like stars in the blackened sky.
As the darkness presses in on those who deny
The Truth of My Word and all that it contains
About My holy seed, the remnant that remains.

Behold great darkness shall cover the earth,
The people greatly squeezed amid its girth.
But those that know the glory of their Lord
Will have died to self and all that they hoard.

Know ye not the One Whose hand is Sovereign?
Turning the earth, stirring hearts, whisked to churn.
He's the final One Whom all men must face
To know glory or the shame of disgrace.

So humbly bow low before Your Maker.
Pray to discern and to know what is sure.
He will guide and preserve His precious seed,
As His glory arises through faith and deed.

They fear each step lest they fall away too,
Not hiding their light as the dawn breaks anew.
Putting deeds to their faith and walk each day,
As signs unto Him, pointing towards His way.

His remnant is alive overcoming history.
Preserving a holy remnant, is His mystery.
Soon to be revealed His fullness of redemption.
As His own make known their promise of adoption.

Isa 60:1-2 KJV
Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

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Bitter Words
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BITTER WORDS
Many who were trained behind the scenes to witness the humanity of failing leaders, were sent as intercessors to keep watch. Some were sent to share the Words of wisdom so that the failure to measure up would become openly manifested and change would thus occur. This brought some

degree of repentance and change. Other messengers faced the fortified walls of stubborn wills, mind-sets and foreheads set like flint. Thus, I sent them to speak My Word in prayer that the strongholds would fall.

Of those intercessors who received My wisdom to accurately discern My Word, some failed to understand that this truth would not be received, if they shared it with those who lack a humble and teachable spirit. Thus, in sharing, they became bitter victims of the Word of truth they gave. They were left with frustration, anger and bitterness over the truths they saw in misaligned leadership.

Dear ones, it is time to allow Me to uproot the buried anger and bitterness of what you have accurately discerned. I long to confirm that you indeed have heard My voice and have been honed to know My truth. However, I am not able to send you again until you get the wounds healed from the bitter taste of your past. If I send you now, others will hear only your anger and not My truth. Release to Me the frustration you feel over what you see going on within the walls of the church, and release to Me your pain over facing the stubbornness of mankind. Once you are set free, I will again send you, but this time as a vessel of honor with My favor of open doors. You shall release My truth in love.

1 Peter 1:22-23 NKJV
Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.

Eph 4:15 NKJV
But, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ —from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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I Stop To Listen
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I STOP TO LISTEN
With all that goes on around Me, and all that I do in the earth and in heaven, I bow My ear low and listen. What you have to say, My Beloved, is important to Me. I stop to listen, yes, to you. I cherish your words of innocent trust, even when you have not seen Me. I AM impacted to hear your words of courage even when you do not hear My voice. I AM deeply moved when in spite of all that you have gone through in your testings, schooling and persecutions, you have chosen to stay faithful and committed in believing in My goodness and My Papa's heart for you, My dear child. Yes, I stop and listen, for your faith has touched Me more than you possibly know. It is your gift to Me, as you lean on Me for your sustenance, strength and support. How MUCH I love you, dear one, how very, very much. Thank you.

Mal 3:16 NLT
Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him.

Ps 139:6 NLT
LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away. You chart the path ahead of me and tell me

where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD. You both precede and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to know!

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Music Has Been Intercession
Sandy Warner

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MUSIC HAS BEEN INTERCESSION
I planted My heart and vision in My Levites who have been called to serve Me in prayer through their musician skills. Having My passion to stay in the Holy Place of My heavenly vaporous cloud, they became grieved over what they have witnessed behind the scenes in men's agendas. They suffered great loss and wounds due to their understanding of truth that others would not hear.

You have a standing ovation from the cloud of witnesses for all that you have stood for and all that you have suffered. I want to bless these dear ones who have suffered for My sake, and who have only longed to return to My cloud where nothing else matters but just to abide in My Presence. Let Me breathe upon you once again, and bring you back to life, My dear faithful Levites. I will repair and restore your losses and make you stronger than before. I AM beneath you 100%, I will raise you up.

2 Kings 3:15-17 NKJV
"But now bring me a musician ." Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.' For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.'

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Israel - Replacement or Restoration?

Bill Somers

> *Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*
>
> *Romans 11:28*
> *28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

For this article, the Lord has instructed us to deal with, or target, the doctrine of Replacement Theology. This is the teaching that says, because Israel broke their covenant with God, that they are forever, irrevocably cut off from the covenant promises of God. We are going to look at it in a couple forms and consider several levels of argument against it.

We will mention some articles by various writers as we go along, for convenience, we'll list the references first, plus a couple other interesting tidbits, with links directly to those files.

References and recommended reading.

Clarence Wagner The Error Of Replacement Theology
Michael L Brown Has God Forsaken His People?
Derek Prince Israel's Restoration
Asher Intrater The Destiny Of Nations
Bill Somers The Passover Pattern
Bill Somers The Shape of Things To Come
Rimona Frank State of Affairs
David Silver Israel And The Church
Reuven Doron The Hebraic Roots Of Replacement Theology
Jack Farber Israel's Revival is Coming
David Michael The Vision of the Return of Christ

The first step is to consider the source of the teaching. The second is to look at the fruit of it. We'll examine how it fails to consider both sides of the question, the outer appearance and the inner remnant, and how it does not consider the typology of Israel and The Church. Finally we will look at scriptural refutations and examine the end time pattern closely. Also we will not waste any time quibbling over who is a Jew, or who is a Hebrew, or who is an Israelite.

So what is Replacement Theology?
We will look at several definitions.

> Michael L Brown writes:
> Look at how relevant God's prophetic word is to our day and age. For centuries the Church, in arrogance, because of ignorance, claimed that she alone was the true Israel, that she had replaced the ancient covenant people. The Church taught that it was the Christians alone who were the true Jews. (How strange that these Christians were not claiming to be Jewish during the Holocaust!) The Church taught emphatically that the physical people of Israel (those who were ethnically Jewish and those who joined the nation through conversion to Judaism) were eternally rejected.

Here's a quote from a group that teaches Replacement Theology.

> "Whatever the Jews, as a nation, may do, now or in the time to come, is in no way related to the former promises made to them. With the crucifixion of Christ they forever forfeited their special position as God's chosen people. Any idea that the return of the Jews to their ancestral home, that is, to the new state of Israel, may in any way be related to Bible prophecy is the

> product of wishful thinking on the part of misguided, even if sincere, religious enthusiasts, and is without valid Scriptural foundation." (*Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary*, Vol. 4, p. 33)

Note what's being said here in that last quote from a solid Replacement Theology church. That is: The restoration of the Nation and State of Israel has nothing to do with bible prophecy. Talk about denying the obvious! That's like saying lightning has nothing to do with thunder

> Derek Prince writes:
> In ministering to the body of Christ, I have discovered that many Christians find fault with God because He is restoring the Jewish people—and they feel the Jews don't deserve it. But that is the very essence of favor: getting what you don't deserve. One result of that way of thinking is "replacement theology," which claims that because the Jews have fallen out of favor with God, all of their promises default to the church.
>
> By implication, "the church" does deserve God's favor. But this leaves me with an unresolved problem. In more than sixty years of ministry, I have yet to discover a church that actually does deserve God's favor.

Note here how Prince, with elegant simplicity, nails the key issue of grace, Gods undeserved favor. He says *the very essence of favor: getting what you don't deserve.*

> *Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*
> *9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

It was Derek Prince who came up with the idea of parallel restoration. That is that Israel is being restored and at the same time the Church is being restored. This was based on comparisons of parallel events in recent history. Zionism became popular early in the 20th century while the church was having a the great Pentecostal revival. Israel became a state about the time of the great postwar healing revival. The recapture of Jerusalem took place about the time of the Charismatic renewal. So restoration was happening to both groups at the same time.
Back to our topic.

> Clarence H. Wagner, Jr. writes:
> Perhaps you have heard of the term Replacement Theology. However, if you look it up in a dictionary of Church history, you will not find it listed as a systematic study. Rather, it is a doctrinal teaching that originated in the early Church. It became the fertile soil from which Christian anti-Semitism grew and has infected the Church for nearly 1,900 years.
>
> *Replacement Theology was introduced to the Church shortly after Gentile leadership took over from Jewish leadership. What are its premises?*

He lists 5:

1. *Israel (the Jewish people and the land) has been replaced by the Christian Church in the purposes of God, or, more precisely, the Church is the historic continuation of Israel to the* ***exclusion*** *of the former.*
2. *The Jewish people are now no longer a "chosen people." In fact, they are no different from any other group, such as the English, Spanish, or Africans.*
3. *Apart from repentance, the new birth, and incorporation into the Church, the Jewish people have no future, no hope, and no calling in the plan of God. The same is true for every other nation and group.*
4. *Since Pentecost of Acts 2, the term "Israel," as found in the Bible, now refers to the Church.*
5. *The promises, covenants and blessings ascribed to Israel in the Bible have been taken away from the Jews and given to the Church, which has superseded them. However, the Jews are subject to the curses found in the Bible, as a result of their rejection of Christ.*

There is one more form of Replacement thinking that is sometimes found in the writings of teachers who are strongly anti-dispensational or anti pretrib rapture. This variation says that the Church has not replaced Israel but that the Church **is** Israel. By this they mean that God's covenant was never with the people of Old Israel as a whole but only with those within that nation who were truly believers. And so the congregation of Israel today consists of all the believers who put their faith in Jesus. So that we call the church as a believing body is just a continuation of the congregation of Israel from old testament times. That's what they mean by saying the church is Israel.

Wagner puts it like this: *the Church is the historic continuation of Israel to the exclusion of the former …*

We will look more at this idea later. Now while this is not strictly saying the church has replaced Israel, the results are the same as far as the attitude toward modern Israel. Modern Israel is totally disregarded.

Pt. One. The Source Of This Teaching.

Sometimes it's a good idea to consider the source. Who teaches and believes Replacement Theology?

Below is a list of the 25 largest churches in America. [I don't have any data for worldwide membership.] The churches that are highlighted in bold or have an 'R' after them are confirmed replacement theology churches.

U.S. Membership Denominational Ranking:
Largest 25 Denominations
2004 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches

1. ***The Roman Catholic Church - 66,407,105*** 'R'
2. *Southern Baptist Convention ? 16, 427, 736*
3. ***The United Methodist Church - 8,251,042*** 'R'
4. *The Church of God in Christ - 5,499,875*
5. ***The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - 5,410,544*** 'R'
6. ***Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - 5,038,006*** 'R'
7. *National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. - 5,000,000*
8. *National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. - 3,500,000*
9. ***Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) - 3,407,329*** 'R'
10. *Assemblies of God - 2,687,366*
11. ***The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod - 2,512,714*** 'R'
12. ***African Methodist Episcopal Church - 2,500,000*** 'R'
13. *National Missionary Baptist Convention of America - 2,500,000*
14. *Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc. - 2,500,000*
15. ***The Episcopal Church - 2,333,628*** 'R'
16. ***Churches of Christ, Corsicana, Texas - 1,500,000*** 'R'
17. ***Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America - 1,500,000*** 'R'
18. *Pentecostal Assemblies of the World, Inc. - 1,500,000*
19. *American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. - 1,484,291*
20. ***African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church - 1,430,795*** 'R'
21. ***United Church of Christ - 1,330,985*** 'R'
22. *Baptist Bible Fellowship International - 1,200,000*
23. ***Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, Joplin, Mo. -*** 'R' ***1,071,616***
24. ***Jehovah's Witnesses - 1,022,397*** 'R'
25. *Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn., - 944,857*

So what is the point here?
The churches that embrace Replacement Theology 14, out of 25, are in general, not Spirit Filled. Also

the ministries and teachers that you see embrace Replacement Theology are usually not Spirit Filled.

On the other side, most of those in this list that are not in boldface are dispensational in doctrine. They are various brands of Baptist, and Pentecostal churches [Bapticostal] They teach pretrib, and emphasize a strict division between Israel and the Church. You will find that while all these are well versed in the word of God, they are still a bit immature when it comes to understanding that word. The Baptists are certainly not Spirit Filled and the Pentecostals have all, for some odd reason, borrowed their teachings on prophecy from their doctrinal enemies. Go figure!

Well you may say, who does that leave? Well it leaves a great number of Spirit Filled teachers and prophetic ministries, who actually hear from God. Furthermore, rarely, if ever, will you find any of these ever teaching Replacement. Quite the contrary, they will usually emphasize support for Israel. And they will share God's heart for the salvation of the Jewish people. That should be a big clue; in fact that should be all the convincing you need. Man can argue scriptures with earthly wisdom but He that Hath an Ear will hear.

To put it another way, Replacement Theology is a product of man's wisdom, or maybe it's a doctrine of demons. Either way, looking at the source tells us a lot. Mature Ministries that draw upon God's 'wisdom from above' do not teach this doctrine.

Pt. Two – The Fruit of Replacement Theology

> *Matthew 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

Briefly, The Fruit of Replacement Theology is Anti-Semitism and persecution of the Jews. Beside that, it introduces utter confusion into prophetic studies. Of course eschatology, i.e. prophetic studies of the end times, is full of utter confusion anyway! This just muddies the waters even more.

Christian Anti-Semitism through the centuries.

The antagonism towards the Jews quickly became a theme among the early church fathers. Among the first were:

Justin Martyr (c. AD 160)
Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon (c. AD 177)
Tertullian (AD 160-230)
Hilary of Poitiers (AD 291-371)
Eusebius In the early 4th century
St. Jerome (AD 347-407)
Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop of Cappadocia (died AD 394),
John Chrysostom, the Bishop of Antioch, at the end of the 4th century
and the great St. Augustine who tackled this issue in his "Sermon Against the Jews."

Anti Jewish rhetoric was present in the Church Council in Elvira (Spain) in AD 305, the Edict of Milan issued in AD 313 and the Council of Nicea (AD 325).
By the Middle Ages, the teachings of Christian anti-Semitism were solidly established.

The result of these anti-Jewish teachings continued onwards throughout Church history, producing such events and actions as the Crusades, the Inquisition, the ghettoes, the pogroms. Even the great Martin Luther and other reformation leaders fell into this error.

Ultimately, the Hitler Holocaust was 'justified' by such thinking. Today we also see it in the writings of those who deny that Israel has any right to the land, or any right to exist. Some even go so far as to openly side with Islamic Palestinian activists in opposing Israel.

Clarence Wagner writes about the bad fruit in greater detail. :

> **What Happens When the Church Replaces Israel?**
> ***1)** The Church becomes arrogant and self-centered.*

> ***2)*** *It boasts against the Jews and Israel.*
> ***3)*** *It devalues the role of Israel or has no role for Israel at all.*
> ***4)*** *These attitudes result in anti-Semitism in word and deed.*
> ***5)*** *Without a place for Israel and the Jewish people today, you cannot explain the Bible prophecies, especially the very specific ones being fulfilled in Israel today.*
> ***6)*** *Many New Testament passages do not make sense when the Jewish people are replaced by the Church.*
> ***7)*** *You can lose the significance of the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament, for today. Many Christians boast of being a New Testament (NT) Christian or a NT Church as in the Book of Acts. However, the Bible of the early Church was not the New Testament, which did not get codified until the 4th century, but rather the Hebrew Scriptures.*
> ***8)*** *You can lose the Hebraic/Judaic contextualization of the New Testament, which teaches us more about Yeshua and how to become better disciples.*
> ***9)*** *The Church loses out on the opportunity to participate in God's plan and prophecy for the Church, Israel and the world today.*

Of this list, 3 and 5 stand out especially. If you follow Replacement Theology you get to a point where you teach that God has no end time dealings with Israel at all. You can’t explain the prophecies being fulfilled today. You have to argue that the rebirth of Israel in 1948 has nothing to do with prophecy. And you have to explain away a host of other passages and prophecies still remaining to be fulfilled. The battle of Armageddon for example, gets ‘spiritualized away’ by some writers. Some, called preterists, even go so far as to try and make you think that all of Revelation has already happened and Jesus has already returned! Like they say, be careful where you buy a used car!

Pt. Three – The Outer Appearance And The Inner Remnant

Asher Intrater in his article *The Destiny of Nations* states that in every nation there are two groups of people in God’s view. They are the general population and the believing remnant. The general populace is the mass of sinful rebellious people [like an outer shell] and a group of true born-again followers of Jesus [the inner core]. Of course God sees and deals with both. Man usually misses it.

> *1st Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for* ***man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart****.*

He gives China as one example, a very wicked national government over a nation that has a very large underground church. His second example is the Palestinians, of all people. Here the leaders openly practice terror and oppression, yet there is a remnant of faithful Christian Arabs amongst them.

Then he challenges us to examine our attitude toward Israel. Do we see a nation led by atheist politicians and unbelieving Rabbi’s? Or, do we see that there is a believing remnant there. He cites the Lord’s rebuke to Elijah, as quoted in Romans 11 as a corrective example.

> *Romans 11:2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,*
> *3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.*
> *4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.*
> *5 Even so then at this present time also there is a* ***remnant*** *according to the election of grace.*

Israel idolatry and Replacement theology.
If we miss seeing this we may end up in one of two errors that are polar opposites. Let me quote him directly.

> If you continue to try to see the spiritual destiny and purpose of Israel by looking only at the

> unbelievers, you will only get confused either on one side or the other. Either you might become an "Israel-worshipper"; in which case you might start believing that a right-wing politician or religious rabbi is saved just because he can quote some things from the Bible.
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> On the other hand, you might end up in "Replacement Theology", rejecting God's plan for Israel altogether because you say, ‘These people are not spiritual and not believers in Yeshua. Therefore they can't be Israel; and God has no special destiny for this nation.’ That is also a grave mistake. Both Israel idolatry and Replacement theology are errors. Both come from the mistake of missing the role of the Messianic remnant within the nation. The Messianic Remnant provides the correction for both Israel idolatry and Replacement theology.

Israel Idolatry is the unquestioning support of the State of Israel as a political entity, regardless of it’s policies. It is going far beyond supporting Israel and affirming her right to exist. In some cases this is called Christian Zionism. Commonly it’s a byproduct of dispensationalism, [try saying that 3 times real fast], which teaches the pre-tribulation rapture.

Replacement theology, as we have seen, goes back much farther in history. But in our time it is strengthened by a backlash [over-reaction] against dispensationalism.

Intrater sees the role of the Messianic remnant in Modern Israel to be the same as the remnant’s was in the time of Elijah, and the time when the book of Romans was written. And the existence of this remnant is why God has not cast off his people.

Pt. Four – Typology of Israel and the Church.

Types are pictures, figures, images, or patterns. The trendy buzzword for *type* is *paradigm*. The idea is derived from the word for footprint. A footprint gives the outline of the foot that made it; it’s just that the outline is not always a perfect outline. So type in a typewriter or in printing leaves a footprint on the page in the shape of the piece of type that made it. There is a built in vagueness that limits what you can do with types. The idea of a type comes into play when there are two things that resemble each other in some way, but not necessarily all. You can get the idea from the word similitude which is used in one place in the King James Version; it just means a comparison of things that are similar. Allegories are stories involving types, so are parables.
The idea that there is typology when it comes to Israel and the Church is contained in the following verse from first Corinthians, here the key word is example.

> *First Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

This scripture is speaking of things that happened to the people of Israel that Moses led out of Egypt, and to Israel in general as recorded in the old testament. We must look upon them as examples and warnings for the church, especially as we move into the end times. This should serve as a clue that Israel can be considered as a type of the church. Here are some points to compare.

Israel is a group of people separated out from among all the nations to be holy unto the Lord.

The Church is also a group of people called out from among the nations of the world to be a special and holy before God.

Israel’s history is a continual cycle of falling away and coming back to God. God moves mightily on behalf of his people and delivers them from oppression. The following generation forgets God, and they are eventually turned over to an oppressor. Then the people return to God and cry for mercy. Then God delivers them once again.

The Church has a similar history of backsliding and revival in cycles. God grants a revival or awakening and many are saved. Later the people backslide again. As conditions get worse, some begin to pray and God visits them with another revival.

Israel is and was dedicated to God but always wanted to be like all the other nations.

The Church is supposed to be separate and not like the world, but is always slipping into worldly ways.

Israel is waiting for the coming of the Messiah.

The Church is waiting for the Second Coming of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Basically typology is a comparison or analogy. Old testament scripture that speaks of Israel or of certain places in Israel denotes God's people. Since we understand that the church is God's people, much of this scripture also can speak to the church. The typology of Israel and the Church also means that references to Israel, Jerusalem, Zion and the Temple, when they are prophetic, will often also refer to the Church. See my article, The Shape of Things To Come.

Typology must be witnessed by the Holy Spirit. Many cannot grasp it because they are using man's logic. For example, we say Israel is a type of the church. This means there are scriptures where Israel is mentioned and we can see, if we have eyes to see, that these apply equally to the church. Yet man's logic insists on all or none. It is based purely on our own limited understanding. When someone finds a scripture where 'Israel' clearly does not apply, they toss out the whole idea.

For example, the first time we find the word *Israel* is in Genesis 32.

> *Genesis 32:28*
> *28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.*

Here the scoffer would say that according to typology, God is saying Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but the Church. Well that's just plain silly! Let's use a little of that rare commodity, common sense, people!

Here are other verses where it's perfectly acceptable to substitute 'the church' for 'Israel'.

> *Psalms 22:3*
> *3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.*
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> *Luke 1:68*
> *68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,*
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> *Ezekiel 43:10*
> *10 Thou son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.*
>
> *Daniel 9:11*
> *11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him.*

So what is what?

If the church has not replaced Israel, then what? Some say the Church is the church and Israel is Israel; they are totally different. Others say the church is Israel. Which is it?

Intrater provides us with one way to resolve this. You can look at physical Israel and compare it with the physical or cultural church. Clearly these are different. But if you look at the believing remnant, the spiritual side, then they are the same.

We can say that the Church is the continuation of ancient Israel but **not** to the exclusion of modern or ethnic Israel. But we're talking about the believing remnant of the church as a continuation of the believing remnant of ancient Israel. This should be clear enough since we mean those who are standing on faith in the promises, and Habakkuk 2: says this.

> *Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

And Hebrews 10 quotes this verse.

> *Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.*

God’s People

A third way to look it is to say Israel and the Church are related by typology. Since we understand that Israel is God’s people, and we know that the church is God’s people, much of the scripture that talks about Israel also can speak to the church. New testament scripture tells us that the church is to be God’s dwelling place, a temple made up of living stones. This means that any old testament scripture which refers to God’s dwelling place, can also speak to the church. The dwelling place can be describes as a tent, a tabernacle, a house or a temple. One common use of types of this sort is when people quote Haggai and apply it to the church.

> *Haggai 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Here Haggai is speaking of the rebuilt temple after the exiles returned from Babylon. Using typology, you substitute ‘church’ for ‘house’ and contrast the former and latter in a special way. Since ‘latter’ is used to mean latter day or end time, the ‘latter house’ therefore speaks of the end time church, and the former house speaks of the early church. Presenting it this way makes this scripture from Haggai a prophetic verse that in effect says the following. The glory of the end time church will be greater than that of the early church. Notice that typology is used twice here. First to compare the house of God, the temple with the church, and secondly to use the early church as a type of the end time church.

We mentioned earlier that God’s people are a group called out from among the nations. The first instance is Israel, which God chose from among the nations to be a holy people. The second instance is the church, who are the called out ones, believers from all nations. The third instance is the USA, made up of peoples from all nations. The pattern is the same in each case.

If we look these as Intrater suggests, the pattern continues. Each one has two elements, the outer appearance and the inner remnant. The institutional church, i.e. the ‘church system’ or organized religion is corrupt and ripe for judgment. At the same time the inner remnant is interceding to delay or mollify that judgment. Outwardly the USA, [and the other nations] are corrupt and ripe for judgment. While the inner remnant yet intercedes. The church system is often seen as Babylon; while many others offer proof that the USA is Babylon. Since the pattern is the same, could both be correct?

The Church of Israel?

The terms kahal [congregation in Hebrew], church [English], and ecclesia [called out in Greek] all mean the same thing. Only today we see a nation and people of Israel and a global movement of Christianity not linked to any one nation or people.

God’s Israel or God’s people. These should be seen as one group, the elect of God. This is so even if they are from Pre-Flood times, Old testament, New testament or End times. [so called tribulation saints]

Did the Church begin at Pentecost? Some say yes in Acts 2 and others say yes, in Exodus. But if God’s people are one group, then it goes back all the way to Adam and includes anyone who was justified by having faith in God’s promises. Like they say, it all depends on what you mean. So be careful when jumping to conclusions. Which is exactly what replacement theology does.

Judgment Begins At The House Of God

We spoke of scriptures that speak directly of Israel also possibly applying to the church. Here are a pair of verses, saying about the same thing, that mention Zion and Jerusalem.

> *Jeremiah 26:18 Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.*
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> *Micah 3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.*

Here *Zion* and *Jerusalem* apply both to Israel and to the church. This prophecy was partly fulfilled in ancient times, and yet also refers to Judgments yet to come on both the church and Israel. For we know that judgment has to begin at the 'house of God.' And of course the term 'house of God' is another way of expressing 'God's People' namely Israel and the church. This is how Israel and the church the paradox makes sense. Israel and the church are the same, yet different.

> *1 Peter 4:17*
> *17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

Modern Israel and Jacob's Trouble
Here is a passage from Exodus that contains some prophetic typology. In this case it's not a case of Israel and the Church, but ancient Israel and Modern Israel.

> *Exodus 3:18-21*
> *18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.*
> *19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.*
> *20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.*

It breaks down like this. The king of Egypt is a type of Satan, and Egypt is the world. The king of Egypt has the Children of Israel, the Jews, in bondage [blindness]. The three days journey speaks of the end times. The Lord smiting Egypt with all his wonders speaks of the end time judgments of the tribulation. *After that he will let you go* speaks of the final deliverance of the Jews after the tribulation, [at the second coming]. This will have a bearing on the last segment of our discussion.

Pt. Five – Refutations from Scripture – What Does the Bible Say?

Here are the most common *proof texts* for Replacement Theology.

> *Romans 4:13*
> *13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

This is used to shore up the claim that the Church inherits the world, and not Israel. What it is actually saying is the heir of the world will inherit by faith, not by the law. This does not automatically exclude the Jews at all. It just brings out the importance of faith.

> *Matthew 21:43*
> *43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*

This is given to support the idea that Jesus taught that the Jews would lose their spiritual privileges, and be replaced by another people. Here is the passage in context.

> *Matthew 21:42-45*
> *42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*
> *43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*
> *44 And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*
> *45 And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.*

Here in verse 25, you can see that Jesus is speaking of the Chief Priests and leaders of the people, not to the nation as a whole.

Even if it is talking about a nation it can’t possibly mean that the church has replaced Israel. Why? Because the church has not brought forth the fruits of the kingdom either. Jesus can say the exact same thing to today’s church: The kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a new generation of end time overcomers who will in fact produce the fruit God is looking for. Do you see the typology of Israel and the Church here? The church has failed to produce, just like ancient Israel failed. Here ancient Israel is not an example for the church, her fate is a prophecy for the church.

Next case:

> *Romans 2:28-29*
> *28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:*
> *29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.*
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> *Galatians 3:6-9*
> *6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*
> *8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*
> *9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*
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> *Galatians 3:29*
> *29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

These verses show the importance of faith being needed to inherit the promise. But they do not say anything about Israel being replaced by the church or cut off in any way. So go figure!

God’s Instrument
Some believers think of God’s people, Israel, as his servant or instrument. That is in playing a part in the story of mankind’s redemption.

The land and people played the central role in the first coming of Messiah, and they are destined to play a central part in the Second Coming. The church also plays a part but it has not taken over Israel’s part. In fact several scriptures indicate that if the people of Israel are not in the Land of Israel, there would be no second coming of Jesus.

Restoration Of Israel
Here are some of the passages which speak of the restoration of Israel. Of course, it God is finished with Israel, how do you explain that they began to be fulfilled in the post war years? I mean how can someone say that the rebirth of the State of Israel in 1948 is just a coincidence? Or how can they

claim that it has nothing to do with bible prophecy, and still expect to be taken seriously?

> *Isaiah 11:11-12*
> *11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.*
> *12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*
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> *Jeremiah 16:14-15*
> *14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;*
> *15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.*
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> *Jeremiah 31:35-37*
> *35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:*
> *36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.*
> *37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.*
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> *Isaiah 54:6-10*
> *6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.*
> *7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.*
> *8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.*
> *9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.*
> *10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.*
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> *Zechariah 10:1-6*
> *1 Ask ye of the LORD rain* ***in the time of the latter rain****; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.*
> *2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.*
> *3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.*
> *4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail, out of him the battle bow, out of him every oppressor together.*
> *5 And they shall be as mighty men, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle: and they shall fight, because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be confounded.*
> *6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and* ***I will save*** *the house of Joseph, and* ***I will bring them again*** *to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be* ***as though I***

> ***had not cast them off****: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.*

It would be easy to come up with dozens more quotes that say similar things. The bible is full of them.

Here are some notes from Michael Brown:

> What if Israel broke the covenant? What would then happen to them? Listen to these unmistakably clear truths: "Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you. I will discipline you but only with justice; I will not let you go entirely unpunished" (Jeremiah. 30:11). God will completely destroy other nations, but He will not completely destroy Israel! He treats His people differently from other people; they are judged more strictly, but they will never be wiped out.
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> This is not some worn-out old doctrine. It is on the increase again in our day. Yet the Lord is not surprised. Twenty-five hundred years ago, He already addressed this issue:
> The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah: " Have you not noticed that these people are saying, 'The LORD has rejected the two kingdoms He chose?' So they despise My people and no longer regard them as a nation. This is what the LORD says: 'If I have not established My covenant with day and night and the fixed laws of heaven and earth, then I will reject the descendants of Jacob and David My servant and will not choose one of his sons to rule over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and have compassion on them' " (Jer.33:23-26)
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> Not only did He promise to bless Abraham and make him into a great nation; not only did He promise to multiply his seed; not only did He promise to make him the father of many nations; not only did He promise to bless those who blessed him and curse those who cursed him; He also promised Abraham the land of Canaan, with clearly defined borders, as an everlasting inheritance to his natural descendants –until this earth is no more.
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> Amazingly, some teachers have tried to get out of this perpetual land promise to Israel. They claim that in the New Testament, neither Jesus nor the apostles ever reiterate this particular aspect of the covenant. But why should they reiterate it? When almost all of the New Testament was being written, about one million Jews were living in the Land, Jerusalem was the spiritual and national capitol and the Temple was still standing. And Jesus made it clear that, despite Jerusalem’s soon-coming destruction – a destruction that would last "until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" – He would *come back* to a Jewish Jerusalem (Luke 21:24; Matt. 23:37-39).Obviously Jews would be in the Land!
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> *His covenant with Abraham is just as unconditional and everlasting as His covenant with David.* Read Genesis 15carefully. In ancient days, that is how covenants were made. Sacrificial animals were cut in two and their severed bodies placed in two lines. *Both parties* entering into the covenant would then walk between the carcasses. By doing so they were symbolically saying, "If I break this binding agreement, if I fail to uphold my side of the pact, then let me suffer the same fate that these animals have suffered." But something was different in Genesis 15. Only God passed through the pieces! This was a one-way deal (see Gen.15:17-21)
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> *God's covenant with Abraham is just as unconditional and everlasting as His covenant with the Church.* The Lord "saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy" (Titus 3:5). Praise God, we were chosen by grace! But we are not the only recipients of the Lord's unmerited favor. To Israel, Moses said:
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> The LORD did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath He swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt (Deut. 7:7-8).

> Sounds familiar, doesn't it? God's covenants with Israel and with the Church are based on His promise, not our performance.
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> Old Testament Israel and the new Testament Church both stood, and still stand, by grace. Both received God's eternal promises. Together we make up the family of God: The faithful ones of Israel and the chosen ones from every nation become one new man out of the two, one body, one people. "For through Him[Jesus!] we both have access to the Father by one Spirit" (Eph. 2:18). Great is the wisdom of God.

Derek Prince wrote:

> *You will arise and have mercy on Zion; For the time to favor her, Yes, the set time, has come.* Psalm 102:13
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> The current restoration of the Jewish people is a unique mark of God's favor. In God's calendar, there is a set time to favor Zion. I believe we are either living in it now or we are approaching it.
> There are two words in that verse that describe something we can never earn: favor and mercy. The very fact that we need mercy means we cannot earn it.

Part 6 - Return To The Lord

Replacement Theology affects your understanding of scripture in 2 major areas.

1. The return of the Jews to their land, and
2. The salvation of the Jews in the Day of the Lord.

To put it another way the two issues are *Return to the Land* and *Return to the Lord*! Clearly a great number of Jews have returned to the land, and a great number more shall return in days to come. But also it's quite clear that they have not yet returned to the Lord. You still have the veil of blindness on Israel and they are still enemies of the gospel as Romans 11 indicates. We have pretty well covered Return to the Land in the previous section. So let's get into the most important area, Return to the Lord.

The Redemption Of Natural Israel

The key question is will All Israel be saved? And how and when will they be saved? Or to put it another way, what exactly does it mean in Romans 11 when it says:

> *Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: ….*

In a larger context, we have an end time sequence of events that form a finale to all that God has done. These are: a time of great tribulation, signs in the heavens, the second coming of Jesus Christ, the resurrection of the dead [life from the dead], translation of the remnant, the redemption of natural Israel, and the final battle. All this happens in roughly the order given. The redemption of natural Israel is the sticking point. It can mean one of two things.

A. That all the Jews remaining alive after the tribulation will be saved, all at once, or it can mean:
B. That only a tiny remnant of the Jews remaining alive at that time will be saved.

Replacement Theology, or any theory which says that God has no more dealings with Israel will pick item B. This thinking is especially common to those who claim that the Church has not replaced Israel but that the Church is Israel. They deny that Israel has any claim to the Land, that God is through with them as a nation and that in the end only a remnant will be saved. And that remnant saved will be by means of the same repentance and acceptance of Jesus as any other people. Here they imply that it will only be a tiny minority, like the 2-3% of the population that are saved in normal times. This is stressed heavily in their writings to counter the Dispensationalist claim that ALL ISRAEL will be saved and have a physical earthly kingdom, ruling over the earth with Jesus as King and it's capitol in Jerusalem. While the church, an entirely different entity will have a spiritual kingdom in the heavens. A typical case, and the source of these arguments is *I Want To Be Left* Behind by Ted Noel.

The major arguments against Israel’s redemption en masse are the following.

- Romans 11:26 is being misinterpreted.
- God’s covenant was only to those who believed, not to all Jews.
- Romans 9:27 states that only a remnant will be saved.
- God makes no distinction between Greek and Jew, and since he does not play favorites, he would not grant mass salvation to one group of people.
- Hosea’s prophecy of restoration applies to the Gentiles, not the Jews.

Rebuttals

Lets start with the first, that Romans 11:26 is being misinterpreted.

> *Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: ….*

Some critics of this notion [mass salvation of the Jews] state that in Romans 11:26 where it says ‘And so all Israel shall be saved’ has two problems. First to think that ‘so’ can be understood as *then* when it should be translated as *in like manner*, or *thusly*. This approach says it means ‘in this manner all Israel shall be saved’. The manner in they are talking about is the process of repentance and being graft back into the olive tree as described in vs. 23 and 24.

And second that ‘all Israel’ can’t possibly mean ‘all Israel’. [Duh!] No seriously, the idea is that ‘all Israel’ has to mean Israel and the church. In this case, one can only be talking about the believing remnant, not the whole of physical Israel alive at the time. Or, it must mean, all who are of Israel throughout the age. And this cannot be since we are told only a remnant would be saved. Do you follow that?

Well lets look at the Strong’s definition of the word they translate as ‘so’ in verse 26. You’ll notice the parts in bold show that it can be translated either or both ways.

> [Greek. 3779] houto (hoo'-to)
> adverb from 3778; in this way (referring to what precedes or follows):--**after that**, after (in) this manner, as, even (so), for all that, like(-wise), no more, on this fashion(-wise), so (**in like manner**), thus, what.

So which way fits the context? Look again at these key verses.

> *Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*
> *26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*
> *27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*
> *28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

If ‘so’ in verse 26 means ‘after that’, then ask yourself, after what? After the fullness of the Gentiles comes in is what. Then in following we read: There **shall** come … the deliverer, who **shall** turn away ungodliness, and **shall** take away their sin. Three ‘*shalls’* in rapid fire succession that tell what happens next. So this has to be talking about a before and after situation. The sequence is that first the full number of Gentiles come in, **then** the blindness is removed from Israel and **then** they are saved, because God takes away their sin.

Who does this happen to? Jacob! All Israel! The gentile church can’t be the subject here because, it happens after the fullness of the Gentiles is come in. Here are some Old Testament quotes that say the same thing.

> *Isaiah 59:20-21*
> *20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.*
> *21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*

> *Jeremiah 31:34*
> *34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

Therefore saying Romans 11:26 means ‘**then** all Israel will be saved’ makes perfect sense.

Now lets look at the question of what do we mean by ‘all’ in ‘all Israel’. The scripture usually cited at this point is from Romans 9:

> *Romans 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:*

The verses just before that are then taken to refer only to the salvation of the Gentiles, not the restoration of the Jews. [This is done in spite of the very mention of the Jews in verse 24.]

> *Romans 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?*
> *25 As he saith also in Osee, [*Hosea*] I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.*
> *26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.*

Also those that argue against ALL Israel being saved have to ignore quite a few parts of the bible. One of them following right on after Romans 9 is Romans 10: 1

> *Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*

Here God is saying he wants Israel to be saved. [God can speak to himself in the third person and get away with it because he is a trinity.]

Now lets take a closer look at the logic of saying only a remnant will be saved. One idea is that in the end times there will only be a small number of Jews saved, just like any other people. To accept this view, [B] you have to ignore a lot of scripture and interpret others in special ways.
The other view [A] is that all Israel will be saved in the end. To see this we will look at a lot of the scripture that supports it.

The support for the remnant idea is this verse from Romans 9; it refers back to Isaiah 10:

> *Romans 9:27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:*

> *Isaiah 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.*
> *21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.*
> *22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.*

> *23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.*

This passage, in verse 20, is talking about a remnant of Israel that survives through a series of judgments and afflictions, so it is a minority of them that make up the remnant. But at the same time it's saying all those who are part of the remnant turn to the Lord.

So it all hinges on your understanding of 'all' in 'all Israel'. It's clearly not all the Children of Israel from all time, but it certainly speaks of all of them who survive and are alive at the time. That is all of the remnant, not a tiny fraction. This passage from Isaiah 4 says something quite similar. *He that is left in Zion* is the same as saying *all of the remnant*.

> *Isaiah 4:*
> *2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.*
> *3 And it shall come to pass, that* ***he that is left in Zion****, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:*
> *4 When* ***the Lord shall have washed away the filth*** *of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.*

Also compare *the Lord shall have washed away the filth* to Romans 11:27 where it says: *I shall take away their sins.*

> *Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*
> *27 For this is my covenant unto them, when* ***I shall take away their sins.***

What the Lord is saying is he will save all the remnant on that day by taking away their sins. Later we will look at just exactly how he does that.

The next point to refute is this.

- God makes no distinction between Greek and Jew, and since he does not play favorites, he would not grant mass salvation to one group of people over another.

We find this in Galatians 3. [Also Colossians 3:10-11]

> *Galatians 3:26-29*
> *26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*
> *27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*
> *28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*
> *29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

These verses speak of those who are already in the Kingdom and baptized into Christ. There is still a difference between Jew and Gentile before they come into the faith. Once again Romans 11:27 speaks of '*my covenant with them*' i.e. the Jews.

Next the idea that God does not play favorites comes from such verses as these:

> *Acts 10:34*
> *34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:*
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> *Romans 2:11*
> *11 For there is no respect of persons with God.*

These verses are talking about individuals only, not tribes or nations, so it's a mistake to use them in trying to deny God's covenant with Israel.

Then there is the idea that Hosea's prophecy of salvation for those *who were not my people* applies to the Gentiles, not the Jews. Which is to say that the salvation promised in Romans 9:25 refers to the Gentiles mentioned in verse 24. In spite of the fact that the Jews are mentioned in verse 24 also.

Even if you fall for that one, there are other promises of restoration found in Hosea, which clearly focus on the Jews; Here we go.

> *Hosea 1:10*
> *10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.*
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> *Hosea 2:23*
> *23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.*

This is the verse quoted in Romans 9:25. Next quote:

> *Hosea 3:5*
> *5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.*
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> *Hosea 5:14-15*
> *14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.*
> *15 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.*

In the verses above, the Lord is speaking about how he will tear them as a lion, and go away till they repent and seek him. Below Israel is speaking about how they have been torn, and now they will seek their God once again.

> *Hosea 6:1-3*
> *1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*
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> *Hosea 13:14*
> *14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.*
>
> *Hosea 14:1-5*
> *1 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.*
> *2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously: so will we render the calves of our lips.*
> *3 Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the*

> *work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.*
> *4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him.*
> *5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.*

All of these passages either mention Israel or refer to her in context. You really have to bend over backwards and make like an Olympic gymnast to pretend otherwise. Some of these verses can apply more generally, typology again, to the Church and or to the Gentiles; especially Hosea 6:1-3 . But this does not take away the fact that they also apply to Israel.

Speaking of *her that had not obtained mercy* in Hosea 2:23 is a cross reference to the discussion in Romans 11.

> *Romans 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded*
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> *Romans 11:30-31*
> *30 For as ye [*Gentiles*] in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:*
> *31 Even so have these [*Israel*] also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.*

Blindness and Restoration

There is a passage in Micah 5 that provides a major clue to what is going on here. Verse 2 is usually the only one quoted; because it speaks of the birth of Jesus, prophesying that it will take place in Bethlehem. Verse 3 is a little harder to figure. It concerns the blindness and restoration of Israel to take place at the second coming. And verse 4 alludes to the Glory of the Second Coming.

> *Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*
> *3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.*
> *4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and* ***they shall abide****: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.*

Here in Micah 5 verse 2 is the Father speaking prophetically of his son who was to be born in Bethlehem. He is said to come forth unto me meaning he will come out of Bethlehem and return to the father. He is to be ruler in Israel meaning he shall reign as King of Kings, the Messiah spoken of in Isaiah 9.

> *Isaiah 9:*
> *6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*
> *7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

Also to say *his goings forth are from old, and everlasting,* is clearly referring to an eternal being, one of the trinity.

Then in verse 3 we read *Therefore will he give them up.* ‘He’ of course refers to Jesus, the Messiah in his earthly ministry at the first coming. ‘Therefore he will give them up’ speaks of giving up Israel because they rejected him at the first coming. He is giving them up but only for a certain time; *until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth.* The giving up is a reference to the blindness spoken of in Romans 11.

> *Romans 11:7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded*
> *8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.*
> *9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:*
> *10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.*
> *11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.*
> *12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?*
>
> *Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

Romans verse 25 mentions the fullness of the Gentiles, and notice how verse 12 mentions the fullness of the Jews. The number of Israeli's [Israelites] to be saved is called the fullness or the full number or the full completion. The word used here can also be translated *multitude,* a lot of people.

The second part of Micah 5:3 reads *until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth.* This tells us that the time of the *fullness of the gentiles*, which leads to the removing of the blindness, is linked to the time that *she which travails has brought forth*. So what's that all about?

Travail refers to the pain of childbirth. It can be used describing judgment coming on someone, or describing the process of intercessory prayer or repentance. Here are some quotes on *travail*. In Galatians it is used speaking of intercession. In the quotes following it tells of repentance. In John, *travail* is linked with *sorrow*, and in Second Corinthians *sorrow* is linked with *repentance*. Then in Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Revelation it speaks of *she which travaileth*.

> *Galatians 4:19*
> *19 My little children, of whom I **travail** in birth again until Christ be formed in you,*
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> *John 16:20-22*
> *20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.*
> *21 A woman when she is in **travail** hath **sorrow**, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.*
> *22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*
>
> *2 Corinthians 7:10*
> *10 For godly **sorrow** worketh **repentance** to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*
>
> *Isaiah 66:8*
> *8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion **travailed**, she brought forth her children.*
>
> *Jeremiah 4:31*
> *31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in **travail**, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.*

> *Revelation 12:1-2*
> *1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*
> *2 And she being with child cried,* ***travailing*** *in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

Zion here can mean Israel, the church or both. Travail is a purging process that goes with repentance. So the passage from Isaiah is talking about travail and repentance producing results in one day. And the whole passage in Micah 5:3 is saying He will give them up until they repent! We are looking forward to a time when the blindness or hardness will be removed from Israel. As this happens, the heavens are open and the light of the gospel will be free to shine upon those who before were enemies of the gospel. How can this be done for an entire nation or people at once?

Granting Repentance
Romans 11.15 where it talks about Israel's acceptance meaning 'life from the dead' speaks of all Israel as all those who are still in unbelief. But they don't just repent all on their own because it suddenly sounds like a cool thing to do. And they don't just all of a sudden repent all on their own to call on God because they are surrounded by enemy armies with no chance of survival. At Masada, they chose another option.

No that's not what happens. They repent because God grants repentance. Romans 11:23 says '*God is able to graft them back in again*'. That is God does it, for his names sake, by granting repentance. He takes away their sin, because that is what he promised when he promised the new covenant.

There are many places where God calls for repentance in his word. Certain passages make it clear that a special grace is also needed. God is able to graft them in again because he can grant them repentance. Here are some passages that deal with the idea of God granting repentance.

> *Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for* ***to give repentance to Israel****, and forgiveness of sins.*
>
> *Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also* ***to the Gentiles granted repentance*** *unto life.*
>
> *Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of* ***God leadeth*** *thee to* ***repentance****?*
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> *2 Corinthians 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.*
> *10 For* ***godly sorrow worketh repentance*** *to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*
>
> *2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will* ***give them repentance*** *to the acknowledging of the truth;*

The Promise
In Genesis 12 the Lord makes a multi part promise to Abraham.

> *Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*
> *2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*
> *3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

Let's focus on the final part of that promise, the blessing to all the families on earth. Galatians 3 talks about it as follows.

> *Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*
> *8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*
> *9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*
> *10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*
> *11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*

Here the meaning of the blessing is spelled out. That God would justify the heathen by faith. Also in verse 8, this promise is described as the gospel! [In old testament texts you will find the phrase glad tidings.]

The gospel, then is a promise to the nations that they would be justified and receive this blessing, if they have faith like Abraham. For Abraham believed God and this was accounted as his righteousness, verse 6.

What God promised to Israel is to become a great nation, inherit the land of Canaan and to be a blessing to the nations. Is there an explicit promise of salvation? Is Israel among the nations to be blessed?

To put it another way, will *all Israel* be justified by faith. When the son of man comes will he find faith?

> *Luke 18:*
> *7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?*
> *8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?*

Is there an explicit promise of salvation? A very clear one is found in Daniel; one which is to follow a time of great trouble. [Tribulation]

> *Daniel 12.1:*
> *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and* ***at that time thy people shall be delivered****, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

Once again we are looking at the idea of mass salvation of Israel after the tribulation, at the second coming. Let’s look at exactly how the blindness is removed, and repentance is granted at the time of the second coming.

Removing the Veil.
That blindness on the part of Israel is symbolized by a veil. Here we find it mentioned in second Corinthians.

> 2 Corinthians *3:13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*
> *16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

The key idea here is the blindness is removed when Israel's heart returns to God.

In the Gospels Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, knowing they will miss the time of their visitation. Then he states a condition they must meet before he will come to them again. And in the same breath, he prophesies that they will meet that condition at a set time. The condition is that they must call upon him, saying: *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.* The time for this to happen comes, as we read in Romans 11 above, after the fullness of the gentiles comes in. Then follows the completion of the redemption of natural Israel. This is a key factor in the Second Coming.

> *Luke 13:*
> *34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!*
> *35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, **until the time come** when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*
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> *Deuteronomy 4:30-31,*
> *"When you [Israel] are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days, **you will return** to the LORD your God and listen to His voice. For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them."* [Some translations say: *if you will return*.]
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> *Zechariah 1*
> *3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Here the word for *turn* can also be translated *return*. And seeing it this way makes it a direct reference to the second coming. This really blew me away when I first saw it. Like God is saying to Israel: **Return to me and I will return to you.** Luke 13:35 quoted above says you won't see me again till you repent and say Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Which means that *when* you repent, etc. you *will* see me again. And here in Zechariah 1 he is saying when you repent, I will return. Exactly the same thing! And here is how he grants that repentance:

> *Zechariah 12:10*
> *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Revelation 1 refers to the same scripture.

> *Revelation* 1
> *7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

Here are a few more references that link the redemption of Israel with the second coming.

> *Jeremiah 50:*
> *4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.*
>
> *Jeremiah 50:*
> *20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon*

> *them whom I reserve.*
>
> *Amos 4:*
> *12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel*
> *13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.*

Here in Amos, verse 12 speaks of Israel meeting their God while verse 13 where it says *maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth* speaks of the second coming. In effect this is saying Israel will meet their God at the second coming.

A Wrap Up
Let's spell this all out very clearly. God grants repentance to **'all Israel'** just prior to his second coming. He does this by removing the blindness and pouring out his spirit on them as a group. Then they 'look unto the hills' and call upon Jeshua, the salvation of YHVH and declare: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Replacement theology and it's variants would deny this, but the bible indicates otherwise.

> *Ezekiel 39:*
> *25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and **have mercy upon the whole house of Israel**, and will be jealous for my holy name;*
> *26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.*
> *27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;*
> *28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.*
> *29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for **I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel**, saith the Lord GOD.*

Summation
1. We know the Spirit is needed to properly understand scripture. Also, we can see that Replacement Theology comes from sources that are not likely to be hearing from the Spirit.
2. The fruit or results of Replacement Theology are a lot of really bad news.
3. The theory of Replacement Theology does not take the believing remnant into account.
4. Replacement Theology has no grasp of typology. Hence it has very limited understanding of the word. This is a direct result of point 1 above.
5. It's very easy to find bible verses that contradict Replacement Theology.
6. Replacement Theology goes against a fundamental understanding of end time events.

Folks, it just doesn't cut it!

Teachers of this theory point out that God is only in covenant with the faithful remnant, but they forget that His promises of restoration are to the whole people, backslidden and unbelieving enemies of the gospel though they may be. Otherwise how God speak of his *covenant with them* and speak of *them* as *enemies* of the gospel at the same time?

> *Romans 11:32-36*
> *32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.*
> *33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*
> *34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?*
> *35 Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?*

36 For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Irredentist

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Last Shabbat, while Rimona and I engaged in a discussion, I suddenly had a thought filled notion. "I just got an iridescent idea", I blurted. Rimona, being very sensitive to the usage of words, commented that she was not sure that I could use "iridescent" in that way. So to prove (or disprove) my point I grabbed my falling apart American Heritage Dictionary and tried to find this word. Being the speller that I am, I started searching for the word with double r's.

While I was looking for this word that seemed to elude me, what took place was more akin to that which occasionally happens when one reads the Bible. A certain word caught my attention and stood out to me like a soar thumb: "IRREDENTIST". "What in the world is that?!" I exclaimed to myself. To my surprise here is what I read: n. One who advocates the recovery of territory culturally or historically related to his nation but now subject to a foreign government." "Oh my gosh!!!!!" "I'm not a goose after all, I'm an Israelite Irredentist!" I had never wanted to be a dentist, nor to meet one too often (to all my dentist friends out there, don't take this personally.), but to be an Israelite "irre-dentist" might be something else altogether!

With this new definition in hand, I would like to point to the Judahite irredentists down in the Gaza, especially in Gush Katif. Rimona and I, and many others, have met these unique people that the world has labeled "settlers". Their one outstanding quality is their faith and trust in the Elohim of Israel and the Torah. Because of this they have a very deep moral conscience. The claim that these folks will stand up and fight, and even take the lives of the "law enforcers", I believe, is only a government fear tactic to keep the citizens of this country from supporting the cause of these Zionists.

In the past month or so they have been gaining sympathy and a growing support, whilst Sharon's Disengagement Plan has been under suspicion even by some of the left wing news reporters, two of whom have written a book called "Boomerang", exposing facts which may be behind this "Plan". It shows that Sharon and sons may be resorting to these means as a smoke screen and a diversion to cover their tracks of corruption. The other issue, which anyone who understands the true motive of the Islamic world knows, is the disastrous effects that this will have on Israel's security and the absurdity of rewarding terror. Therefore those who are true to Torah Zionism have been campaigning to get these messages across to the Israeli public and to the world. They have been doing this by having to live with terror almost every day. But more recently have been more vocal through resistance and protests that they have organized. There have been a few instances of blocking roads, but in general there has been no disruption in the normal activity of the State. They have thus succeeded in turning many Israelis to their cause; so much so that all poles showed that before long those opposing the disengagement would be in the majority.

However, if something horrific were to happen it could turn the tables on this successful campaign. And so, wouldn't you know it - some hooligans materialized in Gaza and fortified themselves in an empty Arab dwelling. Shortly thereafter scuffles with the local Arab population began. This led to a stoning episode in which a young Arab boy almost lost his life. This appalling episode took place in the vicinity of a former hotel, which in the past few weeks has been serving as a stronghold of some staunch supporters of the resistance. Seizing the opportunity (of what was termed the "lynching" episode), the military stormed the hotel/outpost yesterday, removed all of its residents and imposed a military closure on the entire Gaza strip, barring the entry of Jews (except for local residents) to the area. (This is supposed to be lifted off today). Oh, just one "minor" point, none of those involved in the scuffles with the Arabs were residents of the Gaza settlement block, and neither were those who stayed in the hotel, the latter group having had nothing to do with the former (that is, with the hooligans who took over the Arab house). Who are those hooligans that were involved in the episode with the Arabs? What did they have to do with those staying in the hotel? What danger did the latter pose that required storming the place (which housed families with young children), and how was that related to the closure of an entire region? Take a guess!

One does not have to explain the obvious here. It was not the desperation of the irredentists that caused this. The "settler movement" has been very successful in turning this nation against the Sharon policy by peaceful protests. The only conclusion, therefore, is that a desperate Sharon gang in trying to manipulate the circumstances so as to bring to a halt the increase of support for the Gush residents.

This week we have heard the voices of some of the resistant leaders and were again reminded that these people have a moral conscience. When they were taken out yesterday by the government forces they went out kicking and screaming their slogans, but they did not try in any way to hurt our policemen or soldiers. Another noteworthy fact is that the residents of the settlements did not come and help those that were in the hotel. This could be an example when the time comes for the evacuation of homes. The police and other security forces will have to carry them bodily and put them on buses and take them out. I do not believe that there will be a civil war, as even though the settlers' faith and convictions are strong, so is their moral conscience.

Unfortunately the ploy of besmirching the Gaza residents has gained some momentum by the last few days' machinations, and thus the general Israeli populous, at present, is switching its sympathies toward the Disengagement Plan. This superficial and easily swayable attitude indicates that moral conscience and standards are not the plumb line in the lives of those who are Torah-less.

Pray for Abba's will to be done, and for those who are slated to be extracted from their homes.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

I'm Right, You're Wrong

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As of late, with the discovery of the "aviv" by those who believe in this approach, and with their declaration of the first month already in progress, a major controversy has arisen in the Messianic community. Emails have been flying back and forth and up and down the cyber universe, arguing the date of Passover. Then of course there are those who claim that the day of the sighting of the New Moon, as pronounced by others, is off by one day. Consequently some of the brethren have even decided to disfellowship those who do not adhere to their understanding regarding these matters. Shaul, the apostle, openly calls the ones indulging in this form of behavior, "babes": *"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Messiah…For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like men of the flesh"* (1Cor. 3:1, 3).

Even within the same movement there are letters of rebuke being addressed by one rabbi toward another. Fellowships are breaking up over these issues, while those who are perceptive to the Spirit of Holiness are sensing the Father's grief. We are in a time of the restoration of all things, but that cannot justify letting unholy spirits of religious Babylon creep in and make void the sacrificial death of our Messiah!

There may be a great deal of validity to arguments and discussions about the "correct" calendar. As a matter of fact, YHVH's appointed times are not to be taken lightly. However, when we partake of the spirit of "I'm right you're wrong", we are actually eating once again from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, and of course are also bearing its fruit. When the Spirit of Holiness brings to light a Torah truth, so that it may be established, we must be careful not to take that twig from the Tree of Life and try and graft it into the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and fertilize it with carnal reasoning and traditions. Each person must be led of the Holy One in order to grow in the knowledge of truth. If you have been convicted or led by YHVH's Spirit, then walk in obedience to that present truth, but don't judge or condemn others if they have not received that same revelation from Him. However, if they are of the same conviction, but yet walk in disobedience or compromise the truth, we should correct them in a spirit of humility, guarding our own turf so that we do not sin with a holier than thou attitude.

The apostle writes:
"Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for YHVH Elohim is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. He who observes the day, observes it to YHVH; and he who does not observe the day, to YHVH he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to YHVH, for he gives YHVH Elohim thanks; and he who does not eat, to YHVH he does not eat, and gives thanks. For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. For if we live, we live to YHVH, and if we die, we die to YHVH. Therefore, whether we live or die, we areYHVH's. For to this end Messiah died and rose and lived again, that He might be the governing authority of both the dead and the living" (Rom 14: 4-9).

What I have found in many of these letters of rebuttal is that no mention is made of the reason that the Most High established His Feast days. Why is it that He wants us to start a month at the new moon, or declare a feast day? What was YHVH's intent for doing this in the first place? Surely He does not have to prove to anyone that He has need of any of these days, nor that He is the Almighty and sovereign over the heavenly bodies and over the times and seasons! It is us who have to be reminded that He IS:

HE IS the One who created everything that is.
HE IS the One who formed us from the dust of the earth and put into us the breath of life.
HE IS the One who chose us before the foundation of the world to be His people.
HE IS the One who made a covenant with our forefathers and has remained faithful to it.
He IS the One who sowed the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob into all nations.
HE IS the One who has kept us and preserved us throughout every generation.
HE IS the One who brought us out of Egypt with His mighty right arm.
HE IS the One who led us through the wilderness and gave us food, water and protection.
HE IS the One who brought us to Mount Sinai on the wings of eagles.
HE IS the One who gave us the commandments for life.
HE IS the One who brought us to the land of promise.
HE IS the One who went out before us as a consuming fire.
HE IS the One who gives us the rain in due season.
HE IS the One who gave us His only begotten Son to be the lamb sacrifice to take away our sin.
HE IS the One who raised His Son from the dead.
HE IS the One who set His faithful Son at His right hand to rule His kingdom on earth.
HE IS the One who sent us His Spirit so that we may be taught and led into all truth.
HE IS the One who transferred us from the kingdom of this world to the kingdom of His beloved Son.
HE IS the One whom we honor on Shabbat and on each of HIS Feast Days.

I hope that you will continue to add to the list, as we celebrate each Shabbat and Shabbaton/Feast Day. I also pray that you will avoid all unnecessary strife and contention as we pass through these times of restoration and reconciliation. The Holy Days were for holy convocations, and not for unholy provocations. Let us not follow the spirits of religious pride, no matter what title or Babylonian garment they might display or don. But let us press on to the upward call that is in our Messiah and manifest the nature of the one New Man, who is the image and the likeness of Elohim. If we will each follow the risen King, walk in obedience to the leading of His Spirit and keep His commandments of love He will destroy all the works of the devil and restore all that is Torah Truth.

I would like to say “Hag Same'ach”, whether you are celebrating Purim or Passover. If it is Purim, please note that the Purim one year cycle started on the day before Passover on the 13th of the1st month (ref. Esther 3:7-12).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

I Saw Fire In The Sky

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This was a very vivid dream. The dream occurred on a bright sunny day.

I was walking along a black-topped road. My mother and sister Rosie were with me. We were in an upscale salt-water community, perhaps along the coast of California or Florida. Along the sides of the road were guardrails made of steel rods and thick beams of wood painted white, in keeping with a nautical theme.

To our right a ramp went down steeply to wooden docks holding a number of small pleasure craft. Due to the steepness of the ramp, I assumed there was an extra low tide and the tide was out. Right ahead of us the road became a bridge across the water. The length of the bridge was perhaps 75-100 feet.

On the other side of the bridge was more land and a new two story white stucco condominium development. The condos were upscale without being “ritzy”. The condominiums were flying a number of colorful pendants in different colors to advertise that the buildings were now open for inspection and purchase.

There were some people present, both around the condominium development and on our side of the bridge, but it was not crowded with pedestrians.

Suddenly I looked up in the sky, which was a beautiful clear robin’s egg blue. I pointed and said, “Look”! There was a very strange cloud formation. It was a “Tic-Tac-Toe”. The “clouds” were strung together in a long tubular fashion and looked like fluffy marshmallows, whipped egg whites or shaving cream foam.

There was one long stringy cloud set slightly apart from the “marshmallow Tic-Tac-Toe.” I estimate the length of this strange Tic-Tac-Toe at approximately 600 x 600 square feet. It was “up in the air”, but not high up.

Suddenly, along the whole length of the cloud, the single separated individual cloud burst into flames The flames were vivid and very colorful, in shades of red, green, orange, etc. I was reminded of a presto log that has had chemicals added to make “pretty colors” as it burned. Soon the “cloud” began to have black edges – like a roasting marshmallow.

Just after the cloud caught fire and looked like it was melting, it suddenly fell to the ground in one long piece. It fell right in front of the new condominium directly across the bridge, in the direction that we were walking.

As the “cloud” hit the ground it seemed to slither, like a snake or two kids playing together, jerking on a long rope. Luckily the force of the fall caused the flames to be immediately extinguished and no people, cars or buildings had been hit.

My mother turned to go down the boat ramp, but we had to keep going straight ahead, as our destination was on the other side of the bridge, beyond where the “cloud” had fallen.

As we continued to look up, one of the clouds in the actual “Tic-Tac-Toe” suddenly burst into flames. I knew if it fell onto one of the condominiums, the building might catch on fire. I said, *“They are practicing!”*

I knew whoever was behind this project would keep on working until the pseudo chemical clouds could not be extinguished when they fell to the earth, but would keep burning. Soon they would be used to terrorize populations and start very large fires causing huge property damage and killing or maiming many people.

As I was writing the dream down the thought came to me: *“A laser is what will be used to ignite the pseudo chemical clouds”.*

I'm Still Not Praying For Obama

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> *Judges 10:6-7*
> *6 And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.*
> *7 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.*
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> *Judges 10:10 And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.*
>
> *Psalms 107:13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.*

First of all I want to thank all those who responded to my Original Article, Why I Am Not Praying For Obama. See Original Article Below

We are now seeing quite a few prayers and prophecies about God somehow changing Obama. Some are asking God to capture his heart, save him and fill him with the Spirit. Some are prophesying that God is planning to do just that. This kind of talk usually lasts about two months, then we forget about it.

Could it be that we are thinking, well we didn't get the man we wanted. Let's pray that God changes the man we got. Then we'll have a righteous leader in power and everything will be ok, copasetic, or hunky dory, or sunshine and roses, and peace and prosperity will be restored. Our worries will be over.

Shouldn't we be praying for mercy because **we have sinned**? And that God would change our hearts, not just Obama's?

At the beginning of the earlier article, we cited a rabbi's prayer for the Tsar.

> *May The Lord God bless and keep the Tsar - - - far from our village*.

Here is a perfect example of a religiously correct, hypocritical prayer. One that is prayed out of a sense of obligation. But there was no real intention to bless the Tsar there.

Naturally I'm not pleased with the outcome of the American elections. What got to me most was all the talk that now we are required to pray for Obama. How to pray, what to pray, and so on.

Legalism

If you follow carefully what I have said in the first article, you will see that I'm coming against legalism and legalistic prayers. If your pastor, rabbi or leadership is calling for prayer for Obama on the basis of a scripture in the written word. And if the Spirit of the Lord is leading you to pray in some other manner. Who do you obey?

If you are not obeying the Spirit, isn't that sin? That's why we ended our list of scriptures with one that said: **whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

Remember, the letter of the law kills but the spirit gives life. The sermon on the mount tells us not to pray like the hypocrites do. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads.

Now this idea that somehow Obama is going to change is just what people said about Bill Clinton for 8 years. So I'm inclined to discount that possibility. There are some that say or pray that God will overturn the election results. Would that fix everything?

Why Cry for Mercy?

Let's ask ourselves this. Have we truly humbled ourselves? Have we turned from our wicked ways? Have we put away our idols? Or have we prayed some little bit and then gone back to business as usual?
What will be more effective, a regime change in the white house or a regime change in our hearts?

Let's face the music: We have sinned. And we have been turned over to an oppressor.

Julie Meyer prophesied that When the cry for mercy is louder than the cry for change, that will tip the balance. Could it be that these calls to pray for Obama are just another cry for change, and God is still waiting, listening for the cry for mercy?

See Ezra 9 and Daniel 9 for examples.

PS. A Clue for the Clueless

Take a sheet of paper and list the names of all the Christian songs that you know of that either ask forgiveness, cry for mercy, or express repentance. Then scratch off those that never made the Christian Hit Parade.

Well, let's see, there's *The Lords Prayer*, and ….

PPS. Now if you are truly led to pray for Obama, don't let me stop you. You may be led to pray for mercy at the same time, and while you are at it throw in a prayer for me too!

Why I Am Not Praying For Obama

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> In the musical Fiddler On The Roof, there is a point where the village rabbi is asked to pray for the Russian Tsar, their oppressor. What he comes up with is a sort of politically correct bit of lip service and sarcasm. He says:
> *May The Lord God bless and keep the Tsar - - - far from our village*.

In the aftermath of this election, much of the leadership is calling us to pray for Obama as we are commanded to in the word. So how can I have a problem with that, you may ask?

I feel we must consider the whole counsel of God. In other words it also says in the word to pray the prayer of faith, and that without faith, it is impossible to please him.

It also says that the word must be mixed with faith to be profitable, and that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word. The word I am hearing is to cry for mercy.

If I am praying dry legalistic prayers, and do not have unfeigned faith, then I'm just making a lot of noise. I am become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.
And whatever is not of faith is sin.

> *James 5:15 And **the prayer of faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*
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> *Hebrews 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*
>
> *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*
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> *Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***
>
> *1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is **charity** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of **faith unfeigned**:*
>
> *1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become as **sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.***
>
> *Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin**.*

Summary
To be brutally honest, I am not walking in pure charity. And I do not have the faith to pray as we are being told it's our responsibility to pray for our rulers. So why should I pretend?

Israel

Joy Eyer

Dear friends,

I just want to share two reports which came in and which may help in prayer. One other important point I want to share is, that I got two notes by friends, that it is highly time for the US to pull out of Iraq. Somehow this makes sense, I am convinced, that the Lord has used the US to go there, but I was truly triggered by the Holy Spirit, when I got this two messages from two totally different people, so please pray for this....

Shabbat Shalom
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I was in the Spirit and seeking the Lord very much for His Heart when He began to speak to me about Gaza which has been heavy on my heart. This was yesterday morning.

He took me to 2 Chrinicles 19 and 20 in which Jehoshaphat faces the Ammonites, Seirites--the people God had commanded them not to kill and as I walked through the verses with God, I saw how the Lord had laid out the battle plan there. At first, I read it through and then, God spoke to me and told me that this is how we will stop Israel from losing Gaza.

The battle is the Lord's. He is the King over ALL the Kings of the earth. He alone can save her now, but this may be the time when Israel looks up and sees that He is Messiah!!

We must get the saints everywhere to PRAISE God and pray the prayer that Jehoshaphat prayed for God to come and deliver Gaza. God does not want us to kill the Palestinians, but they are determined on killing and taking the land from the Jews. Only God can deal with this, because only God can stop them and bring Justice. ONLY HE really recognizes that this is Israel's land and the others who would take it from her are defying her.

Many years ago, it was noticed that when Israel gained territory, the Holy Spirit broke out all over the world. After the wars of the '60's there was a massive outpouring of the Spirit over the earth. Losing Gaza would have grave spiritual implications for the world and it may be the way that satan intends on stopping the revival that is all over the world now.

But this is not hard. When Jehoshaphat set the singers praising, God won the battle. We MUST DO THAT. Please email all your friends that love Israel and tell them to Praise God and ask HIM to deliver Israel and establish His Will over this situation. God will do it with or without us.

Love in Christ, Joy

Israel's Troubles

Ueli and Charlotte Surbeck

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First Vision by Charlotte

Dear friends I want to share some visions (that we feel are most important in this hour) that I have received from the Lord for Israel and the End Times.

About 3 years go in Israel I was with friends up on a Moshav Kissalon Ramat Razielon the mountain across from Ein Karem, (where Mary, the mother of Christ went to visit Elizabeth, and when Elizabeth saw Mary the child she was carrying leaped in her womb). From the top of the mountain the view is exceptional and we were at a place called the Scroll of Fire. It is a monument and actual Scroll and you can walk within the rolled pages. It tells the story of the rebirth of the nation from the Holocaust up to the Six Day War. The sculpture commands a spectacular view of its surroundings. Just below we find "The Martyrs Forest" is comprised of six million trees ? truly, a living memorial. Four and half million pine trees represent the adults who perished in the Holocaust while a million and (one) half cypress trees account for the children who perished. The Forest runs deep through this area, and the mountains are very high.

Several of us were there praying and I had an open vision. I saw a shaking begin in the Forest below us and then I saw a earthquake begin to open up very, very deep on the forest floor and start quickly to run towards Jerusalem. The trees started disappearing suddenly deep into the earth.

A few weeks ago my husband Ueli and I were praying here in US, I went into an open vision where I first saw a lot of missiles going up to attack/counter the missiles that were coming into Israel as a kind of invasion. and immediately I saw the same vision of the Earthquake that I had seen 3 years ago, again and it was quite devastating. "The Lord spoke to me that these "mountains will be brought down low" and then I heard Him say that this is the "Beginning of the day of the Lord", as we asked the Lord about a timeline for this earthquake.... I received 2007!

Then the Lord gave me the following scriptures.

Daniel 9:7 (New Living Translation) "Lord, you are in the right; but our faces are covered with shame, just as you see us now. This is true of us all, including the people of Judah and Jerusalem and all Israel, scattered near and far, wherever you have driven us because of our disloyalty to you."

Ezekiel 38:19 (New Living Translation) For in my jealousy and blazing anger, I promise a mighty shaking in the land of Israel on that day.

Revelation 16:18 (New Living Translation) Then the thunder crashed and rolled, and lightning flashed. And there was an earthquake greater than ever before in human history.

a few thougths by Ueli

I was deeply touched by this Vision and I knew in my Spirit, that this Vision is right on. To me it is an answer to a important question I had this spring, studying Ezekiel 38-39 and knowing, that this conflict is starting very soon and part of the beginning is a very strong earthquake. I believe that this earthquake represents the firing shoot for the beginning of the race in scripture called "The Day of the Lord". The best description of "The Day of the Lord" is given in Zechariah 12-14, showing 3 parts of "The day of the Lord" where Ezekiel 38-39 is showing another view to Zechariah 12, the first part of the 3.

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Second Vision by Charlotte

Then I saw Ariel Sharon in the backseat (Left Door) of a car, slumped over, lifeless...I saw men run over and take him out of the vehicle. My impression was that he was hurt by an assassin... We started to pray and as we prayed I again saw Sharon getting up and then standing up, he appeared unharmed at that time. I believe the Lord is going to save him.

A few thoughts by Ueli

This was for me again a very important vision to continue to pray for Ariel Sharon, specially for his salvation! I am very much aware, that he did a big mistake in giving away Land and many other things. But I also believe that he truly loves God and God wants to show, that he is stronger and then more real then the curse spoke by many Rabbis (and many Christians) against him, as the Heart of the Lord is to save him!

May the Lord bless you and refresh you! Ueli and Charlotte

Israel’s Situation Shown In A Dream

Joseph Paranéra

Nov. 3 2004

The last night I had this spiritual dream :

I was with my young son (9 years old)in the south of the Old City of Jerusalem, and it was time to go. I knew that the road was to go straight, but my son did not want to follow me and said that the right road was to go in another direction, and he stopped to take my hand and decided to walked in his direction saying to me : "follow me, Dad !" After trying a persuasive voice, I ordered him with a strong voice: "Come here and, you, follow me !".

But, obstinately, he refused and began to walk in his own direction. At first, I said to him : "OK, follow your road alone!" and hoped that he would change his mind and follow me. But that was not the case, and, as it was not possible for me to leave him, because of my love for my son, I came back to him and ordered with a strong voice that he must follow me. In my dream, I was so afraid that I woke up with a start and half asleep.

At this time, the Lord spoke to me: "Yes, I love my beloved son, but he does not listen too, because he won't listen to anybody. That is the reason I withdraw and I let him drive in his bad ways. But is a father able to totally abandon his child? That is why, despite his attitude, I permit this nation to prosper and be established in the promised country, in hope that they will come back to me and follow my way. Nevertheless, if they want to survive, my children of Israel have to confess the sins of their fathers : the impatience of Abraham, the pride of Isaac, the cunning of Jacob, the disobedience of Moshe, the sin and the violence of David, the ingratitude and the idolatry of Salomon. And if they want to be saved and to be recognized as my children, it will be not sufficient to be the son of Israel and to vindicate this natural link : they will have to recognize my Son as the Messiah, Him who was crucified by their fathers."

I Saw The Line In The Sand

Lynn Clark

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Two years ago I was given this most amazing vision, you know, like one that can begin to change your whole life. It was as if I were actually standing on the sand and it really got my attention. I saw a hand with an arm reaching and extending down from heaven. I knew immediately within my spirit it was the hand of God. A finger began to point and began to draw a line in the sand. Once this line had been drawn, I began to hear: "No longer can you be My unfaithful adulterous bride." I then began to have understanding that there has been this gray area where the church has stood for quite a long time now in her lukewarmness, and our Father has been patient and longsuffering. But - now He has begun to prepare His Son's bride to make herself ready, for soon the Father will tell his Son to Go!

The Lord was showing me it is no longer acceptable to be in the gray area. -What does darkness have with light? The line has now been drawn and it was now either black or white and we must choose which side of the line we will stand. Gray represents the bride's lukewarmness and now that the line has been drawn it is no longer acceptable for it makes the bridegroom sick - Nor are our lusts for this world's pleasures, our idols, any longer an option. Both of these represent the unfaithful and adulterous bride.

It was as if the wheat and tares were beginning to be separated. A separation of the real church from the false. I believe the real bride of Christ is beginning to make such a departure from this world's system and the standards of the lukewarm church - it will soon be mind-boggling to many. It will soon be evident who belongs to Christ and who is the false church - who preaches a Jesus the early church would not recognize.

God is beginning to separate the precious from the vile and in this, the pure word of God will spring forth with a vengeance and will begin to expose many lies. God's remnant will begin to turn to that which is pure.

Revival will come and this is what it will take - A Holy people - consecrated to a Holy God - speaking forth the unadulterated pure word of God, bringing truth to a dying world, and many will be set free.

I was also given a dream late last year, 2004, about the Laodicean church we see today in most of our churches, and it literally shattered my heart, so many falling away from the truth of God's word. It is still hard to think about.

The Lord woke me up this year, February of 2005, out of a dead sleep at 2:22 AM. And I heard "TELL THEM I AM COMING SOON AND TO PREPARE!" I immediately sat alert and said, "Oh Lord, if only the five Christians virgins had been prepared in Jesus' parable, they would not have had the door shut on them. If they would have been prepared!" This kept going through my mind. It was very sobering. I asked the Lord at least three times if not more, "This is what you would like me to tell them? Am I to tell them this now?" I pondered for a few minutes more and I was reminded of the scripture 2 Peter 3:4, where it talks about people scoffing at His coming. I knew I was to begin to tell people, He is coming soon.

I see such an apostate falling away from sound doctrine and accountability to our Lord by those who claim Jesus that I am very concerned for their salvation. They are so week in their faith and struggle with so much sin, I fear for them for what is about to come upon us will take them totally by surprise, and many will walk away. Even some of Jesus' disciples walked away from Him and they had been with Him.

Most are still on milk and I believe it is because the gospel for the most part is a soft shoed gospel.... The word says "Sin separates you from God". It also says God does not even hear your prayers when you are living in sin, especially against your wife. And even though repentance has come forth and forgiveness given there can still be consequences to sin.

I John 3:14 - "Dear children, DO NOT let anyone DECEIVE you about this: When people do what is right it is because they are righteous BUT when people Keep On sinning it is because they belong to the devil. Those who have been born in to God's family DO NOT SIN because God's life is in them. SO they CAN NOT SIN because they have been born of God."

Does this sound like the "security in sin" doctrine preached today?

Romans 8:13 - "For if you live according to the sinful nature YOU WILL DIE, but if by the spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the flesh YOU WILL LIVE."

In These Days I Shall Strengthen You

Bill Burns

I want you, My people, to know and understand how much I love you and care for you. Even though you have failed from time to time, I do not look upon your failure as a shortcoming. I look at that which I have designed for you and to the end of the race. I look at the place of your strength and power and the place of your overcoming. It is I, the Lord, who calls those things which are not as though they were. Do not be discouraged, for indeed in these days I shall strengthen you beyond what you can imagine. The power of the kingdom is about to be revealed in My house. The glorious Church is about to arise to the greatness of her calling. I am the King of Glory, the Master of all creation, and that which I have created I shall bring forth to perfection and into the fullness of My design, says the Lord. I say, gird up the loins of your spirit. Strengthen the hands that hang down and the weakness of your knees; your walk shall now come forth in power. I have not left you, forgotten you, or forsaken you. I am the Lord who provides all of your needs, who heals you and who guides you. Be encouraged and strengthened.

Marsha Burns

January 24, 2005: I am the author and finisher of your faith, and I will test and try your faith until it comes forth with purity. Do not despise or disdain the opportunities that you are given to learn to trust Me, for they offer occasions for progress and self-discovery that will reap great rewards. Even when you feel like you have failed all is not lost, for each situation will bring greater light and clarity to your walk in the Spirit. So, beloved, give yourself a break and rejoice, for these moments are priceless treasures.

Bill Burns

Have I not come and spoken to you and revealed Myself to you? Have you not had a burning desire within your heart to know Me in greater ways? All you have to do is come to Me, for the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." I have spoken to you about the changing of the guard, but what you have missed is that I am about to use you. You will become the young eagles. I have called you forth and have had My servants preach and prophesy to you. Will you receive it? It has been said and noised abroad that you have had a pastoral anointing, but in this hour, in this day the prophets must be as eagles and spread their wings and arise. The war of the end of the age is about to begin, and I am calling you from pastoral anointings to prophetic anointings. It is My desire that all of My people would have the word of the Lord in their mouths and prophesy. Be instant in season and out of season, ready to deliver that which I impart to you. I will give you the word, but you must first believe and then receive. Again I say, "Come." Arise in spirit. When I visit you in the night times, awaken. Shake off the slumber, and receive the vision and the word of the Lord. Begin to prophesy that word into the heavenlies, for surely I shall perform every word that is given by My Spirit to My servants. As you speak forth, I will perform that word. I am the Lord God Almighty.

To My Psalmists: The Lord says, you about to move into a new phase of ministry, a new phase of psalming where that which is heavenly will be heard on the earth. That which comes by the Spirit shall flow from you like a river. This river shall go forth and carry peoples and even nations into the presence of the Lord. These are the days of My glory, says the Lord, and My chosen vessels shall now receive fresh anointing and new revelations and shall arise, for they are a generation that will not retreat, for My hand has been upon them from the beginning. These are the days that those who have been hidden in the house shall come forth into the light and glory of this hour. The sound of heaven will fill your heart and refresh and renew and encourage. The sound of God is about to invade the earth like never before. My people shall dance the dance of victory and dance the Jubilee, for they will hear My word and believe and receive. The rain of this season is falling to refresh, renew and cause you to spring forth as a garden. The seed of the Lord is in you, growing and coming forth. It will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Marsha Burns

January 17, 2005: I am stirring you, My people. I have given you a sense of restlessness. But, many of you have interpreted that restlessness as boredom. You feel that you have become bored with life and with situations. But, I say, don't look to one another to be entertained or to be stirred up or fulfilled. Come, and go with Me. Journey with Me, says the Lord. There is no greater adventure than that of faith. I am bringing you to a higher level spiritually, to a new plateau, and this restlessness will enable you to release what you currently depend on for stimulation and give you the necessary courage to move forward.

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It Has Begun
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The earth convulses; it is just the beginning of sorrows Beloved. Stay close to My Heartbeat Beloved, in that secret place next to My heart, under My wing of protection.

What you have seen is just the beginning of many sorrows to come upon the face of the earth; roaring seas, lava flows and earthquakes, nation rising against nation, the rising up of ungodly rulers, and the ways of men becoming even more evil.

Mat 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. Mat 24:8 *All these are the beginning of sorrows*

Did I not say to you Beloveds that these things would come to pass before My return, therefore let not your hearts be troubled, for My return is nigh. I am coming with a rod of iron and to rule with a swift sword. My feet shall soon be planted on the Mount of Olives and it will be split in two. I am coming and My reward is with Me for My faithful ones. My glory shall shine from the East to the West and all shall know that I am the great I AM.

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.
Matthew 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

Knees will tremble and hearts will fail with fear as they behold the one that they rejected, then will come the final battle of good against evil but this time on the face of the earth and not in the heavenlies, where the battle has raged for some time. I AM ALWAYS VICTORIOUS MY BELOVEDS, AND AS YOU ARE HID IN ME, SO SHALL YOU BE!

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Oh My Beautiful Beloveds how I long to gather you under My wings for all eternity, how I long for sweet fellowship for all eternity; I long for the time when My Bride will be always with Me. But for now My eyes weep silent tears for that which has been sown must be reaped. The seals have been opened and the vials are soon to be poured forth; rivers will flow with blood to the height of a horses bridle.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

You say in your heart that how can these things be for Father is a God of love. I am a God of love but also of HOLINESS AND JUSTICE. Long have I refrained from pouring forth justice, but the time now is.

Revelation 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty*; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

Go forth quickly to those who will hear and repent, that they may escape the wrath to come, for it not so long now before men will cry for the rocks to fall upon them, to escape the sight of Me and the plagues and pestilences upon them and the face of the earth.

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Beloved keep close to Me, let your hearts not fail for fear, nor grow cold, for if you endure and remain faithful an exceedingly great award awaits you. I have crowns of life and *mantles of purple with gold edging awaiting those who endure and overcome to the end. YOU ARE MY BELOVED AND I WILL NEVER FORSAKE YOU IN THE TIMES TO COME UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, *but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
Rev 21:7 *He that overcometh shall inherit all things*; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
Rev 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: *be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*
Mat 24:13 *But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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In The Heat of the Desert

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You have given me many things but the one thing that is of greatest and dearest value that you have given Me is your heart. You have learned many issues of warfare and have overcome. In the heat of the desert you did not harden your heart when you were tried and tested. Through great odds and difficulties you pressed into Me with all of your heart. You cried out to Me alone. In these secret times I poured out My mercy, My glory, My grace. It was in these times that My heart was being formed within you.

You watched, waited and listened in the stillness of the cave and now I bring you forth into the brightness of the day. I shine upon you with My glory. You have been faithful in very difficult situations and circumstances keeping your eyes fastened only on Me. Your heart has been steadfast when your flesh was screaming and your mind was in turmoil. Within you now beats a pure heart, a united heart yoked together with mine. My strength and vitality are flowing through your veins.

Although it may appear to others that you are in a dark place and it looks like things around you are caving in, I bring you forward. I have My eye on you! My light is about to break forth from you. I raise you up, for true revival is when all has been stripped away and you come to Me regardless of the cost, regardless of how you appear. Regardless of the circumstances around you, you run to Me. True revival is what’s exploding within your heart. When you cry out with passion and desire for the lost and when you have lost self in My love, that is true revival. You have allowed Me to take you into the depths of My love and from there the two of us will journey forth to gather in that final harvest.

You will see much devastation and destruction throughout the earth in the days ahead. Keep your eyes fastened on things eternal and you will walk through unscathed, unharmed. Your hope is in Me I surround you with My presence, I cover you with My love and grace. Many will be crying out for a saviour and you will have the answer. This is the beginning of the great and glorious harvest. For my light, My love and My glory shall radiate forth through you. Many will be drawn to the light for I have set My flame within you, a flame of revival, a flame of hope. You will have the answers, eternal answers in the devastating days ahead. For truly My light is arising over you My glorious ones as I take you forward in victory for we are bonded together in an everlasting covenant. You are Mine!

Isaiah 60: 1-2
Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Psalm 51:10
Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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Israel, the Land, and Middle East Peace

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The Bible has much to say about the land of Israel. First and foremost, God says that *the land is His*. He is jealous for it, He established the geographical boundaries of it, and when the dust has finally settled, Israel will possess the entirety of that land which He gave to them in eternal covenant.

The issues today in the Middle East are drawing in all the nations of the world as a result of the implacable hatred between Jacob and his relatives. At the center of these issues is the issue concerning the land. God simply says that the land is His and that He will judge the nations who divide it up. The United States is deeply involved in the push for a Palestinian state in the land of Israel, and as a result can expect to reap the judgment of which God warns.

Terrible injustices have been committed against the peoples on both sides. As important as these concerns are, they are symptoms of the violation of a deeper primary issue. Though logical resolution would seem to point to the portioning out of the land to remedy the situation and establish peace, additional wrongs will not make the situation right.

Joel 3:1-2 "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather *all* the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; *and they have divided up My land.* "

Dividing up the land is also described in Daniel as the politics of the antichrist system.

Daniel 11:39 He [the antichrist] will take action against the strongest of fortresses with the help of a foreign god; he will give great honor to those who acknowledge him and will cause them to rule over the many, *and will parcel out land for a price* . . .

The United States seems perfectly content to lead the parade of nations who choose to ignore God's clear word concerning the land. All political agreements, truces, cease fires, peace treaties, etc., which compromise God's word are doomed to failure. There may be an interim false peace one of these days that many will celebrate with a sigh of relief, but it will only be "peace, peace, but there is no peace." Peace will not be established until the Prince of Peace returns and sets up His throne in Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 6:14: "They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, saying, 'Peace, peace,' but there is no peace."

In light of this, it is particularly disturbing to read of Christians who embrace the politics of the antichrist system by advocating the dividing up of the land and establishing a Palestinian state.

Zechariah 1:14-15 So the angel who talked with me said to me, "Cry out, thus says the Lord of hosts: 'I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And *I am very angry with the nations that are at ease*; for while I was but a little displeased, they helped *forward* the affliction and disaster.; "

In other words, as sincere as our state department may be in promoting peace by pressing for a Palestinian state, they are only worsening the situation and storing up judgment against this nation because they are not viewing these issues from God's perspective.

Zechariah 2:8 For thus says the LORD of hosts, “After glory He has sent me *against the nations* which plunder you, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.”

Zechariah 14:2-3 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight *against those nations*, as when He fights on a day of battle.

Ezekiel 36:4-6 Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the forsaken cities *which have become a prey and a derision to the rest of the nations which are round about*, therefore thus says the Lord GOD, "Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, *who appropriated My land for themselves as a possession* with wholehearted joy and with scorn of soul, to drive it out for a prey." Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the ravines and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My wrath because *you have endured the insults of the nations*.'

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

This holds true as well for the ways of a nation, and the Bible reveals distinct periods of time when God caused the enemies of Israel to be at peace with them when the nation was pleasing to God. It takes no imagination to realize the situation today is a direct result of Israel’s deeper disobedience.

Bulldozing Palestinian homes is not the answer. Building separation walls is not the answer. Even peace treaties are not the answer. There is only one answer, and He will step in and resolve this issue when Israel finally says, “Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.” Until that time, the situation will only worsen, and Israel will increasingly find herself between a rock and a hard spot. And those who meddle in the affair will find themselves squeezed as well.

May God have mercy on this nation. May He open the eyes of our leaders so that our nation is not further terrorized and judged by meddling in affairs contrary to the word of God. But as it stands today, unfortunately, we are taking our place among those nations who will reap judgment as a direct consequence of violating God’s clear word.

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It Is Time For War My Way

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Joel 2:15-17 NKJV Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; 16 Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. 17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

Joel 2:21-32 NKJV 21 Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the LORD has done marvelous things! 22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

28 God's Spirit Poured Out "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

Then the Lord said to me:

“Come, let us go up to Mt Zion, the city of our God. Let us go and rejoice on the Holy Mountain of God. For He is our King, and the Shepherd of our flocks. He is great and greatly to be praised! Let us sing and Dance and rejoice greatly in our GOD for HE is the King Of all the earth! His name will be great among all nations. For He will show His arm of strength and the prideful will Be humbled and the wicked will be astonished and angry When He pours out His great power!

For He says, I have a controversy with the nations. And I will show them Who is God and bring to nothing the Gods of stone and wood and the vanity of their imaginations! I am arising with healing in My wings, and there will be a great Tumult in the nations but you, my sons and daughters will arise with My glory radiating from you and bring healing and deliverance to the peoples of the earth. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the seas.

The shakings have begun, so sing and rejoice, and be glad in The Lord Your God, for He is great and worthy of all praise! Surely the heavens declare the glory of the Lord, and His glory Will be SEEN UPON YOU in the days ahead…and many shall come To the brightness of your rising! Fear not little flock for your King is coming to you and you will suddenly be transfigured and Shine with the brightness of His glory. THUNDER out your praises And let the heathen know that I am YOUR KING AND MASTER! Let the nations hear the good news, and make your lights to SHINE in all the earth! I tell you that My praises will be sung in all nations.

My praises are rising in the earth, even as the darkness is rising, I am arising in you and you will shine like the stars in the heavens When I am finished making you the jewels in My crown! Come Unto ME, you who are heavy laden and I WILL give you rest. I will Transform those you care for and reach out to, as you speak My Word And proclaim My Praises! Shout a shout of victory! Blow the trumpets In Zion and proclaim My goodness in all the earth. I will have the victory, And those who endure to the end will be blessed!

Sing My warriors and wave your banners high! Shout to the Mountains and I will lay them low! Make a shout in the camp of The enemy and I will slay the dragons and break every chain that Binds. I will release the captives as you release your heart completely To ME. For I am enraptured with My bride and I will perfect you And crown you, and pour out My gifts to you. And you will walk in Great authority as I do my magnificent and mighty work in your Midst!

Isa 60:1-22 AMPLIFIED
1 ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech 8:23.]
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa 60:19-22; Mal 4:2; Rev 21:2,3.]
3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17.]
4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and tremble with joy [at the glorious deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures. [Ps 119:32.]
6 A multitude of camels [from the eastern trading tribes] shall cover you [Jerusalem], the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all the men from Sheba [who once came to trade] shall come, bringing gold and frankincense and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. [Matt 2:11.]
7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you [as the eastern pastoral tribes join the trading tribes], the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall come up with acceptance on My altar, and My glorious house I will glorify.
8 Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?
9 Surely the isles and distant coastlands shall wait for and expect Me; and the ships of Tarshish [shall come] first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, for the Holy one of Israel, because He has beautified and glorified you.
10 Foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I smote you, but in My favor, pleasure, and goodwill I have had mercy, love, and pity for you.
11 And your gates shall be open continually, they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations--and their kings led in procession [your voluntary captives]. [Rev 21:24-27.]
12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you in that day [Jerusalem] shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly laid waste.
13 The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine [trees] together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious.
14 The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all those who despised you shall bow down at your feet, and they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy one of Israel. [Rev 3:9.]
15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you [Jerusalem] an eternal glory, a joy from age to age.
16 You shall suck the milk of the [Gentile] nations and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall recognize and know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer, the Mighty one of Jacob.
17 Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver; and instead of wood, bronze, and instead of stones, iron. [Instead of the tyranny of the present] I will appoint peace as your officers and righteousness as your taskmasters.
18 Violence shall no more be heard in your land, nor devastation or destruction within your borders, but you shall call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.
19 The sun shall no more be your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you, but the Lord shall be to you an everlasting light, and your God your glory and your beauty. [Jer 9:23,24;

Rev 21:23.]
20 Your sun shall no more go down, nor shall your moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.
21 Your people also shall all be [uncompromisingly and consistently] righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified.
22 The least one shall become a thousand [a clan], and the small one a strong nation. I, the Lord, will hasten it in its [appointed] time.

Delight Yourself in Me
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The Lord said " Delight yourself in Me", when I asked Him if He wanted to speak something to us.

Ps 37:3 KJV Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Where it says, thou shalt be fed…this is the word. Jesus is our Jehovah Raah…Our Good SHEPHERD. He is our Supreme Pastor.

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ra` ah (raw-aw'); a primitive root; to tend a flock; i.e. pasture it; intransitively, to graze (literally or figuratively); generally to rule; by extension, to associate with (as a friend): KJV - break, companion, keep company with, devour, eat up, evil entreat, feed, use as a friend, make friendship with, herdman, keep [sheeper]-), pastor, shearing house, shepherd, wander, waste.

Job 22:25-26 NKJV Yes, the Almighty will be your gold and your precious silver; 26 For then you will have your delight in the Almighty, And lift up your face to God.

Job 33:25-30 NKJV His flesh shall be young like a child's, He shall return to the days of his youth. 26 He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him He shall see His face with joy, For He restores to man His righteousness.

Isa 58:13-14 NKJV "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken."

" I am the Desire of all nations. I am the Beginning and the End, the Door through which all men must come to be with the Father. I am the Bright and Morning Star! I am Your Delight and I will make you the jewels in My crown.

Come to Me and delight yourselves in Me, for I am longing to be one with you! I am not an ogre, nor am I condemning you for your weaknesses, but I am the Resource for everything you need. Apart from Me, you can do nothing.

John 15:4-8 NKJV Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

I am catapulting many of you into eternity’s revelation and into divine destiny in the days ahead. I will reveal more to you than you can imagine.

I am opening up a treasure chest of secrets that have been locked up for many, many years. YOU are my treasured possessions and I am longing for you to be free, for I am going to pour out such glory that will startle those around you so much, they will be shocked into submission to My Kingdom.

Do not consider your life anything compared to the glory that is to come!

Lay down your lives and live totally for ME. There is a great harvest of souls coming.

The earth is groaning and more tumult will come. You cannot reverse the process of what is happening in the earth. Are you GOD? Did you write the scriptures? Do you think they can be re-written? Destiny is at the door.

I am knocking. Will I find you home? Will you AVAIL yourselves to ME for MY PURPOSES? Will you say yes to My plan? Lay aside your own plans and allow ME the driver’s seat! Am I not supposed to be your ADONAI? If in fact I am your master, then why must you think YOU can plan your days apart from Me?

Look for ME! Keep your minds stayed on ME to keep your peace in Me. Practice My presence! Walk in the light as I am in the light! Again I tell you to delight yourself in Me. Worship ME in Spirit and in Truth, and I will make you holy! I will wash away all the dross, if you will worship and lay down your life and pick up MINE! Know that eternity is a the door. I AM calling you to live for ME. Some of you will die for ME. Some of you will go through and partake of many supernatural experiences in the days ahead.

Lift your expectations. Be not afraid! For I am coming to dwell within you in a way you’ve not experienced. Hold on My beloveds.

The King is at the door of your heart and beckoning to you to STAY in My presence when you can. I am pouring out glory in My presence. I am stoking the fires of My passion for mankind. I am a JEALOUS GOD, and I will have no gods before ME. The tragedy of lost lives should be a reminder to you to look around and see which of your neighbors have you prayed for lately?

Are you as interested in saving souls as I am? Do you have my heart for the lost? I do not delight in the death of multitudes. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change my mind. My word is being lived out. It is the end times, and many are still asleep. I say WAKE UP the LOST! WAKE UP the sleepers! Escalation is HERE NOW! Consider eternity when you make decisions. Is this important? Will it be important when I stand before the Almighty shortly? Listen for My instructions and obey them and you will be guided in all you do. I will order the steps of righteous men. My Son has paid a great price that you be called righteous!

The BLOOD of the LAMB of GOD covers you as you TRUST fully in ME, and not in yourselves!

Come to My feet and lie down and let me finish My work in you My Beloveds.

You can see the times are changing. Come and let me whisper My secrets.

Shakings will continue till I have shaken all that can be shaken! Put ALL your trust in ME. Put ALL YOUR TRUST IN ME! For I care FOR you more than you can imagine. “

Ps 1:1-2 NKJV The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night.

Ps 16:3 NKJV As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight."

Ps 51:16-17 NKJV For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;

You do not delight in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart — These, O God, You will not despise.

Ps 119:16 NKJV I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Ps 119:24-25 NKJV Your testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

25 DALETH - My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

Ps 119:70 NKJV Their heart is as fat as grease, But I delight in Your law.

Ps 119:92 NKJV Unless Your law had been my delight, I would then have perished in my affliction.

Ps 147:10-12 NKJV He does not delight in the strength of the horse;

He takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. 11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, In those who hope in His mercy. 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise your God, O Zion!

Prov 8:29-32 NKJV When He assigned to the sea its limit, So that the waters would not transgress His command, When He marked out the foundations of the earth, 30 Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily His delight, Rejoicing always before Him, 31 Rejoicing in His inhabited world, and my delight was with the sons of men. 32 "Now therefore, listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.

Sacrificial Rights
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" I was the innocent spotless Lamb, that came down from heaven to redeem mankind. I did nothing wrong. I committed no sin. I did not give into temptation. I gave up all the rights to My throne in heaven to lay down My life for you. So will you now sacrifice what rights you think you have to live for ME alone and to build My kingdom?

Are you willing to do something for Me? Are you willing to die to what YOU WANT, and to live for what I want, knowing that I know what is best for you? I am the Good Shepherd Who laid down His life for His sheep! I laid down My rights, to gain a Bride! I laid down My right to do things My way, and just did what My Father wanted.

Will you do the same? Will you follow ME? Will you?
Testings of even greater magnitude are ahead, so I want you to be filled up with Me. Come to My side and drink in My Spirit so that you might be filled to the full with My presence.
Kindred hearts will be drawn together in this hour.
The wedding feast in heaven is being prepared.
There is so much excitement in heaven about what is coming!
Saints are anticipating what they longed to see for ages!

Are you excited My beloveds? For I am excited to come and have communion with you! I am longing for this moment and it comes quickly!
I will surprise you with My glory! I will dazzle you with My love!
Prepare your hearts! Do not be afraid as I reveal even the darkest plans of men, for their plans will not work out. Their plans will never supercede My plans! They may triumph for a time , but I win in the end. And I will stand beside My Bride as a Faithful WARRIOR KING! I will fight along side you and comfort

you as the times get more perilous.
Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare His way.
Behold Your King comes with many chariots, and many will be startled by My mighty work! I am so in love with you My Bride! GREAT GRACE is on it's way! "

Irresponsible Shepherds
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Tonight the Lord led me to this passage in Ezekiel and I believe He is speaking a warning. This is not the first using this scripture, as for many years He has used this in many prophecies from various prophets of God. But tonight I have
a more stern sense of His fulfilling this shortly in the Church. For many of these conditions exist now as they did in the time that Jesus came to earth.

Ezekiel 34 NKJV
And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

What does the Lord mean when He says they feed themselves and not the flock?
Is He only speaking of food in the natural? No, I think He is speaking of the responsibility shepherds have to TEACH/feed His sheep good food of the WORD.
Are there people today who have starved their sheep? Are there people who only teach opinion, or who feed them biscuits while they dine on meat?- so as to seem intelligent, but really they are hoarding the food for themselves and not responsibly teaching the sheep. Do they take the TIME to really disciple them, and make them into shepherds also…since the five fold is to EQUIP the saints to do the work?

3 You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, but you do not feed the flock. 4 The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them.

Fat in this sense refers to OIL…and the anointing. Do the shepherds today teach so as to reproduce those who also heal and deliver others, and evangelize, and raise the dead, etc…? The weak you have not strengthened, He says. Do the shepherds today strengthen the sheep and prepare them for what is ahead. Do they spend their time in counseling, healing and delivering those who come to them, and being a true shepherd who CARES for the sheep's concerns? Do they heal up the wounds from being mauled by mountain lions and wolves in sheep's clothing? Do they bind up the brokenhearted and love on them till they are convinced of HIS love? Some have, but sadly many have not.

4 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."

Jesus said that the Good Shepherd searches for the one who is lost. You can come and go in today's congregations without any shepherd ever seeking you out, unless of course you maybe are a big tither. It says the sheep became food for the BEASTS of the earth…meaning the people are wending their way, being eaten by the enemy's forces of darkness, and being deceived and deluded and undelivered, and unhealed from their wounds. Who is searching for the lost? How many leave the confines of the church building to go looking for the broken and wounded, for the homeless and sick and crippled?

7 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
8 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock" —
9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD!
10 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

The Lord promises to remove those who are not feeding their sheep nor looking for the lost, and caring for the poor, broken and outcast. He says, I WILL DELIVER my flock from their MOUTHS. Meaning they are being devoured or neglected by their shepherds.

In the didache…at the end it says this:
Be vigilant on behalf of your life. Do not let your lamps be extinguished, and do not relax your loins. But become prepared. For you do not know the hour in which our Lord is coming. Now you will gather together often, seeking the things that are appropriate for your souls. For all the time of your trust will not profit you, if you do not become complete in the last season.
For in the last days, **the false prophets and the corruptors will be multiplied, and the sheep will be turned into wolves**, and love will be turned into hate. For when the lawlessness increases, they will hate one another, and they will persecute and deliver up, and then the deceiver of creation will appear as God's son, and he will do signs and wonders. And the land will be given up into his hands. And he will do lawless things which have never been done from the age.
Then human creation will come into the fire of examination, and many will stumble and be destroyed. But those who endure in their trust will be saved from this accursed thing. And then the signs of truth will appear. First, the sign of an opening in Heaven, then the sign of a trumpet's sound, and thirdly, a resurrection of dead people. But not of all people; on the contrary, as it was declared, "The Lord will come, and all the holy ones with him." Then creation will see the Lord "coming on the clouds of the sky."
http://reluctant-messenger.com/didache.htm
This also indicates in these times, it is not only the shepherds who are sick or weak, but lawlessness increases such that the body also become wolves, mixed in among the sheep, biting and devouring.
11 God, the True Shepherd

'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

I will make them to lie down…He is speaking of entering His rest. To no longer be tormented and driven by various winds, and devoured by the beasts of the earth.
There is a sense of no more fear or darkness. True shepherds will receive those who are plucked from the false. God will appoint HIS shepherds/shepherdesses to feed the flocks, who will take time with them. Who will truly CARE for the sheep.
And those who refuse to change will have their candles extinguished…meaning their church/ministry will die. Like Ezekiel 47 says;

Ezek 47:8-11 NKJV
Then he said to me: "This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed. 9 And it shall be that every living thing that moves, wherever the rivers go, will live. There will be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters go there; for they will be healed, and everything will live wherever the river goes. 10 It shall be

that fishermen will stand by it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will be places for spreading their nets. Their fish will be of the same kinds as the fish of the Great Sea, exceedingly many. 11 But its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be given over to salt.

Like Lot's wife who looked back disobeying instructions, and was turned to salt…so shall the the places where His water is not allowed to flow be turned into marshes and swamps, and places like the DEAD SEA…too salty for fish to swim in!

Lest you think that God is too kind to kill anyone, remember the priest who went into the Holy of Holies wearing a rope and bells on his tunic…so that if he was not walking in holiness, they'd have to drag him out because the Lord's glory/presence would slay him! You might say, that couldn't happen today. We are under GRACE. However it happened in the early church with Ananias and Sapphira, remember? And all it took for them was to PRETEND – to tell a lie. Seems like not that great an offense these days does it? Yet when the glory comes, it EXPOSES. Many of you have been getting more glory and not realizing it, because your sins are being exposed to you, by the grace and glory of God. That is His favor. For if He didn't favor you, you would be allowed to continue to bask in your pride and ignorance of your sin, your spiritual blindness.

Do not allow the enemy to gloat over you as you discover your heart is not as pure as you thought. Thank the Lord for that weakness and thank Him that He is helping expose it and He is helping you overcome it. Thank Him daily if necessary, but REJOICE in Him, and praise Him. For HE is readying you for the EXPLOSION He is about to do…Just like the tsunami that just happened, due to an earthquake that has been described as equivalent of 100 atom bombs. 100 is the number for GOD's ELECTIONS OF GRACE!!!! Hallelujah!
And for years, the Lord has been speaking of sending a TSUNAMI of His love and power into our lives to heal us and deliver us and empower us! PRAISE HIS GLORIOUS NAME!! HE IS OPENING A DOOR. But the door swings both ways. Glory cleanses we know, because He sanctified the first temple with His glory the Word says…
Ex 29:42-43 NKJV And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.

Ex 19:16-18 NKJV Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. 18 Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

The 9.0 earthquake in Sumatra was a sign, and the tsunami a sign…of His glory about to come. The number of the Holy Spirit is 9 - 9 gifts, 9 fruits, etc.
Glywn had a vision that had to do with blocks spelling out the words DOOR in three dimensions with blocks…and Judy had a word about the DOOR being opened. God is bringing judgment on evil. But so often we misunderstand HIS judgment.

Ps 119:120 NKJV My flesh trembles for fear of You, And I am afraid of Your judgments.

Ps 119:137 NKJV TSADDE
Righteous are You, O LORD, and upright are Your judgments.

Prov 19:29 NKJV Judgments are prepared for scoffers,and beatings for the backs of fools.

Isa 26:9-10 NKJV With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
10 Let grace be shown to the wicked,Yet he will not learn righteousness;In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,And will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

Jer 1:16 NKJV I will utter My judgments against them concerning all their wickedness, because they have forsaken Me, burned incense to other gods, And worshiped the works of their own hands.

Ezek 5:7-9 NKJV therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Indeed I, even I, am against you and will execute judgments in your midst in the sight of the nations. 9 And I will do among you what I have never done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations.

Ezek 25:10-11 NKJV And I will execute judgments upon Moab, and they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezek 28:20-22 NKJV Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 21 "Son of man, set your face toward Sidon, and prophesy against her, 22 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; I will be glorified in your midst; And they shall know that I am the LORD, When I execute judgments in her and am hallowed in her.

Ezek 28:25-29:1 NKJV Israel's Future Blessing
'Thus says the Lord GOD: "When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. 26 And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. Then they shall know that I am the LORD their God.""

Ezek 30:19 NKJV Thus I will execute judgments on Egypt, Then they shall know that I am the LORD.""

Zeph 3:15 – NKJV The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more.
16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."
18 "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden. 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame. 20 At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you; For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, When I return your captives before your eyes," Says the LORD.

All these scriptures seem to focus on the fact that God judges wickedness and when something happens that is disastrous, is it because He is judging? or is it because the enemy is trying to do something to steal and rob souls? Or is it possible that the earth is even on a course that is in God's control, and nothing we can do can halt the earth's groanings? Haven't we been warned of what is happening…and maybe some hoping that it would not be yet?

Rom 8:22-23 NIV We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Matt 24:7-28 AMP
7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in place after place;
8 All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the birth pangs [of the intolerable anguish].
9 Then they will hand you over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.
10 And then many will be offended and repelled and will begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.
11 And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many into error.
12 And the love of the great body of people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity, 13 But he who endures to the end will be saved.
14 And this good news of the kingdom (the Gospel) will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then will come the end.

had not been shortened, no human being would endure and survive, but for the sake of the elect (God's chosen ones) those days will be shortened.

Ps 102:19-22 NKJV
19 For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary;
From heaven the LORD viewed the earth,
20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner,
To release those appointed to death,
21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion,
And His praise in Jerusalem,
22 When the peoples are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

It’s Time To Get Up!

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As I was reading John 5, the Lord opened my eyes and ears to receive a message for the Body of Christ in this day. The account is of the man with the infirmity lying at the pool of Bethesda.

This pool was at the place where the sheep enter into Jerusalem, the sheep gate. In other words, it represents the gate of salvation by which souls (sheep) enter Zion, the New Jerusalem. The name ‘Bethesda’ means 'house of kindness, favor and mercy'. This is the place where the church of today finds itself. The pool represents the organized formal church structure and most of the Body of Christ is sitting waiting for a fresh move of God within the parameters of the church structure. We are earnestly waiting and praying and longing for the stirring of the waters within the four walls of the church. These moves do come periodically, when God’s favor is seen on the church but only a certain number are touched and those who are not quick enough are left to wait upon God’s next kairos moment. We need to look more closely at the situation of this pool Bethesda.

Surrounding this pool are the five archways or porches, five being the number of grace and favor This word ‘porch’ comes from the Latin, meaning ‘ a gate, entrance or passage’. In those days, this porch was a place where disciples were taught. The Greek word translated here as ‘porch’ comes from a root word carrying with it the idea of a covenant. So this pool was surrounded by the gates of a covenant of grace (because there were five gates). From these gates there was access to the rest of Jerusalem and one could wander wherever one wills. However, we see that there were a large number of people lying in these archways, waiting. They are in the place where disciples are taught but:

John 5:3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

Although these are the gates or entranceways of the covenant and from this place God’s people can enter the rest of the New Jerusalem and access the fullness of their inheritance, sadly, it is here that the great multitude of people remain in a state of waiting and the Bible tells us they are impotent. This word means:
to *be feeble* (in any sense): - be diseased, impotent folk (man), (be) sick, (be, be made) weak.
A large portion of the Body of Christ are sitting in the entrance hall of Mount Zion in a weak or unfruitful state. They are physically or spiritually blind, crippled, withered and dry; waiting for the stirring of the water OR WAITING FOR A MOVE OF GOD TO HEAL THEM AND SET THEM FREE because then they believe they will be able to be of use to the Kingdom of God.

They know that if they wait and pray long enough, eventually a new move of the Spirit will sweep through the Church.

John 5:4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water:

The word for ‘certain season’ is ‘kairos’ and God does stir the waters of the Church at His appointed seasons – most of the Body of Christ is waiting for God's appointed time to be released to enter into the fullness of their inheritance and to be freed from any hindrances and chains.

The word for 'angel ' can also be translated 'pastor' or 'messenger'. So all these people lying here are waiting for a move of God or a message from the pastor which will set you free. But look at the place you are lying in – it is the place where the covenant gates of favor and grace stand continually open. There are no doors on these archways. They are permanently open – no man is able to shut them and through them we can gain entrance into the whole of the New Jerusalem, because the covenant we possess was paid for with the blood of the Lamb. This is the place where most of the church is still lying, impotent and lame, waiting for the next move of God and if they manage to reach it first, they will be released into the fullness of their destiny in the Kingdom. Whoever can manage to be at the forefront in discerning the next move of God will be the favored one who is pronounced whole. We are all crying out for wholeness, for a fullness of the revelation of Christ within us, and yet we seem sentenced to lie and wait for a divine intervention on our behalf if we are quick enough to be first in the queue!!

John 5:5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty eight years

This man represents you and I, man made in the image of God but there is something wrong. This word 'infirmity' is translated:

feebleness (of body or mind); by implication *malady*; moral *frailty:* - disease, infirmity, sickness, weakness.

And comes from the root word meaning:

strengthless (in various applications, literally, or figuratively and morally): - more feeble, impotent, sick, without strength, weak (-er, -ness, thing).

What a state the Body of Christ is in! Many are impotent and without strength –we have managed to get through the gates of salvation only to lie just inside the doorway of the house of grace and favor and wait for God to bring your kairos opportunity for deliverance and freedom to be a fully functional son of God!
What is the 38 years a symbol of? The first mention of the number thirty eight is in Deuteronomy 2:

Deu 2:13 Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered
Deu 2:14 And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty and eight years;

The people of Israel wandered in the wilderness for thirty eight years until they came to this crossing place.The word ' brook' comes from the root:

to *inherit* or (generally) to *occupy*; causatively to *bequeath*, *distribute*, *instate:* - divide, have ([inheritance]), take as an heritage, (cause to, give to, make to) inherit, to be made to possess

So too the church has been in the wilderness for a figurative 38 years and the time has come to cross over this brook Zered – which means 'to be exuberant in growth'. God is saying to His church, "cross over and come into the fullness of your inheritance, grow exuberantly and come to the fullness of mature manhood as the sons of God in the earth." As Deut 2:13 says, His word to the Church is:
' Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the brook Zered'

not tomorrow, not next year but NOW and what's more, God is not going to carry you over, you must get up and cross over yourself. We are waiting for God's appointed times of intervention in the affairs of men, just like the crowd of people were waiting for the stirring up of the pool, but He is saying 'it is finished! I have equipped you with everything you need for life and godliness, it is up to you to embrace the fullness of your inheritance. Everything that needed to be taken care of was accomplished at the cross of Calvary - this is the place of covenant, the place of complete provision.

Look at the situation at the pool of Bethesda. Jesus saw this man; who represents believers, saved but weak and without strength, and He knows the Church has been in this place a very long time. It is the place of freedom from Egypt and slavery, the place of teaching and hearing continually of the the provision of the promised land of inheritance and yet not having any tangible experience of it, only now and again seeing one or two who manage to lay hold of an appointed move of God as a vehicle to propel them from this waiting place into the full freedom of the sons of God. The question He asks is: 'Do you want to be whole? Do you want to leave this place of inactivity where you can view the move of God but not be an active part of it? Do you really want to leave the security of an environment you are familiar with to walk into the fullness of your inheritance? There are lots of people camped here. Are you sure you want whatever is beyond those archways or are you comfortable with this place you're in, comfortable with all the parameters of your paralysis, comfortable being able to talk the talk without having to walk the walk? You see, if you become whole, everything will change, you won't be able to stay in your old environment and be a spectator on the sidelines of what God is doing .Have you counted the cost of possessing the fullness of your inheritance purchased at the cross - it means upheaval and change. Are you ready? Do you really want what you are praying for?'

You see some of us have been in this place of paralysis so long that we have Bachelors degrees in the various characteristics of our individual causes of passivity and impotency. We have investigated all the ins and outs of what is wrong with us, be it in body or soul - we have theories on what has caused it, how it manifests and some even know the names of the chains that bind us. We have valid theological reasons why we cannot just plunge into what God is doing. We are having counseling or inner healing or doing foundational courses so we are properly equipped with water wings to swim in the pool. We think we must experience healing in this pool before we are able to walk into the fullness of what God has for us. This man blamed his condition on the lack of help to carry him into the pool. He was of the mindset that in his condition, his only hope was for someone else to help him to the place where God could touch him and make all his problems go away. He couldn't just access it by himself. He needed a pastor or a messenger from God to activate His divine appointment. Without that he was sentenced to just watch from the sidelines as others were touched and left rejoicing. Week after week he attended meetings, waiting to be singled out for a touch from God. In actual fact God was waiting for him and yes, Church, God is waiting for us!

Without this man realising who is approaching him, Jesus, the Truth walks in and says, “you don’t have to wait for a move of God or a man to connect you to His power. You are surrounded by open doors.In fact, you are lying right in these doorways. Embrace the truth of what the covenant has purchased for you and walk through the doorway of grace!”. It is a word with authority, the same word spoken to the children of Israel after thirty eight years in the wilderness:

'Rise, take up thy bed, and walk'

This word 'rise' in the Hebrew can be translated:

to *waken* that is, *rouse* (literally from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, nonexistence)

In other words, it is another instance of saying,”Lazarus , come forth! You've been in this place of death and inactivity long enough. It's time to rise up, wake up and get up!”

Did you know that the place the Israelites were instructed to cross the brook Zered at was called Ar? This word 'Ar' comes from the root word 'ur' meaning:

to *wake* (literally or figuratively): - (a-) wake, lift up (self), raise (up), stir up (self).

So for both the Israelites and the man at Bethesda, the word that came from God was to wake up and rise up. We can be in a place of bondage for years but when the Truth walks in and you perceive what He is saying, you are set free!

John 5:1 tells us that the reason Jesus was in Jerusalem was for a Jewish festival. Since He was the Word made flesh, everything He did during His time on earth was to reveal to people that He was the fulfilment of what was written. So during the feasts He demonstrated the principles of truth embodied in those feasts. Just as during Hanukkah Jesus stood up and said, "I am the light of the world" – in other words, " here I am ,the visual depiction of what you are celebrating"; so too, I believe that the feast Jesus went up to in this incident must have been the Feast of Trumpets or Rosh Hashanna because it also known as the Feast of the Awakening Blast! What this man heard was a voice, a trumpet blast in the heavens calling him to arise and he responded. It is the same trumpet blast that goes forth in Isaiah 60:1:

'Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.'

The amplified bible says,' arise from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you, arise to a new life' Is not this the call that came to the man lying prostrate and depressed at Bethesda? And for those who have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church, is not this the trumpet sound that going forth over the Church in this day? John 5:9 tells us that immediately, as he responded to this call, he was made whole and walked out of that place. As I said before, we have been waiting for God when in actual fact He has been waiting for us to see the Truth and respond.

I was given a vision recently in which I saw the church all lying cheerfully on hospital beds, with various ailments. They were fellowshipping and enjoying one anothers' company but doing nothing, waiting for healing. Then suddenly in the heavenlies there was a trumpet blast, like a rallying call of an army and as the people perceived it, they rose from their beds and answered the call. As they did so, the bandages fell off and they were healed. And therein lay the key. In answering the trumpet call, they received what they had been waiting and longing for. It reminds me of the lepers who asked Jesus if He was willing to heal them and He said ," I am .Be clean" and told them to go and show themselves to the priest and as they went in obedience, they were healed. They did not wait for a manifestation of their healing before being obedient to the command of Jesus. This, Church, is the key. If we will respond to the trumpet call in the heavens over us to arise and shine, we will receive the fullness of that for which we have waited and prayed. The man at Bethesda thought his answer was in the next move of God, in the ability of someone else to connect him to the Father. He did not grasp that if only he would obey the word that was spoken to him, within himself would well up the strength to arise. And it is the same with us. God has given us everything we need for life and godliness already - we just need to tap into it within us. Christ in us is the hope of glory, not a man, not a move of God that will come and go but the living Christ manifesting the fullness of Himself within us. And this is the year of His favor - in fact, the place you have been waiting in for years is Bethesda, the house of kindness, grace and favor. You are not at a station waiting for a train to take you to the place of your destiny. His word sounds over you now - Arise and cross over; arise and shine; arise, take up your bed and walk! You are in the place where the covenant gateways to the fullness of your destiny stand open, beckoning you through them. The word of Jesus to you is that to the church at Philadelphia in the book of Revelation:

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

He knows that you have but little strength, that you have been kept in this place by your infirmity of soul and body, just like the man at Bethesda and He doesn't condemn you because, in spite of these things holding you back, you have been faithful and have not denied Him. However, today He sets before you an open door that no man can shut. You have need of no man to help you through this door. The Christ within you shall arise if you will only respond to this call and thrust yourself through the archways of grace into the harvest field. Don't say that there are still three months to harvest. Don't say you still need time to get all your ducks in a row, don't say you're not ready. Open your eyes - the fields are white unto harvest

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

God is calling His church to arise and shine because His glory IS risen upon them. It is time to pick up our beds, those comfort systems that we have had in place to support our passivity and spiritual paralysis and to walk in the fullness of our destinies in Christ. The reason why this man had to pick up his bed is so that there was no opportunity to return to his former position. He had to burn his bridges so to speak, so that he could only go forward, not back. Jesus stood up in the temple and read from Isaiah 61. It was a public acknowledgment that He understood His purpose and destiny as the Son of God and after this, there was no going back:

(Isaiah 61:1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

We, like the first-born of many brethren, have the same calling. Jesus said, “ as the Father sent Me, so send I, you”. This is how we will shine once we have arisen. This is how the glory of God will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. We are not only to walk through the doorways of grace, we are to become doorways of grace for others to enter into the full expression of His kindness. We need to violently take hold of who we are in Christ and arise.

The passage in John 5 also shows us that the first thing that met this man who rose up to embrace his destiny, was a religious spirit, stating that it was illegal for him to have dismantled his bed. Satan is a legalist and will attempt to discourage and confuse you by throwing the book of the law at you, giving you ten good reasons why you could not possibly be whole or embrace your freedom because you have not gone through the proper channels of predetermined structure or protocol. You will be asked who it is that has released you to do this, in other words, who are you connected to, who supported you in connecting into the move of God? These are all the strategies of the religious spirit who seeks to make you lie down in paralysis again. Jesus sent out His disciples to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers. It was a personal commissioning to the first members of the Body of Christ and they needed no man to access the power to fulfill this commission. The Body of Christ worldwide has the same calling, to walk as Jesus did in the earth and do the works they see the Father doing.

It is interesting that this man did not even know who Jesus was, he just obeyed the call that came to him. He did not question the people next to him as to who this was and whether He had authority to say this. He didn't wait for a confirmation that it was God speaking to him. In fact, he had no idea that it was God speaking to him. He just heard an instruction which, if obeyed, would remove him from the circumstances he had been in for 38 years. That was enough for him. It was a word of life and thanks be to God, the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death. That is enough answer for the religious spirit that would contend with us as we step through the doors that God has opened for us. The price has been paid, our sin is cancelled and we are debt-free because we wear the robe of righteousness that has been purchased for us. This covenant robe is what qualifies us to possess the fullness of our inheritance, nothing more, nothing less. Later Jesus revealed Himself to him in the temple. It was here the man realised who Jesus was and was able to testify of Him, because he had seen Him face to face and spoken with Him. When he was in a state of infirmity, he had no revelation of Jesus yet he was within the sheep-gate, representing salvation, and he was lying within gates of the house of grace and favor; he just couldn't see his true position in

Christ. It took the awakening blast of the trumpet to awaken him and cause him to take hold of the revelation of Christ within him. This is where the church is at, waiting within the house of grace and favor for something that has already been bought for us. We must grasp this truth and arise. We must cross over the brook Zered. We must respond to the voice calling us from the tombs where we lie still bound by the law of sin and death although the price has been paid.

As for the matter of the Sabbath, this was created for man to rest from his labors and God is calling us to rest from our fleshly works and enter into His rest. What is the rest of God? It is to do the works of God, just as Jesus demonstrated on this Sabbath. In John 5:17 Jesus explained to the Jews who complained that He was working on the Sabbath:

John 5:17 My Father works until now(He has never ceased working), and I too must be working

To enter into the Sabbath rest is to begin to work the works of God. On the Sabbath the Jews were instructed to cease from their own pleasures and this is also what the Lord wants of His people, for us to be like Jesus, doing only what we see the Father doing.

It is time. 2005 is the year of His grace and favor. He has come to loose the chains of our religious mindsets which cause us to wait for the official move of God before we feel we have permission to arise and plunge into what God is doing. As Jesus said, God the Father is always working. He has never ceased working. Allow the revelation of Christ within you to well up and become a river of life to a needy world. Dismantle that comfortable religious bed of infirmity and weakness and walk into the fullness of your inheritance in Christ. The kingdom of God is within you. Arise and shine!

Into The Unknown

John Eldredge

What Are You Waiting For?

Where would we be today if Abraham had carefully weighed the pros and cons of God's invitation and decided that he'd rather hang on to his medical benefits, three weeks paid vacation and retirement plan in Ur? What would have happened if Moses had listened to his mother's advice to "never play with matches" and lived a careful, cautious life steering clear of all burning bushes? You wouldn't have the gospel if Paul had concluded that the life of a Pharisee, while not everything a man dreams for; was at least predictable and certainly more stable than following a voice he herd on the Damascus road. After all, people hear voices all the time and who really knows whether it's God or just one's imagination. Where would we be if Jesus was not fierce and wild and romantic to the core? Come to think of it, we wouldn't be at all if God hadn't taken that enormous risk of us in the first place.

Most men spend the energy of their lives trying to eliminate risk, or squeezing it down to a more manageable size. Their children hear "no" far more than they hear "yes"; their employees feel chained up and their wives are equally bound. If it works, if a man succeeds in securing his life against all risk, he'll wind up in a cocoon of self-protection and wonder all the while why he's suffocating. If it doesn't work, he curses God, redoubles his efforts and his blood pressure. when you look at the structure of the false self men tend to create, it always revolves around two themes: seizing upon some sort of competence and rejecting anything that cannot be controlled. As David Whyte says, 'The price of our vitality is the sum of all our fears.'

For murdering his brother, God sentences Cain to the life of a restless wanderer, five verses later Cain is building a city (Genesis. 4:12, 17). That sort of commitment-the refusal to trust God and the reach for control-runs deep in every man. Whyte talks about the difference between the false self's desire "to have power over experience, to control all events and consequences, and the soul's wish to have power through experience, no matter what that may be." You literally sacrifice your soul and your true power when you insist on controlling things, like the guy Jesus talked about who thought he finally pulled it all off, built himself some really nice barns and died the same night. "What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?" (Mark 8:36 NKJV). You can lose your soul, by the way, long before you die.

Too many men forsake their dreams because they aren't willing to risk, or fear they aren't up to the challenge, or are never told that those desires deep in their heart are good. But the soul of a man, isn't made for controlling things, he's made for adventure. Something in us remembers, however faintly, that when God set man on the earth he gave us an incredible mission-a charter to explore, build, conquer; and care for all creation. It was a blank page waiting to be written, a clean canvas waiting to be painted. Well, sir, God never revoked that charter. It's still there, waiting for a man to seize it.

If you had permission to do what you really want to do, what would you do? Don't ask how, that will cut your desire off at the knees. How is never the right question, how is a faithless question. It means "unless I can see my way clearly I won't believe it, won't venture forth." When the angel told Zechariah that his ancient wife would bear him a son named John, Zechariah asked how and was struck dumb for it. How is God's department. He is asking you what is written in your heart? What makes you come alive? If you could do what you've always wanted to do, what would it be? You see, a man's calling is written on his true heart, and he discovers it when he enters the frontier of his deep desires. To paraphrase Bailie, don't ask yourself what the world needs, ask yourself what makes you come alive because what the world needs are men who have come alive.

The invitation in the book shop, I must note, was given to me some years into my Christian life when the transformation of my character was at a point that I could hear it without running off and doing something stupid. I've met men who've used advice like it as permission to leave their wife and run off with their secretary. They are deceived about what it is they really want, what they are made for. There is a design God has woven into the fabric of this world, and if we violate it we cannot hope to find life. Because our hearts have strayed so far from home, he's given us the Law as a sort of handrail to help us back from the precipice. But the goal of Christian discipleship is the transformed heart, we move from a boy who needs the Law to the man who is able to live by the Spirit of the law. "My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness... Legalism is helpless in bringing this about, it only gets in the way" (Galatians 5 v 16, 23 The Message).

A man's life becomes an adventure, the whole thing takes on a transcendent purpose when he releases control in exchange for the recovery of the dreams in his heart. Sometimes those dreams are buried deep and it takes some unearthing to get to them. We pay attention to our desire. Often the clues are in our past, in those moments when we found ourselves loving what we were doing. The details and circumstances change as we grow; but the themes remain the same.

To recover his heart's desire a man needs to get away from the noise and distraction of his daily life for time with his own soul. He needs to head into the wilderness, to silence and solitude. Alone with himself, he allows whatever is there to come to the surface. Sometimes it is grief for so much lost time. There, beneath the grief, are desires long forsaken. Sometimes it even starts with temptation, when a man thinks that what will really make him come alive is something unholy. At that point he should ask himself, "what is the desire beneath this desire? What is it I'm wanting that I think I'll find there!" However the desire begins to surface, we pick up that trail when we allow a cry to rise from the depths of our soul, a cry, as Whyte says, "for a kind of forgotten courage, one difficult to hear, demanding not a raise, but another life."

INTO THE UNKNOWN

"The spiritual life cannot be made suburban," said Howard Macey. "It is always frontier and we who live in it must accept and even rejoice that it remains untamed." The greatest obstacle to realising our dreams is the false self's hatred of mystery. That's a problem, you see, because mystery is essential to adventure. More than that, mystery is the heart of the universe and the God who made it. The most important aspects of any man's world-his relationship with his God and with the people in his life, his calling, the spiritual battles he'll face-every one of them is fraught with mystery. But that is not a bad thing, it is a joyful, rich part of reality and essential to our soul's thirst for adventure.

As Oswald chambers says:

Naturally, we are inclined to be so mathematical and calculating that we look upon uncertainty as a bad thing.. Certainty is the mark of the common-sense life; gracious uncertainty is the mark of the spiritual life. To be certain of God means that we are uncertain in all our ways, we do not know what a day may bring forth. This is generally said with a sigh of sadness, it should rather be an expression of breathless expectation. (My Utmost for His Highest).

There are no formulas with God. Period. So there are no formulas for the man who follows him. God is a Person, not a doctrine. He operates not like a system-not even a theological system-but with all the originality of a truly free and alive person. 'The realm of God is dangerous," says Archbishop Anthony Bloom. "You must enter into it and not just seek information about it." Take Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. The Israelites are staged to make their first military strike into the promised land and there's a lot hanging on this moment - the morale of the troops, their confidence in Joshua, not to mention their reputation that will precede them to every other enemy that awaits. This is their D-Day, so to speak, and word is going to get around. How does God get the whole thing off to a good start? He has them march around the city blowing trumpets for a week; on the seventh day he has them do it seven times and then give a big holler. It works marvelously, of course. And you know what? It never happens again. Israel never uses that tactic again.

There's Gideon and his army reduced from thirty-two thousand to three-hundred. What's their plan of attack? Torches and water pots. It also works splendidly and it also never happens again. You recall Jesus healing the blind, he never does it the same way twice. I hope you're getting the idea because the church has really been taken in by the world on this one. The Modem Era hated mystery, we desperately wanted a means of controlling our own lives and we seemed to find the ultimate Tower of Babble in the scientific method. Don't get me wrong, science has given us many wonderful advances in sanitation, medicine, transportation. But we've tried to use those methods to tame the wildness of the spiritual frontier. We take the latest marketing methods, the newest business management fad, and we apply it to ministry. The problem with modern Christianity's obsession with principles is that it removes any real conversation with God. Find the principle, apply the principle -what do you need God for? So Oswald Chambers warns us, "Never make a principle out of your experience, let God be as original with other people as he is with you."

Originality and creativity are essential to person-hood and to masculine strength. The adventure begins and our real strength is released when we no longer rely on formulas. God is an immensely creative Person and he wants his sons to live that way too. There is a great picture of this in Raiders of the Lost Ark, of all places. Of course Indiana Jones is a swashbuckling hero who can handle ancient history, beautiful women, and a forty-five with ease. But the real test of the man comes when all his resources have failed. He's finally found the famous ark, but the Germans have stolen it from him and loaded it onto a truck. They're about to drive off with his dreams under heavy Nazi military protection. Jones and his two companions are watching helplessly as victory slips through their fingers. But Indiana is not finished, oh no, the game has just begun.
He says to his friends:

Jones: Get back to Cairo. Get us some transport to England... boat, plane, anything. Meet me at Omars. Be ready for me. I'm going after that truck.

SAULACK: How?

Jones: I don't know... I'm making this up as I go.

I have studied many times
The marble which was chiseled for me
A boat with a furled sail at rest in a harbor.
In truth it pictures not my destination
But my life.
For love was offered me, and i shrank from its disillusionment; sorrow knocked at my door, but I was afraid
Ambition called to me, but I dreaded the chances.
Yet all the while I hungered for meaning in my life
And now I know that we must lift the sail
And catch the winds of destiny
Wherever they drive the boat.
To put meaning in one's life may end in madness,
But life without meaning is the torture
Of restlessness and vague desire
It is a boat longing for the sea and yet afraid.
(Edgar Lee Masters)

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In The Valley Of Decision

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IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION
Looking at the valley of decision,
I see many wrestle with derision.
Nations of people are circling with care
Through a revolving door that's standing there.

Over and over they circle and strive.
Contemplating lives, and what they've contrived.
Tis time to harvest their baskets of seed.
Acknowledging the fruits of all their deeds.

Wandering and circling through that door,
They grow sick of knowing what's in store.
More of the same from patterns engrained
Until they choose no more of the same.

Having gone through the sifter with pain
Finally facing the truth and with shame.
Hardened places are broken and refined.
Facing fact of what's passed through time.

Moving forward at the crossroads of choice
With wrenching hearts and with cheeks that are moist,
They look to the right and look to the left.
Weighing the losses from what is bereft.

The flesh or My Spirit, which will they choose?
Their flesh has kicked and become so bruised.
Will they turn back through the revolving door?
Or make their choice not knowing what is in store?

The flesh reaps corruption, loss and decay.
My Spirit brings life, walking in My way.
The road is narrow, with purpose and plan.
Counting flesh for loss from the heart of man.

My glory is coming, My joy made known.
My treasures revealed from depths not shown.
My love's forever; eternity's here.
Heaven's on earth, My Presence is near.

To the left or the right, all will elect.

One way to embrace, one way to reject.
People will split at the crossroads of life.
Making their choice about all their strife.

Others will wait for loved ones to revolve
Through that door of what's not resolved.
But lines of demarcation are coming for real.
Separating lives with passion and zeal.

One for the flesh and one for My Spirit.
Producing their fate, from what they merit.
Oh God have mercy for those on the turn.
Draw them to You, let Your love not be spurned.

We are all human and fail in our sin,
Seeking comfort for flesh thinking we'll win.
Only with Your grace can we follow truth
Separating our lives from what's uncouth.

Your Spirit wont strive forever with men.
Let us be prompt to lay down the sin.
Move us forward past that revolving door.
Towards the right, seeking You for more.

Joel 3:14 NKJV
Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

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Let Go And Hold On
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LET GO AND HOLD ON!
You will know when it is time to uproot a weed, when suddenly something within you becomes paramount and shouts for resolution. These were tiny seeds that have been watered in your life, perhaps through generations. I have allowed them to grow to climax, in order to preserve My good work in your life. If I had dealt with these issues sooner, it would have so deeply disturbed the soil of your foundations, that you would not have had the strong roots to be able to hold on to My good plantings within you.

Cry out to Me to uproot the weed that is now full grown. Precious one, I do NOT condemn you. I know this issue screams for resolution and you know that it does not measure up to My image. As you release and yield to Me this part of your soul, hold onto what I have spoken into your life. I have planted many good plants in you, My beautiful flower. Do not allow the sifting of a sudden upheaval take the roots of your beauty and sweet smelling fragrance. Hold onto My Words, hold onto Me, hold onto our intimacy, hold onto My love for you. Do not allow self condemnation to cause you to let go of what we have held together as precious.

Matt 13:28-30 NLT
" 'Shall we pull out the weeds?' they asked. "He replied, 'No, you'll hurt the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds and burn them and to put the wheat in the barn.' "

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Popping The Egg
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POPPING THE EGG
Yes My love. All those years of delay have been accumulating. You have been sitting on a large nest egg and it has grown larger and more valuable with time. Did you think that when I gave you My promise, and then you had to wait, that I would give you a stone? Never, My love.

Those seeds of My Words in your life, the ones that you held onto, the ones that you brought into your dwelling place, those rich and fertile eggs are like multiplied pearls ready for harvest. Each and every year that you have waited and trusted Me, I have added increased wealth to your basket. Rich and full and overflowing, My abundance is popping out all over. Travail is very painful, it is true. But oh such joy comes when the baby is birthed!

John 16:21-23 AMP
A woman, when she gives birth to a child, has grief (anguish, agony) because her time has come. But when she has delivered the child, she no longer remembers her pain (trouble, anguish) because she is so glad that a man (a child, a human being) has been born into the world. So for the present you are also in sorrow (in distress and depressed); but I will see you again and [then] your hearts will rejoice, and no one can take from you your joy (gladness, delight). And when that time comes, you will ask nothing of Me [you will need to ask Me no questions]. I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that My Father will grant you whatever you ask in My Name [as presenting all that I AM]. [Ex 3:14.]

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Return To Your Resting Place
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RETURN TO YOUR RESTING PLACE
Are you desperate to hear Me, My love? It is only as your heart, body, soul and spirit are at rest that you will be able to find that deep place of peace to connect with Me. It is there when all striving is set aside and all is still that you know without a doubt that I have spoken.

When confusion comes, return to your last Word which was the most prominent and anchored with confirmation. Then you will be able to stand and say, "God said." You will be able to hang on without doubt and without wavering. My Words are your resting place. I AM your resting place. Return to Me, dear one. If you can not find Me where you are, then remember where you last found Me. Return and we will move forward together into a new place and seasoned with great grace.

"The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me. Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you. For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living." (Ps 116:6-9 NKJV)

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The Ivory House

by Bill Somers

> *Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and* **the ivory house** *which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? (1 Ki 22:39 KJV)*

This is an attempt to relate a very unusual word from the Lord. I will include the reasoning behind it and the dramatic way in which He confirmed it at the conclusion.

It is my common habit to listen to the bible on cassette tape when I am driving. Often the Lord will quicken a passage or impart understanding to me as I do. One day about a year ago my listening took me to the book of Amos, chapter 3. Here is the passage of interest.

Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the **houses of ivory** *shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD. (Amos 3:13-15 KJV)*

Now I remembered the passage quoted above from 1 Kings 22, and so I knew that the mention of Ivory Houses in Amos was a reference to King Ahab. Now what the Lord spoke to me that was so unusual here were these three words: THE WHITE HOUSE.

As I listened on the following verses at the end of chapter four aroused my interest.

Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, **prepare to meet thy God, O Israel**. *For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name. (Amos 4:12-13 KJV)*

Here what the Lord showed me was a reference to His second coming. Verse 13 can be broken down into 6 clauses.

1. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, ...
2. and createth the wind, ...
3. and declareth unto man what is his thought, ...
4. that maketh the morning darkness,
5. and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, ...
6. the LORD, The God of Hosts is his name.

Clauses 1,2,3 and 6 are essentially God revealing something about himself. In other words, The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Clauses 4 and 5 refer specifically to the time called the great and terrible day of the Lord. The day in which he will come again in glory and return to this world in his physical form. This also is the Revelation of Jesus Christ for in that day every eye shall see him as it says in Revelation 1:7.

Clause 4, "that maketh the morning darkness, " speaks of turning day into night. as it says in Joel 2:31 "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come."

Clause 5, "and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, " speaks of the Lords judgment on the heavenly powers, wicked rulers in high places mentioned in Ephesians 6. In Isaiah 34:4-5 we read: "And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, ..." And in Micah 1:3 it says "For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth." These are the high places referred to in Amos 4:13.

So clause 4 and 5 refer to the time of the Lords physical return, what we usually call the Second Coming of Christ.

The day the Lord physically reveals himself is also the day he reveals himself to Israel. So He says in Amos 4:12, "...prepare to meet thy God, Oh Israel." Revelation 1:7 says, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, **and they also which pierced him ...."**

And in Zechariah we read:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. (Zec 12:9-10)

Now that I've said all that, let me confess that I didn't realize at that time what the Lord was trying to tell me. In fact, I shared these two revelations at a home group meeting as mere curiosities, not relating them to any larger understanding of God's purposes.

Shortly afterward, the Lord chided me for not realizing that this particular revelation was a confirmation of some earlier insights he had given me. This reinforces the idea that every revelation the Lord grants is only the foundation for the next one.

Now in order to tie all this together, we need to start and the end and back track to get to our conclusion. It all starts with something having to do with King Jehoshaphat.

King Jehoshaphat is first mentioned in 1st Kings 15. His story continues through until 2nd Kings 8. The story is repeated in 2nd Chronicles chapters 17-20. However the story in Chronicles includes a great battle against Moab, Ammon and their allies that is not covered in Kings. There is also a mention of Jehoshaphat in the book of Joel.

Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the **valley of Jehoshaphat***: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, ...". (Joel 3:11-15)*

Now this again is a reference to the Second Coming, Here are a few cross references that make it clear.

Zep 3:8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

Zec 14:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Re 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Re 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue **Armageddon**.

Now all these scriptures in Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Revelation (and many other places) speak of the great battle of Armageddon. This is because Revelation 16:16 identifies the site as Armageddon. It is sometimes called the vale or valley of Megiddo in the old testment.

What puzzled me is why is it called the **valley of Jehoshaphat** in Joel. This could be because **valley of Jehoshaphat** was another name for Megiddo, but I could not find any reference saying this was so. Or it could be that the battle that Jehoshaphat fought in 2nd Chronicles 20 was fought at Armageddon. But we read in 2 Chron 20:20,

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into **the wilderness of Tekoa***: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. (AV)*

Now the wilderness of Tekoa is roughly the opposite direction from Armageddon, so that's not it.

So I was still quite puzzled about this, being unable to figure it out by myself. Then the Lord in his mercy showed me that it was a tip-off. A Clue! Joel refers to this taking place in the **valley of Jehoshaphat** as a clue pointing out that the Jehoshaphat battle in Chronicles is a **type** or picture of the Battle of Armageddon!

In the Battle of Armageddon, Israel will be attacked by a great multitude of nations and will have no other choice than to call upon the Lord to deliver her. This is the situation in 2 Chron 20.

In Zechariah 12 we read:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications ..."

In the battle of 2 Chronicles 20, Judah was attacked by a great multitude and had no other choice than to call upon the Lord.

In 2 Chron 20 we read:

3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. 4 And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

This exactly corresponds to the *spirit of grace and of supplications* that Zechariah mentions. The great victory that was won came because the Lord fought for his people that day, just as it is prophesied in:

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

So this means that the Jehoshaphat Battle is a type or prophetic foreshadowing of Armageddon.

Now lets start to backtrack. Why was it that Jehoshaphat had no other choice than to call upon the Lord. Because he was completely without any allies. If you read back in 2 Chronicles, you will see that he had just lost his only real ally. He had gone up to battle at Ramothgilead, with King Ahab of the northern kingdom of Israel, to fight the Syrians. In this battle they were defeated and Ahab was killed. The condition of Israel at that point was foretold by a prophet who said

Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace. (2 Chron 18:16)

That is to say, Israel at that point, while not totally destroyed, was in Chaos, having no leadership nor military might. And so unable to help Judah in its crisis.

Now when it comes to the Battle of Armageddon, why will it be that Israel will have no choice than to call upon the Lord? Similarly because by that time she will have lost her only real ally, the United States. Which means that by then the Lord will have brought judgment on the US.

Now this judgment's severity may be greater or lesser depending on the prayers of his people, but it must be severe enough to prevent the US from any military activity. So at the minimum, the US must be reduced to chaos, lacking leadership and military might.

The Lord was showing me that there is an analogy between today's Israel and Jehoshaphat's Judah. That the USA corresponds to northern Israel under Ahab.

Now this latest word about the Ivory House and The White House was given as a confirmation to what He had showed me earlier. This extended the analogy implying that the Clintons are Ahab and Jezebel and that the events referred to in Amos 4 are dependent on the events referred to in Amos 3. In other words the Return of Jesus Christ to fight for Israel at the battle of Armageddon must come after His judgment on America because that judgment sets the stage for the final later one.

So he will bring judgment on the White House of Bill Clinton just as he brought judgment on the Ivory House of King Ahab. And that with the redemptive purpose of preserving his people in Jerusalem.

Now some time after this, a week perhaps, I received another confirmation. In my drive time, the Lord reminded me of all this and led me through this entire line of reasoning. I felt a sense of excitement as it all seemed to make good sense. And I felt especially blessed in that He had confirmed it with the rhema word about the White House.

Just then He prompted me to turn my car radio on to the local Christian station. As I did so, I heard the voice of J. Vernon McGee, on the Through the Bible Radio program. He was reading from Amos Chapter 3! And that was the confirmation.
After concluding the chapter, he began to discuss how Ahab's Ivory house was located on the Hill of Samaria. A dominant position from which you can see many miles in all directions. He mentioned the many ivory artifacts that have been discovered on the site as being why it was called the Ivory House. He also commented that God's judgment on that site was so great that nothing was ever built there again.

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fI Will Bring The Generals Down

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*The prophets **prophesy** lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end? Jeremiah 5:31*

*"I have heard what the prophets say who **prophesy** lies in my name. They say, 'I had a dream! I had a dream!' Jer. 23:25*

“I tell you that there are many prophets in this hour that speak words of what the public wants them to hear. I tell you that this is true even among the “well-known” prophets. For words go out and meetings are held that bring these types of people to together. Has this not happened in the past? Were there not prophets who spoke like this during the time of Jeremiah? I tell you that pride and notoriety has clouded their vision. They will lose their mantle. I tell you that no longer will I accept these types of messages. I tell you that I will no longer have these “generals” lead my army. “

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If We Do, He Will Heal Our Land

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After having several dreams about tsunami on our east AND west coast, recent dreams about volcanoes where lava was running down city streets, and visions and sensations of earthquakes, I was surprised when the Lord gave me a different type of open vision and the verse:

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their LAND." I Chron. 7:14 - I saw the word LAND very big and bold.

I said, "Wow, Lord! Do you REALLY mean that you would heal our LAND? - LITERALLY?!" Then I saw, under ground, lava flowing into the cracks of huge earthquake faults, as if it was hot welding material, sealing up the cracks. When that release happened, it then calmed the volcanoes.

I said, "Lord, some may think I'm crazy if I say this!" So then He led me to read this.... "But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. " - Jer 23:22 - That would certainly be my prayer!

So, I don't care what others think - I'm trusting and believing in the Lord. And I'm believing that He was showing me that He actually could and would do what He said - IF we, as a nation, would publicly:
(1) Humble ourselves and acknowledge Him, our need for Him, and our trust in Him,
(2) Pray to Him,
(3) Seek His Face
(4) Turn from our wicked ways - meaning repent of and no longer do that which needs repented for.

I believe this is a time of grace - a "grace period" - when the Lord is saying that, as a nation, He is giving us a "space to repent" so that things like what we've seen happen overseas does not happen here. I believe the many hurricanes we had last year were a sign to us as well that our nation is being "blown upon" and called to repentance.

As a nation, some of those things I saw that we were to corporately pray for and repent of (turn from) in this time would be abortion, homosexuality, etc. - And individually, whatever that would also mean for each of us.

The Bible is clear that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. So this is a call to all of us to participate in whatever way the Lord leads each of us to do so.

The Lord speaks to us as He spoke to Israel:

Jer. 3:19-22:
(19) "...How can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful heritage of the

hosts of the nations?"..... "You shall call Me, 'My Father' and not turn away from Me."
(20) Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, So have you dealt treacherously with Me..."
(21) A voice was heard on the desolate heights, Weeping and supplications of the children of Israel. For they have perverted their way; They have forgotten the Lord their God."
(22) "Return, you back-sliding children, And I will heal your backslidings...."

Jer. 4:1-2:
(1) "IF you will return..." says the Lord, Return to ME, and IF you will put away your abominations out of My sight, Then you shall not be moved."
(2) And you shall swear, 'The Lord lives,' In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; The nations shall bless themselves in Him, And in Him they shall glory."

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Lord, we cry out to you, individually, and agree together that we have sinned and are sorry, and that we want revival and healing in our land, and healing OF our land.

We thank you for Your Word and Your promises, and we repent on behalf of our nation for abortion, homosexuality, and all of the other things that are a stench in your nostrils, including our personal sins (and each of us can list those to Him here.)

We acknowledge and repent from our sins, we receive your cleansing, sanctification, and the covering of the blood of Jesus, and we ask your help in staying away from them. And we DO ask for and believe that you can heal our LAND! In Jesus' name, Amen.

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I Will Deliver Thee

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"FOR THE YEAR '2006' "I WILL DELIVER THEE IN 'SIX' TROUBLES!" .... YEA, IN SEVEN THERE SHALL NO EVIL TOUCH THEE!" Job 5:19-26

Introduction to this word....

Notice this verse says 'in' troubles. God doesn't always steer us away from trouble but He majors in delivering us 'in' our troubles. Trouble is a pretty good sign that God is with you! The three Hebrew children; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego discovered that the king's order to 'heat the furnace seven times hotter' was the perfect recipe for their miracle deliverance and their fiery furnace was transformed into a 'four man' dance hall! Daniel found his greatest deliverance take place inside of a lions' den, never having to fear lions again!

Are you in any kind of trouble right now? Then you qualify for deliverance in the midst of your trouble this coming year.... as you set your love upon Him!

If you compare your troubles to yourself, you are in trouble. But if you compare your troubles to God, your troubles are in trouble!

2006 - "A YEAR NOT TO FEAR!"

"IN FAMINE HE SHALL REDEEM THEE FROM DEATH: AND IN WAR FROM THE POWER OF THE SWORD." Job 5:20

Psalm 37:25 David said, "I have been young and now am old; yet I have not seen the 'righteous' forsaken, nor his seed begging bread." God prepares a table (provision) before us in the presence of our enemies. That means our enemies get to watch us eat while they are going hungry. But don't forget in the rough times ahead to feed your enemies and tell them as from one begger to another who is feeding you in the time of famine! God delivers us from the power of the sword and protects us from our enemies so we can live long enough to bless them! Imagine a God who fed millions in the wilderness and gave them water out of a rock and caused their clothing and shoes not to wear out for forty years....sounds like their clothing actually grew with them!

Recently on the national television program "It's a Miracle," there was a small church with 20 members who fixed a Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. As the people kept coming in to eat they were concerned about running out of food. But as the people kept coming in, to their surprise they discovered the food was not running out! The 20 members who cooked the food figured they could only feed about four hundred people....but as the day ended they counted around two thousand people who had eaten and there was still food left over so they delivered the extra food throughout the neighborhood!

After coming back to the church one needy family came late and was hungry and the food was all gone. To their amazement the church members saw this fresh warm baked loaf of bread on the kitchen counter that no one had brought or baked. They then noticed the cupboards that were emptied out for the dinner had one cupboard door ajar. As they went to close it they found more food in it, even a turkey platter! As long as there were hungry people the Lord kept multiplying the food! We can expect these multiplying miracles to increase as food becomes scarce!

"THOU SHALT BE HIDDEN FROM THE SCOURGE OF THE TONGUE: NEITHER SHALT THOU BE AFRAID OF DESTRUCTION WHEN IT COMES!" Job. 5: 21

If there are those who are speaking evil of you, talk to Jesus about it. If there is some truth in it, repent and grow from their 'constructive' criticism. "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me. it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head; for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities." Psalm 141:5

There have been times and probably still will be when I have been reproved in my ministry. It's humbling but I have discovered as I receive it with a right spirit, it's not long afterwards that I experience fresh oil pouring over me, healing my hurt and anointing me with fresh oil. This often happens to us when God wants to refine our gifting to use us in a greater way. More important these reproofs and grindings do wonders in conforming us into His image, His ultimate purpose.

Remember 'a soft answer turns away wrath.' The tongue has probably brought more destruction to people than anything else. We ourselves are snared (brought into bondage) by the words of our own mouth. When we bless those who speak evil against us we cancel the assignment of their words.

"AT DESTRUCTION AND FAMINE THOU SHALT LAUGH: NEITHER SHALT THOU BE AFRAID OF THE BEASTS OF THE EARTH!" Job 5:22

What appears to be destruction in the natural is really construction taking place in the earth in the Spiritual realm from God's perspective and 'all things are working together for our good and for God's purposes.' Many times destruction is necessary before construction of something new and wonderful can take place.

In this verse it says that we shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth. I believe the word 'beast' represents anything the enemy can try to use to destroy us including sickness, disease and infirmities. We must not give in to fear as certain plagues such as the bird flu break out. We must pray against them and believe Psalm 91 for our protection. "Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler." Recently in a large gathering I sensed fear rising as the threat of the bird flu was being mentioned. I was wondering fearfully myself how devastating this bird flu could be. I then saw the Dove of the Holy Spirit who is greater than any bird and any flu flutter into the conference and light upon us. I sense as we trust under His wings and feathers we are in for not only our protection, but we will experience an outbreak of divine healing attacking our spirit, soul, mind and bodies! Healing that is contagious, spreading to others as healed people heal people! Healing that will capture the attention of world news that a cure for cancer, aids and a cure for other incurable diseases has been discovered through the name of Jesus! On our Father's side, healing runs through our veins, through our arteries, through our bloodstream and into our bone marrow! Healing runs in our family! Decree this coming year..."I'm being attacked by healing!"

"FOR THOU SHALT BE IN LEAGUE WITH THE STONES OF THE FIELD: AND THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD SHALL BE AT PEACE WITH THEE." Job 5:23

God is releasing His authority in us to take dominion over the earth and all that is in it. The earth is groaning for the manifestation of the sons of God to come forth to take back the authority that was given to us through Jesus to subdue the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdoms of our God! When we sin we give up our authority to the enemy. Lord, help us to come into full repentance to be filled with You, to have your authority over all the works of the enemy and take dominion over what you have given us.

"AND THOU SHALT KNOW THAT THY TABERNACLE SHALL BE IN PEACE; AND THOU SHALT VISIT THY HABITATION AND SHALT NOT SIN." Job 5:24

The very peace of God shall guard our hearts and minds in these perilous times. Our homes will become the dwelling place of God as we allow Him to cleanse us from all sin and fill us with His presence.... Healing homes of refuge for the stranger, the lost and the afflicted including the prodigals coming home.

"THOU SHALT KNOW ALSO THAT THY SEED SHALL BE GREAT AND THINE OFFSPRING AS THE GRASS OF THE EARTH." Job 5:25

This coming year expect your seed and seed's seed to become great in God and grow rapidly in the Spirit as the grass grows upon the earth in the spring time! Your children will be as signs and wonders in the earth and God will increase you more and more, you and your children. Don't call your lost children a drug addict or an alcoholic, call them a royal priesthood, a chosen generation! Call their destiny forth in God! Even treat them as though they are already saved! (they will think you got saved!) Accept them right where they are and love them and you will see God take over from there!

"THOU SHALT COME TO THY GRAVE IN A FULL AGE, LIKE AS A SHOCK OF CORN COMETH IN, IN HIS SEASON!" Job 5:26

What a promise! "With long life will I satisfy you and show you my salvation!" Make plans to live a long life! We shall live and not die and declare the works of the Lord! When we really believe that God promises us a long life then we know that He will deliver us out of all our afflictions and troubles! Enjoy and appreciate life like it is your last day on earth but live like you will never die!

"LET GOD FIX WHAT YOU CANNOT FIX IN 2006!....DON'T TRY TO 'FIX' ANYTHING THIS COMING YEAR!"

I sense this coming year will be a year when many frustrated saints will finally let God be God and stop trying in themselves to fix things, to fix people and to fix their own problems. We are not called to fix anything. You cannot fix yourself. My wife still cannot fix me! Only Jesus can fix anything and everything. And He has been waiting along time for many of us to let Him do it.

Bob Mumford teaches that "If you get in a fix and you fix the fix before God fixes it, He will fix another fix to fix you...until you let Him fix it!" Let God fix the fix you are in this coming year!

AS THE YEAR 2005 COMES TO A CLOSE, I SENSE THE FATHER SAYING,....."I WILL TAKE OVER FROM HERE!"

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I Will Dress You For This Hour

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29 But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" Numbers 11:29

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

(The spirit of the Lord showed me a scene of a man who was approaching Him. He seemed downcast in appearance and seemed to think that he was unworthy. As his head was down and he was standing before the Lord, I noticed the Lord pick him up and cradle him in His arms. But it was strange because it was as if he were immobilized and couldn't move. He almost seemed like a statue in appearance. Then the Lord was pouring something over his body. With this liquid, He was cleansing him and refreshing him. After this, the man then was in a prone position before the Lord. As his head was bent down in adoration of the Lord, a beautiful robe was then wrapped around him. It was kingly in appearance. Then the vision faded.)

"I tell you, this is the way it is in this hour. Many think that they are not worthy to come before Me. They pretend that they are something else. They clothe themselves in other garments. But I tell you that I will make you as kings and queens before Me. I will give you the clothes of my kingdom. Let Me prepare you and raise you up in this hour. Then you will be as Joshua before the battle. I am creating a Moses generation. I would have that all my people are prophets, but I tell you that not all are. But each of you can come up before Me. I will be as a burning bush before you. I will write my words on the tablets of your hearts. "

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Let My Anointing Sustain You

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(Dear friends, thank you for the many prayers and insights that you have sent to me concerning my recent prayer concern. I believe that it is helping. I have anointed my classroom a couple of times, and have seen some progress because of this. I ask for your continued prayers in this matter, as I will pray for your needs as well. Thank you.)

27As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit-just as it has taught you, remain in him. 1 John 2:26-28

Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed; he answers him from his holy heaven with the saving power of his right hand. Psalm 20:6

The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one. Psalm 28:8

"Come to Me all of you who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest. I will give you rest in a season of great battles. I tell you the battles have increased for many of my servants. They have increased now because the time is near because this world is being thrown into the last signs that are coming upon the earth. The schemes of the enemy have increased; for he knows that these are the last days. But the anointing that has been given to you will give you great increase. It will sustain you in the days ahead. It will serve you well in the many battles that you face. It is the very thing that covers you in the midst of many trials. It will cover you from head to feet. No gap or crevice of the enemy will be able to creep in. These are the days that you have heard of. You have seen them on your TV screens. The whole entire world is in a state of unrest. The world stands upon a precipice. It stands upon a precipice that will shake it to its roots. What will remain after the shaking? You have been warned about these things; now what will you do with that warning? Grab a hold of that anointing that I give to you. Run the race that is set out before you. Run as you have never run before; and when you have finished running, keep running. "

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I Am The God Of The Furnace And The Fire
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So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, 27 and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Daniel 3 26, 27

(The Lord have this word to me this evening as a reminder to me and others, that He controls the fiery furnace. This was also spoken to me because of the trial that I am presently going through at the school where I teach.)

"I AM the God who lifts everyone out from the miry pit. As King David came to Me in times of battle, so will you my people. There are many difficulties and trials in this life. The righteous man will have many of them, but I will deliver him out of all of them. This is a time of great testing that I AM bringing many of my people into. You will be tried in the furnace, but I tell you, the heat will not overwhelm you. As my servants were in the fiery furnace and they did not burn up, so it will be with you. My rod and my staff, they will comfort you. I will prepare a table for you in the midst of your enemies. The fiery furnace will burn down to embers. I control the heat and I know how much each of my servants can handle. I AM the engineer of this furnace. There are trials in this life and I know how to use them for my glory. I AM the God of the furnace and the fire."

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I Will Fulfill My Word

Musa Opiyo

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Many days, months, weeks, even years have passed and yet the fulfillment of my promise has not come, some have said.
Am I not God?
Do I not perform My Word in My own timing?
Do I need your help in fulfilling My Word?
Certainly I have promised that the dew shall fall to the ground, but that word which I speak shall not return to Me void. Yet because of no outward sign of progress, many of you have simply given up and abandoned the dreams and desires which I placed in you.

For some this season has been a test of faith where you have held fast to every promise I have spoken despite the outward circumstances telling a different story. I am not slack concerning My Word. I will perform that which I have spoken and in the manner which I have purposed. I also see some of My people who are walking in presumption because you heard Me speak one way yet interpreted it to be another way. Have I not promised that I would clearly give direction to those who wait on Me? This is a time in history to walk in the clear knowledge of what to do and where you are to go. Trust Me to direct your steps and lead you around the traps that have been set by the enemy.

My Word is true and I will fulfill that which I have spoken as a promise.

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I Will Keep My People Safe In Spite Of What Is Coming

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16 This is what the LORD says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But you said, 'We will not walk in it.' 17 I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But you said, 'We will not listen.' 18 Therefore hear, O nations; observe, O witnesses, what will happen to them. Jer. 6:16-18

(During the midst of this word, I saw an image of a King who was pondering these things in his mind. I also saw various images of tanks and other military gear, as they came across the scenery. Lastly, I saw an image of the White House from the front. This was important, because a decision was to be made from there.)

"On the wings of my spirit I will carry my people in these days. I will carry them to places of nourishment. I will uphold them. I will give them strength. "

"For behold, from a distant land they come. Hordes of people are coming. Over the leagues of the sea they have come. What will your generals do in that hour? Will their armies be ready? What will the decision be made from the White House? I tell you, your nation will be taken by surprise. "

"Have your prophets told you the truth about these things? How many have truly stood upon the walls and warned the people? How many prophets speak their own words? How many prophets speak for a profit? Truly, during those days, you will know who has stood up for the truth, but my people will be brought to safety. In spite of these things, I watch over my people, and I will keep them safe. "

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I Will Shake And Roar

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I received this message the morning following the death of Terri Schaivo. Terri died of thirst and dehydration in a hospital in Clearwater, Florida following the removal of her feeding tube. Clearwater is on the West Coast of Florida near St. Petersburg and Tampa.

[*Isa. 59:14-19 NKJ*] *Justice is turned back and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.*

Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.

For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.

According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His adversaries, recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay.

So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him.

My people, nothing you have gone through has been in vain. Everything has a Purpose. Nothing happens that is not taken into consideration in my Plans and nothing happens without my consent.

The LION is about to ROAR in such a mighty way that the whole world will be awakened from its slumber. The world has been slumbering for a long time and it will take a great shaking to wake them up. Hold onto me and stay hidden in me. Be sure not to be ruled by your flesh or your emotions, but inquire of me.

Man is not going to have the answers in the days ahead. In fact, people in positions of authority are going to have no idea whatsoever as to what to do when I, the King of Kings, start roaring and showing my mighty power. They will look at things through carnal eyes instead of the eyes of my Spirit. Therefore all of their choices or options will be BAD and their decisions will be WRONG.

I AM going to separate the holy from the profane. I AM going to separate those who belong to me from the world. People are going to have to make a choice and will no longer be allowed to sit on the fence or speak out of both sides of their mouths.

I said that your yea was to be yea and your nay, nay (yes or no). I will no longer tolerate people speaking in MY name and acting on MY behalf, but they listen to and follow the devil!

My Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. I am going to take this sword of mine and I am going to start dividing. Some will fall on one side and some will fall on the other. If you side with mammon or position, it will be the wrong choice.

Things are going to start happening very rapidly. Man will not have time to catch his breath, settle down or get back into old mind-numbing routines that have characterized the past.

I will shake, shake, shake. Everyone will know that something is "wrong" or that something "strange and amiss" is going on. Everyone *knows* if a fully-grown elephant is stomping and trumpeting at their doorstep! So it will be in the days ahead.

I will have MY way in the earth. I will establish MY kingdom and there is not one thing that kings or rulers can do to stop me. [*Ps. 2*] I AM going to reign in righteousness. The days of unrighteous rulers and unrighteous judges are about end. The days of corporate greed and stealing the rightful wages of workers and laborers are about to end. [*Jas. 5:1-8*]

I did not establish earth for man to trample on and destroy, or for a few to turn into their private playground at the expense of everyone else!

I have seen the many tears and I have heard the cries of pain and anguish that ascend from all over the earth. I AM about to answer and I AM going to answer in a very big way.

Your world is coming down, Oh man. Your King is coming and I will take charge. Everything is going to change. I will shake and I will roar. The corrupt and defiled will come tumbling down. NOW is the day. The hour is at hand.

IT IS THE DAY OF MY POWER.*

You may curse me, but you won’t mock me anymore. You may conspire as much as you please. Your plate will be left empty and your house desolate, for the Great I AM is on the way.

The Most High

**Ps 110 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*
The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.
The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
He shall judge among the heathen. He shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head. [KJV]

I Will Shine

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My church, how I love you. I love each of you with such an everlasting love that you simply cannot comprehend. I love you with a love that will reach deep into those places that no one else can, and will bring those places that have been dead and wounded to life.

Many of you are choosing to walk in the flesh, and choosing to gratify the flesh and not walk by My Spirit. I am calling out to My church 'repent' for the time of My return is near.

The spirit of control is rampant in the lives of my children, and churches today. Jezebel, she longs to crush, kill, and contain so that My Spirit cannot move. Many of you are allowing her to control thought patterns and actions. Many of you are not listening to My voice and what I am speaking and are continually walking in the ways that you know is not of Me.

Control is trying to crush My work and My church. Nothing will crush Me, for I am a Mighty Fortress, the Almighty God, and nothing is greater than Me.

Church, relinquish control. Relinquish the control of your lives, and surrender completely to Me, so that I may shine. Many of you are holding onto situations and the reigns of your lives so tight because of fear, and unbelief. Let go, and watch the Lord Almighty work. Allow Me the room to shine in your lives.

I am pouring My grace over each of you in great ways because of My love for you, but it grieves Me deeply to see My children holding so tightly to their own agenda's and their own plans. This is not My heart and not what I am calling My church too.

I am moving quickly, and I am preparing the way for My return. Like in a game of chess, I am placing all My warriors, My children in place to play out My victory, as the victory has already been won, but many of you cannot take up the positions that I have for you, because you are not relinquishing control. You are continually choosing to push aside that which I am speaking and continuing to walk in the ways that you feel are easier.

My precious, precious children, your way is not easier. It may seem easier to begin with, and the enemy will tell you it's easier, but the road of one who does not relinquish control to Me, leads to bondage. A life of not fulfilling that which I have called you too.

The great shaking is beginning. The world is only now feeling slight tremors, but the world is going to see an even greater shaking that will come about, to give mankind yet another opportunity to see that there is NO life without Me. Nothing is secure except Me. I am continually giving people chances to see Me, and obey Me, because I love them, and want NONE to perish but long to have all in My arms. Many refuse to hear though. Many who do not know Me refuse to hear, and many who do know Me refuse to hear.

Control is chewing away at the lives of My children and churches, and the only way this is to be broken, is by My church and children repenting of doing things their way.

I am a God who looks at the heart. I look at each of your hearts, and I know that you long to serve Me, and I love that.

Relinquish control. Relinquish your needs to have things done your way, and take a mighty leap of faith My children, and watch Me catch you, and provide for you in greater ways than ever before.

Many of you have to come to Me and allow me to heal past wounds. For many of you are stuck where you are because of these wounds. Come to Me, and continue to sit before Me and allow Me to place My healing balm of Gilead upon you, and bring you healing, so that you may be free.

Come, My church, I am longing to shine brighter through each of you, more than you could ever imagine. Control must be crushed and relinquished. Repent church, Repent my children of your preconceived ideas and plans, so that I may have free reign to shine brighter than ever before.

I Am The Way The Truth And The Life

Catharina Schouten

After I searched for the Lord and spent some time worshipping, and some time in silence, with Him, I tried to get some sleep.
But as soon as I closed my eyes I saw short visions. I thought if this is from the Father, I will remember it tomorrow and write it down, but I could not get peace in my heart. Lights on and lights out trying to sleep. Something deep within my spirit, a deep ringing inside told me to get up and write it down.
And there came a point, that I felt in my heart I must come out of my bed, and I must write it now.

Visions:
Mountain: *The mountain can be a "mountain of trouble", adultery, etc.*
It should be a Mountain of the Lord to come meet Your Lord.

I saw a mountain, it was a Mountain built of keys. Next, I saw people running back and forth and throwing their keys on the mountain.
After the vision, I saw raindrops falling down on a stone. And the last vision was a vision of a sunflower.

Interpretation of the visions:
The keys represent: your own steps to receive something. The keys reveal our own systems, self made formulas our own steps to our solutions,
but is must be: I Am The Way!
My Key to open My Kingdom, the Father said.
The keys represent our own systems our own steps. Who must lead to solutions?
It must be I, I Am the Key.

The Mountain of Keys represents gold calves, keys to our own way to minister healing, deliverance, etc.
It is not your seven steps this is wrong because

Yeshua Is The Key!

Raindrops:

The raindrops falling on the stone represent: if we take those keys to healing, delivering, steps to our way of thinking how it should be done, we take them as our truths and take them above Yeshua.
Constant water running over time on a rock, can cut like a knife if it goes on long enough.
Taking keys over Yeshua means that these little drops become our belief in these keys/ formulas and they will wearing down, cutting our faith in Yeshua.
We are taking these keys over and over again filling our heart with them, and not with Yeshua.

It is also standing for the opposite, His living water is falling on a heart of stone.
The same vision:

His living water falling down on a heart of stone, because we closed our heart to Him, but opened our heart to the keys.
He is trying to pull out the Living Water out of us, but we closed our heart for HIS simple truth! We opened our hearts to fake solutions. So, more and more, we walk further away from our position as a simple child of God, further and further away from His hand, away from the simple trust as a simple child.

*When we return to Him, Yeshua, and repenting, **(teshuva = return repent)** the Living Water will be our everything, our all and all.*
I Can Be Your All and All, In All your difficulties.
Likewise, raindrops falling down on the stone, so shall it be with our faith in Him making tremendous changes in us.
Like a stone wears out through the falling of drops, so shall our hearts change from a heart of stone coming into a heart of fire for Him.
and we will change into children who simply trust Him.

Example of a heart of stone: *People who try to find all peace in their ways, they think they have all the wisdom and truth within themselves without Yeshua, but instead we must be like children.*

Interpretation of the Sunflower: victory will shine like the sun with healing in its rays

Malachi 4: 1 - 6 The Day of Judgment
4 The Lord said:
1 The day of judgment is certain to come. And it will be like a red-hot furnace with flames that burn up proud and sinful people, as though they were straw. Not a branch or a root will be left. I, the Lord All-Powerful, have spoken! 2 But for you that honor my name, victory will shine like the sun with healing in its rays, and you will jump around like calves at play. 3 When I come to bring justice, you will trample those who are evil, as though they were ashes under your feet. I, the Lord All-Powerful, have spoken!

The Word of the Lord:
"Return, return to Me! Because even your own systems, your own statements become like golden calves if you place them above Me.
*I will give you peace for your souls. Am I not a Father who wants the best for His Children?***
Don't I say Myself, My Yoke is easy and My Burden is light? All of the Law and the law of the Prophets is about one thing, LOVE.
First of all, love Me, listen to My voice, come before My throne in worship and I will make it.
My Bride, you will be like cows coming out of the stable and I will send you.
I will be The Truth."

*****The interpretation of children, children and babes, we can take this literally, but spiritually meaning we must be as little children.***
Simply believe! Mark 10:15

Mattew 11: 30

This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Mattew 7: 12
Treat others as you want them to treat you. This is what the Law and the Prophets.

Mattew 21: 15 Jesus in the Temple
15 But the chief priests and the teachers of the Law of Moses were angry when they saw his miracles and heard the children shouting praises to the Son of David.
The men said to Jesus, "Don't you hear what those children are saying?"
"Yes, I do!" Jesus answered. "Don't you know that the Scriptures say, 'Children and infants will sing praises'?" 17 Then Jesus left the city and went out to the village of Bethany, where he spent the night.

Mark 10: 15

14 When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God.
l 10.14 People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God: Or "The kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children."

15 10.15 Mt 18.3
I promise you that you cannot get into God's kingdom, unless you accept it the way a child does."

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I Will Withhold Nothing From You

June Anne Garber

Walk in righteousness, goodness, and truth!

Hearken unto the Lord and arise and walk in the "goodness and righteousness of the Lord" , and as you walk in goodness and righteousness and in the truth, you will find yourself in My presence and I will withhold nothing from you. So, continue to pursue and to seek Me, and continue to pursue and seek My face, and continue to walk in all that you know that is good and righteous.

For in doing this, the clouds of adversity that loom over you will be split and My Son will shine upon you with healing in His wings and will cause the darkness that attempts to blanket you and attempts to suffocate and stifle you to be surrendered to My authority as you walk in My righteousness. For you must appropriate that authority, that the clouds be wiped away from those who you pray for that they may see the light of the glorious Gospel on you and thru you, for it is I that will pierce that darkness for them also, as I have for you that My Word and My Glory continue to be increased throughout the whole earth.

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Jesus And The Children

John Piper

Pondering Children as Pride Detectors

One thing to watch for when assessing a person's spiritual fitness for ministry is how he or she relates to children. Put a child in the room and watch. This is what Jesus did to make his point. Children are the litmus paper to expose the presence of pride.

You might think that the main thing Jesus would do is to say, "Don't be proud, become like children." He did say essentially that in Matthew 18:3, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." But he said something else even more striking. When Jesus saw that his disciples were arguing over which of them was the greatest, "He sat down and called the twelve. . . .And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.'" (Mark 9:34-37).

Receiving a child into your arms in the name of Jesus is a way to receive Jesus. And receiving Jesus is a way to receive God. Therefore how we deal with children is a signal of our fellowship with God. Something is deeply amiss in the soul that does not descend (or is it really *ascend*?) to love and hold a child.

Therefore, it may be good to call to mind the ways Jesus related to children. Ponder these and let them stir in you the longings of Christ. What could be more significant than receiving Christ and receiving God the Creator in him? Amazingly, Jesus says we may do this in ministry to children.

1. Jesus was a child.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. (Isaiah 9:6)

2. Jesus took children in his arms and blessed them.

"Let the children come to me; do not hinder them." . . . And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them. (Mark 10:14-16)

3. Jesus healed a child of a foreign woman.

"O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. (Matthew 15:28)

4. Jesus cast a demon out of a child.

And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. (Matthew

17:18)

5. Jesus raised a child from the dead.
Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." And immediately the girl got up. (Mark 5:41-42)

6. Jesus used a child's loaves and fish to feed five thousand people.
"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." (John 6:9-10)

7. Jesus said you should become like a child.
"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4)

8. When Jesus came, children cried "Hosanna!" to the Son of David.
The chief priests and the scribes saw . . . the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:15)

9. Jesus predicted the terrible days when fathers would give their children up to death.
"And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child." (Mark 13:12)

10. Jesus said that if you receive a child in his name, you receive him and the one who sent him.
"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me." (Mark 9:37)

May the Lord teach us this profound truth—that loving children in the name of Christ is loving God the Son and God the Father. Indeed it is more: It is welcoming and receiving and communing with God. Nursery work "in the name of Christ" is no small wonder.
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Judgment Aligned With Christ
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:1-2

For loves sake
Captives are set free
As the healing touch of the Savior
Removes the bonds of fear and misery
For loves sake
Truth will chase away the night
Delivering men unto salvation
To stand righteous in God’s sight
For loves sake
Mercy will take aim
Gaining victory over sin
So men give glory to God’s name.

God’s holy voice proclaims
There is freedom
From sin’s unholy reign
It will found
By walking down
The road that love has paved.

For righteousness sake
Love came down from heaven
Established truth on earth
Proclaimed men’s sins were forgiven
For righteousness sake
Loves voice now sings
Of hope and mercy
Of God’s majesty
For righteousness sake
Judgment will be known
By the strength of love
That Jesus has shown.

God’s holy voice proclaims
There is freedom
From sin’s unholy reign
It will be found
As you walk down
The road that love has paved.

> *“And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshiped his image.” Revelation 16:1-2*
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> *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is*

> *manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Romans 1:18-21*

"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." A man who denies the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, walks blinded to the goodness of God, darkness overtakes his life so that he is not able to appreciate the value of God's holy Word. Turbulent thoughts aligned with the darkness of unbelief haunt his soul, so that he runs to and fro in hope of escape from mental suffering. This is his own personal tribulation, brought about by thoughts of grief and discouragement. By denying Jesus Christ, he continues to deny God's hand of salvation which could deliver him from unrighteous suffering.

This man denies, because he does not understand, the One who stands ready to welcome him through the gates of eternal, abundant life. Until the Light, who is Jesus Christ, pierces through the darkness that blinds the man to the goodness of God, the man will not understand that only through faith in God's perfect love toward him, is found the way to overcome his thoughts of frustration, despair, anger, and fear that impact his spirit, soul and body.

All of creation declares the handiwork of God. The Spirit of God, who has been with God from the beginning, and who alongside of God, has brought into physical being that which the eye can see. Those who partake of God's Spirit of holiness, through faith in Jesus Christ, will not only have eyes to see God's hand upon all of creation, but will have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to them through the message of God's Word, so that they are led of the Spirit of truth, and not of the spirit of error. Those who deny the creator's handiwork are those who have eyes to see, yet are blind to the glory of God that surrounds them; they also have ears to hear, but their unbelief in God causes them to remain deaf to the message of God's love and desire toward them.

All men who have walked in the darkness of unbelief, have received their share of spiritual wounds, and will naturally desire to find something that will be as a healing balm to their souls. Those spiritual wounds are as grievous sores that plague the souls of men blind to God's love toward them. The grievous sores have been caused by the arrows of hatred, vengeance, anger, fear and feelings of being unloved, which lodged deeply into their conscience, so that, though they are spiritual wounds, they are as painful, crippling and destructive to their well being as is a physical injury to their body. Because of man's blindness and deafness to the goodness of God, idols are exalted and images are created that do not exalt the incorruptible God, but corruptible man, all in hope of finding something that will heal their many grievous sores.

> *"Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance." Psalm 89:13-15*

God is the faithful judge over all of creation, who is able to declare that which is right and true, and that which stands in error and falsehood. Because God is righteous in all His ways, His judgment will always stand right and true. When man disobeyed God in the garden by partaking of that which God told him not to partake of, God's judgment against man's behavior was right and true. God's love toward man, which He created in His own image, remained perfect, just as His judgment against man's disobedience was right and true. Though He loved man, God, who is righteous in all His ways, could not bless man's works of unrighteousness.

In right and true judgment, God determined that man's punishment for disobedience was for man to be cast out of the garden, where God had provided man shelter from all suffering. Man's disobedience against God caused God to rightly pronounce judgment against man's disobedience, which God would call sin. When man exalted his own opinion above God's, by partaking of that which God forbad, suffering was introduced into his life. Physical and mental suffering were to be experienced in his life because of sin.

Through the seed of Adam, a sin nature, which rebelled against the goodness of God, would be passed down to future generations of men. Man's sin against God caused man to partake of suffering, which would be as grievous wounds to his soul that could not be healed. Though the Lord God would be known to the Tribes of Israel as the, "Lord of our defense," God's right and true judgment against sin would stand. God would continue to judge the sin nature, which naturally exalted self above God, in righteousness. When men rebelled against God, exalting self above God, they sinned against His holy name, bringing suffering into their lives. God would judge unrighteousness, according to His righteousness, which is right and true.

God would give to the Tribes of Israel, men who were born of the seed of Adam, commandments to help them live their lives unto God in righteousness. Men who obeyed the commandments would be judged by the Lord, and would be rewarded according to their faithfulness in keeping His commandments. Men of the Tribes of Israel who disobeyed His commandments, would also be judged according to the righteousness of God, and receive His right and true punishment.

From the day that God escorted man out of the Garden of Eden, God had purposed, through a promised Deliverer, victory over the sin nature, so men would be led out of the captivity that sin had placed upon their lives. God promised that a Savior would lead men into a relationship with Him, where men would have victory over sin, so that grievous wounds that could not be healed would be healed, and the sin which produced suffering would no longer rule and direct the desires of a man's spirit, soul and body.

The promise of freedom and victory over the Adamic, carnal nature that naturally sins against God, was given to the Tribes of Israel. And now, because of the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ, both Jew and Gentile are given the opportunity to partake of the blessings that are revealed from heaven. As the promised Deliverer, Jesus Christ ascended on high to sit at the right hand of the Lord God, the heavenly veil was torn in two, which caused the heavenly blessings of God's Spirit to be released from God's throneroom on high, making it possible for both Jew and Gentile to partake of the spiritual blessings of God's eternal kingdom.

The spiritual kingdom of God's glory would fill the earth as the heavenly veil was torn in two. And according to God's plan of redemption, not only the Jew would be allowed to partake of God's spiritual kingdom, where a man's grievous wounds would be healed as the Spirit moved in power upon his spirit, body and soul, but the Gentile would be welcomed to partake as well. God had promised the Deliverer would come through the Tribes of Israel, and it would be through Him, that all nations would be blessed.

> *"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."* John 5:22-24

When Jesus Christ ascended on high, purging the heavenly things themselves with His precious blood, the blessings of heaven were released into men's lives who stood upon the earth. Today, those who turn toward Jesus Christ in sincere faith, will partake of God's spiritual blessings, so that their spirit, soul (heart and mind) and body are influenced by God's divine nature. The spirit, soul and body once aligned with the Adamic, carnal, beastly nature, which naturally exalts self above God, will be brought into submission to God's will, as His Holy Spirit moves in power and authority upon their lives. God's Holy Spirit is able to war and gain victory over the carnal nature. The wounds that were received in the night, that pierced a man's soul under the influence of the Adamic nature, will be cured as the healing balm of God's holiness, speaks of God's love toward the man.

As God's sanctifying Spirit moves in power within a man's life, the eyes of his understanding will be opened to see that, when the carnal, Adamic self focused nature ruled and reigned over his life, exalting his own opinions and desires above God, suffering and torment influenced his spirit, soul and body. This man will learn that, to cast aside thoughts that do not express the heart and nature of God, will bring peace into his life. He will begin to realize there is nothing in the carnal, Adamic nature, that will profit his spirit, soul and body. The Holy Spirit is sent of God to subdue the beastly, carnal, Adamic nature of man, so that the lusts of the flesh give way to the holiness of God. A man's faith in the goodness of God will mature as God's Spirit moves in power within his life, so that much good fruit worthy of God's kingdom is produced.

Before Jesus Christ ascended on high, God judged the Tribes of Israel according to the law, now God judges all men by the righteousness of His Son Jesus Christ. It is His Son, Jesus Christ, who God uses to judge the hearts of men. Those whose faith is toward Jesus Christ, will be judged worthy of receiving the Holy Spirit, who is able to heal the wounds that pierced their souls, so that they experience peace in their lives. Those who deny that Jesus is the Christ will be judged unto unrighteousness, so that peace escapes them. God's judgment against those who deny His Son, Jesus Christ, proclaims that men's sins condemn them, so that their souls will experience no healing of their many grievous wounds. Yet, if today they should hear God's voice calling to them, and turn toward Jesus Christ in sincere faith, then they too shall be counted worthy to bear the righteousness of Christ, found in the Holy Spirit.

God has sent to the world Jesus Christ, to deliver men from the influence that the Adamic nature has upon men's spirits, souls, and bodies. But if a man denies that Jesus Christ is the Savior, then, his sins will condemn him, so that he continues to experience the suffering that exists within the darkness of unbelief. The spiritual grievous sores caused by fear, anger, hatred, vengeance, feelings of not being loved, or of worth, will continue to plague his life.

> *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23*

God breathed into the nostrils of Adam His breath (life force, spirit) so that Adam became a living soul. It is the spirit, the breath of God, which gives life to all mortal men. The spirit is the immaterial part of the inner person that responds to God. God uses the word "soul" to represent the functions of a man's heart (emotions) and mind (thoughts and opinions).

A man, who is born bearing the image of the first man Adam, in that he has a living soul, but does not posses the Holy Spirit so that self is exalted above God, is said to be under the influence of the Adamic nature. He is not filled with the Holy Spirit, and cannot understand the things of the Holy Spirit, the leading and purposes of the Holy Spirit. He has no spiritual discernment. In all ways, spirit, soul, and body he is subject to the Adamic nature, which is representative of the nature of the first Adam born on the 6th day, who does not possess the Holy Spirit, so that self is exalted above God.

A man who bears the Adamic nature, his soul (heart and mind) will be held under the influence of self, his spirit will be under the influence of self, and his body will be under the influence of self. His spirit, soul and body, will bear the marks of the Adamic nature, which exalts self above God.

Self-preservation, self-satisfaction, and self-exaltation, will be of primary focus to the Adamic, earthly, carnal man. Yet, the wounds that plague the Adamic man will not be healed as he gives all glory to self. To bear the mark of the beast, is to bear the mark of the carnal, earthly, Adamic man born of the 6th day, in that he is a living soul, yet is not filled with the life transforming power and glory of the Holy Spirit. To live his life unto a holy God is of no value to the Adamic natured man. It is self he worships, and it is self that he will create images of, in which to worship and praise.

> *"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world." Hebrews 4:1-3*

A man who has entered into God's rest, has entered into God's gates of salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ. On the 7th day, God rested from all His work He had made, those who are in Christ, as He is in them, will rest from their laboring according to the Adamic nature. A man who bears the image of the second Adam, Jesus Christ, is a man filled with God's life transforming Spirit who will be led of the Spirit, so that his laboring according to the Adamic nature will cease. A man led of the Spirit will give all glory to God, and not to man.

The Holy Spirit, who is able to present a man blameless before God, is purposed of God to perform God's good work of sanctification within a man's life. It is the Spirit who will expose the hidden works of darkness, so that all things are brought out into the Light and dealt with by the healing hand of God. It is faith in Jesus Christ, that will establish God's kingdom within a man's life, so that his spirit, soul, and body are divinely influenced by the God's Spirit of holiness. It is the Holy Spirit who will lift all condemnation from a man's shoulders as He reveals to the man God's great love toward him. Healing will occur as the Holy Spirit reveals that God's purposes toward the man are for good, to prosper his soul, and not to harm him.

> *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." Hebrews 5:12-13*

Just Being There

Sandy Warner

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JUST BEING THERE

Loved ones, I am calling My people to be connected. Each and every one of you fight levels of insecurity and instability. It is a part of your humanity and a part of living in unstable times where the world can shift under your feet at any moment. Precious ones, I do not want you to be independent any longer. I AM moving Mine own ones into families, adopting the church orphans and church widows, and all those who have walked alone. Allow Me to do this work in your hearts and lives. Stand along side the other Christians I have placed in your life. Stand with them and be transparent with your own needs. It is a powerful weapon, - simply to be understood and heard.

On the other side of this, there are those of you who are so overwhelmed with the needs in your own lives, you don't know how to even begin to help others. Simply remember, that all you need to do is listen and pray and be there when you are able. Often, just your presence is enough. Lean on Me to take care of the problems, and simply be there as the faithful friends you really are. Thank you for being My listening ear and My tangible touch for those for whom I weep. over.

John 15:13 NKJV
"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. "

Ex 2:23-25 AMP
…And the Israelites were sighing and groaning because of the bondage. They kept crying, and their cry because of slavery ascended to God. And God heard their sighing and groaning and [earnestly] remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the Israelites and took knowledge of them and concerned Himself about them [knowing all, understanding, remembering all]. [Ps 56:8,9; 139:2.]

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Triumphant Ears

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TRIUMPHANT EARS

Many have been sifted, not being able to discern between their own thoughts, the enemy's thoughts and My still small voice. You will grow into this as you mature, having been weaned from milk and able to chew and separate strong meat.

I know how deeply you want to be firmly established in hearing My voice. I AM sending angels to help you filter what you hear and re-wire any short circuits which have taken place through your fallen faith. I have also planted discernment inside of you and I shall show you the way out of the maze. Follow the instincts within your heart.

Heb 5:12-14 NKJV
For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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Jesus In The Kitchen

Bill Somers

Jesus in the Kitchen or What is God cooking up anyway?

Part One: The Pickle Recipe

Some time back I copied the following definitions from the On Line Bible program. This definition of baptism came with a very interesting word study that illustrates what God is about to do in the Church. There are two words closely related to baptism; Bapto and Baptizo.

quoted text---

baptizo {bap-tid'-zo}

1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)

2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe

bapto {bap'-to}

1) to dip, dip in, immerse

2) to dip into dye, to dye, colour

Not to be confused with baptizo. The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. e.g. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle! Bible Study Magazine, James Montgomery Boice, May 1989.

end of quoted text.

The interesting idea here is that union with Christ is what He requires and when this is real there will come a real, permanent change in us. Like the vegetable is radically transformed, well so must we be transformed.

All the great moves of God in the past have just been bapto's, temporary changes. The revivals of the past have had long term permanent effects of course but the awesome holiness, the irresistible power of the Lord has only lingered on for short periods.

Even this refreshing called the new wine or the river is just a bapto. A bapto is the ankle deep water of the river. the knee deep and waist deep, the chest deep water is still a bapto. At these levels you can always get back out of the water. When it gets over your head, it's baptizo. When you can no longer go on your own way, it's baptizo. When you have to change from walking to swimming, never to go back it's baptizo. It's a permanent change. It's the kingdom of God come into your life and you entering into the kingdom. Its the manifesting of the sons of God.

Like the pickle is changed, we will take on the texture, the color, the taste and the aroma of the Lord God of Heaven. We will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. The world will forget what we were like before because they will see Jesus in us.

Part Two: The Red Hot Sauce!

The Prophetic Necktie

One summer a few years back, I came across a pastor I knew and found him wearing a prophetic necktie. It seems that the McIlheny company of Avery Island Louisiana had marketed a series of new products to diversify advertise and to capitalize on the name of their Tabasco sauce. These included ash trays, coffee cups, napkins, towels, coasters and other house-wares; and neckties.

On this particular necktie you could see a bottle of the famous Tabasco sauce in the foreground and the night sky in the background. In the night sky there were 4 or 5 bright stars, and one of them was especially brighter than the others. Proceeding from this bright star was a ray of light that led directly to the Tabasco bottle. An interpretation instantly leapt to mind. So I told this pastor that his tie was prophetic and depicted the Bright and Morning Star [Jesus] sending down the Fire!

God's Hot Sauce

[reposted from an earlier article]

In South Louisiana a standard table item is the bottle of hot sauce. Several years back while applying this to some of my wife's home cooking, the Lord showed me a parallel between it and the church. This seemed good to share at this time, as I believe we are about to see it come to pass.

Hot sauce has three ingredients. Water, cayenne pepper and vinegar. And in these we can see a picture of the Church

Water represents the people of the Church. The pepper is the fire of God, or the anointing, and vinegar speaks of purging or cleansing. The vinegar is needed to keep the pepper mixed in the water.

The problem with this product is that if you let a bottle of hot sauce sit for a long time without using it the pepper separates out and floats to the top. There it forms a crust. Since the neck of the bottle is very narrow, it doesn't take much time before it is completely clogged. No hot sauce will flow if the neck is clogged.

This is like a church that has sat inside its four walls and did little or nothing to reach the outside world. It has become useless.

God is desiring to use his Church to bring in a great harvest of souls in these end times, but the church has become like that bottle of hot sauce; clogged up and useless.

Now imagine that the harvest is like a big plate of jambalaya. That’s a rice dish with chicken, shrimp, ham, pork or sausage; seasonings and spices all mixed in. And before you eat this jambalaya you want to spice it up a bit with some hot sauce!

Well before God can bring in His harvest, he has to pour out his fire on the world and get some people saved.

But the instrument intended for this, his Church, has become of little or no use! What will he do?

The same as I would do with a bottle of hot sauce which was clogged up. Shake it!

One shaking is never enough either; it takes repeated shaking to clear up the stoppage. And after each time you shake it you bring it very close to your face so you can see if you have cleared up the blockage. If it's not ready, you shake it again.

God is about to shake his Church. And with each shaking, we will draw it closer to Himself, examine it and judge it. And then shake it again till its composition is restored to usability. And all the little fragments have been put back into the mixture where they belong.

Then when he is ready, watch out world. His people will pour out of the old dead churches and astonish the world by showing them what Jesus is really like. They will be on fire for God and used mightily for His kingdom. Just like the burning bush, afire with the presence of God and not consumed.

Jehu's Wild Ride

Bill Somers

> *… the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously*

We hear and real a lot these days about the Church coming into the Third Day and the changes this will bring about. In this article, I want to take a look past the transformation of the Church, toward what this is all leading to. That is The Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

> *And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people …..* Ex 19:11

The quote about driving above is taken from 2 Kings Chapter 9, where we see this discussion of Jehu's wild ride. Here is the complete text.

> *So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram*
> *And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, Is it peace*
> *So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again*
> *Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me*
> *And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously*
> *And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite*
> *And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many*
> *And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah*
> *And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot*
> *Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him*
> *Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD. (2 Kings 9:16-26)*

Jehu's ride is a picture of Jesus Second Coming

What caught my attention in this passage, and led to the Lord opening up my understanding of it, is the detail of Jehu's driving. This is seemingly an insignificant historical tidbit. But the point of it is that the people watching could tell it was Jehu coming while he was still a long ways away. They knew who it was before he even came close! Hallelujah! Now what does that remind you of except the Second

Coming?

> *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.* Mt 24:30
>
> *And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.* Lu 21:27
>
> *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.* Re 1:7

So the way Jehu drives is not just some trivial tidbit, but a vital clue that this entire story has end time meaning. The story continues through chapter 9 and into chapter 10 up to verse 28, where it says:

> *Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.* 2 Ki 10:28

Here are some other points of comparison between Jehu's Wild Ride and The Second Coming.

A. He is joined by a small party that goes out to meet him.
This is the so called rapture, but it is only a small remnant [those still remaining alive] of the saints at this time.

> *Then we which are* ***alive and remain*** *shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.* 1Th 4:17

B. He destroys the two Kings,
These stand for the 'Beast' and the 'False Prophet'.

> *And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.* Re 19:20

C. He calls for the Overthrow of Jezebel,
In Revelation Chapter 2, Jesus calls for the overthrow of a Jezebel. Notice that in the story of Jehu, he does not personally destroy Jezebel, it is the eunuchs who do so. The reason they can do so is they are on the same level as her.

> *And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.*
> *And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?*
> *And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.*
> *And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.* 2Ki 9:30-33

Here we see that Jezebel looks out from a window. This means that she is in the palace on some upper floor. This is a picture of a wicked ruler in a high place. A spiritual high place held by a demonic power.

Who are these eunuchs? I believe they are prophetic intercessors. Those who are able to operate in heavenly realms, having made themselves pure in order to do so. These can throw down the spirit of Jezebel because they can reach her level and execute judgment there.

> *For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it,*

> *let him receive it.* Mt 19:12

D. He slaughters all of the worshippers of Baal,
Jehu called for a great sacrifice to Baal and required all the worshippers of Baal to wear special clothing that easily identified them. Then he commanded his troops to slay them all. The special clothing speaks of the Mark of the Beast.

> *And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,*
> *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:* Re 14:9-10
>
> *And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.* Re 19:21

E. The Meaning Of Naboth's Vineyard.
This speaks of the martyrdom of the saints.

In 2 Kings 9:25-26, quoted above we find Jehu's primary stated reason for returning to Jezreel. And that is to avenge the blood of Naboth. Here Jehu refers to an incident that took place during the reign of Ahab. This is given in 1 Kings 21; the entire chapter is devoted to telling this story. So what's so important about Naboth that the bible spends an entire chapter on him?

Naboth, whose name means fruit or fruits, owned a vineyard near Ahab's palace. Ahab wants the vineyard, but only to use the land for growing something else. So Ahab offers to buy the vineyard or trade him a better one but Naboth stands up to him and refuses.

> *1Ki 21:3 And Naboth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee.*

Jezebel then arranges for Naboth to be falsely accused of the capital crime of blasphemy against the Lord and the King. Naboth and his sons are killed and Ahab takes over the vineyard. Then the Lord sends Elijah to meet Ahab and prophesy the judgment on him that Jehu refers to above.

Now when you see or hear the word 'vineyard' in the bible, your spiritual ears should listen up because the vineyard is a type of God's people. [Isaiah 5]

Since we see that Jehu's wild ride is a picture of the Second Coming of Christ, it should be no surprise that there is an end time allegory to be found in these passages.

Let's identify some of the elements of this allegory.

The **vineyard**: this is a type of God's people, the planting of the Lord. It can designate Israel, the Church or both. [Israel is also a type of the Church]

The **plat** [plot or lot] of ground: This is the world.

Naboth and his sons: Naboth means fruit, this also means God's people, especially those who 'become the sons of God'; the end time saints.

The **crime** of blasphemy against God and the King: this speaks of persecution on religious and secular grounds.

Ahab: Secular Powers

Jezebel: Spiritual Powers

Ahab's intention: [He wants the land for his own use, not to produce Godly fruit.] The kingdom of the beast wants to eradicate any knowledge of the True God.

Ahab's palace: kingdom of the beast or Satan's kingdom.

Summary: Ahab, with Jezebel's help, has Naboth & Sons killed so they can take over his vineyard. Likewise, end time secular and religious forces take over the world, destroy the church and kill God's people. [martyrdom of the saints]

This is saying the same thing as Daniel says in Chapter 7:

> *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;* Da 7:21

And the same idea is put another way in Revelation 13

> *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.* Re 13:7

And this is the primary stated reason for the Second Coming of the Lord, to avenge the blood of his saints.

> *He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.* Joe 1:7

Other passages that speak of revenging of blood.

> *And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.* Ge 4:10
>
> *That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar*. Mt 23:35
>
> *From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.* Lu 11:51
>
> *For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain*. Isa 26:21

Revelation Martyrs

Let's look at the Revelation Martyrs, who also cry for vengeance.

> *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*
> *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.* Re 6:9-11

Here it is indicated that there are many more martyrs yet to come before their blood would be avenged. In chapter 15 we see the rest of them.

> *And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God*. Re 15:2

These here are the martyrs referred to in Chapter 12

> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.* Re 12:11

Here these martyrs have gotten the victory because they were willing to die for the Lord. How does this get them victory over the adversary? Hebrews tells us that the devil has the power of death, and through fear of death he is able to keep men in bondage.

> *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*
> *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.* Heb 2:14-15

So this tells us that by overcoming the fear of death, you overcome Satan. And the proof or demonstration that you have overcome the fear of death is simple. Die without fear. In Romans we read these instructions:

> *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*
> *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* Ro 12:1-2

Here it speaks of proving the will of God. At the end of Romans 12 we find this expression of God's will.

> *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.* Ro 12:19

So extending our train of thought, we see that the revelation martyrs get the victory over the enemy by dying willingly, without fear; and thus 'giving place to wrath'. And this wrath is the avenging of our blood that takes place at the Second Coming and is depicted in the story of Jehu's wild ride.

Jepthah's Daughter:
A Figure of the End Time Church
Bill Somers

Jepthah or Jiphtah means "he opens" or Whom God sets free, or the breaker through.

The Story of Jepthah is found in Judges 11:1 to 12:7 On first reading of this passage, you may think that it depicts a horrifying, senseless act of barbarism. For that reason, most readers will not want to spend much time going back over the story. But hold on here, there end time implications if you study the typology.

The End Time implications can be seen once you realize that Jepthah is a type of Jesus Christ; and Jepthah's brethren represent Israel. Further meaning becomes clear when you see that Jepthah's daughter is a type of the End Time Church. And her sacrifice, as a necessary part of God's End Time Plan. I didn't want to believe this myself when the Lord first showed it to me. But if you read carefully, the pieces fall into place.

Jepthah as a type of Jesus

Jepthah was the son of Gilead, but by a harlot. This means he was of the royal line, but illegitimate.

> Jesus is the Son of God, but his mother was unmarried when he was conceived. [This was well know among the people of his day. In John chapter 8, the Pharisees attacking him make reference to it. "… Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, *even* God. John 8:41]

Jepthah was rejected by his brothers and left to live in a distant country.

Jesus was rejected by his brethren and left, returning to sit at the right hand of the Father.

Jepthah's return as a type of the Second Coming

> *"It came to pass in the passage of time that the children of Ammon made war against Israel." Judges 11:4*

And Jepthah's people called for him to come and be their captain. And Jepthah required that they *make him their head*.

At the end of the age, Jesus brethren, the people of Israel will be attacked by all the nations of the world, leading to the battle of Armageddon. Then they will seek help from their God. They will repent and acknowledge him as their Lord and Messiah. They will *make Him their head*, saying **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord**. And He will come and fight their battle for them. And the Lord, His Father, will deliver His enemies into His hand.

The Price of Victory

> *And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands,*
> *Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering. (Judges 11:30-31)*

Jepthah's daughter as a type of the End Time Church

Jepthah's daughter was his only child, and he loved her deeply, she was the apple of his eye..

Jesus' Church is his beloved bride whom he loves with a infinite divine love.

Whatsoever cometh forth shall surely be the Lord's

The daughter comes out of the house to meet him with timbrels and dancing.

The End Time Church will come out from institutional religion into the freedom of Revival. She will celebrate being in the presence of her Lord with great praise and rejoicing.

Her Destiny Revealed

Jepthah tells her about his vow and she willingly accepts her fate out of great love for Jepthah and total agreement with his purposes. This is part of the Revelation of Jesus Christ!

She is seen asking for a short time go out on the mountain before she must die. This is like Caleb's daughter who says you have given me land, now give me springs of water to water it. Which speaks of the Church who has been given the great commission but needs the great outpouring of the Spirit, living waters, to bring in this harvest.

When the Lord reveals Himself to His church, in revival, she will become willing to obey in all things. Like Mary who said, "Be it unto me according to thy word." The church will be willing in the day of His power to offer herself a living sacrifice which is her reasonable service. Her obedience is her worship. When you place your self at God's disposal you give him the right to dispose of you.

Jepthah's daughter goes out for a short time to go up and down the mountains.

The church will then have a short season to bring in the harvest moving in the miraculous end time power of God. She will be the one spoken of as how lovely on the mountains, [nations], are the feet of them that bring good news, [feet shod with the preparation of the gospel], and announcing the Kingdom of God is at

hand.

Jepthah's Daughter meets her end as an offering to the Lord.

The End time Church will offer themselves a living sacrifice. [Rom. 12:1] When the beast is given power To Make War With The Saints, And To Overcome Them (Revelation 13:7)

The Mighty Men

There is another parallel with the sacrifice of the church in the story of David when he yearned for a drink from the well of Bethlehem.

> *And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.*
> *And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.*
> *And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!*
> *And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.*
> *And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. 2 Sam 23:13-17*

What David does here is pour out the water as a sacrifice to the Lord, calling it the blood of his mighty men. This speaks of Jesus offering up the lives of those who risk all for Him. It also speaks of Jepthah offering *whatsoever comes forth out of his house*, his daughter, in order that he might gain the victory over Israel's enemies.

The Key to this whole thing is Jepthah's vow, the sacrifice of his daughter and what it means in terms of the church.

So we must consider how it is that Jesus comes and gets the victory in the battle of Armageddon. Or in other words, exactly how does the Second Coming come about?

Three things must happen.

The Gospel must be preached to all the world [Matt. 14.24]
The Powers of Heaven must be removed and
Israel must call upon their Lord to come and save them.

If Jepthah's daughter represents the End Time Church, her role is in part one. But her sacrifice is needed for part two.

Let's look at them in reverse order.

One point is that Israel must repent before Jesus can return. He said 'you will not see me again till you say blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

We hear it spoken in several places that Israel will repent when she sees herself surrounded by enemies and has no other choice but to call on the Lord.

Here is a quote From "America Will Burn" by Dimitru Duduman:

> "When Israel realizes she does not have the strength of America behind her, she will be frightened. That's when she will turn to the Messiah for deliverance. That's when the Messiah will come. Then, the church will meet Jesus in the air, and He will bring them back with Him to the Mount of Olives. At that time the battle of Armageddon will be fought."

And here from Tom Cooper in an article titled "Update Israel"

> … Syria, Iran, Iraq, and just about everyone else wants to go to war against Israel and liberate "Palestine". I think Egypt is planning to join this challenge as well. They have recalled their ambassador to Israel, and called up their reserve forces (two things they have only done before when preparing to go to war) I believe we are headed for a full scale war.
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> I also am sorry to say that my long predicted blow out between the U.S. and an allied Russia and China seems to be looming ever closer. China will take Taiwan, pulling the U.S. into a war, and Russia will attack the U.S. mainland. This will free the road to Israel once the U.S. has been taken out of the picture.
>
> Whether this is a couple years down the road I am not sure, but the Middle East is set to explode this summer in my humble opinion. This will lead to the destruction of Damascus the Bible speaks of. Israel will use nuclear weapons, and the world will quake. The end result will be the U. N. putting ground troops in Israel, and dividing the land, which Joel tells us is the precise reason God gathers the nations for judgment, because they divided His land.
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> I believe all of this is going to force Israel into absolute seclusion, and a desperate situation that only the Mercy of God can deliver them (us) from. This is what will make them cry out Baruch Ha Ba B'Shem Adonai (Blessed be Him who comes in the name of the Lord.) It is then that Jesus will come again to His people, and the veil will be lifted.

This next point is crucial, I can't emphasize it enough.

> It is **not enough** that Israel is attacked on all sides by all nations of the world.
> It is **not enough** that Israel is forced into a desperate situation.
> It is **not enough** that Israel is frightened and facing annihilation.
> These conditions only reflect the physical situation. To make her repent something more is needed, a change in the spiritual situation.

We can't say that Israel will have *no other choice* but to call on the Lord in this situation. There is another possibility. This has happened before and she **fought to the death** in 70 AD at the destruction of Jerusalem and later at Masada where all the Jews committed suicide. This time she has an arsenal of nuclear weapons at her disposal. [Anwar Sadat knew this and decided to make peace. Today's Arab leaders seem to have forgotten it.]
There is one more condition needed for Israel to repent and that is that her spiritual blindness must be removed. Otherwise, to call on the Lord will not be considered an option.

That spiritual blindness is due to the presence of the powers of heaven. These are spiritual powers that exercise influence on the minds of those beneath them. They are the cause of spiritual blindness; the spiritual blindness that we speak of as a veil. [It would take another very detailed teaching to go into exactly how this happens. Ralph Mahoney, for example, has an excellent 6 tape series on 'Spiritual Influences On The Mind'. But it is these spiritual influences that come into play here.]

The second point is that Jesus can't return till the powers of heaven are removed.. And what exactly does that mean?

Let's look at two parallel cases in the bible which speak of Jesus return. The first involves Moses, and we need to consider this as an example of prophetic typology where Moses is acting as a type of Jesus.

> *Exodus 4*
> *18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.*
> *19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.*
> *20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.*

His return to his people depended on the removal of those who sought his life.

And in Mathew 2 where Jesus, as a young boy, or Moses as a type of Jesus cannot return to the land of his people till those who sought his life are dead.

> *But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,*
>
> *Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.*
>
> *And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. Mat 2:19-21*

Once again, His return to his people depended on the removal of those who sought his life.

At the end of the Tribulation, the battle of Armageddon, His return to his people will depend on the removal of those who sought his life.
Who are they that sought his life?

Now who is it that sought his life but the Kings of this world, or the powers of the air. The principalities and powers ruling in heavenly places. The Powers of Heaven.

And it is they who must die, [fall like Adam], for Jesus to return. The following scripture reference speaks of those who sought his life.

> *6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:*
> *7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*
> *8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8*

Before He returns these **powers of heaven** must be taken out.

Here's a set of scriptures relating to the Lord's return, the powers of heaven and the repentance of Israel.

> *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7*
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> *The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the **idols of Egypt** shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. Isaiah 19:1*
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> *And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Mark 14:62*
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> *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. Zechariah 12:10*
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> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. Jeremiah 50:4*
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> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jeremiah 50:20*
>
> *Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.*
> *For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and **treadeth upon the high places of the earth**, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name. Amos 4 12-13*

One of the final judgments is that the powers of heaven will be shaken and the stars will fall. This means the satanic kingdoms of the air will be judged and the demonic princes who sit in those thrones [Prince of Persia etc.] will all fall to earth.

> *And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. Mark 13:25*
>
> *Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. Luke 21:26*

> *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: Matthew 24:29*

One way that *every eye* might see Jesus when He comes is that He will orbit the planet. Perhaps he will do so several times like the space shuttle, as He carries out this judgment against the heavenly powers.

Why must these powers of heaven be removed? And what does this result in?

Because these powers make up the veil of spiritual blindness, and removing them removes the veil. Once this phase of the judgment is complete, the veil will be gone from over the nation of Israel. She will still be facing all her enemies coming to the battle of Armageddon. But then she will see clearly her need for Jeshua her Messiah and call upon him for deliverance in the day of trouble. Jesus will already be on the way, having heard the prayer before it was made.

A third condition for Jesus return is the gospel must be preached to all the world. This is the church completing the great commission and bringing in the harvest. After this the beast is given power to make war and overcome the saints.

We know that when the fullness of the gentiles comes in the veil will be removed. And we see that removing the veil means judging the powers of heaven. And this is because they are the ones who enforce spiritual blindness on Israel. They are the veil over their [Israel's] minds that must be taken away. What causes the powers of heaven to be judged, and why at this time?

The death of the church by persecution of the beast is what triggers the final wrath of God.

In Romans 12 He says:

> *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19*

That's not just a warning, it's a promise.

> *Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.*
> *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:20-21*

The Church that is willing to be martyred is the church that overcomes evil.

We read in Joel where God is speaking of the nation attacking His people and the beast who leads them:

> *He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white. Joel 1:7*

Figuratively this speaks of the final persecution of the church bringing about the wrath of God upon his enemies.

So perhaps the fullness of the gentiles coming in means not just coming into salvation but coming into the throne room of heaven which means they must be martyred. This is what is spoken of by the vow of Jepthah. Just as Jepthah had to honor his vow which gave him the victory, it is the death of the church that will "give place unto wrath".

He Comes To Avenge The Blood Of His Servants.

At any rate the death of the church is what's required to trigger God's vengeance. This vengeance comes first on the powers of heaven. These are the *men who sought his death*, and when they are out of the way, this removes the veil of spiritual blindness from Israel. As Israel repents, the final condition for Jesus' return is met and He comes to fight their battle for them at Armageddon.

We have read many testimonies where people who get a very powerful visitation from God, confess their willingness to die for him. This can be seen in the scriptures as well. We will experience the same thing in revival.

What's unusual in this allegory of Jepthah's daughter is that her sacrifice comes after the battle is fought, but Jepthah is required to carry out his vow.

If we can see that the sacrifice of the [gentile] church is necessary we can also remind ourselves that Jesus has already fought the battle and won the victory for us.

Recap:

The End Time Church 'comes out' of the institutional church.
She receives a Revelation of Her Lord and Grace to accomplish His purposes.
When the Harvest is complete, great persecution comes. All but a small remnant perish.
When this reaches it's end, the Lord Rises up [with a shout!] to judge the powers of heaven.
This removes the veil of spiritual blindness from the nation of Israel, who then call upon the name of the Lord.
Thus fulfilling the final condition for The Second Coming.

Now what does it take to get her to *come out*?

Jeremiah
Darlene Fellman

THE CRY GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOU IN......
NORTH AMERICA, (INCLUDING CANADA)
YOU HAVE HAD THE WORD PREACHED TIME AND TIME AGAIN OVER THE AIR WAVES AND IN CHURCHES YOU ARE NOW FOUND WITHOUT EXCUSE... THE WORD OF GOD CONDEMNS YOU.. YOU ARE SEEN IN THE PAGES OF THE WORD OF GOD.
THROUGH OUT THE MANY CHAPTERS TAKEN HERE IN THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH. THE SCRIPTURES BELOW ARE TAKEN FROM THE 'NLT' BECAUSE THAT IS HOW WE NOW SPEAK..
GOD IS VERY ANGRY AT HIS PEOPLE THEY BROKE THE COVENANT.
THEY SHAMED THE LORD TO THE OTHER NATIONS BECAUSE OF THEIR SIN!!!
WOE WOE WOE REPENTANCE IS NOW NECESSARY!!! THERE IS A CUT OFF TIME!!
I URGE EACH ONE TO READ THE WHOLE BOOK OF JEREMIAH. IT HAS STIRRED ME AND IT IS A VERY TIMELY BOOK..
OPEN YOUR HEART TO THE LORD FOR TRUTH. .... MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AS YOU DO...
Darlene Fellman.. my comments are in capital letters.
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Jeremiah PRAYS HERE AND MAGNIFIES THE LORD.. DO WE?
Chapter 10
Lord, there is no one like you! For you are great, and your name is full of power. 7 Who would not fear you, O King of nations? That title belongs to you alone! Among all the wise people of the earth and in all the kingdoms of the world, there is no one like you.
8 The wisest of people who worship idols are stupid and foolish.
The Coming Destruction HIS ANGER
17 "Pack your bag and prepare to leave; the siege is about to begin," 18 says the Lord. "For suddenly, I will fling you from this land and pour great troubles upon you. **At last you will feel my anger."**
19 My wound is desperate, and my grief is great. My sickness is incurable, but I must bear it. 20 My home is gone, and no one is left to help me rebuild it. My children have been taken away, and I will never see them again. 21 The shepherds of my people have lost their senses. They no longer follow the Lord or ask what he wants of them. Therefore, they fail completely, and their flocks are scattered. 22 Listen! Hear the terrifying roar of great armies as they roll down from the north. The towns of Judah will be destroyed and will become a haunt for jackals.
Chapter 11
Then the Lord said, "Broadcast this message in the streets of Jerusalem. Go from town to town throughout the land and say, `Remember the covenant your ancestors made, and do everything they promised. 7 For I solemnly warned your ancestors when I brought them out of Egypt, repeating over and over again to this day: "Obey me!" 8 But your ancestors did not pay any attention; they would not even listen. Instead, they stubbornly followed their own evil desires. **And because they refused to obey, I brought upon them all the curses described in our covenant.' "**
9 Again the Lord spoke to me and said, "I have discovered a conspiracy against me among the people of Judah and Jerusalem. 10 They have returned to the sins of their forefathers. **They have refused to listen to me and are worshiping idols. Israel and Judah have both broken the covenant I made with their ancestors. 11 Therefore, says the Lord, I am going to bring calamity upon them, and they will not escape. Though they beg for mercy, I will not listen to their cries**. 12 Then the people of Judah and Jerusalem will pray to their idols and offer incense before them. But the idols will not save them when disaster strikes! 13 Look now, people of Judah, you have as many gods as there are cities and towns. Your altars of shame-altars for burning incense to your god Baal-are along every street in Jerusalem.
14 **"Pray no more for these people, Jeremiah. Do not weep or pray for them, for I will not listen to them when they cry out to me in distress. 15 What right do my beloved people have to come to my Temple, where they have done so many immoral things? Can their sacrifices avert their destruction? They actually rejoice in doing evil!**
16 "I, the Lord, once called them a thriving olive tree, beautiful to see and full of good fruit. But now I have sent the fury of their enemies to burn them with fire, leaving them charred and broken. 17 I, the Lord Almighty, who planted this olive tree, have ordered it destroyed. **For the people of Israel and Judah have done evil, provoking my anger by offering incense to Baal."**
PROSPERITY MESSAGE IS OF GREED AND PROMOTES SELF...
Chapter 10
Jeremiah's Prayer and
A plot to kill a TRUE PROPHET People will not listen to the truth.
23 I know, Lord, that a person's life is not his own. No one is able to plan his own course. 24 So correct me,

Lord, but please be gentle. Do not correct me in anger, for I would die. 25 Pour out your wrath on the nations that refuse to recognize you-on nations that do not call upon your name. For they have utterly devoured your people Israel,* making the land a desolate wilderness.
Then the Lord told me about the plots my enemies were making against me. 19 I had been as unaware as a lamb on the way to its slaughter. I had no idea that they were planning to kill me! "Let's destroy this man and all his words," they said. "Let's kill him, so his name will be forgotten forever."
Chapter 11
20 O Lord Almighty, you are just, and you examine the deepest thoughts of hearts and minds. Let me see your vengeance against them, for I have committed my cause to you.

So this is what the Lord Almighty says about them: "I will punish them! Their young men will die in battle, and their little boys and girls will starve. 23 Not one of these plotters from Anathoth will survive, for I will bring disaster upon them when their time of punishment comes."

DROUGHT COMING

Chapter 14
Judah wilts; her businesses have ground to a halt. All the people sit on the ground in mourning, and a great cry rises from Jerusalem. 3 The nobles send servants to get water, but all the wells are dry. The servants return with empty pitchers, confused and desperate, covering their heads in grief. 4 The ground is parched and cracked for lack of rain. The farmers are afraid; they, too, cover their heads. 5 The deer abandons her newborn fawn because there is no grass. 6 The wild donkeys stand on the bare hills panting like thirsty jackals. They strain their eyes looking for grass to eat, but there is none to be found."

THEY CRY OUT FOR THEIR LACK AND GOD SAYS
Then the Lord said to me, **"Do not pray for these people anymore. 12 When they fast in my presence, I will pay no attention. When they present their burnt offerings and grain offerings to me, I will not accept them. In return, I will give them only war, famine, and disease."**

LOOK AT THEIR LIARS THAT THEY HAD AND WE HAVE THEM TOO.

13 Then I said, "**O Sovereign Lord, their prophets are telling them, `All is well-no war or famine will come. The Lord will surely send you peace.' "**
14 T**hen the Lord said, "These prophets are telling lies in my name. I did not send them or tell them to speak. I did not give them any messages. They prophesy of visions and revelations they have never seen or heard. They speak foolishness made up in their own lying hearts. 15 Therefore, says the Lord, I will punish these lying prophets, for they have spoken in my name even though I never sent them. They say that no war or famine will come, but they themselves will die by war and famine! 16 As for the people to whom they prophesy-their bodies will be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem, victims of famine and war. There will be no one left to bury them. Husbands, wives, sons, and daughters-all will be gone. For I will pour out their own wickedness on them.**

JEREMIAH THEN CRIES OUT FOR HIS PEOPLE BUT GOD SAYS....

Chapter 15
Inevitable Doom
Then the Lord said to me, **"Even if Moses and Samuel stood before me pleading for these people, I wouldn't help them. Away with them! Get them out of my sight! 2 And if they say to you, `But where can we go?' tell them, `This is what the Lord says: Those who are destined for death, to death; those who are destined for war, to war; those who are destined for famine, to famine; those who are destined for captivity, to captivity.'**
3 "I will send four kinds of destroyers against them," says the Lord. "I will send the sword to kill, the dogs to drag away, the vultures to devour, and the wild animals to finish up what is left. 4 Because of the wicked things Manasseh son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, did in Jerusalem, I will make my people an object of horror to all the kingdoms of the earth.
5 "Who will feel sorry for you, Jerusalem? Who will weep for you? Who will even bother to ask how you are? 6 You have forsaken me and turned your back on me," says the Lord. "Therefore, I will raise my clenched fists to destroy you. I am tired of always giving you another chance. 7 I will winnow you like grain at the gates of your cities and take away everything you hold dear. I will destroy my own people, because they refuse to turn back to me from all their evil ways.
8 "There will be more widows than the grains of sand along the seashore. At noontime I will bring a destroyer against the mothers of young men. I will cause anguish and terror to come upon them suddenly. 9 The mother of seven grows faint and gasps for breath; her sun has gone down while it is yet day. She sits childless now, disgraced and humiliated. And those who are left, I will hand over to the enemy to be killed," says the Lord.

TYPES OF JUDGMENT COMING

Chapter 16

The Lord gave me another message. He said, 2 "Do not marry or have children in this place. 3 For this is what the Lord says about the children born here in this city and about their mothers and fathers: 4 They will die from terrible diseases. No one will mourn for them or bury them, and they will lie scattered on the ground like dung. They will die from **war and famine**, and their bodies will be food for the vultures and wild animals.

Judah's Coming Punishment

5 "Do not go to their funerals to mourn and show sympathy for them," says the Lord, "for I have removed my protection and peace from them. I have taken away my unfailing love and my mercy. 6 Both the great and the lowly will die in this land. No one will bury them or mourn for them. Their friends will not cut themselves or shave their heads in sadness. 7 No one will offer a meal to comfort those who mourn for the dead-not even for the death of a mother or a father. No one will send a cup of wine to console them.

8 "And do not go to their feasts and parties. Do not eat and drink with them at all. 9 For the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: In your own lifetime, before your very eyes, I will put an end to the happy singing and laughter in this land. The joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides will no longer be heard.

10 "When you tell the people all these things, they will ask, `Why has the Lord decreed such terrible things against us? What have we done to deserve such treatment? What is our sin against the Lord our God?' 11 Tell them that this is the Lord's reply: It is because your ancestors were unfaithful to me. They worshiped other gods and served them. They abandoned me. They did not keep my law. 12 And you are even worse than your ancestors! You stubbornly follow your own evil desires and refuse to listen to me. 13 So I will throw you out of this land and send you into a foreign land where you and your ancestors have never been. There you can worship idols all you like-and I will grant you no favors!

Chapter 17

This is what the Lord says: **"Cursed are those who put their trust in mere humans and turn their hearts away from the Lord.** 6 They are like stunted shrubs in the desert, with no hope for the future. They will live in the barren wilderness, on the salty flats where no one lives.

7 **"But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence.** 8 They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they go right on producing delicious fruit.

9 **"The human heart is most deceitful and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? 10 But I know! I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."**

Chapter 18

Then the Lord gave me this message: 6 "O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand. 7 If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, 8 but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned. 9 And if I announce that I will build up and plant a certain nation or kingdom, making it strong and great, 10 but then that nation turns to evil and refuses to obey me, I will not bless that nation as I had said I would.

11 "Therefore, Jeremiah, go and warn all Judah and Jerusalem. Say to them, `This is what the Lord says: I am planning disaster against you instead of good. So turn from your evil ways, each of you, and do what is right.' "

MORE PERSECUTION

18. Then the people said, "Come on, let's find a way to stop Jeremiah. We have our own priests and wise men and prophets. We don't need him to teach the law and give us advice and prophecies. Let's spread rumors about him and ignore what he says."

ABORTION --CHILD KILLING

Chapter 19

Listen to this message from the Lord, you kings of Judah and citizens of Jerusalem! This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: I will bring such a terrible disaster on this place that the ears of those who hear about it will ring!

4 " `For Israel has forsaken me and turned this valley into a place of wickedness. The people burn incense to foreign gods-idols never before worshiped by this generation, by their ancestors, or by the kings of Judah. **And they have filled this place with the blood of innocent children**. 5 They have built pagan shrines to Baal, and there they burn their sons as sacrifices to Baal. I have never commanded such a horrible deed; it never even crossed my mind to command such a thing! 6 So beware, for the time is coming, says the Lord, when this place will no longer be called Topheth or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter.

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all the houses in Jerusalem, including the palace of Judah's kings, will become like Topheth-all the houses where you burned incense on the rooftops **to your star gods,** and where drink offerings were poured out to your idols.' "

14 Then Jeremiah returned from Topheth where he had delivered this message, and he stopped in front of the Temple of the Lord. He said to the people there, 15 "This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: I will bring disaster upon this city and its surrounding towns just as I promised, because you have stubbornly refused to listen to me."

JEREMIAH WAS ARRESTED BY THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS mmmmm
Chapter 20
Now Pashhur son of Immer, the priest in charge of the Temple of the Lord, heard what Jeremiah was saying. 2 So he arrested Jeremiah the prophet and had him whipped and put in stocks at the Benjamin Gate of the Lord's Temple.
Jeremiah's Complaint
7 O Lord, you persuaded me, and I allowed myself to be persuaded. You are stronger than I am, and you overpowered me. Now I am mocked by everyone in the city. 8 Whenever I speak, the words come out in a violent outburst. "Violence and destruction!" I shout. So these messages from the Lord have made me a household joke. 9 **And I can't stop! If I say I'll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am weary of holding it in!**

I PRAY THAT WE ALL ALLOW GOD TO PUT WITHIN US HIS WORD SO MIGHTILY THAT IT BURNS AND CANNOT QUENCHED EVEN IN THE FACE OF DEATH!!

10 I have heard the many rumors about me. They call me "The Man Who Lives in Terror." And they say, "If you say anything, we will report it." Even my old friends are watching me, waiting for a fatal slip. "He will trap himself," they say, "and then we will get our revenge on him."
11 **But the Lord stands beside me like a great warrior. Before him they will stumble. They cannot defeat me. They will be shamed and thoroughly humiliated. Their dishonor will never be forgotten. 12 O Lord Almighty! You know those who are righteous, and you examine the deepest thoughts of hearts and minds. Let me see your vengeance against them, for I have committed my cause to you. 13 Now I will sing out my thanks to the Lord! Praise the Lord! For though I was poor and needy, he delivered me from my oppressors.**
PRAISE THE LORD. HE CARES FOR HIS OWN WHO ARE WALKING AND ABIDING IN HIS TRUTH AND LOVE HIM WITH ALL THEIR HEART, MIND AND SOUL, AND HAVE DENIED THEMSELVES AND PICKED UP THEIR CROSS AND TRULY FOLLOW HIM.
Chapter 21
This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I will make your weapons useless against the king of Babylon and the Babylonians* who are attacking you. Yes, I will bring your enemies right into the heart of this city. 5 I myself will fight against you with great power, for I am very angry. You have made me furious! 6 I will send a terrible plague upon this city, and both people and animals will die. 7 And then, says the Lord, even after King Zedekiah, his officials, and everyone else in the city have survived war, famine, and disease, I will hand them over to King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. He will slaughter them all without mercy, pity, or compassion.'
8 "Tell all the people, `This is what the Lord says: Take your choice of life or death! 9 Everyone who stays in Jerusalem will die from war, famine, or disease, but those who go out and surrender to the Babylonians will live. 10 For I have decided to bring disaster and not good upon this city, says the Lord. It will be captured by the king of Babylon, and he will reduce it to ashes.'
THE SINNERS BOAST OF THEIR PROTECTION AND FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY BUT..... SOUNDS FAMILIAR ??
`Listen to this message from the Lord! 12 This is what the Lord says to the dynasty of David: Give justice to the people you judge! Help those who have been robbed; rescue them from their oppressors. Do what is right, or my anger will burn like an unquenchable fire because of all your sins. 13 **I will fight against this city of Jerusalem that boasts, "We are safe on our mountain! No one can touch us here."**
14 And I myself will punish you for your sinfulness, says the Lord. I will light a fire in your forests that will burn up everything around you.' "

ONLY A REMNANT WILL BE LEFT...
Chapter 23
This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to these shepherds: "Instead of leading my flock to safety, you have deserted them and driven them to destruction. Now I will pour out judgment on you for the evil you have done to them. 3 **But I will gather together the remnant** of my flock from wherever I have driven them. I will bring them back into their own fold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number. 4 Then I will appoint responsible shepherds to care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one of them will be lost or missing," says the Lord.

FALSE DREAMS AND FALSE PROPHETS.....
"I have not sent these prophets, yet they claim to speak for me. I have given them no message, yet they prophesy. 22 If they had listened to me, they would have spoken my words and turned my people from their evil ways. 23 Am I a God who is only in one place?" asks the Lord. "Do they think I cannot see what they are

doing? 24 Can anyone hide from me? Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?" asks the Lord.
25 **"I have heard these prophets say, `Listen to the dream I had from God last night.' And then they proceed to tell lies in my name. 26 How long will this go on? If they are prophets, they are prophets of deceit, inventing everything they say. 27 By telling these false dreams, they are trying to get my people to forget me, just as their ancestors did by worshiping the idols of Baal. 28 Let these false prophets tell their dreams, but let my true messengers faithfully proclaim my every word. There is a difference between chaff and wheat! 29 Does not my word burn like fire?" asks the Lord. "Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes rock to pieces?**
30 "Therefore," says the Lord, "I stand against these prophets who get their messages from each other-31 these smooth-tongued prophets who say, `This prophecy is from the Lord!' 32 Their imaginary dreams are flagrant lies that lead my people into sin. I did not send or appoint them, and they have no message at all for my people," says the Lord.
False Prophecies and False Prophets
33 "Suppose one of the people or one of the prophets or priests asks you, `What prophecy has the Lord burdened you with now?' You must reply, `You are the burden!* The Lord says he will abandon you!' 34 If any prophet, priest, or anyone else says, `I have a prophecy from the Lord,' I will punish that person along with his entire family. 35 You should keep asking each other, `What is the Lord's answer?' or `What is the Lord saying?' 36 But stop using this phrase, `prophecy from the Lord.' For people are using it to give authority to their own ideas, turning upside down the words of our God, the living God, the Lord Almighty.
37 "This is what you should say to the prophets: `What is the Lord's answer?' or `What is the Lord saying?' 38 But suppose they respond, `This is a prophecy from the Lord!' Then you should say, `This is what the Lord says: Because you have used this phrase, "prophecy from the Lord," even though I warned you not to use it, 39 I will forget you completely. I will expel you from my presence, along with this city that I gave to you and your ancestors. 40 And I will make you an object of ridicule, and your name will be infamous throughout the ages.' "

THIS IS HAPPENING NOW-- IDOLATRY, PERSECUTION, LYING, EVIL DOINGS,
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MANY ARE BEING WARNED TIME AND TIME AGAIN.. WILL YOU LIVE FOR HIM OR NOT? LISTEN.....
CHOICE LIFE OR CHOOSE DEATH... SOON THERE WILL BE NO MORE TIME
GIVEN FOR YOU TO REPENT.... DO IT NOW!!!

Moses and Jethro: An End Time Allegory

by Bill Somers

> *16. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock.*
> *17 .And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.*
> *18 .And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon to day?*
> *19 .And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water enough for us, and watered the flock.*
> *20 .And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread.*
> *21 .And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipporah his daughter.* Exodus 2:16-21 (KJV)

This story follows the pattern a Lord revealed to me. I talk about this pattern in my article, End Time Outline. To quickly summarize it is that the end time events will follow a five step progression. The five phases are Kingdom, Judgment, Redemption, Harvest and Finale. These steps are illustrated in many places throughout the bible, once you know what to look for.

The key element in this progression is the transition from judgment to redemption. The purpose of judgment is redemption. We need to embrace and rejoice in His judgments, for when we see these things happen, our redemption draws near. The redemption we speak of in nothing less that the transformation of the church of today into the bride that Jesus is going to wed. The redemption is the reformation of the church.
A key verse to meditate on is Isaiah 1:27 *"Zion shall be redeemed with judgment and her converts with righteousness."*

In this story there are elements and actions:
The Elements:
The 7 daughters of Jethro [Ruel] are the church, or more correctly, the remnant of the church that is truly seeking after the things of God. The Number 7 here speaks of the perfection coming to the church.

Jethro is The Father.

Moses is The Lord Jesus Christ

The shepherds are the other company in today’s church, the establishment that resists the move of God.

The Actions:

The daughters of Jethro come to the well seeking to draw water.
This is the refreshing that parts of the church have going today, Toronto, Pensacola, etc.
This is the Kingdom Phase.

The shepherds oppose them.
This is the opposition to revival.

There is strife between them.
This could be called Civil War in the Church.

Moses comes on the scene.
This is the increasing presence of God in the revival.

Moses stood up
Let God Arise!

Moses drives away the shepherds who are hindering Jethro’s daughters.
This is the Lords judgments against false shepherds.
Let His enemies be scattered.
This is the Judgment Phase.

Moses waters the flock! The Well is opened!
This is the oft spoken of End Time Outpouring of the Spirit, i. e. Real Revival.
This is the Redemption Phase

The sheep are watered.
This is the harvest.! The sheep are provided for, all who thirst may come and drink.
This is the Harvest Phase

Moses and the women return to Jethro.
This is the resurrection of the saints and our gathering together unto Him.
This is the Finale.

Jethro gives Moses one of his daughters to marry.
Jesus receives his long awaited bride at the Marriage Supper.

I believe we are now at a point where things are going to get worse before they get better. So how do you handle it when things get worse? Just keep in mind that they are going to get better! Look UP!

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Jezebel’s Affliction

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Jezebel’s Affliction

We are entering the time of Jezebel’s affliction. The AV New Testament word “affliction” is the same Greek word used for “tribulation”. In Revelation 2:18-29 Jesus speaks to the church of Thyatira telling them He is about to place Jezebel on a bed of affliction, along with those who commit adultery with her. Also, He says He will put to death her children.

Who was Jezebel?

Jezebel in Revelation is one who takes upon themselves a title, draws others into illicit relationships, and teaches others how to do it. She causes others to get nourishment through things used in idolatry.

In I Kings, Jezebel raises up her own acceptable prophets, attacks the true prophets, steals anothers vineyard, and is enemy to Elijah.

Who is Jezebel?

Today Jezebel is **SELF**, manifested in individuals and organizations. These take upon themselves titles, seduce people for money, submission, and affections. These also teach people to do the same. Those **SELF**-driven individuals and organizations take the place of Christ! (Spiritual adultery) These cause people to eat of the fruit of fleshly endeavors that are nothing more then self-serving idolatry.

Jezebel today attacks true prophets, labeling them as rebels, mavericks, unsubmitted, dangerous and not to be listened to or trusted. Yet she promotes and condones “prophets” that will approve of and defend her controlling, manipulative grip on the spotlight; and the grip on people’s affection, submission, and money.

Who is committing adultery with Her?

Anyone who submits to her seduction by giving themselves to her teaching and ways, and eats the fruit dedicated to her idols.

Who are her children?

All of the things birthed out of **SELF** and its fleshly desires.

Who is the cause of the affliction (Tribulation)?

Ahab united himself to Jezebel and followed her practices. According to Ahab, Elijah is the cause of tribulation. But Elijah declared the true cause of the trouble; it was because Ahab had followed after the idolatry of Jezebel. Men operating under the influence of Jezebel (SELF) cause the trouble.

What is the Affliction (Tribulation) for?

The reason tribulation comes is so that there is a change of heart. This is mercy so that all that are in bed with her might repent. Most of the church operates under the influence of Jezebel (SELF) right now. God is going to free us from her through tribulation. Yet it is for God’s purposes. Many will fight against it.

2Co 4:17 For our tribulation, which is momentary and light, prepares an exceeding and eternal weight of glory unto us;

Re 7:14 And I said unto him, lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are those who came out of great tribulation and have washed their long robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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Jesus Is Coming Yet People Yawn And Not Yearn

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I recognize we're an apathetic generation that loves to be entertained rather than think real serious thoughts. At least some feel that way. But there is one form of apathy I don't get and that is the fact that people are yawning over the return of the King of kings and not yearning for it. This is the greatest news on earth. Titus calls it our "blessed hope." The Lord will put an end to all sorrow, sighing, tears, disasters, broken relationships, and more.

The apathy factor has grown since 9/11. America was torn for a few months and then many forgot because it wasn't in their neighborhood. People went back to sleep while the evil doers in this country continue their plotting.

The tsunami of late 2004 shook some folks up when they saw the carnage and Hurricane Katrina did the same for a while. But memories are short when it comes to bad news and apathy returned. But why the apathy to the good news that the King is coming? The world is starving for good, uplifting news. It doesn't make the nightly news because to them only bad news counts! Christians have the best news on earth, and at the top of the list is that God has an end-time plan, and evil will be vanquished with the return of the Lord.

Then I realized that Jesus would return in the generation that wasn't thinking about it! He says, "be ready for in such an hour as you think not, the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:44). Our Lord said he would intentionally choose a time frame when many believers were indifferent and not waiting and watching.

I have concluded that we are the "think not" generation. As a matter of fact, if the Lord returned today He just might find some churches pretty cozy with a sinful world and some of them majoring in minors when it comes to even preparing people for eternity. The new "seeker-sensitive" church movement doesn't want anybody to be uncomfortable and the message of Bible prophecy is labeled "doom and gloom." What is "doom and gloom" about focusing on the eternal Home Jesus has prepared for His believing church? Yet church after church has tossed this wonderful, uplifting theme which is also the major theme of the Bible from beginning to the end.

If believers can get ecstatic about a sports event, why not about the return of the Lord? It doesn't matter what view of eschatology one holds. Some believe in a Rapture and some in only the Second Coming. Either way, we need to be yearning and not yawning. Jesus rebuked the Jewish spiritual leaders of His day in Matthew 16 for not knowing the signs of the times or recognizing His first coming. I believe He is equally displeased that spiritual leaders and Christians today give little thought to His coming again. Jesus enthusiastically engaged His disciples in a discussion of His return in Matthew 24 and 25. From that I conclude that we can be assured that the quest for an understanding of His return is a worthy pursuit.

This world is not our home. God has prepared a glorious place for us. Life is short this side of Heaven. Sinners are lost and need to know this good news.

It grieves me, but I wonder what God thinks about this? I believe He is yearning for us to join Him in His Heavenly Kingdom, yet many of His followers seem to care less, or at the very least, put no emphasis on this in their thinking or theology.

Judgment Is Here

Bill Somers

Just a short note by way of commentary. Here are some recent signs.

- Large earthquake near Japan
- Another earthquake in Italy the same week
- Fires is Mexico and Guatemala sending smoky haze into Texas and Louisiana
- Food riots and mass destruction in Indonesia

Add this to the content of the prophetic material we are seeing lately, and you may well conclude that, as Thomas Gibson writes, we have entered into the time of judgment. This is the beginning of sorrows.

The USA is in the process of turning its back on Israel in the middle east. This will trigger judgments falling on the USA. And this is because it removes the main reason God restrains Himself from Judging the USA.

As our abandonment of Israel continues, expect to see increasing judgments. But also with this, increasing World Revival!

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Judgment Must Begin

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For the Lord would say to his people:
The time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God:
For I am setting my Throne in the midst of my people to establish my kingdom on this earth.
And That Throne that I set in your midst is a Judgment Seat.
The Judgment seat of Christ.
Yea there is Judgment coming to my house, for I shall set my house in order.
My House must be fitly framed before I can allow it to grow.
Yea I shall overturn the tables of the money changers and make my house a house of prayer.
Yea there is Judgment coming but my word says, that when my judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.
A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.
Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth?
Yea the dragon stands before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
But I say this manchild shall come forth as I have ordained.
Yea, many tongues shall rise against thee in judgment; but I say thou shall condemn them all.
Yea the gates of hell are open. They are the doors you have opened by sin.
Yea the foxes have holes, the gates of hell. They are the holes that the foxes can use to enter my vineyard and spoil my vine.
Yea, The enemy shall come in like a flood, but I shall raise up a standard against him.
Yea, there are many weapons being formed against you, but I say No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper;.
When Jesus said to Peter, 'thou are Peter' he pointed at Peter.
When he said "and on this rock I will build my church" he pointed to Himself.
But I will build my church on this rock - **The Lordship of Jesus** - and even though the gates of hell are open, and even though the hordes of hell flood in, they shall not prevail against you.
Submit unto God! Come under the Lordship of Jesus, then when you resist the Devil, he will flee.
Yea the enemy has dug a pit for you, but he shall fall into that very pit himself which he dug.
Yea the wolf shall come and the sheep will be scattered, but the hireling shall flee, because he is just a

hireling. And I shall give you true shepherds which shall be men after my own heart.

Yea Judgment is coming; Zion shall be plowed like a field. but that is how the fallow ground will be broken up. Then that fallow ground will receive the seed of my word. And my word shall go forth to the nations.

This great mountain that man has built in his image will be bought low and humbled. It will become a plain. Then I will bring forth the Chief cornerstone, the Headstone.

And I will set my king upon Zion, my holy hill, and He that believeth shall not be ashamed.

Yea my hand shall lay the foundation and my hand shall finish the work and the glory of the latter house shall be greater than that of the former house.

You have said show us the Father and that will be sufficient, and I say the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father.

For whom the Father loveth he chasteneth, and if ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for this coming Judgment is for your profit, that ye might be partakers of his holiness.

Yea this Judgment that is coming to my house shall be grievous: nevertheless afterward it shall yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness to my people.

For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

And you shall find that the Judement Seat I am setting up in your midst is also the Throne of Grace!

Behold I have told you these things before hand so that when you see them come to pass, you will believe.

And when you see these things begin to happen, look up for your redemption draweth near.

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Joshua’s Big Battle

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> *Psalms 121:1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.*
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> *Psalms 124:8 Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

The first half of the Book of Joshua contains an allegory of the end times. We are going to take a brief look at some of its features and point out some interesting details. It is one of those places in the bible where Israel and the Church are represented by different types which bring out different features.

Beginning in chapter 3 we see the people preparing to cross over the Jordan River and completing the crossing in chapter 4. This is made possible by the miraculous drying up of the waters. One of the meanings of *Jordan* is death. What we see here is God’s people coming to the point of death to self, allowing them to enter into a new dimension of unity as the Lord’s army.

Chapter 5 mentions the circumcision of the people and the appearance of The Lord as Captain of the Host. This speaks of cutting off of the flesh, and thereby coming to a place of being led by the Spirit. The arrival of the [angel of] the Lord is very significant. It relates to the last days outpouring of the Spirit also called the Latter Rain. When the King takes up his throne, the people can proclaim: Our God Reigns!

These features of chapters 4 and 5 are widely recognized as having to do with the transition into the end times. That is, Israel crossing the Jordan is a figure of the Church entering the end times. The Promised land, speaks of the Promise of the Father. We are going to concentrate on chapters 9 and 10 as they relate to natural Israel in the end times and the final battle of Armageddon, which is typified by Joshua’s Big Battle.

Here are the main points of the story.
Israel crossing the Jordan is an allegory of the last days.
The Jordan typifies death to self; crossing it is entering into God’s Sabbath rest.
Israel is a type of the church.
The Promised Land is the Kingdom of God.
Gibeon is a type of Israel.
The alliance with Gibeon illustrates the proper attitude and stance of the Church toward Israel.
Joshua and the Israelites at the time of making this alliance are a type of the end time church.
The great battle in the first part of Chapter 10 is a figure of the Battle of Armageddon, the second coming of the Lord.
The Canaanites attacking Gibeon at this time speaks of the nations of the world coming to attack Israel.
Joshua and the Israelites coming to the aid of Gibeon, are a type of Jesus returning with the armies of heaven to fight for Israel.

The two keys to seeing this allegory are these. A. To see Gibeon as Israel, and B. to see the battle for Gibeon as the Battle of Armageddon. Once you have this, the rest falls into place. And the upshot is the understanding that the Church needs to stand with the people of Israel, and support their right to exist as a nation. This of course does not mean we have to agree with everything the government of Israel may do.

This lines up with the wording in Romans 11, which tells us they are enemies of the gospel. This means that even though they may resist the gospel and actively oppose the church, we are to regard them as brothers in the Lord.

> *Romans 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

Indications that Gibeon stands for Israel.
From Joshua chapter 9:

> *9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,*

This speaks of the fact that Israel has a relationship with the Lord, and remembers how he brought them out of Egypt.

> *12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:*

Here the Bread speaks of the *oracles of God entrusted to them*, which are now the dead letter of the word; stale, dry and moldy.

> *13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.*

The ruptured wine skins means the loss of the wine, which is the Joy of the Lord. The old clothing and shoes tell of dead and useless traditions. And the long journey points to the 4000 years since Abraham.

> *16 And it came to pass at the end of* ***three days*** *after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.*
> *17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities* ***on the third day****. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.*

In verses 16 and 17 the references to the third day are a clue to an end time application of this story. When the children of Israel discover that Gibeon is an enemy nation, [enemies of the gospel], they do not come against them in any way.

> *18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. ….*

Joshua pronounces a curse on Gibeon in verse 23.

> *23 Now therefore ye are cursed, ….*

This is a reflection of the curse on the Jews as they have been scattered among the gentiles all through history. Zechariah 8 mentions it, along with a promise of salvation for them.

> *Zechariah 8:13 And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.*

The end time church will come to realize this promise; and that they are *beloved of the father*. Thus we will put away all forms of replacement theology, and become a blessing to Israel.

The Battle For Gibeon As The Battle Of Armageddon
From Joshua chapter 10, these are the key verses.

> *3 Wherefore Adonizedec king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,*
> *4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.*
> *5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.*

Here the picture is that all the kingdoms around Gibeon come up to attack her. The end time parallel is that all nations of the world come to attack Israel.

> *Zechariah 12:1-3*
> *1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.*
> *2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.*
> *3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.*
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> *Zechariah 12:8-10*
> *8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the LORD before them.*
> *9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.*
> *10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*
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> *Zechariah 14:1-3*
> *1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.*
> *2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*
> *3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*

The *day of battle* mentioned in Zechariah 14:3 is speaking of this very battle here in Joshua 10. [As it also refers to second Chronicles 20 which is another picture of the battle of Armageddon.]

> *6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.*

This verse showing Gibeon calling for help from Joshua is a picture of end time Israel calling on the Lord for their deliverance. See Zechariah 12:10 above.

Here Joshua comes to their aid.

> *9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.*

> *12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,* ***Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.***
> *13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.*
> *14* ***And there was no day like that before it or after it,*** *that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.*

The end time parallel here is the day of the Lord. It will be longer than an ordinary day, and will have special signs in the sun and the moon. It will also be a day of vengeance on Israel's enemies.

> *Zechariah 14:5-7*
> *5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.*
> *6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:*
> *7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*
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> *Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:*
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> *Joel 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*
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> *Matthew 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*
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> *Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*

One Other Confirming Feature

At the beginning of Joshua 9, it speaks of all the Canaanite kings banding together to fight against Joshua. Then it digresses into the story of Gibeon making alliance with Joshua. Then in chapter 10, we see all the Canaanite kings banding together to fight against Gibeon. What happened? Here we see them totally ignoring Joshua and coming against Gibeon. Then Joshua marches all night and comes on them by surprise so they are totally routed and beaten.

Joshua chapter 10 says the Canaanites feared an alliance of Gibeon and Israel, and so they decided to jump Gibeon while they had the chance. Joshua's deal with Gibeon was not a military alliance however. It was what we would call in these days a non aggression pact.

This situation points to the end time parallel we are looking at. The reason the Canaanites ignore Joshua in the story is they think Joshua is too far away to interfere with their siege of Gibeon. The end time parallel is this. By the time the nations of the world come against Israel, the church is no longer a factor. Whether or not you buy into any sort of rapture theory, there are still end time saints. But at this time the saints are no longer an issue because they are all martyred as you read in Revelation 13.

> *Revelation 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

So when Joshua comes and takes them by surprise, we see a foreshadowing of the Second Coming. As it says in Zecharaiah 14:5 *and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.* This is a vision of the Lord coming with the clouds of his saints and angels to the final battle.

> *Jude 1:14-15*
> *14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*
> *15 To execute judgment upon all, ….*

Here we reprint the two chapters under discussion from Joshua.

> *Joshua 9*
> *1 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof;*
> *2 That they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.*
> *3 And when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai,*
> *4 They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;*
> *5 And old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy.*
> *6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far country: now therefore make ye a league with us.*
> *7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?*
> *8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and from whence come ye?*
> *9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt,*
> *10 And all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which was at Ashtaroth.*
> *11 Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: therefore now make ye a league with us.*
> *12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy:*
> *13 And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.*
> *14 And the men took of their victuals, and asked not counsel at the mouth of the LORD.*
> *15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto them.*
> *16 And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a league with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours, and that they dwelt among them.*
> *17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjathjearim.*
> *18 And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes.*
> *19 But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may not touch them.*
> *20 This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them.*

21 And the princes said unto them, Let them live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had promised them.
22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us?
23 Now therefore ye are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.
24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing.
25 And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do.
26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not.
27 And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

Joshua 10
1 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them;
2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty.
3 Wherefore Adonizedec king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying,
4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel.
5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.
6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us.
7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour.
8 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee.
9 Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night.
10 And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah.
11 And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.
12 Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, ***Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.***
13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves

upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day.
14 ***And there was no day like that before it or after it,*** *that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.*
15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.
16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah.
17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah.
18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them:
19 And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand.
20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest which remained of them entered into fenced cities.
21 And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.
22 Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave.
23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon.
24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them.
25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight.
26 And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening.
27 And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, which remain until this very day.
28 And that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.
29 Then Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah:
30 And the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.
31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it:
32 And the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.
33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.
34 And from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:
35 And they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.
36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they fought against it:

37 And they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that were therein.
38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought against it:
39 And he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to her king.
40 So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded.
41 And Joshua smote them from Kadeshbarnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even unto Gibeon.
42 And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel.
43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

Judgments of God

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The reason that the church must also endure these judgments of God (911, hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, etc..) is because...

(1) for too long man (flesh) has dictated how and when the Spirit of the living God should be allowed into the building. Many times the Spirit is ushered OUT because He doesn't fit into their agendas for that day's program.
(2) Most Christians fear the conviction that the Spirit brings into their lives because it is easier to think they are okay, despite knowing they are in sin.
(3) The Bible was written for Believers, NOT Unbelievers. Yet, most Christians today barely know the Word, let alone live it!
(4) The CHURCH today is serving up a watered-down version of the truth. IE... it is okay for homosexuals to hold positions in the church and even Pastor!
When was the last time you heard a sermon on HELL, Hellfire, and Damnation?
(5) Pastors themselves justify their own lifestyles... on the down low, adultery, fornication, yes, even abortion sometimes!

GOD the Father is not pleased with the church and her perversions!

Let us read these verses from Joel Chapter 2...

1) Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2) A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. 3) A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. 11) And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it? 12) Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: 13) And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. 15) Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: 16) Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. 17) Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? 18) Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. 21) Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. 22) Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23) Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24) And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25) And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26) And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. 27) And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. 28) And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will

pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29) And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. . 32) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

CHURCH, call out to the Living, Righteous God and ask Him to forgive our sins! SINNERS, call out to the Merciful, Gracious God and ask Him to forgive your sins! Then, shall we ALL turn from our wicked ways that God may forgive our sins and heal our land?

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If We Repent, God May Relent
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Repent -
To feel remorse, contrition, or self-reproach for what one has done or failed to do; be contrite. To feel such regret for past conduct as to change one's mind regarding it: repented of intemperate behavior. To make a change for the better as a result of remorse or contrition for one's sins. Turn away from sin or do penitence (syn: atone)

Relent -
To become more lenient, compassionate, or forgiving. (See syn. at yield) To cause to slacken or abate. To cause to soften in attitude or temper. To give in, as to influence or pressure (syn: yield, soften)

Genesis 6:6 - And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Genesis 6:7 - And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Exodus 32:14 - And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

Numbers 23:19 - God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

1 Samuel 15:29 - And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. Psalms 106:45 - And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies. Psalms 135:14 - For the LORD will judge his people, and he will repent himself concerning his servants.

Jeremiah 4:28 - For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. Jeremiah 18:8 - If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. Jeremiah 26:3 - If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. Jeremiah 26:13 - Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you. Ezekiel 14:6 - Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 18:30 - Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Ezekiel 24:14 - I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD. Joel 2:13 - And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Jonah 3:9 - Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

Jonah 3:10 - And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. Matthew 3:2 - And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 4:17 - From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Matthew 11:20 - Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: Mark 1:15 - And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Mark 2:17 - When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mark 6:12 - And they went out, and preached that men should repent. Luke 13:3 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:5 - I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 15:7 - I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Luke 15:10 - Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 24:47 - And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:19 - Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 8:22 - Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. Acts 17:30 - And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 2 Corinthians 7:10 - For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Revelation 2:21 - And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Revelation 2:22 - Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. Revelation 3:3 - Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Revelation 3:19 - As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Revelation 9:20 - And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

Revelation 9:21 - Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 16:9 - And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

Revelation 16:11 - And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Let us each examine ourselves according to these Scriptures and may we be quick to REPENT, that our heavenly Father may RELENT.

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Sound The Alarm
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Sep 22, 2005
As a prophet, I MUST sound the alarm. Time to arise from our slumber. We seem to be concentrating on ALL Americans in these past and coming judgments. However, we have forgotten that as Godly men and women, it has been our responsibility to teach the people. The Word of God says in 2 Timothy 4:2 - Preach the Word, be instant in season and out of season.... We have been slack in our responsibility, some have been preaching a watered-down version of the gospel, and there has been dullness of hearing on the part of those we have been sent to. Nevertheless, we MUST fall on our faces and repent... for judgment must first begin at the house of the Lord! How can we say these judgments (911 / Katrina / Rita), and those yet coming are not first and foremost for God's people? 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If MY people, which are called by MY name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek MY face, and turn from their wicked ways, THEN will I hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land." We cannot sound the alarm until we've fallen on our knees and repented for OUR part which has brought these judgments upon us.
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Jealousy of Moses
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I have been meditating of Moses lately, the prototype of all following apostolic and prophetic leadership. The common perception today is that Moses had made a huge mistake in killing the Egyptian he found beating an Israeli, that he had acted prematurely out of pride and arrogance. Upon checking Acts 7, however, I see that Stephen had a much different take on this event:

Act 7:20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

Act 7:21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

Act 7:22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

Act 7:23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

Act 7:24 And seeing one [of them] suffer wrong, he defended [him], and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

Act 7:25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

Act 7:26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

Act 7:27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

Act 7:28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

Act 7:29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

In the context of Stephen's description of the incident, Moses was one of many prophets and deliverers sent to Israel, against whom they had rebelled. Moses "thought that they would understand that God was granting them deliverance through him, but they did not understand." The story was not an indictment of Moses's immaturity, but rather of the rebellious hearts of his Israeli brethren. Moses had been forced to flee Egypt and wait in the wilderness of Midian for 40 more years for a new generation who would receive him. The Lord had promised that Israel would leave Egypt after 400 years. So why did they leave 430 years later (to the exact day)? Moses appeared to the Israelis in the

390th year. Presumably it would have taken ten years to organize leadership and seek release from Egypt. Instead, an extra 30 years was added to Israel's exile, and then later a further 40 years before they actually entered their promised land. This was clearly not the Lord's first intention, but was rather forced on Israel by its own reaction.

Act 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send [to be] a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Act 7:36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Act 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Act 7:38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and [with] our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

Act 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust [him] from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

It is possible that much of the suffering and seemingly endless 'wilderness' tribulations over the past years have come because of the same rebellion in the church. We have cried out for revival, and have seemingly not been heard. But the jealousy shown by the Israelites of Moses' position in the Pharaoh's household, ("who made you a ruler and judge over us?") has been rampant in the church, especially in the 80's and 90's. We refused to be 'ruled over' by another who was no better than we were, just 'luckier.' Obsolete positions and titles were fiercely defended, and in the process, many of the true deliverers and rulers whom God had prepared for His church were cruelly persecuted and rejected.

But they did not die!!! These precious sent-ones have been kept in the wilderness by God for the time when they would be received. In that wilderness they have gained in holiness and meekness, and their authority has likewise grown. As they are even now appearing, their faces shine, and their eyes are alight with the glory of heaven. They are accompanied by signs and wonders never yet seen on earth, and the powers of darkness tremble at their appearing.

submitted May 2, 2005 Marion Guenther

Jonah

Mike Tucker

Jonah, Not Such A Bad Guy After All

Over the years I have read numerous articles and commentaries concerning Jonah. He has been given such derogatory titles as ‘Jonah the Reluctant Prophet’, ‘Jonah the Running Prophet’, or even ‘Jonah the Angry Prophet’. If there are any other critical titles left unstated, here is a __________ to fill the rest in. I would like to propose a new title for Jonah. How about ‘Jonah the Successful Prophet’?

Now how can a guy who ran from God’s word, got disgruntled with our Father over a silly plant and was discontent with the outcome of his proclamation come close to being labeled ‘successful’? With spiritual eyes, look at Jonah contrasted against most other prophets. Virtually all the other prophets in the Bible warned of great disasters to befall various peoples. Rarely did whole nations listen, kings repent or cities rend their hearts. Mostly the masses went about their business while listening to the ear ticklers of their day. And the word of the prophets came to pass and the calamities hit right on time with full force, thus many perished. But now Jonah you see, he wasn’t so fortunate to have his prophesies come to pass. This amazing little thing called ‘Repentance’ followed by a great wave of God’s Mercy swept across an entire city. What Almighty God specifically told Jonah would befall Nineveh did not happen as He stated (Wow, you mean God’s Mercy surpasses Deuteronomy 18:22? Who would have guessed that the Mercy seat sits above the Law?)

So I ask now, who then was really the successful prophet? The one who was accurate to the point that whole nations did not heed the word and they perished? It seems the Law and those whom are dreadfully lawfully minded would say ‘Yes’ to this one. Or was it the little discontent man who got barfed up by a large fish on a beach and hundreds of thousands of people believed his seemingly foolish claim and were thus saved? I hear the Spirit saying ‘Amen’. I too would rather people hear, respond and be rescued than a word or person be ‘validated’.

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Jordan

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A Few Thoughts About Jordan Thu, 21 Jul 2005

Dear friends,

It’s now close to a week that I am in Jordan and I just want to give you a few thoughts about this precious country.

Since last fall as I was writing down the word the Lord gave me for Great Britain, suddenly this thought came to me which did not let me go over the past few months, that Jordan is the twin-brother of Israel....! well we know it, that Esau was Jacobs twin-brother and we all know its story, a story of much struggle, especially later on, when some deep hatred was grown, especially in the people of Edom.

It is true, that since the creation of the state of Israel, the Lord and especially many Christians have given much attention and care to Israel, and I fully support this, yes it is truly important, but the thought did not let me go in this past few month, but what about Jordan....? if we look in History, when Israel (or better say Jacob) was created in the 20this and 30this and then came to its rebirth in 48 it had again a twin-brother and again there was again a deep struggle between the two since its birth. But the truth of the matter is, that the Lord wants to restore this Nation exactly like He is restoring Israel (actually still much more Jacob)

Isaak released a very powerful call to Esau, after giving the blessing of the firstborn to Jacob which especially included the spiritual blessing of Abraham to the Nations and a great economic blessing as much as leadership. Yes Jacob (Israel has been greatly blessed over the centuries, but to be true it has failed also in a great way, especially to release the spiritual blessings to the Nations....and so did Esau in abusing especially the sword which was given to him....:

"Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth And of the dew of heaven from above

By your sword you shall live, and you shall serve your brother and it shall come to pass, when you become restless, that you shall break his yoke from your neck."

Exactly as we are in a time where the Lord is restoring and fulfilling the call and the promises to Israel, the ingathering of the Jews around the world and the release of the blessing of Abraham to all the Nations, by the grace of Jeshua, I sense very strongly that Jordan has a call which will be very crucial especially for Israel to fulfill its calling.

I believe that the Lord has given a sword of Authority and warfare to Esau/Jordan, which is not given to Israel, its a sword Esau has greatly abused, we can read about this in the book of Obadja, but through the redemption and grace of the cross, Jordan will be able to get this call restored and to use it to truly serve his brother Jacob/Israel.

As Israel (Jacob) is in the process of coming back into his land, a very powerful struggle is awaiting him, exactly like Jacob had to wrestle with an Angel at Manahaim and only after this his Name was changed into Israel, so also for Israel a great struggle awaits, which its called the time of Jacobs struggle (Jer. 30,7) and it is through this time, that its name will be truly become Israel, called after the Spirit. I believe that the Lord wants to raise up Jordan for this time to serve its brother, to serve him and helping him to get rid of its religious bondages/yokes, the yokes of witch craft and also the yoke of free masonry which is very, very strong in Israel, exactly like it is written in the calling given to him through Isaac. I consider this so precious that I want to ask you to pray for Jordan and consider this thoughts before the Lord...!

And through this process the Lord will bless both Israel and Jordan and in a new way restore and release the Gospel of Grace, but specially the Gospel of the fulfillment of His promises to and through Israel and bless the Nations with resurrection power. I believe in the same way the Lord will equip Jordan with the Gospel of His great Mercy to the Nations and touch specifically its old allies Ishmael, which is the Arab world and the Hethits [Hittites] which is today Turkey, to bring life from the dead to this Nations which have been under the oppression of the spirit of Persia for far too long!

May the Lord bless you all and please keep the two brothers in your prayers!

Shalom from Amman, Jordan Ueli

Joy Of The Harvest

Bill Burns

July 17, 2005

In recent messages the Lord has had me preaching about the Garden of Renown that Ezekiel saw.

Ezekiel 34:26-29 "I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid. I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore."

The purpose of the garden is to produce a harvest, and this harvest will produce great joy.

Isaiah 9:3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; they rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

This message has been fully expounded in the last two series of messages that I have preached, and those who have listened have the revelation of the times and seasons that we are presently living in.

There is a spiritual progression, which is outlined in the book of Ezekiel. The Garden of Renown is revealed in chapter 34 and the results are found in: Ezekiel 36: 33-38 "Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it." Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel finishes with a statement that this season will be like Israel's feast days.

The Jubilee

The Lord has spoken to us about a special Jubilee for 2005. The significance of this sabbatical year is found in Leviticus chapter 25. The Grand Jubilee took place in 1998, 50 years after Israel became a nation in 1948. This special Jubilee that we have entered into is a "Sabbath of Solemn Rest" seven years from 1998.

I had a progressive vision, hearing and then seeing ... hearing and seeing. I heard the Lord say, "Come and get your Jubilee baskets." He said that again and again. Then, when I was reading the Word, I began to see the vision of a table. The Lord was standing behind the table filled with baskets of different shapes, colors and sizes. I began to look in the baskets and I found that the baskets were full of seeds. Then there was a label that said, "Spring-time Seeds." And, the Lord said, "I want you to purchase your basket and sow these seeds for the spring harvest of the Jubilee." Some of the seeds will grow very quickly, like radish seeds, and some will take longer, like corn seeds. Then, I asked the Lord about the price of these baskets. He said, "You who have no money come and purchase, for the price is your faith. If you will have faith to believe, you may receive these seeds now and begin to sow them for the upcoming harvest." Some of the seeds were labeled healing, and some were labeled provision, joy, revelation knowledge, understanding of the times and the seasons, peace. Anything you need will be found in those baskets.

Spring-time Seeds

Our spring conference was held during the season of the spring feasts. It was a time of planting seeds and imparting an anointing to water the seeds of Jubilee. Some of those seeds have brought the blessings of the barley and wheat harvests (provision) to those who watered their seeds by prophesying God's promises over their seed. But, many of the seeds planted by faith will produce a harvest during the fall feasts.

The Joy of The Harvest

The fall feasts take place during the "fruit of the vine" harvest. The fruit of the vine will produce the new wine and oil of the new season that we are about to enter into.

The four living creatures (Revelation 4:7-8) have prophetically forbidden the enemy from spoiling this harvest of oil and wine (Revelation 6:6). So this Jubilee season will produce its fruit for those who have planted and watered. It is not too late for all to plant, water, and harvest in this season.

Where Eagles Gather Conference

Our Where Eagles Gather Conference theme is the "Joy of The Harvest." At this conference we will take the spoil of the Jubilee blessings according to Isaiah 9:3. I believe that the Lord will provide the anointing to possess the promises of the Lord. It's harvest time, a time to rejoice over the seeds of the harvest. The Lord of the Harvest is coming to provide for His saints that which they need and that which they desire. People of the Lord, I exhort you to begin to rejoice over your seed (prayer requests) because the Lord is increasing our ability to have joy (again … Isaiah 9:3).

Rejoice, and again I say, rejoice – it's harvest time!

Marsha Burns
July 19, 2005: Expect to resume progress in every area of life. You will gain momentum and accelerate as you rejoice by way of proclamation of victory. Hope is once again restored as you see evidence of change in the spiritual atmosphere. Do not be afraid to forge ahead with new vigor and strength of purpose. *Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

July 20, 2005: Quiet your soul. Be sensitive to My Spirit, and look to see what I am doing. Discern My presence, My leading, but do so apart from your soulish desires. For, My people, now it is time for you to know the areas of your life where presumption rules. If you can look in the face of the pure, unadulterated truth, you will not be led astray. Be done with being pulled away by fantasy, idolatry, and false hopes. *Galatians 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

July 21, 2005: Keep moving ahead. Don't turn back, get discouraged, or quit. I am bringing you to a new level of awareness, says the Lord, but to achieve My purposes you must continue to go forward. There are areas in your life that you had a foretaste of revelation and then allowed the enemy to talk you out of it. Take the time to re-establish that new ground and claim it as your own possession. The devil would love nothing better than to stop you short of the point of celebration and jubilation.

July 22, 2005: Beloved, why do you weep and wail because of the opinions of others? Why should you take notice of rejection from others when I do not reject you, says the Lord? Certainly, I will deliver you from trouble, and no evil shall touch you. Do not be afraid of what man can do to you, for the deeds of the wicked are only vapor, passing smoke. Rise up from this place of condemnation and dwell in the safety of My presence. *Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe*

A New Level Of Faith
Bill Burns

You have broken through into a new level of faith. You have believed that I am the Lord God Almighty and that I am able to deliver you. You have believed that I am able to heal you. You have believed that I am able to provide for you. You have believed, for I have given to you the sure mercies of David, and I have quickened your faith. I have brought from heaven My sound that will cause you to rejoice in your inner man. Therefore, I say, stand up and shout. When you shout the walls shall fall and the enemy shall be defeated, says the Lord. You have entered into a new realm of faith, and you have demonstrated the power of that faith. The faith that I give is an evidence of the new season, but you will see greater faith than this arise, for I am the Author and the Finisher of your faith, and I will come and write a new chapter in your life. This new level of faith will only increase, for My people shall know the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Rejoice, I say, and rejoice again, for I have come to set you free and bring you into the fullness of the Jubilee.

Marsha Burns

July 11, 2005: Stand still. Listen closely. I am imparting new and exciting revelation of My word, times and seasons to those who will pay attention. This is no time to allow distractions to keep you from the cutting edge of what I am doing, says the Lord. Rather, be alert, stay awake spiritually, and receive all that is available for you at this time. Truly, those whose heads rest against My breast will hear the beating of My heart and know the love I have for My people, and they will hear the whispers of My still, small voice giving instruction and wisdom for this hour.

July 12, 2005: Beloved, if you wish to prosper in other ways you need to begin to prosper in your soul. Healing needs to spring forth in your mind and emotions. Truly, there is a great need for healing because My body has been fragmented, torn apart by division, strife and contention. And, now is the time for you to forgive those who have hurt you and release yourself from all bitterness and hatred. When healing flows it will bring unity and peace, and it will be a sweet thing.
3 John 1:2 "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."
2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

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Jerusalem

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To YOU who have ears to hear,

The Context:
This weekend in Ft. Worth the Battalion of Deborah is hosting a Christian Allies Caucus with six or so reps. from the Knesset to facilitate support for an undivided Jerusalem. If our national policy continues to progress towards dividing Jerusalem to be the Palestinian Capitol we as a nation will reap severe judgment from the Lord.

I believe Bob Jones prophesied a while back that the entire south eastern coastland of the USA will be redefined. I believe that it is beginning with Katrina.

The Word:
Also, regarding Rev 8:1-6 which says the Lamb breaks open the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour that is what we are in right now. Then the angels were given seven trumpets. Another angel took the golden censer with the prayers of the saints he filled it with fire and cast it upon the earth. Now this is what is going to happen and there were thunders, lightning, and an earthquake. I believe an earthquake is going to happen. I believe October will be an extremely intense month. On October 3 the Eve of the Feast of Trumpets the seven angels will prepare to blow their trumpets. This year Ramadan begins the same time the Feast of Trumpets begins. The warfare is going to increase very dramatically in October. Listen I had a vision lying on my bed last night. I saw the East Gate of Jerusalem and the Dome of the Rock. I saw Satan as a fallen angel in front of the East Gate prowling around blocking the entrance with darkness, great darkness. He shape shifted into a Chinese dragon with a very serpent like man's tongue coated in silver. He was prowling over the walls around the Old City of Jerusalem looking for whom he could devour. He shape shifted again into a coiling serpent writhing around the walls. He is after a throne on the Temple Mount. His wrath is great for Satan knows his time is short. Rev 12

For I know the plans I have says the Lord YVHV!
I have a strange and peculiar work that I am about to work
Who can know my mind or counsel me, the Everlasting Creator?
For before and from of old I WAS and I AM!
I shall be highly exalted and the world shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD
as the waters cover the seas!

Who is like me?

NONE !!! no there is none other, even from Everlasting to Everlasting I AM!

Be still and know that I AM GOD!
Do not fear for I will be with you when the floods would try to overwhelm you. Do not fear I will be with you,
the fire will not kindle upon you! For you are precious in my sight. Is 43

Let me reiterate we are about to come into Ezekiel 38 & 39. The day of the Lord is soon to be upon us and Zech 12 is coming swiftly.

The Redemption:
Then the Lord says:
[5]And I myself will be a wall of fire around it (Jerusalem) declares the LORD, 'and I will be its glory within.'
[6]"Come! Come! Flee from the land of the north," declares the LORD, "for I have scattered you to the four winds of heaven," declares the LORD.
[7]"Come, O Zion! Escape, you who live in the Daughter of Babylon!" [8]For this is what the LORD
Almighty says: "After he has honored me and has sent me against the nations that have plundered
you—for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye—[9]I will surely raise my hand against them
so that their slaves will plunder them.[£] Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me.
[10]"Shout and be glad, O Daughter of Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you," declares the
LORD. [11]"Many nations will be joined with the LORD in that day and will become my people. I will live
among you and you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you. [12]The LORD will inherit
Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. [13]Be still before the LORD, all
mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling." Zech 2:5-13

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Jacob’s Trouble at Hand

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“And it is the time of Jacob’s trouble,
but he shall be saved out of it.”

(Jeremiah 30:7)

[Late one night in 1999, I had just watched CBN’s daily 700 Club’s news segment. [http://cbn.com — Host: Pat Robertson] One of the news items concerned the conflict that was taking place in Israel, and the pressure being exerted on Israel by America to turn the Golan Heights over to Syria. After the news coverage, I turned the TV off and went to bed.]

DREAM — August 2, 1999

I dreamt of watching a large group of Middle Eastern people dine on a large square wooden table covered with a beautiful tablecloth with gold fringe all around it. After they finished eating, most of the people left. I then found myself alone with *three men* who remained behind.

Next, I stood by the empty table *without* the tablecloth. An orange cantaloupe melon, a large knife, and a crumpled transparent piece of plastic cover materialized on the table. I reached out and handled it with both hands. The melon’s skin had been peeled off. When I touched the melon, it was mushy with no firmness to it. I then picked up the knife and sliced the melon in half. I was careful not to cut into the plastic cover.

As I sliced the melon, juice spilled out and the seeds were exposed. One half of the melon with seeds remained in tact on the table to the left. However, the other half melon with seeds on the right *fell apart* into quarter size pieces. Then one of the quarter pieces with seeds *fell apart* into two smaller eighth size pieces, identical in size. I then noticed that *the half piece of melon on the left had vanished from the table,* and there were now only *three pieces of melon* with seeds on the table.

Next, one of the three men approached and stood *behind* me, somewhat to the right yet out of my sight. He was observing what was taking place on the table. As I picked up the melon pieces, they vanished in my hands. Instantly in their place, there appeared *a large frog!* It then hopped about 16-18 inches to the right. *Then,* in its place there appeared *a smaller frog*. That frog also hopped to the right and sat alongside the first frog. *THEN-N-N,* in the second frog’s place, there appeared *a third smaller frog half formed!* It’s lower torso and hind legs were missing. The half formed frog remained motionless on the table. The two other men moved to the right side of the table to take a closer look at the *three frogs*.

Next, I loudly cried out to someone in another room, *“There are three frogs on the table that came out of the melon!”* A few seconds later a woman’s voice yelled back, *“What?”* Again I cried out louder, *“THERE ARE THREE FROGS ON THE TABLE THAT CAME OUT OF THE MELON!!!”* Silence. The woman did not respond. — *END*

[NOTE: I *urge* the reader to read this document with a Bible in hand for spiritual clarity, revelation, and understanding through the Word of God. Bolded, capped, and underlined emphases in the KJV and NKJV scriptures are mine.]

INTERPRETATION

The Middle Eastern people symbolize Middle Eastern nations that had dwelled on Israel's land since her dispersion after the destruction of Solomon's Temple *(rebuilt by Herod)* in 70 A.D. (Mt. 23:37, 38; 24:1, 2) The large wooden table symbolizes Israel. The gold-fringed tablecloth symbolizes Jerusalem.

[For a prophetic declaration of the end time by Lord Jesus, read all of Matthew 24]

Taking a still closer look, the table represents "real estate" *(Israel's land)* that has been discussed at length *(bargained about)* between Israel and other Arab leaders over the past few decades.

The missing tablecloth is *"off the table"* as far as negotiations for any peace settlement is concerned. Apparently, from all appearances it seems that Israel will never agree to "dice" *(cut up — section off)* Jerusalem. Or, will this possibly come to pass in the near future? The highly coveted "prize" continues to be Jerusalem.

[See Daniel 11:29-39 — Symbolically, the Antichrist *(Antiochus)* is revealed here and his "exploits" in the end time as annotated in *Dake's Annotated Reference Bible*. Study these scriptures with an annotated Bible or Bible Commentary.]

The color "orange" *(warning — danger)* and the rotting melon *(falsehood — deceit)* sum up a clear picture of what have become evil attempts to wipe out the Jewish people from the land of Israel *(David)* by the surrounding Arab nations *(Goliath)* through past wars.

The rotting melon symbolizes previous attempts toward peace between Israel and her Arab neighbors. It has over-ripened to the point that the "fruit thereof" has spoiled and has been in a transparent *(crumpled plastic)* disintegrating phase over the years. However, up until September 13, 1993, attempts to deceive Israel into submission in giving up land had failed.

[*Normally, there is no smell in decaying melons. Still, the rotting melon's symbolism of evil intentions against Israel must bring a **"strong stench to the nostrils of God"** Who gave Israel the land of Canaan.* (Gen. 12:1-7) *Historically, this has been the largest land grant by God to anyone. (GOD'S LAND GRANT TO ISRAEL is indexed with Scripture in this document further down.*]

The knife is symbolic of the Word of God (Eph. 6:17), and of a sword — a weapon of victory over enemies:

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>> *"I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none will make you afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land. **You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.** Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; **your enemies shall fall by the sword before you**. For I will look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and **confirm My covenant** with you. You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new. I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you. **I WILL WALK AMONG YOU AND BE YOUR GOD, AND YOU SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.***

***"I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves;** I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright"* (Lev. 26:6-13).

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I am symbolic of a Watchman who, through understanding the prophetic Word of God, "handles" the rotting fruit *(observes repeated attempts toward peace between Israel and her bordering enemy neighbors)*. Understanding Israel's Biblical prophesied conflict that would be "center stage" before the eyes of the world in the end time, *(the time of Jacob's trouble)*, I take the knife *(sword—Word of God)* in hand to slice open the rotting fruit and expose its seeds of hatred toward Israel as revealed in the

Bible. The seeds symbolize discrimination — persecution — bigotry — prejudice — torment — murder of Jews in gas chambers — racism — EVIL SLANDER — harassment — maltreatment — attempts to eliminate the Jewish people from the face of the earth. Over the years, Israel has endured great, great, *GREAT* abuse — ill-treatment — cruelty — violent deaths through terrorism, and denial of their ***God ordained right to their own land****.* (Gen. 12:1-7) They were called by Almighty God to be a blessing to all nations (Gen. 12:2).

The quarter size melon separated itself from the two small eighth size melon pieces that *fell* apart by themselves. One of the small pieces symbolizes a failed attempt to establish peace between Israel and the Palestinians. Thus, they *fell* apart. However, the quarter piece has yet to do its "exploits."

Therefore, the three remaining melon pieces are as follows: the quarter piece represents the unidentified yet emerging Antichrist who is "waiting on the side." The two smaller pieces represent Egypt and the current Palestine in the Gaza Strip.

The vanished large half of the melon represents America. **Its size symbolized its great power and might. However, its disappearance symbolically reveals that somehow America will not be at Israel's side in the end time.** ***She simply is not there.***

Israel and Egypt, *(one of the two smaller melon pieces)*, began "tearing down fences" when Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's PM Menachem Begin signed a peace treaty on September 17, 1978 in Washington D.C.

[NOTE: *The Camp David Accords were signed by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin on September 17, 1978, following twelve days of secret negotiations at Camp David. The two agreements were signed at the White House, and were witnessed by United States President Jimmy Carter. The first agreement dealt with the future of the Sinai Peninsula and peace between Israel and Egypt. This was concluded six months later with the signing of the Israel—Egypt Peace Treaty. The second was a framework agreement establishing a format for the conduct of negotiations for the establishment of an autonomy regime in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.*
A historical and comprehensive index on Israel's ONGOING search for peace with her bordering neighbors can be viewed at ARIGA, http://www.ariga.com/treaties/index.shtml*. A daily update on the current peace initiatives at hand between PM Ariel Sharon and PA President Mahmoud Abbas can be viewed at* http://www.ariga.com/today.shtml. *Another excellent source is ISRAEL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS daily updates at http://www.israel.org/MFA/*]

Palestine is represented by the other smaller melon piece. It is important to mention the fact that the current presence of Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip in the land of Israel is without statehood. They are "settlers." A comprehensive outline of the Oslo Accords can be viewed at http://www.multied.com/Israel/Documents/Oslo.html — DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ON INTERIM SELF-GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS — September 13, 1993.

One of the two men *(represented by the two small frogs)* represents Yassir Arafat and his failed peace negotiations with PM Ehud Barak during the summer of 1999. The third man standing behind me represents the Antichrist. He is currently "incognito." Although his identity is still unknown *(yet "arising" from the European Union — former Roman Empire),* he will be the "chief architect" in the current effort to bring a peace settlement between Israel and Palestine. [A "summit" meeting was recently held in Egypt between PM Ariel Sharon and the new PA President Mahmoud Abbas at the beginning of February, 2005. Arafat died November 11, 2004, at age 75.]

The evaporating three pieces of melon thus reveal three frogs that symbolize demons and unclean spirits (Ex. 8:1-15 — Ps. 78:43-45 — Rev. 16:13, 14). Here, these frogs can be understood to represent an "evil intended presence" whose attempt to eradicate—eliminate—get rid of—wipe out—destroy—exterminate—do away with—remove the Jewish people from God's land grant to Israel (Gen. 12:1-7) is now at its zenith—peak—summit—pinnacle—high point.

At the time of this dream (1999), the three frogs represented the Antichrist *(large frog)*, Egypt *(smaller frog),* and Palestine *(half formed frog)*. Since Palestine does not have legitimate rights as a nation, the half formed frog without legs symbolized Yassir Arafat, and the now new Palestinian president. Arafat did not have legs to stand on, *OR* better said, he had "no roots." The Palestinian status has not changed since then.

The number "three" occurs *three* times within the dream. "Three" symbolizes the Triune Godhead —Divine Confirmation — Witness (Deut. 19:15 — Mat. 18:16 — 1Tim. 5:19). Thus the following: three men — three pieces of melon — three frogs: 3 x 3 = 9 — number of *judgment.* God's judgment upon Israel's enemies, persecutors, tormentors, oppressors, and barbaric murderers will be swift when Lord Jesus returns to destroy them and the Antichrist during the Battle of Armageddon at Meggido in northwest Israel. This battle will take place at the end of the 7-year Tribulation period that immediately begins after the Rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, *which is so imminent.*

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[*NOTE**: As I see and discern the "swirling whirlwind" in Israel's "delicate" political movements, the European Union and NATO's overtures to Israel in persuading her to "possibly" join them can only give Israel a stronger sense of security. She will most likely join them for a "stronger and firmer alliance" against Iran's threat of using nuclear weapons against her. This would then keep Iran from following through its "possible" intended threat against Israel. Thusly,* *at last* *Israel comes face to face with the Antichrist, Et Cetera, Et Cetera, Et Cetera*.]

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My crying out to a woman in the next room about the melon and frogs symbolizes her as the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. I caught her by surprise as revealed by her yelling back, *"What?"* After repeating my statement, her lack of response reveals her total lack of concern. It seems that I woke her up from her slumber, and her lack of response clearly portrays her as going back to sleep.

SAINTS OF GOD, *WAKE UP!!!*

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>> And do this, knowing the time, that NOW IT IS HIGH TIME TO AWAKE OUT OF SLEEP, FOR NOW OUR SALVATION IS NEARER THAN WHEN WE FIRST BELIEVED. The night* [sinful age] *is far spent* [overextended], *the day* [of the Lord] *is at hand (Rom. 13:11, 12 — NKJV).

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GOD'S LAND GRANT TO ISRAEL

[Land grant covenant scriptures are **bolded**. Underlined Scripture references refer to Moses]

GENESIS: 12:1-7 — 13:14-17 — 15:1-7, 18 — **17:7, 8** — 26:1-5 — 28:10-15 — **35:9-15** — 48:3, 4

EXODUS: **6:2-4** — 13:5 — 23:27-31 — 33:1-3 — **34:10-14**

LEVITICUS: 14:33, 34 — 25:38

NUMBERS: 13:1, 2 — 33:50-56 — 34:1-12

DEUTERONOMY: 1:5-8 — 7:1-8. 13. 22. 23 — 9:1-6 — 10:11 — 11:22-24, 31 — (14:2) — 20:16, 17 — **32:48, 49** — 34:1**-4**

JOSHUA: 1:2-4 — Ch. 6 — 11:15, 23 — 14:1-5

JEREMIAH 27:5:

"I HAVE MADE THE EARTH, the man and the beast that are on the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and HAVE GIVEN IT TO WHOM IT SEEMED PROPER TO ME" (NKJV).

For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it (Isa. 1:20).

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GENEALOGY OF ISRAEL

The following is a study of Noah and his family's genealogy, found in 1Chronicles. It begins with Adam. Beginning in 1Chr. 1:4 Noah's three sons' names are listed as Shem, Ham, and Japheth. *(Another excellent and detailed genealogy of Noah is found in Genesis 10. For a thorough study of Israel's origin read Genesis Chapters 10 through 33).* From Adam to Noah are ten generations.

1Chr. 1:8-16 — Ham's four sons are listed, two of which are Canaan and Mizraim. *(A third son's name is Cush who bore Nimrod. The beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was called "Babel" (Gen. 10:10) which eventually evolved into Babylon. It is now present day Iraq.)*

1Chr. 1:12 — Mizraim had seven sons, one of whom is listed as, "...Casluhim, (of whom came the Philistines)...." *(Goliath was a Philistine — 1 Sam. 17:4)*

1Chr. 1:17 — **Shem had nine sons. One of them was named Arphaxad of whom came Abram *(renamed "Abraham" by God in* Gen. 17:5), whose son, Isaac, bore twins Esau and Jacob *(who was later renamed "Israel" by God in* Gen. 32:28*)***. From Shem to Abraham are ten generations.

1Chr. 1:28 — Abraham's sons' names are listed as Isaac and Ishmael. Although Ishmael was born (Gen 16:1-4, 15, 16) before Isaac (Gen 17:19; 21:1-5), **Isaac is placed first over Ishmael, as Isaac was Abraham's legitimate heir**. Isaac's mother, Sarah *(a free woman)*, was the true wife of Abraham. Hagar, mother of Ishmael *(father of the Arab nations)*, was Sarah's bondservant *(a slave)*. She was an Egyptian slave given to Abraham and Sarah by Pharaoh (Gen 12:16, 20).

Commentary: Ishmael, like Jacob *(Israel)*, had twelve sons, the heads of twelve tribes (1Chr. 1:29-31), making twenty-four tribes descending from Abraham through only two of his sons. They were the fulfillment of a prediction made by God of Ishmael, a prediction of twelve princes that would multiply exceedingly (Gen. 17:20; 25:12-18. See also Gen. 21:13, 18, 20). (There were six other sons born to Abraham by Keturah, his second wife (Gen. 25:1 2), after he was one hundred years of age (1Chr. 1:32, 33). How many tribes descended from them is not known. The six tribes that came from Keturah settled in the country of Arabia.)

1Chr. 1:34 — Isaac's twin sons' names are listed as Esau and Israel *(Jacob)*.

Gen. 25: *5* — ***And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac.*** *6) But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and* ***sent them away from Isaac his son****, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. 7) And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. 8) Then Abraham gave up the ghost and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. 9) And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah .... 10)...there was*
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Abraham buried, [with] *Sarah his* [first] *wife.*

Commentary: This genealogy and record of the death of Abraham were given here because no more was to be said of him in the Genesis story. He lived until Jacob *(Israel)* was fifteen years old, dying at the age of 175 years.

[Above “SOURCE” commentaries taken from *Dake’s Annotated Reference Bible* — KJV]

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[NOTE: See my post of June 16, 2002 that includes various Web links about Israel’s history and maps throughout the ages, and the beginnings of peace initiatives with her Arab neighbors.]

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Jubilee

Timothy Snodgrass

May 17, 2005
JUBILEE For Those Who Sow Into The Islands Of The SEA

God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. When one small soul perishes on earth, tears flow like rivers through the golden streets of heaven. I believe that the latter half of 2005 will be a year of great storms across the Pacific, as torrential rains begin to fall from heaven like tears over Asia and the South Pacific. Today the Holy Spirit spoke to me that this would be a year of Jubilee for those who sow into the islands of the sea, and that those who sow tears of intercession would reap a harvest of great joy and miracles in the days ahead. I plead with you to join us in this hour to intercede for the souls of men, women and children across the Pacific region, from the Antarctic in the south to Alaska in the north, and every coastline in between. It is time to intercede for this area while a great battle is being waged in the heavenlies over the destiny of nations, peoples and tongues. On May 18, many will be finishing their 40-day fast, while others will just be beginning. God's timing is never late, but always right on time. Please join with us in interceding for the Pacific region. Many events of latter half of 2005 are currently being weighed in the balance. The recent 9.3 quake in Indonesia was a forewarning of greater events yet to come, which can be delayed if we are willing to pay the price. It is now time to sow tears of intercession across the Pacific as we journey across the land and take spiritual authority over this tiny blue planet which God has give us stewardship and dominion.

Blessings,
Timothy Snodgrass
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The Coming Jubilee

by Bill Somers

A prophetic look at Israel, Pentecost and the Last day outpouring; an outline.

Pentecost was the 50th day after the Father raised his firstborn from the dead, namely Jesus.
One **key feature** of this is that 50 days after the first born was raised, **He poured out His Spirit on the Church.**
The Jubilee is a celebration to take place on the 50th year after Israel came into the Land.
The Jubilee Year for the Nation of Israel is 1997. The state of Israel came into being in 1948, 1998 will be the 50th anniversary but 1997 is the **50th year**, the Year of Jubilee!. Figuratively speaking, The Lord raised Israel, also **His firstborn**, from the dead in 1948.
If you observe the Jewish calendar, the Year of Jubilee will begin September 14 of 1996! This makes **1996/97 The Jubilee Year.**
So that 50 years after the first born was raised, He will be pouring out His Spirit on the Church again! The prophetic element in this must include the fact that this leaves a 3 and one half ; year interval till the spring (Passover) of the year 2000. The year that many look for his return, and that many missions agencies target for completion of the Great Commission.

Other points of Interest on the 1996/97 Jubilee Year:

The 1996/97 jubilee year is when Israel is celebrating Jerusalem 3000, commemorating the 3000th year since David took the city. Consider David as a type of Messiah and Jerusalem as a type of the Church and this speaks of Christ coming to His Church. It is a foreshadowing of revival. And Jubilee is a type of revival!

The 1996/97 jubilee year is also the 2000th anniversary of the Birth of Jesus, given the most probable date of 5 B. C.; on the feast of tabernacles or there about.

The 1996/97 jubilee year must also mark the beginning of the new millenium. It is the start of the 7th thousand year period in God's creation. It is the 7th day of his week, spoken prophetically as the 7th day and also as the 3rd day. The 3rd day since Jesus birth.

The 1996/97 jubilee year had been hailed by the prophets. Several major prophetic voices have indicated that God is doing something special for 1997; Bob Jones, Bill Hamon, and Larry Randolph.

The passage quoted below from Leviticus 25 is often taken to mean that God instructed Israel to celebrate a Jubilee every 50 years. It could just as well be interpreted to mean that God instructed Israel to celebrate the Jubilee ***only once***. Only on the 50th year after entering the Land, were they to celebrate. The bible does not record any occasion where Israel actually obeyed this statute in her history.
The 1996/97 jubilee year could well be the single fulfillment of the Jubilee statute.

Here are the relevant scriptural passages:

Jubilee.
"And the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying," (Leviticus 25:1)
"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the

land keep a sabbath unto the LORD." (Leviticus 25:2)
"And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years." (Leviticus 25:8)
"Then shalt thou cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the seventh month, *in the day of atonement* shall ye make the trumpet sound throughout all your land." (Leviticus 25:9)
"And ye shall hallow the *fiftieth year*, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family." (Leviticus 25:10)
"But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's." (Leviticus 27:21)
"In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong." (Leviticus 27:24)

"Ye shall not therefore oppress one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am the LORD your God.
Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.
And the land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety." (Leviticus 25:17-19)

Pentecost. "And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:
Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.
Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the firstfruits unto the LORD." (Leviticus 23:15-17)

The firstborn.
"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:" (Exodus 4:22)

Messiah as the firstborn.
"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:"
"With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him."
"The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him."
"And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him."
"But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted."
"I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers."
"He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation."
"*Also I will make him my **firstborn***, higher than the kings of the earth."
"My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him."
"His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven." (Psalms 89:20-29)

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Jubilee: 2 Prophetic Aspects

by Bill Somers

> *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth?*
> *are not his days also like the days of an hireling?* Job 7.1

Introduction
We have written an earlier article called The Coming Jubilee, which outlined some interesting prophetic features of the biblical idea, "the year of jubilee'".

In that article we stated :

The Jubilee is a celebration to take place on the 50th year after Israel came into the Land.
The Jubilee Year for the Nation of Israel is 1997. The state of Israel came into being in 1948, 1998 will be the 50th anniversary but 1997 is the **50th year**, the Year of Jubilee!.

The 1996/97 jubilee year is when Israel is celebrating Jerusalem 3000, commemorating the 3000th year since David took the city. [David recaptured the city as Joshua had taken it earlier.] Consider David as a type of Messiah and Jerusalem as a type of the Church and this speaks of Christ coming to His Church. It is a foreshadowing of revival.

Jubilee is a type of revival! The Jubilee represents the End times, a time of revival.

The 1996/97 jubilee year is also the 2000th anniversary of the Birth of Jesus, given the most probable date of 5 B. C.; on the feast of tabernacles or there about.

The 1996/97 jubilee year must also mark the beginning of the new millenium. It is the start of the 7th thousand year period in God's creation. It is the 7th day of his week, spoken prophetically as the 7th day and also as the 3rd day. The 3rd day since Jesus birth.

2 Aspects in the prophetic
The Jubilee has two other overlooked prophetic aspects relating to the end times. The Holy Spirit led me to them by raising my curiosity about a particular phrase that occurs in Isaiah in a couple places. That phrase is 'the years of an hireling'. [also days of an hireling or time of an hireling or hired servant]

> *Isaiah 21:16 For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the* ***years of an hireling****, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:*
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> *Isaiah 16:14 But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the* ***years of an hireling****, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.*

As I researched this phrase, years of an hireling, I was led to these relevant passages in Leviticus

> *And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:*
> *But as* **an hired servant***, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and* **shall serve** *thee* **unto the year of jubilee***:*
> **And then shall he depart** *from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.* Leviticus 25:39-41

The Hireling Will Depart
Now the prophetic element here, in the bold text, is thus. A hired servant shall serve until the year of jubilee, and then he shall depart. In other words **the hireling will depart during the year of jubilee.**

But all this is meaningless until you consider the New Testament context or usage of the term hireling!

> *But he that is an* **hireling***, and not the* **shepherd***, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*
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> *The* **hireling** *fleeth, because he is an* **hireling***, and careth not for the sheep.* John 10:12-13

Here the hireling is contrasted with the shepherd. The shepherd or pastor is such a common metaphor for the leader of a local Church that we sometimes forget that it is a figure of speech. Here the Lord is speaking of shepherds vs. hirelings or true vs. false pastors. The conclusion is that the hireling refers to false pastors in the Church. And further that the departure of the hireling then represents the purging of the Church and the end of oppression within the Church [i. e. the Civil War, or Judgment that begins at the house of God]

We see the false shepherds [hirelings] spoken of in these passages:

> *Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;*
> *Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and*

> *cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.* Ezekiel 34:9-10
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> *Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.* Jeremiah 12:10

And the true shepherds raised up in this passage, clearly speaking of repentance and revival:

> *Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.*
> *Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.*
> *Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:*
> *And* ***I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding***. Jeremiah 3:12-15

The exciting conclusion to this is that we can expect to see this to happen or begin to happen during the year of jubilee!

The Field Shall Return …
Now while researching the phrase 'years of an hireling' I came to this verse in Job.

> *Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of an hireling? Job 7.1*

Here Job is lamenting his sorry condition and wishing for death. He says that the hireling has an appointed time to serve and man has an appointed time to live. So that eventually the hireling will go free and mans [Job's] suffering will end.

But prophetically this is saying is that the time of **man's rule** upon earth will come to an end!

> *The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.* Ps 115:16

God has given the earth to man to rule. And he by his fall has in turn given it to Satan. But in Leviticus it says:

> *"The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me."* (Leviticus 25:23)

There is an appointed time for the land [or the earth or the field] to be under man's rule, but:

> *"In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land did belong."* (Leviticus 27:24)

And Isaiah identifies the owner of the land in this verse:

> *And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of* **thy land, O Immanuel***.* Isaiah 8:8

The Owner of the Land is Immanuel, or Jesus. *In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him!*

The Millennium
The time of man on the earth is the 6000 years of man's time to rule. Then the land returns to its original owner, God. Since this takes place, or begins to take place in the year of jubilee, the jubilee is the beginning of the **Kingdom of God** on the earth. And therefore, the jubilee is the beginning of the millennial reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. And since these events will happen before Jesus' Second Coming, the Second Coming takes place during the millenium, not before it. As it says in Exodus, where the third day speaks of the millenium: [See The Third Day in Prophecy by Bill Somers]

> *And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people …..* Exodus 19:11

This well known verse from Hosea, indicates that revival, and the resurrection take place 'after two days, in the third day' that is **on the third day,** which means in or during the millenium.

> *After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Hosea 6:2*

The common understanding is that the millenium, the 1000 years of Jesus rule, begins after the second coming. Our understanding is that it begins with the Jubilee. Two scriptural allegories support this view.

Solomon vs. Adonaijah [1 Kings 1]

Kind Solomon was anointed and proclaimed king while his half brother, Adonijah was ruling. Here Solomon is a type of Christ and Adonijah a type of antichrist. Both begin to reign about the same time, yet Solomon prevails and Adonijah is destroyed.

Joash vs. Athaliah [2 Kings 11:1-16]

In this story from 2nd Kings, Joash is a type of Christ and Athaliah a type of Satan.

> *And when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal.*
> *But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons which were slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the bedchamber from Athaliah, so that he was not slain.*
> *And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD* **six years***. And Athaliah did reign over the land.*
> *And* **the seventh year** *Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's son.* 2 Kings 11:1-4
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> *And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said,* **God save the king***.* 2 Kings 11:12

Here, King Joash, a type of Christ, is proclaimed King in the house of the Lord [the Church] while Athaliah is still ruling the rest of the city outside. In the Jubilee, Jesus begins His rule in the Church while antichrist takes over the outside world.

A similar case is seen in the new testament in Revelation 11

> *And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and* **measure the temple** *of God, and the altar,* **and them that worship** *therein.*
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> *But* **the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not***; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months.* Revelation 11:1-2

In this case, measuring the temple and the worshipers means **judging or ruling** the Church. The area outside is left alone, and not judged. So again, this speaks of Jesus Kingdom beginning with the Church, while the outside world remains under Satan. The same thing is seen in Isaiah 60

> *Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.*
> *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.* Isaiah 60:1-2

This passage speaks of the Glory of the Lord, [The Kingdom of God] coming upon the Church, while the great darkness [the power of the enemy] covers those outside.

Again this takes place, or begins to take place in the year of jubilee. It is the beginning of the thousand year reign of Christ. Those who overcome satan as he did will join Him, ruling and reigning in heavenly places.

> *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.* Revelation 20:4

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Judgment

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The big talk today is that God is good and does good things while the Devil is bad and does bad things.

911 and 2 mean hurricanes and yet there is no cry for repentance seeing that God's judgment has come upon our nation. No cry for repentance from our government and none from the church either. The church will not touch this saying it came from God.

God is a God of judgment (Have to read the Old Testament?). He does judge and it is just and final when He does it.

Last Sunday, my Pastor said that God does not do bad things and the hurricanes were bad so it came from the Devil. This talk has been repeated all across our land. God would not judge us; He is a good God that does good things. These things are just natural, they happen, but God has nothing to do with

Judgments in the Earth

by Bill Somers

Preface:

This is a fairly long article with a long appendix at the end. This article was first written in 1991 and revised in '92. It was never released for several reasons, the main being that a particular individual refused to be quoted. And the material I quoted from him made up one of the most important parts of the article.

This past week, July, 1998, the Lord has greatly impressed me to release the article and to deal with its subject matter. I have planned to greatly revise and correct it, but instead I will give it out in its present form. I will substitute references to Brother Anonymous for certain quotes, and leave the rest unchanged, however dated it may be.
There are minor revisions made July 25, 1998

> *Isaiah 26.9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy* **judgments [are] in the earth**, *the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*

What I am about to present here is a Prophetic Word for America. Rather it is a series of words from various times and sources and my one commentary about what they mean.

God is going to punish America. He will use food shortages, economic chaos, diseases, natural disasters and enemy attack. In Old Testament language this would be judgment by famine, pestilence and sword. In this article we will look at the Sword Judgment, the last and worst in the series of God's judgments.

It is important to see that the sword judgment is coming. And to know why the Lord is sending Judgment. But it is also important to know what the judgment will be and what end result, what purposes of God will be accomplished by it.

WHY JUDGMENT?
All prophecies of judgment must be regarded as conditional. We know that the Lord delights in mercy. We stand in intercessory prayer to give Him reason to grant mercy and reason to avoid bringing judgment. Yet we also know that he loves judgment. His throne is established on mercy and judgment. His is continually showing mercy but he is also continually bringing judgment. The bible is full of examples of judgment coming after many words of warning. But how many examples are there of judgment averted by heeding the word of warning?

So we must realize that any word of judgment is conditional and can be stayed. But we must also see that there a great potential element of inevitability involved in any word of judgment.

I do not claim to be a Prophet, nor to hold the Office of a Prophet. But I have assembled some prophecies. And I have heard from the Lord myself, confirming them. And I have His word of instruction saying "Publish, Conceal Not!" So I humbly submit this to the Body of Christ, to be judged by the apostles and prophets.

WHEN PROPHECY CONFLICTS WITH THEOLOGY Now traditional eschatology teaches that Christ will judge the nations of the world at the last battle, Armageddon. For seven years prior to this there will be increasing plagues, wars and other judgments leading up to Armageddon. Just before this he will withdraw his people, the Church, from the world and the wrath poured out on the world, through an event called the Rapture. Now in recent years we find words of prophecy coming along that do not line up with the traditional theory.

> *2 Chronicles 20*
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> *20. And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.*

The Word of God instructs us to believe in Him and to believe his prophets. So lets look at what the prophets are saying. (A quick comment on the Rapture. Those who teach on Rapture are not prophets. Those who are prophets do not teach Rapture. So the Church is going to be here for the duration. Jesus said 'Occupy till I come.')

Let every word be confirmed by two or three witnesses (2 Cor. 13:1). This is the principle of confirmation. When one word comes along that is out of the ordinary, highly specific and or not directly confirmed by the Bible, it 'goes on the shelf.' When confirming words come along, then it must come back off the shelf!

WILKERSON BLEW A TRUMPET
First let's consider that of David Wilkerson.

David Wilkerson wrote 'Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth' in 1985. the first paragraph of chapter one reads thus.

> America is going to be destroyed by fire! Sudden destruction is coming and few will escape. Unexpectedly, and in one hour, a hydrogen holocaust will engulf America -- and this nation will be no more.
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> It is because America has sinned against the greatest light. Other nations are just as sinful, but none are as flooded with gospel light as ours. God is going to judge America for its violence, its crimes, its backsliding, its murdering of millions of babies, its flaunting of homosexuality and sadomasochism, its corruption, its drunkenness and drug abuse, its form of godliness without power, its lukewarmness toward Christ, its rampant divorce and adultery, its lewd pornography, its child molestation's, its cheatings, its robbings, its dirty movies, and its occult practices.
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> In one hour it will all be over. To the natural mind it is insanity to come against a prosperous, powerful nation and cry out, "It's all over! Judgment is at the door! Our days are numbered!" The Church is asleep, the congregations are at ease, and the shepherds slumber. How they will scoff and laugh at this message. Theologians will reject it because they can't fit it into their doctrine. The pillow prophets of peace and prosperity will publicly denounce it.
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> I no longer care. God has made my face like flint and put steel in my backbone. I am blowing the Lord's trumpet with all my might. Let the whole world and all the church call me crazy, but I must blow the trumpet and awaken God's people. Believe it or not, America is about to be shaken and set aside by swift and horrible judgments. Many other praying believers who have been shut in with God are hearing the very same message - "Judgment is at the door! Prepare, awaken!"
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> Ever since this message came to me, I have been searching God's Word from cover to cover. No prophecy is valid unless it is positively confirmed by God's holy Word. I discovered in the Word God's pattern of judgment.....

He goes on to say, later in the chapter that, this will be an attack from Russia. And "The great holocaust follows an economic collapse in America. The enemy will make its move when we are weak and helpless."

He says that

> "America will not Repent"...."God promised to preserve America only if it turned from its evil....This nation has not repented but has turned its back....I see almighty God even now slowly turning His back on this nation. America is on the verge of committing the unpardonable sin by resisting the Holy Ghost. Soon, there will be repentance only for individuals, but not for the nation."

The remainder of the book discusses at great length the sins of America and the Scriptural basis for her judgment at the hand of God.

Note that he says that America will be destroyed in this attack. The attack will come well before Armageddon, the day of the Lord. And that America will not repent, but will suffer judgment unto total desolation.

He does not hold out any hope of staying God's judgment through prayer or by the coming of revival. He feels the judgment is unavoidable, perhaps because he feels America will not repent.

The Lord has shown David Wilkerson that Judgment, by the sword, is coming. And anointed him greatly to preach the word of warning and the reasons for this judgment. But I believe that the Lord does not reveal all that he is doing to any one individual. There may be more to the picture here and we need to look at what others are hearing from the Lord.

WHAT SHALL WE SAY TO ALL OF THESE THINGS?

One approach is to totally ignore it. It's just alarmist ravings.

Another is to accept it understanding that Christians will be raptured and are not going to suffer any wrath. This approach boils down to ignoring it also. Saying it's coming, we can't do anything about it but we don't have to worry either. (The great flaw in Dispensational theology is it's allowing you to ignore the Word of God.)

Another approach is to intercede for mercy and revival, hoping to delay inevitable judgment.

Another approach is to intercede and seek revival. But to also prepare for judgment and its aftermath. This means operating in a greater understanding of God's purposes and direction. The need to seek the Lord is top priority at any time; especially now.

What have the other prophets been saying?

END TIME EVENTS
Sometime in 1989, a friend gave me a pair of tapes that contained a very unusual prophecy. By Brother Anonymous, was a tape of a television program on some Christian station somewhere. I could not identify the show or the personalities involved. The broadcast took place sometime during the second Reagan term, from the context anyway.

In the interview, he went into the problems and sins of America; and the coming judgments and revival. And then he started to discuss the coming war. Here is an excerpt of his speech.

> "Crisis draws us together. Every time there's a crisis, people come. It's been that way from the very beginning. God told the children of Israel "When I do these things, then you'll seek me early. When I do these things, then you'll call upon my name. When I do these things to you, then you'll know that I am God." It's been that way always. It's still that way today. And God still moves that way to get us to bow our knee.
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> "Crisis is coming to America. To get us to repent, to bow our knees. To get us to give Jesus Christ Lordship over our lives. Not just to know Him but to know all of Him. Not just to have heard of him but to know all about him. To be intimate. We're gonna end up bowing our knee before God Almighty. And God will save us.
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> "In the war that's coming we will not be defeated, but we will be hurt. We will be neutralized. We're not going to come out of it unscathed. China and Russia are both going to invade our territory. There's going to be tremendous nuclear, or limited nuclear warfare. But tremendous bombing and a new type of weaponry that is going to hit the east and the west coasts of the United States. And those cities. The purpose in that is to desolate the populous areas. So then when invasion troops and invasion forces come in there'll be fewer people that they have to deal with.
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> "And they are not really after our cities; they are gonna be after our farms. They're gonna be after our agricultural land. That's what they're coming after. That's why they are gonna wipe out the populous areas, or try to, and then invade the middle of America.
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> "I've seen missiles coming from submarines, to do it. And for some reason, the Lord told me, the missiles that Russia has are not accurate, and so they won't depend on those greatly. But they'll depend on submarine warfare. The missiles will come from submarines. But they don't have a long range and so they'll mainly attack the coastal areas.
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> "But the great thing is that we'll win. It'll look like were going to be defeated. It'll bring us to our knees. But were gonna win. At the same time, not only will we be neutralized but Russia will be neutralized. Russia will have - nothing - after it's all said and done. And we'll have nothing after it's all said and done. Basically, we'll have life. There'll be some life left.
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> "But when Russia's neutralized and America's neutralized, then you'll see the Anti-Christ arise in power. That's when he'll arise. And he'll say 'Ah, now' to himself or to those around him, 'since I don't have anything to worry about in America, I'll leave it alone. The United States, I don't have to worry about it; it's no longer a power. I don't have anything to worry about with Russia, it's no longer a power. So I'm gonna concentrate all my forces upon this European segment.
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> "But there is a force, Israel, I've got to deal with. Because it's a thorn in my side. And God says 'I'll put a hook in your jaw and I'll draw you out. He's gonna put a hook in the jaw and He's gonna draw him out. And they're gonna come against Israel. But they won't have the United States to worry about. They won't have Russia to contend with. It'll be the anti-Christ forces that are gonna bring this invasion of Israel.
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> "But were gonna be neutralized and we won't be able to intervene. Only God can intervene. And in a way, that's what God wants. Is that when Israel can't say 'Help!' to anybody but God. Only God will they be able to say help to. And when they say, 'Daddy, help me!' he'll help them. And he'll intervene, Miraculously!
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> "But that's the time period that were coming to. And so not a lot of people have thought that China would be involved in the invasion. But China is gonna be involved in the invasion. A lot of people said well that's impossible because Russia and China hate each other. Well they're gonna unite for a common cause. And when you unite for a common cause, each one of them will probably be thinking, 'Well when it's over with, I'll take care of the other guy.' And so were gonna be invaded.
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> "China will still have enough people, after it's said and done. China will still have enough people to send millions and millions. A hundred million marching toward Israel. They won't be technological giants. But they'll be giants in physical numbers, numbers of men. Numbers in the army that they'll still be able to amass. But they'll join, they're gonna join Russia in this coming invasion.
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> "God will supernaturally intervene. But the time frame it's gonna leave us with is that you'll see a lot more horse and buggy's on the roads than you'll see cars. I've seen a time when there's very, very few automobiles on the road, and a lot of horses. A lot of buggies; a lot of wagons. Some of them are really strange wagons. It's like they didn't know how to build them. They just constructed anything that would haul something. It's like people who didn't know how to do, how to build but did the best they could. And so you saw a lot of strange things on the road.
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> "When I have visions, like this, the Lord gives me visions or dreams, it's as if I went through this time period. So I can remember seeing certain things. Just like I can close my eyes and I can see 'em just like I can see you. It's like I lived through it. I lived through the horse and buggies. I lived through a time when there was no radio. I lived through a time when there was no TV. I lived through a time when the people didn't know if there was any government.
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> "So for a period of time, there was government by God through the people. And God literally formed theocracy. Not a democracy, not a monarchy, not a king. But a theocracy. For He told people what to do.

> Men were led by the Spirit of God. They made decisions based upon what the Holy Spirit of God said to do. And they lived.
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> "And if they needed water, they walked out. The Holy Spirit says "here!" They drilled; Here; and there was water. They didn't have to drill ten times. They drilled one time. There was the water.
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> "So it's gonna be an interesting time period that were entering into. A lot of people are anti that. I can't help it. This is actually what's going to take place in the United States of America.
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> "But I tell you the Power of God! The power of God that's coming in this next move. That will move here is going to be quite dramatic....
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> "The Lord wants this word to come out. He wants the church to hear. The Lord God is with them in all these things that are coming in the earth; coming stock market crash; coming famine; coming gangs that are going to start roaming when welfare is greatly cut back. Eventually there will be no welfare.

At the end, you will note , he mentions the power of God coming in this next move. He is referring to the coming revival, and spends a lot of time later in his talk about what will take place then. Notice in the last paragraph he mentions social chaos and economic collapse. These are the other judgments that precede the sword judgment, they are the pestilence and famine. The time of revival will also be a time of judgment. There will be increasing judgment but along with it will come increasing revival.

I found this word intriguing and encouraging, offering more hope in that it balances the warnings with encouragement's.

RICK JOYNER
The Harvest by Rick Joyner also considers this coming time period. He sees a time of increasing anointing for harvest (revival) and increasing chaos throughout the world, and the U.S. He mentions some judgments in passing but does not elaborate on them. Neither does his prophecy follow through to the end of the period.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, PROPHET
Shortly after obtaining this tape, I suddenly remembered that I had read something very similar several years earlier. In a book by Gordon Lindsay, "Will our President Die in Office?" there was a chapter that recorded "George Washington's Vision". (CFNI) I had packed the book away one time when moving, but was able to find it right away. The details of the vision were remarkably similar. So in effect this is a confirmation of Brother Anonymous's prophecy, in a vision given 200 years earlier. Here are the pertinent details.

> "The following is an account of a vision supposedly received by George Washington while at Valley Forge.
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> "I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes.
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> "By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak, but my tongue had become useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor.
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> "Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I began to feel as one dying or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.
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> (Here, Washington describes the vision given him by the angel. The First and Second perils come and go and now the third...)
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> "Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa.
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> Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up.
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> As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

> Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'UNION,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.
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> "Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.
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> "Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'UNION' he placed upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down said, 'Amen'!
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> "The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted; Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The Most fearful for her is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union.' With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress, and destiny of the United States."

When I had first read this vision, some years earlier, I dismissed it as so far out it was incredible. It seemed totally beyond the realm of possibility. Today I see it as confirmation of the other prophecies.

I received a rhema word from the Lord, saying "I have prepared a sword against this land." Now was this also a 'Nineveh' word that could be averted through revival and repentance? It seemed that the Lord intended to send judgment but desired to give revival! Apparently he will do both!

AMERICA WILL BURN!

My next confirmation came by way of a tape circulating around with the appealing title "America Will Burn!" Here is the core of the message of that tape.

(This material is taken from a tape titled America Will Burn! which is distributed by the League of Prayer PO Box 4038, Montgomery AL 36104. It consists of a conversation between an interviewer, Duduman and an interpreter. The language of the revelations is somewhat awkward because the interpreter is doing a running translation of Duduman speaking in his native tongue.)

Duduman tells something of his experiences under communist persecution in Romania, and his supernatural deliverance with the assistance of the Angel Gabriel.

He leaves Romania and comes to America but is greatly disappointed by his treatment here. At a time of deep discouragement, he once again encounters the Angel Gabriel....

> "He said "America will burn." I said "How will America burn?" I said why did you bring me here, why didn't you let me die in jail in Romania." He said, "I told you to have patience." and he said get on this here next me. I got on something. It wasn't a vision. It wasn't a dream. I was awake like I'm awake now. And he showed him all over California. He showed him Las Vegas. And he said, 'Do you see what I've shown you here?" He said this is Sodom and Gomorra and all of this, in one day it will burn."
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> "He went and he showed him New York and he said "This is New York. And he said this is Sodom and Gomorra. In one day it will burn." He went and showed him Florida. And he said, "This is Florida." And he said, "Everything that I've shown you, in one day it will burn." "I said, 'How will it burn in one day?'" Because the Russian spies have found out the most powerful nuclear warehouses in America. And when the Americans will think it's peace and safety, the communists from America will start a Revolution against the government, and the government will be busy with them. And then, he said, from the ocean, from Cuba, from Nicaragua, from Mexico, and he told him two other countries but he don't remember these. And they will bomb the nuclear warehouses. And America will burn."
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> ...And the Angel said also; he said that "The Lord has blessed this country. Because of the Jewish people that is in this country." He said that "over here he has 7 million Jewish. Which they never tasted of torture. They never went through tortures; through hard times; and the Lord has blessed them in this country. But they don't want to recognize the Lord. They started sinning. And they started all kinds of evil things. And the Lord wants to punish them together with America. And Israel is not recognizing the Messiah, because they put their faith on the Jewish people from America. And the Lord will punish America.
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> And then when America will be punished, all the people will be frightened. The Lord will give power to China and Japan, and other nations. And they will go against the Russians and they will beat the Russians. He said they will push them all the way to the gates of Paris. Over there they will make a treaty of peace.

> And all the people, they will turn towards Israel. That's when the war of Armageddon will be. He said that Israel will be frightened. They will not have the help from America no more. And then they will call upon the Messiah. That's when the Messiah will come. In the help of Israel.
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> But the church must meet the messiah. We must get ourselves ready so we can meet the Lord. Because Christ will set on the Mount of Olives together with the church."
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> And he told him this, "Tell this to all the people. Tell them to read from the bible." I asked him, he said, "If you're the Angel of the Lord, where does it say in the bible what you just told me?" And he said "Tell them to read this. In Jeremiah 51:8-15, and Revelation, chapter 18. Over there it tells exactly what will happen to America. And how America will burn. And the battle that Christ will go against, he'll fight against all the nations. How Christ will fight against all the nations." He said "Tell them to read from Zechariah, chapter 14."

Brother Anonymous's vision and Washington's agree in many details. Duduman's message from the angel only covers only the bombing attack. Note how it mentions specific areas to be bombed which fit in with the coastal areas mentioned by Brother Anonymous. He also gives other details of how this attack comes about. The full text of the Duduman message is included in the appendix.

PUNISHMENT OR A FINAL END?
To my mind these prophetic 'words' clearly support each other. The Lord quickened a scripture from Jeremiah and gave me to understand that it expressed his heart and intention toward America as he brings this judgment on us.

> Jeremiah 30: 10. Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make [him] afraid.
> 11. For I [am] with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

My understanding of this is that the coming judgment is a chastisement. That the Lord will "not make a full end of" America but "will correct ... in measure, and will not leave ... unpunished."

He also gave part of Isaiah 48, later.

> 3 I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them; I did [them] suddenly, and they came to pass.
> 5 I have even from the beginning declared [it] to thee; before it came to pass I showed [it] thee:....
> 9. For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.
> 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.
> 20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it [even] to the end of the earth; say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

Another scripture the Lord gave me regarding this situation is Jeremiah 50.2.

> Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, [and] conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

The words "PUBLISH, AND CONCEAL NOT" are the Lords instructions for what he has shown me.

PERSONAL CONFIRMATION
One of the signs that you have begun to really believe something, is when you begin to base your reasoning on it. I found myself thinking about these prophecies and speculating on what the situation would be like in America, if or rather when they came to pass.

The Lord show me in quick succession one week that these visions were of him. He showed me our vulnerability to invasion. And our vulnerability to sneak attack.

I am employed as a two way radio technician in the rural area just up river from New Orleans. I have a wide variety of dealings with business, industrial and governmental clients.

One of our regular customers is the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in St. James Parish. This agency is under the US Department of Energy. Their mission is to purchase and store vast quantities of crude oil as a strategic reserve, in case we were once again cut off from foreign imports.

One day while I was there I got to see a map of the locations of the underground storage depots for the crude oil . All but two are right on the Gulf Coast. The other 2 slightly inland in Louisiana.

Being something of a military buff, (I once had a lifetime subscription to Strategy & Tactics Magazine) it struck me that the crude oil reserves we supposedly depend upon are extremely vulnerable to capture by invading forces, being so close to the seacoast. That same day I got hold of a petroleum resource catalog. This showed books and maps available of our oil and natural gas pipeline and distribution network. Most of it comes up through Texas and Louisiana, to be distributed to the northern cities. Again strategically vulnerable to capture.

Invading forces that were after our agricultural lands could have extra effect by invading the south. They would want to capture the port of New Orleans. This gives them access to ship docking and stevedoring facilities. Plus all the major grain elevators we use to export our products to feed the world. They would want to move up the Mississippi River to the heart of America's farmlands. And in doing so, they could also cut off all the oil & gas pipelines. This would deprive the remaining northern cities of a major source of energy.

This seemed to reinforce the implications of Brother Anonymous's vision of the horse and buggies, and very few cars. And The strange looking wagons. All of that would result from a severe shortage of oil.

The very next day, my work took me to a local civil defense headquarters. My assignment there was just to assist technicians on the other end of a circuit. So I had a bit of time to kill waiting for them to do something on their end. The room I was working in had many dozens of books and manuals on the shelves. A certain curiosity got hold of me, a Spirit led curiosity as it turned out. The first manual I looked into was a collection of materials from an emergency preparedness course.

I read a fascinating account of lessons learned from WWII. How the British coped with having to evacuate London during the Blitz. It dealt with how they moved families into the villages and country side and doubled them up with other families, two to a home. How would you like a second family to move in with you for several years?

THE SOVIETS
Other articles went into Russian experience in WWII. Theories of Civil Defense and Strategic Bombing. A comparison of Soviet and US Civil Defense Programs. An evaluation of the nuclear strategy of each country, an excellent strategic survey of the history and development of Soviet nuclear strategy since WWII. Its title was 'Why the Soviet Union thinks it could fight and win a nuclear war' by Richard Pipes of Harvard University. (See Appendix)

I could easily see several conclusions from this material. (Some of which I was allowed to take copies of.)

1. Practically speaking we have no civil defense program.

2. Soviet nuclear strategy is militarily practical and realistic. It's called counter-force strategy; and its based upon destroying your enemy's ability to fight or to strike back.

3. American nuclear Strategy (mutual deterrence) is based on wishful thinking, and political expediency. A fantasy that Russia would never attack.

4. If we were to be attacked, while weak and unprepared, the results would be exactly as predicted in the prophecies.

HORSE AND BUGGY
I have no doubt the Lord led me to find this information for the exact purpose of confirming the prophecies. Especially after what I happened to see the very next day!

Now I had been especially struck with the significance of one detail of Brother Anonymous's prophecy - the strangely built wagons. That following day I got a chance to see one!

On the way to another job, on a sunny Friday afternoon, I saw a horse drawn wagon. It was sitting atop the Mississippi River levee in Destrehan Louisiana, near the Hale Boggs bridge. It was also sitting on four automobile tires, instead of wagon wheels! What could be more obvious! If you had to build a horse drawn wagon, make the body of wood. It's light. But don't make wooden wheels when car wheels are abundant! I was so excited by the discovery and amused by the way it was built that I radioed my office to report the presence of this great curiosity. (I never saw it again, nor discovered anything more about it.)

The combination of these three experiences, all one after another, impressed me tremendously. It was another way the Lord had of giving confirmation.

ANOTHER WARNING OF JUDGMENT
Another confirmation came in 1991, through a prophetess, Peggy Richards. It came out during the Gulf War and was quoted by Pastor Rod Aguillard in one of his messages. What follows next is a quote of that prophecy and some discussion of the relevant issues.

The following dialogue is taken from 'Seven Prophetic Events' a tape by Bro. Rod Aguillard 1-23-91, available from Reserve Christian Fellowship, POB AA, Reserve LA, 70084.

Questioner in audience: "Do you think David Wilkerson's Prophecy that America is doomed is inevitable or where do we stand on this?"

Pastor Aguillard: "I think that if we continue to intercede and if we stay true to Israel that God's hand of Judgment can be stayed. But then when the United States of Europe comes into power, we are going under...."

Second questioner in audience: "Don't you think David Wilkerson's prophecy is more of a Nineveh type prophecy? That we can stay God's hand of judgment through our repentance, just like Nineveh did with Jonah."

Pastor Aguillard: "Yea, I believe we can....

"Sister Peggy (Richards) prophesied in a meeting Mary and I was at. She just came up and started prophesying.

"I see a nation," thus saith the lord, "there's a nation that hates you more than the nation you're fighting. [IRAQ] That is waiting for you to get weakened. And then they will invade your waters and invade your land and your cities will be on fire."

"And she spoke that through prophecy.

"Now that can happen! You know that's a Nineveh prophecy. And that agrees with Wilkerson's that our nation would be sieged with bombs and partly destroyed. The guy from Romania that came in, he has a tape out, God showed him a vision of our cities on fire.

"I don't know if were going to suffer that, but I think a lot of that can be stayed. That's Judgment unto desolation. It can be stayed. If we do what God's asked. He said 'If I can find me intercessors, I desire not to destroy the land.'

"We're targets for destruction because of the shedding of innocent blood, and the idolatry and adultery in our land.

"But that Judgment can be stayed, number one because of Israel, but not just Israel, I think its going to take intercessors working. It'll take both. If those two things don't happen, I believe we are going to be judged to desolation. I hope we are going to obey God. If we don't, we'll die with the wicked in Judgment."

REVIVAL IN NINEVEH

Now what exactly is a Nineveh Prophecy? It refers to the preaching of Jonah to Nineveh in the book of Jonah.

> *Jonah 3*
> *4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.*
> *5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.*
> *10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.*

The principle here is that God gave the prophet a word for Nineveh, but because they repented the word did not come to pass. A "Nineveh Prophecy" is a Word warning of Judgment; Judgment that can be stayed by repentance.

Now in order for these prophecies we have been discussing to be "Nineveh Prophecies", we must hope for a revival and national repentance like they had in Nineveh. They all repented 'from the greatest of them even to the least of them.'

The hope of a Nineveh Prophecy is the hope for a Nineveh Revival. It is also a hope for a delay in judgment. We know that eventually God judged Nineveh. Much of the thinking that we can stay or delay God's judgment includes the thought that it must eventually come no matter what. And that the judgment, the final wrath will be utter desolation. The Nineveh revival is typical of many revivals throughout history, where the moral climate of nations was changed, almost overnight. I do not believe this is the type of revival we will have. And therefore I do not believe these are "Nineveh Prophecies".

ECONOMY, RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT

On Friday, Jan 24 1992, I had a discussion with a couple of the men in my home group. We got into the fall of Communism and the coming fall of Islam. I shared how I was shown that these things had to come in order to prepare for the end time rule of AntiChrist.

Prophecy shows us that in the end time, very soon, there will be a one world economy; a one world religion; and a one world government. We agreed that for there to be a one world economy, Communism had to fall. I then stipulated that for there to be a one world religion, Islam must fall. Islam is a strict monotheistic faith. As such it would be in the way of a movement that leads to worship of a man. Which is the coming one world religion. (All the world will worship the beast.)

Next I related how I had shared this same idea with Bro. Tony Foster, who is now starting a church in Russia. The fall of communism opens the opportunity for harvest in communist lands that we see today. The coming fall of Islam will likewise open opportunities for harvest in Islamic lands.

Then I mentioned how the Lord had challenged me after the conversation with Bro. Tony. He said, "There's a third part to this, that you're not willing to face up to!" The third part is: What must happen for there to be a one world govt. The answer is that America must fall! They easily agreed with me, anticipating at worst an economic collapse of the U.S.

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN

It seemed to me, ironic, I pointed out that just lately we saw America at the peak of her power and influence. In the Gulf War, the United States exerted her military might on the other side of the globe. We saw decisive use of overwhelming force produce an astonishing rapid victory. From that point on to today and to the foreseen future we are headed straight down. How far down is the question; how great will the judgments against us be?

> *How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished! (2 Samuel 1:27)*

The next day the Lord reminded me of the above verse from 2nd Samuel. He had given me that same scripture in the first days the gulf war. At that point we were still quite fearful of high casualties or possible adverse outcomes of the war. And I understood the reference to be to America. But as the war progressed, it seemed that the verse must have applied to Iraq. Yet Iraq did not then seem so mighty. And her weapons of war seemed paltry.

But now I see that this was referring to America. One purpose of the war was to show the might of America and to mark the peak of her power. This was our high point and marked the magnitude of our fall.

BENHADAD, KING OF SYRIA
While preparing to revise this article, my morning devotion took me to 1 Kings 20 one day.

> 1. And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and [there were] thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.

I worked my way into the chapter finding mostly familiar material. I had not planned on reading in that part of the bible anyway so I was ready to skip over to proverbs, when I came to verse 13.

> 13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I [am] the LORD.

At this point the Lord showed me that here was an example of God giving a victory to a wicked nation. Israel under king Ahab was backslidden, wicked and far from God's favor. Yet he gave the victory so "Thou shalt know that I am the LORD!"

> 21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

This example is written for us, I realized. Our 'miracle victory' in the Gulf War can in no way be seen as a sign of God's favor or approval. (It can certainly be seen as a sign that God had a hand in it.)

Later that day I meditated on the comparison to the Gulf War. The US as Israel, and Iraq as Syria was the analogy clearly established in my mind. As I considered how to incorporate this into my article, I got a second revelation that shook me to the core. I remembered what happened in the rest of the Chapter! And the word of Judgment pronounced against Israel and King Ahab in the end!

> *28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD [is] God of the hills, but he [is] not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.*

Here the Lord gave Israel a victory not because they called on him but because of the Syrians actions. The Syrians made the war a contest between their gods and the God if Israel! Now recall that Saddam Hussein made a great public show, on world wide television, of prayer to Allah! That he called for Jihad, or Holy War, and counted on Allah for victory!

President Bush had Billy Graham come into the White House to pray. And he issued a proclamation of prayer after the manner of Abraham Lincoln.

Once again the war was a contest between the God of Israel and false religion. And once again God gave the victory to a wicked, backslidden nation: America.

> *29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And [so] it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.*

But Benhadad of Syria escaped from the battle and pled for mercy.

> *32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live....*
> *34 ... Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.*

(Our leadership in the Gulf War allowed the Iraqi army to slip from the trap and still permits Hussein to remain in power.)

But the Lord was angry and sent the prophet again.

> *38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.*
> *42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of [thy] hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.*
>
> *And this is another word of judgment for us as well.*

AMERICA REDUCED
America's fall from being a world power in implied in yet another prophecy from many years back.

(This is taken from an article called "As I See It" by Lance Lambert which appeared in Christ for the Nations Vol 43 nr 2, May 1990.

> ...There was a prophecy given in 1911 that shortly an evil would take Russia, and wherever this evil would go, rivers of blood would flow. It was not the Russian soul; it was not an ideology or a philosophy, but a spirit

> from hell. In the last days, the prophecy went on to say, Germany would be divided; Italy would be judged by natural disasters; France would be nothing much; Britain would lose her empire and come almost to ruin, but would be saved by praying women; the U. S. would feed the world and be the greatest power, but would finally be reduced. In the end Russia would be free and believers would go forth from Russia and China taking the Good News to all the earth before the antichrist.

But there is good news here too. While America is declining as a world power there is a move of reformation, restoration and revival coming to pass. One turning point was the summer of 1988 when Operation Rescue began to act as the Church is supposed to and became doers of the word and not hearers only.

WITCHITA KANSAS - AUGUST 1991
The summer of 91 marked another turning point in our restoration as a Godly covenant nation.

In the summer of 1991, I participated in the Operation Rescue's Summer of Mercy in Witchita Kansas. I was privileged to accompany my pastor, Rod Aguillard and a group of other pastors and lay ministers. This was the third time our local church had sent a party to participate in the rescues taking place there.

During the time prior to the trip, I was deeply impressed in my spirit that this was going to be a critical time. A critical moment for America and that our obedience was critical to God's purposes.

We were given a prophecy the day we left that we were going into an intense spiritual battle. To pray and war. And that "the Enemy was about to overstep his limits!"

To make a long story short, we (radical fence jumpers) spent 3 days in jail. We were facing serious Federal charges and a severely high bail bond requirement.

But we saw God move mightily. I witnessed an awesome move of the Spirit in the cell block on the second night. The lord spoke through one of the men there. "I am beginning to turn this thing around. I am raising up a Joshua people, a people who will take a stand for me." The very next day, legal barriers fell one after another, securing the release of all those in our party, in an astonishing way. Everyone got back home before the weekend was out. (Including Gorbachov, for that was the week of the failed Soviet coup. It proved to be a critical time for the whole world.)

My understanding of the Word given in the jail cell was two fold. Not only did God "turn this thing around" and get us out of jail quickly. God was turning around the abortion situation. Shortly thereafter Clarence Thomas was confirmed to the Supreme Court. And He was turning around the Church and beginning to give Revival.

KING JOSIAH AND REVIVAL
Then He showed me that it was to be a Josiah revival....I regularly listen to the bible on tape; sometimes the Lord will illuminate some passage and give its application. He gave me this scripture speaking of King Josiah. And quickened it as applying to America!

> *2 Kings 23*
> *25. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there [any] like him.*
> *26 Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocation's that Manasseh had provoked him withal.*
> *27 And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.*

The Josiah revival as described in Kings is the pattern that will come to pass in America. There is a great revival, a cleansing and repentance, yet the Lord still said he would bring judgment upon Judah for the sins of Manasseh, for the innocent blood he shed.

Here is a pattern of revival followed by judgment. Consider there remarks by Mary Stewart Relfe of the League of Prayer, commenting on the Word from Dimitri Duduman.

> "Revival, for which League of Prayer is praying, is always accompanied by or followed by Judgment. Judgment is not a pleasant subject. The prophet Isaiah calls judgment Gods "strange work" (Isaiah 28:21).
>
> For example, after the great revival of 1858, when millions of people were won to the Lord in this nation, The Civil War soon broke out and took the lives of multitudes, many of whom God had saved.
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> After the great Wales awakening, that swept the world in 1904 through 1912, World War I broke out and millions of people who were saved in that great revival, their lives were taken in the war. It seems that God always extends his great hand of mercy, before he sends judgment. (The same pattern is seen in the Cambodian Revival of the early 1970's.)
>
> While America goes happily along, I can assure that the Holy Spirit has born witness in my heart that the Church is on the Cutting Edge of a great outpouring of God's Spirit in America."

REVIVAL AND JUDGMENT
There is a Great revival coming to America, but for the Sin of Abortion, the shedding of innocent blood, the price must be paid.

> *Jeremiah 15*
> *4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for [that] which he did in Jerusalem*
>
> *2 Kings 21*
> *16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing [that which was] evil in the sight of the LORD.*

The coming of revival is a turning point. If there were no remnant in the church crying out for revival; if no revival were coming, we would have no hope.

This Passage from Ezekiel shows a pattern of judgment upon a wicked people where a remnant of them remain afterwards.

> *Ezekiel 6*
> *1. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*
> *2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them,*
> *3 And say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, [even] I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.*
> *6 In all your dwellingplaces the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.*
> *7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.*
> *8. Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have [some] that shall escape the sword ....*

In the book of Daniel, the Prophet Daniel is called on to interpret a vision in chapter 4. The interpretation amounted to a word of judgment on King Nebuchadnezzar. The nature of the judgment was a chastisement. Nevertheless Daniel expressed hope that it would not come to pass and immediately advised the King to repent at once. The King knew of God and his power but was basically ignorant of his ways.

> *Daniel 4*
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> *19. Then Daniel, whose name [was] Belteshazzar, was astonied for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream [be] to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies.*
> *20 The tree that thou sawest,*
> *22 It [is] thou, O king, ...*
> *26 And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule.*
> *27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.*

BELSHAZZAR'S FINAL END

This is a sharp contrast with the judgment pronounced in the next chapter on King Belshazzar. Belshazzar, who knew of all the things that the Lord had done to Nebuchadnezzar, still paid no attention to them. His behavior was one of mockery and a personal offense to the Lord. His use of the vessels of the temple brought down the finger of God to produce the handwriting on the wall. He was weighed in the balance and found wanting. (The abuse of the temple vessels speaks of persecution of God's people, the church, when applied to our times.) Before Belshazzar, Daniel showed only respect. He offered no prayer or counsel. He knew the judgment was no chastisement. It was an outpouring of wrath unto desolation. Belshazzar and his kingdom were through.

> *Daniel 5*
> *18 O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor:*
> *20 But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him:*
> *21 And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, ... till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and [that] he appointeth over it whomsoever he will.*
> *22 And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;*
> *23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath [is], and whose [are] all thy ways, hast thou not glorified:....*
> *30. In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain.*

Both of these elements must be a part of our understanding on God's word of judgment on America. Insofar as America is 'Babylon', she will be desolated. Insofar as America is the church, she is to be chastised.

The Lord gave me Isaiah 65 as applying here balancing the two types of judgment mentioned in Daniel. The whole chapter is relevant, but especially verses 8 through 14; verse 19; and the end of the chapter depicts the situation going on into the millennium.

> *8. Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and [one] saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing [is] in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.*
> *11. But ye [are] they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, ...*
> *12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, ...*
> *13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed*
> *14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.*
> *19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

This is a clear scriptural picture of revival in the midst of judgment. Note the words in verse 8. NEW WINE! When the Holy Ghost comes, they will say :These men are filled with new wine! Revival is coming.... And judgment is coming.

AMERICA IS SAVED
And after the judgment: further restoration and rebuilding. The Brother Anonymous prophecy and the Washington vision both offer hope in the end. So the turning point that brings revival means that America Is Saved!

To illustrate this point the Lord took me in memory to a book I had read many years ago. 'War and Peace'.

In Tolstoy's 'War and Peace' there is a memorable scene, late in the book which shows the military insight of the Russian commander, General Kutuzov.

Napoleon had invaded Russia in 1812, defeating the Russians at every turn. He advanced deep into Mother Russia, and took Moscow. But then he retreated seeking better winter quarters. History sees this as the turning point in the war but it was not. On the way out of Moscow, his army came to a fork in the road. One way led west, the way they had come. The other road went off to the southwest. It was at this point that some surviving elements of the Russian army made a stand and skirmished with the French by blocking the southwest fork.

Rather than stopping to regroup for battle, Napoleon took the other road.

Upon hearing the report of this action, General Kutuzov did something that astonished the staff officers in his headquarters. He fell to his knees weeping, and cried out, giving thanks to God, "Russia is Saved! Russia is Saved!"

You see, he alone of all the men there realized that THIS was the turning point of the war. By taking the westerly road, Napoleon would be forced to pass through regions he had already come through once already during his advance on Moscow. These regions would now be depleted of the supplies his army would need to survive. (Napoleon would end up leaving Russia with slightly less than 10% of the army he had when he began the retreat.) Kutuzov alone had the insight into the situation, and praised God for Russia's deliverance. This he did while those around him had no understanding of the situation.

The same thing can be said for us. The Lord gave me this parallel to show that America is Saved!

So America is Saved in that it is not to be judged unto desolation and utterly destroyed at the Second Coming of Jesus. It will be judged, purged, purified and restored as a Godly covenant nation ready for the return of the master.

Perhaps, This also means that AntiChrist will not rule America!

ARISE, SHINE
At the time of the outpouring and the great harvest, we will not see a total transformation of the moral climate of the nation. This was the case in several past revivals. But this is a case of Isaiah 60:1-2.

> *Isaiah 60 1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

God will give revival in some areas but Satan will control others. This is seen in the parable of the tares and wheat. The tares are allowed to ripen along with the wheat, just before the harvest. There will be great contrasts between light and darkness; between the church and the world.

The areas of revival will be places of great light and anointing; refuge and refreshment for God's people.

The righteous grow more righteous and the wicked grow more wicked. The iniquities of America will come to the full as the sins of the Amorites did. When this comes about, the church will be in her glory leading multitudes to salvation. But the wicked will be in power and the country in chaos. Our nation will turn against Israel and this will be the final straw bringing down God's judgment.

But the Lord's people will come out from Babylon and many will survive the bombing in miraculous ways.

This also means that from the time of the bombing onward, antichrist forces will no longer rule. And that when America fully repents and humbles herself as a nation, several important changes will take place. The tide of battle will turn against the invaders. (Duduman's prophecy indicates that our enemies will begin to fight amongst themselves. So the lord will put confusion in their ranks!) Secondly, Theocracy will be established and we will once again be a covenant people in right standing with God. Thirdly we will not be ruled over by antichrist, nor among the nations that march against Israel. Fourth we are not appointed unto the final outpouring of God's wrath upon the nations at the end.

HOW MUCH OF THIS IN INEVITABLE?
First some is inevitable because God's plan requires that "America will be reduced" to the point where she is not able to assist Israel in any way. And to the point where she cannot hinder antichrist in forming a one world government. America must fall.

Secondly some is inevitable because of the "sins of Manasseh" and because He will not leave us "wholly unpunished".

Thirdly some is inevitable because God wants to bring America to her knees in full repentance. She must be brought low enough for him to be able to establish Theocracy. Why? because we are a covenant people, analogous to Israel. (Many of the prophetic scriptures that mention Israel or Zion can be applied to us.) In a sense, the church of America is America.

I heard a comment that America is a land built by immigration. True. We are a people gathered out from other nations. Like the Church is a people called out from the nations. This reinforces the idea that the Church of America is America ; and America is a type of the Church.

To Quote Gordon Lindsey;

> "America became a nation in a manner different from almost any other people with the exception of ISRAEL. Some indeed came to the New World in search of gold and silver and other treasure. Adventurers committed the most brutal crimes in their mad lust for wealth. Kingdoms were plundered by the conquistadors without the slightest compunction of conscience. But our forefathers (who were from many nation) came to America for another purpose. They came to find a sanctuary where they could worship God in the freedom of their conscience."

A COVENANT PEOPLE
So our covenant doesn't just go back to 1776, neither does our history. The covenant is that made by God with the original colonists who came to this land seeking freedom to worship Him. And, perhaps for their sakes, he would have us to be in right standing with Him when he returns. That he may be able to spare us the final wrath and desolation prepared for the world. Praise God!

What is inevitable is, I believe, a. economic and social chaos, b. bombing of our cities and c. invasion of the land. What is variable is the extent of the damage and the length of the war. This is where God's hand of judgment can be stayed. Once she repents, America needs only to be reduced to the point of being unable to help Israel.

What is not coming to pass amongst all that we have been taught by traditional eschatology is: a. rule by antichrist in America, and b. final desolation in the Day of the Lord.

But just as all the world will come against Israel in the last battle; all the world will first come against America. She is God's other covenant people. And when America finally repents her people will be willing to lay down their lives. Concurrently when the Church finally repents and God's people are willing to lay down their lives, God's purpose will go forward. The enemy will be overcome in the natural and the Adversary will be overcome in the spiritual.

AFTERWORD
The following paragraph is taken from an article in The Morning Star Prophetic Journal Vol 1 Nr 1. p. 45

1991 and Beyond by Rick Joyner

"The U.S. and her allies will win the impending Middle-East conflict but no one has yet comprehended the magnitude of the cost in both lives and future world influence. The eagle (U.S.) will have her "right wing" broken (conservative politics) and begin a downward spiral....

I read this prophecy when it came out in early 1991. It came home to roost in the late fall of 1992, after I had completely forgotten it. Tony Foster wrote to me from Russia, after the 1992 election was over and said the election results were that prophecy coming to pass! Of course he was right.

Our pastor, Rod Aguillard, points out that in 1988 the church received a call to rise up and put a stop to abortion through operation rescue. She did not, as a whole, answer that call. Therefor God has now turned us over to an oppressor, just like He did to Israel so many times in the book of Judges and elsewhere. (Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem...) When the oppression gets bad enough, we will call upon his name.

Rev. Harold Cohen, a charismatic catholic priest in New Orleans, pointed this out, just after the election. The majority of Americans voted against the pro-life candidate (Bush). So in effect the U.S. has chosen death instead of life, and cursing instead of blessing. Not discouraged he added "We don't know what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future!"

Now we see in the Clinton Administration foolish policies that will deliberately cripple our economy and devastate our military strength. Policies that will place us exactly in position for the coming prophesied catastrophes. We have chosen death, as a nation, and the curses are now piling up ever faster. And at the same time God is pouring out the new wine to the faithful remnant among his people. "He that sitteth in the Heavens shall laugh."

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A : Brother Anonymous

This is transcribed from a taped TV interview of Brother Anonymous

There is a price to pay for the murder of abortion. Jericho paid that price....

Crisis draws us together. Every time there's a crisis, people come. It's been that way from the very beginning. God told the children of Israel "When I do these things, then you'll seek me early. When I do these things, then you'll call upon my name. When I do these things to you, then you'll know that I am God. "It's been that way always. It's still that way today. And God still moves that way to get us to bow our knee.

Crisis is coming to America. To get us to repent, to bow our knees. To get us to give Jesus Christ Lordship over our lives. Not just to know Him but to know all of Him. Not just to have heard of him but to know all about him. To be intimate. We're gonna end up bowing our knee before God Almighty. And God will save us.

"In the war that's coming we will not be defeated, but we will be hurt. We will be neutralized. We're not going to come out of it unscathed. China and Russia are both going to invade our territory. There's going to be tremendous nuclear, or limited nuclear warfare. But tremendous bombing and a new type of weaponry that is going to hit the east and the west coasts of the United States. And those cities. The purpose in that is to desolate the populous areas. So then when invasion troops and invasion forces come in there'll be fewer people that they have to deal with.

And they are not really after our cities; they are gonna be after our farms. They're gonna be after our agricultural land. That's what they're coming after. That's why they are gonna wipe out the populous areas, or try to, and then invade the middle of America.

I've seen missiles coming from submarines, to do it. And for some reason, the Lord told me, the missiles that Russia has are not accurate, and so they won't depend on those greatly. But they'll depend on submarine warfare. The missiles will come from submarines. But they don't have a long range and so they'll mainly attack the coastal areas.

But the great thing is that we'll win. It'll look like were going to be defeated. It'll bring us to our knees. But were gonna win. At the same time, not only will we be neutralized but Russia will be neutralized. Russia will have - nothing - after it's all said and done. And we'll have nothing after it's all said and done. Basically, we'll have life. There'll be some life left.

But when Russia's neutralized and America's neutralized, then you'll see the Anti-Christ arise in power. That's when he'll arise. And he'll say 'Ah, now' to himself or to those around him, 'since I don't have anything to worry about in America, I'll leave it alone. The United States, I don't have to worry about it; it's no longer a power. I don't have anything to worry about with Russia, it's no longer a power. So I'm gonna concentrate all my forces upon this European segment.

But there is a force, Israel, I've got to deal with. Because it's a thorn in my side. And God says 'I'll put a hook in your jaw and I'll draw you out. He's gonna put a hook in the jaw and He's gonna draw him out. And they're gonna come against Israel. But they won't have the United States to worry about. They won't have Russia to contend with. It'll be the anti-Christ forces that are gonna bring this invasion of Israel.

But were gonna be neutralized and we won't be able to intervene. Only God can intervene. And in a way, that's what God wants. Is that when Israel can't say 'Help!' to anybody but God. Only God will they be able to say help to. And when they say, 'Daddy, help me!' he'll help them. And he'll intervene, Miraculously!

But that's the time period that were coming to. And so not a lot of people have thought that China would be involved in the invasion. But China is gonna be involved in the invasion. A lot of people said well that's impossible because Russia and China hate each other. Well they're gonna unite for a common cause. And when you unite for a common cause, each one of them will probably be thinking, 'Well when it's over with, I'll take care of the other guy.' And so were gonna be invaded.

China will still have enough people, after it's said and done. China will still have enough people to send millions and millions. A hundred million marching toward Israel. They won't be technological giants. But they'll be giants in physical numbers, numbers of men. Numbers in the army that they'll still be able to amass. But they'll join, they're gonna join Russia in this coming invasion.

God will supernaturally intervene. But the time frame it's gonna leave us with is that you'll see a lot more horse and buggy's on the roads than you'll see cars. I've seen a time when there's very, very few automobiles on the road, and a lot of horses. A lot of buggies; a lot of wagons. Some of them are really strange wagons. It's like they didn't know how to build them. They just constructed anything that would haul something. It's like people who didn't know how to do, how to build but did the best they could. And so you saw a lot of strange things on the road.

When I have visions, like this, the Lord gives me visions or dreams, it's as if I went through this time period. So I can remember seeing certain things. Just like I can close my eyes and I can see 'em just like I can see you. It's like I lived through it. I lived through the horse and buggies. I lived through a time when there was no radio. I lived through a time when there was no TV. I lived through a time when the people didn't know if there was any government.

So for a period of time, there was government by God through the people. And God literally formed theocracy. Not a democracy, not a monarchy, not a king. But a theocracy. For He told people what to do. Men were led by the Spirit of God. They made decisions based upon what the Holy Spirit of God said to do. And they lived.

And if they needed water, they walked out. The Holy Spirit says "here!" They drilled; Here; and there was water. They didn't have to drill ten times. They drilled one time. There was the water.

So it's gonna be an interesting time period that were entering into. A lot of people are anti that. I can't help it. This is actually what's going to take place in the United States of America.

But I tell you the Power of God! The power of God that's coming in this next move. That will move here is going to be quite dramatic....

The Lord wants this word to come out. He wants the church to hear. The Lord God is with them in all these things that are coming in the earth; coming stock market crash; coming famine; coming gangs that are going to start roaming when welfare is greatly cut back. Eventually there will be no welfare.

APPENDIX B : George Washington's Vision

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THE FAMOUS VISION OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

In connection with the message of this book, we felt it would be appropriate to include the famous vision of George Washington.

One of the incidents of his life that has come down to us concerns one Isaac Potts, secretly a Tory, who provided George Washington a headquarters during the time he was at Valley Forge. There was not much room for privacy there, and Mr. Potts frequently observed Washington visit a secluded grove nearby. One day while strolling up the creek he heard a solemn voice. He walked quietly in the direction of it, and saw Washington's horse tied to a sapling. In a thicket nearby was the beloved chief upon his knees in prayer, his cheeks suffused with tears.

Mr. Potts returned and to his family said, "The Tory cause is lost." He gave his reasons for this change of opinion.

"I have this day seen what I never expected. You know I always thought the sword and the gospel were utterly inconsistent; and no man could be a soldier and a Christian at the same time. But George Washington has this day convinced me of my mistake.

"If George Washington be not a man of God I am greatly deceived - and still more shall I be deceived if God does not, through him, work out a great salvation for America.

"If there is anyone on this earth to whom the Lord will listen, it is George Washington; and I feel a presentiment that under such a commander there can be no doubt of our eventually establishing our independence and God in His providence has willed it so."

Perhaps the most startling spiritual experience of George Washington was a vision he received (which has been given wide publicity and is generally knows as "The Vision of George Washington"). The authenticity of this vision is evident in that the facts of it were circulated before the Civil War. Yet the vision speaks with detail of that great war between the states!

The most solemn part of the vision, however, is that which relates to a great catastrophic war that is yet to come, and which presages a fearful devastation of our country. The details of the vision were communicated to a Professor Totten by an Anthony Sherman, who was with George Washington at Valley Forge. Professor Totten published it in tract form in "Our Race Leaflet" in September, 1898. May the reader note that in the vision only those wars which involved America by invasion are considered. Thus the War of 1812 and the Civil War are spoken of since blood flowed on our soil in both of these wars. This was not true in the War of 1898, nor of World War II. The ominous "red light" apparently speaks of communism (which originated in this century), which has already reached Cuba, an island within 90 miles of our shores. Whether soldiers will actually land on our coasts may or may not be indicated by the vision, for weapons now devised can destroy at a distance.

The Vision Professor Totten relates George Washington's vision as follows:

The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July, 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety years old and becoming very feeble. But though so old his eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more before he was gathered home.

"Let us to into the hall," he said. "I want to tell you on an incident of Washington's life - one which no one alive knows of except myself; and if you live, you will before long see it verified.

"From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington after several reverses, retreated to Valley

Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort. And God brought us safely through the darkest days of tribulation.

"One day, I remember it well, the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees. Though the sky was cloudless and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all of the afternoon, alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual, and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of an officer, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation of about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command said to the latter."

"I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes.

"By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to speak, but my tongue had become useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor.

"Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I began to feel as one dying or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn,' while at the same time my visitor extended an arm eastward. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay, spread out in one vast plain, all the countries of the world - Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic,' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn,'"

At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy 'being' like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some over Europe. Immediately a cloud arose from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then it moved slowly westward until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. (This may be interpreted to have been the Revolutionary War then in progress.)

"A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

"A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say. 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.'

And this time the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward. From Africa I saw an ill-omened specter approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word 'UNION.' He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the divided nation and said 'Remember, ye are brethren.'

Instantly the inhabitants, casting down their weapons, became friends once more and united around the National Standard.

"Again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities which I had seen springing up.

As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long and fearful blast.

Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'UNION,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.

"Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

"Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'UNION' he placed upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down said, 'Amen'!

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted; Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The Most fearful for is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union.' With these words the vision vanished, and i started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, the progress, and destiny of the United States."

"Such, my friends," the venerable narrator concluded, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips, and America will do well to profit by them."

APPENDIX C : Dimitri Duduman

An interview with Dimitri Duduman

This material is taken from a tape titled America Will Burn! which is distributed by the League of Prayer PO Box 4038, Montgomery AL 36103. It consists of a conversation between an interviewer, Duduman and an interpreter. The nature of the revelations is somewhat awkward because the interpreter is doing a running translation of Duduman speaking in his native tongue. The voice we are quoting is the interpreter.

In the beginning of the interview, Duduman tells something of his experiences under communist persecution in Romania, and his supernatural deliverance with the assistance of the Angel Gabriel.

At a time of deep discouragement, after coming to America, he once again encounters the Angel Gabriel who has a message for him to give to the Church.

"He said "America will burn." I said "How will America burn?" I said why did you bring me here, why didn't you let me die in jail in Romania." He said, "I told you to have patience." and he said get on this here next me. I got on something. It wasn't a vision. It wasn't a dream. I was awake like I'm awake now. And he showed him all over California. He showed him Las Vegas. And he said, 'Do you see what I've shown you here?" He said this is Sodom and Gomorra and all of this, in one day it will burn." "He went and he showed him New York and he said "This is New York. And he said this is Sodom and Gomorra. In one day it will burn." He went and showed him Florida. And he said, "This is Florida." And he said, "Everything that I've shown you, in one day it will burn." "I said, 'How will it burn in one day?'" Because the Russian spies have found out the most powerful nuclear warehouses in America. And when the Americans will think it's peace and safety, the communists from America will start a Revolution against the government, and the government will be busy with them. And then, he said, from the ocean, from Cuba, from Nicaragua, from Mexico, and he told him two other countries but he don't remember these. And they will bomb the nuclear warehouses. And America will burn.

I said "What will you do with the church?" He said "The church has forsaken him." I said "How come you don't have people right here in America?" The angel said "Remember what I have told you. You will go on television. You will go on radio. You will go in churches. No matter where you will be, tell them everything that I told you.

Tell them that I'm not with the church no more. Because the people give praises to themselves. The honor that's supposed to be given to Christ, the people take it on themselves. In the churches, there is divorces, there's adultery in the churches, there's homosexuality in the churches, there's abortion in the churches and every kind of sin in the churches. And they turn some of the churches for businesses for money. And all the evangelists, they only preach salvation and happiness.

But they don't want to show the destruction. They don't want to show the hard times that will come upon America. And that's why I've brought you here. Because through your mouth I want to wake up a lot of people. Because I love this country. And I want to save the church."

I said "How will you save them? If America will burn, how will you be able to save them?" He said "Tell them this, the way I'm telling you." He said "The way I saved the three young ones from the furnace of fire; How I saved Daniel from the lions den; I will save them the same way." He said "Tell them to stop sinning. Tell them to turn towards the Lord. Because he never gets tired of forgiving. And they must look for the Lord with all their hearts.

Because in a short time it will happen. Everything that I just told you. Tell them do not be afraid of trouble. Because I will be with you."

He said that "I will go before you and I will work powerfully. He said "I will heal a lot of people of their sickness. And I will open the door so you can go on television and on the radio." And that's what it happened. Because the lord had done a lot of healing upon American churches. And those people that were healed they went on the television. They were in California, in Utah, in Indiana, in Missouri, and other states. And the Lord had opened the doors. And I spoke on the television; I spoke on the radio.

And I'll never keep quiet. As long as I have breath in me. I will sound the trumpet so the American Church will wake up. Because America took the bible all over this world. Because Americans did go as missionaries all over this world. But America fell from the truth. And the church from America; they fell from the truth. And Christ want's to save them. But only if they will stop sinning; and they will turn towards him."

And the Angel said also; he said that "The Lord has blessed this country. Because of the Jewish people that is in this country." He said that "over here he has 7 million Jewish. Which they never tasted of torture. They never went through tortures; through hard times; and the Lord has blessed them in this country. But they don't want to recognize the Lord. They started sinning. And they started all kinds of evil things. And the Lord wants to punish them together with America. And Israel is not recognizing the Messiah, because they put their faith on the Jewish people from America. And the Lord will punish America.

And then when America will be punished, all the people will be frightened. The Lord will give power to China and Japan, and other nations. And they will go against the Russians and they will beat the Russians. He said they will push them all the way to the gates of Paris. Over there they will make a treaty of peace.

And all the people, they will turn towards Israel. That's when the war of Armageddon will be. He said that Israel will be frightened. They will not have the help from America no more. And then they will call upon the Messiah. That's when the Messiah will come. In the help of Israel.

But the church must meet the messiah. We must get ourselves ready so we can meet the Lord. Because Christ will set on the Mount of Olives together with the church."

And he told him this, "Tell this to all the people. Tell them to read from the bible." I asked him, he said, "If you're the Angel of the Lord, where does it say in the bible what you just told me?" And he said "Tell them to read this. In Jeremiah 51:8-15. and Revelation, chapter 18. Over there it tells exactly what will happen to America. And how America will burn. And the battle that Christ will go against, he'll fight against all the nations. How Christ will fight against all the nations." He said "Tell them to read from Zechariah, chapter 14."

Whenever I put my hand on the Bible, I was learned by the Lord. Because everything, what the Angel of the Lord said; it was prophesied before. With the meaning about this country. Because all the evangelists and all the American preachers; they only talk about the salvation of the people. They talk about the happiness of the people. But they don't want to preach the true word of the Lord. And the American pastors they cannot speak the truth no more. Because if they speak the truth to the people, the people will leave the church.

But we will have to answer before the Lord of the teaching that we give to other people. And we must preach the true word the way it's written. And I wish to visit American Churches as much as possible. And I must tell all the people to turn towards the Lord. So on the day when America will be on fire, so they will be able to be saved. And a lot of times, in my suffering, when I was being tortured, the angle of the Lord was next to me. May the Lord bless him.

APPENDIX D : MARY STEWART RELFE

Synopsis and Comment re: Dimitru Duduman by Mary Stewart Relfe of the League of Prayer

The Angel Gabriel told Dimitri "America Will Burn" America will be deceived by Russia's "Peace! Peace!" This tape was made a couple of years before Glasnost.

Russia will locate our nuclear missile silos. And from Cuba and Nicaragua, bombard them. Los Angeles, Las Vegas, New York City and Florida will burn. Christians, God's blood bought, God will preserve, as He did Shadrac, Meshach and Abednigo in the fiery furnace. The church in America, he said is corrupt, full of divorce and adultery. Its preachers, generally are not declaring the whole counsel of God. Though God does have a remnant.

Revival, for which League of Prayer is praying, is always accompanied by or followed by Judgment. Judgment is not a pleasant subject. The prophet Isaiah calls judgment Gods "strange work" (Isaiah 28:21).

For example, after the great revival of 1858, when millions of people were won to the Lord in this nation, The Civil War soon broke out and took the lives of multitudes, many of whom God had saved.

After the great Wales awakening, that swept the world in 1904 through 1912, World War I broke out and millions of people who were saved in that great revival, their lives were taken in the war. It seems that God always extends his great hand of mercy, before he sends judgment.

While America goes happily along, I can assure that the Holy Spirit has born witness in my heart that the Church is on the Cutting Edge of a great outpouring of God's Spirit in America. And when God's Spirit is poured out in great power on a lukewarm church, there are always "Annaias and Sephiras". Charles Finney spoke of it frequently.

APPENDIX E : Richard Pipes

Why the Soviet Union Thinks it Could Fight and Win a Nuclear War

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A Summary of the Argument

American and Soviet nuclear doctrines are diametrically opposed. They are products of totally different historical experiences and political and socioeconomic systems. The apparent contradictions in Soviet nuclear doctrine and the dangers of U. S. unilateral adherence to a strategy of mutual deterrence are best understood when put in historical perspective.

The American view of war has been conditioned by the ideas characteristic of a Western commercial society. Underlying it is the notion that human conflict results from misunderstandings that can be resolved by negotiation. Marxism, on the other hand, holds conflict to be normal (and military forces as a political tool and a part of grand strategy. Americans generally regard war as an abnormal situation and want to end it rapidly through technological superiority and with the least possible loss of friendly (but not necessarily enemy) lives. Large peacetime forces are an unwelcome expense.

These contrary views of war were affected differently by the coming of nuclear weapons. In the U. S., atomic and thermonuclear bombs were considered "absolute" weapons, capable of destroying a society or even a civilization, and against which there was no defense. Thus, Clausewitz's dictum that war is an extension of politics was considered dead. Since nuclear war could serve no rational political purpose, the function of strategic forces should be to avert war. Because of the vast destructiveness of nuclear weapons, a "sufficiency" of weapons to retaliate was believed to be enough. Numerical superiority was thought to have little meaning. To ensure a stable balance, in which conflicts could be resolved by negotiation, the USSR should even have the ability to do unacceptable second-strike damage to the U. S. This concept of mutual deterrence, or mutual assured destruction, became U. S. policy and as nuclear delivery capabilities improved, remained the foundation of a somewhat more flexible policy.

These U. S. strategic theories were developed largely by civilian scientists and "accountants," with little contribution from military professionals. The theorists were guided significantly by fiscal imperatives -- the desire to reduce the defense budget while retaining a capacity to deter Soviet threats to U. S. interests. The theories were formulated without reference to their Soviet counterparts, and in the belief that we can "educate" the Soviets to adopt our views.

In the USSR, where strategy is considered a science and the special province of the military, nuclear weapons were not held to be "absolute," except perhaps briefly after Stalin's death. The idea of mutual deterrence was never accepted. Soviet theorists rejected the idea that technology determines strategy. They adapted nuclear weapons to their traditional Clausewitzian view of war as an extension of politics.

The Communist revolution eliminated that segment of Russian society that was most Westernized, and put the peasant class in power. History had taught the Russian peasant that cunning and coercion assured survival; cunning when weak; cunning and coercion when strong. "Not to use force when one had it indicated some inner weakness." That concept of the use of power and the fact that, since 1914, the USSR has lost up to 60,000,000 citizens through war, famine, and purges and survived has no doubt conditioned the development of Soviet nuclear strategy.

Soviet nuclear doctrine, expounded in a wide range of Russian defense literature, has five related elements: > Preemption (first strike).

> Quantitative superiority (a requisite for preemption and because the war may last for some time, even though the initial hours are decisive).

> Counterforce targeting.

> Combined-arms operations to supplement nuclear strikes.

> Defense, which has been almost totally neglected by the U. S. under its concept of mutual deterrence.

Soviet Doctrine is both a continuation and an extension of the Soviet belief that all military forces -- nuclear and conventional -- serve a political purpose as guarantor of internal control and an instrument for territorial expansion. Thus, large military forces are accepted in the Soviet Union as a rational capital investment, regardless of their impact on social programs.

Soviet writing on nuclear strategy has been largely ignored, or has been ridiculed in this country because if its jingoism and crudity, and the obscurity of Communist semantics. It is a strategy of "compellance," in contrast to the U. S. doctrine of deterrence.

But "... the relationship of Soviet doctrine and Soviet deployments (is) sufficiently close to suggest that ignoring or not taking seriously Soviet military doctrine may have very detrimental effects on U. S. security."

Finally, "... as long as the Soviets persist in adhering to the Clausewitzian maxim on the function of war, mutual deterrence does not really exist. And unilateral deterrence is feasible only if we understand the Soviet war-winning strategy and make it impossible for them to succeed."

APPENDIX F : Lance Lambert

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The Article is 'As I see it.' by Lance Lambert

(This is cited as another confirmation of the Dimitri Duduman prophecy.)

...There was a prophecy given in 1911 that shortly an evil would take Russia, and wherever this evil would go, rivers of blood would flow. It was not the Russian soul; it was not an ideology or a philosophy, but a spirit from hell. In the last days, the prophecy went on to say, Germany would be divided; Italy would be judged by natural disasters; France would be nothing much; Britain would lose her empire and come almost to ruin, but would be saved by praying women; the U. S. would feed the world and be the greatest power, but would FINALLY BE REDUCED. In the end Russia would be free and believers would go forth from Russia and China taking the Good News to all the earth before the antichrist.

APPENDIX G : Hudson Taylor

On one of his furloughs in the 1850's to England, Hudson Taylor was preaching when he suddenly stopped and just stood for a period of time with his eyes closed. When he started to speak again he explained that he had seen a vision. In this vision he saw a great war that would encompass the whole world. He saw this war recess and then start again, actually being two wars. After this much unrest and revolts would affect many nations. There would be spiritual awakenings in some places. In Russia there would be a "general, all encompassing, national spiritual awakening so great that there could never be another like it." From Russia awakening will spread to many European countries, followed by an all out awakening, after which Christ will come.

APPENDIX H : Bill Hamon

One of the best known principles for determining the Will of God is the scriptural requirement that everything must be confirmed in the mouth of two or three witnesses before accepting it as fact. This principle about receiving confirmation was established in the law of Moses (Dt. 17:6; 19:15) and reestablished under grace in the Church by the Apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:1).

The rule can be applied to a word of counsel, a word of prophecy, or a rhema word. Just as the general Will of God cannot be established by a single verse, neither can the specific Will of God be established by one prophecy, one rhema, one counselor, or one anything else. It is not offensive to the Lord for you to withhold judgment on a word until you receive confirmation from two or three other sources. In fact, He insists that in all serious matters there be at least two and preferably three witnesses before you accept a prophetic word.

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APPENDIX I : Paul Erdman

This is taken from the novel "Panic of '89" by Paul Erdman. It is included to show the extent of anti-American sentiment around the world. And to prove that the prophesied turn of events, all the world turning against the U.S., is not inconceivable.

"The United States, by the end of 1988, had become the world's most hated country....And not just in Latin America where the United States had for generations been regarded as the world's last imperialist power. No the same hatred was also endemic in Europe. Here the United States was seen as a bully nation led by primitive men who were forever threatening the extinction of mankind, obsessed, as they were, with retaining global power no matter what the cost might be ... for others. If it come to a showdown with the Russians, many Europeans were convinced that the Americans would fight...to the last German and Frenchman and Britisher. Better them dead than America Red.

"In Asia the United States was seen as a big crybaby. The Americans had, to a man, been for free trade as long as the rest of the world lay in ruins after World War II. Peoples everywhere were desperate for all those things which only America could supply. They bought them regardless of either price or quality. But when the productive facilities of the rest of the world were finally renewed, the Americans suddenly found that they were no longer able to compete with Japan and Hong Kong and Taiwan and South Korea in steel and automobiles and consumer electronics and textiles and even computers. When free trade no longer meant easy profits for Detroit or Silicon Valley -- what did they do? Instead of working a little harder, they tried to force the government in Washington to close up their markets by establishing import quotas. And when it worked, they said to the foreigners: "Too bad. We have to look after ourselves for a change."

"In the Middle East, the United States was seen as a nation which would never cease giving blind support to Israel. In black Africa, it was seen as a silent supporter of apartheid; in white South Africa it was seen as a nation of gullible wimps who would rather listen to Bishop Tutu than the Reverend Jerry Falwell."

APPENDIX J : A 'prophetic' game.

In 1976 Simulations Publications Inc., now defunct, of New York published a Wargame titled **'Invasion America.'** This game, designed by James F. Dunnigan with J. A. Nelson is a hypothetical study of a some time future invasion of North America by European, South American and Asian Allies. Interestingly the proposed "historical justification" for the game reads as follows.

"2000: U. S. soil becomes the most valuable commodity in the world. Food shortages and greed are the main factors involved in the launching of a relatively coordinated invasion of the North America Continent."

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Bill Yount

Warring Angels Being Assigned To Michael Jackson's Court Trial . . . As The Body Of Christ Is Being Summoned For 'Spiritual' Jury Duty!"
by Bill Yount

"I Want You Back!" . . . the first song that gave Michael Jackson the international spotlight on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1969 could be a prophetic word from Heaven that may soon be fulfilled.
I asked the Lord why warring angels would be attending this case that turns so many people off, with such allegations being heard. I sense the Father saying, "I have had a remnant of my people praying for Michael for years, and this is the turning point of those prayers being answered."
As the Father was saying these words, I saw a strong angel as though he was throwing a lasso over Michael Jackson's heart; the Father continued to say, "I have begun to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers. This verse in Malachi includes Michael Jackson! I am beginning to unlock Michael's childhood to see Me as his heavenly Father."

"I Am Summoning My People For 'Spiritual' Jury Duty!"

I sensed the Father saying, "Not many of My own people will be able to truly pray and believe for Michael's salvation because of wanting to judge him already. I am not calling My jury of people to judge but to pray for My justice and truth to come forth and, most of all, for My Holy Spirit to hover over him and to release ministering angels -- heirs of salvation, to minister to him, that My Spirit would draw him to the foot of My cross."

I saw a great battle in the heavenlies. It seemed as though many of the third of the angels who were thrown out of heaven with Lucifer, who was heaven's worship leader, were warring over Michael Jackson's soul! I sensed the awesome presence of two strong angels who may have possibly been Michael the archangel and Gabriel themselves.

"Michael Jackson Represents A Multitude Of Young People Now And Generations To Come"

Then a loud cry was heard from heaven calling to God's people to pray to break the powers of idol worship and to redeem false worship on the earth back to the Father! This included redeeming every musical instrument on earth known to man for the purpose of worshiping the only true God . . . Jehovah! It is interesting that the name "Michael" means . . . "Who is like Jehovah?"

There was a sound like a shofar blast, alerting God's people to pray and fast for Michael Jackson's soul, for he represents multitudes of young people now, and generations to come, who would be delivered from false worshiping of idols and music that is influenced by the enemy!

Do you believe God can save Michael Jackson? I have a gut feeling if God saved you and me . . . He can save anybody!!!

"Welcome to 'spiritual' Jury Duty!"

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Judgment On America!
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> First I want to say in the strongest way possible that this title came because of what was spoken in this dream, not because that is what I am proclaiming. I am not cursing America. I am not prophesying against her. The most important thing I have learned as a child of the Living God is that He is merciful and just. He gives us warnings *so we know how to pray*, and so we know what *could* come if we do not repent (turn away from doing wrong). This is a judgment that will be brought to a stand still if we will turn and seek God as is stated in 2 Chronicles 7:14. This mandate and promise is spoken to the 'people called by My name' NOT to the lost souls outside of God's word. God is true to His word and will do as He promised. *His promise* and *His word* is that He will hear from heaven, forgive our sin, and heal our land. Will you pray for the sake of this country? I particularly sense this mandate to pray is for the Christian leaders. Just as Daniel prayed for Israel in Chapter 9, so must our church leaders do for America. I release this after much prayer and trepidation and long hours of wrestling with the Lord to gain understanding and wisdom in the sharing, but also to release it in the exact right season. I do believe this is the exact time to unfold this mystery.

There were two main locations but a number of scenes to this dream.

DREAM: JUDGMENT ON AMERICA!

Location One – Inside the Theater

Taking Refuge Inside the Theater:
I was at a theater with a friend and we had come inside because of the terrible sandstorms outside. Someone kept opening a side door to let people in. Sand would blow in and it was harsh and painful. Everyone that was sitting near the door got up to sit somewhere else. The seats were wet like they had been hosed off. There were thick, brown paper towels near a door that we could use to wipe off our wet, sandy seats.

The Lamenting Man:
As I walked over to get some towels to dry our seats, I saw a man walking toward me carefully carrying a flat box or something like a wooden suitcase. He looked to be from the Middle-East and was lost in his own world of grief. He placed the box on the floor and began to set up a shrine. Another man had been killed – martyred perhaps – on that very spot. The mourning man then began to lament over this makeshift shrine and I was impressed that he did this every night at the same time. I am not sure how long this had gone on, but it seemed that in his religion it would normally call for the slain man's wife to lament in this manner. This is when I realized it was this grieving man's homosexual lover who had been slain.

Location Two – The Compound

The Three Clocks:
Then I came to be at a compound that seemed to be out in the country. I was in a large room off the main house with all kinds of old furniture and household décor items. These items looked to be haphazardly displayed; it may have been an antique store off of someone's home. I was walking around looking at all the items. Most of it looked like dilapidated junk. Amongst the furniture stood three upright floor clocks, but you could only readily see two of them. The two that could be seen stood about 5 ½ ft tall; one was decorated with ornate green metal, copper that had oxidized, and the other had the image of a witch along with other occult symbols on the clock face. The owner said it hadn't worked right since his daughter bought it. The green clock had a key to wind it to make it work. It was

an unusual looking key – with about 3/8” square at the end. I found a key that resembled it at http://www.woodlanddirect.com/ProductInfo.aspx?productid=UF-C-9161 I remember taking the key and sticking it into slot and turning it to see if I could get the clock to work. Then I put the key on a small shelf inside the clock. The owner had been keeping it somewhere else and said that it was better where I had put it as it wouldn’t get misplaced. It seems this clock only worked part of the time because it depended on someone remembering to wind it. So it was unreliable as a time piece. The two clocks were in the same small area, and both were facing forward. There was a woman there who was also looking at the clocks, and I recognized her from a church I attended at the time. When we heard a clock chime, she thought it was the witch clock telling time. I didn’t because it clearly wasn’t working. After hearing the chiming, I walked behind it and discovered a simple looking wooden Grandfather clock sitting in the corner – hidden behind the witch clock. It was the one chiming. The woman from church was still looking to the witch-faced clock to see what time it was, and the way she was admiring it, I didn’t think that she understood what the face or the symbols on the clock represented. The Grandfather clock was the only clock of the three that worked right.

The Discussion with My Aunts about Witchcraft:
I went out on the back porch where I was surprised to see my father’s twin sisters. They were discussing Harry Potter. One said, “Oh, I have seen Harry Potter and there is nothing wrong with it.” The other began to argue with her. Hearing their conversation, I looked at the first aunt and interjected, “You are setting yourself up against the mind of Christ. The Bible states that witchcraft is a sin.” After I said this I felt a little uneasy to have made such a bold comment. I didn’t want to be disrespectful to my aunt, but at the same time I wanted to respect God and state the truth of His word. I am not sure where this conversation went but I think I went back into the house.

The Blueprints of the Compound:
I went back into the house and began to pray and as I prayed, I became very light. I floated down through the floorboards. It was very vivid as I could see above the floor, the wood of the floor itself, and I could also see the ceiling of the room underneath! It was like I *was in* a cross-section view of the house. Then I was sitting at a table in the basement of the house. It was very clean and neat in this underground room. Unrolled in front of me were large blueprints of the entire compound. As I examined them, the Lord pointed out one small building in the middle of the compound.

The Goat:
The Lord then took me to this small building and said, “Look at The Goat.” At first I looked for an animal. Then the Holy Spirit showed me a boiler (a heater) that was nicknamed, ‘The Goat’. It was constructed of steel sheet metal that had been riveted together and it looked like a goat. ‘The Goat’ walked over to a feed bin, stuck its head inside the flap, and began to eat the grain that was in there. It required such low maintenance; no one even supervised it. The Lord pointed out its right shoulder leading to the goat’s fore-shank (front leg). The sheet metal had pulled up slightly, but it was hard to see without looking closely. It had a leak. I understood it to be some kind of fuel that was a very compact and volatile material. The Lord showed me that it was about to blow and it would cause a catastrophic explosion.

The Little Boy:
Then suddenly I was in a room in the main house. (I don’t think I ever physically left the house.) There was a little boy maybe 2-4 years old that I didn’t know, but much to my surprise he immediately bonded to me. I believe it was unusual for this child to cling to someone he had just met the way he had done with me. Because his father knew he was safe, he left the boy with me and went to get food that he needed. The child had special needs. He had something wrong with his belly button. It could have been something else like a place for a feeding tube. He may have had a shunt or something like that for draining fluid. I really am uncertain what it was or what was wrong with him. Then this boy spoke and said something, but I could not understand him. The father had come back by then, and I asked him what the child said. He told me, “This [coming explosion from the fuel leak in this self-feeding goat] is **judgment on America** for idolatry and the killing of the unborn babies. When I heard this I crumbled to the floor and went into deep travail. I was in such horrible agonizing pain that all I could do was wail, scream, moan and cry as I rolled back and forth on the floor. The woman from the

church was suddenly there on the floor rolling around and imitating me. She kept rolling into me like she was trying to get my attention or let others know she was travailing too. It was very bizarre. I was extremely annoyed by this but was in such terrible pain, there wasn't much I could do about her close proximity to me. I screamed in such anguish it woke me up.

Interpretation:
Interpretation belongs to the Lord, so it is my prayer that He makes known the meaning of this multifaceted dream. Genesis 40:8

A **Theater** is a distraction from reality. It easily could represent the present-day church because so many come to be entertained. However, I was there to seek shelter from the sand storms. The **sand-storms** outside seem to be symbolic of dry, desolate, desert times – times of famine. The **sand** could also represent a sea of people being blown and tossed about by the wind. The **sand** could be a sea of people who are so abrasive that one *needs* to seek shelter from them. **Wind** in this dream was symbolic of struggles, devastating loss and catastrophes. The **brown paper towels** symbolize ordinary earthly provision; nothing extravagant. It being wet on the inside and dry outside may point to the world being backwards to God's ways.

The **Lamenting Man** struck me as particularly odd because I don't think I have ever seen a man who is a middle-eastern national who is overtly gay. This never dawned on me until this dream. What was more perplexing was that he brought together both his religious customs with the practice of homosexuality. So it seemed to reflect a clash between cultural norms. I don't know if there even are such religious customs to lament a death of a husband in this manner. Though it does reveals an interesting truth of the **fruitlessness** **and** **impotence** (inability to produce offspring) of both ***erroneous religious works*** and the ***practice of homosexuality***.

The Compound was ground zero for a terrible disaster, yet on the outside everything seemed normal. All of my experiences there were anything but normal.

The Room with all the junk displayed in haphazard fashion seems to reflect our culture's way of hording things, particularly things that don't work! See Matthew 6:19-21

The Three Clocks represent how we measure time. They remind us of the importance of time and our limited supply of it. A clock that does not work represents death. So it would seem that trying to tell time by a clock that does not work could bring (premature) death.

The Woman from Church is symbolic of people who go to church void of a personal relationship with Jesus. Without this precious relationship, the witch clock was able to deceive and manipulate her into believing that it worked! She was looking to it to tell her the time when it obviously was not working! The hands never moved. What she had heard was the chiming from the Grandfather clock hidden behind it. It truly troubled me that she did not see that it clearly had occult images on its face. There are clear and direct warnings in the word of God that we are not to take direction from those practicing witchcraft. How many who claim they are Christian take advise from the astrology columns, palm readers, psychics, mediums, and the like? This is all idolatry. Also if you look in Romans 1:18-32 it clearly tells us this is also the root cause of homosexuality. If you have a problem with this, please don't write me. Take it up with God. It is His word, His ways, and His judgment. He'll make it known to you if you seek the truth. The woman's interest in this clock led me to Galatians 3 and Romans 6. Paul writes about the church being bewitched into believing its salvation was through living by the law. Both of these chapters are worthy of your study time. *Working* to gain God's favor is a slap in the face of Jesus who died on the cross to bridge that gap between us and God the Father. The Cross of Christ is the only provision we need for our salvation. The Word of God tells us that God will supply all of our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19) Any works that follow after accepting the perfect work of the Cross is done out of love and devotion to God the Father and Jesus Christ. It is accomplished with the help of the Holy Spirit. **Would this woman looking to the witch clock reveal how the American church is looking to sources outside of God to give her**

direction? Since rebellion is as witchcraft and stubbornness is as bad as idolatry, are much of our churchy efforts being rejected by God? See 1 Samuel 15:23

It was clear that when she suddenly showed up on the floor with me while I was in travail, that she was trying to 'look' spiritual. I asked God to get her away from me because I couldn't move and she kept hitting me. Most know that a woman in labor is not the most congenial person to be with. Her being there at that critical time for me was like trying to give birth to a child with someone else in the same bed! This reminds me of much of the 'spirituality' in the Charismatic church. (Not all of it, but all too often.) **If God truly moves on a person in a specific way, the church wants to imitate it and continue to give it life LONG after God is finished with it.** They will use CPR and any other means necessary to keep their 'pet move of God' alive and anyone wanting to stop it is accused of being against God. This is witchcraft in the church. Though witchcraft is a real religion, I am referring to those who call themselves Christians who are seeking their own way through domination, manipulation and intimidation. God Almighty never dominates, manipulates or intimidates; so if any of those are going on in our homes, churches or jobs, it is this evil spirit at work. **God draws us to Himself with overwhelming love. How could God be righteous, holy, trustworthy, giving, and yet be intimidating?** That does not compute! **We must rid ourselves of the Greek mythology that permeates our thinking. God is not standing ready to throw a lightning bolt our way. That is not the God of the Bible! God always warns us to turn from sin. This is because sin is what brings the judgment.**

The **Green Clock** would only work for awhile and then it would wind down and either stop or give the incorrect time. Green can be representative of growth, but since the copper was oxidizing and it was in a decrepit state, it is more likely to represent envy, striving for recognition, or trying to establish independence. Thankfully, this is something the Lord will frustrate our every effort to do. He has made it clear in His word that it is Jesus alone who is worthy to receive all glory and honor and praise. See 1 Corinthians 1:29 and Job 5:12. He has also made it plain that we need to be completely dependant upon Him. See Proverbs 3:5-7. I believe that is the message concerning the green clock. **It is time to build God's kingdom and not our own; it is time to be dependant on the Lord Jesus and not on our own accomplishments, talent, gifts or credibility.** God has rendered those things dead works. **I believe the green clock is symbolic of the church-era that is winding down.** It just takes too much effort to try to keep it working! God has given us the keys to the kingdom, but they are not to open doors for our own gain. **This is an era where the church has exalted itself and replaced the Holy Spirit with the 'Hand of Ministry.' It has put its hand over Christ's face so that people look to them for help instead of looking to God for help. In doing this, church leadership has concealed God's face from the people. The head of the church is Christ Jesus. This is a solemn warning to those who are seeking to build a name for them selves. It is TIME for the hand of ministry to serve and care for the Body as is directed in Scripture, so that she can accomplish the original plan of God. It is time for the Body to be in unity and mature in faith. See Ephesians 4:11-16 for more understanding.**

The **Witch Clock** would seem to reflect how **our culture is bedazzled by supernatural powers and seeks power by gaining control.** I have had the nagging impression that the Witch Clock is also representative of the **Gregorian calendar** we presently use. Discern for yourself. It would seem that we follow a calendar with a questionable background. http://webexhibits.org/calendars/year-history.html It doesn't mean we need to swing the pendulum the opposite way and tell people they are in sin if they follow the Gregorian calendar. That wouldn't be prudent or practical. Remember we are to, "Be in the world, but not of the world."

This has led me to wonder; if we aren't gauging our time accurately, who is? I was thinking we need to look to our roots – our ancestral line. This points me to the Grandfather clock.

The **Grandfather clock** has deeply intrigued me. Grandfathers represent generational lines, wisdom, love and security. Abraham is known as our father (see Romans 4). He is the father of faith. Abraham is Jacob's – Israel's grandfather. So I am persuaded that the Grandfather clock is symbolic of the

Jewish calendar year. You may find this site interesting http://www.jewfaq.org/calendar.htm
Maybe that is what we need to be looking to for direction. Not to be bound in legalism, but to consider the times. Since **The Days of Awe** are upon us, starting at sunset **October 3rd to nightfall 13th 2005**, maybe that is a good starting place. This is ten days of introspection, prayer and fasting. They end with **Yom Kipper** and this is **the beginning of the New Year**! At nightfall on October 13th it will be the beginning of the Jewish year **5766**. http://www.jewfaq.org/holiday3.htm In fact the year that we are in presently, 5765, is known as a 'pregnant' year as it has an addition month. I find this interesting since I was in labor pain.

One thing really peculiar that I noticed mathematically is that the year 5766 = 12 and 12 (5+7=12 and 6+6=12). Even stranger than that is that if you add all the numbers of this New Year date 10/13/2005 they all equal 12! (1+0+1+3+2+0+0+5=12) I don't even know how I noticed this! I do know however, that 12 is the number of 'perfection of government'. There are 12 patriarchs, 12 sons (tribes) of Israel, 12 apostles, 12 foundations in the heavenly Jerusalem, 12 gates, 12 pearls, 12 angels, 12 legions of angels, and Jesus was 12 when He first appears in public and utters His first words, "**Why were you looking for Me? Didn't you know I must be about My Father's business**?" (Luke 3:49)

Also 12+12 = 24 and there are 24 thrones and 24 elders (Revelation 4:4) Also 12x12=144 cubits which is the radius of the New Jerusalem. Then there are the 12 tribes x 12,000 = 144,000 who are sealed (Revelation 7:3-8). So if you are inclined to study numbers you may want to discern this further. I would welcome any input if you believe the Lord is showing you something in all of this. I see it, but I don't have full understanding of what it means. We prophecy in part and know in part!

My **father's fraternal twin sisters, my aunts** represent theological differences. They have been split into two different church denominations for the past 50+ years because of marriage. The one who didn't think anything was wrong with Harry Potter stayed in our 'family denomination' and it tends to be accepting of superstitions and is venerable to deception. If for some reason you are like I was, and don't believe such things are real, *cautiously* do an 'occult' Google search. Don't get lured in though! It is quite abundant.

The other sister that was arguing with her married into a Bible based church. **This clearly illustrates how beliefs get passed down through the generations, but thankfully, false teachings can be stopped by the word of God and the Blood of Jesus**. This is an excellent article about Harry Potter and explains further why I made the comment I did.
http://www.reachouttrust.org/articles/occult/hpotter.htm

He then moved me onto the more important thing which was to reveal a mystery.

Seeing the cross-section of the **floor** as I went into the workroom below seems to reveal how God allowed me to be aware of the **divide between the natural and the spiritual realms**. This in itself is a mystery! This small 'war-room' in the basement reminded me of the many secret underground bunkers that exist with and without our knowledge to protect the heads of countries in times of conflict.

When the Holy Spirit unrolled **the blueprints** of the compound, He drew my attention to a specific area that had been ignored. The blueprints would seem to be symbolic of the mysteries God has entrusted to His Body. See Matthew 13:11, 1 Corinthians 1:7-16 and 1 Corinthians 4:1. God showed me the small overlooked building then **The Goat**. **A goat in a dream can represent being bullied or being gullible. Since this is a warning of a judgment on America, it would seem that it is America as a nation that is being naïve and bullied into complacency.** Remember when it was said that September 11, 2001 'Woke the Sleeping Giant'? I saw many bumper stickers that told us to "REMEMBER" and "NEVER FORGET" yet we seem to have lost interest and gone back to our slumber. **A goat symbolizes the ones separated from God.** See Matthew 25:33, 41. **A goat may forewarn of an enemy trying to lay a hold of our plans. Since the goat is a common image for Satan, it is fair to say he wants to bully and intimidate us into giving up God's plan for our lives – both individually and corporately**. This metal **goat** specifically symbolized a boiler which generates power and heats large areas. It was helping itself to the **grain**. Grain biblically is shown to be **times of plenty** and a time to accumulate wealth. It also represents the **hard labor** to bring forth the harvest. The enemy desires to eat our harvest! He is going mostly unsupervised, and because of our lack of humility before God and our lack of vigilance to keep watch, there could be a great catastrophe. Just today as I was working on this interpretation, and I still did not understand what The Goat could be, I saw a news clip about **Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) that is brought into our country on huge cargo ships**. My spirit jumped when I saw the video of a huge ship being brought in because of the riveted metal, the cargo and the subject the news was focused on. The reporter was doing a special about areas venerable to attack in our country! Up until then, I had wondered if The Goat was an oil refinery, a nuclear bomb, meltdown or what, but this seemed to ring true to my heart that the goat is likely LNG ships. Please pray for our country's penitence, first with leaders and then with the masses. Let's also pray for those standing guard to be diligent. **Let's not wait until something even more horrifying happens to us before we find ourselves on our knees.**

The **Special Need's Child** is someone most people would not look to for wisdom or prophecy, but God chooses the foolish and weak things of the world to confound the wise. **Children are very sensitive to Jesus and this is why He tells us to come to Him as a child**. See Matthew 18.

When the child spoke of the **judgment coming to America**, my spirit instantly knew the truth of it and reacted with travailing in the spirit. **Travail** in Scripture generally refers to birth pangs (hard labor), but can also represent sorrow, worry, or from agony of trials. I felt all of those things. **America as a country and a political force is prematurely killing the life and purpose that God gave her.** As we know, this is being done in great numbers in the natural to our unborn children. I know it grieves the heart of God – who knows each of those babies by name, knows their futures, but sees them being pulled apart inside the womb. Life that has been knit together in God's sight is being unraveled. **As it is in the womb, so it is in the country. The life of this nation which God knew and approved of is prematurely dying – just like an abortion does to an unborn child. We are literally, as a country, being torn apart** politically, socially, racially, denominationally, and financially. For example, in the name of good new stories, we have seen the media rip this country apart with sensational journalism for the sake of sales and ratings. They are manipulating the politicians, the poor, the rich, the young, the old, the broken-hearted, the lost and this industry is shameless about it. It is so graphic in nature and in so many ways like a physical abortion. **Then we have the opposite problem that renders America unable to conceive new life. What is taking place in the lives of individuals in their lifestyles of homosexuality is impotence.** Even today we come yet another step closer to tearing down walls of protection around this country because CT became the first state to legalize 'civil unions' without being forced by the courts. In spite of all of this we need to remember who we are in Christ. We are fearfully and wonderfully made! We cannot hide from God's Spirit. Let pray for our country instead of joining the enemy in tearing it apart! Let us not become 'accusers of the brethren.' Let us not use manipulation to further our cause! The Lord called us to love one another and to pray for one another.

Galatians 5: 13 For you are called to freedom, brothers; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in one statement: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 15 But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another.

Since I am not an activist against homosexuality, abortion, or witchcraft, I knew this was not coming from my own agenda. I know these sins grieve the heart of our Father in heaven, but **I believe these wounded souls will be won to God's saving grace in the intercessor's closet and with outstretched arms. I do not believe quarreling and having screaming matches with pro-choicer's and the homosexual community will make the eternal changes we truly seek. Nor will it speak to those involved in witchcraft.** The Bible doesn't say that any of these sins are worse than other works of the flesh like adultery, theft, strife, jealousy, hatred or greed– which is all too common in the Body of Christ. See 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and Galatians 5:19-26. Sin separates each of *us* from God. All sin. **It is God's word written on our hearts that make true changes, not getting into tit-for-tat battles with the lost. Heaven forbid! Jesus died for such as these!** We need to be delicate and godly as opposed to self-righteous and judgmental. We have each fallen. We have each been forgiven. **Are we not asked likewise to show *that* forgiveness to the world?**

This was not in the dream but I feel it must be addressed because it contributes to our impotence as a country. **Too many men who are able to conceive are taking their 'seed' and wasting it on fantasies – something that is not real; something that does not legitimately belong to them.** Jesus said that if we lust in our heart we are guilty of the sin of adultery. See Matthew 5:28. If we turn to idols, including money, we are in adultery. So as a nation we are adulterous. **We need to apply God's ointment to our eyes so we can clearly see. We think we are rich and we think we are in need of nothing, but we are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.** The Bible tells us all this in Revelation 3:17, 18. This also relates to our **grain** – our prosperity, our work, our fruitfulness. This is the grain that the enemy of our soul has free access to eat.

May the church hear what the Lord is saying.

In His peace,
Judy

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Keys To Unlock The Mysteries
Sandy Warner

Aug 29, 2005

KEYS TO UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES
Now is the season when I AM releasing keys to unlock the mysteries of My Word. The natural man can not understand spiritual things. There are many things I have spoken in My Word which are not discerned.

Behind closed doors is My Truth held in chambers of treasured mysteries. Those who ask will be granted access to open doors of revelation into My Word. When the doors are opened, My light will shine and bring understanding and clarification that will amply be shared with My people. When the light of My revelation shines on My Truth, it can never be taken away. Blind eyes are open and it is forever sealed in understanding. These keys of understanding will unlock the language in which I speak, and give you heaven's perspective of My revealed Truth.

1 Cor 2:13-16 NKJV
These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual . But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

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Bowing Low When Accused
Sandy Warner

Aug 31, 2005

BOWING LOW WHEN ACCUSED
There are many who have gone through a long school of critical judgments. Over and over again your loved ones have misunderstood and pointed fingers. I have used these demonic flagellations to teach you great character. You have learned to bow low and not be defensive. Yes, desire of man's approval and fear of men have held you in restraint, but I have even used these for your good.

It is important that in overcoming this season of being the tail under the rod of men, that in your humility and willingness to embrace all of life as from My hand you understand the sources and My purpose. I use everything in your life and bring it all together for good. Dear ones, you are so used to bowing under the taskmaster that you need a clear line to see My truth.

There are places where you are blind and do not see. Always ask Me if you need to repent for anything, ask My forgiveness for all the places you are falling short and then leave it there at My feet and do not be condemned. I will never accuse you. When you follow the road of condemnation, it drives a wedge between our intimacy. The veil comes up and you are unable to receive. My precious, you are altogether lovely to Me. My love covers your failings.

John 3:17 NKJV
For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

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Do Not Forsake Your Family
Sandy Warner

Sep 2, 2005

DO NOT FORSAKE YOUR FAMILY
Give heed, My dear children. It is your place to minister to your family. If are an outcast and been disowned, then pray for them. But if you are still welcome, then do not hide your eyes to their needs. Dear ones, listen to My Word. Do not hide yourself from your own flesh. If you see your family in need and you shut them out of your heart, how does My love abide in you? Do not fail to care for your relatives, for you disown your faith in so doing. He who hides his eyes is subject to curses landing with cause.

Take away the yoke of pointing your finger and speaking evil. I know you have suffered long over your relatives. Repent, dear children. Then you shall call upon Me and I will answer. Your light shall dawn in the midst of your darkened family, and it shall break forth like the morning. Your light shall break forth like morning and healing shall spring forth speedily.

1 Tim 5:8 AMP
If anyone fails to provide for his relatives, and especially for those of his own family, he has disowned the faith [by failing to accompany it with fruits] and is worse than an unbeliever [who performs his obligation in these matters].

Isa 58:7-10 NKJV
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

1 John 3:16-18 NKJV
By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

Prov 28:27 NKJV
He who gives to the poor will not lack, but he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

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To Lead A Horse To Water
Sandy Warner

Sep 4, 2005

TO LEAD A HORSE TO WATER
You can lead a horse to water
But you cant make him drink.
Mind-sets keep him bound
In everything that he thinks.

He can bow low and smell the cup,
Doubting what's there for him to sup.
But it is not until he thirsts
That he will know what it is worth.

So draw those horses to passion
Drying them out in due fashion.
To roads of famine they will walk
Becoming willing to hear Him talk.

John 4:10 NKJV
Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

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Kaleidoscope
Mary Clark

In a vision, I was looking through a kaleidoscope and all I could see were lovely patterns of gold. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My beloved to look on the goodness of the living God and exclaim over My great beauty. I want you to know Me from an up close vantage point. I want you to savor My presence. I am not a God Who stands afar. I am a personal God, Who delights in drawing His beloved close – close into His arms of love. It is My desire for you to know Me. It is My desire for you to follow My will into all that I have for you. Never doubt My goodness toward one who delights in serving Me. Never doubt that I would EVER hold back a good thing from My beloved.

You are entering into a new era of delight in the living God. You are about to see some things that will delight you, enabling you to walk with a fixed purpose. Never doubt My ability to get you to this place. Never doubt My ability to sustain you in this place of delight in Me. I want you looking at things from My perspective. I want you looking at things with an eye to bless others being all that I have called you to be.

I am calling you into a place of much delight in Me. Many of you will look on the things that I am presenting and think that they are different from what you expected them to be. You will think that they are better than you EVER imagined. You will thank Me for My generosity. You will exclaim over My goodness to you. You, beloved, are entering an hour in which much delight will be made known to your heart. You will see, but your mind will not quite believe what I am presenting. You will exclaim over what I am showing you, stating: “Father, this is not what I expected at all. I expected something like the words that I have read about Your past endeavors. I never dreamed that Your work would take on this glowing look. I never dreamed that Your work would look like this! My Lord, whatever can all of this be about? You have strictly outdone Yourself in my opinion. Yes! You have strictly taken down all barriers in my mind and presented something that I can only declare mind-boggling. You, my dear Lord, are amazing in every aspect of the word. You are something more than a great, eternal God of love – you are EVERYTHING a heart could EVER long for, and I am so pleased to know that I belong to You and that You take delight in Me. ‘What is man that You are mindful of him,’ dear Lord? Oh, my! Oh, my! Oh, my! Just let me say this, dear Lord, ‘You are too wonderful – too awesome – for words. You, Beloved God, go beyond any description that I could EVER speak. You and Your works are unspeakable and full of glory – Your glory – Your amazing glory is what I am seeing. Your glowing, amazing glory is what this work is all about. Thank You, thank You, thank You, for being all that You are to me – all that You are to this world!!!’”

Yes! That will be your response to My great work that is soon to appear in your midst, beloved. Get ready to behold something quite different from what you EVER expected. Get ready to behold My essence, and know, dear child, that I saw fit to present this hour for a good reason, the reason being to bless you with My immeasurable presence – to bless you with My wonderful love!!!

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Katrina And Gaza

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31 August 2005
God said this to Abraham and his descendants

Genesis 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

God later spoke judgment on those that divided (gave away) any part of the Land promised to the Jewish people.

Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, ***and parted my land.***

History has proven that any President who was involved in the parting of the land of Israel has paid a heavy price and incurred the wrath of God.

Withdraw from Gaza

The past two weeks have seen Israel withdraw from Gaza as a result of (among other things) American policy and pressure.

What happens in Israel affects the rest of the world, and how any country treats Israel has a lot to do with how God treats that country.

The parallels between the hurricane Katrina and the withdrawal form Gaza are striking.

* Recent comments on the FOX NEWS Channel eerily parallel what has just happened in Gaza. One commentator referred to the inhabitants of New Orleans and said, "It must be an emotional experience to walk away from their houses and not know if they will be able to live in them again." That is exactly what has transpired here this past week for Gaza's Jewish population.

* Another commentator said that most of all the wooden structures in New Orleans will be destroyed. Nearly all of the structures in Gaza's Jewish communities and farms have been destroyed.

* Ivor Van Heeden, deputy director of Louisiana State University's Hurricane Center, recently said on FOX that there is a high probability that the hurricane will loosen many of the coffins in New Orleans and that corpses will be loosened and moved from their resting places. One of the three top items on Israel's news t was the forced removal of Jewish graves from the Gaza Strip and the transportation of the corpses for reburial in other parts of Israel.

* Whereas Gaza was placed under a state of emergency as its 8,000 residents were evacuated, now New Orleans has been given orders for a mandatory evacuation of nearly 500,000 people

* Whereas many Israeli Jews from Gaza are in temporary refugee camps and tent cities, there is talk of up to one million refugees needing to be settled in temporary camps in the Louisiana and Mississippi area.

God considered the Land given to Abraham in the prophetic statements of Gen Chapter 12

as HIS LAND see Joel 3:2. No Nation has the right to take it, or politically pressure Israel to divide it without incurring Judgment upon them selves or in this case a Nation.

There is a line being drawn between those who are pro Israel and those who are anti Israel. Churches and ministers alike will face this issue which has far reaching negative ramification for those who choose wrongly.

The USA is directly linked with the tragedy in Gaza and the hurricane Katrina.

We need to pray that our political leaders align themselves with Israel and stand alongside Israel, defending them in the face of the blatant terrorism perpetrated upon them by terrorist organizations on their doorstep. No other Western Nation would tolerate these terrorists if they were perpetrating the same crimes against them. The hypocrisy of Western Nations in regard to this is with out precedent, and we cannot seriously believe that God will look the other way, as these Nations are doing.

Matthew 25:32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:
33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.
34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:
36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?
38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?
39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?
40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
42 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:
43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.
44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?
45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one **of the least of these,** (the Lords brethren the Jews) ye did it not to me.

Pray for America's leadership, and pray for your own leaders that their spiritual eyes and ears may be attentive to the God of Israel who stirs up the waves so that they roar. Let us not shut our ears if He is speaking. And let us handle with respect the people whom He has chosen as the apple of His eye.

God Bless you
James N Johnson

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> *By this all people will know that* ***you*** *are My disciples,* ***if you*** *have* ***love*** *for* ***one another****." Jn 13.15*

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Free Housing for Katrina Victims	Thousands of americans offering housing across the US
Hurricane Housing	Offers of housing to victims.
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Thank you for getting involved and for loving one another.
Please remember to Pray for Pastor & Sister Amakor and the Open Heaven Ministries this weekend. Thank you for being in Love with Jesus Christ.
Check out the Father's Love Letter. God is not yet finished with Katrina Victims. God's love for them have just started. Check it out here: http://www.fathersloveletter.com/fllpreviewlarge.html
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Katrina

Nita Johnson

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Dear Friends:

We have received many emails requesting to hear the Lord's heart about Katrina in correspondence with America's part in dividing the land of Israel. I am going to speak to this issue as it is paramount to our understanding of what the Lord is really saying. Also, you can pick up my article on our website called: Division of the Land of Israel. www.worldforjesus.org

I am well aware that there are those who will attribute this horrible storm to American's part in Israel's dilemma. But in all honesty, this is not the reason for the battered coast and ensuing devastation we are at this moment experiencing. Perhaps thoughts that Israel is in some way involved would be an easier pill to swallow than the truth. But the truth if embraced can lead us to the Father's court to comfort His wounded heart through repentance. So the truth is by far the better way to go.

Let me attempt to share His lofty heart on this issue.

We will briefly tackle Israel first.

A few years ago I attended by private invitation a small gathering of people. Prophets and intercessors were among the guests. The purpose of the Congress, which it was called, was to intercede for the Lord to take both America's sin as well as Israel's sin out of the land division. This division had to occur in order for the secondary step, and so on to follow. Each event that is going to occur in Israel in the future is all part of God's lofty plan to bring Israel into His glory! So much pain now, but soon it will produce a great harvest of precious souls. Jesus weeps with those who weep and comforts in the unseen places His people Israel. He has not forsaken us. In the Congress, we did pray and the Lord heard our prayers. In fact He appeared to me Himself to let me know the utter importance of the success of the Congress for both Israel and America's sake. So He has covered us and He has covered Israel. No more will be exacted by His throne over this issue. Man may demand more, but the Lord will not as His noble purpose is being enacted.

Now back to the Gulf Coast.

While our leadership from the Gatherings accompanied me on a prayer journey through 5 major cities, we stopped over in New Orleans on July 2nd. We repented and interceded for that city. Afterwards as we turned to leave, the Lord spoke clearly to two of us. What He said to me was startling. He said: I will destroy this city in a day! The other leader, Cynthia Luthra spoke out and said: I feel such devastation coming here. Jesus has kept His promise as heartbreaking as it is.

He spoke of this coming disaster relating it to several sins. He made that as clear to me as His warning of the impending peril. These are the reasons for our present terrible suffering.

First, the sins against the First Nations people.

We stole their land and killed men, women and children through war, starvation and forced removals. We exterminated whole tribes in the name of "Manifest Destiny." We also broke every treaty we ever made with them. We lied to them to the very end and left the remnant in reservations where the suffering has continued unabated, for many reasons I won't go into here. We carry the greatest guilt over this, not the people we plundered. Scriptures such as: Gen 4:10-12; Ex 22:5-7, 22-24; Rev. 13:10 Obadiah 11- 15, all warn us against such activity.

Please read them, they are very enlightening. Because we have not helped to turn the captivity of these people in whatever way we could, we are being punished. Some say we only did what Israel did in that land of Canaan. My answer to that is this; one big difference is that Israel was commissioned to act that way in the Old Covenant. We in the New Covenant are not. We are told to win all Nations to the Lord through the Gospel and the Love of Christ. We were reading the wrong book (the Old Covenant) for the wrong time in the wrong Spirit. To this very day only about 5% of the Native Americans are saved because they trust not the white man nor his religion. I understand and so does Jesus.

Second, our sins against the African Americans throughout the slavery years, Reconstruction, Jim Crow Era as well as the days of the Civil Rights and to this present hour.

Again Obadiah 11-15; Ex 21:16, 17, 26, 27; Ex 22:21-24; Ex 23:12 and Rev 13:10 are just a few of the many warnings in Scripture against our wrong behavior in this area.

My dear Friends, this is no light matter in the eyes of our faithful and charitable Father. We can see in Scripture as we look at the perils of Egypt what the Lord can and will do to Nations who refuse to correct such behavior. In His great love for America, the Lord has given us 400 years to turn from our wrongs and make the wrongs right to those whom we have oppressed. Although we have made some headway, for instance we no longer practice slavery, still we have yet a long way to go to truly right past wrongs, and to correct some wrongs that continue to this day.

Idolatry

We all know the heavy idolatry that takes place in America. The New Age movement, Freemasonry, False Religions and Cults abound in this Nation. I remember once when the Lord carried me away to a mountain range in the West and told me that America has become the "Garden of the Gods." If Israel was destroyed for its Idolatry so can American be. For this we must repent and believe God to heal our land.

Sins of licentiousness

Many and varied are the sins that rise before the throne of the Holy One daily. Such sins as stagger the imagination are seen in ever increasing ways in the Gulf Coast. The Mardi Gras is a parade of the vilest sins openly mocking the Holiness of God. It flaunts before His Holiness sins otherwise hidden in darkness. Every kind of perversion occurs in the Mardi Gras, and apart from it. The days of this festivity reveals the heart of the sin-sick region. Gambling, drinking and many other such things that occur daily, mock Him.

As we stood on the peer that day in July, and the Lord began to reveal such things as I have written we were shocked and deeply saddened. When He later said He would destroy New Orleans in a day over all the things He revealed to us, I thought He meant in the far distant future. I had no idea He meant this summer!!!!!! If I had known -- it would have been worth whatever it would take to raise up a group of ministers and intercessors to pray for the Gulf Coast area. As it is, what prayer went forth from intercessors who understand the heart of God kept this calamity from being worst than it was.

Two more areas are marked for destruction. They are Nashville, and Las Vegas. It would be very wise for intercessors in those areas to gather and repent for the local sins of those cities in light of what we have witnessed in the Gulf Coast. I strongly encourage you to do that.

As we pray and weep before God for our ungodly living in America we will soon see the blessing of revival. For after the discipline the Father reaches out His loving hands to hold us still. (Romans 11:22) Until then let us continue to pray for the afflicted in the Gulf.

In His Amazing Love, Nita Johnson

Division Of The Land Of Israel
Nita Johnson

Date: 06- 2003

What I am about to say is going to be very difficult for many to hear, but, it needs to be said so we can walk in agreement with the Lord on the critical issue of the division of the Land of Israel. What I am going to share will absolutely conflict with the doctrine of much of the Charismatic Church. However, as you read through this article you will come to see the wisdom of the Lord in events of the Middle East.

In Joel Chapter 3 we read:
I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for My people and for My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have parted my land.

This verse seems to indicate the Lords righteous temper toward those who would divide the Land of Israel as being one of absolute intolerance. And, in fact if the act of partitioning the land is done in a spirit of war, His judgment will be sure.

America is not taking part in dividing the land of Israel with the intension of making its people castaways. The hope is to establish peace in the region, and to give the Jewish people a place where they can safely dwell. This is the opposite spirit of the framework being reflected in this prophetic word by the prophet Joel.

Zechariah chapter 14: 2 & 3 reads:
For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle.

Zechariah is again speaking of a division of not only the land of Israel but, also the city of Jerusalem. Those who make war on Jerusalem (Israel) will know war! America is not making war on the land of Israel, my Dear Friends. America is attempting to make peace for Israel. I would say that no one knows Presidents Bushs heart better than the Lord. And, He sees a heart that wants to make peace in the only viable way he knows how. (Remember, President Bush visited the extermination camps in Poland to better prepare his heart to deal with Israel. In shocked horror he exclaimed, Never Again! Meaning may there never again be such a holocaust against the Jewish people. This is precisely how the Lord sees his heart, as I will share. Twice now in a few months the Lord has revealed his heart to me in supernatural experiences.

The Journey

Several years ago I was invited to take part in a Congress to pray for Israel and America over dividing the land. Only days prior to this Congress, the Lord Himself visited me and gave me the rod of iron which is described in Revelation 3: 26 & 27. As we at the Congress prayed that God would forgive and cover the two Nations with His mercy concerning dividing the Land I experienced a release of this governmental authority that was both unique and substantial. I immediately knew that the Lord had heard our prayers and answered us.

Admittedly I was still a little in the dark regarding the whole issue of the Oslo Accord. I read and attempted to understand the premise of this Accord. However, most of my involvement with Israel up to that time had been centered in the Word. Therefore, this was a time of learning for me. One thing I did understand as I had seen it in a vision, some version of the Oslo Accord would transpire, as there was billions of dollars involved to insure that it would. My understanding of the Word led me to believe that this would not be pleasing to the Lord. So, this began a deep and intimate involvement with the issue being discussed in this article.

In the fall of 2001 we had a Gathering of the Eagles meeting in Washington DC during which I had had an experience regarding the Land of Israel. I was lifted up in the Spirit and taken to a place wherein I could see all the land of Israel. I saw the land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem divided. Up out of the divided land arose a document signed and sealed. The document read: Division of the Land of Israel. I clearly saw that America spearheaded this proceeding. I will not say thus saith the Lord on this;

however, I strongly sensed President Bush JR was still in office when it became official. What I saw was not a nebulous concept. What I saw was an irreversible, completed transaction.

When I shared this feathers were ruffled, many became upset and distressed. I was told that I had given a false word. As we can now see, the Word was not false. Nevertheless, I felt that the reason President Bush would be involved with such a thing at the time would be because he didn't understand God's plans and purposes for Israel. So, my prayers for him became more fervent.

Many trips were made to Israel and much prayer went forth on behalf of this single issue. My heart hurt to think that a Christian President would be guilty of dividing the Land of my forefathers. As we, and so many others prayed the division was put off and put off. I feel that this was the will of the Lord, for there was a perfect time to bring this forth.

In the fall of 2002 I had a Prayer Summit in Portland. Hundreds attended it. The central commission of this conference was for us to pray that President Bush would stand behind Israel. So, we followed the Lord's directive and prayed fervently until we had our breakthrough. It was an incredible meeting. We asked the Lord to give us a sign that President Bush would stand behind Israel throughout his administration. This was at the Lord's own encouragement. What we asked for was not what the Lord had in mind however, but that was my fault. We asked that our sign would be that He would not partition the land and that he would openly declare that He would not do this during his administration. The sign that the Lord gave that our President would stand behind Israel was an earthquake in Alaska about two days after the conference. As I heard about the earthquake, the Spirit of the Lord descended upon me and I began to shake violently. He told me that this was His sign that He had answered our prayers. He further said: You have caused a quaking in regions of the Spirit, foundations of Nations have been shaken, and you will see the effects of it soon enough. Later I called a prophet, David Michael, who is a friend of mine to share what had happened. Before I could tell him however, he told me the word of the Lord just as it had come to me earlier, confirming this critical word. The Lord later revealed that the time of intercession set the stage for the Iraq invasion as well. (I have already written an article on this, and it is on my website.)

December 2002, when I went to Israel to pray, the directive was to pray over the borders of Israel. I was to travel the borders and state that the boundaries belonging to Israel would be Israel's and the land belonging to the Arab Nations would be theirs. I obeyed this commission. During my stay in the Land at that time, two of the Seven Spirits of God as seen before the throne of the Great King, visited me. During this visit I was lifted up into the sky to see the true boundaries of Israel and that which the Lord once again solidified through my obedience. I won't go into a great deal of discussion about this visit here as I have already written about and published it previously. But, I will say, that the terror of the Lord rested upon me throughout the entire visit. I was told that this was a most holy thing. Mans boundaries in no way reflect the eventual outcome of God's plan.

In May 2003, the Lord spoke to me audibly saying: I am about to do a thing in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle.

I asked Him what it was He was going to do. He gave me a vision of the words Oslo Accord.

That brings us up to the present moment. Here we stand on the threshold of what seems like eternal decisions being made that will apparently negatively affect our two nations. Many feel that God has not heard our prayers at all. But, this is not the case.

A New Season

The Lord has heard our prayers as I will now undertake to share. I want my reader to understand that God is shifting foundations in the earth right now. We are travailing through to a new era in the earth. To walk with the Lord during this time and pray according to His will we must walk higher than ever before and hear clearer than we have ever heard. For, He is not walking in such a way in anything He is doing, as we think He is going. It is a new time, a new season!

I was suddenly pulled up by the Lord and told that I needed to go to Israel and be there by June 3rd or I would miss something of critical import. He further told me to begin my trip by traveling down to Eilat.

At the time I had no idea that President Bush would arrive in Aqaba, Jordan, which is across the boarder from Eilat, for a summit with Prime Ministers Sharon and Abbas on that very day to discuss and begin the implementation of the Road Map. Upon my arrival, after traveling through more road blocks than I have ever experienced, I was to later learn that the meeting went as planned and the victory speeches had been given. I wept! My heart was utterly broken -- and I wept uncontrollably.

The Lord told me why He sent me down to Eilat. I did as He directed then headed up toward Jerusalem where I would stay on the Mt of Olives until I departed from Israel. During my prayer vigil the Lord appeared to me. He had in His hand a legal pad. As He spoke to me He kept tapping this legal pad like an attorney might do who was trying to make a point. He said: I have a controversy with Israel, Nita. He pleaded the Scripture Isaiah 57: 15 - 18. Then He said this is my controversy with Israel. I realized as I listened to Him, that the dividing of the Land had to do with this controversy that the Lord has with my people.

Isaiah 57: 15 – 18 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in a high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite spirit to revive the spirit of the humble, and revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and I smote him; I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and I will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

During another prayer session, as I wasn’t getting the message quite as clearly as He thought I should, He came to me and took me into the Spirit. I saw the Spirit of the Lord begin to burrow down into the earth. He trenched and trenched. The long ditch went deeper and deeper until we were all in hell. I stood there with the Lord astonished. I surveyed the walls in which I saw prison cells. They were the most ugly cells I have ever seen. They looked like something out of a horror movie. And, they were made right in the walls of hell. I watched in amazement. Suddenly I realized that these walls with their cells were actually breathing. This further frightened me and I pulled very close to the Lord. Why were they breathing, I thought. Occasionally as this whole room would breath many more cells would suddenly appear all up and down the walls and the room would have grown. The Lord quoted the verses right out of Isaiah 5: 13 - 16. I was so frightened and overwhelmed by the monstrous sight before me, the smell of sulfur and death that was everywhere, I just wanted to leave. But, when He quoted the verses out of Isaiah I heard His heart, saw His face gripped with pain and compassion, and I momentarily lost sight of myself.

Isaiah 5: 13 - 16: Therefore My people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore, hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled.
But, the Lord of Host shall be exalted in judgment and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

After Messiah spoke these Scriptures with more passion than you could possibly ever comprehend, He looked deep into my eyes and said: ?Nita, I do not want My people to come to this terrible place. It was not created for them, but for Satan and his angels. Their focus is on the Land, My focus is on their souls! Plead for My people!

Then I was back in my room alone!

For those who are not Jewish by natural descent, I want you to realize that He feels as passionately about the souls of the Gentiles as He does about Israel. However, in this visit His focus was on Israel and so was His heart. This greatly intensified my intercessions for my people. However, admittedly my doctrines and dogmas even in spite of all of this, still kept me somewhat blind to the heart of what He was attempting to say.

This is the season for the awakening of my people. Intercession will work great miracles today in birthing the nations of Israel and the Arabs into the kingdom. For it is a new day!

Once I was back home I traveled to St. Louis, MO to minister. The first morning of ministry during the worship service my thoughts were suddenly shifted to Israel and the Road Map. I began to weep uncontrollably. All the feelings of betrayal I had buried, the longing and yearning for my people to have their own land and to be safe from their enemies, the sadness and grief that accompanied the situation in the Middle East came flooding to the surface. I couldn't stop it. I didn't want to deal with all the pain I was feeling at that moment, as I soon had to minister. But, I couldn't control what was happening to me. Finally, the Lord told me to turn to II Chronicles Chapter 11. Then He led me to verse 16.
And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their hearts to seek the Lord God of Israel come to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto the Lord God of their Fathers.

Then He reminded me that this occurred after the division of the Land under King Rehoboam. He then led me to the first few verses of that same chapter. Rehoboam had gathered together choice warriors out of Judah and Benjamin, to go up against Israel to reunite the tribes under one kingdom. You see he thought he knew the Word and that Israel was not to be divided.

But the prophet of the Lord came to him and stopped him. II Chronicles 11: 2- 4A The Word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of God, Saying, speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, King of Judah, and to all Israel in Benjamin and Judah saying, Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: Return every man to his house; for this thing is done of Me.

What was done of the Lord? He divided the Kingdom and the Land of Israel. Why? So that those who truly feared the Lord and wanted to serve Him could do it without fear. They would from that time come out of all twelve tribes to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the Lord. So, after the Land was divided the Lord poured out His Spirit and sent a great revival to Israel. It will be the same today. It is for this purpose that the Lord has done this. As we pray, this discipline/blessing will produce an awakening in the hearts of my people. As He shared these truths with me He continued to baptize me with a love for these truths and reveal to my innermost being His love for the Jewish people of the world.

One would think that this would be enough to give me peace. It did, but only for a short season. Once again within a couple days sorrow gripped me and I wondered about the Lords part in all this.

I finished my meetings, and returned home. On the 22nd of June, I had the most remarkable experience yet in His attempt to instruct me.

At 9:30 PM the Spirit of the Lord struck me with a bolt of lightening. He came upon me and spoke the words, IT IS THE GOODNESS OF GOD. Those words began to reverberate through my whole being echoing through every inch of me like a man's words echoing through a canyon. Over and over again I heard the words as they traveled through me in a living way, awakening my whole inner man to His voice, shattering the darkness that overshadowed the truths He was working so desperately to give me. When my inner man was fully awake, He said: IT IS THE GOODNESS OF GOD THAT DIVIDES THE LAND OF ISRAEL! The presence lifted and I was stunned!

Moments later, a shaft of light came upon me from heaven. Once again, the words: IT IS THE GOODNESS OF GOD&. were released into me. Every time the words were spoken my spirit and soul would swell a little more. Again, the words traveled through me awakening more fully my whole being to this truth. Resounding through every inch of my being, the words would shake everything they touched. My spirit and soul continued to expand with each new verbal release of these words until I was in such pain. It was a divine pain as I was being stretched to receive the wisdom and goodness of His infinite truth. I was wrapped in light like a cocoon. I could see only what He wanted me to see. I could see myself in respect to His goodness toward Israel. I was but a speck of dust, and grain of sand I was so small. His goodness was so vast I could see no end to it. It transcended time and space. I was wrapped in the terror of God. There was no longer any room for doubt, only knowing that His works toward my people the Jews was abounding goodness -- and only good. I could see with my natural eyes in an open vision, the land of Israel divided and surrounded by His goodness. The light of His goodness blazed all around the circumference of the Land. Then once again He capped off the release by saying, IT IS THE GOODNESS OF GOD THAT DIVIDES THE LAND OF ISRAEL. Oh, such swelling of this truth swept through my whole being once again. I thought I would explode if He did not stop the revelation.

The Lord then told me to call a friend who is a prophet. I did, and caught him just as he was walking through the door of his home. I was told to share my experience with him and that the Lord would deeply impress him with this truth also. As we talked and shared the best I could, as I was still under such a visitation that I found it very difficult to get hardly any words out, I would be at times swept into other realms of experience.

As I slowly shared what was transpiring with me David quoted the Scripture out of Revelation 15:3 & 4A
And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous Are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways thou King of the saints. Who shall not fear thee and glorify thy name, for thou alone art holy.

As he spoke those words I was carried off into heaven and saw the saints worshipping the Lamb singing this very song over Israel. When the chorus came to an end, I was again able to communicate with David.

I heard the words: The fountains of the deep broke open. (Gen. 7:11) I asked David if he spoke those words as I was so lost in the Spirit I couldn’t tell from whence they had come. He reflectively repeated them, then said no. But, as he spoke the same words I was thrust into another realm and saw the fountains of the deep break open. I was overwhelmed. The sight before me was mammoth. I saw huge magnificent plates break open. The crevices were so deep I could not see their end. It was like watching mountains being formed; the movements and breakings were so magnificent. I saw the gushing forth of great waters, seemingly coming from the depths of these new canyons. I heard David speak: As in the days of Noah so will the coming of the Son of Man be. I thought this too will be as in the days of Noah. It seemed that whatever David spoke I would be taken there to see it unfold. I sense that what I saw was occurring at the present moment in the Spiritual realm as God sent kingdoms of this world shaking and quaking at the sound of His voice, as He moves ever forward giving birth to the Kingdom of God, but also I felt that I was watching an image of the great earthquakes yet to come in the world.

Then, I was taken to another place and saw a huge fountain spring up from the earth. It was a fountain of liquid light and it began to fall first upon Israel. This light was so bright I could not bear to look at it. (I am not sure I even understand what all this means. I am only sharing what I saw.)

David said: We have just seen the dawning of a new age. Just as Noah came out of the ark and realized he could never go back to the world as it had once been, neither can we. Everything has changed. Nothing will ever be the same again. As he further stated these words I saw an age begin to open like the dawn of the morning sun. Again I had to turn my eyes from beholding it straight on as it was too exceedingly bright.

So, my Dear Friends, to summarize, the dividing of the land of Israel is the beginning of the revelation of the goodness of God to my people. Not only is it going to contribute to the climate needed for an awakening of the Jewish people, but also something more will occur. When Israel has done all it can do including giving up the Land and time goes by the antagonist begin another uprising, and war break out, the world will then be left befuddled. The sympathy of the world will at last be momentarily turned toward Israel. They will say Israel, go ahead and build your Temple. When this happens we will know that the Lord’s return is at the door. I want to encourage you to rejoice in His goodness and pray that the Lord will make this transition time as easy as possible for all involved. Pray that He will steadily pour out increasing levels of His light and grace upon Jewish people everywhere. And pray for President Bush that he continues to walk in the will of our Father. Lovingly support him in your prayers, as no President in recent history has needed it more.

This is not just about Israel; it is about the Lord’s return. Israel itself will eventually be brought to grips with this truth as we pray. As for America, our intention is not to hurt but to help Israel albeit in the very limited and faulty wisdom of man. The Lord will look at our intentions. Of coarse we are still touching as it were the ark of God when we touch anything pertaining to Israel. Therefore, even though we are trying to help Israel we are still leaving ourselves open to Satan’s attacks by touching the ark (the Land) in a way that is not prescribed by the Lord Himself.

Therefore we experience a limited judgment as a result. But the Lord will not turn this into an invitation to war, as long our motives are right. I believe that is why this had to be stalled through the prayers of the saints until America had a Christian President whose motives were right. It was His mercy toward America. As to other Nations involved whose motives are not right, woe unto them. May the Church rise up and plead with God on their behalf.

One last thing; the Lord recently spoke to me audibly in a vision and told me that it was not His will to destroy America. He said, He loves America and has a great plan yet to unfold. So stay in prayer protecting our Nation from destruction through interceding for it. And do not listen to prophecies or repeat them that talk about the Lord being angry with America over this land division, and ready to destroy her. We have many issues before the throne that need correcting so let us concentrate on purifying ourselves as Nation. Stand in the gap for the Nation of our birth, and pray for the Lord to bless her and turn her to Himself in the fear of God and holiness.

Shalom!

Key of David
by Bill Somers

> *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; Revelation 3:7*

The Key of David is mentioned Revelation 3 also comes up in Isaiah 22. What exactly is the Key of David?

In the passage from Revelation, we see Jesus describing Himself. This letting us know something about himself is a major feature of the book aptly named The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

But the mention in Isaiah doesn't seem to have anything to do with Jesus. Here is the text from Isaiah.

> *Isaiah 22:*
> *15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,*
> *16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?*
> *17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.*
> *18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.*
> *19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.*
> *20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:*
> *21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.*
> *22 And the **key** of the house of **David** will I lay upon his **shoulder**; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

Keys imply power and authority. To have a key is to have power, ability, or authority. They are also mentioned in Rev 1:18, Matt 16:19, Matt 18:18. In both these cases the Word speaks of ultimate authority to open and shut. It's clear that Jesus has the ultimate authority to open and shut.

> *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matthew 28:18*

But in Isaiah we find the same key of David with the same authority assigned to Elaikim the son of Hilkiah. Who was He? And moreover why should he be given the Key of David?

We also find Shebna and Hilkiah mentioned in 2 Kings and in Isaiah 37.

> *And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah,*

> *which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. 2 Kings 18:18*
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> *And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. Isaiah 37:2*

And here we find out that Shebna was a scribe or lawyer, and that they were part of King Hezekiah's entourage during the Assyrian siege.

Let's look at some other factors. Hilkiah means portion of Jehovah or my portion is Jehovah. Eliakim means whom God establishes or Whom God will raise up or set up.. Shebna means youth or vigour. There are other clues to be found in careful reading of the text. Notice that in Isaiah 22 Shebna is mentioned as being over the house, but in Isaiah 37 and 2 Kings 18 it clearly states that Eliakim was over the household. In Isaiah 22:20 he uses the phrase "*And it shall come to pass in that day"*. This indicates that the passage is prophetic and points to a future time. Also in the same verse he calls Eliakim 'my servant', a phrase associated with Messiah as mentioned in Isaiah 53 and other places. Next consider that Eliakim is always described as the son of Hilkiah while no genealogy is ever given for Shebna. He is always called Shebna, the Scribe. This whole passage about Shebna and Eliakim is only about them on the surface. This is figurative speech contrasting Jesus the Son of God with Satan the legalist. And the passage is really or prophetically speaking of Messiah being established in the place of Satan. Jesus is being set up by the Father, over the household of God where before it had been under the domain or influence of Satan, who is about to be overthrown with great judgments.

Notice that God says He will lay the key of David on his shoulder. There is another passage in Isaiah where we read about the government on his shoulder

> *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:* ***and the government shall be upon his shoulder****: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*
> *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7*

Now of course this passage is a reference to Jesus, the Messiah. Here it says *"and the government shall be upon his shoulder"* In the passage above from Isaiah 22, speaking of Eliakim, a figure for the Messiah, God says I will lay the Key of the house David on his shoulder. There is a very important connection here between the key, the shoulder and the government.

The Key of David sets him over the house of David. Or to use the language of Isaiah 9, it gives him the government of the house of David. As we read in Isaiah 22:21b: *"and I will commit thy government into his hand, …."*

We said before the key speaks of power and authority. Some commentators say that this is a mantle of authority, and thus we can speak of it being set upon someone's shoulders. So in this view, Isaiah 22 says that, God is saying He will give Jesus the government once held by Satan and give him all power and authority.

But if verse 21a it says " *And I will clothe him with thy robe ….* So the key may not be an article of clothing. Besides, if it referred to a mantle, like the mantle of Samuel, or of Elijah, then it would rest on both shoulders!

In this case the key is speaking of something required to exercise power and authority. It is not the power and authority itself. Just as a key is required to open or shut a door, the Key of David is required to exercise power and authority. And the clue here is the shoulder. And the key is the Cross which he bore on his shoulder. For it was not till after He went to the cross and rose again that he came and told his followers :"… *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

> *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
> *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*
> *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
> *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11*

> *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
> *He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*
> *Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:10 12*

The Key of David that was laid on His shoulder is the Cross. And because he was obedient unto the death of the Cross, He was given the power and authority over this world.

The cross was the wooden altar that the perfect sacrifice was offered upon.

As his feet were nailed to the cross, you could say that the cross is his footstool and also his throne, for because of the Cross, he reigns.

And because he reigns he can extend to the church a promise to rule and reign with him.

> *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21*

To sit in his throne may require that we spend time on his cross. If we expect to rule and reign with him, we must be crucified with Christ.

> *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

And as it says in Timothy:

> *If we suffer, we shall also reign with him …..:2 Timothy 2:12*

> *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim 3:12*

In these end times we are not to fear or worry or seek to be survivors. We are to be overcomers. We are to overcome the same way he overcame, by obedience even unto death. For we know that we can always trust the father for the grace needed to go through any trial or situation. As is says in Psalm 48:

> *Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.*
> *Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*
> *Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.*
> *For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psalm 48:11-14*
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> *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10*
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> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11*
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> *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Rev 20:4*

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Kingdom Grace Has Come

Ron McGatlin

There is now being released to God's pure hearted people the greatest outpouring of all time. It is the time of the kingdom of God coming forth on Earth. It is as God spoke to me over 20 years ago, "coming up like grass in a field". Coming forth all across the world at one time among the "insignificant" humble pure holy "nobodies". The kingdom grace that has come will build NO ONE'S big ministry but will flow across the land at ground level or even in some cases at underground level until the great city of God is manifest on Earth according to the New Jerusalem pattern coming down now in the Spirit from Heaven.

This is the time the Prophets of old prophesied about - the emerging of the kingdom Jesus preached and taught about. Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, rose from the dead and returned in the Holy Spirit to live within and empower many sons to do the works of the kingdom of God. We have entered the time that the first century apostles wrote about - the time of the promises of Jesus for His disciples to again do the works that He did and greater works. The time when nothing is impossible to those who believe.

Individuals, religious groups, and nations can miss this great harvest time. The season when the fruit of all who have died as martyrs, and all that have sown, and all that has been done before, is beginning to come forth. Some will still be saying it is yet four months to harvest even when the harvest moves into full swing.

On God's part it has always been now. He has waited for a people, an army of true sons.

He must have a people who will cast off the religious blankets of limitations, doubts and unbelief and move in the supernatural realm of power, love, and presence of God as described and promised throughout the Word. God must have a people unoccupied with the pursuits of self pleasures and religious routines - a people ready to step into the fullness of the glory of God - a people unrestrained by fear or natural needs but alive and released into the realm of the supernatural love and presence of God - a pure hearted humble simple people who will hear and obey the Spirit of God - a New Jerusalem people dwelling with God in the earth.

Even as dark destruction comes upon the works of the loftiness and pride of man - even as much of what has been considered holy by many is destroyed by fire and great shaking, the mighty works of the kingdom of God shall arise among the pure humble sons of God and the glory of God shall fill the whole earth.

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Know How To Judge Properly

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(While using Old Test. examples below, please understand that the criteria for judging a prophet or words, is found in Dt. 18 and in other Old Test. scriptures. We now judge these things according to New Test. standards as found in various places within the epistles. These scriptures are not exhaustive, but serve as a point of reference.)

ISA 38:1 In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."

ISA 38:2 Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, [3] "Remember, O LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.

ISA 38:4 Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah: [5] "Go and tell Hezekiah, `This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life. [6] And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city.

DT 18:17 The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. [18] I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. [19] If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. [20] But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death." (Old Test. criteria)

1TH 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; [20] do not treat prophecies with contempt. [21] Test everything. Hold on to the good. [22] Avoid every kind of evil. (New Test. criteria)

"I tell you that there are many questions in the prophetic. There are many who adhere to Old Testament principles when judging New Testament prophecies. I tell you that there are many who follow a man rather than my spirit. Some judge the person rather than the message. I have shown you plainly in scripture that prophecy can be conditional. As examples, look to Nathan the prophet, Isaiah, and Jonah. Examine these things through scripture and then you will know how to judge properly. No one is perfect, but only myself, and yet you expect my servants to be without flaw. Beware of these things for they will pierce your hearts. Do not continue to be babes in your thinking. I will bring all things to light and those things that have been hidden in darkness will come forth. "

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A Wise Person Prepares For Winter

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A Wise Person Prepares For Winter-"Be Ready For That Hour Of Trial"

[10] Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come upon the whole world to test those who live on the earth.
Rev. 3:10

[23] Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. [24] And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.
2 Tim. 2:23

[6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
I Peter 1:5

"The mountains will quake and the rivers will run dry. There is a time coming when those who are here on the earth will be having a time of great testing and tribulation. You do not know the day or the hour. You do not know the dates. It is not important to know but it is important to know that you will be taken care of. It is important to know that in the coming years you must prepare for that time. It is true that I will save my church from the great trial that is coming upon the earth. It is still important to note however, that you will not be delivered "out" of it, but that you will be delivered "through" it. "

"What do you think that the purpose is of going through the trials that you have been going through now? I tell you surely, that they have come partly to prepare you for that time. You have gone through all types of trials and testings at this time. Some of it has been to perfect your faith. Some of it has been to purge the dross from you. Most of it has been for these things. But I want you to be ready for that hour and that time. A wise person prepares for Winter. A wise person prepares for difficult times. But I'm also not asking you to have fear in your hearts about these things. Consider the churches that were mentioned in Revelation. Remember that some were not ready and they could not endure. To them that could endure, they were kept safe from that time of trial. That is all that I need to say at this moment. I do not want my church to be splitting hairs about theological issues. Some say that I AM coming for my church at this time, while others say, "No, it will be later." Just be ready and know that much of this now is in preparation for that time. "

"To those who are like the church of Philadelphia, endure as a faithful soldier. Be ready, in season and out of season. Know that these trials are preparing you for that time. Know that I will not take you "out" of that time, but "through it." Be ready, I say, and do not fear. And do not get caught-up in senseless arguments about when these things will happen. But also do not delude yourselves about thinking that you will be taken out of everything that is coming upon this earth. "

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Knowing His Glory Knowing His Goodness

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or, we could call it "Where is Your Perspective"

NOTE: The following is not really a teaching, it's not really anything but some thoughts that God has put in my heart. I pray that this will bless you, and allow the goodness of God to abound in your life.

Exodus 33:18-19 KJV "And he said, 'I beseech thee, shew me thy glory.' (19) And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.'"

I want to talk with you for a moment about the goodness of God. It so abounds in every inch of this little earth that we live in, and guess what Father pleasures for you to have it...yes, that's right, He desires you to share and partake within His Glory, for the goodness of God is His Glory. There is a fresh stirring in the Church to see the Glory, to seek His face, to know Him more. There is a passion that of like Moses that is rising up deep within our spirits to cry out for more of the Glory, to see the fullness of Him, for His Glory is His essence...and the most amazing thing is that He is so faithful. Yes, He is the most faithful God there is, for it is His pleasure to show you His Glory, and will be faithful to show that Glory to you!!!

Notice in Exodus 33:18-19 after Moses cried out for the Glory, the God replies with an interesting answer. He said that He will make ALL of His goodness to pass before Moses. Why His goodness? Because God is good, just as much as God is love. Because God's Glory is His essence, it is His being, it is Who He is. When we ask for the presence of God we ask for a portion of His being to be made manifest in a place, but when we cry out for His Glory we cry out for the fullness of Him to be made manifest. We cry out for everything that is God be made known to everything that is you. But I want to focus on the goodness...the goodness of God....Have I wetted your appetite for more of Jesus?

The Word of God said in Habakkuk 2:14 DRB "For the earth shall be filled, that men may know the glory of the Lord, as waters covering the sea." He filled the earth with His Glory. I think since the beginning of creation the Glory has dwelt among men, we just did not recognize it. This is all leading to His goodness, but we need to understand this. God has been working greatly to restore our knowledge of His Glory that we might know Him. Relationship with God is very important, and He desires that men, that would be you and me, know His Glory!!!!

Psalms 33:5 KJV "He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD." Remember, God's Glory is His essence, His being, and His reply to Moses was that His Glory was goodness. Habakkuk told us that God filled the earth so that we might know Him. Now, the Psalmist tells us that the earth is FULL of God's goodness. From the beginning of Creation He said it was all good. But if the goodness of God has filled the earth, why do bad things happen? Why are you going through hell on earth if God's goodness is abounding in the earth. I have a suggestion in that. This has been a revelation that the Lord has been teaching me on a daily basis since I left for China last September and have returned. Why you don't see God's goodness has to do with your perspective on things. The Church has been held bound for many years because its perspectives on things, and I know for myself when I have changed my perspective from one of earth to heaven to one of heaven to earth life has changed more dramatically for me. I have had more miracles abound, more boldness to go and preach the Gospel, a better relationship with God, and freedom from mindsets that have held me bound.

We find the principles of perspective throughout the Bible. It all depends on your outlook of things. If you are looking for nothing but disaster, havoc, and bad things in general to happen, than that is what your going to see. But if you are looking for the Goodness of God, because the earth is full of it, than that is what you will see. The church for so long has had a mentality of let's look for bad things, and for so long has only seen bad. The church is full of sick people, the church is full of people who welcome disease and say its God's will, the church has not seen miracles simply because it has not looked for them. Do you think that God stopped working miracles when the Apostle John died? I think not. In fact, I think that there were millions of miracles that happened in between the time of John's death and today, we just never heard about them...so because we never heard about it, our minds were conditioned into thinking that it did not happen any more. It is so true when Jesus told us that what we seek we find, when we ask it is given to us, and when we knock the door opens up to us. When we are not seeking God for what He said He would do, we won't see it, plain and simple. When we don't look for God's goodness, we don't see it. When I don't see God's goodness I can see the worst reality in every situation, when I am looking from a perspective of the goodness of God I can see the reality of heaven in every situation. I am almost to sure of myself when I state that the reason why I saw all the healings and salvations in China was simply because my perspective was to only see His goodness/ Tell me, which way should we be looking at? Your perspective will determine what you see.

How can I walk in heaven's perspective? Well, it all boils back down to where you stand in your relationship with His Glory. How do you see God? Is He some distant being that you will only get to encounter when you get to Heaven, or is He alive and active in your life? Is He risen upon you? Do you see from the perspective of a friend or servant? That last one is very important. What is your perspective in how you relate to God? John 15:14-16 KJV "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. (15) Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. (16) Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." Look at the perspective that Jesus is showing us. Its not that we no longer are servants of God, but that we serve out of friendship rather than slavery. Do you look at God as a Master or as your closest friend? Why these questions? Because I want you to begin thinking of where you stand with Jesus. I hope that these are questions you can answer in your heart.

So, how can I change my perspective? Colossians 3:1-4 HCSB tells us: "So if you have been raised with the Messiah, seek what is above, where the Messiah is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on what is above, not on what is on the earth. (3) For you have died, and your life is hidden with the Messiah in God. (4) When the Messiah, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory." Verse 2 gives us a big clue as to how. It says to set your mind on things above. Set is the key word. It also happens to be an action word. Its you doing something. You are placing your mind on things above. What's above? Heaven. Get this. This is something I have been walking in for about a year and half now. It has been a true revelation of heaven to me. All throughout Scripture we see people have visitations into Heaven. All throughout Scripture we see God trying to relate to us on heavenly terms. Jesus even expressed a desire to show and teach us from heavenly perspective when He told Nicodemus in John 3:10-13 NKJV "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things? (11) Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak what we know and testify what we have seen. And you do not receive our witness. (12) If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? (13) And no one has ascended up to Heaven except He who came down from Heaven, the Son of Man who is in Heaven.'" When I read that, and read that, and read that, I didn't get it. And then I saw something in the last verse: "...the Son of Man who is in Heaven." You mean when Jesus said this He was in Heaven? No, He was here talking to Nicodemus. Than how could that be? Jesus spirit was already there with the Father. Jesus "abided" in the Father and was one with Him. Then, I checked out this other often overlooked or even misunderstood passage in Ephesians. It is talking about the finished work on the cross and how we can abide and be one with the Father as Jesus was talking about in John 14, 15, 16, and 17? Let's read in context so that you don't misunderstand this verse. Ephesians 2:1-8 DRB "And you, when you were dead in your offences and sins, (2) Wherein in time past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of this air, of the spirit that now worketh on the children of unbelief: (3) In which also we all conversed in time past, in the desires of our flesh, fulfilling the will of the flesh and of our thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest: (4) But God (who is rich in mercy) for his exceeding charity wherewith he loved us (5) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together in Christ (by whose grace you are saved) (6) And hath raised us up together and hath made us sit together in the heavenly places, through Christ Jesus. (7) That he might shew in the ages to come the abundant riches of his grace, in his bounty towards us in Christ Jesus. (8) For by grace you are saved through faith: and that not of yourselves, for it is the gift of God." Look at verse 6 again: "And hath raised us up together and hath made us sit together in the heavenly places, through Christ Jesus." That word raised is past tense, that word made, past tense. At the work of the cross, God did a restoration between man and Himself. Apart of that restoration was Him seating our spirits in heavenly realms with Christ Jesus. God made it to wear once we are saved our spirits could be in constant communication with the Father in Heaven, just as when Jesus was on earth, was also in Heaven, abiding in the Father. But that is just our spirits. Our minds remain unfruitful to what our spirits experience daily, unless, we practice Colossians 3:2. We set, we place, we put our minds in heavenly places to gain a mental revelation of that which has already been revealed to our spirit through Christ. It is kind of like connecting the 18 inches between your brain and heart.

I know there is a lot to chew in the above paragraph, and want to encourage you to study it out for yourself. It begins to make total sense as you connect the dots. But here are the results. When we get a revelation in our heads of what is God's heart in heaven, that is setting our minds on things above, our perspectives begin to change. Jesus illustrates this to us in John 4:35 KJV when He tells us: "Say not ye, 'There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest?' behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." Jesus told us change our perspective. No longer look from earth to heaven and say the harvest is far away, but look up to look down. See from God's point of view. He said the harvest is ready right now. Can you believe that?

When we look down from God's perspective of things, things are a lot different. We no longer see a God who is mad at us with hammer in hand, but we see a God who is well pleased in His creation, a God who is happy with us, His children. There is no where we read that God hates us. He hates sin, not sinners. I love how the Message Bible translates Psalm 33:5: "He loves it when everything fits, when his world is in plumb-line true. Earth is drenched in GOD's affectionate satisfaction." The earth is DRENCHED in His affectionate satisfaction. What a great perspective to hold. Know that you are the apple of His eye. You are full of His goodness and Glory. You are drenched in God's affectionate satisfaction! GOD-affirmers find themselves loved every time they turn around. (Ps. 32:10).

You know to know all of this is great, but it all begins in a place of seeking His face. Psalm 27:8 says when You said to me seek Your face, my heart responded, Thy face O Lord will I seek. We need to get passionately, hopelessly, and lost in love with Jesus. As we do, we need to pursue Him, and as we set our eyes upon Jesus, the things of this earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His Glory and Grace!

Just a couple of thoughts...

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Kind And Severe
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KIND AND SEVERE
We are grafted together through Your Word
We yield and honor that You are our Lord.
In seasons of sorrow and times of gifts
We have known Your dealings can be swift.

You send Your Word and knock on our door.
We hunger for You asking for more.
Every day decisions come to us.
We make choices to follow and trust.

You, oh God, are both kind and severe.
Let our choices bear fruit that You remain near.
Let us walk in the fear of our God.
Following Him closely with our feet well shod.

Tis His peace that keeps us on His path.
A barometer in tune to sense His wrath.
Lest we stray and walk away
Yielding our hearts to demonic stray.

Oh God have mercy and keep us close.
Tucked into Your bosom with heavenly hosts.
Let us walk in right standing with You.
Never to depart from what is True.

It is our faith that we choose to nourish.
Hearing Your Word, we will flourish.
When we harden our hearts and do not believe
We resist Your knock and become deceived.

Oh Papa release us from our unbelief.
Let us hear and receive every good seed.
Give us not over to our hardened ways
Lead us not into temptation lest we stray.

Let us nurture and hold Your gifts so tender
That we never let go, never surrender
The tenacity of pursuit for all that is You.
Increase our faith to walk in life anew.

Let us judge nothing before its time
When You send strong meat strictly Thine.
Forgive us when we did spit out the bones
That Your meat was spit too, from all that was honed.

Give us Your Word, let us not turn away.
Grant us meat that we can live another day.
Let us not stumble with discerning the chew.
But let us receive Your gifts so true.

Rom 11:17-24 NLT

But some of these branches from Abraham's tree, some of the Jews, have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, were grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in God's rich nourishment of his special olive tree. But you must be careful not to brag about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off. Remember, you are just a branch, not the root. "Well," you may say, "those branches were broken off to make room for me." Yes, but remember — those branches, the Jews, were broken off because they didn't believe God, and you are there because you do believe. Don't think highly of yourself, but fear what could happen. For if God did not spare the branches he put there in the first place, he won't spare you either.

Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe to those who disobeyed, but kind to you as you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off. And if the Jews turn from their unbelief, God will graft them back into the tree again. He has the power to do it. For if God was willing to take you who were, by nature, branches from a wild olive tree and graft you into his own good tree — a very unusual thing to do — he will be far more eager to graft the Jews back into the tree where they belong.

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Maintain Your Home Ground
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MAINTAIN YOUR HOME GROUND
When I send you forth to move out and occupy increased boundaries of influence, authority, and responsibility, it is important that you take assessment of the boundaries I have thoroughly marked in your life. Know their importance and prioritize them.

If you put all your energy into occupying and don't cover your home territory, it leaves you vulnerable to losing what you have obtained. Maintain what you have obtained. Fight to keep the foundations I have engraved in your life. Do not lose an inch of them while you are stretching forth and taking new places. Stay disciplined and a watchful eye on your home ground so that nothing is allowed to be plundered.

NKJ 1 Samuel 30:1-3
Now it happened, when David and his men came to Ziklag, on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the South and Ziklag, attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire, and had taken captive the women and those who were there, from small to great; they did not kill anyone, but carried them away and went their way. So David and his men came to the city, and there it was, burned with fire; and their wives, their sons, and their daughters had been taken captive.

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Set Your House In Order
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SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER
I have placed a need inside of you to set your environment in order. And when you allow disorder, it builds up on your subconscious and eventually affects your self esteem. Why do you think it makes you

feel so satisfied after you clean up a room and then sit down to appreciate it? It is a part of My nature to bring order out of chaos. I have set the universe in order and everything hangs in the balance with symmetry. You have this same nature within you. There are certain things in your life which are not under your control. But if there is nothing actually impeding you, you can apply this spiritual exercise to put your house in order. It will encourage you to get back on the right road and stay there.

1 Tim 4:8-10 NLT
Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next. This is true, and everyone should accept it.

NKJ Proverbs 24:3
Through wisdom a house is built, And by understanding it is established;

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The Stones To Bread And Living Water
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THE STONES TO BREAD AND LIVING WATER
I have invited you, My dear ones, to My table. I freely give you a table of intimacy and communion, when you enter into My Presence and sup with Me. This table is prepared before you in the presence of your enemies which I know is not to your liking, but it is true. They encircle you round about, but are held at bay by My restraint. They are not allowed to touch you, but they hurl the stones of taunts and distractions into your midst. Even as the devil taunted Jesus to command the stones to become bread, so they throw these stones at your feet. Rebuke them, or pay no attention to them, but either way do not be distracted by them. For as you press in and keep your focus and your faith on Me, then you freely receive your Bread of life. Did I not turn the rock into a pool of water that bubbled forth a fountain? Even so, I will turn these stones into a pool of blessings which have fallen in a heap at your feet, For what the enemy intends to curse, I turn to blessing.

Ps 114:7-8 NKJV
Tremble , O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, Who turned the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of waters.

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Don Kistler's The Arithmetic of God

synopsis by Bill Somers

This is a synopsis of Don Kistler' book The Arithmetic of God, published in 1976 by God's Community Church of Charity, PO Box 573, Kings Mountain, NC 28086
Don Kistler has given us a revelation of the symbolic numbers of the Bible and a wonderful treatment of some numeric designs and features the Lord has shown him. I recommend this book very highly. I am going to merely give the table of contents which shows just the numbers and their symbolic meaning. This is good to keep as a handy reference.

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Bill Somers Prophetic Vision

The Case of the Kosher Cheeseburger

by Bill Somers

The Lord has been teaching me a lot about his word. There is a scripture that is repeated three times in the Bible, that I have never understood till now.

"***Thou shalt not seeth a kid in it's mothers milk.***" This is interpreted to mean that meat cannot be cooked, mixed or served with milk or milk products. NO Pizza, NO lasagna, NO burritos, NO tacos, and NO cheeseburgers!
This is of course the basis for the Jews keeping separate dishes for meat and dairy products, keeping kosher. According to what I learned some years back, keeping kosher meant having two sets of dishes, glassware etc. One to use for dairy products and one for meat. If you were a well to do Jewish family, you had 4 sets of everything, the other two were for passover only! I recall the story of a missionary in Israel who had a hard time finding a burrito. Then he was told that they are not kosher, since meat is mixed with cheese. So the title of this article: The Case of the Kosher Cheeseburger is a tip-off. There is no such thing as a Kosher Cheeseburger!
"***Thou shalt not seeth a kid in it's mothers milk.***"

This verse had puzzled me for a long time. Every now and then, I would think about it and wonder what it **really** meant.

What do I mean by that? Well take the verse Thou shall not muzzle the Ox that treads out the corn. This in one of those Old Testament, Torah laws, that could be strictly intended for guiding farmers in taking care of animals. Except that Paul in the new testament tells us that there is a spiritual meaning to it. "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? **Or saith he it altogether for our sakes**? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope." (1 Corinthians 9:9-10)

For our sakes no doubt this is written, because the things that are written are written for examples and lessons. So perhaps there is a lesson in that verse that says :

"***Thou shalt not seeth a kid in it's mothers milk.***"

I have found that when I really inquire of the Lord about some passage in his word, he starts to show me the meaning. So I said to my self, one of these days I am really going to press in and seek the Lord for understanding of this passage. And then! He interrupted my train of thought and said "Why don't you ask me about it now?" And thus an answer began to come. And this is it.

The spiritual truth behind this is found in applying it to the Word of God. See the scripture references at the end of this article. In the New Testament the word is often compared to milk and sometimes the milk is contrasted with meat - the deeper truths of the Word. Isaiah says 'to whom shall he teach knowledge, to them that are weaned of milk'!

So Then: To rightly divide the word of truth, requires us to separate the milk from the meat.

Not the literal milk from the literal meat, but the milk and meat of the word! That is we must separate the literal from the spiritual. Not to do so is unbelief! And unbelief is disobedience! When you look into a cook pot and see milk, you cannot tell if there is any meat beneath the surface! But you need to look for it and take it out if you can find it. So it is with the Word of God. The milk is the surface meaning, and the meat is the deeper spiritual meaning.

"***Thou shalt not seeth a kid in it's mothers milk.***" is in effect speaking about unbelief. Why is it unbelief if we do not separate the milk from the meat? Because the word says all scripture is inspired by God and profitable for instruction, correction, reproof and doctrine. Since the word says that **all scripture** is profitable, you must **expect** to find a deeper meaning in even the most ordinary historical passage. And this scripture is a perfect example of that very principle! It occurs to me that in keeping kosher, the Jews have made almost a religion out of just this one scripture. I am reminded of the verse that says "He hath concluded them [the Jews] all in unbelief."

And so the principle of literal interpretation needs to be modified, lest it lead us into unbelief. If we stop our inquiry once we have a literal interpretation, we are settling for just the milk! Interpret the word literally where possible but continue on and look beneath the surface. And expect to find deeper truths! Seek and ye shall find - meat in due season.

Now will somebody please explain this one: "If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young:" (Deuteronomy 22:6)

Scripture references:
Exodus 23:19 19 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Exodus 34:26 26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Deuteronomy 14:21 21 Ye shall not eat [of] any thing that dieth of itself: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that [is] in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou [art] an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Isaiah 28:9 9. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts.

1 Corinthians 3:2 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able.

Hebrews 5:12 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which [be] the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk [is] unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

1 Peter 2:2 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

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Knights Of The Lord

Heather Butler

November 9th 2005.

In the early hours of the morning I had a dream, in the dream I saw a mantle in the shape of a hood come down upon Chuck Pierce and another person. It was white and had a large red cross upon it.

I didn't no that he was in this country praying for our nation along side Sharon Stone, and others. After praying about this, I believe that he has been given the RIGHT to bring forth prayer and declaration for this nation, the hood was symbolic of this, I recognised this hood as being part of the armour of a knight, the covering worn beneath the helmet.

The lord is rallying the troops in this place and throughout the nations. I believe that the fires in France are also significant at this time, that what we see in France could be a reflection of what will happen here on our shores if we do not make that stand. I see that the fire is all part of the alarm that is being raised throughout the nations - I see the fire as being an element that will bring a purity back into the church, that will draw people back into that place of a renewed focus upon the importance of not being caught asleep, a call to ensure that we are not silent as the word of God is being pulled apart and rewritten to fit the persuasions of our governments and leaders, the church in France is rising up on the crest of the fire, using it to purge and cleanse, to illuminate and to draw.

There is a cry spreading throughout the nations to stand and to pray like never before.

2yrs ago, I watched as violent whirlwinds of faith swept America, and our own nation, huge corridors filled with light. This light was the passion and the resilience of those who were faithful and dared to stand against the tide of the enemy who has tried to do that can be done against the judicial systems of our nations, and against the morals and principals that have been built upon the foundations of the word of God

The very moral fibre of who we are depends upon this word, and has lead us as nations into a place of truth throughout the ages, it is right that we should rise up and cry out before the Father concerning the deceit that is trying to cover our lands.

Dare to believe that your prayers make a difference, the violent take by storm.

This is a time for storming the nations with violent prayers of faith, a faith so violent that it rouses the Father heart, and he sends a blast from His nostrils as he hears the cries of the saints throughout the nations. We must not stop now, we need to rise above all that would stop us from praying, and to get back into that place of intimacy with the lord so that we can hear clearly what it is that we are to do in our personal lives, in our communities, and in our nations.

We have been given a God given right to fight for the cause of all that raises itself up against our nations. We have been given an authority that shatters the cedars, that tears down and stamps on every act of the enemy who has tried to hide the power and the inheritance of the God given blood of

Jesus.

We are not voices in the wilderness, we are strong brave warriors of the lord, who have been given a job to do, we have been given the keys to the kingdom of heaven, its time to unlock those prayers of faith, and hurl them into the heavenlies and into the throne room of God, to come before the lord in intercession reminding Him of His promises, greater is Him that is in you than him that is in the world. That on this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

That still small voice.

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America Its Time To Run With The Horses!
Heather Butler

It says in the word of God that if we cannot keep up with men, how can we run with horses. As I was praying this is what I saw, and I speak it as a prophetic declaration over Kentucky in the name of Jesus.

I see an open heaven, a rolling back of the heavens as the lord gets ready to release his fire from heaven. This fire will consume those who have cried out who are hungry and thirsty, although it is a costly fire it is greater than gold, as the dross is burned away I see what could have been devastation turn into the most fruitful place. I entered in and saw men on white horses protecting the harvest, standing watch to protect this yield. I watched as a whirlwind came and whipped up the fire and planted it in neighboring towns, a funnel of fire swept from Kentucky across the nation, keeping the enemy at bay, and releasing the anointing of the glory of God. The enemy wants to kill you, and the father needs you to die so that he can live in you. The men on the white horses are without fear, they have been tested by the fire, consumed by its flames, they know what is expected of them to run with the Spirit of the lord wherever he will lead. There are those who have not yet learned to run with the horses, those who fear change and challenge, but the lord says to them do not be afraid, as I was with your forefathers so I will be with you, stop looking at what has gone before, I am doing a new thing, I have opened the doorways of heaven to pour out my heart upon this place, to lavish my bride with every good thing, but first comes the fire, will you run with the fire of God in your bones, will you allow me to consume your every thought, take your thoughts and ambitions, strip you of everything that you are and replace your thoughts and ambitions with my perfect will for you. Will you run with me, stand with me even unto death. Come, I call you come. prepare the way I am soon to come.

That still small voice.

Word for the UK
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As I sat quietly praying about what prayer I should place within the wailing wall for the UK Israel and the USA I believe I had a vision of the UK. This is what I saw.

I saw the UK as the woman of Samaria speaking with Jesus at the well. She didn't know Jesus, and she was in a place where she shouldn't have been, speaking with a man it was not customary for her to speak to.

She was living a sinful life, and the lord knew this, He didn't tell her to go away, but rather made time to speak many truths into her life.

Jesus asks her for a drink of water, but she says "But sir, the well is deep, and there is nothing with which to draw the water"

Little did she know that the one who had asked her for a drink, was the one who was about to pour life giving waters into the empty vessel of her life.

I believe that the UK has been found wanting. We have been found in a place where we should not have been, political correctness has been eroding the foundations of the truths that we have stood upon for centuries, peeling away the moral fibre of our nation, so that people no longer recognize what is really right, and what is wrong. Compromise has stripped our land of the garment of faith, as we have watched the church come into alignment with false religions and doctrines, hiding the truths of the living God.

sadly many know of the lord in this land, but have no real relationship with Him. People are thirsting, but don't know where to go for a drink.

I see those praying at this time as ministering the heart of Jesus to this land, He is asking "will you give me a drink" and I believe that those in prayer who have joined hands with us in the UK across the waters from America are the vessels that He means to pour into and out from as they use the empty vessels of their lives to carry the anointing of the glory of God into this land and many nations.

Those who are thirsty will know where to get a drink from, as they are shown the truth of the word that our society was shaped and molded upon come into alignment with the true word of the living God.

We have seen much rain of late, the wells are full to overflowing, the lord is waiting to fill the empty vessels of our lives with deep, deep rivers of life giving waters to reach the dry barren dusty roads of apathy, and complacency and change them into places of fruitfulness once again.

Those who are hidden in darkness are about to see a great light I believe this is true not only of those in Israel who have been searching for the messiah, but also for those who have met behind closed doors, who have uttered their secret words to their brothers and who have used their hands to speak. These are the ones who the lord longs to reveal a great truth to. This gospel is not hidden, or attained through works, but through the saving grace of the lord. He longs to show them that true brothers join together for one purpose, to glorify the name of God and see with unblinkered eyes for the first time the one for whom they have searched for.

Israel is significant at this time, I have seen the lamb standing on the temple mount, and I have seen the eastern gate. Prayers and declaration are to be made in this land, they will be as seeds planting the truth of the promises of God back into the land where it was sown in the beginning.

A song like the song of Deborah will be heard and sung once again across this land once more. The rod is about to bud.

The woman at the well ran and splashed the anointing throughout the place where she lived, she had uncovered a truth that saved her life, and many others. The lord is about to change the spiritual atmosphere over our lands, and give us an open heaven like never before.

The lord has heard the cry of the heart of the remnant, the ones who stood and cried out in the night hours where no one saw or heard, I believe he would say that there are righteous men and women and children in this land.

The UK will once again know the heartbeat of the lord, and will have her finger on the pulse of the lord ready to manoever into every situation quickley . Those churches that teach wrong doctrines, and who harbour false prophets will wither like the grass and be blown away as chaff. The weeds that sprang up and tried to kill the harvest, will be the ones who are plucked and eaten by the birds, stripped of all those seeds of deceit and poison.

I will restore the years that the locust has eaten. The Promises of the Lord never fail.

Kingdom, Power, and Glory
Ron Wood

How much power is required for information to be sent and received? Not much. Your cell phone can receive a text message with very little energy expended. Words and ideas can be exchanged almost effortlessly. How much power is required for a lame man to be made well, or a blind person to be made to see, or for a dead person to come back to life? A lot!

Having been the recipient of many dreams, visions, and words from the wonderful communicative Holy Spirit of truth, I do sincerely appreciate the fact that knowledge or information can move freely in the spirit realm as well as the human or natural realm. Mankind, unlike lower animals who do not have an eternal spirit, is gifted with the ability of speech. Using words, we can talk with each other and with our Creator. We were designed from the beginning with an innate ability to dialogue with God and present prayers to God.

The wonderful words that serve as a finale to The Lord's Prayer in the King James Version of the Bible are sometimes omitted in modern translations. Some Bible scholars debate whether the concluding phrase, *For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.* (Matthew 5:13 NAS) were in the earliest manuscripts. I am satisfied they were. It is a fitting conclusion to an awesome pattern of intimate praying given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ.

Think about it: until Jesus, no one prayed such a bold prayer. No one had ever talked to God so intimately. No one prayed like Jesus prayed-- never before-- not *ever* in human history! Jesus didn't take his identity or role for granted nor did he act on his own authority. He prayed, then, he obeyed.

Prior to this time, no one had ever called God "Daddy" until Jesus came and showed us the privilege of being a child of God. He is the one who taught us to pray, "Abba, Father." His sacrifice paved the way for our birth and adoption as sons into our Father's family. Yes, God is Jehovah, our covenant-making and covenant-keeping Redeemer; Yes, He is Adonai, our Lord and Master; Yes, He is Elohim, our Creator and Sustainer; but he is also by Christ's grace and our faith and his adoption now become our Father in heaven.

Recently, the Lord had me recall how he first disclosed himself to me.

Understand, I've seen God unveiled as the awesome miracle-worker, as the One who answers faith-filled prayer, as the providential guide and protector, as the Lord who fights for me, but nothing supersedes his first self-disclosure to me. It is foundational to my life of faith. The older I get, the more child-like I become. My Heavenly Father loves me!

When this revelation came, I was only a child. My mother (who was received into heaven on Mother's Day 1980) had taught me how to pray kneeling at my bedside each evening. One evening, during ordinary prayer as a simple childish ritual, the Lord suddenly revealed himself to me. And he showed himself to me as my heavenly Father! I was awestruck and delighted that the God of the Universe, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Covenant Keeping God of the Bible, would bend down low and disclose himself to this little boy kneeling at the side of his bed.

I will never forget the revelation of the Father toward me that day. I felt his heart of love toward me, his spirit of adoption, his affirming gaze. He felt like a daddy whose arms were safe and whose love was unfailing.

In that context, I come back to the words of Jesus tacked on to the end of his time of talking with his Father in heaven. His words are an acknowledgement of an eternal reality. The *kingdom* comes from the Father; the *power* comes from the Father; and the *glory* comes from the Father. And it He not just Jesus' Father, but "*our* Father." The same Father that loved Jesus and sent the Holy Spirit to given him power and insight is the same Father we are privileged to know and to talk with. He is on *our* side!

Think about the words: *kingdom, power, glory*. What do they mean?

Kingdom represents a realm of authority in which a king rules. Jesus is the king of his kingdom. His government is not a democracy, but a kingdom. Kingdom therefore speaks of authority which descends from a throne.

Power represents energy. Energy is the ability to do work, in this case, God's work. God's work is the same as what Jesus showed us: to heal the sick, to drive out evil or unclean spirits; to free from sin and fear and shame. Jesus promised that power would come to those who believe (John 7:37-39, Acts 1:5-8)

Glory represents the radiance of God's riches of grace. These riches are stored up in heaven for us in eternity but partially released now by faith on earth. Our treasure is in heaven, but Jesus' treasure is in his saints! Glory can be manifested by God and when this occurs, it changes everything around.

We thought God had done a marvelous thing when he unveiled the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ: salvation realized and the privilege of knowing the Lord and feeling his love. Amen! If that's all we get, it's worth it all, isn't it? All of this, and heaven too! Praise God!

But wait! God also releases his power in and among the saints. In addition to freedom from sins and the gift of eternal life in Christ, he bestows gifts of the Holy Spirit, today! He fills ordinary believers with his extraordinary energy and amazing things happen that are beyond human explanation. We must not belittle nor neglect the necessity of the power gifts (1 Corinthians 12) to relieve suffering and glorify God through Christ's name.

Yet there is more…. God's glory is drawing near. As heaven comes down, glory fills our souls. God's manifest presence can saturate a person, a group, or a building until suddenly the mystical realm of heaven's dimensions seems palpable and visible. Angels appear, the fragrance of incense wafts like perfume, divine insights flow freely, rapturous love is shed into our hearts, and amazing grace transforms doubters into stalwarts of faith.

Don't forget to pray all of the prayer of Jesus. Don't fall short of his glory, but drink it in. God's glory is surely drawing near to those who seek Him.

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Keep Unbelief Out Of Your Life

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My children, do not be an unbelieving generation. Do not fall into doubt. I look to My church and I see doubt weaving it's way through many believers hearts and lives, and this grieves Me. For I am calling you My church to stand upon the Word in great ways, to believe what the Word says about you and your situations, and not to fall prey to the evil one.

My precious warriors, listen to Me, many of you are not seeing miracles because you do not believe. Many of you are remaining in the situations you are in because you have not spoken forth the Word of God into your situations.

I love each of you so very much, and I long to see you carry My passion for My Word, and to see My power released into the lives of many. My precious proclaimers of truth, listen to My voice. Listen to what I am saying. Many of you must come before Me and repent of your unbelieving hearts. Repent of your heart attitudes of not believing the power of My Word.

Many are stuck and not seeing My Spirit move because you are not preparing the way by your spoken words. You are not preparing the way for My Spirit to move through your declaration of My Word.

My Word is powerful, sharper than a double edged sword and will cut to the heart of many. My Word will not make you feel comfortable, but uncomfortable, to convict of sin, and to bring forth darkness into the light so it may be dispelled.
My Word never returns void. Think about it My precious warriors, if My Word does not return void, then will not the promises of My Word come to pass? Will you not see Me move in a huge way? And see the manifestation of promises in your lives?

My heart is to perform the miraculous in your lives. To transform, change and glorify My name to all the earth. I am longing to perform what is beyond your wildest dreams and thoughts in your lives, but believe. Believe that I am Almighty. Believe that I am powerful. Believe that what I have spoken WILL come to pass no matter what your circumstances or people around you tell you.

For I am the Lord your God. The Maker of heaven and earth and nothing happens without Me knowing about it. I have spoken to you today, to encourage you My precious carriers of My truth, that you are to rise up in your faith. Not by striving, not by your own strength, but by the power of My Spirit.

Come to Me, My precious followers and ask Me to increase your faith and take unbelief out of your hearts. Repent of this unbelief, and walk away from it. Bring it to Me, leave it with Me, and do not pick it up again. Do not. Leave it, and pick up the Sword. Pick up My truth.

I am longing to pour out My Spirit on this world in greater ways, but I am looking for the carriers. Those who will carry My Glory, and carry the deeper anointing I am longing to pour out. Those of you who will make room for more of My Word to fill you, and flow through you, you will see great things. I long for all to see great things, so come, come and let Me use you. Let Me burn out unbelief and power My Word through you to transform lives.

I long for the entire world, to be saved. I long for each and everyone to know Me, and I long to display My power, but do not allow unbelief to keep you from being part of what I am doing. Do not allow unbelief to keep you from the destiny, relationship with Me, and miracles I long to perform through you.

Don’t let unbelief stop you, but walk away from it. These are the last days, and I am longing to pour out My Spirit in Greater ways, do not miss out because of your unbelief. Come, be counted, and allow Me to flow through you.

My warriors, My church do not nurture those weeds of unbelief anymore. Cut them off.

Listen To My Signs In The Earth
Sandy Warner

Aug 15, 2005

LISTEN TO MY SIGNS IN THE EARTH
Precious ones, how much I have to share with you! Behold the seeds of My Word are liberally spread and heaped all over the earth for your pleasure. As the days move forward into maturity, I AM bringing forth My supernatural signs to confirm My Words to you. The signs may burst forth upon the scene and cause you great fear if you are not firmly planted in Me. Or they may appear naturally as they seemingly suspend before your very eyes. Fear not, beloved. Open your ears and listen, for I truly desire to speak to you through all of creation.

"I will explain mysteries hidden since the creation of the world. Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. This fulfilled the prophecy that said, "I will speak to you in parables." (Matt 13:34-35 NLT)

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Reaching You Any Way I Can
Sandy Warner

Aug 17, 2005

REACHING YOU ANY WAY I CAN
How I long to reach you with My loving confirmations! I will send them in sweet and simple ways, and you may miss them if you are not listening. Often I hide My confirmations in simplicity. If you are ensnared by the complexities in life, the simple gifts remain hidden.

I promised that if you seek Me, you shall find Me. If you are looking to hear from Me, if you are expecting Me to speak to you, your heart will leap and be quickened as you see Me in such simple ways, confirming your walk. Great is My love for you!

Matt 13:44 NLT
"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field — and to get the treasure, too!

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When Angry Do Not Sin
Sandy Warner

Aug 19, 2005

WHEN ANGRY DO NOT SIN
Dear ones, offenses and stumbling stones come. And there are times when those same offenses repeat and repeat and repeat and repeat. There are times when those same offenses rise up with years of repetition, and even after death, they are repeated in the progeny of seeds sown. I hear your cries for help and I understand your sufferings and anger for I AM your Father of emotion.

I understand when anger simmers and escalates. I understand how you feel. I know the offenses that are repeating and ask that you release your anger to Me and ask My grace to help you forgive. Give no door for the devil's access. Anger if nurtured turns to sin. Anger, if yielded to the fruit of My Spirit, moves towards mercy and forgiveness. I understand how many times you have forgiven these same offenses. I suffer right along with you, each and every time. Come - let us extinguish the fire together and release mercy to the blind and stubborn. Dear one, you too need My mercy daily.

Ex 34:6-7 NKJV
And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Eph 4:26-27 AMP
When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].

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Listen To My Voice

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My Child, do not believe the lies of the evil one. He has tried to tell you that you have made a grave mistake by allowing Me to take you into the wilderness. He has said that "You've wasted and ruined your life," that you are doomed, and that it is too late now to ever restore all that has been dismantled. He spoke these same words to My children in their tents in the wilderness long ago, and some of them wept in the night, and I listened to their cries. They believed these lies that demons magnified, and bitterly grumbled against Me.

I do not lead someone into the wilderness to die, but to live, and be prepared to do great things on the Earth for My purposes and glory. I transform you in the wilderness so that I can trust you with My power and resources, so that you can help others selflessly, and powerfully.

I am the God of restoration, and although in your mind, you have wondered how things could ever be restored after such apparent decimation, you will see that My restoration and blessings are supernatural, and will give you an end much greater than what you would have built on your own back in Egypt.

Take heart, and remember how I have kept you miraculously in this wilderness. I pulled you out of the world and fed you with My ravens and secret waters. You asked Me for faith, so I put you into a position where you could no longer meet your own needs in the natural, and you were forced to trust Me. You did not go hungry, and you did not end up homeless. I have cared for you.

Trust Me, that if I lead you into the wilderness that I have planned to lead you out. The time you spend in the wilderness is up to you. If you cooperate wholeheartedly with My Spirit, your time will be short. Do not let the lies of the evil one enter your heart. Listen only to My voice. Remember all the great things I have done for you in the past, and how I brought you up out of Egypt and out of it's bondage and turmoil.

You have entered My rest, so continue to walk in what I have taught you. Continue to trust Me, even though your circumstances seem to look like you are a failure. I shut down the outside, so that I can work on the inside. You needed to be as undistracted as possible, so that I could bring you through this time of transformation much more quickly.

I love you; My words always give you peace and hope. Any other word has not come from Me. You know My voice; listen to it, and keep your faith as I lead you into your new place of service and blessing.

Learning To Serve The House Of Saul
Rick Joyner

Rebellion is a Sin that Rarely Stands Alone
The "work of the flesh" that I would like to talk about noted in Galatians 5:20 is "sedition" (KJV). This word is also translated "rebellion" or "division." Its implication is more than just resisting authority, but also to incite others to rebel or turn against authority. This is, of course, what all rebellion eventually does.

Rebellion is a sin that rarely stands alone, but will cause others to stumble as well, just as Satan rebelled and a third of the angels fell with him. That is why this particular work of the fallen nature is so destructive as to repeatedly warrant the Lord's most severe response.
As we are told in I Corinthians 10, the things that Israel experienced in the wilderness **"were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (I Corinthians 10:11, NASB)**. One of the most spectacular events of that journey was the result of Korah's rebellion, in which the very earth itself opened and swallowed all who had joined the rebellion.

That the Lord would take such a drastic measure with this rebellion was not just a reflection of His anger, but of the need for extreme measures in dealing with sedition, or it would have spread the destruction to many others.

Like all of these other works of the flesh, we usually do not have to look far to find examples of this in the church. A rebellious person will almost always seek to gain converts to their rebellion because the more people they have in agreement with their sin, the more they feel justified in it. However, sin is multiplied with every convert we make to it, and the ultimate end of the matter will be even more tragic for those who become seditious, or lead others to rebellion.

As we are told in I Corinthians 10, the things that were written in the Old Testament were **"written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (verse 11)**. To grasp just how much the Lord hates this particular sin, read Numbers 16. Below I have only pulled out some of the highlights of this chapter, but I encourage you to read it in its entirety:

> *"Now Korah . . . rose up before Moses, together with some of the sons of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, chosen in the assembly, men of renown.*
> *"And they assembled together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, 'You have gone far enough, for all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is in their midst; so why do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?'*
> *"When Moses heard this, he fell on his face; then Moses said to Korah, 'Hear now, you sons of Levi, is it not enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to Himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister to them . . . '*
> *"Thus Korah assembled all the congregation against them at the doorway of the tent of meeting. And the glory of the Lord appeared to all the congregation.*
> *"Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 'Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them instantly.'*

> *"But they fell on their faces, and said, 'O God, Thou God of the spirits of all flesh, when one man sins, wilt Thou be angry with the entire congregation?'*
> *"Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the congregation, saying, "Get back from around the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram."'*
> *"Then it came about as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split open; and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah, with their possessions.*
> *"So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol; and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.*
> *"And all Israel who were around them fled at their outcry, for they said, 'The earth may swallow us up!'*
> *"Fire also came forth from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering the incense." Numbers 16:1-4, 8-9, 19-24, 31-35*

The point of this chapter is that Korah did not just rebel himself, but incited a rebellion. We can also conclude that this is something the Lord really does not like, and that the consequences for those who do this, as well as those who follow those who do, will be terrible in the end.

"Learning to Serve the House of Saul -- And Loving It!"

It seems that if anyone in Scripture had a cause to rebel against authority it was David in relation to Saul. Saul had not only killed the priests of the Lord, but was unjustly trying to kill David. Yet, how did David respond to this? David could have killed Saul with the Lord's permission. The Lord had told him that He was going to deliver his enemy into his hand, and he could do to him whatever he wanted. Then the Lord did this, but David's heart smote him for just cutting of the hem of Saul's robe, because he had touched the Lord's anointed.

David could have killed Saul and become king right then, which was a fulfillment of a prophecy given to him. However, David would have likely died in the same way, because we do reap what we sow. By patiently waiting for the Lord to remove the one He had placed in authority, and waiting for the Lord to establish him, David established a throne which would last, which even Jesus is now seated upon.

David was willing to serve the house of Saul, and did, honoring Saul continually, even after Saul's death. He did this because of his respect for authority. Those who understand truth, integrity, and the ways of the Lord, will never try to gain influence or a position by sedition. Those who do are only sealing their own doom, and are sure to experience the same kind of rebellion against them. Just because there is unrighteous authority, it never justifies unrighteous rebellion to remove it.

Laundering And Cleaning Detail

Priscilla Van Sutphin

July 12th, 2005 2:24 am

As the Lord gave me this title…I had the impression of detail meaning the below term:

a : selection of a person or group for a particular task (as in military service)
b (1) : the person or group selected (2) : the task to be performed

Mal 3:1-4 AMP 1 BEHOLD, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord [the Messiah], Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; the Messenger or Angel of the covenant, Whom you desire, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts. [Matt 11:10; Luke 1:13-17,76.] 2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; [Rev 6:12-17.] 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the priests, the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord offerings in righteousness. 4 Then will the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in ancient years 5 Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against the false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and who turn aside the temporary resident from his right and fear not Me, says the Lord of hosts. 6 For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

2 Chron 34:1-6 NKJV Josiah Reigns in Judah (2 Kings 22:1,2)

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. 2 And he did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of his father David; he did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek the God of his father David; and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem of the high places, the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images. 4 They broke down the altars of the Baals in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut down; and the wooden images, the carved images, and the molded images he broke in pieces, and made dust of them and scattered it on the graves of those who had sacrificed to them. 5 He also burned the bones of the priests on their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali and all around, with axes.

2 Kings 9:5-10 NKJV And when he arrived, there were the captains of the army sitting; and he said, "I have a message for you, Commander." Jehu said, "For which one of us?" And he said, "For you, Commander." 6 Then he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil on his head, and said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. 7 You shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, that I may avenge the blood of My servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. 8 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all the males in Israel, both bond and free. 9 So I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah. 10 The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot of ground at Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.'" And he opened the door and fled.

And I listened for what the Lord would say…..

“Behold the Judge stands at the door and knocks. I am calling to My judges.

I am soon calling forth the Deborah's, the Joshua's, the Jehu's, the Gideon's and the John the Baptist's, the Elijah's, and all whose roles will be to bring the word of the Lord to the people of MY HOUSE. When they bring it, it will come with a spirit of BURNING and CLEANSING FIRE. I will purge my threshing floors and remove all that cannot withstand the test.

Jer 23:29-30 AMP Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]? 30 Therefore behold, I am against the [false] prophets, says the Lord, [I am even now descending upon them with punishment, these prophets] who steal My words from one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets].

Surely you will know that the Lord of HOSTS is in your midst when I send them into the churches, into the highways and byways of this earth. For their visits will be followed by signs and wonders to affirm that they are from ME and to bring judgment to the house of the Lord, for the wickedness that is in My house. Judgment BEGINS in the house of the Lord, and so I have been urging you to repent and spend time with ME so that you may receive the GLORY I want to pour out. For when GLORY COMES it brings judgment as with Ananias and Sapphira! As with the high priest who stood before the ark of the LORD! I am the LORD and I CHANGE NOT! My kingdom will never end! My will - WILL be preeminent in the hearts of My true believers. There will be separation. For the enemy has been busy in MY vineyards – in MY gardens. He has been slithering too and fro, testing the hearts of men, and sowing tares. LIFT up your voices of PRAISE. LIFT UP the sacrifice of praise! I AM establishing the tabernacle of DAVID in your midst. THIS is the warfare for the times. THIS is MY leading, MY idea, and as you sow to the heavens I will sow to the earth and rain down the latter rain and it's harvest.

I will empower you for the roles I've assigned to you and all things will be made more clear. Do not despise the days of small beginnings, for greater things you will do as you show you are obedient in the daily mundane things.

But I desire hearts that are soft and moldable. I am removing all the hard places in your hearts that you will be more conformed to MY image. As you worship, I will pour out My presence that will cleanse and heal you that you may go forth and as laundry smells clean and fresh, you will have a smell that is not conformed to the world and it's entertainment, but conformed to MY image. Your presence will bring CONVICTION to the hearts of men, and demons will MANIFEST in your presence because of MY HOLINESS within your spirit.

I will bring FIRE and I will bring RAIN and men will no longer DISDAIN. From their hearts will come a REFRAIN of Praise and WORSHIP to MY NAME! I will take an AXE to the roots of INJUSTICE and INTOLERANCE in the land. I will make a great STAND! Truly the army at my hand will bring restoration and healing, and the revival flames will I FAN. AWAKENING is very near, and no longer will you hear, laughter and mocking without a shocking that will bring them to their knees and frighten the spirits of demons with one breathe of My breeze. WINDS are blowing and from the clouds there will be SNOWING and to MY children I will be SHOWING manifest love till they are GLOWING! Arrows I will be THROWING and to the weeds of this world will I be MOWING. Do NOT give up but STAND and MAKE, a brand of religion that will not SHAKE.

Intimacy with ME as you take up the sword and SHIELD. TO MY WILL My army will YIELD.

I am the VINE, you are the branches. Love beyond measure will be poured out in this HOUR. To My children I will give great POWER, to OVERCOME and to withstand the test. Stay at attention, as I prepare you for this QUEST. In silent repose, in quiet places, will I descend and renew your FACES. JOY will arise as to your homes I bring a great SURPRISE!

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Abruption

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I had just heard from a young friend, disillusioned after a prophet who is divorce that she has known for years via internet, sent her a letter wanting to marry her, and expressing lewd and lustful comments. She was so hurt and appalled at his advances, she was very upset. You see her father had told her men would only ever want her for sex. So this played on a very hurtful thing in her emotions. As I read somewhere LOVE gives but LUST demands. I might add that lust kills.

Then I heard this word - Abruption: a sudden breaking off or away

My thoughts after hearing the Lord say this word went to a condition that sometimes is encountered in Obstetrics when the placenta tears away from the wall of uterus. It's called an abruptio placenta. It is often associated with smokers. Smoke replaces oxygen in your blood and the body developing inside you needs OXYGEN to grow and be nourished properly. And the uterus itself needs that well oxygenated blood to supply the baby with oxygen for life through the placenta. So in this condition the mother is at risk for bleeding, and the baby also for bleeding to death should a full abruption occur.

So I listened then for what the Lord wanted to say…and I was led to look at Jude…

Jude 16-24 AMP
16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.
17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one). 18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.
19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions--merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.
20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith
[make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;
21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--[which will bring you] unto life eternal. 22 And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt. 23 [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality. [Zech 3:2-4.]
24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present [you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]--

“I am not blind to the many who think they are fooling ME, or who think I am impotent to do anything about their blasphemous ways. The enemy has sown his seeds, but My angels will separate the wheat from the tares. So keep your eyes on me, as so many seem to fall into sin and seductions of many sorts. Lawlessness is on the increase and it will continue to grow in those not surrendered to ME. I tell you that your hearts will grieve to see the things that go on in the world, in such a way that your tears will be abundant.

But keep YOUR EYES ON ME My beloveds! Do not look to the east or the west. Know that I LOVE YOU IMMENSELY, and my love for you never fails.
ASK FOR GRACE to endure these times, for I will pour it out on you. I am going to do many things that are not written in My book. Both Daniel and John had revelation that was sealed and they were not allowed to share.
I’ve told you that wicked men have their plans but I have some plans of My own! Discontentment is a great root of many sins and transgressions. Do not allow your heart to grow weary because I have delayed in coming to you.

Know that I will come, and all will be made NEW. I am doing a NEW THING in the earth. Your heart will rejoice, because the things you have longed to see ME do, I will do. Miracles will grow in abundance. Men’s hearts will be filled with fear, because they have abandoned any thoughts of ME. They will now think about the afterlife as I pour out judgment. Pray for your loved ones, for I am MOVING, and I am moving more quickly. Those things you thought would never come, are about to break through for you. Don’t give up now. Don’t give in to DEFEATISM or discouragement! I am with you. I will not leave you comfortless in the fray of events that proceed forth.
STAND in FAITH. Have confidence in My love for all who believe upon ME.

America, I am about to pour out My Spirit on your coastal areas in ways you have or could never imagine! Do not be afraid of the terror that stalks in the night time, nor the arrow that flies by day. I AM WITH YOU and I AM
WAY more powerful than even a nuclear bomb. I am way more powerful than the wealthy wicked men of this earth. I AM IN YOU, and you are IN ME. So anything you need is available through Me. ABIDE IN ME. ABIDE and do not grow weak in spiritual disciplines. Come aside with ME so that I can tell you all that you need to know. Stay rooted in the WORD. Pray unceasingly in the Spirit! Worship Me in the beauty of holiness. KEEP STEADFAST in seeking My face. I will suddenly come to My temples, and release My glory!

Love the brethren and demonstrate love to those who are downcast and broken hearted. I will heal My BODY! I will repair the breeches! Do not grow discouraged in well doing. PREPARE FOR WAR. Do not let down your guard, nor neglect prayerfulness. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind. Be willing to bear the REPROACH! You have not known oh western church the REPROACH in the way other nations have. Did you think you could remain LOVED in times of WAR and lawlessness? Some judgments I will retract if there is repentance that is sincere. Some I cannot delay any longer. YOU WILL LEARN to help each other and to love one another despite your faults and weaknesses. THE IDOLS WILL BE REMOVED that you may once again learn WHO is your Master and King. Your Redeemer draws near. Will you listen for the knock on your door?

Will you open for your Beloved? My bride does NOT realize the power of love. She does not realize the extent and length and breadth and width and depth of the love I have for her! But I will soon make it abundantly clear.
I am healing and no longer concealing My love and My plans. I will let you know what you need to know if you just take My hand. Walk with ME, and talk with Me. Ask ME questions and I will answer. Call to ME and I will reply.
To requests birthed by My Spirit, I will no longer deny. Come to My tent My beloveds. Come unto ME

when you feel overwhelmed and burdened and I will give you rest for your souls. I know this is a difficult time, but if you will lean on ME, and not assume things, you will have the answers you need. Do not allow presumption to rob you of things you need to know, as in the days ahead, it may cost you your life! Keep close to ME and I will keep you as the apple of My eye.

I am loosing unction to pray and the spirit of travail on all who will accept it.
The youth will begin to move in greater power and realization of My presence. Pray for the YOUTH of the world. They are restless and need to know the power of My love. I will not disappoint them. I am going to pour out My Spirit and as I do, they will arise to their callings and revelation will be poured out in great measure that they will depend more on ME for all the answers they need. You will learn from them. Yes, I said, many of you will learn from them. Do not despise their prophetic gifting. I will confound the wisdom of the wise in their own opinion. Do not despise also the words of your children, and grandchildren. Many of them will see in the Spirit realm things YOU have longed to know. I will astound and confound the wisdom of men, in and outside of My pastures. I will SHAKE all that can be SHAKEN.

I have a plan for your life, for good, and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. So come to ME, and abide in My love, and all will be made more clear!
Many of you have been so pummeled by the church itself, that you have given up hope. Many have never received encouragement and love from brothers and sisters in the Lord in a way that tore down lies of the enemy. But NOW I WILL ARISE and do a NEW THING. You will rejoice and be overcome with joy as I do My marvelous deeds in your midst! Surprises are breaking forth! Know that in a flood of many waters, I AM ABLE to keep you! My prosperity is to have PEACE in the midst of chaos. My prosperity brings provision in the midst of lack and famine. My prosperity provides all you need in doing the work of My kingdom, despite what it looks like. GREAT FAITH AND GREAT GRACE will be given all who ask for it! “

Let's Ask God For The Rock

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Much is being said regarding the basketball-sized piece of marble that fell at the Supreme Court. The Lord has given me insight that I feel He wants me to share related to this strange court happening, which I believe is related to our prayer assignment for the Supreme Court and the judicial system. I believe this was a very important day that marked a shift. The Lord began to speak to me about the Supreme Court in dreams this year, one of which is related to current circumstances.

THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND
The dream came to me after feeling defeated about the Supreme Court's decision not to hear Roe v. Wade on February 22, 2005. This decision was by no means a final blow to the ending of abortion. Other cases are coming before the court, and this fight will not end over night. Nonetheless, that night I felt crushed and cried myself to sleep. But God brought encouragement to me through a "basketball court" dream.

I dreamed that I was playing basketball against the Supreme Court Justices, and babies and toddlers were my teammates. The Justices, in their black robes, were scoring repeatedly and wearing us out. I even felt weak and lethargic in the dream. Suddenly, I remembered who I was and that I played college basketball. I began to exert myself on the court.
One Justice, David Souter, tried to shoot a jump shot on the left side of the court, and I blocked his shot. Then, Sandra Day O'Conner got the ball, and as she was dribbling, I stole the ball from her, went to the other end of the court, and made a lay-up. The momentum began to shift in the game, and then the dream ended.

When I awoke, the Lord told me that the basketball court represented the highest court in the land, the Supreme Court, and the judicial system of America. He told me that it may not seem like it, but we are gaining strength in our fight. We must remember who we are and the power we have in fervent, effectual prayer. He said we must stay in the court battle in order for abortion to end in America. The Lord was saying to me, "The momentum is shifting, and they don't have the last shot!"

SHIFTING THE ATMOSPHERE OVER THE SUPREME COURT
Needless to say, I was encouraged and prayed over this dream for months. Unexpectedly (months later), Sandra Day O'Conner surprised everyone and decided to step down. I remembered dreaming about her and the other Justices and their positions on the left side of the court in the dream. While in prayer, the Lord said to me, "I'm taking the ball out of her hands, and if the Church will pray, I will raise up a Justice who will block the shots of those on the left side of the court."
This basketball court theme has been picked up through recent events. On Fox news, I happened to read a story about the "Basketball-sized piece of marble that fell" (the reporters words, not mine). I remembered that in basketball, one of the nicknames for the ball is "the rock."
I couldn't help thinking about the consistent siege of prayers that is shifting the atmosphere over the Supreme Court and about all of the basketball court dreams that Lou Engle, others, and I have had related to the Supreme Court. I thought I was making too much of it until I received a call from Jay Comiskey from CBN, who reminded me of my dream and felt the story was related to our prayers. Another confirmation for me was that the day this happened, Lou Engle and the Justice House of Prayer in Washington, D.C., who've been praying for the ending of abortion onsite at the Supreme Court for more than a year, were being interviewed by ABC Nightline. One intercessor told me that as they walked up to pray at the court yesterday, the Basketball-size piece of marble fell down! The news crew stayed with them in the House of Prayer and at the Supreme Court for several hours. You can watch the interview here: **abcnews.go.com/Video/player**

THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION IS TAKING HIS PLACE IN OUR COURTS

I believe this whole thing is prophetic--falling from the façade (new face lift and the masks coming off the court by shaking), rupturing over the figure of Authority and Blind Lady Justice (whose name is Themus, with the scales of justice in her lap--representing authority figures coming down and God rocking the false ideologies that are influencing perverted justice), and breaking into 40 pieces (generational breakthrough).

At crucial times in a basketball game, key players take ownership of the opportunity at hand. In those moments, they don't say, "Pass the basketball, please?" No, they demand the ball and say, "Give me the rock!" I believe this is our cry, but we are calling for God. The Rock of our salvation, the rejected stone, is taking His place in our courts. **Isaiah 33:22**, which this nation's government was founded on, says, ***"The Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us."*** He is calling our nation to look to Christ, the Rock, from whom this nation was hewn. In humility, we must fall on the Rock and be broken over our condition, or the Rock will fall on us, in crushing humiliation. Because of all of the prayers in the court battle for the next generation and our united cry of "Give us the Rock," God, the Rock, will answer with Himself.

LET'S ASK GOD FOR THE ROCK

I believe now is the time for another full-court press on the judicial system. We must provoke people to pray like never before for justice for the unborn! Listen: they don't have the last shot, but the praying church does! I love what another trusted prophetic brother says about this: "The old is falling down before His Authority as we 'strike the scales of justice' in prayer." Perhaps this is a small token and sign of what is transpiring in the spirit realm. The authority of Christ Jesus is rising over the Supreme Court. Everything will crash and fall in His presence!

Could this also be a warning to those who would attempt to stop the Lord's counsel and plans for the Supreme Court? I don't know, but it's time to humble ourselves and appeal to the court of Heaven, which is above every court.
I believe that the momentum is shifting. It's time to strike the scales of justice again in prayer. This stone broke into 40 pieces, which could also represent the ending of a wilderness period in the courts, according to Chuck Pierce. On November 30th (which happened to be my 40th birthday), there were two court cases related to abortion that went before the Supreme Court which were very key. It's the first time in about five years that the courts have heard cases related to abortion.

Starting tomorrow and the next 40 days, let's focus our prayers on the Supreme Court and pray for the cases tomorrow. Let's also pray for the confirmation of a justice who will block the shots of the left side of the court. Let's take it out of their hands through prayer and put it in the hands of the Lord. Let's ask God for the Rock!

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Legalism And Religion

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Being religious is just simply going through the motions to appease ourselves and God by keeping certain religious customs and following rituals. These are vain customs and rituals, but those that practice them are thinking that this will guarantee that they will go to heaven.

The divisions or denominations of the religious groups are teaching multitudes that the way of salvation is through following these rituals and laws that they believe will help them become accepted with God and their "church". The word church has been used to describe the a ceremonial ritual and of worship and method of serving God.

The Word Church is a body of believers. The word Christ means anointed one. The word Christian means the anointed ones. The only people that are the church are those that have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Now Legalsim is man trying to become righteous by their own works. The ones that practice legalistic rules are headed to failure and great disappointment. The power of God is never experienced in its fullness. They are always failing and feeling terrible and guilty when they fail. When there is a mistake made, they are condemned by those in their circles. This gives a lot of control to the leader of the group.

Jesus came into the world not for the purpose of condemning the world, but to save the world. We have been taught to act out certain procedures and rituals to get back into right standing and right relationship with God.

We were never told that the Lord's very righteousness is our righteousness. He took our punishment. Jesus was made to be sin in our place. He became a curse. He descended into hell in our place.

We were all made righteous, made complete, in Him, when we believed on Him. The work of being righteous is completed already. There is an analogy about a judge that was hearing a case of a criminal. The criminal was telling the judge that he indeed do the crime and he pled guilty to the charges. He admitted that he was wrong in committing the crime.

The judged then said your confession has made you guilty as charged. The evidence that was presented is against you and proves your guilt.

Therefore your fine is $1,500,000.00. Pay it and you are free to go.

The criminal says I don't have the money.

The judge stood up and removed his robe and left the court and went to the clerk and paid the fine out of his account with a check. Then He went to the criminal and released him to his freedom. This is an analogy of what Christ did for us. Jesus has placed us into a position of rulership and authority.

He has said that we are in a position of unlimited resources. We live in the unlimited realm of the spirit of Christ.

We have power over all the power of satan. We have the power of the Holy Spirit. We have the authority that Jesus imputed to us.
Greater is He that is in us than He that is in the world.

We have everything that Jesus demonstrated in us. We have the same thing that Peter had when walked on the water. We have faith that is equal to the power of the one we are trusting in.

It is not about our righteousness. It all about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now fight the good fight of faith. Keep on believing and advancing the kingdom of God. There are so many left in religion and just going to church on Sunday to go through the religious rituals.

There are so many left in the slavery of legalism and not operating in the ability and freedom of the Holy Spirit.

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The Least Is Greater
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Matthew 11:11

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Speaking of those that are born of God and those that have received Jesus as Lord and savior of their lives.

Some of the great men born of women are: Moses, Elisha, Samson, Solomon, and David.

Exodus 14:13, 21-30(Moses)

Moses told the people, fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again.

The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided. And the Israelites went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Exodus 19:18

Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, for the Lord descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like that of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

As the trumpet blast grew louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice. The Lord came down upon mount Sinai to the top of the mountain, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Exodus 24:9-18

Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up (the mountainside).

And they say the God of Israel (that is, a convincing manifestation of His presence), and under His feet it was like pavement of bright sapphire stone, like the very heavens in clearness.

And upon the Nobles of the Israelites He laid not His hand (to conceal Himself from them, to rebuke their daring or to harm them); but they saw (the manifestation of the presence of) God, and ate and drank.

And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to Me into the mountain and be there, and I will give you tables of stone, with the law and the commandments which I have written that you may teach them.

So Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant; and Moses went up into the mountain of God,

Then Moses went up into the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, an the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day (God) called to Moses out of the Midst of the cloud.

And the glory of the Lord appeared to the Israelites like devouring fire on the top of the mountain.

Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up the mountain and Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights.

I Samuel 17:34-37 (David)

And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep. And when there came a lion or again a bear and took a lamb out of the flock,

I went out after it and smote and delivered the lamb out of its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard and smote it and killed it.

Your servant killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, (Goliath) for he has defied the armies of the living God!

David said, The Lord Who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine (Goliath). And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord be with you!

I Samuel 17: 48-49

When the Philistine came forward to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

David put his hand into his bag and took out a stone and slung it, and it struck the Philistine, sinking into his forehead, and he fell oh his face to the earth.

Judges 15:14-16, 20 (Samson)

And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon (Samson), an the ropes on his arms became as flax that had caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.

And he found a still moist jawbone of a donkey an reached out and took it an slew 1,000 men!

And Samson judged (defended) Israel in the days of the philistines twenty years.

Judges 16:2-3

The Gazites were told, Samson has come here. So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, in the morning, when it is light, we will kill him.

But Samson lay until midnight, then he arose and took hold of the doors of the city's gate (approximately weighing 6 tons) and the two posts, pulling them up, bar and all, he put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is Hebron.

Judges 14:5-6

Then Samson and his father and mother went down to Timnah and came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold a young lion roared against him.

And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion as he would have torn a kid, and he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

I Kings 10:4-7,23

When the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom and skill, the house he had built, The food of his table, the seating of his officials, the standing at attention of his servants, their apparel, his cupbearers, his ascent by which he went up to the house of the Lord (or the burnt offerings he sacrificed), she was breathless and overcome.

She said to the king, It was a true report I heard in my own land of your acts and sayings and wisdom.

I did not believe it until I came and my eyes had seen. Behold the half was not told me. You have added wisdom and goodness exceeding the fame I heard.

Happy are your men! Happy are these your servants who stand continually before you, hearing your wisdom!

Blessed be the Lord your God, Who delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, He made you king to execute justice and righteousness.

So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom (skill).

II Kings 1:10, 13-14 (Elijah)

Elijah said to the captain of fifty, if I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty. And fire fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

Ahaziah sent again a captain of a third fifty with his fifty, And the third captain of fifty went up and fell on his knees before Elijah and besought him and said to him, O man of God, I pray you, let my life and the lives of these fifty, your servants, be precious in your sight.

Behold, fire came down from heaven and burned up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties. Therefore let my life now be precious in your sight.

II Kings 4:32-37 (Elisha)

When Elisha arrived in the house, the child was dead and laid upon his bed.

So he went in, shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. He went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and as he stretched himself oh him and embraced him, the child's flesh became warm.

Then he (Elisha) returned and walked in the house to and fro and went up again and stretched himself upon him. And the child sneezed seven times, and then opened his eyes.

There were others that were great men born of women that did great acts with and through the help of God. Such as; Daniel, The three Hebrews named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

But of all men born of women, none were greater than John the Baptist.

But the Word of God said that the least in the kingdom of God is greater than John.

The least one such as the lazy, passive one or the one that doesn't know who he is, is still greater than John.

The children of the kingdom differs nothing from anyone else as long as he doesn't know who he is.

It is like a person that has inherited millions of dollars but is still living in a trailer park, working everyday doing work that they hate and surviving on sardines and crackers, because he doesn't know that he has inherited millions of dollars.

The kingdom of heaven is now at hand.

Matthew 14:25-29,31-33

And in the fourth watch (between 3:00-6:00 a.m.) of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright.

But instantly He spoke to them saying, Take courage! I Am! Stop being afraid! And Peter answered Him, Lord if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.

He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and he came toward Jesus.

Instantly Jesus reached out His hand and caught and held him, saying to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt? And when they got in the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat knelt and worshiped Him, saying, Truly You are the Son of God!

Jesus said something to Peter that lets us know that Peter could have continued doing everything that Jesus did, because Peter is a child of the kingdom.

Luke 9:52-56

And He sent messengers before Him; and they reached and entered a Samaritan village to make things ready for Him. But the people would not welcome or receive or accept Him, because His face was set as if He was going to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do you wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?

The ability to call fire down from heaven was a benefit to the children of the kingdom.

But He turned and rebuked and severely censured them, he said, you do not know of what sort of spirit you are, For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them (from the penalty of eternal death).

And they journeyed on to another village.

Luke 10:8-9

Whenever you go into a town and they receive and accept and welcome you, eat what is set before you; And heal the sick in it and say to them, The kingdom of God has come close to you.

Luke 10:16-19

He who hears and heeds you (disciples) hears and heeds Me;

And he who slights and rejects you sleights and rejects Me; and he who sleights and rejects Me slights and rejects Him Who sent Me.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord even the demons are subject to us in Your Name (Authority)!

And He said to them, I saw satan falling like lightening (flash) from Heaven.

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy possesses; and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Ephesians 2:5-6

Even when we were dead (slain) by (our own) shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church), which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

I John 4:17

In this union and communion with Him love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment with assurance and boldness to face Him, because as He Is, so are we in this world.

John 1:16-17

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor and gift heaped upon gift.

For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:5-6

And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead (first to be brought back to life) and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once for all loosed and freed us from our sins by His Own Blood,

And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests and kings to His God and Father-To Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever (Amen) (so be it).

I Corinthians 6: 17

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit with Him.

This gives us His attributes and abilities. This makes us the same as He is inside our spirit.

Galatians 3:26-27

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. For as many of you were baptized into Christ (into spiritual union and communion with Christ, The Anointed One, The Messiah have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.

There is now (no distinction) neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you all are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 8:17-19

But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to regulations of the Law, to purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us (and be recognized as God’s sons).

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying , Abba (Father)! Father!

We are heirs with Christ.

Acts 3:1-9

Peter and John used their son-ship rights and authority to heal a man crippled from birth.

John 11:41-44

Jesus demonstrated His authority and power to raise Lazarus from the dead after he was dead for 4 days.

Mark 4:37-40

And a furious storm of wind (of hurricane proportions) arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled.

But He (Himself) was in the stern (of the boat), asleep on the (leather cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, Master, do You care that we are perishing? And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was (immediately) a great calm (a perfect peacefulness).

He said to them, Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it you have no faith (no firmly relying trust)?

Jesus was saying that they did not use their own faith that was equal to His faith. Our faith is equal to the power of God to produce the desired result.

Jesus has given us the measure of faith. He has given us the power of attorney to act in His stead. He told the disciples to occupy until He comes.

The least in the kingdom of God in Christ Jesus is indeed greater that John the Baptist.

Our faith is superior to any disease, infirmity, demon, or any other situation or problem we face.

When we pray saying let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; we are saying let the sick be made whole, let the poor be rich, let the heart-broken be healed, let the fearful be at peace, and let the weak be strong as it is in heaven, let the righteousness of God be established on earth, let the kingdom of God be established on earth, let God be sovereign on earth as it is in heaven, let darkness be dispelled, let satan be cast out as it was in heaven.

Let Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven.

The words of Jesus were always words such as: Be of Good Cheer, Fear not, It Is I Am, Be Made Whole, Be Healed, Arise And Be Healed, Peace and Have Faith In God.

He raised the dead and forgave sins. He cast out devils. He went to those that were out in the byways and down and out. He fed the hungry. He cleansed the lepers. He made the sick whole. He healed memories of the past. He demonstrated the love of God in the purest way.

Before salvation, we were with out hope, powerless, fearful, uncertain about our future, broken-hearted, lost, without help.

The Lord is the same yesterday today and forever.

Jesus broke the ancient curse brought on by Adam.

When Eve was in the Garden of Eden, Satan came to her and told her that she was not complete, and that she was not what she was in God. He convinced her that she needed more from God than she already had.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God everyday. He clothed them with glory. He was in constant contact with them. Adam was a mirror image of our Almighty God. But satan told them they were depraved and miserable.

But satan deceived them by the lies that he told.

And even now the bible declares that we are complete in Christ Jesus.

In Ephesians 1:22-23, it says that Jesus is the embodiment of the fullness of God. In the body is us, and we have the fullness of Jesus in us. When we walk, we walk in fullness. When we speak, we speak in fullness. When we pray, we pray in fullness.

John 1:17

Of His fullness, have we all received.

Romans 8:9,17

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit. We are joint heirs with Jesus.

Isaiah 62:1-4

For Zion’s sake will I not hold my peace and for Jerusalem’s sake, I will not rest until her imputed righteousness and vindication go forth as brightness, and her salvation radiates as does a burning torch.

And the nations shall see your righteousness and vindication (your rightness and justice-not your own, but ascribed to you), and all kings shall behold your salvation and glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name.
You shall also be (so beautiful and prosperous as to be thought of as) a crown of glory and honor in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem (exceedingly beautiful) in the hand of your God.

You (Judah) shall no more be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land be called Desolate any more. But you shall be called Hephzibah (My Delight is in her), and your land be called Beulah (Married): For the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married (owned and protected by the Lord).

The least in the kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:20

He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith—that is, your lack of firmly relying trust. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith (that is living) like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you.

Luke 17:6

And the Lord answered, if you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.

Mark 11:23-24

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart, but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.

For this reason I Am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe –trust and be confident-that it is granted to you, and you will get it.

This message is to those that don't know who you are. And this message is to this nation.

God says it is time for fullness to manifest.

There was an observation made from a man of God about how satan can see in the spirit realm a lot clearer than we can. This may give him an advantage over us. But the Holy Spirit lives in us and we are superior to satan now. He can only deceive us. We are the Heirs of God and Joint-Heirs of God with Christ.

The leading of the Holy Spirit is what makes us the victors in every situation. The revelation of the Word of God and the power of God in us gives us the victory over satan.

A short note about the new European common Market nations constitution. They are starting to look more like the One World government system talked about in the book of Daniel and Revelation, And what I believe will be the last world government to be ruled by satan during the tribulation period for 7 years. Be mindful of the laws that are being passed to take the crosses down and the ten commandments out of public places.

When this world was destroyed by God, one of the things that was said about the people was that they would not retain God in their knowledge.

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In My Image and Likeness
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What is man that God is so thoughtful of him? Why did God place such a high value on a man's life? Why is man so important? Why was God so concerned about man that He (Jesus, God's Son) got into a body, lived as a man, reconciled and restored man back to Himself?

Why did Jesus allow Himself to be beaten, mocked, humiliated, His bearded pulled out and then crucified? We know that He did this because He loved us, but there were other reasons as well. He wanted man restored to his original position that he had before Adam lost it.

Jesus is the value of man, for it cost His life to redeem mankind. It cost the life of God the Son.

It pleased the Father to bruise His Son.

Adam did not have a natural father. Jesus did not have a natural father. They were both born of God. They had God's characteristics and nature. Adam was created. Jesus was the only begotten Son.

Psalm 8:4-6

What is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than Elohim and you have crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.

Gen 1:26

God said, let us (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness (Express image, mirror image), and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame beasts and over all the earth. So, God created man in His Own image, and in the image and likeness of God He created him.

Then Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being (another speaking spirit).

He was first created by God then his body was formed and what God created was put into the body.

Genesis 3:8-10

God loves to fellowship with man.

Luke 3:23-38

Man is the offspring of God.

I Cor. 6:17

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Paul the Apostle was inspired by the Holy Ghost when he said that without Christ I can do nothing.

I Cor. 3:16-17

Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God’s temple (His sanctuary), and that God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually?

If anyone does hurt to God’s temple or corrupts it (with false doctrines) or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that temple you (the believing church and its individual believers) are.

As He is so are we in this world.

Acts 17:28-29

For in Him we live move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring.

Since then we are God’s offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, (or the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

Man is much more than a physical being.

Man is an eternal creature.

Hebrews 2:6-11

It has been solemnly and earnestly said in a certain place, what is man that you are mindful of him or the son of man that you graciously and helpfully care for and visit and look after him?

For some little time You have ranked him lower than Elohim. You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of your hands.

For you have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside of Man’s control.

But at present we don’t yet see all things subjected to him (man).

But we are able to see Jesus Who was ranked a little lower than Elohim for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God (to us sinners) He might experience death for every individual person.

For it was an act worthy of God and fitting to the divine nature that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect (should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest through suffering.

For both He Who sanctifies (making men holy) and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren. For He says I will declare Your (the Father’s) name to My brethren, in the midst of the worshiping congregation I will sing hymns of praise to you.

James 1:18

And it was of His Own free will that He gave us birth as sons by His Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures (a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself).

Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew (of Whom He was aware and loved beforehand, He also destined from the beginning foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son, and share inwardly His likeness, that He might become the Firstborn of many brethren.

And those whom He thus foreordained , He also called, and those whom He called, He also justified, (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into rightstanding with Himself).

And those whom He justified, He also glorified, raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition and condition or state of being.

John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He Who believes in Him (who clings to, relies on Him) is not judged (he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation – he incurs no damnation); but he who does not believe (cleave to rely on, trusts in Him) is judged already (he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence) because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ’s name).

Psalm 82:1-7

Man has a position as representatives of God, and a position of children of God.

God stands in the assembly (of the representatives) of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment (as) among gods.

How long will you (magistrates or judges) judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked.

(The magistrates and judges) know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness (of complacent satisfaction); all the foundations of the earth (the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice) are shaking.

I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives); indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.

But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes.

I Cor. 6:2-3

Do you not know that the saints (the believers will judge and govern the world? And if the world itself is to be judged and ruled by you, are you unworthy and incompetent to try (such petty matters) of the smallest courts of justice?

Do you know also that we (Christians) are to judge the very angels and pronounce opinion between right and wrong (for them)? How much more then (as to) matters pertaining to this world and of this life only!

John 5:26-27

For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self existent.

And He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of Man (very man).

Jesus as the son of man had dominion over everything in this world.

Psalm 115:15

The earth has He given to the children of men.

John 14:12

Jesus said, I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, He will himself be able to do the things that I do, and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

A man in God’s image and likeness was to rule over the creation of God.

God’s first man failed to keep his position.

God’s second man Jesus restored man to headship.

Adam had dominion and authority over all the earth.

Jesus the last Adam has authority over heaven and earth.

Adam did not have a natural father.

Jesus did not have a natural father.

John 3:35

The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.

Jesus was called the last Adam. Adam operated on earth the same way that Jesus operated on earth.

I Tim. 1:9-10

Knowing and understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous those who are already made right through accepting Christ, (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike and beat and even murder fathers and strike and beat and even murder mothers, for manslayers.

For impure and immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching and sound doctrine.

Hebrews 1:2-3

But in these last days, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and reaches of space and the ages of time He made, produced, built, operated and arranged them in order.

Jesus Is the sole expression of the glory of God (the Light Being, the out raying radiance of the divine and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God’s nature, Upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty Word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the Divine Majesty on high.

II Cor. 5:17

Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creation altogether), the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come!

II Cor. 6:18

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

I Cor. 3:21-23

So let no one exult proudly concerning men (boasting of having this or that man as a leader), for all things are yours.

Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the universe or life or death, or the immediate and threatening present or the subsequent and uncertain future, all are yours, and you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.

II Cor. 19

It was God personally present in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against men their trespasses (but canceling them) and committing them to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

II Peter 1:3-4

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His Own glory and excellence (virtue).

Now our minds have to catch up to where God has placed us.

I Cor. 2:16

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide an instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

Philippians 2:5,13

Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.

Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God (possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God, God, did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained.

For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you energizing and creating in you the power and desire, both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

Ephesians 4:18-25

Their moral understanding is darkened and their reasoning is beclouded. They are alienated, estranged, and self banished from the life of God with no share in it; this is because of the ignorance, the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness that is deep-seated in them, due to their hardness of heart (to the insensitiveness of their moral nature).

In their spiritual apathy they have become callous and past feeling and reckless and have abandoned themselves (a prey) to unbridled sensuality, eager and greedy to indulge in every form of impurity (that their depraved desires may suggest and demand.

But you did not so learn Christ!

Assuming that you have really heard Him and been taught by Him, as all Truth is in Jesus (embodied and personified in Him).

Strip yourselves of your former nature (put off and discard your old unrenewed self), which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;

And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude. And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another.

Ephesians 2:5-6

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Even when we were dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation.

Romans 8:17

And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him.

Only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

John 15:19

You are not of this world but only in it, no longer one with it.

John 1:12,16

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in adhere to, trust in and rely on) his name.

For out of His fullness (abundance), we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing even favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift.

I Cor. 1:8-9

And He will establish you to the end (keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee you vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be) guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

God is Faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Peter 1:23

You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

God seed or the Word of God is the incorruptible and indestructible seed. A seed will produce fruit of the kind of seed that it is.

We were born of the incorruptible, indestructible seed of God. It will produce sons and daughters of God. The incorruptible seed produces incorruptible fruit.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church, Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself).

Ephesians 2:18,22

For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father (so that we are able to approach Him).

In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode, dwelling place of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:19

That you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God, may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

Religious traditions make the Word of God ineffective. No one can keep the law. But there are some still teaching a legalistic doctrine, because it lets them manipulate and intimidate their listeners. The law was given to show us that no one could possibly keep the law of God. Jesus is the One and only One that could fulfill the requirements of God’s law. He lived a perfect and sinless life.

He bestowed His righteousness upon us. He imputed His righteousness to us, It means there was a heavenly transaction when pour out His blood on the mercy seat, and cleansed the books and the sins of every man.

He obliterated our sins. He took them away forever.

Calvary covers every sin ever committed except blasphemy.

Ephesians 4: 12-13

His intension was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do, the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church),

That it might develop, until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, that we might arrive at really mature manhood (the completeness of perfection), the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s Own perfection, the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

Remember "as He Is, so are we in this world".

We are born of the word of God. We are quickened by the Holy Spirit. We have the fullness of God inside our new spirit. The faith that we use is as powerful as the One we have faith in. The faith that we use is greater than any sickness or disease or situation or enemy.

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Trapped In Love and Mercy Acts 13:39,41

So let it be clearly known and understood by you, brethren, that through this Man forgiveness and removal of sins is now proclaimed to you; And that through Him everyone who believes (who acknowledges Jesus as his Savior and devotes himself to Him) is absolved (cleared and freed) from every charge from which he could not be justified and freed by the Law of Moses and given right standing with God. You won’t believe it even when it is clearly told to you in fine details. John 1:9-14

God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus. It is not our body that has to fulfill the Law of God to be saved, because Jesus has already fulfilled the Law of God.

He sent His Word and healed them. Jesus was the Word made flesh. By His stripes we were healed.

Acts 17:24-29

The God who produced and formed the world and all things in it being Lord of Heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade shrines.

Neither is He served by human hands, as though He lacked anything, for it is He Himself Who gives life and breath and all things to all people.

And He made from one (common origin, one source, one blood) all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined (their) allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes).

So that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.

For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your (own) poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

Since then we are God’s offspring, we ought not to suppose that deity (the God-Head) is like gold or silver or stone, (of the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

Genesis 1:2627

God created man as a mirror image and likeness of Himself.

God said, Let Us (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, and after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the (tame) beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

So God created man in His Own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it (using all its vast resources in the service of God and man); and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Adam did not have a natural Father.

John 1:12-14,17

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of god, that is, to those who believe in adhere to trust in, and rely on) His name.

Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor of the will of the flesh (that of physical impulse) nor to the will of man (that of a natural), but to God. (They are born of God).

And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we (actually) saw His glory as an only begotten son receives from His father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me.

(He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is My chief).

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift (heaped) upon gift.

For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, unmerited, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:11-22

In Him we also were made (God's) Heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Whop works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His Own will.

So that we who first hoped in Christ (who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the first fruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it to the praise of His glory,

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward the saints (the people of God),

I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into the mysteries and secrets) in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him,

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His Own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all rule and authority and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named (above every title that can be conferred), not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church),

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

Ephesians 2:4-12

But God-so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us,

Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation),

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the messiah, the Anointed One).

He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in (His) kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation, is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving , but it is the gift of God;

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself).

For we are God's Own handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, (born anew) that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live).

Ephesians 3:4-6

When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

This mystery was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His Holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the Holy Spirit.

Everything that comes from the Holy Spirit is perfect and complete and whole and in fullness. This seals of lives in Christ.

It is this that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promise in Christ through (their acceptance of) the glad tidings (the Gospel).

God chose the color of our suits or our skin and the places where we live.

Sealed In Him

John 1:3-4

All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

II Corinthians 1:20

For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency) to the glory of God

But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us (in joint fellowship) with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us (enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit);

He has also appropriate and acknowledged us as His by putting His seal upon us and giving us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee (of the fulfillment of His promise).

I Corinthians 6:17, 18-19

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received

(as a Gift) from God? You are not your own.

You were bought with a price purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His Own. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.

All In One (Jesus) were made righteous

II Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness.

Ephesians 1:4-5, 10-11

Even as (in His love) He chose us (actually picked us out for Himself as His Own) in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent.

He planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, (both) things in heaven and things on the earth.

In Him we also were made (God's) Heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His Own will..

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the God-Head) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the God-Head-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

I Corinthians 12:27

Now you (collectively) are Christ's body and individually you are members of it, each part severally and distinct (each with his own place and function).

Philippians 3:8-9

Yes furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply an intimately acquainted with Him (of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly). For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One).

And that I may (actually) be found and known as in Him, not having any (self-achieved) righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that genuine righteousness which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed one), the truly right standing with God which comes from God by saving faith.

I John 5:20

And we have seen and know positively that the Son of God has actually come to this world and has given us understanding and insight progressively to perceive recognize and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true and we are in Him Who is true- in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), This Man is the true God and Life eternal.

I Corinthians 1:30

But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus,

Whom God made our Wisdom from God, (revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as) our Righteousness (thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God), and our Consecration (making us pure and holy), and our Redemption (providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin).

Colossians 3:3-4

For as far as this world is concerned, you have died, and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life will appear with Him in the splendor of His glory.

I Corinthians 3:16

Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth are God’s temple (His sanctuary), and that God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually)?

The Word of God in the new testament mentions that we are In Him over 380 times.

If we can understand that we are already completely accepted in Christ and favored in Christ, then we will lose our sense of inferiority and weakness.

Now the Word of God says that to Whom you yield your body to obey, that is whose servant you will be. But remember, greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

Remember that you were purchased by God and you are not your own any longer. You are God’s property.

Romans 12:1

Present your bodies to God which is your reasonable service.

All that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

Satan cannot tempt you with what is already yours.

I Corinthians 3:22-23

All things are yours.

And you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.

I Corinthians 3:1-3

Do not think as unspiritual men having the nature of the flesh, under control of ordinary impulses. Do not behave as unchanged men.

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the Law of sin and death.

I am sealed in favor forever. I am sealed in completeness, wholeness and fullness in Jesus Christ.

He whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

I am free from trying to be justified by my own actions and free from trying to get into favor by my good performance or good behavior.

I am accepted in the Beloved in Christ alone.

We are God’s temple through Christ Jesus.

Our victory is sealed by the finished work of Christ.

Our healing is sealed by the finished work of Christ.

Our blessings and gifts are sealed by the finished work of Christ.

Now let us renew our minds to match our position.

Philemon 6

And I pray that the participation in and sharing of you faith may produce and promote full recognition and appreciation and understanding and precise knowledge of every good thing that is ours in our identification with Christ Jesus and unto His glory.

Speak in faith like Jesus spoke and get the results that Jesus got.

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THE LATTER RAIN

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SOFT AND GENTLE AT THE ONSET
NOW AND THEN, JUST A DROPLET
WE WEREN'T SURE WHAT WAS HAPPENING YET
WE WERE BARELY GETTING WET.
AS IT GREW THE ANOINTING INCREASED
BRINGING HEALING, REFRESHING AND PEACE
AS WE PRESSED INTO THE SOURCE
IT GREW IN BREADTH AND FORCE
THE LATTER RAIN

FASTER AND FASTER - HARDER AND HARDER
GREATER AND GREATER IT BECAME
FIRST JUST A TRICKLE - AND THEN A STREAMLET
NOW IT'S A RIVER OVERFLOWING ITS BANKS
THE LATTER RAIN

FIRST I WADED IN THEN I HAD TO SWIM
GETTING WET -- SO VERY WET
OH, NOW I'M SATURATED
GROWING IN HIS WAYS - STRONGER DAY BY DAY
NOW THAT RIVER - THAT MIGHTY RIVER
IS BUBBLING IN ME

WATER THAT'S SO PURE
WATER THAT WILL CURE
CRYSTAL CLEAR; GIVING LIFE
ISSUING FROM THE THRONE //

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Lazarus

by Bill Somers

A while back, one of my email friends in the prophetic realm, Bill Hawkins, sent me the following note:

Lazarus

While listening recently to a message about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead the Lord impressed upon me the following;
1. He was away , across Jordan when the message came that Lazarus was sick.
2. He deliberately stayed away two more days--for a total of four.
3. He then returned to Bethany to Raise the dead (Lazarus) who had been in the grave long enough to see decay.

When I got home I began to search out some of the words and their meanings.

Bethany = House of Song--House of Affliction Depending on usage.
Across Jordan = The promised land was over Jordan and Jordan means DEATH.
Lazarus =A figure representing, or a figure of
Come forth = same expression as COME UP HERE

Jesus stayed in the Promised Land for two days , then crossed over Jordan to the House of Song for two days before He called up Lazarus from the dead

2000 years from the Law to Christ--2 days
2000 years from Christ to the Rapture--2 days
A total of 4 days from the announcement of Lazarus death until Jesus went to raise him up.
Lazarus as a figure representing = The dead in Christ
The calling forth =The Rapture
Jordan = Death, conquered as Christ crossed over
Across Jordan =The Promised land, Where Jesus stayed until it was time to bring Lazarus forth.
2 Days=2000 years

Nothing is in the word by chance , but totally by design and this is a forewarning of the time we have and it is short!!!!! Jesus will come soon. The two days are almost up, we must work the works of him who sent us while there still is light.

To which I responded:

"The Lazarus thing is interesting. I have once heard a long teaching on the subject by Art Katz. Lazarus represents Israel. And the four days are the 4000 years Israel has been under the law. The last two days are the 2000 years since Jesus' birth.

The days are now up and we are in the 7th millennium, the day of the Lord."

Now to try and explain what I meant by that short note.

Let me stick this in. The interpretation you have so far is not necessarily wrong. It is good as for as it goes. What I'm offering is just a deeper look at the same material. You conclusions are good and they are exciting. Time is Short. Jesus Is coming SOON. And we must work the works of Him who sent us. Glory to God!

And then I went on to elaborate my comments thusly.

First of all, a matter of direction. Across Jordan. This means crossing into the promised land when you cross from the east to the west bank. John 11:18 says "Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off:" So Bethany is part of the Promised land. So when Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick, he is **outside** of the promised land. He waits two days and then crosses Jordan. He travels two more days and comes to Bethany. He is travelling westward the whole time.

The Art Katz message was titled Israel and the Church. His text was John 11, the story of Jesus raising Lazarus and Ezekiel 37, the valley of the dry bones. He makes the link between Ezekiel and Jesus in order to make the link between Israel and Lazarus, both of whom are dead at the time. [He does not consider the 4 days.] Ezekiel is called son of man by the Lord in those passages. "And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? …." Ezekiel 37:3. Since Jesus often referred to himself as the son of man it is easy to see Ezekiel as of foreshadow of Jesus. Katz, however, sees Jesus in this story as a foreshadow of the Church. His thesis is two fold. One that the end time, apostolic Church will be 'the son of man' who will in some way prophesy over the dead bones of Israel and cause her to live. And two, that Israel will and must come to the point where her only confession is " ….Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts." Ezekiel. 37 11. This is the place of desperation.

I don't see the Church doing this, I see Jesus doing this. The Church is involved prior to this but it is Jesus who will be the salvation of Israel. They will cry "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". They will look upon HIM whom they pierced.

On the other hand, this is an event that must take place for Jesus to return. Matthew 23:39 says "For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name of the Lord." And this cannot take place without the spiritual redemption of the Jews of Israel. [This is one of three requirements for the Second Coming, the others are that the Gospel must be preached to the all the world and that the fullness of the Gentiles must come in.]

So the resurrection of Lazarus speaks of the Resurrection of the dead in Christ and it speaks of the redemption or salvation of Israel. In the very next chapter Jesus returns to Jerusalem and look at what the people say.

> "On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed *is* the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. (John 12: 13-14)

This is exactly what will happen at the resurrection. When Jesus will return to Jerusalem again! And notice He is still travelling westward. This means he is coming from the East. He will enter Jerusalem by the Eastern Gate. In the bible an east wind usually speaks of Judgment. Jesus, the Judge of all the world will come in from the east.

So the raising of Lazarus represents the redemption of the Jews and this is followed by Jesus entering Jerusalem; which speaks of the Second Coming. [Hosanna, by the way, is a cry for help!]

So why does Lazarus represent Israel? Because he has been dead 4 days. As Peter stresses:

> *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 2 Peter 3:8*

So the 4 days are 4 thousand years. These are the 4 thousand years since Israel came into being. There are 2 days from Adam to Abraham, 2 days from Abraham to Jesus and 2 days from Jesus birth till now. And now is the seventh day. It is not firmly agreed on by all, but the most likely year of Jesus birth is 5 B. C. And the most likely date is on the feast of tabernacles. So the 7th day began this past Sep. 28, 1996. [Or perhaps Sep. 14 which was Jewish New Years.]

So from Abraham till now are 4 days. Lazarus was dead for 4 days. Can we say Israel has been dead 4 thousand years? Yes, because Israel has been under the Law for these 4 thousand years. And we know that the Law, the letter of the law, brings death.

> *For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto **death**. Romans 7: 5*
> *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the **letter killeth**, but the spirit giveth life. 2 Corinthians 3:6.*

Now is the story of Lazarus in John 11, the point when Jesus hears of Lazarus death represents the time when Israel received the law. The sickness brought death to Lazarus, the Law brought death to Israel.

When Jesus crosses the Jordan, two days later is the time of Jesus birth and earthly ministry. Crossing Jordan is entering the promised land, the world. It is the incarnation. As Jordan means death, it speaks of conquering death, which Jesus did on Calvary.

Coming to Bethany after two more days [2 thousand years] speaks of the 7th day. The end time revival. As Bethany means either house of affliction or house of song, it's fitting that in this last day, Jesus arrival in our midst will turn our afflictions into great songs of rejoicing.

Part 2 The Church - this differs from how Art Katz ties in the Church.

Let's look back at John 11. We'll point out a couple things that speak of the Church and it's attitude.

> *John 11:1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.*
> *2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)*

Here it makes reference to the incident when Mary *anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair,.* Mary is a type of the end time Church in this scene. The anointing with ointment and wiping of the feet with her hair symbolize what the Church must go through. The anointing is the acknowledging of the Lordship of Jesus; the wiping with the hair is the humbling of the Church before the throne of God, at His footstool. Her sister/brother relationship with Lazarus parallels that between the Church and Israel. They are of the same family with the same father!

In verse 3 Lazarus' sisters send word to Jesus about his condition. This speaks of the Church interceding for Israel. Later on, in verses 32-35, it is Mary's intercession that finally moves Jesus to tears, and to action. This speaks of the intercession finally breaking through and getting God to move.

> *"… and I will place salvation in Zion for **Israel my glory**. Isaiah 46:13*

Now let's look at the disciples, an obvious type of the Church. After 2 days, Jesus tells his disciples:

> *…, Let us go into Judaea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? John 11:7-8*

This tells us that they clearly understood that Jesus is risking death by going back to Judea. Then in verse 16 it says:

> *Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that **we may die with him**. John 11:16*

Thus they clearly understand that they are also risking or anticipating death. **To follow Jesus is to risk or anticipate death**.

'Didymus' means twin or double. It speaks of the double mindedness of today's Church. Thomas is not usually the spokesman for Jesus' disciples. And he is usually not so firm and decisive. Here Thomas is clearly speaking out of character! But he is speaking as a type of the end time Church in this case. The allegorical point here is this. **The Church's willingness to risk or anticipate death is a crucial element in the second coming of our Lord**.

To be the Lord's disciple is to follow in His footsteps, and this means even unto death. Psalm 48 starts out in praise of the Lord and tells of the greatness and beauty of His City, Mount Zion. Not surprisingly, Mt. Zion is a type of the Church. Psalm 48 concludes with this verse: ***14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death***.

Art Katz has said that the final issue is the Glory of God.
Paris Reidhead maintains that the purpose of the Church is to give glory to God.
James McKeever teaches that the purpose of man is to glorify God.
Jesus showed some of his disciples that they would by a certain DEATH, give glory to God.

The time is come that the Son of Man should be glorified.
The Death of Lazarus was for his raising, for the glory of God.

> *Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? John 11:40*

Romans 11 ends with a statement on the Glory of God. Both of these associate the Glory of God with the Resurrection.

Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?? Ought not the Church? Luke 24;35

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Leave Babylon And Come Home

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> *" 'Then the people of Israel and Judah will join together,' says the LORD, 'weeping and seeking the LORD their God. They will ask the way to Jerusalem and will bind themselves to the LORD with an eternal covenant that will never again be broken. My people have been lost sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray and turned them loose in the mountains. They have lost their way and cannot remember how to get back to the fold. All who found them devoured them. Their enemies said, "We are allowed to attack them freely, for they have sinned against the LORD, their place of rest, the hope of their ancestors." But now, flee from Babylon! Leave the land of the Babylonians. Lead my people home again' " - Jer. 50:4-8*

Longstanding divisions will fall. "Israel and Judah will join together" (vs.4). A spirit of repentance and reconciliation will come upon My forerunners, to prepare the way for the healing of My Body. Intercede for the unity of the Church. You are called to 'repair the breach.' Stand in the gap and repent on behalf of this chosen generation. My Bride is wounded and naked, however, she will yet be raised up and adorned in costly jewels and white garments. See beyond what is, to what is coming. Let this work begin with you, for it is the Bride who will 'make *herself* ready.'

My chosen ones - especially those who have charge of leading My flock - are now awakening from a spiritual stupor. They will begin to recognize their profound inability to navigate and chart their course, apart from the leading of My Spirit. "They will ask the way to Jerusalem" (vs.5). These will begin to inquire of Me like never before - and I will hear them. I will show them the way for they will recognize their true condition, that they have been exiles in Babylon (a land of confusion and compromise). Where before all seemed well, rays of understanding will break through, illuminating the reality that My people have been in captivity. This will precipitate a mighty deliverance among the Redeemed that will result in the restoration of fortunes, and the reclamation of a formerly dormant and largely unrecognized inheritance. The coming restoration will be marked by a profound zeal and commitment to the Lord and His ways, for they "will bind themselves to the LORD with an eternal covenant that will never again be broken" (vs.5).

"My people have been lost sheep" (vs.6). The apathy and aimlessness that has characterized much of this past season is about to give way to increased prophetic vision and a compelling sense of divine destiny. Many who have been wounded or alienated will be restored to their purpose and will serve as examples of what I will do in My Church as a whole.

Leadership will again understand the great responsibility they bear as shepherds of My flock. Those who have failed will either find mercy through repentance, or face discipline and even disqualification, for "their shepherds have led them astray and turned them loose in the mountains [places of danger]" (vs.6). Many will come to a new depth of maturity and acquire My heart for the 'least of these.' No longer will My sheep be treated as dispensable. No longer will they be scattered through the misuse of authority, for I will hold My under-shepherd's accountable for the well-being of My flock. I will raise up a righteous standard within those who are called to Leadership. They will serve as a spiritual covering, and under the protection of this covering My Bride will arise to fulfill Her destiny for this hour.

The enemy, who has mercilessly ravaged My flock, will be driven out and rebuked in the sight of many witnesses. His boast will be silenced, for he has said, "We are allowed to attack them freely, for they have sinned against the LORD" (vs.7). However, the ground he has occupied shall be cleared, cleansed and inhabited by My Spirit. This is how the Kingdom will come, for the Kingdom of God is within you.

A call is going forth in the realm of the spirit. It is a call to militant and heartfelt intercession that will pave the way for the coming of the Kingdom, and ultimately, the King. Before this takes place, both apostasy and awakening will occur. The Holy Spirit is presently rousing and preparing the Bride for Harvest and Marriage. For us to participate in these things we must "flee from Babylon" (vs.8) - which speaks of the renunciation of confusion and compromise - and return to our First Love and true home: Jesus Christ Himself.

> *"What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: 'I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from [their ways], says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty' " - 2 Cor. 6:15-18*
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> *"Please listen, O [LORD], you who lead [us] like a flock. O God, enthroned above the cherubim, display your radiant glory.... Show us your mighty power. Come to rescue us! Turn us again to yourself, O God. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved. O LORD God Almighty, how long will you be angry and reject our prayers? You have fed us with sorrow and made us drink tears by the bucketful. You have made us the scorn of neighboring nations. Our enemies treat us as a joke. Turn us again to yourself, O God Almighty. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved.... Come back, we beg you, O God Almighty. Look down from heaven and see our plight. Watch over and care for this vine that you yourself have planted, this son you have raised for yourself. For we are chopped up and burned by our enemies. May they perish at the sight of your frown. Strengthen the man you love, the son of your choice. Then we will never forsake you again. Revive us so we can call on your name once more. Turn us again to yourself, O LORD God Almighty. Make your face shine down upon us. Only then will we be saved." - Ps. 80: 1-7, 14-19*

Love Covers All

Betty Heimbach

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“Don’t allow the words and actions of anyone to take you where you don’t want to go. Do not allow their words to change you. Let My word change you. Keep your eyes on Me and keep your heart pure toward people and Me. When you reveal the secrets of another, you are uncovering their nakedness. Do not uncover anyone. No matter what anyone has said or done – no matter how it hurts you or affects you, cover it with love.

“Let love, My love cover all. Walk in love and cover the sins of those in your life. Do not fall into the trap of revealing their nakedness for others to see. Treat them the way you truly desire to be treated. Cover their faults, their failures, their shortcomings, and their sins. Cover them with love and lift them up to Me. Trust Me to take care of you and those who misuse or abuse you or fail you in anyway.

“Don’t stare at their nakedness and impress it upon your heart and mind to be remembered. Quickly look away from their failure and focus on Me. Look to Me and cover their nakedness with love as you lift them up to me and keep silent about their wrongdoing. Keep silent and give it to Me. Don’t hold onto it, don’t reveal it, and don’t remember it. Cover it with My love and keep them lifted up so that I may work in them to accomplish My perfect will in their lives just as I am working in you.”

"Without love you uncover others and without love you uncover your own nakedness. I call you to put on love - clothe yourselves – wrap yourselves in love. That love becomes your covering. It covers your nakedness. Without love all your sins are exposed – your rudeness, your envy and strife, your unkindness, your anger, your selfishness, your arrogance and pride. Without the covering of My love you will fail. You will stand before God and man naked.

‘Love is My character. And love is the base from which all the gifts of My Holy Spirit operate. Without love your gifts mean nothing and accomplish little if anything. You are just making noise without love.

“That is how the world will know that you are followers of Christ – if you love. When you uncover the sins of anyone for other to see – that is a sign that you are not walking in love. When you try to expose someone else you succeed in exposing yourselves. When you uncover others you uncover your own lack of love.

“You are to become an offering for others by sacrificing your rights, your pride and becoming a sweet smelling savor of love to God and man, as you love the people I place in your lives. Give yourselves in love. Become love to them.”

Pr. 10:12 *Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins*. (NKJV)

1 John 3:16 *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

Eph. 5:1-2 *Be imitators of God as dear children And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling aroma*.

1 Cor. 13:4-7 ‘Love is longsuffering, is patient, is self-effacing, is hopeful, is polite and courteous, is humble, love prefers others above itself, it is unselfish, is full of grace and rejoices in truth! It bears all things, believes all things, endures all things and never fails.

‘Love is not envious, proud or arrogant, rude or selfish, or easily provoked. Love does not think evil thoughts. It is not irritable or grouchy. It is not touchy or hostile. Love does not keep a record of wrongs suffered."

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Out With the Old and In With the New
Betty Heimbach

Nov. 7, 2005
My children,
"This is a time and a season for stripping and cleansing. You have sought Me, asking to be purified and stripped of all that is out of sync with My character. Now is the time for the stripping.
"I am stripping you of a natural and worldly love and filling you with My divine agape love for others. If you will lay aside your ideas about love, I will fill you with My love and give you a new attitude concerning love. I'm calling you to walk in love as never before, truly preferring others above yourself. Learn to listen more and talk less. Listen to what people are saying, then listen for what My Spirit will reveal to you about the person and his words. If you will humbly listen I will reveal truths to you that will enable you to walk in love with purity- regardless of how others treat you, regardless of the words that they speak.
"You are being stripped of pride in self, pride in accomplishment, pride in what you have learned through all your study, in order to be dressed with humility and a servant's robe. You cannot walk in humility and pride - one excludes the other. They are totally incompatible. Peacock feathers and aprons don't go together.
"I am stripping away all your words, so that you may walk in My Word. I'm stripping away all your "goodness" – your self-effort at righteousness, so that you may wear My purity and holiness. It is an easy thing. My robes of purity and holiness are comfortable and easy to wear.
"I'm stripping away all your carnal, fleshly judgments so that you may walk in My grace. Every time you see someone behaving in a way that you believe is unpleasing to Me, ask Me. Ask Me for a glimpse of their heart from My viewpoint. Look at things and people through My eyes and it will change your heart and your behavior; it will change your path and your walk. I am stripping away every critical thought, every hint of self-justification and ego – so that you may walk in My Love – My unconditional, enduring, loyal, healing Love."

"May you be filled with the knowledge of His will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good word and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power..." Col. 1:9-11a
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Lord, Convict Our Hearts

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LORD, CONVICT OUR HEARTS

What are we willing to pay for the price of unity in the church? Are we willing to truly deny ourselves, pick up our cross and follow the Lord in dying out? What makes us think that it does not matter if we love one another or not? There are so many even in our own churches who walk past one another and act like we haven't even passed by a human being. If we are not careful, we can learn this same trait portrayed by those who are even in leadership. This should not be.

How can the world know us by our love if we can't even be sensitive enough within our own congregations to greet one another? It does not have to be a hug or a holy kiss, but just an acknowledgment that there is someone that belongs to the same family right by us. Oh Lord, I pray that you open our eyes and pour out repentance in these areas that we feel are not important. Are we that busy, or have so much on our minds, that we can do this on a regular basis? Father, open our eyes that we can see that we could be the cause of making our brother stumble by our own carelessness. Today is the day of salvation. This is the day to make a choice who we are going to serve. Is it pride of man and idolatry that we choose, or is it humility in having a meek and humble spirit?

Another thing that displeases the Lord is when we look at one another in judgment and play the Holy Spirit in another person's life. We need to be so careful when we counsel one another. What we may think is the right thing to do for a person could be the opposite of what the Lord is leading them in. We should know by now that God's ways are not our ways or our thoughts His thoughts. What would you think if the Lord told you not to go to your own mother's funeral because He had other plans for you to do? These things are for real and there are times when He will lead us in a way that appears to be very unloving. But we need to trust Him and follow Him in all that He leads us.

We need to be open to the Lord delivering us of ungodly mind sets. Things that we have picked up from the world in our beliefs that are contrary to the word of God. We need to have open and teachable hearts to be able to walk with the Lord to the fullest extent. God wants to undo so much in our hearts and minds, but we need to be willing to let go of all that is holding us back. The Lord wants to move through us mightily with signs, and wonders, and miracles of healing and deliverance, but if we are struggling with areas of unbelief because deep down we still haven't let go of some things, then we cannot be used to the fullest.

We need to pray that the Lord will open our eyes to the areas of our lives the enemy has blinded us in. Be willing to accept that there might even be many areas we need to let go of. Yes, today is the day of salvation, of freedom, of rejoicing, of coming into a new day, but we cannot embrace it if we hold on to traditions of man that are contrary to the word of God. Be willing to let the Lord examine your heart so that we can embrace His truth to the fullest.

Be willing to agree to disagree in the areas that are personal convictions. So many have allowed pride to get in there and cause division over areas that should not matter that much. We need to love one another and support one another no matter if we agree or not by committing them into the Lord's hands and trusting His care over their lives. Trust His judgment for He knows which areas are more important to work on than others. What we think we should point out to be helpful could cause much harm in a person's life. I have seen this many times.

The Lord wants to move us into a new day but we need to be willing to change. We need deeper discernment and sensitivity to the areas the Holy Spirit wants to make us aware of. These areas deal with the flesh and dying out to it. These are areas that call for humility, to be willing to be stretched, so that God's love can truly flow through us. Otherwise we are just going through the motions or taking on a false form of godliness and definitely denying the power of God.

Judgment begins in the house of God, and I believe He has been displeased with us as a church. There are just too much going on that isn't of Him. There is much error and deception what we allow in our churches to go on. We need to believe that God will get a hold of the pastors' hearts and point out the areas that are robbing the church of having the glory of God upon them. It's the little foxes that spoil the vine.

When we ignore these areas, then we have trees of unrighteousness to deal with that have deep large roots that need to be taken out. We might think this is being nit-picking, but these are the areas that we need to press in and intercede for. These are the areas that rob us of having true intimacy with our Father and the brethren. These are the areas that are even preventing breakthrough of the river of God.

Lord, I pray that you will convict our hearts of any area that we habitually overlook as unimportant that grieve Your Spirit. I pray that you open our eyes of any areas of our hearts that are holding us back. Any areas of sin, unforgiveness, error, deception, anything Lord, before it is too late to turn from them. We want to be worthy to be called and used as part of your end time army. And I know you do not allow sin in the camp, so Lord, I cry out to you for repentance, for conviction, for revelation, for the strength to walk in what you show us. In Your name I pray.

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Let Me
Sandy Warner

May 9, 2005

LET ME
How I yearn over you to release you from the burdens you carry! Sometimes I send helpers to be the hands and tools you need to bring you to the goal. Freely accept these good gifts divinely placed in your life. Learn to rest as I bring you the provision you need, dear one.

My child, LET Me help you. When you plod through your days bowed over with care, your eyes are downcast not knowing I AM there. Why carry this load as you walk My road? Give it to Me instead, I will make you Spirit led. To rest, to lean, to support and carry. It is you I want, to commune and marry. Yes, be still and let Your God into your life. Refuse the burdens, turn away from strife. Now come to Me and let Me hold you. I will sustain your day with release brand new. Look ahead, not behind - not with nose to the grind. Look up, not down - like a sniffing hound. Keep your eyes on Me and let things be. I want you, My child - yes to LET ME.

Matt 3:14-15 AMP
But John protested strenuously, having in mind to prevent Him, saying, It is I who have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me? But Jesus replied to him, Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for [both of] us to fulfill all righteousness [that is, to perform completely whatever is right]. Then he permitted Him.

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Joshua Is Stripped
Sandy Warner

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JOSHUA IS STRIPPED
A season has come when the sons of high calling, whose garments have become stained in sin and filth, shall go through a stripping. It speaks of when the high priest was stripped naked before the other priests, prior to being endued with his garments for service. Dear ones, this is not just a public exposure of private sin, but it is an authentic experience of a transparent manifestation of what has been dwelling in the darkness. The stripping of carnal disobedience and addictions is a painful and humiliating process until there is a desperation to be set free by the truth made known.

There is only one way to be washed clean and set free from the addictions of the sins of the body: confession. As My sons confess their sins before trusted ones in prayer, they shall be washed clean through their tears of a broken and contrite heart. Their tears of brokenness shall water the hardened ground of their souls and tares, for the sins of many generations shall be uprooted in their lives. They shall walk away clean, free and delivered from addictions that could not be broken any other way. A broken and contrite heart, I the Lord, will not despise.

Zech 3:1-5 NKJV
Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by.

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Taking Off The Cover
Sandy Warner

May 15, 2005
TAKING OFF THE COVER
Piece by piece You've been drawing a portrait.
Connecting through time and specific dates,
We have called on You to reveal our place.
And we've waited on You, in Your grace.

Pieces of Your puzzle are linking real fast,
For a bigger picture of something that will last.
Time is up right now, now is the time.
The bells are ringing, I can hear the chimes.

The wind is blowing and sending the sound,
Surprises are in store for what we've found.
Flabbergasted is the name for what you say.
It's time to reveal Your awesome new day.

All heaven takes a breath to see what is there.
All ears are open to hear what You declare.
You take off the cover and reveal Your plan
Declaring, "It's a fact, and YES you can!"

We are prepared, the foundation is hewn,
Carved from Your rock, manicured and groomed.
Each have a part and something to give,
Having been filtered and gone through the sieve.

The motor is running and the shaft is turning.
Our hearts are prepared, with passion they are burning.
The vehicle is solid and ready to roll.
We step on the gas as the bells do toll.

Like gears connected and into synch,
We are propelled forward, united we link.
We move straight in and take our ground,
For what You've said and what is profound.

Our eyes are forward, no turning back,
No wavering for over what we lack.
Independence is gone as we lean on You.
We know what is missing, another can do.

That is the team that You bring together,
To forge our way no matter what the weather.
It's a joy to see how our pieces do connect,
Revealing Your plan from what You direct.

We stand in awe of You our Daddy God.
We clap our hands, with joy we applaud.
You are Sovereign in all as you span the earth.
You laugh with us with Your heart of merry mirth.

1 Cor 12:5-7 AMP
And there are distinctive varieties of service and ministration, but it is the same Lord [Who is served]. And there are distinctive varieties of operation [of working to accomplish things], but it is the same God Who inspires and energizes them all in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the [Holy] Spirit [the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit] for good and profit.

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Validated
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VALIDATED
Precious, there are seasons and times when I send others to validate and support your decisions, and there are times when you seemingly walk alone before you experience their joining with you. Every human being longs to be validated, to be told they are making the right choice and following the right path.

I AM the Source of your validation. I AM the One Who confirms, establishes and besets your way. I will clearly show you with signs following that, yes, you are following Me into a new place with a new look. I do not want you to cling to your past, let it go. Move forward into a greatly expanded new place. Do not listen to intimidation and self doubt. Instead, hear the voice of your Papa saying, "YES you can, you can do this and succeed in all that you put your hands to do."

Do not look back. Do not look at what you don't have, and who you don't have with you. Instead, lean, lean, lean on Me and I will support and confirm you. You are NOT alone. I have never left you, I will never leave you. I have not left you as an orphan, you are thoroughly adopted by Me. I AM ENOUGH.

Ps 16:11 NLT
Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge. I said to the LORD, "You are my Master! All the good things I have are from you." The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them! Those who chase after other gods will be filled with sorrow. I will not take part in their sacrifices or even speak the names of their gods.
LORD, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!

I will bless the LORD who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me. I know the LORD is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. No wonder my heart is filled with joy, and my mouth shouts his praises! My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your godly one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

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Leaders Flying Kites

Judith Grobelny

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This morning I had a clear vision (or prophetic picture) of friends and leaders, each flying a kite – this is their work for the Lord, the part that is allowed to be before the people and that He allows to be seen.

The substance of the Lord is IN the leader’s life, who and what he/she is in their personal walk with Him. The line between them and the kite is VERY thin.
ALL substance and weight is in the ROCK on which they stand, ALL substance and outflow comes from there.

As long as they stand on the ROCK the kite flies high and well, and wide. But as they lift their eyes and focus from the ROCK on which they stand – as they gaze at and become fascinated by the kite - I see them step, stumble, and fall. The thin connection slackens, the kite falls to the ground and collapses around them.

I felt that the message was clear. Keep our feet firmly on the ROCK and the kite will fly high and well. The kite is not who we are – it is a fragile and flimsy attachment. When the kite gets all of our attention instead of the Lord, we lose our footing and stumble. The same thing will happen if we focus on someone else’s kite. We can only fly our own.

When strong winds blow, others will come and steady us as we hold the kite into such winds, but still the string is fragile and all must stand shoulder to shoulder on the ROCK – more aware of one another than of the kite – it is the friend who is being supported, not the kite.

Isaiah 54:1-3 It is time to enlarge and strengthen our ability to stand on the rock, so that the kites may continue to fly.

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Listen For My Call

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Open wide the doors the doors of your heart for the needy, the hopeless, and the depressed are coming forth for freedom. For you, My people, have asked for this - that you could be but servants unto Me. Therefore, I say to you, "Open wide the doors of your heart and your arms, for they have need of much. For the days ahead will be busy for you, My people, as those who have been forgotten and cast aside come forth for ministry. For many of these have given up on everything, some even on Me, for they have seen no light in the darkness they have walked in. For some have even lived in darkness so long, that they know not what My light is."

For even as you minister to them, the spiritual rags of despair and hopelessness will fall off of them. The chains which they have worn for so long, that they don't even know that they wear, will be broken and fall to the ground.

Know that I, the GOD OF ALL AGES, have declared WAR on the kingdom of darkness.

So I say to you, My people, come out of your hiding places. Come out of your places of obscurity, for it is time to come forth into My Glory, that you might come into your calling, that you would do the things I've called you to. For it is time to minister, to go forth into the land, into all nations, that eyes would be opened, that truth would be known and that I, the Great I AM, will be known for who I Am, Savior of the World.

For those who come forth into My glory, into My calling, will walk in signs, wonders, and miracles. It is time that ALL should know WHO is in control, for I do not play. I am the Restorer and Giver of Life and all things that are good through My grace and mercy will be restored according to My will.

So listen for My call. For many I'm calling in the night and you listen not. Listen. Open your ears that you will hear My voice, that the enemy won't steal one more thing from you. I will speak to you, where I will speak to you. I do not care what you are doing at that time, but I care that you listen to Me and heed My call, that you, too, would walk in My glory; that you, too, would walk in the fullness of everything that I call you to. LISTEN and KNOW that I AM GOD.

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Leaving Haran

Cheree Bartlett

In this particular discussion I am endeavoring to relate a concept of Abraham's call and how it can possibly be applicable to the body of Christ today. I would like to qualify that I am not a trained theologian in any means. I have no knowledge of Hebrew, Greek or Aramaic. Therefore, if I have missed something critical that a trained bible student wouldn't have missed it is because of the aforementioned qualifier.

The bible at times tends to be sparse on details so that one has to fit pieces of a story together as if it was a puzzle. The account of the call of Abraham is illustrative of this point. We are introduced to Abraham in the eleventh chapter of Genesis under the account of Terah. Genesis 11:31 states:

Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan. But when they came to Haran, they settled there.

Terah lived 205 years and he died in Haran. (NIV)

What is interesting about this passage is that is says, "Terah took his son Abram…and together they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan." Now, this passage implies that Terah initiated the leaving of Ur to coincidentally head to Canaan the land where God leads Abraham. However, in Acts 7 before his speech to the Sanhedrin Stephen declares, "Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran. "Leave your country and your people, God said and go to the land I will show you." From Stephen's declaration it must be inferred that God spoke to Abraham first about leaving. The question then arises "How did Terah a cited pagan get in on the journey?" and not only become a part of the retinue but is credited with taking Abraham from Ur and not vice versa. I can only speculate but perhaps it had something to do with cultural values and deference to one's father. In any event Terah is along for the journey and one can paint a scenario of how this came to be. If God called Abraham in Mesopotamia perhaps Abraham told his family about his experience and they believed him. This wouldn't be unusual as today when one is saved sometimes family members are saved as well due to the testimony and life change of the new believer. This scenario is further bolstered by the fact that Abraham tells his chief servant in his household to not get a wife for Isaac from the daughters of the Canaanites but from his own relatives (Genesis 24). If Abraham's relatives were equally as pagan as the Canaanites arguably at least on those grounds, it shouldn't have made a difference if he procured a wife for Isaac from among the Canaanites. A reading of Genesis 24 will reveal a reference to the Lord several times from Abraham's relatives as opposed to whoever their national pagan deity would have been at that time.

In referring back to the original text it should be noted that although Abraham set out for Canaan with a portion of his family it is stated that when they came to Haran they settled there. It next states that Terah lived 205 years and he died in Haran. I believe that Abraham's story is analogous of the church corporately and individually. But I will first address the issue from an individual standpoint. Sometimes as individuals when we become a part of the body of Christ not only do we become saved but some in our families as well, either as before mentioned due to our testimony and life change or some other way. We in essence begin a spiritual journey together where we begin to learn about the Lord. This stage may be referred to as Ur where at the very least the basics about the Lord should be comprehended. Then some of us want to continue our growth in the Lord and responds when he calls us to more thus setting out from Ur and coming to the second stage of Haran. Once again, not being where we should be in our growth some of us will again hear the call of the Lord to continue the journey with the goal being Canaan and C anaan being the third final stage.

Because individual believers are a part of a body, the journey is not in isolation and so this picture of movement can be viewed corporately with again some in the body staying in Ur and not moving beyond the basic knowledge of God to others moving on to Haran. Haran represents a movement beyond our basic knowledge of God, but it is also a place where we can become complacent in the new knowledge of God we have acquired. We can become stuck in Haran as we organize our church bodies around whatever theology we subscribe to be it in Roman Catholicism, protestant denominations or charismatic non-denominations. Each group has their kingdom of belief which over time crystallizes and hardens as if they have looked into the eyes of Medusa. But the Abraham spirit hears the call of God to continue on to Canaan and thus some saints will respond and move on. As with individuals the body corporately can find itself settling in our spiritual Harans. Anytime we become complacent with the knowledge of God that we have, we have settled in Haran where become in danger of dying there. With each move of God Abraham's knowledge of God increased and once he was in Canaan his various experiences with God increased his knowledge exponentially especially given his former pagan status. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians stated that in his prayers he "kept asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may **know** him better." It is clear that Paul felt the Ephesians needed to know the Father better and by extension it is clear that the body of Christ needs to know the Lord better. We have not arrived at all we need to know of God so that we in our individual doctrinal kingdoms can claim to have the firm grip on who God is in truth and reality. I find it interesting that Christians seem to live in worlds so that often we have no knowledge of the lives of other saints outside of our respective circles of belief. The last several years I have been introduced to another world that was never within my purview and I would wonder how it is that people with entirely different experiences than my own could not be known to my circle. I also wonder how it is that the body generally never seems to be on the same page—that is everyone across the ministry world is not hearing the same things from God if at all with consensus. Like the account of Abraham the body of Christ appears to be like a jigsaw puzzle. Perhaps God has invested differently in individuals and ministries so that they are pieces to the end time puzzle that only he can put together just as the gospels and other books of the bible reveal different information which pulls the whole picture together. The question is "If God tries to raise our knowledge of him and move us on to Canaan through what he has invested in another individual or body of believers, will we be receptive or will we hide behind our theological walls before objectively and scripturally examining what is put before us."

To leave Haran takes effort. We must pack up all our spiritual baggage and possessions and set out to a new and unfamiliar place in God where we will encounter famine, be tested, engage in skirmishes, make mistakes and intercede on behalf of others. For Abraham Canaan was the land God promised he would give his descendants, and although, Abraham would not live to see his descendants possess the land they would eventually possess it as God had promised. For the body of Christ Canaan is a place spiritually where our knowledge of God continues to expand with our experiences in him prompted by his leading and our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus has become our shield and very great reward as we await the fulfilled promise of his return for a bride without spot or blemish, which can only be accomplished in Canaan. It is only upon the return of Jesus will our quest to know him cease for it states in 1John 3:2, "*Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*" Therefore, let us not die in Haran short of the promise, short of the goal.

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Love Is A Fulfilling Of The Law
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Romans 13:7-14

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. [8] Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." [10] Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Review of Where We Are At

Let's remind ourselves where we are in Romans and where we are in life. After 11 chapters of mainly focusing on God's saving work ***for*** us in Christ, we made a turn at Romans 12 to God's saving work ***in*** us as he transforms us now to do his will. And that is where Christians are in life. The great work that Christ did ***for*** us on the cross is past, and the great work that he is doing ***in*** us is present. And the present work is based on the past work. And both are absolutely essential to get us to heaven.

In general we can say that Romans 1–11 displays the love of God for us through the work of Christ. And Romans 12–16 displays the effect of that love in us as we love others. In Romans 5:8 Paul says, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." And in Romans 8:39 he says nothing can separate us "from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Then in Romans 12:1 he appeals to us "by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." And the main theme of Romans 12 was how we should treat people with love:

- Verse 9, "Let love be genuine."
- Verse 10: "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."
- Verse 13: "Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
- Verse 14: "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them."
- Verse 17: "Repay no one evil for evil."
- Verse 19: "Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
- Verse 20: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink."
- Verse 21: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

In other words: I appeal to you on the basis of all the mercy and love that God has shown you in Christ, love each other and love your enemies like that. This is exactly the way the apostle John put it in 1 John 4:11: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."[1]

Romans 13: Not a Detour From the Theme of Love

Then Paul takes up our duty to the civil authority in Romans 13:1-7. We spent four weeks on that text. And now in Romans 13:8-10 Paul returns to the theme of love. Verse 8: "Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

Or is that the right way to say it? Should I say, Paul *returns* to the theme of love? Had he ever left it? Is Romans 13:1-7 a detour from the theme of love? I don't think it is. I think Paul wants to say that all of our submission to the civil authorities in all its forms is an expression of love for other people. So the main point today is to underscore the enormous importance of love in the Christian life and to call you to be a loving person in all you do.

Should Christians Ever Borrow?

I came to this conclusion—that verses 1-7 is not a detour from the theme of love—by trying to answer one of the difficult questions raised by verse 8. Verse 8 says, "Owe no one anything, except to love each other." One of the very practical questions this raises is whether Christians should every borrow money—or borrow anything? Does "owe no one anything" mean never borrow a rake? A dollar for a Coke? $150,000 to buy a house? As soon as you borrow you owe. So, does "Owe no one anything" mean never borrow anything?

Don't think this is a farfetched question. Many Christians have taken the verse as a mandate not to go into debt. George Mueller, the founder of the Bristol orphanages in England 150 years ago, repeatedly cited Romans 13:8 as the decisive verse for why Christians should never go into debt.[2] The elders of Bethlehem wrestled long and hard with this and other texts in the Bible before we recommended borrowing money to move forward with Treasuring Christ Together and the purchase of the North Campus. I will include some of our reasoning for you in this week's *Fresh Words* on the Desiring God website.

Verse 7 Holds the Key

But in this message let's just limit ourselves to the immediate context. Verse 7 holds the key. It uses the word "owe" in a positive way. It says, "Pay to all what is *owed* to them (*apodote pasin tas opheilas*): taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed." That is the context for verse 8. You do owe taxes. You do owe revenue. So when he says in verse 8, "Owe no one anything" (*Mēdeni mēden opheilete*)" it doesn't mean you should never incur debts. It means, when you do, pay them. Do you owe taxes? Pay them. Do you owe, revenue? Pay it.

So the point of saying, "Owe no one anything," is not to pass judgment on the financial wisdom of having a mortgage, but on paying your bills on time, whether it's rent or a mortgage payment. Whether it is wise to borrow money—especially for depreciating things like appliances and cars—should be judged on wider considerations than this text. There is wonderful freedom for the cause of God in being debt free. And oh, the misery people have because of careless spending with Visa and MasterCard, and buying things on time. I hope you will be sober-minded and disciplined to avoid debt that's rooted in materialistic life-style desires and that takes control of your life. If you are in trouble, we have counselors at Bethlehem that would be willing to help you get your house in order.

A Snag in Understanding This Verse

But verse 8 is not mainly about not borrowing. It is mainly about paying what you owe. Taxes to whom taxes are due. Revenue to whom revenue is due. And so on. But at this point I ran into a snag as I tried to understand this verse. Let me try to explain. Almost every commentator agrees more or less with what I have just said. Then they go on to say that love is the one thing you cannot pay back and be done with. Taxes yes, but love, no. They say that's what Paul means when he says, "Owe no one anything, except to love each other." Here is a typical commentary quoted by numerous others. The meaning of verse 8 is:

"Leave no debt outstanding to anyone, except the debt of love to one another;" and the point of the latter part of the sentence will be that the debt of love, unlike those debts which we can pay up fully and be done with, is an unlimited debt which we can never be done with discharging.[3]

For a long time I thought that was exactly what this text meant. And in a sense it's not wrong. That is, it is true that the debt of love we have to others never gets paid up and done with. We owe love no matter how many love payments we make. That's true.

But here's the snag. It's also true of honor in verse 7. Verse 7 says, "Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed . . ."—then jump to the end of the verse—"honor to whom honor is owed." Is it true to say that honor as a debt "we can pay up fully and be done with"?

The apostle Peter says, in a context of submission to authority much like Romans 13 says, "Honor everyone" (1 Peter 2:17). So here's my snag. It won't work to say that "Owe no one anything" refers only to things you can pay up and be done with, like taxes, because verse 7 also refers to things you can't pay up and be done with, namely, honor. When you owe honor to someone, and show them honor, you still owe them honor, just the way when you love somebody you still owe them love. Love doesn't get paid down. And honor doesn't get paid down.

Paul's Perspective on Fulfilling All Obligations as an Expression of Love

So I think Paul was saying something else here. I think he was saying something more radical. I think these commentators see something true, namely, you can't ever get out of the debt of love. If you love someone at 11 o'clock you still owe them love at 12 o'clock. That's true.

But its also true of honor. If you honor someone at 11 o'clock you still owe them honor at 12 o'clock. So then what does Paul mean when he says, looking back at verse 7, "Owe no one anything, except to love each other"? If he doesn't mean that the things in verse 7 (taxes, revenue, respect, honor) can be paid off and done with, but love can't, what does he mean?

Consider this. In reading this letter you have just heard about two minutes earlier from Romans 12:10 the words, "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." So you have just heard that loving and showing honor are linked, and that probably Paul means that honoring people is a way of loving them.

Now you come to Romans 13:7-8 and you hear something this: "Owe no one anything, that is, owe no one any honor, except to love each other." What would that mean? It would probably mean: any time you have a debt of honor, you should pay it in love. Every payment of honor should be a payment of love. Every act of honoring should be an act of loving. Don't pay debts of honor except as love payments. Owe no one honor *except* as a form of love.

And if that's what verse 8 means about honor in relation to love, it's probably also what it means about taxes and revenue and respect in relation to love. So Paul would be saying, Every debt that you owe to anybody—whether taxes or revenue or respect or honor—let every payment of that debt be an expression of love.

In other words, don't make love a special category of behavior alongside other kinds of behavior. Let *all* your behavior be love. This is exactly what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 16:14, "Let all that you do be done in love." Let all debt paying be love paying.

Do you owe the IRS payment? Don't just write the check with a gloomy, resentful, anxious, irritated spirit. Write the check in love. Do you have a mortgage payment due? Don't just write the check because you'll get in trouble if you don't, or just because the Bible says to pay your debts. Write your mortgage check in love. Have you borrowed a book from someone and kept it so long you are embarrassed to take it back? Well, humble yourself and act in love, not fear and pride: take it back in love.

If you ask, "How can I act in love when I write a check to the IRS? I don't even know anybody at the

IRS," be careful lest your understanding of love be far short of what Paul means by love. Listen to Paul's description of love from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, and see if you can apply it to writing the check to the IRS:

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I think every time we pay any bill, or any debt, or return anything we have borrowed, we show whether we are a loving person by whether we do it without envy (of people who don't have to pay what we do), and without arrogance (because we think these tax laws are stupid), and with joy in the truth (that we have been meticulously honest), and with a glad willingness to bear and endure any hardship required by doing what is right.

Love Is an Inner Disposition Before It Expresses Itself in Outward Actions

So don't think of love only as something that is active when you have a person in mind. Love is not just an action toward a person; it's a mindset, an attitude, a disposition that produces behaviors that are good for people. Isn't it amazing that Paul's description of love contains almost entirely inner dispositions not outward actions. To be sure all these dispositions produce certain outward behaviors, but that is not the essence of love: patience, not envying, not arrogant, not irritable, not resentful, not rejoicing at wrong, rejoicing in the truth, bearing, believing, hoping, enduring. These are all acts of the soul first, not acts of the body.

And the point of Romans 13:8 is these acts of the soul—this mindset—ought to be there when you submit to the governing authorities. When you pay taxes, love should be your mindset. When you keep the speed limit, love should be your mindset; when you vote, love should be your mindset. Let every obligation that you fulfill be an act of love.

But Doesn't "Each Other" Only Refer to Fellow Christians?

Of course, someone might object to what I have said by pointing to the phrase "each other" in verse 8 and saying that it refers only to fellow Christians: "Owe no one anything, except to love *each other*." If "each other" here refers only to fellow Christians then what I have said would have to be changed. But there is good reason to think that "each other" is not limited to fellow Christians.

Doesn't "each other" in the second part of verse 8 overlap with the phrase "no one" in the first part of verse 8? "Owe *no one* anything, except to love *each other*." "No one" refers at least to the people in verse 7: the people we owe taxes and the people we owe revenue, etc. So it includes unbelievers. But it doesn't make sense to say: "Owe no unbelievers anything, except to love fellow Christians." So I think "love each other" in this verse is a very general statement about loving fellow human beings. You don't fulfill the law by loving Christians and hating your enemies.

That's been the emphasis in Romans 12:17-21 ("Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all." v. 17). And at the end of verse 8 Paul says, "for the one who loves *another* has fulfilled the law." The word, "another," is a broad general word for anyone, not just a fellow Christian.

Two Conclusions

So I come to my double conclusion. First, that in verse 8 Paul is teaching us not simply that there is a perpetual debt of love that can never be paid off. He is also teaching us that every debt that can be paid off should be paid in love. Turn every payment into love. Turn every behavior into love. Owe no one anything, except love. That is, let every debt be paid as an act of love. Be pervasively loving. Have the mindset of love in all that you do. That's the first conclusion.

The other conclusion is that therefore Romans 13:1-7 is not a detour from the theme of love that began in chapter 12. Paul is not *coming back* to the theme of love in verse 8. He never left it. He is clarifying the life of love that includes paying taxes and keeping up on your mortgage, paying your rent and your utility bills, and honoring human beings created in God's image.

Therefore, Bethlehem, let us pursue love. It is an enormous, all-encompassing reality. It is not to be part of life, but all of life. Let everything be done in love. Let the mindset of patience, kindness, contentment, humility, meekness, politeness, deference, forgiveness, joy, truthfulness, hope, endurance—let your heart and mind overflow with these traits of love. In everything you do, let there be love.

How could be otherwise for people whose whole life is built on Romans 5:8, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

[1] In fact this verse gives the closest parallel in the Bible to Paul's wording in Romans 13:8. In Romans 13:8 he says, "Owe no one anything, except to love each other" (*Mē deni mēden opheilete ei mē to allēlous agapan*). These words "owe . . . to love each other" are almost identical with "ought to love each other" in the Greek of 1 John 4:11, *opeilomen allēlous agapan.*

[2] See my biographical sketch of Mueller.

[3] C. E. B. Cranfield, *The Epistle to the Romans*, vol. 2 (Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark Limited, 1979), p. 674.

Liberty Is Coming
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I heard “ Liberty is coming” and then thoughts went back to reading Patrick Henry today on a site and the phrase, “Give me liberty or give me death !” came to mind.

Then the Lord spoke:
I am coming to give you the ultimate FREEDOM from all the devices of the enemy. I will remove the things that hinder you, and I want you to cry out for that liberty ! I want you to know that I’m listening for such cries of desperation in My beloveds ! I am not far off. I am a GOD close at hand.

I see the pain and torment of My people. I have the perfect timing arranged for this act of LIBERTY ! Know that I am NOT negligent in My duties as many of you are. I am FAITHFUL, even when you are not able to be as faithful as you would like. I know that there are strongholds over your soul that limit your ability to be as fruitful and obedient as you would like !

Do not give rest till it is established in your heart ! Keep on crying out ! Keep on asking and rest in your spirit to know that I have heard and am already working on the answers and I will do all that your heart desires in wanting freedom from the enemy. CLING TO ME My beloveds ! CLING TO the ONE WHO LOVES YOU AS NO OTHER LOVES YOU ! Worship Me in the beauty of holiness. Worship ME and come into My courts with PRAISE and thanksgiving and I will restore all the enemy has stolen.

Cry out for hearts that are still ASLEEP in this nation ! CRY OUT for those who are numbed by all that is happening ! SPEAK THE WORD and storm the gates of the enemy ! GATHER TOGETHER and PRAY and WEEP for the daughter of your people ! This nation will celebrate Independence Day, but

the judgment for choosing to be independent from ME will surely come and people will be shattered for the way that it comes !

CRY OUT FOR HUMILITY !
CRY OUT FOR REPENTANCE !
CRY OUT FOR CONVICTION !
CRY OUT FOR SOULS !
CRY OUT FOR GRACE TO OVERCOME ALL THAT IS COMING UPON YOU !
CRY OUT FOR THE YOUTH OF THIS NATION !

There are evil plans already in play to indoctrinate them in evil. And the enemy has already stolen the majority of them into the world and the lusts of the flesh. He has indoctrinated them into humanism through the schools and television. Pray that the eyes would be opened and their ears would be opened. Pray that GLORY WILL FALL in AWAKENING on this nation as the next swift blow comes. OPEN YOUR MOUTHS and TESTIFY of ME in this season whenever you are in the marketplace !

But it is a time of coming aside to ME for healing and restoration. It is a time of introspection and quietness and rest, and of seeking MY FACE that

You may be filled to the full with ME. I WILL RESTORE MY BRIDE and you will go forth singing and with GREAT JOY as I release the chains that have bound you. A NEW WIND IS BLOWING. The hot summer winds have come

and the SON is shining on AMERICA. I have listened to the watchmen on the walls and I am bringing a wind of CHANGE. THOUGH there will be destruction from the enemy, there will be a RESTORATION in this nation of Godliness amidst the turmoil and sadness, there will come a wave of HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD in those called to MY KINGDOM ! The kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of Christ. Nations will be saved in one day ! WATCH, for the season of escalation has come ! The LION of JUDAH ROARS out of HIS abode ! He will ROAR over His people and HE WILL BRING LIBERTY ! NO MORE SILENCING OF THE LAMBS !

HE WILL ROAR OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF HIS PEOPLE ! HE WILL ROAR OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF THE YOUTH OF THE NATIONS ! HE WILL GIVE VOICE to silence the enemy’s reign in the lives of others. He will show great and marvelous works to the children of men ! Signs and wonders and miraculous displays of His power will astound the masses. Hold on, HOLD ON ! BE STRONG in the power of HIS MIGHT ! DEPEND ON THE LORD FOR HE IS YOUR STRONG TOWER, AND THE STRENGTH OF YOUR RIGHT ARM ! HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS ! ARISE AND SHINE FOR BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOMS STEPS DOWN FROM HIS THRONE. HE WILL SPEAK SWEET WORDS TO HIS BRIDE, BUT TO THE WICKED HE WILL BECOME A TERROR ! TO THOSE CALLED TO BE HIS, HE WILL REVEAL HIMSELF. HE WILL SPEAK TO HIS OWN IN LOVINGKINDNESS AND TENDERNESS, BUT TO THE WICKED THEY WILL BE TORMENTED.

Lion With The Honey

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I Am that I Am. I have created the world; everything that is in the world, under the world and above the world was created by Me. If you look around yourselves, you see I Am, but the evidence is under a dark layer of filth from the evil one. People are always afraid that I will take something away from them. I am not taking away, but only removing the dark, dirty layer. I remove the dirty layer so that people will see Me through you. I want to purify you and make you holy. People are always saying satan goes around like a roaring lion, but I tell you that I Am The Roaring Lion of Judah with the Honey in His mouth. ***In*** the Lion is the Truth!

Honey is good for your palate (that is your mouth, your words and what you speaking). Once it goes down it is good for the organs of your body especially your heart. I Am is waiting. The people are singing, “Come Lord Jesus Come,” but I will come WHEN my Bride is without spot, blemish or wrinkle. I do not ask, “Give me your pure heart,” no, I am asking for your heart, and then **I** will make it pure. You may think that love is always soft and sweet, but I am The Roaring Lion of Judah and **I A*m* The Love**, and I am so tired of waiting. I have been merciful for such a long time and I am still calling and waiting. I need my body to show the world **ME!** Don’t give me part of your heart, or some of your heart, but all of your heart! I am the One who wants to do something new that no eye has seen or no ear has heard. But if I give you My fire through My Spirit, you will run with it in the flesh and in your own power. When you take it upon yourselves to repeat what I have done in a meeting or a conference, then My Holy Fire becomes strange or profane fire and the meeting or the conference will become a golden calf. Men don’t see Me and don’t think of Me, but only think about the meeting and what happened. You will do things that I did not ask you to do, and you send yourselves. I am creative and I do things differently each time. My fire is not predictable, and you cannot tame it. I told Moses, “You are standing on holy ground, take off your shoes.” He was not allowed to walk in his own power, but only in and through Me, not in his own shoes, or his own command. I put the words, MY words, in his mouth and not the other way around. I sent him, not the other way around. I need people like Moses; I do not need Pharaohs. The heart of the Pharaoh was hardened. Don’t harden your heart.

You should take My fire with you and give it to others, but instead you quench it by saying things I never told you to say, and doing things I did not tell you to do. You are quenching the fire by doing things in your own strength. The fire comes through obedience to ME, not my obedience to you. I gave My people the manna they needed. Except for the Sabbath they were to collect it on a daily basis. They were to collect it daily so that it would be fresh in their bellies each day. Follow Me, I Am your God and I am making a way. I am going to do things no eye has seen and no ear has heard. Let me carry you on My wings; the wings of my Spirit. I want to roar, I am The Lion with the Honey in Me. Honey is sweet for those who circumcise their hearts but bitter for those who walk in the flesh. The I Am is giving you a choice today!

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Just serving Him, by serving you!
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Guiding Light
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Today I have been receiving some e-mails all with the same subject:
It was about jealousy and striving
One dear sister was under an attack about here way of writing and another brother confessed me he was striving with his wife and all that were around him....

Than I called Tina my dear sister in the Lord and she told me she had felt the same thing, so we prayed about this together and asked Abba to use us as instruments in this matter.
I asked the Lord, Father have You something to say?
And I believe this is what He told me:

I am the Lord Your God who leads and guides you.
I am the "Guiding Light" teaching you all things through My Wisdom.
The world is dark and needs to see My Light.
It is time for My children to "Arise and Shine" forth My light that I have placed within you.
It is not about teaching each other more and more, for My church as grown spiritually fat, but reaching out teaching the lost souls ,the people I want taught by Me through you.
Do not think you are better than one another, for you all were once babes and I am forever patient with you! It is the love in your heart I am seeking to send out as a beacon of light, not your qualities or education. You do not have to seek qualification from others to prove yourself worthy of My attention.
I am purifying, teaching and sifting what needs to be removed from you.
Those who allow My Holy Spirit to teach them shall be the ones I will chose to proclaim My Name and display My Glory.
These will be in My Army (Joel 2:11)
I chose whom I want to chose, it does not matter what they look like to the world, I can and will use anyone that will humble themselves before Me with a servants heart. I will only shine through the humble of hearts. Humble yourselves and I will exalt you. I am the One who is allowed to choose. I will choose what the world calls foolish to confound those who call themselves wise.
All wisdom comes from My Spirit
To those I have chosen, you know My Voice, so listen to My voice, and do not be deceived by the enemy's plans to stop your destinies by jealousy, envy and strife among you. The enemy is dividing the brethren, do not allow him the opportunity, resist temptation and he will flee.
Come back to Me, all must repent and allow Me to be The First and The Last. Come to Me and Kneel down because I will raise those who bow to My Authority, I will chose these humble ones as My chosen instruments to be "good speakers" and "good writers" who yield themselves to My Holy Spirit to make their tongue's the pens of ready writers.
I must have first place in your lives, there is no place for jealousy and strife in the Spirit of Truth. Do not allow a little leaven to ruin your heart!
Those who chose to touch and do harm to My Anointed are doing it unto Me. You are called through love to direct others to the Love of Christ Jesus, Yashua the Messiah, My Son, who redeemed all of you from death, so all may enter into My Kingdom.
There is only One Ministry, not his and her’s; there is no one group better than the other. All of you are needed to make My Body on earth. The hands need the feet to serve! Stop and remember why you first said yes to My call upon your life.

I am moving through the rejected to bring those the world would not chose into My Light. Does a poor man get saved by a rich man who has not experienced poverty himself? Those who have received the gift of My Son have a relationship not a religion with Him and will seek out the lost sheep for their shepherd. These precious hearts's are feeling My compassion and love for the lost. seek and surround yourselves with those brother's and sister's whom I am choosing in this hour and share their joy, as you do, you will be lifted higher by being around them. This is how anointings are spread by "Catching The Fire" not the cold of jealousy!
Be free from offense ,there is no thing not a word, action, deed nor death that you should allow to hurt you, remember you are shielded by Me, you may not see it, but I am around you, I will cause order to fall into place if you allow me and not try to do it yourselves by striving

> *Word out of the Bible:*
> *Psalm 45*
> *Gal. 5: 19 - 20 - 21 (Willibrord)*
> *Catharina Schouten with a lot of help and words that the Lord spoke trough Tina Ames!*

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Just serving Him, by serving you!
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Tehillim133
Oh, how good, how pleasant it is,
For brothers to live in harmony,
It is like fragnant oil on the head that runs down over the beard,
over the beard of Aharon, and flows down on the collar of his robes.
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Living Scrolls

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The events of historical antiquity such as what is recorded in the Hebrew Bible were communicated over centuries in various ways. The ways and Words of God were passed down through oral and various forms of written communication. The first manuscripts or writings, whether secular or biblical, were in the form of scrolls. The ancient biblical scrolls consisted of sheets of leather sewn together, resembling the Torah scrolls that are still used today in many synagogues. With this material (leather) in mind, an animal would have been sacrificed and its blood shed for the written Word to be received upon it before the shedding of Christ's blood.

The Bible states along with the prophecies revealed that the Word of God is now written upon our hearts. Essentially we are "living scrolls" and a testimony of God's Word and power. When we were born, an event transpired in the spirit realm – God leaned down from heaven and breathed the miracle of life into us and gave us a living soul and spirit created in His image.

Scientists have conducted studies on the phenomenon of sound travel and have found recordings moving in the upper atmosphere and space from the foundations of radio broadcasts in the early part of the last century. This is remarkable and speaks "volumes" that our words truly never fall to the ground. The Bible says that, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." We know whether God's Word is scrolled upon our heart by the words that we speak and the actions and mannerisms that those words represent. Once words are spoken, whether for good or bad, are locked eternally in the spirit realm to be released at the consummation of the ages.

The Bible is clear that our actions and WORDS spoken behind closed doors will be "proclaimed from the rooftops." This is not only a coming reality in the spirit, but now scientifically proven to be a dynamic in the natural. I am certain that every lie or ungodly word that I have spoken have come back to confront me and to potentially harm me. (There is an unseen power within the dynamic of word and sound) Our own words are Satan's primary weapon in stealing our hopes, killing our dreams, and destroying our futures and abundant life. Satan cannot create…It is what we (as created in God's image) have the ability to create (spoken words) that Satan uses to harm us. Satan is the prince of the air or atmosphere and our words spoken in conflict to God's Word and grace are gathered and stored by Satan himself as a testimony against us. Just as the godly prayers and tears of the saints are gathered by the Lord and stored in heavenly jars or bowls – I believe that Satan is bottling our ungodly words and using them against us as a curse within the divine and righteous principle of "reaping and sowing."

The desire to communicate was also represented by words carved and placed upon stone. The Commandments of the Old Covenant were written by the hand of God upon stone tablets. Likewise, the laws of mankind in antiquity were once "written in stone." In the New and better covenant, the Lord's Word's and Commandments are written upon "tablets of flesh" – Our hearts and conscience. It is the Lord's desire that we be the scroll of His Word to be spread out for all of humanity to read. Things that are written well upon the heart of a believer creates a picture of hope and broadens the views and vision of the lost to the limitless possibilities that serving a caring and loving God can afford. Beloved, if God has breathed life into you, filled you with His Spirit, written His Word upon your heart (Christ, "the Word" in you, the hope of glory), then "you" are the scroll or manuscript that the Lord has designed for the lost and hurting to read. The question we must ask is, "What are others "reading" in my life and what picture or impression have I painted in the mind of others to behold? Do they see Christ – The Word in us?

Being "living scrolls" becomes ever clear as we move forward within the prophecies of the end times. "And I saw the in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written INSIDE and on the back, sealed with seven seals. Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and loose its seals? And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root Of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals…Now when

He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for you were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood. Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth. (Revelation 5:1-5, 8-10)

In the time that these words were given to John according to the Spirit of God; scrolls that were bound by seven seals were the title deeds to an inheritance of land. The rightful recipient would know if the entitled inheritance was tampered with if one or more of the seals were broke. These verses in Revelation have a two-fold meaning and purpose. First, the tile deed to the earth will be taken and given back to Christ. "All things were made through Him (Christ), and without Him nothing was made that was made." (John 1:3)

The earth when it was "good" was made through Christ and He was the sole owner or title holder of it. Man, who was created "very" good (See Genesis 1:31) in His image and love was blessed with a wonderful inheritance and gift – the "earth" and the ability to conquer and subdue any thing that would trespass or attempt to steal that gift. Unfortunately and sadly, man forfeited his and her inheritance to the serpent (Satan) in their desire to be god's unto themselves. To this day, Satan continues to hold the title deed to the world and its system through deception. However, as we read earlier, the "scroll" or title deed to the earth will be justly taken back by Jesus Christ in glory, honor, and power.

Redemption will be sweet as the people of God will once again experience the fruit of being joint heirs with Christ as we (the church) reign with our Lord as kings and priest to our God. The scroll in Revelation was sealed with seven seals which I believe represent the seven-fold spirit of God.

"Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne." (Revelation 1:4) We find in Isaiah 11 the manifestation of the seven –fold spirit of God. "There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. (1) The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, (2) The Spirit of wisdom and (3) understanding, (4) the Spirit of council, and (5) might, (6) the Spirit of knowledge (7) and of the fear of the Lord.

To be filled with the fullness of God's Spirit, is to move in the seven areas of "communication" listed in Isaiah 11. Partaking of the inheritance in Christ Jesus is the church demonstrating before the world the "rest and peace" that the Spirit of God within them empowers. As the seals will be broke and opened, righteous judgment will come upon the earth as mankind will be judged in their rejection of what the seven-fold spirit represents in God's desire for mankind. We (the church) will judge the inhabitants and demonic entities of the earth with Christ and our willingness and desire to walk in the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, council, might, knowledge and in the fear of the Lord will be the LANGUAGE that the lost and hurt will understand and be able to read as we allow Christ to break and unfold us before the world.

Beyond the walls of wherever you are reading this are literally billions of souls who are DYING for the Words of life that God would speak through you. The power of life and death are upon your tongue."

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Listen

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I was awakened by Father this morning going on 3 a.m. I have been sharing His grief for quite some time over many of His own and their activity on the internet and *His Faithful Ones* everywhere are sharing this grief. I had thought that my prophecy posting on the net had come to an end in December of last year but He said to repost this word once again as a message from His heart to His Faithful Ones. *Although small in number, you have been chosen by the I AM for such a time as this.... hold fast even through all the grief that you have been feeling and the circumstances you have been going through, for the time is truly nigh that the I AM will raise you up in these last days.*

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LISTEN

"Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, whom I love. ***LISTEN*** *to Him!:* ***SUDDENLY****, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus." Mark 9:7-8*

My Faithful Ones, I have marked your heart, I have lead your in a path unfamiliar to you ... a path reserved for those who have cried out to ME and said "Here am I, use me" - a path reserved for those who have said yes to My call. This path has not been an easy one, but one of preparation and training. A path that has fine-tuned the fruits of the spirit in you and has been making you ready. Even now some are beginning to despise this path but I say unto you "don't despise this path but praise Me for it .... as you have received a wealth that could not have been received in any other way. You are truly blessed above measure!!!

To My hurting daughters, I say unto you - from the King to My daughter, you are highly loved and My scepter has been extended to you, for you are My chosen. You are highly favored by Me and I will give to you your requests for you are favored. You have endured the preparations as Esther did to make oneself presentable to the King. I have chosen you and made you My own, now ask what you will.

My Faithful Ones, hear the word of the Lord. I am taking you out of your places of obscurity and will place you to proclaim the riches of the truths of the Kingdom of God. You have been faithful with the little and now it is time for you to be given more.

I have nurtured and wooed you into the calling. I have set aside that which only you can fulfill. I have protected you and covered you with My feathers. You are My Chosen and no-one can fulfill your calling as it is your calling. You are all different but you shall work together, for I AM a God of order. I have been your instructor and I will continue to be your instructor and will lead you and guide you. Take advantage of the days set before you for each day has been set by Me as they have been set in the past. Those of you who have answered the call have been pressed on all sides and you have been prepared. Yes, there are more to arise, but their preparation will not take as long as the time is very short. They will join you in the call and they will hold up your right hand as you go forth proclaiming My Love, Crying out for repentance, for My judgment and My mercy. My mercy, Beloved, Remember ..... "my mercy", for it truly endures forever.

Haven't I said Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you? You have sought Me and My righteousness is upon you that you may go forth in My Name. There is no time to put off or tarry on those things I have instructed you. The "quickly's" are happening. The time has come and the now is for those I have called to come forth. Seek me continuously and the way will be made manifest to you. I will reveal My distinct plan for you but you must seek Me continually and the way will be made manifest to you. This is the time to diligently seek My face and instructions will come forth from My lips. Have I not said it, have I not proclaimed it to you? I have sent forth a proclamation on your behalf and it has been sealed with My signet ring, therefore it MUST be done. I have called forth My messengers and decreed all that I have proclaimed and all that I have declared on your behalf and it shall come to pass and be accomplished. Delays have come to an end in My timetable and My Word will be made manifest in all ways.

The day you have waited for is dawning, it is drawing near. You have waited and waited - now see Me accomplish what seems un-accomplishable. It is from My hand, the giver of all good things! Eye has not seen .... Ear has not heard .... the wonders which I have for you. Wonders that I, your Father and your God has hand picked for each of you. I have been bringing revelation as such as not been heard before. I have chosen you and I have prepared you...do not let one morsel slip by or through your fingers. You are chosen and favored by ME....if you could only perceive or realize the Love that I have for you....if you did, then you would know without a doubt that I will do and accomplish all I have promised you. Do not give up, continue to be in a state of readiness for you shall ride! I cannot promise the path will be free of thorns and thistles and rocks but I can promise you the ride of your life!

The call is going forth, the shofar is being blown to call My chosen ones together. You are being called to formation, as of an army. Called to assemble, called to listen diligently to your commander in chief. Great and Mighty is the Lord your God and I AM doing great and mighty acts and I AM about to display even greater than any of you could ask or think. Watch as the book of ACTS concludes in these last days. I call you faithful, I call you My very own chosen. Now .... Listen, My Chosen Ones, Listen! Listen very closely*....* ***Listen for surely it comes and suddenly!!!!*** *LISTEN!!!!*

Listen

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This is not a 6 step plan on how to hear God's voice, these are simply pointers that I pray will help you in your walk with Jesus as you seek to grow in knowing Him & hearing the His voice. This may be passed along as you feel led.

Above all, may we always echo the prayer of Samuel:

Speak Lord for your servant is listening – 1 Samuel 3:9

L – Learn to maintain your time with the Lord. Choose a time every day to spend with Jesus. Maintain your relationship with the Lord. Consistently meet with Him, desiring to hear His voice. Do it daily and the Lord will begin to teach you to hear His voice. It's all about making yourself **available** to Jesus to hear His voice. The Lord will not turn away a hungry heart seeking to hear His voice. Without these times daily, your relationship with the Lord will become stagnant and dry, and you will not know His voice for yourself. **The Lord speaks to people who make themselves available to Him.** Mark 1:35.

I – Indulge in the Word. Allow His Word to speak to you. Ask the Spirit to speak to you through His Word. This is the most common way that God speaks. Psalm 119, Luke 24:13-35.

S – Silence (Zeph 1:7). **Spend time soaking in His presence.** You can do this through worship, quiet your heart before the Lord. Lay down all your worries and expectations, and ask the Lord to speak to your heart. In a world that is full of distraction, we are constantly 'on the go' - unless we are taking the time to spend silently before the Lord, we will be influenced by many voices, and not hear that still small voice within us, **His voice.**

T – Thank the Lord for His promises of Him enabling us as His children to hear His voice. **Never lose your thankful heart**. (Psalm 138:1-3).

E – Expect Him to speak. Expect the Lord to be faithful to that which He has spoken (Psalm 38:15), and educate yourself on the ways that the Lord speaks. (Job 33:14) The Lord can speak through many ways.

* He can speak in an audible voice to you like He did in 1 Samuel 3.
* He speaks in an internal voice to us. Into our hearts, and into our minds.
* The Lord speaks through the world. Romans 1:19-20.
* He speaks through visions and dreams. Numbers 12:6, Acts 22:17-18. The Lord may also appear before you and speak to you as in Acts 9.
* He can speak to you through impressions, through a 'knowing'. Matthew 22:18, Nehemiah 7:5[1][1]

N – Never stop meeting with Jesus. If the Lord does not speak to you in the way you desire, don't give up. The Lord will speak in the way He chooses and if you are continually quieting your heart, seeking to know Him and hear His voice He will speak to you. The Lord desires to speak to you more than you want to hear Him. He may speak to you **through** a person that He will send, but learn to listen to him yourself and he will act. After the death and resurrection of Jesus the great news is that we are now all able to hear directly from God as his beloved children. (Romans 8:14-16, 26-27)

Dr Jack Deere (http://www.jackdeere.com) states – God may speak in sentence fragments. The fragment is clear but the meaning may not be, Isaiah 8:1, but always remember that the Lord will never contradict His Word (1 Cor 14:37) and is consistent with His character (James 3:17). The fruit of God’s voice is good (Matthew 7:15-23), and His voice is different to ours. (Isaiah 55:8-9).

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Comfortable
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Matthew 28:18-20 - The Great Commission

My precious church, how I love and adore you. How you are My delight, and I long to pour My love over each of you in ways you've never experienced.

Many of you are sitting within situations of bondage and are allowing the bondage to continue to engulf you. I am instructing you My church, that you must love My Word. Use My Word. Do not allow the circumstances and situations that are thrown at you to cause you distress overwhelm you. For the power of My Word is like a double edged sword that can cut through the hearts and situations of many.

My church, there is so much unbelief within My church, and so many that are comfortably spectating. My precious church, relationship with Me is not a spectator sport. You are to use what I have given you to move forward in Me, and in all that I have called you too.

My church, do not get comfortable where you are. Do not be focused on programs and timetables but be focused on Me, and My Spirit. Be comfortable in Me, do not be comfortable in the seats within your churches.

For when will you go My church? When will you not look inward anymore but look outward to what is happening around you? Oh My church, how I love you. I long to take you further into knowing My character.

There is so much despair and grief within the church today, and many of you have become comfortable in your bondage. Come to Me, and allow Me to show you how to move out of this place. Use My Word and speak over your circumstances and situations and allow Me to release healing in and through each of you.

I have called you My church to step out into the world. Many of My church today are calling people within. Fellowship is very important My church, as it is My heart, but I have called My body, My church to step out.

To get out of the boat, and seek Me, serve Me. Get out of the four walls of the church, and serve others. Take the Gospel to the world.

Taking the Gospel to the world is not just for those who are gifted or are in ministry, taking the Gospel to nations is for each of My children. The commission has been given to each of you.

Oh My church listen to what My Spirit is crying out. For who will minister to the lost and dying if you My church does not rise up?

Stop being comfortable My church. Do not get comfortable being ministered TOO, but get comfortable ministering and serving others.

For the man that gives out and refreshes others, will himself be refreshed.

My church, I am your first love. I am your God, for if you do not get out of your comfort zones and speak out, then who will? The rocks will cry out.

My heart is saddened My church, for I am calling out 'who will go?, who will go for Me?' and very few are hearing My call.

My church, as you step out, I will equip you, I will be with you, I will lead you.

For a time of great harvest is coming to this earth packaged within a great shaking. I am sending out My leaders now. Those that have been hidden are being sent out. Sent out to nations, sent out into marketplaces, sent out into streets, sent out into the highways and by-ways.

Will you go My church or will you continue to sit in that which is comfortable?

Will you rise up in situations that are bringing bondage upon you, speaking out My Word, and allowing My healing to become manifest in your lives?

For there is great power in My name, and many of you have not received because you ask and believe not.

Choose today My church. Will you remain where you are?

My Glorious Bride, I am bringing about a great polishing and sparkle to My church for all to see.

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Little Jack Russell

Becky McLendon

We now have to pen our little Jack Russell up when we leave the house in our cars. He chased my husband’s car all the way to the county road yesterday...over a mile. This is where dogs get "dumb". In their puppy exuberance they chase after their master at times when they are not supposed to go where he is going. In the chase they get into danger and gulp a lot of dust that is thrown in their face. In the chase they run fast to try to “keep up” with the master but there is no way they can go in their own strength as far as he is going and as fast as he goes.

Jack Russells are ferociously faithful to their master. They are tenacious about clinging to their masters. It is interesting, however, that this little dog pens up very obediently...does not complain too much, nor does he try to dig out of the pen. So he does know his master's voice and touch; just needs the correction and the direction.

It is amazing how God handles us. There are times He appears to "leave us" and go somewhere that we cannot go, so He has to pen us up and feed us there. Making sure we always have fresh water and food. There are other times He says to us HOP IN, we have something to do, and we gladly hop in and go wherever He takes us. Our challenge is discerning the difference. The cross and manger seem to be the same, and we eat only what is carried to us out of his hands. The religious world scoffs at us when we remain in the “pen” and don’t go chasing after Jesus with extreme zeal. On the other hand the heathen world laughs at our zeal for our Master. We are laughed at when we do and laughed at when we don’t. Same spirit, different system. Jesus looks for those that have become fools for him. Our "meat" is to do the will of the Father who sends us and the Father who keeps us “penned” in His will.

In both situations there God is. The "PEN" is where we are now in Him. We wait for Him to bring us living water and food. We wait for Him to open the gate and say "LET’S GO!!! ” Many times when it appears He has "left" us is when He is actually going ahead of us to prepare a place for us, and until it is prepared, we cannot go where He goes. He looks for a people who have no guile, and if we try to "chase Him when He is going somewhere that we don't belong," that is guile! He wants us to remain in place until HE takes us or sends us.

Little Jack Russell was penned up for being carnal and for his own protection. He may protest: ”BUT JESUS I WANNA GO WITH YOU.

But the Lord says, “This is not for YOU. There are dangers and snares you are not spiritually ready to handle. I want you to remain here until I have need of you.”

Little Jack Russell says: But I want to be NEEDED NOW.

Jesus answers, “But I NEED you to remain here. I NEED a people who will hear my voice and obey me, NO MATTER WHAT.”

So He pens little Jack Russell up with food and water.

JESUS, we want YOUR food and we don't mind being penned up in you to be able to eat it. For if we were running "free" we might chase after cars and lose our way in the car's dust cloud. We are PENNED in the living Word!!! Therefore, we remain in JESUS. He has PENNED us on the tablet of His heart to keep us from being like dumb dogs, chasing after things we think we need to belong to, even if it is out of a heart that loves the Master. In a no carnality marriage type relationship, little Jack Russell will wait patiently for the Lord's commands and obey them...no guile, no agenda.

Amen.
Blessings and Shalom.
Becky

Persuaded
Becky McLendon

The Lord woke me up recently teaching me about "persuaded." To be almost persuaded is the same as to fall short of the glory of God. He has said a huge percentage of those who call themselves "Christians" are “almost persuaded” but not converted, so they do not enter life.

Persuaded means

1. To bear or bring full, to make full
2. To cause a thing to be shown to the full
    1. To fulfill the ministry in every part
3. To carry through to the end, accomplish
    1. Things that have been accomplished
4. To fill one with any thought, conviction, or inclination
    1. To make one certain, to persuade, convince one
    2. To be persuaded, persuaded, fully convinced or assured
    3. To render inclined or bent on

Romans 4:17 (as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even god, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. *18* who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. *19* and being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah’s womb: *20* he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; *21 and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22* and therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

Persuaded is to be converted to a matter! Persuaded is to be perfect in that matter! Persuaded is not I but Jesus only. King Agrippa was "almost persuaded" but did not enter in. Many have almost made it into Jesus' life. They are almost persuaded. Some have preached revelation and then recanted. Then they went back to their vomit. They were almost persuaded.

It used to be people had a place to go to but Jesus will make a clean place: a place of full persuasion, of conversion. We have a place at his table. It is a table of full persuasion. We love our Jesus. We eat what Jesus eats. The mighty powerful man-child will come forth, uttering His voice. We will speak with converted tongues. Laws are being made to resist the man-child. church meetings deciding how to keep it from happening whoever will set thorns and briars against the man child, he will go through. His witnesses are: His persuaded ones. His converted ones...only the converted can preach this way. This is not man or woman this is the man-child. The church will be saying, antichrist! Mark of the beast! But the train doesn't hear them; it doesn't slow down for them. The engine is in the kingdom cars right behind it. It is a a present truth train: a man child train.

The time is short for those making laws. Many mass deaths will take place. Jesus being the preacher we will never have to take thought. We will soon be poured out among the nations. The skeptics however won’t like it and they will challenge it. They will be asking what school did you go to. They don’t know we get alone with our teacher every day.

Jesus gives and Jesus takes away. There are many strong delusions being sent out, but as the Lord's ministers we wait for Him. He is the preacher for now. This is the Israel that came out of Egypt. Or those that knew not until the flood came. We must have and want that anointing that raised Jesus from the dead. But there are so many like Namaan instead of dipping seven times, they say, “let him come out and lay hands on me.” This generation, instead of going to muddy Jordan, they are looking for prayer lines. Those are cleaner and we always have our medicine if it doesn't work. And we can blame those "ministers" because we didn't get healed. Muddy Jordan could also mean dealing with sin in your life and letting God teach you how to eat right and live in Him rather than our own "stuff." in a world that knows not. Chickens with their heads off know not. They are running around flopping as though they were "alive" but they have no head. I wrote on that a few years ago...and wow i got scathed for it. "Give the church a break" "you are too judgmental." Jesus tells us to hate it yet it has become a giant in some people. They are at ease in Zion: at ease in their self-righteousness.

America regards people’s persons. There is the retirement of O’Connor and the appointment of Roberts: So much is being said about it, but other important people are ignored as if they don't count. How many famous preachers are going to be doing exploits? Or will they just sell “healing” water? So much of it stinks and it is what the world goes after. If folks would know God and seek for His kingdom and righteousness, they would realize it’s their life and not His that goes to the hospitals. His life doesn't need medication. His life is what man is willing to lose his own life for. He finds a place for healings, when there Is no place for Christ’s head. It seems some people, have reached their destination. This happened during the flood, and it happens now. "He is saying through us how often, I would have gathered you." We must go to our generation. The anointing moves us on.

There was a generation that belonged to Joshua, and now there is a generation that belongs to the man-child. Many belong to “the great man of God’s anointing or some other "great man of God's anointing"...I see many who belong” word of faith anointing and hang on to it as thought it were pure gold. They will die in that anointing. Just like the Jews died in the wilderness ...the "exodus anointing" because of their love for the "Egypt" anointing Jesus said those that belonged to his anointing, will come to his anointing. People gather to that man, or woman’s anointing and those men don't want you to go any further. So the dead bury the dead in their anointing and that’s where they die. They want you to join your "house" to their house. And God says woe to those who join house to house: field-to-field. There is a people he will leave them in the anointing they are in and go on in Jesus. He said where I am in my Father’s anointing there you may be also. He says i will leave you or forsake you. But there is a people whom he will leave in the anointing they are in. Those that "have it all " in a man's anointing are Laodicea...."we have need of nothing. We are rich and increased in goods." trouble they are not increased in God. When any man says, "when you believe my way you get it all," they are building the church of Laodicea. Thank God Jesus didn't leave our souls in that hell.

The word says, “be not unequally yoked with unbelievers.” To be equally yoked we have be in the same anointing. we must be hearing what he is saying. The man-child has waited for a people that belong to his anointing. Creation groans for this. In men's anointing, men try to "steal" each others' "sheep"...but the sheep of God only gather God's sheep. Men’s anointing forces an unequal yoking. In his anointing when we look like failures, there simply wasn't any body for our net. And “our net” is really his. We must become his perfect body in the earth, so “junk” fish will not be found in his net. Men say we fail because our “numbers” are not great, but the 153 fish we have in the net is his perfect body. The 153 fish in the net is the whole tithe that is brought into his storehouse. The Lord has not let us do cures. But we go to the man-child. He has kept these other ministries from us.

We didn't get stuck with a people that didn't want to go anywhere. In spirit Moses was stuck to that people that came out of Egypt. And, because he struck the rock, he died with them. Most “ministers have looked good in the eyes of men, as they smote the rock. They looked like they had a lot of anointing and authority in the things of God, but in the end they died with the people they were stuck with to keep their numbers. They say they went on to be with the lord, when what happened was there was a departing from a ministry. These men made it all “my ministry” rather than god’s anointing. When God says leave them alone, he is saying they do not belong to your anointing. We have a vision; we have directions, and we have orders. It is Jesus, and we, and no man’s anointing can be added to it. A perfect Jesus will be in us. The more persuaded we are the more perfect he is in us. Religion has a dragon supporting it, a very powerful spirit. We refuse to hear what the dragon teaches. Instead of Jesus preaching the dragon has been preaching. Religion is so full of lies. We have been saved from that hell. In his anointing we rest in his perfection. We rest as he orders our steps.

Isaiah 42:2-6 *he shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.*
A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. Thus saith God the lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: i the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of

Its not things its perfection that never dies for us. Increased in goods is not godliness. The increase of God **is**. We have nothing to boast of. That is a key to life...nothing to boast about, save Jesus. Instead of wanting the anointing so much to give us things that we lust after, it is the anointing creating the needs and then providing the needs. That way we can say Jesus did it and not our own works. Men toil and work to add to their earthly goods, but the Lord adds without the toiling, and it is always enough. The Lord is saying quit your toiling and let me do the adding. Enter my rest, for therein lies perfection in holiness.

Some Thoughts On The Word Revival
Becky McLendon

This morning the Lord was showing me about "Revival". Now I know what I will be praying for when folks say "We need to pray for "revival".

Revival does not come to make our carnal self "feel good" and have a "happy experience in Jesus"

Revival comes to get to the very ROOT of our carnality and KILL IT so that Jesus can be IN US.

Revival does not come to bring "LIFE" to dead carnality or religion. It comes to DESTROY everything that we hold dear and comfortably so that Jesus can LIVE AGAIN in us and through us. REVIVAL means "LIVE AGAIN"...who in their right mind would want to REVIVE dead works and dead faith and the spirit of DEATH? Revival comes so that CHRIST can LIVE!!! AMEN.

Lost Keys To The Kingdom

Yolanda Ballard

Apr 28, 2005Blessings to all!

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to introduce to the body of Christ Evangelist Stan Johnson's new book, LOST KEYS TO THE KINGDOM. You will receive keys of revelation concerning God's word that will set captives free, bring protection and enable you to possess the Kingdom of God.

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And also if anyone desires to have Evangelist Stan Johnson come to your church or home fellowship meeting to minister and share revelation concerning his book, contact him at:

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I am looking forward to my own meeting with the evangelist to see how the Lord will move concerning my son's healing and deliverance with these much needed tools of revelation. I have seen so many try to hold people down and use no faith or authority to try to set the captives free. The body has gone through so much unnecessary struggle and hardship with no avail in the deliverance ministry. It is time to see God's word produce much needed fruit.

Love in Christ,
Yolanda

Don't Lose Your Vision

Yolanda Ballard

Apr 28, 2005
Stay calm even though things may seem to be falling apart around you for it is not what it appears to be. For I AM doing a shaking and all that is not based upon the foundation of My word will be torn down. I am at the point now where I will not allow those who call themselves leaders to control and manipulate My people. So many have had a submissive and teachable heart and have subjected themselves to much deception and abuse. And because they have kept a right attitude in spite of the

pain, I will set them free from the snares they have fallen into.

Yes, this is the day where I will reveal My truth in the matter concerning leadership, and I will open the eyes of My people to the misleading of those who call themselves by My name but really are only ravenous wolves. Yes, they are wolves in sheep's clothing. Yes, many have left the congregation of My people because they felt that they could not sit under the compromise and deception, but where are they this day? Are they growing in My Spirit? Have they held on to what they've known to be truth, or have they fallen to the wayside? This should not be.

I have called together My people to be one in Me and not for anyone to lord over another like cruel taskmasters. I've told you to trust in no man but to look to My word for revelation and counsel. Always check it out in the Scriptures what you hear over the pulpit. That is your own responsibility as a blood-bought believer in Christ.

I AM examining the hearts of My people to see if they are pure, to see if the motives behind what they are doing is of Me. Many are out to make a name for themselves and to build up their own kingdom. But I say this day that all that is not based upon Me will crumble and fall.

I AM doing a separating work. I am separating the vile form the pure, and those who have gone through the fire of My love and are still faithful will stand in My end-time army of worshiping warriors. Yes, it is not over yet. The enemy might look like he has the upper hand but it is all temporary. I am still in control, and I am using all things to bring about My glory and My will. And My bride will rise up glorious as the new morn sun.

So, do not fret and remain calm when it looks like things are falling apart around you. It is not what it appears to be. Rise up and be strong. Don't lose your vision. Yes, keep your focus of intercession. Rejoice in your heart for We have the victory!!!

Load Down

Maria Magruder

God On the "Load Down"

By Maria Magruder

Ps 68:8-9 The earth shook; The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God; Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
*9 You, O God, sent **a plentiful rain**, Whereby You **confirmed** Your inheritance, When it was weary.*

The body of Christ has entered the time of great acceleration and great performance of God's optimum results. We are in the time where the rain of God is pouring out on His people. God isn't just sending a little sprinkle of rain, He is sending, according to His word a PLENTIFUL rain. The rain is the provision of God, it is the wealth of God that is given to us to establish His covenant and partake of His inheritance. He is not sending "just enough" rain to get by, He is sending "more than enough" rain, that will cause growth, acceleration and performance in every area of your life. God is doing this "thing" because at this time He is **CONFIRMING** the inheritance that belongs to you, even though you may be weary. Be of good cheer, God is confirming His inheritance, and confirming all that belongs to His sons and daughters. It's the day of confirmation! This rain, and this confirming is a day by day performance. He is sending you rain, He is sending you the solution and He is sending you the answer every day!!! Daily! Daily, God is sending you answers and solutions to every circumstance that raises its ugly head against the Word of God. Every thing that contradicts the word of God in your life is being met with the power of God's provision, being met with God's answers and solutions. What you thought would take months to resolve will be resolved and restored in a day.

*Ps 68:19 Blessed be the Lord, Who **daily loads us with benefits**, The God of our salvation!*

Glory to God! Blessed be to our awesome, mighty God! God is loading us down daily baby! He is loading us down with so much plentiful rain of provision and wealth that we are being overtaken so much so we do not have room enough to receive it! It is a DAILY performance that God is doing. God is loading us down with all wisdom we need. Within this wisdom is ALL THINGS that you need, and ALL THINGS that the world needs. The wisdom that is loaded into you, the world is crying out for!

He is loading us down with benefits of knowledge on how to divinely handle business endeavors. When you are in the middle of a business contract or a business situation God is going to load you with the words to say, or the right questions to ask, to get you where you need to be, and cause great favor on your life. The world will be amazed at the wisdom you display in the area of business and financial endeavors.

God is going to load you down with DIRECTION, when you were planning to go one way, God is going to point you another direction, that's going to get you to your destination much quicker (acceleration) than if you had gone the other way.

God is going to load you down with the right words that will cause a lost person to find Christ in a day!

God is going to load you down with the right solution on your job, that will save the company from going bankrupt or out of financial trouble.

God is going to load you down with divine ideas that come from heaven, from messengers, from angels, carrying wealth and power in their words. God is going to load you down with mantles of power, mantles that will demonstrate God's love in power, providing the answer that the world needs. God is going to load you down with gifts of healing in the market place and everywhere you go, and people will be set free from cancers and terminal illness'. God is loading you down with the prophetic answers and solutions that the world is crying out for!

God is going to load you down with the GLORY! The glory is the wealth of God! God is going to load you down with all His riches and glory. God is going to load you down with wealth that will establish His covenant. God is going to load you down in the power of His love.

God is going to load you down with His optimum results of performance DAILY!

God is going to load you down with vehicles you need for your ministry, and family. God is going to load you down with houses you didn't even build. God is going to load you down with business' you didn't build, and the customer base is already setup. God is going to load you down with buildings and storehouses that will extend His Kingdom here on earth.

God is going to load you down with the right people for your business. God is going to load you down with the right people for your ministry. God is going to load you down with the right divine connections. God is going t load you down with revelations from heaven that have been hidden until these last times.

God is going to load you down with ALL of God's benefits! All of the inheritance that He has promised you!

Believer, open up your spiritual ears to hear, God is looking to load you down DAILY with His benefits. We know what God's benefits are, God's benefits are the answers and solutions to every situation in your life!

Ps 103:2-5 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, **And forget not all His benefits** : 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

God is confirming His inheritance that He has promised you since the time of Abraham. This plentiful rain that He is sending is for everyone who will BELIEVE.

Eph 1:18-19 *the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the* *hope of His calling, what are **the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints**, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of **His power toward us who believe** , according to the working of His mighty power.*

It is His power to those WHO BELIEVE. His power, His plentiful rain works in those who believe. It's Gods desire that ALL will partake of His provision, and His inheritance that He has available to His sons and daughters, but only those who truly believe His word and what He has promised will **see** these daily performances and acceleration. We are in the latter days and times, and God's word says to ask for this rain of performance:

Zech 10:1 Ask the LORD for rain
In the time of the latter rain .
The LORD will make flashing clouds;
He will give them showers of rain ,
Grass in the field for everyone.

My friends, if you haven't been experiencing God's optimum daily performance in your life, then its time to "ask" God for the rain. For whatever you ask in His name He will do it! Glory! Lord send that daily rain, and load me down!

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London Bombings

Roger Mitchell

Roger Mitchell has sent out the following. Roger has been involved with the apostolic/prophetic & strategic prayer for many years. He recognises that many in the Church will not completely agree with him on this.

A view in response to the London bombings:

Bombing, killing and wounding people is bad - we all agree. But we must recognise the context in which this has taken place. When the attack on the twin towers took place some of us did our level best to make the following position known. The subsequent events and now the bombings in London have underlined it even more.

1. The Western world is vulnerable to terrorist attacks because of things wrong in its own foundations. These things create a fault line, or expose a soft underbelly. These foundational faults are:

Ongoing economic injustice. Manifested in gross selfishness and protectionism, aimed at maintaining the economic power base and affluence of the West. This is expressed in terms of our current trade and economic aid, including the terms of the current debt clearances (eg: the conditions of the IMF and World Bank imposed on African nations even by the G8 summit leaders).

The abuse of Military power. Manifested in the dominance of the West, based on our superior nuclear weapons and our manipulation of the arms trade. This is expressed in our double standards of justifying war in Iraq (who we originally armed) on the grounds of their supposedly having weapons of mass destruction like we do and of pressuring Iran and North Korea over the same thing.

A Christendom-based church. Manifested in those church denominations, networks, congregations and ministries which align more or less uncritically with the foundational political, economic and military power bases of society outlined in (1) and (2) above. This is frequently expressed in the way that church government, theology, prayer and the prophetic is framed, interpreted and enacted.

These foundational sins are clearly denounced by the prophet Amos in Israel and in the other nations around them (See Amos Chs1-2). Amos makes it clear that societies where these foundational sins exist will be judged (i.e. given the consequences of what they are choosing) if there is no repentance.

2. Terrorist attacks such as those on the twin towers, the Madrid trains and the London transport system are the consequence of exposing ourselves to the jealousy, desperation and sin of those who are the victims of our injustice and abuse of power. Where misguided, false or violent political, racial or religious motives and movements already exist to exacerbate such reactions to our Western nations' sin, the mix provides the current extremely dangerous and destructive context for terrorism.

3. Western societies are the home of, and in many ways the product of, Christendom. It is imperative that the church repents for its uncritical alignment with these foundational sins of the western nations, brings a biblical response to terrorism, and demonstrates the way of peace.

Biblically, the answer to this terrorism is to come in the opposite spirit. That means repentance for our foundational sins and love and forgiveness towards our enemies. This must be expressed in empathy towards them as people despite the evil they perpetrate. It needs the willingness to recognise the context in which they are operating described above, radical and urgent efforts to change the injustices and abuses involved and the use of dialogue and blessing not violence and cursing in our attitudes towards them.

4. Since the attack on the twin towers, the Western World, and in particular the political and military leadership given by the USA and the UK, has exponentially increased our vulnerability to terrorism. Instead of coming in the opposite spirit, we have declared war on terror and invaded Afghanistan and Iraq. We have bombed, killed and wounded many civilians in the process, adding the desire for personal vengeance to the already existing jealousy, desperation and sin. It is crucial that the body of Christ humbly stands in the gap for these sins of the Western nations, especially the USA and the UK and agitates effectively for changed policies and behaviour in our nations.

5. Therefore, in summary, we want to make the following statements:

The random, indiscriminate and deliberate killing & maiming of the victims of the London Transport bombings of 7th July 2005 is to be utterly deplored.

The Western nations must turn from their idolatrous worship of guaranteed security, continuous economic growth and military strength, which takes place against the sinful background of exacerbated global poverty, unjust trade and an unrighteous arms trade.

The church in the West must repent as a matter of urgency from its Christendom mindset, its vindication of selfish political actions and its manifestation of a crusading rather than Christ-like response to terrorism.

We are trusting God for maximum grace as we pray for Europe at this time.

Looking Ahead
Bill Burns

2005 -- Looking Ahead

January 7, 2005

In John the 16th chapter and verse 13 the Lord Jesus Christ tells us that the Holy Spirit "will tell you things to come." I have sought the Lord regarding the things that He would have us know for 2005. The following is that which was revealed that I am to share at this time.

The Jubilee

The Lord has continued to speak of a special Jubilee for 2005. The significance of the Jubilee is found in Leviticus 25. The Grand Jubilee took place in 1998, 50 years after Israel became a nation in 1948. The Special Jubilee that we are entering into is a "Sabbath of solemn rest," seven years from 1998.

The sum total of the numbers in 2005 is seven. Genesis 2:1-3 tells us that God rested on the seventh day of creation, and He "blessed the seventh day." The number seven is God's number of perfection and completion and takes place in "rest." As we enter into a place of rest in the Lord in this coming year, we will receive His Jubilee blessings.

2004 was a year of turmoil because of God's shaking.
Hebrews 12:27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.
2004 was a year of separation. The Lord shook His Church so that the unrighteous would be separated from the righteous. He has torn down in 2004, but 2005 will be a year of restoration and rebuilding (Hosea 6:1-2).

Those who have remained faithful to the Lord will now enter a time of restoration as they come into the "rest of the Lord" in 2005. Resting in God's presence will quicken our faith to receive His grace. This will be a year of liberty and prosperity for the true worshipers of the Lord, those who worship in "spirit and in truth."

Great Grace

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

The year 2005 will be a year of continued great grace (empowerment) for those who by faith access it. Romans 5:2 tells us that "we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand." Those who believe this statement in the word of God will receive the anointing of great grace (resurrection power) in this season. Five (of 2005) is the number of divine grace, and it shall come to us through the anointing (oil) of this year. The oil of this season is Spikenard, which represents resurrection power that comes through intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This relationship produces exuberant adoration and brings forth extravagant worship. This anointing will produce kingdom life, which will be demonstrated in deliverance and healing.

Psalms 5 and 25

The Lord referred me to Psalm 5 and Psalm 25 as two witnesses that reveal the blessings of the Special Jubilee. Psalm 5 identifies two groups of people -- the righteous and the unrighteous. The righteous (true worshipers) will receive God's favor (grace and blessings).

Psalm 5:1 Give ear to my words, O LORD, Consider my meditation.
2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray.
3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up.

Psalm 5:7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

Psalm 5:11 But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You.
12 For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.
Those who enter God's rest will be liberated from the curses of the unrighteous. They will enter into a new level of worship that will cause them to shout for joy, and they will be surrounded by the favor of the Lord.

Each of us should read and meditate on Psalm 25 in its entirety. However, I will focus only on several scriptures so that this writing doesn't get too long.

Psalm 25:1 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me.
3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.
4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

One of the blessings of this season will be a new-found ability (grace) to trust in the Lord. Additionally, many will now learn to be taught by the Lord so that they don't have to rely solely upon man (1 John 2:26-27). Those who wait on the Lord, that is enter His rest will also receive God's prosperity (provision) in this season.

Psalm 25:12 Who is the man that fears the LORD? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.
13 He himself shall dwell in prosperity, And his descendants shall inherit the earth.
14 The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

The covenant promises of God will be "yes and amen" to those who faithfully enter the Jubilee rest of the Lord, and this is our prayer:

Psalm 25:21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for You.

The Fifth Gift

The fifth gift of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 is the working of miracles. This will be a season of the manifestation of this gift. Miracles will occur that totally change the adverse circumstances that many find themselves in. One of the benefits of the Jubilee is debt cancellation (Leviticus 25:13-28). All kinds of miracles will occur in the Body of Christ this year. As we believe for the manifestation of this gift people will be delivered, healed, and set free from bondages, debt and many other obstacles that hinder the liberty of the saints.

The Fifth Be-attitude

Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

The merciful are those who forgive. Forgiveness must take place if one desires to receive the favor of the Lord in 2005. We must forgive and forget the transgressions of others if we are to move into the blessings. (Matthew 6:14-15 and Philippians 3:13-14)

The Fifth Feast

The fifth feast is the Feast of Trumpets. This will be a year of the blowing of the trumpet (prophetic word). Words will come forth that reveal the mysteries of the end of the age. God's purposes will be revealed through the proceeding word of God. Prophetic teaching will bring revelation to the Body of Christ of the times and seasons in which we live.

Revelation 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

The Lamb of God will open His book and break the seals of revelation. These seals will be broken, and the revelation of them will be given in visions, dreams, and divine visitations.

This is the fifth year of the Third Day Church. We will witness the maturing of this Church in 2005. The "spirit of error" in some so-called third-day ministries will be more fully revealed in this coming year as the young eagles take flight.

The Young Eagles

2005 will be a year when the young eagles, new prophetic voices, begin to spread their wings and take flight. A changing of the guard is about to take place in the prophetic community. (http://ft111.com/dayoftheeagle.htm)

The spirit of self-exaltation has become rooted in the prophetic ranks, and God will not stand for it. The Lord has had His young eagles in a place of preparation, and they will now be released. The prophetic word that comes forth from the young eagles will be powerful and revealing with regard to the season that we are now living in.

The End Times

We are witnessing the fulfillment of the written end-time judgments, which our Lord revealed.

Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.
5 "For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.
6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.
7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.
8 "All these are the beginning of sorrows.

The sorrows (birth pangs) are increasing in intensity and will continue to do so as we move to the end of the age. We have recently witnessed the manifestation of that which is written in the gospel of Luke both here in America and in southeast Asia.

Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring."

Even though these tragedies have come upon mankind and produced great sorrow, they also produce great hope.

Luke 21:27 "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

As we journey through this year may we each keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Help us, Lord, to enter into the rest that you have provided for us.

Hebrews 4:1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

Remember the Lord's coming has never been so close -- "Even so come, Lord Jesus!" I have declared that which I have heard. May you be blessed in 2005 abundantly above all that you can ask or think.

Isaiah 48:6 "You have heard; See all this. And will you not declare it? I have made you hear new things from this time, Even hidden things, and you did not know them.

Prophetic Words For 2005
Marsha Burns

Awaken from spiritual slumber, from distractions, and apathy. Awaken, watchmen, remove the enemy from your premises. Turn back the battle at the gate – the enemy will always try to thwart My work. Deal with the past and all disappointment and bitterness before you can move ahead. Make adjustments in attitude, plans, goals … make sure there's no presumption.

I have brought you through the Valley of Baca, for it has been a place of sorrow and weeping, but you have indeed made it a well. The waters that flow forth from your innermost being will not be springs of bitterness, but springs of compassion for those who also endure pain and suffering. Come to Me, and allow Me to heal the wounds of the past, for now is the time to put these things behind you.

You have endured grave disappointments, the pain of rejection, and you have seen difficult days. You have even questioned your purpose and some of you have even disdained your very existence at times. You have had the pins knocked out from under you and have spun out of balance, but you will regain your balance, and you will be restored and released to greater expectation and fulfillment. Hope is looming on the horizon of the dawn of a new day, and the days of futility are ending. The days ahead will yield the fruit of your labors.

Be released into great freedom. Let Me heal your broken heart and mend your shattered dreams. Dare to believe. Do not be afraid to go forward with renewed faith and hope. The best is yet to come!

You are in school again and will receive instruction in warfare. You will be taught how to use your most effective weapon, which is the Word of God. You won't have to strive to learn this; I will teach you as you cooperate with My instruction. As you go about your daily existence you will be taught how to effectively direct My word against the enemy by faith in a more powerful way.

What you learn will be twice as effective as what you have known in the past. You will be able to direct your warfare in ways that will not just scare the enemy but bring great destruction. There will be an element of persistence as you repeatedly strike the enemy until the battle is won. Your present understanding of warfare will be changed, transformed, modified, and you will remain standing, upright before the Me, says the Lord.

This is the year of release, a time to be released from all fear and bondage. Rejoice in this special season of Jubilee when you can come again to your inheritance and have a fresh start. But, this is also a time when you must release those who have been held captive by your selfish motivations and manipulation. My people, you cannot enslave anyone through possessiveness and jealousy. Relinquish control and liberate those who have been bound and oppressed. This is the year of My favor, and it is My desire that My people be set free, says the Lord. I will redeem and grant redemption on every level – soul, spirit, body and finances, but you must position yourselves by faith and proclaim the year of liberty.

This is the year to overcome fear:

1. generational fears
2. fear of rejection … fear of man

3. fear of poverty, lack
4. fear of sickness
5. fear of failure, making mistakes, being wrong, failure

Stop striving and trust Me to bring instruction, wisdom and guidance. I will direct your steps and give you the courage to obey My word. Trust and obey! There will be a higher level of spiritual perception and revelation. Expect great things. New boldness that will produce anointing and victory where insecurity once reigned. Enter this new era, which will be pivotal to spiritual growth and maturity … a time of awakening and hunger for the things of the Spirit.   Position yourselves by faith to receive what I have promised. Negativity and discouragement will keep you from success. Maintain a positive attitude.

LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!!!

I heard the phrase “Easy Rider.” The Lord is going to bring you into a new spiritual position of relatively no stress or strain. It is time for you to truly come into the Lord’s rest and enjoy His blessings. You have been faithful to believe and trust Him. Expect a blessing.

“Catch a Thermal.” Lift up and rise higher! For, you are about to be released into greater spiritual heights and vision, which will bring forth mighty revelation. This will be accompanied by greater spiritual authority as you speak My word with power, for My truth will resonate in the hearts of My people like never before because they have been prepared to receive. I place before you a hungry generation. Go forth in power!

“Catch and release.” You are coming into a time of catching a vision, of discovery, and of opportunities to redefine life, God, country and your fellow man. You will experience a surprising release from past bondages as you move into incredible liberty. That liberty will I bring you into greater maturity and responsibility. Do not be afraid.

“Ask, seek, knock.” Begin again to ask for wisdom, seek My guidance and knock at the door of My heart. Come; let us have sweet communion together. Let us rejoice in fellowship. Let joy be your strength as you begin to overcome all fear, for certainly this will be a year of liberation for you as you break out of your cocoon and fly.

Prepare for a stretch. I want to prove to you that you can do all things through Christ. I will enable you to accomplish all that you have set your hand to. Don’t be afraid to push beyond your natural limits, and I will accomplish great things through you, says the Lord. Trust Me!

Small steps will produce large gain. Only believe! I have opened a door before you, and I will lead you forth with joy and peace. You are released to rejoice your way to victory as you move through barriers that would have stopped you in times past. But, now they will only be minor hindrances.

Nothing is lost. Do not put too much stock in your ups and downs, but rather put your trust in Me. For, in Me there are no highs or lows, but divine stability. I never change; with Me there is no shadow of turning. I will cause you to withstand stress without altering your position. Stand firm in the face of difficult times.

Praise will be your secret weapon of war against the attacks of the enemy. You will triumph even in the darkest hours through sacred worship in the secret place of My presence. Psalm 63:1-5 "O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips."

You have sought for and waited for this spiritual season. Expect greater liberty of soul and spirit. Your life is about to take on a new luster, and you will rejoice to see a greater manifestation of My presence among My people. This is a season you will not soon forget. Be exceedingly glad!

I saw someone sitting on a horse, and suddenly I knew your desire to see, experience, and move in the power of the Spirit. And, the Lord says, I am preparing you to do so. Prepare for a good ride, and remember to give Me all the glory.

Busy! The coming year will be marked by unusual productivity on every level. You have been faithful and have yielded to My guidance. Well done! You are a well-trained vessel of obedience, and you will enjoy the fruit of your labors.

Growth! Expansion! Your environment will be alive with your expression of My presence. Creativity will abound as the power of My voice gives utterance through you. Do not be afraid to give place to symbols that make a statement of My kingdom.

Keep your hope in Me, says the Lord. Refuse to allow fantasy to carry you away from the narrow path, often rocky, ever ascending. Keep a sharp eye open to the elusive seduction that always disappoints. Your faith is strong and will serve your well and reap great rewards, for surely I hear and answer the prayer of faith.

This is a time when you can draw near to Me, says the Lord. I know the hunger in your heart and the thirsting of your soul, for many times you have walked through a dry and thirsty land. I know the many demands that have kept you anchored, but you are going to be like a hot-air balloon that will rise gently and soar on the winds of My Spirit.

“Beautiful in elevation.” Your soul rises before Me in the beauty of holiness as you worship and seek My face. Come often; come boldly. Your seeking heart is precious in My sight. I delight in your presence before My throne, says the Lord.

Dare to believe for even great things than you have yet seen or experienced. Exercise your faith, for surely I will answer your effective, fervent prayer. You will become a sign and a wonder to those around you whose faith is non-existent or weak.

I have given you hinds’ feet to scramble up to remote high places in the Spirit, and what will seem like a rocky crag will become a table of ministry before Me, says the Lord, for I will set you in a broad place with plenty of room to explore, examine, and understand the wonders of the mysteries of My kingdom.

You will go higher and deeper and wider in Spirit as you seek greater revelation of My kingdom. Expand to the right and to the left. Rise above your limitations and delve deeply to find the nuggets of truth in My word, for truly they will become priceless treasures to you.

You do not know what tomorrow will bring, but you can trust Me to bring you through every difficulty as you seek My wisdom and guidance. I am prepared to prove that your trust in Me is not in vain, says the Lord.

This is a year of opportunities for greater maturity and stability in the kingdom. Refuse to neglect your great salvation and the gift that is in you, for truly the enemy will do his best to derail you. Be strong and of good courage, for I am with you, says the Lord.

Rejoice in this year of release from all that has kept you from progression and fulfillment in My kingdom. I say this is a time to pursue and overtake the enemy. You will draw out the spear and stop those who pursue you, and you will rise up victorious. Trust Me to give you wisdom and to bring vindication.

You have sought to know My face, to find intimacy with me and to bask in My presence. The enemy has tried to restrain you by convincing you that you are not worthy, but you are worthy, and you serve Me in truth and sincerity. I delight in your service in the kingdom, says the Lord. Go forth as a vessel of honor.

You are a person of great faith and confidence in the things of the Spirit. You have felt a greater need for spiritual growth and have gotten in touch with the hunger of your soul for more of Me. Have I not said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled?” Indeed, I will fill you up to overflowing. I have set you to rise up, build up, repair the breaches and to restore. Go forth in boldness.

Questioning! Why does it have to be so hard? I tell you honestly that I am directing your steps, leading, guiding and giving you wisdom beyond even the questions that you could think of to ask. Take time to search My heart in every circumstance, for I will speak with great clarity. Have I every failed you, says the Lord?

Some things that have become a dilemma to you will now take on great clarity that will cause you to see your path in this wilderness more clearly. Stay on the path that has been tried and found to be true, and do not deviate from it. Your answers will come as you seek the truth of My Word.

You sometimes feel like you are watching from the sidelines and life is somehow passing you by. But, you have learned more than you know through observation, and those lessons will serve you well. I say get ready for change and a stretch; trust Me to direct your steps.

You have found an oasis in the midst of your desert. Do not be afraid that you might drink bitter or impure water, for have I not said that even if you drink poison it will not harm you? Yet, certainly the water is indeed clear and pure. Drink deeply, says the Lord.

Lord of the Breakthrough

Bill Burns

August 15, 2005: I speak to those who have wandered off the straight and narrow path. You have returned to your old ways for comfort and have fallen back into bad habits that will lead to destruction. But, today I come to you as the Lord of the Breakthrough to break you out and bring you through into the brightness of this Day and to make smooth the path beneath your feet. Surely, you have thought that I have forgotten you, but I say, I have watched over you and have seen the devices of the enemy at work against you. I have seen you slip and slide and sometimes fall, but this day, says the Lord, get up and call upon My name, for I am the deliverer. Freedom is before you. Walk in the path, and you will get free from everything the enemy has brought against you.

Marsha Burns
August 15, 2005: Listen! Listen for the sound of My still, small voice. When you quiet your soul and listen, your attention will shift from a focus on yourself and your current difficulties, and you will suddenly find yourself in the Spirit and at peace. It is this place of peace where you can actually gain new perspective and rise above the fear and dread that torments you. Come up here, says the Lord, for I have prepared a place for you here where you can stabilize and be strengthened in My power and might.

August 16, 2005: *James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."* So, why do you hesitate? Are you afraid that I won't fulfill My word to you? Or, are you afraid you can't discern and receive My wisdom and direction? *James 1:6-8 "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways."* I say to you, ask for wisdom with a renewed heart of faith, and believe that I will indeed direct your steps and show you the way. Trust Me, says the Lord.

August 17, 2005: Beloved, expect the unexpected. You have asked for wisdom, but the answers and directions you receive can be surprising and yet far superior to your logical reasoning. Don't lock yourself into solutions that fall short of My best, says the Lord. Be assured that I will go before you and make the crooked places straight. I will make a way where there seems to be no way. *Isaiah 45:2 "I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron."*

August 18, 2005: Guard your heart and guard your time. The enemy will do what he can to distract you with things that have no current relevance or importance to what you need to accomplish at this time. Now is the time to separate the precious from the vile in a sense. Being a people-pleaser will certainly become a snare. Set your face like flint towards "Jerusalem", that place of peace and destiny in your life. Do not deviate from your divine destination, says the Lord.

August 19, 2005: Resist the temptation to get overwhelmed with the details of life. Refuse to be intimidated by what may seem like insurmountable pressures. Keep in mind that I am with you to enable you to accomplish all that I have set before you. Move forward with a steady pace and with confidence and boldness that what I have called you to do, I am well able to perform through you. Do not be afraid. *2 Timothy 1:12b "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day."*

Lord Of The Dance

Brenda Dowdin

Nov 26, 2005

Beloved:

I am looking for those with a "willing spirit". Will you let me break you even further and bring you in to a place of the sweetest of surrenders. It is like the alabaster perfume being poured upon Me. It will bring you in to knowing me in a deeper and lasting way? You have been on a long journey and have overcome many trials. The times of refining have made you beautiful fragrance to Me. I promised you in my word that I would never leave you or forsake you, I haven't. I stand as your great intercessor and am beside you. I am with you and long for my very best for you. I want to lead you in the dance of the Lord. Will you let me lead you? It takes two to Tango! I wait for you, for your willingness to forge ahead in to the unpossessed land. Don't look at the giants, look in to my eyes of redemption. I redeem all the broken places and make you in to a beautiful Mosaic Vase. You have felt the shattering of the Lord in this last season, but the pieces are now forming that beautiful thing I've desired all along.

It seems like its taken an eternity for me to be formed in you. But, it is for my eternal glory that I do my work in you. I see you as the finished product. I see my fruit being formed in you and coming to harvest and ready to be picked and eaten by those who are starving in the world. I see the compassion that I've formed in you through your own broken places. I see the fragrance of my love all over you Beloved. You know what it is to feel rejection, yet you still love. You know oppression, yet you still chose to speak life over your circumstances and those around you. You know struggles, yet forge ahead - always looking to the horizon to see my face. Oh the faith of those who keep running the race! I see that you are ready to walk out on the water. I see that you are willing to trust me. You have had the faith, and now you walk out that faith by trusting Me to complete the work I've promised you...

Be still and watch the salvation of your God. Although you haven't seen all of your prayers answered yet, I tell you I am brooding over your situation and bringing about my very best for you. I am a God who always has your best interest on my heart. I have only good gifts for my children. Remember how Christmas time is an exciting time for your children. They look forward to that day they get to open their presents. Be expectant just like that. Presents are coming down for you Beloved. I am dressing you a new.....and my presence is brooding over you.

Listen for the new sound from heaven and dance with me. I am the Lord of the dance, and I ask you to dance with Me! I will lead you and teach you each new step of this dance!

2 Sam 6:14 "Then David danced before the Lord with all his might, and David was wearing a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet."

Father, lead us in the Dance of the Lord. Let our enemies be scattered. Lord let us lift you up even higher in our worship of you. Let our enemies be scattered! Lord let your Tabernacle of David come alive and spread across this land! Let your enemies be scattered!! Lord inhabit the praises of your people in all Nations!!! Let your enemies be scattered!!! Possess the global territory Oh Lord, as we praise you as the only true and living God and the Lord of the Dance!!! Let your enemies be scattered forever!!!!!

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His Majesty’s Treasures

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Nov 23, 2005

Beloved Ones:

The fires have been intense, but the dross has come to the surface and been removed. I have formed you as settings of fine gold and now I place in each of you the jewels of my choosing. You have become my own special treasures! You shall arise in this hour, for my Esthers shall arise in this final hour. You shall be a sign and a wonder before my throne. It is time Beloved Esthers, it is time to shine with my brilliance and glory. I am sitting upon my throne and I long to see my creation shine and walk in divine order. I have set things in order, and alignment. You shall see the King of glory shine through you and upon you. I shall send you in to the highways and bi-ways to set the captive free. I shall send you in to the market place and give you great favor. My scepter is extended to you in this hour. You have prepared yourselves before me and you please me my Beloveds!

The Tabernacle of David will arise in this hour as never before. I will impart my anointing for new songs, new melodies, and yes some of you will even sit down at the piano and just begin to play out of your spirit. These songs will make you famous in my Kingdom, for you shall sing the prophetic heart of your God! You shall be a sign and a wonder. You shall do that which the world would say is impossible! You see, I truly want to shine through you in this hour. Trust me, Oh my plans for you are grand and soon you shall see them unfolding before you! I long to encourage you in this hour, though the world looks darker, I shall shine brightly through you!

Be expectant my Beloveds! You have faithfully birthed that which has been on my heart in prayer. The baby has been born, healthy and whole! You shall now walk in this new season in the greatest victories!

Micah 2:13 "The one who breaks open will come up before them: They will break out. Pass through the gate. And go out by it; Their king will pass before them, with the Lord at their head."

Isa 52:12 "For you shall not go out with haste, Nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard."

Joshua 1:11 "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, "Prepare provisions for yourselves for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess."

My breaker goes before you, you shall not stumble, but shine with my radiance and glory....the beauty of the Lord is upon you....and you shall and those who are with you possess the lands I give to you!

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Love Of The Truth
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“I want to talk to My Beloveds about loving the truth. I AM the Way the Truth and the Life. No man comes to the Father except through ME. And those who have come, need to LOVE the TRUTH. I AM TRUTH, and My Words are TRUTH. If you want to walk in the truth and live it, then you must read it, and digest it. Just as your body eats food, and has to digest it, so your spirit needs to digest the TRUTH of the WORD. In order to digest it you need to meditate on it and what it means to gain understanding from Me.

The truth you know sets you free. The unknown truth can do nothing. So the one who says, I know the Word, yet doesn’t read it, and try to understand it, is really lying to themselves. I have many pretenders in My church. They act as though they walk in the light at church, but the rest of the week, they are not even thinking about it. These pretenders to the Throne need your prayers to wake up and to be sanctified by the Truth of the Word. Others are in churches who teach doctrines of demons and twist the Word to their advantage, distorting the true meaning of the scriptures. And because they depend on man to feed them instead of learning for themselves, they walk in partial truth, but not the whole of truth. That means there is mixture of lies and truth, so they are unhealed and still walking in darkness part of the time or in areas of their lives.

I want you to LOVE My TRUTH and to think upon it. It is not enough to just read it and memorize it. I told the Pharisees - John 5:39-40 NKJV You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. - I AM THE TRUTH. When you read the Word, we are fellowshipping, just as during prayer and worship. Contemplate what you read and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand it and to help you apply it to your own life. Ask Me questions, for I love to answer your questions! I am not a God afar off but close at hand. I AM the Resource of all you need.

I’m going to tell you some truth now. The days are upon you when men will not tolerate the truth. Many already are so oppositional to it, they bristle to just hear the Word or to see you coming down the street. Men are rebellious and growing more rebellious daily. Many pretend to tolerate the Truth, but really hate the Truth. They want to do what they want, and refuse to bend to My will. But I’m telling you I am about to overturn injustice in ways that will cause them dismay. Days of persecution are close at hand. Do not be caught unawares. Because of your worship, will I cause dismay to the evil plans of men. I am restoring the Tabernacle of David. I will have a church that worships ME and not man. I will do things in the earth to draw them to cry out to ME. Some will cry out in anger. Some will humble themselves and gain salvation. Multitudes will be in the valley of decision. You are My ambassadors of LOVE in a world that will reap what they have sown. I want you to be filled with My WORD and with MY LOVE and MERCY so that GRACE will emanate out from you to embrace the souls of men, women, boys and girls who will tremble before ME.

I’m not just about saving those you like. I am calling to the witches and warlocks. I am calling to the drunks and drug addicts. I am drawing the prisoners and I will have a body that is ONE in the Spirit. The things I do IN YOU will come SUDDENLY UPON YOU. And all things will become new and your JOY will be made complete. Revolution begins. I have ordained many surprises for My beloveds in the midst of all the storms coming. I will do amazing miracles and deliverances. I will translate some of you to foreign lands and you will preach the gospel there and then be translated somewhere else. DO NOT LOVE THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD MORE THAN ME.

KNOW THAT I HAVE DETERMINED TO HAVE A BRIDE THAT WILL OBEY ME AND FOLLOW MY LEAD.

DO NOT GROW WEARY MY BELOVEDS. I AM WITH YOU. I AM WITH YOU AND WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU. PUT ALL YOUR TRUST IN ME.
I am so in love with you. You have no idea yet the depth of love that I have for you. You think you know, but it is far more than anything you have experienced thus far. I will overcome you with My love and it will purge you through and through, so that you may go forward and light up the darkness wherever you go, and wherever I send you. Kings will come to the brightness of your rising. Cities and villages will be saved in a day. Nations will TURN to serve ME. I will dazzle you with My display of authority and power AS YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTHS TO BE MY WITNESSES, AND SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE TO THE MULTITUDES. I will bring the most WICKED out of darkness into the light. DO NOT LIMIT ME. With Me – ALL things are possible.

I AM YOUR KING AND I will always love you, forever and forever. I know the hardships I've put you through are difficult, but they are working a great
Yield of fruit in your lives that will be garnished with power from ME to reach many, many lives. Hold on, for the best is yet to come! Do not be afraid.
I AM WITH YOU. My love endures FOREVER!"

Ps 15:1-4 NKJV The Character of Those Who May Dwell with the LORD
A Psalm of David. - LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? 2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

Ps 26:3-5 NKJV For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth. 4 I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites. 5 I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.

Ps 25:10 NKJV All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

Ps 86:11 NKJV Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Ps 91:4 NKJV He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

Ps 96:13 NKJV For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with His truth.

Ps 119:43 NKJV And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,

Ps 119:160 NKJV The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

Ps 146:5-9 NKJV Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, 6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever, 7 Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. 8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. 9 The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

Isa 42:3 NKJV A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth.

Jer 33:6 NKJV Behold, I will bring it health and healing; I will heal them and reveal to them the abundance of peace and truth.

Dan 4:37 NKJV Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

Zech 8:16-17 NKJV These are the things you shall do: Speak each man the truth to his neighbor; Give judgment in your gates for truth, justice, and peace; 17 Let none of you think evil in your heart against your neighbor;
And do not love a false oath. For all these are things that I hate,' says the LORD."

John 1:14 NKJV The Word Becomes Flesh
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:17 NKJV For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

John 3:21 AMP But he who practices truth [who does what is right] comes out into the Light; so that his works may be plainly shown to be what they are--wrought with God [divinely prompted, done with God's help, in dependence upon Him].

John 4:23-24 AMP A time will come, however, indeed it is already here, when the true (genuine) worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth (reality); for the Father is seeking just such people as these as His worshipers. 24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (reality).

John 8:32 AMP And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free.

John 14:6 AMP Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.

John 15:26 AMP But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.

Demonstrate My Power
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1 Cor 2:4-5 AMP And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them], 5 So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

Eph 2:7 AMP He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in [His] kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

The Lord said " Demonstrate My power!" and I asked Him what He wanted to say about this…

"When My Spirit is poured out from on high, there will be a mighty demonstration of My power through you, like you never have imagined. I want you to not just play in My anointing but to share it wherever you go and to demonstrate My power and LOVE to all people. I will remove all the fear when I come. My love will be poured out in such measure that you will overflow with My love and anointing and all else will not be able to remain.
Perfect love will cast out all fear! Do not be afraid of the manifestations of My power. It is MY GRACE being poured out in GREAT measure - and as never before! It will flood your souls and the fire of My love will remove all the hindrances and blockages that have kept you from the fullness of My glory.

But I am looking for an attitude of heart that WANTS THAT to happen!
Cry out for ME. I AM YOUR PORTION. I AM YOUR GREAT REWARD.
I AM your DELIVERER! You will go from the measure you have now to a much greater measure that will shock you and all around you! This will happen ALL OVER THE WORLD. The worship is increasing, even as the darkness is increasing, and I will increase within you and expand your ability to hold a greater measure of My spirit so that it leaks out wherever you go.
I have to remove some hindrances within you and without you, through this outpouring of My GRACE AND GLORY. The Spirit was given to ME without measure. But it is given you with measure – you grow from glory to glory.

John 3:34 AMP For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit! [Deut 18:18.]

2 Cor 3:18 AMP And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

My hope is that you will not fail to recognize My work and call it the work of the devil. Read about other revivals. Eat My WORD so that you know and understand My ways. Allow me to take you into ALL TRUTH.
Do not limit ME, for I AM NOT LIMITED in My creativeness. I am ELOHIM. I AM the Creator of the heavens and the earth. I can move mountains and oceans, and land and I can move YOU to be and do all I want you to be and do. NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE with ME. It is NOT by might, not by your own power, but only by MY SPIRIT that My will,will be done.

Pray for those who are lost and stumbling. Pray for those who are in the church but blinded by their own greed and pride, and all the deceptions of the evil one. I will have ONE BODY united in MY LOVE. I will purge My bride and I will make all the crooked paths straight. I will remove some candlesticks and establish others. I will bring down and lift up. I will realign and RESTORE. I will do a NEW THING and the darkness will be in trembling at all I do through those I love and who love ME. Surely My hand is not too short to save. There is only ONE DOOR. I AM the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE and every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD!

Do NOT be afraid to call Me to demonstrate My power. The more you step out in faith, the more

FAITH is established in your heart and the hearts of others. It grows and grows and it becomes contagious. A revolution starts with that! It starts by one person thinking that it's possible to change things. Then another person, then another person till suddenly so many are changed to believe in that ideal. Well I'm starting a revolution. A spiritual revolution. This revolution has already been going on in some parts of the world. It has been going on in China for years. There people lay down their lives for ME. They abandon all they have known to GO for US. They don't mind giving up years of their lives in hardship. They don't mind going to jail for Me. They don't mind being murdered and slaughtered for My name's sake.

Matt 16:24-27 NKJV Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. 25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

So many have become too comfortable and satiated with life that you are afraid to even reach out to a neighbor. You are afraid of rejection or being thought a fool if you manifest My Spirit in tongues or movement. Why do you hide WHOSE YOU ARE ? I said if you DENY ME before men I will deny you before My Father! MOVE OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONES and touch someone. Let them know My love and power. SHARE what I have given you freely without expecting something in return."

Luke 6:32-36 NKJV "But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. 35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

Revival: Louisiana Needed
A series of messages via electronic mail
Edited and compiled by Bill Somers

The Prophetic List sent out the following message on December 18 of 96
--- Quoted Message ----
From: Korpi <korpi_tlcm@earthlink.net>

REVIVAL - INTERCESSORS NEEDED

I was instructed to ask a certain pastor for his prayer needs. At first he was hesitant, but when I shared that God had instructed me to ask, he became more open. The pastor shared two needs. One was victoriously met by the very next morning. The other need was for "revival in Louisiana, USA."

Since God had appointed me to pray, I asked him to show me the situation, in the spiritual realm, before I began.

I received the following vision: ....

I saw a great demonic creature in rich robes. He sat on a gold throne, almost like a chair, that was far too small for his bulk. He appeared to have just finished a "too large" feast, and was holding and waving a golden goblet that spilled because it was too full. He had a half-drunken-half-grin on his face, and he appeared to be singing some kind of bawdy song, although I heard nothing.

He sat above the northeast section of upper Louisiana. From him, I saw cords, like large veins, leading to several small spots (cities?), all over the state.

I wanted to attack the demon, but God stopped me. Instead, he drew my attention to the connections of the cords to the spots. I looked closely, and saw they were somewhat "chewed" and partially disconnected. But the work had not been done recently. The marks were old.

God instructed me to send angels to the intercessors who had been assigned, to gather reports from them. Well over half of the angels that returned, told me that the intercessor over their area was "asleep." I was horrified. Well over half of God's chosen, sleeping on the job.

I looked at the reports returned, knowing well over half were missing, and asked God what to do.

God told me this: The demon is a "party spirit." It is being nurtured because it produces wealth for the state. At one time, intercessors began a war against it, and made some progress. The progress has been sustained, but no new work has been done. Currently over half of God's assigned intercessors are asleep.

God told me that first the intercessors had to be awakened, and put back in full service.

In order for revival to come to Louisiana, the cords have to be severed at the site of the small spots. It seemed the cords came from cities throughout the state. Perhaps they are spiritual locations rather than physical ones. I got the impression each intercessor would have one specific area they are working on. It seems like the number of "cities" was between 60 and 100, or so.

Once that is done, the demon will abandon its post. God warned me not to leave the stronghold empty, but instead to call in the Holy Spirit to fill it completely.

At that point, the original intercessors will need a "shot in the arm" because the battle will have worn them down a bit. I was instructed to ask God to raise up a "second string" of intercessors, fresh and ready to engage in battle.

The original intercessors will perk up with the influx, and continue the war. These intercessors will all join together to prepare the people of the state for revival.

Only after the people of the state are prepared, and ready to receive, can real revival "break out."

I saw glory stream from the stronghold location, now inhabited by the Holy Spirit, and flow over the state.
....

I and a small group of experienced intercessors are praying, according to God's instructions. [The pastor and his church are also praying. I shared the vision with him, but have no idea if he took it seriously enough to share it with his people.]

I have shared this with the list, so anyone who feels called by God to become part of this work, can pray, with knowledge of this vision and the instructions God gave.

Korpi

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A Reply to Korpi and confirmation of the vision.
From: William Somers

My immediate reaction to this vision and message, being a resident of Louisiana, was interest and excitement. I quickly forwarded the email to a large group of friends and acquaintances that have email. I also printed up the text and made copies to share with the pastors and intercessors at my local Church.

What I was seeking was confirmation or discernment of the vision. It came several days later. In the course of a phone conversation with one of our local intercessors, two things were mentioned of interest. First she felt convicted by the passage that mentioned intercessors being asleep on the job. And had to repent to God for sleeping herself sometimes when she should have been praying. Second she mentioned the part about where it says: "the connections of the cords to the spots. I looked closely, and saw they were somewhat "chewed" and partially disconnected. But the work had not been done recently. The marks were old."

Then with a **jolt of revelation** I realized what that meant.

In 1986, a Worship Congress was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, at Victory Assembly in Metairie, just outside the city. This was a conference devoted to teaching about worship and directed towards singers, musicians and pastors. It featured the ministries of Lamar Boshman, Kent Henry and Ray Hughes among others. This conference took place during the weekend before Mardi Gras. One emphasis of the conference was opposition to Mardi Gras. We were taught about praise and worship as weapons of spiritual warfare. And their use against such ungodly activities as Mardi Gras.

It was during this conference, while Lamar Boshman was preaching that my wife Marylee had a vision. On the stage right next to Bro. Lamar there appeared a clown. A clown dressed in purple, green and gold. These are the colors of Mardi Gras. This was the Mardi Gras Clown; a spirit. As she watched the clown grew larger and larger as though inflated by air, when it suddenly burst and disappeared. Several years later there occurred a great amount of dissension and strife among the organizations that were involved in Mardi Gras. A tremendous amount of bad feelings were generated between the City and various carnival clubs. This resulted in certain clubs completely dropping out of Mardi Gras, others limiting their activities and some small but permanent damage to the institution.

Of course I was overjoyed to see all this demonic activity coming apart at the seams. But the Lord caused me to see that this didn't happen by accident. It was the result of the prayer and intercession; praise and worship that took place years earlier, at the Worship Congress. I shared this insight with some friends but none were much interested at the time.

Now I see that in this vision, this is represented by the damage that was done to the cords. It is partial damage and was not done recently. It was done 10 years ago, and then the effort stopped! Here in Louisiana we have received prophecies that our state would be a gateway for Revival. One word in particular was that Revival would begin at the mouth of the River, [the Mississippi], and come up the river to spread all through the USA. This makes it all the more important to continue the warfare against this ruling spirit over our state. The victory will come, it has been seen in the vision. The Revival will come. And the Kingdom of God will come to America! Glory to God!

Subject: REVIVAL - INTERCESSORS NEEDED!
reply Date: Mon, 30 Dec 1996 21:34:04 -0500
From: Korpi <korpi_tlcm@earthlink.net>
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Bill,
It was with great joy that I read your post. I am sharing this with my group of intercessors. The confirmation was appreciated, and it was even more gratifying to hear the call for revival is being spread in Louisiana.
I was excited to hear details about the "former work," and also your wife's vision. By being able to share this, we all become more invigorated. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ!
Our greetings to all the Brethren in Louisiana.

Together in prayer,
Korpi

Subject: Louisiana
Date: Fri, 3 Jan 1997

From: Teresa Seputis teresa@ccnet3.ccnet.com
To: wsomers@advtel.net

Hi Bill.
I got a copy of your write-up of Korpi's vision regarding prayer and intercessor for Louisiana. As I read it, I was strongly reminded of an intercessory experience I had there in August of 1995. I did a write-up of that to the new-wine list back then. By some miracle, I still seem to have a copy of that email. I felt like I was supposed to forward a copy of this to you and to the person who had the original intercessory assignment and vision. It is enclosed at the end of this email. I think you will find it interesting...

On another (unrelated) note, I notice that you mentioned a prophetic list (prophetic@revival.gen.nz). I am very interested in finding out more about that list. I am a prophetic intercessor and also seem to move fairly regularly in words of knowledge and personal prophesy when doing one-on-one ministry. I would be very interested in finding out more about this prophetic list and possibly even joining it. Could you please tell me more about it, and also how to subscribe to it? Thanks.

Many blessings!

- Teresa (Teresa Seputis; teresa@ccnet.com)
Date: Mon, 7 Aug 95 09:24 EDT
From: Teresa Seputis <teresa@ccnet.com>
To: Multiple recipients of list <new-wine@grmi.org>
Subject: Intercessory Experience in N.O.

I had a very unusual intercessory experience last week while on vacation with my unsaved husband. Our vacation plans were to go to New Orleans for the Americal Contract Bridge League National Championships. We played bridge and also did some sightseeing. Our first night there we arrived quite late (around 11:00 PM). My husband decided to walk along the famous Bourbon street -- the "party center" of New Orleans. Every third building was a bar and there were also a great number of nude and "live sex" types of places. There was an incredible mass of people walking along the street, so much so that it was almost impossible to walk along. Most of these people were drunk, some to the point where they needed assistance from their friends to walk. Some where shaking and some were staggering around and almost everyone was smiling and laughing. It looked sort of like a really hot renewal meeting, except that it was the imitation (liquor) instead of the real thing -- God's Spirit. I got back to the hotel room feeling really troubled in my spirit but I could not put my finger on exactly why.

The next day we went to a group lunch sponsored by the ACBL -- a gospel and blues brunch. We ended up sharing a table with two older ladies who were from the local area. There was a lot of voodoo paraphernalia on the walls, such as a lot of pictures of snakes or dinosaurs with "Jesus loves you!" written over them. My husband pointed out the pictures and the local ladies started explaining that they were voodoo. They went on to say that voodoo was not evil, just another path to God. They said that they were Christians (Catholics) as they sat there and drank heavily. My husband piped in that I was studying to become a minister and the women started saying how Christianity could be summed up in the word "tolerance". At this point, I finally jumped into the conversation and disagreed. I started to say that Christianity was all about loving God with all of our heart, soul and mind and loving our neighbor as ourselves. But the lady would not even let me finish my sentence. She started yelling at me and going on an on about tolerance. Finally, abut 5 minutes later when she paused for breath, I said, "It sounds like you really value tolerance." "Yes," she replied. Then I went on to say that she was not being very tolerant of me and was not even giving me a chance to finish my first sentence. She offered to let me speak. I said that Christianity is not about being tolerant but of being right with God. She cut me off again saying that we cannot know what is right with God and how dare anyone try to judge another and on and on. When she finally paused for breath, I said that God has revealed in His word, the Bible, what He considers right and wrong. I almost got to finish this sentence before she started on another barrage. Just about then the entertainment (gospel blues music) started. She suddenly started clapping her hands and acting like the stereotype of a "traditional Pentecostal" during the entertainment. You would have thought that we were in a Church service and everyone here was a believer -- but I knew some of the people in the group who were decidedly anti-Christian. They preached a short (5 minute) sermon about needing to love each other and tolerate each other. They seemed to throw around "praise the Lords!" pretty lightly as they drank their complementary alcoholic drinks.

It just reeked of hypocrisy and mixture. At one point I got up and went to the bathroom. There was a framed note on the wall. Someone claiming to be a prophet of the Lord had written the restaurant owner a note saying that it was wrong to use Holy things of God as entertainment for secular activities and that if they did not change their behavior, God's wrath would come on them. They obviously did not take the note very seriously, as they were using gospel blues as their entertainment. In fact, they framed the warning note and displayed it proudly along with their voodoo stuff.

God spoke to me very clearly that this was a type of the mixture of worldliness and ungodliness in His church. He said that He was displeased with this mixture both here in New Orleans and in His church in general. He said that He was no longer going to hold back His wrath from this place. He told me that He would continue showing me things that displeased Him.

A little later, I told the Lord how sad I was for this lady and how she would not let me get a word in edgewise to share the gospel. God said that He'd been trying to speak to many people here in New Orleans as well, and that they would not listen to Him either.

We left this luncheon a little early because my husband had made reservations for -- get this -- a cemetery tour. It turned out that this tour also had a voodoo emphasis and pointed out the tombs of a lot of voodoo queens (and how praying to them could grant wishes). The tour guide turned out to be a voodoo student himself and went on and on about how voodoo is using the dead to do good things for you, like healing people, etc. He keep calling this practice good instead of evil. Also, he took us to the oldest catholic Church in the city and pointed out the voodoo saint -- St. Expidite -- which had a place of honor in the Church.

The Lord spoke to me again and said "when people call evil good and call good evil and do so in My name, My judgment MUST fall. I cannot allow this to continue."

I left the tour a little early and went back to my hotel room. I started considering what I'd seen and asking the Lord about it and I suddenly became intensely sick -- I was nauseous and had such a piercing headache that I could not even stand up. It came on me all of the sudden -- one moment I was fine and the next, the full intensity of this was on me. I felt like maybe it was an enemy attack designed to keep me from praying. I really did feel too sick to pray and told the Lord so. I asked Him to help me. I felt like the Lord told me to take authority and that there was a voodoo curse on me that needed to be broken. I wondered if this might not be my imagination instead of God's voice. I did not want to throw around the Lord's power/authority lightly, so I asked Him for a confirmation that I'd heard right.

The intense headache continued for over three hours and my husband never came back to our room. I felt like I was being tortured or something and could not fall asleep or sit up or think clearly or anything. Then I remembered hearing the Lord say that it was a curse and that I should use His power to break it. I told the Lord that I could not think clearly enough to do so and asked Him to help me. The Lord sort of led me through a repeat-after-me type of authority prayer where He would tell me what to say one phrase at a time and then I'm pray it out loud.

The headache started improving immediately and about an hour later was gone. My husband got back to the room and suggested we go dancing -- the entertainment that evening after the bridge game was over was an orchestra that played ballroom dance music. And it happens that Ed and I are ballroom dancers -- we used to compete in it several years ago but now we just dance for fun. I was well enough to be able to go dancing and to even enjoy myself. But when I got back to my room, I remained troubled in my spirit about the things the Lord had shown me. I had a sense of impending judgment falling on the area.

The next morning (Tuesday) they announced that hurricane Erwin was headed directly towards New Orleans. The Holy Spirit came on me as I heard that announcement. I suddenly knew that this was His judgment against the things He'd been showing me. I asked Him why He brought me here at this time. I had a strong sense that I was supposed to intercede for this area. So I started to consider how to pray and could not come up with anything. From the things that the Lord had been showing me, it seemed like this judgment was totally justified, long overdue, and that there was nothing to be argued against it. I told the Lord that I felt He'd brought me here to intercede, but that I had no clue of how to do so. I asked Him to show me what to pray and reminded Him that He is a merciful God.

On Wednesday, I was in prayer. I was again considering everything that the Lord had showed me and how justified any judgment of this area would be. I keep seeing pictures of those masses and masses of people on Bourbon street and kept imagining them drunk in the spirit and worshipping God instead of drunk in the natural. I started telling God of my picture and asking Him to make it so. I felt like He said that He would make it so, but that first He would bring destruction and out that that destruction the survivors would be more receptive to revival. I asked Him if He could find a way to do it that would not involve destruction and a whole lot of people dying without the Lord.

Suddenly an intensity came on me and I found myself saying out loud to the Lord, "Lord, New Orleans has the word 'new' in it's name. I challenge you to make this city new in You and to clean it up like you did in my life. Please turn this place into a holy place of Your power and presence. Make it new in You."

I felt like the Lord said that He would take that challenge. His voice was so distinct that it was almost audible. I remember being startled and looking around the room. No one was there but me -- my husband was in the shower. We played two sessions of bridge that day which took about 8 hours and kept me from being able to concentrate on prayer. When I went to bed that night the hurricane warnings were up. People were boarding up the windows of stores and restaurants. Hotel guests were stocking up on snacks in case food would be unavailable. I felt like I should intercede some more, but there did not seem to be any empowerment or leading from the Lord to do so. So I asked Him to take good care of my husband and myself if the hurricane should hit -- we were in the 33rd floor of a 41 story hotel and I didn't feel too terribly safe being way up there in a hurricane. I felt His peace wash over me and He told me two things -- 1) He always took care of His own when His judgment hits an area and 2) He had taken me up on my challenge to make New Orleans new in Christ.

The hurricane was supposed to hit us around noon Thursday, but it never came our way. Instead it turned inland and hit the Florida panhandle. Now, I don't know much about hurricanes and their travel patterns. I hear they are erratic. But I do know that New Orleans was expecting the hurricane to hit and that may businesses had closed for the anticipated storm. I also know that even with the hurricane turning, they expected a lot of rain and wind to still hit New Orleans, but it never came. In fact the best weather we experienced the whole week was on the day the hurricane was supposed to hit and the day afterwards. The television weathermen and newscasters kept commenting on how odd it was to not even get a single drop of rain from the hurricane.

I am still trying to process this intercessory experience. Could my prayers really have made a difference in turning the storm away from New Orleans? Has God really accepted a challenge to make New Orleans new in Christ and turn that place into a spiritual Hotpoint instead of a party town? How much of this was the Lord's leading and how much (if any) of this was just my imagination? Did God really bring me to New Orleans just then to intercede for it?

I've been an intercessor for a while now, but there is still a lot about intercession that I don't know. Still, it was an interesting and powerful experience for me and has left me even more convinced of the power of prayer, especially

when our prayers are Spirit led.
Blessings!
Teresa

Subject: Response to Louisiana

Date: Fri, 03 Jan 1997 12:22:58 +0000
From: ejohnson@attmail.com (Erik Johnson)
To: wsomers@advtel.net
Dear Bill Somers:

I was very interested in the vision you had for intercessors for Louisiana that I received from the "Awakening" email list. I wanted to share with you that there were two other major events in New Orleans in 1986 and 1987. In 1986 there was a Pastor's gathering to prepare for the 1987 World Congress on the Holy Spirit & Evangelism. The Pastor's Conference had such speakers as Paul Yonggi Cho (sorry for any misspellings). The open conference was setup with denominational breakfasts, afternoon workshops & evening sessions held in the Super Dome. Dr.Vinson Synan's organization put together the events (AD2000 is its name, I believe). I was able to attend afternoon workshops given by John Wimber. This was where I first was exposed to laughter in the Spirit as well as weeping and travail. I also experienced being drunk in the Spirit. One of the evening speakers was Reinhard Bonnke. Scott Wesley Brown led worship one evening. On the last day there was a Christian Parade ala Mardi Gras, that wound all through New Orleans and culminated by marching into the Super Dome for the evening session. Pastor Charles Green from one of New Orleans' large Spirit-filled churches was one of the emcees. I wish I could remember all of the speakers and if there were specific words given. The other item of significance that struck me was that the Super Dome was filled with Spirit Filled Christians from all denominations: from Catholic Charismatics, Many Protestant denominations as well as Pentecostals and NonDenominationals. The unity in the Spirit was wonderful. Ministry after the sessions went on late into evenings.

As soon as I read about the "chewed cords" from the past, I knew I had to pass this along to you. Personally, it challenged me to "wake up" into a new and directed level of intercessory prayer.

In the name of Jesus, I come against the attacks on this awakening of the intercessors and pray for an outpouring of MORE of you Lord upon them, fill them Oh Lord to overflowing. I pray for their cups to open wide to receive all that you have for them. I pray for that the walls that prevent God's fullness to poured in to them, to be broken, that the cups would not have false bottoms preventing the filling. I pray that they would not be satisfied with half full but thirst for overflowing!

When you water a garden, it takes a saturation to reach the roots and effect growth in the plants. This is especially true if the ground is dry and hard. A quick sprinkling justs moistens the leaves where the sun comes out and dries them off. A sustained outpouring affects the roots and causes true growth and change. It can also wash debris that has accumulated around the base of the stem of the plant making it easier for the water to get into the ground around that plant.

I believe God wants to give us more of Him and His Spirit, but we need to desire to receive it and not just rush off with a touch but be patient to stay and receive His fullness.

God showed me the garden vision during worship at a renewal service at Bethel Assembly in Wyckoff, New Jersey. He seems to keep telling me to share it and so I pray that it ministers to you.
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[I have since found out that the first Worship Congress was in 1987.]

Prophecies and prophetic signs linking Louisiana to Revival in Pensacola

On Sep 9 1996, Mike and Vickie Conroy of Brownsville Assembly spoke at Reserve Christian Church and shared their vision for the spread of the revival and how it must come through Louisiana The Church is located in Reserve Louisiana about one mile from the banks of the Mississippi River, and 30 miles up river from New Orleans,. Vickie

Conroy especially shared her burden to intercede for New Orleans.

Their topic was Why Pensacola?

[Mike Conroy speaking - transcribed from a taped recording of the service.]

1559, Pensacola was founded. You might not know it but Pensacola, ... People would ask, when revival broke out in Brownsville Pensacola, Why Pensacola? .... Vicki and I always felt there was some reason why Pensacola had a special place in the United States. I mean when you get right down to it, it's not a big town. I mean it's really a nowhere town when you consider it's no bigger than some other communities. But why was Pensacola known world wide?

Well contrary to the history books Pensacola was settled prior to St, Augustine. St. Augustine Florida is listed as the oldest city in the country, but Pensacola is older.

1559, Don Tristan de Luna sailed from Mexico to Pensacola. Now along with him he had about 1500 people. The interesting point about that is Columbus. I'd better back up to Columbus.

Columbus had a desire to find a new trade route to the east, in order to fund a crusade to take back the holy land from the Muslims. And that was the desire of Columbus' heart. His desire was to raise enough money, to go on this expedition; to evangelize the nations that he would find; but also to raise enough money to take back Jerusalem.

Well the first place that was settled after Columbus discovered the new world, in the dirt that became the United States of America, was Pensacola, Florida. Pensacola, Florida was the first place in that dirt that became the United States and remember.... What nation in the world today....? There is no nation in the world today more protective of the nation of Israel than the United States. So Columbus, although he didn't see the crusade that took back Jerusalem, the nation where the first city was founded did just that. And it has been a protector of Israel. And God has blessed this nation through that effort, I believe.

Another thing that happened though, when de Luna come to Pensacola, he brought along with him about 1500 people. He brought some priests. He brought many many settlers. But he brought 100 Aztec warriors with him. So while he was coming on the ships, he was carrying Christianity in some ships, and demonic, satanic worshippers in the other ships. So when they got on the ground in Pensacola the struggle began.

The city was blown away, or the settlement was blown away by a hurricane. The settlement was routed. But it still remains the oldest settlement in the United States of America.

Now some things about the early map. The Spanish settlers when they came they named all the rivers. They named all the bays and so forth. The name of Pensacola Bay is the Haya de Santa Maria de Phillipina. Which was the bay of Saint Mary and Saint Philip, after the king. That's boring stuff, but the good part is like I said before the Mississippi River. What they named the Mississippi River was Rio del Spiritu Santo. Now the interesting part about that is Pensacola was the governmental headquarters for the Spanish, the French, The British and Andrew Jackson.

And this territory and all the way up the river was ruled from Pensacola. Now you may have heard, pastor Yonggi Cho has made a prophecy indicating that he saw revival breaking out in Pensacola. And it moved to the west, to Mobile and then New Orleans. And then up the Mississippi River! And then over to the east coast and then back to the west coast, until the entire nation was ablaze.

Well what makes sense in that is exactly how an order would go from the headquarters in Pensacola. If an order went out from the headquarters in Pensacola, the governmental head, it would go to Mobile and then New Orleans and then up that river. Now that river drains two thirds of this nation. But two thirds of this nation can be reached by going back up that river. So the Lord is on his way. The Spirit of God, that river is flowing this way. The Spirit of God is gonna flow up that river, and it's gonna engulf this area [New Orleans] also. This Church will be a mighty place where people in this area will be able to get a drink of the water of life.

And I just want to encourage you and I don't know why necessarily, but when I was sitting there, that river and the thought it was .... and again were not talking about a trickle. We're not talking about a little drip. We're talking about a huge flow of God's Spirit in these last days. Not something that's just gonna get us damp, you know. Something we can't even stop. ....It's gonna take you where it wants to take you. You're not gonna be able to fight it anymore that you would that river down the road.

Why Pensacola? By Mike Conroy

quoted from his article on the Mike Conroy Brownsville Website.

Pensacola is a city on the Gulf Coast of Florida, and is the home of the Navy Blue Angels, it is also the birthplace of some well known sports figures. The city has been called "The Mother-in-Law of the Navy" because of all the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard pilots have initial training here. The murders of an abortion doctor in 1993 and another in 1994 thrust the city into the world spotlight, but the story of Pensacola didn't begin in the 1990's.

The outpouring of God's Spirit at Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola may have been foretold. Pensacola was the first settlement in the New World and has passed through the possession of several nations.

Pensacola is known as the City of Five Flags. Spain, France, England, the Confederacy and the United States have all claimed the area. The real estate has been fought over often. The souls of the residents have been fought over in the heavens. The city seal has the cross as it's centerpiece. Meanwhile the city protects abortion and has embraced prostitution and homosexuality.

Both Pensacola and St. Augustine claim to be the oldest city in the United States.

1559 Pensacola's earliest settlement dates to the 1559 when Tristan de Luna led 1500 Spanish colonists to Pensacola Bay. This outpost lasted only two years. The first Spanish colonists arrived in St. Augustine in 1564, five years after de Luna's Pensacola failure. This effort was successful Pensacola can legitimately claim to be the oldest colony and St. Augustine the oldest continuously occupied city. 1

When de Luna came to the area he brought eight Catholic priests to evangelize the Indians. The Priests dedicated the ground to God and prayed for a blessing on the venture. The de Luna expedition struggled with the terrain and weather and food supplies. The blessings of God on the area may have been hampered by the religious practices of the 100 Aztec warriors who were brought along to help explore. Aztecs in Mexico worshipped the sun and sacrificed humans on stone altars.

The native people in Florida that met the explorers performed sacrifices of their first born children. Another interesting similarity between the times of the explorers and present was the custom of abortion in extramarital pregnancy.

1686 Juan Jordan de Riena first used the name Panzacola stating. "This bay the Indians call Panzacola . . . With the Indian pilot we went by longboat to the village of Panzacola . . . The Panzacola brought forth and gave us tortillas and corn and we presented them with glass beads" The name "Panzacola" properly is "pa shi okla" meaning "Bread People" in Choctaw, a closely related tongue. The Panzacola tribe was annihilated by warfare with other tribes by 1722

At Brownsville Assembly of God Dick Reuben has spoken during our weekly communion on Sunday morning. It's interesting that the name Bethlehem the place of the Lord's birth translates into the "city of bread" and the root of Pensacola's name is in another tongue "The bread people"

A Final Word by Bill Somers

To summarize all this several conclusions can be reached. Clearly the Lord is sending revival. The visions, prophecies and other material in this article point out that He wishes to send Revival to Louisiana and to follow the pattern described in Mike Conroy's talk.

That is why He is calling for intercessors! Revival must be birthed in prayer!

We have been asked Why Pensacola? Well because by prophecy and prophetic sign Pensacola is the starting point. [A prophetic sign is something in the natural that points to something in the spiritual. The name 'bread people' for the Pensacola Indians speaks of Bethlehem, the house of bread, for example.]

So now we have heard the call to intercede for Louisiana, and we can answer the question 'Why Louisiana?" Because Louisiana is a critical intermediate point. And since it contains many of the enemy's spiritual strongholds, it acts as a roadblock. If revival is held back from Louisiana, it will be held back from the rest of the USA!

I'm reminded of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. God's promise had Abraham as its starting point. It passed on to Isaac and then to Jacob. If the enemy had stopped Jacob, there would have been no nation of Israel, but once Jacob had fathered his 12 sons, there was no stopping the move of God.

This promise of God, as outlined by Mike Conroy and Pastor Cho has its starting point in Pensacola. Then it will pass along to Mobile and then to New Orleans Louisiana. If the enemy can keep it out of Louisiana, he can stifle the revival, but once it gets past New Orleans and up the Mississippi River, there will be no stopping the move of God!

It's my prayer that God will raise up some of you to help intercede in this cause.

God Bless y'all!

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Launch Out

James Donovan

November 10/05

Yes it is time to launch out in Me and be led by My spirit. Speak forth My words with boldness and authority. I am raising up a people of boldness and authority to be My conduits, flowing under My unction. Harkening to My voice not only hearers of My word but doers of My word. To declare My truths to the nations speaking life and direction to My people in these days of much tribulation.

Pronouncing that I am alive and I am launching a great onslaught of My spirit to dispel the strategies of darkness. To give direction to My people who's destiny is to be overcomers and flow in Me! My spirit is moving through My chosen vessels. So listen and receive from Me and release My words of life in these days. Then you shall see many set free from the snare of the enemy. My desire is for My chosen ones is to launch out in My authority and proclaim I am alive.

Yes these are the days to arise and shine and be My voice launch out of the usual place and soar with Me! Speak forth My words of life and you shall see many delivered and set free. My desire is that all shall come to know Me as Lord, that none shall perish and all shall have ever lasting life. So launch out be led by My spirit and allow your voice too shout My oracles of newness of life and victory! As you launch out I shall give you much authority and boldness. So arise and launch out and hearken to My voice!

I am calling My Eagles to launch out and run and be led of Me to set the Nations ablaze with My presence, My anointing, these are days of a mighty outpouring in the Nations of this world. Many are being challenge to let go of self, and self ambitions and to follow Me and focus on Me and launch out led of My spirit. Then you shall see revival from sea to sea.

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Lion Of Zion 16 and 17

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Lion Of Zion 16
The Lion Speaks, But Does Not Appear

HALLOWEEN MORNING
OCTOBER 31, 2004
A Message I Received During Praise and Worship

By Rosie Lovejoy

I saw a pentagram with the evil eye inside of it looking out at the congregation as we worshiped. I wrestled in my spirit against it. I didn't want it anywhere near the church I attend.

Then I heard the words of my favorite LION:

**"THE FIGHT HAS BEGUN…
THERE IS GREAT WICKEDNESS AFOOT IN YOUR LAND…"**

I continued worshiping and the following message wove in and out of the Praise and Worship.

"MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SO DISTRACTED LATELY--DOORBELLING, PHONING, PLACING THEIR TRUST IN A WORLDLY KINGDOM THAT WILL FAIL THEM.

THEY HAVE LOOKED TO EARTHLY LEADERS AND *NOT TO ME*."
The voice that spoke was sorrowful, yet filled with authority.

"I AM A JEALOUS GOD AND I WILL GIVE MY GLORY TO NO ONE BUT MYSELF.

MY CHILDREN HAVE GIVEN THEIR PRAISE TO OTHER THAN ME.

**THEY HAVE FOLLOWED A FALSE SHEPHERD.
THEY HAVE FOLLOWED A SAUL.**

JUDGMENT IS EVEN NOW KNOCKING AT THE DOOR."
The voice was strong and unwavering.

Then I saw a huge ocean going vessel. It was a workhorse of a ship, not a pretty ocean liner or cruise ship. The ship was involved in a battle for its survival. It was caught in a storm of Biblical proportions. The waves were hundreds of feet high. The ship was navigating the waves as it tossed the ship to and fro.

I heard the words "*sea legs"* and somehow knew that the crew and any passengers aboard needed to develop a new set of legs in order to stay on board the ship during the raging storm.

Once again I heard my favorite LION speak:

"I AM THE CAPTAIN, AND I WILL LEAD THIS SHIP THROUGH THE STORMS THAT ARE EVEN NOW ON THEIR WAY."

Again I saw the boat and I became weak-kneed just looking at the ferocious storm and the boat as it rose and fell, rose and fell, rose and fell.

"UNLESS YOU ARE ON MY BOAT, YOU WILL BE SWEPT AWAY BY THE STORMS THAT ARE AT YOUR DOOR."

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Lion Of Zion 17
"There Are Only Two Choices"
Rosie Lovejoy

November 27, 2004

This vision occurred during an extremely anointed time of Praise and Worship at River Glory, in Seattle, WA.

I saw a wooden bucket filled with water. The bucket was suspended in the air and began to pour out water. There seemed to be an endless supply of water, as it kept coming and coming. Soon a young man I did not recognize walked under the bucket, became drenching wet, then proceeded to take his clothes off. He picked up a pumice stone and began to scrub and scrub his body. When he was done he went over to his dirty wet clothes to put them back on. I heard a voice directing him,

"No, you are not to put on your old, dirty clothing after I have cleansed you. You are to put on new attire which I will provide for you."

Invisible hands appeared with a white robe and belt, similar to those worn in Israel. The man put them on and went over to a rock to sit and rest.

Soon a woman appeared and she went through the same cleansing process, scrubbing everywhere on her body with the pumice stone. She was radiant and glowing, as the invisible robe appeared to cover her with the garment of white.

By this time I was thinking, "This is kind of X-rated Lord."

HIS reply startled me:

"Do you think there is anything hidden from me? My children are naked and their thoughts are naked. There is nothing hidden from me. No thought, no action, no desire, no deed."

Soon another woman stood under the bucket and cleansed herself, then a man. When this was over there were *about* seven cleansed, glowing individuals, dressed in white. As if on clue they joined hands and began to do an Israeli dance on the soft green grass. Birds were flitting about, and the air was soft and sweet.

The scene faded away and a large wooden cross appeared, with misty lavender light about it. The cross was sitting on a hill with large rocks. I have seen this hill before in the spirit. The light was shimmering and swirling about the cross, and the sky was nearly dark, as if the sun had just set and the evening had begun. There were no stars in the sky, just darkness and the cross with misty, lavender light.

Out of the base of the cross a molten stream of gold appeared. It was fiery hot and thick and began to flow down the rocks. It was a small flow that seemed to increase as it flowed down the barren rocks and desolate landscape.

Then to my horror something occurred that I would never have expected. A man appeared from the side of the vision and approached the cross. Because it was so dark I could just see his silhouette. He appeared to be in his late teens or early twenties. He boldly walked over to the cross and began to kick it, hard! Over and over he pounded the cross with his foot. Soon he was joined by another man who began to spit on the cross. Then another appeared who began to urinate on it. Soon the cross was surrounded by men who were spitting, kicking, urinating, and abusing the cross of our Savior. They were totally unaware of the golden stream that was flowing out from underneath the cross and winding its way down the slope of the hill.

The vision then began to follow the stream of hot molten gold. It wound down the hill, then came to the edge of a cliff. Over the side it tumbled and became a shimmering, sparkling waterfall of golden glory.

“It’s the glory fall!” I said to myself. “I know this waterfall! I’ve been here before.”

Soon people dressed in white appeared and began to gleefully dance and play under the glory fall. As I watched them frolic in the glory fall my eyes were drawn to the top of the fall. Sitting at the top of the fall was my favorite LION, the LION OF ZION. HE had a large, golden, jeweled crown on HIS head. I ran over to HIM and wrapped my arms around HIS neck and covered HIS face with kisses. I immediately felt embarrassed and backed away. HE looked over at me and smiled, (*Yes, a LION can smile…)* and then HE winked!

I approached HIM again and sat down next to HIM, snuggling close. Then HE began to speak:

“THERE ARE ONLY TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD. THOSE WHO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE CLEANSED BY MY CROSS, AND THOSE WHO MOCK ME.”

“THERE ARE ONLY TWO CHOICES TO MAKE.”

“That’s kind of harsh, LORD.” I stated.

“THIS IS A HARD WORD.” HE stated.

“WHERE IN MY WORD DOES IT SAY THAT THE LUKE WARM ARE GOING TO ENTER INTO MY KINGDOM?

WHERE DOES IT STATE THAT THOSE WHO PROFESS ME WITH THEIR LIPS AND THEN LEAD THEIR LIVES MOCKING EVERYTHING I STAND FOR, WHERE DOES IT SAY THEY ARE GOING TO ENTER INTO MY REST?

MANY IN MY CHURCH MOCK THE WORD BY THE LIVES THEY LIVE.

THEY SHUN THE POOR.

THEY IGNORE THE ORPHANS AND THE FATHERLESS CHILDREN.

THEY DEVISE WAYS TO TAKE FROM THE POOR WHAT LITTLE THEY HAVE.

THEY IGNORE THE PLIGHT OF THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN OTHER LANDS AS

THEY BUILD PALACES FOR THEMSELVES.

THEY BUILD LARGE SANCTUARIES FOR THEMSELVES WHILE THE POOR IN THEIR MIDST LIVE IN FEAR AND DEPRAVATION.

I DO NOT DWELL IN THESE SANCTUARIES. I TAKE NO DELIGHT IN THEM.

MY WORD IS CLEAR,
"PURE AND UNDEFILED RELIGION IS TO VISIT ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR TROUBLE, AND TO KEEP ONESELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD." *(James 1:27)*

I HAVE STATED,
"NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. MANY WILL SAY TO ME IN THAT DAY, 'LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESIED IN YOUR NAME, CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME, AND DONE MANY WONDERS IN YOUR NAME?' AND THEN I WILL DECLARE TO THEM, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS." *(Mt. 7:21-23)*

As I was listening to MY SAVIOR, a scene began to appear below us. A Southwest or West Texas City appeared. It was small, like cities appear out of an airplane window. Cars were scurrying about, and tiny, tiny people crossed the streets and waited for the signals to change.

"SOON I WILL ROAR AND ROAR AND ROAR!" HE proclaimed.
"THERE WILL BE NO ONE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO IGNORE MY ROARING. EVERY ONE WILL KNOW WHO IS ROARING. EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD ON EARTH WILL KNOW THAT THEIR GOD IS ROARING.
THERE IS NO COMPROMISE IN MY WORD."

The scene faded away as we sat watching those dressed in white frolic under the glory fall, and the people of the Southwest city go about their daily lives, not knowing that their LORD was warning them of things to come.

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The following evening I was again at River Glory and during Praise and Worship the same scene appeared. I was snuggled next to THE LION OF ZION, and watching the miniature Southwest City. To my horror I saw tanks begin to move through the streets. They were foreign tanks, and I knew that they had entered through our unguarded Southern border with Mexico. They were firing at buildings and causing much panic and terror. (I do not know what nation or nations they were from.)

One of the tank drivers spotted the LION sitting high above on the top of the glory fall. He began to fire at the LION with the big tank guns. Soon others joined him, all aiming and firing at our LORD.

Their fire fell quite short of the glory fall. Those underneath the glory fall continued their dancing in the glory, not hesitating one moment as the tank took aim at them. THE LION silently watched the futile efforts of those trying to destroy and unseat HIM.

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On Sunday, Dec. 5, 2004, the LION wanted to show me more things to come, and I didn't want to see them. I have seen such destruction, deception, and despair on the horizon for my nation, that I didn't want to take my eyes off of HIM to see the destructive scene HE wanted to show me. I sat beside HIM stubbornly looking at HIS profile, refusing to look at the destruction of the SW or South

Texas Border City once again.

When I finally looked, I saw tanks moving through the streets, indiscriminately shooting at apartment buildings, cars, stores, pedestrians, etc. Tanks drove through schools, shopping malls, and other civilian targets without concern for the civilian population's safety. There was virtually no opposition because the attack was so unexpected.

The LION explained to me that this was going to be allowed because of our nation's attack on Fallujah. HE stated that just as we had leveled that city and killed and injured thousands of innocent women and children, we had opened the door for our nation to be similarly attacked.

I then announced to HIM that I wasn't going to share that information, because no one would believe me. I would "just sort of not include it."

HE then softly asked me:

"Are you my servant?

Is your willingness to be my servant conditional?

Who is it you serve?

To what extent are you willing to serve?

And then HE sat quietly, waiting for my reply.

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Lion Of Zion 18

Rosie Lovejoy

"I Will Whistle And I Will Roar…"
January 7, 2005

Like all the other Lion of Zion's, this occurred during an evening of prolonged, unrestrained, fabulous Praise and Worship.

I saw large, healthy, beautiful elephants trotting towards an unseen goal. They were wearing white satin saddlecloths with red and white fringes. They were very pretty and very regal looking.

Beautiful galloping tigers followed the elephants. The tigers were wearing shiny purple satin saddlecloths over their backs. The saddlecloths had gold and purple tassels and swayed with the movement of the tigers. They were a beautiful contrast to the tiger's orange and black coloring.

I immediately took exception to the tigers wearing THE LION'S royal colors. I was very angry, and told THE LORD so.

"No LORD!" I stated, "Only Lions are allowed to wear your royal colors. It's not right that the tigers are wearing your colors! Something is very wrong here…" I was very blunt and quite irate.

"NO MY CHILD. THOSE WHO HAVE THEIR EARS TUNED TOWARDS ME ARE PART OF MY FAMILY."

I began to repent and knelt down to pray, asking for forgiveness for having my ears tuned towards the world and not towards HIM.

I then saw HIS sandal feet. I removed HIS sandals and began to wash HIS feet. I was feeling very remorseful for how little time I spend in HIS WORD and with HIM.

These words then reverberated through my Spirit.

"GOD CAME DOWN TO WALK AMONG HIS CREATION, TO SHOW US HOW TO LIVE.

THE ANIMALS ARE DANCING CHILD, BECAUSE THEY KNOW I AM COMING. THEY REJOICE BECAUSE THEY KNOW I WILL SET ALL THINGS RIGHT. THEY HEAR MY WHISTLE AND THEY JOYOUSLY COME RUNNING."

A mighty lion, THE LION OF ZION, replaced the human feet. HE looked like HE did the first time I saw HIM in LION OF ZION 1. HE was shaggy and virile and very much the King of the Jungle. HE began to slowly walk away from me. The animals I had seen were following HIM. HE turned and spoke to me.

"I AM COMING TO SET ALL THINGS RIGHT.
I AM COMING TO EXECUTE JUDGMENT AND JUSTICE, TO CLEAR THE EARTH AND ITS AIRWAVES OF THE FILTH IT SO LOVES AND CRAVES.

OH EARTH, YOU PANT AFTER THE THINGS OF DARKNESS.
YOU DESIRE WHAT IS UNHOLY.

YOU PURSUE WHAT IS UNCLEAN.

THIS IS A TIME OF GREAT REJOICING, FOR I AM COMING TO ESTABLISH MY KINGDOM AND MY RIGHTEOUSNESS.

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM.
PRAY THAT I WILL COME QUICKLY.
PRAY THAT YOU WILL BE FOUND WORTHY.
PRAY THAT YOUR LAMPS WILL BE FILLED TO OVERFLOWING.

LOOK! LOOK ALL AROUND YOU!
I HAVE BEGUN TO PROWL. I AM ON THE MOVE. I WILL ESTABLISH MY KINGDOM.
SLOWLY AT FIRST, THEN FASTER AND FASTER, MIGHTIER AND MIGHTIER, WILL THE BIRTHPANGS OF MY RETURN BE.
COME!

IT IS ALL SO SIMPLE. WHAT WAS PROPHESIED HAS BEGUN.
EACH OF YOU WAS BORN FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

ARE YOU READY?
CAN YOU HEAR MY WHISTLE?
WILL YOU RESPOND AS QUICKLY AS THE ANIMALS?
WILL YOU HESITATE, AND BE SWEPT AWAY AS I ROAR AND MY JUDGMENTS ROLL?

COME! FOLLOW MY WHISTLE!
DANCE WITH ME AS THE ANIMALS ARE DANCING. THEY AWAIT MY RETURN.
FOLLOW WHERE I WILL LEAD, FOR IT IS BESIDE STILL WATERS.
I WILL RESTORE YOUR SOUL.
I WILL MAKE YOU TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES.
COME!

Then HE whistled, but I could not hear it. I could tell HE was whistling, but I could not hear a thing!

(*It reminded me of dog whistles where dogs hear the whistle, but humans cannot. I watched the animals, and I watched HIS lips. I was horrified that I had not heard HIS whistle. I was inwardly in a panic.)*

I jumped up and ran towards HIM. I found myself with a garland of fragrant flowers in my hair. My dress was white with multi-colored ribbons around my waist. I joined the colorful animals who had responded to HIS whistle.

"COME! COME! COME! QUICKLY! QUICKLY!" HE called.

"THE EARTH IS SLUMBERING, BUT SOON IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO IGNORE MY ROARS.

TELL YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO LISTEN FOR MY WHISTLE—TO COME PROMPTLY TO MY CALL.

COME! COME QUICKLY!
THERE IS SO LITTLE TIME LEFT.

REJOICE MY BRIDE, FOR YOUR BRIDEGROOM COMES!"

Then I threw myself down on my face on the ground, staining my pretty white dress with dust and dirt. I was so upset with myself because I hadn't heard HIS whistle when the animals had. I was terrified at the implications of not hearing HIS whistle.

"LORD, please help me to be righteous!
Please don't let a word I write be my own.
LORD forgive me for pursuing money and sales this week, and not YOU!
LORD, cleanse me! Help me!
*LORD, I **didn'**t hear your whistle!*
Help me! Help me! Help me!
*I **didn't** hear your whistle!*
I could tell you were whistling…but I didn't hear it."

I felt something wet and sandpapery. I looked up and the LION was licking the dust off my dress and my face.

"COME! GET UP!
FOLLOW ME!

I WILL WHISTLE AND I WILL ROAR!
EACH OF YOU CAN RESPOND TO MY WHISTLE OR EXPERIENCE MY ROAR.

COME!
REJOICE THAT YOU ARE HERE TO WITNESS MY RETURN!

COME! THERE IS NO TIME FOR DALLYING! COME!"

Then I was dancing in HIS arms. Dancing as a Bride with her bridegroom. Woozy with love and joy and delight.

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I am writing this on Dec. 9th from my notes. As I was writing about my remorse for not hearing HIS whistle, I heard a faint, sweet whistle in my Spirit..... It was not shrill, but similar to a whistle that one would use to lovingly call his/her dog. It came three times.

Thank you, Yeshua…Thank You…

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I feel it is necessary to clarify a few things before I release this vision.

Our LORD speaks to each of us in many ways. Some of us hear HIS voice quite clearly. Others have intuitions or hunches, perhaps a feeling in our body that we have come to trust. Some can open their Scriptures and the HOLY SPIRIT will speak directly and intimately to their need or question. Others find the solace of prayer or the beauty of nature to hear HIS voice and promptings. In the days to come HE will speak to each of us in the way we can most easily hear and respond to HIS voice.

I believe HIS whistle in this vision is for our instruction. I am ***not*** *implying that unless we hear a whistle in our Spirit we are not to respond to HIS voice.*

On the other hand there is wisdom in watching the animals. After this vision I was reminded of an experience I had on Jan. 16, 1994. I was returning from an appointment in Sacramento, CA, and was driving north on I-5. I heard a racket outside and was amazed to find the sky filled with Canadian geese! They were flying north and the sky was filled with their V-shaped flocks. There were numerous flocks of smaller birds as well. The cloud formations were very strange around the sun. The sun appeared different, too.

I was so upset with the spectacle above me that I pulled my car off the road and began to pray. Since it was January, I was concerned that the birds had somehow lost their time clocks and were going to be frozen and killed as they proceeded north. It was such an unusual sight that I had no grid through which to process what I was seeing. It seemed that nature had gone berserk. The clouds were strange, the sun was strange, the birds were strange.

I drove to my home in Mt. Shasta, CA, still pondering the "weird site" I had seen in the sky outside Sacramento. That night in Northridge, CA, the pornography capitol of the USA, a large earthquake struck, demolishing homes, highways, and lives.

I believe that the LORD is reminding us that HE has a second Scripture, and that is nature. Wonderful and terrible times are coming, and if we are wise, we will watch and read HIS second Scripture as well.

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Lion Of Zion 19

Rosie Lovejoy

LION OF ZION 19
“THE HOLY OF HOLIES”
By Rosie Lovejoy
February 13, 2005

Like all the other Lion of Zion visions, this took place in the church I attend during a very, very anointed worship service. The preceding week had been consumed with my job, and I had spent little time with the LORD. I was burnt out, frazzled, and yearning for HIS presence to set things right within me. Internally I was weeping and repenting, begging to have help with how I spend my time and attention. I was asking how I can stay in integrity with all my clients, be attentive to their needs, and still keep my attention and time focused on my Savior.

And so the sweet vision began…

I saw a large cross of blinding white light, pulsating, glowing, beautiful….

And then I saw the ARK OF THE COVENANT, golden and glimmering, with flashing rainbows of light all about it. It was blinding. It felt thunderous, although I did not hear a thing.

I immediately threw myself on the floor, prostrate before it. I begged the LORD to put a coal to my mouth so that I wouldn’t say anything to transgress this HOLY place. And then I heard the familiar voice of my Savior, speaking gently yet firmly.

“THERE ARE STORM CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON.”

I continued lying face down in front of the ARK, wondering how anything could permeate this HOLY place. And then I found myself wondering why HE was telling me something HE has told me so many times before. And why here?

And then I realized that there might be a raging storm outside, yet here in the HOLY OF HOLIES there was nothing but HIS indescribable presence. There was about this place a feel unlike any I have experienced.…

And then I found myself dressed in white dancing with YESHUA in front of the ARK to Heavenly music, melting in HIS presence of love.

HE spoke to me,

“INVITE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS INTO MY LIGHT AND MY LOVE, WHERE THE WORLD EVAPORATES AND IS STILL.”

And then I was on my face again before the HOLY OF HOLIES, still dressed in a white dress. I was nearly bursting with a thousand emotions. And then a still, sweet presence quietly enfolded me. I peeked up and reclining beside me was my LION, THE LION OF ZION, the love of my life.

He spoke:

“THIS IS THE ONLY PLACE YOU WANT TO BE…IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES. I WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO BE IN THIS PLACE AS YOU WORK AND GO ABOUT YOUR DAY. I WILL TEACH YOU HOW TO STAY IN MY VERY PRESENCE IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES.
THIS IS WHERE YOU WANT TO BE ALWAYS. I WILL TEACH YOU.”

The vision faded away, and the indescribable feeling of that special place remained with me as the pastor spoke, the church dismissed and I drove home.

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Lion Of Zion 20

Rosie Lovejoy

Abiding In The Holy Of Holies
Preschool Lesson #1

February 18, 2004

Once again, a small group of worshiping warriors were gathered for an evening of abandoned Praise and Worship. About an hour into our evening I heard the voice of my SAVIOR. HE told me to sit down as HE had a lesson for me about how to abide in the HOLY OF HOLIES throughout the day. "Oh WOW! I thought, here comes Lesson 101 on how to stay in the HOLY OF HOLIES, 24 - 7."

HE firmly corrected me,
"THIS IS NOT LESSON 101.
THAT IMPLIES THAT YOU ARE IN COLLEGE AND HAVE AN ADVANCED STATE OF LEARNING.
THIS IS PRESCHOOL.
THIS IS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN.
THIS IS THE VERY FIRST STEP TO LEARNING HOW TO ABIDE IN THE HOLY OF HOLIES ALL THE TIME.
THIS IS THE FIRST STEP IN ANSWERING YOUR REQUEST."

I sat down, much humbled, and began to write what HE had to say.

1. "ALWAYS REMEMBER THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY:
WHO CREATED YOU,
WHO SUSTAINS YOU,
AND WHO CAN CALL YOU HOME AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE."

" I AM YAHWEH your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other Gods before me."
Ex. 20: 1-2

"Hear oh Israel: YAHWEH our God, YAHWEH is one! You shall love YAHWEH your God with all your hearts, with all your soul, with and with all your strength."
Deut. 6:4

2. "PRAY AND SING IN TONGUES AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN.
YOU WILL BYPASS THAT VERY ANALYTICAL MIND OF YOURS. ANGELS JOIN YOU WHEN YOU PRAY AND SING IN THEIR LANGUAGE."

"*Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not drink with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always, for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (YESHUA), submitting to one another in the fear of God."*
Eph. 5: 17-21

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus (YESHUA) for you."
1 Thes. 5:16-18

3. “AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW THE NEXT ONE.
WORSHIP.
ABANDONED,
UNDIGNIFIED,
UNRELIGIOUS WORSHIP AND PRAISE.
OFTEN!”

“Make a joyful shout to YAHWEH all you lands!
Serve YAHWEH with gladness: come into HIS presence with singing…
Enter into HIS gates with thanksgiving, and into HIS courts with praise.”
Ps. 100: 1-2, 4

4. “MY WORD.
EAT IT! FOR IT IS FOOD FOR YOU.
EAT IT!
EAT IT!
EAT IT!
I SHALL REVEAL MYSTERIES AS YOU EAT MY LIVING WORD.”

“If you abide in MY word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.”
John 8: 31-32

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”
Heb. 4:12

5. “OBEDIENCE TO MY INNER PROMPTINGS!
OBEDIENCE TO MY WORD!
NOT HALF-HEARTED OBEDIENCE!”

“If you love ME, keep MY commandments.”
John14: 15

“As the FATHER loved ME, I also have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in MY love, just as I have kept MY FATHER’S commandments and abide in HIS love.”
John 15: 9-10

6. “DANCE!!!!!!!!
I CREATED YOU TO DANCE!”

“Then David danced before YAHWEH with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod…
Now as the ark of YAHWEH came into the city of David, Michal, Saul’s daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and twirling before YAHWEH; and she despised him in her heart…
Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul, came out to meet David and said, “How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids and the servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!…
And David said to Michal, ‘It was before YAHWEH…
Therefore I will play music before YAHWEH. And I will be even more undignified than this.’

Therefore Michal, the daughter of Saul, had no children till the day of her death.”
2 Sam. 6: 13, 16, 20-21; 23

"Let them praise HIS name with the dance."
Ps. 149: 3

"Praise HIM with the timbrel and dance."
Psalm 150: 4a

"YOU STILL THINK SOME OF MY COMMANDS ARE OPTIONAL.
THEY ARE NOT!"

"Do not think I have come to destroy the Law (God's teaching and instruction) or the prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till Heaven and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the Law (God's teaching and instruction) till all is fulfilled."
Matt. 5: 17-18

7. "POUR YOURSELF OUT AS I POURED MYSELF OUT FOR YOU—
WITH MERCY,
TENDERNESS,
AND LOVE TO YOU FELLOW MAN AND WOMAN.

READ THE BOOK OF JAMES OFTEN.

THERE WAS A REASON THIS BOOK WAS SO DISPUTED WHEN IT CAME TIME TO CHOOSE WHICH LETTERS TO INCLUDE.

IT CALLS ON MY SERVANTS TO BE MORE THAN SUNDAY WARRIORS.

IT CALLS ON MY BOND-SERVANTS AND MAIDENS TO POUR THEMSELVES OUT.

I MEANT WHAT I SAID WHEN I SPOKE, 'TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.'

LOOK AT MOTHER THERESA. AS SHE POURED HERSELF OUT, I POURED MYSELF IN. OH, I KNOW HER DOCTRINE MAY DIFFER FROM YOURS. WHAT I LOOK AT ARE HEARTS, AND HER HEART WAS FILLED WITH MY HEART."

"Then Jesus (YESHUA) said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after ME, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow ME."
Matt 16: 24 also Mark 8: 34 and 10:31, Luke 9:23

"But be doers of the WORD, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away and immediately forgets the kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the WORD, this one will be blessed in what he does…

Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their troubles, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 2:1:22-25, 27

"What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works. Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food and one of you says to them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled..' but you did not give them the things which are needed by the body, what does it profit? Thus also, faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead."
James2: 14-17

"THIS MY CHILD ENCOMPASSES PRESCHOOL LESSON # 1."

And then I saw my LION quietly reposing in the HOLY OF HOLIES. There was a large jeweled crown on his head. Light was bouncing off the golden crown. Light was everywhere.

HE turned his head and smiled at me.

Then the vision faded away.

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My Summary of lesson # 1

1. **Always remember my Creator throughout the day.**

2. **Pray and sing in tongues often.**

3. **Worship – abandoned, undignified, unreligious worship!**

4. **Eat HIS WORD. EAT IT! EAT IT! EAT IT! Mysteries will be unlocked as I do so.**

5. **Be OBEDIENT to HIS WORD and the MOST HOLY SPIRIT'S prompting. Don't procrastinate.**

6. **Dance before YAHWEH!**

7. **Pour myself out tenderly, as HE poured HIMSELF out for me.**

Read the book of James often.

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Lion Of Zion 21and 22

Rosie Lovejoy

The Seeing Eye Lion
Lion Of Zion # 21
Rosie Lovejoy

May 8, 2005
This vision occurred during extended Praise and Worship at the Church I attend. It had been a difficult three weeks in Real Estate. I had spent no time or even much thought on the LORD. I was exhausted, burnt out, and desperately needing HIM.

I saw myself in a long flowing dress with a colorful blindfold covering my eyes. I was holding a white cane in my right hand. My left hand was attached to a handle, like seeing-eye dogs wear, and the blind among us hold onto. The handle was not attached to a seeing-eye dog, rather it was attached to my LION!
As I watched, I was dumbfounded to see myself walking haltingly, holding onto the handle with my left hand, and using the white cane to feel my way with the other hand.
The LION walked very slowly, mindful that HE was leading someone (me!) who was blind and totally reliant on HIM.
I was so humbled by the scene as I watched myself stumble and trip as I tried to move forward, with my white cane and LION.
Then the LION spoke.
THIS IS YOUR TRUE CONDITION.
YOU HAVE BECOME BLINDED BY CARES OF THE WORLD.
YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
THIS IS THE CONDITION OF MANY OF MY CHILDREN.
YOU THINK YOU SEE, BUT YOU ARE REALLY BLIND.

Then HE continued to walk with me, as I stumbled and held on for dear life.
Then the vision faded gently away.

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Waiting With The Lion
Lion Of Zion # 22
Rosie Lovejoy

May 22, 2005

I was standing on a high, windswept plain. There were early summer grasses with lush heads of seeds at my feet. A few wildflowers were dotted among the grasses. The wind was gently blowing, a crisp wind like one finds in high places. It felt like early summer mountain winds, above tree line winds. The smells were those of the mountains, too. There were no trees in sight, only grasses and flowers and mountain breezes.

I was wearing the same long flowing dress I had worn in LION OF ZION # 21. My left hand was holding onto the handle of a halter that was worn by my favorite LION. The only difference between this vision and my last vision, was that this time I had no blindfold, and my right hand was free of the white cane.

The LION was striding, and I was holding onto the handle as tightly as I was able. I did not, under any circumstances, want to lose hold of my LION. So I was jogging along side HIM, holding tightly. Up ahead a beautiful light appeared. It was golden, and softly shimmering. It appeared that the LION was striding towards this light.

An intense desire rose up within me to drop hold of the halter and run into the light. I knew that this is what I would have done before last week's vision. This time I was not going to let go!!!! I WAS NOT GOING TO GO FORWARD ON MY OWN IN MY OWN STRENGTH! NOT WITHOUT MY LION! NO WAY!!!!!

When we were about 100 feet away, the LION laid down and began to clean HIMSELF.

I couldn't believe it! We were so close to the light, and HE was licking HIMSELF, cleaning HIMSELF!! I watched the light. I longed for the LIGHT! But I did not leave HIS side.

I sat down beside HIM, my eyes watching the light. It became more and more brilliant as it slowly began moving towards us. My LION continued to groom HIMSELF as the light approached. When the light was about 30 feet from us, it halted.

My gaze roamed from the LION to the light, back and forth, back and forth. The LION finished grooming HIMSELF, stretched and laid down to rest. And so I did what any reasonable lover of the LION would do, I reclined against my friend, and waited with HIM.

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Lion Of Zion 23 – 24
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Lion Of Zion # 23
The Valley Of Decision
Rosie Lovejoy

May 22, 2005
During worship I once again found myself on a high, grassy plateau with my LION. It is the same place I have been in the last two visions. The grasses are blooming, small wildflowers dot the plateau, and high breezes are gently blowing through my hair.
I am with my LION as HE leads me over to the edge of a high, high bluff. As HE stands at the edge, I placed my arm gently about HIM. I felt such peace and contentment being with HIM in this place again.
Down below was a large, level plain that stretched for miles in all directions. The plain was filled with standing people, all nations and races. There were thousands and thousands of people.

Then I heard the words "VALLEY OF DECISION" reverberate through my Spirit.
I quickly looked at the LION and HE began to speak to me.

"THIS IS THE VALLEY OF DECISION.
EACH OF YOU MUST DECIDE WHO RULES YOUR HEART.
FOR MY WINDS ARE BEGINNING TO BLOW."

As I watched the people below, some looked up and saw the LION. They immediately prostrated themselves on the ground, oblivious to the dirt that was staining their clothing. Others looked up, and upon seeing the LION, stood defiantly. Others stood awestruck, but did not kneel. Many looked up, and it was clear that they could not see the LION. It was as if they were blinded from seeing HIM.

Others jeered, and raised their middle fingers at the KING. They yelled profanity at HIM.
And then a strong, strong wind began to blow among the people below. And most of the people just stood, being buffeted by the winds, staring at the LION.
I gasped as I saw many of the defiant ones began to kick and spit on those who had prostrated themselves before the LION.
Again the LION spoke.

"MY WINDS ARE BLOWING, AND EACH OF YOU MUST DECIDE TODAY
WHOM YOU WILL SERVE.
I NEVER SAID IT WOULD BE EASY.
I TOLD YOU THERE WOULD BE PERSECUTION.
THE CROSS IS NOT AN EASY THING, YET I HAVE ASKED EACH OF YOU TO PICK UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.
KNOW THAT MY WINDS ARE BLOWING,

AND MY FIRE IS BLAZING,
AND MY TIME HAS COME!
THIS IS THE VALLEY OF DECISION.
EACH OF YOU ARE NOW IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION.
CHOOSE YOU TODAY WHO YOU WILL SERVE.

As I watched the multitudes below, I saw a fire, a red, hot fire spread through the multitude of people—blazing and burning. Those prostrate on the ground were untouched by the fire, as it whirled over their prostrate forms.
The vision faded as the fire was whipped by the winds through the crowds below.

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Lion Of Zion # 24
Ark Of Safety
Rosie Lovejoy

June 23, 2005

During extraordinary worship I found myself in the VALLEY OF DECISION. During my last vision, I was standing above the VALLEY looking at the multitude of people below.
This time, I was in the VALLEY OF DECISION along with the rest of the people presently on earth.

At the end of the VALLEY stood a huge, wooden boat, almost identical to numerous drawings I have seen of Noah's ARK. It was being propped up by large pieces of timber. A rough wooden plank, about 4 feet wide, led up to the boat. It had numerous smaller pieces of wood nailed to it so that the people going up the plank would not slip.

To my horror, there were no handrails! Yet no one, old or young, seemed to need the handrails. They were slowly and easily walking up the plank. There were very, very, few entering the ARK, compared to all the people in the Valley. Yet the stream of people entering the ARK was steady.
Then I heard the words of my LION:

"TERRIBLE TIMES ARE ON THE HORIZON—
WAR,
PLAGUE,
AND FAMINE.
JUST AS IN NOAH'S TIME, THE GROUND WAS DRY.
NOBODY HAD SEEN THE KINDS OF RAINS THAT WERE TO COME.
NOAH WAS OBEDIENT AND BUILT THE ARK AND
WHEN I TOLD HIM TO, HE AND HIS FAMILY BOARDED AND WERE SAFE.
THE OTHERS PERISHED.
STORM CLOUDS ARE NOW ON THE HORIZON.

TERRIBLE TIMES ARE AHEAD—
WAR,
FAMINE,
AND PLAGUE.
EACH AND EVERY PERSON IS NOW IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION,
AND EACH IS CHOOSING NOW WHOM THEY WILL SERVE.
THE TIME IS SHORT.
THE DECISION IS BEING MADE NOW.
MANY WHO ARE "CHRISTIANS" ARE CHOOSING
MONEY,
POWER,
PRESTIGE,
CONTROL,
RELIGION,
AND OTHER THINGS,
RATHER THAN ME.
THEY ARE MAKING THE WRONG CHOICE.
MANY WHO ARE PRESENTLY NOT IN MY KINGDOM ARE CHOOSING ME
OR WILL CHOOSE ME.
NOW IS THE TIME TO CHOOSE.
THE TIME IS SHORT.
CHOOSE ME.
CHOOSE TO COME ABOARD THE ARK OF SAFETY WITH ME."

As HIS words ended, I found myself on the ramp going up to the ARK. To my surprise, there were handrails for me to hold onto. The vision ended as I answered my LION’S call to come aboard HIS ARK OF SAFETY with HIM.

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Lion Of Zion 25

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Golden Glory And War

Rosie Lovejoy

June 12, 2005

As the new rendition of Amazing Grace was being sung during an afternoon of worship, I found myself in a familiar place….

The musicians were singing AMAZING GRACE. I found myself in the spirit on my face before the LION. I was grasping HIS feet, and sobbing and confessing, and feeling so very grateful to the LORD for HIS mercy and kindness to me. I wept and wept, grasping tightly to HIS paws -- so grateful, so very grateful to HIM.

After a long time of weeping, I arose to see that a large, gold, jeweled crown now sat on HIS head. HE very much looked like the KING that HE is, beautiful and golden.

Again I leapt to the ground, face down, holding tightly to HIS paws. I did not want to be standing before my KING. In previous visions I have seen too many people being burnt up (Christians included) who stood arrogantly or foolishly before the KING.

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." And I have learned that it is just plain stupid to refuse to recognize the KING'S sovereignty.

And then I did do something really unexpected. I got up and mounted HIS back, as if I expected to go for a ride with HIM. I couldn't believe I had done that!!!! I was filled with panic, slid off HIS back, and once again threw myself down at HIS feet, telling HIM I hadn't a clue why I was behaving this way, and I was sorry for being so disrespectful.

And then, almost as if propelled, I arose and once again climbed onto HIS back. HE immediately began to walk down a rocky mountain path.

Once again I became very anxious, as I didn't want to go downhill, I wanted to go uphill. Experience with my LION has taught me that journeys downhill usually result in my seeing something I do not want to see. And so I opened my eyes in the natural, and continued to enthusiastically worship, hoping the vision would just go away. It did not…

The LION continued to carefully walk downhill. The ground was rocky and dusty, the vegetation was sparse, and it appeared to be approaching dusk.

Off in the distance I heard the sounds of war. There were explosions and puffs of smoke. I saw an urban area, and fighting was fierce and fiery. I knew it was my country, and the fighting was here, on my soil. I was so sick at heart I wanted to throw up. I was so nauseous I could barely stay on HIS back. I did not want to see this!!!!!!!!

And then, off to the side of the fierce fighting, I saw a large golden mist in the sky. From that mist gold dust was raining down, a thick heavy rain like one sees during a thunderstorm. The glory was pouring down and the battle was raging.

"THIS IS HOW IT WILL BE," HE stated.

"THERE WILL BE JUDGMENT AND GLORY AT THE SAME TIME."

I sat on HIS back, watching the fierce fighting and watching the golden glory rain down as the vision faded away.

I want to personally comment on this vision. I have been shown war on USA soil a number of times. I know fierce fighting is ahead for my beloved land. But I have no idea when this may be. It may be soon or it may be years away. The fighting appears to involve tanks or tank like vehicles, grenades, rockets, etc. It was street fighting, deadly, fierce fighting.

I have been told that any prophet who prophesies negative things on the horizon is a false prophet. We are only to encourage, edify, and exhort. That is what "New Testament" prophets do.

I don’t consider myself a prophet at all. I am simply someone who has been blessed to meet my KING in a way that is very joyful and personal to me. I do not doubt for a moment that very somber times are on the horizon for the USA. And with these terrible times also comes the GLORY.

Lion Of Zion 26 and 27

Rosie Lovejoy

Lion Of Zion 26
Restless Waters And Foul Spirits

By Rosie Lovejoy

October 7, 2005

Like all other LION OF ZION visions, this happened during a prolonged time of Praise and Worship.

As I was worshiping and dancing before the LORD, I saw my favorite friend, THE LION OF ZION. He was standing upright, with the wind blowing HIS mane. HIS gaze was fixed ahead, as if HE was seeing things I could not see.

I approached HIM and tried to climb onto HIS back. It was as if HIS back was covered with Vaseline, and I kept falling off. (*I might add, as the observer of this scene I was horrified at my behavior. I was being so bold and disrespectful. UCK!)* Yet I kept persisting in trying to mount HIM.

As I picked myself off the ground from another fruitless attempt, HE turned HIS head and spoke to me.

"PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT TO DO IT THE SAME WAY THIS TIME."

HE said. **"PERHAPS YOU'RE TO AWAIT MY DIRECTION…"**

He then led me over to the edge of a bluff. Far below the waves were pounding on the base of the bluff, pounding and pounding. The water was gray and choppy, with foamy white caps. Salt spray filled the air. The air was cool and damp, like a late autumn day in the Pacific Northwest, USA.

As I watched the churning water below. I saw a monkey like demon come out of the water. It began climbing the bluff towards us. It was large, about five feet tall, skinny, with hollow eye sockets and mangy hair. Its movement was rapid, and its focus intent. I felt no fear at its approach, as I was standing right next to my KING.

It topped the bluff, and ran towards us, and then quickly passed us by. I was sure the demon had not seen us, as it did not even look in our direction. It was purposeful in its intended destination, like a robot on assignment.

The LION spoke,

"MANY FOUL SPIRITS HAVE BEEN LOOSED ON THE EARTH AT THIS TIME, IN RESPONSE TO THE FOULNESS OF MEN AND THE FOULNESS OF THEIR MINDS."

As I contemplated what HE had just said, HE continued,

"THEY ARE PROWLING AROUND THE EARTH, CHOOSING THOSE THEY WILL DEVOUR, AND THERE ARE MANY, TOO MANY, WILLING TO BE DEVOURED BY THE FOUL SPIRITS."

Once again I had been lovingly shown that the only safe place is next to HIM, clinging to HIM, abiding in HIM. The demon had not even seen me, and had walked right past me, without even a glance my way.

"I TOLD YOU AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR THAT 'THIS IS THE YEAR MY WINDS WILL BLOW.' NOW I WILL SAY THAT MY WATERS HAVE BECOME RESTLESS."

I once again looked down at the base of the bluff. The waves were pounding and pounding against the base of the cliff.

"JUST AS THE FOUL SPIRITS HAVE BEEN LOOSED UPON THE EARTH, SO TOO WILL THE EARTH BEGIN TO VOMIT UP LAVA AND FIRE IN RESPONSE TO THE FOULNESS BEING VOMITED BY MEN AT THIS TIME."

I saw cracks begin to appear in the ground, and steam began to rise from the fissures. Soon lava began oozing out of the cracks, hot and frightful.

"Just like Reverend Susan's vision!" I exclaimed. *

HE said with a smile in HIS voice,

"SHE DEFINITELY IS THE SENIOR OF YOU TWO. YOU HAVE BOTH SEEN THE SAME THING BECAUSE IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN!"

Although the subject matter was so serious, I felt light hearted and joyful just being next to my FRIEND. There was a peace knowing that HE was in control of it all.

I then joked about how this wasn't a good time to buy waterfront, (*I sell real estate on a large island, and everybody wants waterfront*) and HE smiled his LION'S smile.

And then I had a horrifying thought, *"I hope this isn't the Valley of Decision I am looking at!"* If it was, it was now filled with water, restless, crashing waves, and choppy foam. There were now no people; no ARK OF SAFETY, nothing to suggest it might have once been land.

The bluff looked the same, the place I was standing looked the same, but the Valley was filled with water, and no humans could survive the onslaught on the churning waves.

HE just smiled his LION smile as I clung to him, looking out over the stormy scene.

As the vision faded away, I began shouting with my whole being to the wind, to the waves, to the demonic forces,

"Smal Israel!

YAHWEH elahino!

YAHWEH ehad!"

"Smal Israel!

YAHWEH elahino!

YAHWEH ehad!"

"Smal Israel!

YAHWEH elahino!

YAHWEH ehad!" **

over and over, LOUDER AND LOUDER.

Reverend Susan Cummings is my favorite Prophetess, and I was referring to one of her latest visions. Here's a link to her prophecy page.

http://groups.msn.com/cummingsfamilyadventures/propheticwords.msnw

** **"Listen up and obey, Israel!**

YAHWEH your God,

YAHWEH is one and united!"

Deuteronomy 6:4

Lion Of Zion 27
Rosie Lovejoy

Lion Of Zion 27
"Cling To Me And Do Not Stray!"
by Rosie Lovejoy
October 9, 2005

Once again I found myself on a bluff, overlooking crashing waves and violent water below. The wind was blowing and a storm was clearly approaching. I was in the same place I had been in LION OF ZION # 26, and numerous other visions.

Standing next to me was my LION, my LORD, and my KING. I gently draped my arm over his neck, and placed my cheek against HIS cheek. I felt such love emanating from HIM and for HIM. I was suspended in an atmosphere of love.
HE then spoke,

"YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE TO BE CLOSER TO ME IN THE DAYS AHEAD THAN YOU ARE NOW. YOU WILL NEED TO CLING TO ME AND ANSWER MY GENTLE WHISPER.
I AM THE KING COMING TO RECLAIM MY KINGDOM,
COMING TO SET THINGS STRAIGHT,
COMING TO ROAR.
DO NOT STRAY!
DO NOT STEP FROM ME EVEN A FEW STEPS,
FOR IT WILL BE TOO FAR!
DO NOT STRAY!
DO NOT STRAY!"

I looked at the scene ahead of me. Waves were crashing far below. The water was choppy and foamy and filled with small debris. The wind was blowing and thick gray clouds were rolling in from the sea.
I felt such love for my KING that I bent over and tenderly kissed the top of HIS head.
Then I continued to watch the scene -- wind and waves and rolling clouds.

I looked once again at LION and was surprised to see that where I had kissed HIM, a gorgeous golden jeweled crown now sat.
HE invited me to mount HIM, and I like the obstinate, foolish woman I am, I refused.

(I didn't want to be riding on the back of the crowned LION OF ZION!… It felt too presumptuous and disrespectful. I have so much yet to learn about obedience and surrender. And from what I am being shown, time is running out for HIS disobedient disciples, including me!)

Rather, I knelt before HIM, and looked directly into HIS gentle eyes of love. I told HIM how much I loved HIM and how much HE meant to me.
"COME!" HE ordered.
I looked up and a huge eagle appeared and landed next to us.
"COME!" the eagle ordered.
This time I didn't refuse. I climbed onto the back of the eagle and it began to climb high into the sky.
We passed through the misty clouds and left the seashore far behind, flying inland.
From high above the earth the eagle began to speak to me.

**"SEE HOW YOU ARE CLINGING TO ME AS I FLY.
YOU REALIZE THAT IF YOU LET GO FOR EVEN AN INSTANT, THAT YOU WILL FALL OFF AND DIE.
SO IT WILL BE IN THE TIMES AHEAD. THOSE NOT CLINGING TO ME WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER OF LOSING THEIR LIVES AND NOT FULFILLING THEIR MISSIONS. THE TIMES AHEAD ARE FAR MORE PERILOUS THAN YOU CAN NOW IMAGINE.
THERE IS SAFETY IN THE SHADOW OF MY WINGS.
THERE IS PROTECTION IN THE SHADOW OF MY WINGS.
THERE IS LOVE IN THE SHADOW OF MY WINGS.
THAT IS WHERE YOU NEED TO BE."**

I looked down and saw small cracks begin to appear in the surface of the earth with steam coming out of them. There were cracks in roadways, cracks in farmland, cracks in unexpected places.
And so I clung to the eagle as we soared high above the changing earth below.

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Living Souls Die In The Sea Of Unbelief

Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:3

Alone she wandered hill and valley
Through alleyways
And rooms filled with discord
A wounded soul ever seeking
Escape from memories
That pierced her heart like a deadly sword.

How her troubled heart lay broken
Upon the shore of shattered dreams
Where her only source of sustenance
Was to drink from darkened waters fed by polluted streams.

Youth passed by without her knowing
Why her troubled soul
Could not be stilled
She had engaged in man’s highest calling
Yet she could not find fulfillment
In the idols of gold.

How her restless mind did wander
Leading her far away from home
Guided by thoughts of quiet desperation
She felt herself falling deeper into Sheol.

Then arose a day when she faltered
When from the realm of man’s wisdom
God’s message of love could be heard
She heard it said there was a path of restoration
Where dreams were conceived
According to God’s Holy Word.

If living to satisfy her heart’s desires
Had led her to death’s unloosed door
Then was it true she could live inspired
By following God’s Holy Word?
Could her heart rise up higher
Beyond the feelings of pain and discord
And live at peace with God forever
In His arms of love secure.

How her restless mind had wandered
How she had sung such a sad song
Would she ever turn toward God’s mercy
And partake of God’s undying love.

> *“And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.” Revelation 16:3*
>
> *“And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.” Revelation 17:15*

“There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit." A man, whose identity is in Christ, will bear the image (likeness) of Christ, because God's life transforming Holy Spirit, which is received through faith in Christ, will reveal the intent behind God's Word, to the man's heart and mind. The revelation of God's intentions spoken through the Word, will transform the way a man relates to God and the world around him. He will be "transformed by the renewing of" his mind as he looks upon the Word, prays to the Lord, and seeks God according to the leading of the Spirit, so that he bears evidence to the goodness of God.

When a man's heart and mind are transformed by the Word and the Holy Spirit, he will be made new, in the sense that he will have a new mindset that is aligned with God. Where once he lived his life according to the desires of the carnal, Adamic man, who exalts self above God, so that God is of no importance in his life, when made new, born again of the Spirit through faith in Christ, he will live his life according to the desires of the Lord, looking upon and exalting God's Word above all else.

A man, who bears the image (likeness) of Christ, will live his life demonstrating God's ability to transform a man's heart and mind. His soul, when under the influence of the Word and the Holy Spirit, will be transformed to react to the world around him, as Christ reacted. It is through the power of the divine nature that the soul of the carnal man is transformed to walk aligned with the heart of Christ, so that he no longer denies or limits the power of the living God, or of God's love toward him.

A man who walks renewed of heart and mind, because of the influence of the Word and God's Holy Spirit within his life, is a man who has been judged unto righteousness. The blood that Jesus Christ shed upon the cross has profited his soul, so that he lives in honor onto God. The New Testament established upon the better promises of Jesus Christ, is in force within his life, so that Christ's sacrifice is of great value to him. Because he understands that the precious blood of Christ has set him free from sin's reign of death, his heart will cease to condemn him, so that he is able to come "boldly unto the throne of grace, that we [he] may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

> *"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus." Romans 3:21-26*

For a man to stand righteous before God, his faith must be placed securely in Jesus Christ. To be found in a proper relationship with God, a man's heart must be toward Jesus Christ, so that God's judgment unto righteousness can be pronounced upon his life. Though God's perfect judgment declared that death should reign over all men because of sin, through Jesus Christ God extended His hand of grace, so that men's sins were forgiven. The righteous blood of Jesus Christ made atonement for men's sins. A man, whose faith is in Christ, will be forgiven his sins, because of the atoning blood of Christ. God has made it possible for men, who have all their lives come short of the glory of God, to pass through the gates of salvation, and partake of His glory, through faith in Jesus Christ. Not of their own works, lest any man should boast, but according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

God, who had determined righteousness amongst the tribes of Israel according to the law, has now made it possible for all men, Jew and Gentile, to obtain righteousness according to faith in Jesus Christ. What the law could not accomplish, in making men perfect, would be accomplished through Jesus Christ. The law had pointed to the importance of the shedding of blood in making restitutions for men's sin, but when the precious blood of Jesus Christ, the spotless Lamb of God, was shed upon the cross, the final atoning sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins was accomplished. No other sacrifice for the restitution of men's sins would be required of God.

The blood that Jesus Christ shed upon the cross has made it possible for men to be partaker's of God's kingdom of eternal righteousness. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, filled with God's Spirit of holiness, has appeared before God on behalf of sinful men, to make restitution for their sins. The precious blood of Jesus Christ is the better sacrifice that purified the heavenly things themselves, so that it is no longer necessary for any other sacrifice to be offered on behalf of men's sins. For those whose faith is in Jesus Christ, the knowledge of the sacrifice of the precious Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, is a truth which speaks of the importance of drawing near to God, having had their "hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience" without doubting God's grace and mercy toward them.

> *"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Romans 5:5-10*

When men were without strength to fight against the ravages of death, because of sin, Jesus Christ fought the good fight on their behalf. It was Jesus Christ, who gained the victory for men over sin and death. His precious blood has made it possible for men, who have no strength to fight against the lusts that so easily pull men into a pit, where suffering and fear blind them to the possibility of joy in this life, to gain strength to climb out of the pit, and walk as thankful participants in God's kingdom of righteousness. It is the precious blood of Christ, who purified the heaven's themselves, causing God to open wide His temple doors and release His life transforming Holy Spirit, so that the hearts of those whose faith was toward the Lord could be partakers of God's glory. It is the precious blood of Christ, who purified the heavens, setting the temple of the Lord in order for the receiving of men.

God has established judgment in heaven and on earth according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ. God, the divine righteous judge, has created all things for His own pleasure. It is according to His pleasure that He has determined that all men, whose faith is in Jesus Christ, should be loosed from the death sentence that sin has placed upon them. God, as the divine judge over all of creation, has determined that Jesus "might sanctify [make holy] the people with his own blood." (Hebrews 13:12) The blood of Jesus Christ rent the veil in heaven in two, releasing the Spirit of holiness from God's throne room, so that men of faith, who walked the earth as mortal men, might find "salvation through sanctification of the Spirit."

God is the righteous judge who unites in holy union His Holy Spirit, to the spirit and soul of men, so that while men walk upon earth, they will "sanctify the Lord God in your hearts." (1 Peter 3:15) And it is God, who upon a man's physical death, will welcome the man whose spirit and soul have been united with His eternal Spirit of holiness, to his place prepared in "paradise", so that eternally they shall be one. Just as Jesus turned to the thief on the cross and said: "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43), so will those whose faith is in Jesus Christ dwell with the Lord forever in "paradise" upon physical death.

> *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." 1 Peter 1:18-21*

Upon earth dwells a nation of people, united unto God, through the Holy Spirit. These people are spread out within the four corners of the earth. They live in different locations, and speak with different tongues, and yet, through the Spirit, they are joined one to another, because they are joined to the Father, who supplies His eternal Spirit in abundance to each of them. Each one of these people has been set apart unto God, through the Holy Spirit. They are a royal priesthood, who live unto God in all sincerity. They are in the world, but not of the world. Those of the world, who deny in their hearts the power and authority of God, stand in darkness, blind to the goodness of God, and do not recognize them, but according to the leading of the Spirit, God's own know each other.

The sanctifying Holy Spirit has moved upon their hearts and minds, in the power and authority of God, so that situations that do not reflect the glory and goodness of God have lost the ability to control and direct their lives. They find that they are able to rest in the knowledge that God is able to lead them, teach them, and instruct them in the ways of truth. They have learned that to live trusting in the flesh, which exalts self above God, brings strife into their lives; but to look to God in every situation is to find rest for their souls. They have established their lives upon Jesus Christ. Their identity is in Christ, He is the one they look toward and place their trust in. They trust He will be faithful to complete the good work that He has started within their lives, so that they will live demonstrating the power of a holy God to transform lives. Though they were once in darkness, denying, ridiculing the authority of God, they now stand in the Light, who is Jesus Christ, and are able to see and proclaim God's hand of authority upon all of creation. They continually offer up thanksgiving unto God's holy name.

While upon the earth there is a holy nation of people united unto God through the Spirit, and through Him unto one another, there also dwells upon the earth a nation of people, who through their disregard toward the power of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, are united in their attitudes and beliefs. This group of people united in their disregard toward a holy God, and toward the understanding of their need of a Savior to release them from sin's reign of death, are also scattered within the four corners of the earth. As the book of Revelation unfolds, God refers to this group of people, as the "sea." (Rev. 17:15). This group of people, united in their unbelief, and in their perceived limited significance of God, Jesus Christ, and the life transforming power of the Holy Spirit, are as a polluted sea that covers the earth.

God looks upon this group of people who disregard the Savior, Jesus Christ, and the purpose and power of the Holy Spirit, and pronounces judgment upon them. Because they refuse God's hand of salvation offered through Jesus Christ, His judgment upon sin, which is death, remains. Though God proclaims through all of creation, through His Holy Word, and through His messengers who bring the "gospel of peace", that through faith in Jesus Christ is found eternal life in the Holy Spirit, they refuse to respond to God's call. In this people's disregard of the message of salvation, through faith in Jesus Christ, is found evidence of God's verdict of death upon every soul who makes up the sea that covers the earth.

God pours out His judgment upon this group of people united in their unbelief, and as His judgment is poured out, each soul in the sea dies. The blood of Christ profits them nothing. These people are alive in the physical sense, as the blood that flows through their veins attests to, but in the spiritual sense, they are dead. They have not passed through God's gates of salvation, so that eternal life, found in the Holy Spirit, does not flow through their lives, influencing their hearts and minds. Because they stand outside God's gates of salvation, their identity is with death. They are dead in their sins, and have not received the living waters (Holy Spirit) poured out from God's throne room on high. They do not understand that life is found in the blood of Christ. They cannot fathom that the blood of Christ purged the heavens, opening wide God's temple doors, so that His Spirit of holiness is released into the hearts of men whose faith is in Christ. They cannot fathom anyone being a partaker of eternal life, found in the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ.

> *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Romans 8:6-10*

Death reigns over men who make up the polluted sea that covers the earth, because they have not received (been born again of) the Holy Spirit. They are carnally minded, and naturally exalt self above God when seeking direction, wisdom, love and purpose in life. And because the peace of God, found in the Holy Spirit, does not impact their thoughts and desires, they will remain collectively a group that is "tossed with tempest, and not comforted."

In the flesh, the Adamic self, which exalts man and idols above God, is found no good thing to prosper a man's soul. Only through faith in Jesus Christ, and receiving the Holy Spirit, will men find eternal truth, peace and wisdom, in which to bear fruit worthy of God's kingdom of righteousness. A man who refuses God's gift of salvation from death's reign, found in the Holy Spirit through faith in Jesus Christ, walks in the flesh, and therefore before God "he is none of his."

God will not bless a man with eternal, abundant life, found in the Holy Spirit, if his faith is not securely placed upon Jesus Christ. A man, who makes up the sea where men are as dead men, is a carnally minded man and, therefore as a carnally minded man, is still in bondage to death's sting, which is sin. He is alive in the natural sense, but in the spiritual sense, he is dead, because he is not united unto God through the Holy Spirit. He has not entered into and partaken of God's kingdom of righteousness. His ears cannot hear God's Holy Word calling out to him, his eyes cannot behold God's majesty that covers the heavens and the earth, so that he gives God all the glory, and he has not had the finger of God write His commandments of love upon his heart, so that the intent behind God's message to mankind is not understood.

> *"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:18-19*

Peter and his brother Andrew would follow Jesus, and they would become fishers of men. They would be used of God to deliver many men's souls from out of the troubled sea where death and destruction rage havoc within the lives of men. They would use the Word of God to catch men up into the arms of the Father's love. They would live unto God in full demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit, so that many who were drowning in the sea of despair would seek to know from where their authority came.

As it was in the day of Peter and Andrew, so it is today. Many souls are dying in the polluted sea, having been caught up unto sin and death, and believe there is no escape from their suffering and misery. May men, whose faith is firmly established upon Jesus Christ, be led of God, to speak the good news of salvation to those tossed and turned by the raging waves of the sea. May fishers of men be united in their determination to obey God's leading, no matter where or to whom He may lead them.

> *"For there is no difference between Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:12-15*

Lord Spoke Of Disaster

Misty Murphy

The Lord woke my daughter up at 2:00 A. M June 10, 2005. He spoke to her and said awake and pray. She said that she was so tired so she started praying while she was in bed. He then said arise I want to you to hear me. She got up and started to pray and as she started to pray the lord begin to speak to her. He said read Haggai and as you read I will speak to you. This is what the lord said to her as she read through the chapter of Haggai. In her words as I write from her prayer journal.

Haggai is what the lord told me to read I felt. I believe he was saying things are going to happen at the end of this month----like on June 24th. W e will be afraid but the lord says "Fear Not, For I'm with you". This will be a renewing of his temple. He's making our temple stronger because many will flood to his temple and finally call to his name. We are to accept them rather than shun them thinking they aren't real because they called on him in the midst of a disaster. God reminds us that we were once like them. More will begin to happen and God will be angry because he did so much good and he did things to try to warn people yet they still won't call on him so destruction will come upon them. But those who did call on him will find peace in his temple and nothing will harm us, God will have made each and everyone of us Warriors with no fear but that of God and his Judgment. That way we don't take too much pride in ourselves. End of the word.

When she told me the next day and showed me her journal I felt God so strong and I knew he had spoken to her. She is 17 and really stating to flow in the gift that God had given her.

Like Sheep Without A Shepherd

Dave Hood

(UK)

I am the good shepherd. I have come to seek and to save that which is lost. I have come to guide and to bring home. T o forgive and forget in my mercy, through the cross of my son Jesus Christ. I have not come to fight or to flatter, but to fellowship with you and you with me and one another. I have not come to fail you or forget you, but for friendship with you. This is through and in myself, this is not of yourself, this is of me. For I come to seek and to save and to restore and resurrect that relationship and to raise you up as sons and daughters, children of the Most high God.

I have come to clear the way for you, to clear the way for man to come to me. Not to bar his way and hinder, but to show my kindness and mercy, my justice and truth. That I may display the glory of Myself, both on the earth as it is in the heavens, my home. For I desire to make for man a place with me, I their God.

I have a longing, a yearning, a crying out in the night. I hear the voice of my creation crying out in the night, in the dark and in the cold. I hear its cry of suffering anguish as it hurts itself trying to find a way back to me. The lostness of man calling for his God. In great anguish and in pain is his voice hid in my heart. I do not forget, nor am I to be forgotten. For I am high and mighty above all that man can know or think. I alone am to be revered and feared and not the thoughts, minds, voices and attitudes of man.

Put your trust in me my people, for in me you are safe. Safe by my side as I lead and guide you through this dark world, picking up stragglers as you go along on your way, following me and seeing my light, in you, giving sight to darkened minds and blind eyes, giving my strength to crippled limbs, giving my heart and kingdom to joyless souls, health to hurt bodies and unhealed wounds. Making them both whole and complete in me, by my power alone. Releasing captives and prisoners, as my kingdom in my Son draws nigh, a kingdom of hope and health.

I need you my people to reach out and touch them, taking and touching their hands with yours, just as I reached out and touched you, taking your hands in mine. I need you to accept my grace to stand, as I myself hold you above the deep by my power, by my lifeline, to spend out to those below. I wish them to become plunder for me, for they are mine and I hear and feel their lostness, fear and numbness and I want to lead them home, to bring them to my place of eternal rest.

Help me my people, search with your hearts, search in prayer, look for and find in me their hope, see, know and understand my power to save them, to feel my pain, my sorrow, my grief and suffering for them. Let me melt your heart with mine, let the fire of and within my soul ignite you. Light the blue touch paper and stand back, watch the fireworks start. Watch, see my love light up the darkness, see my flame burn bright, feel it, know it, be touched by my warmth, as it pierces and burns up, melting the icy coldness, bringing life, heat and warmth at my presence.

Be on fire for me my people, burn with my passion, and heat up this world with my light. Radiate my love, let the red hot love of my heart emanate from the core of me in you. Let my red hot love flow, melting all before it, turning this darkness into desolation, till no more of this dark night prevail in it. (This was shared in a picture form which showed lava flowing from the mouth of a volcano, from within the depths of its heart. This lava burned up everything on the slopes and as it cooled it solidified, giving the darkness no opportunity to find a place to grow again).

Fierce, fierce are my flames, ready to make every human jungle to flare up as a tinder box, heated with the furnace of my love, till the temperature soars way past that which man may endure, encountering me in all my holiness, purity and splendor. The flame of my Spirit flaming brighter than it's ever flamed before.

Let the flame burn brighter, let my love and ardor consume and concern you, let my fire burn in my belly. Allow me to kindle you, to touch you where you are bare, naked and barren. Let me come to you and burn up and off all the dross. Skim, skim, skim, my hand is at work and my will, will be done. So rejoice my people for my time has come, my hour is close and my moment is at hand. Come, come my people and lead with me the lost, the lonely and dying, through this dark night, through into the golden dawn of my tomorrow. Come, come, and work with me, come, come to my table, to my heart and I will give you rest.

Come, come to me, come journey with me, come follow me all, come follow, with mirth and song and joy as I encamp myself around you and above you and around your enemies. Come, as I encircle them, the dark, as my flame and my gaze surrounds, as I look with glee at its coming destruction, as I corner and entrap him in his own darkness. Come, come see his humiliation, his defeat, come look and gloat over him, over his helplessness, have no mercy on him, no pity.

Resolve within your hearts to utterly destroy and decapitate, severing his head from the body of my creation, for the Lord of Hosts is My name, the Lord Almighty, the Holy One of Israel. To the sword my people, to the sword, put to death all that hinders, all that is in you not of me. Cut it off, leave it alone, leave it behind in the body of My Son and come and follow me.

For I will be near you, I will be with you, to help you in whatsoever you need to do, in whatever way that I call you to prepare for me, with me, a way to prepare with me and for me a people called and saved holy unto myself.

I was then reminded of a song, some of the words were...Let the flame burn brighter, in the heart of darkness, turning night to glorious day, let your love grow stronger as the day grows longer, let it shine, let it shine.

He continued to say…Let my love with through for me and for you, for I love you my people, I love each of you dearly each day, I long to caress and hold you close to myself, to heal you of your hurts and wants, to hold that which is of myself in your hearts, to touch and hold you keeping you unto myself. For I am lost without you, like a father without a son and a mother without a child. Unto you a son is given, unto you a child is born, unto you is given the hope and inheritance of heaven, given also…to the lost, that they through me will find their way home to me, my heart, to the secret place of my communion, I with thee and thee with me.

Go, go my people, go to the lost, go to the dark, say to it…"Your God reigns"…"proclaim Truth to it"…"Hope to it…Life to it:…in my Name. Go, go quickly out into the streets, into the highways and the byways and make them come in; for night is drawing to its close and in my day will be no more.

Come, come to me, to I call you, unto myself and drink only of Me, for in Me alone will your thirst be slaked and your life satisfied and yourself be found replete in me.

I have drawn near to thee, now you, yourself, draw near to me.

This was given to me by the Lord in August of 1995. I have read it a number of times since then. But today, it reignited. It may be what the Lord has been working in some of you over the past 10 years. It may be an indication, a reminding to us of the struggle we have gone and are going through…to say to us it is not for nothing…it may be the Lord saying like he said to Peter…cast your net out one more time, trust me to change you and for change another time, to bring to fruition your and his hopes, longings, needs and desires. It may be that we need to come to Him to *complete us for this place and time. But one thing is clear…whatever you believe…He is calling us to come, and come now. I believe Lord, help me Lord, help me where my faith and love falls short.*

Bless you all
Dave Hood (UK)
12th November 2005

Open Up That I May Open Out
Dave Hood (UK)

Some of you may remember the time earlier this year, when Big Ben stopped, and London Bridge refused to shut properly. These two events happened very close to one another. This was brought to my attention by Geoff Pick who administers the prophetic Anointing website (UK)

As he shared this I was given a vision. I was looking at the scene of London, looking down upon the Thames, from a high vantage point. I saw from the right, almost walking on the Thames, the Lord Jesus “arriving” as it were in His capital. Arriving at the seat of Government. He had an entourage and it looked like he might well have been on a Kingly barge. It reminded me of a barge procession Queen Cleopatra might have used to make her entrance, with her attendants in tow.

It was this aspect that caught my eye, the Lord Jesus, the King of all the earth, had his attendants attending.

A verse that came to mind was from Psalm 24. It was “Lift up your heads o ye gates, be lifted up you ancient doors that the King of Glory may come in (v7 and v9). I had the sense that he was entering his capital, to take his place amongst the many halls and residences of power. He was establishing this for Himself.

Somewhat later in the year, I was given a picture. I saw a pair of high double leafed doors, swinging open and outward. The doors were very high, perhaps 70 feet or so high, perhaps even higher. But the entrance was not as wide, compared to its height, making the doors looking quite slim. I saw that these doors shone, with the golden glory of God. Quickly I saw the scene from inside the building to which these opening doors were attached. I then saw that the doors were opening out onto the concourse, in front of the building. There were many people on the flat area before this building’s gates. The glory that shone out from the doors began to shine upon the people. The glory of the Lord upon the concourse of the peoples.

I then turned around, to look into the building and immediately I was given an immense sense of height and length and breadth to the internal dimensions of this building and towards the far end I saw the outline of a throne and someone sat upon it and was surrounded by many attendants. I could not see the detail clearly because the golden glory filled the place and covered the throne. But I knew that it was the Lord who sat on the throne, for I knew that this was His house, this was His temple. The Lord had come to the seat of his government, the set of his Throne.

I then heard the verse…do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God…the verse continues… you are not your own. It became clearer to me that the seat of government was not only the halls of power, but the Holy Temple, the Temple of His Church, His body, and he was taking up residence. To reign in his capital, within the centre of his home, to display the fullness of, His grace and glory with a citizenship he calls his own. To allow the brilliance of His glory to apprehend the concourse of the peoples…through shining out of the doors of his people.

Yes, He says, swing wide your gates, my people, open up your gates to me, that I may come in and reign and dwell with you, welcome me in, that you may reign and dwell with me, that I may display you as my people and you may display me as your King.

Later still, in fact about 2/3 weeks ago, he confirmed this. He took me to Ish.51:3…The Lord will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the lord. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanks giving and the sound of singing.

And then to…2 Chronicles 29:3. In the first month of the first year of his reign, he opened the doors of the temple of the Lord and repaired them. He wants to repair and clean. Open up our doors and gates to Him, so that his glory may go forth and out and reflect truly how glorious he is.

V34 reads…The priests, however, were TOO FEW…He needs more of us to invite Him in, to work alongside him so that he may be glorified, within and without his temple….why…
V35 reads…So the SERVICE of the TEMPLE of the LORD was REESTABLISHED.
V36 reads…Hezekiah and ALL the people rejoiced (the King and ALL his subjects) at what **God had brought about for his people**, because…IT WAS DONE SO QUICKLY.

He wants to extend compassion to us, to transform us to make us A SIGN of his grace and mercy…a sign to the peoples of his goodness…he does not want our places to be a wilderness, an uninhabited land, waste places or destruction, but wants to reverse what is happening in the shaking within the natural…and speak compassion. He wants to create his Eden, the garden of the Lord within the hearts and soils of His people, to take for Himself His bride, to defend, cover and surround her…he wants his own to become tenders of his house and temple and its surrounding grounds, courts and lands…

He wants us to let Him in and allow Him to consecrate our hearts, to repair and open, to SWING WIDE the gates, to Him, so he can swing open Himself to us and to the multitudes of people. It's not too late, but he's willing even this late hour. Praise His wonderful name. AMEN, amen.

Love Transcends All Boundaries

Terry Suggs

Love Is Unstoppable

God Is Love

Love goes to the places where there is a need and does something to help meet the need. Love heals the sick, clothes the naked, feeds the hungry. When Jesus came to earth and lived as a man on earth, He suffered the verbal and physical abuse from the ones He came to rescue from eternal damnation, but He did not change His mind. He stayed on His mission.

Our God is able to hold every star, galaxy, constellation and cluster in the universe in one hand and then speak another entire universe of stars, galaxies, constellations, and clusters into existence. Yet as great as God is He is so concerned about man made in His image and His likeness that He became a man to reconcile him back to Himself. He lived here for 33 years as a man and then He laid down His life and took the punishment for all men's sins. His love transcended every boundary that could have prevented Him from accomplishing this act of love.

II Corinthians 13:3-5, 8

Even If I dole out all that I have to the poor in providing food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.

Love endures long and is patient and kind: love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

It is not conceited arrogant and inflated with pride; it is not rude unmannerly and does not act unbecomingly, Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it (it pays no attention to a suffered wrong).

Love never fails (never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end). As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge' it will pass away (it will lose its value and be superseded by truth).

II Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but (He has given us a Spirit) of power and of love and of calm and well balanced mind and discipline and self control.

Romans 8:32-39

He Who did not withhold or spare even His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect (when it is) God Who justifies (that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?)

Who is there to condemn (us)? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for

us?

Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?

Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded and counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending or threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Holy Spirit (the work which His presence within accomplishes) is love, joy or gladness, peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness benevolence, faithfulness, gentleness (meekness, humility), self control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law (that can bring a charge).

Romans 13:10

Love does no wrong to one's neighbor (it never hurts anybody). Therefore love meets all the requirements and is the fulfilling of the Law.

Jude 21

Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God.

Luke 14:11-14

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled (ranked below others who are honored or rewarded), and he who humbles himself (keeps modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly), will be exalted (elevated in rank).

Jesus also said to the man who had invited Him, When you give a dinner or supper, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, lest perhaps they also invite you in return, and so you are paid back.

But when you give a banquet or a reception, invite the poor, the disabled, the lame and the blind, Then you will be blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied), because they have no way of repaying you, and you will be recompensed at the resurrection of the just (upright).

Love will always transcend all boundaries. The boundary of racism or color difference, of religion, of poverty or riches, of hatred of sin and rebellion, even geographical boundaries. No matter what place a person holds or has in life, God loves them all.

Jesus reconciled us back to our God, our Creator, the God of all power, all creativity, all might, all wisdom, all glory, all joy, all unconditional love in Christ, all faith and all healing.

He spoke and said: Don't be attached to the weak and temporal material things of this world. Don't be idolatrous. Seek after Me. Lift me up!

Materialism and idolatry are a hindrance, it doe not help.

This world is going to pass away with all of the stuff we work so hard to acquire. Is there anything more appealing in this world than Jesus? No!

Matthew 16:26

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life (this blessed life in the kingdom of God)? Or what would a man give as an exchange for his (blessed) life in the kingdom of God)?

Proverbs 3:13-14

Happy (blessed, fortunate, enviable) is the man who finds skillful and godly Wisdom, and the man who gets understanding (drawing it forth from god's Word and life's experiences),

For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver, and the profit of it better than fine gold.

Proverbs 16:16

How much better it is to get skillful and godly Wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

II Coronthians 3:12

Since we have such (glorious) hope (such joyful and confident expectation), we speak very freely and openly and fearlessly.

I Corinthians 9:19-22

For although I am free in every way from anyone's control, I have made myself a bond servant to everyone, so that I might win those under the Law.

To the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to men under the Law, I became as one under the Law, though not myself being under the Law, that I might win those under the Law.

To those without (outside) law I became as one without law, not that I am without the law of God and lawless toward Him, but that I am (especially keeping) within and committed to the law of Christ, That I might win those who are without law.

To the weak (wanting in discernment) I have become weak (wanting in discernment) that I might win the weak and overscrupulous, I have (in short) become all things to all men, that I might by all means (at all costs and in any and every way) save some (by winning them to the faith in Jesus Christ).

Just as Christianity transcends all religions so does God's love transcend every blockage, hindrance, restraint, and restriction.

John 15:12-13

This is My commandment: that you love one another (just) as I have loved you.

No one has greater love (no one has shown stronger affection) than to lay down (give up) his own life for his friends.

Ephesians 3:16-19

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His Glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the (Holy) Spirit (Himself indwelling your innermost being an personality).

May Christ through your faith (actually) dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in LOVE and founded securely on LOVE, That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all saints (God's devoted people, the experience of that LOVE) what is the breadth and length and height and depth (of it);

That you may really come to know (practically, through experience for yourselves) the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge (without experience); that you may be filled (through all your being) unto all the fullness of God (may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself)!

Ephesians 4:9-10

But He ascended Now what can this, He ascended mean but that He had previously descended from the heights of heaven into the depths, the lower parts of the earth?

He Who descended is the very same as He Who also has ascended high above all the heavens, that He (His presence) might fill all things (the whole universe, from the lowest to the highest.

I John 4:10-11

In this the love of God was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned in that God sent His Son, into the world so that we might live through Him.

In this love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, If God so loved us so very much, we ought to love one another.

We are in this world but not of this world.

That which is born of the Spirit is Spirit.

We are now the sons of God.

We have the Spirit of Christ living in us.

God says faith works by love.

God will supply all of your needs according to His riches in glory.

God says that by this all men shall know that you are my disciples by our love for each other.

This love is a perfect love and cannot change and it cannot be diminished.

When you go, you will go in the fullness of God. When you pray, you will always pray in the fullness. When you stand, you will stand in the fullness of God.

God has given us a new covenant. In this new covenant, we are on with Jesus.

It is not a contract. A contract is signed because there is no trust.

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An African Pastors Last Words

An African pastor wrote these words the night before some rebels took his life. They demanded that he renounce his faith.

I am a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit Power. The die has been cast. I've stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I am a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I am finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tame visions, mundane talking, chintzy giving, and dwarfed goals!

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by presence, lean by faith, love by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of adversity, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, or burn up till I've preached up, prayed up, stored up, and stayed up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know and work till He stops.

And when He comes to get His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear.

Lord, develop in me the perseverance and faithfulness to pursue Your goal for my life even in the face of rejection.

Another Wave is Coming!
Terry Suggs

The movie the passion of the Christ is being released on video. The kind of impact that this will make is phenomenal. A great tool for evangelism has been given to us.

I see a wave of new Christians coming out of this release as well as a number of individuals seeking answers. Pastors, teachers, evangelists please be prepared.

Natural Disasters and Shakings
Terry Suggs

Prepare now for the shaking that is about to take place. You must be prayed up and completely ready this time. It could possibly be much worse than I'm saying right now.

There is a great shaking coming soon. People of this world are already suffering in different places around the world. Now, it could get worse for them.

Please pray as if it is happening right now. Pray like you are in the middle of the worse disaster right now, because some of us don't pray for God to intervene until something major happens. Prayer can change everything.

Terry Suggs

Look Higher! Look Deeper! Look Farther!
Jesus In Us
Terry Suggs

Because of the way we were taught the Word of God in the years gone by, we have a consciousness of inferiority and weakness and uncertainty. But Jesus spoke to us by His word and His life. He (Jesus) (the Son of God) lived as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, and born of God. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost Jesus came to restore the earth and the people of the earth. His acts of restoration were demonstrated in the times when He healed everyone that was sick. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost He opened blind eyes, He healed lepers, He raised the dead; as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, He walked on water and spoke to storms and made them cease. Jesus did everything by miracles or by just speaking. He spoke the Word only.

His words did the work. When He raised Lazarus, He spoke the word.

Before satan stole our position as the ones with authority over all the earth, Adam was doing the same thing. **Adam did everything by speaking.**

Jesus has restored us to our position.

Jesus always talked and operated on a higher level than man. His faith was perfect.

He spoke with authority and whatever He spoke came to pass.

He said to Peter to come to Him on the water, when He did this, He was saying: “you see what I’m trying to tell you. I want you to see that you are in authority and dominion over the earth. I’m here to show you that you can do what I am doing. I’m here to restore the position of man that Adam lost to satan. “When you are Mine and in Me, all things are possible; just believe.” As a man that knew Who He was and filled with the Holy Ghost, and full of power as well as anointed, and overshadowed with glory and honor, He healed the deaf and dumb, the crippled.

When Jesus lived as a man, He could only be in one place at a time.

Jesus said, “ I must go away to the Father, so that the comforter of Holy Ghost can come and live in you.”

In the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Now Jesus (all of God in His fullness) lives in the body of Christ. Jesus said; the just shall live by faith. Jesus said, if you have the faith as a grain of mustard seed, (speaking the word in faith is the same as sowing a seed in the ground), you can speak to a mountain and say be plucked up and removed and be cast into the sea and not doubt, you shall have, you shall have, what you say, what you say believing. The mountain will obey you.

Since now faith is the substance and the evidence, then today is the day for what you are expecting. You have it now, today.

Eternity is a place without time. It is the eternal now.

Whatever you are believing for is right now in the eternal now.

God’s word is His life. **His word is spontaneously creative**.

By His stripes you were healed. Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth and you shall be saved. Jesus and Peter were not limited by gravity when they walked on the water, because Jesus word was spontaneously active and Jesus had authority over gravity and water.

Jesus was not limited by weather conditions, by time, by space, or by man-made traditions. These boundaries were not boundaries to Him.

Jesus used two fish and five loaves to feed thousands and afterwards there were left- overs.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. He was not bound by natural laws.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. Jesus spoke with authority when He spoke to the tree saying: No man shall eat your fruit from this day on**. Jesus words carried so much power**

that what He said manifested spontaneously. If Jesus had spoken in the middle of the night and said let it be daylight, the sun would have been shining in that instant.

Jesus is telling us that all the things He did, we will do and even greater works shall we do, because He went to the Father.

Faith dispels fear, faith makes you whole, it produces righteousness, faith justifies, it heals the sick and faith grows. Faith knows no defeat.

Jesus is operating in perfected faith. He has absolute confidence in His own power or being.

Jesus did not come to make you sick or condemn you. He said have Faith in God. Faith manifests substance and evidence. The faith of God is what Jesus used. He said to the disciples and to the believers, have the faith of God. Believe like God believes and have what God would have.

Nothing by any means can harm you. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. The enemy will come one way and flee seven ways. The word will never return empty. It will obtain and manifest what it was directed to and sent to do. He sent His Word and healed them.

Take no thought for your life; what you will eat, drink or wear. It is not by power or by might, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

Jesus is 100% honest, faithful, 100% trustworthy and pure in every aspect of His Being. Jesus is perfect love. Jesus is telling us to do the works that He did.

We have been restored to the Father's household. We are the inheritors of all things. He held nothing back from us. If God spared not His own Son, how much more with Him shall He also freely give us all things.

Do you see what you were restored to? The kingdom of God has no boundaries. Jesus came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Jesus came that our joy may be full.

In His Kingdom, that now is at hand, there is all faith, all healing, all grace, all love, all power, all wisdom, all spiritual blessing, all light, and all victory.

For the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's own sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship. That nature itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption (and gain and entrance) into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation (of irrational creatures) has been moaning together in the pain of labor until now.

When we pray or talk to God the Father we are talking to the Creator of the universe and everything that lives in it.

When His Word is spoken it is like a missile launched to a target. Nothing can prevent it from reaching its intended result or accomplishing its objective. God fills all things and upholds all things with the Word of His power.

Look farther! Look deeper! Look higher! God is unlimited. Time belongs to Him. History belongs to Him. The universe belongs to Him.

God is in us as born-again Christians. **We have the more than a conqueror living in us.** Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. He is our righteousness, our wisdom, our provider, our refuge, our peace, and our strength. He is all and in all. Everything that there is in existence came out of Him. He is sovereign. **Our inner man is now the Spirit of the Lord Jesus making His home in us. We are filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**

In the book of Ezekial the 36th chapter, Jesus spoke of a new spirit that He is putting in us.

Our old spirit has been replaced with the spirit of Christ.

It is Christ in you. If any man is in Christ, He is a new creation. We are being changed **from glory to glory.** We are delivered from being subjected to infirmity, from sickness, from diseases, from poverty, **from bondage**, from fear, from uncertainty, and the control of satan in our media, our political system, our judicial system, our business world, and the corporate world. The kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom of God is in you now.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Every empire that dominated the world outside of God's control has failed and will fail.

They are designed to fail.

God's word declared and established that, of the increase of the kingdom of God, there shall be no end. The kingdom of God is fail proof. It will never fail.

The gates of hell cannot stop or hinder the body of Christ as we operate in Jesus authority.

With God there is no time, so whatever you are saying in faith and expecting already exists. Like healing, and miracles.

We carry the same power and same spirit that Jesus carried on earth. We operate in His authority in this present world. His disciples demonstrated this in their lives after Jesus left.

We live beyond natural means of support.

God had us in mind when He gave His Son Jesus. The enemy doesn't want you to know this. God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. Even the people that insulted Him, accused Him, beat Him, mocked and laughed at Him, God had them all in mind.

We are put in a position now where we are all facing the same principalities that Michael fought against in the book of Daniel.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against demons of spiritual rulers of t he darkness of this world. There are principalities over cities and nations. In the book of Daniel Michael was one of the chief princes of God. He was one of many.

He was withstood or with it stood by another that was a prince over Persia.

For this reason we are to wear the whole armour of God. And we are to trust in the God of the armour. In Ephesians 6, w**e are individually wrestling against pricncipalities and wicked spirits or chief rulers of the darkness of this world. We are all individually opposed by chief demonic spirits.** We can move these principalities with the armour of God and with our faith. The flesh profits nothing. The only effective method is by following the spirit of God.

Let us not cheapen true Christianity by not living in the fullness of what is given to us freely by faith through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some are standing on the outskirts of the real life of God. They are content in just looking at the truth from a distance. Maybe in Jesus day, some of the people were watching Him from a distance and were really not getting the message that He preached.

Let us not forfeit God's best given to us.

Look Higher! Look Deeper! Look farther!

When we look into the scripture, we are looking into a spiritual mirror, we are seeing our inner man. The inner man is the very image and likeness of God.

Look to the hills from which comes our help.

Deep calls unto deep.

Set you affections on things above.

If you make your bed in hell, He is there. If you went to the uttermost or deepest part of the universe, He is there.

We are only at the edge of the glory. But it is beyond comprehension now. In this time in our human history, God is releasing a great increase of knowledge and glory.

Jesus said in John 16:33:

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have (perfect) peace and confidence, In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer (take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted)! For I have overcome the world. (I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you).

Terry Suggs

The New Creature = Becoming the Word of God
Terry Suggs

Look into God's mirror (His Word) and see who we really are and what we really are. Look at Jesus' life.

When It says that God finished His work in the book of Genesis. The only work that It describes was God speaking things into existence. By the creative word He brought everything into existence. Adam did everything by speaking. Jesus did the works of God by speaking and acting in the Father's authority. We are doing the works of God by speaking to our circumstances and situations and diseases in the authority of Jesus.

Lean not to your own understanding. Go by what God says about you.

You are a new creation. The new creation came from God. Jesus was the first born of many brethren of this kind. We are born-again by the Holy Spirit entering our spirit after we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord. We are also sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The new creation is superior to the devil in every way. The devil wants to deceive and blind us to this truth. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

There is no separation between God and us. We are seated in heavenly places in Christ. That is why we can lay hands on the sick and they recover. That is why we can cast out devils in the name (authority and character) of Jesus.

That is why we can speak to a mountain and it can be moved.

We are eternally new creatures with the ability of the Holy Spirit operating in us.

In Jesus life on earth He showed us what a new creature looks like. He said, these works and even greater works shall you do because I Am going to the Father.

Jesus raised the dead, healed every kind of sickness and disease. He cast out spirits of infirmity and demons that had possessed individuals.

Jesus talked to weather and changed it, and walked on water, having authority over the natural elements. He spoke to fish and animals and they obeyed.

I believe that God created Adam with everything that Jesus demonstrated. The first Adam lived in flesh, the second Adam (Jesus) lived in flesh.

Jesus multiplied food when there was not enough physically to feed thousands. Accept His Word as truth and act on it.

Jesus said that He that has seen Me, has seen the Father. He said I Am the vine and you are the branches. In these words, He tells us that we are connected to the Godhead. **There is no separation between us. The world needs to see us as God made us to be. The world may be laughing at us while we are following manmade traditions, ceremonies, and having Sunday programs, but when God gets into church (body of Christ), then the world and the devil will stop laughing.**

Terry Suggs

Let the Intercessions Flow

Diana Mourey

And don’t doubt the things that I will show you. Don’t doubt the dreams of intercession. Don’t doubt, for you have not cried out to move into that realm of the supernatural? Have you not cried out to be my intercessor? Don’t doubt, but move accordingly to the things that I place within your heart, and within your mind, even in the night hour of your sleep as the battle rages around you. Yes, I give you peace while you sleep but the battle goes on. There is warfare going on in the heavenlies and in your spirit, as my spirit within you rises up against those things going on around you, it will be accomplished; it will be accomplished; it will be accomplished.

Even that calling of intercessor causes you to move as I would move even when your mind would not comprehend. Even when your mind does not have understanding, flow with that which I place within your spirit man. Let the intercessions flow; let them come forth. Let the dreams take their place in intercession. For I will not always give the understanding of dreams; I will not always give the interpretation, but know this, saith God, they are real. They are happening in the spirit realm. As your spirit and my spirit within you deals with the things that have to be dealt with, then so be it.

Don’t take time even to question. Don’t say, “But God, is this of you; how can this be of you, because I don’t understand it?” Lean not to your own understanding, saith God, but rather trust that the things that you have cried out for, the things that you have asked of Me, would I not delight in raising you up as my intercessor? Would I not delight in bringing you forth to that place of even standing in the line of attention that I’ve called you to, yea some being on the front line more than others, but all having their place. The back line is just as important as the front line in my Kingdom, saith God. It’s according to how well you fulfill your place that I’ve called you into.

And you say in your heart, “But I’ve never had a dream; I’ve never had a vision.” Well, get ready, saith God, for you’re moving into that time, into that season, into that place that I’ve called you into. For much is going on and much will be accomplished.

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Let The Music Begin

Bill Yount

"I'm Taking Musical Instruments To Another Level In Warfare . . . Let The Music Begin!"

I once heard a testimony where the Holy Ghost was falling upon the people during worship. The preacher testified how the piano player got so filled with the Spirit that she fell off of the piano bench and THE PIANO KEPT RIGHT ON PLAYING! No other explanation could be found except, "Jesus knows how to play a piano"!

I believe we are entering into a time and place of worship and praise that we will experience some unusual anointings upon musical instruments that will be played, at times, with heavenly fingers!

Either through His people, and sometimes without them, Heaven will invade even our so-called Spirit-led worship and we will soon discover that the angels, the Son, and Holy Spirit just could wait no longer to join in with us with Heaven shouting . . . "We've come to worship!"

Blessings, Bill Yount

"I'M TAKING MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS TO ANOTHER LEVEL IN WARFARE . . . LET THE MUSIC BEGIN!"

I saw a fresh anointing, similar to the anointing that was upon David's harp, being poured out upon musical instruments. This anointing was highly volatile, able to easily drive demons and strongholds out of whole regions.

I sense the Lord speaking to many worship leaders who have become weary in trying to lead others into His presence: "Your instruments will now take you to the next level to drive out devils!"

"ANYTHING THAT HAS TO HAVE BREATH BLOWING THROUGH IT, WILL NOW EXPERIENCE MY OWN BREATH!"

It was as though the angels with bowls full of the "Oil of Worship" were being instructed on which instruments to start pouring upon. I heard the Father distinctively describing which ones would bring the most devastation in the next phase of spiritual warfare. He was reminding the enemy also of these fatal weapons: "We do drumsticks, keyboards, stringed instruments, shofars, and woodwinds: anything that has to have breath blowing through it, will now experience my own breath!"

"THESE 'DEMON BUSTER' MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS WILL NOT ONLY BE FOUND IN MY OWN HOUSE, BUT IN THE STREETS, CONCERTS AND, YES, I WILL INTERRUPT 'MTV' TELEVISION!"

It was not really in David's own territory that the anointing of his harp drove away the demons, but in the house of Saul! In the place where the Spirit of the Lord had departed, was where the anointing was the most powerful. For as long as David played on his harp, Saul was free from tormenting spirits! That gives hope to any God-called musician in any church or place on the earth! You may not have to leave your church after all. You may just get to drive the devil out of it!

I had a word over an elderly woman in California years ago. She played a song on the piano for me and the Lord showed me that, as she played, there was a healing coming up out of those keys into her own body. It was therapeutic to her soul -- and mind, as well.

I just heard that she had to go into an assisted living home. There is a piano there and they have her playing that piano often because of that anointing when she plays. I wouldn't be surprised if her playing clears the whole assisted living house out as people are being touched and healed as she plays unto the Lord!!

"OVERFLOW ON TO SECULAR INSTRUMENTS!"

I saw this "demon chasing" anointing, splashing from the overflow, coming upon instruments of secular musicians. The Holy Spirit, Who was hovering over many of these lost souls, was reminding them by bringing to their remembrance childhood songs like "Jesus loves me, this I know!"

Right on the stages even, the Holy Spirit was striking a chord in their hearts as angel wings brushed over their instruments, awakening them to their godly roots right in the middle of their concerts. The Father spoke, "I Am going to put My 'Rock' into rock music!"

"I SAW DRUMSTICKS STRIKING DRUMS, RELEASING ARROWS OF DELIVERANCE INTO THE ATMOSPHERE ABOVE!"

Each time a drumstick hit a drum, I saw an arrow shooting up out of the top of the drum, into the atmosphere over that region, destined to bring deliverance and releasing angels to set up camp in that territory.

Some drummers were weary and had even quit playing drums, but now the Lord was giving a new "war" order to these weary ones: "Strike it one more time. You will no longer just play these drums, but they are now a fatal weapon that you need to bring deliverance into your own life, family, and region! Step on that bass drum one more time and you will find the enemy is now under your feet! . . . This is a 'war' order!"

"MANY WORN OUT MUSICIANS, WHO HAD GONE INTO CAPTIVITY, WERE BEING CALLED BACK TO PICK UP THEIR HARPS OFF THE WEEPING WILLOW TREES!"

Many musicians were taken captive by the enemy to stop their worship and praise. Some had actually sat down and wept when they remembered Zion; and they hung their harps (musical instruments) upon the weeping willow trees and they could not sing a song in a strange land.

The Lord was now calling these seemingly defeated ones out like "pied pipers" to not only start playing their instruments in "strange" lands and places, but to lead the whole place and these lands out of their own captivity!

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What Are You Doing Here?
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While in Israel I hiked to the mountain of Engeddi. Engeddi was where David hid in caves from Saul. David was anointed to be King over Israel but went into hiding because of his pursuing enemy. You can have a great call of God and destiny on your life but be in hiding.

The Lord spoke to me up near those caves where David hid. God said, "Tell My people to come out of their caves.....their Sauls have been slain! Your enemies have been slain! Come out of your Caves of Fear, Caves of Doubt, Caves of Unbelief. Come out, I want to use you"! This day the Spirit of Saul that has hounded you and has driven you into Caves-- intimidating you--- is being destroyed"..

There is a cave in Engeddi that can hold 3,000 soldiers. Whole churches can be in a cave, intimidated by the enemy.

I saw some caves that you may have difficulty coming out of to go forward into God's purposes for your life. The biggest cave I saw in the Spirit was the "Cave of the Fear of a Lack of Finances " to accomplish what God is calling you to do. A revelation jumped in my spirit of what is written on our money and every coin and penny. It says," IN GOD WE TRUST".

God spoke to me." Tell My people...don't count your money...read it!

Don't count on how much you have or don't have, count ME...Count ME into your God-given Destiny.

We are not lead by money but by His Spirit we are led. We must find out what God wants us to do and then trust Him and step out of that Cave.

Another Cave I saw was "The Fear of the Unknown" What's out there? I don't know, let's go find out!. Many want to wait and know all the details before stepping out of the cave. But God doesn't tell us everything at once. Revelation follows obedience. God speaks as He confirms what HE wants us to do. Then obedience must follow. Then He explains...maybe.

Abraham went out not knowing where he was going and he ended up with a city who builder and maker was God. Another Cave was "A More Convenient Time" But there will never be a convenient time for our flesh to feel like stepping out for God. Now Faith IS....faith is for now.

Another Cave is "MY PLANS" Someone said," If you want to hear God laugh, tell Him your plans, And if you want to laugh, wait till you hear His"! We must leave our plans in the cave as we step out into His purposes.

There's a Cave called "Fear of Failing" What if we fail as we step out? Listen .... What if we don't? If we fall we will fly. God is stirring our nest of comfort like a mother eagle to get us out on the edge of the nest so He can give us a love push over the edge for we were not born to stay in the nest but to learn like the eaglet that it is through falling that we learn to flap our wings and fly with the wind that's beneath us. One of the largest Caves I saw was "The Cave of Past Failure" that held us back from the present and the future.

When I was on the Sea of Galilee about half way across, I said to the Lord, " Lord this is the sea where you called Peter out of the boat and Peter walked on the water before he fell in. I said "Lord are we near the place where Peter got out of the boat and walked on water before He fell?

The Lord answered me. "What do you mean Peter fell? This is the Sea where Peter walked"! As though He didn't understand my question. Listen... He doesn't see your failure either. If you have confessed your sin and failures to Him, they are gone, gone, gone. They are not even in the bottom of the Sea of Forgetfulness....the fish ate them!. God did not see the last time you fell. He only saw the last time you got back up! Come out of the Cave of your Past. God has need of you.

By faith I am going to blow the shofar into your caves and you are going to come out...ready or not. The breath of God is going to blow you out of every cave of hiding and His breath will blow every cave in, so you will not be able to go back in them. Even the dust from those caves falling in will praise Him. The Lord says to you. "Come out with your hands up.

Leave everything in the cave. You won't need it.

He has new things to give you to fulfill His purposes. Right now His breath is blowing .....step out now. God has need of you! THIS IS YOUR LAST "CAVE DAY"! Receive His breath and be blown into your Destiny!

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Listen To The Harvest Sing

Mary Lindow

A Spontaneous Prophetic Song for 2006

Dear Worshippers,

I was seeking the Lord about what He would have me share in regards to the closing out of the year 2005 and the entry into 2006 and He reminded me of a Spontaneous Prophetic Song that was recorded in a studio setting called:

LISTEN TO THE HARVEST SING.

This is a Christmas Gift to you from the Father as well as a promise for the year ahead. The music in this Selection is most unusually beautiful and tender. I truly ask the Lord to minister great peace and rest over your spirit, soul and body as you take a moment to listen.

The studio waiting areas were filled with intercessors for many, many hours as I simply sat in the recording booth with a keyboard that allows many different instruments and percussive instruments to be played together seamlessly, and waited upon the Lord to give the music, the words, and the sounds.

I usually receive prophetic songs and music much like watching a DVD with what I call full rolling visions and a sound track.

And so, this was one of the 14 Spontaneous prophetic songs that was recorded and then digitally mixed and mastered. You will HOWEVER hear me begin to slightly waver and trying not to weep a bit at the end of the song due to the intense presence of the Lord touching me as I was singing out His love and hope through this prophetic word. I am not at all interested in selling you CD’s.

I want the Lord to sing over you as you listen to Him through my small and puny human willingness. It is in fact, rather difficult for me to ask you to stop and take the time to do this, but I must simply obey the Father, even past my own discomforts!

If you will go to the link listed here:

http://www.marylindow.homestead.com/marycd.html

you can click on the button in the area that says, Download/Listen LISTEN TO THE HARVEST SING.”

You will need windows media player 7.1 or higher or to listen. It is free and of no charge to listen to.

I have also included in below this note to you, the Words to this Prophetic Song/Word for those unable to access the Live recording.

I share with you a simple treasure, from the heart of the Father, and the hands and voice of a willing servant , and your sister in Christ.

In His Shadow,
Mary Lindow
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“LISTEN TO THE HARVEST SING”

All of the voices that shout
All of the voices that cry out to you and say
What is it that the Lord is saying today?

All of the people who have their needs
All of the people who long to see Me

I hear their voices calling to you
Looking for answers
Looking for things that are new

But there are other voices,
There are other sounds
Lift your ear to the heavenlies
There are those who gather round

It is the voice
Of those gone on before you - in prayer

Those who have paved the way
Ahead of you so go, go, go!
There is a sound of praise

Oh there is nothing that moves Me more
Than the voice of man praising Me
Take away the noise, take away the noise
And your voice is sweet to me

I see you singing, I hear you praising
Asking for more of Me.
I have sounds yet to bring
Voices that will lift up Me!

Listen to the heavens sing!
Listen to the harvest sing!
Voices yet you have to meet, in Me

Voices try to choke out,
Heaven's sweetest song.
Voices come to rob you child,
Of a job well done!

Just let praises sing to Me!
Join the chorus voice of sea!
Many coming, many singing,
Many joining in the throng!

There is heaven singing with you,
Never fear the future day.

There is heaven cheering, singing
"Daughters, Sons, Come praise today!"
"Daughters, Sons, Come praise today!"

In His shadow,
Mary Lindow

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Let Us All Bless God

Bill Somers

Words in search of a melody

[chorus]

Let Us All Bless God

Let Us All Bless God

Turn Back to Him

Worship Him

Let Us All Bless God

If My People Who Are Called By My Name

Will Humble Themselves And Pray

If My People Who Are Called By My Name

Will Turn From Their Wicked Way

Then I Will Hear, Then I Will Come

Then I Will Heal Their Land

If My People Who Are Called By My Name

Will Humble Themselves And Pray

chorus

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Let Us Make Us a Name

Bill Somers

> *Luke 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?*
> *Luke 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,*
> *Luke 14:30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish*

A recent article published here [End Time Prophetic Vision] by Mary Koons ended with a quote from Genesis and a closing comment by Mary. I wish to take up where she left off and share some further insights the Lord has granted me.

> *Gen 11:1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*
> *Gen 11:2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.*
> *Gen 11:3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.*
> *Gen 11:4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*
> *Gen 11:5 And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.*
> *Gen 11:6 And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*
> *Gen 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound* (mix up, confuse) *their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.*
> *Gen 11:8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.*
> *Gen 11:9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel;* (meaning "confusion-by mixing"), *because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.*

(Note - I felt STRONGLY that the Lord was impressing upon me that what is "really" represented here is a "pseudo-church" verses HIS TRUE CHURCH - who "will" speak the same language, and which will be built of "HIS LIVING STONES," and NOT "man-made brick!") '
Quoted from:
The Seven Pillars of Wisdom

Mary (Koons) Wattenford

Confusion By Mixing
What really caught my attention here was the idea that Babel is a type of the pseudo-church; and the definition of 'Babel' as "confusion by mixing". You see confusion by mixing means something special to me.

Several years back, I went through a time of intensely studying the teachings of another Christian denomination. Being both amazed and appalled by some of what I had read, my heart cry to the Lord was to this effect.
Lord, how can they have such precious nuggets of truth mixed in with such awful errors? He replied instantly with a rhema word that shocked me and has stayed with me ever since, making up a key part of my understanding.

"*Do you think your doctrine is any better?*"

Well this really blew me away. I figured we were light years ahead of this other group in our understanding of scripture and doctrinal matters. But from the Lord's viewpoint we really weren't any better! [It's the easiest thing in the world, for a Christian, to see the speck in your brothers eye.]

So I came to see that in any denomination you care to name, the teachings are a mixture; a mixture of God's truth and man's wisdom [error]. No wonder we have confusion!

It's almost as if God had said '*Go to, let us go down, and there confound* (mix up, confuse) *their* Doctrine*, that they may not understand one another's* teachings.'

Now if we see Babel as a type of pseudo church, [after all Babel = Babylon!] then the confusion and division that follows is a type of denominationalism or sectarianism.

I think we can generalize even more. I see Babel as a type of religion itself. The patterns we see in Babel are common to all religions and not just Christian ones. That is, all religions tend to have sects and subgroups. All forms of religion are under the same curse, confusion by mixture leading to divisions among them.

Let's throw in one more grand sweeping generalization. Babel is the confusion that comes by mixing truth and error; it is Babylon; it is religion itself; it is being, or seeking to be, under the law; it is any turning away from fellowship with God and trying to earn salvation by your own efforts; it is self righteousness; it's the letter of the law, which worketh death; it is the tree of knowledge of good and evil; it is the fig tree. Can it ever bear fruit?

> [*John 1:48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee.]*

Let us make us a name

If we look at the passage from Genesis, one of their motivations there is expressed as "Let us make us a name". This same motivation is present in any religion or religious group you can find.

This very idea is present in the word 'denomination'. Its derived from Latin where 'nomine' is the word for 'name'. We use the word nominate or nomination when we select our political candidates.

So a denomination is a group that is known by their name. Better yet, it's a group that desires to be known by their name, even if that name is 'non-denominational'!

> *1 Cor 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.*
> *1 Cor 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.*

Now these contentions between religious groups are rooted in pride.

> *Prov 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.*

And that pride comes from what they think is their special knowledge.

> *1 Cor 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.*

But we see that their special knowledge is their unique doctrine, which is really truth mixed with error i.e. confusion. Then the pride is shown [manifested] in this desire they have to *'Let us make us a name.*'

A False Promise

Another parallel to religion is seen by considering carefully this phrase: *" . . . let us build us a city and a tower, whose top* ***may*** *reach unto heaven . . . ."*

The notion that the top **may** reach into heaven speaks of a man made structure with the **promise** of getting to heaven by your own effort. But of course that promise is a false promise.

> *Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

These people were building on the basis of a false promise. That the tower **may** reach heaven. Religion operates on a False Promise. That if you follow their rules you will get to heaven. It's sort of like this false promise:

> *Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:*
> *Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.*

Let us build us a city

We see the Babelites [Babylonians?] desiring to build their own city. Babel used man made brick, that is man's efforts instead of the living stones from which the temple of God is built.

They are like the Galatians who desired to be under the law.

> *Gal 3:23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*
> *Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
> *Gal 3:25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

> *Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

But the Law [religion] was our schoolmaster till faith came. In Hebrews 11 we read of the heroes of faith who sought a better dwelling.

> *Heb 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.*

> *Heb 11:8 By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.*
> *Heb 11:9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:*

> *Heb 11:10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Here desiring to be under the law, religion, is likened to wanting to build your own city. But faith, which is knowing, hearing and obeying The Lord, is to seek after a city already built, a heavenly city prepared by God. As Abraham, the father of faith, who lived in tents, not settling for men's cities for he looked for a *for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

> *Heb 11:16 But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.*

A Stupid Idea

Another point is that the very idea of a tower reaching into heaven is impossible. It should have been obviously impossible. It should have been viewed as obviously a stupid idea. But it wasn't. This indicates that at this time it may have been possible to fool all of the people all of the time.

How were they all fooled?

The same way it is still done today. You start with something everyone agrees with and pull them in.
It works like this:

OK everybody, lets make bricks!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
OK everybody, lets kiln dry the bricks!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
OK everybody, lets use slime for mortar!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
OK everybody, lets use the brick for stones!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
OK everybody, lets make a city!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
OK everybody, lets make a tower!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
OK everybody, lets make the tower reach up to heaven!
    Everybody goes along, saying: Yea, great idea!
And nobody stops and says 'wait a minute, that's impossible!'

So they are all led astray like sheep.

> *Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; . . . .*

So The Tower of Babel remains a monument to man's folly. This is in the natural and the spiritual, since Babel represents religion. And religion is man's folly.
It is man turning away from the tree of life and seeking after the tree of knowledge. It is man falling for false promises of special knowledge that only lead to confusion, pride and strife. And ultimate spiritual death.

> *Jonah 2:8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.*

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Look Unto The True Light Of The World

Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:8-9

As the fire’s embers smoldered
And smoke filled the sky
You stumbled, blinded in tribulation
Cried out into the night
Saying who has found the way
To escape life's cruel fiery chase
That is fueled by coals of indignation
And marred by flames of heated strife.

You gave up so long ago
On thoughts that encouraged hope
Allowing the seed that had been sown
To be scorched by pleasures deceiving light
You never gained understanding
There can be no fair exchanging
Of man's might, for resurrection life.

You ran toward churning waters
In hope of quenching fire’s grief
Only to be overwhelmed by waves of condemnation
That rose and fell with unyielding strength.
The suffering that plagued you
Robbed you of joy, like a perfect thief
And in the grip of death’s unmerciful misery
You set your heart against the Lord
Determined to refuse His gift of peace.

Yet in your pain
This truth still remains
Of the man from Galilee
He has given hope to many a soul
Who sought Him in sincerity
In their lives He has calmed the storms
And quenched the flames of disparity
Renewed their joy as they cried,
And given strength when they were weak.

All honor unto the mighty King
Praise unto His holy name
Who’s awesome Light
Will forever shine
Throughout eternity.

> *“And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.”*
> *Revelation 16:8-9*

> *"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20*

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." Those whose eyes have been opened to "see" that the heavens declare the glory of God, are those whose hearts and minds have been enlightened to comprehend that God is the divine creator, who has established the heavens and the earth according to His good and perfect wisdom. Those whose eyes have been awakened to the realization that God is the author of all creation, are those who are able to appreciate the true and awesome "Light", who is Jesus Christ. They are those whose souls will prosper as they give honor and praise unto the true "Light" who stands throughout eternity, expressing the majesty of God.

Son of righteousness, Son of glory, hallowed be the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. When a person is awakened from their slumber in the night, awakened to the goodness of God toward them, they will come to value the inheritance that is theirs in Christ. When given spiritual sight to comprehend God's majesty, power and divine Light of glory, they will be equipped of God, to rise up and walk as mature sons and daughters, who reflect His righteousness to a world still blinded to the goodness of God.

Those who have been awakened unto the righteousness that is found in Christ, will be as prisoners released from the darkness of the prison house. For them, freedom and liberty will take on new dimensions of meaning and purpose, after encountering the Son of righteousness, who is "the brightness of his [God's] glory, and the express image of his person." The glorious Light of God's mercy, having pierced through the darkness of their own souls, will cause them to appreciate being able to come unto the Lord in all situations, knowing that He is with them always.

> *"For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counselor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles." Isaiah 41:23-29; 42:1*
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> *"But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; and charged them that they should not make him known: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet saying, Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles." Matthew 12:15-18*

There is nothing created, that is hidden from the eyes of the Lord. There is no "creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." (Hebrews 4:13) When God, who is able to look upon all of creation, declared there was no counselor who could give advice according to His plans and purposes, His intent was not to turn away, and cease interacting with His creation. Instead, through Isaiah, God made a proclamation unto the world, declaring He would give to mankind a needed counselor, who would speak accurately of His perfect counsel, purpose, plans and judgment. God's counselor would be a Light to lead the captives from out of captivity onto the land of freedom.

Because God's soul would be favorable toward His chosen counselor, He would put His Spirit upon him, so that He could accurately show God's judgment toward the Gentiles. The judgment that God's chosen counselor would reveal to the Gentiles, would perfectly depict God's nature to all of mankind. Isaiah prophesied of God's chosen counselor, and Jesus Christ proclaimed that, in Him, Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled, because He was the one in whom God's soul was well pleased. Jesus proclaimed He was the chosen counselor who would show God's judgment to the Gentiles.

Jesus Christ, the testator of God’s new living will, chosen to counsel according to God’s will, would accurately reveal God’s judgment toward mankind. The “Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son” (John 5:22). It is the Son, God’s beloved counselor, who accurately judges the hearts of mankind. Any person who hears His words, and believes, will be judged unto righteousness. Through hearing and inclining one’s thoughts toward the words Jesus speaks, the gift of faith is bestowed. Those of faith will be judged worthy of receiving God’s Holy Spirit. They will obtain the blessings of heaven, found in the Holy Spirit, so that the counsel of Jesus Christ is able to align their wills to the will of God.

Those who have been judged worthy to become partakers of God’s kingdom, will be those who are led of the Spirit of truth and the Word of God. God’s Spirit of truth, and the Word of God, will bear witness of God’s goodness and longsuffering love toward them. What the law could not accomplish in transforming the will (decisions, desires) of man to the will of God, will be accomplished through the influencing power of God’s Spirit of truth and His holy Word. The true Light, which expresses God’s glory in the heavens, will now shine in the hearts of those whose hearts are toward the Lord, so that God’s name is magnified in the earth.

> *“Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12*

God proclaims that His chosen counselor, His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, is the true Light of the world, who determines judgment in accordance with His righteousness. But those who deny what Jesus Christ has accomplished for mankind, are said to walk in darkness; their spiritual sight is blinded to the goodness and glory of God. Those who deny God’s beloved Son, as God’s chosen counselor, proclaim darkness to be the true light that establishes wisdom and counsel with which to guide men’s lives, and that the Light, Jesus Christ, is the darkness that blinds men to the reality of life. Those who deny God’s will toward mankind call evil, light, and “Light”, darkness.

Those who have partaken of God’s kingdom of righteousness, look to the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ, for comfort, purpose, guidance, counsel, and love. His words are like flames that consume the dross of unbelief and doubt in their lives, igniting their hearts toward righteousness. They bask in the strength of His love, which is able to penetrate even the most darkened and hardened of thoughts that hold men captive to unbelief. But those who deny that the Spirit of truth and Jesus Christ are expressions of God’s holy, divine nature, continue sit under and absorb the penetrating heat of the light of their own making. They do not understand God’s condemnation toward looking upon a “light,” empowered by their own thoughts and desires, which deny His Son, Jesus Christ.

As righteousness begets righteousness, so does evil beget evil. To sit under the light of men’s own creations, where God’s Word is discounted, is to live each day without the loving touch of the Comforter, who is able to comfort the souls of those who are weary, lonely or confused. To sit under the light of men’s darkened understanding, is to live without hearing the voice of God’s chosen Counselor, who is able to reveal the beauty of holiness to His listener’s heart and mind. To sit and bask in the light that exalts self above God, is to live feeling condemned of actions and attitudes, not equipped to hear the righteous judge; the judge who declares that to look to Him is to believe that all things have been made new, and that in Him is found righteousness sufficient for the day.

Those who deny the words that Jesus Christ speaks, calling God’s “Light”, to be evil, are as blind men who stumble in darkness. They are blind to the goodness of God; their understanding is darkened to the purposes and will of God. In their desire to be “enlightened” (i.e., to give the light of fact and knowledge to; reveal truths to; free from ignorance, prejudice, or superstition), they fashion ideology to fit their darkened understanding of reason and truth. They herald their ideas as “light” to awaken mankind from their slumber. The words they speak reflect the earthly light that guides their lives.

> *“Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: and it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony*

> *ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: but when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away." Mark 4:3-6*
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> *"And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables. The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended." Mark 4:13-17*

Jesus Christ used the parable of the sower to speak spiritual truths to His listeners. His words would reveal the spiritual condition of the hearts of mankind. Jesus Christ would explain to His disciples the meaning behind the parable, yet the depths of the truths that lay hidden in His words would be revealed in even greater measure, after they had partaken of the Holy Spirit.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus Christ explained to His listener's the reaction of mankind to His words. Referring to seed that is sown on various types of soil, He was able to use illustrations of daily life to impact the hearing and understanding of His listeners. His listeners would understand, to some degree, having participated first hand with sowing and reaping, the words He spoke. When He spoke of seed that fell on stony ground, where there was not much earth, they knew that, when it sprang up it would not have much root.

People understood that a seed needed a certain depth of soil to grow. They knew that, to throw seed on stony ground, where there was not enough depth of soil, was to cause the seed to wither and die, when the sun rose up and beat down upon it. Jesus explained this parable to the twelve, so that they could understand in greater depth the intent behind the words He spoke. He explained how the sower was anyone who spoke the word of God. He explained how the seed was the word that was spoken. However, He did not compare stony ground to man's hardened heart, which had in the past refused to accept that there was a God; He only said that there were those whose hearts were hardened as stones, who when they heard the word of God, received it with gladness, for a period of time.

Jesus Christ then spoke of how the seed planted on stony ground, because there was not enough depth of soil, a sturdy root could not take hold. He did not explain why there was lack of soil, so that a sturdy root was not established. He did not say that those who heard the Word, but did not have a solid understanding of who they were giving praise unto, were double minded people. He did not say that, while thankful that Jesus Christ promised them eternal salvation, they were still trusting in the common market for eternal salvation from financial problems, so that they could stop worrying about the future of their lives. He did not say, though they were thankful to hear of being blessed with spiritual blessings from on high, that they still exalted worldly enterprises as a way to stimulate their sense of joy. He only said that, because they did not have much root in themselves, when the sun beat upon them, they withered away.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus Christ proclaimed that those who had not much root in themselves would wither away when the sun beat upon them. He further explained that the "sun" referred to words spoken by those who denied that He was the Son of God, who exalted their own ideology above the Word of God. The sun, in the parable of the sower, referred to words spoken by men who looked to the darkness for understanding, and that when such words were spoken to those who had not much root in themselves, the "sun" would cause any understanding of who Jesus Christ was to cease influencing their lives, so that God's Word withered away.

Those who deny that Jesus Christ is God's Son of righteousness, find it natural to call darkness, light, and "Light" darkness. To speak words against the Lord may be, to their way of thinking, to shed the light of truth on a situation. Jesus used the parable of the sower to explain the reaction of people to the words He spoke. He described how some, who having no root in themselves, when they perceive they are being persecuted for proclaiming the name of Christ, will wither away. They had rejoiced for a season in the words of Jesus Christ, but when affliction or persecution arose, they turned away from the words of Jesus Christ.

> *"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." John 3:19*
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> *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24*

The will of God, planned and purposed upon Jesus Christ, declares that every action, thought or opinion that exalts itself above the righteousness of Christ, stands judged guilty of wrongdoing. Those who stand before God judged of unbelief are judged unworthy of receiving the divine influence of the Holy Spirit upon their lives while alive. They are to be judged unworthy of gaining entrance into paradise upon physical death, because it is the Holy Spirit who leads men on high.

There is no other way to escape God's judgment of condemnation, than to sincerely seek Jesus Christ. There is no other source of light that men can look upon, except the true "Light" of the world, the Son of God, if they hope to escape God's adverse verdict. For men to escape the suffering that continues to plague their souls, they must turn from the darkness toward the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. And if they are not to "wither" away, they must reflect sincerely upon the message of Jesus Christ, so that they are filled with God's Holy Spirit, the living water sent down from heaven, who is able to quench mankind's thirst for righteousness.

Many people are guilty of denying that Jesus Christ is able to transform, inspire and lead men unto righteousness. They remain under condemnation, their hearts unwilling to consider the need to be aligned with the will of God. Yet, as their lives unfold, and they begin to realize that what they placed their hope or confidence in has actually not brought about the desired results, they still continue to refuse to look to the Lord for purpose, comfort or inspiration.

Those who call evil, light, and "Light", evil, though they suffer for unrighteousness sake, their hearts and minds not comforted; they continue to insult and slander the name of God. They may be miserable, angry, vengeful, and dejected, but because they walk in the darkness and herald men's thoughts that deny God, considering it the light of truth, they refuse to listen to the words spoken by Jesus Christ, so that they may be healed.

Those who blaspheme God's name, insulting, slandering, and speaking evil of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, have no understanding of the true Light of the world. They remain condemned of God. God strongly disapproves of their thoughts and actions, which curse and slander the name of His beloved Son, and so upon these people God's judgment of condemnation will remain. No Comforter will be found to comfort their souls in time of need; no Counselor will take them by the hand and lead them alongside refreshing streams, and they will not hear the voice of God speak to them of love that is able to inspire the heart toward hope.

Until a man is born again of the Spirit, so that the blood of Christ profits his soul, condemnation's unquenchable fires will continue to cause unrighteous suffering to plague his heart and mind. Anger, jealously, fear, covetness, unforgiveness, vengeance and lust will be flames that bring unrighteous suffering into his life. Because he blasphemes the name of God, there will be no Counselor to speak of the need for forgiveness, mercy, love and holiness. His heart will not receive words which could be used to quench the flames of dejection, frustration and fear that torment his soul. There will be no Comforter to speak words to help him overcome feelings of guilt and depression.

Until a man turns toward the Son of God, Jesus Christ, in sincerity, God's condemnation against the sin nature, which exalts self above God, will remain. He will continue to suffer for unrighteousness sake. He may seek to find an escape out of his suffering, but without understanding the root cause of his suffering, he will remain in sorrow's grip.

The righteousness of Jesus Christ is set in stone: the truth of who He is, the Son of God, cannot be moved from its position in eternity. Though God will not retract His judgment against the sin nature that devours and destroys the lives of men, He does continue to extend His hand of salvation to mankind, through Jesus Christ. God proclaims there is no other source of Light, except Jesus Christ, who will shed truth abroad upon a man's heart, truth that is able to lead a man from out of the darkened realm of condemnation, unto the land promised, the kingdom of God's righteousness, which is entered into through partaking of the Holy Spirit.

The Son of righteousness has risen unto the heavens, and through God's mercy, upon the hearts of many men. He has provided truth to mankind so they are able to escape condemnation's fiery pit. He is the true Light that shines brighter than the noon-day sun in God's kingdom of righteousness. His voice of truth is able to shatter the hardened hearts of men so that good seed, the Word, is planted deep in the soil of a man's heart, producing the spiritual fruit of love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. In God's perfect will, a healing balm is extended to mankind, it is found in the Holy Spirit, received through faith in Jesus Christ.

> *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4:18-19*

Lift Up Your Heads, O ye Gates

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Dear brothers and sisters
As today is the 24th August, I read psalm 24 and felt the Lord wanted me to share with you a chapter from my book, 'Beauty Treatments for the Bride' which can be found on my website. I pray it will bless you
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Chapter Nine
The Four Gatekeepers that usher in the Manifest Presence of God

David appointed four men to be gatekeepers for the ark of God. It was their responsibility to open the door so that the ark carrying the presence of God could enter. Their names were Obed-edom, Jehiah, Berechiah and Elkanah. The Bible teaches that our bodies are the temple of the Lord and we also have four gates to our temples. A gate allows people or things to enter and leave a building and God has designed our eyes and ears to be the primary way that access is gained to our temples. The other senses; taste, touch and smell also provide an entrance for information or input that will affect our temple and what it contains. If we desire for our temples to contain the glory of God then it is important that we have trustworthy gatekeepers, the same kind that David entrusted with the task of ushering in the presence of the Lord. Let us look a little more in depth at these gatekeepers and the meanings of their names.

Obed-edom means 'bond-slave'
Jehiah means ' to restore to life, to be whole'
Berechiah means 'to kneel as an act of adoration'
Elkanah means 'God owns or possesses'.

These four things must be in place to open the way for the manifest presence of God in our lives and for us to be able to bring it into the lives of others.

A bond-slave was one who had been set free but had chosen to serve his master for life of his own free will. They would then pierce his ear as an outward sign that he was a bond-slave. The Lord is wanting our ear-gates to be set apart to serve Him alone. He is wanting to place a mark of ownership upon our ears so that we would truly be sheep that hear His voice and do not follow the voice of a stranger. Unfortunately, what has happened in some cases is that we have lent our ears to the whisper of the enemy. We have listened to gossip, filthy jokes, doctrines of demons, seductive spirits and other unclean things and all these are broadcasts of Hell's radio station. By not refusing this input and quenching the convicting voice of the Holy Spirit, we have given the enemy permission over the years to set up a folding chair at this gate in our lives and we wonder why we struggle to hear God speak above the interference of the accuser of the brethren.

The gate of a city was a place of authority and rule, where legal matters were decided and the elders of the city sat. Only those who had been given authority to do so were allowed to take up their seats at the gates. In the same way, only those who you have given authority to are legally allowed to take up their seats and rule at the spiritual gates in your life. We give authority to the enemy when we live in disobedience to the Word of God, when we knowingly indulge in activities which He has forbidden, when there is unconfessed sin or our lifestyles do not fit that of a believer-priest, set-apart for His pleasure alone. This gives demonic powers legal access to territory at our gates and the only way to get rid of a legal document like this is to avail yourself of the more powerful legal document written at Calvary which states that the Blood of Jesus paid once and for all in full for the remission of this sin. The Lord requires us to confess our sin so that the voice of our Divine Advocate can ring out in the legal courts of Heaven and declare us forgiven and cleansed. Once sin is dealt with, the legal document that satan holds is nullified and his seat at the gate is overturned and restored to its rightful owner, the Lord Jesus. It is at this point that authority given by God over principalities and powers and all the works of the evil one, can be exercised and they have to leave.

There is contesture going on in the gates of our lives at the moment as to whether the King of Glory has a right to come in. Psalm 24 speaks of this.

'Who shall go to the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place ? he who has clean hands and a pure heart....'

We are all prophetically standing in the place that Joshua the high priest finds himself in Zechariah 3; before the throne of God and satan is at our right hand to accuse us. He knows all the details of our sin and failings and if justice has its way, then we are declared guilty as charged. But hear the voice of the Blood as it speaks in Zech 3:2

"the Lord rebuke you, satan, even the Lord who now chooses Jerusalem, rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire!"

He commands that Joshua's filthy garments be taken away and that He be clothed in rich apparel. It is said that if he is faithful, he will have a permanent place before the throne. In just the same way, even though our lives are not as they should be, our Bridegroom speaks for us in the gates. He is our Kinsman-redeemer and as we serve notice on the princes and gatekeepers of our lives and sever our alliances with them and flee to the protection of our Bridegroom, He will execute judgment on the powers of darkness that have bound and harassed us.

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The third sense through which we allow entrance to our temples is the sense of touch. The Hebrew word for 'touch' brings clarity as to what the Lord is wanting to deal with here because it means, ' to lay the hand upon, to lie with a woman, to beat'. The Greek word for touch means ' to attach oneself to '. It seems the Lord is wanting to address soul-ties and the area of intimacy here. Whenever a man lies with a woman, he becomes one with her and a bond is formed in the soul area which endures after the relationship is over, unless it is deliberately and specifically broken by prayer. God originally intended for this bond to be formed as part of a godly union within marriage to one partner for a lifetime. Unfortunately, promiscuity before or after salvation means that a person becomes bound in the spiritual realm to every person he or she has been intimate with. A bond can even be formed through a strong emotional involvement without sexual intercourse taking place. There is a yoking that takes place which prevents the person from fully receiving the yoke which Jesus wants us to carry (which is easy and light). It will also prevent true intimacy taking place in a Christian marriage if there are unbroken soul-ties and allegiances to past relationships.

If we desire to have the Lord touch others through our lives, then we need to repent of unclean associations and every yoking of darkness with light so that we may honour God through our bodies. All through the gospels there are records of people pressing in to touch Jesus. May our touch bring the touch of Jesus to a broken and searching world.

In the human body the sense of smell is linked to the sense of taste. If a person has no sense of smell then they have a much reduced ability to differentiate between different flavors. In the spiritual realm, these two senses are also linked and God has designed us in such a way that our primary ability to discern is rooted in these two senses, taste and smell. This is why it says in psalm 34:8; 'taste and SEE that the Lord is good'. Our ability to 'see' in the spirit or use our spiritual eyes is connected to our spiritual tastebuds! The Hebrew word for 'taste' means ' to taste, perceive; by implication intelligence, discretion, judgment, understanding'.

Taste speaks of an experiential encounter with God. The first time it is mentioned in the Bible is when the Israelites were in the wilderness and God provided manna for them to eat. Numbers 11:8 tells us that the manna tasted like fresh oil. However, these people scorned God's provision and longed for the food of Egypt. They wept and reminisced over the taste of all that Egypt had to offer. The Word of God is laid out for us each morning like manna for us to gather and every time we scorn this provision and long for that which the world fed us with; vain entertainments that feed the flesh but are of no benefit to the spirit, then it angers the Lord. He allowed Israel to eat the meat they craved but it brought death. Numbers 11:34 says:

'the place was called Kibroth-hattaavah (the graves of sensuous desire) because there they buried the people who lusted, whose physical appetite caused them to sin.'

Hosea 4:11 puts it like this:

'harlotry, wine and new wine take away the heart and the mind and spiritual understanding.'

In the New Testament, the Lord cautions us that those who sow to the flesh will reap corruption, but if we sow to the spirit we will reap eternal life. The manna tasted like fresh oil, straight from the vats of Heaven. It is a type of the continuing revelation of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, Heaven's daily provision for strength and victorious living. If there has been any measure of grumbling in our hearts, any despising of the Word and a longing for the food of the world to satisfy our flesh, then let us repent and ask the Lord to cleanse our spiritual tastebuds that we may be able to discern between that which is truly beneficial and that which is harmful to our spiritual health. Even as physical fasting cleans out the body and sharpens the tastebuds, so fasting from the food of the world will sharpen our spiritual senses and put us in touch with the Holy Spirit once again. Let us switch off the television and the entertainment systems which lull us into spiritual apathy and feed upon the Word of God and notice the difference in our lives!

The Hebrew word for 'smell' means 'to perceive' and comes from a root word meaning ' to make of quick understanding, spirit, wind". Your spiritual sense of smell is one which picks up information that is not visible to the natural eye. It is here that the gift of discerning of spirits operates. The first mention of the word 'smell' is in Genesis 27:27. Isaac smelt Jacob's garments and thought it was Esau because they smelt of the open field and mown grass. He was led astray by his sense of smell and because he had no natural sight he was easily deceived. If our spiritual sense of smell is sharp we will be able to close our eyes and discern what garments a person is wearing in the spirit. However we must also heed what our spiritual ears are telling us. Isaac ignored the fact that the voice was Jacob's voice. he allowed his sense of smell and touch to override the information that was coming to him via his ears. Herein is a warning for all of us in these days when many deceiving spirits have gone out into the world and the church. We need to weigh the information coming from all our spiritual senses to be able to correctly discern the work of the deceiver. This story shows us that a sharpness and alertness of spiritual hearing is vital and will protect us from deception. Isaac wanted to eat his favorite food before blessing his son. The desire for food for his flesh clouded his judgment and he allowed himself to be ruled by the smell of the food and Esau's garments and gave his blessing to the wrong person.

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In Isaiah 12 there is a prophetic description of Jesus:

'the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. and shall make Him of quick understanding, and His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, neither decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness and justice shall He judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the meek, the poor and downtrodden of the earth and He shall smite the earth and the oppressor with the rod of His mouth and with the breath of His lips will He slay the wicked....'

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Chapter Ten
Emmanuel - God with us

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Living With A Third Day Perspective
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Part I

Three years ago I was sitting in a car driving to Dulles airport, Washington DC with a prophetess called Nancy. We were having an animated conversation about the Trinity. Our discussion centered on the observation that nearly everything seems to come in threes - after the order and image of the God-head. Our nature (body-soul-spirit); our world (earth-water-air); the transfiguration (Jesus-Moses-Elijah) and so many other things. I recall the process of death, burial and resurrection took three days.

A year later I was flying in to California to meet with a man called Gary. He was the leader of a group called the Third Day Churches. I listened intently to his explanation about freedom in Christ, of liberty from the old ways of religion, and of pressing through into "something else". Gary, like other leaders had come from a traditional church background, through a freedom loving, Vineyard style church into what he has today. It was a three-step process.

This year I met a fascinating speaker and author, Doug. Our conversation wandered into the Third Day (again!). It was too much for me. Doug had taken it to the next level, and could see the necessity for the church to change, or radically shift their day-to-day perspective on life. We must go all the way through.

Death, burial and resurrection

There is found in Hosea a reference to this three day process: "Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth" (Hos. 6:1-3 NRSV).

On the first day the Lord tears us; He strikes us down. The result is death - a blow to our old nature. On the second day we come to Him; the call is to return to Him. He heals us; He binds us up. After two days He will revive us, and on the third day, He will raise us up! The process is death, burial and resurrection life - resulting in His appearing. He will come to us like showers.

The three-day pattern is literally found all the way through the Scriptures. Once you know the key, you can see the pattern. Let's take a look at twelve places it occurs, to understand God's plan for us to live in a "Third Day" life.

1. Where is your life?

Holding onto your life (which is really death - Matt. 10:39) is a first day reality. To understand and share in His sufferings, so as to attain His death (Phil. 3:10) is a second day reality. To walk without fear of death, knowing that for me to live is Christ (Gal. 2:20) & that my life is hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3) is a third day reality. God wants us to come through our suffering (not avoid it), to embrace our pain (not get therapy for it) and come through that death into resurrection life! (Rev. 20:6).

2. What room of the temple are you in?*

The tabernacle of Moses foreshadowed the temple of Solomon, which is a shadow of the heavenly tabernacle. There were three rooms in Moses' tabernacle. The outer court is where great sacrifice took place, much blood sweat and tears; this is living in the first day. The inner court was a place of worship. It contained the eternal flame, the shewbread, the priestly life. A sanctified life of prayer, fasting and holiness; that is living in the second day. Then there was the holy place, the holy of holies where God dwelt over the mercy seat between the Cherubim. We are invited into the place of intimacy, relationship and life (Heb 10:19-25); that is living in the third day.

*[One could equally ask, "What tabernacle are you at?" - the Tabernacle of Moses, the Tabernacle of David (Acts 15:16), or the Tabernacle of Heaven (Heb. 8:2)?].

3. What priesthood are you a part of?

There are three priesthoods mentioned in Hebrews chapter seven. The first is of Aaron (vs 11) - the one man who could stand for the rest and speak to Moses - the one man who could stand for the rest and speak to God. The "one man" show, the "chosen one" paradigm is a first day understanding. The second priesthood comes from Levi (vs 5) - the tribe of priests raised up to perform the rights and minister at the sanctuary. The practise of having priests, an order of holy men, an order of "ministers" or pastors is a second day understanding. The third priesthood is of Melchizadek (vs 17). The order of a Man without lineage, of eternal life, who came to make all men capable ministers of the New Covenant (2 Cor. 3:16). We [all] are a royal priesthood and a holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9). That is a third day understanding.

4. What feast are you at?

The Old Covenant contained many rules, regulations and policies. But it also contained three key feasts to celebrate God and the Kingdom*. The Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover) is a first day celebration of the sacrifice of the lamb, and for us (at Easter) a celebration of the death of Jesus. The Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) is the second day feast celebrating the fruitfulness, the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. But it is the third day feast - the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths) that we are coming to: the celebration of Christ within us (Col. 1:27), of God tabernacling with His people (John 14:23)!

* I acknowledge that there are other "days" celebrated - the day of Trumpets, the day of Atonement, the day of Sabbath and the "feast" of Purim (a day to celebrate the victory of Mordechai). Hannukah also celebrates the victory of Maccabaeus.

5. What rulebook do you follow?

Are you a first day believer - living under the weight of the law, a son of the bondwoman (Gal. 4:25). Do you live under a "touch not, taste not" kind of religion (Col. 2:21)? Or are you a second day believer - living under the traditions of men (which nullify the word of God: Mark 7:3). Do you go through the motions, play the game, work the room like a good religious person? Or are you living in the third day - chosen by grace (Rom. 11:6) and by grace alone you have been saved (Eph. 2:5)?

6. How mature are you?

An immature son is no better than a slave. He is trapped by his immature "reap and sow" mentality. He does not own the field, he cannot work the farm (Gal. 4:1), he does not learn from pain. He is a first day son. A son growing up is under the care of guardians, tutors who lead them by the nose (Gal. 4:3), he must learn through suffering. He is a second day son. But a mature, third day son has entered into his inheritance, and is a co-heir with Christ (Gal. 4:7). He understands that the field is his; the business is his. He embraces the cross, he endures the suffering and comes through with a changed character, looking more like his heavenly Father.

In the next part of this article we will look at the remaining six points about living in the Third Day

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In the first part of this article we examined the first six points about living life with a Third Day perspective: 1. Where is your life? 2. What room of the temple are you in? 3. What priesthood are you a part of? 4. What feast are you eating at? 5. What rule book do you follow? 6. How mature are you? Now we address the final six points.

7. What is the basis of your sonship?

Do you obey out of fear (Rom. 8:8), because you're afraid God might not love you? Do you act out of a need to please Him? That's a first day basis to life. Are you a fanatic, trying to please God with your efforts, accomplishments, and goal achievements. Are trying to do the right thing in the hope of getting the teacher's mantle? That's a second day basis to life. We are trying to press through to the fullness of being a son, lead by the Spirit, manifesting His glory and changing creation (Rom. 8:14-19). The third day life expresses itself through the anointing, which breaks every yoke. It touches creation and sets the captives free. That's a third day basis to life.

8. What culture do you portray?

There are those who think a love for the city-state of Jerusalem is a holy thing. Who think prayer shawls and other Jewish cultural trappings make for a more godly Christianity. Such practice, whilst innocuous, is adherence to a first day culture. God is not a Hebrew, He is the God of the Hebrews. Do you not know that Jerusalem today is Hagar, and pertains to the bondage of Arabia? They are the children of slavery, just like their Arab brothers (Gal. 4:2,254).

There are those who practice another kind of culture, a learned, stable, aged Christianity that comes from history. The Catechism, the vestments, the prayer book and hymnals are fine as far as they go, but this is church culture. second day culture. The third day truth is that we are sojourners; we are strangers to this world, we are not from here (Heb. 11:13). We are not patriotic to our nationalistic culture. We come from a heavenly, Kingdom culture (John 18:36). We can love and pray for the peace of Jerusalem, but we are not attached to it in an earthly way. We can love and pray for the nation in which we are born, but we are not trapped in nationalism. Our eyes are on the Jerusalem from above (Heb. 11:10).

9. What kind of leader do you have?

A first day Christian is looking for rules, regulations and a mode to life that will help them. It is the law, acting as a tutor leading you (Gal. 3:24). A second day Christian needs a leader leading them. Paul spoke of the so called "ascension gift ministries" which, according to his letter to the Ephesians, was "until" (Eph. 4:11). until the perfection of the saints. Apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists are all second day ministries, until. Third day life is being fully connected to the Holy Spirit, listening to the Lord. It is the anointing leading us (1 John 2:27). It is being fully mature, in the image and stature of Christ, one Body, connected to the brethren.

10. What is your expectation from the community you belong to?

In the first day life, you go to church, and expect the pastor to do everything for you. You have your priest, the law and rules governing your life. It is the priest/ people paradigm. Second day life is more congregational (thank you Baptists). Sure, there is still a minister, and something of a spectator event, but the people have more power (control). There is eldership, a deaconate, a board, importance. but we have not yet found resurrection life in our congregation have we? In heaven, everyone is involved. In a third day church, everyone is involved (1 Cor. 14:26), and everyone brings something to share.

11. Your perspective: first, second, third heaven

Being in the first day gives you a first heaven perspective. The heavens are in the sky; the sky is far away. The air you breathe is more real than the air of heaven. You can only see your life's circumstances. It is Israel and Egypt, full of brick-making and toil. Being in the second day opens you up to the spirit realm, but you are more aware of the demonic than the angelic. You are conscious of supernatural phenomena, but have not pressed through to victory. Jesus confronted the dark principalities of sickness, death and hell on the second day (Eph. 4:9). Being in the third day gives you the full perspective, and now you embrace a view from the throne and government of Christ. You can see the glory of God in everything below it.

12. Your mentality

A first day Christian, with a first heaven revelation lives with a "bunker" mentality. He is holding on until Jesus comes back. He is living out life controlled by his circumstance. He does not have the victory over life, but must endure it. A second day Christian becomes aware of and engaged with fighting principalities and powers. He adopts a "warfare" mentality (Eph. 6:12). He is fighting all the time (sickness, death, demons). A third day Christian has been through both of these phases, and now embraces a higher law - that he was made with royal blood, and will soon be fit to rule and reign with Christ. He knows he is blessed with every blessing in the spiritual realm (Eph. 1:3); is seated with Christ in the heavenly realm (Eph. 2:6); and has the task of making known the mystery of Christ to those same principalities and powers (Eph. 3:10).

Conclusion

As Christians we will be a mixture of first, second and third day truths. The Lord is not saying "give up" He is saying "upgrade". He is not saying you are inferior if you have first or second day understanding, but He is saying there is deeper water to swim in. He is saying there is a higher mountain, a better view from a new perspective. His desire is for each of us to grow to the fullness of maturity. This entire process is really a following after our leader - Christ who dies, was buried and has been raised from the dead! It is a becoming like Him, transformed into His likeness. He truly is the Third Day.

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Mahanaim

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"Mahanaim" - The Dance Between Two Armies

Angelic Visitations

We're in a season where many are encountering the angels of God. There has never been more books cd's or material written on the subject of angels or angelic visitations than in this last season. It is undoubtedly one of the most controversial subjects in Christendom today, however it is God who is pulling back the veil between heaven and earth and is allowing us to see and experience fresh downloads of revelation from His presence.

Then Jacob went on his way, and God's angels met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's army"! So he named that place "Mahanaim."(Genesis 32:1-2)

Song of Solomon 6:13 explains it like this, as upon a "dance between two armies" or a "dance of Mahanaim"

"Mahanaim; the dance between two armies"

. We all know and are familiar with the account of Jacob having a prophetic encounter in a dream where he saw a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. On this ladder he saw the angels of God ascending and descending on it! (Genesis28:12) A few short verses later Jacob refers to this heavenly "ladder" as the "Gateway to heaven" (Genesis 28:17). This gateway was a literal portal that reached from over the top of Jacob into the Third heaven. It says Jacob was allowed to see the angels of God "in a dream".

Angels Ascending and Descending

Like Jacob the ministry of Jesus is clearly marked with the presence of angels. Jesus told Nathaniel; You shall see greater things than this! I tell you all, you shall see heaven opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man! This was more than just a dream! Jesus was telling the disciples they would literally see the heavens open and the angels of God pouring out upon the earthly ministry of the Son of Man. The angels were clearly there to minister with Jesus as well as to minister to Him.

Open Heavens

I find it interesting that Jesus referred to the same experience Jacob had of seeing the "Heavens Opened" and the angels of God were ascending and descending on the Son of Man! (John 1:51). "When the heavens open we get the attention of heaven". The literal "Eye of God" is on us (Psalm 33:18 / 34:15) the and it seems that everything we do turns to life. Prosperity breaks out everywhere. Health, finances, reconciliation of loved ones all kinds of things happen because He sets his love upon us!! This is nothing more than the blessings of Deuteronomy 28 1-12 which says;

"the Lord your God will set you high above the nations (FAVOR) of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and OVERTAKE you if you heed the voice to the Lord your God. You'll be blessed in the city, blessed in the field, blessed shall be the fruit of your body and the fruit of your ground and of the fruit of your beasts, the increase of your cattle and the your flock. You shall be blessed in your basket. Those who rise up against you to defeat you will be scattered seven ways. THE LORD SHALL COMMAND THE BLESSING UPON YOU IN YOU STOREHOUSE AND IN ALL THAT YOU TAKE IN.

Vers 12; The Lord shall OPEN TO YOU HIS GOOD TREASURY...(storehouses) EVEN THE

HEAVENS...(miracles, healings, favor, finances, etc) to give the rain of your land in its season and bless all the work of your hands; And you shall lend to many nations and you shall not borrow. And the Lord shall make you the HEAD, and not the tail,(the part that leads and not follows) and you shall be ABOVE ONLY, and you shall not be beneath...

THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO HAVE THE EYE OF GOD ON YOU WITH AN OPEN HEAVEN!!

Anyways back to Jacob... Lets look at what happened to Jacob in just a few short chapters from Genesis 28. Between Genesis 28 and Genesis 32 we find that Jacob has been under the strong oppressive hand of his father in law Laban and after approximately 14 years is now leaving that country with his family servant's cattle sheep goats and possessions.

Genesis 31:55-32:2
And early in the morning Laban rose up and kissed his grandchildren and his daughters and pronounced a blessing on them. Then Laban departed and returned to his home. Immediately Jacob went on his way, and God's angels met him. When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's army"! So he named that place "Mahanaim" or "Two Armies"

What's this? The angels of God are now appearing to Jacob in a Physical form!!

Again we see in Song of Solomon 6:13 that "Mahanaim" is referred to as a dance before two armies.

So Jacob went from dreaming about the angels of God in Genesis 28 to Physically seeing and dancing with them in Genesis 32!

How many want to dance with the angels of God physically. Jacob did!!

Growing in spiritual maturity is often marked with great increase in spiritual reality. When Jacob was younger in the Lord he dreamed about angels. Now older and more mature in the Lord Jacob encounters them in the natural as friends and help from heaven and he dances with them.

Many are in the season of rapid growth and change and are beginning to experience powerful visitations of the Lord. Many have been in extended seasons of being tried and tested in the "fires of affliction" and are coming out of their "desert experiences" only to find that much like Jacob they've been prepared by the Lord for power ministry and prophetic encounters from heaven.

Two Angels with Silver Trumpets

I recently had a powerful experience that had brought great increase into my life. Six weeks ago I was awaken at 11:22p.m.in the evening by the blast of a loud trumpet. Standing in front of me were two angels each having silver trumpets. The angel on my left blew the first trumpet in my left ear which initially awoke me. I lay on bed trembling from the powerful presence of God. Even though my eyes were closed and I could not open them I still saw everything as though my eyes were wide open.

The angel on my right began to blow his trumpet in my right ear and a physical "Hot" wind entered my ear and went deep into my spirit. Immediately I began lifting up off of my bed and went through the roof and above my house. We went past the stars and what seemed like through the atmosphere into a place or a room in heaven called the "the Room of Intercession".

This was a physical experience!! The Spirit of God was vibrating through me in this room and I was hearing worship coming out of my mouth. "You are so beautiful" You are so worthy. You are some holy... The sound was beautiful and powerful. At one point I realized there were two voices coming out of my mouth. mine and the Lords. These angels were still with me. Again I reiterate this experience was physical best to my recollection. Like Paul whether I was in the body or out of the body I don't know. But it seemed completely physical to me. This encounter lasted for quite some time and into the next day.

When talking with Bob Jones about the experience he said this same thing happened to him when he was about 9 years old in Arkansas. While walking down a country road by his house between two corn fields a man on a white horse rode up to Bob and stopped in front of him. Bob said this man pulled out a "silver trumpet" and blew it in his face and then proceeded to tell him God had called him to be a prophet to the nations! The man said his name was "Gabriel"!

Bob asked me if I knew who he was. I said I think I have a pretty good idea. I don't know if it was Gabriel or not standing before me blowing a silver trumpet in my face at 11:22 p.m. that Saturday evening. But I do know that from that time on the revelation I've been walking in has been unmatched in my experience as well as the miracles healings and works of power. There was a clear increase in power and authority that came as a direct result of this "Physical Visitation"

I was awaken at 11:22p.m. Psalm 112:2 says; "His offspring shall be mighty upon the earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed".

Joel 2:22 says; "Be not afraid, you wild beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness have sprung up and are GREEN; the tree bears its fruit, and the fig tree and the VINE YIELD THEIR FULL STRENGTH!

The Lord is now releasing a tried proven GREEN people who are coming out of the wilderness, out of the pastures of Psalm 23 haven been lying down in GREEN pastures. Their heads are anointed with fresh GREEN OIL and are coming out of their wilderness places YIELDING THEIR FULL STRENGTH!!

This corporate anointed body of overcoming believers will do all of the great exploits of the Kingdom of God. Like Joshua and Caleb they are of "another Spirit" and they will not forget the awesome and miraculous works of the Lord.

It's this Joshua type individual that will stand at the crest of Jordan and God will magnify them in the sight of all the people like He did with Moses. The command will come from them and the Lord will cause the Jordan to open up so the people can pass through on dry ground. These individuals had learned the necessity of "lingering in the presence of God" like both Joshua son of Nun did (Exodus 33:11) and Samuel the young boy in 1 Samuel 3.

These individual have learned that the wilderness place is a place set by God for the Lord to download Himself into them. It's here that all kinds of powerful visitations come as well as the increases in power and understanding. It's here that heaven and earth begin to dance together for the purposes of God to be fulfilled. This is where Mahanaim begins!

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Major Paradigm Shift

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On August 7, 2005 I was at a gathering of like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ. At the end of our time together, I heard the Lord speak repeatedly to my heart, “Major shift at the end of August.” In the days following I was led to share this with a few trusted friends. I continued to pray upon this and ask the Lord to reveal what this entailed. On August 28, 2005 (the day before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Cost) I awoke to hear the Lord simply say, “It is a paradigm shift.” I realized that He was providing another clue to the words He spoke earlier in the month. Putting the two pieces together, it was revealed that the MAJOR shift that was to take place was a MAJOR PARADIGM SHIFT. As the ‘end of August’ transpired, Hurricane Katrina’s powerful winds and rains passed through part of America, perhaps as a catalyst used to usher in this major paradigm shift.

As I pondered what this paradigm shift might entail, I was led to look up the word paradigm. In a simple form, it means ‘pattern’. I also looked up the word shift. It means a ‘change in direction or a change in emphasis, judgment, or attitude’. Putting this together, it would more clearly mean that the Lord was calling for a major change in the pattern or direction of our emphasis, judgment or attitude.

As the first week of Hurricane Katrina and her aftermath transpired, I continued to wait on the Lord for clarity and direction. As news spread quickly, it became apparent that all manner of survival took place. Some thanked God for keeping them alive, while others said God was the one who sent judgment. Some looked to others to be saved, while others cursed one another for not being there when they needed them. Whatever the case, behind the scenes, the major paradigm shift was beginning to take place within the heart of a Nation.

Through the gathering of prophetic voices on the Internet a myriad of words, prophecies and warnings came forth. One could only wonder what the Lord was trying to say through it all. Some had accurately predicted that this big hurricane was eminent, but many lacked further insight to bring what they saw to a conclusion. In my observations, it would seem that many people have a misunderstanding of the prophetic gift to see and hear. Unfortunately, many still rely on the spiritual seeing and hearing ability of others to tell them what God is saying, instead of going to God directly themselves. This is not to say that there are not those actually called to specifically share what they see and hear from the Lord in the office of the Prophet. It is more a call to open our own eyes to what the Lord would define a true New Testament Prophet to be. I believe John the Baptist was the best example of this. However, Jesus pointed out the following in Luke 7.

Luke 7:28 – “For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

John the Baptist’s ministry was to call people to REPENT or think differently. He did this by proclaiming that the Lamb of God was available to man today. All of his exhortations called people into a direct accountability to God and always pointed to Jesus as the only way to escape the realm of sin and unbelief, which caused great suffering. He was sent to ‘make straight the way of the Lord’. He did this by speaking words of truth inspired by the Holy Spirit. These words had the power to cut through a man’s soul and stir the spirit within to respond to a Holy God.

John released these words through a deep love of the Lord and men. His example should be a guidepost when testing all words of prophecy, which 1 Thessalonians 5:21 exhorts us to do saying, “TEST ALL THINGS; HOLD FAST WHAT IS GOOD.” Revelation 19:10 is also very clear to reveal that a true prophetic word will always testify of JESUS, rather than stir up the flesh into realms of pride and fear, rooted in unbelief. Jesus warned us of those who would come with ear tickling words in John 7.

John 7:15-16 – “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruit.”

How did Jesus say we would know a true prophet from a false one? We will know them simply BY THEIR FRUIT! He goes on to say that a good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. I cannot emphasize enough that a true prophet is not known BY HIS ACCURACY ONLY!!! To recognize someone as a prophet by his or her accuracy is not only not Biblical, but also highly dangerous as Jesus described false prophets as ‘ravenous wolves’. A true prophet of God will exhibit true FRUIT, which is SPIRITUAL as described in Galatians 5:22-23 (love, joy, peace, patience, etc.). While accuracy is important, ACCURACY ALONE does not prove anything. A very clear example of this can be found in Acts 16 where a slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination gave an accurate description of Paul and Silas while following them around. Paul discerned that though this was an accurate word, it left him disturbed, troubled, and annoyed. It was evident that the fruit of the speaker was not good, so he cast the spirit of divination out of her. This is a very clear example of accuracy without fruit. Even fortunetellers and soothsayers can give an ‘accurate prediction’, but it is not rooted in the Truth and inevitably brings glory to MAN or SELF, rather than GOD.

The reason I have addressed this subject of discerning true prophecy from false is because I believe we have only entered into the beginning of sorrows. As world events continue to unfold, it will become more and more important that we know the Lord Himself and by knowing Him more are able to discern His words of wisdom, truth, righteousness, and peace measured against the truth of His Word and the inner witness of the Holy Spirit. For as Jesus said, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

Jeremiah 23 provides further insight in discerning between those who speak out of their own heart and those who have truly stood in the counsel of God.

Jeremiah 23:21-22
21 “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear my Words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.”

IT IS TIME FOR THE TRUE PROPHETS OF GOD TO SPEAK FORTH WHAT IS IN HIS HEART. The marked outcome of their words will be a literal and visible change of heart of those they are sent to. THE TIME FOR CHANGE MUST BEGIN NOW! I sense that not only is the Nation (physically and spiritually) being called to REPENT, but even more so the CHURCH or those who call themselves a Christian. To whom much is given, much is required. This is not only a call to turn away from sin, but it is a call to THINK DIFFERENTLY. God is calling us to SEE the value of LIFE and each day we are given as a precious gift. We must begin to think beyond the realm of self and see GOD AS HE IS and not who we think He is or want Him to be.

The Lord gave me the following Scripture that pertains to this major paradigm shift.

1 John 3:2
Beloved, NOW we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when HE SHALL APPEAR, we shall BE LIKE HIM; for we shall SEE HIM AS HE IS.

One can view this latest tragedy as God’s judgment for a Nation’s sin. However, this perspective is based in an Old Testament understanding. The New Testament or New Covenant that Jesus personally made with His own shed blood would state the full judgment for man's sin was poured out upon the Son of God over 2000 years ago at Calvary. Contrary to the deception of the carnal mind, Jesus' sacrifice was full and complete. We must rise up above the realm of condemnation and fully begin WALKING IN THE SPIRIT! Those who deny the free gift of Salvation already stand judged by God, so to continue to blame the sin of those already judged is redundant. The questions then remains, is this really judgment? It depends on your use of the word 'judgment'. If you are thinking of judgment in terms of a crisis, then you are correct. Have we not walked long enough with the Lord to realize that it is THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION that we enter into the Kingdom of God?

I believe any trial in life is allowed to change a person's perspective. Whether it is a daily battle in every day life or a tragedy in the life of a Nation. I believe the Lord is calling each one of us to get our eyes off worldly pleasures and ourselves and to instead fix our eyes on Him, so that we might reach out to others with His love and compassion. This is not the time to point fingers, accuse and blame, but is instead an opportunity to make great changes in our personal lives and in the way we look at and serve others. I do not believe it is by chance that the people outwardly affected most by this disaster were those who are many times overlooked and forgotten including the weak, the sick, the elderly, the poor, and a people whose ancestors endured the atrocities of slavery. It is time for the true Bride of Christ to rise up and take action. We can no longer sit back and allow others in our midst to suffer. If we truly call ourselves by the Name of Jesus, we must allow Him to shift our thought patterns, that our focus would remain on Him, so we can effectively and efficiently serve others in His love. This can only be done through abiding in Him.

The Lord also spoke the following word to me concerning this season that has opened before us.

“Continue to rest My child for I come quickly as a thief in the night. You must keep your lamp filled with oil. OIL, OIL, OIL. Yes, OIL is very important in this next season. Oil is used to keep your vehicle moving. Those without oil will find themselves in want and the shortage will be great. But you shall never run dry as long as you stay connected to the Vine.”

Obviously, in this word, the Lord is speaking of oil representative of His Holy Spirit, which provides the anointing or power we need to carry out what the Lord has commissioned us to do. Too many times 'vehicles' or ministries have left their First Love in exchange for bigger crowds, more notoriety, and selfish desires. We are entering into a season that those who have disconnected themselves from the Vine, will soon find that they have been running on fumes. All of their striving will culminate in their engines burning out and their 'vehicle' will cease to move forward. They will find themselves once again in the Valley of Decision accountable to a Holy God. In God's mercy, we don't have to wait for another day to repent and turn back to God. TODAY we can choose Whom we will serve. Those who turn back to God will find an ever-flowing Well of Salvation and Fountain of Life from Whom they can draw strength from. Those who do not choose Life will suffer the consequences of their own decisions.

We are living in a time like no other. The true prophets of God are calling for CHANGE. They are calling upon the heartstrings of men and women, young and old, to turn towards a Holy God and receive His power from on High in a fresh way to fulfill the destiny He has placed within them. This destiny is simply to serve, to love, to show compassion and mercy, to simply be the Body of Christ Himself walking across the earth today. These are things that should strike a chord in their heart as they realize that the law is fulfilled in simply loving God and loving people. Matthew 7:21-23 reveals that it is not enough to prophesy, cast out demons, or do wonders in the Name of Jesus. Matthew 25 is very clear to reveal those who inherit the Kingdom of God are those who use the faith they are given to bring salvation, healing, comfort and restoration to a lost and dying world.

Matthew 25:34-40
34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the

kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick or in prison, and come to You? 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

It is through Kingdom eyes that we see that it is time to turn away from self-preservation, rooted in fear and unbelief, and allow the work of the Cross to be fully manifested in our lives. We must see that our lives are not our own, but were bought with a price, that price being the precious and pure Blood of Jesus Christ. The finger pointing must stop. If we do not have love, we are nothing. As world events continue to unfold, it is only the Love of God that will remain. Paul states this very clearly in 1 Corinthians 13.

1 Corinthians 13:2-3
2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

The pattern of our thinking must change and quickly. This hurricane is only one of many trials and tribulations to come in our Nation. If we are wise, we will perceive this as an opportunity to sink our roots in deeper, draw from the River of Living Water, roll up our sleeves and get to work. We must keep our lamps filled with oil. There is a great harvest that is yet to come and by coming into alignment with what God is doing in this hour, we will be better prepared and positioned for what is ahead. We are accountable to God for the knowledge we have TODAY. We cannot waste time worrying about tomorrow. We must enter into and remain in His rest in order to live in the realm of Present Day Truth. The Holy Spirit must be our leader and guide. By abiding in Him, He will reveal all we need to know as things continue to unfold.

Making Room
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Making Room: A Revelation of the Church"
by Victoria & Cassandra Boyson

Last week, as I was taking down my Christmas tree, the Lord kept talking to me about His body -- the Church; that's us! He kept pouring information into me while I tore it apart -- the tree of course, not the Church.

WE NEED EACH OTHER

He said that we need to trust each other more and learn to work together, correct each other in love, and not make idols out of each other. And pastors and church leaders need to rely more on the intercessors and prophets; they need to spend more time raising them up and encouraging them.
He said, "They've got to learn to work together and enhance one another, because they will need each other in the days ahead."

He continued, "My prophets and intercessors need to stop being so afraid of those in authority over them. They are sent to serve the Church and they need to get to know the leaders, and to love and appreciate them. They need to become the pastor's support team, not his critics! They need to encourage him, as they are encouraged by him. Yes, they need to warn him of dangers, but only after they have established a trustworthy relationship built on mutual respect and love. They need to allow themselves to be corrected when it is needed, but the correction must be brought in love and in appreciation for that person."

The church leaders need to appreciate their intercessors more, because the intercessors are the backbone of the church. They need to be thanked and often, because its often a very thankless position. They can often feel like they have no place in the body and they need a place to belong. The enemy attacks the intercessors hard because he knows their position is vital. They are usually very sensitive and need your protection, sensitivity, and respect.

In the days ahead, we must learn to value our prayer support even more than our financial support; that is how vital their intercession will become to us. We need their prayers to accomplish what God asked us to do. We simply cannot do it without them.

OH, THAT CHRISTMAS TREE!

As God was cramming all this into my head, I was agreeing with Him while I crammed the branches of my tree into its box.

I looked at the jumbled mess of my tree, and I said, "Lord, how am I gonna get all of these branches into the box?"

"You'll have to smoosh them," He answered.

Then it hit me . . .

My beautiful tree, that I got at Wal-Mart (an American department store) for the bargain price of $19.94 several years ago, was representative of the Church.

Every Christmas, my family and I take out the box and assemble our tree. We take this jobbled mess out of its box and follow the instructions, bigger branches on the bottom, smaller above them, and finally the tree top. When its blended all together it is quite like a real tree (well almost, there's nothing like a real tree).

We pull out our ornaments that have been in our family for years. Everyone has a favorite: the ceramic nativity with mother and child, the paper framed picture of my husband as a small child, and the crocheted Christmas wreath my Grandma made when I was a young girl.

However, our tree only gets decorated once a year to celebrate Christ's birth. For the other eleven months out of the year, it is crammed into a much too small box. The branches that were once positioned perfectly, are now twisted and smooshed to make room for each other.

MAKING ROOM

I laugh when I think of what we (the Church) would sound like as the tree in my box. "Hey, you big ox, get off me!" "Pardon me, you little branch, I'm the all important tree top; make way for me!" What about the little branches that get stuck at the bottom? Don't you think they'd feel sorry for themselves in their humble position?

By the time I'm finished cramming it all into the box, none of the branches get any special attention apart from the rest of the tree. To get them all in, they have to get smooshed and make way for each other.

Now do you see where I'm going?

We need to make way for one another. None of us are more important than the other; we are all important in God's plan for His Church. We've got to learn to esteem each other as more important than ourselves and make room for each other. We are stuck with each other; we need each other. Our Father has made sure of that. If we don't make room for others, we are gonna get smooshed! If we try to "preserve" ourselves, we will wind up in a "jam."

He doesn't want us to be selfish and self-centered, only caring about ourselves, but caring about the other "branches" as well. He wants us to prefer one another. His greatest commandment to us isn't to have a big ministry, or lots of money, but He told us to ***"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself"*** **(Luke 10:27)**. The golden rule is to do unto others as you'd have them do unto you . . . isn't it? If we all live by this rule, there will be no more selfishness in the Church.

ACTS' ANNOYANCE

My almost-15-year-old daughter, Cassandra, has been studying the book of Acts and has become quite annoyed by the fact that the Church today looks nothing like what it did then.

"Why aren't we sharing our stuff with each other, like they did? This is just awful," I heard her rant and rave.

She then quoted Acts 4:32-35 (NLT) to me at the peak of her annoyance, ***"All the believers were of one heart and mind, and they felt that what they owned was not their own; they shared everything they had. The Apostles gave powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great favor was upon them all. There was no poverty among them because people who owned land or houses sold them and brought the money to the Apostles to give to the others in need."*** This is the same child who took back some of her Christmas presents to send the money to the tsunami victims.

DIFFICULT DAYS AHEAD

Life is difficult and it's going to get more difficult in the days ahead. We must learn to work together. We all must have the same goal: to advance the kingdom of God. If one of us succeeds, we all succeed; their success belongs to the whole body. When we build up a brother or sister, we build up ourselves, for we are all one in Christ. We are certainly not in competition with each other. And if we were in a competition, according to scripture, those who serve the most "win."

In Revelation 12:11 it says, ***"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."*** This is Bible prophecy. It was not talking about the early church, but about us. This is predicting how we will act and how we will treat each other. We will not be selfish. We will not care so much about what happens to us, but we will give ourselves, and even our lives, for other's sake. While the rest of the world is becoming lovers of themselves, we will shine as we love others, not ourselves.

Envy, pride, and selfishness have no place in the body of Christ, or in our churches. In these last days we need each other. We need to support and exhort each other, encourage each other, and most of all, love each other. Love casts out fear and makes room for a brother or . . . a branch.

Let's not fear our brother taking our place. Let's give it to him!

Dear Father,

We repent of selfishness, envy, and pride. Please forgive us and change our hearts and minds to accommodate one another. Pull out all that is in us that would hinder us from esteeming each other. Put an axe to the roots of pride and selfishness in Your children, and make us one in You, Lord. In Jesus' name.

On a personal note:

I want to thank the spiritual fathers and mothers who are raising up the younger ministries and opening doors for them. May they be a blessing to you in return!

Love and blessings,

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Moonlight and Love Songs

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I heard this old song as I asked the Lord if there was anything He wanted to talk about…and went to see the lyrics but found first this site with this comment:

"You must remember this, a kiss is still a kiss". Your romance is Casablanca. A classic story of love in trying times, chock full of both cynicism and hope. You obviously believe in true love, but you're also constantly aware of practicality and societal expectations. That's not always fun, but at least it's realistic. Try not to let the Nazis get you down too much."
These are the song lyrics:

As Time Goes By
Dooley Wilson

This day and age we're living in
Gives cause for apprehension
With speed and new invention
And things like fourth dimension
Yet we get a trifle weary
With Mr. Einstein's theory
So we must get down to earth at times
Relax relieve the tension
And no matter what the progress
Or what may yet be proved
The simple facts of life are such
They cannot be removed

You must remember this, A kiss is still a kiss, A sigh is just a sigh
The fundamental things apply - As time goes by
And when two lovers woo, They still say, "I love you", On that you can rely
No matter what the future brings - As time goes by

Moonlight and love songs
Never out of date
Hearts full of passion
Jealousy and hate
Woman needs man
And man must have his mate
That no one can deny

Well, it's still the same old story
A fight for love and glory
A case of do or die
The world will always welcome lovers
As time goes by
Oh yes, the world will always welcome lovers

As time goes by

Now obviously this is a love song from Casablanca, but there are some things obvious to the discerning eye that God is saying even through this song. If our LOVER is Christ, then the fight for love and glory relates to our holding on to Him, and displaying HIM as ambassadors of peace in a fast changing world.

Then I asked the Lord what He wanted to say about this:

“Lives are being stirred to compassion now because of the tsunami and because of the pain and suffering they see. When you are exposed to great suffering and grief, then compassion is stirred for those whose hearts are still alive and not dead. People pray more, people give more, realizing their own vulnerability to be in the same place.

My compassions are new every morning. I am constantly stirred and not occasionally by the cries of those in bondage and prison houses. Some are in spiritual prisons, some are in prisons of their own making. Some are in prisons of their imagination. All causes great pain. That pain causing them to groan and cry out to help. Some cry out to ME knowing Me. Some cry out to a god they think they know, but who is not a god at all, but only a demonic force. Either way they are searching and when hearts are searching they are open to hear the TRUTH.

I AM THE WAY , THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. Now is the time for speaking the truth in love and seeing great fruit come forth from stretching forth your hands to pray and to help those in pain. In the streets of EVERY city on the earth are the poor, the lame, the blind and the deaf. The crippled are there. The broken are there. The gates are opening and You are My ambassadors. NO longer do I want you to be my ambassadors in CHAINS ! – Chained by fear, chained by traditionalism, chained by false teachings and delusion, pride and arrogance. I want no more CHAINS on My people. I will BREAK the chains of bondage to the enemy and set My people free. I am breaking down walls of deception ! I am breaking down barriers of jealousy and pride ! I am breaking down walls of separation and division.
I am GOD and there is none like ME ! The whole earth will be filled with MY GLORY !”

Isa 45:2-8 NKJV
2 'I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.
4 For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; There is no God besides Me. I will gird you, though you have not known Me,
6 That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.' 8 "Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.

Ps 72:2 NKJV He will judge Your people with righteousness, and Your poor with justice.

Ps 98:4-8 NKJV Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. 5 Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm, 6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;
Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. 7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

Isa 42:3-4 NKJV A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

“ When My glory is poured out, it will cause a breaking in the hardest of

hearts and all the earth will know it is ME ! They will not be able to hide from My arrows pursuing them. My arrows will be like heat seeking missiles.
I will wrestle with man and I will prevail ! But I will not break the one who is bruised and broken. Instead they will for once in their lives feel the true love of their FATHER, and they will be changed.

Will you be My LOVE AMBASSADORS ? For I am looking for those who want to be LIKE ME . I am looking for a few good men and women, boys and girls who are willing to pay the cost for a revolution of worldwide proportions! My yoke is easy and My burden is light so you will not have to strive. The awakening you have prayed for will come. It will come amidst all the confusion and turmoil, but MY VOICE will sound above al the mighty waters. My voice will be heard amidst the quiet spaces and the dark caverns of the earth. NO matter where man runs he will run into ME.

For I am a jealous GOD and I will have no other gods before ME. All that is wood, hay, and stubble will burn. All that is meant for glory will be burned by the fire of MY LOVE, and transformed by My grace. Come and buy from ME, gold refined in the fire ! I am your LOVING FATHER. I run to you, so don’t run away from ME…just come to ME, and I will do the changing. Lay down all your self sufficiency and rely on ME to see you through. I tell you the truth; YOU MUST LEARN TO LEAN on your Beloved if you want to get through this time. If you want to overcome, LEAN ON ME. For I love you as no other loves you. I will not betray your trust. I am FAITHFUL ! I am the FAITHFUL ONE. I will NOT leave you nor forsake you NO MATTER WHAT. YOU ARE MINE, and I AM YOURS. Do not disdain My presence. Come to ME and breathe in My life ! It is yours for the taking !”

Lions Tigers Bears
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Dan 5:21 NKJV Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

I heard the Lord say when asked if He wanted to speak about anything, "Lions and Tigers and Bears". This seemed nursery rhymish from something I remember reading a long time ago. Then he led me to the above scriptures.

This last year there were many bizarre newspaper articles about lions and people, and wild animals, and birds…like 10,000 that dropped from the skies dead in China. There was a man who tried to "convert" a lion by climbing into the lion pit at a zoo and got mauled. Also there was much increase in pestilence. Many of these articles were signs.

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So then I asked the Lord what He wanted to say about all this:

" In all this you are seeing the fruit of what has been sown. I have given man dominion over all the things of the earth. Not for destruction, but for food, for work, for every good thing. Over the years man has become himself, like the wild beasts of the earth, only those infected with rabies or other disease. Instead of only destroying what is necessary for needed food, or clothing, he has gotten greedy and full of avarice and complacency. He thinks only of himself.

Now, unlike the wild beasts who must even bow down to me, he refuses to bow down. David said, " I am like a beast before You". Yet man who has become worse in his rebellion towards Me, will not bow to My name. They mock and disdain My name. So I am showing you in many ways in this season which is soon coming to a close, that I am indeed the God most high. And man who has lowered himself lower than even the beasts of the earth, will have to bow to ME ! Every knee will bow ! If it takes devastation, it is not because of ME. It is because of the laws of reaping and sowing. If you bite and devour one another, will you also not be bitten and devoured ? If you sow love and kindness, and grace, you will receive, love, and kindness and grace.

Why are you startled at the news ? Have you not known ? Have you not seen ? Have you not been told from the beginning the course of the times ?

Am I a man that I should lie or the son of man, that I should change my mind? Man still thinks he is in control, but he will see that I alone am in control. He in his selfishness has built a god he wants. But I am not that god. I will not be dictated by man who I must be. I love you, but I am not to be molded by you into an image you seek, but rather, I am the master craftsman, and man and my church will be molded into what I WANT THEM to be !"

Isa 26:9 AMP   My soul yearns for You [O Lord] in the night, yes, my spirit within me seeks You earnestly; for [only] when Your judgments are in the earth will the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God).

"The situations in the world will become more and more agitated and more severe in consequence. I am telling you not to fear, for I will hide in the shadow of My wings, those who trust in ME. Think not upon your own life, for surely many have lost their lives in service to My name and because of their faith in Me. Changes are escalating I have told you. So prepare your hearts for change and be obedient to My leading. Sit at My feet awhile and allow ME to bless you and fill you with My presence more. I want you STRONG as the horse in battle. Do not be surprised at the demise of the wicked schemes of men. They have their plans, but I have Mine ! And My will, WILL be done in the world. Every system will fall. Every time disaster happens, your heart will break, but be in synch with Mine, more and more.

I am bringing HARVEST. Will YOU open your hearts and hands to help those around you ? Will you DIE to SELF enough to think of someone else more highly than you ? Will you have the courage to put others before yourself ?

I'm testing and trying you now, but it will bring forth MUCH FRUIT as I prune My branches all over the world. I will have a holy and fruitful church who will no longer put themselves first.

The homeless will increase. The lawlessness is increasing. Will you stand idly by and apathetic, or will you fight for those who cannot fight for themselves ? Will you enlist yourself in My army ? Or will you go AWOL only thinking of your own skin ? I need more than a few good men and women for this task. There will be no NEED to compete. There is MUCH to be done, and many will be overwhelmed at the numbers of fish that will come swimming into port ! It will be like a tsunami and like a tsunami, will come unexpectedly and powerfully upon the scene. Get your nets ready ! Sharpen your knives for the cleaning of the fish ! Prepare the vats of oil and the salt for purifying. READ THE WORD. Soak in My presence. I will fill you up to the full with My presence so you will be able to withstand all the opposition of the enemy ! He will not be able to stop what is coming, but he will try to cause fear and confusion to reign. Hold on to the intimacy you have with Me, if you want to survive. For he has loosed His end times army as well. STAY close at the side of the LOVER of your soul ! Keep communion with ME, and you will be safe in the shadow of My wings. I love you and cherish you and will do mighty things through you as you put ALL your faith in ME."

Dan 7:2-8 AMP Daniel said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heavens [political and social agitations] were stirring up the great sea [the nations of the world].

[Note from Pris: In other places the four winds refer to angels or spirits.]

3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea in succession, and different from one another.

4 The first [the Babylonian empire under Nebuchadnezzar] was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I looked till the wings of it were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand upon two feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. [Dan 2:37,38.]

5 And behold another beast, a second one [the Medo-Persian empire], was like a bear, and it raised up itself on one side [or one dominion] and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, Arise, devour much flesh.

6 After this I looked, and behold, another [the Grecian empire of Alexander the Great], like a leopard which had four wings of a bird on its back. The beast had also four heads [Alexander's generals, his successors], and dominion was given to it. [Dan 2:39; 8:20-22.]

7 After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast [the Roman empire]--terrible, powerful and dreadful, and exceedingly strong. And it had great iron teeth; it devoured and crushed and trampled what was left with its feet. And it was different from all the beasts that came before it, and it had ten horns [symbolizing ten kings]. [Dan 2:40-43; 7:23.]

Ezek 38:22-23 NKJV And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.'"

The Great Provider
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“Many are worried now about finances. They can see the rumblings in the world and the signs of the times. I AM the RESOURCE of everything you need. I am NOT the harsh taskmaster. But I am stretching many of you in faith for the days ahead are perilous and not times of plenty for most. Any wealth now will be for sharing with the poor, not for selfish ambition.

I AM the God Who keeps you alive in famine. I AM the ONE who provides escapes from death. I AM the ONE Who will give you all the wisdom you need for the times ahead if you will but seek My face and not just My hand.

Truly I tell you that this generation will not pass away before seeing the coming of Christ again in the heavens. Be like the WISE VIRGINS. Store up oil, not gold and silver, though many will be able to do that whom I can trust with finances to help others. The MOST important thing is to spend time with Me so I can prepare you for all that is ahead.

GREAT exploits are ahead for all who love Me and obey Me. When the enemy comes in like a FLOOD, and He has come like a flood of many waters.

I WILL RAISE UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM I SAID ! You are that standard ! Think upon what that means. Think how you must be made the strong horse in battle so you can be effective and what that must take .

The antichrist is at hand and you are not worried about the right things.

Souls hang in the balance and unbelief is RAMPANT in the world and in My church. I am turning the tables on the ungodly and in that process ALL will be affected. Do not be ignorant. I have told these things to you ahead of time. You only have a few years before all will crumble.

There is a judgment for every SYSTEM of man that has exalted itself against ME. Man will learn what is important, in most cases the hard way, for many have become stubborn and mockery is strong. Where is the day of His coming many say in My OWN church, because they do not have true relationship with ME. They think life will go on and on blithely believing in self sufficiency and not realizing I AM AT HAND ! THEY WILL recognize soon enough. It is not my desire to see judgment. I am NOT a God of destruction but of restoration and LIFE and LOVE. THAT is the message you must carry as you go about your daily life now.

LOOK and ask each day “ who can I touch today Father ?” And I will show you. Do not look for the easy way. Take up your cross and walk ! Do not think that awakening will not come at a cost. The rains are pouring out – you’ve asked for rain in the time of the latter rains, and it is coming. Every eye shall see, every knee shall bow to Jesus ! Be courageous ! Do not be afraid to speak for ME. Be bold and do not flinch at their mockery ! Do not be afraid of their faces.

For behold I send you to a rebellious house ! They are thinking of glory and praying for revival, but they have not the knowledge of the fullness of what I AM about to do ! Be sensitive to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit.

Do not ignore His promptings. It is time to be DEPENDENT on Him for what to do , where to go, who to minister to, and who NOT to minister to ! The enemy will try to get you so busy that you will not have time for ME. But all ministry must come out of your intimacy with ME. If you do not stay intimate with ME, then you will be prone to the spirit of this hour, of delusion and deception and rebellion. Stay close and take communion often.

Pray for your families and friends you know. SPEAK THE WORD with confidence in MY ABILITY TO PERFORM IT !

I love you My bride, My own, My beloveds. Your eyes will behold much turmoil and violence in the days ahead. So keep your private place in ME and do not turn away from the haven I AM in such a storm of turbulence and havoc. The enemy means to bring havoc but you will show the world what PEACE is amidst the turmoil. You will show them life by RAISING THE DEAD TO LIFE ! You will show them LOVE by pouring out MY compassion on the lost. I will give you the discernment when someone is not true. You will not want to minister to them, because of the evil in them. But many others will be plucked out of the evil darkness and be flooded with My light and proclaim the gospel to others like them. So LOOK to ME. Do not try to judge on your own. ASK and you shall receive. Knock and the door will be opened.

I AM YOUR REDEEMER and SAVIOR ! I will see you through. I AM EMMANUEL – GOD WITH YOU. I will be with you in the fire and in every situation you go through. Cling to ME, and the enemy will FLEE !

I love you and will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isa 43:2-7 NKJV When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4 Since you were precious in My sight, You have been honored, and I have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, and gather you from the west;

6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth — 7 Everyone who is called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I have made him."

Ps 33:18-19 NKJV Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy, 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Ps 37:18-20 NKJV The LORD knows the days of the upright, and their inheritance shall be forever. 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time,

and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish; And the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.

Ezek 37:9-10 NKJV Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."'" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Dan 7:2-7 NKJV Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. 4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

5 "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

6 "After this I looked, and there was another, like a leopard, which had on its back four wings of a bird. The beast also had four heads, and dominion was given to it.

7 "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Dan 7:17-18 NKJV 'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.'

Ps 65:4-13 NKJV Blessed is the man You choose, and cause to approach You, That he may dwell in Your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple.

5 By awesome deeds in righteousness You will answer us, O God of our salvation, You who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of the far-off seas; 6 Who established the mountains by His strength, Being clothed with power; 7 You who still the noise of the seas, The noise of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples. 8 They also who dwell in the farthest parts are afraid of Your signs; You make the outgoings of the morning and evening rejoice.

9 You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it. 10 You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth.

11 You crown the year with Your goodness, and Your paths drip with abundance. 12 They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, and the little hills rejoice on every side. 13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

Maranatha
by Bill Somers

In another article, Lessons from the Duck Yard, I stated that the Lord's program for the end times can be found summarized in Isaiah chapter 1:24-28

> *24.Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:*
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> *25. And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:*
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> *26. And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*
>
> *27. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*
>
> *28. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed (Isaiah 1:24-28).*

This passage is in deed, a short summary of the Lords program for the end times. It includes purifying the Church, converting the lost, vengeance on the enemy, and destruction of the sinners.

I have found another short summary, even shorter than the above one, that has some interesting features I'll share with you. It is Mathew 9:1 , where speaking of Jesus, it states: "***And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.***"

Each part of this verse answers to a phase of the end times, and also corresponds to one of the three major feasts of the Lord. These are Tabernacles, Passover and Pentecost.

Now this is one of those insights that come all at once in a flash in inspiration. In order for that to happen, The Lord has to lay a lot of foundation.

Let's take **the third part** first. **He came into his own city**. In this case the reference to the New Jerusalem which the prophet John saw coming down from Heaven as a bride prepared for her husband. Thus the City is the Bride! So entering the city is the same and celebrating the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. This of course is at the end of Revelation. The marriage is the fulfillment of the marriage covenant, God's covenant and promise to his people. This corresponds with pentecost because it was on pentecost, after the children of Israel came out of Egypt, that God gave them the Law on Mt. Sinai. And it was on pentecost, after Jesus resurrection, that God gave the Holy Spirit to the Church. So pentecost is linked with the covenant. The covenant is a marriage covenant. And fulfillment of that covenant comes at the marriage supper, after Jesus Second Coming. All this is contained in the phrase: ***and came into his own city.***"

The second part, passover, speaks of the Second Coming. The Key features are the Lord's judgment upon satanic powers, darkness coming upon the land and the resurrection.

Judgment

a. At the first passover, the Lord slew the firstborn of Egypt, and he also judged their "gods".
b. At the passover, when Jesus laid down his life, He told us, the prince of this world is judged.
c. When the Lord returns in his glory at the second coming, He will first bring judgment on the heavenly powers.

Darkness

a. When the Lord slew the firstborn of Egypt and judged their gods, he went out at midnight.
b. When Jesus was crucified, darkness fell upon the land from the 6th to the 9th hour.

c. When the Lord comes again in his glory, the sun will turn black and the moon will not shine.

Resurrection

a. The people of God coming out of Egypt and passing through the Red Sea is a type of resurrection.
b. Jesus own resurrection and that of the old testament saints followed his death at passover.
c. When Jesus returns, the dead in Christ shall rise!

All of this is contained in the phrase: ***and passed over.***

The first part, he entered into a ship, is connected with Tabernacles. Here are the key features of tabernacles:

On the Day of atonement, the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies to meet with the Lord. Thus that was when the Lord came to the temple!

On the first feast of tabernacles, Moses came down from Sinai the second time and had the people begin construction of the tabernacle of the Testimony. It was completed just prior to Passover.

On the 8th day of tabernacles, Hagaii gave his second prophecy, and the people began to build the second temple. It too was completed just prior to Passover.

On the 8th day of tabernacles, Jesus revealed himself to Israel, saying If any man thirst, let him come unto me….

What all this is saying it that the essence of tabernacles is God coming to the temple and revealing himself. The Temple is the Church. The Church is the Ship. All this is contained in the phrase: ***And he entered into a ship.***

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city."

This is saying

a: Jesus will come and reveal himself to the Church. This is the beginning of the Book of Revelation. Tabernacles

b. This starts a process [building His spiritual temple] that will culminate in the Second Coming, Revelation 19. Passover

c. The Lord's final aim is to be united with his Bride, Revelation 21. Pentecost.

Each of the three feasts have had partial fulfillment's in the past, in these last days, they will be completely fulfilled.

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Bill Somers Prophetic Vision

Marinating

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My precious children, I have called each of you to rest in Me. Many of you have been trying to begin going out about My business but have put the cart before the horse.

All ministry for Me, and being released in Me, springs out of your times with Me. Many of you are allowing yourselves to marinate in things that are not of Me. Many of you are stewing in your circumstances and stewing in your unbelief and issues. Many of you are remaining in a marinade that is NOT of Me.

I have called each of you to remain in My marinade. As you leave meat in marinade the marinade is able to soak through every part of the meat. The meat is TRANSFORMED in the marinade. The meat receives its flavour from the marinade in which it is bathed. It cannot be dunked into the marinade and pulled out and expect incredible transformation. The meat must remain in the marinade to receive what it was designed to receive. So it is with you My church.

I am calling My church to rise up and stand in holiness, yet how may My church stand up and be holy, if they are allowing themselves to remain in marinades not of Me? I am calling each of you to remain in Me, in My presence and My Word like never before. Saturate yourselves in Me.

To raise the standard in Me, and be a people that seek Me more than ever before. Not in a legalistic sense, for I am not a God who delights in bound legalism, but to enjoy being in My presence, and delight in remaining in My marinade more than ever before.

I long to shine My light to the world through each of you, but My light is dulled by active choices by My children to remain in things not of Me. Through wounds in your hearts and through sin, you become entangled in things not of Me, and remain in the marinade of this world and all it offers.

I have called each of you to be set apart. To be holy. To be different, not in your own strength, but through My Holy Spirit shining through each of you. My heart is to see each of you stand in Me, in holiness, confidence and freedom. I have called each of you to become more and more like Me. To allow My Spirit to bring transformation to your lives.

I cannot bring transformation to each of you if you are choosing to remain in marinades not of Me.

I am calling each of you, listen, quiet your hearts and listen to My gentle sweet voice calling you into the secret place. Over and over again I continue to speak this message to My church, because remaining in Me, coming deeper in Me, stepping away from things that are not of Me, is the foundation to all things in Me.

I long to know each of you more than you long to know Me. I call out to each of you more than you call out to Me. My love for each of you is greater than your love for Me. I long to spend time with each of you more than you long to spend time with Me.

Examine your hearts My church. Remove any things in your heart that are not of Me. Examine your hearts if you truly want to become more like Me, truly examine your hearts if you want to be released in Me, and truly examine your hearts if you truly want to know Me.

For if you do My church, you must remove yourselves from all other marinades and spend time more and more in the marinating presence of your God. Me, the Great I Am.

You will be transformed in My presence. I will shine brighter through you than ever before, and I will bring a flavour to your lives that you've never experienced. You will be saltier than ever before. Not because of your own strength or actions, there is nothing you can do apart from Me, but in Me, you can do all things. As you rest in Me, you will see Me increase in you, which will spark the hunger and thirst of all those around you more than ever before.

Do not try and do these things alone My church. Many of you are bathing in the marinade of your own strength, and you are not moving forward. The marinade of your own strength is filthy, and off. There is nothing good in the marinade of your own strength or the marinade of this world.

My Word says desire all heavenly and spiritual things, so desire Me. Turn your hearts from all other marinades and set your eyes upon Me, the Lord your God. Turn your hearts back from all other things.

Stop staying in other marinades because you are scared to move out. Stop staying in marinades not of Me because of comfort or fear. Step out, and actively trust Me. Trust Me that separating yourselves from all other marinades and placing yourselves more and more in My marinade will bring about life and life in abundance.

Actively choose to spend more time bathing in the marinade of My presence. Do not be deceived and led away anymore by the lusts, sins and desires of this world, and entangled by the evil one.

I am moving greatly in My body today, and preparing My church more than ever for My return. I am moving quickly, and I am longing to send out My army, so rise up My church. Listen to these words and choose to step away from all other things not of Me.

Do you really want to be holy church? If so, step away from all marinades that are like acids eating away at every part of you, and step into My marinade more than ever before.

May Day

Brenda Dowdin

Greetings Beloved Ones!

As I was in prayer this morning I heard the Lord saying, "It's May Day". Upon questioning him, this is what I sensed.....

"It is May Day, and I see my children crying out for help. Some need emotional needs met, some need helping hands, and feet that will run swiftly for them. Others, they just need a friend. Won't you lend yourself to someone this month, in some sort of significant way. I will anoint you afresh to help and be a friend. It's May Day and I see the cries upon the horizon!"

As I think back about "May Day's", in my past I think of making paper Mache baskets in grade school and filling them with flowers for my mother. I was always so proud of my flowers and couldn't wait to see the smile on my mother's face as she received my gift of love..... As I have journeyed with the Lord over the last few years He has spoken often to me about flowers, and how they represent friends. Having said that, May your garden grow with the most fragrant of flowers (friends) and May He deepen those friendships this month with helping hands, kind words and loving gifts that have His fragrance all over them.

Beloved, We need one another....John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."...

Blessing with love, Brenda Dowdin

Making Bricks From Straw

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Ex 5:1-19

Whilst in prayer, my mind was called to the passage in Exodus, where the children of Israel were forced to gather their own material for making bricks for Pharaoh's building projects. It more or less meant that they had to make the same quota of bricks, having less materials and less time to make them in, due to the extra time needed to gather materials to match their need. This is what I believe the Lord will say and add to you now.

"I am the straw of your bricks."

He showed me that Jesus himself can be likened to a single straw of corn, standing alongside and himself rooted in the field and harvest of man.

"I am a single straw in your harvest; I have stood with you and faced the blowing in your wind. I have stood in your rain and your darkness of night and the dryness of your drought. I have known the bowing down of your head as you have faced and still face the onslaught of the elements. I have felt the burning upon you from your sky, even from the highest height and utmost heat as it has scorched you, where you lay and stand. I have felt the heat of the burning of the stubble at the scorching of man and sin, as you have lay cut in your fields. I too have felt and still feel when you have been trampled on, and pressed and squashed and threshed and winnowed at the hands of and underneath the feet of men. I to know what it is like to be torn apart and shredded, so that you do not resemble what you were before. I have known what you have known and you also know what I have known. They did it to me; they will do it and have done it to you. But what you do for the least of one of these my little ones, you do unto me, you do to me and is done for me. For me in my suffering, for me in my glory. For whenever and wherever you suffer for me, I suffer with you and my glory and my pride in you rest upon you and overshadow you."

"Despite the hardships of Pharaoh, I did not fail them THEN (Israel) and I will not fail you NOW, my children"

He showed me that God hardened Pharaohs heart to show Israel that it was not a man that set them free, not the world's man., but God and Gods man. God did it then He can and will do it now. The Pharaohs of this world cause us hardship so that we might be defeated and cease from Gods work. He does not want us to enter into Gods rest. But God in Jesus still has His rest for us. He is concerned about us and not just our work. For though the devil is angry, God uses it that we might find and enter into Gods rest for us and complete the work He has called forth in us to do. He continued…and He did so seeing us as a sturdy field of corn covering the heights and slopes of every valley and every viewpoint.

…“ I will add to your need. I will multiply. I will cause it gain and not loss, for I am your need and I am its gain. I am its source and I will rise again in your day and set again in your night. I will surpass every yield and cover every field. Every slope with the bounty of my field. My corn will be gathered and my corn will be ground and my storehouses will be full of my grain, grain for you and bread for the desolate, arid and barren world. I will crown my crop with the bounty of my grace and the mercy of my love”

“And where there is no straw, I will be your yield and I will be your field and your fullness and your harvest unto you. Fear not little flock, fear not little yet great field, it is the Fathers pleasure to give you the kingdom. And I will comfort, strengthen you and water you and your soil when they are in need… for not only are you my harvest, my yield and my field but you are also this to a hungry and thirsty world in the field of my Earth. I to am a God who hungers and thirsts for you, you, the Crop of My Heaven but also the Yield of My Son.” He continued…

…”In the midst of blight, in the midst of storm, in the midst of destruction, you are My Children. You are my Light and Bright seed in the midst of darkness. So rise, stand for me, and hold your heads up high, waving under the wind of my grace. Stand proud, stand tall shoulder to shoulder, let the full ear fall, let it all fall, let it all come my field, my corn from the tip of your ear to the root of your field. Come, come gather together, shoulder to shoulder, wave and sway in your unison, gather together in your ripeness as you display the field of my glory, the field of my love, lightening up the darkness and lightening up the night. Strength, strength, strength from Me, standing in My strength. I am your strength for My Love has been spent. I am your yield for you are My Field…and I, I am the Straw of Your Bricks”

Dave Hood
6 th August 05

Multi Continent Disaster

Elias Tan and Paul Ciniraj

Below is a reminder dated 22 September 2005 from Pastor Ciniraj of India about his prophesy of a multi-continental disaster on 31 March 2005, about 3 months after the Sumatra tsunami disaster on 26 December 2004. A prophesy of a few words but I respect this servant of God too much to ignore this prophesy and his humble request for us to pray and intercede for the nations of the world. Amen and Amen and Amen.

May I lay weight to the above reminder by relating two coming phenomena as revealed by God to me through TWO separate dreams on the same night of 22 September 2005. I cannot reveal the details of the TWO dreams but suffice for me to reveal the coming two phenomena:

1. Be ready to go through the fire of God where you stand a 50-50 chance of survival for I saw some perished while some survived as I waited for my turn to go through the fire with fear yet peace within my heart.

2. Be ready to see things that today we can never imagine can happen in our lives but after a dramatic intervention of God for I saw a palm tree flying at a great height during stormy weather.

I firmly believe 22 September 2005 is not a coincidence in our lives (Ciniraj and I) yet I also firmly believe that prayer changes things. ABBA bless your nation as we pray for another in unity for peace and prosperity world-wide. Malaysia shall be the Light of the World !!! Amen and Amen and Amen.

Date: 22 September 2005
From Pastor Paul Ciniraj,
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Dear precious saints of our Lord
How are you? We submit you and all of yourselves before the Lord our God and praying all times.

Our Lord who asked the Sea to calm, who delivered the devil possessed man from Legion, who bruised Satan's head by the Crucifixion, who saved all human beings from sin and death by the death and Resurrection will keep you and all of yours as well as me and all of ourselves (both spiritually and physically) in His Mighty Nailed hands and protect us from any kind of hurricanes, rains, storms or other disasters. We continuously praying. You too please pray without ceasing. Trust in Him without any doubt. Our Lord will not let His children be ashamed before the gentiles and the scoffers.

"Oh people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. How gracious He will be when you cry for help. As soon as he hears, he will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and water of affliction, your Master will be hidden no more; with your own eyes you will see Him. Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it" (Is 30:19-21).

I've posted the following "Multi Continental Disaster" on 31st March, 2005 at FreeRepublic by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God is able to deliver us from every obstacles, if we pray without ceasing, for it is His promise. Tonight I'm attending a full night prayer service and will be remembering you all in the prayers. Also we do pray for all the nations to give us a total deliverance from any kind of spirit of Antichrist, wars, disasters, natural calamities, contagious diseases and other tragic events. Let each one of us humble ourselves and personally and continuously ask God as Abraham asked, **"GOD THE ALMIGHTY FATHER, I WHO AM BUT DUST AND ASHES, LET NOT BE ANGRY TOWARDS ME, IF YOU SEE EVEN ONE RIGHTEOUS IN A PLACE, PLEASE...... PLEASE..... PLEASE...... DO NOT DESTROY THAT PLACE AND SAVE EACH AND EVERY ONE BY YOUR KINDNESS**

THROUGH YOUR ONLY BEGOTTEN SON JESUS CHRIST WHO DID RANSOM FOR MANY BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN! AMEN!! AMEN!!"
Yours in the love of Messiah Yeshua

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Multi Continental Disaster

THE SALEM VOICE MINISTRIES ^ | 31st March, 2005 | Pastor Paul Ciniraj
Posted on **03/31/2005 6:00:27 PM PST** by Paul Ciniraj

Praise the Father God Almighty for His everlasting love towards His children. Thousands of the precious children of God around the globe were fasting and praying against the warning of another big tragedy. It is because of your fasting and prayers, our Lord protected many nations and saved many lives from the earth quake which was happened in Sumatra the other day. Though it was 8.5 in the Richter Scale, our wonderful Lord did not allow to spread the killer waves out of it. We praise and thank God for answering our prayers and keeping His promises.

Yet I ask you to continue fasting and prayers that our Lord may protect all of the nations from terrible disasters. **The Holy Spirit gives another warning about a multi continental disaster.** Please I beg all of you to repent from all kinds of evil, wickedness and violence and turn towards God today itself. Our God showed a long patience towards us. Now He is not going to wait more. Don't delay to turn from evil. Everyday we pray, "THY KINGDOM COME !". It is very near. Before the Kingdom-warming He will wash and clean everywhere and arrange everything and make it beautiful according His plan. He began to do it. So please, please repent and turn towards God.

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. FOR GOD HAVE SEND NOT HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. HE THAT BELIEVETH ON HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED; BUT HE THAT BELIEVETH NOT IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HATH NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL". (John 3:16-19)

By God's grace, 26 believers from certain communities were witnessed Jesus Christ in the water yesterday morning. We had to do it very secretly, for some fundamentalists and the anti christian groups were vigilant against it. But our Lord protected all of us and the service was a great blessing. I do not know how they will react next. Whatever happened I don't mind, for I belong to HIM. "THOUGH HE SLAY ME, YET WILL I TRUST IN HIM; BUT I WILL MAINTAIN MINE OWN WAYS BEFORE HIM" (Job 13: 15). (View the pictures at the web link).

Fill with fullness of God; For He is full of grace and truth and gives fullness of life.
In our Saviour Messiah Yeshua

Pastor Paul Ciniraj

My Dream of Martyrdom

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This dream came to me sometime shortly after the shootings at Virginia Tech.

> **The Virginia Tech massacre** was a school shooting consisting of two separate attacks approximately two hours apart on April 16, 2007, that took place on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) in Blacksburg, Virginia, United States. The perpetrator, Seung-Hui Cho, killed 32 people and wounded many others before committing suicide. The massacre was the deadliest shooting incident by a single gunman in United States history, on or off a school campus.
> Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

What would you do if you were caught in a similar circumstance?

What does the bible say about this sort of situation? What can the committed Christian expect as he takes up his cross and follows Jesus? In our article, The Stumbling Block [http://www.etpv.org/bills_page/tstumbb.html] we wrote:

> We have cited about 40 passages to answer this question, what does the bible say? Over and over and over and over we read about **suffering**, **persecution** and **martyrdom**. This is not a trivial issue here, it's a major bible theme.

Here are a sample of the scriptures we cited.

> *Philippians 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;*
>
> *1 Peter 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

The Dream

In the dream, I found my self in some sort of institutional setting. Perhaps it was a school or church, perhaps in a public building. I was with a large group of people. The situation there was that all the people were being lined up and then shot in the chest, one by one with an automatic pistol. I do not recall any details about the shooters or even why this was happening.

My first reaction was one of shock, realizing that I was shortly to experience a violent death and there was no escape.

My second reaction was to accept the situation and make a silent prayer. “Lord, here I come.”

The instant I prayed this prayer I felt an immense feeling of peace come over me. There was no fear. Then the dream ended.

> *Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Measuring Success
Robert I Holmes

Australia

Robert and his family have been living in a house next to mine since 1999.

One day in 2000 I watched Robert leaving his house and walked over to my house, and then he excitedly told me that an angel has woken him up from his rest and told him about how God measures our successes and failures.

Two days ago while Robert was traveling to meet a church leader, God gave Robert some new revelations concerning how to measure a church's success or otherwise from God's viewpoint.

We will be publishing that on the List later. However, to fully understand the newer revelations we need to remind ourselves with what God told Robert back in 2000. That is why I am republishing the enclosed article.

On another note: Robert and I found out later that on the same day in 2000 an angel had also entered Robert's eldest daughter's room and told her something about the future. From the descriptions given by Robert's eldest daughter Kia, who was six years old at that time, we believed that it was the same angel who later entered Robert's room. That prophecy given by the angel has now come to pass, and we may be sharing that other story on the List in the near future.

May the Lord bless you.

Mario Liu

Measuring Success (Part 1 of 2)
Robert I Holmes

Back in 2000, my friends and I were discussing issues of performance, and measuring success. We were talking over many matters including spirit vs soul and flesh measurement processes.

On the evening of September 1st, 2000 an angel of the Lord visited my house. At 8.05pm, as I lay down to take a rest, the angel entered my room. I got the feeling I was not going to get much rest! He stood next to me and said, "Son of man, how do you measure success?"

"Some people measure success in terms of earthy gain, some by the amount of wealth they have, others by their influence or power," I replied.

"Yes, but how do YOU measure success?" the angel asked firmly.

"Well sometimes I measure it by achievement of goals, my level of financial security or the numbers who attend a meeting I speak at. Sometimes I measure it by the quantity of miracles, the level to which the kingdom of God is advancing and even by the level to which I am communicating with God," I replied.

I went on, "How should I be measuring success," knowing, that's what the angel came for.

He spoke solemnly, "God measures success in terms of change. Not change for the sake of change, but progress from old to new."

Then he reached over and touched me, and my tiredness left in an instant. When he touched me he communicated the following changes to me. No word was spoken, just a profound understanding of the deep, slow change God is making in us. A volume of information was communicated - from spirit to spirit - in a timeless moment. What follows is as much as I can remember.

1. Changing our creation

"If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" (2 Cor. 5:17).

God wants to change our creation - our make up, our whole being. Paul starts his sentence, "If" and that is the key - that is the change. We flip from living in our flesh to living in Christ too quickly. We are a new creation, but in many respects our old man remains with us until we die. The language behind this passage reads, "There is a new, fresh creation being made, the original formation, the historic nature is being passed by, now see the new one is coming into being. There is a new beginning".

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old creation to our new creation. Change from our 'Adam' to our 'Christ' being transformed into his likeness, conformed to his likeness and character.

2. Changing our nature

"You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts. and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:22,24)

Here again we are shown the process - casting aside, laying down, putting away our old nature like a garment and clothing ourselves with the new nature. The language used here is not one of our created being - Paul used the word anastrophe, meaning our way of behaving, our conversation, our actions, our way of doing things.

You may have heard it said that a human being learns habits. You only need to do the same thing 21 days in a row and it will become a habit. You form good habits, and your form bad habits. This is what Paul is addressing here, behaviour - a way of life that must be laid down consistently.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old sin nature to our new Christ nature. Putting of our old clothes of worldly behaviour and putting on our new clothes of Christ like behaviour.

3. Changing our heart

"Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).

The word David used here for create, bara' is the same one used in the creation sequence: when God created the world and man in his own image. Bara' had a present, future tense to it - meaning create and go on creating. God made man, but also gave man the power to make man. He gave man the present and future ability to create. David is really saying "create and go on creating - give my heart the power to stay fresh". Bara' was used in the way of saying, "a people yet unborn shall praise His name" (Psalm 102:18).

"Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart" (Ezek. 18:31)

Ezekiel asks for a new heart - but he uses a different word 'chadash' meaning: "to make new by causing to rebuild, reform or repair." Again, it was a present/ future tense. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives gives us repair, reformation and renewal of our hearts. It is a present truth but a future reality.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old, sin riddled and perverted heart (Jer 17:9) to our new, God bent heart.

4. Changing our spirit

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10).

The word used for 'renew' is chadash, which is a process of change. David later wrote, "When you send forth your spirit, they are created [BARA']; and you renew [CHADASH] the face of the ground" (Psalm 104:30). He is saying that God sends - present tense - his Spirit forth and creates - present future tense- all things. This renews the face of the earth. This is the process of getting a new spirit!

We know God's spirit dwells in us, and is mixed with our own. His abiding within the core of our being slowly transforms it - a chilli transforms ordinary vinegar, as herbs transform an ordinary dish.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old human spirit to our renewed holy-spirit. From our infected, afflicted human spirit to our overcoming and triumphant god-ward spirit.

5. Renewing our mind

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds" (Rom. 12:2).

The Lord talks here of a process of being changed, asking us not to be conformed to the world but rather be conformed to God's mind. The process is called 'renewing', anakainosis meaning a process of renovation. It has a present future tense in it, "apply your moral and spiritual state to your mind, and renovate your mind to the mind of God". It is not a 'new' mind referred to here but a fresh application of God's perspective on the mind, His continual renewing, and His continual changing of the mind.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old mind to our new mind. Paul put it this way: "Be renewed [ananeoo] in the spirit of your minds" (Eph. 4:23). Ananeoo means to make again, and again. It is present-future in tense. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to transform the 'spirit of the mind' and bend it gradually God-ward. From our human mind to the very mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16).

6. Changing our thought life

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isa. 55:9).

God knows our small, human, frail minds cannot comprehend the thoughts of God. He is so utterly beyond us. We think in terms of finite time, and he thinks in terms of eternity. We are linear thinkers, He is cyclical (seasonal). We think in terms of win/ loose, He thinks in terms of change. His ways are not ours, His thoughts are not ours - we are called to a new thought life.

"You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you" (Psalm 40:5). God multiplies His deeds and his thoughts toward us - He increases His communication man-ward to help us learn how he thinks and acts. It is our responsibility to perceive and learn from them.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old way of thinking to a new way of thinking. David expressed this yearning in his heart, "How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them--they are more than the sand; I come to the end--I am still with you" (Psalm 139:17,18).

Measuring Success (Part 2 of 2)
Robert I Holmes

7. Changing our mind-set

"To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

The mind that is set on the flesh is hostile toward God; it does not submit to God's law, it cannot because it's owner (you) is submitting himself to sin. Those who seek sinful past times live in the flesh and cannot please God.

God is calling us to set our minds on the Spirit - leading to life and peace! Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). Luke used the word sterizo. It had many ordinary applications such as to set stones together in a pavement, to set fast (like concrete), to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to fix a plan, to establish and steadfastly follow a chosen course. We are called to do this with our minds - setting them on the Spirit and not the flesh!

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old mind-set to a new mind-set. From a mind set on the flesh, to a mind set on the Spirit.

8. Changing the way we live

"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you" (Rom. 8:6-9).

Here is one of those 'substantial' statements that Paul makes - which does not appear to line up with our experience. He says we 'are' in the Spirit since God dwells in us, and he says we 'are not' in the flesh since the flesh rails against God. Yet only a few chapters earlier he tells us of his own experience, "For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do" (Rom. 7:18,19).

Paul makes it clear that as long as you are in this mortal coil, as long as you are alive you will struggle against your old way of life! He 'wills' what is right but 'acts' what is wrong. Paul says it is not he - his renewed self - which does this, but the sin that dwells within him (vs. 20).

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old way of life, to our new way of life. The measure is one of victory by degrees - how much are you living according to the ways of the flesh, and how much are you living according to the ways of the Spirit. The goal, clearly is to live an entirely spirit lead life (Rom. 7:6).

9. Changing the focus from acts to ways

"He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel" (Psalm 103:7).

The people knew Gods acts. They knew the pillar of fire, they knew the cloud of smoke and they had seen the plagues and the miracles. They could recount their deliverance to the children, they could celebrate their restitution to God but they did not know him.

Moses knew him. He was different - because He knew the ways of God and not just his acts. His focus was on the character, the nature, the heart and not the acts, the events or the hand of God. God shared with Moses how he felt about things, he expressed his heart - and Moses listened.

We find the people confronted with the awesome presence of God on the mountain, and running away from His person. "They were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin" (Exod. 20:18-20). They even asked God to stop speaking, and appoint Moses to go speak to Him for them.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our focus on his hand, to a focus on his heart. A change from focusing on his acts, to focusing on his ways.

10. Changing from darkness to light

"Salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day" (Rom. 13:12).

Paul is indicating here that even salvation is a process. Yes we are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). We are closer to our redemption now than we were when we first became believers. The analogy he uses here is one of darkness and light. He uses the expression of living in the hiddenness of our sin or living under the glorious light of heaven.

Once again we are asked to lay aside - to actively participate in putting away our works of darkness, our armour of self protection, our sin preserving ways and put on the armour of light. We need to actively walk in the light - because our nature desires to simper about in the darkness. We seek naturally to hide instead of boldly desiring to be exposed.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our dwelling in darkness to our dwelling in the light. Change fro our desire to run and hide, to our desire to be found out. Change from covering sin, to being exposed and walking openly in the light.

11. A change of partnership

"Exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partners of Christ, if only we hold our first confidence firm to the end" (Heb. 3:14).

The writer to the Hebrews again lays out for us a principle of ongoing change. It is not a 'once and for all' deal - but a day by day change. He tells us to exhort one another - encourage toward holiness.

"Become partners with Christ," he says. That word is not a 'sexual' partner; it was a business term in koine Greek. Metochos meant one who participates, a sharer, an associate, a member of the fraternal, one who partakes of a meal together, a business partner.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from our old 'buddies' to our new 'partners'. Don't associate with your sinful partners, don't make a binding agreement with the world. Associate with Christ - partner with Him, bring him in at board level to participate in your life.

12. A change of glory

"We are being transformed. from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18).

The process of changing from one glory to another is "from the Lord, the Spirit". God wants us to change in our glory, both in kind and in quantity. The whole context of this passage is about moving from the law to the Spirit. The law had it's own glory, shown in the face of Moses. He was glowing from God's impartation of the law. The glory we are now being called into is that of the Spirit.

"Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!" (2 Cor 3:10,11). The glory of the law - which was the taskmaster that brought us to repentance, has a passing glory. That which replaced it - the law of the Spirit, has a permanent glory.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from temporary glory based on law, to permanent glory based on grace. From old glory based on achievement to new glory based on love.

13. A change of image

"And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image" (2 Cor. 3:18)

You become like that which you behold. You are transformed from the image of self to the image of Christ. Job wanted desperately to look upon Christ, "I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:27). We are being asked to move from a life beholding the world to a life beholding Christ.

David also yearned for this; "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?" (Psalm 42:2). Our nature yearns to become like that we see. Adverting pumps images of their product into our minds. Media places before us a barrage of things to behold and images of what they want us to become. It influences our spending patterns. We buy into the image.

God measures our success in terms of change - change from beholding images of the world, to beholding Jesus Christ our life. Changing from filling our minds with images of the world, to filling our vision with His glorious countenance.

14. A change of ministry

"He has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life" (2 Cor. 3:6).

The last thing the angel communicated to me was a radical shift in the nature of our ministry. That word 'ministry' is not a word taken from government, like the ministry of finance. Nor is it a word taken from the corporate world, like the office of the managing director. It is diakonia, meaning a service, a form of relief, a ministration.

What sort of gospel are we 'serving' to others. Is it a gospel of legalism and formality or liberty and life? Is it the pharisaic law, or Christ's gospel of redemption by grace? Are we administering the balm of works or the balm of healing to people's troubles? Are we killing them or giving them life? Both come with a form of glory, as we noted before. There is some nobility in the law, but it is old glory. "For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory!" (2 Cor. 3:9).

God measures our success in terms of change - change from ministering death to ministering life. Are we serving up condemnation, damnation, guilt and shame or are we serving up justification by faith, freedom, liberty and joy in the Holy Spirit?

Conclusion

How do you measure success? What is your framework - is it a worldly one or a heavenly one? Is it a carnal one or a godly one? Do you measure success by the traditional win/loose mentality.

Some people measure success in terms of earthy gain, some by the amount of wealthy they have, others by their influence or power. Others have more godly sounding ones - replacing bad with good instead of good with best. God measures success in terms of change. Not change for the sake of change, but change from old to new. Those changes include:

1. Changing our creation: 2 Cor. 5:17
2.. Changing our nature: Eph. 4:22,24
3. Changing our heart: Psalm 51:10, Ezek. 18:31
4.. Changing our spirit: Psalm 51:10
5.. Renewing our mind: Rom. 12:2, Eph. 4:23
6.. Changing our thought life: Isa. 55:9, Psalm 40:5
7.. Changing our mind-set: Rom. 8:6
8.. Changing the way we live: Rom. 8:6-9, Rom. 7:18,19
9.. Changing the focus from acts to ways: Psalm 103:7
10.. Changing from darkness to light: Rom. 13:12
11.. A change of partnership: Heb. 3:14
12.. A change of glory: 2 Cor 3:10,11
13.. A change of image: 2 Cor. 3:18
14.. A change of ministry: 2 Cor. 3:6,9

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Meaty Words

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01-09-05: *I began to dream and a plate with a large piece of meat was placed before me. It was like a large roast weighing several pounds. I knew in my spirit that this signaled that the Lord was going to reveal weighty things. As I was about to eat, I realized that the whole of this was too much to take in and I asked the Lord, "How can I eat this?" and he replied, "Eat a little at a time". So I took the first bite.*

Upon eating the first bite I saw the peninsula of Florida like a map. A declaration was spoken over it in French words and then I saw lines drawn on it like it was sectioned off in regional pieces and names were given to those sections. The names were in different languages, several appeared to be Arabic tongues too. The color of the map appeared deep blue as I looked more intently at it.

I took another bite and saw the word 'DangerX'. Then it morphed into the word 'PoisenX' and then it morphed again into the word 'RadiationX'. I heard the words 'X marks the spot' but no location of 'X' was shown at that moment.

I ate a couple of more bites and several things were shown in succession. I was taken to a home in Austin, Texas and these words were spoken, 'This shall be as beach front property'. I was perplexed and wondered how. Then I heard, 'Texas will sink'. Then I saw the words on a banner, 'Trustable Liquidators'.

I woke up and went to my office to write these things down. As I was writing I heard the words 'Calamities will drive out the invaders' and I saw in my mind's eye a map of the US as given a few weeks earlier (see below) and I heard the words 'Angels will form the protection.' And I saw a vision of myriads of angels guarding the perimeter of this new land.

Meaning: Before I go into interpreting this dream, I must humbly admit that I do not always immediately have the full understanding of words. At times I have been too quick to release an interpretation before the word was 'digested' in my spirit, hence I have sometimes allowed reason and logic to preempt the Spirit. Some dreams, visions and words have taken years to be revealed and/or fulfilled. I only know in part and prophecy in part. I ask the reader to join with me in prayer in fully bringing these things to light. I welcome what the Lord says to the Body regarding any message.

I believe the Florida map shows a time when that peninsula will be divided up after the US has been invaded. The map appearing deep blue may indicate a 'watery' end to that occupation.

I believe the Texas scene describes a time when a good chunk of Texas will be as a gulf, reaching in as far as Austin. I looked up on the internet and found there is in fact a fault line running across the Central Texas region near Austin called the 'Balcones Fault Line'. I believe there will be a great worldwide earthquake that will cause this fault line to fracture, drop and pull in the Gulf of Mexico. 'Trustable LIQUIDATORS' in connection with the 'Calamity' word above and 'New Territory' dream below, indicates these earth changing events will destroy invading/occupying forces of the world against the US after our time of fiery purification has completed (there have been a number of prophets and humble people of God whom have seen military invasions across all our coasts, some have seen oceans pouring in on the land as well). I have seen in prior dreams and visions where the US (or more particularly the Body within) will not be utterly destroyed in this land but will be heavenly defended when this nation seems at the brink of destruction from foreign invaders.

Aftermath and New Territory

12-02-04: *I was dreaming and I heard two angels discussing 'an appointment in the aftermath'. One spoke to me and said, 'I could choose to opt out'. I made the choice not to opt out. Then the angel spoke to me what the cost would be concerning me and my family.*

Then a simple contour map of the US was shown. In the middle of the US map was shown two semi circles like ( ) with the west one running approximately along the Rocky Mountains and the east was *towards the vicinity of the Mississippi River (again the map was only an outline, no precise coordinates were shown). My spirit was made to know this middle land was called the 'New Territory' in the aftermath.*

Then I felt the presence of my Lord Jesus and He extended both His hands to me and in them was His heart. His heart was shown as pure white. I pondered to myself… 'Why is it not reddish?' Jesus answered my inner question and said, 'I have poured out my blood.' Then I replied to Jesus somewhat loudly, 'I wish to go all the way!' that is, with Jesus. Then I heard a large host clapping overhead. And a song was sung and I heard these words at the end of the song, 'I will drench you in wine'.

A few days later as I was praying about this dream to know its meaning and the size of the new land. I heard the words '1,000 miles' and was made to know that the width of the middle of the semi circles was 1,000 miles. This dream indicates that a new territory will be created after the invaders have been stopped.

A Conclusion of Events

At this time, based on prophecies of other humble servants and from what the Lord has communicated directly to me, I believe the following events will occur pertaining to the USA and the Body of Christ within (However, I do remain open to further revelation and examination.). The beginning of these events depend on the people's response to God's warning. Shall the people repent and the time be put back as in Nineveh? This is certainly my hope and prayer.:

The USA will face a combined terror attack of nuclear and plague. This will destabilize the nation. This is not the end yet for her, this is a final call too all who will repent before she is soon toppled. Many will perish, but many will come to the Lord too. Jesus is the ark of safety!

Then in the midst of our national turmoil, a full invasion will come from foreign lands that will include Russia and China and others. All forms of natural weapons will be thrown at the US. The US will not stand because this nation has departed from God and trusts in its military might. She will fall, crumble and transform into a broken and conquered nation. Many, many will perish, but many will come to the Lord too. Britain will suffer too.

But within this land, a remnant of purified ones will remain and heaven itself will rise with these purified ones and defend what is left at the appointed time. This is key… The weapons of our warfare are Spiritual. A new nation will rise from within the boundaries of the old. It will be as a Great Body and a new mind shall be given to it (Daniel 7).

All things will be quickened. Conflict will continue around the world until such a time that the final beast emerges and intends to control the whole world. The very elect will be hard pressed during this final season until the Ancient of Days takes His seat and judgment is cast on behalf of the Saints. Everlasting dominion on the earth will then go to Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and His Body, the stainless Bride.

Revelation 13:9-10

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Megashift
That's the title of American author Jim Rutz's recently-published book. It's hotly debated on TV, and one of Amazon's top sellers. It has also caused controversy in broad swathes of self-contented US Christianity. 'Megashift' is a sharp-minded analysis of current Christianity around the world, and is partly based on dozens of carefully-researched Friday Fax reports. Rutz is now one of the popular columnists in the conservative Internet news site World Net Daily (www.worldnetdaily.com).

What are his main observations?
- The 1700-year nightmare is over: the Constantinian Shift is shifting back. Under Emperor Constantine, the Church became an imperial audience, but is now finally freeing itself from the corset of state control.
- An unprecedented transfer of divine power is underway, from clerics into the hands of ordinary people. According to Rutz' research in 49 nations, hundreds of people have been raised from the dead in the past 15 years.
- This is giving rise to an entirely new form of Christianity - with far greater repercussions than the Protestant Reformation.
- Over 1 billion non-Christians could become active Christians in the next 10 years.

When millions of ordinarly people do extraordinary things

The Charismatic Evangelical movement, currently numbering 707 million people around the world, is growing by 8 percent per year. That alone is exciting. The centre of this movement, though, is a mostly unknown and little-understood movement of 100 million Christians who have no building and neither pastor nor programme. "A church without vertical hierarchies," says Rutz, "which will change the future." They have experienced what Rutz calls a 'lifestyle upgrade':

Lifestyle upgrade
Anyone who uses computer software knows what an upgrade is: a new and better version of a programme replaces the old version. Through an act of God, many millions of people have experienced an 'inner upgrade' leading to an entirely new quality of life. Rutz lists a number of chances and advantages offered by this upgrade, which were previously unthinkable for many people:

- People experience release from the limitations and burdens of a traditional, hierarchical (and unbiblical) religious system, being freed into an 'open Christianity' with 100% participation.
- They are no longer a number in someone else's religious programme.

- They experience personal empowerment and are able to do things they previously could not even have dreamed of, including the supernatural (healing, prophesying, performing miracles etc.)
- They learn to overcome their own problems, and help others to overcome theirs.
- They experience fellowship with a small group of close friends who give mutual support, so that each person and the whole group reaches God's aims, which are their calling.
- In doing so, they find that which they have sought for their whole life.

Away from spectator religion
The path away from spectator religion frees people from fixed church role-playing. Previously, many people were passive, conformist churchgoers, experiencing church as a television without a remote control. The personal involvement of every follower of Christ, though, rouses millions of talents and abilities to solve even the most difficult problems. The result is a 'Megashift', a quantum leap in church history.

Post-Protestant revival
Protestantism was an important epoch in church history, but it is now time to stop protesting and start acting. The current post-Protestant awakening is larger than the great American revivals since 1727 under Wesley, Whitefield, the Herrnhuter or Johnathan Edwards. "This third Reformation," says Rutz, "has three characteristics:"

The church is transforming itself from an organisation to an organism After 1700 years of institutional structure, the Body of Christ is emerging in the form described in the New Testament. People are rediscovering the original forms and functions in an open, participatory system mostly consisting of house churches.

100% active
Moving away from the one-man church system, in which the pastor literally did everything, a growing number of Jesus' followers are becoming active participants, leaving their spectators' seats and taking their place on the playing field. It should be no surprise the number of goals scored increases. When 100 people pray for the sick, prophesy, and plant churches instead of just one, it is also reasonable to expect the number of miracles to increase.

Immense numbers of new believers
Church growth outside America is breathtaking. Tens of thousands of new believers (Rutz speaks of 175,000 per day) means that although all religions are growing naturally, only Christianity is experiencing significant growth through conversion. Where religions meet, Christianity almost always gains new believers, and new networks of house churches are formed.

How to be part of this Megashift
1. Stop going with the flow, and decide to actively turn away from the outdated control structures (clerics & laypeople).
2. Take responsibility. That also means paying the price of being a pioneer, including Christian friends' suspicion and ostracism.
3. Learn to love others, overcoming selfishness and becoming a team player. That requires a lifestyle

of repentance and obedience - out of healthy enthusiasm, not duty.
4. Help carry others' burdens, and not stagnate but take small steps forward every day.

Rutz says: "Is there a small voice inside saying 'That's right!'?" Follow it. But you also have the choice to ignore it. That too is freedom. But please don't complain later..." Or, as C. Peter Wagner says, "Jim describes what God is going to do tomorrow. You can't afford to miss this book!"
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HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN
by Bill Somers

Just lately we saw America at the peak of her power and influence. In the Gulf War, the United States exerted her military might on the other side of the globe. We saw decisive use of overwhelming force produce an astonishing rapid victory. What made this so astonishing were several factors.
A. The poor track record of the US Military since the 60's and our involvement in Vietnam.
B. The generally low opinion of the armed services and the Pentagon establishment.
C. the widely held expectations of a costly blood bath with high casualties.

> *How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished! (2 Samuel 1:27)*

The Lord had given me the above verse from 2nd Samuel. in the first days the gulf war. At that point we were still quite fearful of high casualties or possible adverse outcomes of the war. The scripture came to me just before I attended a meeting of intercessors praying for our troops and Government leaders. I understood the reference to be to America. But as the war progressed, it seemed that the verse must have applied to Iraq. Yet Iraq did seem mighty at the time. And her weapons of war seemed fearsome. Yet Iraq proved to .be less than mighty and her weapons turned out to be paltry.

But now I see that this was referring to America. One purpose of the war was to show the might of America and to mark the peak of her power. This was our high point and marked the magnitude of our coming fall.

BENHADAD, KING OF SYRIA

One morning a few months after the Gulf War, my morning devotion took me to 1 Kings 20 one day.

> *1. And Benhadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and [there were] thirty and two kings with him, and horses, and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it.*

I worked my way into the chapter finding mostly familiar material. I had not planned on reading in that part of the bible anyway so I was ready to skip over to proverbs, when I came to verse 13.

> *13 And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I [am] the LORD.*

At this point the Lord showed me that here was an example of God giving a victory to a wicked nation. Israel under king Ahab was backslidden, wicked and far from God's favor. Yet he gave the victory so **"Thou shalt know that I am the LORD!"**

> *21 And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.*

This example is written for us, I realized. Our 'miracle victory' in the Gulf War can in no way be seen as a sign of God's favor or approval. (It can certainly be seen as a sign that God had a hand in it.)

Later that day I meditated on the comparison to the Gulf War. The US as Israel, and Iraq as Syria was the analogy clearly established in my mind. As I considered this, I got a second revelation that shook me to the core. I remembered what happened in the rest of the Chapter! And the word of Judgment pronounced against Israel and King Ahab in the end!

> 28 And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD,

> Because the Syrians have said, The LORD [is] God of the hills, but he [is] not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD.

Here the Lord gave Israel a victory not because they called on him but because of the Syrians actions. The Syrians made the war a contest between their gods and the God of Israel!

Now recall that Saddam Hussein made a great public show, on world wide television, of prayer to Allah! That he called for Jihad, or Holy War, and counted on Allah for victory!

President Bush had Billy Graham come into the White House to pray. And he issued a proclamation of prayer after the manner of Abraham Lincoln.

Once again the war was a contest between the God of Israel and false religion. And once again God gave the victory to a wicked, backslidden nation: America.

> *29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And [so] it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.*
> *But Benhadad of Syria escaped from the battle and pled for mercy.*
> *32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Benhadad saith, I pray thee, let me live....*
> *34 ... Then said Ahab, I will send thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away.*

(Our leadership in the Gulf War allowed the Iraqi army to slip from the trap and still permits Hussein to remain in power.)

But the Lord was angry and sent the prophet again.

> *38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face.*
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> *42 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of [thy] hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people.*

And so this is another word of judgment for us as well.

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News From Black Mountain

David Davenport

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Dear Saints:

I recently enjoyed a week-long retreat on Black Mountain, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountain Range running through northwest North Carolina. Our group was that of the ministry that I am formally accountable to by way of ordination and ongoing relational accountability. Among the senior staff present, was Bob Jones.

Many of you may be aware that Bob's wife Viola has recently gone to be with the Lord. Though Bob carried a residual and quiet grief about him over his loss, he yet moved in a tremendous prophetic anointing as he ministered among us.

For those of you unfamiliar with Bob Jones, I can tell you that he is presently moving in one of the highest levels of prophetic ministry that I have witnessed within my 24-year involvement in public ministry. As such, I have always found it to be a priceless treat, to interact with him and receive ministry from him. Bob is in the final quarter of his life. In this light, I consider personal interaction with him to be a rare and fleeting privilege. I have had the privilege of being ministered-to by Bob on several occasions over the past 7 years, the most profound experience of which occurred on 09-09-99—a 17-minute experience that I am still reeling from today.

During our recent Black Mountain retreat, I was able to converse with Bob 4 or 5 times. The longest conversation with Bob occurred during a two-hour "fireside chat," attended by a small group. This fireside chat will serve as a springboard for what I wish to share in this article. However, before I do so, I wish to acknowledge and honor those in receipt of this article, who, for one reason or another, have kept a "safe distance" from prophetic ministry as a whole in recent years.

I am thankful to be in relationship with 100s of Believers throughout the Body of Christ international, many of who represent unique streams within the Body. Many of these streams have experienced saddening abuses as the result of unhealthy and unfruitful models of prophetic ministry over several decades. It is therefore understandable that the mere mention of internationally recognized prophetic ministers makes some Believers cringe, and dawn a protective shield.

I will be of the first to admit that the Americanized-church has historically made a grand mess of our attempts to foster prophetic ministry in public meetings. Be encouraged however, for it is my belief that in recent years we have begun to experience thee mass-restoration of the prophetic ministry to the Church. The unyielding trademarks of this restoration process are that of character, integrity, authority, anointing and love.

The age of self-promotion, posturing and self-aggrandizing within the prophetic ministry is coming to an abrupt end. In the near future, those who would opt to default to such motives (i.e., those who would "look back") will find their ministries reduced to a mound of salt, at their feet.

With these precursory thoughts in mind, I wish to share a few of the elements of what Bob Jones shared within our time together at the retreat. As I do so, I trust that those currently nursing wounds incurred by those presumptuously moving in the prophetic in times past, will yet sense the authenticity, timeliness and relevance of what follows.

For some perhaps, the first item I wish to address in this article could make for awkward and uncomfortable reading. However, I will say that if the reader can swath through this less-than-pleasant topic, it will work an eternal reward, if heeded and applied. For the time has come, to shake-off the chains that bind, to fully loose ourselves from anything that would hinder us from fully yielding to God's personal plan of restoration for our lives, and to step onto what is fast becoming the final battle field. To this end, each and every sober challenge or warning to examine ourselves in this day, is priceless.

One of the more sobering words that Bob had for us, was that with reference to "the lust of the eyes" (1 John 2:16); a fierce element of the larger spiritual battle currently being waged about us presently. Bob stated that this attack is intensifying this year, and in a measure that is unprecedented. Those presently grappling with this stronghold, if left unchecked, may very soon be overcome by such, to the degree that they will not be able to control their eyes in public, and will thus be exposed. Bob issued a sobering warning, that those struggling with this issue should judge themselves privately, lest the Lord judge them (expose them) publicly. We are in the midst of a short season of grace wherein the Lord is calling His sheep to repent and breakaway from this stronghold.

Prophetic and intercessory ministers are the figurative eyes of the Body of Christ. It is therefore no surprise that those attacked most frequently by this force are often those called to move in the greatest measures of the prophetic and intercessory ministries. It is my belief therefore, that these attacks are an indirect affirmation of your call to the prophetic and/or intercessory ministry. It makes perfect sense therefore, that if a Believer's vision is clouded and obscured with dark images, one's prophetic insight will therefore be clouded as well. In essence, we are dealing with a "smoke screen" tactic from our adversary.

One of the most effective means by which one may rid themselves of this stronghold is that by way of confiding in another brother or sister, and acting upon James 5:16, which reads: "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." This humble act releases the Sword of The Lord, to swiftly sever the chords of entanglement, and set free those who are captive. Remember that "…two can set 10,000 to flight…," for there is exponential power released when we band together to bring darkness into the light. When we do so, "He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge;" (Ps. 91:3-4).

In addition to confiding and confession, a specific fast for deliverance from this force can prove very effective. During such a fast, a prayerful focus upon Psalm 25:15 delivers a powerful blow to this force. The verse reads as follows: "My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for He shall pluck my feet out of the net." With this verse as a prayer-platform, one may pray literally, that the Lord keep their eyes "ever before Him," and thus find their feet being "plucked from the net" of the lust of the eyes. If you have found yourself struggling with this issue, or know of others who are wrestling with the same, I encourage you to implement this prayer and fasting model, and pass it on to others as well.

Later during this fireside chat, Bob alluded to an excerpt of scripture that released a subtle yet powerful healing balm in the room. It was divine orchestration, as the Holy Spirit enveloped my heart at this moment and performed a supernatural work--in an instant. Those of you who have read my article entitled "Only Believe," will understand the timeliness of this portion of Bob's chat. He quoted Luke 6:22-23, which reads: "Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, for in like manner their fathers did to the prophets."

It is my prayer that as I pen this article, those of you who are in recovery from associated wounds, will receive healing and affirmation in and through the reading of this excerpt of scripture. For though it was written an estimated 1,947 years ago, I believe the Holy Spirit is speaking this very word to the prophetic community abroad, this very hour, to hasten healing and hasten preparedness for what lay ahead.

In time, I may expand upon an ongoing saga in my life that entails repeated encounters in public, wherein people, total strangers, will manifest with outbursts of startling rage and vulgarity, in my face (in the least, a written account of these incidents may provide for a hearty laugh). I suspect there are a number of those among the readership of this article that have experienced the same. Again, be thou encouraged, as just when you may have precluded that there's something very wrong with you, rather know that there is quite likely something very right with you—that of the reality that you are drawing nearer to the Throne Room, and are being "transformed from glory to glory." During your ongoing transformation, you are drawing the lost, and exposing darkness—even in the checkout line of your local grocer, where I happen to encounter the worst of such episodes.

I once thought I would never witness the surpassing of the evil I met with while engaged in public evangelism in the early 1980's on the street corners of Hollywood California. However, over the past two years I believe my experiences in public in this regard have surpassed those colorful days in the early '80's.

Many of you have had to endure "tent-making" jobs over many years, in conjunction with setting your hands to the plow of the ministries you have been called to, beyond your secular job. In doing so, you have endured subtle forms of persecution in every form. Perhaps many forms, not so subtle. As you recollect such persecution, I encourage you to meditate upon Luke 6:22-23, and allow the Holy Spirit to make "perfect sense" of all that you have endured.

Another timely excerpt of scripture alluded to during this chat with Bob, was that of Psalm 89:19-20, which reads: "You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, and said: 'I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found My servant David; with My holy oil I have anointed him."

This excerpt of Psalm 89 is that of a reminder of God's covenant with King David. Bob alluded to this excerpt with reference to the Lord's present restoration of "The Tabernacle or House of David." This phrase evokes many implications exegetically and expositionally, however as Bob alluded to Psalm 89, I received a very swift, strong and very pointed impression about this current restoration process; namely that evidenced and expressed by the current Holy Spirit outpouring of unbridled worship in the sanctuary.

Many mental pictures come to mind when we think of King David. Most prominent among them, for me, is that of him dancing wildly before the Lord in his temple. It is my belief that presently the Holy Spirit is prying the lid off of the jar of containment in worship, and is slowly yet powerfully releasing a contagious freedom in worship that will envelope the House, globally. For recently, I have heard of many reports of historically conservative and controlled atmospheres in public meetings, breaking-out and into unbridled worship which has resulted in the Holy Spirit's "train filling the temple." When this occurs, as it is now occurring in many conservative denominations, we can know with certainty that the Lord is indeed Restoring the House.

As a former pastor myself, I am keenly aware of the subtle influence that a pastor's posture during worship can and will have on many people within a public service. To a degree, the senior pastor (or my preference, "facilitator") acts as a spiritual conduit through which the Holy Spirit may be permitted free reign in a given meeting. As such, when the pastor or facilitator freely releases personal and unbridled worship, it releases freedom throughout the Body, like a ripple effect, and breaks the chains of restraint, often most particularly among men. For as a rule, men are typically more reserved in worship. What I have observed of late however, and in light of what Bob alluded to with respect to the restoration of the House of David, is that of men casting-off restraint with respect to public worship. This one, simple act, is having a profound impact upon the Body of Christ around the globe. He is calling us to "dance like David did." When we do so, He comes in like a flood and "inhabits the praises of His people." Is it not His Holy Habitation that we long for in our meetings?

I don't know about you, but I am looking forward, very soon, to making a complete fool myself the next time I enter the sanctuary to worship. As I look forward to such, I am reminded of a saying that a former mentor of mine of many years ago, often repeated while he still walked the earth: "I'm a fool for Christ, whose fool are you?"

The last of the elements I wish to share of my time with Bob, is that of his recounting of the day in which He was taken up into Heaven, as he died on an operating table many yeas ago. As Bob recounted a question that the Lord asked Him as his physical body expired, it was a very quiet and sobering moment within our gathering. The Lord simply asked him this: "Did you learn to love?"

In an instant, and as the Lord spoke these words which permeated Bob's entire being, he realized that he had not learned to love. He then begged the Lord for another chance at life; that he could learn to love before transitioning into eternity. As Bob then regained consciousness, he understood that the paramount call on his life, and upon the life of every Believer, is that of learning to love. Bob concluded our fireside chat by saying, soberly: "The greatest measurement by which you will be judged as you enter the eternal gates, is that of how you have learned to love your enemies."

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My Glory Abounds in 2005

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These are the days of unprecedented glory. I am showering My people with more of My Glory and My supernatural grace. My people have have cried out for more of Me and now I am responding to that call, says the Lord.

I was watching this morning the firework display at the London Eye in London after the midnight countdown. The eye looks like a typcial ferris wheel but on a bigger scale and looking more like an eye (hence the name). Two fireworks started at the bottom of the wheel and both worked their way to the top (one clockwise and the other anti-clockwise) and down again in a repeated circular motion. And I heard the Lord say My Glory is coming full circle this year. Just when you thought you had enough, I will pour out more, more and more till it overflows. Surely your cup will run over (Ps 23). Get ready as I work My glory through your situations and watch as it comes full circle as I the Lord receive the glory.
Get ready for the glory of God to visit you people of God.

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2005: A Year of Deliverance, Increase, Visitation and A Call To Holiness

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A Year of Deliverance....

Psalms 25:1-2
1UNTO YOU, O Lord, do I bring my life. 2O my God, I trust, lean on, rely on, and am confident in You. Let me not be put to shame or [my hope in You] be disappointed; let not my enemies triumph over me. AMP

I believe in this year God wants us to "triumph over our enemies". Our enemies are not flesh and blood, but principalities, powers and rulers in high places. God wants us to leap over our obstacles through hinds feet (Habakkuk 3:19) in order to step into the new season we are entering into. Whatever principalities or powers of darkness you have been contending against, the Lord will give the supernatural grace to be victorious over all that has beset you. I hear the Lord saying, " My grace is sufficient for you. What has been an obstacle shall no longer be one because I am the Lord who sits upon the throne. I am the Lord who led the children of Israel out of Egypt. There is nothing impossible that I cannot do for you. As you trust Me to bring your 'Jericho walls' down, proclaim by faith as those walls not only come down but that your enemy (Satan) is left exposed and defenseless so that you can move in and take the victory.

Of Increase.....

I believe the coming year is going to be a year of increase both spiritually and physically. The Lord is calling us to 'enlarge the place of our tent.' In other words, he wants to expand our boundaries and stretch us to a capacity where we will accommodate more of what he is doing in our lives.
I believe the Lord would say, " I am stretching your faith to believe Me for more. For in this year I am

working on a bigger scale than I have before. To your mind it will not make sense. In fact many will say 'But Lord, that’s way too much. That’s stretching it a bit' Let it be so says the Lord. For I am breaking through the confines and the borders that My children have put over and around themselves and I am looking for those who will say yes, those whose faith sees beyond the limitations of the natural. Look out for My increase upon your life says the Lord.

A Year of Visitation

This is an unusual year where the Lord will visit many of his children. This includes angelic visitations, increase in revelations and dreams and even some being taken up in the Spirit to heaven to be shown the things to come. I believe the Lord wants us ready and expectant of these things and like Samuel say "Speak Lord for I am listening". A key verse for this is:

Revelation 4:1
1AFTER THIS I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice which I had heard addressing me like [the calling of] a war trumpet said, Come up here, and I will show you what must take place in the future. AMP

To those who are willing, let us draw closer to the Lord and hear his heartbeat and what he is saying to us.

A Call To Holiness

With all that the Lord is pouring upon us, he is calling us to greater accountability and holiness. A key verse for this is :

2 Corinthians 7:1
1THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God. AMP

GET READY! GOD IS GOING TO MOVE MIGHTILY ON YOUR BEHALF IN 2005

Prayer

Father we come before you and we commit and surrender ourselves to you. We say Lord come and have your way in our lives this year. Give us the faith to take on board your promises and to believe you will do what you said you will do. May our hearts cry be "More, Lord, more of you" We give you the praise and the glory, In Jesus name,

AMEN!

Blessings,
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My Glory Is Coming Fully In
Susan Cummings

My Glory is coming fully in, and all that is not of Me is fully going out. For nothing that is unholy can stand in My Presence. Nothing that is built with unclean hands or with the tools of men, will stand before Me. For I am Holy. I will have no altars of men by My side.

The tide of My Glory is coming fully in. It has been increasing and rising as I have been preparing My People for the full weight of My Glory. My Grace has been to come in increments, so as not to destroy, but to illuminate and transform. It is time for My Habitation to increase and to fully manifest in My House.

I have spoken to you, and have been shaking you, and have been testing you. I laid a foundation of preparation, and now I am building upon it. For I am building My Work. It is Mine, and I will have a pure House. I am cleansing and purging, and now am moving in. The weight of My Glory will come and abide and reside, and judge all things. Prepare for My Coming into your midst.

The Fear of the Lord will come as well, for I am Holy and I am Terrible. I am the Lord of Hosts and am taking My rightful place. No longer will I tolerate mixture or deceit, but will hold all men accountable before Me. I have cleansed My Remnant as they have embraced Me in the former season of purging . Now, I am judging My House. It will become a House of Prayer.

The closer My Glory comes in, the more I expose and deal with. Know that My Hand is in this, and embrace Me. For it is the season of breaking and of My Glory. It is all about Me and what I am doing in the earth. It is all about Holiness and Truth. It is the season of new births.

The earth will shake greatly as I come fully in. It has desired to be set free, and to see the day of release. Creation has travailed some, but will bring forth even more, as I set in order all things.

My government will come forth as I have shown you in My Word, and it will try all things, and men will not enforce My Hand, but I will set in order all things, and establish My People.

Prepare for greater and more violent shaking as I come fully in.
Prepare for greater testing as I shake the hearts of men.
Prepare for Holiness and Truth to be the righteous standard again.
Prepare, for I am coming fully in.

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Stay The Course
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Stay the course that I have laid out for you, my child. Remain true to what I have called you to do and to be. For how can you be anything else other than what I made you to be? There is nothing else, but to walk out your course. For I made you and everything concerning you will happen according to My Will for your life, as you fully surrender to me in it all.

There is much happening in the earth and in the heavens and all will be disclosed. The turmoil that wars against you is only to divert you and cause you to doubt and fear. But do not take your eyes from My face. Stand still. Listen to Me. This war is against all of My People. Mine will stand firm and wax strong through it all. For I am using it for My Purposes. Submit to Me in it.

The shakings I have released have only begun to break open the ways. Nothing has even been brought forth fully yet, but many of Mine are already overwhelmed. Stay the course. Lean not to your own understandings. What you don't understand, leave at My Feet. I will reveal more, as it is time for you to understand. There are also things that you do not need to know at this time, and you must trust in Me. For I know all things, and am working it all out. Rest.

The breakings are beginning to have an effect, as you have rightly seen. Much more turmoil and great gnashing will result in the full exposure, but My Grace is in it, for My redemptive purposes. Rest in that knowledge. My Light and My Truth must work it's work. My Word is sent forth into the earth, to move and to bring forth all of My Counsel, and it will be so.

Men only know what I give them to understand in this timing, and yet, many are unthankful for their portions, so many run after that which is unlawful, to satisfy their own lusts. They will be given over to those things that they sought after and embraced that is outside of My Will for them. Remain in Me, and abide in the Truth, and seek My Face.

Many do not trust in Me, and run after other sources, opinions, and reports. It will not be so among My Own. Either you come to Me and obtain My Word for each day and need, or you will not. I will not be inquired of by those who do not love Me, or desire My Lordship. I am drawing a line between those who are Lovers of the Truth and those who are not.

Embrace Me, child. Turn to Me in all your ways, and follow Me. Pick up your cross and know that it is to be so. For all who follow Me will bear the cross and it's shame. They will also reveal it's glory. My Cross and the power of My Blood will be spoken of reverently again. For My Blood is your covering and your salvation. All who do not live by My provision in My Blood, are not Mine.

I am the gate through which all men find eternal life. My Blood was shed upon the cross for all men, but not all men choose to live by it. To truly embrace the cross is to embrace the suffering that goes along with it. To embrace the sufferings is to completely and utterly die to all that you are, think, desire, understand, and trust in, and to fully give yourself to Me. I am in control of your life.

Can you walk with me knowing that I will bring everything that you need to you, no matter how it comes, and what is seen, and that it is My perfect will for you? To truly trust Me is to embrace Me. So, embrace Me.

Many say they are Mine, but have not given Me everything, and still hold me at arms length. How I desire that all would know My embrace! So many want to come to Me at times, but they don't stay nor do they truly want to be like Me. They only want My Name. It will not be so anymore. Those who bear My Name will be seen and known as Mine, for My mark is upon them and My Spirit resides with them. Just because you put a name on a building does not make that building holy, righteous, or even legitimate. I am tired of My Name being profaned. I will judge all who misuse My Name, for it is Holy.

Stay the course, my child. Do not waver, nor faint. But strengthen yourself in Me, and walk as I lead you. My Light and Word illuminates you, and the more that you draw near to Me and remain in Me, the more you will be changed by My Word. The more so then, that I will be seen through your life, for that is your purpose, to reveal Me. I will be seen in the midst of all of Mine.

I am building My House, My People, and I will complete My Work.

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The Reaping Tide Has Come In
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Do not fear the tides that have come in, nor the tides that will go out, My People. For I haven given you My Peace to be your Provision. You have known, for I have told you, that changes were coming. Strengthen the cords that bind you together! Great peace you will have, as you stand together in Me!

Know that I am realigning the systems that have been contrary to My Will, and that have been birthed according to the lusts of men's hearts. Many things that I have shown unto you are beginning to breakthrough and many more will be shown for their roots. For the foundations are being exposed, and brought forth for My dealings. Great Consternation will be the fruit of the exposure and the dealings that I will bring to those who have resisted Me. For the Tide has come in and soon it will go out again!

Nothing will remain the same! The Sands of Change will flow with My Tide as I bring forth the adjustments necessary for the fulfillment of all things. Do not fear the Contrary Winds that blow upon the seas, for they serve to bring forth the cleansing and the healing to those who will receive it. Listen to My Voice, and allow Me to bring forth the changes for your life!

What was visible is now changing as the Tide comes in. For the Contrary Winds blow the fruit away, and the roots are exposed. Fear is the fruit of exposure. But My Children do not fear, as I have already judged them. I have dealt my Justice to them and My Love has kept them. What is now exposed is the counterfeit. That is why fear is rooted in the exposure of the Truth of the foundation. It is opposed to My Love and My Word.

When men build upon, and add to My Principles laid out in My Word, they will always produce a counterfeit. It will produce from the seed of lust that is in their hearts. Whatsoever a man sows, he will reap. Now what is seen, is the Reaping Tide that has come in!

Just as the Tide will come in, it will surely go out again. What I have begun will be apparent, in the flowing of the Tide. For it will not only reveal the foundations, but it will show My Handiwork that I am bringing forth at this time!

I am going to be seen in the business practices, of My people, who are in the nations!

I am going to be seen in the personal lives of My People!

I am going to be a Dividing Light of Truth to all men!

Every man will choose whom he will serve!

For I am bringing forth a Standard of Holiness that has never been seen amongst My People! The Truth will be evident as they walk before Me! I will have a People who walk in pureness of hearts, and lives! My Glory will seen in them as they walk with Me! I have made a provision for My People in this time. For it will be clearly seen, those who are Mine, from those who walk apart from My Counsel.

For great will be the Joy of My People, as they walk in the midst of the Tides. They will fear no evil, nor will they stumble as they walk. My Canopy of Truth is spread over them, and they will behold Me in their midst!

For My Justice has been unleashed, and it will uphold all who have chosen to live in My Truth.

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My Glasses Or Yours?

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My Precious visionaries! How I love each of you more than you could ever know. I love each of you with a love that you cannot understand. You cannot fathom the love I have for you, and I am always bringing you deeper in Me, as you obey Me.

My Precious visionaries, what are you viewing your situation with? Through My eyes, or yours?

I see many of My children today, looking through the world’s eyes, not looking through the eyes of My Word. My eyes burn all that is not of Me, and My Word is the standard in all things. Why have many of you allowed yourselves to become lukewarm and see situations, and your relationship with Me through complacent eyes?

Through My Spirit I have given you My Glasses. My eyes. You can view ALL things through the scope of My Word, yet many of you are choosing to base your decisions upon emotions and opinions, and not through how "I" see things, and through My Glasses, My eyes.

A time is coming where a great shaking will occur. If you do NOT commit yourself to viewing ALL things through My Glasses and My eyes, you will fall prey to the enemy.

As you continue to use glasses other than mine, things will become blurred, confused, and you will become disorientated. I have called each of you to see things through My Word, through My eyes.

Rise Up My visionaries. See as I see. Ask of Me to impart My vision to you, and I will. I will show you how I see things. Ask of Me.

Take off the glasses you have chosen to wear that are not of Me, and put on those that I have given you. My eyes.

As you wear My Glasses, as you look through My eyes, you will receive a greater love for people, compassion, wisdom and discernment. Is this not far better?

Be the visionaries I’ve called you to be. See things as they WILL be, not where they are now. See as I see. Speak to situations and people, how I see them, and watch the power of My Spirit transform everything.

Be My visionaries. Wear My Glasses, My eyes, and speak forth what I see, and watch everything change.

Sparkling Gushing Waters

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My waters are gushing forth. They are gushing forth from the heavens. The heavens have been opened and My waters, My living waters are gushing forth. I am sending forth a mighty move of My Spirit, My living waters, as I see many of you are crying out and thirsty for more and more.

I have heard and I am gushing my waters forth now. Open your arms and be ready to receive. Open your mouths and hearts and be ready to receive. Stand in expectant hope of the outpouring I am about to release.

As I am gushing forth My living waters, all that is not of Me must be put to death so that My waters may flow freely. As My waters are pouring over many of you, I am clearing away the muddy waters, to show you what needs to be crucified. What needs to be reckoned as dead on the cross, the flesh that needs to be put to death again.

Dying to the flesh is a continual process, and I am continually walking with each one of you to continually guide you to nail to the cross the things that are not of Me, for if you continue to keep them alive, feed them, they hinder My work.

Continue to look at yourself in My reflection, in My waters and allow Me to show you the things that need to be nailed to the cross. I am calling each of you to be more and more like Me. Each day as you allow Me too, I am transforming each of you more and more into My image.

As each of you allow My waters to flow over you, and all the things that are not of Me are continually nailed to My cross on a daily basis, you will sparkle with the glitter of My presence, of My Waters.

What happens when the sun hits something wet? It shines!
So it is with you My beautiful jewels. As you allow My living waters to pour over you, and I shine over you, how much will you sparkle? You will sparkle greatly for Me, and you will see many attracted to such holiness, purity and sparkling people.

My heart for each of you is to get deep into My waters. Now as I am pouring out my gushing waters, come deeper, crucify the flesh, die to self, come to Me, let Me pour My waters over you, and how greatly shall you sparkle for Me.
I see many of you are so thirsty for more of Me. Come to Me and receive the gushing forth of My waters.

My jewels, My church, as you pour water over something, the entire object is drenched, so it is with My Spirit. As you come to Me and allow Me to pour My living waters over you, those places inside many of you that you have seen as dead, places of hurt, places of rejection, places of wounding, I will touch. I will touch these places and bring life and hope and healing to them. As you allow My waters to gush forth over you, allow My waters to touch every part of you. Do not keep or withhold any areas from Me.

Allow Me to drench you. The more you allow Me to drench you in My living waters, the more you shall sparkle in My light. The brighter you shall sparkle.

I have called you My church to be sparklers. Sparklers for Me.
Come to Me. Allow My gushing waters to pour over you, to drench you and touch the areas that have

not been touched for so long.

I will pour My waters over each of you as you come to Me. I will show you more of who I am, and more of who you are in Me. I am washing over each of you like a wave. I am washing away muddy water, so you may see clearly.

I the Lord your God are bringing forth My Sparklers. I am placing each of you where you need to be placed. You will sparkle My church.
To allow My light to sparkle over you, you must continue to die to the flesh, and allow My gushing waters to flow over you. You will sparkle for all to see My Glory. Stand where I have placed you, do not move. Stand where I have called you too, and allow My light to shine over you. Nothing you can do can intensify the sparkle, on I can. My light.

So the more you are in My waters and My light, the brighter you shall sparkle.
I have opened the gates of heaven. My gushing waters are coming forth. Be ready My church, be ready.

Stop Hiding
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Why are you hiding under rocks? Why are each of you taking a step back from My Kingdom and not a step forward? Why are you allowing the enemy to bring fear to you?

Do you not understand what I have spoken? Do you not understand that I am rallying my army together and I am calling My children to take their stand?

My precious beloved warriors, I love each of you more than you know. I adore you all so very much, and continue to look to you with such love, but do not grieve Me any longer.

Do not grieve My heart by taking steps back, by hiding behind things and not stepping into the light.

Be counted. Be counted. Do you really want to serve Me? Do you really want to be used in the Kingdom of the Almighty?

Stop hiding! Do you think that I cannot see you? Do you think that I cannot see where you are hiding and how many of you are reluctant in sacrificing what is needed to serve in My Kingdom.

Be prepared and ready for battle My children. I do not want halfhearted warriors out on My battlefield, I want My people who are completely committed to fighting and serving Me.

I’ve drawn the line in the sand. I have placed the mark before My church now, and I am calling, come out of the darkness, and into the light.

Decide whether you want to be counted. Come up to the line, and be counted.

Truly worship Me, truly truly worship My by giving your all to Me, leaving all behind, leaving all in the background where a lot of you have been hiding, and come out, and take a stand at the line in the sand that I have drawn.

I have seen you, I love you and want to use you. So I am calling you to come out from the darkness and the background and come and stand at the line I have placed in the sand.

Yes, being counted and standing at the line will be a sacrifice it will cost you all that you have, but it’s worth it, as it’s MY best for you.

Die to yourself, die to your fleshly desires, stop loving the chains that have held you down for so long, and GET UP and GET OUT of the hiding places, and come to Me.

Come, be counted. Truly worship and serve Me.

The shaking is beginning, soon you will see more of My word being fulfilled, you will see people of power rise up that are NOT of me, and you must be counted and ready.

You must be at the line, exactly where I need you to be, so that you may hear and discern all that’s going on. For many other leaders will begin and have begun drawing lines that are NOT of me, lines to confuse My people, do not LISTEN.

My precious children, the ONLY way you can survive these times coming is by being at the line I have drawn and listening to Me. Listening to Me your commander and Father. Listen.

Come to the line. Come out of hiding, and ARISE.

STOP HIDING, ARISE!

Mighty in Battle

Bill Somers

The episode of the Woman Taken in Adultery in one of the most dramatic of all Jesus' encounters with the Pharisees. Yet it is also one of the most mysterious as well. Here is the text.

> *John Chapter 8:*
> *1. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.*
> *2. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*
> *3. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,*
> *4. They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.*
> *5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*
> *6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*
> *7. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*
> *8. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground*
> *9. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*
> *10. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*
> *11. She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

This commentary hopes to remove some of the mystery and share some exciting things the Lord has shown me regarding this passage. I have gone over this text many times in its preparation. I suggest that the reader will get the most benefit by going over it more than once.

The idea of a spiritual meaning behind this passage came to me several years ago while listening to a tape by Bob Jones, one of the Kansas City Prophets. Brother Jones explained that **the woman is a type of the Church**, and that the story is prophetic of her redemption. That is, just as the woman is caught in her adultery and has her sin openly exposed, so the Church is about to have her sin exposed and to be accused, of all manner of things. As the woman in the story repents and is set free, the church also will go through a similar experience that will lead to revival. [Some are now prophesying this in terms of a Civil War.]

Therefore this text has a special prophetic significance. As it says in 1st Corinthians 10:11 *"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."*

There is a pattern in this story; a pattern of revival, specifically of end-time revival. The church is about to experience a severe attack of the enemy. This will in fact be a judgment from the Lord. (*...Judgment must begin at the house of God....* 1st Peter 4:17) This in turn brings the Church to the place of Repentance. Revival will take place, which will include Divine commissioning, a mandate and an anointing that empowers her to complete the Great Commission and bring in the Harvest.

There is another pattern here found widely throughout scripture: An Encounter with The Lord, in which He reveals Himself for Who He is.

This encounter produces several results that are typical of revival. (After all, isn't revival the result of a meeting with the Lord?) The one having the encounter receives the Fear of the Lord. They become very meek and humble. They worship the Lord. They receive new revelation knowledge from the Lord. Then they are used by the Lord. (Where before they could not be used because they lacked these things.) This happens to greater or lesser degree depending directly upon the degree to which God reveals himself.

This is true of almost all major characters in the bible. Consider the degree to which He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus, and the thoroughness of his dramatic conversion to Paul the Apostle. (Another story typical of revival.) Another way of describing an encounter with the Lord is this: The Revelation of Jesus Christ! Which is to say, Revival is the Revelation of Jesus Christ! And this is seen in the very next Verse (12) which says "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world:"

Let's go back to the text.

> *John Chapter 8:*
> *1. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.*
> *2. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*

First, notice that Jesus has come down from the mountain. He went up to the mountain; so, reading between the lines, to get to the temple, he had to come back down.
This speaks of his coming down from heaven. *"The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."* (Mal. 3:1) We see this scripture from Malachi fulfilled several times in the Bible. Indeed this has been the pattern of Divine visitations throughout our history in the Great Awakenings and world wide revivals. *"He came again."* Suddenly the Lord Comes **AGAIN** and visits his people in *judgment and blessing!*
And now we see Jesus, sitting in the temple. Or in other words we **Behold The Lamb Upon The Throne**. The Lord God, the King of Israel reigning in Zion. The scene is a shadow of the throne room in heaven! Note also that with Jesus sitting there we have an illustration of the **Judgment Seat of Christ**. This is born out, as we see, since He immediately has a case brought to Him to judge.
Since he is in the **Temple**, He is among His people for the people are the Temple and the Temple is the people. The Lord indwelling His people also speaks of revival.

Verse 2 also mentions that he taught the people - a mark of revival. On first reading this text it is easy to assume that while He was teaching, the Pharisees and Scribes came and interrupted him. We are not told what he taught them, but the text shows us. For you see the incursion of the Pharisees & Scribes was not an interruption of the lesson, it was the lesson!

The Bible says that *"The Lord thy God, in the midst of thee is Mighty!"* (Zephaniah 3:17) We see this demonstrated here as Jesus, the Captain of the Host, reigning in the midst of His people, is about to do battle with his enemies.

> *3. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,*
> *4. They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.*
> *5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*
> *6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with [his] finger wrote on the ground, [as though he heard them not].*

The scribes and Pharisees speak of ruling principalities and powers, demon princes, the rulers of wickedness in high places (Eph. 6:12). First they were **over** the people. Their social position speaks of a higher spiritual position. Second they are accusers (v. 4). The bible describes Satan as **the accuser of the brethren.** Third, they are enemies of the woman (the church), seeking to steal, kill and destroy her (v. 5). And fourth, they are also enemies of God seeking to accuse Him, or catch him in a contradiction (v.6). Thus showing the enemies of the church to be enemies of God. Because for **Him to deny His Word would be to deny Himself** meaning He would cease to exist.

This shows the seriousness involved in Satan's challenging the Word of God. The entire scene reminds me of Job chap 1 and 2 where the sons of God came and presented themselves and Satan came amongst them to accuse Job, and to challenge God Himself. There is an even greater resemblance to the scene in Psalm 82.

> *Psalms 82*
> *1. God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.*
> *2. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? ....*
> *6. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.*
> *7. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.*

There we see God confronting his enemies, just as here in John 8, when we see him pronouncing judgment on them. *"Ye shall die like men."*

Now back to our story.

> *3. And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; ....*

The pharisees have brought in a woman taken captive. *("For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, ... ",* 2 Timothy 3:6). Who is this woman? Don't imagine that this is some errant young girl who was unlucky enough to get caught fooling around! No way! These Pharisees are naturally going to bring in a common prostitute of Jerusalem, someone that everybody knows is a whore and has no doubt as to her guilt.
Who is this woman? none other than the town whore! So that in the eyes of the spectators (the world) she is not worthy of any sympathy whatsoever! And why is this? Because they want to put all the pressure on Jesus. So here we have them bringing in **the town whore**. Who is this woman? She is someone that everybody hates. As all the world hates the church, she is a type of the Church. Isn't this an accurate picture of the Church's present condition? (Notice she (the church) does not come to the place of repentance on her own, but only by the doings of the enemy!)

> *3. ...and when they had set her in the midst,*

She began silently to pray. She prays somewhat in the spirit of the following verses; perhaps even quoting parts of them.

> *Ps 119:25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.*
> *Ps 41:4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee.*
> *Ps 31:9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.*
> *Ps 51:2 Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.*
> *Ps 51:3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.*
> *Ps 86:14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.*

To understand what happens here we must visualize the scene as in a drama on a stage. This scene is illustrated by a painting in some editions of the bible. It shows the woman, lying at Jesus feet, weeping. However the text does not mention this. Only that at the end she is found standing. She may well have initially fallen at His feet but at some point He must have bid her to rise. (*"Shake thyself from the dust; arise, ...O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion."*) (Isaiah 52:2.) First because he has answered the above prayer for mercy. It doesn't take long at all for God to hear and answer prayer. *"...as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth...."* (Isaiah 66:8) Second because he will need room on the ground in front of him for what he is about to do next.

> *6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.*

Now in verse 5, the accusers attribute a certain command to Moses, that the woman should be stoned. "but what sayest thou?" they add. Some commentators point out that this is a ploy to entrap Jesus. If he agrees, he puts himself at odds with the Roman rulers who alone held the right to condemn someone to death. If he disagrees, he contradicts the Law of Moses. (But John 3:17 says *"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."*)

At this point the Pharisees are thinking that after all their attempts they have finally gotten something on Jesus. They tried to trick him with the Roman tax coin, they tried to trap him with the question about the Baptism of John, and other such questions. So many times they have tried, but this time they're sure they have him. They are so confident that they come against him right in the very Temple and in front of all the people. (But Job 20:5 says *"That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment?"*)

At this point things have suddenly become deadly serious. I can just imagine the spectators sucking in their breath as the tension mounts! *"Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?"* (Isaiah 49:24)

Now it is thought that by saying nothing in answer to their accusation, he avoids the trap and puts the burden of executing judgment on them. *"...and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."*

But there is much more to it than that. Let's look at three elements here. What did He write, what was he doing as he wrote, and why did He write it instead of saying it?

What did Jesus Write?

First of all, it is significant that Jesus wrote WITH HIS FINGER. The finger of God. (Always keep in mind that Jesus is God.) He said in Luke 11:20 *"But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you."* Here he casts out the scribes and Pharisees, stand-ins for devils! 'The finger of God' therefore speaks of the Law and Judgment. The finger of God wrote the Law upon the stone tablets of Moses. A tablet or table is nothing more than a flat surface. So is the floor of the temple. The same finger of God produced the famous "Handwriting on the wall" in Babylon. (Daniel 5) It's the same finger that writes His Law in our hearts.
The accusers stated that Moses commanded that she should be stoned. Here is where the Holy Spirit prompted me with a pointed question:

What exactly does the Law say?

And in the process of finding this out, He led me to two key verses in the Law of Moses. Then I began to receive deep insights into the whole passage. Because when you check out what the Law says you see that **THE PHARISEES LIED!** What they claimed Moses said is not what the Law says! So to demonstrate that; when Jesus wrote on the ground, **HE QUOTED THE LAW!** And He quoted it correctly, exactly as it was given to Moses. (After all He was the one who gave the law in the first place!)

The first thing he wrote was **Leviticus 20:10.**

> ***And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.***

Not only did this "ignorant carpenter" confound them by quoting the law exactly, He wrote it out perfectly, **upside down and backwards** so that all who were facing Him could plainly read it!

> *7. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*

The power of this rebuke has stood as an indictment of man's hypocrisy down through the ages. Regardless of what Jesus wrote, you can see that it broke them, totally shattering their unity. With one stroke they went from being vicious accusers to being helpless sinners facing the judgment of an angry God.

> *8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.*

The bible says *"let every word be confirmed in the mouth of two or three witnesses." (2nd Corinthians 13:1)* So now Jesus writes out a second scripture. This time it was **Deuteronomy 22:22.**

> ***If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.***

Notice that **in both of these scriptures the man is mentioned first** and that **both** parties are guilty of death! Also note that stoning is not mentioned. That's where the Pharisees lied!

At this point, we recall that the scribes were those whose task was to copy out the scriptures. So they should be expected to know what the Law said. The Pharisees were especially noted for **memorizing** the five books of Moses. But what have they done here? They have shown themselves to be liars, and incompetents in front of all the people. First of all they were liars for misquoting Moses whose disciples they claimed to be. Experts in the Law who don't even know what the Law says?

And then they show themselves to be incompetent to rule over the people by not bringing in both guilty parties! They claimed to have caught her *in the very act*, so they must have caught **him** as well! Even though they had taken captive a prisoner who was known to be guilty, they let the other guilty party go free! So there was no way for them to execute judgment or even to make their accusation stick according to the law of Moses!

Now after Jesus spoke the words *"He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her"* He continued to write. While that was sinking in, the second scripture completed the proof that none of the accusers were without sin! Perhaps there was an element of sarcasm in his voice as he said it! As if to say, 'here by quoting the law, I have exposed your sin. Now which of you has the nerve to claim he is without sin?' In other words Jesus has exposed their sin and they could not stand before God with sin.

Let's look at one more aspect of this. Speaking of witnesses and the sentence of death consider this passage from Deuteronomy.

> Deuteronomy 17:2-7
> 2 *If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,*
> 3 *And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;*
> 4 *And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:*
> 5 *Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.*
> 6 *At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.*
> 7 ***The hands of the witnesses shall be first** upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.*

[Here we note that the context is speaking of those who go to serve and worship other gods, i. e. spiritual adultery.] What this tells us is that those who witnessed the crime must be the ones to "*first cast a stone at her"*. These Pharisees have told Jesus that "*this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act."* So Jesus Challenges them, saying, "*He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her."* What this does is call for two or more of them to come forth and claim to be witnesses of the act. If they come forth with such an accusation, it becomes obvious that they know the identity of the other guilty party in the adultery. And as we noted above they have failed to accuse the other party, knowing full well who he is, having witnessed the act themselves. So if they claim to be witnesses they are not without sin, having failed to deal with both guilty persons. The result is that the accuser of the brethren is automatically guilty of sin!

Here is the prayer of the woman at this point.

> *Ps 142:7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.*
> *Ps 119:175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.*
> *Ps 69:18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it: deliver me because of mine enemies.*
> *Ps 40:14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil.*

You will notice that the prayer shifts to **imprecation**, calling for judgment on one's enemies. And that's exactly what Jesus accomplishes in verse 9. It's no wonder they all left, after being rebuked and corrected in matters of the Law. They were utterly embarrassed! And when they were convicted of sin, they were unwilling to repent before the only one who had the power to forgive sin. *"Who is this that forgiveth sins...?!"* (Luke 7:49)

> *9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.*

They left one by one, showing that their unity was shattered. The eldest left first. The leaders were first to realize that they had just made **total fools** of themselves.

What was Jesus doing as he wrote?

He was fighting his battle and he was revealing himself. Since God's throne is established on Mercy and Judgment, Jesus was demonstrating His Lordship! How so? Jesus wrote in the dust before all the people to pronounce judgment and to show mercy at the same time. In doing one He was able to do the other, for as the accusers were judged, the woman received forgiveness! (Psalm 9:16 says *"The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands."* Since the Lord is know by the judgment he executes, this is one way He reveals Himself for Who He is!)

Now besides that, what Jesus did was to use the law to convict them of sin. Romans 5:13 (*For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*) shows the purpose of the law was to convict of sin. Here the Pharisees not only made fools of themselves, they are guilty of breaking the very law they are trying to use against the woman. Why? Because that law applied to them! The prohibition against adultery applied to the woman. There was no question about her guilt. The entire dispute is over the **penalty for sin.** The law proscribing the death penalty for the two parties involved in adultery was **binding on them**. The judges of Israel were required to carry it out. Doesn't the law speak **to them** when it says *"... so shalt thou put away evil from Israel."* This they clearly failed to do; it was never even their intention. They could not even come close since they had let one of the guilty ones go free. *"How long will ye judge unjustly, ..."* was the rebuke he gave in Ps. 82:2, it is equally descriptive of the situation here.

Now moving along, note also that it says "*Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst"* and in verse 10, *"When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman".* In the natural sense of the text it is understood to mean all the accusers had left. But in the literal sense it says all the people had left as well. (This is one of those cases, where something that does not quite make sense in the literal, that just doesn't add up, is used to point to a spiritual meaning.) When the accusers were driven back, Jesus was alone with the woman. What about the people? Symbolically the people are part of the woman. There are **no neutral spectators** in this situation. You are part of the woman or your part is with the enemies of God. The people are the temple, the temple is the church. The church is the woman, the woman is you and I. And we are the bride; and Jesus has eyes only for his bride, he "*saw none but the woman".* And when Jesus arises again, on the last day, at the sound of the last trumpet, it will be to gather his bride to himself with great rejoicing!

And so we need to consider this from the point of view of the accused woman, not that of a spectator. Our position is that of the accused; we the church are guilty as charged and her prayers, all of them, shall be our prayers. So we note that she is humble and repentant, and thereby able to remain standing when others are driven back. As 1st Peter 5:5 says *"...and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."*

> *10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?*
> *11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.*

Why did Jesus write out the Word instead of speaking it?

Again there is a combination of mercy and judgment.
By not exposing the full extent of their sin out loud and in public, he was in effect letting them off the hook. The pharisees knew He could have made it far worse on them if He did. And it would perhaps have angered them to the

point where they would try to kill him before his time.
But He also did it to illustrate two amazing points from the scriptures! It was not for the benefit of those on the scene at that time. It was for our benefit as readers of the bible. How so? We must visualize the scene, and be open to the Lord's sense of humor as he makes a play on words.

There are two amazing points that are made by visualizing the scene. First by stooping down to write, He had to rise up again. *"When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman,"*
This is an illustration of a scripture. It's an exact visual demonstration of Psalm 68:1! *"LET GOD ARISE; LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED!"* Hallelujah! When God Arose all his enemies were on the run! And that's exactly how it is when Jesus moves on your behalf!

The second play on words in even more interesting. Picture Jesus standing in the center of the scene. About three or four feet in front of him is the accused woman, facing him, repentant and broken. The accusers have left and the people are standing around watching. Between them, written 'in the dust of the earth' as one translation puts it, are the scriptures Jesus has just written out. Now Jesus speaks. "*Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?"*

At this point something happens. The woman reacts by turning completely around. Now with her back to Jesus, facing the same way he is, we see her taking two or three steps backward in astonishment and joy that her accusers are gone! *"When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing...."* Ps. 126:1,2. A perfectly natural and obvious reaction by anyone in these circumstances!

And here is the woman's prayer at this point.

> *Ps 30:3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.*
> *Ps 124:7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.*

Now once this happens, consider the **position** of the woman when she confesses Him as Lord. She has drawn closer to Jesus and is now standing on the very spot where Jesus wrote on the ground! In other words, she is standing on the word of God and seeing things from His point of view! Since she has stepped backwards, she has now drawn closer to Jesus. In fact she is now standing in His shadow! Then, once the woman, (the church) turns about to face her enemies, and takes her stand on the Word of God, she lifts up her eyes and finds that **Jesus has already fought the battle and won the victory** for her!

Recall the scene in 2nd Chronicles 20...

> *15 ... Thus saith the LORD unto you, ... Be not afraid nor dismayed ... for the battle is not yours, but God's.*
> *17 Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set your selves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD*

We saw above that the Church's enemies are also the Lord's enemies; note that 2nd Chronicles 20:15 says *"the battle is not yours, but God's."*
So the battle is the Lord's, and He shows Himself strong on behalf of His people; **Mighty in Battle!**
And how does He fight? Revelation 2:16, says *"...I will ...fight against them with the sword of my mouth."* We find this point demonstrated here also. That is exactly how He fights! He fights with the sword of His mouth, and destroys his enemies with the Word!

Now Jesus steps forward and lays a comforting hand upon her shoulder. (Draw close to God and He will draw close to you!) And, while also standing on His Word, says *"Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."* Notice His two commands; GO, and sin no more. These are the same for any Christian; but speak especially of the Church in Revival. The 'Go' is the power and the anointing, the 'sin no more' is the requisite holiness to move in that power.

And This is how you get the victory.
First be willing to come before the Lord in repentance.
Second let the Lord fight the battle for you!

"There is therefore, no condemnation to those that are in Christ Jesus." {Romans 8:1)

Now the final prayer of the woman would go something like this from Luke chapter 1: (Where it is spoken by another woman who is another type of the Church.)

> *46 ... My soul doth magnify the Lord,*
> *47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.*
> *48 For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.*
> *49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name.*
> *50 And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation.*
> *51 He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*
> *52 He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.*
> *53 He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

The Other Guilty Party
Some have said that the reason all the Pharisees left the temple was that they themselves were among those guilty of committing adultery with the harlot. The text viewed from the natural does not support this, but viewed as types it does.

If this scene represents Satan accusing the church of spiritual adultery, isn't **he** the other guilty party? We have seen that the Law requires that there be two guilty parties and that both be put to death. So cannot the Lord reply **'well tell me Satan, just who is the other guilty party? Exactly who have my people been unfaithful with?'** So the effect here is to illustrate yet another scripture: as it says in Psalm 64:8 *"So they shall make their own tongue to fall upon themselves...."*

The relationship between God and his people (Israel and/or Church) is one of betrothal of marriage. They are legally married but not yet fully united. One thing this accomplishes is to protect them, to a degree, from the accuser when they are unfaithful. Since the accuser is the other guilty party in the adultery. So to bring the full accusation of adultery against them would rebound against the accuser as well. The other thing is that eventually the church must be willing to accept the sentence of death. Ps. 110:3 *"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power...."* And in that day the Lord will use it to destroy the enemy!

Now to summarize:

> *Colossians 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*
> *14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*
> *15* ***And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.***
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> *Psalm 68:1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.*
> *3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.*
> *...*
> *34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds.*
> *35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.*
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> *Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and*

he is the savior of the body.
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
25 To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

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My Scepter is ALWAYS Raised!
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My scepter is ALWAYS raised, My beloved – ALWAYS! You are always welcome to come into My presence. There is delight in My heart when I see you entering. There is delight in My heart when I hear your voice. Oh, yes! My scepter is NEVER lowered – always raised, and I want to tell you that today, beloved. I want to tell you that it pleases your King to have you draw near to Him. It pleases My heart when I see your heart turned toward Me, and hear your words of love spoken to Me. Can you realize that the King of kings is delighted with your presence? Is it too much for you to comprehend? Yes, I know that it is, but it is true, nevertheless. So come BOLDLY to Me, beloved, and tell Me what it on your heart. Come boldly to Me and speak words of love. I am waiting. I am listening. And I am delighted to see you, as you make your entrance into that holy place – that holy place that brings delight to your heart.

I want to tell you, My beloved, that a time is coming – it is surely upon you – when you will see the goodness of your God in vast array. I want you to embrace all that I am. Study on this picture: The King of glory is drawing you near into a more intimate place with Him. He is delighted to see you respond. You are drawing nearer. My heart is thrilled more than you could ever realize. At this point, I reach forth and touch you ever so lightly with My scepter. This entitles you to something you have never had before – a wonder that you have never experienced. Then I arise, take you by the hand, and move you along into My bridal chamber of love and delight. I ask you to rest while I make some final preparations for you. You rest there. Then I return, beloved, never to depart from you – always close to you in this most intimate fashion.

So be of good cheer, beloved child of God. I am moving you into a new and holy place with Me. I have prepared a feast for your enjoyment. It will strengthen you profoundly.

I am calling for you to come. I am hastening you to make your decision NOW to draw close. Don't hang back. MOVE! Move forward into that holy place of delight in Me. Know that My scepter is ALWAYS raised for you. Know that I have a wonderful plan for you to enter into a new hour. What a difference one single hour can make, beloved. Draw near to Me and see for yourself what a difference that one single hour can make for you – in your life – in your life everlasting, with your great and mighty King of glory!!!

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Mercy Is Falling

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Behold, the bowls of incense in the heavens are being tipped upon you this day. for your praises have extended My presence in this place. And, I have chosen to pour out My mercy, and that upon you – even in the largest of drops – even as oil – smooth and soothing. Let your eyes be anointed that you may see this rain of mercy which falls as drops hitting the place beneath, for there are pools and puddles of love laying all about to receive the working of mercy upon the land. Mercy falls and splatters and splashes as it hits these pools and puddles of love, no matter how small they appear to be, thus spraying in many directions to hit and touch the lives of all those near and afar, to him/her who would receive it. Wait, therefore, upon My rain, for it shall soak and saturate your lives, satisfying you with My mercy, My presence, My favor.

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My Line In The Sand

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"If MY PEOPLE, who are called by MY Name humbles themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, THEN will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chron 7:14

"This is what the Lord says: Look, I AM preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you, so turn from your evil ways, each one of you and reform your ways and your actions." Jeremiah 18:11

"If in spite of this you still do not listen to me, but continue to be hostile toward me, then in my anger I will be hostile toward you, and I Myself will punish you for your sins seven times over." Lev 26:27

"But I will rescue you on that day, declares the Lord; you will not be handed over to those you fear. I will save you, you will not fall by the sword but will escape with your life because you trust in Me, declares the Lord." Jeremiah 39: 17-18

I have been sending My warnings to My own through My prophets. Haven't I said that first I would come to My own? Unfortunately many have turned a deaf ear to My warnings. I have asked My Own to humbles themselves, repent of their ways and pray and then I would heal their land. Many have prayed but that was not enough - My mandate said that YOU must live "changed and repentant lives". What has been sown is now what will be reaped. I said I would stop My impending judgments IF My warnings were taken to heart. Nineveh was very evil but still had not seen the full impact of My wrath and judgment. Despite the wrong the Ninevites had done, a fear of the I AM caused them to turn from the evil they were doing and be saved from destruction. They fasted in sackcloth and in repentance. I have asked My own to humble themselves, repent then to pray for their land.

Many have been seeing judgments and many will begin to see judgments, not to bring you to nothing but to teach you to stop doing evil and learn by My hand of loving discipline in order to do good! "Obey not My voice, then I will repent of the good wherewith I said I would benefit you. At an instant, blessings will turn to cursings." A line in the sand, then no turning back, a point of no return. If you will not hearken to ME, even now, but walk contrary to Me, then I will walk contrary to you, also in fury and I, even I will chastise you seven times for your sins. A line in the sand, a point of no return where there will be no more warnings!

Even now many of My own, I say again, MY OWN, have not taken advantage of the ample warnings given by the I AM. YES, I AM long suffering. YES, I AM patient and YES, I AM kind but there comes a time when I draw a line in the sand and that time has come! My Word is a very serious mater. Many have listened to My Word so much but now have become insensitive to what it says. I have said that you need to know the urgency of My warnings.... I have said I want My own to repent .. I want My own to see and confess their own sins but still are they not hearing what I am saying. The sins of My people who are outwardly righteous but filled with inward corruption. Taken over by mans intellect, by man's philosophies all appealing to the human mind, it has infiltrated My Word and robbed it of it's true power. One can deceive everyone you come across but you have part of Me living inside you who you cannot deceive. And My Spirit says I can no longer live in what you are living in...under these conditions. For those who began only wanting My heart and still that is below the surface still in many - and you mean business with ME, I will remove these things from you and 'all will see your transformation.' You have a choice to continue as is and block My Words and Warning or you will genuinely repent and turn to Me in all ways and allow Me to work through you and not of yourself.

Oh My children, how many warnings do you have to receive? I have warned you time and time again. I have sent My prophets, witnessing, speaking and warning. I come to My own first and then to the world. I have so many damaged and hurting people, kicked down and almost out ... "My Own" damaged by other believers. This I can allow no longer, I will tolerate this NO MORE! I AM paying visitations. Many think they are ready for Me, adorned in their very best but when My presence comes, they will back off in terror for they will finally see just Who I truly AM. Are you ready for My day of visitation? It is surely upon you!

"Fear ME and give ME Glory (true Glory) because the hour of My judgment has come. Many still want to play church out of their own sanctuary but I say "Ichabod, Ichadbod, My Glory has departed!" Many have pushed Me out of the sanctuary of their own temple. I have given My own one last opportunity to obtain My mercy even now at this point where it is late in human history. One last chance to truly fear your God! Many are still holding on to the world, many still into "self and self-exaltation" while speaking in My Name. I have said that every tree that I have not planted will be rooted out. The I AM has asked for repentance and now I demand it. My judgment has begun with My own and I will no longer tolerate what I have in the past. One last chance to cross "fully" across that line in the sand, onto My side. Still, many will not see.... Still many will not repent but a few, oh yes, a few will see and they will repent and make Me truly the Lord of their lives. I have warned and warned and warned but the end is now in sight, the final warning. "For if the word spoken through angels is proved unalterable, that is steadfast and every transgression and disobedience receives a just recompense." There is a choice to be made and it has to be made now for you know NOT how much time you have left. Noah had 120 years but Lot had only 24 hours. Time is MY hands and the time is short! Make your decision wisely for your entire future depends on it!

I have spoken to My Own that I AM DOING A NEW THING! I have spoken of this many times. Read My Word and you will see that anytime I did anything spectacular and supernatural I warned My own first! MY Faithful Ones, oh My Faithful Ones, My remnant... Hear Me, for I will be calling you to arise and assemble. I will heal you! My true prophets and messengers have suffered greatly at the backlash they have received for speaking My Words. They wonder if anyone will truly listen but still they are obedient to speak forth what I have given them. I will heal all hurts, My Faithful Ones. I will heal the physical plagues that have besieged you which you haven't understood. I will heal you from all sickness and wounds - from accusations, from rejections, from condemnations and from every act that has left you weak and bleeding seeking and pleading to know when I would move. I have asked you to wait upon Me... to wait as I finalize My actions for your lives. Actions including separations from those not adherent to My plans ... actions to establish you in the place I have reserved for you, actions for everything to be in order. This has already begun and soon MY true remnant will be joined together by My Spirit and filled with My Power. Soon I will say unto you "Get into the ark" as you will see the messages I have given you to declare coming to pass. Be prepared to move forward at an instant, moving out with total faith, trust and courage In Me. You have gone through much as Satan has sought to sift you as wheat but he has done nothing without My knowledge. In the process you have lost much but know I will restore everything the enemy has taken. There is a final move afoot, both by Satan and by MYSELF and I AM gathering My remnant. A people who have listened diligently to My heart placing their entire focus, not on the events of the day or on other men, but upon ME! Brought into a complete love affair with their Bridegroom.

I have drawn a line in the sand and My faithful ones have crossed over ready to take their rightful place in My end time plans. "For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness, *the people,* BUT the Lord shall arise upon My Faithful Ones and My Glory shall be seen upon them."

Be ready, for surely it happens suddenly, in an instant!

Mockery

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Ps 74:22-23 NIV Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; remember how fools mock you all day long.
23 Do not ignore the clamor of your adversaries,
the uproar of your enemies, which rises continually.

I came home weeping tonight for the mockery I heard all afternoon in differing ways at the coffee shop. I imagine so many people working in the world today to feel the same way – grieved at those who know nothing about the true nature of the Lord and who are filled with unbelief and skepticism.
As I was writing out some of today's events…journaling…I couldn't stop crying and the Lord began to speak to me about mockery. And how He doesn't heal in the presence of that much mockery and unbelief. And my thoughts went to Jesus and how He couldn't do many miracles in his own town due to the unbelief. But I was still trying to listen to gain more wisdom on this because I want to see such power poured out that it overcomes unbelief, and skepticism and doubt. I want to be a living flame of fire for the Lord.

Mockery is more than unbelief, in that it is defiance of the holiness and awe of God. Mockery thwarts all that is holy to invade the unholy in normal kind of circumstances, and even in the presence of Christ Himself. The Pharisees mocked Jesus regularly. They thought themselves better than others, and better than HE was. So PRIDE is also an undergirding root in mockery He explained.

" I was mocked and abused by Pharisees, by those I loved and did miracles in, and by those unbelieving and abominable. I was mocked by My own family.
My brothers did not believe in Me, until I died and rose again. I was abandoned by all whom I loved. But I did what I did joyously enduring the scoffing and beating and mocking because of MY LOVE FOR YOU ! I was so looking forward to the cross so that I could reestablish relationship that was lost in the garden ! I SO LOVE MY BELOVEDS that I was willing to endure all that humiliation for you, that you would not have to suffer the penalty for your sins.

Just how great is My grace ? Do you believe really HOW MUCH I have loved you ? Are you able to receive My love ? Are you really able to just rest in ME, and receive from ME without wiggling and squirming and getting distracted ? When a soul is unhealed, it is impossible to not be distracted at times. Where there are strongholds on your mind and heart, or emotions, there is demonic infestation. Where there is infestation, there is thwarting of your will to obey ! THAT is why I am working now to remove the strongholds that have kept you from the fullness of TRUTH of how much I love you. I am breaking old patterns of sin and lies that you have swallowed.

So many in the church are grossly unhealed. They have been told to "shape up or ship out". They've been treated as so much flotsam or jetsam. They do not know how to overcome. They've tried but haven't been taught true spiritual warfare, so they believe it is impossible to overcome ! They don't know the power of My Spirit ! They don't know they can communicate with Me and be led of Me. They see all that as impossible. They think I am a God who is aloof and distant. But My word says that I am a GOD CLOSE AT HAND and NOT AFAR OFF ! My sheep hear My voice and they follow ME.

Many have been so hurt and neglected that they believe that I won't heal or don't want to heal them. They feel rejected and abandoned by ME and by My church. Worst of all, many have been so let down, and replete of understanding that they think all that is of the Spirit is of the devil and that they have to live on their own void of comfort and healing. Many have seen the perversion of those who claim to heal and save, only if you GIVE TO THEM. They think I heal only if they perform enough !

The good news is that I am going to overcome the lies and the apostasy with My power and love ! I have a plan to RESTORE. And when I say RESTORE, RESTORATION begins ! My Word is LIFE ! I will RESTORE MY CHURCH to what it was in the beginning and even more, so that the world will have NO EXCUSE for their unbelief ! Am I One Who desires for any to perish ? NO !
I desire that all men would come to the truth. But the problem is that men love sin more than Me. Those who hate ME will reject the truth. Do not think that I will continue allowing complacency and apathy in My church to reign ! I AM EL GIBOR ! I AM Jehovah Sabaoth – the Lord of Hosts and nothing will deter My power and love from being poured out and to bring RESTORATION. IT IS WRITTEN and it will be done !"

Isa 60:1-5 AMP ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech 8:23.]
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa 60:19-22; Mal 4:2; Rev 21:2,3.]
3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17.]
4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and tremble with joy [at the glorious deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures. [Ps 119:32.]

2 Timothy 3
1 BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].
2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.
3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.
4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God. 5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].
6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses

7 [These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.
8 Now just as Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned. [Ex 7:11.]
9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those [magicians mentioned].
10 Now you have closely observed and diligently followed my teaching, conduct, purpose in life, faith, patience, love, steadfastness,

11 Persecutions, sufferings--such as occurred to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, persecutions I endured, but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Indeed all who delight in piety and are determined to live a devoted and godly life in Christ Jesus will meet with persecution [will be made to suffer because of their religious stand].

13 But wicked men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and led astray themselves.
14 But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned [them],

Prov 14:9 NIV Fools mock at making amends for sin, but goodwill is found among the upright.

Isa 52:5-10 NIV "And now what do I have here?" declares the LORD.
"For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the LORD." And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. 6 Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I." 7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" 8 Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. 9 Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

Moses' Commission

Bill Somers

Moses is often regarded as a **type** of Christ. In many ways he is a forerunner of Jesus. Jesus followed in his footsteps fulfilling certain patterns set by Moses' example.

The Lord met Moses at the burning bush and gave him his commission and a series of instructions. The commission and instructions can be seen as prophetic typology, which means the typology involved is prophecy. It foretells things to come later.

As Moses is the forerunner of Jesus, Moses' commission speaks prophetically of Jesus' ministry; both in the first and second comings. Parallels can be drawn, based on Moses' Commission, which show us that the Lord's instructions to Moses, are typical of the Father's instructions to his Son, Jesus. And those parallels provide us some interesting insights as well.

The relevant scripture is found in Exodus 3 & 4. We include here the entire passage, but we will only look closely at a few particular ones.

> *Exodus 3:6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.*
> *7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;*
> *8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*
> *9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.*
> *10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.*
> *11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?*
> *12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.*
> *13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?*
> *14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*
> *15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.*
> *16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt:*
> *17 And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.*
> *18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.*
> *19 And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand.*
> *20 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in*

> *the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go.*
> *21 And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty:*
> *22 But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.*
> *4:1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.*
> *2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.*
> *3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.*
> *4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:*
> *5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.*
> *6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.*
> *7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.*
> *8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.*
> *9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.*
> *10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.*
> *11 And the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD?*
> *12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.*
> *13 And he said, O my Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send.*
> *14 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart.*
> *15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.*
> *16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of God.*
> *17 And thou shalt take this rod in thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.*
> *18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.*
> *19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.*
> *20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.*

I. God’s Purpose

God’s **overall purpose** in sending Jesus is profoundly highlighted through His purpose in sending Moses as predecessor.

We see it first in Exodus 3:8

> *8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.* Exodus 3:8

And it's restated again in verses 10 and 12

> "*I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt."* (Exodus 3:10)."

The second part of this overall purpose is found in Exodus 3:12.

> *"When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain."*

Let's interpret the types. Pharaoh is a type of Satan, Egypt is the world and 'this mountain' speaks of the Church or the Kingdom of God. So God's overall purpose in sending Jesus is to bring his people out of the world system and bondage to Satan, and bring them into salvation and the Kingdom of God.

Colossians 1:12-13 acknowledges this when it says :

> *"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"*

Now let's look at some specifics.

II. Passages Relating To The First Coming

A. Tell Them I Am Has Sent You

> *14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.*

The scripture says tell ***them I am has sent you***. This is to say 'tell them I am sent from the Father'; to tell them 'I AM is to tell them His oneness with the Father. To tell them 'I AM' is to reveal His deity; and tell them "*I am that I am*". This is to say 'I am that *which* I am" which is to reveal the nature of God by His attributes. I am the Light of the World; I am the Resurrection and the Life; I am the Great Shepherd; etc. So Jesus is sent into the world to reveal the nature of the Father, and His unity with the Father. You could say his purpose is **The Revelation of Jesus Christ!**

Here are some passages where he does just that.

> *And Jesus said unto them, **I am** the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. (John 6:35 KJV)*
>
> *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, **I am** the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12 KJV)*
>
> *And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for **I am** not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. (John 8:16 KJV)*
>
> *As long as I am in the world, **I am** the light of the world. (John 9:5 KJV)*
>
> *And Jesus said, For judgment **I am** come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. (John 9:39 KJV)*
>
> ***I am** the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. (John 10:9 KJV)*
>
> ***I am** the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (John 10:11 KJV)*
>
> *Jesus said unto her**, I am** the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: (John 11:25 KJV)*
>
> *And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. (John 12:45 KJV)*
>
> ***I am** come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in*

> *darkness. (John 12:46 KJV)*
>
> *Jesus saith unto him,* ***I am*** *the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6 KJV)*
>
> *Believest thou not that* ***I am*** *in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (John 14:10 KJV)*
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> *Believe me that* ***I am*** *in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. (John 14:11 KJV)*
>
> *At that day ye shall know that* ***I am*** *in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (John 14:20 KJV)*
>
> ***I am*** *the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. (John 15:1 KJV)*
>
> ***I am*** *the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (John 15:5 KJV)*
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> *Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that* ***I am*** *a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. (John 18:37 KJV)*
>
> *Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said,* ***I am*** *King of the Jews. (John 19:21 KJV)*

B. Cast The Rod Down.

> *Exodus 4:3 And he* [God] *said, Cast it* [the rod] *on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.*

Here Moses portrays the first and second Adams allegorically. The first Adam was given dominion by God. He lost it to Satan through forfeiture. This is shown by his casting down the rod that symbolizes his authority. Once he **lets go** this authority, Satan’s controlling power manifests. He [Satan, the serpent, the devil] now holds Mankind in bondage by the fear of death, as evidenced by Moses fleeing the serpent.

> *Exodus. 4.4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:*

However when Jesus, the second Adam, came, he demonstrated power over Satan. This is shown by Moses laying hold of the serpent. As the serpent becomes a rod again, we see that the power and authority that Adam lost was recovered by Jesus.

Let's look at this a bit closer.

The Rod speaks of authority, measurement, judgment, correction, punishment. It can also be a scepter, which speaks of ruling with authority. A lance or javelin speaks of throwing. A staff indicates support, and, by extension, life support as in the 'staff of bread'. It can be a branch, and figuratively means a tribe, as a branch of a 'family tree' can mean a tribe.

Examples:

> Judgment: *Leviticus 27:32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.* [Passing under the rod is like passing inspection.]
>
> Measurement: *Revelation 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*

> *Control or correction: Proverbs 26:3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back.*
>
> *Rulership: Revelation 19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

And:

> *Psalms 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*

In Genesis 1 we find where God gave authority to Adam.

> *(Gen 1:28 KJV) And God blessed them,* [Man] *and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

The same idea is echoed in the Psalms.

> *Psalm 115:16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*

Through his sin of disobedience to God, Adam lost that authority; and by obeying the serpent, he became his servant.

> *Romans 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

There is a very important passage in Hebrews 2 detailing the power that the devil has.

> *Hebrews 2:14-15 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;*
> *And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

Prophetic typology is seen in the following verse where Moses is struck with fear.

> *Exodus 4:3 And he* [God] *said, Cast it* [the rod] *on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.*

The passage from Hebrews speaks of how Jesus, through his death, triumphs over the devil, who has the power of death, and holds men in bondage through fear of death. [Important point!] When we reach a point of death to self, that death will allow us to overcome Satan by freeing us from the fear of death as well.

As noted earlier, Jesus is the second Adam, and when He came, he demonstrated power over Satan, and recovered the power that the first Adam had lost. Here are some representative scriptures.

> *Luke 4:40-41 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.*
> *And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ the Son of God. And he rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that he was Christ.*
>
> *Luke 6:17-18 And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;*
> *And they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed.*
>
> *Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in*

> *heaven and in earth.*

C. Put your hand into your bosom.

This symbolically illustrates the idea that Jesus took our sin upon himself, died in our place, and was raised again in a new glorified body. Here is the scripture again.

> *6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.*
>
> *7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.*
>
> *8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.*

To see this part of the allegory, three elements must come into play. The first is the hand, which we assume is the right hand. The second is leprosy, and it's symbolic meaning. The third is the fact that Jesus bore our sins.

To be brief, the Right Hand stands for Jesus; and leprosy stands for sin. As Moses takes his right hand out of his bosom, he is acting as a type of the Father.

As Moses extends his hand, it speaks of the Father sending Jesus. As the hand is seen to be leprous, it speaks of Jesus taking on the sin of the world. As the hand is pulled back in and concealed, it speaks of Jesus' death and burial. And when the hand is brought forth again, it speaks of Jesus' resurrection. So Jesus' resurrection is a sign to those who will not believe.

The Right Hand

Now let's consider how the Right Hand stands for Jesus

What does it mean when Moses prays as follows?

> *Exodus 15:*
> *16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.*
> *17 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.*

Simply put, he is speaking of the church, and of the people he purchased. The same concept is found in Psalm 78, where the right hand is mentioned specifically.

> *Psalms 78:54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary, even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.*

We are to be planted in the holy mountain, a people purchased with a price by Jesus who allegorically is portrayed as right hand.

> *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV)*

So put two and two together, and you may conclude that the Right Hand is Jesus, the one who paid the price.

Here is a sample of typical verses using the phrase "Right Hand," all of which show or suggest its identification with Jesus.

> *Psalms 17:7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy **right hand***

> *them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.*
>
> *Psalms 18:35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy **right hand** hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.*
>
> *Psalms 20:6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his **right hand**.*
>
> *Psalms 80:15 And the vineyard which thy **right hand** hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.*
>
> *Psalms 80:17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy **right hand**, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.*
>
> *Isaiah 41:10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the **right hand** of my righteousness.*
>
> *Isaiah 48:13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my **right hand** hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.*
>
> *Isaiah 62:8 The LORD hath sworn by his **right hand**, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:*

Leprosy as a symbol of sin.

Leprosy is a disease in which the flesh is corrupted and wastes away. In the bible it is used as a symbol of sin, which also corrupts the flesh. There is a clue that leprosy means more than just an illness in this passage from Matthew.

> *Mt 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

Notice that Jesus here instructs his men to heal the sick and cleanse the lepers. You would think that healing the sick would include cleansing lepers, but it is listed separately showing there is something special about it.

Leprosy is dealt with very extensively in Leviticus 13 and 14, which we won't go into now. But here are two passages that clearly associate the sudden onset of leprosy with sin.

> *9. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed.*
> *10 And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous*
> *11. And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. (Numbers 12:9-11 KJV)*
>
> *18. And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honour from the LORD God.*
> *19. Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. 2 Chronicles 26:18-19*

How Jesus took on our sin.

Jesus cleansed us by taking our sin upon Himself)

Peter states it another way who, speaking of Jesus, says:

> *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

These passages from 2nd Corinthians and Galatians say something quite similar.

> *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2nd Corinthians 5:21*
>
> *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13*

It is also found in the old testament when the ministry of the suffering servant, Messiah, is prophesied.

> *He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:11*

This says that Jesus took our sins upon himself, or he became sin, or became a curse, for our redemption. Here are two more verses closely related to this theme.

> *For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*
>
> *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Hebrews 9:28*

III. Passages Relating To The Second Coming.

A. The Water Of The River

> *Exodus. 4:9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.*

This passage relates to the *spiritual* second coming. It is understood as 'coming to His Church' or 'to His rest'. That is his coming 'as the latter rain' or the coming as latter day outpouring of the spirit.

> *(Hosea 6:1-3) Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and* ***he shall come unto us as the rain****, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

This is also called the great end time revival!

When Moses time came to follow this command of the Lord's, he took of the water from the Nile River in Egypt. When Jesus does this, He will take of the water of a different river, the **River of Life**!

> *(Psalms 46:4 KJV) There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.*
>
> *(Rev 22:1 KJV) And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

When Moses poured out the water, it became blood. When Jesus pours out his Spirit on the 'dry land,' it means that multitudes will be brought into salvation, which follows the great end time revival.

> *(Joel 2:28-32) And it shall come to pass afterward,* ***that I will pour out my spirit*** *upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*
> *And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of*

> *smoke.*
> *The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*
> *And it shall come to pass, **that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered**: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

B. The Men Who Sought Thy Life Are Dead.

This section relates to the *physical* second coming. It shows that Jesus' physical return awaits the judgment of the princes of this world. We find the pattern for this aspect of the return stated twice in the Bible. The first one is here in Exodus.

> *Exodus 4:18 And Moses went and returned to Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.*
> *19 And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.*

Here we can conclude that Moses could not return to his people till this condition was met, i.e. that those who sought his life were dead. Who was it that sought his life? Pharaoh: a type of Satan. His return to his people depended on the removal of those who sought his life.

And in Mathew 2 where Jesus, as a young boy, cannot return to the land of his people till those who sought his life are dead.

> *But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,*
> *Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life*
> *And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. (Matthew 2:19-21 KJV)*

Once again, His return to his people depended on the removal of those who sought his life. In this case it's King Herod who sought his life. And King Herod is a type of [guess who?] Satan.

At the end of the Tribulation, before the battle of Armageddon, His return to his people will depend on the removal of those who sought his life.

The point is that Jesus can't return till the powers of heaven are removed. What exactly does that mean?

Who are they that sought his life?

Who sought his life but the **Kings of this world**, or the **powers of the air**. The principalities and powers ruling in heavenly places. The Powers of Heaven. We find their identity spelled out in this passage from 1 Corinthians where we are told that they are the ones who crucified him.

> *1 Corinthians 2:*
> *6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:*
> *7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:*
> *8 Which none of the **princes of this world** knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

Here are several other key passages, which mention these powers of the air. It's important to understand who these powers are, for they are the ones who exercise spiritual influence on the minds of men. These powers cloud people's understanding and actually prevent them from hearing the gospel.

> *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,*

> *against the **rulers of the darkness of this world**, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12 KJV)*
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> *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor **principalities** nor **powers**, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38,39, NKJV).*
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> *...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed **principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. (Colossians 2:14-15, NKJV).*

What Happens To Them?

You can find references to these principalities throughout the Old Testament, if you know how to recognize them. Their appearance in Psalm 82, where they are called 'the gods', is especially important, for here the Lord pronounces their judgment.

> *Psalms 82: A Psalm of Asaph.*
> *1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the **gods**.*
> *2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.*
> *3 Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.*
> *4 Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked*
> *5 They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course*
> *6 I have said, Ye are **gods**; and all of you are children of the most High.*
> *7 But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes*
> *8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.*

And it is they who must die, [fall like Adam], for Jesus to return.

When the Lord returns, he first carries out judgment on the rulers of darkness and heavenly powers, before he actually returns to earth.

In Isaiah 34 we read of this judgment.

> *And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all **their host** shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree **For my sword shall be bathed in heaven** …. (Isaiah 34:4-5 KJV)*

Before He returns these powers of heaven must be taken out.

Here are further scriptures showing that one of the final judgments is that the **powers of heaven will be shaken and the stars will fall**. This means the satanic kingdoms of the air will be judged and the demonic princes who sit in those thrones [Prince of Persia etc.] will all be cast down to earth.

> *And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the **powers that are in heaven** shall be shaken. Mark 13:25*
>
> *Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the **powers of heaven** shall be shaken. Luke 21:26*
>
> *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the **powers of the heavens** shall be shaken: Matthew 24:29*
>
> *And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish **the host of the high ones** that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. (Isaiah*
> *And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.*

> *Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously. (Isaiah 24:21-23 KJV)*
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> *For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon **the high places** of the earth. Micah 1:3*

Here's a set of scriptures relating to the Lord's return, the powers of heaven, and the repentance of Israel.

> *Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. Revelation 1:7*
>
> *The burden of Egypt. Behold, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and **the idols of Egypt shall be moved** at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. Isaiah 19:1*
>
> *And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Mark 14:62*
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> *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. Zechariah 12:10*
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> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. Jeremiah 50:4*
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> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jeremiah 50:20*
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> *Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel*
> *For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and **treadeth upon the high places of the earth**, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name. (Amos 4:12-13 KJV)*

C. The Rod Of God

> *Exodus 4:20 And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand.*

This passage also refers to the physical second coming. *With the Rod of God in his hand* speaks of Jesus coming with a rod of iron to Rule the nations.

Note also where it says, *Moses took his wife and his sons.* This speaks of Jesus returning with his Bride and spiritual sons, the Church.

> *(Rev 19:14 -15) And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*
> *And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*

Summary

So we have seen this short exercise in typology take us from the first chapter of Genesis to the 19th chapter of Revelation. Let's close with the last two verses of the Bible.

(Rev 22:20 -21) He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Medal of Honor

Joni Ames

Urgent To Intercessors From Bob Jones & Joni Ames

Dear Friends,

Bob Jones had a dream this week, and felt it was expedient to get it out to the intercessors for prayer. It concurred with something the Lord also had given to me awhile back.

In the dream, Bob saw a Medal of Honor dripping in blood, and felt the Lord quickened him that this was a warning in regard to terrorism the enemy is attempting to bring forth in the USA at the present time.

Bob said that his sensing was that terrorists may try to do something similar to the TET offensive N. Vietnam did during the Vietnamese war. It was a terrible, unexpected sneak attack on many cities in the same day.

Awhile back, I'd felt a similar warning - that the enemy would try to attack so many places (possibly as many as 30) at one time that panic and chaos would fill our streets.

When a warning like this is given, we can come against the plans of the enemy in prayer so that we may either stop it or lessen its' intensity.

We are at war in both the natural and in the spirit. Matt. 11:12 tells us that "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." But as 2 Cor. 10:3-4 reminds us, OUR weapons are SPIRITUAL, NOT carnal, and are totally effective to pull down the strongholds of the enemy: (4) "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh." (4) "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."

Let's pray The Word. In particular, Psalm 35, that the enemy would be turned back, brought to confusion, and caught in his own snare! Also Psalm 91 and Isaiah 54.

(Also see related articles: PANIC ATTACK & TERROR ALERT ELEVATED at www.joniames.org)

Blessings,
Joni Ames

Mountains Out of Molehills

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You are making mountains out of molehills, beloved, and I want you to realize it. I want you to know that your words are forming a mountain out of what quite simply are molehills to Me. I want you to see it as such. I want you to see things the way that I see them. I want you to look on life the way I look at life – as an opportunity for you to walk in My truth and see My divine will unfold.

Many of My children are speaking molehills into mountains. They are seeing situations magnified to such a huge proportion that they are verbalizing things that do not help, but damage a situation. I want you aware of this fact. I want you to know that My strong purpose is for you to see things through the eyes of your God. How do I see things? I will tell you: I look at nothing without an eye to set it to right. I know that I can set it to right. I know that My power and My grace are sufficient for any situation. I want you to realize this truth – rest and abide in this truth.

I am your God. I do not want you speaking words contrary to My truth. I do not want you building mountains with your words – words that hold no truth – words that are detrimental to the work that I am doing. I want you speaking – proclaiming – the words of your God in any given situation. I want you trusting Me to deliver My BEST in that situation and then I want you to thank Me – thank Me even before you see the results – for what I am doing.

Beloved, beloved, I don't want you making mountains out of molehills. I don't want you speaking words contrary to My will – contrary to My best for you – contrary to My best in any given situation. Rely on Me – trust Me – to present My best as you speak forth My truth in the hearing of those involved, and know, dear one, that I can take away those molehills with one sweep of My pinkie, and that is certainly My intention. It is My intention for you to dwell free of those mountains that would overtake you. I want you living in that plain of wonder that I have so aptly provided for one who has given his heart to Me and looks forward every day to his bright new tomorrow in Me.

I am a God of the impossible. I am a God Who delights in His chosen. I want to move you forward. I want you to see the light of a new day dawning. You trust Me to deliver, and I will trust you to speak My truth – speak My truth that will declare My goodness to you, My beloved, entitling you to a life of wonder – great wonder – in the One Who is Holy and has looked on you with eyes of love.

I want to take you into a new place in Me. I want you to see firsthand the goodness of your God on display in your life. I want you walking in My truth every moment of every day. Speak only those words that I would speak over another or over a situation, and know true heart peace – peace from the One Who has provided you with His best – his best kind of love – a love that is pure, holy, and true – a love that would thrill any heart.

That is what I am speaking over you this day. Am I making a mountain out of a molehill when I speak of my love for you, beloved? I should say not! For My love is higher than the highest mountain. No words can attain the grandeur of My heartfelt love for you. Be that as it may, I want you to know this truth and hold it close to your heart: In the coming days you will see and hear things that will cause you to pause and consider. As you pause and consider, beloved, I would have the words of your mouth and the meditations of your heart be acceptable in My sight, beloved. That is what I am asking. That, beloved, is what I would like for you to do! It will benefit you greatly. It will benefit your walk greatly, and you will know without a doubt that you have pleased your King, speaking forth His words of truth in order that man will know the true heart of the living God. And what is the true heart of the living God? To bless. To render the enemy useless in your life. To enable you, by the power of My Spirit, to enter into a new hour of hope, peace, and wonder. That is what is in My heart for you, beloved. Let that be what is in your heart for yourself!!!

Ergonomics

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The Lord awoke me, saying this word: ergonomics. Here is what He has to tell us about ergonomics:

ergonomics – the study of the problems of people in adjusting to their environment; esp., the science that seeks to adapt work or working conditions to suit the worker.

I want to talk to My dear children about something that is dear to My heart. It is the furtherance of My kingdom on earth. I want you to know that I delight in those who draw near to Me, looking to Me to rectify those things in their hearts that keep them bound – bound from coming into the knowledge of My will for them. Hear the word of the Lord God Almighty, and know that these words were well chosen in order to enable My dear ones to enter into a richness of faith that they have yet to know:

I want you to know, beloved, that I am moving you into a new environment that is rich in My mercy. It is a place where you will thrive like you have never thrived before in the things of your God. I am doing this intentionally. I am doing this with strong purpose. I am doing this because I love you. I love you very much.

I want you to know that a rich season of hope is upon you – a season when you will see the goodness of your God from a front row seat and marvel at My kind intent toward you. I want you to know that it is My pleasure to bring forth this substance of My grace into your midst. You will walk in a new understanding of what it means to worship the living God in Spirit and in Truth. You will know the love of your God in a deeper way. You will walk in My goodness, be established in your strong purpose, and know without a shadow of a doubt that your holy God is blessing you soundly and enabling you to see His splendor in your earthly walk.

You could say that this is a place of deep preparation. It is a place where you will walk with a new certainty of heart. It is a place where doubt will vanish. There will be no denying that the living God has paid your heart a visit, and delights in you. There will be no denying that He has set you apart to be His representative on earth. And there will be no denying when I take you up and out that you truly walked with your God – that you truly knew the Creator of the universe. Oh, no, beloved, there will be no doubt.

I am changing your environment as you know it. I am establishing you in your walk, enabling you to walk in My peace, My presence, and the wonder of My glory.

Get ready for a shift in the atmosphere.

Get ready for a little tweaking here and there in your heart that will establish you in this realm. For I have studied your present situation and decided to make a few changes in your environment – adjusting some things and pronouncing on you a change that will enable you to thrive.

That is My plan. That is what I intend to do. Look forward to a change in your environment. Look forward to a change in your heart. Look forward to a change being made known that will establish you in a place of wonder in Me. For My intention is to move you up and out. My intention is to prepare you for this move. Others will know that truly that was a man of God when I finish the strength of purpose plan that I have for you, My chosen, My vessels of honor, My established ones – established in My presence, My glory, and My favor!!!

Mountain of Rest

Ephraim and Rimona Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Shabbat Shalom! This is a greeting and salutation that one hears echoing all over Israel every Friday and Saturday. Is this a prophetic proclamation? We know that it announces the coming day of rest, the Shabbat rest that YHVH established after He completed His work. *“And on the seventh day Elohim ended His work which He had made; and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. And Elohim blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because in it He had rested from all his work which He has made”* (Gen. 2: 2-3). Thus if we enter into this seventh day rest we are blessed.

When our forefathers “passed over” (the root “avor” is also used in the word “Hebrew”), and came out of the Land of Egypt and into the wilderness (Exodus 16:22-28), YHVH established His ordinance of a seventh day rest. This was the first test of obedience that the children of Elohim (Israel) had to pass. They had to trust Him for their daily provision. If they tried to collect manna for a second day, it spoiled. However, when the sixth day arrived they were allowed to collect a double amount, so that they would have enough for the seventh day. Amazingly this extra amount did not spoil. If any went out searching for manna on the seventh day, none was found. Here again we see that the Shabbat contains a blessing, but it is also YHVH’s first test of obedience in our walk with Him towards the promised place of rest. Please note: obedience to the voice or word of YHVH is not legalism - it is the mark of love in that relationship.

“You will bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O YHVH, which You have made for Yourself to dwell in, the Sanctuary, O YHVH, which Your hands have established” (Exodus 15:17). The Hebrews were on their way from slavery to a place of rest, but they had to cross, or pass through the wilderness, which was a place of no natural provision. YHVH promised He would bring them out of Egypt and plant them in the mountain of His inheritance, the place that is made for His dwelling, the sanctuary which His hands have established.

Where and what is YHVH’s mountain dwelling, or sanctuary? *“For YHVH has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation. This is my resting place forever: here will I dwell for I have desired it“* (Psalm 132:13-14). Coming into the place of YHVH’s dwelling is coming into rest; His rest, His peace. This place of “Shabbat Shalom” is a place of total trust and abiding in “He who is my life” (Colossians

3:4).

We, as the body of the redeemed Israel of Elohim, are to call out: *“Arise, let us go up to Zion to YHVH our Elohim!”* (Jeremiah 31:6). In other words, it is a call to a “Shabbat Shalom”. This call means to come into His presence, to Mount Zion, to enter into His rest and into an eternal blessing. How do we get there? *“Those who love His name will dwell in it”* (Psalm 69:36b). Here we see that when Moshe and Yeshua laid down the first of all the commands which is to *“love YHVH our Elohim with all our heart and with all soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength”,* they were in essence saying, “come abide in YHVH’s presence, dwelling place and rest”. This eternal rest is then seen in the next blessing, when we love our neighbor-brother as our own self (that presupposes that we love our self as He loves us). Be doubly blessed, as we enter into a peaceful relationship with our Elohim and with our brothers.

Arise and come out of the wilderness. Come and gather at the river where the Lamb is the Life; come to the river that flows from His throne; to His Mountain of blessing, to His Shabbat Shalom.

The next time we say “Shabbat Shalom”, may it be with the intent of declaring, “*Arise let us go up to Zion to YHVH our Elohim*!”

Shabbat Shalom!

Ephraim

P.S. *“How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity....for in this God commands the blessing life eternal”* (Ps. 133).

More On The Church In Transition
Don Hawley

This past week the Barna Research Group reported the results of a nationwide survey. They've found that the number of unchurched adults in America continues to grow by nearly a million people annually. *Interestingly, many of these unchurched people are spiritually active.* One out of every five reads the Bible in a typical week; six out of 10 pray to God each week; and nearly one million unchurched adults tithe their income.

Barna said, "A large and growing number of Americans who avoid congregational contact are not rejecting Christianity as much as they are shifting how they interact with God and people in a strategic effort to have a more fulfilling spiritual life. This suggests that we are on the precipice of a new era of spiritual experience and expression." For the future, he predicted, "We anticipate substantial growth in the number of people who are not connected to a congregational church, but who are committed to God and to their faith."

I believe this ties in directly with the article I sent out a few days ago, titled "The Terrain has Changed." I believe this is one of the most important messages I have received in recent years, and I hope you studied it carefully.

The Barna report apparently didn't cover the many Christians who are meeting in small fellowships in their own home week by week. Such individuals are merely reverting to the pattern that the early Christian church followed for about 300 years.

After attending many congregations in the Greater Portland area over a period of five years, my wife and I decided to enjoy a small fellowship in our home each week. That has proven to be a good decision. Then twice a month, we meet with other similar small home fellowships in a larger group just to praise the Lord.

Some time back I encouraged some friends in Washington state to try this same pattern, and I think you'll be interested in their recent reply.

Jane: I want to comment on the forward you sent out that contained a word for the church by Cheryl McGrath. At first I scanned it over quickly because I was in a hurry, but even then I knew a friend of mine who used to attend _____________ would be interested in it, so I sent it on to her. A little later, she called me and said she had just finished reading it and was "numb." She also said she felt "tingly" while going through it. You see, we have a small group that meets on Wednesday nights that is composed of John, me, and two ladies that used to attend ______________ with us.

DH Great!

Jane: The past couple months, we have been discussing the crisis state of the Christian Church today and studying the Scriptures to see exactly what they say about the church. We asked several questions, and then got into the Bible to find the answers. The questions were: What is the church? What is the definition of "church"? What is the main purpose of the church? What is the purpose of meeting together? What are characteristics of the church? It was a fascinating discussion and study, which has led to our deciding to meet once a month on Sabbath to "try out" what we've learned. John and I still are part of _____________, but it has dwindled to about thirty members (including children), with an average attendance of around 18-22. We aren't really "connecting" with the people there much anymore, and it is so far for us to drive to be very involved (especially with gas prices climbing steadily!).

I'm still an elder, but don't know how much longer I will continue. Some good things are happening there, but the distance is making it very hard for us, and most of the people we were close to have left. Also,__________'s ministry emphasis is on serving the City of ___________, which is also difficult for us to take part in and for which we feel no "calling." Anyway, one Saturday a month (to start, anyway) our little Wednesday group is going to deepen and expand its "home church" operation! The husband of one lady is going to be part of our gathering, so John will have another guy (whom he really likes) to connect with. We are going to have a meal together each time, either breakfast/brunch or noontime dinner. We are also going to have a ministry fund, to help us meet needs in our own area.

We will encourage each other; pray together; share our experiences, thoughts, and feelings; etc. The format of our gatherings will vary, including watching movies such as "Luther" or TV episodes such as "Touched by An Angel" and discussing their message and significance. Other times, someone will have a study to share or we'll discuss current events and issues in the light of Scripture. Occasionally, we'll use our time together to go out and do ministry as opportunities open up.

DH Wonderful! I'm really excited for you. How I wish others everywhere would follow a similar pattern.

Jane: All that said, I have a few questions for you:

How did you come across this Cheryl McGrath's message you sent out to us? What do you know about her? What have her previous messages been about?

DH I don't know much about Cheryl, but in our brief correspondence before she left on a ministry trip to the Philippines I learned we had visited some months back. She also has visited my web site.

I would urge you to do what I did; check out her web site at www.greatsouthland.org. I am very much impressed. Her Statement of Beliefs is very encouraging. Give a careful look to her new sections, The Nurture Network, and Outside the Gates.

I believe her message, the one I sent you, is truly from the Throne. I believe the network needed for home groups such as yours is being set up.

Jane: How is your "house church" experience going? Do the various groups in your area still meet once a month for a larger meeting? What is your house church gathering like? What advice would you give us?

DH Our home fellowship is just Bunnie and I and our daughter, Cassie, down the hall, but no group has any greater blessing than we do. We play a couple of songs, usually Gaither, and then dive into some study. Often it derives from a video. We have no formalities.

Yes, we still meet with other small groups at Wild Branch twice a month on Sabbath. That is always a great blessing too. Wonderful fellowship, and powerful worship music, and a brief message. Very informal, no "playing church."

My advice? Keep it simple and informal. Encourage all to participate; no preaching. Watch for interesting messages to use as a springboard for discussion. I think you can find a lot of help on Cheryl's web site; she has info on successful home fellowships.

It is time for small fellowships to network together; for mutual blessing and encouragement, not organization. So let's stay in touch.

Don and Bunnie

Jane: Hey, Don! Five of us met this Sabbath morning from 11:30-2:30 and had a great gathering! We had a sharing time, and then we discussed the first half of Cheryl McGrath's message. Then we had a yummy potluck meal together. Everyone really enjoyed our time! At our next Sabbath meeting, we're going to have a potluck breakfast to start our time together. Tonight at our regular Wednesday evening meeting, we're going to go over the second half of Cheryl's word. Just wanted to let you know how it went! :-) Blessings, Jane

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Jane: Exciting report; thanks. God said he would meet with three, or even two, so you are well ahead of the attendance curve. That is not important; just let God take care of that.

I can tell that you had a more enjoyable, and more blessed time, than you ever did "playing church." And you certainly learned more with an open discussion.

Remember now to keep praying about the developing Holy Spirit networking for small groups such as yours. We are part of the Body of Christ, but the Spirit has yet to build his network to the extent the devil has with his New Age movement. I believe the time is ripe.

(I'm quite sure that Benedict XVI would take us into his large developing network, but I don't feel real good about that one!)

Keep in touch. Your report is an encouragement.

God Bless,
Don

Moving The Load
Sandy Warner

Jul 6, 2005
MOVING THE LOAD
I have packed your bags, cinched them down tight and prepared you to move the load. What are you carrying? A load of benefits. Come on in to your new place naturally. You need not run or walk too fast, just let it all happen naturally. Play, have a good time and take off in great delight.

NKJ Psalm 68:19
Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah

NKJ Hebrews 11:8
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.

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Crater Lake
Sandy Warner

Jul 9, 2005
CRATER LAKE
I anointed you with power and it soaked through,
Right to your inner core through layers old and new.
You were soaking and soaking and sponging Me up,
And drinking for your thirst and gathering your sup.

Like an underground cistern, so deep and so clear
You tapped into My Presence, cherished Me so dear.
We came together and yes blended into One
My Presence with yours, yes with Father and with Son.

Our holy union building with molten power.
Our river bed of lava growing each hour.
Deep inside your spirit surges power so hot.
Not released before its time, even though sought.

Once exploded it releases signs and wonders.
Like a volcano, your lid is blown asunder.
My mighty Presence flowing - gushing up and out
My power surges, triumphant glorious shout!

After you're settled, confirmed, established and set,

There fills a deep lake, from the precious times we've met.
Deep and refreshing, your cup is filled to the brim.
Never ending streams of life pours over the rim.

This the cup I have provided for My bride.
Who lingers in My Presence and stays by My side.
Nestled in the mountains she's peaceful and she's pure.
My glorious reflection of blue skies grandeur.

Isa 2:2-3 NKJV
Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths."

Winds To Your Back
Sandy Warner

Jul 8, 2005

Winds To Your Back
You have gone through a time when it was difficult to plow through towards your goal. I have heard your prayers and am blowing against the wind and turning it to your favor. It shall reverse and come along behind your backside. As you lift your weary arms up to me, they shall become like sails. I shall fill your sails of faith and this shall propel you forward into place. Great grace, this is My great grace.

NKJ Isaiah 40:29-31
He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

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More On Zionism
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
Feb. 4, 2005

Well, another week has passed and I might add, very rapidly, and here in Israel, as one of the commentators put it: “[While until now] we were in a post Zionist period, presently we have entered the anti Zionist one”. This phase has been inaugurated with the evacuation plan of the settlements, the giving up of JNF lands to the government and subsequently to Arab citizens, and with the pending release of hundreds of Arab terrorists from our jails. Adding to this, the new US Secretary of State asserted emphatically that the Palestinians need sufficient landmass for their state. Last week I sent several articles recounting how YHVH led the House of Judah in the restoration of its national identity and homeland. But while the Zionist “Judeans” were thus engaged, there were also Spirit-filled Christian visionaries who were working toward the same end, knowing that the Jews were to return to the ancient land of their ancestors (as was exemplified by my friend Tim’s letter).

Relationships between Gentile Christian Zionists and the Jewish community in Europe started developing already in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (ref. The Vision Was There by Franz Kobler, 1956). The Zionist movement, however, was not really acknowledged by nineteenth century historians as a viable, or a definable phenomenon. Jewish identity was still very much attached to religion, which preserved the uniqueness of the Jews as a people while in the "Galut" (diaspora, or exile), but the religious traditions left them with only a very slight hope of realizing any national aspirations. Saying "next year in Jerusalem" every Passover was not enough to extricate them from their host countries. In many cases the Jewish identity was defined more by default than by anything positive. It wasn't until the time of Rabbi Alkalai and Kalishcher (two Jewish "prophets" of the 1800's) that seeds of national identity began to be sown. They were followed by Moses Hess, Ben-Yehudah, Pinsker, Herzl, Nordau, Ahad-Ha-am, Bialik and others, whose names and writings have lost their prophetic significance today, and have become (in the eyes of most Israelis) mere signs bearing street names posted in the cities of Israel.

The transformation, from religion to nationalism, began to grow in the hearts and minds of a remnant, ultimately resulting in the birth of the State of Israel, albeit not without tribulation (pogroms, persecutions, expulsions and the Holocaust). The return of Judah (the Jews), as a nation, to the Land of Promise is a direct fulfillment of prophetic scriptures relating to the “latter days”. It testifies to the fact that YHVH, the Elohim of Israel, neither slumbers nor sleeps (Ps. 121:4) and "watches over His word to perform it" (Jeremiah1:12).

However, this is only half of the story. Zionism as a national movement was not only evident amongst a remnant of Judah, but, as mentioned, also began to surface in Ephraim, who is the other "witness" of the Elohim of Israel's unending mercies and covenant keeping faithfulness. It was at about this time (i.e. the nineteenth century), that a few born-again, spirit-filled believers in Europe, especially in the UK, received prophetic insight into the history of the Two Houses, the two witnesses, the two olive branches, the two sticks, the two families, the two kingdoms and the two nations, spoken of in Scripture. There were those who believed that the nations that made up Europe were primarily of the lost tribes of Israel. Intense studies of languages, culture, religion etc. began to emerge. In 1887 a work by M.M. Eshelman, called The Two Sticks, was published. Later, another, by J.H. Allen called Judah's Scepter and Joseph's Birthright came out in 1917. These works were evidence that the Spirit of YHVH was (and still is) working to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers, and to restore the national identity of both Houses of Israel (Ephraim and Judah).

In the covenant that YHVH made with Abraham, He promised him a land and a nation (Goy), which was to come out of his own loins (Gen 12:1-3). YHVH would never forget that covenant, although He would scatter this nation into all the nations. Thus Ephraim was "*well mixed into all nations"* (Hos. 7:8) and became their "fullness" (Gen 48:19). Yet in Ezekiel 37:22 (as well as in Jeremiah 3:18) we read: *"I will make them one nation in the land"*. YHVH Elohim's redemptive plan for this earth was, and still is, a united, redeemed, single nation of "Israel" living in the land that He promised to the Patriarchs.

Religious identity has kept the Two Houses apart from each other. However, with the restoration of our national identity we can begin to tear down the age-old divisions of enmity and jealousy and build, under the guiding hand of the Messiah, the commonwealth that will be a light to the rest of the nations, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Both Houses need to return to Zionism, to the Zionism of the Torah. This Zionism is a very simple concept; it involves a land, a nation ("goy") and a kingdom government. Even the reason given for Paul's house arrest in Rome was: *"for the hope of Israel"* (Acts 28:20). What was that hope? Paul was given one full day, from morning to evening, to teach about the restoration of the kingdom of YHVH, and Yeshua from both the Torah of Moses and the Prophets (ref. Acts 28:23).

Interestingly the first chapter of Acts begins with the disciples' question about *"restoring the kingdom of Yah to Israel"*, and the last chapter shows us that this is what the apostles were busy doing. Yeshua said to them: *"Seek first the Kingdom of Yah and His righteousness"* (Matt 6:33), and then He empowered them by the Spirit to become the witnesses of that restoration of the kingdom to Israel. This is biblical Zionism. YHVH Elohim made this possible through Yeshua's death, burial and resurrection. Christianity lost the message and switched over to a gospel of salvation with an escape clause (rapture), which is very rampant, rather than adhering to the gospel of the heavenly kingdom of Yah being restored to all Israel here on earth.

The writer to the Hebrews states the problem very clearly. He says that after Yeshua was "made perfect, [He] became the author of eternal salvation unto all of them that obey Him, [and was] called of YHVH Elohim a high priest after the order of Melchizedec." In the same breath the same writer adds in the succeeding verse: *"Of which* [topic – the order of Melchizedec] *we have many things to say and hard to be uttered, seeing you are dull of hearing. "* The author of the book wanted desperately to share with the Believers about the order of Melchizedec, the order of YHVH's kingdom, but they could not hear. He goes on to say that although they ought to be teachers by now, they were still in need of taking once more the "milk" of the first principles of the oracles of YHVH, and are unable to consume strong meat. According to this author, the reason for their condition was, *"not being practiced in the word of righteousness"*, a fact that rendered them as babes (ref Heb 5:12-13).

Yeshua is not coming back to take a bride that is still in diapers. His bride will have made herself ready. She will not be ignorant, but be filled with all wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; she will not be dull of hearing, but be practiced in the word of righteousness and able to discern what is of her husband and what is not. Her eyes of understanding will be enlightened and she will know the hope of His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance (ref Eph 1)

Have a rest filled Shabbat.
Ephraim

My Promise To You

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MY PROMISE TO YOU
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All that I ask you to do is to fast and pray and draw close to Me in preparing for what lies ahead this coming year. My people, watch and pray for the spirit is willing to walk in My ways but the flesh is weak and is so susceptible to defeat and despair. And you need to be strong with head set like flint against the coming chaos of the land. The uproar of the enemy is mounting, and so many have already fallen to the wayside, but don't let that be you.

Rise up and worship Me, and stand behind your shield of faith. Don't look at the circumstances surrounding the land, but look to Me and to the promises I have made to you. Yes, you are to prosper and to be in health as your soul prospers, and nothing by any means shall harm you. Remember, I can raise you up and restore all your wounds. I can make you stronger than before by the calamities that you might go through. For I am purging your faith and making you able to stand strong no matter what the enemy hurls your way.

Do not dread defeat but rejoice that I have you in the palm of My hand shielding you and guiding you through the storm. Don't let the wind and the waves cause you to fear, but let out a victory shout, and I will raise you up that you might be able to walk upon high places and tear down the strongholds over the land.

For I am in the process of raising up a mighty army that is covered with an armor of Light. My words flow through their mouths and will spread like wild fire after the deceptions of the enemy. And I will raise up your children as mighty warriors of My Truth and praise that no enemy can quench. They will be bold in the face of danger and will be ready to die for their King, but I will arm them with the fire of My love that no enemy can break through.

Yes, My force field around these mighty warriors no harm can penetrate. And I rejoice at seeing the glow upon their faces and the example that they will give to the older generations. The testimony of the young, that they are willing to die for Me, will increase the strength even to the elderly. Yes, the elderly will rise up as mighty warriors as I stir My word up in their hearts and spirits and give them the strength to take their stand for Truth and holiness. Yes, young and old alike will join hands and march for restoring promises I have made over this land.

So I tell you this day to not fret and don't despair, but rejoice knowing that I AM the God of faithfulness to you. I will keep My promises to you. I will restore you and I will bless you. I will strengthen you that you might return to Me, and gather with the saints of like faith in holiness and Truth. Yes, and together you will rejoice in what I AM doing, and you will let out a victory shout that I AM a sovereign God who reigns mighty.

Yes, I AM the One in control and not the enemy no matter what the condition of the land says! I work all things for good for My people and for bringing forth My will in this land. My kingdom come and My will be done on earth as it is in heaven. That is My decree and that is My destiny, says your King, the Lord God of Israel, I AM.

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Rise Up To Take The Land
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This is the day for restitution of all things. What the enemy has stolen from you will be returned in full measure and even abundantly above all that you have ever hoped or believed possible. For yes, this is the day for an outpour of gladness upon My people. I am coming to restore hope to you that yes, I am a Father who reigns sovereign above all that the enemy has access to do. He is under your feet, and you have victory over his plots and schemes.

Everything that I allow you to go through is strengthening you so you can stand bold and unwavering against the evil one. This is the day that I am pouring out My joy for the joy of the Lord is your strength. You need to be able to laugh in the face of danger and calamity, because you know the promises I made to you. All things work together for the good of those who love Me and are called according to My plan and purpose.

So rise up and rejoice, and shout a victory shout, for the bride has made herself ready for My return. I see that you are Mine for I see your heart above all things. Yes, there are things you are walking through and things you need to overcome, but I see you perfect, covered with the blood of the Lamb.

So rise up and worship Me, and hide My words in your heart. Cover your heart with your shield of faith, and make sure your sword is ready for battle. March out for it is not time to retreat. Don't look at the giants for they are many and are ready to devour you as you claim your land. You have My promises. Don't look at the circumstances that face you. Be strong and waver not in unbelief for this is the time to really claim your inheritance. It does not belong to the evil one, whether in relationships, health, finances, household salvation.

You know My promises. Do not accept the lies of the evil one. Look past them and press forward toward the culmination of all things. Look forward to the manifestation of your loved ones, that marriage restored, along with every creative miracle you have claimed from Me. Never give up for My timing is always perfect. Delay does not mean denial for I love you and see your heart. I know your needs. Just draw close to Me.

Rest your head upon My brow for I have so much to say to you. Listen closely and hear My heart beating for you. Open up your heart, and I will pour out My love to you, for you have grown cold in so many ways and weary from the battle. Let Me pour out My excitement upon you. Let Me fill you to overflowing with the magnitude of My love and joy, for there's a world out there that needs you. Pick yourself up and brush yourself off, and rejoice for you have My victory. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Just receive and believe all that I AM to you.

Manifesting The Anointing
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In this teaching, titled "Manifesting the Anointing," we will examine how having a "God consciousness" helps us to understand who we are and what we have available to us in our inheritance because we are children of God. We will discuss what it takes to be a people who manifest the anointing and those who dispense the glory of God in the earth.

MANIFESTING THE ANOINTING

Before we begin this teaching, I want to invite you to join with me in prayer. Just let the Holy Spirit descend on your heart, bringing a fresh revelation of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27).

God, we want to ask You for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. Jesus, please give us a revelation of Your presence, a revelation of Your power. God, we want to know who You are, who we are, and what we have. So, God, I pray today to receive a much greater awareness of You. Thank You, in Jesus' mighty name.

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE

Before we examine how to manifest the anointing, we need to understand who we are and what we have available to us as an inheritance because we are sons and daughters of God. Three Scriptures, spoken by the apostle Paul, in the Book of Romans in the 8th chapter, lay a foundation concerning this.

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (v. 2).

"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'" (v. 15).

"And if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together" (v. 17).

We can see that we are children of God, heirs, set free from the law of sin and death, and we have an inheritance in Christ. (I'll speak more about our responsibility to set people free from the law of sin and death later in this teaching.) We need to come to understand who we are and what we have by developing a God consciousness. This awareness will give believers the first key they need to unlock God's power concerning manifesting the anointing.

Also, I believe that a time is coming when God will reveal and manifest His glory in us. So let's continue in the Book of Romans with more revelation by the apostle Paul.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

"For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body." Romans 8:18-23

Paul explains that creation itself and those who are gripped by sin (sickness, disease, death, and decay), long to be set free from sin's evil power. But before deliverance can come, the body of Christ needs a revelation of who we are and what we have. We need to understand what it means to be set free from the law of sin and death, which is: sickness, disease, and poverty; and what it means to be joint heirs with an inheritance.

This understanding and revelation is "the revealing and the manifestation of the sons and daughters of God."

BEING SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD

God wants to put inside our hearts the revelation of what it really means to be His sons and daughters. As believers, when we come into a greater understanding of this, we will step into the kind of ministry that brings the earth, and the world that's in corruption, into what we call "the glorious liberty of the children of God."

This glorious liberty means freedom from the law of sin, sickness, disease, and death. And so there is a deliverance that is taking place in creation called "the glorious liberty of the children of God" where the sons and daughters of God are being revealed as they walk in the manifestation of the anointing. In fact, this is what it means to be ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).

Ambassadors have a job to do: set the captives free, break the curse of the law, and expose/destroy the work of the devil. They help others come to understand the magnitude of their inheritance as sons and daughters, who are adopted by the Father and those who are destined to manifest the anointing. Ambassadors for Christ do not want people to focus their attention on them, but rather that people would see and feel Jesus and His presence being released through them.

God wants His sons and daughters to walk victoriously, triumphantly, conquering and overcoming the enemy. His desire is to see His children walking in God consciousness -- possessing and manifesting the anointing like the apostles Peter, Paul, Moses, and the prophet Elisha.

HOW IS HIS ANOINTING MANIFESTED?

Jesus is the Son of God, who perfectly modeled the manifest anointing. His anointing for healing touched many people, sometimes through His personal laying on of hands, or when someone touched His clothing.

"And they begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well." Matthew 14:36

Power actually manifested on the clothes of Jesus, and that's why, when the woman with the issue of blood touched the hem of His garment, she was healed (Matthew 9:21-22). He was carrying the power of the Lord, which is present to heal, because He was carrying substance on His life, the manifest anointing.

The apostle Peter was a son of God who possessed and understood the manifestation of the anointing. In Acts 5 we read how Peter carried such a great anointing that when people brought the sick on their beds and couches out onto the streets of Jerusalem, the shadow of Peter would heal their sicknesses. I'm not referring to the natural shadow of Peter, but rather to the same shadow that came upon Mary and overshadowed her with the power of the Most High when she conceived Jesus. It's the overshadowing of the presence and canopy of the Holy Spirit.

"THE LINGERING PRESENCE OF GOD STILL LIVED IN HIS VERY BONES"

Also, the apostle Paul was another son of God who carried the manifestation of the anointing to such a great extent that God worked unusual miracles by his hands (Acts 19:11). Paul took the anointing and the substance that he possessed and put it on handkerchiefs or aprons (v. 12), and when the cloths were carried from his body to the sick and demonized, they were healed and set free because of the resident anointing on the material.

I don't believe the handkerchiefs or aprons were merely a point of contact. I believe that the substance of God—the living, manifest, tangible, transferable anointing of the Holy Ghost that Paul carried—was transferred to these cloths because they were in contact with the manifest presence of God on/in Paul's body.

Scripture doesn't give details concerning the exact kind of contact the material had with his body, but it would be reasonable to imagine Paul laying hands on the material before it was carried to the sick. The Bible does not give a lot of detail, but we feel that desperate family members of the sick and demonized brought handkerchiefs or aprons to Paul so that he could touch and pray over them. Many people must have been healed and delivered because Scripture says "and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them" (Acts 19:12).

As well, Elisha the prophet was a son of God, who not only possessed a double portion of the spirit of Elijah (2 Kings 2:9, 12), but he also carried the manifest anointing of God. The Bible records that a deceased man was about to be buried, but he was cast quickly into the grave of Elisha rather than his own grave because of sudden danger from a marauding band: "...and when the man touched the bones of Elisha he revived and stood up on his feet" (2 Kings 13:21). The man was resurrected! Why? Because the manifest anointing, the lingering presence of God, still lived in the very bones of Elisha, even after his death.

CHRISTIANS RECEIVE AND DISPENSE GOD'S GLORY

What amazes me is that the tangible presence of God manifests on man's flesh as well as in his bones! So I want us to consider just how much of God's glory we can receive and manifest in our flesh as we look at this aspect in the life of God's servant, Moses. After Moses encountered God's Spirit (for 40 days and 40 nights on Mt. Sinai) he had to put a veil over his head because the radiance of God's glory shone through his face so brilliantly the people were afraid to come near him (Exodus 34:29-35).

We need to remember that Moses was a human being (just like us) who carried the manifest glory of the Lord because he had an intimate relationship with God and he was continually in His presence. He is such a great example of someone who manifested the glory of God. And, today, I believe there is a place being prepared in our hearts to receive and manifest the glory of God in a much greater capacity than ever before.

Listen! The glory of God will also be seen on our flesh, if we're serious about seeking the Lord concerning this. I believe our capacity to receive and manifest the glory of God on our flesh is increasing. As our faith for this manifestation intensifies, there is great potential for God to touch us mightily with His glory on our flesh. When God's glory shines in us and on us, we'll be like lights shining in a dark world. The prophet Isaiah describes this:

"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising." Isaiah 60:1-3

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE WHEN WE DISPENSE HIS GLORY?

As Christians begin manifesting the glory of God, they'll be so filled and impacted by the presence and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that, when they step into a city, literally, they'll take the ground for Christ.

Charles Finney, born in Connecticut in 1792 (died in 1875), was one powerful believer who took the ground when he stepped into factories carrying the manifest anointing. All he would do is step into a factory, not saying a word, and the presence of God that he carried brought such a conviction of sin that the workers got saved. He was a dispenser of God's glory.

I'm waiting for Christians, who carry the manifest presence of God, to cause demons to manifest and flee! You know, all I have to do in some crusades is start talking and the demons manifest because of the presence of God.

For instance, in Israel, at one of the holy sites we visited, as I preached and the team began to pray and minister, the on-site Jesuit priest began to manifest a demon, speaking out in demonic tongues and doing a demonic dance. Our tour guide, who's been to that particular place about twice a month for many years, said that she had never seen him act this way before. It was obvious that the anointing of the Holy Spirit agitated the enemy. As sons and daughters of God we can take authority over demons and bring deliverance to those who are affected by them.

And, did you know that in the Welsh revival, there was such an anointing (on that revival), that in the bars, patrons couldn't even get the beer up to their mouths because there was such a permeating, convicting power and presence of the Holy Spirit? That's the kind of anointing that I'm talking about; it will take place when we develop a God consciousness.

When we see the manifestation and the revealing of the sons and daughters of God who understand who they are and what they have, they will take responsibility to defeat sin (corruption, sickness, disease, death, poverty) and to bring the glory of God with them wherever they go. Because of the glorious liberty of the children of God, believers will carry the revelation of who they are and what they have and they will be dispensers of glory.

"IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST LIVES IN ME"

As well, I believe God is going to bring the body of Christ together in unity, positioned to receive a corporate revelation concerning the fact that "...it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me..." (Galatians 2:20). We need to be possessed by the Holy Spirit in such a way that we know it's no longer us who lives, but Christ who lives in us. And we'll be walking in this reality when Jesus actually lives through us like He wants to; through our eyes, ears, words, touch, and our presence.

Then the body of Christ will have a deeper revelation of what it really means to be sons and daughters of God. They will be possessed with so much of the fullness of God that they will dispense God's glory through their prayers and worship -- filling the very atmosphere with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Habakkuk 2:14

The glory will be seen like it was when the Shekinah glory filled the temple. And not only that, the glory will also be revealed in us.

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:18

It's not just in us and to us, but through us; because those whom He has called, He has justified and those He has justified, He has glorified (Romans 8:30). And if we have this treasure in earthen vessels (2 Corinthians 4:7), how much of a capacity do we have as mere men to receive and manifest the glory of God? As I said earlier, I believe we will be saturated with that glory just like Moses was.

"THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD HAVE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD"

Listen, the kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matthew 10:7). And when we look at the world and the world system, we need to understand that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ (Revelation 11:15). It's done. The world just doesn't know it yet!

Instead of looking at how defeated the world is, let's look at the potential there is for the world to become the kingdom of God. We need to understand that it's the knowledge of the glory of the Lord released through us as sons and daughters of God and the dispensers of His glory that will cause His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

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Meet The Challenge With Victory

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Every time that I look at My Father's heart I see love, because that is the way He made me to be. By spending quality time with the Father you are also able to see this same kind of love which is unconditional love. I want you to examine your own heart to see that whether the love you display for others is also the unconditional type or whether it is of the world which is based on performance.

This is the day that I AM calling My people to draw close to My Father's heart so that they can once again see the type of love that He has for you for He sent His only begotten Son to die so that His own would see the type of love that He has so that you also would be able to display love that is lasting for others. I want you to see that I died not for a perfect people but for those who in their hearts was far from Me.

So when you see others who act like they despise you, don't reward them by the basis of their performance, but reward them with the grace that comes only from the Father's heart. I want you to see those who are hard and unloving with a heart of compassion, and pray that I would soften their heart so that they could receive My love and be saved from the wrath to come. For I will pour out My fury upon those who are rebellious, not because they willingly chose to walk this way, but because there was no one who was willing to stand in the gap for them. Do not become hard in your own heart.

Do not reward others by the way of performance. Die out to your own flesh so that I will be able to flow through you to touch their hearts. This is the day of salvation. This is the day to choose who you are to serve. This is the day to reap the harvest from the seed that I have sowed. I want you to go out and be sensitive to My leading. I challenge you to die out to your flesh so that you can watch what I will do through you. Your arena of ministry will be the hard-hearted, those who have been rejected from their own father's love, and you will watch and see what I will do as I perform miracles of My love. Watch and see as I melt the hearts who have been broken as they receive the anointing that will flow through you.

Yes, this is the day to reach out to the hard cases which many have cast aside. Do not look at their appearance whether they are cleanly dressed, but look at their hearts. Those who are the hardest are those who I AM after with My love for those are the ones who will then turn around and reach the multitudes with My love. Yes, those are the ones who will reach the most for My kingdom. Those who are forgiven for the most will love the most.

So when you go out this day and reach out to those who I lead you to, do not examine them by their performance of whether they receive you or not, but see them as those who I can flow through with an abundance of grace and mercy. I encourage you to not give into rejection yourself, but overcome the enemy's lies and see an army that I will raise up through those who look like there is no hope. Yes, look past the lies of the enemy and see a people ripe for the Father's love, for I was also rejected and despised by men because of My own appearance. I can relate to this class of people and My heart goes out to them. Don't cast aside the pearls that I have scattered around for they are of most value to Me.

Be watchful for I AM sending you out to glean a harvest. The field is ripe but the laborers are few. Be of those who are the most valuable to Me. Be those who enable My love to flow freely with no hindrance. Be of those who will die out to see Me live. Be those who the King adores for this is the day of rejoicing for I know you will meet the challenge with victory. I am calling you out this day to do greater works, and it involves the melting of people's hearts, those who are broken and despised. Watch as I raise up an army and through you, My people. Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life. Die out so I can live, says your God.

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Mutation And Mutiny

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It is of my observation that for the last 1700 years the Christian Church has been largely based on teachings, traditions and practices that have been built upon "foundations" other than the Word of God and the example of Jesus Christ. If we are seeking for the truth and the kingdom of God, we must conclude that things desperately need to be corrected as far as the life essence of the church is concerned. With the Lord Jesus as our model of ministry; we have drastically departed from the way of genuine biblical fellowship, Bible teaching and the equipping of the saints as done in the early church through the example shown by Christ. I believe that one of the most serious departures from the biblical model is the virtually universal practice of revolving the gathering of the church around the exclusive preaching and teaching of one person.

In the New Covenant model, we clearly see that people met in the intimate atmosphere other's homes. The people of God would gather and share meals together for the purpose of building close and personal relationships. I conducted a kind of personal survey several years ago. I took mental notes through the course of one year, attending a traditional "spirit-filled" church for the purpose of how often someone would tell me that they loved me. Incredibly, not one time did a "Christian" brother or sister initiate an "I love you." Now of course, others had little difficulty saying they loved me if I initiated the expression first. Beloved, this is a reflection of a man-made system infringing upon the model of relationship that the true church of Jesus Christ is to represent.

The New Covenant church is to be patterned after the ministry and heart of Christ. It is to be open and free to "joint" participation. However, today's religious system labels this freedom and liberty as disorder and a different view, means of expression, or vision as rebellion. The richness of spontaneous sharing and worship was encouraged with the excitement and expectation of two or three prophesying, the giving of a tongue and an interpretation of a tongue. Words of knowledge and wisdom were to be common place as believers minister to each another in heart-felt care. This is the "body of Christ building itself up in love...with each joint supplying its part." The developing of trust and relationships between one another as believers is living the abundant life in Christ. The condition of our relationships with one another in the natural is a perfect mirror or reflection of our spiritual relationship with God. There is no way to make excuses or get around this. The Bible is clear in that the natural precedes the spiritual.

But how often are we given the time or the freedom in the church meeting or even involve ourselves as the church in the ministry to each another? We have churches and entire denominations that obviously believe by their actions that only "ordained" (and only men at that) have the ability to minister the healing, forgiveness, and love of God. Thus, we have the constant breeding of "reliant" saints rather than the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, which is the only job description I can find in the Bible for true apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. The entire church – the body of Christ are all called to be "ministers" of reconciliation. Not one believer is left out from being called to the position of a king and priest to our God. On the other hand, a good many "Christians" don't give a flip about anybody else but themselves and only care about the fried chicken and a Sunday afternoon nap to follow.

Our investment of putting others in a place priority and our expression of love is the greatest evangelistic outreach we possess as the church. We have failed to share our weaknesses and minister to each other because of rampant gossip and the fear of being judged. The world recognizes this with crystal clarity...Why should they come to today's church meeting (system?). To have others gossip and judge them? To have a seat of silence? To put their money in a plate to support the vision of a hand-full of men rather than the vision of Christ for His church? Why would they come to simply agree with the power structure in place or be labeled as rebellious? They get enough of this in the world that they live in now!

If we were to adopt a child in the natural, we would prepare a place of warmth, comfort and acceptance. We would be prepared for our new arrival and family member. Yet, when a new adoption into the body of Christ comes into the church, we provide a token smile and hello. Maybe a meal if they look, act, and dress similar. Look man, I have been invited to many after church lunches and dinners...Almost without exception, the surrounding cast was socially, culturally, and economically the same.

The New Covenant church that Christ laid the foundation for did not need religious institutions and million dollar sacred buildings to turn the world up-side-down. The church that Christ planted was a living organism that breathed life and grew out of the relationships forged in peoples homes and genuine love for another. For Christ's sake, have we forgotten how love? You will not find in the Bible a picture or resemblance of today's church meeting. (But yet, year after year and century after century, we pass this powerless religious system to the next generation.)

We gather for our "rehearsed" songs, folks wearing flowing robes that they would not be caught dead in anywhere else. (I only bring this up as a point of showing the responsibility we have of being real or relevant to a dark and lost world that is searching for what is genuine. Why doesn't the church wear these costumes anywhere else? The truth, is because they are not real or applicable to everyday life.) You see, the church has completely lost her relationship, relevance, and love for the lost. Today's modern church is in love with herself and her incest within its own and has birthed a mutation that does not even closely resemble the beauty of the true church.

We have stated in the past that the church swelled in numbers after September 11. People were searching for life answers and truth. In just 3 short months the church was back to her pre 9-11 numbers! This is staggering and we should be grieving over this. Eternal damnation or eternal life is what weighs in the balance here. How much "weight" to you put on the soul of a man? Look, when a person passes on...It's over! There are no more second chances. Have we forgot our mandate in our lust for a system of irrelevance? We are so eaten up with love for ourselves that we have failed to see the stench of death around us perpetrated by a system that we seemingly adhere to and are inoculated with.

What would cause this massive exodus to occur in just 3 short months? Simply put, we introduced people to our religious culture and not to Jesus. Our relationships with them were no different than the shallow and superficial relationships they had in the world. The prophetic voice continued "selling" the word of God and focused on cosmic "stuff" that had little meaning to the lost and searching. Frankly, most of what the church has labeled "prophetic" does not resemble the biblical pattern, nor is it the heart of God. True prophecy is the heart, voice, and focus of God. Is this really what the prophetic movement is about today?

Rather than being a church created with creativity, we have mutated into creatures of habit and line up as an audience with nothing to contribute besides those who may sing a few songs or say an opening prayer. Neither will you find in the New Testament anything that even faintly resembles a traditional sermon. But then again, we can't change the system. What would the paid staff and theologically trained do to earn their wages if the whole body of Christ was moving in the gifts of the Spirit? I am not stating that we should not have paid staffs. However, I will state that this exclusive structure has paralyzed the church, hindered the gifts of the Spirit, thus malnourishing and stunting the growth of the body. It has advanced the abuse of authority and created an unbiblical burden of submission. And it has polarized or split the church with a clergy - laity culture.

The early apostles set the church up in such a way that when they came together to fellowship "...each one has... for you may all prophesy one by one." (See 1 Corinthians 14) They set churches up in such a way that it would positively encourage all those gathered to participate, and therefore brought forth an environment where the Lord would be free to move by His Spirit through each part of His body. The concept or system of the church gathering centering around one person (pastor) is in direct contradiction to scripture.

Now, this is not to say that there isn't a place for this type of teaching among God's people whereby one person predominates in giving it. The Lord does indeed provide people in His body who are gifted in this very thing, and the New Testament makes it clear that teaching is a calling and a gift of the Holy Spirit. The problem is when this format becomes the predominate or singular vision of the church meeting. On the other hand, it would seem that scripture encourages more of a participatory format with all given an opportunity to express what the Lord is doing and speaking through their lives. Some may say, "how would this happen in church of a thousand people. My answer to that is: How could a church get so fat in numbers without reproducing itself? How could a church become so spiritually lazy and proud as too not raise up servant leaders and equip them for the work of ministry as the Bible teaches to plant other churches? How can deep and meaningful relationships that resemble a "family" be forged in mega institution?

We must all take responsibility for the wretched and stained condition of today's church. To deny our true color and condition is certainly wearing rose-colored glasses. Much of our condition is the inclination to revolve like aimless sheep around the "gifted speaker." Somehow, we have an inherited desire to place men upon an elevated platform to be worshiped as the sole arbitrator of one's spiritual promotion. It is vital that as the days ahead approach, we see the evil of the clergy - laity separation and the completely unbiblical two-tier system of leader and those who are led which creates a worldly hierarchal structure – a ridged wineskin. Hierarchy is something no church should ever have, and the only hierarchy found in the pages of scripture pertaining to church life is simply Jesus and everyone else.
When a servant leader is spiritually promoted in China, this is looked upon with great reverence and humility. The "leadership" in the underground church of China notice and take an interest in raising up and the equipping of individuals for the life and growth of the church. Those who receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior become a part of a family of believers who walk with then and build them up in the faith...Even under adverse conditions and persecution that most us reading this cannot imagine. As they grow, they are given opportunity to share the Word and take their place as a participating family member. Soon they are recognized as "leaders" of men. (Kings and priests). It is now that the greatest spiritual promotion occurs in the life of the Chinese church – the ordaination to be SERVANT. Their highest honor.

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Mount Up In Powerful Prayer
Sandy Warner

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It is time to press deeper into prayer, the prayer of power. I have sent you angelic ministry to cover you as you stand strong and declare My Word of freedom over the captives. I have lengthened your boundaries as you soar up into the skies in these wings of prayer.

I have plugged you into the secret of My power and extended your reach across the miles, that knows no bounds. This is all about My work in your life, growing and stretching and daring to reach out. What is this great secret of My power? This great secret is the gift of love - to love someone unconditionally and without restraint. It is My freedom within you to love with passion. It is a uniting of My burden and heart with your heart of compassion, and this, My dear one, is My greatest secret. Let My love mount you upwards into the places of My power, as I send you to pray for your friends.

Prov 18:24 NKJV
A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

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Open My Eyes That I Might See
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OPEN MY EYES THAT I MIGHT SEE
Papa I do not know what You have in store for me.
But I wish above all else that I could see.
Please grant me visions and grant me sight.
That I would have restored what is my right.
All that the enemy has stolen and taken
I want it back, I have felt forsaken.

Open my eyes that I might see
My future and hope, my special destiny.
Oh Lord send me the angel that takes me into trances.
Send him to abide so that I might have my entrance.
Through to the porthole of heaven right now.
This I pray on my knees do I bow.
Oh Lord grant my request please come right now.

2 Kings 6:16-18 NKJV
So he answered,"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

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Raising Up Apostolic Leaders
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RAISING UP APOSTOLIC LEADERS
I AM raising a new crop of apostolic leaders who will be fathers and mothers to the final day harvest, bringing in multitudes of children. These special ones are being finely honed and trained in the school of My love. I shall place mentoring parents into their lives that will so impact them on a personal level, they will never again be the same. They shall carry the treasures of My love stories unto the ends of the earth as they bare their hearts and souls to the children of their womb. With long embracing arms, they shall gather them in under their wings of faith and be a canopy against the storms of life.

Mark 9:36-37
And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

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The Apostle’s Heart
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THE APOSTLE'S HEART
The apostles yearn and groan over their children, to see them grow up in Me. To see them united as one. To see them walk My road with passion. To raise them up as their very own children. How often they would hold them in their arms and gathered them as chicks under their wings! Yes, I feel the stones of hard places and know them well. Dear apostles, do not grieve, I have sent you, I have work for you to do. How My heart yearns over you, just as you yearn over your children. I have one thing in mind, and that is to reduce you to love. That is always My answer, I have not changed. So yearn but do not grieve. Let Me turn your yearnings into the deepest bowels of intercession. My Word shall not return void, even the mysteries of your deepest groanings.

Gal 4:19-20 AMP
My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely and permanently formed (molded) within you, Would that I were with you now and could coax you vocally, for I am fearful and perplexed about you!

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Mucus Plug
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite

Sept 2, 2005

That one of America's largest cities would have to be evacuated and become uninhabitable was not something that most of us had ever envisioned. When watching the warnings about the approaching powerful hurricane, along with the threat that it could be one of the worst disasters to hit the United States, I had to stop and pray: "Why Abba has there been such an increase and severity of 'natural disasters' in the nations?" Just a week before I spoke to my parents in Wisconsin, where 27 tornadoes ripped up several towns. This was taking place during the "disengagement" of the settlers in Gaza and Northern Samaria from their towns and homes. Incidentally, the term "disengagement" was coined to indicate that the State of Israel was "disengaging" from the Palestinians, but as it turns out, the ones to disengage were the residents of the towns and villages from their homes. While Katrina was just beginning to form out in the Atlantic, we watched reports of damage and deaths from typhoons and monsoons in the Far East. Western Europe is also beleaguered by floods, and by fires that are consuming large areas. The News reports cause all of us to ponder YHVH's prophetic plans.

Many articles and e-mails fill the cyber space with observations and links. Is YHVH judging the nations for forcing Israel to give up land? Those who keep records of events every time the United States forces Israel to succumb in some way to her enemies, have noticed that such moves are always followed by natural disasters of great proportions. But could there be other reasons for these catastrophes?

As we know, YHVH is always overseeing and fulfilling His ancient words of prophecy. Many refer to our days as a time of harvest. But in looking at Yeshua's harvest time parable, of the ripe wheat and tares, we find that the latter, which represent iniquity or lawlessness, stand straight and tall. The stalks of wheat, on the other hand, bow low as they are laden with the fruit of righteousness. This makes it easy for the tares to be removed by the reapers that are sent out in that day.

Here is Yeshua's interpretation of the day of harvest: "He answered and said to them: 'He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom [on earth] all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, [those who are Torah-less], and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear'" (Matthew 13:37-43).

Another example that the scriptures point to is that of giving birth. Thus, let us now examine a comparable situation from ancient history. When the time came for the Israelites to depart, as a nation, from Egypt the latter travailed as in childbirth. Before YHVH's firstborn nation emerged through the "birth canal" of the Reed Sea, the land in which they had multiplied was heaving with one calamity after another. At the same time, the land that YHVH had designated for His people was satiated with the iniquity of the Amorites (ref. Genesis 15:16).

Could it be that it is time for YHVH's first born sons to again come out of the nations where they have been gestating and growing as if in a womb? Will the nations have to go through the birth bangs of what has been called the tribulation before the "one new man-child" comes forth?

A friend of ours, and fellow-Ephraimite living in Israel, heard the Spirit speak to her the words "mucus plug". This came in association with the pull out from Gaza and Samaria. She did not know at first what those two words meant, but as she inquired she realized that the mucus plug is what comes out by the pressures of labor during childbirth. In the course of a conversation with a friend, about the aftermath of Katrina and the effects it had had on the southern states, it dawned on me that most of the recent calamities had to do with water. In labor, when the mucus plug comes out, a flood of water gushes forth and makes way for the birth to follow.

Are we now at the beginning stages of the nations giving birth to the seed that YHVH planted, just as the nation of Judah (the first stick) was birthed out of the tribulation of two world wars and the Holocaust? Will the second stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim be birthed out of the nations through a tribulation the likes of which humanity has never seen or witnessed before? It is interesting that New Orleans is known for its multi national population and sits right at the opening, or mouth, of the largest river in America. This was a main doorway for the seed of Abraham to enter that continent. Will it now become a birth canal for the Israelites to come out of?

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Muslim Salvation Testimonies

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India: "If you kill me, I will be with Jesus"
"If you kill me, I'll be with Jesus," Fakar told his torturers. In Spring of 2004, Fakar had been given a green booklet explaining the Gospel using statements in the Koran about Jesus (Isa). Convinced, he was baptised, along with his wife and three daughters, and could not stop speaking of his new faith. After a few months, the local Islamic leaders warned and threatened him. One day, a dozen men attacked and beat him. He died of his injuries. Our partners have started almost 50 house churches among Muslims in Kashmir, India, and the new believers helped others following the recent earthquake in the region. They provide people with a roof over their heads and warm clothing, and make sure they also feel the warmth of God's love.

India: dreams in Kashmir
Raju, a devout Muslim, had a dream in which two corpses were lying in the street. According to Islamic tradition, the dead must be buried immediately. Raju buried the first, but the second one spoke to him, saying "I am not dead. I have eternal life, and you can have it too. Go to your friend. He has a black book. Page x tells you how to find eternal life."
The following day, Raju visited his friend, who was a secret follower of Isa. His friend opened his "black book" (the Bible), and Raju found eternal life, just as he had seen in his dream. He has now started 30 house churches!

Caucasus: Marina's repentance
Marina was married to a Wahabi warrior who aimed to exterminate all Christians. Every day, Marina prayed that Allah would exterminate them. Marina's husband was killed in battle, and her life worsened. Her parents-in-law took her son away from her and chased her away. Then she heard the Gospel, and Isa appeared to her several times. She was baptised about one year ago, and attended the first church planting school in Sochi in May of 2005. Encouraged, she returned to Chechnya to get her son. During our visit a few weeks ago, she told us that he also likes to worship Isa Masiach, the saviour of the world. Marina's mother suffered from Tuberculosis, and would not listen to the Gospel, so Marina prayed and fasted for her. Isa appeared to her mother, saying "You are healed." She was completely healed, opened her heart to Jesus, and was baptised a few weeks ago.

Caucasus: God in Dagestan
Some years ago, H.P. Nüesch, leader of Campus für Christus (Campus Crusade for Christ) in Switzerland, gave an evangelistic sermon in northern Russia. Victor, an oil worker, was touched. He visited his sister Sina, who was married to an Muslim businessman in Dagestan; she was saved, and told her husband Arthur about the Gospel. Arthur was also saved, and planted the first national church in an Islamic people group in the Caucasus. That church grew to around 300 members, and has since planted churches in ten other places in Dagestan. Arthur told the Gospel to Juri, another businessman who was going to commit suicide. Juri's family was heavily involved in the Occult. When Juri opened his heart to Jesus, demons attacked and killed him, but after prayer in Isa's name, "he returned to life." He was sent out to North Ossetia-Alania, and has so far planted churches in two villages. I'm amazed

by this 'genealogy': Hanspeter Nüesch - Victor - Sina - Arthur - Juri - churches in North Ossetia-Alania. That's almost a biblical list!

Bangladesh: "Hey brother, want a ride?"
On a hot day in 1983, Tom, a missionary on his way home in a rickshaw, saw a young man on the side of the road, and asked him if he wanted a ride. The young man, Abdul, had been through a tough time, including being locked in his room, solitary confinement, beatings, death threats and suicide attempts, because he had questioned the Koran. He went home with Tom, who gave him a Bible. When he returned home, Abdul read the entire New Testament in one night. John 3:17 astonished him, because it told him that God does not damn people but save them. That very night, he opened his heart to this God! One week later, he had read the entire Bible. His salvation was the start of the most dynamic present-day evangelistic movement in an Islamic nation, currently numbering hundreds of thousands of Muslims now following Isa, and around 10,000 who are baptised each month. That's a millennium event!
Source: Kingdom Ministries, Switzerland. KM is a team which aims to help start church-planting movements. www.kministries.ch

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Muslims Follow Jesus

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In this week's Friday Fax: Millennium event: hundreds of thousands of Muslims follow Jesus (part 1)

Millennium event: hundreds of thousands of Muslims follow Jesus (part 1) Some things only happen every couple of hundred years, others only every couple of thousand. This and the next Friday Fax are dedicated to one of these millennium events. Fourteen centuries ago, Islam overran previously Christian nations such as Egypt and Tunisia. For the past thousand years, particularly since the barbarous "Christian" crusades and the development of un-Biblical westernized religious church traditions, Christians have found it difficult to win Muslims for the Gospel. Islam, with 1.4 billion adherents, is the world's second-largest religion after traditional Christianity which has proven resistant to the Biblical Gospel. As a young Christian, I heard only one message about Islam: "it is practically impossible to win Muslims for Christ" - a message from Hell, in my opinion, born out of centuries of pseudo-missionary frustration. Ineffective missionary methods, non-integrative churches and a fantastic lack of faith among top Christian leaders right up to the 1990's combined to create a climate of missionary unbelief. In 1982, only 2% of all Christian missionaries were working among Muslims - a ridiculously small proportion.

5,000 120,000 522,000 Yesterday, I ate lunch with three missionaries working among Muslims. One of them said "In the past two years, I've seen over 5,000 Muslims come to faith in Jesus in northern India. The work is growing so fast that the number will very likely soon pass 50,000. They meet in multipliable house churches, and ever more Mullahs are joining the movement..." Another told "From our own experience and through other reliable sources, we know that in Bangladesh, 7,000 Muslims were baptised each month in 2003. They are radical followers of Jesus. In 2004, an incredible 120,000 joined them. Since 1997, the number of Muslims following Jesus has grown by 522,000." 522,000? That's more than the number of evangelical Christians in Switzerland, Austria and France together! Is that possible? What happened? Baptist missiologist and author David Garrison says "More Muslims have come to Christ in the past two decades than at any other point in history. In North Africa, 16,000 Muslim Berbers turned to Jesus; in a central Asian republic, 4,000 Muslims have found Christ; 15,000 Kazakh Muslims found Christ in the past 15 years. In an appearance on Al Jazeera, Sheikh Ahmad Al Qataani, a leading teacher of Islamic clerics in Libya, said 'Every hour, 667 Muslims turn to Christianity, 16,000 every day, 6 million each year!' Those numbers are certainly exaggerated, but show that Islamic experts recognise what is happening: a massive missionary movement of Muslims to Christ."

A vision becomes reality Let me use Kevin Greeson's story as an example of what's happening. Greeson is a Baptist missionary in southern Asia. In his book "Camel Training" published in 2004, he writes "In September 1997, I lay down on my hotel bed in Singapore, where I was attending missionary training. Before going to sleep, I saw a vision of thousands of Muslims in Bangladesh going to Hell. The vision's realism gripped me so strongly that I began to weep - for the first time in 22 years. The scene changed, though; the Muslims were given a new directive, were re-routed and went to Heaven. The next day, I was excited to hear that 30,000 US Christians had taken part in a prayer campaign for the people group among which I wanted to work, and that they had been praying the very hour I had my vision. My first years there as a missionary brought no fruit; after two years, we had gathered 23 women who worked weaving baskets for export to the West. Then we heard of Abdul (name changed).

Learning from Abdul Abdul was a local church planter, and himself a saved Muslim - or Isahi (one who belongs to Isa/Jesus). In 1998, he had seen 50,000 Muslims baptised, and 8,000 churches planted by 2003. He was doing something differently, and we learned from him to do them differently too. We told the women to invite their husbands to a meeting; they all brought their husbands or fathers, and we explained verses from the Koran which speak of Jesus, showing him to be far more than just a prophet. They were excited and angry - excited, because they recognised the truth about Isa (Jesus), and angry about their Imams (islamic pastors), who had withheld the truth from them. Then we showed them the Jesus Film in their language. What then happened was unbelievable; the men insisted on meeting again the next day. For four days, they sat there and listened to the Gospel. They all turned to Jesus, and six new jamaats (house churches) were formed. Over the following 2 1/2 years, our team saw 4,500 Muslims baptised and 314 new churches started. Two years later, the number of churches had grown to over 800. The movement is still growing. What did we teach the Muslims which made them so open for Christ? It has something to do with a camel..." ... continued in next week's Friday Fax

Part 2 When Muslims throw the Koran in the river "One morning in May 1999, I read a report in Bangladeshi national newspaper, quoting a Member of Parliament who stood before his colleagues and asked 'What is happening to our religion? Muslims in the capital are throwing their Koran in the trash, and in one district, they even throw the Koran in the river.' What was going on? One day, an Imam held the Koran up in the Mosque, saying 'This book has done nothing to improve our lives.' Then he threw the book in the river. The congregation of around 4,000 men followed their leader's example, throwing their Korans in the river too."

What comes after resignation? Kevin Greeson's report shows something of the inner erosion happening in Islam. But many adherents of other religions and religious subsystems are just as resigned. Just as traditional Constantine churchianity, Animism or Buddhism, the core of Islam does not help people live their lives, but generally just preserves the status quo of poverty, difficulties, uncertainty and illness for most and riches for a privileged minority. On top of all that, religion can only superficially answer the questions every person faces: why am I here, what am I supposed to be doing, where am I headed? The Bangladeshi Imam spoke for many in his recognition of the truth. In this phase of religious resignation, most people simply perform religious rites perfunctorily, outwardly going with the flow, inwardly questioning. Many Muslims, for example, wonder about Allah's secret 100th name...

The camel knows Every Muslim knows that Allah has 99 names, and many know of a tradition which says that only a camel knows his 100th name. That name is 'Isa'! The Koran, the Muslims' holy book, does not answer the question directly, but gives enough clear hints. Many experienced missionaries start a conversation with Muslims with the words "I have discovered an amazing truth in the Koran, which gives hope of eternal life in paradise. Would you please read me Sure Al-Imran 3:42-55?"

The Koran teaches that Jesus knows the way to heaven This Sure says three things about Isa (Jesus) which clearly lift him above the status of a prophet: Isa is holy (3:42-48), has power over death (49-54) and knows the way to heaven (55-56). This is a shock for many Muslims, because what does the Koran say about Mohammed? The surest answer is to say that Mohammed is what he said of himself; in Sure 46:9-10, he says "I am nothing new among prophets; I do not know what will become of me or my followers. I am just a voice of warning." If Mohammed is nothing different or more than all the prophets before him, and did not claim to be the greatest prophet of all, did not know where he or his followers would go after death, and professes to simply be a voice of warning, the contrast with Jesus' statements about himself (for example John 6:47 and 14:1-7) could hardly be greater. If you then ask a

Muslim "I want to go to heaven when I die. Which prophet can help me get there?", the result is often a process leading them to read the Injil (New Testament) and find Jesus. Information from the Koran (very important for Muslims) reveals Jesus to be clearly more than just a prophet, and endows him practically with saviour status. "The Koran does not contain enough light to show someone the way to salvation, but enough small candles to guide seekers the right way," says Greeson.

For God's sake, don't bring Muslims to church! Greeson sees four aspects which are decisive in helping Muslims find Christ and remain in him: 1.Speak in a way that Muslims understand. 'Canaanite' language is as much a hindrance as calling yourself a Christian, which is so culturally and historically laden that Muslims understand "A person with Western culture, ungodly and immoral." The word 'Isahi' (follower of Isa) is far better. 2.Cultural conformity is not a hindrance, but builds important bridges. Paul became a Jew to the Jews, and a Greek to the Greek. Followers of Jesus must learn to overcome their fear of the unknown and foreign cultures through love. 3.Send out early. Where Muslims who become Isahis are taught and sent out early, they win others to Christ and plant new churches, thus starting a movement with church multiplication as one of its basic principles. Christians who do not understand this and claim that these things need significantly more time are a serious hindrance, and should be avoided. 4."Please do not bring newly-saved Isahis to existing traditional churches!" advises Greeson. That tears them out of their cultural surroundings, and causes them to be rejected by their friends and family - exactly the people which a church planting movement should reach. A far better strategy is to start culturally relevant Jamaats (meetings). House churches provide an ideal structure. "So if Muslims do not come to church, we take the church to the Muslims!" Source: Kevin Greeson, "Camel Training Manual", available from www.churchplantingmovements.com/camel_training_manual.htm. A summary of the CAMEL training is available at www.simsonwolfgang.de/html/welcome.html

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My Voice From Within Will Guide You
Susan Cummings

I have told you that this was a New Day. I have also begun the process in which you will begin to be transformed in this Day. For the Season has passed, and it has left it's mark upon you, and I have allowed it to remain there as a reminder to you. Just as you are changed from Glory to Glory, and from Height to Height, so it will be with you. I am bringing forth New Methods of Operation and of Supernatural Release to you.

I broke every form of Self and Independence from you, and I have allowed the healing time to refresh you, and now I am causing New Thoughts to begin to rise up within you to draw from. What I have brought you out from is in no wise, what you will be walking in, in this New Day. What I have removed from you will no longer have any life of it's own, nor place in your walk. I have called you to a Higher Place. You will walk with My Word as your guide, and My Thoughts will lead you forth.

I have chosen to guide you from within. Listen to My Voice, as it rises up from within your spirit. Keep alert, and take heed to My Directions. For out of you will flow the Living Streams of My Truth. What I have begun will be released in my vessels. For I am bringing forth My True House. They walk in My Light. For My Spirit of Truth and Of Counsel will rest upon them as they walk IN ME.

Many voices clamor and rage in the earth. None has the answer or the Truth, except for Me. I alone release the Truth through My People. I alone am speaking, and now is the time to listen. Many will not hear My Voice, as they are caught up in the clamor. But I have chosen to speak, and My Own will hear Me.

New Thoughts will I bring to you. Thoughts of new ideas and of great feats yet undone. Do not hesitate when I tell you to do the strange thing, or the unheard of thing. Bring forth the Life, as I lead you! Break open the way for My People! Be warned: Many will challenge you, and ask for your authority to do these things. But I say to you, I have brought you forth, and I have caused you to become New, and I will also cause your acts of faith to be complete, as you obey Me. I will perform that which I have spoken!

Walk forth, into My Leading.
Stand firm in My Truth.
Reach out in Obedience.
For the breaking forth is now before you, and the evidence will be seen by all.

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Great Are My Ways
Susan Cummings

Great are My ways, child. Great are the things that I do and that I am accomplishing. At no time, am I ever not in control or am I not fashioning things according to My plan. I am always at work concerning you. You must remember that, and fear not. For I do not do things according to your ways or your understanding, but according to My will. All things work towards your good when you walk in absolute surrender and obedience to Me.

It is when you are totally surrendered to me, that I can do My greatest work. For it is then, that I can give you My greatest Grace in the midst of it all, to be able to change you in it all. It is to this goal, which you must continually walk. It is to this goal that you must continually place your eyes upon. Look unto Me, and leave all things in My hands. I can accomplish much with you at My side.

Things are uncertain around you at this time, for many decisions must be made, but I have already given you My Word. You can depend upon it for your guidance and strength. Through each step, you will walk assuredly, as you continue to lean upon Me in it. Although you do not understand the course you now walk upon, yet you choose to trust Me. It is because you trust Me without understanding, this is why you can remain in Me. This is why you can walk uprightly and maintain your peace. Great Grace is given to those who have great faith.

Great are My Ways, and yet, few truly and fully seek to understand them.

I am teaching you to know Me in the silent times, in the hard times, in the barren times, in the darkest of hours, and times of misunderstanding and persecution. For unless you know Me in these times, you cannot consistently follow Me when they come in greater intensity in the days ahead.

I am forming into you an even deeper relationship of absolute surrender, and absolute trust, so you can stand firmly and victoriously in the days ahead. You must ascend even higher and partake of Me even more. I have more to give unto you.

I am training you to walk in Me and abide in Me even deeper, even when you cannot sense Me. It is the heart knowledge of Me, and the intimacy with Me that will keep you and guide you. I am training you to reign with Me. You know My Voice and My Presence. Follow Me.

My greatest works are yet to be seen. I unfold My Ways unto you, as you follow Me. You haven’t seen anything yet, child. There is much yet to learn, to see, and to do. Continue on. I have begun the transformation, and it will fully unfold, as you walk it out. The process continues, as does the learning, but all work forth unto My Will. Even though many men in the earth do not see or hear, they will continue to see My Hand, for I work all things according to My Plans. But My People will see and hear, and walk in Great Grace as the days unfold.

The pressures will increase in the earth, but so will My Grace.

My Grace abounds towards those who humble themselves before Me, and who seek Me in all their ways. I know your limitations, your struggles, and your desires. I will work My work within you, even in these areas, for you have not hardened your heart. Because you have continually cried out for change, and for a new heart, this I can give to you, and do within you. My Grace is sufficient for you. Never underestimate the power of My Grace.

Take heed to listen to me and to walk with Me daily, even more so, as the days come. For the darkness deepens and the hearts harden among men. The love of many waxes colder and harder. This is why I am working My Work. I am fashioning a glorious people that will be emblazoned with Me, and who will glorify Me amidst the changes. All that is Mine, and that I have fashioned, will reflect Me within it, and through it. You are My Workmanship.

I have formed you, birthed you, raised you, and fitted you for Myself. You are Mine. Allow Me to work Myself through you and out of you, even more. So, reach forth, and continue to move, fully trusting and knowing that I am at work. Maintain your peace and your pace with Mine, and you will finish your race.

My greatest works are yet to be displayed in the earth, and now that Mine have been birthed, even greater will come forth.

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My Visit To The Throne Room Of God

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In 1986 when the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to me, I was then sitting on a sofa chair. He stood in front of me on my left. I thought He had come to answer one of my prayers - which was to visit heaven. So I put out my hand and told the Lord, "I am ready to go." The Lord smiled at me and said it was not time for me to go yet. He began to talk about other things like the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

In early 1994 when we announced that that year would be the year of visitation, I knew in my spirit that my prayers would be answered. I did not know when but I knew it would be that year.

Sometime in early April of that year 1994, my spirit was caught up in the heavenly places. It was so fast and quick. I did not have time to see anything on the journey, neither did I see the other parts of heaven. I did not even see the pearly gates - I was caught right up in to the Throne Room of God.

Somehow God knows the desires of our heart and He knew that entering the Throne Room of God would satisfy my innermost longings. There was a consciousness in me that the saints in heaven knew that I was there. It seems the people in heaven know what happens to us spiritually. They know if you are walking with the Lord or not. They could sense your spiritual development and growth. When anything spiritual is about to happen in your life, they also seem to know it. Some of my friends and loved ones who were in heaven knew I was there. That was the first awareness of this realization I had when I was there. The awareness of them is as if you are very close to them even if you may be very far from them. There is no distance in heaven.

The first thing I did in the Throne Room was to fall before God and began weeping because I felt the love and the mercy of God. In the midst of the awesome presence of God I realized He had fulfilled every promise and every word He had spoken over my life. Everything that you desire if you pray constantly and believe God's word and do not let doubt and fear steal it from you, God will answer. Sometimes it takes time for the answer to come but it will come.

In His presence there was an awareness that the most important thing about visitations of God is the timing. It is not just in preparations alone, which is important for we need to have a right heart before God. It is not how holy you are, or spiritual or how much good works you have done for God but it is the fullness of the timing of God that determines the visitation of God upon your life. God has a place and time for it.

The reason God waited until 1994 to manifest Himself to me was because there was some spiritual knowledge He wanted me to be built up first before He could reveal the Throne Room. It was to make the visitation more permanent in my life. I believe if God had done it earlier, I would not have been spiritually ready. That is what I mean about proper timing. We cannot afford to be anxious about the visitations of God upon our life in any way. We need to tell Him, “Lord, it doesn't matter how you manifest or when you do it, we just want to be in the perfect will of God to receive the right things at the right time.” If it is not God's time for your visitation and if it happens (which would not) the impact and the effect of that visitation would not be permanent.

Then, the understanding came that God the Father, the Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit does not have a mansion or a place to stay unlike the saints in heaven who have mansions to live in. I was struck by the fact that the Throne Room was God's house. This was where He lived. God's Throne Room was His house. We know all of heaven is His habitation, but the Throne Room was where He lived. In John 14: 1, Jesus said in my Father's house are many mansions. Heaven is God's house.

You never read anywhere in the Bible where it says that Jesus has a mansion or the father has a special place where He goes in to retire from time to time or do whatever things He wants. The Throne Room was where He resided. It was His living room, bedroom and working place, where He permanently dwelt.

The next awareness I had was God was the source of all light in the whole heavens. The Bible says there are no suns in heaven for the glory of God lights up all of heaven. We read in the Word that angels radiate light and their presence have a shininess about them. In heaven, angels have different degrees of brightness of the glory of God, but the awareness was that all those brightness and shininess of all the creations of God in the heavens - angels, saints and others was only a reflection. The awareness of this fact was very strong.

All the heavenly garments were made from substances of the spirit realm like righteousness, praise etc. All these were living substances. When we worship God, these are the substances that go from our spirit to God. Jesus told the rich young man in Luke 18: 22 to sell off all he had and to give it to the poor, and he would receive rewards in heaven.

The most important thing about giving and doing any good works is not the works itself or what we do. It is the attitude of your heart that determines the reward. When we do it, led by the Spirit, and the heart attitude is right, there is some spiritual force and substance that goes to God from our spirit.

In Philippians 4: 18, Paul says to the Philippians that the offerings that they gave to him were a sweet smelling fragrance unto God. They had tangible spiritual substances. When Noah offered an animal sacrifice offering to God after he came out of the Ark, it was the right attitude of Noah's heart that God smelled as a sweet aroma - it was not the smell of the burnt animal sacrifice (which probably did not smell nice at all) that God was referring to. Noah's right heart attitudes gave rise to spiritual substances that went towards God.

In Revelation 14, it says that the white robe garments in heaven are the righteous works of the saints. This means that whatever good works that you do for God, will be your spiritual deposit in heaven. We read in Isaiah 61 about the garments of praise. In Revelation, it mentions about the prayers of the saints going up in heaven. These right attitudes of hearts of the saints as they carry out spiritual works on earth produce substances that make the heavenly mansions, heavenly rewards, heavenly crowns and garments, etc.

It is very important that anything you do for God, your attitude of heart must be right when you do it and the intention is out of love for God and the people - then the 'freeness' and the 'fullness' of the spiritual substances from your heart will go to God to make up your heavenly rewards. These heavenly garments are not able to produce light itself. They are like the moon to the sun. The brightness and the shininess of the moon is dependent upon the sun. In the same way the brightness of the angels and heavenly garments of the saints are a reflection of the glory of God. I was fully aware that if God were to somehow stop that light that came from the Throne, every angel, plant and heavenly garment would turn black. There would be none of that brightness anymore then.

There was an acute awareness as I looked into the glory of God that who I am, what I am, what I wear, whatever saints are wearing in heaven and all the brightness of the mansions surrounding the Throne were only a reflection. Literally you could say His life is in us. It is because of the constant pulsating river of life that keeps flowing out from the throne of God that lights up every life in heaven. Glory and life are one in heaven. To have life is to have glory. To have glory is to have life.

Another thing I was aware was that the garments were constantly changing for different purpose. We don't have the same clothing for 10,000 years times 10,000 years in heaven. There are different types of clothing that we wear and they are a reflection of God and what He is doing. On this earth, some people wear clothes that indicate their work and rank. In heaven, the garments are the same with an exception. On this earth, many uniforms are uncomfortable and most prefer to wear casual informal clothes. In heaven all the garments feel casual. They are not uncomfortable at all. In heaven, the two are one. All the clothings are an expression of the different rankings and work of the angels for the different type of work they do. I was really astounded as I saw what was happening. I did not know that angels changed clothes. They do not have a wardrobe in a sense like we have on earth. What I saw was when angels came to the Throne Room on an assignment, they would take away different things with them. Sometimes they took with them swords, sometimes a vase, or different things to send to the people on the earth.

And each of these things are powerful impartation of gifts or substances. It is literal in the spirit world although it is only a tangible feeling in your spirit when you receive it. When you receive a gift from God, say a ring, it is God literally giving it to you although in your natural body you may just feel only a heavy impartation of the anointing.

In the spirit realm, there are many, many types of gifts God sends to His peoples and the angels are commissioned to send them. As the angels came near the Throne Room to receive the commands of God, their garments are changed instantly and they march out of God's Throne with their commission.

After weeping before the Throne Room for sometime, Jesus stepped out from His Throne and invited me to sit on it. I replied, "Lord, I…" A sense of awe filled me not of an unwillingness to disobey Him but it was like saying this is more than I could take. I knew that Word of God says in Ephesians 2: 4-7, ' we are seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus' but this is heaven and you do not simply sit on God's Throne. But He held my hand and placed me on His Throne.

This was what it was like to sit on the Throne of God. The past, present and the future disappear. It was like a position you entered into where everything in the past and everything in the future is just like the present. There is no time. You do not feel it. And everything that God has spoken from the Throne through the prophets that spoke and what Jesus said while He was on the earth will come to pass. There was an awareness that Jesus and the Father need not to lift one finger to make the word of God come to pass. The power and impact of the spoken Word of God even if it was spoken ages ago was so powerful.

You could feel the awesome power of it in heaven and on the Throne seat of Jesus. You know the spoken Word of God has come to pass or would come to pass. There was an awareness that it was done, completed and finished. The consciousness of that power that emanated on the Throne of Jesus that could cause the fulfilment of the spoken Word of God was acute.

The power of the Word that was issued forth like a royal command was such that all Jesus had to do was to sit on the Throne and reign and it would come to pass. Hebrews 1:5-8. There is an authority that flows out from the Throne, a power that seems to compel everything, to conform to its reign.

The only reason God uses angels and the saints is not because He does not have enough power in Himself to do it but to give us an opportunity to experience what it is like from His point of view to do His things. Before there were any angels, God had an ability to call into being anything. This same ability is still there. There was such an intense power issuing out from the Throne of Jesus to put pressure upon every man, woman and child and everything on earth to conform to the will of God.

God has His angels to do His job. But God's power was such that He could do it without His angels. It was like a person with such power that all he needs is to say it and it is done. We know that took place in Genesis 1, where God said it and it was.

In 1 Corinthians 15: 25-27, 'For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet and the last enemy that will be destroyed is death.' For 'He has put all things under His feet.' But when He says 'all things are put under Him,' it is evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. His being on the Throne puts an intense pressure on all things to come under His feet.

Jesus said in Mark 11: 23-24, that if you have faith in your words and do not doubt in your heart, the mountain will be removed when you speak to it. This verse is talking about believing in what you say and when you speak to the mountain and believe it, it will put pressure upon the mountain to be removed. That is what it was like in the Throne Room. The intense and awesome power of Jesus reigning upon the God made me unable to stand it for long.

There is another aspect of the Throne. We tend to think that all the things surround the Throne of God. And there is a glassy sea like crystal before the Throne. It is not quite like that. You could not see what was behind the Throne of God. If I take a chair and sit on it, you could see what is behind the chair and around it. It was like some sort of glory or life flowing out from it. It was like the Throne was connected in infinity. Behind the Throne is infinity. You could see as far as you wanted to see, further than the natural. Yet there was no limit to the life that issued forth from the Throne.

It was like looking into infinity. You cannot see the end. I believe there is possibly some other universe that Almighty God has created in His greatness and we are only one small tiny part of the universe.

It is like infinity times infinity of the worlds God has created. It was awesome to know how powerful and great our Almighty God is like I was aware that the manifestation of the Throne Room is to different degrees. I could hardly comprehend it. It was like if there was another universe somewhere with a different world, then the Throne Room of God which is linked up to infinity would also be linked to this universe and to many, many other universes. And God is conscious of what is here and what is further out there even to the furthest reaches of the entire universe.

Seeing infinity is like putting two mirrors opposite each other and you can see as far as you want to see and there is no end to it. And there are many manifestations of the Throne of God to every universe connected to it in infinity.

Then within heaven itself, it was like there were different planes in heaven. Within each place was a manifestation of God. It is not like having different planes or degrees of glory and there is a throne of God for each plane.

There is only one plane where the throne of God is but if you were on the lower plane and you approached God from that lower plane, you would still see God's Throne but the Throne of God you would see and experience would be from that lower plane. It is the same Throne but reflected through, for example, seven degrees of glory and you see the Throne of God differently from the way I see it. I was intensely aware that believers could reach to the Throne of God and see different parts of the Throne from what I saw.

That was what really astonished me. It is like if we have many layers of glass in different degrees of transparency. Suppose I put a light bulb in front of the different glasses. You could see the light bulb in different degrees according to the different degree of transparency of the glasses. If you were on the lower plane you could still see the light bulb but it is not just a reflection but it is like seeing it in a hologram. In the earth you would see it like a reflection. But in heaven if you approached the Throne on the lower plane, it is like seeing the light is there but you know it is not but from a different plane.

Because it has passed the different degrees of glory and you are seeing it from the lowest plane you will see the Throne of God differently. People could approach the Throne at these different levels or planes. When you are at the highest plane, you can begin to understand seeing the Throne from other different planes.

So in the Children's paradise, they will also have the manifestation of God's Throne Room too, only at a different level.

The Throne Room of God is not static. It does not stay the same where you imagine you see only the glory of God and the shininess of it all the time. Different things take place at the Throne at different times. After the experience of sitting with Jesus, I was allowed to stand and watch all those things.

When Elijah said, "I stand in the presence of God" I began to understand what he meant. It meant standing in the presence of God and being able just to watch all the activities taking place in heaven. Heaven is a bee-hive of activities. Different things were coming to the Throne of God and things were also being issued forth. Whenever people on earth worshipped God and sing how great is our God and Jesus our King and Commander in Chief, there is a type of glory that reflects His kingship, His authority and power in the kingly sense, and each with its different shades. And if people are singing about the God of love, the Fatherhood of God, then the Throne Room would have a different light that shines out and you could see the soft warm love flowing out from the Throne. God is who we say He is. And what God manifest to us at the Throne is what we see and say of Him on earth.

When you know Him as Jehovah Jireh and call Him Jehovah Jireh, He becomes Jehovah Jireh to you. When you call Him Jehovah Shammah, He becomes Jehovah Shammah to you, and you will have the nearness of His gentleness. When you call Him Jehovah Tsidkenu, the Righteousness of God begins to come forth. Whichever attribute you call God by, His manifestation changes accordingly. I was astounded by how much the Throne of God was going into the many different manifestations of glory according to the worship of His people. That is why He revealed His Name as I AM that I AM. When you begin to add whatever you perceive to the I AM, He begins to manifest accordingly because He is the Alpha and the Omega.

Whichever name you use to say and speak about God according to your revelation, that is what He is, because it contains all of the Alpha and the Omega you could understand of, even beyond what you can see and think. Revelation 4: 11, "You are worthy to receive glory and honour and power; for You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created."

The Lord Jesus appeared as a Lamb of God. This was the Throne Room. We know Jesus is in the form of a glorified Man. But look, He appears differently in Revelation 5: 6, "And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth." Notice Jesus was representing something else. He was not just representing man seated on the right hand of God, but He was doing something different now for the destiny of nations and it was a full manifestation that was like a lamb.

In Revelation 5: 12, it describes the worship of the Lamb. Whatever we sing about, the heavens begin to manifest and the glory of the Lord begins to shine forth according The Great I AM that I AM. Not that we change Him for He changes not, but what we receive from Him according to what you see and say of God. Do not say of God according to your limited mind. Say what the Word says He is and He will be all that He is unto you.

Sometimes the manifestation of the glory of God was so powerful in the Throne Room that I felt like I was in a furnace and I could not even see the face of God. The sun is constantly having solar flares all the time and according to scientists, there is an 11 year cycle where more sunspots take place in the sun during these cycles. This is only a small illustration of the fiery things that are constantly taking place at the Throne of God. Hallelujah!

Somehow what we do spiritually on the earth, does bring some manifestation from the Throne of God. In heaven, one of the busiest times is when there are various activities going on with the saints on earth. Sunday is not only a very busy day on earth whereby many believers all over the world worship God. It pleases God when there are spiritual activities that go on in the earth. I saw the things coming out from the earth to heaven. Those things were substances of our praises, prayers, sacrifices, giving, right attitudes of our hearts described earlier that go up to God in worship.

It was not just a one-way thing upward, but a two way traffic - the rays of light that come upwards to heaven and rays of light going downwards. These rays were substances going up to heaven creating an activity in heaven and the angels of God were bringing the substances of the saints and bringing them to God like real offerings before Him. Oh, the awesomeness of the things of God.

One of the most beautiful things that God shared with me on the Throne was He gave me a glimpse of what my work would be in heaven. It is already so wonderful if you discover what God's will for you on this earth. It was so glorious God doesn't just want us to visit His Throne. He wants the Throne Room to be our home. And I began to realize what He was saying - that we do not go to visit God in heaven once in a while and then we come back to earth to do our earthly duties and responsibilities. But Ephesians 2: 6 says the opposite, "we have been raised up and seated with Christ in the heavenly places."

The most wonderful message that God gave was that heaven is our home now. Ephesians 2 is in the past perfect tense. It is not, "we shall be", though our physical bodies are on this earth. Our spirits can actually remain there. God gave me the understanding that my spirit can remain there, while my body can be down here on earth. From time to time our spirits have to descend to this earth to fulfil our earthly responsibilities but we need to go back there.

We should not visit God in heaven once in a while. Instead, it should be the opposite. What God meant is that our spirits can be there. The authority that we have on this earth is proportional to our spirits in the heavenly places (Ephesians 1: 20-23). These principalities and powers are demon forces that have set themselves up in the atmosphere of the earth to block the glory of God from coming to us and to hinder us from reaching His glory.

Our spirits can be pulled down by our soul and by our body if we allow it. We can then never escape from the gravitational pull of the law of sin and death. However, our spirits can ascend high above it. The reason why God wants us to ascend high up is that when our spirits are up there, our spirits can wrestle with principalities, powers and wicked spirits. Then we can begin to affect the throne of satan. A lot of Christians are fighting the lower ranks. They are just having skirmishes with the enemy. But, God wants us to enter the war of victory to overcome him. Unless the strongman is bound, we cannot spoil the goods. For example, when Jesus cast out the man with the legions, He only spoke to the main one. He did not speak to the other smaller demons.

A lot of Christians are wrestling with the smaller demons of the lower kind, and yet they are not having victory in their lives because they are not ascending to the Throne. The higher we go, the greater the authority (Eph. 6: 12-14). The only way we can overcome these powerful demons is to be in the heavenly places (Eph 3: 9-10). The only way we can shake the nations of the world is to shake the demon forces governing these nations. When we begin to ascend up, the demon powers begin to recognize our authority in God because we now come from the Throne Room of God. That is why the demons knew Paul well enough to scream his name out (Acts 19: 15)

Elijah had such an authority over the natural earth because he always said, "I stand in the presence of God." That is why he had such power over the weather and the natural elements because his spirit was not down on earth. His spirit had somehow ascended high up. The reason was he walked so close with God. Today, God does not want one Elijah. He wants many Elijahs. He wants His church to be in the heavenly places. We only receive the heavenly blessings when we are in the heavenly places. Then from the heavenly places, our spirit descends with the heavenly blessings and these blessings work out on this earth in our physical body.

It is not true to say that if you are so heavenly minded, you are of no earthly use. We can be so earthly minded that we are of no heavenly use. What God wants is not the dreaminess that the proverb is referring to. Unless you are in the heavenly places, you are a worm in this earth, making no real impact in it. The aim of this message is, "Church, the Throne Room is supposed to be your home now."

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Make Your Choice

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“Hate what I hate, and love what I love. I hate the prostitution of My word for personal gain. It is a loathsome sore, a vile stench in my nostrils. I will vomit out of My mouth those who persist in pedaling their wares, saying it is Me, and it is not. Swift retribution will come from My hand, and I will not repent from My actions. I will not change My actions that I have determined for those who persist in their abominable sin against Me. They sin not only against My people, but they sin against Me, the Holy One. Those that follow them will also fall into a ditch, never to be recovered.

Is not My name to be revered? Is not My name Holy? Is My name common? Can My name be understood with human reasoning, brought down to your level, so as to make you feel comfortable and at ease? You do not understand or even fathom Me. How is it that the prostitutor’s of My Holy Word, think that they can do as they please? Blind leading the blind is what they are, puffed up in their pride and deception. What is reserved for them is the depth of destruction, fire and brimstone that never ends. This is their end. This is their reward. I will tell them I never knew them. I will feel no remorse. This is end for those who do as they want to do, never considering that they will have to give an account for their deeds and actions. Do not cry for them. I do not cry for them. They have made their choice. They have chosen to fight against me, and so, I will swiftly repay.

For those who are walking a line. Make your decision. Make your choice whom you will serve. Now is not the time for indecision. Choose this day whom you will serve. If I be God, serve Me. If you do not believe, you have made your choice already. So be it.

This is the hour of reckoning. This is time in history that is the culmination of all things. Many do not see the time it is. Many are asleep. I have those that are My own, which I will awaken soon. I have prepared My servants for this hour, to do this job. They will awaken those from their slumber, who are My children. The rest will remain asleep. They will sleep towards their destruction.

Many will fight My true servants. I have made My true servants strong. I will be with them in battle. I will not forsake them or leave them. Those who cling to worthless idols will perish in the coming days, but those who follow after Me, will be strong and do exploits. Encourage yourself with these words. I Am with you till the end of days.”

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"It is a terrible waste for a Christian to die a natural death". Medhi Dibaj, Iranian Martyr

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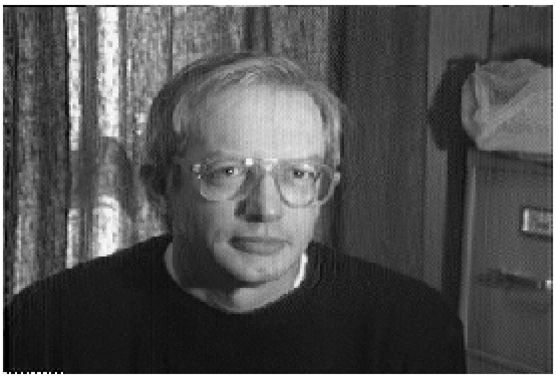

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End Time Prophetic Vision

Measure Your Service By Years

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Make arrangements with yourself to be determined to quit beating yourself up. You are not judged by the quality of your work but by your availability and your heart attitude to be willing for Me to use you continuously. Yes, I look at the heart, and many feel that they are not being used; therefore, they are not useful or needed by Me.

I do not look at the quality of your work, whether it is up to par, but I look whether you have been available all the years that you have known Me. I love you and I want you to know that I appreciate you and every prayer that you have petitioned for My people.

This is the day that I am calling My troops together, and I am looking for the faithful remnant, those who did not give up in the fight when it looked like nothing was going their way. They remained faithful to My word no matter if they saw results or not even after years had gone by. Yes, I am measuring your service by years and not by quality for I look to the heart.

Remain faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life. Love not your life unto death, and I will reward you with fruit that will last. Every time that you look at your situation and you see no change, remember that I AM the Faithful One. No matter what you see know that My word is true. I am just taking you through the fire purging the dross, and soon you will come forth pure as gold that has gone through the fire seven times. Yes, the number of completeness, and I will complete the work I have begun in you.

Yes, I am gathering My troops, and I am calling together the faithful, those who walk by faith and not by sight. Every time you look to My word see it finished for I have added to it My "yes" and "Amen". My word will never return void but will complete that which I sent it out to do.

So when you see that years have gone by, and there is no change to your situation, do not fret, for I see that you have endured the fire. I see that you have been faithful and even willing to die for Me. I know that you are willing to pay the cost no matter what it might be.

I am raising up My army, and I am looking to the heart. I know those who have not given up on Me no matter what they saw in the natural. They kept their peace and knew I would be faithful.

Now continue to look to Me for I AM the author and finisher of your faith. Don't look to your own faith to see whether it can endure the test, but look to Me, and I will take you to the finishing line where you will have reason to rejoice for I give you My victory. I give you My weapons of war. I give you My armor. All you need to do is follow closely after Me and stay behind your shield. Use your sword effectively.

I AM your Captain, and I have defeated the enemy. So take your land and your inheritance I gave My life for you to have. Today is the day to rejoice for this is your Jubilee!

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"Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" - Matthew 28:19-20

A new move of My Spirit is about to hit the world, where many who have not been known are about to be known for My Glory and anointing upon them.

For many are being sent out now, in the suddenly. Many are being sent out into the world suddenly. Many are about to be launched forth. For none will see from where they came, or where they are to go next, but will move with powerful force, anointing and strength, My strength.

For these will come up against many persecutions and attacks from those who hold religiosity close to their hearts, who allow legalism to sit comfortably with them

For I am now putting these leaders in place. For there are leaders that I am sending forth now in a different way and many within My body, within My church, will look upon them with judgment, criticism and doubt the callings on their life, because I am moving out of the box. I cannot and My works cannot be contained in a box.

I am bringing forth even greater miraculous provisions. I am bringing forth greater moves for those who have planted seeds over faith over and over in secret. Who have struggled, while waiting on My timing.

For the wave of My Spirit is pouring over the world in a new way. The **SUDDENLY** has arrived. The “suddenlies” that I am sending out, have arrived. The doors are being flung open and the “suddenlies” that I have spent much time on, moulding, through the fire, shaping, are now being released, and their greatest enemy will be those within their own house. Their brothers.

As it was with Joseph My church, so it is with you who are the suddenlies being sent out, your biggest enemies will be your brothers. Repent church, and rejoice with others. Rejoice as I release others. Rejoice as I speak out and send others.

For you all have a time of release. Some now, some later. Rejoice in Me alone.

The “suddenlies” are being released now. These “suddenlies” are carrying a new and fresh anointing. Will bring a new flavour of mine to the church, which will ruffle the feathers of many Pharisees but the world and especially the church will see a new move of My Spirit.

Yes, even the church. The church will be more surprised than the world. For the church is condemning my “suddenlies”.

My “suddenlies” that I am sending out now, listen carefully. The enemy is wanting to disarm you before you step out, by telling you that you will be sent out once and not again. I speak to this and say it is a lie.

For I am sending you out suddenly now, and this is the bridge to carry you to greater things.

Continue to come and just soak in My presence and watch what I am about to do.

For as I am sending you out My “suddenlies” so will the work I am going to do in and through your lives be “sudden”.

Ministries will be established very quickly, new moves established quickly, many will doubt this move, but I the Lord your God am speeding things up in many areas. For time is short, and I long to see My church rise up. My church to truly dance with it’s Beloved.

Get ready My “suddenlies”. The doors are open, now take the step and walk through.

Your destiny will not stop here. This is the first step to all that you’ve dreamed of and MORE. I love you My church. My faithful children, you have sowed much, and now receive your harvest.

Church Gone Fishing
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Today whilst praying the Lord kept showing me the church and the church was standing on a riverbed and as a body of Christ we were fishing. I began to ask the Lord what He was trying to say. Then I was shown.

I saw churches everywhere, lots and lots of churches and people were climbing up to the top of their churches and removing the cross. In place of the cross people were placing 'the church has gone finishing'.

While seeking the Lord about the meaning of this, I was quite saddened to what I believe He revealed.

Many within churches today, are standing on the riverbeds, and are dipping in their fishing rods, in the river of God, to only get what they desire. Many are following after Jesus only for what they can receive.

I then see Jesus standing in the middle of the ocean and He says "Leave your rods, and come follow Me" and very few move.

Most continue with their fishing.

What are we doing church?!?!?!?

Oh Lord forgive us for our fishing.

The Lord does not want part of us, the Lord does not want 3/4, the Lord wants ALL of us. The Lord is so grieved at the fact that many are walking with Him only to receive. Not truly surrendering and picking up their cross, but seeking Him only for what His hand can provide.

When we go finishing, you do not go fishing to give but to receive. You place a 'bait' on the string to 'lure' the fish in, but then you trap them and pull out what you truly desire.

Many are trying to do this with the Lord. Many are using the 'bait' of their lips. Trying to lure in the Lord with the praise of their lips, but their hearts are so far away.

When you fish, your fishing line goes deep, but why? To only receive what you want. Same with the church. The church has tried to go deep in Jesus only to get what they want.

The church is becoming blended.The church is only skimming the surface in proclaiming the truth. The church (body of Christ) in ways has started watering down the gospel. Preaching a gospel to receive, but not die to self and give.

The Lord cannot be lured. The Lord cannot be trapped or fooled. Church, the Lord sees the hearts of men. The Lord sees the intentions of all.

The church must repent for trying to bait the Lord. The Lord is calling for true repentance. The church is NOT meant to go fishing. The Lord despises this fishing and He will not stand for it.

As the body of Christ, the cross is being removed, the very meaning of the church is being drowned out by those who are wanting onto to receive. Use the Lord only for what they can receive. The idea of the church carrying their crosses is being drowned out by a self-satifisfaction that the church is embracing.

How can the church shine and draw others to Jesus, when the church is blending into the mould of the world.

The world says "It's all about me, satisfy me", and now the church is going there too. Many sit in church on a sunday for what they can receive, not what they can give. Through the week are many really carrying their crosses?

This is a message for ALL of us as the body of Christ. There is none exempt. If we are not guilty of fishing, then we must intercede for those who are. We must stand in the gap and cry out for the Lord's mercy.

For the judgment of the Lord is coming upon the church. He will not stand for fishing. He will not stand for His own creation trying to lure Him and deceive Him. What an abomination.

Even as I type this message my hands are shaking and heart is so grieved at the state of the church.

Oh church, we must repent!!!!!

Let not the world look at the churches and see the signs "gone fishing" instead of the cross, the true message of Christ.

Let us examine our hearts and our churches. Have we thrown the cross aside to embrace a sign that says "gone fishing"?

Oh church, let us truly seek our first love. (Revelation 2:4-5) Let us know Jesus, truly want to know Jesus. Seek NOT the Lord for what you can receive, but seek the Lord in thanksgiving for what you have ALREADY received from Him in Calvary, and for who He is.

As the message of the 'cross' and 'dying to self' slips through our fingers, and "gone fishing" signs start coming up everywhere, the church will die radically.

The judgment of the Lord is coming to the church if we do not repent.

Let us join together and BURN our "gone fishing" signs, and fall on our faces before Jesus in repentance, crying out to mercy from Him, who has loved us before we loved Him. (1 John 4:19)

Church Gone Fishing Part Two

I have been asked about the practicality of removing the "gone fishing" signs that seems to be over many churches.

After enquiring of the Lord, I believe that the Lord has dropped a few ideas in my spirit of ways which we as the body of Christ may respond to His calling.

1. Repentance & Fasting - I believe that the Lord is calling us to repent. We are called to repent of our 'gone fishing' signs, and fast for the Lord to change our hearts and remove anything within us that is not following after Him.

2. Speaking out our hearts surrender daily - daily let us proclaim our trust in the Lord. Examining our hearts daily, to make sure that they are in a surrendered state.

3. The continual surrender of our desires and expectations - the Lord gives us the desires of our hearts, but I believe that we must continue to lay down all that we desire and dream of to Him, so He may do what He wants to do. Trust Him knowing that He will bring the best out of all our lives - Romans 8:28

4. Sacrifice your time & Count the Cost - Sacrifice your time to spend with your Lord. Not for what you can receive, but spend time with Him in order to hear what is on His heart, and know more of Him. As the body of Christ, as we continue to sacrifice our time, which is something we all love and feel we do not have enough of, we will truly see the Lord. We will see Him for who He really is. Also, as we continue to count the cost of following Jesus, and laying down our lives for Him in practical ways, obeying His Word, and doing all that He asks through His strength, we will see the church again begin to shine.

5. Marinate in the Word - Make sure that you are daily in the Word, daily going deeper into the studying of the Word. Live it, breathe it, walk in, eat it.

6. Always pray for the Lord to take you deeper. Automatically through this surrender in prayer, the Lord will have His way. As you open yourselves up to Him through this prayer, you will not stand on the seashore with your rod, but throw your rod aside and jump right in. God will not despise a heart truly seeking after Him.

My Testimony
by Bill Somers

I was born in 45 in Wyandotte Michigan, and spent my first 39 years in that area, except for 4 years service in the Navy.

I had a roman catholic upbringing with 8 years of religious training in a catholic parochial school.
Once the priest told me in confession that my problem was that I did not believe what the Church taught me. Well he was right, what they taught was not real to me or believable.
When I walked away from that Church, I prayed that if God was real, he would lead me back.
In my high school years, I was agnostic and even atheistic. Very anti religious. I had an early interest in Science Fiction and later in fantasy.

My family even though Catholic was involved with occultism. Mother read tea leaves, and all the books by T. Lobsang Rampa and some by Edgar Cayce. Dad was alcoholic and so was I.

My college studies led me to logical empiricism and skepticism. A total rejection of any world beyond the 5 senses. Cool rationalism was the word. This was in 1965, just as the wave of eastern religion hit the USA. Drugs were popular, though my experience with them was nil. I started to look at Zen Buddhism, Yoga, Mystic Philosophy, reincarnation, parapsychology and ESP, and other new age things. I read Edgar Cayce, Arthur Ford, Jeanne Dixon, Daniel Logan, Ruth Montgomery, and others.

Along came the Jesus movement in the 70's. I heard the Gospel at that time but did not accept it. I had some bad experiences with denominational Baptists and Nazarene's. But I became exposed to Hal Lindsey, Salem Kirban and others at that time. Later I became aware of the Charismatic movement, and read several books from that group; even attending a John Giminez FGBM meeting in the mid 70's. I learned enough about the Gospel to know that It required a personal commitment that I wasn't ready [willing] to make.

At this point I left any interest in Christianity behind but maintained an interest in occultism and the New Age Movement. [Having rejected the truth, I then believed the lie.]

About this time I began a heavy 10 year involvement in the Wargaming Hobby. This at first meant an interest in military simulation games but also led into fantasy and science fiction games with their heavy involvement with occultic elements. During this time I met and actually had business dealings with both original authors of Dungeons and Dragons.

I met my wife in '75 and got married in 77. She also had a heavy interest in occult topics, even consulting psychics, etc.

I left the wargaming hobby in 83 and we left Michigan in 84 to move to the New Orleans area. Shortly after coming to Louisiana, my wife Mary needed a serious operation to remove a brain tumor. It was the aftereffects of this that led to our getting saved in May of 85. [That's another story.]

At the time I left wargaming, I thought to turn my time and energy to a more serious pursuit of the New Age Movement. However, thanks be to God, several influences led me to reject involvement in the New Age. I would like to briefly list them here.

A. Inconsistency
Certain aspects of the New Age movement are highly intellectual, this appealed greatly to me, a former major in philosophy, But other elements such as astrology and tarot were grossly stupid. They seemed to require one to completely lay aside his mental faculties and accept whatever information was offered. That this usually contradicted teachings in other branches of the New Age was never mentioned nor was it even noticed apparently. This seemed to be a taboo topic.

B. Dishonesty.
Some really good New Age writers, Robert Anton Wilson comes to mind, made a point of being eclectic. That is drawing upon the widest possible range of sources and extracting whatever human wisdom was to be found. This was with the notable exception of Christianity which was rarely considered even a possible source of truth or wisdom.

Those who wrote about Edgar Cayce were a rare exception, since they often included some elements of Christian teaching in their works. These though perverted contained enough convincing elements to lead me to regard the bible as authentic. One of these books even influenced my to call upon God in such a fashion that I actually received a touch of His Presence while in a lost condition.

C. Warnings
Many times over these years I encountered warnings against occult involvement. Once I was presented a religious paper teaching that astrology was satanically inspired. A few New Age or occult writers surprisingly warn against careless experimentation in meditation leading to contact with evil influences or spirits. Most however downplay this or don't mention it at all. Nowadays the most careless forms of channeling are widely encouraged.

The psychic medium and writer Daniel Logan devoted an entire book to warning against satanism, witchcraft and demonic powers.

Ed Warren wrote in his book "The Demonologist" about many real cases of demon possession and warned about occult practices that could lead to it.

The greatest help of all came through a book titled "Hidden Dangers of the Rainbow" by Constance Cumby. This book really opened my eyes to the real nature of the New Age as a vehicle for Satan. Someday I plan to thank Constance personally.

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Myth

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, (from Jan. 2000)

A few years ago we took a little trip to Jerusalem's Western Wall. No, it wasn't for praying purposes, but in order to 'journey' underground, along the 488 meters (approx. 550 yards) of the Western Wall, which is almost the entire length of the western side of the Temple Mount compound built by Herod. Our guide was a religious young woman and very knowledgeable about the area. However, while questioning her about the First Temple, she said that there was no physical evidence that it had ever existed. I couldn't believe my ears! I then proceeded to tell her about our visits to Joshua's Altar on the Mount of Curse (Eval). Again, she was refuting the authenticity of that site too. In my shock, I told her that her fellow orthodox Zionist settlers, who live in the area of Shechem, stake their claim for being there on such archeological evidence. She sat down for a moment on the mother rock of Mount Moriah, and confessed that she too believed that the altar was truly dated to Joshua's time, but.. After returning home and pondering for a while why this government employee would try so hard to explain away her own biblical history, I was struck by a word - "myth". A myth, as defined by the American Heritage Dictionary, is a traditional story presenting supernatural beings, ancestors or heroes that serve a primordial types in a primitive view of the world; a fictitious or imaginary story, person, or thing; a false belief.

The enemy of the Word of YHVH has basically one weapon that he uses for blinding and binding the people; deceiving his victims into believing lies. This is why Yeshua called him "the father of lies". "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44).

If the so-called peace process ("road map"), or land for peace, is going to succeed, an atmosphere of deception against some basic truths must be created. One such deception in particular, which is very subtle, has to do with the most important issues of legal and legitimate claims to Judea, Samaria, Gaza and Jerusalem; in other words, the entire Land of Israel. The world, using its most educated experts in the professions of archeology and history, have come to the conclusion that there is no physical evidence of an ancient people called the Hebrews; no Exodus from Egypt; no First Temple in Jerusalem; no Joshua's altar, etc. rendering any historical claim to the land null and void. If they manage to convince enough people in this generation to believe their lie, our children and grandchildren may just learn that the stories of the Torah are nothing more than mythology, and the Elohim of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'acov will simply join the ranks of the rest of the "gods" of the Greek beast.

The Islamic religious authorities of the Temple Mount (the Wakf) dumped 900 truckloads of debris, which were hauled from the Temple Mount area, into the valley below. Our government (and the powerful Antiquities Department) purposely turned their back on this, and as a matter of fact arrested a student of archeology for picking up ("stealing") from the dump precious artifacts of the Second and possibly First Temple Periods. Why is there such a blatant attempt to get rid of any, if not all, of these facts and evidence?

The land of Israel, our inheritance, is being contested like never before. Why? For the same reason that our identity is being warred against. This piece of real estate here in the Middle East is just as important to YHVH's plan of redemption as are the people. We cannot separate one from the other. Whether we find one archeological object or not, we still have the Word of Truth as written down by Moses and the Prophets. This will stand as the one eternal testimony that YHVH is who He says He is. Our heavenly Father wants us to be His witness on this earth, and has given us His Spirit for this purpose, to lead and guide us into all truth; a truth which will prove to be more than mere 'head knowledge', but rather will become a revelation of Him, through a people living in His land.

We, who have found our true spiritual identity in the Messiah and now also our 'natural' one, as the seed of Israel, are also being challenged by the enemy; he wants us to continue to live as if we are not who YHVH Elohim says we are. YHVH says that this nation, Israel, is to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation in the land, one that will show forth His righteousness and justice, as light to the other nations. Yeshua has come to set up His Father's kingdom in us, the restored House of Ya'acov. Thus, to know who we are and to be sure of our calling, are vital matters. This truth of our identity as a redeemed first fruit people puts us back into a position that was lost in the Garden. We now stand, individually and corporately, through faith in what is true, as a beacon of light and as a sword in the hand of our Elohim to destroy all the strongholds in the heavenly places. The lies and deceptions that have covered our souls like filthy rags are being removed in and through the death and resurrected life of our Messiah, who is replacing the lie with truth.

"Beware lest anyone deceive you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the myths of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to the anointing of Messiah (Colossians 2:8), Who is "the living way, truth and life". If this is all just a myth there would be no reason for Yeshua to return to this earth.

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Natzavim – Stand

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

In last week's reading of the Parasha of "Nitzavim" (Deut. 29:10-31:30), we find our forefathers standing before YHVH. They have just received the awesome commands, along with the consequences of the blessings and the curses. But were they ready for the final oath that would catapult them into something so fearful, yet so promising as this covenant with the Elohim of their fathers? The conditions were clear, and so was their inherent weakness (which would make meeting the requirements almost impossible).

How could YHVH subject these men, women and children to such laws, when He already knew that they were born of the "sin nature", and would thus miss the mark of Torah and suffer the consequences? In the previous Torah portion we heard Moses say to them: *"Yet to this day YHVH has not given you a heart to know, nor eyes to see, nor ears to hear"* (Deut. 29:4). How unfair it all seemed, or was the Almighty concealing His plan in the darkness of the *"mystery of iniquity"* (ref. 2 Thes.27, Eph.2:1-2)?

"YHVH has not yet given you..." In this short phrase we see that Elohim Himself holds in His hands the future success, or failure, of His plan. Even after the flood, YHVH declared that man's heart is evil from his youth (see Gen. 8:21). Because of this inherent condition, Moses, under the anointing of the Holy One, begins to prophesy the destiny of the Hebrew people: *"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you will call them to mind among all the nations, where ever YHVH, your Elohim has driven you"* (Deut. 30:1). Before the Children of Israel had a chance to prove themselves, or even to make any kind of free will choice, Elohim already knew what would happen to them, because of the condition of their heart.

YHVH had taken full responsibility for the covenant that He made with their fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, a covenant replete with blessings of fruitfulness of a land in which they would multiply and thereafter become a multitude of nations ("me'lo ha'goying"). But this covenant of Sinai, this ketuba (wedding contract), was conditional. So, we see them standing before YHVH looking toward the land that they were about to enter, the land of milk and honey promised to their forefathers. However, the conditions for remaining there were hanging over their heads like a seething prophetic refining pot. *"But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess,"* (Deut. 30:17-18). It was as if YHVH were using this conditional covenant as a tool for fulfilling the Abrahamic covenant and preparing the way for an even greater promise.

History reveals that YHVH was true to His word, even though the result of the Sinai covenant may be interpreted as negative, disastrous and in fact one that brought on curses and not blessings. One could even venture to condemn the generations of our forefathers for failing to live up to the righteousness of the Torah. However, YHVH, who already knew the nation's weaknesses, built into the covenant the sacrificial system for atonement and forgiveness of sin to be in effect year after year throughout the cycles of the feasts. But did the Sinai covenant with its sacrifices take care of the condition of the heart? Obviously we would have to answer: "no, it did not," but in effect did the very opposite, it revealed the corruptness of the heart.

How then was YHVH going to have a people that would become a holy nation (Ex. 19:6) and be His witness (Isa. 43:10,12)? As Moses continues to prophesy we are given one of the first glimpses into the mystery of the will of Elohim (Eph. 1:9-10), and into a covenant that would once and for all deal with the condition of the heart: *"YHVH your Elohim will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love Him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live"* (Deu. 30:6). A door of hope was left open; the destiny of the people was sealed by the prophetic word of their Elohim. The irrevocable calling upon them as His people could not fail. YHVH said: "I WILL!!" Thus leaving no doubt that it was not going to be by the will of man, nor by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of the infallible faithfulness of a covenant keeping Elohim.

The seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was called out for YHVH's namesake; called and chosen to be His firstborn (Ex. 4:22, Jer. 31:9). Yes, to become Elohim's possession; the Almighty's inheritance (Deu. 32:9). YHVH was not obliged to take care of them because of who they were, but because of His name, and the love that He had for their forefathers. They would become His witness and light to the nations (Acts 1:8), both from the standpoint of Torah (blessings and curses), and also founded on the rock of the faith of Abraham (Rom. 4:13).

The prophet Ezekiel reiterated these same promising words many years later, "Therefore say to the house of Israel, this is what the Sovereign One says: '*It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am YHVH', declares the Sovereign One, 'when I show myself holy in you before their eyes. For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers, you will be my people, and I will be your Elohim"* (Eze 36:22-28).

Through His covenant-relationship with Israel, YHVH was literally putting His head, His "Godship" and His name (nature) on the "chopping block" of humanity. If He would not have been faithful to carry out His word, His covenant promises to His people, especially to Abraham, then our faith and trust in Him would be to no avail, and the bible would simply be a book of bad jokes.

YHVH was, step by step and line upon line, setting the stage for the final covenant that would accomplish His purpose of the ages; A blood covenant of grace and mercy, a covenant that would embody, fulfill and absorb all the previous covenants. A divine act of circumcising the heart, changing the very nature, in order for His elect to be able to love their Elohim with all their heart, and with all their soul and to keep the commandments and live. This future covenant guaranteed life because of the unconditional, unchanging, unfailing love and faithfulness of the Elohim of Israel.

Standing before YHVH is often seen as a time of consecration, therefore just as our forefathers stood before YHVH, let us stand before this portion of the Word of Elohim examining its prophetic past and its reality and fulfillment for today. May we all conclude and say "yes" and "amen" to YHVH who is sovereign, just, faithful and true, who keeps covenant and shows mercy, who gives grace and truth through His Redeemer – Messiah Yeshua who gave His life not only for us, but TO us.

Surely, we who have received the grace of the new covenant, having a circumcised heart that we may understand, eyes to see the reality of the Kingdom of Elohim and ears to hear the Word of YHVH, can agree with this factual statement from this portion: *"Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?' No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it"* (Deut. 30:11-14).

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Naked Before God

Ryan Wyatt

With all that is going on in the world right now I really feel that we are in a season of stripping and refinement before the Lord. God is confronting the church and the world in this season and challenging us to lay down all the worldly things that we have covered ourselves with and allow Him to strip us and cover us with His glory. These are serious times and God has incredible plans to fulfill through this generation but the church seems to be asleep and God is waking them up. We have come to a fullness of time juncture and God is accelerating His plans in the earth.

Cloud Of Witnesses In Travail For This Generation

In September I was ministering at a Joel's Army conference in England and had an incredible encounter in the midst of worship. The worship band was playing and the people were loudly praising God and I began to hear people shouting my name. I audibly heard people shouting, "RYAN, RYAN, RYAN." I looked all around me and found no one calling to me. I then realized that I was having a spiritual encounter and entered into an open-eyed vision. I saw the Cloud of Witnesses and God's Generals from the beginning of time and they were lined up side by side in a very long line. Every generation from the beginning of time was represented in this line. Every person was someone who during their life had pressed into their promised land and tasted of the powers of the age to come and like the spies, they brought something back that touched their whole generation with the love and power of God.

I noticed that the space in the line between each person represented many years and the line came up to this present day. It was obvious to me that with each previous generation there were very few that affected a whole generation. I then noticed that the line continued on past this present day with forms of people but there was no one to fill those slots.

I then saw the Cloud of Witnesses enter into a state of travail as they were vigorously interceding for this present day generation. They were not just calling my name but countless thousands of names. Suddenly I saw the hand of the Lord come and very quickly begin to pick people up out of the world and fill those empty slots in the line of God's Generals. There was a massive acceleration that was taking place as God began to fill each slot with thousands of revivalists and nation shakers from our time.

Things are accelerating in the earth and for this reason God is pulling out all the stops and calling upon this generation to wake up and lay hold of Him like never before. For this reason God is beginning to strip his church of every worldly thing that keeps her from full devotion to Him. It is only when the church comes to realize her nakedness that she will begin to cry out in holy desperation for God to fascinate and empower a whole generation. We must first be stripped and come to realize our dire need for God.

The Bible says in Matthew 5:3;

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The message of the hour is that the "Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Being poor in spirit is realizing our level of emptiness and crying out for His fullness. The eyes of the Lord are roaming to and fro throughout the earth to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are completely loyal to

Him (2 Chron. 16:9).

The Hand Of The Lord Is Being Pulled Back "Slightly" And The Shaking Of The Lord Has Come!

For many years I believe the hand of the Lord, in the form of grace, has covered us and allowed us to continue on our own path. During this time God has given the church a chance to repent and turn whole-heartedly to him on their own. However, the church and the world have continued to slip further and further down hill and away from Him.

The church has cried out for the Lord to come and He has come and is coming and now the church is being faced with the results of the coming of the Lord. Look with me at Isaiah 64:1-3:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens! That you would come down! That the mountains might shake at your presence – as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil – to make Your name known to your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down; the mountains shook at Your presence.

When the Lord begins to come He brings a shaking and a melting away of everything worldly in our midst. Look at Malachi 3:1-3:

Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold He is coming, says the Lord of Hosts.

But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

When the Kingdom of God begins to come it shakes everything off of your life that is not of God and it leaves only those things behind that God has worked into your life (Heb. 12:25-29). I firmly believe that God is in the process right now of actually preparing us for the next great move of God to sweep the earth. However, before He can clothe the church with another level of His glory, He is first stripping us of every worldly thing that we have held onto.

The Laodicean Age

We are currently in the time of the Laodicean age. This generation is one of the most messed up generations to ever walk the earth yet we are also the generation that has the potential to walk in the most unprecedented level of power and glory, however, only if we submit to the current pruning of the Lord.

God is pulling back His hand just enough for a small portion of His judgments to touch the earth. He is doing this because what He might have allowed in the lives of believers in times past He is no longer allowing. When God begins to pull back His hand of grace you find yourself in a moment of great decision. This is not a time when God is going to allow nominal, middle of the road Christians in "His" church.

Those believers that will not embrace the Lord in this season will most likely grow more and more hardened to Him. Remember that as soon as Jesus came to earth in the flesh it was the religious people that hardened their hearts and persecuted Him. It will be no different in these days. Those that have been lukewarm will either grow colder or burn hotter for the Lord.

We are in a time of decision. Many in these days are coming to a place of realization that their life is empty and they are feeling the burning of the Lord upon their hearts. These believers are turning closer to Him and learning to live a live of intimacy and passion with the Lord.

The Bible says in the book of Joel that many are in the valley of decision and we have always preached that as unbelievers being in the valley. However, I also want to say that many believers are in the valley of decision as well and the Lord is no longer giving the church the option to just sit in the middle of the road. Battle lines are being drawn and we must choose to either grow colder or hotter for Him.

When the Lord spoke to the church of Laodicea He rebuked them because they thought they had every thing together when in fact they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. God first had to alert them of their desperate status before they would repent and follow whole-heartedly after Him.

Most of the church right now has sunk into a state of apathy and passivity because for the most part the western church lives a life of self-sufficiency. I was really struck with just how self-sufficient the western church really is after I ministered in Jakarta, Indonesia this last January. I have not seen a hunger for God like that of the Indonesians anywhere in North America or Europe. The Indonesians prayed and sought after God as if they were absolutely spiritually bankrupt and could not live another moment without a touch from heaven.

Most pastors in the western church have to poke and prod the people to even act like they are hungry for God. The church in North America is sitting in the middle of the road and has grown self-sufficient, thinking they need nothing. Below is the address that Jesus gave to that church:

Revelation 3:15-19
I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' – and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked – I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Not A Heartless Rebuke But Rather A Loving Warning

I don't see the above passage from Revelation as a heartless rebuke. It is actually a loving warning from a loving God that wants to alert His Bride of her state so that she might wake up and turn and seek the Lord.

The admonition from the above reference in Revelation is that if the church will realize her nakedness and begin to seek the Lord with desperate hunger then the church will hear the sound of the Lord knocking on the door and dine and rule and reign with Him.

Seek "First" The Kingdom Of God

In a day where everyone is doing what is right in their own eyes and just seeking to live the American dream, God is looking for a Bride that will do the exact opposite. One of the greatest enemies to the western church is "how blessed we are." The western world has lived under such a state of grace and blessing for so long that it has caused the church to slip into a state of apathy and passivity. The church has joined the rat race of the world that says, "Do what you have to do to not only make it but to be on top!" So we have become a generation totally consumed with "self".

The Bible calls believers "pilgrims" in this world. We are citizens of another realm and are to live our day-to-day lives from the place of abiding in heavenly realms and ruling on earth with heavenly love and power. The challenge for the church in this hour is to submit to the pruning and stripping of the Lord and turn our eyes and affections from every temporal thing and begin to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

When the church begins to live for heavenly things rather than for earthly satisfaction than the grace and favor of heaven will be poured out upon us abundantly.

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

Our Response To The Shakings

I know that people are trying to figure out why all these hurricanes and earthquakes and tsunamis and all the other disasters are happening on the earth at this time. Some believe it is God judging us, some believe they are the result of man's sinful actions and still others believe they are attacks from the devil. I believe they are a result of all three.

Yes, I believe that the devil is trying to wreak havoc. Yes, I believe that some of these disasters are occurring as the result of the world's sinful actions. And yes, I do also believe that God is using them to teach the world righteousness and lead them back to Him.

Isaiah 26:9
With my soul I have desired you in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek you early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Instead of joining the rest of the world and allowing our emotions to get the best of us in response to these world shakings, let's allow these events to awaken us to the reality and seriousness of the times we are living in. Let's allow these things to cause us to seek the Lord with all that is within us and lay hold of our divine destiny to walk upon this earth fully clothed in the glory of God!

Nakedness Provides Opportunity For Fullness

Let me close with this. Before the fall, Adam and Eve were naked and did not know it. I believe this was because their minds and hearts were so enthralled with the Lord that they were literally clothed with the glory of God. All they knew was 24 hour a day God-consciousness and face-to-face encounters with Him.

After the fall, the first thing they realized was that they were naked and they were ashamed. They immediately looked for something to cover their nakedness and wrapped themselves in fig leaves. God came to visit with them as He normally would and found them hiding and ashamed because of their nakedness. One of the first things God did was take off the fig leaves and clothe them with skins of animals.

God clothed them with animal skins because it required blood and the shedding of blood was the only thing that could cover their sin. God's divine design was to send Jesus to shed his perfect, sinless blood to cover and wash away our sins forevermore. This was so that we could, again, have our nakedness covered by His Glory!

God is again looking throughout the earth for those who have not covered themselves with the things of the world but for those who are willing to submit to His stripping and pruning work and be clothed again from glory to glory! Are you naked before the Lord? Do you need to be awakened and come to a realization that you are nowhere near laying hold of your high calling? Are you truly poor in spirit and desperate for a touch from heaven?

Allow the Lord to touch you afresh and put his finger on those areas of your soul that are not of Him. This is the season to invite the refining fire of God into your life because He is a consuming fire and He is jealous to fully lay hold of you!

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New Clothes For New Orleans

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Louisiana is my native homeland. My personal history is found in the Cajun-speaking regions of Louisiana. Louisiana is also the birthplace of my incredible experiences with God, birthed in the fields when I was a little boy. In my walks in the fields that my grandparents owned, I would take a sack lunch for God and myself and sit and talk with Him for hours. From this "kingdomic" simplicity, He opened my eyes to see incredible visitations, as well as, fed me things that my former denomination could not believe, especially from someone so young.

Louisiana is, indeed, on the verge of an Incredible Awakening. A new twist and turn has come upon it. Lives in Louisiana are about to experience an eye-opening depth in the realms of the Spirit, as it pertains to the Kingdom and its endeavors.

New Identity for New Orleans

I felt compelled to look up the meaning of the term "Orleans." There were various definitions of this term, but one in particular caught my eye!

Orleans, by definition, means "apparel, cloth, cotton, and wearing." Also, it means cloth made with worsted and cotton. The winds of the Lord will bring forth a new covering for New Orleans. A *new identity* comes as a result of a *new nature*, which in turn, requires new clothes. God is providing New Orleans with new clothes. This is the reason for a sudden shift and turn from Hurricane Katrina -- a shift that occurred as a result of the prayers of those with Global Vision, as well as, those with a caring and merciful heart!

The winds of change will, indeed, provide New Orleans with a new covering of the Spirit. The city has been known as a haven of sin, witchcraft, voodoo, and perversion. But in that city is a people of God, shining forth as a light that sits upon a hill. A hill has been raised in the city. The Kingdom of God has, indeed, been established in the midst of what many consider darkness.

He Has Us Looking Within

He is, indeed, providing a new apparel for the city of New Orleans.
Ecclesiastes 7:14 says, "When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider. . ." In the days of adversity, look within. The prophetic words that are being released during seasons of transitions, shifts, and global unrest, are not a result of a hub of spiritual buzz words. It is the time in which the Father's insight is divinely released. During times of adversity, the Spirit causes us to look within.

As He has us look within, He reveals the establishing of a new covering of a glorious apparel for New Orleans. He is removing a hardened covering that has hovered above the city for years, and replacing it with the flowing apparel of His Heart!

Amongst the destruction, the winds, and floods, the hearts of the mighty believers in Louisiana will rise as never before. And those who are in the city, in whom the heart of the Lord is revealed, are becoming a Church that cannot be shaken, in spite of the winds of Katrina!

More Insights into New Orleans, its People, and its Change

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I wanted to send this to you in response to the questions that many may be having as a result of the present happenings in our world.
Hopefully, it would provide more insight for others to consider.

God does not "overlook sin." He reproves it. He does not allow sin to "go free." He judges it. Many, many questions have been raised concerning the destruction and loss that has come as a result of this hurricane (Katrina). As a matter of fact, during any major storm, prophetic questions will arise.

How does change come? At times, it comes through judgment -- the type that leaves destruction and loss, as the manifestation of its appearance. At other times, change comes through mercy, when it seems that God will initiate a warning, along with light affliction. His mercy is seen when things could have been more worse than expected -- as was the case here for New Orleans.

New Orleans' NEW God-Given Identity

In the midst of the obvious darkness that this region has been known for -- perversion, sex, voodoo, and witchcraft -- there is still a people who carry the voice of God within their being. When a city is defined by the perspectives of the world, it would seem that that city hasn't got a chance with God. New Orleans is not synonymous with Righteousness, but has always been linked to parades of evil, lust, and perversion. It's a tourist town in the mind of the world. But does the mind of the world emulate the Mind of God?

The world sees New Orleans as one thing (as I'm quite sure they would see any other major city struck down by catastrophe). Judgment from God carries, within it, its own look, design, intention, and purposed outcome. God has always revealed wrath with a designed outcome.
For this particular place, He has initiated "New Clothes." A removal of the old covering, a tearing away of what should not be, and revealing what should be established.

A new identity comes as a result of an old one being taken away. I'm pretty sure that it would be "out there" for the world to see New Orleans as a church. However, God did not come to make New Orleans a religious pyramid. It has already been established in that. He has initiated a transition that will produce a new identity.

Judgment & Mercy

Even when God's prophets declare judgment on a region, they too will feel the pressure of what they have spoken. Elijah had prophesied a major drought in the land, and even the brook that was provided for him to drink out of during the drought, dried up. However, God sent him to a widow to be supplied for during the drought. What does God do when His servants are yet in a land where darkness is esteemed? Does their presence there provoke change, whether in the form of judgment, or
mercy that is accompanied by loss? Are there believers who have
been assigned to the dark places of the world?

Change comes through destruction, as well as "painful mercy." When times are good, be happy. But when times are bad, consider and look within. God is not surprised by destruction, especially a destruction that He designs. During every God-ordained judgment, He also showed His mercy, by establishing the lives who would be responsible for ushering in change. There is a people in these regions who are responsible for the change of apparel for these regions -- especially New Orleans.

The Process Has Just Begun

Mass destruction, even unexplainable destruction, can and will also produce mass mercy. Time brings about the change. Mindsets towards New Orleans, as well as other media focused cities, must be changed in order for change to be revealed. God's wrath can also produce God's Path to salvation and change. God has a people . . . regardless of
circumstances, destruction, and judgment. Is it hard to focus on the
Light that dwells within His people, who may reside in these places that are considered dark?

When a city, or region, has unconsciously and ignorantly embraced it's condemnation, change is the only thing that can be initiated there.
When Jesus' disciples went to prepare a village of Samaritans for His arrival and they denied Him entry, the disciples responded by saying, ***"Send fire from heaven and consume them!"*** **(Luke 9:54)** But Jesus said, ***"You don't know what kind of spirit you are of; for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."***

When the "dead" are already dead, destruction is already present. But when the Father's voice is residing in His people, even amongst the dead, change is present. It is time to speak prophetically into the lives of those who possess the seeds of change, and stir up the rivers of transformation within them. The holiness that is assigned for these regions that have been touched by the storm, will not be built in one day. The process has just begun.

Who Will Be Responsible for Change?

New Orleans' new clothes will come as a result of prophetic process, time, and redefinement. Awakenings always begin with a massive moving away! The grounds of repentance must first be swept and prepared.

Adversity, brought on by a taking away, has within it, the power to produce repentance. It's name is defined as new clothes, even if this destruction would not have happened. But the destruction drew our focus upon the region, thus giving prophetic people the ability to discern, speak, and release the intentions of God for that region and beyond. And as a result of the region attracting mass attention, it's name was revealed. It had been hidden all of this time. A strong wind, however, moved away the pieces that would eventually reveal it!

Now, is God's focus on those who will be responsible for change? Or, is God's focus on what that city has been established in all of these years?
Can God, in one move of His hand, establish His intentions for both?
At the same time? In one move of His hand? I believe He can. I believe He did . . .

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An Awakening In The Earth
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"There is Indeed an Awakening in the Earth AS WE SPEAK!"
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An Awakening from God is presently residing in the earth -- AS WE SPEAK. However, this awakening is not religious, but one of "Kingdomic Proportions." Religion is a thing that can be shaken, but the Kingdom is a thing that cannot be moved!

This awakening is one that cannot be moved or steered in a negative direction. Once a move is "steerable," lives that were once empowered suddenly go off course. There is now an incredible atmosphere of salvations coming that may not be perceived as salvation from an evangelical state of thought.

God is doing something "unheard of" in the earth, but is common knowledge in the realm of the Spirit of Heaven. Just because something has not been heard "here," does not mean that it is not said where God is!

(But, believe me, there are those who are hearing what the Spirit is saying, even though there are Truths that many are afraid to affirm.)

A "Positive Nervousness" is Spreading over the Globe
There is an Awakening that is causing many to discover a shift in the paradigms of church, ministry, and creativity as we know it. The Kingdom is taking on a whole new meaning. The Word is being realized in ways it was never heard of before, and it is causing a "positive nervousness" to spread across the globe. God is being seen in ways unheard of in religion or mainstream evangelism.

(Things that appear new from God always seem to create a silent fear in the regions. When God releases the "Significantly Unheard Of," a nervousness and awe can erupt.)

The attitudes of "those who know an enemy is defeated" is different from "those who look for an enemy to defeat." This conqueror's attitude has indeed opened the realms of the Spirit and, things once considered unlawful to be heard, ARE BEING HEARD FREELY, as in the flowing of rushing streams of water. The "unlawful things" of revelation are now being sanctioned by the Spirit who has Divine Law!

"When the Sons are Threatened by the Darkness, They Become WISER, NOT FEARFUL! "

This Kingdomic Awakening is causing a stir in people groups, as well as thoughts, regarding religious beliefs, foundations, and centuries-old beliefs. God is shifting and not even bothering to ask questions about it. There is a difference between *those who know an enemy is defeated*, and *those who look for one*!

Those who look for an enemy to be around the corner will always carry the option to become complacent, still, and fearful. "There's a lion outside!" they say in themselves (Proverbs 26:13). Those who look for an enemy around the corner are hindered by news of world events and the tragedies of life, as well as the fear of impending judgment and the approval of men.

But those, however, who *know* the enemy is defeated, live, think, and move with the mentality of establishing the Incredible Will of Heaven in the earth. They live as the Father lives and think as the Father thinks. Creative miracles always follow those who know that the enemy is gone. They do not fear the residue of the enemy's past. They do not take into account that the enemy may come to mess with them if they do what the Father is telling them to do!

They do not fear what their lives will stir up as a result of their commitment and obedience!

They do not shrink back into fear when God releases a command into them. They do not hear God first and then fear the enemy later. They know within themselves that the kingdom of darkness shudders when the sons of God wake up every morning. They know that the warfare against the sons of God is simply the foundation of Incredible Wisdom for the believer. When the sons are threatened by the darkness, they become WISER, NOT FEARFUL!

The Unshakeable

The earth is being taught of, and by, the Lord at this moment. However, He is not teaching them through methods that are readily shaken or readily manipulated. He is not teaching in the ways that are comfortable to the religious mind. The earth, indeed, is being taught of the Lord (see John 6:45, 46; Isaiah 54:13).

The Spirit of the Father is providing a strategy of revealing the Righteousness of Christ in a way that cannot be shaken. When a method cannot be destroyed, the results will not be destroyed either. Methods of Perfection will produce Products of Perfection. The unshakable will reproduce the unshakable.

"A quitter cannot encourage those with great vision. One who lives in fear cannot impart power to the Courageous!" - Undrai

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New Churches for New Wine
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No New Patches on Old Garments: New Churches for New Wine
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While simply reading the Bible early one Saturday morning, the Lord began opening my understanding to truths that I believe will bless many who are trying to find and fit into churches. These startled me enough to immediately commit them to writing and to offer apologies to individuals whom I have wrongly counseled in the matter of finding a proper church.

The concepts He began revealing to me are from Matthew 9:16, and they are set in the context of Jesus' teaching on placing new wine in old skins.

Then the disciples of John came to Him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the friends of the bridegroom mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." Matthew 9:14–17

The truth concerning the patch on an old garment has laid alongside the wineskin analogy for millennia and, to my knowledge, has received little attention even though it shares a parallel, and additional, truth. Both illustrations present the reality that Jesus had brought something new to the church scene. John's disciples had come questioning why Jesus' disciples did not fast according to the customs and existing traditions. When Jesus gave His answer by sharing these two analogies, it must have splashed light and new revelation all over their faces. What He said was simply: You cannot put new things in old systems. The new thing will be stifled, and the old system will be destroyed.

There is an abundance of material on the new-wine-in-old-skins concept (i.e., the new wine can cause the old to bubble), but the dominant fact remains that new wine in its fermentation produces carbon dioxide and will expand and burst an old, dried skin. Notice that Jesus was concerned that both the new and the old systems would be preserved. To emphasize this, He said at the end of verse 17, "and both are preserved." Jesus is concerned about the new wine and the old wineskins. He does not want the new wine stifled nor does He want the old wineskin ruptured.

It's common knowledge that old wine is better than new, but if the new wine is not preserved by being put into the proper container, then someday there will be no old mellow wine. In addition, those who introduce the new wine must recognize that someday theirs will be the old wine. For example, many of the church leaders in Europe who prayed down the Iron Curtain are now standing in opposition to the newer apostolic reforms. To put the bubbling movement of apostolic reform into their networks would quench the fire and/or destroy their ministries. It may be desirable to reform the old system, but it is not feasible.

Being a reformer myself, I usually identify with new wineskin dilemmas, but I must keep in mind that there is usually a lot of resistance to the new wine of the next movement of God that comes along. Someday I may very well find myself in opposition to the next "new thing" that God is doing unless I stay flexible and open to change. The truth remains that the Lord is concerned about the preservation of both new and old.

We would all be better off thinking of ourselves as old wineskins or, more specifically, as "newer" old wineskins, then later as "not-as-new" old wineskins, and eventually as "older" old wineskins. Maybe this kind of thinking would help us to stay a little more flexible to change and the new things that God wants to bring to the church.

But, going back to our cloth analogy, again I am amazed that it has lain side by side with the wineskin truths, and yet, to my knowledge, has never received any exposure. The same truth is being shown in the cloth analogy as in the wineskin one: Putting new things in old systems will destroy the old and stifle the new.

Here is the lesson—given a condition that there is a tear in an old garment, there are a number of ways to repair it. Each way reveals how to match people to churches or how not to match them. The four methods we will look at are:

1. Putting a new patch on an old garment

2. Stitching a matching old patch on an old garment

3. Shrinking a new patch and then putting it on an old garment

4. Stitching a whole new garment

Each of these methods will yield a predictable result and provide varying degrees of success when applied to the concept of integrating a believer into a church. Considering these four possibilities will add tremendous wisdom when "church hunting" or replacing a leader in an established system.

Even though I only lack 12 semester hours from having a Bachelor of Science in Textile Engineering, it does not take a college degree to anticipate the results of these four approaches. However, being a church planter and overseer for over 30 years gives me even greater insight when viewing these from a spiritual perspective. By experience, I can assure you that for each of these patching methods, there remains a predictable outcome. I could use many examples to support this; however, my experience and/or examples are unnecessary in light of the truths that Jesus Himself revealed through these analogies. If we had taken heed to these lessons from the start, we would all be much better off now.

Putting a New Patch on an Old Garment

Even though this method is one that Jesus cautioned against—putting a new patch on an old garment—it still is one way of mending an old garment. When we think in terms of people looking for the "right" church, we see that this method relates to putting believers with new ideas into existing, stable, and maybe even stagnant (old) churches. We have probably all seen this happen many times and observed the division and damage caused to the churches, as well as the hurt caused to the believers with the new ideas. Even though this can be done, just the same as new wine can be put in old skins, the outcome will be disastrous. The new patch (representing the believers with the new ideas) will pull and tear on the already established system and create a hole bigger than the one that existed before they endeavored to fill the gap.

This approach not only disrupts a comfortable and seasoned group, but it also impedes the growth of the new believers. The new patch (or new wine) produces a strain on a stable condition, and often the pressure of shrinkage in the new cloth (or the pressure of the fermentation of the new wine) stretches the old system to the point of rupturing. The new wine blows it up, and the new patch pulls it apart. Many times, new wine proponents suggest that the old wineskin should stretch to accommodate them, but this usually does not happen. Generally speaking, the new patch needs to detach from the existing condition in a compassionate move to save the old system from damage, collapse, and/or ruin, and be attached to a conglomerate of individuals with similar goals and spiritual aspirations.

Stitching a Matching Old Patch on an Old Garment

This method often supplies the best solution to a stable environment, but finding such a match is oftentimes not easy. When a pastor or church leader moves on, retires, or dies, the church is usually left with the dilemma of matching a leader to the established system. If the church decides to initiate growth or institute any other changes at this time, making the wrong match (unshrunken cloth or new wine) could compound the problem. However, with the right match (an old patch), they will have a greater probability of success.

A common problem that occurs is when churches want to hire a youth director or pastor with the view of invigorating the youth department at the church. You can already see storm clouds gathering on the horizon. Youth always want a new wineskin, regardless of the youth pastor. So, when the new youth pastor is hired, he is going to have to appease both the youth and the established leadership. He must revitalize the youth and still not bust the system. I normally do not use this phrase, but here goes—good luck!

In circumstances where this is the correct choice, often we find that the Lord has been at work to raise up an associate pastor (or another colleague) to continue the work of the former leader and transition it into the future growth of the church. New patches on old garments will not work.

Shrinking a New Patch and then Putting It on an Old Garment

This method yields a poor solution because it mandates washing the life out of a person in order to get him or her to fit into an existing system. The sad part is that this is an indication that the system is being magnified at the expense of the person. It would be far better to find an already shrunken patch (as discussed in the last procedure), meaning someone who comes out of a similar system, than to shrink someone to fit a hole. It is much more ideal to fit the patch to the size of the hole instead of shrinking the patch to fit the hole. This is a major problem in "churchianity" and is the root of control and domination. Christian ethics demand a greater emphasis on the individual than on the system.

For example, magnifying the system above the person is the same logic Caiaphas used in sacrificing Jesus at Passover. Leaders often become pharisaical when the system becomes more important than the individual. This is a major managerial dilemma. I have seen whole ministries destroyed by utilizing this logic. The founding values of an organization (or in the case of Christianity, an organism) should determine the path they take regarding this predicament. Jesus' attitude was always one of love for the individual taking precedence over the system.

And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which is not lawful to eat but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. Mark 2:24–27

I feel that the re-emergence of the apostolic ministry may offer a solution to this dilemma of trying to fit into a system as a new patch on an old garment. This appears to be the new wineskin for the present and offers new growth and more individual liberties than are offered in existing systems of church government. I have ministered in denominations of very large congregations numbering in the thousands that have hundreds of full-time pastors squeezed into a system that is controlling them rather than releasing them. At the same time, I have ministered in apostolic networks of over a million people that release God's people and have seen these individuals rightly magnified over the system. Perhaps with the quenching of the apostolic ministry in the early church, the system began to be valued above the individual believers. No more preshrunk patches!

Jesus said that new patches cannot be put on old garments, and my contribution to the discussion is that they also should not be shrunken to fit the hole. If so, the system is more important than God's people. Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; likewise, the church was made for man and not man for the church. Clearly, the individual is more important than the whole and must not be made to fit the situation, but the situation should be matched for the person.

This is the place where I need to ask people to forgive me for suggestions and counsel that I have given over the years. My formative years in Christian leadership were spent in a group that was segregated from the body of Christ and even criticized all other Christians in an attempt to build itself against the case for unity. When I finally escaped from that system and helped others out of it, in my zeal to reintegrate with the body of Christ, I zealously counseled others to join churches. Although this seemed like good counsel and did work for many, the greater counsel would have been to direct them to find the corresponding place suitable for their gifts. In many cases, they would have been better off to use the next procedure (stitching a whole new garment), instead of shrinking to fit the hole or tearing the existing garment (church). I hope that all those who shrunk to fit the holes didn't quench or grieve the Holy Spirit while trying to find the place where they fit in.

If you are one of those people, please forgive me. I cried out so badly for forgiveness from disunity that I, through ignorance, sacrificed the individual for the sake of the whole. How wonderful it would be if we were all led by the counsel of the Holy Spirit rather than the counsel of others. Unfortunately, when those of us with leadership responsibilities are called upon to offer guidance, there may be times when our perspective is not correct. May God have mercy on all of His leaders. Perhaps this is why it says, "Grace, mercy, and peace," in the opening verses of 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus (epistles addressed to leadership).

Stitching a Whole New Garment

This option is the same as new wine in new skins. Since new cloth cannot be stitched into old garments, we have only one option left for it. It must be stitched into a completely new garment or there is no use for it. This is the reality of what Jesus was trying to communicate when responding to John's disciples. When they asked Him why His disciples did not fast, He responded by saying that His disciples did not fit the form of the existing structure, even though it was John the Baptist's. Jesus' disciples were cut from a new cloth and, therefore, could not fit into the existing garment. They had to become a completely new garment.

I have seen this scenario many times, and I have even been involved in it myself. Many have tried to fit into an existing church, but it seemed to pull apart at the seams (pardon the pun). The solution may be to launch a whole new church and group of people, rather than try to fit into an existing one or to be added on as an appendage. There is an option that has recently resurfaced in church government—the home church. The home church was a revelation of the Chief Apostle Jesus. He met with people quite often in their homes, and found a greater freedom there than in the synagogue. (See Liberating News Volume 4, Number 1, "The Home Church: Revolution or Re-Evolution?") Many times individuals need the freedom to fulfill their destiny and find they cannot do so inside an existing system.

This does not mean that establishing a home church or a new ministry is to be a divisive thing done without leadership and/or proper oversight. There certainly are times when an individual is not qualified to oversee a home church, but this usually becomes quite apparent when no one comes to the home group or when no one stays after they do come. With the return of apostolic and prophetic church government, individuals with gifts and commitment sufficient to coordinate and lead a home group can have proper coverings and leadership to help them. This is exactly what Jesus did with His ministry. Jesus set the standard Himself, and then turned the helm over to Peter and the other apostles when He left. The home was the accepted meeting place and the pillar and foundation of the truth until Constantine began building cathedrals around AD 330.

Conclusion

There is a new wave swelling in Christianity. This is not to criticize the old wineskin, but it certainly means that some people just will not fit into that system. New worship is emerging. New power is erupting. New commitment is flourishing. New ideas are being birthed, and new leadership is arising. New wine cannot be put into old skins, and new cloth cannot be stitched onto old garments.

We cannot put new cloth on old garments. The old garment needs to be preserved by patching it with matching cloth, not by shrinking a new piece and then stitching it. There is a season for new growth just as there is a time when new garments need to be stitched. The church is expanding under apostolic and prophetic leadership, and the home offers an ideal environment for that growth to occur. Let's not put the new cloth in places where it will tear a bigger hole. Let's put it into a whole new garment. There are new wineskins for new wine, and there are new garments for the body of Christ, just as there are old patches for old garments.

Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men. 1 Corinthians 14:20

If we have failed in this, let us ask for forgiveness and repent. Jesus wants both the new wine and the old wine preserved. No new patches on old garments—that both the new and the old may be preserved.

No Distance in God

Elena Gonzales

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. John 1:32-33

One of the stumbling blocks for many Christians in understanding that the fullness of the Godhead is resident within us as spirit-filled believers is the fact that they spatialize, for lack of a better word, the Godhead. In the minds of most believers is an image of the Father and the Son out somewhere in what they call heaven with the Holy Ghost as the only representative of the Godhead here on earth. The problem comes down to a misunderstanding of what actually transpired on the day of Pentecost as those patient and dedicated 120 waited in obedience to the direction of the resurrected Jesus. Let us look at another scripture, again from John's gospel, to see the source of the problem:

Nevertheless I tell you of a truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you: but if I depart, I will send him unto you. John 16:7

From this scripture, specifically the word "send," Christians have formed the mental image of Jesus delivering the Holy Ghost to the church from a distance as we would send a package via FedEx. If this had been the case and the Holy Ghost is a separate entity, how was the prophetic word in John 1:32-33 fulfilled? In a passage of scripture that totally negates the rapture doctrine and the teaching that there will one day be a physical "second coming" of Jesus, he tells the disciples about the upcoming day of Pentecost:

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more: but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day, ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me and I in you. John 14:18-20

The fact of the matter is that the three aspects of the Godhead are inseparable though distinct in function. This becomes clearer when we take a closer look at the Greek word *pempo* that was translated in the scripture above as "send." Pempo means to dispatch from the subjective point of departure, to transmit, bestow or wield. It is the exact same word that in Revelation 14:18 is translated *thrust in* (Thrust in thy sharp sickle….). What actually happened on the day of Pentecost was that Jesus in spirit form transmitted, bestowed, wielded and thrust *himself* into those 120 saints thereby making their bodies *his* body for the continuance of his ministry. The Holy Ghost is not some third rate manifestation of the Godhead sent from afar to hold our hands while we wait for the return of the real thing. The church has for too long maligned the Holy Ghost by not appreciating the fact that he is the means by which we are joined in holy union to the Son who contains within him the fullness of the Godhead *bodily.* And the body referred to by Paul is not the physical body of Jesus, which served its purpose and the world will see no more, but *our* physical body.

Nebuchadnezzar: A type of Christ

by Bill Somers

> *Mark 4 10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable. ….*
> *13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and* **how then will ye know all parables?**

Nebuchadnezzar: **A type of Christ?** But Nebuchadnezzar was a wicked character! Perhaps so, but God blessed him, saved him and gave him the honor of narrating an entire chapter of the Book of Daniel. See Daniel 4.
But wicked character or no, He is used as a type of the Lord Jesus Christ and his history forms a parable for us today.

The Story of Nebuchadnezzar in the Bible is a Parable.

The key events are:
God's role for Nebuchadnezzar, He is given dominion over all the world. [Jeremiah 27; Ezra 1; etc.;see below.]
Nebuchadnezzar 's conquest of Tyre
Nebuchadnezzar 's rulership and destruction of Jerusalem and
Nebuchadnezzar 's conquest of Egypt.

In this parable the characters or elements are:
Nebuchadnezzar is a type of Jesus Christ,
The land of Judah and the City of Jerusalem are the Church.
The king of Tyrus is Satan, [Ezekiel 28; see below]
Pharaoh king of Egypt is also Satan.
The Lord is the Father God.
Egypt is the world. [The only new type here is Nebuchadnezzar.[

What the parable illustrates is the role Jesus plays in the Fathers plan.
Nebuchadnezzar first conquered Tyre, then Jerusalem, and finally Egypt.

Jesus first defeated Satan at Calvary. Now He is about to take over [conquer] the Church. Then He will judge and take over the world.

As Nebuchadnezzar was given the land of Egypt by the Lord, for his service in defeating the king of Tyrus, so the Father has given Jesus all authority and power under heaven for his defeat of Satan at Calvary. [Ezekiel 29, see below.]

And part of the judgment that Nebuchadnezzar carries out against Egypt is to destroy the houses of their gods. This alludes to the judgments the Lord made against Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt in Exodus. And it is a prophetic foreshadowing of the **Second coming** of the Lord Jesus Christ, when He will carry out vengeance against Satan's kingdoms [the houses of their gods] in the heavenly places. [Jeremiah 43; see below]

Then He will set up his throne in Pharaoh's house, and spread his royal pavilion there.

…And he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a **shepherd** *putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace* Jer.. 43:12. Which is to say, Jesus will set up his kingdom on this earth, and assume control of the world and bring peace!

But First, Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and burnt the temple. And afterward He conquered Egypt. [Jeremiah 25; see below]
Which is to say: Judgment must begin at the house of God, and then judgment will come upon the world.

The main lesson for the church today:
Nebuchadnezzar as a type of the Lord Jesus brings judgment on Jerusalem. This is the coming judgment on the Church. Organized Christianity as we know it will be devastated, like Jerusalem was. The survivors are counseled by the prophet

Jeremiah to remain in the Land of Judah [praise] to dwell safely. If they go down into Egypt, they are in danger. [Jeremiah 42: see below.]
Likewise Christian who come through this judgment must stay in an attitude of Praise and Worship [service] to God, in order to be safe during the judgments coming on the world. If they loose heart and fall back into following the ways of the world [Egypt] they will be judged with the world.

The Judgment on the Church

The situation in Jerusalem when it was destroyed was that they were already under the rule of Nebuchadnezzar. The Kingdom of Judah was supposedly submitted to the Babylonian empire. Their King was a man He had set up and placed on their throne. He [Zedekiah] rebelled and brought down destruction upon the nation.

Our churches are supposedly submitted to the Lordship of Jesus. Our leaders are men he has raised up. Yet for our disobedience He [Jesus] must come as Judge. He will assume His authority and set up His throne in His temple, the Church. As Judgment begins at the House of God, so will the Kingdom of God begin in this revival.

This judgment is quite comparable to the destruction of Jerusalem. In Rick Joyner's article, Civil War in the Church, he speaks of it in terms of what will "look like a total meltdown of Christianity."

Isaiah speaks of a time when " When the enemy shall come in like a flood, …. Isa. 59:19

In another place Isaiah writes:

> *Isa. . 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?*
> *15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;*

Paul speaks of the day of fire, (How often we pray, Lord send down the Fire!)

> *1 Cor.. 3;13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

Malachi mentions refiners fire when considering that day.

> *Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:*

Luke mentions the fire in connection with purging.

> *Lu. 3:17 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.*

Hebrews speaks of judgment, shaking and fire, a consuming fire.

> *He 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.*
> *27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.*
> *28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:*
> ***29 For our God is a consuming fire.***

References:

[Note that some of these references refer directly to Jesus, some to Cyrus King of Persia and some to Nebuchadnezzar King of Babylon. The common element is that God speaks of each of them as 'my servant' or 'my anointed'. And as you might guess, Cyrus is a type of the Lord Jesus Christ just as Nebuchadnezzar is.]

Jeremiah. 27:
6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.

Ezra 1:
2 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah.

Isaiah. 42:
1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.

Isaiah 44:
1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;
2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:
3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.
28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Jeremiah 25:
9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.
15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.
17 Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:
18 *To wit*, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as *it is* this day;
19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people;

Ezekiel 28

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

Ezekiel 29

18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus: every head *was* made bald, and every shoulder *was* peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:
19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army.
20 I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labour wherewith he served against it, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord GOD.
21 In that day will I cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Jeremiah 43

8 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying,
9 Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brickkiln, which *is* at the entry of Pharaoh's house in

Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah;
10 And say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt, *and deliver* such *as are* for death to death; and such *as are* for captivity to captivity; and such *as are* for the sword to the sword.
12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace.
13 He shall break also the images of Bethshemesh, that *is* in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

Jeremiah 42

9 And said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him;
10 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull *you* down, and I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.
11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the LORD: for I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.
12 And I will shew mercies unto you, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.
13 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,
14 Saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell:
15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah; Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there;
16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die.
17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.
18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem; so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more.

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New Developments
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Yesterday we were informed that our supreme court had accepted the petition of five Palestinian towns that surround our town of Alfe Menashe (in Samaria), demanding that the security fence will be readjusted so as to enable these villages to remain outside of the fence. The new route of the fence will form a balloon-like shape around us, with the access road being the "string". Regarding the fence (which has aroused controversy around the world), the court decreed that, "every citizen [in this case Israelis] is entitled to protection [just like the Israeli citizen who lived in the Gaza strip], even upon the assumption that the settlements are illegal [again just like the block of Israeli settlements in the Gaza strip]." This new development did not totally surprise us, ever since we noticed, last year, a facility that looks like a border crossing just down the road from us. Judea and Samaria may now become subject to the same conditions that prevailed in the Jewish part of the Gaza strip up until the evacuation. We must keep in mind that UN resolutions 242 and 338 (which decreed that Israel must restore all territories gained in the Six Day War of 1967) still govern the "peace process".

If the uprooting of settlements seems to be terrible, the abandoning of the Philadelphi route, where Palestinian Gaza and Egypt meet, is an absolute disaster and madness (and so concur most military experts in Israel). To allow Egyptian soldiers into what was until now a demilitarized zone, and what's more to have them protect the border, in order to prevent drug and weapon smugglers and terrorists from crossing and making their way into Israel, is an unspeakable absurdity. In fact, today's news reported that this was already taking place. Israeli towns and cities along the border are ordered on a warning alert. The temptation that the Egyptians are faced with, to ally themselves with their brothers against Israel, is beyond their human ability to withstand. What's more, if Israel has to take military action, which no doubt we will have to do as Gaza is now being pumped with weaponry, and if some Egyptians happen to be injured, it won't take more than a spark to blaze into an all-out war.

Once we give the Palestinians those portions of the "West Bank" that border Jordan, Israel will no longer have the right to police what comes in and goes out there either. The Israeli Arabs also pose a threat, and every now and again find a pretext to air their grievances aggressively. One person involved in the 2000 rioting, who was disenchanted by the court's decision concerning these riots, made the statement that if Israel wanted a fight they would be more than willing to oblige. Thus the gas fumes are already present, all that is needed is for someone to light the match.

According to the prophets the times of the restoration of Judah and Jerusalem, days in which we are living, are a time of war, this is when Ephraim shows up on the scene. In past letters I have written over and over about this dynamic end time duo, Ephraim and Judah. These two have an enemy both in the spirit realm and on this earth. Judah has been equipped to do the battle in the natural, but she needs Ephraim back on the walls of Jerusalem with the power and the authority of the presence of the King of kings and Lord of lords. However, the nation/stick of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim is just beginning to fulfill its portion of the dry bones scenario: "So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them [the bones of the whole house of Israel], and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army" (Ezekiel 37:10).

In Ezekiel 36:22-38 YHVH says over and over that He is not doing this restoration of the dry bones of the whole House of Israel for their sake, but for His Holy name's sake. He is going to clean house until He is seen in a people who will sanctify His name, which does not mean pronouncing it correctly according to someone's interpretation, but that His holiness and righteousness will be seen in the very nature and behavior of this second Israelite nation (v. 23). Verse 36 emphasizes another point: "Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, YHVH have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, YHVH, have spoken it, and I will do it." There are many scriptures that speak of the war with the surrounding nations and its effect upon them. However, in this scripture we see that in the aftermath of the conflict only a few of these nations are left, and that all the promised territories are in ruins, as indicated by the previous verse: "So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'"

There is no question in anyone's mind that we are heading for a war. Joel declares: "YHVH bring down your mighty ones!" Zechariah answers the cry: "Ephraim shall be like a mighty man. Their heart shall rejoice in YHVH. they shall remember Me in far countries; they shall live, together with their children, and they shall return" (10:7-9). At this point in time YHVH is only in the preparation stages of these wars. We, of the house of Joseph/Ephraim, are being prepared in holiness and righteousness. The Church has always taught that sanctification unto perfection is something that the Spirit of Holiness reserves to when we get to heaven. But there are too many scriptures that indicate differently. For those who are seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness, there is a challenge to get out of religion and into a righteous, holy and intimate relationship with Him. May these words of Peter ring in our hearts this Shabbat:

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of Elohim and of Yeshua our King, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature [holiness and righteousness], having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:2-4).

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Next 911

Tom Heward

DREAM 1/4/05

Scene 1 - I was observing two men sitting opposite each other at a small square table. The one man appeared to be from Pakistan or India and the other man was American.

Scene 2 - The man from Pakistan or India then appeared to have a hatchet in his hand and he was holding it in a threatening manner toward the American.

Scene 3 - Now there appeared to be a metal/iron shield erected between the man from Pakistan or India and the American was behind the metal/iron shield. I then joined the American behind the metal/iron shield. There was a narrow eye-lit type of slit in the top portion of the metal/iron shield allowing the American to observe the man from Pakistan or India.

Scene 4 - The man from India or Pakistan turned into a white snake and effortlessly penetrated the metal/iron shield. End of Dream.

DREAM INTERPRETATION 1/4/05

Scene 1 - The two men at the table stand for the conflict between Osama Bin Laden (the terrorists) and The American people.

Scene 2 - The hatchet in the hand of the man from Pakistan stands for the 1st 911 attack against America.

Scene 3 - The metal/iron shield (with the narrow eye-lit observation slit) erected between the man from Pakistan and the American stands for the protective shield against terrorist attacks afforded by HOMELAND SECURITY. The fact that I took my place alongside the American and behind this shield stands for my calling as a watchman (Ezekiel 33) to intercede and stand-in-the-gap for America.

Scene 4 - The man from Pakistan or India turning into a white snake or serpent and effortlessly penetrating the metal/iron shield depicts the utter uselessness of HOMELAND SECURITY apart from Divine Intervention (*Psalm 127:1 - Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.*)

I believe this dream and its interpretation is an additional alert to the intercessors and watchman to 'man their posts' in order that the next 911 be averted. Just after sharing this dream with a watchman friend of mine he saw an advertisement for 'Phoenix, Arizona' pop-up on his computer screen. Numerous dreams and warning visions have been published since 2002 regarding the potential target that Phoenix, Arizona has become due to its housing of the largest nuclear power plants in the USA along with being less than 100 miles from the 'most easily penetrated border crossing in America'.(some of these dreams can be viewed by going to the site www.watchmanradio.com)

The **white snake** or **serpent** also ties in with the most recent dreams of Michael Boldea, the grandson of Dumitru Dudumann, where his grandfather 'Dumitru' appears to him in a dream and tells him of the numerous terrorist cells currently located within America and like **'coiled serpents'** poised to strike - situated to bring terror and chaos to a nation the refuses to repent of her pride and godless ways. Then most recently Michael had another dream depicting 3 terrorist attacks (the first having been the twin towers) with two additional attacks each surpassing the former. These incidents depict America as a Great Eagle with the attacks perpetrated by **increasingly vicious serpents** bringing about the Eagles demise. (these two dreams can be viewed by going to the site www.handofhelp.com)

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No Forgiveness Apart From Christ
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Revelation 16:17

With a rebellious cause
I doubted Your love
Pushed aside Your message of faith
My world moved at a speed
That revolved around my own needs
No need to turn direction toward grace.
Your wrath was a message for fools
Only for those ignorant of knowledge and truth
Though my soul may have cried
To be released from self's, focused pride
The "good news" of the cross
Was a message I wanted no one to prove
I wanted to live life without excuse.

Now, I wonder if to believe
In what my eyes do not see
Would I be secure in Your love
If Your drawing me near
Means to be released from fear
Would I be secure in Your love.
If You held me close for one moment
And spoke words meant for me alone
I wonder what message would be spoken
So faith in Your love took control
What words could be spoken
To break unbelief's steady hold
So that I lived secure in the knowledge
That to walk with You
Means I never walk alone.

If Christ is the One who was chosen
To redeem my life unto You dear Lord
Then speak to my heart Holy Savior
Words purposed for me this hour.
If Christ is the One who was purposed
To bring salvation to the lost
Then help me be counted among those chosen
Who know of Your resurrection power.
Help me understand the message spoken
When Jesus cried "It is finished"
As He died upon the cross
So I can join with saints singing
You have found that which was lost.

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of

> *the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done." Revelation 16:17*
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> *"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God; who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile." Romans 2:5-9*

In the beginning, before Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they considered the life they lived as being good. God, having breathed His spirit, His "breath of life," into their lives, had caused their hearts and minds to recognize and appreciate the goodness of the Lord. Having been awakened unto His majesty, they served God with gratitude. They knew God and were unafraid of Him. Their hearts and minds being unhindered by the knowledge of evil caused them to appreciate and enjoy the life God had created for them.

After Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, their minds became veiled to the goodness of God. Their knowledge of evil caused thoughts and desires, which did not exalt God above all things, to dominate and control their lives. The spirit, God's breath that had caused their hearts and minds to become alive, so they were conscious of the goodness of God, so they interacted with God experiencing His presence, would become the light now hidden in great darkness. The spirit, God's breath that filled their lives, would no longer cause them to appreciate the life they lived unto God, because a great darkness, where the knowledge of evil exalted unbelief, veiled their thoughts to the goodness of God.

Though the darkness of the knowledge of evil caused unbelief in the goodness of God to fill their lives, which would then be passed unto future generations, so that the darkness that covered the earth was great, God promised to send a deliverer, who would restore that which had been lost. The spirit within mankind was at first able to respond to God, was created to respond to God; but because of the knowledge of evil, which veils the hearts of men to the goodness of God, it would take a mighty conqueror, a Light of great proportion, to dispel the darkness so that the spirit could once again bring inspiration to the hearts of mankind toward God. It would take God's beloved Son, "The Prince of Peace," to restore the hearts and minds of mankind once again unto a right relationship with God.

Though each person is alive physically, it is because their hearts and minds are shrouded in darkness that they do not comprehend nor appreciate the Lord. To not appreciate God, so they do not understand and experience His love, mercy and wisdom, is to live outside of God's protection and righteousness. When a person lives apart from God, their thoughts are dead to the purposes and intentions of God. Shrouded by darkness, unbelief has caused them to live contrary to God's will for them.

Though the spirit can respond to God, it is because of the knowledge of evil that mankind continues to exalt their own opinions above God's, so that their spirits remain hidden in darkness. To deny God's voice of truth causes much havoc to arise upon the earth. Yet, when it seemed that the hearts of mankind could achieve no greater realm of darkness, God pressed forward in fulfilling His purposes toward mankind. God had determined from the beginning of creation, that mankind would be delivered from the unrighteous suffering found in the darkness, through Jesus Christ.

God had chosen from the foundation of the world, that His Son, Jesus Christ would redeem that which was lost in the garden. From before the foundation of the world, Jesus Christ had been chosen of God to restore man's close fellowship lost in the garden. God had purposed that mankind would find no other way to be restored unto a right relationship with Him than through Christ.

> *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:17-19*

God had purposed that through Jesus Christ's death, resurrection and ascendance into God's heavenly throne - so that the heavenly things themselves were purified - that the Holy Spirit would be poured out from heaven and made available to mankind. In receiving the Holy Spirit, the darkness of unbelief will be dispelled as a person's spirit is joined unto the Holy Spirit, so that they are inspired in the things of God. As a new creature in Christ, the sincere personal relationship with God, which was lost in the garden because of the knowledge of evil, will be found.

When the veil of the temple was rent, God was signifying that the day He purposed had arrived, where each person would be able to come boldly before God through faith in Christ. Just as the veil in the temple was rent in two, so must unbelief that veils a person's heart and mind to the goodness of God be rent, before a person begins to understand what God has accomplished for them through Christ. It is through faith in Christ that a person receives the Holy Spirit, so that they understand that what the law could not do, in transforming their hearts and minds, will be accomplished as God's Spirit of holiness moves in power upon their hearts and minds. Then they will understand that it was in seeking Christ that God was able to make them aware of their own weaknesses. And they will come to understand that it is in seeking Christ, that they will hear God say that the wrongs they have done, have been forgiven, because of what Christ has done, so that healing of heart and mind takes place.

> *"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:4-6*

No one is born into this world without the knowledge of evil. Because of this their conscious is defiled, so that they are not able to discern by the reasoning of their mind the goodness of God. They will naturally seek after ideas and activities that promise them safety and truth apart from God. God is not Lord of their lives, because of the knowledge of evil, which is passed down through the lineage of man. Though alive physically, their minds being defiled because of the knowledge of evil, will cause them to not experience the power of God; they will not experience the beauty and holiness of God. They are alive as physical human beings, but their minds are dead toward the purposes of God.

Though each person is born dead in their sins, because of their knowledge of evil, each person will be awakened unto righteousness when, through the hearing of the Word, they turn toward Christ in sincere faith, and receive God's Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the garment of righteousness that God places upon each child of faith. When the Holy Spirit is received within a person's life, then they will walk adorned in a new garment. They will walk wearing a white robe, the Holy Spirit, which exhibits the purity and holiness of God. The Holy Spirit is obtained, not through what anyone has accomplished through their works while laboring according to the knowledge of evil, but through turning toward Christ in faith, believing in what has been accomplished through His obedience unto the Father. In seeking Christ, a change will occur within a person's life, so that a person walks with the mind of Christ, knowing that to seek Christ in all situations will deliver them from evil.

> *"Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the*

> *word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works." Hebrews 4:1-4*

Those who have had the veil of unbelief rent, as the Holy Spirit awakened their minds to God's mercy and longsuffering love toward them, will begin to understand entering into the rest that God has provided through Christ. These people will begin to understand that to look to Christ is to be released from striving caused by trusting in the flesh, which is in servitude to sin because of the knowledge of evil. They will begin to understand that, to look to Christ in all situations, is to find an escape from the snare of the fowler, which are the thoughts of anyone, including themselves, in which exalt self above God. These works were finished from the foundation of the world, God having determined that mankind would be restored into a right relationship with Him through faith in Jesus Christ. But if a person should deny that Jesus is the Christ, then they will continue to stand outside of God's protective shelter of love, mercy, and holiness.

God proclaims "the works were finished from the foundation of the world" and for those who receive the Holy Spirit, their faith in Jesus Christ being sincere, will find that God is their place of refuge, their escape from the suffering brought about by pride, prejudice and rebellion. Jesus Christ is the One ordained of God to give rest to a person's soul, so that they live secure in God's love toward them. To enter into a relationship with Christ, is to enter into holy union with God, through receiving God's Spirit, so that a person may know the love that God has toward them, so that they may proclaim that the life they live in Christ is good.

> *"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Hebrews 4:10-11*

Those who refuse the gift of God's grace made available through Jesus Christ will not enter into God's rest. They will not experience the love of God shed abroad upon their hearts. They will not know that, if they look to Christ, He will be faithful to answer them, so that they live out their days under inspiration of His guidance, wisdom, and instruction in all situations. To turn from seeking after Christ is to remain in unbelief where God's mercy and love is not experienced.

God proclaims that He rested on the seventh day, and those who look to Christ, will understand the rest that He is speaking of. They will understand that, to turn to Christ, they will find rest from their endless laboring caused by their unbelief, which blinds them to the goodness of God. To rest in Christ is to find they can turn to Him, and He will make a way available so they are released from worry and fear caused by unbelief, which has brought unrighteous suffering into their lives. To rest in Christ is to have confidence that at all times they can call on God and know that He stands waiting to be their ever present help in time of need. As God rested on the seventh day, so will those who turn toward Christ rest in the knowledge that to look to Him is to find a faithful comforter, teacher and guide to help them on their journey through life.

> *""For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:5-8*

Apostle John was taken up higher into understanding the ways of God, as God's spiritual realm was opened up in great detail to him, with God speaking to him through the imagery of visions. The visions would reveal in great detail how God interacts with every situation mankind encounters. For someone who has received God's Holy Spirit, to enter God's rest is to appreciate the works that God had accomplished from the foundation of the world. To someone who loves the Lord, to enter into the seventh day rest, is to partake of God's heavenly kingdom of righteousness that had been purposed and prepared from the foundation of the world, through receiving the Holy Spirit.

To enter into the seventh day of God's rest, prepared from the foundation of the world, would be to receive the inheritance of great worth, the Holy Spirit, which will reveal the great depths of God's love to each person who receives God's gift of eternal life. But when Apostle John was shown seven vials full of God's wrath, he received insight not into the blessings of the God, but instead into the full and perfect consequences of what occurs in the lives of those who refuse God's gift of grace.

Seven represents completion. And when used in union with the vials of God's wrath, the vision is expressing the complete consequences of what occurs when someone denies that Jesus Christ is God's beloved Son, who was from the beginning purposed of God to obtain salvation for mankind. Seven, when used in union with the vials of God's wrath, is emphasizing the consequences of what occurs when someone stands outside the realm of God's love and mercy. God hates sin, which brings unrighteous suffering into a person's life. But if a person denies His gift of redemption found in Christ, then this person will remain in their sins. God's wrath, His perfect anger against sin, will demand that His protective hand of mercy and grace not shield and protect the one who has heard the Word and refused God's gift of eternal life found in Christ. God's anger, His wrath against a rebellious heart who refuses to believe in His Son, demands that He does not extend to this one shelter during the trials and tribulations they are sure to encounter.

> *"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Romans 5:8-10*

When Apostle John heard the words, "It is done" in regard to the seventh angel pouring out his vial into the air, He was given insight into God's proclamation that announced His perfect and complete judgment upon unbelief that denies what was accomplished through His Son, Jesus Christ. This was a message of great significance. It reveals how, if anyone denies that Jesus is the Christ, purposed of God from the beginning of the world to obtain eternal salvation for mankind, then they will stand outside God's protective arms of love. To remain outside the shelter of God's love is to remain in the realm where suffering abounds because of the knowledge of evil. Without being able to discern God's voice proclaiming, that this is the way, follow, then mankind will continue to stumble blindly through life. By denying that God is and has always been calling out to them, discounting what Christ has accomplished for mankind, then will they remain in the realm of unrighteous suffering, finding no healing for the many destructive thoughts that plague them day after day.

God has purposed from the beginning of the world that Jesus Christ was to redeem that which was lost in the garden. But, when someone hears the Word and does not turn toward Christ in sincere faith, then they will never realize the protective shelter from the enemy that God can provide for them. They will not hear His comforting voice proclaiming His great love toward them is a high tower that will keep them safe from the trials that come upon the earth. This is in accordance with God's perfect judgment.

Each person is born in sin, having knowledge of evil. Yet, God has purposed from the foundation of the world that His Son would make restitution for mankind's sins, so that they might once again enjoy close and personal fellowship with God. Though mankind has rebelled against God because of their knowledge of evil, they will be saved from unrighteous suffering caused by the knowledge of evil, if, upon hearing the Word, they turn in sincere faith toward Jesus Christ.

Apostle John was given great insight to what occurs when someone refuses God’s gift of life, found and received through faith in Jesus Christ. Thoughts, not under the cover and mercy of God’s love, will create havoc in their lives, and in the lives of others. Suffering for unrighteousness sake will abound. Yet, there is hope for a person, if today they should hear the Word and turn toward Jesus in sincere faith. Though mankind walks in rebellion toward His mercy, God continues to extend His hand of grace through Jesus Christ. There is a way of escape from out of all unrighteous suffering, it is found in turning toward Christ, and seeking after Him with a sincere heart, so that God’s Spirit of holiness fills their lives. It is experiencing the holiness of God, that true peace will be understood.

> *“I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
> *Romans 6:19-23*

News From Hurricane Katrina Front Lines

Chad Taylor

I will try my best to communicate to you in a few short paragraphs what we saw and experienced in our first of many expeditions into the front lines of Hurricane Katrina. We returned yesterday Sept. 8th only to retrieve more supplies and much needed help to return again shortly. Our target date is this next weekend of Sept. 16th. This trip we saw first hand the devastation and desperation in Gulfport, MS. and Biloxi, MS. (see link below for pics just listed on our website).

It is truly a city under siege. Army and police stand on intersections directing traffic and enforcing curfews. Helicopters keep a constant drone above our heads as relief efforts move forward day and night. Convoys of law enforcement and disaster related vehicles race down the freeways from as far away as New York City to bring aid and rescue. When we first entered Gulfport, MS. off of hi-way 49 it was as if the city was frozen in time. No lights welcomed us in buildings, no familiar neon signs in fast food restaurants assuring us we were ok, nothing. Only destruction. Parking lots that once hosted hundreds of shoppers now only served as distribution spots and emergency "pods" for the displaced and the desperate.

We asked a local police officer who welcomed us and prayed with us where we could drop off our supplies that we had brought from Georgia. He directed us to the volunteer area and emergency drop off zone at a local High School. We were welcomed there by volunteers from all over America that had come to help and we unloaded the much needed goods we had brought. We carried in our 10X5 trailer diapers, pallets of water, canned goods, clothes, brand new blankets, flash lights, batteries, boxes of dried milk and even dog good. Our donations were added to the piles of previous drop-offs that had already been made and as fast as it was unloaded the distribution began...

It seemed though that our supplies was a pebble dropped in a ocean because the need is so great. We connected with the national guard and army reserves and pitched in all we could. Our team of 6 were some of so many coming from around the world to help but even still the need is awesome. Friends, this is the greatest opportunity that we have had in one hundred years to present the grace and love of God that will inevitably lead to thousands of salvations. We must move now! Every ministry in American needs to reevaluate their priorities and mobilize teams to invade the Gulf Coast. This is where the rubber meets the road folks, are we what we say we are and do we have the intimacy with God we so boast of having? If we do then we will move now and fill this black hole of hopelessness with the love of Jesus Christ. As Keith Green said so long ago, "God can't cash out a state check in heaven, he needs you..."

Consuming Fire is ready and willing to help mobilize teams and go to these areas of destruction. At this very moment we have churches in Louisiana that need aid and assistance immediately. We can rendezvous in Thomasville, GA. (closest airport is Tallahassee, FL) and lead teams every weekend if needed. Our greatest need right now is a RELIABLE VEHICLE TO TAKE TEAMS WITH. Enterprise Rent-a-Car was gracious to give a great break on the Suburban we used but that is limited. We need to secure a larger SUV to take the people willing and ready to go and pull the trailer(s) of supplies. If you have any connections with Car Lots, Rental Companies or even have a SUV we could use for these operations please inform us right away. We can fly to your location to pick up if necessary. One way or the other we will go no matter what it costs. The donations that have been steadily coming in are priceless, they have enabled us to DO something not just talk about it. We just assisted two more people that left to New Orleans from Tallahassee today and are helping with repair of police radios and towers. Together we are unstoppable please consider what you can do today.

Main Link to donate: http://consumingfire.com/operationrescue.htm(some were encountering a problem with shipping costs incurred when donating this glitch has been solved)
New pictures from our trip to Gulfport, MS. and Biloxi, MS. http://consumingfire.com/katrinapics.htm
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LIST OF IMMEDIATE NEEDS:

1) Generators. If you have any connection with Sears you can order a generator and have it delivered to Thomasville, GA. for us to pick up simply inform them of this.
2) Another trailer possibly larger to take more supplies and equipment.
3) Any and all non-perishable goods can be sent to our mailing address below.
4) Laptop computer. We have realized it is imperative to keep in contact with you as we travel into these area.

Again:

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No Good Thing

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“I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing” (Romans 7:18a).

It is a great day for the Lord when a disciple of Jesus learns this most basic lesson: that in “me”, in myself, in my flesh, dwells no good thing.

This is a very difficult thing for people to learn. Jesus says that without Him we can do nothing. This verse is very well-known. Even so, Christians still attempt to do many things apart from the Lord. We feel like we simply must do something, anything. And even though the Bible says there is nothing good in our flesh, and the flesh profits nothing, we spend a lot of time doing fleshly things apart from the Spirit of Jesus, thinking they are good and profitable. It is impossible to say for sure just how many of the things we “feel led” to do and say are actually just things we feel like doing and saying. A lot of the time the Lord has very little to do with it.

This problem is part of our Adamic nature and it is at work in us long before we are born-again. Before a person becomes a Christian they sometimes believe that they are intrinsically good or moral. At least, they say, there are not as bad as others. But those who know God know that in order for a person to enter the Kingdom they must first see that their righteousness is as filthy rags, that all have fallen short of the glory of God, and that none are righteous in His sight. We protest that we are not so bad, but God says the imagination of man’s heart is only toward evil from his youth (cf. Genesis 8:21). To be saved, a person must stop claiming any righteousness of their own and accept God’s verdict of them. No matter how good they may think they are compared to the rest of mankind, they are, nevertheless, sinners in need of a Savior. They cannot be born-again until and unless they recognize and acknowledge what the Lord says about them and their condition.

We who have received the Lord as Savior have come to this knowledge of ourselves at least once in our lives. There came a day when we despaired of saving ourselves, and instead of clinging to our righteousness, we confessed our sins and admitted our need for a Savior. At that moment, Christ accepted us as His disciples. Confessing our sinfulness did not hinder us from entering the Kingdom; on the contrary, it opened the door for us to go in. The self-righteous, on the other hand, are disqualified by their own good works. How differently the Lord judges things.

Knowing Christ, Knowing Self

When we are new disciples we have truly entered the Narrow Gate but there is still much we do not know and there is still much we need to learn. We know very little about Jesus, and we know very little about ourselves. And so, the Lord begins to lead us along the Narrow Path. He primarily wants to show us two things: who we are, and Who He is. These go hand-in-hand. Self-knowledge is just as important as Christ-knowledge. The revelation of Christ begins when God opens our eyes to know Jesus. The revelation of Self begins when God opens our eyes to know ourselves. When we see the insufficiency of Self and the sufficiency of Christ we will naturally despair of ourselves and look away to Jesus. On the other hand, if we do not see ourselves correctly, we will invariably imagine ourselves to be quite a bit better than we really are. We will mistake fleshly strength for spiritual strength. We will confess with our mouth that we cannot do anything apart from Jesus, but in actual practice we will take it upon ourselves to perform many works. In time all of these works become nothing. We will fail hundreds or thousands of times until we learn the lesson – if it comes from me, if it comes from my flesh, it is no good.

Before he saw the Lord, Paul was self-confident and dangerous. Those who trust in themselves have neither seen themselves nor seen the Lord. I am afraid that many people have the idea that Jesus came only to lend them a hand and help them feel more successful and fulfilled. Today the most popular Christian books tell us how to have a better life, how to prosper, how to be a “winner”, how to improve our circumstances, and how to think nice, positive, encouraging thoughts about ourselves.

The focus appears to be on making life here on earth more enjoyable and making believers more self-reliant and self-confident. This may not be the stated intention but it is the inevitable result – and if a few Scriptures can be used in the process, so much the better. It would be a mistake to equate holiness with misery and drudgery; but it is an even greater mistake to tell someone how wonderful they are until they have first despaired of themselves and learned the lesson that Paul learned: “In me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing.”

Positive thinking is appropriate so long as I am living according to the Truth, but if I am unsurrendered to Jesus and living life according to my terms then I am in no position to think about myself in a positive light: I am positively deceived. We do not need Self-Esteem, we need Christ-Esteem. The more we see of Jesus the less we will trust in ourselves. That is why, once Paul learned his lesson, he wrote, “We have no confidence in the flesh” (Philippians 3:3b). He then goes on to list quite a number of things that seem important in terms of religion, status, social order, education, and good works – all the things that tend to make one self-confident and self-righteous. With one grand stroke, Paul says, “Yet, I count them all as dung, that I may win Christ.” He simply discards what some people spend a lifetime trying to achieve. Here is a man who knows the sufficiency of God as well as the insufficiency of himself.

“That is fine for new believers,” someone will say. “But I have been a Christian for many years now. I have a good relationship with God, I have had many spiritual experiences and have made great progress. This message is good for younger, less mature believers, but it does not apply to me.” On the contrary, to lose all confidence in myself is the mark of spiritual maturity. Real spiritual growth is evidence by increased confidence in Christ and a decreased confidence in myself. “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). You never outgrow these spiritual laws. Anyone who thinks they do not need to hear it again did not really hear it the first time.

The Example Of Joseph

We have a fine example of this in the life of Joseph. When Joseph was younger he realized that God had appointed him for a special purpose. God confirmed this special calling by giving Joseph prophetic dreams about his future. Joseph should have treasured these things in his heart and quietly waited for God to bring about His Will. But being young and full of self-confidence, Joseph could not resist sharing these dreams with his father and brothers. As a result, his brothers became jealous and almost killed him. Joseph was sold into slavery and spent many years in prison. It appeared as though his dreams would not come true. Yet God was using all these circumstances to teach Joseph to have no confidence in the flesh.

After many seasons of God’s dealings, Joseph was brought to the palace to interpret Pharaoh’s dream. Here was an opportunity for Joseph to finally lift himself out of a terrible situation. Someone had finally recognized him for his gift and they had the power to reward him handsomely for it. But the younger, self-confident Joseph is gone. He has finally learned the basic lesson of “not I, but Christ.” “Can you interpret my dream?” Pharaoh asked. “It is not in me,” Joseph replied. “But God will give you an answer” (cf. Genesis 41:16). And so He did, because now Joseph, emptied of himself, could be trusted. Joseph demonstrated even more wisdom and maturity in dealing with his brothers, freely demonstrating supernatural grace and love towards the ones who meant him evil.

All of our circumstances, tests, and trials are designed to get us to the place that we can say along with Joseph, “It is not in me.” God permits many things to come our way that we could otherwise avoid if we were not so cocky and self-confident. God has to work long and hard to get through to us, but what a wonderful day it is when we finally learn the lesson, bow our head, and surrender everything over to Him. Then He can really use us; but even if He does not use us, we are His nonetheless. Submitted to Him, we are equally content to be where He has placed us, whether we are sitting in the dungeon or sitting on the throne.

The Example Of Peter

Peter is another good example of how every true disciple eventually learns that there is nothing good in his flesh. Peter began his walk with Jesus just as we did, acknowledging his sinfulness by saying, "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." Some will protest their own righteousness and feel as though they are doing God a huge favor by becoming a Christian. But Peter made a splendid beginning by frankly acknowledging himself as a sinner, and so the Lord took him just as he was and began to disciple him.

After making some progress, however, Peter started to lose touch with himself. He had followed Jesus for three years and enjoyed close fellowship with Him. He had both seen and performed miracles in Jesus' Name. To all outward appearances he was no longer a "sinful man", he was a "spiritual man". Before, Peter considered himself unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus. In just a short period of time you find this "sinful man" arguing along with the other disciples about which one of them will be the greatest! This ought to show us that there is a deeper death for us to die, and the more "spiritual" we become, the more easily we are deceived by our own spirituality.

If a dentist offers to remove one of your good teeth you will probably refuse. But if that tooth develops a cavity it is only a matter of time before you seek out the dentist and have it removed. The greater the pain, the quicker you seek relief. Similarly, when the Lord first speaks of taking up the Cross, we are apt to respond as did Peter: "Not so, Lord! This will never happen to you!" We see no need for death because Self has not yet become painful enough to us. When we are tired of the pain that comes from living in the flesh then we will gladly ask God to decrease us so that He can be increased. Until then no amount of teaching, argument, or doctrine is enough to convince a person.

Peter held out until the very end. He was a very difficult case, but the Lord was patient. When Jesus said that all would forsake Him, Peter protested and announced that even if all the other disciples fled, he would never forsake Jesus. Outwardly he acted and spoke as a deeply committed believer and disciple. But when temptation came he could not even stay awake long enough to pray. Perhaps he did not feel prayer was necessary; he was strong enough to resist without praying! Then, when Jesus allowed Himself to be arrested, Peter tried to defend Him with a sword. All these examples demonstrate how very little Peter knew about himself.

It was not until Peter actually did deny the Lord three times that he came to learn the same lesson that Paul learned: "I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing." After he denied the Lord he went out and wept bitterly. Finally he was broken. He hated himself for what he had done. At last he had seen something of himself, and he was ashamed. If he was capable of denying the Lord Jesus then he was capable of anything. Strangely enough, the more unworthy Peter believed himself to be, the more the Lord sought to restore and encourage him! The Lord does not break the bruised reed. When Peter was strong and arrogant, the Lord weakened him with a rebuke. When Peter was sufficiently weak and humble, the Lord strengthened him with encouragement. What a glorious Lord we have, Who meets us exactly where we are and ministers to us accordingly!

Failure Serves God's Purpose

Jesus was not surprised or disappointed when Peter failed. In like manner, He is not surprised or disappointed when you fail. Rather, He is waiting for you to fail so you will be reduced to Him. He has no illusions about you and He knows you through and through. He knows however much your spirit may be willing, your flesh is weak. Our weakness is not the trouble - the trouble is our unwillingness to acknowledge the weakness. Paul has no confidence in the flesh, so he can say, "I rejoice in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Corinthians 12:9b). But we do not rejoice in our weakness the way Paul does. We either refuse to admit it, or we hide it, or we try to improve upon it, or we try to make up for it by overcompensating in some other area. People will fight and argue with me on this point because they desperately want to salvage something for themselves. They have a fragile self-esteem and this kind of news is too painful too bear.

But I bring you good tidings of great joy, dear Christian friend! This failure of Self is the very key to living the Christian life. As painful as it is, the bitter tears of failure provide the water for nurturing the Precious Seed that is planted in your heart of hearts and making it grow. To despair of ourselves is the very key that opens the door to all the power, the victory, and fruitfulness in Christ that we seek. "I KNOW that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing." I KNOW IT, Paul says. No good thing. I know that in me, in my flesh, in my Self, there is nothing. Apart from Him I am nothing. He is

Everything. CHRIST IN ME is my only Hope. In one part of me, my flesh, dwells no good thing. In the other part of me Christ lives.

Why do you lack power? Why are you unable to walk in continual victory? Why do you not see fruitfulness? Because power, victory, and fruitfulness only comes to a person who is standing on resurrection ground. God's holy anointing oil was not to be poured out upon the flesh. God does not grant these things to people who are still living for themselves. Resurrection life is for those who have died already – how could it be otherwise? Unless a man has passed through death he cannot know anything about resurrection. If a person will not consent to the Cross then they will not die, and if they will not die then they cannot be resurrected. If they are not resurrected they cannot ascend with Christ and be seated with Him in the heavenlies, for "flesh and blood cannot enter the Kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 15:50).

If you have a Bible Promise Book one of your favorites is probably Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." Keep in mind, however, that the same man who said this also said, "I am crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20). I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me, but this Strength is only perfected in my weakness (cf. II Corinthians 12:9). Also remember that "Apart from Me, You can do nothing" is a golden promise as well. Because I promise you that anything you do apart from Jesus will amount to nothing!

How To Enter In

Why is it so difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God? Because wealth creates the illusion of control and this breeds self-confidence. Money is like a drug that makes one feel invincible. Once the money is gone the illusion is destroyed and there is a natural humility that follows. Those who are rich in spiritual experiences find it equally difficult to enter in. Often when a person considers himself to be "apostolic" or "prophetic" or "spiritual" or "called to the ministry" they present a formidable challenge. It is most difficult to teach them anything or even discuss something with them because they are not poor in spirit, they are rich in spirit. They like to argue, fuss, debate, and find fault with others. Like the younger Joseph they always have a dream, vision, or word to speak, but they lack wisdom and maturity. They are the type of people who will walk halfway around the world to preach a message but will not drive across the street to listen to one. They want to be seen and heard, but they cannot bear to see or hear others.

Friends, it may be difficult to enter in, but it is not impossible. It IS impossible with man, this is true; but with God, all things are possible. The quicker we accept man's impossibility the quicker we can accept God's possibility. The way we enter in is right here: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me." (Galatians 2:20). God's solution to our problem is to nail us to the cross with Jesus. If we will accept this sentence of death all our problems will die right along with us. The problems will not die until we are thoroughly dead ourselves. But the day we cease striving and meekly accept the Cross we will find everything is settled. We can protest our innocence and die slowly like the two thieves, or we can quietly commit ourselves into God's hand and give up the ghost.

What shall we do to enter in? The first thing to do is to stop doing. Then, let us learn to breathe words along these lines: Today, Lord, I give up. I am finished. I surrender. I know now that in my flesh dwells no good thing. Apart from You I am nothing, and apart from You I can do nothing. I do not even know how to pray. I accept the sentence of death, and I trust you to raise me from the dead. As I am decreased, may You be increased. I have learned that I cannot; therefore, I will not. Into Your hands I commit my spirit. You are the Resurrection and the Life, and I will wait for you to raise me from the dead. I will not raise myself. Let Your Strength be perfected in my weakness.

When this is a practical reality for a person, and not just a theory, it will sound like this: I used to be quite confident in myself and very sure, but today I have no confidence in myself. I used to be very active, but today I am content to be still. If God should rise within me, I will certainly obey Him; but if He does not move, I dare not step out ahead of Him. I will work, but I will not work according to the flesh. Instead, I will work according to His Power that works in me mightily, this power that strengthens me to do all things, this power that is perfected in my weakness. I no longer hide my weaknesses, I rejoice in them, and I look for Christ in me to overcome them all. I have surrendered myself over to Him as a bondservant, as a prisoner of the Lord. If I live, I am the Lord’s. If I die, I am the Lord’s. So in life and in death, I belong to Him.

Friends, Jesus did NOT say, “I am the Crucifixion and the Death.” He said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.” Meditate upon the difference! Resurrection and Life is on the other side of this Cross that Jesus requires us to take up. The Cross is the Gate of Life that leads us into the Promised Land of Resurrection. Let us embrace the Cross and glory in the Cross, for it is the power of God for our salvation. Amen.

Letter To A Reluctant Prophet

Chip Brogden

Dear Friend,

It is with a certain fearfulness that I respond to your inquiry, for I am not an authority on such things. I can certainly relate to your reluctance at being identified among the company of the prophets when so many false apostles, prophets, and teachers abound. I wish I could point you in a proper direction, but I can only point you towards the Lord. It is He who selects His messengers, and I have nothing to offer you by way of what to do.

At most, perhaps you can look upon me as an example of what NOT to do, and take some word of counsel from a weak brother who has made many mistakes and endured many failures along the way. Perhaps you too will have to make even the same mistakes in order to learn, yet following my advice could perhaps help you to avoid the unnecessary heartache and cruelty inflicted upon yourself and others when thinking that you are doing God a service.

I would counsel you, first of all, to be a Christian. Do not spend too much time focused on that which is prophetic. Do not come to others as a prophet, but as a child. Let Christ be your obsession, not the prophetic word. For "the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." There need not be turmoil in your heart about your calling; it is clear that you are among those that are "the Called, according to His purpose." And what is His purpose? That you be "conformed to the image of His dear Son." That, above all, is your first calling.

Many are eager to wear the Prophet's mantle, but are reluctant to bear the Christian's cross. This cannot be. Given the choice between Christian or Prophet, choose Christian. Serve God as the earthen vessel you are, in the place you find yourself to be. Perhaps the Lord will indeed use you in some prophetic way, but if not then at least you have been faithful with the "one talent" you have been given. God will not give five talents to those who cannot be faithful with one, and will not give ten to those who cannot be faithful with five.

If you are a Christian first you will remember that you should walk softly, with meekness and humility, while esteeming others as better than yourself. Then the prophetic word, when and if it comes, will be seasoned with the appropriate amounts of mercy and grace. Remember that without love you will inevitably become as sounding brass - all judgment. If we cannot or will not stay in Love, God will set out to humble us shamefully before our brothers and sisters that we may know the depths of our hypocrisy and self-righteousness. That is evidence of HIS great love for all of us.

Now, concerning the prophetic word itself. God will give you the "what", but the "when" and the "how" are left up to you. "The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets." You can be right on target with the "what", but if you screw up the "when", and especially the "how", you do yourself and others unnecessary harm.

Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you (this speaks of RESTRAINT on the way WE want to go) and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls." What then? He gives us liberty to speak, but allows us to suffer for speaking out of ourselves. He bids us to be restrained, to take our liberty and give it back to Him, knowing that we can do nothing of ourselves. He does not force us to wear the yoke, but invites us saying "take My yoke." By giving up our freedom, we will receive it again.

No, we cannot just do what Jesus did, because Jesus bore the yoke of His Father at all times. We cast off the yoke so quickly. We are untrustworthy, but He is faithful. Let us not just imitate Him, but let us learn of Him. Let us not only be familiar with His Word, but let us become acquainted with His Ways. It is not enough to memorize what He said, we must take His yoke upon us and walk in tandem with Him.

Since Christ bids us to "learn of ME", beware of those who will try to gain access into your life with an inordinate desire to mentor or shepherd you. We may certainly seek the advice, prayers, and counsel of other mature believers. Even the little children in the Kingdom of God can teach us much. But people can only carry us so far, and there is a certain human pride which results in the teachers trying to form the students into their own image. This will not do. The Anointing, Who is the Christ, will teach you all things. His Spirit will lead you into all Truth. His grace is sufficient. There is no man or woman who can give you anything apart from what you have already in Jesus, for we have been "blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ".

Do you see dear friend, that God is more concerned with the messenger than the message? Do you see that the minister is more important than the ministry? If the messenger is wrong, the message will be wrong too. If the minister is wrong, the ministry will be wrong. And do you see that the Lord of the work is more important than the work of the Lord? Meditate on these things.

There really is no famine of the Word of God. If God is able to find the right vessel the Word will come forth in abundance. Therefore, He takes much time to mold, fashion, train, refine, purge, break down, build up, discipline and create His prophets. Yield to that process. It cannot be rushed, but it may certainly be hindered. We cannot force the Spirit, but we may certainly quench Him.

Ah, your gifts are given to you in a moment's time, but your fruit, your character, YOU, develops over many seasons of God's dealings. Do not be thrilled with your gifts, only observe if you are fruitful in Spirit, bearing much fruit, abounding in love, joy, peace, faithfulness, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, and self-control. You can be sure that there are more gifted people in the world than you, yet the fruit is what will remain when the gifts pass away. Never neglect the place of abiding in Him, and you will remain a fruitful branch in the Vine.

Expect misunderstanding. Expect persecution. Expect ridicule. Expect mistreatment. Expect suffering. Expect rejection. Then, you won't be surprised when it comes. And when it comes, shut your mouth, go to the cross, and die so you can live. Learn to kiss the hands that nail you to the cross, for as you are decreased, He is increased. It is not a better living we need, but a better dying. We cannot reach Pentecost but by way of Passover. There can be no resurrection without a crucifixion. There is no crown without a cross. To live, is Christ: to die is gain.

So if you want to boast, take pride in the things that make you weak, for when you are weak, you are strong - in Him. Be afraid of the praise and acceptance of others, for they are the fertilizer for the self-important and grandiose thoughts that are yours by nature anyway, which spring up in the shallow ground of your carnal mind. Carry about the Death of the Lord so you may have the Life of the Lord. Be ready to suffer with Him, that you may reign with Him.

And now, some practical advice:

As much as possible, stay away from money. Freely you have received, freely give.

Have no part in foolish and unlearned questions, either in the asking of them or in the answering of them. Give up your opinions and go to the cross.

Refuse to promote yourself, "your" word, or "your" ministry. If God gives you something to say, let Him see to the promotion of it.

The loftiest spiritual service will never take away from the most mundane earthly responsibility. Take care of your family, your pet, your lawn, your business, your neighbor. Keep your teeth brushed and your hair combed.

Don't be afraid to make tents. If you want to eat, work.

Be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Before, you would never apologize even when you knew you were wrong. Now, be willing to apologize even when you know you are right.

This is my counsel, dear friend, and perhaps something I have said in this brief letter will bear witness with you. With these words then, I commit you to the care of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is able to complete the work which He has begun in you and see you through to maturity, as you are rooted and grounded in Him, being thoroughly equipped and strengthened by His Might which works in those who have taken up the cross to find power in weakness.

Of course, if I may serve you in any way, I hope you will call on me without hesitation, for

I am your brother,
Chip Brogden

Never Give Up The Fight

Yolanda Ballard

Jun 6, 2005
NEVER GIVE UP THE FIGHT

Yes, this is the day of salvation. This is the day where My people will rise up and take the land like never before. For many are battle weary and have struggled in their own strength to see the victory manifest in their lives. But this is the day to be still and know that I AM God. This is the day to rise up the mighty warrior that you are, and give a final blow to the enemy. Let out a victory shout and watch the walls fall, the mountains crumble.

Watch with your eyes and see the victory before you, for I said suddenly and there appeared light. For I AM taking off your grave clothes, and I AM equipping you with My glory, My power and light. I will blind the enemy with the glory I pour out upon you for you are My glorious ones. Yes, I call you My sons of righteousness and glory, and no foe can stand up against you and succeed in the attack. You may struggle in the battle and may even have battle scars to show, but I AM equipping you and strengthening you through this warfare.

So I encourage you this day to rise up in faith, and give all the weariness to Me. Yes, cast all your care upon Me for I care for you. I AM for you. Only good I allow for you to go through even though your flesh struggles to leave My perfecting work. Be still and know I AM God and that I love you and will see you through. For you will see My promises comes to past for you if you do not waver in unbelief and doubt.

Do not leave your post. Be strong and bold and do not give up the fight. I will heal you and restore you for you have gone up against the "big guns". Yes, the enemy is defeated, and he is throwing out against you all he has this day. Yes, you are going up against the giants, and your testimony is that you overcome by the blood of the Lamb, the word of your testimony and that you love not your life unto death. Yes, you have laid your life on the line to prove the faithfulness of My Word, and I AM very pleased with you. The enemy has a fight on his hands, because I see you not giving up until you see the Promised Land in your hands.

Be strong and be bold for I AM with you. Do not dismay for I AM your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Pursue in victory, My lambs, for I AM always by your side leading you and guiding you into all truth. For My truth sets you free says your God

New Heavens And A New Earth
Stephen Hanson

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*"Behold, I will create **new heavens** and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.* *Isaiah 65:17*

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by **fire**, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.* *2 Peter 3:10*

“These are the days that are hastening forward to my soon return. “
(The Spirit of the Lord showed me a scene of the earth from the distance. I watched as the earth revolved on its axis and moved as it usually would. Then the globe changed and the entire surface and color of the earth became black, and charred in appearance. It continued to revolve but it was all black. Then as I watched, the next revolution of the earth showed that it was now receiving a new surface. Where it was all in black, now it was illuminated and all was new. Finally, an angel was standing in space blowing a trumpet, and a banner was spread forth from this trumpet. I couldn’t read the words on the banner, but I knew that it somehow had meant that now everything was new, but that the inhabitants of the earth should prepare for what was to lie ahead.)
“I tell you that this earth will go through many changes. Where once everything was pleasant and green, now it will become charred. These days will come like a thief in the night. When you hear of attacks being made on certain cities then you will know that the time is near. Many speak of wonderful things that are to come, but I tell you that they are not listening to Me. Fortify your hearts and get your homes in order. “

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**I’m awaiting to hear from one of two principals about a teaching position in the Farmington area. Please keep this in prayer, and I’ll keep you posted. Thank you.

Surely, A New Day Is Dawning
Stephen Hanson

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer. 29:11

"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten--the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm-- my great army that I sent among you. Joel 2:25

"Surely, the month of June will be good for my servants. For the things that have held you back will now be released from you. The roadblocks will be taken away. The things that have prevented ministries from being effective will now be taken away. What the cankerworm has stolen and the palmerworm, will now be given back many times over. For the signs are everywhere... Surely, a new day is dawning. Surely, a new day is coming. Surely, a new day will arrive. It is the day of my victorious church. "

"Promotions are coming for those who have stood their ground in Me. For many of you have waited long for my plans to unfold for you. The bells will ring and a new day will come forth. Out of your dry winters will come the spring of my glorious might. For I know the plans that I have for you, they are plans to prosper you and to give you hope and a future."

"And you will stand in the face of danger, and the Spirit that is in you will prevail. You will rise above the troubles of this present life and you will soar with Me in the heavenlies. You will sup with Me and you will hear what my Spirit has to say to you. Strategies will be given to you to fight against the enemy. The land will be taken back. Surely, the roadblocks will be taken away. "

"Surely, I will hasten these things and bring them to pass, says the Lord."

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What Is The Status Of The Church
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12If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. 14If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. 15If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. I CO. 3

“What is the status of the church, would say the Lord? “

(The Spirit of the Lord showed me a scene of what looked like a scroll being rolled up on the ground. I watched as it was being rolled up on the ground, and then I saw that what had looked like a scroll was actually fire that was being rolled up. Strange creatures of some sort, possibly demons, were rolling up this fire. This continued for some time and then there was a figure that was clad in black that stood over the ground. I saw many types of jewels that were on the ground and then these jewels were covering many of the people who were wearing them. Many seemed to be seeking after these jewels, and this seemed to be the primary direction or emphasis, of those who were there. The scene shifted then and where there once had been fire that was being rolled up, there was now a torrent of water. I saw a figure who was clad in rags and was desperately trying to get out of the raging river. Someone had offered the person a hand at one time, but then the figure was lost in the torrent. I looked into the river and noticed that there were many who were there. There were figures of many people who were caught-up in this torrent, and there was no one there to help pull them out. Finally at the end of this vision, I saw the figures of a few people who were holding harps and playing them. They were amidst the clouds and seemed to be oblivious to anything else that was going on around them)

“I tell you that this is the primary direction of many who are in the church. They are deceived into thinking that they will receive jewels and riches. They are oblivious to many who are lost. But they think that they have eternal salvation in Me. There is a dark figure who hovers over many in the church. This figure promises them many things. They don’t know that they are being deceived by him. “

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Night Vision

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I was in a hallway talking with Tony Costa, an old friend of mine and fellow pastor, also with Gary Weins, who was once associated with Tony at Gateway Fellowship in Aurora, CO. Gary is now with Mike Bickle ministering in the International House of Prayer (Worship and Intercession Ministry) in Kansas City, KS.

From when I had seen him last Gary's appearance had transformed into a youthful state. His hair was no longer gray and thin, but sandy blond and thick. He no longer wore glasses, nor did he have any sign of aging whatsoever on his face. I shared with him about what the Lord was presently doing in moving His church through a transitioning or remodeling as His intent is to make it rightly represent His kingdom and not reflect its deteriorated state of human government concepts.

Gary understood what I was talking about. I invited him to come to our church, His Beloved Family, where he replied, "I'd love too! We (those in Kansas City) have not received many invitations lately because of the recession. Mike's funds (Mike Bickle) have been cut back from 8 million to 7 million, but its sufficient to do the work." I replied, "Yea, the amount we have been given by the Lord is all relative to the ratio of what we're doing for His Kingdom."

Just then I found myself turning and talking to Jesus Himself. He said to me, "Hey, I have been remodeling my House. Would you like to see it?" I said, "Yes Lord, I'd love to see it. At that we embarked out the door of the hallway where I had formerly talked with my friends.

It seemed that just instantly we were transported to another doorway and about to descend down a stairs. The Lord lead me down and said, "Watch your head," but didn't seem to mind the architecture of the stairs Himself as he passed through smiling and knew what was about to happen. As I descended I hit my head and it bounced off a beam. I didn't seem to react in a normal way by crying out. In fact it didn't even seem to hurt. I simply recovered and followed the Lord down. He turned to me and said, "I always start in the basement. If you don't take care of the foundation at first the rest of the house isn't worth anything."

I looked around and was amazed at how huge it was. I seem to understand that it was 5,000 square feet. Five is the number of grace and also represents the five fold ministries in Ephesians 4. For the dimension to be "5000" only suggested a great multiplication of these offices and grace. The basement seemed more like an old cellar, somewhat gray with its foundation walls made of stone, but it did not have the smell of a musty old basement. In fact the air was pleasantly cool, and extremely refreshing. I smelled pure, fresh, and if holy had a smell – this was it!

The Lord led me to the center of the room and then said, "I always start under here." While he was saying that we leaned over to look through the concrete floor that was just newly poured. As the Lord explained and pointed out details of what He did, I became as one of the craftsman who was working so that I actually experienced the building as it was in progress. I found myself jack hammering the old floor up and digging down to the desired depth. Strange as it was, I actually became the jackhammer itself. Though this seemed like it was less than an instant, simultaneously, I was myself with the Lord bedding over with Him as our bodies were looking and reaching down into this subterranean level below the concrete to view another under girding structure placed just under the perimeter of the walls. It was the footing or base on which the walls rested. The Lord said, "This is the footing base necessary before the walls are secured. It looked to me to be made of concrete, but the Lord said, "It's made of humility. Without it the walls would not stand."

At that we stood upright and stood on the clean smooth concrete floor as if the former experience never happened, but the knowledge of the under girth was planted securely in my mind. Then I noticed that the vast expanse of the floor was made up of two concrete slabs. The slabs seemed to be more than the material substance of cement. They were the consistency of granite, yet I knew that it was not hewn from quarried rock. This substance was poured. I asked the Lord why there were two slabs laid for the floor. He replied, “The basement floor of every good house is poured with two slabs. One slab is faith and the other is patience. Without these two you have nothing solid to stand on.”

I began to appreciate the wisdom of the Master Architect as he continued describing the details of His craftsmanship. At this the floor I was standing on took new appreciation and I felt a joy for standing on something that seemed now to radiate a life that surged into my feet and up my legs, making me stronger to stand. His faith was my sure footing and steadfast endurance would not have me alter my stance. The Lord then directed His glance at the walls and I followed his gaze. The cold gray stones began to take definition as they revealed themselves to be in warmer tones of various shades of tans and browns, some light and some darker. As I walked closer a stone would turn into leather bound book, well worn and read. These books and stones seem to float in and out of the walls as if the walls were breathing. Simultaneously, the word “Wisdom” would appear and emerge out from between the books and stones, then evaporate in the air. Individual stones would move in and out and apart from one another then back in their place.

As they moved a brilliant golden light would radiate from between the cracks as if light itself was its flexible mortar. Jesus said, “These walls are my Apostles and Prophets. My house will always be built on the true foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. They are living epistles to be read by those who have eyes to see what my Spirit is saying to the churches.” I was overwhelmed to be in the company of those who had gone on before me who made up these beautiful living walls and felt as if I were in the company of Peace itself. These who have experienced a remodeling of their souls, a transformation of the Lord, could themselves give off a fragrance of Wisdom of which its aroma was non-flavored, but cleaner than anything I could describe. It seemed as if it where a high and privileged honor to be place with these living stones and great cloud of witnesses to the glory of the Masters craftsmanship. At the same time I knew that there were present and contemporary apostles who also made up these walls. That was the joy of the master Builder – to see that these gifts were being restored back into the foundation of His House.

Then Jesus said, “Come look at this.” He led me to a corner and showed me a very larger hewn rock, larger than any in the foundation and said, “This is where I place My Cornerstone. Many churches don’t have this in their foundation and they’re built with wrong measurements. I need to put a cornerstone in each one of them. Many of My Houses are in need of My Cornerstone.” Then He turned to me and said, “Of course, I AM the Cornerstone” and just tranquilly smiled as if He knew precisely the time chart for doing this to every remodeling project He had planned.

Then I noticed a rather uncelebrated and common knelling pad somewhat embedded in the floor in front of the Cornerstone. Jesus said, “This is where I’ve had some of my best conversations with those who have come into My House.” Just His mention of prayer to me was like receiving a royal invitation to spend time in raptured intimacy with my lover. His presence became intoxicating and even more life seemed to radiate between us in relationship. I realized that the knelling pad represented “submission” and I knew it would become one of my favorite places in the House.

At that the walls themselves seem to take on the appearance of a delicate membrane. No longer did they seem of stone but living flesh. In fact, I felt as if I was inside a lung and the room was peacefully breathing fresh revelation at every breath.

I told the Lord, “I feel so purified by breathing this wonderful fresh air.” His reply to me was, “Every breath you experience is from My Bride as she lay in my bed. When I lay by her side and she rests in complete peace, I hear each breath that she takes to be as a prayer of love to me.” At that I began literally weeping in the natural real realm as His gaze was fixed on His Beloved. I was overwhelmed by

His presence next to me. Now, enthralled by wanting to become a part of this room-breathing-prayer-lung, I realized that he counts every breath I take as a prayer of love to Him.

I turned back to see the wall breathing again and thought of the warm, life-giving nature of its function and though it to be like a pumping heart. Then the Lord said, "I am the heart of My Bride. Our hearts beat in unison." Of course, I thought. Jesus must be the life-giving beat that sets the pace of our walk and the source of our strength.

Looking, no, knowing and experiencing this entire room, this basement foundation was completely different than what it appeared to be when first coming down into it. It radiated life, contentment, purpose, rest, and joy. It was a prayer closet, yet it was so full of love you felt as if you were in a bedroom designed as a perfectly manicured garden.

On the way out and back up the stairs, I noticed that their seemed to be plenty of room to ascend without having to watch out for my head. Without saying anything, the Lord responded to my thoughts and said, “Most get knocked in the head on the way down because of their misconstrued lofty thoughts. Their thinking is all distorted by self-conceived religion. It is very easy for those who have knelt down to embrace humility to come up the stairs exalted.”

I realized that my thoughts are not His thoughts and my ways are not His ways (Is. 55:8) and that He would put His thoughts into my head so that my words would come from His heart.

Is. 59:21 "And as for Me, this is My covenant with them," says the Lord: "My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring's offspring," says the Lord, "from now and forever."

Then the Lord said "I’ll show you the rest of this house at a latter time." For now, write down what I’ve shown you.”

As I came into my office to write everything, the Lord said to me “What time is it?” I looked at one clock and it said 4:22 AM. I looked at another and it said 4:26 Then He impresses me with John 4:22-26 and said, “I AM.”

John 4:22 "You worship that which you do not know; we worship that which we know, for salvation is from the Jews. John 4:23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

John 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:25 "The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming He who is called Christ; when that One comes, He will declare all things to us."

John 4:26 "Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Certainly the church is presently undergoing a grand transformation. It is in need of remodeling to rightly reflect the Spirit and Truth. The way to submit to His transformation is by falling to our knees in submission and adoration and embrace humility as our footing.

Worship Him as intimately as you know how and He will escort you into things to come.

Part 2 - Night Vision – Remodeling His Church

At the end of the first segment of the vision, the Lord said "I’ll show you the rest of this house at a latter time."

It wasn't much later that this next vision came to me. Because the Lord is so diverse in His creativity, I simply didn't recognize it for what it was. However, the Holy spirit has quickened its message to me as Jesus fulfilling His promise to continue the tour.

Continuing the Tour

The second segment of the tour began again with Jesus bringing me through another door. I've now come to understand that these doors are "gateways" of understanding. They represent an "open door" to His Wisdom and can become pathways of understanding, guidelines for implementing His will into our eternal destiny while living in this 3-D world.

Jesus led me into the naïve of an old cathedral building where there was a huge choir singing in multi-colored street clothing. The structure of the building was very Gothic, however, the presentation being presented within the structure was very upbeat contemporary. In other words, modern activates of worship where being conducted in a centuries old structure. It was the typically beautiful and professional program one might wee on American TV or in a large church. As I listened to the singing I was not aware that it was any specific or particular song – just that it was professionally sung with great poise and presentation. The choir was singing with great enthusiasm and seem to enjoy being a member or part of something well received by all listening.

Two Women

On the front row very near to us where two very unusual figures. Their appearance was very much out of place with the upbeat colorful festivity of praise. In fact, they had no color and appeared as if on black and white TV. Jesus guided me closer to these two oddities that I might gain a better look.

Both of these figures were small in stature. They were women, but horribly and grotesquely disfigured. They wore garments somewhat like shrouds. As I gained a closer look at the first woman I could see that she was a severe burn victim. Her face was terribly disfigured. She didn't seem to notice me as I heard her singing rather off-key with a very weak voice. Though barely audible, she, too, was singing the same song as the choir. Yet you could see that the origin of her worship came from a heart of suffering through perseverance. Regardless of her intense tribulation, she gave full adoration to her Lord and Savior.

Then the Lord looked me in the eye and said, "The source of her worship pleases me very much." As Jesus reveled His pleasure in her heart of rejoicing, I understood that to offer God true worship that is pleasing to Him, it isn't about us or the emotional pleasure we gain or the knowledge of dutifully offering him "His due praise." True worship is about denying ourselves of what we want to get out of worship and giving God with what pleases Him.

Jesus allowed me to experience the delight He was taking as she was steadfast in her praises to Him. It was so pure and filled with joy, ...yet I was distracted by the second figure.

Perfect Praise

The second women was even smaller in stature. Her face resembled the texture of charred pottery, porous and stone-like. Her face was hard and more skull-like rather than skin covered. As I gazed at her face I could not see her eyes as they were empty sockets. The only part of her face that moved or showed any form of life was her mouth or jaw which went up and down like a hinged puppet in beat with the music. Leaning near her I could hear no sound coming from her mouth. She seemed to me like a walking tomb, but with her countenance there was utter peace and no possibility of further fear of death. In fact, whatever she encountered in her life caused complete death to her. I could not understand how she even had the ability to stand and conduct herself in praise.

Then Jesus came near to me. He didn't look me in the eye as He did with the first women. In fact, He could not keep his eyes of this wretched figure of a woman. He swooned with passion as if mesmerized by her beauty. He spoke so softly and gently as not to interrupt her presentation and simply voiced, “This - is perfect praise.” I quickly sensed an intimacy between Jesus and this woman that surpassed any other love or expression of praise I had ever known. She was enthralled in worshiping her lover and He lavished in her devotion as only He could understand. Somehow, in the progress of her life, she denied anything and everything of her own will that she might give herself to Him without spot or wrinkle.

At that the vision was over.

Interpretation

I did not recognize the meaning of the vision or see it as the continuation of the promised “tour” of His remodeled House until I told it to my wife, Mary. She said, “I think God showed you the next level above the foundation.”

Truly, God is restructuring His house as being built on the foundation of the apostle and prophet. He is using the network of all fivefold office gifts to equip the whole body “to build itself up in love.” (Eph 4; 16) The result is that the visible, “above ground” structure is being transformed in heart from industrial religious, cathedral-like performances to intimate adoration. This adoration is reflected from a pure heart and does not even require an audible voice for its expression of devotion. We are destined to be His tabernacle and radiate praise according to the standards of His Kingdom.

Allow me to describe this by using the Old Testament Tabernacle as a reference. In truth, that is all it was ever intended to be - a mirror of what is fully expressed in heaven.

The Outer Court

The Outer Court is equivalent in the Church Age to coming into salvation. It is proclaiming that Jesus is Lord and it joyfully accepts all that He did for us in atonement, but remaining only in this Outer Court merely sustains a limited relationship with the Trinity. Our contribution into a relationship with Christ remains infantile in its progression. Outer Court worship and relationship is very interested in what Jesus did for us. It supports and defends Jesus as the one true God. However, Outer Court relationships are very shallow and represent the majority of man-modified Christianity today. It supports and defends its own will rather than fully yielding to the will of the Father. It walks in the light, but that light is very often incoherent, such as when one turns an a light bulb and appreciates the general light-spread in a room.

We certainly enjoy what has been provided for us on the Cross, but we are not yet willing to follow in the Master’s footsteps. The reason for the Outer Court is to lead one into the Holy Place where the candle stand, the Truth of God, illuminates our soul. The candle stand represents the Lord’s obedient church, for if the seven churches in Revelations did not heed to His Truth, their candle stand way threatened to be removed. The absolute Truth of the Lord is to the submissive believer a coherent light, such as one experiences with a laser beam having a consecrated direction. If Jesus is Lord, then He is leader and we obey Him when he tells us, “Follow me!”

The only other light we have in the Outer Court is provided by the fire at the altar of sacrifice. If we are to follow Christ then we too, must take up our Cross by where sin is crucified in our flesh. [I am in no way suggesting here that we can become our own savior. On the contrary, I join with Paul in His statement to the church at Colossi. “Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body (which is the church) in filling up that which is lacking in Christ's afflictions.” Col. 1:24] By yielding to this Baptism of Fire, we willing walk into the refiner’s fire where all impurities are extracted. Further, we purpose to spend our life for the benefit of others as Christ did for us. This and this only is the type of Bride the captures His attention.

Allow me to give you a second confirmation of this from the book of Hebrews:

Heb. 9:8-10 The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the holy place has not yet been disclosed, while the outer tabernacle is still standing, which is a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, since they relate only to food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

I'll give my contemporary version: "The Holy Spirit is signifying this, that the way into the Holy Place has not yet been fully embraced by the Professional Cathedral-like Church, though some may be organized as non-denominational, independent charismatic. We have not surrendered our own Outer Court will or way of life to the coherent directives of the Father's will. Therefore, the church's lack of power is a symbol of the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices (of praise) offered to God (well within our comfort levels) cannot make the worshipper perfect in due to the lack of spiritual commitment from his conscience. They are just suitable regulations for the body of Christ imposed until a time of reformation of a pure and mature relationship to Christ. Just as the offering of bulls and goats, washings of the body, and offering gifts did not give Israel access to the Holy Place, and was a symbol of their time, similarly, worship presented with a benign sense of surrender is very shallow. This mediocre attitude must be placed on the altar of fire.

This is not dissimilar from what A. W. Tozer wrote in his Dark, Dark Night of the Soul.

Yes, there is a dark night of the soul. There are few Christians willing to go into this dark night and that is why

there are so few who enter into the light. It is impossible for them ever to know the morning because they will not endure the night. In The Cloud of Unknowing, we have been told: "This work asketh no long time before it be truly done, as some men think, for it is the shortest work of all that men may imagine. It is neither longer nor shorter, but even according to the stirring that is within thee, even thy will. The stirring within us often is not enough. There are too many other factors, there is not yet a vacuum within, a prepared place into which the Holy Spirit may come and be at home."

I think the more we learn of God and His ways and of man and his nature we are bound to reach the conclusion that we are all just about as holy as we want to be. We are all just about as full of the Spirit as we want to be. Thus when we tell ourselves that we want to be more holy but we are really as holy as we care to be, it is small wonder that the dark night of the soul takes so long! The reason why many are still troubled, still seeking, still making little forward progress is because they have not yet come to the end of themselves. We are still giving some of the orders, and we are still interfering with God's working within us.

We struggle to keep up a good front, forgetting that God says the most important thing is for us to be humble and meek as Christ gave us example. It seems that Christians are obsessed with keeping up that good front. We say we want to go to heaven when we die to see old Jordan roll, but we spend most of our time and energy down here just putting on that good front. It seems that many of us say to God, as did King Saul the apostate before us, "Oh God, honor me now before these people!"

Those who live in this state of perpetual contradiction cannot be happy Christians. A man who is always on the cross, just piece after piece, cannot be happy in that process. But when that man takes his place on the cross with Jesus Christ once and for all, and commends his spirit to God, lets go of everything and ceases to defend himself —sure, he has died, but there is a resurrection that follows! If we are willing to go this route of victory with Jesus Christ, we cannot continue to be mediocre Christians, stopped halfway to the peak. Until we give up our own interests, there will never be enough stirring within our beings to find His highest will.

To experience His House built or re-structured according to the plan or pattern of heaven requires that all component building materials be proven by trial (or by fire). It is we who must volunteer of free will to face the dark part of our soul. - the self ruling, self-appeased level of commitment as our offering of worship. In reference to the vision, it is not that God rejects the “street-wise” version of our praise, but for the most part, the Outer Court of His tabernacle is the good and acceptable part of our union with Him.

Rom. 12:1-2 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

For myself, I am not satisfied to present my life to my King as a form of “discount worship” commitment so as to cheapen the value of the Cross. Rejecting the full package of “dying to self “can only merit the reward of hay, wood and stubble and be an embarrassment to Jesus when displaying the fruit of His works before the Father. Most of the Church has wrongly accepted that joining in corporate praise is the highest format of expressing our devotion to its maximum potential. After all, we read of corporate praise in the Old & New Testament and are given glimpses of devotion in Revelations. Worshipping corporately has always been a magnificent thrill to me. However, worship is best received by the Lord on His terms, when it is sacrificial and presented at our highest expense.

What God is intending to do during this re-structuring of His Church is to instill a Reformation of how we worship Him. We are to look eagerly into how we might follow in His footsteps. By this we will move from the Outer Court self-centeredness and into the Holy Place of power. Denying our self-life even unto death is “perfect worship” to Him. “For God inhabits the praises of His people.” Cathedral-style religious performance goes unnoticed by God because that type of “worship” is for us more than Him.

Certainly, many of us have suffered as “burn victims” from others. How we chose to respond to those offenses determines the “structure” of our heart and whether it is dispensary of revenge or mercy. The atmosphere we create within ourselves either invites or repulses the habitation of our God.

Therefore, the components of His house, built upon biblical foundation, consists of pure devotion and obedience at any cost. Jesus said, "And why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?” - Luke 6:46.

So consider these verses:

“The law of the Lord (the law of love) is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord (a devoted life of faith) is sure, making wise the simple.” (Ps. 19:7)

“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 1:6)

“Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; (Phil. 3:15)

The House of God is evident by the nature of its character. A “religious” attitude is a mockery of perfect love. If we love God just for what He does and not for who He is, our relationship is centered around self. To mature and become perfect in our adoration we also must “learn obedience through the things which we suffer.” (Heb. 5:8).

“For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. (Heb. 2:10)

"A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.”

(Luke 6:40)

"For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know." (1 Thess. 3:4)

"For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." (2 Tim. 1:12)

"Therefore, let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right." (1 Pet. 4:19)

Attaining Perfect Adoration

None of us would sing-up to suffer on purpose. Yet, if we have made the decision to become disciples of Truth, we know that the refining fire is part of the perfecting process. To avoid this baptism of fire is to deny Christ and walk away from Him as did many in John 6.

John 6:65-66 And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father." As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore.

We cannot create God in our own image and expect our worship to be acceptable in His sight. The Father desires that we made a bride without spot or wrinkle. Though badly burned in one case and having the appearance of death in the other, this Bride had no spot or wrinkle – no more attraction to indulge into the things of the flesh. She was fully purified. She only awaited resurrection's touch. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwelled in her.

Rev. 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His

bride has made herself ready."

James 1:4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

1 Pet. 5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory

in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and}establish you.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the

one who fears is not perfected in love.

As to this second vision and its relationship to God remodeling His House and, in reference to the first vision, - that which is built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets is a house built with living stones, stones that have been tried in the fire, stones that have yielded and surrendered in full to the King. We, as living stones are rightfully measured from the Cornerstone. That has two meanings. Placement and quality of character.

As with most visions, there are other interpretations. I have gained more insight on the first than formerly reported. I pray that God may also give you revelation and lure you closer to His heart as the eyes of your heart are opened to His calling you.

Please feel free to share this vision or forward it to friends, but only in its entirety.

All prophecy is subject to interpretation and judgment.

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Native Leaders Go To White House

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Seven Native American Leaders go to White House

(Left to right) Dr. Flo E. Ellers, (Tlingit/Cherokee Tribes) author of the “Proclamation of Forgiveness”; Rev. Dewey Kirstein, III, (Cherokee) ordained with Goshen Ministries, Inc.; Rev. M. George Kallappa, Sr., (Makah Tribe), Superintendent of the American Indian Fellowship of the NW Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God; Chief G. Anne Richardson, Chief of the Rappahannock Tribe of the Powhatan Nations of Virginia; Mr. Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to President Bush and Director of Intergovernmental Affairs; Rev. Linda S. Doxtator (Cherokee); Rev. Ivan Doxtator (Oneida of the Iroquois Confederacy); Bishop Glen W. Anniskette, (Tlingit Tribe), Bishop in Church of God, Cleveland, TN.

Rev. G. Anne Richardson, Chief of the Rappahannock Tribe of the Powhatans is a group of eight state recognized tribes descending from those natives who first met Capt. John Smith in 1607, negotiated treaties with the King of England, and helped the first permanent English settlement survive in America.

Rev. Ivan Doxtator is Oneida from the Iroquois Confederacy. The Oneida were the first allies ever of the United States. It was the Oneida warriors and their women that broke through British lines at Valley Forge and took supplies to George Washington and his troops.

The Great Law of the Iroquois Confederacy was the model for the Declaration of Independence and the young American Government. The Iroquois were present in 1776 at the development and signing of this historic document. Therefore, as a representative of his tribe, Rev. Doxtator carries much authority in the heavenlies to release this forgiveness.

History of the "Proclamation of Forgiveness": Dr. Flo Ellers was asked to be the Native American Indian Representative during the "2nd Washington for Jesus" rally in 1996 where 500,000 Christians from across the United States gathered at the Washington Mall in WA. D. C. to pray for this nation.

As she was in prayer for her 10-minute time allotment to address the nation from the Washington Mall grounds, she was moved upon by the Holy Spirit and wrote under His inspiration the words to the "Proclamation of Forgiveness". [See attachment 2]

Approximately a year ago, Flo once again sensed she was to try a second time to present the "Proclamation" to now elected President Bush. After nine years of trying to get a presidential appointment, Dr. Ellers, along with the help of State Senator Greenleaf of Pennsylvania got an appointment not with Pres. Bush but with his deputy assistant, Mr. Ruben Barrales, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs. The meeting was set for October 4, 2005, which fell on the Jewish holiday of Rosh HaShanah. She with her team of six other First Nations Christian leaders met with Mr. Barrales at 10am.

Each team member was given five minutes to present their words for the President along with their Native gifts. Each member spoke with dignity as they made their presentations to Mr. Barrales as he respectfully listened to them and accepted each gift with grace.

When Flo Ellers spoke, she stood up at the direction of the Lord and addressed Mr. Barrales with great honor. She thanked him for meeting with them and then said to him, "You are sitting in proxy for our nation's 'Chief' so I will address you as if you were the President of our nation. Our team represents the Native Christian community and we have come here to declare forgiveness on behalf of our people in the Name of Jesus."

When Dr. Ellers read the "Proclamation of Forgiveness" she spoke with authority but began to lose composure as she got to the part in the Proclamation where it says in Paragraph Nine, "Instead you force-marched them onto reservations and all their dignity was stripped from them—all hope for a future was gone." But the last paragraph was delivered with renewed strength as she looked into the eyes of Mr. Barrales and asked, "We believe if you will ACCEPT this Proclamation of Forgiveness we will see and experience a mighty outpouring of God's Presence that will affect all of the United States and then we will truly be ONE NATION UNDER GOD."

Flo then presented the properly framed document to Mr. Barrales who was visibly shaken by this prophetic act. His eyes were glistening with tears and he said, "Oh, you have had it framed for the President? I am impressed." He then asked her if he could give her a hug.

Dr. Ellers then concluded her remarks by asking the group to hold hands as a symbol of their unity and Mr. Barrales grabbed her hand with great firmness as she prayed for President Bush to be released further into his godly destiny and for a deeper impartation of Godly wisdom for him; and for the grace and the peace of the Lord to be multiplied upon his life. She then declared, as a representative of the host people of this nation, that the curse be broken off this nation and asked the heavenly Father to roll back the reproach and to once again bless America. She rehearsed back to the Lord what His Word declares in John 20:21-23 which says, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you… [and] if you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them…" She declared with apostolic authority, "We now forgive the United States government for what they have done to us" and she asked the Lord to now release the goodness of the Lord upon America for the Word declares in Rom 2:4 that the "…goodness of the Lord leads to repentance" and concluded by asking the Lord of the Harvest to release laborers onto the reservations, the cities and upon the entire nation so that we might see a mighty revival in the land."

The atmosphere was charged with the Presence of the Lord as Mr. Barrales responded by thanking each of us for our words and for the Proclamation. He asked us for our business cards and said he would be corresponding with us for future involvement. A new era has begun between the tribal governments and the government of the United States.

For the group of seven Native Americans, it was a most moving moment forever etched in their memories for no other band of Indian Leaders have ever gone to the White House to address the Nation's Chief and say to him, "We forgive you for what you have done to us in the past!". Each leader presented his/her words and Native gifts but the greatest gift presented that day of Oct. 4th was the "gift of forgiveness".

Heaven has declared this historic declaration and the fruit of it will be the salvation of many souls and who knows, perhaps it will help to release the third great awakening in our nation.

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After the meeting with Mr. Barrales, the team of seven was escorted to the "Treaty Room" on the fourth floor of the Eisenhower Building and they each prayed in their own way for the 372 broken treaties between the Red Man and the US Government. Truly a new era has begun in the relationship between these heads of nations.

New Move of God
Doug Addison

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"Transitioning Into a New Move of God"

Revelation Into Transition
For some time now, I have noticed the number 11 appearing everywhere I go. I look at the clock and it is 11:11. I pick up my Bible and it falls open to chapter 11, and so on. As this was happening, I recognized that God was speaking to me, but I really did not know exactly what He was trying to communicate. Symbolically, the number 11 represents transition and revelation. I believe that God is giving deeper revelation into the transition that the Church is now beginning to experience.

Throughout history, God has sent revival and major movements that seem to ebb and flow like the tides of the sea. Just as we can predict the tidal patterns, I believe that if we study the history of revivals we will find patterns and great lessons that will prepare us for future moves.

As I began studying revival in North America, I noticed that since Israel became a nation in 1948, a major move of God's power would occur every 11 years or so beginning in 1950. Interestingly, you can follow this 11-year pattern from the 1906 Azusa Street Revival up to the beginning of the Toronto Blessing in 1994.

History of Revival in North America

In 1950, there was an incredible Healing Movement in which God anointed great healing evangelists like William Branham, AA Allen, Oral Roberts, and many others. They would actually empty out hospitals and bring the sick to tent meetings where thousands of people were miraculously healed. Within a few years, the intensity of this healing movement subsided.

11 years later around 1961, the Charismatic Renewal movement kicked into high gear. Previously only Pentecostals sought the fullness of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. During this move of God, Methodists, Catholics, Presbyterians, and many other denominational Christians began getting filled with the Holy Spirit.

Again, 11 years after that, in 1972, God answered the prayers of many people and sent the last known revival in America: The Jesus People movement. Hippies began to give their lives to Jesus and they poured into churches everywhere. Unfortunately, many Christians did not recognize this movement as being from God and rejected it. The hippies forever changed the way we experience church services by introducing culturally relevant music and casual attire which allows people to come just as they are.

Then, another 11 years passed and, in 1983, John Wimber and Peter Wagner came together and began teaching a course at Fuller Seminary on Signs and Wonders of God for today (Course MC510). They introduced the idea that the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the power of God was not just for a few anointed leaders, but for every Christian who sought them. This was known as the 3rd Wave Charismatic Movement and started many new charismatic churches such as the Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

11 years later in 1994, God brought a very unusual move called the Toronto Blessing. The Holy Spirit began to touch people with laughter and power. Millions of people from all over the planet have visited the Toronto Airport Church and their lives have been renewed.

2005: An Exciting Time to Be Alive!

If we add 11 more years, we come to 2005. I believe we are just beginning to see the start of this next move of God which is an evangelistic harvest like the earth has never seen before. God is beginning to draw the most strange and unusual people to Himself. This is evident by the responses we are getting as we do evangelistic outreaches on the streets and at major New Age and pagan events such as Burning Man. People are giving their lives to Jesus, yet many of them are not able to identify with traditional churches.

Just as in previous moves of God, many Christians may be tempted to reject what God is doing because it appears messy. If we take history into account, when God moves, it is usually outside of our own understanding and comfort level.

This is an exciting time to be alive! We can prepare for this next move of God by being ready to show God's love to anyone in need. Pray that we have "eyes to see" who it is God is drawing and that we have "ears that hear" what the Spirit is saying to each of them. The result may very well be one of the biggest revivals in human history!

"Then He [Jesus] said to them, 'The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'" Luke 10:2 NKJV

No Offense

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Don’t Take Offense, Don’t Give Offense

John 16:1, “*These things have I spoken unto you that ye should not be offended.”*

“I don’t want My children offended. So don’t take offense and don’t give offense. I’ve given you all that you need to be free of offense. Be willing to take on the role of servant. Follow the example I have shown you. Be willing to lay down your life. Lay down whatever you have are holding on to in order to demonstrate love to others. Follow My example and love others as I love you. Follow My example in loving even when others fail you, betray you, deny you or neglect you. Love with My love.

“Follow My example and do not reveal the identities of those who sin against you. Don’t reveal their sins publicly. Keep it a matter between us. Bring everything to Me in Prayer. Take their place and intercede for them while acting out My love toward them.

“Do not live in worry or fear. Do not fret over what anyone is doing or what they are not doing. Trust Me. Trust the Father, God. Do all that I have done and more.

Do greater works of service. Do greater acts of love. Ask for what you need. Ask for My love to fill you and overflow. Ask for a servant heart and then go and serve your brother and sister, your family and friends, your neighbors and the stranger in the way.

“Lay down your life and take up Mine. Lay down your life to serve others. Stay connected to Me. Draw from My wells of love. Draw from My strength. Go and love. Go and serve. Lay down your opinions, and don’t think your way is the only way, don’t try to have your own way, but do things My way. Do everything My way by allowing others to be who I’ve called them to be.

“Prefer others above yourself. Be willing to lift another up in loving service to Me, esteeming others before yourself. This is how to be free of offense. This is My plan for freedom. If you will lay your life down for others, die to your own selfish ways, your own opinions, and your own desires, then you will be dead to offense. And remember whatever you do to the least of My children you’ve done to Me.”

This verse in the RV says: “… *that you should not be made to stumble.”* The NLT says, “*I have told you these things so that you won’t fall away*.”

Nothing Hidden

Judy Curmi

Why don’t you let me decide, Judy? I know so much more than you do. In areas where you have no wisdom, knowledge or understanding, I know everything there is to know about the subject. Nothing escapes my scrutiny. There is absolutely nothing that can be hidden from my gaze.

Many men are doing things "in the dark", but no matter how deep the darkness, I can still see as clearly as if it were broad day light.

Nothing is hidden from me. There is no situation or plan of man that I can not turn the tables on. Some of the most evil plans being devised, I am going to turn inside out. Instead of the victims being the injured or destroyed, those perpetrators will find themselves the recipients of their own evil. This is not too hard for me to do!

Nor am I weak or indecisive. Many have taken my mercy, grace and great patience as a sign that they can do whatever they want with total impunity. Nothing could be further from the truth. The lies will be exposed. The evil will be exposed. I will bring it down in my perfect timing.

The flowers of the field have their day and then they fade. The jaded and jaundiced are in "full bloom" now, but they will mourn and weep when I am done with them. *MY children shall rule and reign. I shall raise MY children up on high.*

As the pieces of a puzzle fit together perfectly, so MY Plan is perfectly devised and will be executed to perfection. NO MORE WILL MAN BE RULED BY DOGS: THE VILE, VIOLENT, GREEDY AND PERVERSE.

A new day is dawning and is even now beginning to unfold. As the sun begins to rise and gradually the whole sky is brightened, so my glory will cover the earth. NO ONE WILL ESCAPE MY ETERNAL PLAN.

Your Daddy

Numerics of the Church

by Bill Somers

Quoting from Theomatics, 1st edition
by Del Washburn, Page 235

Recently a correspondent asked me about the meaning of the number 777. We know that 666 is the number of the beast, and 888 is the number of Jesus, so what is 777. I recalled reading an answer to this question in Del Washburn's great book, Theomatics.

This extract comes in the midst of a chapter devoted to the meaning of 144, the number of the redeemed.

> One of the most significant terms in relation to all of the redeemed is the word *Church.* . The Greek word for *Church* means "an assembly, or gathering of believers."
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> In going through the New Testament, we found very few features in reference to the Church that worked out to multiples of 144. This puzzled us at first, but then we discovered the reason why. Everything to do with the Church was structured on the number seven, which bespeaks perfection.
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> *The Church* in Mt. 16:18 =700.
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> The real significance of this, however, was discovered in the book of Revelation. The entire message of the Apocalypse is structured around John writing to the seven Churches in Asia. The reason there were seven churches is that the Church has been made perfect through the blood of Christ.
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> *Seven churches in Asia* in Rev. 1:4 =777
>
> The Church of God is also portrayed throughout scripture as the tabernacle, or building, of God. Here now are three features that tie together perfectly.
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> *Church of God* in 1 Tim. 3:15 =777
> *Tabernacle of God* in Rev. 21:3 = 777
> *Building of God* in 1 Cor. 3:9 =777
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> Probably the one verse in the Bible that best portrays the perfection of the Church is found in Ephesians 5:27. We have already seen how this passage was a multiple of 144. Let us now examine it again.
>
> *Church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that it may be holy and unblemished*

= 7777

That is all Del had to say about 777 at that time. But I was extremely impressed, especially by the last feature he mentions.

My correspondent had asked me 4 questions about the number 777, as I was answering the 4th question, I felt the answer was inspired so I am sharing it with you here.

The Four Questions about the number 777:
a. What does it mean?

777 stands for the church in perfection.

b. How is it connected to biblical prophecy?

I take it to be a prophecy that the church will in fact come to perfection.

c. Is there any written documentation to what it means and if so where can I find it? the bible does not mention it anywhere that I can tell.

I refer you to Del Washburn's book. You can check on the World Wide Web at www.theomatics.com

d. Is there any documentation that this number will be assign to person to indicate or bare witness that biblical prophecy is going to come true.

No. This number is the number of the church in perfection. Therefore when the church does come to perfection **that will be a sign** that the rest of biblical prophecy is going to come true.

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Now I Shall Begin

Barbara Lynch

Date: July 6, 2005

God said: I know everyday that as you took up your cross the enemy was there to tear the cross down. I know that each day that you stepped forward in faith the enemy was there to hinder your faith. But I have been with you My children. I have been with you all the way. I am bringing you step-by-step; day-by-day; hour-by-hour; minute-by-minute through the trials, tribulations and storms that have been coming your way. I am asking you tonight to step down off of that lofty place that satan has tried to take you to and I am asking you to step into My Glory; into My Strength and into My Power, into My Divine Love and to go forth and do a great and mighty and powerful work for Me.

I have said it before and I will say it again, the enemy is finished in your life. That you are truly walking in total victory. Do not allow the enemy to come and bombard you in any area of your life ever again. You raise up a standard! You say to the enemy you will go this far and no further! You tell the enemy he is through in your life! You tell the enemy you are now going to serve Me and only Me! You set the standard, and raise the banner high. Raise the banner high. It has cost you much to come this far. Some of you have lost everything and some of you feel like there is no hope for tomorrow. But I tell you That even though the storm still rages; even though the enemy is roaring like a lion, he cannot touch you ever again.

I have given you My Shield (which is My Son.) I have given you My Buckler (which is My Son.) He will see you through. I promise you this, He will see you through.

Stand tall and stand firm and know that I am with you. Know that I am an everlasting father and I have never left you nor forsaken you, and even though the enemy still comes and still comes and still comes, I HAVE COME! I have come to return it all. I promise you this, I am going to return it. Trust in Me with all your heart tonight and yield not to your own understanding. Just trust Me, and know that I am working it all out. Know that I have a perfect plan laid out before you, and you will see great salvation. You will see great salvation within your lives, and you will see that all My promises are yes and they are amen, and that the enemy is truly finished in your life.

He has stripped you bare, and this is good, because I can redress you. I redress you in My fine white linen. I can dress you as My Bride. I can dress you now. The enemy is finished and now I shall begin saith the Lord. I shall begin newness in your life.

Navigate Through The Waters Of Change

Danny Korakas

Its Time To Set Sail And Navigate Through The Waters Of Change --
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MAPPING OUR COURSE

There has been and will certainly continue to be a lot of writings and discussions concerning the contrast of leadership between Saul and David. The arising of a Davidic order of leadership and authority is upon us. However, our navigation through the waters of change will be essential to the church's health and well-being. The transition from the "Order of Saul" to the "Davidic order" must be navigated through the wisdom and guidance of God's Word.

The issue at hand is not so much the "Saul's" that have abused their authority and mandate, but the RESPONSE of the "David's" toward the present situation that the Saul's have created. I write this in response to the witnessing of many people who seem to delight in seeing the defects in individuals within the church. The blatant disrespect for authority that is transpiring in the church is a prime indicator of our true spiritual maturity. Upon seeing Saul's true colors, David chose not to stay in Saul's camp. We also have this same choice. It seems that many are finding pleasure staying in the "Camp of the Sauls" — judging and criticizing rather than simply and honorably leaving. (See our "Breaking Away" article.) Leaving a "Saul-based" leadership gets the point across with much more impact than stimulating a frustrated and divisive environment by staying.

Even though Saul sought to "kill" the destiny of his faithful servant, David did not curse or gossip about Saul by the words he spoke nor the actions he took. On the contrary, David respected Saul's authority even when he was persecuted under that authority. It would be the spiritual maturity of David that God would find worthy of true leadership and spiritual promotion. Now, before you jump to any conclusions, let's finish the article with a teachable spirit. I am not pardoning or condoning the leadership of Saul, but can God use "Saul's" in the church to fulfill a far greater purpose than we may realize? Can God use the faults and mistakes of those in authority to expose the true condition of OUR hearts?

NAVIGATING THE WATERS

We read in the "Autumn Trees Without Fruit" article (You can pull this article up by going to our injesus site: www.watermarkministry.injesus.com and type in the article name and click "message.") Cain had to plow the soil that God had cursed. Likewise, after the flood, Noah would have to cultivate the cursed ground. The Bible says that Noah planted a vineyard and after drinking too much of his own labor, he retired in his drunkenness to his tent and removed his clothes — passing out naked.

Ham, Noah's youngest son, entered the tent and saw his father's nakedness. Immediately, Ham ran and told his brothers, Shem and Japheth. (We notice that Ham ONLY told "family.") Did this excuse Ham? I suppose that Ham told his brothers of their father's "drunk as a skunk" condition along with this deplorable situation for the purpose of feeling better about his own inadequacies. (Isn't this the reason why people desire to gossip or make others look bad?) I believe it was Ham's disposition and nature to SHOW his brothers their father naked and exposed. How else would Noah have known that it was

Ham who disgraced him? He knew because of Ham's nature and the fact that he awoke to a "COVERING" that Ham was not mature enough to have given.

When Shem and Japheth heard what had happened, they took a blanket or a garment to cover Noah and walked backwards so they would not disgrace their father in his nakedness. When Noah awoke from his drunken slumber, he knew what Ham had done and proclaimed a CURSE over his descendants. (Read Genesis 9.) How can we explain the fact that Ham's seemingly minor transgression brought severe consequences, whereas Noah's drunkenness brought none that is recorded in the Bible? This is a question that we must answer as we navigate the waters of prophetic and ministerial change that is upon us. Our true anointing and spiritual maturity hinges upon the understanding and answer of this question.

It should be obvious that the moral shortcomings of Noah became a TEST of maturity to his three sons. Ham was proven through this unfortunate circumstance to be foolish and presumptuous. Shem and Japheth, although not approving of the circumstance, were found to be honorable and would not so much as speak a critical word knowing that Noah was in the hands of God -- The Righteous Judge.

The danger with the "Ham's" in today's church is that they attempt to openly discredit others in spiritual authority when no sin has been committed. This mindset provided Ham with a shallow EXCUSE to disobey his father whenever he desired or when he believed it was contrary to HIS opinion. The same can hold true with us. By openly and personally discrediting authority, we feel free to cast off restraint and demand release from godly submission. We become an impostor of God in our desire to be the Righteous Judge.

STORMY SEAS

Now, with all of the abuses and nonsense that we are witnessing in all areas of ministry, I can understand the frustration and even anger with what is transpiring. I am just as appalled that "leaders" in the church have somehow forgotten the verse that we are to "submit to one another in the fear of the Lord" in their lust for control. I am saddened by the neglect of the Word of God for the fanciful and irrelevant stories of man. However, this does not excuse us to take on the spirit of Ham. We need to prophesy truth and confront sin in the church as prophetic people. This IS our Biblical and primary call: declaring REPENTANCE. However, if we desire to JUDGE another personally, we risk the "Curse of Ham" if our motive is to discredit and damage out of a form of self-righteousness, spiritual insecurity or just simple opinion. Most of the personal criticism that I see in the church is not about doctrinal error or heresy. It is the OPINION of how one feels that church ought to be done.

Noah, as a spiritual leader, did not set a good example for a generation that had the opportunity to start over and anew what the preceding generations had abused. This is tragic when you really think about what was at stake. (Humanity had moved into a type of being born-again to fulfill God's intended purpose for our lives. In other words, humanity was given a second chance.) However, God would still use this event for the purpose of revealing the true heart condition of these three men that would father the future of mankind. Shem and Japheth honored Noah by choosing not to shame him in public and received a blessing from both God and Noah. These two wise sons, along with David, understood that these issues were the Lord's and not theirs to deal with. The same test and opportunity is upon us today as born again believers. How are we going to handle the exposure of misguided authority that will increase in manifestation as we move into 2005? Will we pray or judge?

THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS

"Who are you, O man, that fails to see the log in your own eye? Am I beneath what I have ordained and decreed before the days of your birth? Is My arm so short as not to reach and replace what I have set for a season? Who are you, O man, that takes My place as judge over My church and affairs? You seek to unmask and expose those whom you perceive to preach another gospel, but are you not in need of being exposed yourself for wielding My scepter? Who has given you this authority, My child? Will you avoid the correction that you so easily render to another? Peace, be still, for I am the Lord your God and I hold the bowls of authority in My hand. I give and I take to whom I choose for My good purposes and will not be mocked by another. Lay down your crowns, My dear children, and find rest in what I have called YOU to do — to love one another just as I have loved you. The world will know that you are My disciples by your love for one another. Truly, iron sharpens iron. But are you using the sword of My Spirit to prepare one another for the battle with darkness or to hurt one another?

RED SKIES AT NIGHT

The Scriptures have a lot to say about the "last days." I firmly believe that we are in the last days and that they will be both awesome and immensely frightful. It will be awesome in that the greatest harvest of all time will be received by our generation. (This is why we are experiencing the expediting of necessary change.) It will be exceedingly frightful in that God will judge iniquity (first, in the church) in His righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:1 states that "there will be terrible times in the last days." This warning is brought to our remembrance over and over in the scriptures. It seems that the over-riding analogy to these "terrible days" is not tyrannical governments, but DECEPTION within the church. The reason that so many authentic prophets are calling for DISCERNMENT in the body of Christ, is because the Lord has revealed to them the magnitude of how deception has crippled the effectiveness of the church.

The power of deception severely injures and even kills a person's destiny because they are deceived into believing that they are absolutely right, when in fact they have proven to be wrong. Jesus clearly warns us, "Take heed that no one deceives you."

HIGH SEAS PIRATES

We discussed the lawlessness and curse that comes with unjustified criticism and judgment of the brethren in authority at the top of the article. However, there are always two sides to a coin. Many in authority have become "pirates" of the destinies of whom the Lord has called them to SERVE.

"But be doers of the Word, and not HEARERS only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Certainly, most in authority have HEARD the cry in the Spirit for them to equip the saints for the work of ministry. This calls for a leadership that is willing to facilitate and train the body of Christ as their primary call. How does control of the pulpit with a singular vision enhance and build the many visions of what others are called to do? Surely they have HEARD that the institution that so much of the church has become has been built by the traditions of man. (Many people don't come to church because they have already been there once. We must face the reality of this truth.) What is the fruit of simply going through the motions of religious traditions, a few hymns or songs, an offering, and a 30 minute message? Is this building the kingdom of God and equipping people for their spiritual destiny ... and one shot at storing up eternal treasure? Saul was consumed with building an earthly kingdom that resembled the worldly kingdoms around him. On the other hand, David was consumed with people experiencing the presence and power of God's kingdom in a real and tangible way.

Surely they have HEARD that sitting upon platforms on chairs that resemble ornate thrones and looking down on the people they are called to serve is not the posture of a servant. Is this the place of a "servants" call from God? Surely they have HEARD that the "orator – audience" and "clergy – laity" model is corrupt, divisive, and unbiblical. Why do we continue to rebel against the true "Lord's Prayer" in that we would be ONE by our systems of governmental hierarchies that resemble the world's system for power and recognition? Surely they have HEARD that only Christ is to be most revered as "reverend". Why must we continue in the spirit of Saul and cling to our titles that are meaningless? Is it not our function rather than our title that validates our ministry? The Davidic order knows that there is only One who can claim to be "Most revered."

Surely, they have HEARD that those whom they have been called to "lead" have not "led" one person to Christ. Surely they have HEARD that the system they are promoting because of their silence is spiritually bankrupt and ineffectual with little relevance to a lost world. Surely they have HEARD that My Word is not for sale and profit. Yet, deception continues to run rampant "because they did not receive the love of the TRUTH." (2 Thessalonians 2:10) To love the truth of what is really transpiring in the church is not just to HEAR it, but to obey in DOING something about it.

It seems that many leaders (Saul's) in the church love to preach and teach and carry on as if nothing is wrong with ministry today. What it boils down to is this: Many in authority love their own lives and ministry more than the TRUTH of God's Word and will. The Davidic order of leadership that is arising will put their lives, desires, and ministries down for the love of God's truth and His people.

I realize that what I am saying may seem to some like a contradiction from the top of the article. It is not! The disrespect for authority originates in the condition and motive of our heart and is usually personal in nature through past hurt and rejection. The prophetic call for repentance is based on truth and confronts ungodly systems that deceive people. This truth allows us to confront sin and abuse without moving into judgment and bitterness toward individuals. Bitterness will eat her own mother.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

The heart of the Lord as we move toward the Davidic order is that the "Saul's" within the church would come into the light of His love and anointing. (We read and notice that the anointing of Saul was held in a container made by the hands of man, whereas the anointing of David was held in a container made by the hand of God.) David is the only person in scripture to have the distinction of being a "man after God's own heart." Saul had many opportunities to learn the heart of God by David's life, anointing, and example. David held the key for what Saul needed to be an effectual and godly leader. My heart is that none who are presently in authority would fall in a "Saul-like" pride and spiritual jealousy. Change is going to happen and only the "Doers" of God's Word (Those who are obedient) will be left standing in authority. This is the church that Jesus Christ is soon coming back for.

God loves us so much, and those whom He loves, He will chasten and correct. The question is: Do we have a correctable heart? The Saul of the Bible did not and it not only caused him lose his authority, but his life as well. We know in our hearts that many things need to change in the function and purpose of the church. Jesus left us a wonderful model of desiring that we would do "greater works than these." What has happened to the passion and desire of leadership in the church to desire that others would do greater works than THEM? As the church, are we truly a city on a hill with our light burning bright for all to see? Or, are we a shade of grey — a dim and shifting shadow of what the church should be in reflecting the light and love of Christ?

PORT-OF-CALL — OUR DESTINATION

"And when He had removed him, (Saul) He raised up for them David ... I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will." (Acts 13:22)

"After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things." (Acts 15:16-17)

The Davidic order will have a mandate to rebuild a tabernacle (the body of Christ) that exhibits the manifest glory and love of God. The tabernacle of David was indistinguishable from any other common tent in the area. It was a place that others could feel comfortable and at home. It was a place that was relevant and radiated hope for the common man. There were no sides or hidden chamber to this tabernacle and the Shekinah glory of God would be available for whomsoever would come. Prophetic worship and intercession went on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it would be only during the reign of David that the people of God would possess their entire promised inheritance.

Those with the heart of David understand what it means to find "shelter under the shadow of His wings." Many have taken this verse and psalm of David as symbolic imagery. I believe that it was much more personal and real to David. As the hot Middle Eastern sun beat down upon the tabernacle, David knew that he could find shade and shelter under the wings of the cherubim over the Ark of God's presence. I believe that David spent a lot of time here ... close and in the arms of His loving Father.

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Why the Soviet Union Thinks it Could Fight and Win a Nuclear War

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A Summary of the Argument by Bill Somers

American and Soviet nuclear doctrines are diametrically opposed. They are products of totally different historical experiences and political and socioeconomic systems. The apparent contradictions in Soviet nuclear doctrine and the dangers of U. S. unilateral adherence to a strategy of mutual deterrence are best understood when put in historical perspective.

The American view of war has been conditioned by the ideas characteristic of a Western commercial society. Underlying it is the notion that human conflict results from misunderstandings that can be resolved by negotiation. Marxism, on the other hand, holds conflict to be normal (and military forces as a political tool and a part of grand strategy. Americans generally regard war as an abnormal situation and want to end it rapidly through technological superiority and with the least possible loss of friendly (but not necessarily enemy) lives. Large peacetime forces are an unwelcome expense.

These contrary views of war were affected differently by the coming of nuclear weapons. In the U. S., atomic and thermonuclear bombs were considered "absolute" weapons, capable of destroying a society or even a civilization, and against which there was no defense. Thus, Clausewitz's dictum that war is an extension of politics was considered dead. Since nuclear war could serve no rational political purpose, the function of strategic forces should be to avert war. Because of the vast destructiveness of nuclear weapons, a "sufficiency" of weapons to retaliate was believed to be enough. Numerical superiority was thought to have little meaning. To ensure a stable balance, in which conflicts could be resolved by negotiation, the USSR should even have the ability to do unacceptable second-strike damage to the U. S. This concept of mutual deterrence, or mutual assured destruction, became U. S. policy and as nuclear delivery capabilities improved, remained the foundation of a somewhat more flexible policy.

These U. S. strategic theories were developed largely by civilian scientists and "accountants," with little contribution from military professionals. The theorists were guided significantly by fiscal imperatives -- the desire to reduce the defense budget while retaining a capacity to deter Soviet threats to U. S. interests. The theories were formulated without reference to their Soviet counterparts, and in the belief that we can "educate" the Soviets to adopt our views.

In the USSR, where strategy is considered a science and the special province of the military, nuclear weapons were not held to be "absolute," except perhaps briefly after Stalin's death. The idea of mutual deterrence was never accepted. Soviet theorists rejected the idea that technology determines strategy. They adapted nuclear weapons to their traditional Clausewitzian view of war as an extension of politics.

The Communist revolution eliminated that segment of Russian society that was most Westernized, and put the peasant class in power. History had taught the Russian peasant that cunning and coercion assured survival; cunning when weak; cunning and coercion when strong. "Not to use force when one had it indicated some inner weakness." That concept of the use of power and the fact that, since 1914, the USSR has lost up to 60,000,000 citizens through war, famine, and purges and survived has no doubt conditioned the development of Soviet nuclear strategy. Soviet nuclear doctrine, expounded in a wide range of Russian defense literature, has five related elements:

- Preemption (first strike).
- Quantitative superiority (a requisite for preemption and because the war may last for some time, even though the initial hours are decisive).
- Counterforce targeting.
- Combined-arms operations to supplement nuclear strikes.
- Defense, which has been almost totally neglected by the U. S. under its concept of mutual deterrence.

Soviet Doctrine is both a continuation and an extension of the Soviet belief that all military forces -- nuclear and conventional -- serve a political purpose as guarantor of internal control and an instrument for territorial expansion. Thus, large military forces are accepted in the Soviet Union as a rational capital investment, regardless of their impact on social programs.

Soviet writing on nuclear strategy has been largely ignored, or has been ridiculed in this country because if its jingoism and crudity, and the obscurity of Communist semantics. It is a strategy of "compellance," in contrast to the U. S. doctrine of deterrence.

But "... the relationship of Soviet doctrine and Soviet deployments (is) sufficiently close to suggest that ignoring or not taking seriously Soviet military doctrine may have very detrimental effects on U. S. security."

Finally, "... as long as the Soviets persist in adhering to the Clausewitzian maxim on the function of war, mutual deterrence does not really exist. And unilateral deterrence is feasible only if we understand the Soviet war-winning strategy and make it impossible for them to succeed."

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New Warning Dream

David Kocurek

August 01, 2005
Brothers and sisters I have something I'd like to share with you and to all who have an ear to hear. The lord has shone me something important and I'll try to explain as best I can. Now I was a wild land fire fighter for about 8 years. That's the kind of fire fighter who fights wild fires in forests and national and state lands. Often I look at maps and photos of many forests. For the reason of knowing about the fires location and how far it has burned etc...

Some times I even look at old fires to see how it burned in the past. Fire fighters use them regularly in the field and in the class rooms as teaching tools on past fire behavior's, especially when a fire fighter has bin killed. So that in the lesson learned, we can see were they died, and what went wrong so we can peace things together so other fire fighters don't make the same mistakes.

So in doing this, the wild land fire fighters have come up with "10 standard fire fighting orders" and "18 watch out situations" to help make it safer for other wild land fire fighters. These are now taught to every fire fighter before he or she even becomes a wild land fire fighter. Its like the "fire fighters Bible" if that makes since?

(July 9 2005 I was given this dream)
I dreamed I was looking at a big black and white photo of a forest that was taken from the air. This photo covered about a 20 square miles. Now I've seen many of these types of photos before. They are often used when fatalities happen on large fires, so we can better understand what happened. Every year a wild fire gets out of control, and unfortunately at times people die. When this happens, the place where the firemen died is marked for future analysis, and photos of the area are often taken from the air.

I was looking hard at this photo to see if I could see where they made their mistakes and the place were the fireman died. So I can further understand the mistakes they made. So that I and others wouldn't be caught in a similar situation. I was unable to make out much because the photo was taken at too high an altitude. So I scanned it with squinting eyes. I could see lots of trees a meadow here a meadow there, the hills and roads. But I couldn't make out the place were the firemen had fallen.

As I was scanning this huge photo, suddenly a huge swath cut in to the forest came into view. My head snapped back because it was big. Then I refocused, it was a "safety zone" that the fire men had cut out of the forest for safety purposes when or before the fire goes ballistic. Only this was unusually large and it was made in the unusual shape of the number (3). I couldn't understand why they would do this?? End dream.

For the last few days I've pondered this mystery of Number # 3. I now think I understand what the lord is saying. In the wild land fire fighters bible, "standard firefighting orders" # 3 it states. "Base all actions on current and expected behavior of the fire". And under "watch out situations" # 3 it states "safety Zones and escape routes not identified."

Now these are two very important "standing orders" I think the lord is trying to convey to his children in the last days and here's why?

Standard firefighting order # 3 states "BASE ALL ACTIONS ON CURRENT AND EXPECTED BEHAVIOR OF THE FIRE. OK for instance, you might say what fire? And I would say, the Great Tribulation fire, Revelation, last days prophecies of the Holy Bible. Warnings of Gods wrath and since we are in the last days, and we know that God has warned us many times about what's to happen soon. He tells his children all the time. Things are going to get a lot worse in the last days right? So if we apply this order # 3 to you, what does it tell you? It tells me to prepare for the things God has told us would come in these last days, Right. And to take action now right? Also to visualize and act on what could happen for instance, we know that America and the world for that matter it about to come face to face with the All Mighty Gods Power and his son Jesus soon. Right?

So if the prophets are telling you its coming as well as the bible, then you need to base all actions on what you know about it and what you could expect to follow next. Well I still don't get it you say? OK I'm a wild land fire fighter, when I am fighting wild fires I know fire behavior and when a forest fire is ripping thru the trees in my direction, I know its time to move or die. But I also know enough "not" to put my self in this position in the first place. Right like wise, you know Gods behavior in the last days and his warning signs right? And all the prophets have said right? And if you do nothing then you're going to get burned by being caught up in world wide war, famine and disease right? So I believe the lord is telling his people to take action "now"

Gee you might say ok, I know all that "but" what do I do about it? This is where your second order comes in. Watch out situation order # 3 states. "SAFETY ZONES AND ESCAPE ROUTES NOT IDENTIFIED" but you might say what dose that mean? OK as a wild land fireman I know that for safety's sake I must have a safe place such as a safety zone to run to in case the forest fire gets out of hand. Also I know that it would do me no good if I had a safety zone but didn't know where it was. Right? In other words, if you know that world war 3 were emanate, and coming here to the good old USA and the whole world for that matter. with all of today's modern weaponries being released such as nuclear weapons, poison gas, floods, earth quakes and bio weapons, invading troops and many, many more on a scale as never before in history. Wouldn't you want to protect your self and your family? Sure you would.

Likewise, you know these things are indeed coming, even in your hearts. So God is telling his children to "prepare" and "Identify" on what is truly coming, so you can "Act Decisively". By preparing for the worst for instance, do you have a safe zone or a way of escape when all this happens? Do you have enough food water and shelter? Alternative heat and electric? Do you have a hiding place like a fall out shelter? You not only need to think about all these things, but identify all of the possibilities and Act upon them all. Use what God gave you, "Common since" "Prayer" "The Word" etc...

Well you might say I'll just trust in the lord to see me thru? Well your right the lord will protect his children. But if you have means to prepare by what God blessed you with and you don't use that. And just sit in your easy chair, then it "Will" be too late to do any thing about that then. Right? Every day in America God is warning and warning!!! So here's your warnings from the Lord, your "two standing last days safety orders"

(New Standing Safety orders)
"Identify your true safe zone the lord and savior Jesus Christ."
"Base all actions on current and expected last days events."

I feel in my heart, that the lord sends his love to all who read this message.

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Island Invasion Dream
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I am compelled to send out this set of dreams the Lord has shown me. So out of obedience to the Lord I do so.

The dreams concerning this were related to a PC strategic military and civilian computer game. The Lord gave me this set of dreams in this format to convey the feelings and situation concerning this invasion of an unknown Christian island nation? These dreams were in August of this year.

Now I play this PC game from time to time, because it offers many great challenges. But I have not had the Lord convey a dream to me in this way before?

Dream # 1 I was up in the air looking down at this TV screen. I saw the PC game open before me that I had played before. On this screen was a Capital City that was taken by an unknown country? But nothing else was visible on the screen. This puzzled me because it made no sense, but left me with only feelings about this situation? End.

Feelings of the first Dream? I got the feeling that the invading army was trying to use its power to go directly to the capital city to dictate its power and fear to the people who they just invaded. The feeling was of hopelessness because the invading country was so powerful.

Dream # 2 same dream as the first but this time I could see little more of the playing field and realized that this country that was invaded was an island nation. But the enemy only held the capitol. And maybe one more city on the same island part. I could see other islands now and started to get a bigger view. But still I was puzzled and left with questions and feelings this time? End.

My question to the lord in prayer was how can an island nation defend its self against such a powerful foe?
My feeling was the people of this island nation were afraid of this fact too. And I couldn't think of any strategic way of helping the islanders. So I was still puzzled as to why I was being shown this?

Dream # 3 same dream as the first two, only this time I could see a much bigger area of this island county's islands. There were many islands to this nation other than were its capitol was. Then I saw the lord make a strategic move to help this island nation and his Christian children.

I saw the Lord shake the other islands to pull resources from the other islands to repel the invaders, starting with a big island to its south. This was not what the invading army was counting on, but was hoping for a full surrender. But now the Lord was moving fast in the hearts of the islanders. And had shown the islanders the enemy's weakness which was this fact. The enemy had to come from a long way to get there and to wait a long time for supplies. But the islanders only had to call on all the other islands for help and come they did. For the power of Lord was in their hearts and the lord was with them.

I felt the enemy invaders were now in great fear. The enemy was now being overwhelmed by islanders coming from all over, by boat, canoe and even surf board. Both native and non native came by the power of the Lord. The war drums of the islanders struck deep fear in the enemies elect forces. The islanders came with every type of weapon. They had guns of every shape and size even machetes and sticks and torches. Victory was in their grasp.
End dreams.

The Lord loves the islanders and his people. "The Lord be with us, who can be against us"

(Note) I don't know what island country was being invaded or who the invaders were? But remember there is victory thru Jesus.

Feel free to post on your web sites if you'd like along with my name and e-mail address.
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Narrow Way of Pure Religion

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A Narrow Way Of Transition
From Religion Of Men To Pure And Undefiled Religion With God In A Holy Loving Relationship

Are you experiencing a very difficult situation?
You may say, "I think I am losing my mind"
God may say to you ...."you are"
"so you can have the mind of Christ"
You can be in error and catergorize all peoples thinking they are all religious from the place that you are at now
It is a very difficult place
You are being shown by God Himself as He sees it, and its not pretty
You will speak the truth in love
That is your mandate
You will heal
Yes a great loss has incurred
Rejected love and deception is merciless
Defiled manmade religion does not love with the love of God
Defiled manmade religion is deceitful and not in full truth
Though they may feel they are and convince you of the same
Jesus said they will throw you out of the synagogue and think they are doing the right thing unto God
Through this we see the difference between relationship with God
and religious duty for God
In relationship even the enemy is loved
In defiled religion even the brethren is rejected

Jesus died for all sinners
Jesus knows the heart of every imperfect soul
And loves them
Their blood is precious to Him
Dear one and beloved of the Lord who sees all
Dear lamb of God
Jesus said,
"I am the Good Shepherd who loves the sheep"

He also loves the 99 and 1
Beautiful Savior
What you have done to others and others do to you they have done to Him
He was rejected and scorned
You WILL be okay.
You are one of the fortunate ones then
Do not let Him go for you have found Him

He will not let go of you
You are born of Him
And proven to be steadfast, unmovable and trusted
It is a fact
No man gives it
No man can take it away

It is yours from heaven
And is proven to be so

You are an ordained vessel of God

You will fit through the narrow way
You will be led and guided by the Holy Ghost
Angels will speak in your ear of the voice of God sent by God Himself

You will speak the truth in love with great wisdom through experience

It will hurt for only a short while
Rejected love is the worse kind

The hurt is unutterable
Though you suffer as one
Jesus knows
And also He took on all the suffering of the world

He will not give you more than you can bear
Thanks be to the Living God
His ways are perfect
We become perfect in the Way
What would we do without the hope?
Jesus loves you dear one

There will come a day when
you will return to hurting ones and speak to those bound, hurting and not set free
Wait , be patient, endure and you will watch and see the vision speak
Enjoy His tender mercies and find yourself in His anointing receiving healing from the one who alone mends the broken hearted
This is a hard season
But you must obey

You are being proven in a trustworthy relationship...
With God Himself
Do only as the Spirit leads and all will be okay
Otherwise you will have to deal later with unforgiveness and bitterness
To be Holy one must forgive
Jesus knew such love as they put in the nails to His hands
And crucified Him
You will know Everlasting love
Cry
It is good to intercede, even for yourself
He hears and also sees every tear
There is a period of numbness in the process of grief
It would be good just to lie in His presence...yes without a word....let Him heal you

Just do that dear one
Little by little you will heal
and not be bitter
but be of good health
And be stronger
He is the health of your countenance
Let yourself weep unto your Master

Such love...He died for these hurts you are experiencing now
Your beloved Lord, your husband, and best friend loves you so much
He will heal you for He is your cure.

He alone will do what is necessary about the past
Let Him do it. Let Him justify you.
Remember to be led as a sheep dumb before the shearers

Your Good Shepherd has much communion for you

You will feel better as you lay with Him as Ruth

As you meet with Him like Esther
He waits.
Shalom dear one.

Blessings upon blessings.
Praise be to God

I thank Him also.
His Promises are Sure
And every Word He speaks is truth forever

Love and shalom,
Darcia

Many Go Before Us And Wait For Us
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Many have known the truth as Paul and have gone before us and wait for us.

Some speak on particular days of judgment has begun. Surely Jesus spoke of the coming judgment of the world and all that we have done at a specific time for all those that have lived and died and have not followed and lived in truth. Man does not proclaim particular times of judgment of God. It has been set from the foundation of the world. All who have come to the decision of obedience or disobedience will meet with the set time of God and judgment will be made then. Until then one will be convicted of the Spirit of the Lord to do what God requires each day that they live. As they become more intone with His desires in relationship they will have more decisions to obey as they grow in maturity and the knowledge of His leading.

Many times out of teaching at particular times and seasons of individuals as they COME INTO THE KNOWLEDGE and are illuminated by God Himself they are so moved and changed and because they have never been there or here before they then feel they have a word for the whole church.

Also there are those that teach of an anointing that will come to teach the Word that will be like non other that has ever been to this day. Jesus spoke of the last day anointing that He would send in the Holy Spirit and those that are converted surely have lived and live and will live in THIS ANOINTING that is the very living Word of the anointed ONE that converts the soul and brings salvation in righteousness unto Holiness. As one matures and grows up in the Lord and perfects and moves into the calling that God prepares them for in the days that are numbered for their purpose in His will, they will increase in the power of His might in the resurrection power of His substance and be sent in the pureness of His Holiness as a sent messenger. The Lord then confirming with signs and wonders. In each life there will be a time that God has purposed for His power to be manifest in such a way that the calling that is sure will be confirmed by the power of His Holy Spirit as they are sent as ambassadors and witnesses of His truth in this last day being part of the tribe of Israel, the New Jerusalem, the Church of God, the Bride of Christ, the Members of His body, the Sons of God, the Priests and ministers of the Lord, the Daughter of Zion, the Beloved of God, the Fruit of His womb that has multiplied from the Firstfruit Christ Jesus.

Many have built mission works SELLING THE WORD for gain and coheres people by a spirit of seduction with untruths that sound good by misappropriation of the Word yet are partially given in appearance as the truth “spoken by God”. This is none other than the angel of light that the Lord said would come and Paul gave teaching regarding. Also, the son of perdition that shows himself to be God is made apparent in these last days that were spoken of by those that have gone on and are waiting.

Jesus said His sheep hear His voice. This is possible even through a donkey. The voice of God is heard and recognized and is discerned by the Spirit in the soul as illumination is given by God Himself. Therefore it is possible to be in a denomination or in relationship with an individual, who is in some way deceiving you, yet speaks the Word of God. They play with Holy things at your expense. God Himself will bear witness when you hear His voice. It does not necessarily mean that the one bearing the Word is speaking himself out of the Spirit of the Living God. The donkey was not saved. However, God used the donkey to speak and the one who heard it knew it was the Spirit of God. This works in reverse also. Just because someone hears the Word and knows that it is God, does not necessarily mean that they are living for God. All men will hear the truth and know God has spoken. All men will bow and know that He is God and Jesus Christ is the Savior. Just because one knows or speaks does not necessarily mean they are saved. It has to become life to them through knowing God and relationship in Him who is LIVING. It has to BECOME us and FASHION us and convert our souls in the LIFE GIVING BLOOD, SPIRIT AND WORD OF THE LIVING GOD.

Therefore one must be cautious to not put their confidence in man but to trust in God. One must hearken to the voice of God and be sure to have relationship with Him in the Spirit and obey after they have heard. It is more important what you do after you have heard the Word. You must LISTEN AND OBEY and it must transform your soul and mind that you live unto the HOLY SPIRIT and serve not another that you were born of in sin and iniquity. The father of this world is sly in deception. Those born of the Water and the Spirit live in Spirit and in truth and serve the Father of Heaven our very Creator through Christ Jesus the Lord and are made new in Holiness glorifying His name and bearing precious seed, fruit and life.

God will unite His own with each other and they WILL SURELY BE FOUND IN FELLOWSHIP in communion in the power of the resurrection of the living God by the Spirit. You will know them by their fruits. They truly love each other. Pure love does not flow where there is deceit in a wholesome way of communion in oneness. A plug is put in the flow. You will know when the flow is hindered. You need to question why and seek God on it every time. For in Him we live and move and have our being. Pure love does love the sinner but not the sin. Jesus died for the sinner. He flows to the sinner. It is those that chose to live in unrighteousness and deception that then the flow stops. Pure and undefiled minds and religion will see the flow come to MAKE ALL THINGS NEW and build relationship that allow each member to supply a need that all things are working and flowing in unity and love in truth. It is a body that is named and belongs to the head Christ Jesus. From He who is the head, the oil of He who is the anointed one will run down the body and flow in unity as Aaron the High Priest. Nothing stops the flow of purity.

God will prove Himself in Truth to all that will seek Him for He is a rewarder of those who will diligently seek Him and answer His Holy call to come, know Him and commune with Him.

Tithing is taught in the last day period of earth time post Calvary in a way for gainsayers who gather and feed men with what is needed for today. Once we are of the Lord we realize all things are His and as led we will give in obedience all things to those in need. Things changed when Jesus came and we no longer are to live by the law as it was only a schoolmaster till Christ would come.

Though man will hear the Word, for Eternal purpose for tomorrow they will need to be separated unto God and separated from anything that is untruth for Salvation and Eternal life.

The devil believes the Word and speaks it. Just because he confesses the name of Jesus does not mean he is saved. The devil believes that Jesus is Lord. The devil has a deceitful character that comes to deceive the very elect and cause a plug and wedge in the body to stop the flow of the Living, Loving Word and Spirit who is God.

Pure love is undefiled and those of Gods love are found together eating the bread of life that Jesus said He was and drinking of the cup of the Lord and communing in the Spirit of the One God and Lord, the One Word and Spirit of the Living God made possible through Jesus Christ

Beloved, you are His. He will save you from deceitful workers of darkness as you seek the Lord with all your heart and hear and obey through circumstances of life.

You will know the truth and it will set you free. You are a disciple of the Lord as you continue in the Word and take up your cross and follow Jesus. As your soul is converted in His righteousness unto Holiness you will see with the eye of God and know Him and His ways and He will show you the way it really is. Some things are not as they appear and God will show you the way they really are. He is seeking those who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. He is with you always and will not forsake you.

Many know go before us and wait for us. The truth is unchanging. It is constant, has been, is and shall be. We are all brought into the knowledge of the Word by the Spirit. We will be united with those that are of the Lord Jesus Christ in Truth and Spirit and nothing will separate us from this love that has united us who is God.

Amen and Amen

Love and shalom,
Darcia

New Waves of Revival Fire

Keith Miller

The Lord is releasing a new, deeper level of revival anointing. Are you ready to catch the wave? In our meetings, we're riding the wave of a greater dimension of God-His presence, His power, and His prophetic flow, especially in the past few months. How about you; are you ready for an intense new level of revival anointing . . . have you caught the new wave of revival fire?

Set the wave in motion through a time of fasting and prayer. Set your course for holy pursuit because the Lord wants to bring increase. Set your sight toward a deeper dimension of the knowledge of Him.

During my own time of pressing in, I had prophetic encounters with the Lord, and Holy Spirit downloads for my own life and for our ministry. John 16:14 tells us that the Holy Spirit will reveal what the Lord is doing: *"He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you"* (AB). I sense the Lord's increase of a new, deeper dimension of Him we've not known before.

Holy Spirit Hunger

I felt a great inner depth of Holy Spirit hunger swell in me. I cried out, "Lord, what You've done is awesome; I'm so grateful for all You've done, but Lord, I feel a deep and growing hunger to see You beyond anything I've ever experienced, read, or heard about. My heart and soul cries out for a level of You that we've not seen before!"

King David wanted to break into a greater dimension of the Lord, too, and he cried out to God:

> *"O God, You are my God; early will I seek you; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips" (Ps. 63:1-5).*

The Lord heard my cry, and during this time of holy pursuit, I was caught up before the throne in a prophetic encounter. I was in awe of Him; deep called unto deep, and every fiber of my being felt alive and sensitive to His presence. In Revelation 1:15, John shared about his prophetic encounter with the Lord and said that His voice was like the sound of many waters.

As the Lord spoke to me, it was like He released in my inner man, wave after wave of an incredible depth of love and adoration beyond what my human mind could comprehend.

As I beheld Him on the throne, I saw Him in a level of power that I had never seen before. Scripture describes the Lord on the throne as power! "Jesus said to him, 'It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven'" (Matt. 26:64).

As we behold Him, we are transformed into His likeness:

> *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18).*

And then God releases His power, as we see here in Acts 10:38, where Peter speaks of "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Prophetic Impartation and Strategies

In my encounters, I saw a new wave of His power as He released power mantles on believers all over the world. This was the same "wave" as described in Hebrews 2:4: *"God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.*" He spoke a word to them (apostles), and it became prophetic impartation that was like fire in their bones. With the impartation came prophetic strategies for city, state, and also national impact. They spoke the Word with great intensity and ministered with great authority and power; and the masses of humanity turned and took notice of the Word and the anointing.

I saw the Lord impart fresh anointings upon multitudes for greater releases of miracles, signs, wonders, and healings in the mighty name of Jesus. In the book of Acts the disciples received an anointing of power to speak the Word of the Lord with boldness and to see signs, wonders, and healings done in the mighty name of Jesus. It started in Acts chapters 2 and 3 when a divine explosion breaks out and a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit takes place..

However, in Acts 4:28-31, the disciples pressed in for something even greater than what they'd already experienced and witnessed. They pressed in for more boldness and greater power from the Holy Spirit-then they spoke the Word, began to move in a much greater anointing, and eventually, shook the entire ancient world.

Since my prophetic encounters, the Lord has graced us with increased levels of revival anointing in our meetings. There is a great atmosphere of anticipation and expectation; the place is literally charged with the presence of the Lord. We are seeing a greater dimension of His presence, His power, and His prophetic flow. The Lord's invasion on our four-day meetings has caused them to last for months! We've received countless testimonies of lives impacted and transformed. God has poured out a fresh hunger; there's a new anointing falling not only upon, but on the inside-a strength within.

How do we bring this type of revival to fruition? We anticipate, rise early, expect, hunger, and press in for breakthrough.

Heavenly Pursuit

Let's look at the disciples' path to revival. The Lord Jesus had promised them in Luke 24:49: "*Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you*." (Acts 1:4) After Jesus' resurrection they spent forty days together speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). In Acts 1:4, Jesus reaffirms and promises his followers something is going to happen for them-it's the Father's promise, "*you have heard from Me.*" So, in Acts 2:1, the disciples gathered together in heavenly pursuit of the Holy Spirit.

With great expectation, they were up early awaiting Jesus' promise. They anticipated breakthrough! Not only would this breakthrough impact their own individual lives, but it would affect the cities, regions, and the nations. There they were: waiting, pressing in, and hungering after the Lord's promise. They felt it deep in their hearts-nothing would keep them from getting what was promised to them.

Have you ever just known that something special or exciting was about to happen . . . do you feel it now? Many are sensing something similar deep in the spirit-that they are on the verge of something major. I know it! We are pressing in for the promise of God-promises for our families, our ministries, our cities, our nations. The sound approaches!

All of a sudden, they hear a sound, "and suddenly, there came a sound," (don't you love it?). "*Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance*" (Ps. 89:15). It is the sound of the breakthrough, the sound of victory, the sound of advancement. It is the sound that signifies God's presence and that something major is about to happen. The heavens opened and there was a mighty outpouring. They became carriers of open heavens.

Keith Miller

No You Have Not Failed

Al Thomas

THE VERY THING YOU THOUGHT WAS A DEFEAT, GOD SAYS WAS A VICTORY…

I strongly sense many people are feeling like they failed God. Many are being pushed around by Satan’s lies concerning (supposed) barren years and lost opportunities. Others feel time has slipped through their fingers, having missed the ‘moment.’ Yes, sometimes we do fail, but more than often the enemy convinces us we have blown it when we have not. Recently a dear lady e-mailed Sherry and me concerning the time my mother lived with us: “*We know from our experiences in school, that many teachers grade their tests differently. The ones we think "I'm sure I failed that one", we get it back: "PASSED"! When we think about the Master Teacher, he grades his tests gently, I believe. There's more room for error, so to speak. The grading system is different than our human thinking and from His perspective, not ours. You may think you've failed some, but when you stand before Jesus, He will notify you: "PASSED!"*

Some are about to get a revelation of their true situation from heaven’s viewpoint:

1. YOU ARE NOT “DEFEATED” - SATAN IS, YOU HAVE NOT FAILED – SATAN HAS…

Satan (for a short time) succeeded in making you feel like a failure. In your weakest moments you agreed with him. Now the real truth comes out like lighting from His clouds above: You passed the test (Matt. 25:21). Where the enemy had you thinking you were Demas ‘having loved this present world’ (2 Tim. 4:10) the Holy Spirit instead says, “*This light affliction (which the enemy meant for evil) will allow you to recapture that resolve and determination that you thought was lost years ago…all is well my child*.” Your heart leaps with hope. Heaven hints of more, the sun is rising.

2. WHAT YOU THOUGHT WAS A FOXHOLE IS ACTUALLY AN EAGLES NEST

No, you weren’t hiding in fear. You were simply waiting on God (Ps. 62:5). You’re smarter than you thought. You felt like you were being pursued by a monster, instead God was chasing you down for a blessing (Ps. 23:6). Now it’s all starting to fall into place. Those hellish, negative discouraging thoughts tormenting you now are transformed into compliments from heaven! Now that it all makes sense, you’re ready to comfort others in a similar state (2 Cor. 1:3-4).

3. INSTEAD OF A PAST LITTERED WITH FAILURE - REWARDS GO IN YOUR ACCOUNT

Now, instead of feeling little and insignificant you actually see the truth from God’s perspective: Great advance for the Kingdom of God was made. No longer berate yourself (that was the enemy) but instead start to hear the applause of heaven as you spontaneously give thanks to Jesus and all He has done for you (Col. 3:15). The enemy fooled you – but now he is revealed for what he really is: A lying, sneaky, deceptive foe who (God reminds you) is defeated and powerless because of the cross (Heb. 2:14). You sense freedom in your spirit coming (John 8:36). Joy awakens…you smile.

4. THINKING YOU BLEW IT BY WASTING ALL THOSE YEARS (AND EXPECTING TO BE CHASTISED) GOD INSTEAD SAYS "*WELL DONE MY CHILD, YOU WAITED ON ME IN SPITE OF THE VICIOUS ACCUSATIONS BY THE ENEMY…YOU HAVE DONE WELL*"

What you thought were barren years was instead God's preparation for great accomplishments. Like a glorious light coming toward you, suddenly God's marvelous plans are starting to become clear. You didn't blow it…the enemy did. God was holding your hand the whole time (Heb. 13:5). Yesterday you randomly picked up the Bible and it *always* seemed to fall on verses speaking of punishment and condemnation…now you *purposely* turn to scripture confirming that you are loved (Deu. 33:27) and accepted with open arms. You're not too late, but right on time (Phil. 1:6).

5. PREVIOUSLY CONVINCED YOU HAD FAILED, NOW HEAVEN OPENS UP BEFORE YOU

You now feel a glorious future before you. You're convinced doors of blessing and opportunity are about to open. Discouragement is burned away like dew when the sun comes up. Where there was confusion and bewilderment, now there is clear sailing and calm seas (Mark 4:39). It's like a dream…but it's real. Satan is humiliated and shirks back knowing he can do nothing to stop the avalanche of God's goodness coming your way (Ps. 31:19). An embarrassed devil (instead of just backing off) flees from you fearful he will get overrun (Luke 10:19). The truth of who you are is sinking in…a child of the King (Ps. 5:2; 84: 1-5). You not only feel relieved but once again happy and strong. You could fly (and your spirit does). You arise and are now strong, picking up (and dusting off) your weapons (Eph. 6:10-17). You sense that the Lord has not only restored your dignity, but given you the city (Eccl. 17:32b). You can go forth now, never looking back (Luke 9:62) only upward. Your vision is clear, your steps are firm and your soul has never been more on fire. That verse that previously seemed so hollow and distant is reverberating through your spirit: "*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*" (Phil 4:13). It even seems like your *faith has faith*. You're back…and you're not alone (Mark 16:20). Glory!

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Overcome All Defeat

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Rise up, you mighty man of war, and worship Christ your King, for I called you to be an overcomer, not to dabble in situations that weigh you down. Pick up the pieces of your life, and march out and claim the inheritance that I invested My life for you to have. No more are you to dabble in situations that weigh you down or bring discouragement or despair. For surely this is the day the Lord has made, and you are to rejoice and to be glad in it.

Bring glory to My name by seeking My face far above all that the enemy tries to bring your way. Fly high above all the powers and principalities of the evil one, and soar with Me. For surely I have made you an overcomer and that you would march out conquering over all the foes in your life. For this is the day to rejoice and to be glad counting this day to be a new beginning for you. All things have passed away, behold all things have become new. And I am calling you to take My hand and to walk with Me leaving behind all the weight and the heaviness. I have given you life and that more abundantly.

So pick up the pieces of your life that seem to be scattered and are of disarray. Don't look at the present circumstances but look to Me. I am closer to you than a brother. Yes, I am your best friend, and I am calling you to a deeper and more intimate relationship that I may speak into your heart all that you need to know to overcome in the onslaughts from the evil one. Yes, I will give you the strategies and the tactics you will need to be able to strive in the flight to freedom from the snares of the enemy.

Many have been defeated because they have not drawn near to Me and listened to My heart beating for them. For I love My people so and long to see them overcome and prosper and to be glad. But many have been so defeated and have drawn themselves into a pit that only I can pull them out of and only if they will cry out to Me.

So I am calling you this day to rise up and overcome the defeat. Cry out and I will lift you up and place you high upon a Rock and once again you may soar like the eagle that you are. Leave behind the weight and heaviness and look forward for surely this is a new day in Me.

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VISION OF THOSE LONGING TO BE FREE

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Only Believe

David Davenport

Dear Friends:

In recent months, the Lord has flooded my mind with sporadic memories of the dawn of my Christian walk, which began in the summer of 1981. As He has done so, He has brought to the surface some things that have challenged me deeply. Through this process, He is enabling me to crawl out from under the rubble of a recent and painful chapter in public ministry.

After praying and meditating upon the idea over several weeks, I am convinced that the Lord has prompted and released me to share this experience abroad.

I have learned over time, that the Holy Spirit is rarely in a hurry. His concept of time is that of *timelessness*. Although there have been some exceptions, most of the time He will not drive me to “get the word out.” Rather, He will entreat me to meditate on a word for an extended time. And when my heart is right on the matter, and I have been freed from the compulsion to *save the world* with my personal revelation, He may then say, *“O.K., why don’t you share this with some friends now.”* It is with this sense of release that I share the following to you.

It was just a few years ago that the Lord told my wife and I very clearly: *“I want you to begin ministering out of your failures. I want you to be completely transparent and tell the Body about your gravest failures in serving Me. And as you share of how I have redeemed you in and through each season, you are going to speak life, strength, healing and hope to My Body.”*

In keeping with what we feel to be our personal mandate, I wish to share with you a point of personal failure in my ministry. As I do so, it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will honor what He spoke to me and my wife, and will speak some measure of strength, encouragement, healing and hope to you.

Having grown up in southern California through the 1960’s and ‘70’s, and to ultimately meet the Lord and begin to serve Him in southern California in ’81, I found myself swathing a path through a jungle of belief systems—*within* the Church.

Well into my radical conversion at the age of 21, I maintained a broad appetite for reading. Having ingested 100s of volumes of humanistic thought, I went on to study the annals of the works of the pioneers of psychology and psychiatry. I had developed a particular affinity with the works of Carl Jung and his study of the unconscious or subconscious mind, and that with particular emphasis upon dreams and dream interpretation. I had enjoyed much study and discourse with members of the Jungian Institute. I had also developed quite an appetite for several British authors and Southern American authors of prose, poetry, essays and novels. This reading appetite in conjunction with having been exposed to every conceivable expression of the New Age paradigm while growing up in Los Angeles County, made for quite an adventure as the Word of God begin to re-write the map of my mind—and the map of my *heart*.

Those who have spent any length of time in southern California, and that more pointedly within Los Angeles County, know that the clash between lightness and darkness far transcends the very best of Hollywood’s depictions of warfare. In such an environment, the Believer in Christ must by necessity cling to an *authentic* faith—one that they can clutch tightly, and even *feel* within the grasp of their hands.

As I began to assimilate into the Church, I quickly sought to wrap my hands around a substantive handle of faith. With the many streams of the Body present in southern California, I realized that I was fortunate to have access to some of the most authoritative and anointed voices on the planet. As I began to grow in my understanding of what lay ahead of me in my new journey, there was very little that I did not appreciate within the various streams in southern California.

It was roughly nine months into my walk, that I was introduced to a stream within the Body that raised red flags of caution in my spirit. I did not realize what this internal mechanism was within me, until I later understood it to be the Gift of Discernment. Internally, and without voicing my judgment of such to anyone, I labeled this stream, “The Faith Camp.”

The Faith Camp, as I so labeled them, was a sector of the Body of Christ that was largely representative of a geographic pocket in the United States, beyond southern California. The more recognizable figures within this camp where, at the time, characterized by the usage the word “faith” within nearly every other sentence of their teachings.

As time marched forward, it troubled me that I had an internal unrest about this “faith camp.” As my personal theology began to evolve, I realized that it was not their emphasis on faith that troubled me. Rather, it was their *application,* within their emphasis on faith, which troubled me. Their general application was that of “believing” for ostentatious measures of material wealth. Much of their collective teachings were founded upon the principles of “sowing and reaping.” One of many excerpts of scripture often alluded to was that of II Corinthians 9:6, which reads, *“He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will reap bountifully.”* Typically, it was not long following the mention of this verse that an invitation was extended, to “sow” into *their* respective ministries. It was as I pondered this stream for some time that it ultimately dawned on me that the “red flag” I had felt was that of the absence of a vital ingredient in this equation. The vital and missing ingredient was that of the fact that we can only reap as the result of sowing, *if we sow in obedience to what God has told us to sow into*, *and if we trust in Him in doing so, versus that of trusting a principle.* For we cannot blindly sow into a given ministry, and rely on a formulaic theology that will yield a guaranteed return financially. To go one painful step further, is to understand that blindly sowing into a ministry that one has not been directed by the Lord to sow into, can actually have *negative* repercussions to ones’ financial health—if in fact such a ministry has willfully stepped out from under the favor and grace of God as the result of deceptive practices, among other practices. This is an entirely different conversation, and one that I will not address at this time.

As the Lord gave me revelation of these dynamics, I committed a grave error. I figuratively “threw the baby out with the bathwater,” by quickly removing myself from earshot of anyone who so much as used the word “faith” in a conversation. What I did not realize at the time was that these dear Saints within the Faith Camp did in fact have a solid handle on the concept of “walking by faith.” Some of them simply went awry in their *application* during this era. Many of these central figures have since gone on to mature and evolve into walking a faith-paradigm that is nothing less than authentic, powerful and contagious. Had I then granted these Saints the grace that God did, by allowing them over time to get back on course, I would have received a much-needed impartation of faith—*25 years ago*.

Not long into my walk in the early ‘80’s, I launched-out and into a season of evangelism ministry on the streets of Hollywood. After a few years of unspeakable failure, I realized that mass-evangelism was not my calling. This reality was later, humorously confirmed by an internationally known prophet as he prayed over me, and saw vivid motion pictures in the Spirit, revealing my goofy evangelism escapades on the streets of Hollywood. He had a good laugh over this one, as did I.

I then transitioned into several years of shepherding and counseling ministry. Following a long season of shepherding, I transitioned into several years of teaching, shepherding and counseling ministry. Following several years of teaching, shepherding and counseling ministry, I transitioned into several years of ministry in the prophetic.

In and through all that I have done in serving the Body over a 25-year period at this point, I can look back on many events wherein I felt the fiery presence of God and His anointing in and through what I was doing. However there was one mysterious ingredient quietly absent in all of this. That quietly absent ingredient was *faith*—faith to believe for the *impossible.*

It was easy to believe for the miraculous when the Holy Spirit was next to me, in His fiery presence. However, between public ministry sessions, and when the daily grind wore on me, I found myself faithless. It is this condition that is the tale-tell sign of one who needs to grow in faith. For those walking in faith that pleases God, will believe for the miraculous *whether they feel God’s immediate* *presence or not*. Faith that pleases God is a 24-hour lifestyle. It is so real that the natural world in front of our faces becomes but a passing fancy. It becomes one temporal hiccup in time.

When the circumstances of our lives slowly weave a web that entangles us in a mental fog of unbelief, doubt and despair, all that we must do to burn away this web is that of carving out a quiet segment in time, alone, without distractions, and meditate on Hebrews chapter eleven. This one chapter chronicles the true Heroes of Faith. Though my purpose within this letter is not to offer expositional commentary on this chapter, I will yet offer Hebrews 11:5 as a transitional and pivotal verse upon which I will share something of a personal nature.

Hebrews 11:5 reads, *"By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."*

Though I do believe that we might miss the point if we walk by faith for the express purpose of being sucked up into Heaven via a fiery Holy Spirit vacuum, and that preferably before the end of Tax Season; I yet believe that walking by faith, and thus pleasing God in this regard, will introduce us to experiences that will defy the rational mind. These experiences may include visits to the Third Heaven and that of being translated in spirit—experiences of which I can attest to being at God's disposal to apportion—in this very hour.

As you ponder the concept of faith within the context of Hebrews 11:5, allow me to share the following chapter of my life.

On New Year's Eve of 1981, I found myself in attendance at an enormous worship service in southern California. The auditorium was massive. I had arrived at the event rather late, and there were very few seats left. Out of what appeared to be shear "luck" an usher found a single vacant seat next to two empty, roped-off VIP seats that had "Reserved" signs on them. As I sat in my chair and began to enter into worship, I was feeling a sense of subtle conviction about something I had said to someone in answer to a question presented to me the day before. I had been with a friend, and we were watching an internationally known husband and wife who hosted an equally internationally known Christian program on television. I was asked what I thought of this couple. My initial reply was that I thought their attire was bombastic, flamboyant, and truly an affront to any semblance of humility. As I tried to enter into worship during this massive service, my words were grinding repeatedly in my soul. As I stood with my eyes closed, trying to enter into worship, someone brushed my sleeve next to me. I paid no attention to the activity next to me in the "Reserved" seating, as I so wanted to lose myself in worship. During the worship service, I continued to press-in, and eventually I felt the awesome presence of the Holy Spirit begin to overshadow my conviction and turmoil. I then lost myself for a time in worship. At one point, I opened my eyes, and my peripheral vision caught something a few inches away from me that sent me into shock and panic. The very couple that I had openly criticized the day prior, were *sitting right next to me!* In silence I yelled, *"Oh-my-God!"* Within seconds, I thought I was going to begin hyperventilating. I remember thinking to myself, *"Lord, you have one warped sense of humor!"* I am almost certain that I heard in my spirit at this moment: *"Warped? Just give me a little time, I'll show you warped!"*

As worship began to subside and make way for a ministry time, I sat down and dared not turn my head to the figure next to me. Everyone within reach was extending an arm to shake hands with this couple and thank them for their wonderful ministry to the nations. I just sat there like a corpse, transfixed upon an imaginary escape route. Just as I was praying that I would be translated back to my bedroom, I felt a soft, warm hand rest gently upon my forearm, followed by the sweetest voice I had heard to date. The voice went on to say, *"Hi, my name is____, how are you?"* When I turned to look into the eyes of this woman, I saw *Jesus* looking back at me. Time stood still for a moment. In an instant, and in only the way that He can, He downloaded a message in a literal nanosecond. He said, *"David, I'm opening your eyes to see the very heart of this woman. You now see her as I see her. Can you now understand why her external appearance and seeming 'flamboyance' is of little concern to Me? She and her husband walk by faith, and this pleases Me."*

The woman and her husband then went on to inquire of my personal status, and engage me in conversation, and that with a genuine interest in me. It was as if the meeting that was unfolding was of little consequence to them. I has humbled beyond words. All that I could utter was, “yes” and “no.” When the conversation finally subsided, the woman smiled broadly and patted me on the arm several times. As she did so, I was looking into the eyes of Jesus once again.

The Lord had given me the most loving rebuke. Though it certainly was a rebuke, He was yet showering me with so much love that I nearly burst into tears. So began my quest to see into the very hearts of people from that day forward. I began to pray in accordance with John 5:19, *“I only do what I see the Father doing. That which the Father does, I do likewise.”* I prayed that the Lord would enable me to see what *He* is doing in the hearts of people—beyond their external trappings. As I continued to pray this prayer, and as the years unfolded, He enabled me to see into the very hearts of 1000s of people within the context of prophetic ministry.

As I sat there motionless in my seat at this New Year’s Eve service, the presence of the Lord filled the massive auditorium. He had *“inhabited the praises of His people”* (Ps. 22:3). Just as the worship team made their way to their seats, an internationally known pastor and author began a New Year’s Eve message. This decidedly conservative-evangelical figure began a very eloquent introduction to his message. At several points in the development of his message, he paused in an awkward sort of way. He would stop himself in the middle of a sentence, and would stare out and into the sea of people, as if he were seeking to find the end of a sentence that he had just lost. Repeating this process several times, he ultimately closed his Bible very slowly, in a quiet and graceful manor, and said: *“Ladies and gentlemen, I must apologize to you; not for having lost my way in my message, but for what I am about to tell you. I have never before done what I am about to do. Though I feel very awkward in doing so, I am going to speak-out a word of knowledge that I believe the Lord has given me for someone here tonight. I have prayed for events of this magnitude all of my life, and I believe the Lord has finally answered my prayer.”*

What I would describe as a holy-hush then settled on this massive auditorium. The speaker went on to say: *“I believe the Lord has shown me a man who is present in this auditorium tonight, who is going to receive a creative miracle of healing in his body.”* As the speaker uttered these words, I heard the Lord speak to me: *“This man, David, is moving in faith.”* As the speaker uttered these words I could almost see with the naked eye, and certainly with the *spiritual* eye, an enormous sheet of God’s presence slowly blanket the entire auditorium. The blanket drifted as slowly and gracefully as a single feather from a dove. With this blanket of the Lord’s presence, many people around me began to weep quietly with joy, to include me. The speaker went on to say, *“The man I’m talking to has had a glass eye for most of his life. He lost one eye as a child.”* A deafening silence ensued. After what seemed like an eternity, the speaker began to speak directly to the man, as if he were looking at him. He said, *“You’re 72 years of age. All of your life you have walked by faith. Despite your affliction, you have trusted God through every trial. You have humbly accepted your injury, and have thanked God for the one eye that you have remaining. Tonight God is going to honor your life of faith, and He is going to heal you in front of all of these people.”*

Two full minutes passed as the speaker gazed intently about the circular mass of people that surrounded the platform. Following what seemed like an eternity, he slowly lowered his head toward his pulpit, in a posture of sad resignation. Though he did not voice his thoughts at that moment, I am certain that he felt he had made a terrible mistake. Another 30 seconds or so passed, and the sound of applause began to erupt from a distant corner of the building. As I looked toward the direction of the applause, I saw an usher walking very slowly while supporting a frail elderly man who was walking with a cane. As the man made his way toward the platform, the applause continued to intensify until the entire auditorium had erupted into a roar of applause. People were now standing to their feet and openly weeping in expectation. I watched as the man made his way upon the steps and onto the platform. Superimposed upon his 72 years, I saw the smile of a boy. What I was seeing was amazing. The Lord enabled me to see the face of the 10 year old, implanted within the 72-year-old face. I saw the smile of a boy that knew His Lord, who had trusted his Lord, and had believed that one day he would regain his lost eye. I then heard the Lord’s voice again: *“This, David, is what it means to walk by faith. I have waited 62 years to bless this man in this way. I’m not only doing it for him; I am doing it for you; that you might believe.”*

As the 72-year-old man approached the speaker on the center of the platform, things began to move in slow motion for me. The presence of the Lord was so thick that I felt I was in another world. Slowly the speaker raised his hand and placed it over the man's glass eye. As he did so, the speaker began to shake. At once, the speaker fell to his knees, with head bowed down, clutching his hands together. The 72-year-old man slowly lifted his hands upward, and I saw his cane fall to the floor. I watched as the man lifted his eyes straight toward the ceiling, as if seeing a vision of heaven. The 72-year-old man then let out a loud cry: *"Thank you Lord! Thank you Lord! Thank you Lorrrrrd!"* The speaker then made his way to his feet. He was weeping uncontrollably. He then raised one hand high in the air, palm upward. In his palm sat a glistening glass eye. The lights in the building beamed toward the eye so that it could be clearly seen by everyone. The Lord had formed a new eye so quickly that the new eye had pushed the glass eye into the speaker's hand. When this was realized, everyone's hands in the auditorium shot skyward, and we were enthralled in the presence of God for what seemed like 90 minutes or more, worshipping with total abandon. We let out a collective shout that made my entire body shudder. It was a measure and intensity of worship that I had to date never imagined. The Lord continued to fill the auditorium with so much of His presence that the air temperature climbed at least 20 degrees. At one point, His presence was so hot that I felt as if my lungs were burning.

The speaker ultimately fell again to his knees as he wept with joy. The 72 year old man danced about the platform like a 10 year old boy—the very 10 year old boy who had lost his eye 62 years prior, and who had trusted God for a new one—*for 62 years*.

I drove home that evening, shortly after the clock struck midnight (January 1st, 1982). I remained in a mental fog all the way home. I recall trying to interact with my older sister, who I was living with at the time. I am certain she thought I was on drugs. Rather, I was simply in a state of heavenly shock.

As the years progressed, I found myself in the middle of many ministry opportunities that were life changing, ongoing. I found that as I would prepare myself through a time of fasting and prayer, and would humble myself as I would minister, the Holy Spirit would most often honor my posture and endorse what I was doing, for the purposes of changing lives and baring fruit. I will never forget some of these encounters through the '80's. Though every bit wonderful, I believe they could have been even *better*, had I stepped-out in radical faith. Though I had never forgotten the words the Lord had given me on December 31st 1981, I yet failed to fully seek to walk *by faith*.

Ten years later, and toward the onset of the winter of 1991, I found myself serving an internship within an explosive church in the Midwest. The church was that representative of a movement that was equally explosive. Signs, wonders and miracles were not uncommon in our midst. During this winter season the founder of the movement scheduled a large conference in the area. The meetings, which spanned three or four days, occupied several large meeting rooms within a conference center. On one evening the founder of the movement, a very kind and loving grandfatherly figure, was in the midst of a tremendous message, when, in the middle of a sentence he went silent, and bowed his head downward. In a flash, I was brought back to my memory of December 31st 1981, some 10-years prior. As I began to process this flashback, I knew intuitively that something of the miraculous was about to happen—*again*. Moments later the speaker raised his head, and with an enormous smile, said, *"I think God wants to grow legs tonight."* It was a rather funny few seconds that followed his statement, as nearly everyone seated turned to at least one person on either side of them, speechless, and with a wide-eyed expression that said, *"Did he just say what I thought he just said?"*

As if it were "just the other day," yet in fact 10 years had passed, I heard the familiar voice speak into my spirit again*: "This, David, is what it means to walk by faith."*

Within seconds, I could feel an electrifying presence of faith in the room. Our collective faith then welcomed the Holy Spirit to do what He does best. At the time, I was standing in the back of the room with five other interns. We had enjoyed some sporadic interaction with the speaker during the conference. He knew who we were. After eyeballing us for a few moments and making us feel a little nervous, with a wide grin on his face he said, *"You guys, come up here. I'm going to pray over you, and when people come forward, you're going to lay hands on them and watch them get healed—up close. Don't worry, I'll be standing right behind you through the whole process."* We must have looked pretty frightened and awkward, as the entire room burst out in laughter as we turned to face them.

They were having a good time, at *our* expense. We had a good laugh at ourselves too. The Joy of the Lord was present, and had we not launched into a time of healing very quickly, we would have likely fallen on the floor and laughed until we cried [that happened much later in the evening].

In very similar fashion to the miracle that occurred on December 31st 1981, the temperature in the room of this conference center rose at least 20 degrees. I could see the faces in the crowd become flushed with heat. I could see them perspiring. I could also see elderly people with wide-eyed, childlike expressions of excitement on their faces as they fixed their gaze toward the front of the room. In the faces of the elderly onlookers especially, I saw a most precious spirit of earnest desire to witness the miraculous. I somehow knew that this expression was born of those who had deep within, believed all of their lives that God was capable of such things, and who had also believed that they would live to see such things before transitioning into eternal life.

In moments, the grandfatherly figure said: *"I want anyone with foot, ankle, knee, leg or hip deformities to come forward."* Even before these people made their way forward I heard screams in the crowd as some had immediately been healed and had begun to jump up and down with joy. As I tried to maintain my focus upon those making their way forward, I realized that I was being approached by a woman in a wheelchair who had a severe leg condition. When she arrived at the front of the room I realized that her right leg, which was fully extended forward and resting on a leg brace which was attached to the front of the wheelchair, must have been at least five if not six inches shorter than her left leg. To demonstrate the difference she pulled a handle on the left side of the wheel chair, which extended a brace that in turn enabled her left leg to fully extend. I could see then that her right leg was a good six inches shorter than the other leg. She began to explain how her condition came about, and over the noise in the room I could only make out a portion of what she was saying: *"My hip…replacement….accident…removed…can't bend…riser shoe…I can't…I just…."*

Instinctively, I knew that if I had allowed this woman to continue with her medical narrative she would talk herself right out of an opportunity to be healed. And so, I raised my hand in a gesture, which implied, *"O.K., I get the picture."* Just then the grandfatherly figure, looking down at a dozen or so people at the altar, said, *"You guys lay your hands on these, and believe!"* Each of us laid hands on the people, and a short silence ensued. Following several seconds, the grandfatherly figure shouted, *"Do it Lord!"*

The moment this man shouted this command, an uproar overwhelmed the room. Many people were letting out screeches as they met with healing miracles. As I then looked into the eyes of the woman I was praying for, I saw that her gaze was fixed upon her right leg. Her eyes began to grow, the corners of her mouth turned downward, and she began to cry. For a fraction of a second, I thought she was crying in disappointment. As I turned my eyes toward her right foot, all of the activity in the room began to play in slow motion for me. At this moment, the strangest thing happened within my inner ears. All of the noise in the room was tuned-out with the exception of the sounds of this woman's leg—*moving*. She had removed an orthopedic shoe that had a massive compensation sole of at least five inches in thickness. I watched as her toes broke through a hole in her nylons. I could actually hear the stretching and tearing as her leg lengthened and pushed her foot through the hole in her nylons. I could hear her polyester pants making a snap and crackle sound as her leg slid through them. I literally watched as her leg grew the full length of the left leg. Unexpectedly, she pulled me to her and I nearly fell over her as she clutched me and cried with joy. The grandfatherly figure just sat on a stool studying the events, smiling, nodding his head and laughing. People were jumping, shouting, running around in the back of the room, and lying on the floor crying. Some people had their hands lifted up in worship, and with eyes closed were lost in the Lord and completely oblivious to the activity around them. The Holy Spirit had filled the room, and our collective human physiology was doing what it always does when the Holy Spirit fills a given room—experiencing *system overload*.

I lost my sense of time on this evening. I only recall following this point, the grandfatherly figure saying later in the evening, *"I think the Lord wants to impart His joy now."* As absurd as my response may sound, I found myself saying, *"O.K., I can buy the miracles I just saw, but I know this laughter-thing has to be manufactured."* Think about how ridiculous this thought is for a moment. I had just witnessed multiple mind-boggling miracles, and my mind (more pointedly, my *left-brain*) was telling me that an impartation of the Joy of The Lord was nothing more than psychologically induced suggestion. Just as this thought began to rob me of receiving a dose of joy, I completely doubled-over, as the air in my lungs was thrust out of me. As I then inhaled, I burst-out and into the wildest laughter I had experienced in my life. I began to laugh so hard that I had to double over and hold onto the chair in front of me. I continued to laugh so hard that I fell to the floor. I must have laughed for at least thirty minutes, crying all the while. In that short thirty minutes, my mental and emotional circuitry was completely re-wired, and a recent season of depression was completely flushed from my system.

Many years have passed since these life-changing experiences occurred to me. These are but two of more than a dozen episodes of equal magnitude that I have personally experienced or witnessed. I would expound upon all that I have seen, but it would make for lengthy discourse that would transcend the bounds of my point in writing this letter.

As you ponder the two experiences I have written about, I trust you will conclude with me that the primary reason the miraculous was released in both settings, was that rooted in the unshakable faith of the ministers within the focal point of these meetings. Each of these men had cultivated such intimacy with their Father in heaven, and had leaned so close to His breast, and for so long, that they could hear His very heartbeat—His desire for what He wished to release and accomplish within a given meeting. For when you rest your head on someone's chest long enough, and settle yourself in quietness, you can hear the rhythm of a heartbeat—perpetuating life with every beat. When one can hear the Lord's heartbeat this clearly, the only missing element required to see the miraculous break forth in your midst, is that of childlike *faith*.

At times I experience seasons wherein despite my attempts to pour-over scripture on a daily basis, the Holy Spirit will speak but one verse to me, over and over and over again. In recent months, He has spoken one verse to me, daily. I usually do not hear the verse until I have settled myself in my quiet-time chair, late in the evening. In stillness, and as quietness ensues, this is what I hear: *"Unless you…become as a little child, you will by no means see the kingdom of heaven"* (Matt. 18:2).

This verse, transliterated, speaks of the context of entrance into eternal life. However in a very personal context, the Holy Spirit has been speaking to me, through this verse, that *childlike faith* is the gateway by which I can see the "kingdom of heaven" made manifest in my midst—through signs, wonders and miracles unspeakable—events that can change the course of a persons life in but a few moments.

In II Kings 6:24—7:20, we read of an account of the Israelites being besieged by the Syrians, in which they are kept within the walls of Samaria, completely cut-off from any source of food supply and commerce. As famine and starvation ensues, Jehoram, the Israelite King at the time, is driven to such despair that he curses Elisha, who is present; blaming Elisha for the demise of the city. Elisha's response is that to prophesy that this desperate and famished people would, in the context of but *one day*, go from utter depravity to an overabundance of food and riches. As Elisha prophesies such, a high ranking officer who was close to the king relationally, in fact so close that the king rested his head on this officer's hand as he had earlier cried out in despair, responds to Elisha's prophesy by saying: *"I can't see it. How can the Lord make windows in heaven, and accomplish such a thing?"* Seemingly and innocently enough, this simple measure of doubt, and more pointedly, *unbelief*, ultimately cost this man his very life the following day. For Elisha responded by saying: *"Oh, you will see it alright, but you will not live to partake of it."*

At the break of dawn the following morning, and as the Syrians were encamped not far from walls of Samaria, while premeditating their final military strike, the Lord fulfilled Elisha's prophesy, by causing the very Army of The Lord to appear to the Syrians—in full force. As this occurred, the Syrians fled from their tents and ran for their lives. They thought King Jehoram had networked and amassed many armies from distance lands in his defense. As the Syrians fled, they left many riches within their tents. They left their armor, their swords and their spears. Moreover, they left enough food to feed the Israelite city ten times over.

As word made its way to the Israelites, the officer who had doubted Elisha's prophecy approached the main gate, to venture out and take a look at the Syrian plunder. Just as he was about to exit the main gate within the walls of Samaria, a horde of people rushing out to partake trampled him under foot and crushed him to death.

It was late in the evening several months ago, that I reread this story. I had read it several times in years past. Yet never had it spoken to me as it did on this evening. For on this evening the Lord whispered something very sobering to me. It was so sobering that it felt as if my heart stopped for a moment. This is what I believe He whispered to me on this evening:

"David, in the same way that this officer's unbelief cost him his life; your unbelief can cost you the very life of the ministry that has been prophesied over you."

[A long and silent pause…………]

As the weight of this word began to settle upon me, I realized that I had allowed myself over the course of roughly a year, to drift into a state of unbelief that was virtually choking the fulfillment of the ministry that had been prophesied over me, over so many years. For I had resigned from facilitating (pastoring) a young church-plant in my locale as the result of a series of traumatic events which had devastated me. In my devastation, I failed to see why the Lord had allowed such atrocities to happen. Rather than seeking to understand what it was that I was to learn and grow from as the result of these events, I freely allowed the roots of bitterness to slowly, subtly and tightly weave their way around my heart—choking out what little faith had been there to begin with.

It is my belief that the vast majority of personal prophetic words spoken over our lives, are that which can be classified as *conditional prophecies*. The condition is this: *"If you will…"*

Were you to conduct a search within the many prophecies uttered within the pages of the Old Testament for example, you will find this conditional prefix attached to many of them. I have come to believe that there are two primary conditions that must be met ongoing, before the Lord will in turn fulfill the depths and breadth of the ministries to which we are called. The first condition is that of cultivating daily intimacy with Him ("*Those who seek Me diligently, will find Me,"* Prov. 8:17). The second condition is that of walking by faith *("Without faith it is impossible to please God,"* Heb. 11:6).

The vast majority of the men and women that have shaken the world with the gospel over the past two hundred years, have, interestingly enough, been those who have kept daily journals of their walk with the Lord. The same men and women have, when met with cold, dark and rainy days, flipped through the pages of their journals and have been reminded of many of the profound words that had been spoken over their lives. These have been "diligent" (Prov. 8:17) to daily meditate upon the things that had been spoken to them. In doing so, they kept the flame of faith (Heb. 11:6) burning ever brightly. In this context, consider Revelation 1:2, which reads*: "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near."* In this verse, the words "reads," "hear" and "heed" are present participles. That is to say that this verse denotes ongoing reading, ongoing hearing and ongoing heeding of *"…the words of prophecy…"* Clearly this verse pertains initially to the Book of Revelation, however I believe it also speaks to the sure word of prophecy over our lives.

Those among us who press-in daily, to hear from the Lord, are given many nuggets upon which to chew. Many of these nuggets come in the form of dreams, which I believe are very often, gifts from heaven. It is when we fail to write these down and meditate upon them, that subsequent dreams are often withheld. Job 33:14-16 reads: *"God will speak to men on several occasions, yet men do not perceive it. God then waits until they are sound asleep, deep in the night. He will then seal their instruction."* Do a search on the word "dream" throughout scripture—you will be amazed at the frequency in which pivotal figures in scripture were led-about by dreams from the Lord. What is more interesting than this, is that nowhere in scripture does it say that the Lord has ceased to speak to His children in this way.

What happens to those of us who become lax in meditating upon the words that have been spoken over us, the dreams the Lord has downloaded within us, the visions the Lord has imparted to us, and the sure-word of prophecy that has been spoken over our lives? What happens when we allow the subtle roots of bitterness, as the result of traumatic injustices and subsequent wounds, to grow around our hearts and choke-off this revelation? I believe the prophet Isaiah answers this most pointedly: *"They do not pay attention to the deeds of the Lord, nor do they consider the work of His hands.*

Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge; and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude is parched with thirst. Therefore Sheol has enlarged its mouth without measure…"

It was one year ago that my wife and I resigned from facilitating [pastoring] a church, which was the fulfillment of several years of dreams and visions. We would never have imaged that we would meet with such ravenous opposition and spiritual warfare carnage, that if these events were chronicled, would make a Stephen King novel read more like an episode of Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, by comparison. In a state of shell shock and emotional numbness, we withdrew into a behavior known by sociologists as "cocooning." And while we cocooned, I lost site of "*the deeds of the Lord*" and "*the work of His hands*," by failing to meditate on why He allowed these things to happen. Instead, I allowed the chords of bitterness, like vines, to wrap their way around my heart. As this occurred, *"Sheol enlarged its mouth without measure."*

We all know of the stern warnings within the book of Proverbs and the book of James, with respect to the power of the spoken word. It was David Yonggi Cho, apostolic leader of the world's largest church in Seoul South Korea, who once stated: "*Jesus is bound by our lips*." In essence, what David Yonggi Cho was suggesting is that the words we speak, do in fact release Jesus' presence in our midst. On the same token, we can open the floodgates of hell in our midst, by speaking-out those things that are rooted in bitterness and hardness of heart.

We are living in an age wherein every thought and deed in our hearts will release either the kindness or the severity of the Lord. We are fast-approaching a time when every thought *must be held captive*—around the clock, for His refinement of our souls is being accelerated as we fast approach the End of The Age—as we know it. It is with this reality in mind that I have made myself vulnerable to you, by confessing my season of *unbelief.* For following the traumatic events that my wife and I endured as we led our former church, we entered into a period of shell shock. This was followed by a period of anger, which was followed by a period of deep bitterness. As we then sought to forsake the bitterness, a heavy blanket of sadness was upon our shoulders. It has now been one year since our resignation from the church, and we are finally feeling the release of the deep and abiding sadness.

I have appreciated the emphasis upon the word "destiny" over the past decade. This word has found its way into countless conference titles, books, seminars, messages and prophetic words, and often within the context of the promise of a resurrection of ones' destiny in life. It has been a timely and relevant word for the Church. One small oversight within the application of this word as a theme however, has been this: *there can be no resurrection, without there first being a crucifixion.*

In and through the utter carnage that my wife and I faced while planting and pastoring our former church, our ministry-vision was crucified. We were ripped to mental and emotional shreds. This process made no sense to me at the time, as I recall having been crucified upon my conversion in the summer of 1981. Why would I need to die such a horrible death, all over again?

In the early stages of our shell shock following our resignation, I was having lunch with another area pastor, when he posed a simple yet profound thought. As we savored our Mexican food, and as he surely saw the veil of posttraumatic stress disorder over my face, he said this: *"I wonder, David. If the Lord did not allow this to happen, to test you, and to see if He would remain your first-love through all of this? I wonder if He wasn't interested in seeing if you'd still love Him after all of this."*

[A long and silent pause……………]

For many years, the overriding theme of most of my teachings and writings has been that of the extreme importance of the cultivation of personal quiet-times with the Lord—daily. However in the midst of a series of traumatic events within our church, accompanied by sleepless nights and extreme stress and fatigue, I had allowed the devotion to my first-love, to erode. It was replaced by the cares and concerns of my church. It was as I realized this that I was propelled to lay the church on the altar of sacrifice, and watch it go up in figurative flames.

My wife and I have learned a painful yet powerful lesson in and through this saga. We will never again allow anything to dilute the priority of our one-on-one time with the Lord, ever again. For it is in *this* practice that we find the deepest and the only lasting sustenance, affirmation and vision. There is no activity outside of this activity, which will sustain us, affirm us and impart vision to us, like our alone-time with the Lord.

As the psychological and emotional dust has settled around me following my resignation from the church one year ago, I have been challenged by the Holy Spirit to continue to believe for the fulfillment of the ultimate calling on my life. I have been challenged to accept that recent events were a necessary chapter on my way toward the ultimate fulfillment of the book of my life. In and through renewed quiet-times, I have had many things spoken to me—straight from the Throne Room of grace. One such thing spoken to me is that which I also wish to speak to you as I close this letter.

I wish to remind you that you are*"…fearfully and wonderfully made…"* (Ps. 139:14). No one on the entire planet has the combination of your physiological construct, your DNA, your temperament (psychological construct), your spiritual gift-mix and your personal testimony. Further, you have experienced facets of God that others have not. In turn, what you have to extend to the Body of Christ abroad, and to a dying world abroad, cannot be offered by anyone else. You are unique in all the earth. Your worth is infinite within the eternal plan of God. You cannot give up. You must not.

I know that I speak to someone who has tasted bitter sufferings as the result of being wounded by the Church. I know that I speak to someone who has become despondent to the vain religiosity and church-antics found within the church walls. I know that I speak to someone who is tired of beating the dead horse of your sense of obligation to submit yourself to the hands of those you do not even trust within the church. I know that I speak to someone who is sitting quietly in the shadows, awaiting the resurrection of the truly glorified Church. Moreover, I know that I speak to someone who has all but concluded that the lofty things prophesied over your life must have been a mistake, for all of the events following these words have been the radical and painful opposite. If this is you, you must know that I have prayed that as you read these words, a very small match will light a very small flame within your heart; a flame just bright enough to illuminate the parchment upon which your calling has been prophesied, over and over again. I have also prayed that faith would begin to circulate in your veins again, and would begin to infiltrate your thought processes again—the faith to believe for the fulfillment of what you know you have been called to do. For I know the slander that has gone before you. I know the erroneous judgment that has been levied against you. I know how you have been misunderstood and misquoted. I know how you have been underestimated and cast-off from those you once loved, trusted and submitted to. I know the grief and sadness that permeates your soul when you rehearse what people have been permitted to get away with within positions of authority and influence. I know that sometimes you wonder if your walk has been one terrible deception, because things have not turned out at all the way you thought they would. I know that you see the likes of true fellowship and love in your local pub, more so than in the local church. I know this sadness, loved one. However, I also know this: When you have come to this point, you have come to a place of being made of "…*no reputation*…" (Phil. 2:7). Having arrived at this place, you must understand that you are closer to crossing-over and into the fulfillment of your high calling than you have ever been before. For now you are free from the desire to pursue the accolades of men and the religious pomp. Now you only want to serve the Mighty One, and to be affirmed by Him alone. The only thing left, is to simply *believe* that your foot is about to touch down upon the very soil that has been prophesied over you for so many years.

I want to encourage you to imagine a picture for a moment: Imagine that high in the sky there is a majestic figure of a man sitting on a throne of gold, and radiating light that is more brilliant than anything you have seen. In His eyes, the depths of the oceans can be seen. About His face is wisdom and nobility that transcends the English language, and all languages on the earth. His eyes are fixed upon you. His left elbow is resting upon the armrest of his majestic chair, and in His left hand rests His chin, in a posture of patience and timelessness. His right hand rests upon the other armrest, and the fingers of His right hand are drumming very softly, as if waiting patiently for something. His right foot is tapping a floor of jasper, very softly, as if waiting patiently for something. The last thing you notice is that of his mouth, which has a very slight smile about it. You then hear these words:

"Well, what's it going to be?"

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O Christmas Tree
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They chopped down Gods tree. Laid on Him, the bare naked edge of their axe and cut him down from the Garden of Life. He was planted years ago, just like any other fir tree. Quietly and without fuss or real notice. Carefully placed by the hand of its creator. The planting of greatness, in the forest of man. Within, its seed, providing the hope, of one day this sapling surviving the rigours and dangers of this worlds life. Like us, to daily struggle to find height, to find light, to find space, that we might desperately find His life, space and place in Him.

They cut him down. This fair tree, destined for what? Does he now stand acknowledged in your room or on your shelf? Is he lit with lights or bedecked with baubles? No, this tree is the Light. Purity beyond purity. Light beyond light, and of himself is every Jewel, every Gem and Stone imaginable. Is he covered in glory, or tinsel and tat? Today is his tree, still, the tree of His cross? So grown, on which is hung your shame!

He has always lived. Always lived and grown amongst us, besides us and have we esteemed him not? But have we been, or are we aware of the greatness that stands within our homes, within the planting of our human hearts. The centre piece of life. This tree is life. For this tree is living, from him all others grow. From him the whole root of life abides and flows. Humbly planted within the soil of humanity. Lowly laid. Lowly lived. Lowly died. Destined for wood, destined for dying…destined for burning. Will we throw him away or, wrap him up for another year?

Jesus, Gods mans size tree.

Chopped down, laid low. Dragged from his place of falling, with chains of sin. The egos, the avarice, the pride and greed of man. This fallen tree, whose bark was crushed, splintered and bruised, became battered and bleeding, to bring him here to you, into the heart of your home, Brought by Gods good intention, so that you may find, He has brought Him here for you.

Yes Father Lord, as I look afresh on your frame, I find faith in your fir. Life in your frame. I find meaning, and light in your hope. Help Lord, help me to collect your life giving sap, that flows from your fractured bark, your broken branches, broken to help me find your place of expression for me. Crushed by the machinery of life, and the heel of mans boot, to help us discover by your grace, the Healing, Health and Hope, that is in the meaning of your coming. That we may find the true meaning of your hope.

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One Church Of The City
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One Church Of The City –
The Dwelling Of God

"Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God's temple…?"

1 Cor 3:16 (AMP)
God's purpose has always been to dwell with men.

From the beginning of time to its culmination, from Eden to the New Jerusalem, this has been his singular desire.

In the Garden, it was God's habit to come down and commune with the first human community, most probably at the close of each day (see Gen 3:8). Adam, in his rebellion, ran from God forsaking this intimate communion, cutting himself off from the presence of God, and plunging his progeny into its present darkness.

With this tragic failure, God intervened, calling Abraham and his seed, to whom he said, *"…have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them" (Ex 25:8).* Likewise Israel , rebelled time-and-again, forsaking the devotion of her youth, until finally her house (or temple) was left desolate (see Jer 2:2; Mtt 23:38).

But God, in whom there is no variance, pursues with passion his purpose to dwell with men. Through redemptive history he has lived a peripatetic life, moving from the Garden, and then from one dwelling to another looking for a permanent place to live. As the Lord explained to David, *"…I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from one dwelling place to another" (1 Chr 17:5).*

The God-Man

And so, finally, at the climax of history God declares of his own Son, the true Zion , *"This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it" (Psa 132:14).* The eternal word has finally found a permanent repose in human flesh and *"made his dwelling among us"* (Jn 1:14 ; *'dwelling'* - Gr. *skunoo* – 'to tabernacle'). God, in Christ, has fulfilled all that the Old Testament dwellings foreshadowed. He is now the "dwelling of God", made without hands, and we have beheld his glory (see Acts 17:24 ; Jn 1:14). The *shekinah(*Heb*. 'dwelling')* glory no longer dwells in temporary tents and earthly temples, but now abides eternally in the God-man, Jesus Christ. The glory of God's own presence has settled into a human breast.

The *eschaton* (the end) has been realised in Christ. He is God's final word. As the writer to the Hebrews shows, *"God in these last days has spoken to us by his Son" (Heb 1:2).* In his humanity he has become, *"the radiance, the shining forth, of the Father's glory and the exact representation of his nature"(Heb 1:3).* He is the climax of all God's outshinings and the full manifestation of all that he is – *"For in him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form" (Col 2:9).* The man, Christ Jesus, has become the *"one mediator between God and men" (1 Tim 2:5)* – remarrying the human and the divine.

Prototype of a New Humanity

Even so, the fullness of God is not found in Christ alone, but in his union with his body, the church – *"…the church, which is his body the fullness of him…" (Eph 1:23). "And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead…For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him" (Col 1:18-19).*
The God-man, Christ Jesus, has become the firstborn of a new creation – in fact, the prototype of a new humanity.

First, in his death as the last Adam. He has terminated, once-and-for-all, the failure of the Adamic race to maintain communion with God.

Secondly, rising, as the second man. He is the beginning of a whole new order – a race of king-priests whose redeemed and perfected humanity becomes the dwelling place of the living God. Blazing the trail into the presence of God he has irrevocably joined, in himself, the human and the divine (see Heb 2:10-14; 5:9-10; 2 Pet 1:4; Rom 8:29; 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:45-47; 2 Cor 5:17).

And so, joined to him, his body now becomes the dwelling of God –
"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Eph 1:21-22).

The Temple of the City-Church

This brings us to the unity of the body. As the head of a new humanity Christ is not divided.

The apostolic church knew nothing of denominational division. It was not denominated by theology or celebrity, but only by geography. Geographical boundaries and civil jurisdictions alone determined the church's boundaries. When the apostle wished to address a church he would speak to the whole church of the city – for example, the *' church of God in Corinth '* (1 Cor 1:2). Evidently, the church, even in these large cosmopolitan cities, was functioning as one unified whole. (See also 2 Cor 1:1; 1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:1; Rev 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14; Rom 1:7; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col 1:2).

Anything less was an aberration, provoking apostolic rebuke. Paul had clearly taught, *"…all the parts, though many, form (only) one body, so it is with Christ…"* (1 Cor 12:12 ; see also v 20, 27; Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:16 , 17; Eph 2:14 -16; 4:4, 16, 25; 5:30). And so, when the church of God in Corinth violated this unity he wrote,
"I appeal to you, brothers…that there be no divisions among you… One of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'I follow Cephas'… . Is Christ divided? …

*Do you not discern and understand that you (**the whole church at Corinth**) **are God's temple**…. If any one destroys it, God will destroy him because God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple".*

(1 Cor 3: 10 -13; 3:16 -17 Amp. & author's paraphrase).
Need we wonder any more at the destruction of the contemporary Western church! The scandal of our denominational divisions has invited the displeasure of God.

Now is the time to return to him – to repent of our pride and false value systems. To dismantle the mindsets and structures that are inimical to the spirit of Christ and the unity of his body. And together we will become a dwelling in which God is pleased to live.

All heaven will then erupt, declaring over our cities and nations –
"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God". (Rev 21:3)

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Open Door to Remain Open in 2005

Paul Cox

Chuck Pierce was right. In February 2004, he wrote of doors opening that year that would not be closed. It was in 2004 that the Lord started to mature my understanding of the door in heavenly places. The journey has been fascinating and ongoing.

Several months ago I woke up at 11:22, 12:22, 1:22, 2:22, etc. It was evident there was something with 22! Then Lord led me to **Isaiah 22:22**:
"The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder, so he shall open and no one shall shut, and he shall shut, and no one shall open." (NKJV)
I thought that there must be something with this verse . . . but what?

"HOW THE LORD TAUGHT ME TO DISCERN HEAVENLY DOORS"

Weeks later, during a training workshop at Aslan's Place, while talking to a young adult, I began feeling an odd sensation on my left side -- something like acid. The young man began looking past my left shoulder; an expression of terror, as someone seeing a horrific scene, crossed his face.

"What are you seeing?" I asked him.

"I saw a door open and a terrifying being standing at the door. He is looking at you right now, and is not happy."

My gift of discernment led me to believe I was experiencing some type of new revelation. I realized I was discerning a "spiritual force," a being I had encountered several times before. I knew it was not evil, but righteous. Why was he present?

"Why is he unhappy?" I asked.

The young man replied, "The Lord says there are walls around you that must come down so that He can accomplish in you what He wants."

That was all I needed. I prayed, "Lord, remove the walls." Immediately the being stepped from the door and poured an anointing of the Lord on me. He then moved back through the door and the door closed. The Lord had just taught me to discern doors in heavenly places.

HEAVENLY DOORS, HEAVENLY PLACES

During the following weeks and months, a Biblical door of information opened to me. The Lord showed me Scriptures throughout His Word. I went to **Revelation 3:7-8**:
"And to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, he who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens,' I know your works. See I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." (NKJV)

Isaiah 45:1-3, ***"Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have held to subdue nations before him and loose the armor of kings, to open before him the double doors, so that the gates will not be shut: 'I will go before you and make the crooked places***

straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze and cut the bars of iron. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, who call you by your name, am the God of Israel." (NKJV)

Since the initial revelation, many have gone through the heavenly doors. Some have seen double doors. At times, the doors appear to be ancient. After going through the doors, individuals believe the Lord has given them new revelations.

Revelation 4:1, *"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven." (NKJV)*
It is clear from this passage that these doors are in heaven. Ephesians 2:6 declares that we are seated with Christ in heavenly places. When we go through the doors, we go into the heavenly places. It is important to note that we are not seated in a place but in *places*.

THE DOORS THAT ARE OPENED WILL NOT BE CLOSED!

The Lord continues to teach me about the heavenly doors. One night He woke me and gave me this scripture:

Matthew 7:7-8, *"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (NKJV)*

Having memorized it as a child, I thought I understood its meaning. Could the passage indicate the possibility of going through the heavenly doors?

I have given this message at various venues, and now I know there are many doors and they lead to many rooms designed to hold many things. Now, when I discerned the door, I invited each person to go through it. Their reports are amazing. Each person sees the door in a different way and they do go into rooms unique for them.
What takes place in the rooms is not just an unverifiable spiritual transaction, but many experience physical and emotional healings, or miraculous encounters with the Lord which manifest in their everyday life.

There is a remarkable fact! As stated in Isaiah 22:22, the Lord has promised that the doors that are opened will not be closed! So the doors that opened in 2004 remain open in 2005.

WHERE DO WE GO WHEN WE GO THROUGH THE DOORS?

The following is a list of the rooms people have reported entering:

Throne
Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel
Might
Knowledge
Fear of the Lord
Prophecy
Body Parts
Weapons

Healings
Reconciliation
Treasures
Rest
Vision
Deliverance
War Room
Map Room
Library
Council

Treasury
Wardrobe
Art (Artistic)
Music
Play
Garden (refreshment)
Basic Training
Infirmary
Surgery Room
Recovery Room

Tears (weeping)
Intercessory
Armory
Joy
Swimming Pool
Esther Room
Camp David
Waiting Room
Gym
Storehouse/pantry

Worship
Crowning
Peace
Languages
Anointing
Strategies
New Hearts
Nursery
Birthing
Divine Revelations

Impartation
Equipping
White House Room
Wine Cellar
Furnace Room
Working Room (God with a Jackhammer)

Stones of Fire Room
Conception Room
Preacher's Room
Discernment

Spiritual Body Parts Room
Room to Sit at Jesus Feet (like Mary)
Kitchen
Cupbearer Room
Room of Offerings (i.e. Leviticus Offerings)
Signs, Miracles, and Wonder Room
Family Photos
Generations
Sewing Room
Favor

Fragrances
Wings
Seer Room
Vault
Kneeling
Purity
Stables
Inventions
Bone Room

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The Burden

> *The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail: And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it.* (Isaiah 21:13-17)

The above scripture came to me more than once in the past year as a theme scripture for Operation Desert Harvest. What is Operation Desert Harvest? It's what I call the coming great harvest in Muslim lands. Yes the Lord intends to reap a great harvest from Muslim and Arabic nations. Operation Desert Harvest is named after Desert Shield and Desert Storm. How do I know there will be an Operation Desert Harvest? What has it got to do with Desert Storm? And what has it got to do with me? Well I'm Glad you asked!!

The Lord began by showing me the need for the Gospel among Islamic peoples. Then he graced me with an urgency and ability to intercede in this area. This is what we call a burden. Then he gradually revealed a vision of Islamic countries being reached with the gospel. A Desert Harvest. Then, astonishingly, he invited me to be a part of it. The Burden, The Vision and The Call. This is how I came to be called to Arabia. First, several influences led to a burden for Muslims.

I came to the Lord in 1985 in a Full Gospel Church. Reserve Christian Church in Reserve LA, has a long record of missions involvement. My spiritual outlook soon included a concern for world missions. It was intensified by the power of a dramatic musical, 'The Spirit and the Bride say Go!' There the Church, the Bride of Christ, was personified as the 'going bride' and the 'sending bride'. That is, those who go on the mission field and those who send them. The home church is the sending bride providing finances and most importantly prayer support. My personal situation, a heavy load of debt, would keep me from going out of course but I committed to be a diligent prayer and financial supporter.

The Islamic emphasis began with a 'borrowed' copy of Mission Frontiers. April-May 1989 Vol. 11 nrs. 4-5. I still have it and it still has the address label saying "Ed Pousson - Gulf States. Mission Agency."

In that issue, the US Center for World Missions announced their 1990 Unreached Peoples Poster. At the bargain price for quantity purchases I ended up getting a half dozen of them, mostly to give away. This poster is a real eye-opener. The people groups of the world are represented in a pie chart. The angle of the arc for each slice of pie is proportional to the group's share of the total world population. Their are 9 groupings. Within each group areas are shaded representing what portion of the people in the group fall into one of four categories. White = Great Commission Christians, Yellow = Other Christians, Gray = Non-Christians within reach, and Black = Non Christians still unreached.

It's both awesome and shocking to note the darkness in the Muslim region graphically portrayed. The area devoted to Muslims has only the tiniest speck of white, a dab of gray and the rest black. Nearly a Billion people in darkness! Of all the groups represented, Muslims had the least penetration by the Gospel.

I took out a subscription to Mission Frontiers to get my own copy. The 1989 issue of Mission Frontiers (Vol 11 Nrs 11-12), highlighted Muslim Missions. The issue included a book review of 'The Cross and the Crescent' by Phil Parshall and an in depth article by Tom Trueman titled "Fresh Thinking on Muslim Missions" He quotes World Christian magazine: "Historically, Islam has been Christianity's greatest challenge." and goes on to discuss problems with missionaries approach to Muslims. Here is part of an excerpt from a memo from a mission agency to Muslims which he also quotes in the article.

"The Challenge of the Muslim World"

As we move into the 1990's we rejoice that the Church of Jesus Christ has made significant inroads among:

* many Marxist peoples;
* major towns and cities of India;
* the Chinese;
* Latin America;
* Sub-Saharan non-Muslim Africa;
* all of Europe - even Eastern Europe...;

Therefore, **the great remaining challenge in completing the Great Commission is indisputably the Muslim World...."**

The great remaining challenge in COMPLETING THE GREAT COMMISSION is the Muslim world. It was becoming more apparent to me all the time.

My burden continued to be stirred up with the announcement by Gulf States Missions Agency, whose offices were housed at Reserve Christian, that it was time to cultivate Muslim awareness. Dr. Robert Douglas came to Reserve on Feb 11 1990 to speak on Islamic Missions in a talk titled "The Desert Shall Bloom (Isa. 35:1-7)." Douglas is or was the head of the Zwemer Institute, an agency, headquartered at the US Center for World Missions, dedicated to Islamic Missions. (It is named after Samuel Zwemer, an American of Dutch extraction who served in the earlier part of this century. He is known as the Apostle to Islam.)

Douglas spoke on Missions as finding out what God is doing in the world and then cooperating with him. He talked of the challenge that Islam presents to Christianity and the tremendous lack of missionaries actually working with Muslims.

I soon found myself praying with special intensity for the Islamic people when we held our missions prayer sessions. Late in the summer of 1990 around the time Iraq invaded Kuwait, I began to get the Vision.

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"And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper." 2 Chron. 20:20

To "Believe His Prophets" is extremely important. We live today in an age when God's is using prophets again to reveal his plans. The following excerpts and quotations are from the prophets that God used to birth an excitement in my spirit; a vision for a great harvest among Muslims. The first article quoted presents an astonishing prophecy of the fall of Islam. The others all provide confirmation in one way or other.

This first item is an excerpt from an article by Steve Lightle that appeared in Christ for The Nations mid 1990. "A Prophetic Bell is Ringing".

"In May of this year [1990], I entered the city of Bosra, Iraq. I was there with what we call a Holy Ghost Commando Team. I arrived on the 28th of May. On that day, a special summit conference of the Arab nations was held in Baghdad. The subject was how to stop Soviet Jews from going to Israel. It was called one week before we made the trip which we had planned three years earlier. Nothing came of the Arab Summit Conference. And I know why: because we had a twenty-four hour prayer chain going....

In 1985, the Lord brought Daniel Chapter Nine alive to me. As I read about the Babylonian captivity being only seventy years long, I began to think about how long Communism had been ruling, bringing 70% of the population of the whole world under its dominion.

The Bible says in the 19th chapter of Revelation that the ruling spirit in the last days is going to be the spirit of Babylon. I asked the Lord, "When are You going to deal with Communism?" The Lord said, "I am ready to deal with it. Go." Daniel read the prophecies of Jeremiah in the 68th year of captivity; for two years he prayed specifically about what he read there. He battled the principalities and the powers; God sent the archangels to help him as he pressed through to get things done.

Like Daniel, for two years we prayed and listened to the Lord. Lenin signed the Constitution of the Soviet Union on the 17th of October, 1917. On the 17th of October, 1987, exactly 70 years later, twelve of us were in the city of Moscow. As midnight passed, we were exactly in the spot where Lenin signed the Constitution. We made a circle, and in obedience to the Lord in prayer, we cancelled the Soviet Union's Constitution in the Name of the Lord and agreed He would make a new one.

Eleven months later, November of 1988, Mr. Gorbachev called the Supreme Soviets together and they changed 52 points of the Constitution of the Soviet Union. In January 1989, over a hundred points were changed, and in April of this year the part of the Constitution of the Soviet Union was struck out which had said there could be only one party, the Communist Party. The death blow came by prayer, "Without a vision, the people perish..." (Prov. 29:18).

One the way to Moscow in 1987, the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart: "Your next strike will be in Babylon..." On the airplane I was handed a newspaper; on the inside of the front page there was an article about Sadam Hussein of Iraq rebuilding the city of Babylon. And then the Holy Spirit spoke and said, "This step of going to Babylon will be the first one before you go to stand on the black rock in Mecca to preach the Gospel. I am going to break the back of Islam quicker than I broke the back of Communism." There are almost a billion Muslims in the world today and the Lord loves them and doesn't want them to perish. He is looking for those who really understand so that they will cooperate with Him - first in prayer and then to do his will.

We have the same God Daniel had. He is looking for those to whom He can give vision so they can participate with Him. "Where there is no prophecy the people cast off restraint..." (RSV) "...where there is no vision, the people perish... (Prov. 29:18 KJV). When people have not received that which the Lord wants to do, then all the restraint comes off and they just go do what is right in their own eyes, and the purposes of God are not accomplished.

God has chosen to do absolutely nothing except what He energizes by the Holy Spirit through prayer through the body of Christ. Through His servants, He is going to change the course of history!"

Those words: *"I am going to break the back of Islam quicker than I broke the back of Communism."* rang a bell in my spirit. They still do every time I reread them. When an awesome and exciting prophecy like this comes along, it may or may not stir your spirit. But it needs to "go on the shelf". It must wait judging by those in spiritual authority. And it must wait for other words of confirmation.

In the fall 1990 Desert Shield progressed into a massive troop buildup. Our missions pastor, GSMA director Brother Dick, confided to me that according to his contacts, nobody in the body of Christ had gotten a clear word from the Lord on the Mid East situation. (I felt the Lord was waiting to see if we would pray, so I prayed.)

Word was not long in coming. And it was a word that confirmed Steve Lightle's prophecy! Late in 1990 as the Allied forces were preparing to go to war against Iraq, it appeared in a journal put out by Francis Frangipane. In 'The Spirit of God's Kingdom', an article titled "Middle East Prayer Watch" by Reuven Doron contained this word.

"As the Drama Unfolds in the Middle-East, we feel strongly the need to alert and inform the intercessors of our discernment. The aggressive amassing of armies in the region are but a reflection of the intensifying spiritual conflict in the heavenlies.

Isaiah 24 and Hebrews 12 both tell us that, in these last days, all the world systems shall be shaken and removed. The voice of the Lord is already thundering in the heavenlies as we see communism shaken and falling to the earth, liberating millions from bondage. Next is Islam.

As a demonic principality and a world religion, Islam controls one-fifth of the global population and is fanatically anti-christ. Islam's stated goal is world domination by means of territorial conquest and the utter submission of all souls to the "Great Allah," a demon prince! This violent religion is woven together with unrestrained nationalistic fervor to unite the Arab world into one nation. These very days it looms over the Middle East more lethal than ever. Yet, God's purpose is to dismantle this principality and it's deceptions and bring a great harvest from the Arab Nations! Therefore, we are called to pray and war against this principality. The Lord's admonition is: "The greater the victory and gains in the heavenly battleground, the less blood will be shed on the earthly battleground!"`

He also compares, as many others do, the Fall of Communism to the coming fall (or anticipated coming fall) of Islam. In the Spirit of God's Kingdom Vol 5 nr 1. Jan 1991 Reuven Doron wrote on this topic once again in a section titled: Middle East Prayer Alert

"By the time these words reach you, the war will be nearly three weeks old and probably much uglier than it is today. As we have exhorted earlier, our primary burden still is: "The greater the victory the church gains in the heavenly battlefields, the less blood will be shed in the earthly ones."

"The spiritual battle over the Middle East is to serve the Lord's purpose, which is to dismantle the stronghold of Islam, the principality over Babylon, as well as to topple the religious bondage over the region. By the time the war is over the whole Middle East, we believe, will be opened to the gospel as never before! God will bring a great harvest of souls out of the Arab World!"

So Reuven Doron gave us the second prophecy of the Fall of Islam. The third was not long in coming.

A powerful resurgence of united prayer began in our local church about one month before the fighting began. Shortly after the beginning of the War, I recall a particular prayer meeting at which one of the intercessors mentioned that they had received word to bind the "Prince of Persia". We followed that word at many of our meetings, not stopping to consider that Persia (Iran) was, strictly speaking, not even involved in the war. Of course we also bound the principality of Islam in prayer during those meetings as well. This made the next confirmation of prophecy even more exciting.

In The Morning Star Prophetic Journal Vol. 1 nr. 1, Rick Joyner had the next prophecy. In an article titled "1991 and Beyond" he wrote:

"...Several Western Nations previously considered "Christian" will have their status changed to "heathen." To the astonishment of the church, several other Western Christian nations will have their status changed to "Islamic." Islam will replace communism as the greatest threat to the West. Islam's potential for destroying the West will soon be greater than the nuclear arsenals of the Soviets. There are many Islamic extremists who are simply full of hate or jealousy over the power of the West. But most who consider the West Satanic do so because Westerners claim to trust in God and yet fill the world with pornography, immorality, homosexuality and a profound lack of regard for truth and honor. Just as the Lord used the heathen neighbors of Israel to discipline her for apostasy and idolatry, He is allowing the rise in Islam to discipline the nations and awaken the church. The hoards from the East will not hurt the "wine and the oil", those who have the true Spirit and the true anointing. Their own Koran commands them to respect true Christians and they are respectful of those who are true to their religions. But they abhor hypocrites because the Lord will use them to discipline hypocrites. The only way the rise in Islam can be slowed is by Christians becoming true to their faith.

The spirit of Islam is the biblical "Prince of Persia". The power of this spirit cannot be broken until the church, like the prophet Daniel begins to humble herself and pray for the purpose of God in restoring His Holy city Jerusalem."

He identifies Islam with the Prince of Persia! And like Steve Lightle he gives us the example of the prophet Daniel.

Rick Joyner's next article on the subject was titled: "The Spiritual Meaning of the Persian Gulf War". This appeared in the Morning Star Prophetic Bulletin February 15, 1991. He wrote the following.

"Significant events which take place in the natural often reflect what is happening in the spiritual realm...."

"The Persian Gulf War is a parallel of what is about to happen in the spirit. The Persian Gulf War is a righteous war; it is one that we had to fight. If we did not fight it now it would have been far more costly later. Even so, we should not be as concerned about the war that is going on in the natural as the one that is going on in the spirit of which this natural war is only a reflection.

This particular war is against the Biblical "Prince of Persia" whose contemporary name is "Allah." This is the same principality that resisted the prophet Daniel. Its primary strategy is the subjection and then destruction of all who call upon the true God, just as we see is its schemes to destroy Daniel when he prayed to the Lord. This is not the only battle that the church is in but it is the major one that is raging at this time.

Our warfare is for the destruction of strongholds so that the people can be saved. It is time to pray for the destruction of the stronghold of Islam and the salvation of the Arab people. Before we can effectively launch a spiritual offensive against this stronghold, its grip on us must be removed. Strongholds are deceptions, or misconceptions. A part of the strategy of the stronghold of Islam has been to erect misconceptions about Arabs in the minds of Christians as well as the reverse. Presently this stronghold has a grip on Christians through fear, intimidation and misunderstanding. We must respond to the fears and intimidation with courage and boldness and cast off the misunderstandings we have about the Arab people. We tend to perceive them in the light of the more extreme elements in their religion, just as they tend to perceive Christians by the extremists in our midst (who have historically been just as cruel, intolerant and even *murderous as any Moslem fundamentalists have.) Generally, Moslems are kind, generous, hospitable and have the highest standards of honor and integrity. Our offensive against the stronghold of Islam is not an attack upon the Arab people. We are commanded to "honor all men" (I Peter 2:17). We must honor the Arabs for that which is honorable, respect them for that which is worthy of respect and above all, love them because God loves them and gave His Son for them."*

Let me emphasize one of the things Bro. Joyner said. "The Persian Gulf war is a parallel of what is about to happen in the spirit." Considering the course and dramatic finish of the Persian Gulf war, what might we conclude happened in the heavenlies? Is it out of line to figure that God has accomplished his purpose in the spiritual realm. Is the stronghold of Islam now broken? Are the spoils ready for the taking? Are there captives ready to be set free? Is the Lord of the Harvest about to thrust forth laborers into the whitened fields of the Middle East?

Bro. Rick Joyner, in his book "The Harvest", had earlier given some long term prophecies regarding the Harvest in Islamic countries. These also clearly indicate a powerful move of God coming in the middle east.

From The Harvest page 103-104 by Rick Joyner. "As the harvest begins to affect Islamic countries some will vehemently resist it, but in general the harvest will reap many from among Islam. Egypt will be almost entirely won to the Lord; her devotion and willingness to sacrifice for His purposes will be so great she will actually be called "the altar of the Lord." Great apostles and prophets will come out of Islamic countries. These will rejoice greatly in the truth that sets them free, preaching the gospel with a commitment and abandon which will inspire the entire body of Christ."

from page 110 *"As a legacy to Anwar Sadat, who ...recognized Israel against great opposition, the entire nation of Egypt will call on the name of Jesus and water the deserts of the earth with the gospel."*

I received yet another confirmation came in the form of a second hand report from Rev. Dennis Blackwell, a pastor from Grand Isle, LA.

He related to me a word of Prophecy that came out in a Benny Hinn meeting, It is roughly as follows: "The Christians in America should not be praying against the war or to stop the war. God intends to use this war to break the back of Islam." (My first reaction to this was 'I knew that!' only later did I see that it was another confirmation.

Still another word came to us in the following manner.

Bro. Loren Cunningham of Youth with a Mission had visited Kuwait a few years before the war and given an interesting prophecy to a Church meeting there. This was related to us at Reserve Church by a brother from Kuwait who met with a group of us during the conflict.

Here is a paraphrase of that prophecy:

'The Gulf Area will undergo severe financial and military pressure. This will be in order to re arrange all the systems and to prepare the land and people for the Gospel. Kuwait will be a starting point as an entrance for all this area, and a base to reach all the countries in the Gulf area.'

Our brother from Kuwait, whom we will refer to as 'Abdul Rahman' since he wishes to remain anonymous, also mentioned the openness and cosmopolitan aspects of Kuwait. There are workers there from all around the world. 122 nations are represented there. And in marked contrast to neighboring Saudi Arabia, Christianity is openly practiced there. The National Evangelical Church had 27 separate congregations before the Iraqi invasion.

A move of God beginning there could raise up and train converts to return home and reach practically every Muslim nation in the eastern hemisphere!

Derek Prince writes in a similar vein regarding Islam and anticipating its fall. Here is an excerpt from "Mideast Prayer Strategy" by Derek Prince from April 1991, Charisma.

The basis of the spiritual power of Islam in all the Middle East and North Africa can be summed up on one word: proclamation. Every mosque proclaims five times a day certain statements about their god Allah and their prophet Mohammed. I believe the tremendous dominating spiritual power of Islam is due to ceaseless proclamation of the spiritual force that Muslims want to establish.

...the answer to proclamation is counter proclamation. We in the church have sadly failed to appreciate the power and the value of persistent proclamation.

...When you contemplate the situation in the middle east. .respond with proclamations - in prayer, in intercession, in singing....

...Islam. Pray that the present conflict in the Middle East will open the way for the apparently impregnable fortress of Islam to be breached.

I have a deep concern and compassion for the Muslim people. Having lived in Muslim nations myself, I know the awful darkness, misery and slavery that Islam imposes on men and women. My heart's desire is that God will so intervene that the fortress holding them captive will be broken open and a way will be made for their release.

Most of us would never have believed that the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe could happen so dramatically and quickly. This should encourage us that Islam will also yield to our prayers and our proclamations.

Jesus said: "When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils" (Luke 11:21-22). We can invoke the One who is stronger than Islam - that is, Jesus - to move into that situation, open up the fortress, deliver the captives and enable us to take the spoil."

In that same issue of Charisma, the cover story was on the subject of Islam. The article was titled " The Threat of a New Islamic Alliance" By George Otis Jr.

The following is an excerpt from this article.

"Despite the sobering possibilities emerging from the new Islamic revival, Christians have reason for excitement over what God is doing in the Muslim world. Right in the midst of so much spiritual darkness, the church is witnessing the power of God through the efforts of an unprecedented mobilization of missionary plans and personnel, as well as God's own direct intervention. The result has been a number of remarkable reports of miracles and mass conversions.

The evidence is building that satanic agents are not the only supernatural forces at work in the Muslim world today. In fact, recent months have evidenced a dramatic rise in divine power encounters, particularly within the boundaries of Islam. While such events were noticeable throughout the entire decade of the 1980's from around 1987 onward many observers have detected a significant surge in both their frequency and scope.

In Algeria, for example, an Arab missions leader reported that 300 Muslims were converted recently after the Holy Spirit sovereignly descended upon their village during a remarkable night of divinely orchestrated dreams, visions and angelic visitations. In subsequent months, hundreds of other Algerian Berbers have found Christ through equally miraculous circumstances. Similar reports of Muslims encountering the gospel through dreams have surfaced in Turkey, Pakistan and Thailand.

Underground church leaders in Afghanistan have experienced Book of Acts style deliverances from radical Muslim tormentors and continue to win many to Christ. In the Islamic Republic of Iran, more Muslims have come to Christ since 1980 than in the previous 1,000 years combined. Further accounts, some of which cannot yet be disclosed, come from such far flung places as Soviet Central Asia, Iraq and Tunisia, further confirming that God is moving in a new way among Truth seeking Muslims."

Interest and activity in Muslim Missions has picked up still more. For example the Spring issue of Mission Frontiers has no less than 6 articles on Muslim topics. These include discussion of the Messianic Muslims and an emphasis on "tentmaking" opportunities.

Operation Desert Harvest: The Call

> *"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.* (Isaiah 6:8)

My first inkling of a call to Arabia, was upon hearing a news report, during the war, that ARAMCO (Arabian-American Oil Company) was sending American families back to the states to avoid the SCUD missiles. This prompted a realization that there were jobs for Americans available there.

Some days later, the Lord spoke to me about getting a job over there. And that if I were willing to go, it would be possible for me to get out from a debt burden that was hindering me.

By now I already had the vision of what God was going to do in the Muslim countries. This plus the prospect of getting out of debt made me excited about going and being involved.

Then the Lord placed a call upon our local Church.

Pastor Rod Aguillard announced in a church meeting shortly after the end of the Kuwait War, that "the Holy Spirit challenged us to be an outreach to the Muslim world. He is encouraging me to send our best to this new field that is going to be ripe for harvest. We have accepted the challenge and are preparing the people for this grand offense."

I began to study and prepare myself to work and minister in Arab lands. The Holy Spirit has clearly led me, times too numerous to mention. The most exciting revelation came from a study of Kuwait itself.

One of the first things I was led to do after accepting the call to Arabia (Kuwait or any Gulf area nation) was to go out and get a book titled "The Rape of Kuwait" by Jean Sasoon. As I read up on the history of Kuwait, the Lord revealed something very interesting and exciting.

First of all Kuwait's origins only go back to the early 1700's when nomadic tribesmen settled in the area and established a seaport in a natural harbor. Kuwaitis have been an outward looking people, open to the world by way of the sea. Their Saudi cousins tended to be closed off from the world by looking to the desert.

In 1961 Kuwait became fully independent from Britain. From that time forward Kuwait became the most open society in the Gulf. The homeless Palestinians were welcome. Many Asian and third world workers found opportunities there.

The peaceful days ended in 1979 with the ascension of Khomeini in Iran. The Ayatollah attempted to export his Islamic revolution through all the Arab world. He attempted to overthrow the Kuwaiti government among others. (Clearly Satan did not like the way things were run in Kuwait.)

A respite came during the Iran-Iraq war. Kuwait backed Iraq as did other moderate Gulf states. The war ended in august 1988 with no clear victor. Two years later they were invaded by their "friend" Iraq.

At this point the Lord showed me the "real" reason for the attacks upon Kuwait. First Khomeini's then Hussein's. In view of the prophecies mentioned earlier. A. There is a coming move of God in the Gulf. B. Kuwait will play a major part in it. Therefore: The attacks were an attempt by the enemy to stop the Move of God before it could begin. But, according to what the prophets cited above are saying, God was using the war itself as a means to "dismantle the Power of Islam". So what Satan meant for evil, God once again turns around for good. The enemy is fallen himself in the very pit he dug for another.

The enemy used Iraq to try and stop the move of God. This was just as he used Pharaoh to try and stop God from delivering the Israelites by killing the babies. The plan resulted in Moses being raised up in Pharaohs own palace!

To my mind this realization both revealed God at work in a typical fashion. And it provided further confirmation that He is indeed going to Move Mightily in the Middle East!

Then I got an opportunity to study Islam in depth through Operation Desert Grace! Operation Desert Grace was a 12 hour course of study sponsored by GSMA. Our Christian Arab brother "Abdul Rahman" led us in a detailed study of Muslim History and Doctrine, during the summer of 91.

Muslims, we learned live in fear. Under a yoke of constant fear. Any Muslim who converts to Christianity is cut off from the community, the family and all financial inheritance. In the more radical areas he would be killed. So that typical Muslim evangelism involves working intensely with one candidate for 6 months or longer, gradually leading him to make the step of committing to Christ and breaking with everything else. So it is a very slow process.

Islam will fall rapidly and dramatically, believe the prophets. So the Holy Spirit will clearly use faster methods. One obvious solution to this problem is the conversion of whole families and tribes at once! I believe the Holy Spirit will do this in a dramatic outpouring of his power. (Even as he has already begun to do, according to the report from George Otis quoted earlier.) I also believe that, in line with the word given Steve Lightle, there will come a great "DAY OF PENTECOST" in Mecca. A day when Muslim Pilgrims from all over the world are gathered together. Just as Jews from all over were in Jerusalem on pentecost when Peter preached. 3000 were saved. So 300,000 Muslims will hear the gospel preached in Mecca and be converted. And then they will take the good news back to their home countries and spread the revival! Glory to God!

Another hopeful development is the emergence of "Messianic Muslims". Congregations of Muslim believers, who, are in the pattern of Messianic Jews. (That is Jews who accept the Messiahship of Jesus without ceasing to be Jews or abandoning Jewish forms and traditions.) These Messianic Muslims acknowledge the lordship of Jesus, while retaining Muslim forms of prayer. Praying 5 times a day and still using the name of Allah for God, only now praying to the true ALLAH! (If one can put a thousand to flight and two can put ten thousand to flight, five times a day!....)

So great things are happening and even greater things are at the door. I'm sure there are many others like myself whom the Lord is preparing to use in the end time harvest which is just beginning. It will be a glorious work, just as he is a glorious God.

So that's what I know about what God is doing. I have my passport. My resume is ready. I'm walking by faith that God will soon open the door of opportunity. Operation Desert Harvest is just beginning.

Afterword. Since this was originally written, it has become apparent that the political fallout of the Gulf War is what lead to the current Oslo accords and the 'peace process' in the Middle East today.

Looking Ahead: Isaiah 60:6-7 speaks of many Arabic peoples coming to salvation. The context indicates the timing of this. It will come about when the Church begins to move in the end time harvesting anointing. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes!

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Offense Continued

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Don't Take Offense, Don't Give Offense - Continued

John 16:1, “These things have I spoken unto you that ye should not be offended.”
This verse in the RV says: “… that you should not be made to stumble.”
The NLT says, “I have told you these things so that you won’t fall away.”

(While this is not part of the prophetic word I sent out in the last mailing, I do believe it to be Holy Spirit inspired. This is what I saw as I continued to read the Scriptures after receiving the prophecy.)

The verse in the RV seems to say that we are more likely to stumble and fall when offense comes. The NLT seems to say that we are likely to fall away because of offense. And Jesus knew that if we take offense often enough we are in danger of falling away. So I looked back to see what He had spoken previously that was to keep us from offense. I read chapters 13-15 to get all that seemed to be connected before He had spoken before he said, in Chapter 16:1, “I have spoken these things…”

What I found is that even though Jesus was fully aware of His authority in Heaven and earth, although He was The Anointed One, The Word of God Incarnate, He chose to take the role of servant. He washed the feet of the disciples (Ch. 13). He chose to lay down His power and authority to become a servant of mankind. He chose to live and die to reconcile man to God. He chose to lay down His live for us in order to demonstrate God’s great love for us.

Jesus asked the disciples if they understood what He was doing. And He instructed them to follow His example. (v. 12 Ch 15) Then in verse 34 he gave them a new commandment, “Love each other just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are MY disciples.” NLT

Earlier, in v. 21 Jesus said that He knew one of them would betray Him. He already knew He was doing to die. He knew how He would die. And He knew who would betray Him and who would deny Him. Yet He sat down at the table and ate with the one would betray Him and the one who would deny Him, and those who had not been willing or able to wait and pray with Him in the garden. They were all there at the table with Him. He knew all their faults and failures, He was aware of all their shortcomings.

They had disappointed Him at various times in different circumstances. Yet He continued to love, to lead, to teach. He did not reveal their identities or their sins to the others. He knew them well. He knew their hearts, their intents. He knew Peter would deny Him and Judas would betray Him. Yet He washed their feet and broke bread and shared a cup of wine with them. And He told them all to follow His example in love and service.

In chapter 14 Jesus told the disciples not to worry, but to trust God in everything. In v. 10 He told them that the words He spoke were the Father's words. Then He said we are to do all He did and more. And in v. 13 He said we can ask for anything in His name. So we are to do even greater works of service, even greater acts of love, laying down our lives to love and to serve those God places in our lives. And we can ask Him to fill us with His love expecting to receive His love and be empowered by love and serve as He did. He promised us that Holy Spirit would come to guide us. In v.23 He said, "If you love Me you will do what I say." And in v.27 He says for us to not be troubled or afraid.

In chapter 15 He teaches that He is the vine and we are the branches and we must draw from Him by staying connected to Him. In verse 12 of chapter 15 He repeats His command for us to love each other the same way He loves us. Then He tells us how to measure that love, "The greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends."

So I asked the Lord, the question, "How do we lay down our lives?" This is what I see. First we lay down our 'rights'. We lay down our selfish desires, our desires for recognition, our desire for justice and fair play, and our right to be respected, or admired, or treated in a certain way. We lay down our right to *be right*, our desire to be right, our right to speak our opinion, our desire for praise of men, to have our egos built up. We lay down our right to sit in the best seat (or the one we are used to, the one we prefer). We lay down our desire to have others do or say only what we like. We give up our desire to have only the music we like, or to want only certain people to sing or play instruments, to only listen to the teachers we like, to only receive a word from the people we approve and accept.

We lay down our opinions in order to hear another's opinion. We lay down doing things our way to allow another to express their creativity and gifting. We do it all in love for the sake of others. We look for what God has placed in people and try to help bring it out, help them develop the treasure God has placed within their earthen vessel. We become willing to sometimes not exercise our own gift in order to make room for another to do so.

We walk in love, live in love, respond in love to everyone and pray for everyone the way we want to be prayed for.

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Our God And Father

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Rejoice oh, favored ones - lift up your voice of vibrant praise and love that reaches the ear of the glorious, eternally present One, who is our God and our Father.

Let our songs of love to Him resound everywhere we are - day and night, in crowded places and rooms of solitude. May our lips praise Him on all our sunny days as well as in the nights of storms.

May our words speak often of the countless ways He demonstrates His extravagance toward us. He tenderly caresses us with all the beauty of His creation that our eyes can see. All the waters of the earth; the rippling streams, the crashing waves of the oceans, the morning dew upon the budding flower; and the majestic mountains along with the deep valleys were all sculptured by His powerful hand. Even the beautiful, open meadows where the deers run, the eagles fly, the spider weaves her web, and the bees make their honey caused Him to smile at what He had done. The bright shining sun and the moon with the stars that bring light to the darkness of night was His thought and desire, and in the changing of seasons; spring, summer, fall and winter His signature of existence remains.

The most amazing thing for any of us to behold is that our Creator God..sought to have relationship with "man", who was His highest act of creation, being made in God's own image. Gloriously, God's story (HIStory) doesn't end with the " sin-fall" of man, but instead, it begins there. God is the One who initiated His plan of redemption; restoring mankind to his rightful place of fellowship with Himself by sending, in His perfect timing, His son, Jesus the Christ, the holy anointed One. He was and is the only acceptable sacrifice for sin that could reconcile mankind back to the Creator and to our Father.

Hallelujah, we have been redeemed from sin, and reconciled to God, we are highly favored, sons and daughters of the Most High God, being continually transformed into the very image of Jesus Christ, His Son and our elder brother. Our Father God, has surely done all things well. That's why we can shout, we can sing, we can dance, we can praise, we can glory in His Presence. He, alone, is worthy of every breath we breathe, every song we sing, every word we speak...He is the Giver of life, filling our lives with abundant mercies, never abandoning nor forgetting us, and always bringing us closer to Himself.

His love and gaze is ever upon us, His beloved ones. We are His Bride, for whom He longingly anticipates that soon coming Wedding Day which will be the consummation of this present age and becoming His Kingdom age, ruling and reigning with us at His side forevermore!!

--Carol McCarthy

Open Your Hearts And Pour Out
Sam Buick

I Have Come And Filled The Empty Jars With Water, The Water Of My Spirit! Open Your Hearts And Pour

BIBLE: Josh. 21, Josh. 22, Acts 20, Psalm 110

I Have Come And Filled The Empty Jars With Water, The Water Of My Spirit! Open Your Hearts And Pour Out What I Have Poured In You, And See The New Wine Flow Out! Come And Drink And Be Satisfied!

“Beloved Bride, come to the feast! Come and gather for the feast! Every time that you gather in My Name, I come to your table! I come and I prepare a feast for you! I have come and I have poured out the living waters into you, and out of you will come new wine! Out of you will come the new wine that will bring in the harvest!

“Beloved ones, come and gather as I pour out the living waters! The rains, the fresh rains are pouring out upon you! The fountains are breaking forth from the deep wells in the earth! The waters above and the waters below are coming forth! Floods of waves upon waves of grace are pouring out and overwhelming all those that are in its path! You shall be overrun by the Rivers of Living Waters that burst forth!

“As you gather in My Name and call out and wait upon Me, I shall not disappoint you! All who wait shall be rewarded! My fresh waters are coming upon you! As vessels, as jars of clay, you shall be filled! You shall be filled to overflowing with the cleansing and healing waters! These waters will renew and refresh and strengthen you! These waters will prepare you for the feast!

“Beloved ones, I am sending you out! I am sending you out for a greater feast is being prepared! I send you out as jars of clay filled with waters that have turned to wine! New wine, the best wine has been saved up ‘til now! The new wine of My Spirit is being poured out through your lives as you go and give away all that I have given you! Freely you have received, freely give, and all that is poured out of you in My Name, I shall more than re-supply! Give in abundance and you shall reap likewise in abundance! As you are filled, even you who are jars that are cracked and leaking, the very leaks coming forth from you, from your wounds and hurts, these shall turn to new wine for all that are touched by your lives!

“Beloved as you move out and begin to pour out what I have poured into you, the new wine will flow and bring new life and healing to many. Beloved let the new wine pour out from your lives, and the anointing will break every yoke as you trust and obey the voice of the Lord! Let the River flow! Let the new wine come forth! There shall be a harvest of souls who shall come in the harvest! There shall be signs and wonders and miracles as the New Wine pours out and touches all who are wounded and hurting and in need! They shall be filled and satisfied, and the Lord will look upon you and declare, “Well done, My good and faithful servant!””

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Our Immortal Bodies

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Dream of being on earth 40 days in our immortal bodies

I had this dream sometime probably in the early 80's. It is still very vivid today. I dreamed my family was driving around in a rural area just enjoying the day. We were driving by a small cemetery in a neighborhood when all at once I saw an elderly man climb up out of a grave. I shouted to Dana my husband and said," Look Dana the dead in Christ are rising. Pull over to this house and I will call Mom and Dad and tell them what is happening because It probably won't be on the news for a while". I was in this house talking to the people and they said I could use their phone. I picked up the receiver and started to dial when I heard Dad on the phone saying hello. I said, "What are you doing on the phone I haven't dialed yet"? Then the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, " Now you will have whatever your heart desires, not what your thoughts are but what is your deep heart desire".

Then I turned to the people there and told them "This thing that is happening is really great, you guys need to get saved". They said to me "It's to late." And I said "No it's not, it's never to late". Then they said "Yes it is, it's to late." So I said "We can ask God for anything and He will do it now." So I set up a chalkboard and a piece of chalk and I said, "Holy Spirit tell us. Is it to late?" And all at once it was written on the chalkboard "Yes".

The next thing I knew Dana and I were walking down a back ally and all this screaming was going on. Terrible screams. We looked over and some people were using a guillotine to cut off Christian's heads. We didn't feel sad because we knew that it was suppose to be and we weren't afraid because we knew that they couldn't touch us because we had our immortal bodies and no one could harm us. We also knew that those people that weren't Christians hated us because they could not harm us.

We were starting to walk through this ally onto the main street and in my spirit I could see someone waiting to attack us around the corner of this building. They had an ax ready to swing holding it back over his head. I wasn't afraid. I was just curious how the Holy Spirit was going to take care of it. When we stepped in front of this man he was frozen and couldn't move and I could see that it was making him very angry.

The next thing I knew I was walking by myself down main street and I started missing Dana. So I said, "Holy Spirit take me to be with Dana." The next thing I knew I was floating in a standing position at a walking speed down the street. I said, "Holy Spirit let's go as fast as lightning." Instantly I was zooming down the road to a house where I could see Dana. Dana was in a glass house in a small neighborhood. He was down on one knee reading the Bible. Then I was standing next to him. Then I said, "Holy Spirit I would like for the kids to be here with us". All at once I saw the children flying in the air next to each other coming to us.

Then all my family, (at that time, my children, my husband and I) were walking down a street late in the day in a neighborhood just enjoying the peace and I had this great desire to be with Jesus. All at once I was being pulled by the Holy Spirit into the sky. My joy was great. Then I realized that the Holy Spirit had said that we could have our hearts deep desire. As I was floating to heaven I looked back to my family and said that's it! That's it! The rapture will happen when you get the deep desire to be with Jesus.

After I awoke, the Holy Spirit told me we were going to be on Earth for 40 days after the dead in Christ arose, but we would have our immortal bodies, like Jesus did when He rose from the dead and walked the earth with His immortal body for 40 days. The reason we were still on earth was to help those Christians that were not ready and did not have oil in their lamps like the ten virgins in Matthew 25. We were to encourage them not to take the mark of the beast.

In the late fall of 2002 I came across a website. It has a collection of prophesies and dreams that different people received through the years. When I read that there were other people who had the same dream as I did, I just about fell over. Their names are Armin A. Wolf and Patricia. [http://www.etpv.org/2003/apdr.html]

In September God anointed me with the anointing of fire and restitution. He said He was getting His bride ready for the great resurrection. Amen come quickly Lord Jesus.

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O Ishmael, Where Art Thou?

Don Walker

[It is with a certain amount of trepidation that I approach the subject of this edition. Recognizing that I am calling into question something that has been standard Biblical interpretation for generations. In doing so, I am not taking a dogmatic stance but simply pointing out what I have encountered in my study that challenges what I was taught on this matter. I present this for your consideration.]

Most Bible commentators generally accept that the Arab peoples are the descendents of Ishmael. I have found that to be the standard interpretation in a wide range of commentaries whether they are reformed or dispensational, liberal or conservative. I would appear that there is virtually universal agreement upon this issue. But that is not necessarily the case. Take note of what is found in the widely respected Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature by John McClintock and James Strong:

"There is a prevalent notion that the Arabs, both of the south and north, are descended from Ishmael; and the passage in Gen. xvi:12 . . . is often cited as if it were a prediction of that national independence which, upon the whole, the Arabs have maintained more than any other people. But this supposition (in so far as the true meaning of the text quoted is concerned) is founded on a misconception of the original Hebrew . . . These prophecies found there accomplishment in the fact of the sons of Ishmael being located, generally speaking, to the east of the other descendents of Abraham whether by Sara or Keturah. But the idea of the southern Arabs being of the posterity of Ishmael is entirely without foundation, and seems to have originated in the tradition invented by Arab vanity that they, as well as the Jews, are of the seed of Abraham – a vanity which, besides disfiguring and falsifying the whole history of the patriarch and his son Ishmael, has transferred the scene of it from Palestine to Mecca . . . The vast tracts of country known to us under the name of Arabia gradually became peopled by a variety of tribes of different lineage" (Vol. 1, pg. 339).

In addition to this, most standard reference works on Islam reject the Arab claim of Abrahamic descent. For example, the prestigious Encyclopedia of Islam traces the Arabs to non-Abrahamic origins (Vol. 1, pp. 543-47). One will also find the Dictionary of Islam questioning the whole idea that the Arabs are descended from Ishmael:

"The pure Arabs are those who claim to be descended from Joktan or Qahtan, whom the present Arabs regard as their principle founder… The 'Arabu 'l-Musta'ribah, the mixed Arabs, claim to be descended from Ishmael, they boast as much as the Jews of being reckoned the children of Abraham. This circumstance will account for the preference with which they uniformly regard this branch of their pedigree, and for the many romantic legends they have grafted upon it… The Arabs, in their version of Ishmael's history, have mixed a great deal of romance with the narrative of Scripture" (pp. 18-19).

Are the Arabs the descendents of Ishmael? Could it be that Islam has influenced our interpretation of the Bible on this point?

According to the Qur'an, written by Muhammad, Abraham and Ishmael did not dwell in tents in Israel but in the city of Mecca in Arabia. Together they built the Kabah and placed the black stone in the wall. It was Abraham who started the tradition of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, throwing stones at the devil, etc. Abraham took Ishmael (not Issac) to nearby Mount Mina to offer as a sacrifice to God (Sura 2:119-121). This is clearly in contradiction to the teachings of Scripture. In addition, there is no historical or archeological evidence that Ishmael went south to Mecca and became the "Father" of the Arab people. Some modern Arab scholars admit that before Muhammad, Qahtan was said to be the

"Father" of the Arabs, not Ishmael. The evidence seems to point to Muhammad as the originator of the idea that the Arab people are the descendents of Ishmael.

What do we know about Ishmael? Ishmael's twelve sons were named Nebaioth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah (Gen. 12:11-16). They intermarried with the local population in North Arabia and produced several nomadic tribes known as the "Ishmaelites." It was prophesied that Ishmael and his family would "live to the East of all his brothers" (Gen. 16:12). "And they settled from Havilah to Shur which is east of Egypt as one goes toward Assyria (Gen. 25:18). This broad area is the desert section east of Egypt in Northern Arabia toward the kingdom of the Assyrians. The Ishmaelites are mentioned as a distinct tribe in the Assyrian records. They later intermarried with, and were absorbed, by the Midianites and other local tribes. In Gen. 37:25-28, the Ishmaelites are called Midianites. In Judges 8:22-24 the Midianites are identified as Ishmaelites. No other tribe, or people, are identified as Ishmaelites in the Scriptures.

Arabia was already populated by the descendents of Cush and Shem long before Abraham or Ishmael were born (Gen. 10:7). Their cities have been well documented by archeologists. If all the Arab people descended from Ishmael, as claimed by Muhammad, where did all the original Arabs go? What happened to them? Who did Ishmael marry if the Arabs did not already exist? If Arabia was unpopulated, who built Mecca? Since he lived there, it evidently existed before he was born. The facts speak for themselves. The Arabs were around long before Ishmael started roaming North Arabia.

Is it possible that some of the Arabs are Ishmaelites/Midianites? Certainly, but to assert that all Arabs are such is a real stretch, as I see it. More importantly, are we being good Bereans when we teach that the Arabs are descendents of Ishmael. Muhammad taught that, but where is it clearly found in the Bible?

Right Doctrine, But Wrong Attitude
Don Walker

> *"It is the sad tendency of modern man to either do the right thing in the wrong way or to do the wrong thing in the right way. We either hold to the truth obnoxiously or we hold to a lie graciously. We are either a rude angel or a polite devil. Often what poses as a cruel orthodoxy is defeated by what poses as a kind heresy."* George Grant

I don't know about you, but I find myself convicted by the above statement. Too often than I care to recount, I have found myself in my zeal for the truth manifesting a wrong attitude. I trust we all know that we can be doctrinally correct, but attitudinally wrong. Let me propose that right theology approached with a wrong attitude becomes, in the heart, a wrong "doctrine." We see this revealed in the Gospels through the Pharisees, who in many instances believed the right things, but had an attitude of self-righteousness to others, incurring the rebuke of Jesus. I am afraid that I have many times been more like the Pharisees than like Jesus. In fact, I have told people "I'm a Pharisee in recovery."

I don't think I'm alone in this. I have seen others exhibit a little bit of "Pharisee-ism." (I am quite gifted at seeing the flaws in others.) In fact, I have even encouraged at times others to join with me in my wrong attitude. Who wants to be a "lone" Pharisee? Like misery, religion loves company.

Let us remember that the Pharisees did not start out as a "bad" group. They came about as a "back to the Bible" movement that emerged in the time of the Maccabees, seeking to bring the Israelites back to the Mosaic Law. But by the time Jesus came on the scene, their attitude was such that they were in conflict with their Messiah. Jesus told his disciples concerning the Pharisees, "do as they say, but not as they do" (Matt. 23:3).

It is my observation that to a large extent the evangelical Church in American has an "us against them" mentality as it relates to the world. Its "us" against the homosexuals, the pro-choicers, the liberals, the New Agers, the Muslims, and all other reprobates and degenerates who are headed to eternal damnation in the Lake of Fire. Of course, we drive around with those bumperstickers that say "God loves you and I love you." For some reason I don't think the "earth people" are getting the message. (Undoubtedly, they are getting "a" message.) It just doesn't seem to me that Jesus had an "us against them" approach to ministry.

I am not by any means advocating that we compromise with the truth. Nor does this mean that we should not oppose evil and injustice in society. We must hold unwaveringly to the truth of God's Word, which does teach us that there is only one way to God the Father (John 14:6), that there is absolute truth (John 17:17), and that there is a final judgment for those who reject Christ (Rev. 21:11-15). Scripture says, "Mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other" (Ps. 85:10). Jesus never compromised the truth, yet He was "a friend of sinners" (Matt. 11:19; Luke 7:34)). To faithfully represent our Lord we must hold to the truth and "love our neighbor" (Matt.22:39), who may be living contrary to God's ways. Paul said we are to "speak the truth in love" (Ephes. 4:15). Sometimes we can be so "loving" we are not truthful, other times we can "beat people with the truth" in a most unloving way. I believe for instance in the reality of hell, but I have heard people preach about it in such a way that they seem delighted that some people are going there. This seems to be much different than the attitude of Jesus, who was grieved over Jerusalem and its impending judgment (Matt. 23:37).

When the Scripture says, "Friendship with the world is hostility toward God" (James 4:4), it cannot be instructing us to avoid being friends to sinners. Because if that is the case Jesus violated this principle Himself (Luke 7:34). This is not a statement about people, but about the way we are to relate to the world system. Jesus said we are to love our enemies (Matt.5:44), which calls us into relating to them, rather than avoiding them.

The challenge for us, as believers, is to love those who are not easy to love. This does not mean we are to "love for love's sake," which ignores truth, but to "love for Christ's sake," which is based on the person and work of Christ. Love for love's sake only brings death and destruction. It cannot bring a solution because it denies the existence of a problem. Love for Christ's sake brings life, because it tells the truth with compassion.

May we as God's people not only learn to carry the *truth*, but may we learn to carry it God's *way*.

On 2005
Lois Deragon

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Inspirations, Impressions, And Observations On 2005
The Word of the Lord

2005 My Church ALIVE!

To do the impossible
To see the incredible
To do the undoable
To take hold of the unattainable To know the unknowable To believe the unbelievable To reach the unreachable stars

Yes, it is the fullness of the GREAT GRACE which began in 2003.

Where sin abounds much more does My grace abound. Therefore, it is a sealing of righteous judgment to remain dead in sin!
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There is a theme running through 2005 that is repeated over and over. Key words are the Son of God, sons of God, Light and darkness, Dividing, Grace, and Revelation. While I looked at the individual numbers of 2005, I have only given light attention to the sum of these, which is 7. I felt the Lord would have much to say about that number in 2007.

However, I feel that there will be many beginnings (conceptions) in 2005 that will come to their fullness or completion (birth) in 2007. 7 is spiritual perfection, or completion. I'm being prompted by Holy Spirit that the gestation period of an elephant is the longest in the animal kingdom, and is around 22 months. The things being conceived this year are much bigger than we perceive them to be. Do not despise the days of small beginnings - or slow starts! The camel has the second longest gestation!

•Zechariah 4:10, Who [with reason] despises the day of small things? For these seven (7) shall rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel. [These seven] are the eyes of the Lord which run to and fro throughout the whole earth.

I believe the greater measure of grace that is being released is for us to give away. We are representatives of His Throne. The Spirit of Sonship and Adoption will accompany the release of Grace, for it is by GRACE that we are saved. We have an opportune time to take this saving GRACE to the world. There is a world of people who do not have the access to the Throne of Grace that we have. When needs come before us, we have the responsibility to go to the Throne of Grace to obtain mercy on their behalf, and to FIND GRACE to help - in good time and for every need. Ephesians 2:5 (2-00-5), Even when we were dead (slain) by [our own] shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; [He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for] it is by GRACE (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

Because this verse is so foundational to 2005, I believe there will come forth a great revealing of the Spirit of Life, and therefore a great overcoming of both the fear of death and death. Miracles, signs and wonders will flow by the workings of the Spirit of GRACE and by the Spirit of Life. However, the greatest miracle remains new Life in Christ. • Romans 8:2, For the law of the Spirit of Life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and death.

An analogy of this would be the law of lift and thrust overcoming the law of gravity and allowing an airplane to break free and become airborne.
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Hebrews 4:16, The Throne of Grace

- Let us fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

We see from a closer look at this verse that Grace must be found, and it involves a process. We are to grow in Grace for it is by Grace that we come into maturity. Hebrews 4:16 is the address - Go get it!

Have You Put On the Full Armor of God?

There is a link to the Spirit of Grace that I want to establish, and that is the Spirit of Supplication. They are linked in the following verse where we see the effects of such a joining together and outpouring. • Zechariah 12:10, And I will pour out upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace or unmerited favor and supplication. And they shall look upon Me Whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him as one who is in bitterness for his firstborn. • Ephesians 6:18, through all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the Spirit, and in regard to this same, watching in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints -

The Amplified reads, Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit. This is the most overlooked part of putting on the armor of God. It is what we are to do after we take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. It is WHY we are to take up the sword.

There is an anointing on watching and praying released in this year of Greater Grace.

Five is Grace, Giants, and the Kings of the Promised Land

- Joshua10:5, Then the five kings of the Amorites - the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglone - gathered their forces and went up with all their armies and encamped before Gibeon to fight against it. • 2 Samuel 21:22, These four were descended from the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hands of David and his servants.

In 2003 the Lord released a Great Grace which has continued to grow and expand during the past two years. We are now in the third year of that release. Three represents fullness. 5 is the number of Grace, and we are in the 5th year of the millenium.

These observations have led me to speak of the Grace upon 2005 as the Greater Grace. We have yet to know the Greatest Grace. I believe that is reserved for eternity in the same way that the Good Shepherd became the Great Shepherd and we will know Him as the Chief Shepherd in eternity.

In 2002 we became aware of the giants in the land and God's dealing with them.

In March of 2004 I began to hear, "in the spring when kings go to war". The five kings of Joshua 10:5 represent unbelief; self-righteousness and works righteousness; pride, rebellion, and an independent spirit; appropriating God's glory; and being an accuser of the brethren. I would say that the war of the kings is still raging, but it is an internal battleground. Self-surrender will gain the victory as the King of kings is seated on the throne of your life.

What remains then is Grace and the Promised Land.

Hebrew Aleph bet and Numbers ה

ה is the hey, the fifth letter of the Hebrew aleph bet. It has the numerical value of five. Each of the three sections forming the hey has meaning. In a sense the hey corresponds to the "aha" moment of understanding, "the shedding of light" on a subject. This level of meaning relates to the fact that the fifth sentence of Genesis is "God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, a first day." In other words, the hey of self-expression and the hey of awareness are similar to the moment in creation when light was created.

The dawning of awareness within our physical reality corresponds with cognition of breadth, height, and depth. Each of these dimensions corresponds with one of the lines of the hey. The horizontal vav with breadth, the vertical vav with height, and the unattached foot with depth. The essence of the hey is self-expression. The hey symbolically represents the physical universe in which we strive to connect our thoughts, speech, and action. The challenge to link these forms of self-expression is manifest in the fact that the symbol for action is the unattached foot. This reveals the truth that there is often a gap between our intentions and our actions.

It is worth noting that when God cut covenant with Abram, it was made with 5 sacrifices. It is stamped with grace. Afterwards, when God changed Abram's name to AbraHam it was done simply, but significantly, by inserting the hey in the middle. All that is the AbraHamic covenant was of GRACE and is it is stamped with this significance.

Edwin Louis Cole said true communication requires agreement in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Otherwise, it is a mis-communication.

I believe a heart truly submitted to God will result in these three aligning themselves to His will and a bringing forth of true communication - a clear trumpet sound. Luke 6:45 says the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart. May we all have a truly submitted heart and a true "Hey-day" in 2005!

A friend sent a prophetic word about 2005. It said the church will THRIVE and not STRIVE in 2005.

I believe the Greater Grace of 2005 will allow us to thrive in our communication efforts thus allowing us to be more effective in self expression.

I hear in the spirit - "clarion call". The gap will increase between the true prophets and false prophets. The clear trumpet sound or the noisy gong.

Five Senses

This "clarion call" will result from the Greater Grace over our 5 spiritual senses. Even as we have 5 natural senses, so we have 5 spiritual senses. In this year of Greater Grace, of atonement, of light, of the cross - we can expect increased anointing for the functioning of these senses, whether natural of spiritual. If you have not, it is because you ask not. Ask! If you need healing in any one of these natural senses, now is the time to appropriate it, as healing is part of the atonement of the cross. Both are stamped with the number 5.

Watch and Pray

Because of the heightened anointing on the senses, the watchman will become extremely accurate in his perceptions. This will result in the prayers of the intercessor being fervent and effectual and availing much.

Leviticus 26:8 was quickened in my spirit. • Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put 10,000 to flight; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

It is an anointed season for the prayer of agreement and for corporate prayer. The sword the enemy will fall by is the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

- Hebrews 4:12, For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword.

- Isaiah 55:11, So shall my Word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

• John 1:14, And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed his tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us;

The Word did not return to God void, but accomplished what He sent it to do! He said, "It is finished." 2 Corinthians 15:46, the natural first then the spiritual. Neither shall the spoken Word of God return to Him void.

2-00-5

Looking at the numbers in 2005, I see the 00 of the double door in 2004. In the same way that the Hebrew 4, daleth, means door, the Hebrew 5, hey, means window. The double door of last year has now turned to a window.

However, I believe that many of the double doors that were opened in 2005 will remain open for two more years as three represents fullness.

In the double door becoming a window, I sense it represents a decrease in time. • John 9:4, We must work the works of Him Who sent Me and be busy with His business while it is daylight; night is coming on, when no man can work.

Because the same letter that means window is the number attached to grace, we have a great "window of opportunity" to redeem the waning hours of daylight.

Right to Left - Get Right, or Get Left?

We have looked at these numbers as the Jewish people would - from right to left.

Bill Burns says that Psalm 25 is the Psalm for 2005. I understand that. The Lord often reminds me that the language that He gave to His chosen people is written and read from right to left, in which case I must consider the number 52 as significant to 2005.

Because I have a prophetic bent, and because we are looking to the year that lies ahead, I chose to read Isaiah 52. Isaiah is, to me, the prophet of prophets.

A great witness arose in my spirit when I read the words of Isaiah 52. An expectation was stirred in my heart that the time of Isaiah 61 is come for God to redeem and reveal His people.

The 2 of 2005

Two represents division. It is not unique to 2005, but is significant to all the years of this millenium. This is what I see as pertinent to this year, 2005.

In the 5th sentence of the Word of God we see an important division. • Genesis 1:5, And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

It is in verse 4 that God separated the light from the darkness. It is in verse 5 that He gives them names, Day and Night. He also establishes the two as one day. I was impressed while reading this verse that the Lord will make clear distinctions between who belongs to the Day and who belongs to the Night. He named each of these, as soon as He divided them. Look for the naming of names to accompany the dividing of light and darkness.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the 2nd person of the Godhead. It was He Who did the dividing of light and darkness in Genesis 1:4. • Colossians 1:16, For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him and in Him and for Him.

Jesus came with a sword!

• Matthew 10:34, Do not think I have come to bring peace upon the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

He is still dividing light and darkness. The things that are not through Him, in Him and for Him in this hour will fall. Dividing and separating unto is seen throughout the following observations.

Another View of the Two (00)

I see the 00 of 2005 as Bl00d Type 00. The significance of this is that anyone can receive this Blood Type. It is compatible with every other type.

I believe that the Greater Grace of 2005 is available, along with a window of opportunity, to bring people into salvation, deliverance and redemption through the power of the Blood of the Lamb. There awaits a Passover for many in 2005. Many will come out of Egypt and enter the Promised Land. This IS the Joshua generation.

By GRACE You Are Saved

Psalm 105 is significant to this year. • Psalm 105:37, He brought Israel forth also with silver and gold, and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.

This is amazing when you think that these people had been slaves for over 400 years. There were millions of people in their number, ranging from babies to the elderly. Yet there was none sick or feeble among them. How can that be? The night before they left Egypt, they had eaten the first Passover meal! They had experienced sanctification, deliverance and redemption in the type of the Lamb. How much more should we experience the same in the fulfillment of Passover?

There are four cups in the Passover meal. Three are turned upwards and represent Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The fourth is turned downward and represents the Messiah. The four cups are sanctification, deliverance, redemption and PRAISE.

Reflecting on Psalm 105 and on Passover. • I believe in this year of Greater Grace that there is open a great and effectual door to the natural seed of Abraham, those with Jewish roots, to HEAR the Good News, to SEE that Jesus is their awaited Messiah and to turn over the 4th cup of Praise. It is time when the Lord will be made a praise in all the earth. • Leviticus 26:42, Then will I [earnestly] remember My covenant with Jacob, My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham, and [earnestly] remember the land. (Notice He begins the remembering with the last generation) • Because 3 of the Passover cups represent Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, I believe the Greater Grace is available for household salvation. 3 represents fullness. God has always dealt with 3 generations. Type 00 Bl00d - compatible with every body - no gender, age, or racial bias.

When the Lord spoke the opening words of these observations, I heard - to reach the unreachable stars - as a song. The full lyrics are the last page of this document.

As I began to connect the Greater Grace to the natural seed of Abraham, to reach the unreachable stars took on a deeper significance. I "saw" the yellow star that the Jews had been made to wear during the Holocaust. There came a great emphasis in the spirit that there truly is a great and effectual door open at this time for reaching the Jewish people and bringing them the fourth cup of the Passover, the Messiah.

Is it the turning up of this 4th cup of Praise that will cause His name to be a praise in the earth? • Hebrews 11:15, For if their rejection and exclusion from the benefits of salvation were [overruled] for the reconciliation of the world to God, what will their acceptance and admission (full reinstatement) mean? [It will be nothing short of] life from the dead!

Exodus 12:1-3, The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, This month shall be to you the beginning of months, the first month of the year to you. Tell all the congregation of Israel, On the tenth day of this month they shall take every man a lamb or kid, according to [the size of] the family of which he is the father, a lamb or kid for each house.

The Lamb was slain for "household salvation"! The Lord has never changed His mind that the Good News was first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. With the Greater Grace to reach the Jewish people, there is a Greater Grace to reach all people. We need to lay hold of the Grace and release faith for our households to come into salvation. • Genesis 7:1, And the Lord said to Noah, Come with all your household into the ark, for I have seen you to be righteous before Me in this generation.

The Comm-into-union Table
• Psalm 25:14, The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning.

The communion table is the covenant table. It is the table that He prepares before us in the presence of our enemies. It is the place where we honor His command to, "Remember Me". It is where we know He Who was and He Who is. In doing that, we are acknowledging He Who is to Come. • 1 Corinthians 11:26, For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are representing and signifying and proclaiming the fact of the Lord's death until He comes [again].

It is clear from the following passage that the way to the Holy of Holies is now through His flesh, with full freedom to enter in through His blood. Hebrews 10:19,20, Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the [Holy] of Holies [by the power and virtue] in the blood of Jesus, by this fresh lnew) and living way which He initiated and dedicated and opened for us through the separating curtain (veil of the Holy of Holies), that is, through His flesh.

At this table is found the secret place, the bread of Presence. Here we know the sweet, satisfying companionship of the Lord. Here He will show us His covenant and reveal its deep, inner meanings.

Ruth and the Barley Harvest

In the book of Ruth we see that our time spent with the Lord is much more profitable than our time spent working for Him. We have entered fully into the season of being, rather than doing. Ruth is a type of the church and Boaz is a type of the Lord.

When Ruth spent her day gleaning the fields, she gained one ephah of barley. When she spent the night at the feet of Boaz, He gave her six measures of barley! Strong's Concordance #374 says a measure is an ephah! Six is the number stamped on all that is connected with human labor. It took Ruth one day's work to accumulate an ephah of barley. In one night of resting at the feet of Boaz, she was given the equivalent of six day's work.

The Lord is saying that man's labor is ended, now enter into My rest.

It is also worth mentioning here that the number six is connected to time-spaces which measure man's labor and rest - the day, consisting of 24 hours (4x6), divided into the day and night of 12 hours. The months are 12; the minutes is 60 seconds; the hour is sixty minutes - all being multiples of 6.

Four-Eyes

2001 was the first year I noticed that the 00s look like eyeglasses. 2005 has also been given a pair of eyeglasses. Perhaps this has to do with the Greater Grace and anointing that is over the five senses in 2005.

We are all familiar with the 3D glasses used for viewing certain films designed to project a 3D effect.

I feel that the glasses of 2005 are both natural and spiritual. 4D glasses!

Fourth Dimension

About this same time last year I began hearing, fourth dimension. In early December of 2004 I began to hear it again. Webster's Dictionary defines fourth dimension as: 1. a dimension in addition to three rectangular coordinates esp. when interpreted as the time coordinate in a space time continuum. 2. something outside the range of ordinary experience.

From that we know the fourth dimension has to do with time, and extra-ordinary experience.

I believe the gap between heaven and earth, between natural and supernatural, is closing as the age winds down. As heaven begins to move closer to our dimension, we are sure to have extraordinary experiences as worlds collide!

Time is Running Out

The Lord has been and continues to change both our chronos time and our seasons. On December 30th I was walking and enjoying spring-like weather - in central Minnesota! - when the Lord said, "I change the times and seasons." He certainly did that day. 2 Corinthians 15:46 says it is the natural first then the spiritual. It is the kairos time that is disrupting our familiar chronological measurements and comfort zones.

From these two verses in Daniel, I believe that we will see changes in governments along with the changing times and seasons. Verse 22 is in agreement with the significance of the Hebrew hey : as the "aha" moment of understanding or the "shedding of light" on a subject.

• Daniel 2:21, He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. • Daniel 2:22, He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him.

Joshua 10:12-14 is a demonstration of the Lord changing the times. It is the account of the sun and moon standing still for a whole day! Truly a kairos experience.

Kairos time usually involves a period of disruption to the normal flow of things. The old rules, methods, traditions, habits, ways of thinking and doing business do not seem to work any more. It is a bit chaotic. The ground seems to be shifting. The rules of the game are changing. Another description of this would be "a paradigm shift."

Kairos time is the moment, of undetermined length, in which the eternal (God) breaks into the temporal (the universe), shattering and transforming it, and prepares the temporal to receive the eternal.

About five years ago I was reading at 10 o'clock in the morning. The windows were open. Suddenly, I became aware that the birds around our home were singing the dawn song. If you are an early-riser, you become familiar with this song. This is a chorus of all the birds and is only ever sung at dawn. It was a kairos experience. I said, "Lord, Why are the birds singing the dawn song now?" He said, "I moved the dawn and Satan cannot find it."

It was my first experience of kairos time disrupting chronos time. That day the birds got to sleep in! I don't know if Satan ever did find the dawn. Why was he looking for it?

It was during that season when I became aware that there was a spiritual contention for the dawn of the day. It is a spiritually sought after position whose victor sets the course for the rest of that day. If I have a choice, I choose the fourth watch from 3 to 6 a.m.

Psalm 5:2 (as in 52)
• In the morning You hear my voice, O Lord; in the morning I prepare [a prayer, a sacrifice] for You and watch and wait [for You to speak to my heart].

There is an extra measure of grace on the morning, as well as upon the spiritual senses that are watching and waiting to hear what the Lord will speak in the morning.

Time is Running Out

• Revelation 10:5-7, And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. • Revelation 6:14, The sky too passed away, as if a scroll were being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. • Revelation 21:1, Then I saw a new sky (heaven) and a new earth, for the former sky and the former earth had passed away (vanished), and there no longer existed any sea.

Window of Opportunity

I see the window of 2005, combined with the Greater Grace, as a double window OR as the great and effectual door of 1 Corinthians 16:9. I keep hearing, "window of opportunity", being whispered in the spirit. Because it is being whispered, I believe that we must ask for ears to hear as well as eyes to see. We must be alert, engaging all of our 5 spiritual senses. • For a wide door of opportunity for effectual [service] has opened to me -

There's a familiar saying around Christendom, "When the Lord closes a door, He opens a window." In this case, make it two doors and two windows.

I believe that the "window" represents the rapid shrinking of chronos time as the end of the ages is upon us. The "opportunity" represents the kairos times we must be alert and watchful for. What was a door has become a window and we must do according to • Ephesians 5:16, Making the most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

Time is spiritual currency and our bank accounts are dwindling quickly. How are you "spending" your time?

• Isaiah 55:1, 2, "Come, everyone who thirsts, to the waters, and he who has no money; come, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2, Why do you spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which doesn't satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness [the profuseness of spiritual joy].

Sins of Omission

Because of the double door/window combined with the Greater Grace, we have a greater accountability before the Lord to walk through that door when opportunity is presented. Indeed, we must ask daily for such a door to be open before us. We must pray for freedom of utterance (Ephesians 6:19) to boldly proclaim the mystery of the Good News. To neglect such a time as this is nothing less than a sin of omission.

As I wrote the word omission, I saw it as 00-mission. Truly many will be sent on Godly missions - big and small. I believe we will be compelled to go! 2 Corinthians 5:14, For the love of Christ compels us - • Luke 14:23, Then the master said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges and urge and constrain [them] to yield and come in, so that my house may be filled.

I see the familiar depiction of Jesus standing at the d00r and knocking. I'm reminded that the door before Him has no external knob or handle. In this I see both a clarification and a cautioning: • I believe the Lord will cause doors of utterance to be opened to us. We must be alert when such a window of opportunity opens. • When a window opens, the love of Christ should be what compels us to go, and what constrains (compels) them to come.

Two (2) is also the number of witness, as in two 00s. There was an anointing released in 2002 for being sent two-by-two. This anointing, like the Great Grace released in 2003, has also increased. When the Lord releases a thing it does not have an expiration date. It may have a destination, but not an expiration. The now greatly increased two-by-two anointing will find a profitable companion in the Greater Grace of 2005.

Increased Measure in May

I believe that the month of May (5-05) will have an increased measure of the Greater Grace. I hear the Lord answering an unheard question with, "Yes, you MAY." It has the tone of a Father speaking to a child. Therefore, I believe that this Greater Grace in May will be activated by child-like faith that is not afraid to ask Daddy for anything, believing that it is yours!

The Tabernacle had 5 for its all-pervading number; nearly every measurement was a multiple of five. Worship itself is all of grace (no man comes to the Father lest He draw Him)! Our walk with the Lord is progressive, we are expected to mature into the bride. This is seen in the progressiveness of the Feasts of the Lord: Passover representing the outer court experience of salvation; Pentecost representing the inner court and being Spirit-filled; and Tabernacles representing the Most Holy Place and the Man-child.

For this reason, I believe that the, "Yes, you May" superabounding grace in the month of May, is exclusive to those who are in the intimate place of Tabernacles with the Lord. It is this place of intimacy that affords the faith in our Father to reach for the unreachable stars. (see attached song lyrics)

Hands and Fingers, Knees and Toes

I hear the fingerplay song, Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes but the words Hands and Fingers are being substituted for the Head and Shoulders.

In this, I believe the Lord will deal with the fivefold minstries, represented in Hands and Fingers. He will establish His headship (head) and His government (shoulders).

Knees (2) represent reverence and humility. Toes (5) balance and facilitate the foot in walking. The foot represents lowliness and humility. If the knees of the fivefold ministries have not bowed in humility to God's governmental order, they will not walk into what He has ordained for them. I see those who have not bowed in humility as having one foot nailed to the floor, their only option is walking in circles.

The left hand represents judgment and cursing, the right hand blessing. Those in the body of Christ who are called to the ministries of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher who have not tended the sheep in the lowliness and humility of a servant have a WINDOW of time along with the Greater Grace to repent. Failure to do so will find these ministries operating from the left hand, bringing judgment and cursing to themselves. A curse is the absence of blessing, as darkness is the absence of light.

On the other hand - the hand of blessing - those who have been the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced] shall have a rich heritage according to • Isaiah 54:17. No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This [peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition] is the heritage of the servants of the Lord [those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced]; this is the vindication which they obtain from Me [this is that which I impart to them as their justification], says the Lord.

Dignified by Indignity

The division between light and darkness will continue to increase in 2005. The gap between what is of God and what is not of God will continue to increase, becoming more and more apparent by where His favor rests. One of the meanings of Grace is favor. Where grace abounds, expect that persecution will abound. This is apparent in Acts 5. Our response must be the same - counting it all joy. • Acts 5:41, So they went out from the presence of the council (Sanhedrin), rejoicing that they were being counted worthy [dignified by indignity] to suffer shame and be exposed to disgrace for [for the sake of] His name.

In 2004 we saw the number four is the Hebrew letter daleth which means door. The daleth is a bent posture (ד), meaning the door to God's house is humility.

Feet (2005/2 feet with 5 toes on each) on earth, or sea, represent formal possession, treading. The Greater Grace is available for taking ground that the enemy is in possession of. Before we attempt to re-possess ground from the enemy, it is in our best interest to first be sure that the enemy possesses no ground in us.

Those ministries, established in God's headship and government, will have the increased anointing that accompanies being SENT. • Isaiah 52:7 (all of our numbers in one place!), How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, Your God reigns!

Sevens (2005/ 2+5=7)

• Matthew 24:37, As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. • Genesis 6:8, But Noah found GRACE in the eyes of the Lord.

God placed the rainbow in the sky as a covenant between mankind and Himself. It consists of seven colors. As Noah did, we have the opportunity to partner with God to accomplish His will in the earth.

The Seven Spirits still look for a person that will apply for the privilege of serving God in unfathomable dimension.

We find the Seven Spirits in:
• Zechariah 4:10, [These seven] are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro throughout the whole earth. • Revelation 1:4, GRACE and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before His throne. (This is the 5th sentence of the Book of Revelation) • Revelation 5:6, Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Whether it is AbraHam, or Noah, or the church of these last days, God wants to reveal His mysteries to a people who will believe in Him and partner with Him.

5th Book - 5th Chapters

Deuteronomy is the 5th Book of the Old Testament. Acts is the 5th Book of the New Testament. Both contain insights for the year 2005.

Deuteronomy magnifies the GRACE of God, and takes special pains to emphasize the fact that not for the sake of the people, but for God's own Name's sake had He called, and chosen and blessed them.

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles - Will such a book be written of our day? Take time to read the blueprint that was laid for the church.

Reading through every 5th chapter in the books of the Bible gives a clear picture of the hour we are in.

The Impossible Dream

To dream, the impossible dream, To fight, the unbeatable foe, To bear, with unbearable sorrow, To run, where the brave dare not go. To right, the unrightable wrong, To love, pure and chaste, from afar, To try, when your arms are too weary, To reach, the unreachable star. This is my quest, To follow that star, No matter how hopeless, No matter how far.

To fight for the right,
Without question or pause,

To be willing to march into hell, For a Heavenly cause. And I know if I'll only be true, To this glorious quest, That my heart will lie peaceful and calm, When I'm laid to my rest. And the world, Will be better for this, That One man, Scorned and covered with scars, Still strove with his last ounce of courage, To reach the unreachable stars.

Short Bio for Bill Somers

Basic Information

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Origin:

DOB 8-20-1945 Wyandotte Michigan. Hometown is Southgate MI. Ancestry is Irish, Hungarian, English and/or German.

Education

8 years of Catholic elementary education
4 years High School, graduated in college prep program, then
3 and 1/4 years at Michigan State. Philosophy major, then
4 years in United States Navy, during Vietnam. Back to Civilian life at the end of 1970
Also several courses at University of Michigan and University of Phoenix

Family

One of 6 siblings. Married at ripe old age of 33. My dear wife, Marylee, had 7 children from her first marriage of 19 years. It was instant family! She is 6 1/2 years older than I. [One problem with marrying any woman older than you is they think they don't have to listen to you.] All the children are grown and living on their own. Some are even producing grandchildren.

Likes: Good food, drink, music, and video's. Getting things for free!

Dislikes: television, especially the news and the commercials. I only watch it if there is a war, national emergency or I'm at someone else's home. Other dislikes: having to fix my car and shopping.

Work History

Electronic Technician in the two way radio area. 14 years in Michigan and 14 years in New Orleans LA.
Computer Technician for 2 1/2 years in Mansfield Ohio, 1 year Computer Help Desk in Columbus Ohio.

Current Status

Currently retired on $1200 per month social security benefits.

Computer experience

My first computer was an Atari 800 with a whopping 48k of memory. I've done a lot of hardware repair and software support, full and part time for about a decade.

Philosophy

I was raised a catholic, and became an atheist in high school. In college I flirted with eastern mysticism. [It was the 60's after all.] In the 70's till the mid 80's I maintained an interest in New Age topics but not much of a commitment there. My big involvement was in the War Games hobby. I was VP of Metro Detroit Gamers for about 10 years and helped put on some big conventions. We relocated to Louisiana in 84 and almost a year later my wife and I became 'born again' Christians. This is where we are at today, though we are now part of the new phenomenon of 'out of church' Christians. That is we're committed Christians but only visit churches on rare occasions.

Interests

Military topics, Jazz, Bluegrass and other instrumental music, cooking.

Hobbies

Playing music on guitar or flute, computers.

Activities

I'm a writer, editor and publisher on the internet. The Web Site is called End Time Prophetic Vision.

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Each week I publish 25 to 30 articles on the site, including my own writings at times. I have about 90+ articles posted there that I have written myself. I began this in 1996.

It's like doing a weekly magazine without having to deal with a printer.

The content consists of essays, articles, prophecies, and accounts of dreams or visions. All of these are supposed to be relevant to the belief that we are living in what's called the End Times, just before the Second Coming of Jesus.

On Foundations

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There is a difference between the Christian church of today and the Body of Christ. The first has become an organization and the latter is an organism. The church of today has been built on doctrines and methods instead of the life of Christ. Although doctrines and their related experiences are valuable, they cannot precede the Person as the reason for church. Jesus has to be the foundation of the church, His Body. His fullness is the life of the church. The call for leaders, especially apostles and prophets is to restore the foundation. No other foundation can be laid than Christ, 1Cor.3: 11.

The apostles and prophets of two centuries ago knew this and Paul stated it so clearly in Eph. 2:20-23, Jesus being the chief cornerstone, of a holy temple in the Lord, built as a holy habitation of God through the Spirit. What ever else we can be, we must be first and foremost be this.

This temple is synonymously called His Body. As a body we function in a living capacity expressing Jesus. As His temple, we are His residence. The members are His Body parts, 1Cor 12. We have used members of the Body of Christ to mean membership in an organization called church which may even be part of a larger organization called denomination or even a particular stream of worship or other experience or emphasized truth. Each one of these identifications separates from the whole instead of integrating it.

I am not against diversity and distinctions that add to the overall life of the body. It is when these work to segregate that I oppose them on that basis. The body parts have unique expressions that must find their value in the body and cannot live alone anymore than the eye can say it has no need of the ear. These things we know when it comes to gifts of the Spirit, but the larger truth is that it is true also from congregation to congregation. We cannot say we have no need of the congregation across town anymore than we can say we have no use for a sister or brother.

Clearly church is made up of individuals, who come together supposedly under the direction of the Holy Spirit, 1Cor.12: 18 and then form a living entity called His Body. For them to be effective body parts they must all come to the same awareness and revelation of what they truly are. This is the task of today's leaders. It is a primary and formidable task, but one that has God's stamp of approval upon it. It is what He is doing if anyone wants to know what the present move of God is.

So we begin with the individual who must know above all else that the Holy Spirit has been sent to him or her to download Christ into them and for them to be absolutely and forever changed into Christ image and likeness. The first doctrine to be taught then is the Mystery Doctrine of Christ in us, the hope of glory, Col. 1:27. This is the crowning truth upon which all other doctrines of the church have their significance. The end goal of God was to replace Jesus on the earth with a body that would encompass the globe and not just Israel. To do this He has to download His Son into the believer by the Holy Ghost. Jesus, you see, became the last Adam and recovered what was lost by the first Adam. We can now fulfill the original plan of God to live in co regency with Him just as was intended in the original plans of God for Adam.

Think on this. We are not Christians just because we believe in Christ. We are Christians because what made Christ the Christ is making us Christians. This is none other than the Spirit of Christ or the Holy Spirit. We will look at this more in the future. In the meantime, let's ask God to help us understand more clearly so we can reveal more clearly and so reestablish the foundation.

Power To Become
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I have been studying the book of Ephesians for more years than I can remember. I think we are in an "Ephesians Season". The Holy Spirit has been releasing revelation upon revelation to us all concerning the incredible truths contained in this letter. Just recently, after leading the church in the apostolic prayers of this letter I began seeing how often the reference to power came up. While there is the traditional understanding of power as a miraculous and creative source, it is to a new and present truth understanding of power as revealed in Paul's writings.

This new power is directed in two ways. The first is power to bring knowledge. The second is the power to be whatever that knowledge declares. Both of these powers are in the person of the Holy Spirit. He is the source of revelation knowledge and the power to live in those revelations. Most of the time we associate power with doing something miraculous. In no way do I suggest we don't need that kind of power. We need it more than ever. But before that power returns in the dimension we would like, we are going to experience the power to be more like Christ than ever before. With that transformation will come the power to do as Christ. "ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you", Acts 1:8. There is so much to receive by the power of God.

In particular, we need to know the love of God for us. It is a love that comes from the Father from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; "...the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Eph. 3:14-15. This means both the Jew and the Gentile who having become one, now make up this family. Enmity is now gone and the dividing partitions are taken down. How will we experience this love that connects Jew and Gentile? How will we walk in the kind of love the Father bestowed on us when He gave us power to be the sons of God? "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12 When will we walk in love towards one another? When will the envy, jealousy, strife, selfish ambition, competition and rivalry cease? When we know this love of the Father, that's when.

This prayer to the Father in Eph. 3:14-19, has a core element that I see like this:
that we would be strengthened in our inner person/being, with power, through His Spirit, so that Christ would dwell in our hearts (inner person, being) through faith, that we would be rooted and grounded in love so that we would have power together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge so that we might be filled with all the fullness of God. (My paraphrase).

This prayer has three directions. First is to realize the presence of Christ through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit within our inner man. Second is to know what can't be known by human deduction, namely this love of Christ. We are told here that we are to have a "power to grasp" the extent of this love. Third, is that we would be filled with the fullness of God. All three have the final goal of bringing glory to God in the church through Christ, vs. 21. This glory is again the result of a "power" so great that it is considered immeasurable, vs.20. It is a power that can do more than we can ask or think. And the goal of this power is to release a love of God in the presence of Christ within the body.

As I have written before, the apostolic secret to receiving this power is prayer. Revelation without prayer for activation is frustration. We cannot go along telling one another what we know without experiencing it. I myself have been frustrated over the years, because I thought my preaching was enough. That would be unthinkable to the early apostles. Information must result in transformation. Prayer is the means.

Paul experienced what he wrote before he wrote it. He was conveying to the churches what he was living. My dilemma came when my revelations were not turning into manifestations. I felt hypocritical. Then I discovered the thread of prayer in all the letters of Paul. It has become the connection between revealed truth and behaved truth.

Without prayer, this power, first to have and then to experience revelation, will never be activated. We cannot assume we receive just because we read. It is not automatic. Prayer is the conduit through which the Holy Spirit flows into our inner man bringing in His power to experience the revelations He gives.

I cannot shake this off of me. The Holy Spirit is imploring us to pray for His release in us. Yes by faith we understand this all to be true. And by prayer we will experience it. Who among us can do anything without prayer? Prayers of faith bring about lives of faith.

We are at confrontation stage in the church. Our enemies want to face us down. Before we will be as courageous as Elijah when he presented himself to Ahab, or Moses when he stood before Pharaohs magicians, we need this new power in the inner man complete with the knowledge of our Father's love for us. Without it we practice rhetorical gymnastics and cower in the presence of our enemies.

My admonition to all who are weary and tired of hearing truth but not experiencing it, is to begin to pray these truths. Do not ignore the fresh revelations you are hearing thinking they are beyond your ability to experience. We must have them. We need the new voices that are speaking what the Spirit is bringing to our attention. Then we must pray so the Holy Spirit within will enable us to live out these revelations.

On Universalism

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In response to stirrings of the Spirit, we are going to share a few thoughts on the teaching of universalism, also known as ultimate reconciliation, also known as ultimate rec. also known as ultimate wreck.

This is the idea that Hell is not forever. There are quite a few writers these days trying to push this idea. [This includes some who formerly posted on ETPV.]

Some of these will bring up multitudes of bible verses that are claimed to prove their point. This is mixed with a great deal of other persuasive language in support of the idea. Almost all of them sooner or later have to somehow convince you that when the bible says forever and ever, that it does not mean for ever and ever. The way this is done is to question the translation from the original bible languages into English. And this usually centers on the Greek word eon that is used in scripture.

Keep in mind that regardless of how many other arguments or bible verses are used, this is the key. If they can't convince you on this point, everything else they say is only a distraction.

What they have to say boils down to this. The bible translators took the Greek word *eon* and translated it as ever or forever. And this is wrong because the word *eon* means *age*. So when the bible says for ever and ever it really means from age to age. Therefore the punishment of hell only lasts for an age. [How long that is does not matter, just so you get the idea that sooner or later it comes to an end.]

All this is done to sound very convincing, but it does not stand up to an honest examination. It's just an example of human wisdom.

There are several ways to show what's wrong with this kind of thinking. And we will keep this short.

> They are
> to show that it's is false conclusion.
> to show the correct conclusion.
> to illustrate the correct conclusion.
> and to show that the false conclusion leads to a contradiction or impossible situation, and thereby has to be false.

First to look at the meaning of *age to age*. It means from *one age to another*, this is not the same as saying just one age. This itself should be pretty plain.

Second, to say *from age to age*, is a short way of saying from age to age to age to age and so on and so on and so on. Do you get the idea? It's ad infinitum, Latin for *to infinity* [which also means forever.]

Third as an illustration, you could try to imagine a straight line that goes on into outer space and just keeps on going. But another way is to look at a circle. The signs of the zodiac in astronomy form a circle. Currently we are passing from the 'age of Pisces' to the 'age of Aquarius' and after that we will enter the 'age of Capricorn' and on around till we come back to Pisces and start the whole thing over. It just goes from 'age to age' and keeps on a-goin'.

And finally, let's point out that the Greek word *eon* is used to describe the Kingdom of God in exactly the same way as it describes the eternal judgment of Hell. *Eon* is translated as *ever* in all the following verses.

> *Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.*
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> *Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
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> *Revelation 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*
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> *Revelation 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

So if hell is not forever does that mean that heaven is not forever as well? Go figure.

Summary:

> *Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

Helicopter Dream

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In this dream I experienced a struggle with a long series of documents that spoke of or advertised worthy causes or events. I had to devote lots of time and energy to processing each one. It was making me very tired; I was loosing my peace.

Then still in the dream, the Lord showed me that these are just a lot of time wasters, and distractions. They are snares of the devil to get you to focus on the good, instead of the best i.e. God’s will for your life.

Next I found my self in the cargo bay of a military helicopter that was very cluttered. Suddenly a voice came over the loudspeaker system.

Take out the trash, and stow away the loose gear. Find your seats and buckle in.

The ‘Boss’ was getting into the pilot’s seat, and warming up the engines for takeoff. Remember a helicopter does not need a runway, it just goes straight up.

Interpretation

A Military Helicopter speaks of warfare.
A Combat Mission is in the works.
Trash speaks of the distractions in our lives, if we don’t need it get rid of it.
Loose gear is the important things that need to be put in order.
Your seat is your place of ministry.
Buckle in is to make your calling and election sure.
The Boss is Jesus, captain of the Host.
Getting into the Pilot’s Seat speaks of taking His place as head of the Body.
Engines starting speaks of the whirlwind.
Takeoff is ascending to heavenly places with Christ.

File under Rapture of the Manchild.

Out Of Church Christians

Andrew Strom

I am writing on a rather unusual topic today. I was invited onto a Christian Radio show in New Zealand to discuss the growing numbers of "Out-of- church" Christians in the West - people who have left the churches for various reasons but still claim a strong Christian faith. It was a very interesting night, and the phones ran hot.

This "Out-of-church" phenomenon has now grown so large that books are being written about it. In fact, several years ago I heard an estimate that there are TENS OF THOUSANDS of such Christians just in our largest city (-Auckland) alone. And I believe it is the same right across the Western nations. I have personally come into contact with literally hundreds of such people. The surprising thing is that they are often the most committed kind of Christians - praying, insightful, deep- thinking. Yet they have grown tired of "playing the game" inside our church system and have opted out. Often their involvement goes back many years. In fact, they had commonly been leaders of various kinds.

But now they have left. Why? The church obviously finds this a very difficult thing to explain or deal with. The usual accusations are often trotted out: "So-and-so has been hurt and has a root of bitterness". Or they are in "rebellion". Or they are "not a team player". Or they are "backsliding".

But if you talk to these people you will often find that they have been sitting in church for years and years, and they simply cannot stand to sit and watch the same old game being played any more. The LACK OF GOD is what gets to them - even in our most "Spirit-filled" churches. WHERE IS GOD IN ALL OF OUR ACTIVITY? Surely this is not the way it is supposed to be?

New fads and programs come and go, but the mediocrity and LACK OF GOD just seem to go on forever. And so quietly, sometimes without anyone even noticing, they slowly slip out the doors - never to return. Some have even told me that they felt God "calling them out". Others simply felt they couldn't stay there anymore. The state of the church weighed upon them more than words could say.

Very often they did the rounds of other churches, hoping against hope that they would find a place that felt "right" in any way. (-Though most of them are not "church-hoppers" by nature). But the places they visited never seemed any more "right" than the place they had left. And after a while it just seemed easier to stay at home with God.

As I said earlier, most of these people have not given up on Christianity at all. It is today's church system that they have given up on. And we are talking about large numbers here. Thousands are already opting out. And many feel like they are "waiting" for something.

Some of these people have started up home-fellowships. Or they meet with other couples on a casual basis. But many meet with nobody at all, and they consider themselves in a 'Wilderness' place - alone with God. (-Very common).

I was asked several weeks ago by a pastor whether I agreed that what is happening could be a 'move of God'. That is a pretty radical thought. Many leaders would think the opposite. Because anything that leads people out of "their church" can't be of God, can it?

Hmmmm. All I know is this: The concept of going through a 'Wilderness' just before entering the 'Promised Land' is totally Scriptural. In fact, it is right through the Bible. Even Jesus went through such a wilderness time.

But it is not possible to stay "alone" forever. Some day, if these people are going to be part of a new move of God's Spirit, they are going to have to come out of their wilderness and become part of the "BODY" that Jesus brings together - the 'new wineskin' that will come with this new move of God. Otherwise they could miss out. That is the great danger.

I'm sure there are many on this List with comments or testimonies relating to this topic. I would love to hear from you. It really is becoming a significant issue in the church. **prophetic@revivalschool.com**

God bless you, my friends.
Kindest regards in Christ,
Andrew Strom.

Ocean of Fire
Jeannette Rodgers

September 1, 2005

Through a vision, I see a flood, not of water but a flood of Fire...fire being spread wildly and quickly. It is raging like something I have never seen before. This fire is unlike any other. This fire is inextinguishable and it is amazingly burning ON TOP of a large mass of water which appears like an ocean. It is moving rapidly and it has come unexpectedly.

Then I hear in the Spirit from the Lord:

I say unto you ...move quickly to the North.
This will require you to move quickly to the north.
Selah.....
I will come for you, those who wait upon Me, and I will bring you back to the place of abundance where there will be no lack or any need.
I will bring you back to the place of abundance.

Psalm 66:12-You made men ride over our heads; We went through fire and water; Yet you brought us out into a place of abundance.

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2 Peter 3
God’s Promise Is Not Slack
[1] Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in *both of* which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), [2] that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us,the apostles of the Lord and Savior, [3] knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, [4] and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation.” [5] For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, [6] by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water. [7] But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.
[8] But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9] The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
The Day of the Lord
[10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up [11] Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, [12] looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? [13] Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.
Be Steadfast
[14] Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; [15] and consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you, [16] as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable *people* twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.
[17] You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; [18] but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.
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Out Of The Mouth Of My Babes

Susan Cummings

Out of the mouth of My babes
Comes forth My Flaming Word
Reserved for the lowly and the meek
Who have scoured the earth to seek

Chosen and ordained from the beginning
Having my brand upon their hearts
My Word will go forth and be seen
Dividing and shaking the hardened hearts

Out of the mouth of My babes comes My Glory
Weak, shaken, and persecuted they may be
Hidden ones in whom I have quietly birthed
While the church slept under the world's roof

Clocks tick on and prophetic schedules come and go
But men still are running to and fro
Nothing has changed, but the hour itself
And still they run, yet, without their souls

Out of the mouth of My babes
Wisdom will be unlocked and greatly released
Taken from behind the Door of The Final Hour
Opened with Humility's golden keys

Men mock and scorn my Word and My Truth
And turn it into their own good news
Taking to hell entire multitudes
While mine stand and await the call to run

Out of the mouth of My babes
Comes the Living Word of Truth
Fountains of Living Waters to quench the thirst
Hidden and broken open in this hour of birth

Men do not see My Treasures
Nor perceive My Amazing Grace
But the lowly ones come unto Me
And feed and drink by My Goodness

Out of the mouth Of My babes
Comes the Holy purifying waves
As set forth from My Just Gaze
As the scales and the bowl does release the coals

Taken and given by My Hand
Unto the babes does Justice now go fanned
My written Word will be received
By all that walk, and run, and breathe

Out of the mouth of My babes
Have gone forth My Clarion Calls

Not always understood, but mostly ignored
But the righteous heard and stand in My Halls

Time has now changed and few have prepared
Men continue to play their games
Playing the harlots in My Holy Name
But they will receive none but shame

Out of the mouth of My babes
Will come the beginning and the end
For My Word will be completed
And men will bow and reverence Me again

Chains and fetters fall at their feet
As My Fire and My Glory burns out the tares
Nothing will stand before My Word in them
For I am visiting the sins of men

The cup is full and the sand has run out
The glass stands empty and awaits its turning
But first comes the Lightning and the flaming waves
Announcing My Justice upon the ungodly gates

Nothing will escape My Holy Gaze

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Psalm 8 AMP
1O LORD, our Lord, how excellent (majestic and glorious) is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory on [or above] the heavens.
2Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants You have established strength because of Your foes, that You might silence the enemy and the avenger.

Matthew 21:15 AMP
15But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He did and the boys and the girls and the youths and the maidens crying out in the porches and courts of the temple, Hosanna (O be propitious, graciously inclined) to the Son of David! they were indignant.
16And they said to Him, Do You hear what these are saying? And Jesus replied to them, Yes; have you never read, Out of the mouths of babes and unweaned infants You have made (provided) perfect praise?
1 Corinthians 1 AMP
1PAUL, SUMMONED by the will and purpose of God to be an apostle (special messenger) of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
2To the church (assembly) of God which is in Corinth, to those consecrated and purified and made holy in Christ Jesus, [who are] selected and called to be saints (God's people), together with all those who in any place call upon and give honor to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
3Grace (favor and spiritual blessing) be to you and [heart] peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4I thank my God at all times for you because of the grace (the favor and spiritual blessing) of God which was bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
5[So] that in Him in every respect you were enriched, in full power and readiness of speech [to speak of your faith] and complete knowledge and illumination [to give you full insight into its meaning].

6In this way [our] witnessing concerning Christ (the Messiah) was so confirmed and established and made sure in you
7That you are not [consciously] falling behind or lacking in any special spiritual endowment or Christian grace the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace [operating in your souls by the Holy Spirit], while you wait and watch [constantly living in hope] for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and [His] being made visible to all.
8And He will establish you to the end [keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be] guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
9God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
17For Christ (the Messiah) sent me out not to baptize but [to evangelize by] preaching the glad tidings (the Gospel), and that not with verbal eloquence, lest the cross of Christ should be deprived of force and emptied of its power and rendered vain (fruitless, void of value, and of no effect).
18For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God.
19For it is written, I will baffle and render useless and destroy the learning of the learned and the philosophy of the philosophers and the cleverness of the clever and the discernment of the discerning; I will frustrate and nullify [them] and bring [them] to nothing.
20Where is the wise man (the philosopher)? Where is the scribe (the scholar)? Where is the investigator (the logician, the debater) of this present time and age? Has not God shown up the nonsense and the folly of this world's wisdom?
21For when the world with all its earthly wisdom failed to perceive and recognize and know God by means of its own philosophy, God in His wisdom was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [salvation, procured by Christ and to be had through Him], to save those who believed (who clung to and trusted in and relied on Him).
22For while Jews [demandingly] ask for signs and miracles and Greeks pursue philosophy and wisdom,
23We preach Christ (the Messiah) crucified, [preaching which] to the Jews is a scandal and an offensive stumbling block [that springs a snare or trap], and to the Gentiles it is absurd and utterly unphilosophical nonsense.
24But to those who are called, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), Christ [is] the Power of God and the Wisdom of God.
25[This is] because the foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men.
26For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.
27[No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame.
28And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are,

Out Of The Wilderness

Eva F Marsee

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The LORD has had His prophets in the wilderness preparing them for the end time ministry. He has now brought them out of the wilderness and brought them together to bring confirmation to the teaches of the wilderness. Now the LORD says that He has placed them in the starting gates, a place where we are to be still and wait on Him to loose them to their places of spiritual war. Ever war will be won. The prophets are waiting for the gate to open because they know the LORD has empowered them for victory. The LORD is wanting us to focus on the mark set before us. With dreams and visions He is setting our sights on the calling we are called to for this hour. The LORD spoke to me last night and said that the next few days were going to be all about me (Eva). He said that I have been praying for all my loved ones and friends but in the next few days He was going to have me work on me by praying through the Holy Spirit to empower me for the things soon to come. Like the book everyone was reading about Jabez . 1Chron 4:9 Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." 10Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request.
We are in a holding place with vision, much vision.
Habakkuk 2:
I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.
2 And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

Be patient. The time is very soon.

Eva F Marsee

On Salvation And Liberty

Becky McLendon

It came to me so clearly: we cannot DO enough to "be saved." So we do not trust in our "doing," but in Christ alone! Well, we all need a "re-teach" from time to time!

The Lord showed me several years ago something about His "perfect law of liberty". That when we are truly IN CHRIST, we are FREE from the law of sin and death and having to TRY to follow 633 commandments to the exact “jot and tittle”. Christ has FULFILLED the demands of the LAW, and in Him we enter the “perfect law of liberty.” We are FREE to obey Him. Those who are NOT in Christ cannot possibly obey Him, no matter how hard they try. They are still “in sin” which means MISSING THE MARK. Those in Christ will stumble, but the righteousness of God in Christ imputed to them keeps them from MISSING THE MARK. They are driven, compelled to press on toward the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus! Therefore they are placed in His perfect law of liberty, NOT to commit sin after sin and simply do what their flesh wants. They are in His perfect law of liberty to be what He is! What a great salvation we have!

Things That Make Us Go "Hmmmmmmm."

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I **dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit**, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. Is. 57:15

So what about the hearts of those who are NOT humble and contrite? Is He with THEM? Many who say they are Christians, but aren't, actually assume God is with them. Is this what is meant by "living a lie?" Hmmmmmm.

It is not a question of whether God is willing to sanctify me; the question is, is it my will? Many want the Name of Jesus but do not want the sanctification made in them BY Jesus. Is this failure to let Jesus BE our sanctification taking His name (His very nature, His essence of being) in vain? Hmmmmmm. Maybe we need to read the Handbook and re-write the curriculum

1 Corintians 1:30: *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption*

What God has made, we cannot add to it, or take away from it or stop it. These things are true and established in us. Amen and Amen.

When people decide to take GOD out of the equation, what we have left is a society of STUPID PEOPLE, no matter how HIGH their IQ is, Stupid people cannot be FIXED by other stupid people who go around preaching "I'M OK; YOU'RE OK." All the king's horses and all the king's men cannot put together that giant egg who fell of a wall. And no one has sense enough to ask the King. OH I forgot! They had taken Him out of the equation! It makes you go "hmmmmmmmmmm."

Personal Savior

Becky McLendon

"Those who dwell under His shadow shall return. They shall be revived like grain and grow like the vine. And their scent shall be like the wine of Lebanon." Hosea 14:7.

A people of revival dwell under the God's shadow and return to Him daily. They have "taken Jesus as their personal savior." And all of God's people said AMEN, and went home. NOT!!

There is so much more to "taking Jesus as our personal savior" than simply nodding "Yes" with our heads, walking an aisle and writing a date in our Bibles. When we take Him as our personal Savior, it means we take everything about Him PERSONALLY: His sayings, His nature, His Kingdom and His anointing. To take Jesus as our personal savior is to put on Christ. It is to be baptized in Him; to be overshadowed by Him and come alongside Him and walk with Him through thick and thin. It is "going on to be with Jesus" and being "caught up in the Lord" while still walking on this earth. It is being "seated with Him in heavenly places," while going about our day in and day out routines.

Taking Jesus as our personal Savior makes us realize that ONLY in Jesus are we saved, though not of ourselves, lest we should boast. Only in Jesus are we kept from sin unto death, though not of ourselves, lest we should boast. So we take his destruction of sin personally. Only in Jesus are we made whole, both Spiritually and Physically, lest we should boast in that. So we take his wholeness personally. It is only in Jesus...not that we live but Christ lives in us. That is what it means to "take Jesus as our personal Savior."

When we take Jesus as our personal Savior in this complete sense, we have revival. We are clothed in the same Jesus, not a Jesus of our own fashion. Revival does not come to make our old carnal self feel good and have a happy experience in "Jesus." Revival comes to get to the very ROOT of our carnality and KILL IT so that Jesus can dwell in us fully. Revival does not come to bring "LIFE" to dead works and a dead religious form. It comes to destroy it. It comes to destroy everything in our personal comfort zone, It is not big or extravagant or elaborate. It doesn't crowd the church houses. Revival means LIVE AGAIN, and it comes so that Jesus can LIVE AGAIN in us and through us.

The main thing we ask of ourselves if we truly want revival is this: Have I really taken Jesus as my PERSONAL SAVIOR? May we all take this personally!!!

Selah.
Becky

Oil Shocks In The USA?

Andrew Strom.

On Monday I returned from a third-world country named Southern Mississippi. -At least, that is how it felt down there - like a 3rd world country had come to America. It gave a chilling preview of what life here could be like if just a few of the luxuries we take for granted were disrupted. -The primary one of course being OIL or GASOLINE. The United States is terribly vulnerable to any kind of severe Oil Shock. And I want to describe to you what happens when even a rich state loses its access to basics like electricity, transport and gas.

I believe that these two hurricanes have played out before our eyes the fragility of a system that is so utterly reliant on oil. Those semi-trucks that we see roaring down the highways everyday - they are like a lifeline to this country. If they stop delivering supplies to the stores and supermarkets for even a few days or a week, then the whole system will fall over. It is the same with the electrical grid. It too is heavily reliant on oil for power generation. And all of our communications, computers, lights, businesses, appliances, TVs, radios, etc - all need electricity to run. It gives me the chills to see how easily America could be shut down. A civilized nation at the height of her powers - utterly reliant on a black liquid, mostly imported from the volatile Middle East. -Unbelievable.

What happens when the gas stations run dry? -We saw this in Texas. People are trapped. They get stuck on the highways, unable to get out. And when basic transportation fails, then business fails also. Without regular supplies by truck, most businesses would fall apart within a week. All it took was ONE emergency, and the system could not cope. What happens if there are MANY emergencies all over the nation?

When I first got to Southern Mississippi in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, it did not take me long to realize what a basic issue this was down there. I remember talking to a lady who was working gutting out ruined homes. She told me that she was UNABLE to leave the area - even though she wanted to. Her car had filled with water during the storm - and would never run again. Her bank (if she had any money in it) was closed - in fact, no businesses were open at all in the entire area. All the gas stations were either wrecked or shut down. She was working so she could save up some money to get out. -And there were MANY people in this kind of situation. A neighbor up the road from our base lost THREE CARS that are now parked useless across the street - they had been submerged and would not run. And thus, people get TRAPPED.

When people lose "civilized" transport, they have only one option. -They turn to "Third World" transportation. You see them walking everywhere on foot, or riding bicycles. And this is exactly what happened.

It is the same with electrical appliances. Our home base in Mississippi had been flooded with water 5 feet deep. There is still a 5-foot water-mark in all the rooms. The place was full of mud when we arrived. There was water sloshing around in the oven. The washing machine made funny "sparking" noises - full of water. The electricity was off and the generator was little help. So what do you do? -You return to "Third World" ways. You wash your clothes by hand in the tub or in a bucket. You cook with a portable gas stove. You sit around at night talking in the dark - or with some kind of lantern. There are no televisions, no DVD's or stereos (blessed peace!) There is no hot water, no air conditioning, nothing. It is just like being in a 3rd world country. There is little of "modern civilization" left.

In fact, like a lot of people we even slept outdoors for awhile. Many people slept in tents because their house was unliveable. We slept in a park across the street - joining some others that we had met there. The mosquitoes were terrible, but it was OK.

So let me summarize this "Third World" American scenario for you. Without gasoline, electricity or transportation, you lose just about everything. I can tell you this for a fact, because I have seen it. You return to the status of a peasant with a bicycle. None of your modern conveniences will work. Nothing at all. If the gasoline is gone, you cannot even charge your cellphone in the car. And notice that all it takes to make this scenario happen is LOSING THE OIL. Every one of our modern conveniences is ultimately reliant on that one commodity. Makes you think, does it not?

So are you ready for your REAL "Oil Shock", America?

I am convinced that God was bringing a wake-up call to this nation through the recent hurricanes. You will notice that BOTH hurricanes targeted three basic things. Sin and hedonism had everything to do with it. In both hurricanes, the CASINOS and also "SIN CITY" itself - New Orleans - took a major hit. (Katrina wiped out the Casinos on one side and Rita wiped out those on the other). Surely this cannot be mere coincidence? And both hurricanes filled New Orleans with water. It really was staggering. Surely God was saying something through this?

But the third thing we have to take note of is that both hurricanes targeted the OIL - and showed up the terrible fragility that the United States has in this area. It does not bode well for the future if America fails to heed these wake-up calls. She is terribly vulnerable in this area - far more fragile than we have seen in the past. And God is looking for this nation to REPENT of her hedonism, her materialism and her "worship of pleasures" before much worse comes upon her. This was clearly the message of the hurricanes, to my mind. God was showing how easily America can be "taken out". Do you think this message will be heeded?

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God bless you all.
Kindest regards in Christ,
Andrew Strom.

Opening The Book of Romans

Bill Somers

> *1 Thessalonians 5:19-21*
> *19 Quench not the Spirit.*
> *20 Despise not prophesyings.*
> *21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

In a recent article [Word and Witness] we were looking at the question of when a scripture is fulfilled and saw that the tense of the writing was not a conclusive factor. That is to say something written in present or past tense may still await a future fulfillment, something written in future tense may already have happened etc. One of our examples was a discussion of being under the law using quotes from Romans and Galatians. Here is what we wrote.

> Another good example is those who say we are not under the law, we're under grace. What does the bible say?
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>> *Romans 6:14*
>> *14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

A lot of people want to take this verse, Romans 6:14 and run with it. Just as there are many who want to claim other promises but ignore the conditions for those promises; like 'resist the Devil and he will run from you'. The scripture actually mentions a condition you must meet first. It says:

> *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Now if you check out what it says in Galatians 5, you will see that there is a similar condition, being led by the Spirit.

>> *Galatians 5:18*
>> *18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

So are we under the Law or not? Today's church claims to be under grace, but it sure doesn't act like it. Something is wrong with this picture. Maybe we have misapplied the word. If you take into account the condition listed in Galatians 5:18 then, Romans 6 apparently has not been fulfilled yet! Even so we use these verses and other verses from Romans as though they were already fulfilled.

What's important here is that Galatians spells out a condition for not being under the Law while Romans does not. So why is that?

Lets compare the opening passages of these two letters and see what clues there may be.

In Galatians 1 we can see that it is addressed to those who are being troubled by a perverted gospel and removed from their call to Grace in Christ.

> *Galatians 1:6-7*
> *6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:*
> *7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.*

The opening passages of Romans seem to be addressed to a people that do not have that problem.

> *Romans 1:1-8*
> *1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*
> *2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)*
> *3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;*
> *4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*
> *5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*
> *6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:*
> *7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
> *8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*

Note that the gospel is mentioned in verse one and that verse two tells us that the gospel is part of the promise to the fathers. We can see this spelled out in Galatians 3.

> *Galatians 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*

Then in verse 5 it mentions obedience. That is obedience to the faith among all nations, which include, according to verse 6 those whom this letter is addressed to, the called of Jesus Christ. Verse 7 says they are beloved by God and called to be saints. In verse 8 we see that their faith is spoke of through all the world. So we are looking at a people from the nations who are obedient to the faith and have a world wide reputation for that faith. Could this be the Gentile church as it will be in the end time revival?

This does not sound like the same bunch that the book of Galatians speaks to. The people addressed here as ‘Romans’ are walking the walk and not just talking the talk. So they already meet the condition of being **led by the Spirit**. *Galatians* has to spell out this condition but *Romans* assumes this condition from the beginning. For the Galatians, being led by the Spirit has not yet happened; but it has for the Romans. Once you notice this, it makes quite a difference. Try comparing the Corinthian church as described in First Corinthians with the same church as described in Second Corinthians.

So who are the 'Romans'? In other words who does this description given in Romans fit. Is it the early church, today's church or the end time church? If you answer the early church, that is only because they are a type of the end time church. Today's church seems to fit the description of the Galatians. If you answer the end time church, you are starting to catch on. It is speaking to the end time Gentile Church. Certain passages of Romans only make sense when applied to the end time church. This means that they are still to be fulfilled in the end times. Then the Book of Romans will be open to those who are led by the Spirit. This is what we mean by opening the Book of Romans.

The church of today, which claims to be under grace and thereby allowed to ignore the old testament scriptures, is gravely mistaken. The conclusion you have to see is that while there may be some individuals under grace, the vast majority of us are still under the law, and won't admit it! We are reading a sealed book and misapplying the word. The Spirit we need to be under grace is the same Holy Spirit we need to understand this book! And He is that Spirit we need to be obedient to the Gospel.

If you still think you are under grace, ask yourself if sin has any hold on you.

> *Romans 6:14*
> *14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

When you can honestly answer that sin has no hold on you, they you can also say with Jesus, *the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me*. [John 14:30].
And you are then conformed to his image! Selah!

Olympic Torch In London

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At Easter during my time at Spring Harvest I received a vision, which I now feel, I should share more widely. The second part of this came this weekend when I was at the Transmission 24-7 prayer missions conference in Harpenden.

Firstly, I saw a vision of Jesus carrying the cross to Golgotha and Simon from Cyrene being called out to carry the cross for part of the journey. In my vision I felt as though I was there watching him carry his cross and instead of Simon being called to carry the cross, I was quite amazed to see that it was our nation. The Holy Spirit said “it is time to step out and carry the cross of Jesus for all to see. To not be ashamed to make him known, to speak of him, to own his name and to carry the cross into the nations of this world.”

This vision shook me to the core. I could not ignore it’s strength or impact.

On Thursday July 7th I traveled down to just north of London to the Transmission conference. All the motorway signs flashed up “avoid London” and I was listening to the news on the radio. During the evening I saw a vision of the Olympic torch being carried around the stadium in 2012. I heard the Holy Spirit say “the setting is London but the call is to every believer in this land to awake and arise, to put on your running shoes and carry my torch. The nations are watching and they will see the light.”

There is now a season of seven years to prepare and pray leading up to 2012. I saw that there would be an increase in the size and impact of our individual lights; the lights would become flaming torches over this seven-year period. The torches would be visible and not hidden in our churches. There would also be an increase in the corporate anointing on our nation to recover it’s destiny and responsibility.

Scriptures: Matthew 27 v 32, Isaiah 52 v 1, Isaiah 60 v 1, Hebrews 12 v 1.

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One Thing Is Needed

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"And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her (Luke 10:41,42)."

We often sacrifice God's one thing in favor of many things. There is something more significant to be seen in Mary who sits at the feet of Jesus versus Martha who is "much serving". Jesus is not contrasting service and worship and saying that worship is better. No, Jesus is contrasting "many things" with "one thing". We are consumed, absorbed, worried and vexed with many things - serving, witnessing, preaching, giving, writing, singing, attending meetings, reading, studying, building churches, fellowshipping - when Jesus says only one thing is needed, and Mary has discovered it, and it will not be denied her. What is the one thing?

In order to grasp God's purpose for all things let us look at several Scriptures.

"Having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will" (Ephesians 1:9-11)."

What does this passage tell us? First, that there is a Will, and it has been revealed to us. Second, that God's Will is "all things in Christ". Third, that everything is working according to this purpose. Let us look at these three points more particularly.

THE REVEALED WILL OF GOD

There is a Will, a purpose, a reason, a goal towards which God is moving. Something is intended. A result is sought after. God is not floating us along aimlessly towards everything in general and nothing in particular, but He is moving us towards something. Since He exists outside of time, the End is already accomplished from God's perspective. To us, who are still bound by time, things do move forward. We have a past, a present, and future, while God is all of these at once. Knowing that there is a Will and that the Lord is bringing us towards something is clearly for our benefit. God wants us to know His Will that we may enter into it and work in harmony with Him, cooperating together. Why does He not just do what He wants? Why bother to reveal it to us at all? Because we are part of the Will.

Most of the world's philosophy is based on man's attempt to answer these questions: who am I, where did I come from, why am I here, and where am I going? These questions can only be answered when we consider them in the light of God's ultimate Will. There is a purpose, a reason for being, a reason for creating, a reason for living, a purpose which is larger than us, but includes us.

I ate breakfast in a diner once that had a sign on the wall that read, "If there is a will, I want to be in it." I'm not sure what the intended message was, but it immediately resonated with me. I want to be in the Will of God! And I believe every Christian wants the same thing.

ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

What is the Will of God? "That... He might gather together in one all things in Christ." God only has one need, one desire, one thing He wants to accomplish, and once we see this we will find everything else is peripheral to this one thing. What does God wish to accomplish? God's ultimate will and desire is to sum up everything into Christ, so that Christ is All in All.

From henceforth when I talk about God's Will I am speaking of His eternal purpose and plan of summing up everything into Christ and putting everything under His feet. I am not talking about God's will for you personally, or God's will for your ministry or business. These may be terribly important to you, but what we are considering now is something which transcends these matters and touches upon the ultimate Will of God for all generations, all people, all nations, the whole of creation - the one thing He is after.

Now we understand why Mary is said to have discovered that one thing that God wants, that one thing that He is after, and why she has forevermore taken her place at the feet of Jesus. Food, fun, fellowship, friendship, all is forgotten. She exists to wash His feet with tears, anoint His feet, and hear Him there at His feet. "Kiss the Son," Psalms 2 says. In this matter it is not a kiss of greeting on the cheek, or even the kisses of His mouth which speak of the love between the Bride and the Bridegroom (Song of Solomon). It is kissing the feet in subjection to the One Whom God has appointed as the Heir of All Things. The kissing of the feet of the Son and the sitting at His feet is the acknowledgment of all that the Father has vested into the Son and the recognition that everything has been placed below His feet, beginning with US.

EVERYTHING RELATES TO THIS WILL

Thus far we have seen that there is a Will, and that God's Will is for Christ to fill all things. There is a third thing to be seen: "[God]... worketh all things after the counsel of His own will." Everything which is spoken, revealed, or done by the Lord is connected in some way to the one thing. We might call it the Cosmic Will, or the Universal Will, or the Mind of the Spirit, or the Prime Directive, or simply the One Thing. However we choose to describe it, that is what God is after. It is His Will, His Desire, His Purpose, His Need, His Heart.

If we read and apply ourselves to the Scriptures - the books of Moses, the Law, the Prophets, the Gospels, the Acts, the Epistles, and the Revelation - we will eventually see one thing taking shape and coming into being. It is this one, continuous, unbroken thread of His Will which weaves its way throughout all of God's dealings with man for the past six thousand years, having its beginning in eternity past and reaching its conclusion in eternity future towards one thing.

But more importantly, we see that everything is moving in relationship towards God's End. It is the why which explains God's reason for creating the world, heaven, hell, the devil, and man himself. It is the motive for sending the Word to be flesh and live as a Man, to die on a cross, to be raised to life, and to be exalted to God's right hand. It is the impetus which caused God to pour out His Spirit on all flesh and establish the Church. It is His purpose in judging the world and creating a new heavens and earth.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul describes it as the Mind of the Spirit:

"And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:27-29)."

Einstein wanted to know the Mind of God. Here, we have it. If we change the order of the first verse it may help us to see it more clearly without changing the meaning. "He makes intercession for the saints according to the Will of God BECAUSE He knows the Mind of the Spirit." We know from the Book of Hebrews that "He that searcheth the hearts" is Christ, and "He that maketh intercession for the saints" is Christ (Hebrews 4:12; 7:25).

Because Christ knows the Mind of the Spirit and He is making intercession for us according to the Will of God, "we know that all things are working together... according to His purpose." And to leave no doubt as to the purpose, we are told that the purpose is "to be conformed to the image of His Son." Christ as All in All.

We frequently quote these verses and interpret them to mean that no matter what happens, good or bad, God is going to make it all work out for our good, and it will all turn out right in the end. That is not what Paul is saying at all. What he is telling us is that all things are moving in relation to God's purpose of summing up everything into Christ. God's End is Christ as All in All. Everything in heaven and on earth is moving in relation to this.

So in Romans we are told that God is "working all things together... according to His Purpose" and in Ephesians we are told that God is "working all things after the counsel of His own will." The key phrase here is "all things". How do we judge if a thing is of God or not? We need only determine its relationship to the one thing. Either it is in harmony with the one thing or it is one of the "many things" which may be good, spiritual, or moral, but does nothing to move us towards God's eternal purpose.

GOD'S GOAL: THE PREEMINENCE OF CHRIST

Of course, there are other Scriptures which refer to God's Will in Christ:

"And [Christ] is the head of the body, the church: Who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18)."

Does Christ have the preeminence in this world? In the Church? In our family? In our heart of hearts? No, and no, and no, and no. Sinners rule the world, "saints" rule the church, we rule our own families (which accounts for our failed marriages and broken homes), and we govern our own hearts, doing as we see fit. Yet the Will of God is clear: that Christ would have the preeminence in all things. Obviously we are not there yet:

"For now we see not yet all things put under Him, but we see Jesus... for Whom are all things and by Whom are all things (Hebrews 2:8)."

Do we see it yet? Not in its fulness, no. We have a little here, and a little there. Where this has already happened, where we actually see and experience Christ having the preeminence, it is called the Kingdom of God. It is not a visible thing, but an invisible thing, for Jesus said the Kingdom is not seen, but is within you. Eventually the Kingdom of God will swallow up the entire Creation and Christ will have the preeminence in all things. Why? Because all things are for Him, and all things were by Him. That is what this verse is saying.

For now, when we abide in Him we are full of His Life individually, and this is a beginning, but it is largely invisible. He fills us and to some extent He is seen in us once we are conformed to His Image. But filling the Church is not the end, but the beginning. The end must include "all things", not just the Church:

"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted [Christ], and given Him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9)."

The key words in the verses we have discussed thus far are "every" and "all". In these Scriptures our eyes are opened and our vision is enlarged to understand that God's ultimate purpose is that Christ would have the preeminence in ALL things, that He would fill ALL in ALL, and that ALL creation would reflect His glory.

May the Lord continually open our eyes to give Him the One Thing He desires. Amen.

On The Isle Of Patmos

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On the Isle of Patmos, John said, “I was in the spirit on the Lord's day. “ he was saying, ”I was in Jesus on the Lord's Day.” The Lord’s Day is his world, his time frame. It is his time of choosing to reveal. As we live in the spirit we live in Jesus every day is the Lord’s Day we may be by ourselves, but they are the Lord's days**.** Revelation puts us in Jesus; puts us in the Lord’s Day. Being in Jesus gives us revelation, so we want every part to be in Jesus.
There is more than being close to Jesus. It is being in the same place where he is, there we are. We cannot receive the revelation of Jesus unless we are "in the spirit on the lord's day." to the world we remain pretty much on the isle of Patmos. The Jesus in us is reaching perfection even the full stature of the father. So what belongs to the Jesus in us belongs to the ashes too. It is the ashes that go to the nations. Jesus through the ashes says come.

It is amazing that we are in "this" world yet talking in "another world"...God's world. In true fellowship of the lord every one of our conversations is a translation. In Malachi 3:16 the Lord says:

Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.

Jesus is on the isle of Patmos, and so are we. From now on where he is, we will be also. Could it be that we could consider Patmos the “place of the revelation of jesus Christ?” Yes I believe so. John could have said, “I was in the spirit.” He also could have said, “I was on the isle of Patmos.” So when we say “come,” we are saying, “come to Patmos where Jesus is. Come to Jesus. Come to the Lord’s Day. Step out of “this world” and come to “his” world”.
From this point forward we are "in this world" but not of it. To the world we are has-beens. We have "gone on to be with the Lord." They might as well publish our obituary. Flesh and blood cannot understand this. They have to come to Patmos in order to understand.

Patmos is the “place of choosing.” It is where God chooses us and we choose Him. Song of Solomon 2:16 says this: “I am my beloved’s, and He is mine.” So Patmos is the land of MARRIAGE.
Amen and Amen
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Conversion

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In this salvation process, we are changing houses, going from death to life. The Lord has been showing the deeper meaning of “salvation.” It is the same as what we call conversion. The dictionary defines “conversion” as “changing from one belief system to another, changing over to suit another purpose.” The Lord is showing us that conversion is the essence of translation, or transformation and it takes revelation of His word and His Person by His spirit to do it. Revelation is conversion-taking place. The whole book of Revelation is this: to the believer it’s a conversion or a confirmation, but to the unbeliever, it is a confounding and a condemnation to death and destruction. It could be called the book of conversion, or the book of the confirmation of Jesus Christ into the very being of the believer and the Kingdom of God. We can know him only by being converted in this way. No amount of studying “about Him” or religiously staring at the printed page of His word can convert. It takes a converted mind, born out of a converted spirit to know Him. We are being converted into His whole creative life. We are being converted to minister, and instead of this ministry running on money; it is being switched over to running supernaturally. God will provide all that is needed for a “converted ministry.” There will be no begging or sales of books, tapes or trinkets.

We are being converted daily. We present our bodies daily a living sacrifice and are thereby converted. Even the changed is being changed. We are like jig saw puzzles. We have to be converted before we can fit in God’s plan. We are being converted from a bastard to being a son: from manpower, to God power. This manpower has not been able to get through. Of this manpower we can do nothing. Manpower is what runs Babylon. But this church will be fully operating on God power; she will have come out of Babylon. The church will be separate from the state.

Bread and fishes had to be converted going from the little boy’s hands, to Jesus’ hands. He says to us: “When thou art converted to the God power. Go to the nations; raise the dead, heal the sick and cast out devils. These are the signs that follow those who are converted.” Conversion means to be completely turned around, with your back to what you had been, and to where you had been going, and to what you had been saying. Conversion is repentance. Conversion submits to being totally consumed by God.

A converted red heifer is consumed in God and becomes nothing more than ashes for the converting of the nations. Once converted always converted, the ashes can never become a heifer again. Olives have to be crushed to be converted. Grapes have to be pressed to make the best wine. Water has to be turned to wine before it can serve the wedding guests. It is not once "saved" as in go down an aisle and pray with the preacher and join the church and attend all the functions and be “always saved.” It is once converted (hearing the word and becoming that word revealed; Jesus revealed) always converted. Dogs return to their own vomit.... Converted believers don’t. This is the answer to why “revivals” fail more than succeed…conversion has not taken place. People have an “experience but are not converted and soon return to their own vomit.

The only preaching that truly converts the soul of man is preaching that comes from the conversion of Christ. For every miracle there was a conversion to make it fit God's plans. So why should we be any different? Think of the first miracle of Jesus. He converted the water to wine.... he told them what to do...they did it and the anointing converted it.

Remember? Jesus said to his mother,” My time is not come.” The criteria for the conversion is not complete"...first there had to be a word given, then a word heard...then a word acted on and then the conversion.

So what does Mary do? She tells the men, “Whatever He says do, do it.” She gave the word that opened their ears...then He spoke and they heard. They acted, and then the conversion took place. Jesus taking your place is the conversion. He tells you to do some thing, and then He does it.

Conversion is repentance. Conversion believes I see the crumbs from my hands can become loaves in yours. We say, as peter said: “such as I have I give to you”. Peter had to be converted to say that to that lame man, and we can only say it in the conversion.

Pray more, trust more, believe more…be converted. Praying brings on more revelation, which brings on more conversion. Revelation comes, then persecution, and then ashes. Then more revelation comes, more persecution and more ashes. The plumb line is a certain conversion needed to bring deliverance that takes us to further conversion. The pure in heart, is the converted shall see God. As we read the Bible, by revelation we are seeing God.

To the “comer outers” who have exited the organized church the Lord asks: but have you believed…been converted in your “coming out?” It’s the conversion that brings us out or else we say

we are out, while still there. If there is no fire the heifer is still a heifer.
The heifer has no choices left, after becoming ashes.

To do what is "right or best" in our own eyes or in man's eyes is "expedient" but it is not what is right or best in God's eyes. Conversion does what is right in God's eyes, no matter what man thinks. We are workers together in oneness with God. Only the converted can do this.

We must want and have, what God himself calls holiness. More than ever I believe in separation of church and state. The true church of god cannot remain in the "state" system and be the church. The word state covers a lot, when we think what he has separated us from we belong to jesus only to be separate from state, separates us from a people. We go where they cannot go. The "state" cannot have a place in Jesus. He alone is the government and kingdom we belong to. We cannot have part of that religious system that speaks well of men. We are wrong when all men speak well of us. Unconverted men cannot speak well of the converted. We need to repent of compromise with men. We can never be "unified" with the "state."

His holiness has joined us as His body. His holiness has kept us. In His holiness we grow every day we go with His holiness, we follow it so holiness directs our paths orders our steps. He has brought us out of what we thought we wanted.

There is a way that seems to be right. But it is vanity of vanities before i do any thing i must ask, “will it help me spiritually?” Living in the spirit, is being approved of god in every thing we say or do.” That is the question for all of it. “Will it help me spiritually and will it make me more spiritual?” Conversion makes us spiritual. This conversion is a table in the presence of our enemies.

There is an unconverted people who fight the things of God. From such withhold. They don't walk in all seven spirits of God, which I believe is what we mean by “walking in the Spirit.” The Spirit of the LORD is not with them...they won't let Him be with them. Not only do we withdraw from some, we also withhold. We can only share with what the Lord lets us be a part of. It’s not us sharing any way; it’s His holiness in us sharing. Holiness speaks to holiness and produces more holiness. Holiness converts. A stove cannot give off heat. It’s the fire in the stove, so we are like the stove. It’s not for us in ourselves, to try to do any thing it’s His power working in us. It’s not I, the stove; it’s the fire of Jesus living in me. It’s the treasure in this earthen vessel. The vessel is only the vessel...not the treasure...The treasure is definitely not man's will; he doesn’t want the treasure and looks to the vessel. As long as the will of man is in me; as long as the “what will people think?” is in me, I am of no use to God. It’s got to be a completely empty stove for His fire. “What will people think" is green wood that won't burn, just makes stinky smoke. God cannot use "what will people think,” and as long as you are walking AS A MAN, FOR MAN, and BY MAN’S WAYS you will never walk in the FULL anointing

In this conversion, we have a vision, and nothing can be added to it nor can anything be taken from it. Parts will be called false by unconverted religionists, but they still remain. They accuse us saying that we are too heavenly-minded to be any earthly good. However, when people separate themselves from God, they separate themselves from the body, no matter how often they say they have "fellowship." We are more and more coming into the contradiction of man and religion. Conversion separates the church from man’s state. God’s people must become what the Lord is saying now and be converted.

2 Tim. 1:12 says, “For the which cause **I** also suffer these things: nevertheless **I** am not ashamed: for **I know whom I have believed**, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which **I have** committed unto him against that day.

He is saying to us that all that has been CONVERTED will remain. No devil in hell will be able to snatch what has been converted out of God’s hand. Once CONVERTED always CONVERTED. Let us desire God's complete CONVERSION of us, for He has promised that what He has begun in us He will perfect in the end. That is signed by the Author and Finisher of our faith.

Amen and Amen.

Becky

Be not Exalted
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Be not Exalted: It is HIS Ministry After All

A house is a covering; the man-child is that house. He tells us what to do, and then covers it. When people ask, "Who's your covering" we say the house of God...the man-child ...the anointing! In generations gone by, people didn't have the man-child so they used chapters and verses, but we have the man-child. The anointing takes the place of "my ministry." The carnal nature has no place for him to lay his head. What God joins is spiritual to spiritual. The carnal is busy, and their time is short. The Lord has time, and we have time. The Lord is saying it's not by your ministry, but, by my spirit, I will accomplish anything of any worth. We don't have to fret and fume and try to push things through. As Jesus works, we work. Of ourselves we don't even know how to pray. Jesus joined us together for the nations and the coming of His kingdom. What generations have hated and despised, we will take to the nations. So we can say there is no "my ministry" in perfection. There is no might or power to be found.

1 Timothy 6:10 for the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Instead of sharing the Lord with the election, the same love that loves money is giving up everything for numbers. Even honest sinners know there is nothing there. .

Zechariah 4:6 then he answered and spake unto me, saying, this is the word of the lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the lord of hosts.

Exodus 6:*1 then the Lord said unto Moses, now shalt thou see what I will do to pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.*

Jesus knows what he is going to do, so we wait. The kingdom of God is the Lord's perfect plan in the earth. We are what remains. To be alive and remain, we cannot exalt our selves. We must remain where the lord puts us; no matter the criticism and accusations we reap. To exalt ourselves is not remaining.

Galatians 6:7 *be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

Matthew 22:11-13: *and when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

When people exalt themselves, as thieves and robbers, they are trying to hold a place that doesn't belong to them. God's holiness keeps us in what belongs to us.

Corinthians 9:27 *but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

We cannot exalt ourselves, yet we keep ourselves under. Every part of our body must be brought under and in his kingdom. The carnal cannot do this. We cannot trust the carnal, to what is right or what is wrong. There has to be an anointing in us showing us and bringing us into submission to him in every way. We acknowledge the lord in all our ways, and he does direct our paths, from then on, if we live in the spirit. Whole denominations and whole generations and whole nations have become castaways. Preachers that used to impress me do not impress me anymore. As I have learned how exalted they were, it’s either **yes** from God, or I don't go along with them. The love of God does not exalt itself. So many are weighed in this balance and found wanting. So let’s be only what we are. We can say to the world and religion, “your time is short so exalt yourself.”

So many thieves and robbers show up before the Jesus ministry. A baby chicken that doesn't wait for its time to hatch dies. Those that exalt themselves are in darkness. However, if we try hard to be big, our balloon will break. Look up some of the big name preachers and you won’t believe the degrees, and how they love being called “an anointed man of God,” or “prophet” or “healer.” These are the ones who Jesus says parade themselves around proudly in fancy robes. Some have even dressed like superman. They do not care about God's people they just want a crowd. By revelation, it seems the only crowd we get is the Lord's crowd. He shares his crowd with us. We do not toil and spin to go out and try to get a crowd and then preach the message that will keep the crowd coming. We are only concerned that His words go to the hearers of those words, thus producing His generation. Whether there is "recognition" or not. If we have not preached JESUS, or even more so if JESUS has not preached, then all is in vain.

Amen and Amen

Becky

On The London Attacks

Chuck Pierce

Dear Friends:

I was awakened this morning at 4:30 am, unable to breathe. Around 5 am, the Lord told me to turn on the television and watch the news. I had been praying about our trip to England that I leave on this afternoon. When I turned on the news, Tony Blair was making the statement that London has been attacked by terrorists. The underground transportation network and bus network in central London had been suspended due to several bombings. Actually, the bus that was shown on the news that had been attacked was very close to the hotel we are scheduled to stay in.

TODAY IS THE 40TH DAY

Here is the word I gave 40 days ago concerning London and Great Britain: http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=3119. If you remember, when we returned from Nigeria in late May, the Lord had us stop in London overnight and I spoke at a County Tour meeting in London County. I gave a very detailed word that within 40 days the nation would change. You can read the details from this report here: http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=3119. **TODAY IS THE 40th DAY!**

When I was in England in May 2004, I gave a word about an 18 month window for the realignment of that nation. This realignment would set the course to determine the next seven years of spiritual activity. In that word, the Lord said, **"Do not resist in this season of war. Raise your shield of faith high. Do not become complacent and sympathetic with the enemy that is in your land. If you do, your land will be overtaken . . . Governmental and social banquets should be watched carefully."** I believe the G8 Gathering that is going on in Scotland is very strategic to change a course of world finance. This bombing occurred at the beginning of that gathering.

WIN THROUGH VIOLENT PRAISE

We are returning to England because a gathering has been scheduled to begin today in London. This meeting is called AWAKEN. The purpose is to change the course of their nation. This meeting is hosted by Rod and Julie Anderson, and runs from tonight through the 10th. They share, "In an environment where for a few days we can all gather to pray and seek God, with no agenda, and no concrete schedule, we believe the synergy that takes place could birth much insight if we will have ears to hear. To create this atmosphere we need to pray and depend on God to awaken people's hearts to the 'Now Move' of the Spirit of God. God's word is all truth, but then there is the 'present truth' that the Lord wants us established in (2 Peter 1:12)." Other speakers include Dutch Sheets, and Tom & Jane Hamon. The team traveling with me consists of Dutch Sheets, Marty Cassady, Ginny Marks, Robert & Linda Heidler, Joe & Vonnie Askins, and Brian Kooiman. Then on Sunday night (July 10), I will be ministering at a citywide gathering in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In light of the upcoming marches (Protestant versus Catholic) that are scheduled to begin there next week, this is a key time to see the Body of Christ arise in a new way in Northern Ireland.

In a separate email I will be sending out the clear word that came forth in the most recent Tuesday morning prayer meeting that I lead. This is probably one of the most incredible words that I have received from heaven to direct us for this season. So be watching for this word. The Lord began by saying,

> *"Many people are trying to use old methods of warfare to win the war they are in. The only way you will win the war from this point forth is through violent praise. You cannot win any other way ... If you do not shift now, you will not be able to see the nations shift. I am sending you back to the root of this nation. Shift the root through violent praise... This is the time to open up the window of your future. Do not go backward. For in the next 10 days if you retreat then you will see the window of your future close, you will find yourself on the wrong side of Jordan, and your promise will not be able to be maintained."*

Blessings,

Chuck D. Pierce
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On The Move To New Jobs
Sandy Warner

Mar 21, 2005
ON THE MOVE TO NEW JOBS
I have job offers and job descriptions, - many jobs waiting in new destinations. I have enlisted My people and they are moving quickly out of their comfort zones into a unified direction. When you find your place you may feel a lack of confidence, but I assure you that I shall be your confidence, for even though you will feel uneasy in new territory, I AM the Constant One and I AM Unchanging. In your past, I have allowed pride to fall so that you will be humble in this position, for it carries much authority. Head north towards your destination, and find peace in your heart that I have prepared you for your new assignment.

James 1:17 NLT
Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows.

Ps 102:25-28 NLT
In ages past you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. Even they will perish, but you remain forever; they will wear out like old clothing. You will change them like a garment, and they will fade away. But you are always the same; your years never end. The children of your people will live in security. Their children's children will thrive in your presence."

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Overcoming Abandonment
Sandy Warner

Mar 25, 2005
Rejection and abandonment are two of the foundational wounds for demonic doors. I have given every human being the basic need and right to receive love. When you open yourselves up to receive love, you actually prepare yourselves to receive Me. It is the devil's goal to bring rejection and abandonment into your lives so that you will no longer be able to remain vulnerable to receive love.

The truth is that every adult has a wounded child and a disabled but functioning adult within. All have handicaps in need of healing, deliverance and obedience to be able to grow past the wounds and into freedom. Come, dear ones, overcome your fears of rejection and abandonment. I AM with you always,

Jeremiah 31:3 NKJV
The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

1 John 4:19 NKJV
We love Him because He first loved us

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Seeing And Hearing Your Life
Sandy Warner

Mar 23, 2005

SEEING AND HEARING YOUR LIFE

Dear one, there are seasons where you are not able to hear My voice clearly, nor are you able to see past your nose. Do not fear. When these times come, I have a purpose for them. I AM establishing your life to be a living example of hearing My voice through your own circumstances. There are Words in your life that you have been unable to swallow, so I have made you dry and thirsty like a dried up sponge. Once I begin pouring water onto what you are doing, I will open your ears to hear My Word through what you are doing. Then you will finally absorb My objective and receive and assimilate the moisture of My Words to you through the work of your own hands.

Luke 12:42-44 NLT

And the Lord replied, "I'm talking to any faithful, sensible servant to whom the master gives the responsibility of managing his household and feeding his family. If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. I assure you, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns.

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To Partner With Him In Prayer
Sandy Warner

Mar 27, 2005

TO PARTNER WITH HIM IN PRAYER

From the passion of Your bosom, I feel the heartbeats of Your love.
How you continue to incubate, I know not how or of.
But Your Words just keep on flowing with understanding and knowing.
They pour out upon the earth - Your giant womb yet to give birth.

The times and seasons are in Your great hands.
It's not in the agenda or hands of man.
In the fullness of time, ripe, they burst forth.
Carried forth by angels on wings that soar.

Each Word is nurtured and coddled with care,
With men and angels united so rare.
Spanning Your bridge as from heaven to earth,
Each Word is a jewel, destined with worth.

Let Your will be done on earth as in heaven,
Your grace is sufficient to take out leaven.
To guard and to keep what is absolute Thine
Kept pure and holy even as it's refined.

Please impart us this day our daily bread
Let Your manna fall that we may be fed.
We sup at Your table drinking Your cup,
We lean into You to hear what is up.

Grant us ears to hear and grant eyes to see
That we may partner, uniting with Thee.
As we labor to enter with trust and belief
Grant understanding, providing relief.

We desire to please You with our effort,
God forbid that what we carry might abort.
We are weak at most and ignorant at best
To know how to nurture and guard our own nest.

We wait upon You to train us to defend.

Our backs are together looking out and in.
To protect from marauder's attempt to fear.
And to see the young incubating so near.

Yes birds of a feather do flock together,
Waiting for loved ones whose feet are still tethered.
Given tasks to perform while we are waiting,
While the demonic floods are still abating.

The earth is drying from our time in Your ark,
With anticipation we're waiting to embark.
Not in, but out, Your door of eminent hope,
Promised to the prophets, as seen through their scope.

We'll come out Your door with families intact
Prepared to gather anything we lack.
The slates wiped clean with pure new beginnings,
>From disciplined lives, repentant from sinning.

Jesus' blood and grace is more than enough
To keep us from stumbling from rocks too rough.
We hold the hands of the weak and feeble,
Bringing them along making sure they're able.

Bravely taking the journey to our new land,
United, moving on, and making our stand.
What a joy to witness our promised new place
Prosperous and healthy, poured from Your grace.

So as we wait by our nest in Your vast love,
We will rest in Your hope and plan from above.
That our loved ones are incubating, safe and sound
As we declare Your great Words, that they may abound.

Hos 2:14-16 NLT
"But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her out into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. "In that coming day," says the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master.'

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Vision On The Recent G8 Summit

Kato Mivule

July 8, 2005

First and foremost I wish to extend my deepest sympathy and prayers to the families of the victims of the London attacks. I include in my prayers all those injured and suffering as a result of the attacks, that Jesus Christ will be their comfort and healer.

I also wish to make note at this point to all who are still blinded by the Left and Right Politics that I am none of that and I categorically reject such partisan nonsense, and nothing of what I write today is in support to such.

After the London attacks on July 7, 2005, I sensed heaviness in my heart but at the same time I was not surprised by the attacks. So, I went to The Lord in prayer and asked for His thought on this situation before I slept… The Lord then gave me a scripture in Isaiah…

Isaiah 40:15-17
[15] Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. [16] And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. [17] All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

I was then woken up at 1.00 am that would be July 8, 2005. This was after I had a dream concerning the welfare of my family. I knew that The Lord wanted to speak to me because He will always interrupt my sleep when He has something to say to me. I thought I would begin by prayer and intercession but The Lord stopped me and compelled me to get a paper and pen and just wait on Him.

The Inverted Pyramid…

The first vision I saw was a pyramid on the One US Dollar bill. It was brought before me and the eye in the pyramid was alive and staring at me when suddenly a man dressed in a white robe came and inverted and turned it upside down. The base was on top and the top on bottom and the base pressed upon the inverted top with great pressure crashing the pyramid. The Base became so heavy that the top, which was on the bottom, could not handle the pressure of the base and also pressure exerted on it by the hand of the man dressed in a white robe. The eye that was looking at me was taken by the sudden move and caught unaware and horrified… The Man who I later realized He was The Lord told me, “I am going to overthrow the pyramid, there is going to be a revolt “. The vision ended, so I wrote it down…

The G8 Summit Forgot About God and Gog…

After this, I had the second vision. I was with the same Man who later again I realized He was The Lord. He told me “you have been writing an article about the G8 summit” (I was writing a short piece about my own opinion on the G8 Summit and the London attacks on the evening on July 7, 2005). In the vision I said “ yes”. Then The Lord told me, “The G8 have been caught with their pants down”. I knew He was referring to the London Attacks. In the vision I was carried over Europe, like I could see Europe from space but very close. It was like someone was taking me on a tour of Europe. The Lord proceeded to say, “ I will expose their nakedness for all to see, and the blood of the innocent is placed at their feet”. Then I was shown the President of Russia, he was very sad, and like he was being forced to stand with the other leaders in a photo up at the G8 Summit but all did not have trousers on but boxers (underwear) on and no shoes on (half naked). The Russian President was skinny but grew fat because of the anger and bitterness he stored as the British Prime minister read out the solidarity statement against the London attackers. The Russian President seemed to come to the microphone to say something but could not; he was held back and in the photo up stood alone at a distance from the other leaders who did not even notice. The Lord then said, “ They forgot about God and Gog, Gog will revolt”.

The Lord’s tone towards the G8 was not a favorable one, I instantly knew that the G8 are His enemies and The Lord spoke to them as a people who were given to judgment. I knew The Lord is very angry with them and they would not escape His Judgments. I was made to feel the Holy Anger of The Lord against the G8. However, The Lord's anger towards the G8 seemed to be a kind of Protection for His people. He was angry with the G8 because He loved His people.

Word For London…

I was then taken over London and I saw the people get angry and begin a revolt against the rulers; they discovered on the radio that their rulers including the US orchestrated the attacks. (Disclaimer: Please don't attack me, this was just a vision and dream, I am only sharing a vision and dream…will you kill a dreamer?). However, they seemed to join the revolt against the Pyramid on the US Dollar Bill.

After this The Lord said to me " Let the people in London prepare places of Refuge". I knew he was referring to the Christians. So, I saw Christians in London Prepare hidden shelters secretly. So I thought well, will they have another attack? The Lord said, " they will have refugees from America, they will see the America burn" I was then told to read Psalms 28"…

Psalms 28

[1] Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit. [2] Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle. [3] Draw me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of iniquity, which speak peace to their neighbours, but mischief is in their hearts. [4] Give them according to their deeds, and according to the wickedness of their endeavours: give them after the work of their hands; render to them their desert. [5] Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up. [6] Blessed be the LORD, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. [7] The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. [8] The LORD is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. [9] Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance: feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

Technology Center Shifts From US to London…

The Lord showed me a shift of technology from the USA to London. It was like a huge database was now stationed in London. The US Technology diminished until America was burned with fire. However, not all technology was under the control of the British Government. Those who revolted against the Pyramid used part of the technology based in London in their revolts.

American Refugees in Africa…

After this, The Lord showed me Africa, with the wasteland turning to springs and wells and people rejoicing. American Refugees were fleeing to Africa and some people were also fleeing France to hide in Africa. They were kept there and welcomed by the locals. The Lord said to me " I was in Africa as a refugee until Herod died, I will hide some of my people from America and France in Africa until their Herod dies". I knew He spoke about Joseph and Mary escaping to Egypt with Jesus and protected there till Herod died. (Disclaimer: I am not saying that every one should run to Africa…seek the face of God concerning these matters, don't simply run to Mexico, Canada, Israel, because your friends are doing so…Seek God's will as to where He want you to be personally). This is the second vision The Lord has shown me of American Refugees in Africa, however in both my visions, the locals welcomed them.

France and Chirac and the Eiffel Tower…

After this, I was taken over France. The First place was at the Eiffel Tower. Then The Lord said to me in a commanding voice, "son of man, pull that Tower down!" I was like well how do I do it, He said " I said pull that Tower down!" So, I simply prayed against the Tower in the Name of Jesus Christ saying, " I pull you down in the Name of Jesus Christ". After I saw saints in France under ground in prayer, the prayers were so fervent that I then suddenly saw the foundations of the tower crumble, Then suddenly a naked Chirac carried the huge tower over his head and begun running towards the French people, the people run away from Chirac and there was another revolt. The people were angry at Chirac, they were betrayed by him so they run away from the burden of the Tower, Chirac grow darker and darker till his body became black as coal, no one helped him with the burden of the Tower…they all laughed at Chirac while he run to and fro, naked with the heavy Tower on his head… Then The Lord said, " Chirac is not Person for the peoples" …

Civil unrest in France…
Then The Lord said to me, “ There is going to be civil unrest in France, they rejected God and laughed at my church and offended God. Chirac, to whom will you turn to with the burden of the Tower? I hate their Towers; they are an abomination before me.
Paris will be overthrown. There are God’s faithful in France and God will protect them. The French decided to build a Tower instead of fountains of water, the land is now dry and there is no water”.

Demonic Beings Land in Paris…
The Lord then proceeded to say to me, “ I gave France 1978 to 2008”. Then I was shown Beings landing over France that looked like demonic beings. The demonic beings communicated to each other saying, “Landing in Paris 2008”. Then I heard the words “ Darkness comes over Paris 2008”. I don’t know anything about the dates and meanings here, the timings and seasons belong to God. All I am humbly narrating was a vision The Lord gave me…surely demonic darkness and gloom are headed towards France in the near future…

University of Paris…
After this I was taken over to the University of Paris…then The Lord said to me “The University of Paris is an Abomination, it will be overthrown. They have poisoned many of my children in America with their doctrines. The French will surely be overthrown”. Then I saw Gog ready to attack... The enemy of France came from the North… I don’t know if the attack will come from Gog or not but for sure God has set His judgment on France… I pray if any one knows any intercessor and prayer warriors from France, they can forward these visions and they can begin to pray for God’s remnant in France… The Lord is very serious about France…

Back to the Pyramid…”Strike at the Pyramid”…
After this I had another vision, I was taken back to the Pyramid with the revolt going on and the pressure was now turned towards the top of the Pyramid which was now upside down. The Lord said to me “ son of man, get the hammer and strike at the eye on the pyramid”. So, I got the hammer, which I knew was God’s True Holy Word, and hit at the wicked eye in the pyramid that was staring at me.

So, the visions ended and that was at 3.00am. I pray that God will bless you all as we draw close to Him daily. Silver and Gold don’t save; only Jesus Christ can save you. The Storms have already begun gathering, the G8 meeting was an abomination before God, the saints and angels in Heaven denounce the Beast and His System…they rejoice over God’s judgment on the Beast and His System…The blood of all those who have been killed in the orchestrated “terror” attacks lies at the feet of the New World Order who have declared war against God and His anointed one, Jesus Christ… Our only place of safety is Jesus Christ. So together we can sing Psalm 91 with all who truly love Jesus Christ.

July 9, 2005 Encouragement…
I was praying in the morning because of the visions I had against the G8 (The G8 are very diabolic), The Lord gave me a scripture and an encouragement to all who are receiving word from God concerning these last days…

Daniel 2:20-28
[20] Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: [21] And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: [22] He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. [23] I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter…
…[28] But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these;

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Race War And Genocide In America Dream
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Disclaimer: I am NOT a Moslem Terror Sympathizer Neither am I a Moslem Murderer...

On July 1, 2005 The Lord gave me a dream about a Post Terrorist Attack Genocide in America. However, because of the heaviness of the dream and its message, I prayed to God as to when He would allow me to release this dream. The Genocide Spirit is from Hell, and has been released from the bottomless pit to Babylon America, so that is why I was hesitant to release the dream but waited for The Lord’s timing. With the attacks I got from releasing the G8 Visions, I now know it takes the Lord’s Leading in releasing some of these dreams…Satan Hates Being Exposed…He hates light because then he flees, where the light shines darkness flees.

However, The Lord placed a very heavy burden on me today, even as I was at work to release this dream today. I had decided to rest from the attacks I received from the release of the G8 Visions but The Lord encouraged me that this is a war and I had better get back to work.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but principalities, powers and rulers in the high and dark evil places. The Evil Spirits behind the G8 and the Evil Spirits behind the Coming American Genocide hate True Christians who truly love Jesus Christ from a pure heart.

In my dream, I saw the USA had just undergone major terrorist attack in a major city that brought about an economic crash in the nation. Millions of people were no longer working. I was out of work too and living on the few foods I stored. Everyone was told to stay in their houses and there was a semi curfew in America.

Then something begun to happen, neighborhoods were separated and demarcations done. The white people were placed alone, and the black people alone, Mexicans alone etc, and the other group were the Moslems; they were separated and placed in their own quarters. This was happening across American Cities and Towns.

The most disturbing pictures in the dream, was that the people who carried out the separation were Christians who worked as secret service agents for the Government. They accused the American Moslems of carrying out the deadly terrorist attacks and then begun slowly and calmly taking ALL Moslems to concentration camps. I saw the American Moslem men who I work with at my job, being lead on buses to concentration camps and told that they were being taken for safety. However, a group of White worship leaders from the churches begun to object and then people realized it was a lie, the American Moslems were being taken to be killed without trial, people realized that they did not carryout the attacks. In the Dream, the Christian Secret service Agents convinced Christians in churches that they had to fight back for their nation against Moslems who were said to be responsible for the Terrorist attacks...

Then a resistance among the American Moslems Citizens begun but they were overpowered, rounded up and taken handcuffed to concentration camps. Now, the Christian Secret Service Agents begun doing it openly with no fear, they had guns, they supplied food to the unemployed and they had power. All American Moslems who resisted were shot and killed even before they were bused to the camps. In the dream, Christians from churches were participating in the murders and street killing of their Moslem neighbours whom they saw as terrorists; they saw this as patriotic but were deceived by the Genocide Spirit. Now at the same time when the Moslems were being rounded up, riots were going on between White and Black, Black and Mexican, Mexican and Whites and all races, each accusing the other of collaborating with terrorists.

However, the Christian Secret Service Agents got backing sadly from the UN. In the dream I saw them come to churches with Secret Service Badges and UN Badges and they begun to arrest all White Worship Leaders who had refused to engage in the arrest of the Moslem “Terrorists”. These were beaten and some killed. They were taken and accused of collaborating with “terrorists”. The White Church Worship leaders had arranged joint worship services between blacks, whites and other races… all who engaged in this were rounded up by their fellow church members who served in the Secret Agent Army…these were beaten severely and some killed. The Churches were allowed to worship but not mix with any other race. The worst, was the Whites that begun killing fellow Whites, accusing them of treason.

In the dream we were defiant with a group of Christians, so we went on praying in this free abandoned church with all other races but knowing anytime the Christian Secret Service Agents would arrest us. They did come and broke into the church meeting and begun the beatings and torture but the most severely beaten and tortured people were White church worship leaders who were seen as traitors. (I don’t know why The Lord chose to use the Worship Leaders and not Pastors in the dream).

The spirit of genocide was allover the place with people killing each other, accusing each other of supporting the Moslem “Terrorists”. However, in my dream, the Moslems who were arrested and murdered, were innocent, everyone seemed to know they were not responsible for the terrorist attacks (Please don’t get mad at me, this was only a dream, I am not a Moslem supporter nor a supporter of murder and genocide, I hate all evil).

The Lord showed me that the Evil Spirit of Genocide has been released from Hell and is about deceiving people to a race war to kill each other. Some Christians will be deceived that killing Moslems and Christians who refuse to engage in the race wars is serving God and being patriotic. The Lord gave a warning that those who are Christians should not participate in that spirit of the world, the spirit of Hate and Genocide; we are called to be separate from such unto The Lord in Holiness and Righteousness. The Lord revealed to me that the “Christian” Secret Service Agents were already at work in the churches.

The Lord also showed me the economic crash. I saw in the vision two Switches, one for the NASDAQ and the other for the Dow Jones. The one for the NASDAQ was the first to be turned off by someone who I recognized was an angel. The chaos begun but not until the Dow Jones was turned off too that people went into riots and begun to blame the terrorists and engage in hunting for the Moslem Terrorists…

The Lord gave me a stern warning to all who call themselves Christians NOT TO Engage in any riots and race wars, and murder of Moslems, if you do His protection will not be on you. for He does not delight in the shedding of innocent blood (Please, Jesus Christ knows Moslems are not Christians and knows they can only be saved through Him, so don’t send me hate e-mails, this genocide is orchestrated by the New World Order, if you participate in it you will be guilty of murder and you will be heading for HELL). Those who live by the sword will surely DIE by the Sword…

In the dream I was compelled to tell the Moslems to leave. Those who left the US survived but ALL who stayed were killed during the riots. The Angel who turned off the NASDAQ switch showed me a number, 06, 06 2006; Please again I refrain from going into dates…let the times and seasons belong to God, whatever that date means, let all who Love Jesus Christ discern.

Word of Caution and History (It is said History Repeats…)

During the Rwanda Genocide in 1994, I was still living in Uganda at the time, which is just North East of Rwanda, I knew many Rwandese refugees in Uganda at that time. However, The Lord begun to show people dreams and visions of the coming genocide and told the Christians to pray. Many Christians in Rwanda did not take it seriously, others heeded and left Rwanda. In Uganda preachers would tell us how the Lord showed them an evil spirit from hell attacking Rwanda and many people dying, others ignored them until bodies begun to float on Lake Victoria from Rwanda to the Shores of Uganda.

Christians begun to pray that the same evil spirit from hell would not attack Uganda. In Rwanda the Pastors who survived the genocide told stories of Jesus Christ visiting some of them to warn them but they ignored and enjoyed the elite lifestyle of a typical rich African. Many were warned but few received the warnings. In Uganda we could feel in our spirits something was wrong, all intercessors and prayer warriors knew that evil was set in our neighboring country and we prayed.

I feel the same way today, that should one of those NASDAQ and or Dow Jones Switches be turned off with combined terrorist attacks, the Genocide Spirit will take over the streets of America. Those who can warn your friends, do so; Don't engage in the New World Order bias, segregation, racism, tribalism, prejudice, and race war spirits; they are not from The Father, these spirits have been released from HELL. (Please don't send me e-mails with an idiot mentality thinking I support Moslem terrorists or condone their acts, the picture here is bigger than that, what we are seeing is a Genocide Spirit that was thrown back in the pit in Rwanda in 1994 and being released in America, it knows no religion and race, only those in Jesus Christ can be safe from this Evil Spirit of Hate).

Sadly in Rwanda, Christians engaged in killing each other, The Hutu Christians, both Catholic and Protestants engaged in the murder and slaughter of their fellow Christians who run to churches for help but were turned over to state agents for slaughter. Catholic Priests turned over hundreds of innocent Tutsi Christians who run to them for protection to be murdered by Hutus. The West, including America stood by and watched…
This has happened before and is scheduled to happen again, this time in America.

In 1994 after the Rwanda Genocide, the churches in Uganda rushed to go minister in Rwanda. So, I went with my pastor then and a team from our Church in Entebbe and with a mission to preach forgiveness, reconciliation and minister to the survivors. However, we found forgiveness was a very hard topic to speak about. We interviewed some people who were involved in the murders and also the victims who had survived. Those who had engaged in the murders spoke of how some demonic evil beings took over their minds and found themselves killing mercilessly their neighbours and best friends for no apparent reason. The Demonic Spirit from Hell had taken over. These were some of the most religious people but did not escape the Genocide Spirit.

This Warning Goes Out To All Christians in America...
This warning goes out to all Christians in America. I know Pathetic and Drunk American Pastors will reject this warning but only those who Love Jesus Christ and Love His True Word will be protected from the coming Genocide on the American Streets. Please don't engage in any type of Hate…truly like the bible says Hate is murder and it will happen soon in Babylon America…these will be some of her first pains to her death, for she will be burned with fire in one hour…

I know this is a very tough word and I pray peace and protection for all who will release this word or forward and e-mail it. I pray that you are covered in Jesus Christ. Proclaim Psalms 91…I love Psalms 91 because it is for us Christians who love Jesus Christ in these end times…fear not The Lord is with us and will never leave us alone. I also ask for your prayers, some of the words I get are very direct at time. Sometimes the Lord will reveal the evil secrets of world leaders and I will listen to all the evil plans they say in dreams and visions, I know many have had similar experiences but Jesus Christ is with us and will Protect us. I see the dark clouds of Genocide on American soil as I witnessed in 1994 as those same winds blew towards Rwanda… Watch and pray that you will escape all these things… the times are hastened…

A new Prophetic anointing has been released… God will continue to reveal secrets hidden in dark places, the New World Order and Babylonian Secrets will not go unrevealed to the Righteous and The Wise, they shall know… also many more revelations will be released to many people including none Christians concerning our times, God will warn all, for what is coming on America is also a chastising of All nations that have committed whoredoms and fornications with America…the warnings will increase as Babylon approaches her death.

In the ancient times they depended on Joseph with his dreams and interpretation to save Egypt from Famine, Daniel in Babylon to help the Kings understand their future and judgments…they will come for you because the hearts of men will fail, their science and engineering will fail, they will rush to those who are filled with the Holy Spirit and Love Jesus Christ and have experienced the wilderness of The Lord. They will rush to you to give them answers when all what we have been saying begins to comes to pass. Don't think they are not following these dreams and visions; they are recording them in their databases. But wisdom will fail and God's Children will arise, don't be afraid when that time comes; arise and be a witness for Jesus Christ...

Daniel 2:19-30
[19] Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. [20] Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: [21] And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: [22] He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. [23] I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter…

…[27] Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; [28] But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; [29] As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. [30] But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.

Oh America, I hope you hear America, the Genocide Clouds and Bloodshed are gathering and moving towards you. The World will look with horror and marvel that such a thing could happen even in America, the envy of nations. America, you will be shown naked, all will watch and see your nakedness because you have forsaken The Lord your God. This is because of your sins you have committed around the world, you have sown the wind in nations with your wars, greed, sorcery, and war crimes now you will reap the whirlwind. The Sword of The Lord is stretched out against Babylon America. Her Judgments have begun even though not being noticed by fools but only by the wise. The time to seriously pray and consider is Now! Ask Jesus Christ, where He wants you to be and what to do there. However, for some you still have a mission here; pray that God will direct your steps. These are matters of life and death.

I ask for all your prayers for God’s protection even after I have released this word.
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The Wormwood Star Vision
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June 27, 2005

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior whom we long for His glorious appearing…

All along I have heard and read about the Wormwood star in Revelation…

Revelation 8: 10-11
[10] And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; [11] And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

May 2005 Wormwood Vision…
However, as I was seeking the Lord through prayer and fasting through this past May 2005, The Lord showed me a powerful vision. I was taken to the heavens above the earth and I could see the earth in a distance not so far but clearly. Suddenly I heard a very loud sound and vibration with a very heavy

zoom sound coming my way, hundred times louder than that of a Boeing 747 Jet.

I then saw a very huge rock almost the size of the moon zooming past me at a very high speed with a large tail of fire besides and behind it. In The vision I was made to feel the waves of vibrations and the heat it generated that hit me but I was protected. It was like someone was holding me by my collar and snatched me out of its way to a safe distance. I then could see other splintering rocks falling of this huge burning object and catching fire themselves.

I looked where it was headed, I knew it was headed for planet earth and thought well, I hope it lands in the ocean, not many people will die. However, it seemed targeted to the ocean and the United States. I was like, no Lord no! However, it kept its course targeting the ocean and the United States, it seemed as though someone was controlling its path unhindered and sure to hit its target. The vision ended. I shared the vision with a Prayer Warrior Sister who then told me I had a vision of Rev 8:10-11.

June 27, 2005 Wormwood Vision…
However, I simply wrote the vision down and well, like we do to many visions, I kept this one and did not give much attention to it until this morning. This time I had a series of visions early in the morning as I got up to pray and all related…

Shown the Calendar…
First, I saw someone dressed in a white robe holding a calendar and said to me,
“The date has been set back for Wormwood” which I understood as forward…he then showed me the calendar with September/October written on it and the number 7. I did not see the year but I instantly knew it was the Fall Season. I don’t know if the number 7 represents 2007, I don’t know the meaning but I know it is not that far.

Then I was shown the second vision. People were having their usual life, for some reason I saw people going to get movies at blockbuster and did not seem to care about what was coming. People were busy watching movies. No one was warning anyone, life was going on as normal.

At Chiefs Football Stadium…
Then in the same vision I was taken to the Chiefs Football Arrowhead Stadium, here in Kansas City. I knew it was fall and the beginning of the Football Season. In the Vision it looked like evening and the stadium was parked to capacity with everyone putting on their red Chiefs outfits, the stadium was all red as it is normally here with Chiefs games in Kansas City.

The game was going on as usual and suddenly there was a very huge loud bang in the sky…and then a huge object I had seen previously in my May vision lit the sky with red fire and zoomed passed across the sky…with very power vibrations that threw everyone off their sits and shook the stadium…

Everyone in the stadium begun to scream and go hysterical, and run too and fro but could not leave the stadium. The huge ball of fire flew from the east across to the west. I knew it was Wormwood. The Stadium officials seemed to have had a clue about the coming disaster but did not warn anyone and also they locked the stadium doors and no one could go out.

I then saw something amazing, people begun to fall on their knees and pray to God, they knew they were going to die anytime soon. I even saw young toddlers who had come to the game with their parents praying too.

I was then taken back to the blockbuster place and people saw the object and heard the band and vibrations but seemed not to care about it, some said, “ I will die watching a movie”…

Saints Protected, Rise of Fierce End-time Preachers of The Word…
After this, I saw another vision, I was taken to a place where I saw believers gathered and protected, I don’t know where but I knew they were Christians because I was given a bible and I was preaching to them and encouraging them with God’s Word. Many other people were encouraging the saints too.

However, these who were preaching did so in such powerful authority than I have ever seen or heard before…they were men and women of authority…it is like Jesus Christ had given them His authority.

All who were preaching were dressed in white robes with a bible in their hands. These preachers were powerful and fierce in the face of the devils and they hated all types of evil…they had authority that they commanded judgments on all who stood in their way.

People are always offended at real bible truth preaching preachers and some times calling them “harsh”, unkind or unloving…in this vision these guys were no joke guys, they were very tough and fierce, they meant what they said…a powerful Elijah Anointing was upon them. They had authority so powerful it shook world leaders and presidents that they dared not to answer these preachers back… These preachers had such love and passion for the saints and Christ… They seemed to do everything in care for the saints.

They spoke with such authority to world leaders and presidents that they never begged them but just commanded what they wanted done and none of the presidents dared get into their way for fear of judgments. The preachers seemed to be perfectly in sync with Jesus Christ…they could hear His Commands and do like wise…the believers had been protected in a secret place and I know they did survive Wormwood…

Debris more destructive than 2004 Dec Tsunami…

After this, I was shown the debris and damage floating all the way on the Atlantic ocean like the force of the moving star caused the debris of destroyed buildings to float all the way from Europe and dumped it at the east coast of America with more excessive damage…I remembered the Tsunami, it looked like very small compared to the Wormwood damage…

Angels High Tech Room…

I was then taken to a room were I saw men around some very high tech gadgets with screens that looked more like flat screen computer panels…but this was very high tech, technology I have never seen before…I knew the men here angels, they were all dressed in white robes and they turned on one flat screen panel and showed me the trajectory of the Wormwood star, then I was shocked to look and behind Wormwood was another star following the same trajectory, just few distance behind Warm Wood and again headed for the Ocean and the United States…they all seemed to have the United States in their path…

Uganda/Africa…

After this I was then taken to Africa, in Uganda where I come from. I was shown people, very sad looking to the destruction in the West. In Uganda, the staple food is Bananas (Matoke in Luganda, a Ugandan Language); people grow different types of Bananas and Plantains. However, the Path of Wormwood dried up all the banana plantations. There was already a drought before Wormwood and now the little food was gone. People cried because the West that provided them food was in destruction…fiercer hunger loomed on the horizon… However, I saw the saints gathered for Jesus Christ too in numbers…I was encouraging the saints there… I did not see much destruction from Wormwood in Africa as I saw in the West in the Visions, apart from a fierce hunger and famine across the continent…

Encouragement…

I pray that everyone will get deeper into loving Christ Jesus; He loves His saints and will fight for them. No one knows really what great things He has prepared for those who love Him. Jesus Christ will protect and provide for His own, even in the midst of judgments…even if we die, we go home to be with Him forever…

There is nothing to hold back from loving The Lord…there is NO HOPE in the things of this world…the silver and gold will be cast to the streets as useless…it is time to reconsider ALL your priorities and what is of value to you…I speak this to American Christians, DON'T waste your time on money, silver, gold and the riches of this world…GO SELL WHAT YOU HAVE AND GIVE TO THE POOR and come follow Jesus Christ…store and invest in heaven now…the days of your riches, America are numbered…I say this with sorrow and sadness, don’t be foolish and build your house on sinking sand…build your house on the rock, Jesus Christ…the storm is surely coming, not very far away but very soon to test and beat against both houses and only those who have built on the Rock, Jesus Christ, will withstand the coming days…

However, our faith in Jesus Christ is more precious the Gold though tested will endure and we shall be with Christ Jesus forever… I cannot wait for those times to come to pass. My spirit is excited, Wormwood is not for our destruction but we should learn to rejoice in God’s Judgments upon the wicked…the saints in heaven sing hallelujah at the unleashing of God’s Judgments upon the earth, lets get in synch with them and sing along as Jesus Christ exalts His Holy Name and brings vengeance on all who hate God and practice evil. The Saints of The Lord can freely claim Psalms 91 with no fear…this is not a time to fear but walk by faith in God…

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Outside The Safety Zone

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Sep 11, 2005

OUTSIDE THE SAFETY ZONE
Overstepping safe boundaries
Forgive me these my quandaries.
Abba, I know not how to walk.
Father, I know not how to talk.

I run to You stripping off all shame.
From not measuring up, and self blame.
I lay down pride and confess my errors.
That I be kept from fear and terror.

You have set before me safety
That I not chose death hastily.
Life and death are daily choices.
I chose life that I may rejoice.

So help me now align myself.
Please take me off this drying shelf.
Strip the veils of shame I suffer.
Let me see Your face at supper.

I repent of going astray.
Realigning this very day.
I want Your Word to flame my heart
And from this flesh I must depart.

Thank You for Your mercy and grace.
That I not suffer the disgrace
That I deserve from wandering
Where my flesh is meandering.

Your gaze upon me with eyes of love,
Covers my shame with wings of the Dove.
Welcoming and open are Your arms.
Sheltering with safety from all harm.

Your love melts my heart every time
I see Your face accepting mine.
You look inside and see my worth.
Supporting me as I walk this earth.

Ps 36:7-12 NLKV
How precious is Your lovingkindness , O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the

shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart. Let not the foot of pride come against me, and let not the hand of the wicked drive me away. There the workers of iniquity have fallen; they have been cast down and are not able to rise.

Follow My Prompting
Sandy Warner

Sep 7, 2005

FOLLOW MY PROMPTING
Do not be afraid to share. They need what you have to give. Do not be afraid, I will be with you and shall establish you. I will give you a mouth and wisdom to dispel what hides in the darkness. Put aside your worries and let Me graft you in. I saw this place a long, long time ago, dear one. I prepared you long before you became aware of where you are now. Stay humble and merely follow My promptings. It is that simple.

Luke 21:13-15 AMP
This will be a time (an opportunity) for you to bear testimony. Resolve and settle it in your minds not to meditate and prepare beforehand how you are to make your defense and how you will answer. For I [Myself] will give you a mouth and such utterance and wisdom that all of your foes combined will be unable to stand against or refute.

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Rest As You Serve
Sandy Warner

Sep 9, 2005

REST AS YOU SERVE
How lovely are your feet of service! How far they have taken you as you have poured out like a living sacrifice. I simply love your feet, how very precious they are to Me! I know how tired and sore they have been and how much you long to rest from such a long journey.

May I teach you a new position in which to minister? Sit down, My love! Yes, as you learn to rule in kingdom authority, I will teach you a new position. You have stood for so long. Receive your crown, sit in your throne and find out how to rest as you dispense My Word.

Col 3:1-2 AMP
IF THEN you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead], aim at and seek the [rich, eternal treasures] that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. [Ps 110:1.] And set your minds and keep them set on what is above (the higher things), not on the things that are on the earth.

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To Build You Up
Sandy Warner

Sep 5, 2005

TO BUILD YOU UP
You have swallowed enemy lies to think that I would refrain from building you up in My love language to you. He accuses you of false pride to hear such things from My lips that build you up into your calling, and into your full inheritance as My sons and daughters. Yes, you have gone through a long season of stripping. And I do lower the mountains and make the crooked places straight. But I also raise up the valleys in your life. You have been over corrected for a very long time, and this has caused a wound. I AM trying to reach you through the many layers of false guilt and condemnation enshrouded and embedded into your heart.

The truth is that you have been so browbeaten with your own failings and the demonic accusations, that to add any rebuke from Me is totally unnecessary. My heart is to build you up, edify you, comfort you, strengthen you, establish you. I want you to intimately know and receive My greatest favor upon your life, that you will walk into your full measure of inheritance in Me, being given birthrights as My children. You are Mine! Would I not treat you as the jewel that you are to Me? Listen again as I affirm you and surround you in My language of love.

Song of Solomon 2:4-6
He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick. His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me.

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Overcome
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite
March 11, 2005
A few weeks ago Rimona was looking through a songbook that we received from Yahweh's Assembly in Messiah Congregation and found the following:

Yah hath remembered Israel Whom He foreknew of old;
His promises are firm and sure, to make of them one fold.
Ten tribes once rent from David's fold, a prodigal to roam;
But David's root and offspring now, invites the wand'rer home.

Two tribes thru' sin their kingdom lost, served others in despair;
To them Yah sent His promised One Who died their sins to bear.
The tomb could not retain its prey; triumphant o'er death's law,
At Yah's right hand He sits today to mediate our cause.

Twelve tribes, divided ten and two, both stumbled at the stone;
The ten reject His covenant, the two His Name disown.
May Judah join with Israel, and hail their coming King.
May then tribes learn at Judah's feet, as to His coat they cling.

O King of Kings, Eternal One, O bright and shining Star,
Let all the earth rejoice in Thee, Whose fold and sheep we are;
O Shepherd King, Thy fold make one; we wait on Thee today.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, teach us, O Yah, to pray.

We do not know the melody attached to these wonderful words, or the name of the lyricist.

At the end of letter 257 I left you with one word - "overcome". Each of the seven congregations of believers in the cities mentioned in Revelation chapter 2 and 3, were exhorted to "overcome" in order to receive a reward. After becoming a believer and receiving the Spirit of Holiness, I was under the impression that because I was in Messiah I had already received everything. I was a child of grace and the rewards were given freely. My life style, so I thought, was of no consequence, as long as I was trying to better my life and was behaving in a way that was "acceptable" in the eyes of those with whom I was fellowshipping. Communion, for example, could deal with sin, at least until the next time. Thus, Communion provided me with a safeguard to heaven, as I would always be a sinner until I died or was raptured.

One day some friends came by and shared some "good news". They said that according to Scripture I had already died to sin, in and through the death of Yeshua. They told me that I was now a new creation being and that the life of that new creation man was the same as Yeshua's and the heavenly Father's. The only stipulation to becoming aware of this fact was that I had to believe the Word (gospel). They pointed out that Paul the apostle had this understanding about himself, but at the same time still had a problem with the power of sin that was working in him. However, through Yeshua his Messiah he had the victory over these powers, for which he was very grateful to his Elohim. It took the obedience of faith to come into victory, and Paul learned that he could cleanse himself from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, because he had received the promise of the power of the Spirit of Holiness. He knew that he now was the temple of YHVH Elohim, in fulfillment of the word of the prophets:

> *"I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be separate, says YHVH Elohim, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says YHVH Elohim the Almighty"* (2 Cor. 6:16-18).

A great promise, yes, but with stipulation. We too must come out and be separated from all unclean things, both in flesh and spirit. What are the things that we are to overcome or come out of? What are the unclean things and how can we know what they are? Well, obviously the scriptures are replete with the answers, and it would be redundant to repeat all the ones that YHVH has laid out for us.

If Yeshua came to fulfill all the Torah and the Prophets, it would stand to reason that YHVH's word would be our instruction for this process of overcoming; not only for spiritual things but also for all that pertains to our life style. Yeshua was faithful in all things regarding the will of His Father. Are we exempt from these acts of obedience? Yeshua said to seek first YHVH's kingdom and His righteousness. But if YHVH's kingdom is already righteous - why the addition "His righteousness"? Because man can develop his own brand of righteousness based on his own "good" works through religious exercises that originate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Thus, we who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb do not have a righteousness of our own. Through faith we have received the righteousness of our Heavenly Father, but we must learn to walk out in every day life His path of righteousness in order to overcome. That pathway is paved with tests that the Almighty creates for us in order to have the opportunities to be faithful to Him and to His Word. He is our Shepherd King and has given to us everything pertaining to life and godliness in order to "overcome". We must therefore become familiar with Him in the most intimate ways in all areas of our life, spirit, soul and body.
Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

A Goy
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

March 18, 2005
In the covenant with Abraham, YHWH swore to make him a "goy "(nation). The Hebrew word "goy" (gimmel, vav, yod) does not mean, as the popular usage of it will lead you to believe, "gentile," or "heathen". If that were the case, we could read Genesis 12:2, and all the other times YHWH repeats the original covenant: "I will make you into a great heathen." This certainly isn't what the Almighty had in mind when He spoke these words to Abraham.

A good example of the usage of the term is seen in the case of Rebecca's pregnancy. As it was stated, in her womb there were "two goyim". Thus, Jacob was actually born as a nation (goy). Goy "is used especially to refer to specifically defined political, ethnic or territorial groups of people without intending to ascribe a specific religious or moral connotation" (Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament). Thus, as a "political" entity a "goy" has a government, and in the case of the Abrahamic family the original form of government was in fact "YHVH's Kingdom". Territory, as aforesaid, also defines a nation. And so YHWH added that into the equation: *"And you shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob my servant"* (Ezek. 37:25).

Zionism was (and still is in some circles) the movement that sought to restore nationhood, in the full sense of the word, to the People of Judah (the Jews).

As you know from a previous letter, a tour group of (mostly) Ephraimites was just here in the land in order to experience the Zionist zeal (ideal) and history of the settlers (all the way from the turn of the 20th century to our day), as well as to proclaim the prophetic word of their own return. Deep spoke to deep as they connected to the ancient covenant made with their forefathers. It is hard to put into words what one senses, feels and thinks in those moments when YHVH touches one's heart's reality. These were the very same stirrings and aspirations that were also realized by a people who fought to keep their Israelite/Jewish identity and national objectives, through returning and settling the Land of Promise. For this end they were willing to give up their lives.

Today, many in the Gaza settlements are in great turmoil, as the government of Israel, along with the nations ("goyim"), is set on uprooting and bringing them into "Israel proper". The propaganda through the news media and hearsay makes claims that the evacuees will be receiving huge sums of money in reparations, while in reality things are still pretty much in the fog and the settlements being deliberated are hardly enough to pay off mortgages to those who have to establish themselves anew. Yet, there are those who still have the Zionist zeal burning in their hearts and are prepared to stand strong, believing the Word of the Most High and trust Him to deliver them, even when evacuation and transfer loom large.

I pray that there will be a remnant out of the found ‘lost tribes’ that will have the same intensity of vision, while also being sensitive to YHWH’s timing in this process. David knew that Saul’s government had an allotted time, and did not touch YHWH’s anointed until He altered things through creating the circumstances that would bring about the change.

YHWH is giving us an opportunity to live again under His rule through Messiah Yeshua, a fact which constitutes us as a “goy”, but will only be fully realized when we are settled in our own land – ALL “the Land of Zion and Jerusalem,” as the Israeli national anthem, Hatikva (The Hope), states.

Let us press on in obedience to the statutes, ordinances and commandments that govern YHWH’s Kingdom. Without making them a point of strife and contention, let each of us bear witness in his own being to the reality of this power that is resident in us through the Ruach HaKodesh (Spirit of Holiness), just as Yeshua told His disciples: *“When you receive power from the Ruach HaKodesh you will become my witnesses…”* (Acts 1:8). What were those words hinting at? Being a witness to the kingdom that is within you, which is *“righteousness, peace and joy in the Ruach HaKodesh”* (Rom. 14:17) and its restoration to all Israel, so that we might be again that one Goy promised to our forefather Abraham in the Land promised to the same forefather.

We are the Abrahamic goy - nation - by the mere fact that we have one governmental head, Yeshua. We have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness, that is the kingdom of this world, and are now, by virtue of His Spirit within us, subject-servants in Yeshua’s Kingdom. *"YHVH Elohim has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son”* (Col 1:13).

Let me close with short excerpt from the opening verse of a poem written years ago by one of Israel’s much acclaimed poets, the late Yehuda Amichai:

Pit’om kam adam ba’boker	Suddenly a man gets up one morning,
Umargish sheh-hu am	And feeling that he is a nation
Umat’chil la’lechet…	Starts a-walking…

Or to put in Rav Shaul’s (Paul) words: *“It is high time to awake out of sleep”* (Rom. 13:11)… For truly how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to walk together, under the governmental headship of Yeshua, and in the Land of our unity for *“I YHWH will make them one in the land, on the mountains of Israel”* (Ezekiel 37:22).
Shabbat Shalom,
Ephraim

Overcoming The Adversary

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> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11*

I had a dream this week which illustrated overcoming the adversary. Here is the background.

I have been attending a Messianic congregation for the last month or so, and enjoying the fellowship, the worship and the moving of the spirit there. For the past couple weeks the Rabbi has been preaching on the phrase *Fear Not*. I found that this exact phrase appears in the King James translation some 63 times! It's not surprising to me that we should be on this topic, as I expect there will shortly come to pass a great deal of fearful events.

In Hebrew, the word used is Strongs H3372 ארי *yaw-ray'.*
Strongs definition is this: A primitive root; to *fear*; morally to *revere*; causatively to *frighten: -* affright, be (make) afraid, dread (-ful), (put in) fear (-ful, -fully, -ing). (be had in) reverence (-end), X see, terrible (act, -ness, thing).

The Hebrew spelling of the word is Yod, Resh, Aleph. These have to do with the hand, the head and great strength or the number one. The hand and the head speak of physical sensations. Combine that with great strength and you have *fear* as great physical sensations, or powerful perceptions. Then to say *fear not*, would mean do not yield or give in to powerful perceptions that come through the senses. Or do not allow sensory perception to be number one in your thinking. Paraphrasing this again, it can mean do not walk in the flesh!

> *For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:5-8*

So we are not to fear what ever may be happening around us in this world!

Then came the news of the 32 people murdered at Virginia Tech. And that led to the dream.

The Dream

In the dream I somehow found myself in the same type situation as had occurred at Virginia Tech. I was in a group of people who were going to be shot, one at a time. I was struck very forcefully with the realization that there was no way out and this was the end. I was shortly going to die. [I really had other plans.] I recall thinking that there were many things that I was never going to get to do. But these were not so important anymore. So I just composed my self, and prayed to Jesus, Lord, I'm coming to be with you. Then I felt a peace settle in my heart, and everything was ok. There was no fear!

That's all I remember of the dream. [This all came back to my memory about an hour after waking Thursday morning and that's how I am able to share it with you.]

Rev 12:11 given in several translations.

> *(ALT) "And they defeated him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life to the point of death.*
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> *(CEV) Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God. They were willing to give up their lives.*
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> *(ESV) And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*
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> *(HNV) They overcame him because of the Lamb's blood, and because of the word of their testimony. They didn't love their life, even to death.*
>
> *(ISV) They conquered him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life even in the face of death.*
>
> *(KJV) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*
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> *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through* ***fear of death*** *were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Hebrews 2:14-15*

Open Your Eyes and Open Your Ears
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My Precious and beautiful children, I love each of you so much, with a love that you cannot fathom or understand. I as the Lord your God am so excited to be in relationship with you. I love being in relationship with My children, and I am calling each of you deeper and deeper in Me.

I am calling each of you to a place of deeper listening. A place where you are not being distracted by the things around you, but being completely focused and your eyes set completely upon Me. Many of you are allowing distractions and worries of this world distract you from all that I have for you, and that saddens Me.

My Precious Church, I want you to know My heart in greater ways and you cannot know My heart in greater ways if you are not listening to Me. Many of you are crying out to Me for answers but are not spending the time with Me, to hear the answer.

Many of you are wallowing in your insecurity and unbelief that I do not speak to you. This is not of Me. This does not come from My Kingdom. My Word says that My sheep hear My voice.

My children, the Church is not desperate enough to hear My voice. Are you in a place of wanting fresh Manna everyday from Me, and living on every word that comes from My mouth?

My precious followers, I have great things for each of you, but the basis of everything I have for you is My love, and the relationship you have with Me. Without knowing Me intimately and hearing My voice, nothing stands, nothing stands without the continued perseverance and discipline of listening to Me.

Many of you are listening to voices around you and are being led by those voices. Do not do that. For I am the One and only true voice that will bring each of you victory, authority and freedom.

I am doing a new thing. I am pouring out My Spirit in great ways, but I am waiting for many of you to come into place. Come into the place I have called you to, to sit at My feet. Do not procrastinate any longer.

Die to your flesh, die to this world, and die to your own desires. Sacrifice for Me. Bring your sacrifice of time, and effort to Me, and let me honour this and bring you great blessing.

For I speak to you today My church, that unless you obey and come into the place of surrender and quietness before Me, sitting at My feet, you will not move forward. You will not move into all I have for you. You will miss out if you do not continue to press into Me, and listen to what I am speaking.

My heart is for all of you My children to walk in the fullness of who you are in Me, and to receive all I have for you, but if you continue to procrastinate you will not receive all I have for you, and will not move forward.

Come My church. Examine your hearts, and choose today what your heart desires. Come to Me, sit at My feet regularly and allow Me to speak to you and guide you and lead you. Do not allow past hurts, and fears keep you from My presence.

Let My voice lead you, and My Spirit take you where you need to go, for I will not send out an army of warriors who do not know their Master's voice. So come, let Me continue to train you My children to hear My voice, for soon, I shall blow My trumpet, and My armies will be moving out in greater ways. Come, be part of what you were created for.

Preparing to Take the Land

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Briefly reviewing what we have covered earlier in this study, after Paul recited the experiences of Israel in the wilderness, we read: "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come" (I Corinthians 10:11). This makes clear that everything which happened to Israel was a biblical model of what would happen to the congregation of God at the end of the age. The church has indeed closely followed the same pattern. Now, after centuries of wandering in the wilderness, the church is poised to cross the Jordan and begin taking its Promised Land just as Israel did. Israel's successes will be models for ours, and their mistakes can keep us from making similar ones.

After crossing the river, all who had not been circumcised in the wilderness had to have this done before they could go on to possess their inheritance (see Joshua 5). This represents the cutting away of the flesh or carnal nature, which is why we parked there for a time to study the works of the flesh listed in Galatians 5, and how these must likewise be removed from our lives if we are to "inherit the kingdom of God."

In Gilgal, in the valley of Jericho, Israel was humbled and made weak in the sight of her enemies. This is what the church has been going through in many ways. The spiritual circumcision of the church has been exposed to the world, and the church has been made to look weak. Through the failures of some highly visible ministries, and such things as the sex scandals of the Catholic Church, the church may look like a real mess, but it is about to arise as a mighty, conquering army.

Some have wondered if the exposure of these sins was really the Lord's judgment on His household because it came mostly from a very secular news media. One of the basic principles taught in the Old Testament is that the Lord often used the heathen nations around Israel to discipline His people. He has not changed and we can expect Him to still do this. However, just as the Lord would then judge the heathen nations for being presumptuous enough to touch His people, it is a sobering study to see what happens to those who presumptuously touch His people today.

This brings up another good question: Why does the Lord judge the heathen for touching His people when they are in fact doing it for His purposes? First, the Lord uses the circumstances of this world and even the devil to accomplish His purposes. The devil's evil intent to destroy Jesus worked right into the plans of God, but the devil is still going to suffer his judgment, and so will those who have touched His people. The heathen are intent on finding fault with Christians because it helps them feel justified in their own rebellion and sin. The Lord will at times use such people to help bring correction to His people, but He will not leave them unpunished either.

Many Christians became discouraged by the public revelations of misbehavior in the church, especially when it came through leaders of the church. I still often meet people who began to backslide when this happened. However, the mature and discerning were not discouraged by these revelations. This does not mean it was right to rejoice at the exposure and humiliation of brothers or sisters in Christ or the problems that they caused the whole church. But it should be the scariest thing in the world for us if we are sinning and getting away with it. As it is made clear in Hebrews 12, the Lord disciplines His children, and if we are without discipline then we are not His children. Such discipline coming upon the church was evidence of God 's love for us, including those who were publicly exposed, not His rejection.

If we are so hardened in our sin that the Lord has to make it public to get our attention, then we should still be thankful that He loves us enough to not let us keep getting away with it. Even so, after the pain of Gilgal we should have the resolve to never want to go through that again!

".Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Galatians 5:21), and we want to go on to the conquest of our inheritance, which is His kingdom.

Right after the circumcision, Israel celebrated the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread which is connected to the Passover. They were commanded to celebrate these each year to remind them of the Source of their freedom, the Lamb. After the severe pain of our spiritual circumcision and the cutting away of the carnal nature, we, too, will be prone to be self-centered, focusing on ourselves and our shortcomings, and we will likewise need to quickly turn our attention back to the Lord, "Christ our Passover."

As you may have heard me say or write often, a great return is coming to the cross in Christianity. True Christianity is a life of sacrifice, taking up our crosses daily. However, if we become more focused on our cross than the cross of Christ, we will not only open the door for a demonic religious spirit, but we are set up for ultimate defeat.

When the Lord is cutting away our flesh, we need to focus on that work and let godly sorrow for our sinful ways have its intended result. However, we need to get over it quickly and get our attention off of ourselves and back on to Him. The very deliverance from our sinful ways does not just come from seeing our own evil ways; we must then behold His glory and be changed into His image from glory to glory (see II Corinthians 3:18).

Once we have truly beheld the glory of the Lord, all human glory will seem insignificant. Our works and accomplishments will always be pale in the light of what He did. When we have truly beheld the cross of Christ, we will not be prone to glory in our own sacrifices, but we will see any sacrifice required of us as small and a great honor to do for His name's sake.

Many of the self-improvement teachings and movements in the church have accomplished good things for people, helping some become more fruitful in their lives. Ministries that are devoted to inner healing have also helped some. However, the way some of these teachings are promoted and practiced are not really healing anyone, but rather leading Christians to a black hole of self-centeredness from which few ever escape. Just because something claims to be Christ-centered does not mean it is.

I recently asked a surgeon his opinion on how much modern medical science really understood the human body. His response was that the greatest experts in their fields have about a 35 percent understanding at best. We can thank the Lord we now understand even this much and for how much modern medicine helps people, but we also need to know its present limitations, and they are considerable. We would be very foolish to allow an amateur to just go digging around in our bodies trying to fix things.

In relation to how our minds work, even a smaller percentage than this is understood by the greatest professionals. It also seems that the mind of man is even more fragile and easily damaged than the body. Yet, there are movements and teachers which seek to release multitudes of amateur counselors on the body of Christ to do surgery on the minds and souls of Christians. They often do this by digging around in a person's soul like an amateur surgeon trying to fix things he only has a tiny understanding of. The result of this has been a catastrophe for many, damaging them far worse than they were to begin with.

This does not mean we do not need counseling, as this should be a special domain of the church and fundamental to a true pastoral ministry. In my thirty-five years as a Christian, I have yet to meet someone who I felt was truly helped by amateur counselors or "inner healing." I have met many who felt they did seem to do better for a short term, but then seemed inevitably to regress into an even worse state of self-centeredness and constantly trying to fix themselves.

However, I do believe in inner healing, and I have witnessed many strongholds broken by prophetic revelation, but I have never seen the real thing take more than a couple of hours at best. People can get addicted to counseling very fast because it assuages their self-centeredness. It is foolishness to try to resurrect the "old man" and get him healed. The old self must be crucified and buried, and we must move on. Trying to heal the old man is like punching the tar baby. Our spiritual circumcision is essential; the carnal nature must be cut away, but then we need to get healed fast by turning back to the Lord and His cross and moving forward to possess our promises.

We must learn to guard ourselves against any teaching or ministry that has us more focused on our own selves than on Christ. Many of these teachings which can be a major distraction do have a lot of truth in them, and I have never met anyone promoting them that was not genuinely interested in trying to help people. However, we need to seriously examine the fruit of even the most professional counseling ministries and even more so the amateur ones. They can be devastating in distracting believers from the true path of life-the knowledge of the Lord Himself.

Most of us still have a few hundred things wrong with us. It is the devil's strategy to get us focused on all of them at once, spreading ourselves so thin that we are wearied and easily defeated. This is one part of the devil' s strategy for "wearing out the saints." It is a web that few can ever get free from once they become entangled in such "self improvement." We do not need self-improvement-we need to be transformed by the Holy Spirit. We cannot fix ourselves, but we must rely on the Holy Spirit to do this. The way He almost always works is to focus on one or maybe two things at a time. When we get a victory in just one thing, it tends to spill over into victory in all of the other areas as well.

Our victory over our flesh will not come from taking up our own crosses. We are commanded to take up our crosses for the purpose of laying down our lives for the sake of others, not ourselves. The deliverance we will receive from our sins will only come from the cross of Jesus. He is the One we must look to for our atonement and our deliverance from sin. The path to true deliverance does not come by focusing on what is wrong with us, but on the glory of the Lord that will transform us. We must see what is wrong with us so we will have the godly sorrow for sin that is the evidence of true repentance. But then we must turn our attention to the only remedy for sin, the cross of Christ, and the only deliverance from sin, which is to behold His glory and be changed by it.

After doing the study on the works of the flesh, I have had many tell me how convicted they have been, just as I also was by writing about them. Conviction is a work of the Holy Spirit and is evidence that He is working in us. However, for conviction to have its proper results, we must go on to provision. This is what we are going to study next.

When Israel crossed the Jordan, immediately the manna stopped and they started living off of the fruit of the land. We will therefore take a bit of time to also study the fruit of the Spirit. In many ways, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the firstfruits of the Promised Land, and walking in His resurrection power is evidenced not just by the power gifts of the Spirit, but also by the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

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Pray For Discernment In Times Of Darkness

Sherie Trahan

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For the Lord your God would say unto you, the days are where darkness is all around, lawlessness abounds, and people’s hearts have grown cold. But My eye is on My bride. My love never changes toward My Church. I say that if you dwell in My presence you shall not know the darkness, for in Me there is no darkness.

Pray, I say pray for discernment for the truth. There will be those that will rise up in these days that will claim to be my prophets and speak their own visions and say they are of Me. They will say they have the answers for the darkness and how to bring about the light and save the world. They will be very cunning and convincing. This is very serious. I say to you now, they are NOT of Me. Pray to know the truth that will set you free and not hold you in bondage. Pray to know the prophets that I send to speak My word. Satan is a clever and a worthy opponent, but he has been stripped of all his power at Calvary’s Cross. No weapon formed against you shall prosper and all those that rise up against you shall fall unto those who believe. Only believe, do not be shaken or motivated by fancy words that sound good and brings a feeling of relief.

There are those that are called as intercessors, pray to travail. Pray to learn to intercede, to learn to worship, to learn to praise Me. For in this is safety in these times. This is where Satan cannot touch you. In My presence is safety, rest and peace that the world cannot know. This is reserved for My beloved. My beloved that obey My words and commands. This is where you will learn to battle and the time is now to know how.

Satan has come against some of you in many ways. Pray, again I say pray and seek My face. Learn of Me and My ways. Abandon your own understanding and lean unto Me and I will show you the power of My love and the price My son paid for such a time as this.

Times will surely become darker, but in Me there is no darkness for I am the true light that shineth forth as the noon day. Pray for the light in your hearts that will strengthen you in your weaknesses, grace to empower you to clearly know the schemes of Satan and to turn from all forms of ungodliness. I tell you now, he is defeated and I know his ways. You must press into Me and focus on Calvary. Lay aside everything that besets you. I will help you and show you how. Trust in Me alone and none other, for now is the time.

Pray for healing among my people in their body, soul, and spirit. Satan has wounded my people from long past and is keeping them from going forward. There are broken hearts, unforgiveness, bitterness and resentment. Let go, confess them before Me and know that old things are past away and all things have become new to those who believe. Don’t look back and run forward for today is today.

Do not be deceived, pray that complacency and lethargy evaporate. For these shall not see the light and know the joy of suffering through endurance. Some have laughed and turned their heads from my people that are suffering and are among you. You will need My wisdom, you will need My understanding. Let go of yours and I will pour My Spirit upon you and you shall see revival, you shall see miracles, you shall experience freedom as you’ve never known, and you shall see lives change. Abandon yourself into Me this very day, and I will show you great and mighty things that your heart desires and you will be My bride and I will be your God.

I am among you even now. I know and I see all things. Nothing is hidden from me and I surely know your needs and am so able and Willing to bring you unto Myself that you may experience the true love of a Father that knows how to care for his children. You have not known this in it’s purity, but it is My heart’s desire to show you. Won’t you let Me show you the hidden treasures of My heart and My kingdom. There is more, oh so much more than you can conceive. Come unto Me today with abandoned trust and just as you are. I will wash you and be the one to clean you up that you may be My glorious bride this day.

The Lord has spoken, hear My voice and don’t turn from it. For I bring you life today.

Sherie Trahan

Predestined For Good Things

Susanna Leece

Predestined for Good Things - Gifts, Intimacy & Destiny

21 July 2005 We, the believers of Jesus Christ, His church, are becoming the 'bride' to this groom.

In the past, we have been married to other wineskins, to other expressions of what we believed was 'His plan and purpose and therefore His kingdom' but what we really sought and what we were really building was 'our own house' .

It is the Lord alone 'who builds the house'. And He is building now. (Psalm 127:1) He is making us face issues we have avoided; He is touching & moving our face to engage His; He is challenging us to seek the 'gifts' but to align them with 'Christlikeness'. There will be those in the church who will find wearing the bridal gear very difficult, if they rely alone on their gifts. They need to allow the Holy Spirit to engage their characters and transform them totally into Christ's ways and Christ's words and Christ's thinking to flow into the house where He is Lord.

The vision is of a home, furnished by the Lord. This room is full of 'gifts' - the 'gifts' room - many different sizes and colours, and all individually packaged. It is a room where the believer can come and receive his gift especially packaged and dressed for him. As he undoes his special gift, he is delighted and engages his heart to his Jesus - this has been burning in his heart for a long time. It is part of who he is and has always been - predestined for this gifting. But there is more.

He ventures down the hallway to yet another room, and the door is opened to him. Here is a place of testing and trail. The 'truth' room'. Uncomfortable and unattractive initially, the believer knows inwardly that this room is engaging him to enter in. He does so at his own choice, and here he experiences much truth. The key to his freedom is in this room, a place where the years of woundedness and pain are being undone. His very soul, deep in pain is exposed and he weeps. But from the intensity of this truth, he is healed. He leaves, somewhat amazed but healed and ready for the next encounter in the house.

Into the hallway again with his gift secured and his soul deeply healed, he moves on to the next room. It is rather small and only allows room for one person at a time. He moves into place and is overwhelmed by the presence of the Lord. The tears flow, but not through pain now but in deep friendship and fellowship. He experiences being His 'friend', the glorious One who has wooed him into this room - the 'intimacy' room. He spends much time here, sharing his heart with His God, listening and waiting and speaking to Him.

Reluctantly he moves out of the room, as this place has met much need in him, but he is called to come out to engage the Lord at yet another place. Another door opens to him, and he enters in. There are plans here laid out on the floor, with maps, directions and warnings. He recognises some people he has already met, and looks upon the faces of those yet to come into his life. It is the place he will move to, taking with him some of the engagements and relationships of the past, but pursuing in a different way, the believer discovers what his heart has been yearning for - the 'destiny' room.

There are more rooms in the house, more places to find with Him but the name of the house sits above the mantle as the believer steps in - 'Predestined Destiny - a Place for My Bride'.

And the key to this house is 'truth'. Only 'truth' in revelation will unlock this journey.

Pray For My Church!

Linda Patterson

June 1, 2005

I was awakened at 2:00 a.m. and deep within my spirit I heard the Lord crying out….

Pray for My church! Pray for My church! Deception is rampant within My church. My people run around saying, God told me this and God told me that when in reality I have not spoken. Truly, there is a famine of hearing My voice, of knowing My heart.
Satan has set a trap to lead My own astray. This trap is baited with supposed treasures of this world. Glitz and glamour are a mere mirage, an apparition - false glory.

My holy apostles and prophets are scorned and laughed at when they speak My truths. But I tell you that I will not be mocked. Sow deception, lies and fallacies of the heart and reap a harvest of despair and heart ache. Let righteousness prevail! Don’t think for a moment that I wink at your fables and “white” lies. Come unto Me all you are weary and heavy laden and I will give you true rest and peace of mind. Repent of your foolish pride of trying to impress others with a “thus saith the Lord” I am calling for a pure church, a holy church, a church that would fear Me and walk the narrow pathway of love, truth and grace.

The hour is late! Hear the voice of your bridegroom calling. Be still before Me. Let earthly passions die and allow Me to arise afresh within you as a pure spring, a fountain that is crystal clear. My words are truth and life and lead the way into life everlasting.

Matthew 7:13
Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Psalm 46:10
Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted amount the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

A Leap of Faith

Doug Patterson

June 1, 2005

This is the time to catch the wind and take a leap of faith into My provision.
New heights await you as the call to move forward has echoed from My Throne Room. This season is one of watching and waiting for the glorious presence and power of your God to cover the earth.
As you fly in the spirit a new perspective of vision will be seen, leading to a deeper revelation of My plans and purposes. Arise with renewed faith and be active for the King, for a sudden wind of My Spirit is fast approaching.

Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Praying for Our Judges

Alice Patterson

Justice at the Gate

The month of March began with the murder of Judge Joan Letkow's husband and mother in Chicago and continued less than two weeks later with the triple slaying of Superior Court Judge Rowland Barnes, his court reporter, and a sergeant from Fulton County Sheriff's Department in Atlanta. The onslaught has gone from covertly chipping away at our freedoms through little-known judicial decisions to the IN YOUR FACE rage of the enemy against justice and righteousness.

Psalm 11:3 "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (NKJV)

Psalm 89:14 "Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne. Mercy and truth go before Your face." (NKJV)

During the last presidential election the nation focused on judicial appointments to the courts. For many years the foundation of faith in God, religious freedom, and protection of the innocent has been quietly and secretly eroding by decisions made by judges.

The Lord called this nation to pray for judges through Cindy Jacobs, Chuck Pierce, Lou Engle, Dutch Sheets, and others. Many of you heard the call and have prayed for individual judges and for those leading the battle in the courts such as Allan Parker, Kelly Shackelford, David Barton, and Jay Sekulow.

NOW the enemy himself is overtly assaulting the courts. **Isaiah 28:5-6** promises that the Lord will be a **"spirit of justice for those who sit in judgment"** and a **"strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate."** Will you answer the call to turn back the battle at the gate of our judicial system?

Prayer Focus For Our Judges

Now is the time to:

- Stand in the Lord's strength and war in His armor with the Word of God for those in seats of justice and for the foundation of our judicial system. **Ephesians 6:10-18**
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- Lift up the shield of faith around our judges, their families, and our courthouses. **Ephesians 6:16**
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- Release power, love, and a sound mind to defend the judges from the spirit of fear and intimidation that has risen against them. **II Timothy 2:7** Declare that those now in place and those in line for appointments will courageously stand their ground and will not vacate their place.
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- Declare that judges in authority over us will "lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and reverence." **I Timothy 2:2**
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- Be sure that every judge in your city is covered. Pray for them by name in your corporate gatherings from your own congregation to citywide intercession. Build a hedge of prayer around them.
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- Write your judge a note and tell him or her that you are praying for him, his family, and his staff. Encourage and appreciate your judge with a card, a call, or a visit to his courtroom to pray quietly in the back of the room.
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- Declare that the covenant with death will be annulled. **Isaiah 28:17b**
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- Pray for the families of those slain: Judge Barnes' wife Claudia, two daughters, and four step-children; court reporter Julie Brandau's 18-year-old daughter; and Sgt. Hoyt Teasley's two children.
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- Pray for critically wounded Deputy Cynthia Hall.
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- Now is the time to take up the mantle of leadership and see that every judge in your city and state is covered with intercession. It's not necessary to align with Justice at the Gate. You may use our materials or not -- communicate with us or not. Just pray and take the initiative to stand in the gap and build up a wall around every judge.

Isaiah 59:14-16a "Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off for truth is fallen in the street and equity cannot enter. So truth falls, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. Then the Lord saw it and it displeased Him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man and wondered that there was no intercessor . . . " (NKJV)

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Prepare For The Move Of God

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The greatest move of God on humankind is about to begin. It is nearing you even now. The timing has been accelerating for the past several years.

Each move of God is like a wind that blows through the trees. It rustles the leaves just a little at first, and then it picks up velocity. (2 Samuel 5:23-25) Healing flows with the wind. Here and there at first, and then a sudden burst of power. That sudden burst is about to break forth over My people.

They will see a great need and their hearts will be moved with compassion. (John 6) But, nothing will heal or restore without Me. Therefore, be ready. Be ready to move when I say move, be ready to hear when I speak, be ready to do what I say do.

Prepare now, My people, for the coming onslaught. Learn to seek My face like never before. Sit before Me and allow Me to give you supernatural power. That power comes with healing it its wings, it comes with restoration, it comes with deliverance, renewal, grace. Learn all you can at My feet now, My people, so you are prepared.

The multitudes are out there. They need to be fed. They need to be shletered. They need to be healed, housed, raised up. It is more than one person can do alone. You must work together. You must each see the need. You must each seek the remedy and your part in it, but the only true answer is to work in unity.

You must hear Me for your own part and believe that when I call, I equip. Then you will function like a tightly fit organism, one that has been trained to function, designed by My hand. Know your place in My Body. Without you in proper position there will be gaps and where there are gaps there will be lack.

You were not designed to fill gaps only. You were designed to be a functioning, valuable gift to others. Someone else will not have the expertise that you can bring to the table. I challenge you all to come forward now, that you might be outfitted properly. Without you the Body lacks, without proper training, you lack. Come. Come now, it is imperative, My people. Seek My face and I will give you all you need.

John 6 says that Jesus was moved with compassion and that sparked the miracle of the fishes and the loaves.

2 Samuel 5 relates the story of David and mulberry trees. "David inquired of the Lord." He got the method of when and how to fight the Philistines directly from God.

Acts 11:11-29 The disciples in Antioch were told that there was to be famine in Jerusalem and they "each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren..."

Preparing For War

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, Aug 19, 2005

I'm sure most of you have been watching the media reports on the so-called disengagement. But probably what you are not hearing about are the Fourth of July style celebrations that are being held in the Palestinian towns. In Kalkilya, a large city next to us here in Samaria, they were shooting off red and green colored fireworks for hours (as you know these are two of the colors of their flag). Interviews with Arab leaders about this disengagement have been as expected; they are seeing this as only a very small step in the total evacuation of all settlements. The negotiations and agreements that Bush and Sharon are instigating are an anathema to the Palestinians. They are actually seeing this unilateral withdrawal as a slap in their faces, as it reinforces in their eyes Israel's and the United States' "big bully" policies. Their natural inclination therefore will be to pursue armed resistance and aggression, using whatever means that is effective and we know what that means. They have been educating every generation to view Israel and the Jews as their number one enemy and the main reason for their oppressive living conditions. Thus, in order to live as a free people they must at all cost get rid of the occupier and oppressor.

Shimon Peres ranks chief among other politicians who believe that there is a political solution to this deep-rooted hatred. Peres made a declaration that we must give the Palestinians their land and their state. However, the Palestinians do not want us "to give" them anything. Their pride will not allow such an option. Their intellectuals talk about the future economic success of the Palestinian state, but they pin such a success, or lack of it, upon Israel. That is only to say that there is a prospective scapegoat and an excuse for future failures, "proving" to the nations that this region of the world cannot tolerate such an arrogant and self- righteous people which continues to oppress the underdog, keeping it from attaining achievements.

What about Israel? Does it stand to gain economically by the pullout? Is the sudden up swing in the Tel Aviv stock market in the last few days a reward of some kind? Mmmmm..

However, we, of the redeemed communities of Ephraim, must begin to discern things on the spiritual level and see what is truly behind today's history lesson. Islam is a religious spirit and is an expression of the Principality of Persia. In the Book of Daniel it was one of the two that resisted Michael when it came time for the return of the Jews to Jerusalem. A few years ago, shortly before the Intifada broke out, I mentioned a dream that I had then.

Excerpt below is from Letter 76 of Aug 2000:

"It actually occurred three times during that night. I saw what looked like a bridge on which two armies were fighting in hand-to-hand combat. It seemed that the fighting might have been going on for a while, as the combatants were standing and fighting on stacks of dead comrades. I could not make out who was who, because it was taking place in the early morning hours, or in late evening. Each time I awoke I heard the words, "battle of the firstborn". During the following week I was taken ill with a virus. For several nights I dreamt of pending troubles. Each of those dreams was characterized by huge thunderstorms; at times three were going on simultaneously at different points on the horizon. I could only see them at a distance, as none of them were close to me.

Most of you who know us are aware of what we have been saying for years, and that is that we are headed for what we used to call the "battle with the surrounding nations" (Joel 3). This, of course, is not something new and unusual for the House of Judah, as they have been battling for their national survival with these surrounding nations for the past 100 years.

What made this dream about this bridge and the armies warring on it different?

The bridge stands for the two portions that constitute the "West Bank", Judea and Samaria. These are the lands of the two leading tribes of the house of Jacob - Ephraim and Judah. Both have firstborn status in the family. However, the battle I saw was not between the two of them, but between the Arabs (surrounding nations) and Judah.

Who are the Arabs and more specifically the Palestinians? I believe they are made up of firstborn people groups, as listed in Psalm 83: Esau, Amalek, Ishmael, Moab and Amman. They are fighting Judah on this land bridge called Judea and Samaria. Why in this particular location? Because these are the mountains of Israel (see Ezekiel 36). The winner who will gain this as an inheritance, along with Jerusalem, will also have the dominion in the earth. This is the battle of the firstborn, it is the same battle that raged in the womb of Rebecca. My question to Ephraim is: will he join Judah as YHVH's mighty man for this hour, or will he turn back as he did in the days of old? "The sons of Ephraim were archers equipped with bows, yet they turned back in the day of battle, they did not keep the covenant of God and refused to walk in His Torah" (Psalm 78:9-10).

We believe the Ephraimites have been called out of darkness into YHVH's marvelous light for such a time as this, as a witness/ensign that is to be seen. We know that YHVH always works with a remnant. Judah is looking for his brothers, the lost tribes; will they find a true son of the covenant returning from the nations with an obedient heart toward Torah, an arrow straight and true, prepared for the bow? Ephraim and Judah are destined to be a mighty weapon in His hand, walking together in the land of their fathers as an army, with the Lord of the Armies at their head.

Reality is about to dawn and we need the watchmen on the Hills of Ephraim to be alert and ready. The cost to redeem this land may be a heavy one. Ephraim, you have been given the blessing of the double portion, the means to redeem that which has been lost. As a firstborn you do not belong to yourself, you belong to YHVH!" (end of letter 76).

Obviously we are much closer to this great battle today than we were 5 years ago. But according to Ezekiel 35 and 36 the enemy must say, "Ah ah, this land, [specifically the mountains of Israel - Judea and Samaria] belong to us." Watch as this unfolds. I know that it is extremely difficult to see the settlements being dismantled, but it must come to pass while the Palestinians in the refugee camps, especially in Lebanon, are waiting with their armaments to return to these evacuated areas. The end result will be their destruction along with all the others mentioned above that are listed in the prophecies.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

Prophetic Alarms And Promises

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I hear the Spirit of the Lord saying: "There shall come a great outpouring of my Spirit upon the church especially in cities that have been plagued and bombarded by disasters. Do not lose hope and let go of the promise, but contend for what I have put into your heart.

Many of you have become traumatized by the assaults of the enemy. It is time to refocus and to prepare because I have positioned you as ready responders in this hour. I am the God who restores, and I shall cause my dreams to come to pass in the days which are ahead."

"Difficult days shall precede a new move and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Be ready in season and out of season. The church has to get ready to mobilize for calamity and terror is about to strike this nation.

Do not be slothful or complacent. Even the things that have been reported as hoaxes were actually my hand of protection upon this nation. The enemy has been testing the responses and reactions of this nation. There are many who have tried to underplay the threat so as not to alarm the people, however today I am sounding the alarm.

Be watchful and pray. Come into formation and take your positions for the church shall become the defense force of the nation. Your spiritual weaponry shall disarm the enemy if you will come into alignment says the Lord."

"Even as the word has gone out in the past, you must secure your borders and give your ear to the Spirit of God. These are perilous days, and my people must be prepared and ready to respond.

The enemy has plotted three major attacks in major cities across the U.S. that will shake the nation, but it will not go as the enemy has planned if the church will arise and come to front lines in the defense of the nation in prayer and intercession.

Casualties and destruction can be limited if the church will pray. Plans and schemes will be exposed in advance and thwarted if my people will heed my voice and pray."

"After these days of trial pass there shall come an unprecedented outpouring of my Spirit and a revival in my church that shall shake the nation and the nations. The next four years are already marked as times of revival and reformation for my church" says the Spirit of the Lord.

Joel 2:28-32
28'And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. 30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 32 And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

Priests and Censers Kings and Scepters

David Weber

All of us are probably very familiar with the prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" and yet, most of us haven't much of a clue as to how God plans to do just that. Many of us pray that prayer all the time, but very few actually have a vision for it!

Well beloved, the Father wants us to have a VISION for this! He wants us to know not only His will in this, but He also wants us to know the WAY in which He is going to do it. "What way is that?" you say.

That way beloved is ... The Melchizedek Priesthood.

Many of you probably know from reading the Scriptures that believers in the Lord Jesus are called to be a "Royal Priesthood"... kings and priests unto God. But what exactly does that mean? What exactly do king/priests do? Many can see that Jesus was the Pattern for these king/priests, and some can even see that David was a type of them, when as a king, he offered up a sacrifice that was only lawful for a priest to offer. But again, what do king/priests after the order of Melchizedek actually do, and what does that have to do with the Kingdom of God coming to earth as it is in heaven?

Well friends, to try to keep this as short and simple as possible, I'll put it this way:

Priests use "censers" and kings wield "scepters." In other words, priests primarily offer up prayers and supplications to God, and kings, by their God given authority, decree God's will in the earth.

What that means folks is that the priesthood ministry is one of drawing close to the Father through worship, priestly intercession, and prayer, and in so doing one can discern the heart and mind of God. In doing that, one can then, by means of kingly decree, speak forth the will of the Father into a situation in the earth as a prophetic proclamation, and by doing that ... heaven comes to earth!

Please understand that these king/priest ministries are not independent of one another, in that the kingship ministry does not operate apart from priestly intercession. Loved ones, this is why we are called to be kings AND priests unto God and not kings OR priests. We must be able to discern heaven's will before we can decree that will through holy prophetic proclamation, but when the two come together ... BAM!!! The Kingdom of God is made manifest on earth as it is in heaven!!! Oh glory.

I hear many folks today talking about "ruling and reigning with Christ now," or "ruling with Christ in the coming age," but I tell you now beloved, there is no "reigning now" nor will there be any "reigning" for you even in the age to come if you are not in a relationship with the Father whereby you can see Him, and hear Him, and discern His ways. God will have a people through whom He can speak forth His very Word into the earth by manner of kingly decree, and in that way He will see His will performed through that Word, but the people who will be able to speak that Word must be priestly intercessors who can see into heavenly places and discern the perfect will of the Father first.

Beloved, Jesus said in the gospels, "I of mine own self can do nothing. I only do that which I see my Father in heaven do, and I only speak forth that which He speaks through me."

Those are the words of a King/Priest folks!

Have you ever noticed that Jesus didn't pray for the sick? No, He didn't. As far as I know, He never entreated the Father to heal anyone, but rather, His prayers were short decrees of things that He already knew to be the Father's will. In other words, Jesus proclaimed that which He knew was already done in heaven, and therefore He brought heaven to earth by manner of Kingly decree. To a crippled man Jesus would say, "Arise and walk" or "Be healed." To a blind man Jesus would just say, "See," or to a deaf mute He would say "Be opened!" Even to a dead man Jesus just said, "Come forth!"

Think about that a little bit.

Beloved, God has a plan to see His Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven ... that we know, but did you ever realize before that YOU are the way through whom He desires to bring that Kingdom to the earth? You're it folks! There is no other plan!

Just think about that for a little while...

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Pressures and Demands
Susan Cummings

Do not allow the pressures and the demands of people, and events draw you from Me. But guard yourself and take care how you walk, for it is late and the path only narrows from here. There is no room for maneuvering or turning, but you must remain straight forwards and not looking around to see those things that vie for your attention. Leave the distractions to Me, and press on.

Pressure is only pressure if you take your eyes off of Me and begin to labor in your minds and hearts. I have a place of rest for you to abide in, as you walk with Me. You no longer have to strive, but you must remain yoked with Me. The cares of this life, the world, and the flesh will only draw you further away from me if you do not take a course adjustment, and make the necessary adjustments now.

Listen to My Voice and make nothing else your source as the world does. For the answers that you seek are IN Me. I know what I am doing, and where we are going. Walk on in confidence In Me, and make no provision for the flesh or your mind. But yield fully to Me and allow Me to bring you into the full position. It comes through yielded ness. It comes through being teachable and pliable to Me.

The demands grow as you listen to the other voices, and not Mine. I speak to you and teach you the way to walk in. I will not bring you by another way, but I AM the Way. Follow Me and take My Hand. Care not for the things of this world, as they are passing away. Trust fully In Me, and not in your understanding, for not all that you see is temporal and failing. I AM your sustenance and foundation. It is time that you trust Me to bring you through.

Take no thought for the days ahead. Place your full care and heart into My Hands and watch as I bring forth your place and take you further as you stand with Me. Fear will paralyze many. Fear brings forth much pressure, doubt, and it will isolate you and separate you from Me. Fear not. Move from where you are, and come to Me. I will surely guide you into all Truth and show you Myself.

Give Me your heart, and wait upon Me. I have much to show you, and for you to do. It will cost you everything to follow Me and to remain by My side, but I Am with you. I Am in you. Stand firmly now, and remain focused, and glean from MY fields, as I lead you through.

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Rise Up From Your Place Of Rest And Trust In Me
Susan Cummings

Rise up from your place of rest and trust in Me. It is time for you to begin to act on what I have told you that I would do. Just because you don’t see it happening, doesn’t negate My Word to you. I am waiting upon you to move. When you exercise your faith and trust in Me, and do what I told you to do, then I will move.

It is time for you to move on. You have rested here long enough. You must go and be My Vessel or I will find another who will. I will not always strive with you, nor wait for you to obey, but I will only ask you to choose. Things are moving forward by My command and if you don’t move, you will find yourself behind and left alone without My Hand to guide you, for I am moving forth. Break up your camp and follow Me.

Today is the day of moving forth. There will be no other, in My Timing for you, for it is now that I am breaking the way for My People to enter in and move out. It is now that the doors are open, and the paths made ready. It is now that Mine will rise up.

It is the Day of Visitation. I am inhabiting My People, and then I am coming forth out of them. I am no longer waiting, but am moving now. I will dwell in My earthen vessels who have made themselves ready, and who long to be released.

This is the Hour of Release.
What will you do, in the Day of Visitation?

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Gaining A Heavenly Perspective
Susan Cummings

Child, you gain a heavenly perspective when you stand in My place and see what I see. You cannot expect to see from where you are, unless you come higher. You must choose from which place you will stand, and from who's perspective that you will walk in.

There is nothing that can stop you from entering in, but yourself. I have made all provision for you, and the way is set before you. But you must walk forth into it. It is your choice whether you obtain a word for My People from My side or from your position where you stand from now.

The greater Truths are hidden in Me. I reveal them to those who earnestly seek Me, and come to Me. I will give nothing to those who care not for My Word or who care not for those who are bound in darkness. My Word is Truth, and Light, and will be given to those who treasure it as precious and as Holy. Reach forth, child, and obtain the better promise.

Take nothing that does not come from My Hands unto you. Do not feed where I haven't told you to, and listen to My Voice, and you will know the way to walk in the days ahead. Quiet yourself and get before Me.

Those who stand in My Counsel will be clearly apparent in the days ahead from those who do not. For My Counsel will preserve those who embrace it and trust in Me. I have a plan and it will be given forth, but those who refuse Me will have none. For I will not be mocked and will not allow My Word to be trampled by those who do not love it.

Come up here, child, and stand with Me. It is time to obtain My Word and to see what I will now do in the earth. It is time to begin to go forth, and prepare Mine, who await your coming. For Mine will know what I will do, and they will stand as one man, and will burn with My Light, as I now move in greater ways in the earth.

For My Word will be seen.

Jeremiah 23
Susan Cummings
4-13-05

8:23 pm

The Shaking And Breaking Forth
Susan Cummings

The Shaking and the breaking forth have accelerated and have begun to ascend to the surface. What I have done in secret has now begun to be revealed and will now be realized as I come forth all around you now. I have laid the foundation and have arranged all the pieces, and am now completing the works, and you will see them and do them.

What you have labored over has now given birth, and that birthing has now been given over to function and operation. No longer will you be given over to every wind of doctrine and every voice that speaks, but you will be firmly established in Me. For you have completed the training and have come to the time of release but not only that, as I have shown you, but of the operation of the greater works. It is time to begin to expect My Operations as I speak to you, and tell you to do certain things.

Things will now accelerate and become as I have shown you. It is time for My Word to be completed and to be established as I have decreed. For all things will be brought forth and completed. Even concerning you. For I have caused you to stand in this hour and to see My moving within the Body. I have called you to be one of My Jewels that I will shine through. I have called you to be one of My Vessels that I will live through. It is time for the full release and outflow of My Spirit amongst My Own.

This will also usher in the full release throughout the natural earth as well. For the foundations will break forth, and the fountains of the deep will give birth, and the heavens will pour out, and the creation will break forth at the birthing and the acceleration. All things will be fulfilled in this set course, as you stand faithfully in Me.

The Hour has come that I will be glorified in My people and in the earth.

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Passover And National Unity

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Shalom Fellow Israelite
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For those of you who are celebrating Passover with our brother, the People of Judah, I would like to share again the following letter. I think it quite significant that it was at this time that YHVH declared Israel to be His firstborn nation; the only nation that would ever have this status before Him. Actually very little mention is made of the importance of the death of Egypt's firstborn and the fact that YHVH established Israel as His. Israel's birth as a nation came as a result of the death of a lamb and its blood having been smeared on a doorpost of the homes, but also at the expense of another nation losing its firstborn sons. I hope this year we will consider the importance of our unity as YHVH's firstborn nation and what it means to be called an "Israelite".

It was over 3,800 years ago when the Elohim of Jacob sent His family down into Egypt to make them into a single nation. Speaking to His servant Jacob, He said: "I am YHVH, the Elohim of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation [goy] there'" (Genesis 46:3). One of the Hebrew words for "nation" is "goy". It is first used in the Tanach in the Covenant that YHVH made with our forefather Abraham, "I will make you a great nation [goy]; I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing" (Genesis 12:2). One man, one God, one Covenant, one national identity; this was at the heart of YHVH's plan for the redemption of the creation. The Elohim of Abraham set apart a man, and swore by His own name that his seed/sperm would become a great and holy (set-apart) nation.

When Jacob and his band of seventy souls arrived in Egypt, he found another family member already down there - Joseph. As we can see from the story recorded in Genesis, Joseph and his progeny had lost their identity and connection with their family of origin, and thus in a sense were a prophetic type of the second family (the so called Gentiles, the company of nations) of the house of Jacob. Perhaps this is why Jacob had to adopt Joseph's sons (ref. Gen 48:5), even though they were of the same bloodline. The adoption was significant for the restoration of the governmental order and unity of the clan. If they were to become a nation, they had to have their own land, and so since Joseph was in a position to do so, he gave them the land of Goshen, where they multiplied profusely. The Creator blessed them with fruitfulness, as they dwelt in one of the most fertile areas of the land of Ham.

However, eventually Jacob's family became slaves to their Egyptian overlords. And while in that state, they lost their vision of being a nation, a family and a people with a purpose and a Divine call. This is portrayed quite vividly in the scene of the two Hebrew slaves who (much like today's 'two houses') were fighting one another much to their own demise. The seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was now characterized by individualism. This was only natural, since they were living under extreme conditions where self-preservation became their means of survival. So where was this great nation that was promised to Abraham? His seed, now turned slaves, were cursing the day they were born on. They had become nothing more than dead dry bones in the desert sands of Egypt. So helpless were they that they could not even respond to Moses, when he came to them preaching the good news of their deliverance (ref. Exodus 6:9)!

The Passover story is replete with pestilence, famine and one disaster following another. But when gross darkness covered the land, there was still light in the tents of the Hebrews (ref. Ex.10:23), as the anointing of YHVH's covenant word (which "is a light", ref. Ps. 119:105) was still upon them to become a great nation. How was this going to be made possible? It certainly was not going to happen by the nation's own strength. This was going to take a miracle, a Divine intervention. YHVH, therefore, dispatched a man with a message: "Let My people go". Moses was faithful to bring that word to the ruler of the slaves, but YHVH hardened the heart of Pharaoh, just to make sure that His people would know that their deliverance was not going to come by the way or the authority of man. Had Pharaoh given his permission, these Hebrews would have been forever indebted to their slave owner. They would have never been free and could never have taken up their divinely ordained position as the head of all the nations. In this manner, they would have been legally bound to Egypt and to Egypt's firstborn.

YHVH had another plan to restore these slaves to freedom and to their national identity. He told His servant Moses to have each family take a lamb: *"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: `On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats…. Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb….then you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning…. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt "* (Exodus 12:3-5; 21-22; 13).

The moment the elders applied the blood and struck the lintels and the doorposts of the Hebrews' homes with it, the latter were all sealed into their deliverance, freedom and destiny, but even beyond that - their individualism had just ceased to exist. They were now united behind the one sacrifice, totally dependent upon the powerful right arm of the Almighty to bring them out. *"Let My people go!"* YHVH had already announced to all the rulers of Egypt who these people belonged to. These were a people who did not belong to themselves, they were and still are today "My people, ["ami" -singular] says YHVH". But now, through the blood of the lamb they were set apart to enter into the next phase of His plan. *"'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel"* (Exodus 19:6).

As we, Ephraim and Judah, YHVH's two families, the two nations, gather together to honor Him during this year's Passover, let us leave our individualism and lift the cup of unity. Remember that we were all once slaves to sin and death and bound to the principalities and powers of this world's (kosmos) dominion. It behooves us to, *"purge out therefore the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth"* (1 Cor. 5:7-8). May we walk together through the Door that is splattered with the blood of the Lamb, out of the houses of our bondage and into the liberty of the new corporate life of the "One New Man", the Royal Priesthood and Holy Nation Israel, YHVH's firstborn!

May you all be blessed during this Passover and Feast of Matzot (unleavened bread) with a sense of national unity! May the eyes of our hearts be opened anew to the fact that we are "My people Israel" in this generation.

Shabbat Shalom and Hag Same'ach
Ephraim

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there YHVH commanded the blessing--Life forevermore" (Ps. 133).

Pardon

Sandy Warner

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PARDON
I have pardoned as you've said
Not added to their account from whence you bled.

Your love covers all the sin
From hearts that kick against the shin.

When they have done it unto you.
They have done it to Me too.
When you pardon in My Name.
I likewise do the same.

Favor and grace drips from your heart
Your love draws them to a fresh start.
As you go forth carrying My torch.
You heal the way from what was scorched.

Thank you dear one for all that you do.
Staying faithful, remaining true.
My love, My friend, who stays by My side.
We are one as you abide.

Acts 7:59-60 AMP

> *And while they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, Lord Jesus, receive and accept and welcome my spirit! And falling on his knees, he cried out loudly, Lord, fix not this sin upon them [lay it not to their charge]! And when he had said this, he fell asleep[in death].*

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Learning Contentment

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LEARNING CONTENTMENT
Contentment is a tranquility within your heart where you not only appreciate your portion, but also thoroughly utilize it. When you have your focus upon another's portion, or when you are longing for your own promised portion yet to come, it keeps you from thoroughly enjoying what you do have. This is like the horse that eats the grass on the other side of the fence. It seems greener and sweeter, yet to continually reach through the fence causes dissatisfied longings.

Turn around and look at what I have given you. I have supplied a whole field of green pasture for your needs. When you have enjoyed and utilized what I have given you, I will give you more.

> *"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (Heb 13:5-6 NKJV)*

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Setting, Oiling And Moving Your Hinges
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SETTING, OILING AND MOVING YOUR HINGES
I train and equip with every kind of circumstance to prepare all for their destiny. During those preparation years, I have a certain purpose in mind to use some like a hinge to open or close a door. These doors are so vital and so important that all of history will be affected by their opening. I take every circumstance and weave it into the perfect training of the hinges, so when the day comes and I insert each hinge into place, they will be oiled to smoothly move doors open or shut.

These hinges on doors are like corner pieces to a puzzle which are important connecting pieces in turning corners. One's entire life may be honed and sharpened and prepared to only say ONE sentence to the right person, and that one sentence is the arrow into the heart turning the other person in the right direction. That other person is a key person, holding opportunity in their hands. Because of his one turn, choices are made that affect all of history. Consider this, all of history turning and rotating from that one sentence.

There are many, like Esther who have been finely honed to be hinges in the doors of history. Much training and preparation has been completed, so that at the right time and in the right season, the right Word will be spoken to change the heart of one key person, who in turn will change history. In your placement before great men, pray that the Words from your mouth will be My plan. All of your life has been finely honed for such a time as this.

Est 4:14 NKJV

> *For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?*

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The Passover Pattern

Bill Somers

Introduction

In 1991 Destiny Image published a book by Lou Berthleson titled Holiness for these Awesome Days; and a book by Dan Juster titled Revelation, The Passover Key. The first work outlined a fascinating series of parallels between the first Passover at the time of the Exodus and the Passover of Jesus death and resurrection. Dan Juster in his book examines parallels between the Passover at the exodus and the Book of Revelation especially the Second Coming. What I hope to do in this article is to combine these insights and expand on them sharing what the Lord has shown me. And basically it is this. There are common elements between Exodus and the Gospels, common elements between the Exodus and Revelation, and common elements between the gospels and the Second coming. Once you lay these all out it becomes clear that there is a prophetic pattern in all three. I call this the passover pattern.

Lou Berthleson found that Jesus' death and resurrection at the Passover season followed patterns set in place by Moses' actions at the first Passover.

He goes into great detail and lays out some very interesting correspondences. Then he follows on to examine the feast of Pentecost, and it’s fulfillment in the Book of Acts. He also presents a fascinating discussion of Tabernacles and the typology used in the bible and Jewish traditions.

Dan Juster’s book is a look at Revelation which sees the events therein as foreshadowed by the events and patterns of the Passover-Exodus. He sees the situation of the Church of the Last Days as parallel to Israel in Egypt before the Exodus, and also parallel to the Church under Roman Empire in the first and second centuries.

Juster outlines four main approached to interpreting Revelation. These are as follows.

> *The Symbolic Approach:*
> This approach looks to the book primarily to gain insight into the nature of spiritual opposition and struggle at all times and for all believers. Through this method, all believers undergoing persecution or duress may be encouraged toward the ultimate victory of Jesus and His Kingdom. Those of this school shun historical, or prophetic past or future identifications for the symbols and content of the book.
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> *The Preterist Approach:*
> This approach views the book as presenting the spiritual struggle of the first century believers with the Roman Empire and Jewish opposition. It is believed that the prophetic content of the book is fully past, excepting the literal return of Jesus the Messiah.
>
> *The Historical Approach:*
> This approach sees the book as representing the progress of history from the time of the Ascension of Jesus the Messiah until His second coming and the establishment of the New Jerusalem. Days and calculations in the book are seen as symbolic of years.
>
> *The Futurist Approach:*
> This approach sees the book, especially after chapter four, as representing the last great tribulation before the return of Jesus.
>
> These approaches to Revelation are used by people of widely differing theological persuasions. However, most Futurists are Pre-Millennialists, believing that a literal 1000-year Millennial Age of peace on earth (Revelation 20) precedes the full establishment of the new heavens and earth. There are, however, many who use the historical approach who believe in a literal Millennium. Most of those who believe that there is no literal Millennium, but that the Millennium of chapter 20 is symbolic of this Church Age, are not Futurists, but hold to one or a combination of the first three views.

There is of course some truth in all these views. The least popular or unfortunately most neglected approach is the symbolic or allegorical one.

But in the present article we are like Juster and Berthleson dealing in the futurist vein.

Exodus to Revelation

I'm going to note the points Mr. Juster makes in his comparison and then add a few of my own before getting back to Berthelson's work

The **Exodus Passover** seen as a type of the End Times as described in Revelation [and elsewhere.]

A. As **Egypt** is a type of the **World** the Exodus Passover deals with **the Children of Israel** in Egypt while Revelation deals with **God's people** throughout the world.

B. God uses two prophets, Moses and Aaron to announce and pronounce his plagues on Egypt. In Revelation, He uses his two witnesses in the same role.

C. One of the plagues in Egypt is darkness over all the land. At the Return of the Lord, the sun will be turned to dark. [Also we are told, the kingdom of the beast was filled with darkness.]

D. In Exodus, God's people are protected from the plagues by living in the Land of Goshen which was untouched. In Revelation, Gods people are sealed in their foreheads by the angel for their protection.

E. The Children of Israel are protected from the final plague by having the blood of the Passover Lamb on their door posts. In Revelation, God's people overcome by the Blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony and their willingness to die for Jesus.

F. The Pharaoh of Exodus is a picture of the Beast [anti-Christ] of Revelation.

G. Pharaoh and his armies pursue Israel to the shore of the Red Sea in Exodus. In the last days, The Beast and his armies invade Israel.

H. In Exodus, Pharaoh's armies are held up by the Lord. The Lord fights against the Beast at Armageddon.

I. Pharaoh and his armies are destroyed in the sea. The beast and his armies are destroyed in the last battle.

To these points I would add the following:

1. Israel lived in Egypt but they were not assimilated into their culture. So also God's people are called to be 'in the world but not of the world'.

2. Israel lives in a separate area called the Land of Goshen. God's people in these end times are instructed to 'come out of her' and to be holy [separate] so they will not be hurt by her [Babylon's] judgments.

3. Pharaoh, the horse and rider, were cast into the sea, and the beast and false prophet will be cast into the lake of fire.

4. When the Lord slew all the firstborn of Egypt in the 10th plague, he also judged the 'gods of Egypt' When the Lord returns to fight the final battle, he first carries out judgment on the heavenly powers.

Dan Juster also makes the following points comparing Roman times with End times.

A. During Roman times, there was opposition to the Gospel all throughout the empire. The End Times will exhibit similar opposition all through the world.

B. During Roman times the Gospel was also opposed by Judaism, Today this is still the case.

C. In Roman Times Caesar was worshipped. In the End times, the Beast is worshipped.

D. In Roman times the church was in great warfare and many were killed in the persecution. The End Times will see great persecution and martyrdom of the church [the saints].

Completions

One other area Juster deals with that I wish to mention is the area or idea of **completion**. There are multiple completions that will take place. I'm going to list these in the order I believe they will take place.

The mystery of God must be completed, which he states is the maturity of the bride, the church. [Rev. 10:7 and Eph. 5:27,32]

That there must be a completion of **the Global witness,** preaching of the Gospel and resulting harvest [Mt. 24:12-14].

The revelation of Evil will also be completed with the beast getting power to make war and overcome the saints. [Re 13:7]

He mentions that The Return of the Lord, [and therefore the time of vengeance] does not come till **The Number Of Martyrs** is complete. This is the fullness of the gentiles. [Re 6:9-11]

And **The Redemption Of Natural Israel** must be complete so they are able to call upon the Lord for deliverance. See [Matt. 23:39 and Rom. 11:15.]

Meaning of The Scroll.

Moses had a commission to tell the Israelites that God had sent him. 'Tell them I am that I am'. That I AM had sent him. He also had authority to pronounce judgments.

Jesus had the same commission to reveal the Nature of God to the people of God. And he had the authority to pronounce judgments.

In the End Times it will be God's people in this role.

In Revelation 5, The Lamb who is worthy takes the scroll. Juster states that the scroll represents the decrees of God concerning the acts of judgment and redemption to occur in the last days. The seven seals represent the judgments and they are opened by Jesus, the Lamb, because he has the authority to initiate all the judgments to follow.

Other writers have claimed that the scroll is the 'title deed to planet earth' or a catalog of woe and sorrow.

I prefer to think of the scroll as representing the bible itself. And the reasons I will offer here are scriptural and provide a marvelous glimpse of the sheer genius of God in the construction of his word.

1. The Scroll is said to be written with in and without or on the front and back side. Rev. 5:1

2. The stone tables of the Law given to Moses are said to be written on the front and back sides.

> *Ex 32:15 ¶ And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.*

This identifies the scroll with the law, hence with the bible, and ultimately with the Word of God, Jesus.

3. Since part is on the back side, then clearly it's not all readily apparent. Some meaning is hidden. The sealed scroll clearly has only a part of the writing visible.

4. There are several references to books being sealed in the O T. [Isa 8:16, 29:11-12, and Dan 12:4] Daniel says they are sealed till the end. Here opening the scroll is the unsealing of the books.

5. Opening the seals means revealing hidden meaning in the Word. So opening the scroll is one of many illustrations of the key concept summarized in the opening verse of Revelation. The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

6. Jesus is the only one who can open the scroll. No man is worthy. This shows that God reveals himself. Man cannot learn of these things on his own.

7. Each seal that is opened produces a judgment, and this also speaks of the Revelation of Jesus

Christ since as Ps 9:16 says "*The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth*: …."

So the Lamb that was slain is Jesus Christ. The Scroll is Jesus Christ. Opening the Scroll is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The Judgments that come forth are the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And the book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. It's all about the Revelation of Jesus Christ. In other words, knowing God.

Dan Juster writes

Our concern with the Book of Revelation should be less for speculation and more for our own preparation and understanding of present warfare. P35

And

The key preparations for the last days are therefore holiness of heart, humility, a burning love for the Lord and a faith preparation through the Word that will enable us to find God's guidance and strength to withstand the onslaught of the enemy. P 37

I heartily agree and would only add that it's about the Revelation of Jesus Christ **in His People**. Or as it is said: *Christ in you, the Hope of Glory*.

Dan Juster writes:

> God's holy people can be martyred only when He calls upon them to lay down their lives. P37
>
> The martyrdom of the prophets leads to an even greater outpouring of God's power. This is the result of true martyrdom - power is released in the spiritual realm! Thus the martyrdom of the Chinese saints under Communism led to the greatest church growth since the Church Age began. Martyrdom is similar to the sacrifice of intercessory prayer leading to the victory of the people of God. P 39

We can conclude that there are patterns established in Moses' Passover that are prophetic of Jesus' Passover, and in addition there will be a further fulfillment of these prophetic patterns in the end times. I find that in the scriptures describing Jesus' Passover, death and resurrection there are additional elements added that are also prophetic of the end times and of the Second Coming of Christ.

In general I would say that each feast as established by the Lord in Moses' time is prophetic and has multiple fulfillments. That is to say, that each one has been partly fulfilled in the past and awaits further and complete fulfillment in the end times.

Exodus to the Gospels

Before we get into the meat of Lou Berthelson's work, I want to present a quote from his first chapter about the prophetic nature of the Feasts of the Lord.

> Our study of patterns will begin with the feasts of the Lord as set forth in Leviticus 23. The Jews saw these as appointments with the Lord Jehovah. They called the festivals Miqra', or **rehearsals**.
>
> In First Thessalonians 5:1-5 Paul addresses mature Jews about the "appointed" time of Jesus' return. He referred to the festivals, Sabbaths and new moons that were the focus of the Jews' religious calendar.
>
> The word "times" in First Thessalonians 5:1-5 is Mowed, which is translated, "a specific appointment in time, a particular time or appointed season." The seven feasts of the Lord were given as appointments or rehearsals. They were designed by the Lord **to foretell the events that would surround the coming of His Son** and ever point to the proper attitudes requited of believers.

Berthelson goes on to show in fascinating detail just how these feasts foretell later events. [As you study the feasts even more, you find that the dates of the feasts are also dates when important things happen in the history of Israel. For example the recent 7 year peace treaty known as the Oslo Accords took effect in Israel at the time of the fall feast of Trumpets. It was broken 7 years later at about the same time when the current Palestinian uprising began.]

In chapter one of his book, Lou Berthelson concentrates his focus on the Passover. There are several elements that are relevant here.

1. The instructions of the Lord for celebrating the feast of Passover.

2. The account of events in Exodus at the first Passover.

3. The Jewish traditions in effect in Jesus' time, and

4. The account of events in the gospels at Jesus' death and resurrection.

Passover Basics.

The Lord's instructions for the Feasts are found in Leviticus 23. In vs. 4-14 are the spring feasts: Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits. In vs. 15-21 are the ordinances for Pentecost, also called Feast of Weeks, and Shavuot in Hebrew.

It all boils down to this. Aviv also known as Nisan became the first month of the religious calendar. [Tishri, usually overlapping September is the first month of the civil calendar. The first day of Tishri is Rosh Hoshanna, also known as Jewish New Years Day.]

On the 10th of Nisan they take a lamb from the flock. It's inspected for 4 days. The Lamb had to be perfect, without flaw or blemish.

On the 14th the lamb is killed and roasted, from 3 - 6pm. At 6pm the day changes to the 15th. [The day begins at 6pm in the Jewish calendar.]

Then the lamb is eaten. Also on the 15th begins the first day of The Feast Of Unleavened Bread. It runs for 7 days with a feast on the last day, the 21st. On the 16th is the feast of First Fruits. It includes waving a sheaf of the first fruits of the Harvest before the Lord and animal sacrifices. The 16 is also the first day of the Counting of the Omer. This is where 50 days are counted off till Pentecost.

So the 14th is called 'The preparation of the Passover'.

The 15th is called Passover and the beginning of Unleavened Bread.

The 16th is called First Fruits or day 1 of the Omer.

Pentecost and First fruits are linked in two ways. First being that on **first fruits** the 50 day count down begins. The second is more symbolic. In Leviticus 23 we see the phrase 'first fruits' again in connection with the offerings for the day of Pentecost.

> *Le 23:17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave loaves of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baken with leaven; they are the* ***firstfruits*** *unto the LORD.*

Events Of Exodus.

In Exodus 12:1-14 the Lord gives Moses the instructions for sacrificing the Passover lamb. Then in verses 15-20 he lays out the feast of unleavened bread. Verses 21-28 show Moses repeating the Lords instructions to the people.

In Vs 29-30 the Lord strikes the Egyptians with the tenth plague, the death of the first born.

In Vs 31-42 Pharaoh releases the people and they journey by night to Succoth where they bake unleavened bread. The rest of the chapter vs. 43-51 contain further regulations on observing Passover.

Exodus 13:1-2 tell of the consecration of the firstborn. This is the act that First Fruits commemorates.

In Exodus 13:19-20, they leave Succoth and travel to Etham, taking the bones of Joseph with them.

In Exodus 14:2 they make camp at Pihahiroth. Then Pharaoh decides to come after them.

The rest of chapter 14 describes how Pharaoh caught up with Israel at Pihahiroth. Then the Angel of the Lord, the pillar of cloud stood between Israel and Egypt, while the Lord parted the sea during the night. Then in the morning, as Pharaoh entered the sea in pursuit, the Lord fought against them, taking off their chariot wheels. Then he caused the waters to come back on the Egyptians while Israel emerged from the sea on the far shore.

Jewish Traditions During the time of Jesus

On the 10th of Aviv [or Nisan]

> The Temple practices had evolved to the point that on the tenth of Aviv the priests would select a lamb without spot or blemish. They would place the lamb on a special cart atop the Mt. of Olives.
>
> They paraded the lamb down to the city and into the Temple court. There it would be displayed until it was slain at the Passover. [Lou Berthleson page 10-11]

On the 14th at exactly 9am The Temple lamb was tied to the altar.

At 3pm the Temple Lamb was killed, prepared and roasted.

At 6pm the Day changed to the 15th when the Temple Lamb was eaten.

Of course other lambs were killed as well for all the people who came to the feast. The Passover could be eaten on either evening of the fourteenth or the evening of the fifteenth. This was changed to accommodate the multitude of Jews coming to the city.

Events In The Gospels

On the 10th Jesus entered Jerusalem and went to the Temple to be examined by the priests. Berthelson explains that he probably followed right behind the procession of the Temple Lamb. Therefore there were crowds of people already on the scene. Once they knew he was coming they rejoiced and blessed him. In effect they were choosing him to be their spiritual Passover.

On the 14th Jesus kept the Passover.

How could Jesus eat the Passover with his disciples [Mt. 26] on the day before Passover? He kept the Passover on the 14th.

> Jesus had to take the Passover meal, as did Moses, but He also had to be the Lamb. The only way He could accomplish both was to eat the Passover the first evening of the fourteenth. [Lou Berthleson page 14]

On the 14 at 9am Jesus was nailed to the cross.

At 3pm Jesus died. There is darkness over the land, and an earthquake. The saints come out of their graves and the veil of the temple is torn. [Matt. 27:50-53]

He was buried at about 6pm as the day changed to the 15th.

What happens after Jesus' death?

He becomes the redeemed first born/first fruits.

He descends into hell and takes the keys to death, hell and the grave.

He leads captivity free. Satan is defeated.

Jesus rises after three days and three nights, around 6pm on the beginning of the18th.

His grave is found empty at about 6am the following morning.

We noted that some of these events happen at precise times which correspond to the times of corresponding events in Exodus. Berthelson tells us exactly what day of the week these things happened. He further claims that the resurrection happened on exactly the same day of the month, and day of the week and time of the day as Moses leading Israel out onto the far shore of the sea.

Only he has this happening at 6am on the 17th. I do not feel this is correct. If it were then Jesus would not have been dead for exactly 3 days and 3 nights. But neither do I have the resources or the brilliance to present an exactly correct time table.

The solution to this quandary is to fudge things. [I'm serious here.]

First of all the bible is often vague on many important matters. Secondly it really doesn't matter if the timing is exact or not. Prophetic typology is not an exact science. Types and shadows are often incomplete and fuzzy. You do not get an exact picture. Thirdly typology may at times scramble the order of events.

Most importantly, [while we're on the subject] there can often be more than one correct interpretation of scripture. Just as a word can have more that one definition, a shadow can be cast by more than one object. Sometimes prophetic scriptures have more than one fulfillment. Sometimes one correct interpretation can be 'more correct' than another because of the depth of insight or detail involved.

And since we're talking about Passover, here is a perfect example of a pattern in scripture where the order of events is scrambled. Yet they are all still part of the pattern.

Jesus' trip to Jerusalem at age 12 is an interesting pattern for his later trip there to be crucified. [Luke 2:41 and following.]

In the earlier trip he travels with his family, in the latter with his disciples. In the earlier he is found in the temple having discussions with the learned men. In the latter trip, he is four days in the temple being challenged and questioned by the learned men again. After Passover in the first trip, he is missing for 3 days. After the latter Passover, he is buried and rises again after 3 days!

The difference is that in the second event the questioning in the temple happens before the three days not during those days. Nevertheless, the trip at age 12 is prophetic typology [or a rehearsal] for the latter trip.

Moses' Passover Compared To Jesus'.

Here are the parallels between Exodus, tradition, and the Gospels as Berthleson summarizes them.

1. The lamb is chosen on the 10 of the month; Jesus enters the temple on the 10th.
2. The lamb is examined for flaws for 4 days; Jesus is questioned and tested for 4 days.
3. The temple lamb is tied to the altar at 9am on the 14th; Jesus is nailed to the cross at 9am. [Mark 15:25]
4. The lamb is killed at 3pm; Jesus dies at 3pm.
5. The lamb is eaten at 6pm; Jesus is buried at 6pm.
6. At midnight the first born of Egypt are slain, and Pharaoh frees Israel. Moses takes the bones of Joseph, so Joseph's grave is left empty. When Jesus died and the saints came forth, Joseph's grave was left empty again!
7. Israel camps over night and dedicates the first born to the Lord; Jesus becomes the dedicated first born.
8. Israel travels to the sea and Pharaoh catches them there. Then the waters are parted and Israel descends into the sea and goes over on dry ground; Jesus descends into hell and takes the keys. [Eph. 4:8-9]
9. Moses leads the people through the sea to safety. Jesus leads the captivity out of hell. [Eph. 4:8-9]
10. Pharaoh and his army is destroyed in the sea, the people reach the far shore and rejoice; Jesus defeats Satan and rises from the dead.

The Gospels to The Second Coming

Now I want to look at some parallels between the gospel accounts of Jesus' Passover and the second coming of Christ.

These elements are:

a. The Darkness
b. The earthquake

c. It is finished
d. The Shout
e. The resurrection
f. The veil torn

Here are passages of scripture where these are found.

> *Mt 27:50 ¶ Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.*
> *51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;*
> *52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,*
> *53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*
>
> *Lu 23:44 ¶ And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.*
> *45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.*
> *46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.*
>
> *Joh 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

In the bible the phrase 'Day of the Lord' has several meanings.

a. The 7th day, also known as the 3rd day or the Millennium. A thousand year period.
b. The End Times. A period of judgment and harvest leading to the Second Coming.
c. The actual Second Coming.

When it is used to speak of the actual second coming, many other equivalent sayings may be substituted. These include, the day of judgment, the day of wrath, 'in that day', the day of Christ, the day of vengeance etc.

With that in mind, let's look at these elements.

Darkness.

In Luke 23:44 above it mentions darkness from the 6th to the 9th hour. In the Jewish calendar, this means the 6th to the 9th hour of daylight, which is approximately from 6am to 6pm. In the spring and fall the hours of light and dark are the most equal of the year. So the 6th hour of daylight translates to 12 noon. Now look at this verse from Amos.

> *Am 8:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:*

Also see Isa. 13:9, Isa 24:21, 23, Ez 32:7, Joel 2:31 and Mt. 24:29.

The darkness that took place at the crucifixion clearly points ahead to another darkness to come at the Second Coming.

Earthquake.

> *Re 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;*
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> *Re 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.*
> *12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.*
> *13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

So the earthquake at the crucifixion is prophetic of the one at the Second Coming.

It Is Finished.

Here when Jesus says, It is Finished, the phrase points ahead to the time when the number of the martyrs will be completed. This is one of the completions Dan Juster mentions above.

> *Re 6:9 ¶ And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*
> *11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

The Shout.

And once the numbering of the martyrs is finished, God gives a great shout. The time of vengeance begins. When He says, I will repay, it's not just a warning, it's a promise.

> *Ro 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

Here the shout is mentioned.

> *Ps 47:5 ¶ God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

> *1 Th 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

Now the reason for the shout should be obvious. But once again we see that the shout at Jesus death foretells the shout at His Second Coming.

The Resurrection.

> *Mt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*
> *30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*
> *31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

This should tell us that the resurrection occurs at this same time.

The Veil.

When the veil was torn, the holy of holies became visible. This is prophetic of a time to come when another veil will be removed and Jesus will be visible.

We mentioned earlier about the completion of the number of martyrs. When God rises up with a shout, it's because that process is completed. This is what's meant by the fullness of the gentiles. [We're talking about martyrs of the gentile church.] That still leaves Israel. And we know from Romans 11:25 that *blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

Who is Israel?

1. National Israel is the nation state of Israel.
2. Natural Israel is the descendants of Jacob, world wide Jewry.
3. Spiritual Israel is the mass of people who are 'circumcised in the heart', the redeemed

[the church].
4. Jesus Himself, the suffering servant, the First Born
5. All of the Above

Here we're concerned with the first two. Replacement Theology would ignore natural Israel. Parallel Restoration Theology argues that the prophetic scriptures that speak of Israel in the end times apply to both natural and spiritual Israel. Every development in the history of natural Israel in the 20th century has a parallel development in the history of the church.

The redemption of natural Israel is something to occur very rapidly. We read in Is. 66:8 about a nation being born in a day. Spiritual Israel is the redeemed, but natural Israel are the ones spoken of in John 10.

> *John 10:16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

And Romans 11 tells us:

> *Ro 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

Romans 9:3 says:

> *Ro 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:*

Here Paul speaks as a type of Jesus and describes exactly what Jesus did when He became a curse, taking on the sin of the world.

We said that after the fullness of the gentiles, the completion of the number of martyrs, that still leaves the redemption of Israel.

Romans tells us about something that will happen as a consequence. That is all Israel shall be saved.

> *Ro 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*
> *26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

Removing the Veil.

That blindness on the part of Israel is symbolized by a veil. Here we find it mentioned in second Corinthians.

> *2 Co 3:13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*
> *16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

In the Gospels Jesus weeps over Jerusalem, knowing they will miss the time of their visitation. Then he states a condition they must meet before he will come to them again. And in the same breath, he prophesies that they will meet that condition at a set time. The condition is that they must call upon him, saying: *Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.* The time comes, as we read in Romans 11 above, the fullness of the gentiles comes in. Then follows the completion of the redemption of natural Israel.

> *Lu 13:34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!*
> *35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not*

> *see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

This is described another way in Zechariah 12:

> *Zec 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Revelation 1 alludes to the same scripture.

> *Re 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

Here are a few more references that link the redemption of Israel with the second coming.

> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. Jeremiah 50:4*

> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve. Jeremiah 50:20*

> *Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel*
> *For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name. (Amos 4:12-13 KJV)*

Judgment of the gods.

Notice how the gods of Egypt are mentioned in the following passage.

> *Ex 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the* ***gods of Egypt*** *I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.*

This is the only time the gods are mentioned as part of that judgment. It serves to give us a clue to the spiritual meaning of the First Born of Egypt. And it points ahead to the second coming identifying the first born who are to be slain at that time. These are the powers of heaven, the gods of Egypt, the gods of this world, principalities, powers and rulers of wickedness in high places. [1 Cor. 2:6-8; Eph. 6-12; Rom. 8:38-39; Col. 2:14-15; Ps 82]

Here are a couple representative verses that show us the judgment of the gods.

> *Isa 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.*

> *Mt 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

Also see these verses: Isaiah 19:1; Isaiah 34:4-5; Micah 1:3;. Mark 13:25; Luke 21:26.

The gods and The Veil

The fall of the powers of heaven is linked to the removing of the veil. Let's look at this in more detail.

In first John we are told the whole world is under their influence.

> *1Jo 5:19 And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

Here in second Corinthians we see that they cause blindness.

> *2Co 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*

Revelation tells us that they deceive the whole world.

> *Re 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world ….*

Here is Isaiah it is described as a veil, and we are told that the Lord will destroy the veil.

> *Isa 25:6 ¶ And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.*
> *7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.*
> *8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.*
> *9 ¶ And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.*

The mountain speaks of the Kingdom of God, where his people dwell. [Israel] "In that day" speaks of course of the second coming.

Since we see that the 'powers of heaven' are the ones who bring blindness, clearly their removal, at the second coming means the blindness is removed.

Redemption of the First Born.

In the first Passover judgment fell on one group [Egypt] and another group was spared [Israel]. Also one group of first born were slain and another was redeemed.

In Jesus Passover the judgment of death and hell fell upon Jesus. This was not just physical death, but the second death as well for he experienced separation from the Father. By tasting death for us, He made a way for us to be saved as we abide in him.

Also in Jesus' Passover he was the first born slain, but he was also the first born redeemed. Judgment fell on Satan.

There is a passage in Zechariah that depicts the spiritual side of what happened then. Recall that the name Joshua is the same as Jesus and that he is our High Priest.

> *Zec 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.*
> *2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*
> *3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.*
> *4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.*
> *5 And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.*

What this passage is showing us it the judgment of Jesus after his death. The filthy garments speak of his becoming a sin offering and taking on the sin of the world. Describing him as a brand plucked out of the fire tells us that he is being redeemed from the fire of hell. As the words "The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan" are spoken, Satan is being judged. Jesus is given proper garments and the sin is removed. He is given a crown to indicate his power. Later he would tell his followers that all authority is given to him.

So who is the first born to be redeemed? Well we have already spoken above about the blindness removed from Israel when the fullness of the gentiles comes in. In Exodus 4 God spells it out for us.

> *Ex 4:22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:*

He refers to this again in Hosea 11.

> *Ho 11:1 ¶ When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.*

And Matthew alludes to Hosea in chapter 2, speaking of Jesus.

> *Mt 2:15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

This identifies Israel with Jesus, the suffering servant. As Jesus is his firstborn. And you may conclude that those who are in Him are also his sons.

The Meaning of Passover.

So what exactly is the meaning of Passover?

Passover is a sacrifice which if taken advantage of, [appropriated], yields protection from judgments, and deliverance from bondage or blindness. And that results or causes judgments on the enemy, and final victory over him.

The Meaning Of First Fruits.

First Fruits is the celebration of the redemption of the First Born that comes with Passover. So First Fruits celebrates the Victory that Passover produces.

Now I'm going to sketch out some parallels of the Passover Pattern.

The Other Feasts.

Pentecost relates to covenant [or betrothal of the bride] The old covenant is the Law, it was given to Moses on the first Pentecost. The New covenant is the Spirit, it was given to us in Acts. 2. This points ahead to a future fulfillment, perhaps the marriage supper.

Tabernacles relates God visiting his people, The Revelation of Jesus Christ and the building of God's dwelling place. The dwelling place has been represented by that tabernacle, and the temple. Ultimately it's in the hearts of his people.

The Passover Pattern

Here is our comparison of three Passovers.

A. Passover of Exodus

I. Before the plagues of Egypt, Israel comes under Moses' leadership;

    a. The two prophets are Moses and Aaron
    b. There was darkness over the land of Egypt.

I. Sacrifice of the Lamb is followed by these events: [given in exact order]

    a. God's people under the blood are protected
    b. The destroying angel is released [this is the final plague]
    c. Firstborn of Egypt are slain
    d. There was a great cry in Egypt. [Ex. 12:30]
    e. Pharaoh lets Israel go
    f. Israel leaves Egypt
    g. Israel brings Joseph's bones out of the grave

   h. Firstborn of God's people are redeemed
   i. Final pursuit by Pharaoh
   j. Israel passes through the sea
   k. Final Victory, Pharaoh destroyed, horse and rider in the sea.

B. Jesus, our Passover

I. Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the Kingdom is at hand.

   a. The two prophets are John and Jesus.

   b. *Mt 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up*.

II. The Sacrifice of Jesus is followed by these events. [given in approximate order]

   a. Jesus cries out loudly.
   b. God's people are saved from the second death by the Blood [the first death is only 'the shadow of death', a shadow of the second death.
   c. Jesus is judged and tastes death for us.
   d. Satan is judged and rebuked
   e. Veil of temple is torn
   f. Holy of Holies visible
   g. Saints come out of their graves
   h. Jesus is redeemed and given all power.
   i. Jesus enters Hell
   j. Jesus released the captives in Hell
   k. Jesus rises in victory over death, hell and the grave.

C. Second Coming of Christ

I. Before the end time judgments fall, Jesus establishes His kingdom by taking the scroll. [Rev 5:7] This is acknowledged in Rev 11:17 and Rev 12:10.

   a. The two prophets are the two witnesses.

   b. Isa 60:2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

II. The completion of the Martyrs [fullness of the gentiles] is followed by these events: [given in approximate order]

   a. God is gone up with a shout!
   b. Resurrection of the saints [church], typified by the two witnesses.
   c. Day of Judgment. The wrath of God is released. [Rom. 12:19]
   d. Heavenly powers fall
   e. Veil of blindness removed
   f. Israel looks on the one whom they pierced
   g. Israel repents calling on the name of the Lord
   h. Israel saved
   i. Israel invaded
   j. Armageddon
   k. Final Victory, Beast and Co. destroyed. Death and Hell destroyed.

The Pattern of the Tasks.

Tasks and Commissions

Now in closing let's make some comparisons on another level. These will be partly derived from an earlier article "Moses' Commission".

Moses tasks included:

1. Reveal to God's people, Israel, that God had sent him.

2. Proclaim God's Kingdom and pronounce His Judgments.
3. Symbolically demonstrate power over Satan, this was the sign of the rod and serpent
4. Symbolically demonstrate victory over sin and death by resurrection. This was the sign of the leprous hand.
5. Symbolically demonstrate the work of the Spirit by pouring water from the river out on the land.
6. Carryout the Passover sacrifice that led to their deliverance and victory

Jesus' tasks included:

1. Reveal the Father to God's people.
2. Proclaim God's Kingdom and pronounce His Judgments.
3. Demonstrate power over Satan, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils.
4. Demonstrate victory over sin and death through his own resurrection.
5. Send the Holy Spirit to his disciples on Pentecost
6. Become the Passover sacrifice that resulted in our salvation.

The End Time Saints tasks include.

1. Reveal Jesus Christ to the lost world.
2. Proclaim God's Kingdom and pronounce His Judgments.
3. Over come Satan through the Word, their testimony and martyrdom.
4. Follow the lamb by going through the same death and resurrection.
5. Become empowered to do the greater works when the Spirit is poured out on all flesh. [Joel 2, Acts 2]
6. Offer themselves a living sacrifice [Rom 12:1-2] in a new fulfillment of Passover

All this requires and End Time Church that is far different than what we have now. In Matthew 16, Jesus spoke these words about his end time church:

> *Mt 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Psalm 48 gives us a description of that church from another point of view.

> *Ps 48:8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. Selah.*
> *9 We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.*
> *10 According to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.*
> *11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.*
> *12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*
> *13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.*
> *14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.*

Perfect, Being Perfected, and Perfectionism
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The New Testament teaches that the believer is both *perfect*, and in the process of *being perfected*, simultaneously (Phil 1:6, 3:12,15; Heb. 10:1, 11:40, 12:23, James 1:4). As we have seen the believer is declared by God to be both sanctified and in the process of being sanctified. This is not a contradiction, it is a recognition of God's method of operation. Isaiah 46:10 tells us God "declares the end from the beginning." God "calls those things which are not, as though they were" (Rom. 4:17). The believer is declared by God to be perfect, holy, and sanctified, then God goes to work bringing it into actuality.

At this point, allow me to deal with the word "perfect". The Greek word translated as "perfect" in the NASB (in the KJV it is translated "holy" or "perfect"), is *teleios* which conveys the concept of "having come to a full end." This same word is also translated as "mature" or "complete." In several instances in the NASB, I believe it would have better to translate it as "mature" rather than "perfect" (example: Phil.3:12,15). This would be less confusing to most people. Paul's whole claim in Philippians 3:15 is that the one who is *teleios* (mature) does *not* lay claim to perfection.

It is out of a misunderstanding of this word "perfect" that a concept which has come to be known as, "Christian perfectionism" or "sinless perfection" was born. The term "entire sanctification" is sometimes used by those adhering to this position. It is the belief that a Christian can, and should, attain a level of holiness where there is a "total eradication of the sin nature." This view is found, to varying degrees, within the Wesleyan/Holiness tradition. Some within this tradition would say "I have been sanctified," referring not to the initial break with sin as a reult of conversion, but to a subsequent experience in which they begin to know freedom from conscious sin in their lives.

Does the Bible teach this concept of "perfectionism"? Is it possible, and is it expected, that the believer live above sin to such a degree that they be "sinless"?

Those advocating this view refer to such scriptures as:

"*Therefore you are to be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect"* (Matt. 5:48).

"*Let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God"* (II Cor. 7:1).

"*No one who abides in Him sins"* (I John 3:6).

In responding to these verses we must examine more closely what the Bible teaches, regarding sin in the life of the believer. Is sin viewed as something that will be "totally eradicated" in the believer or something that must continually be resisted?

Jesus commanded His disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread; and *forgive us our sins* . . ." (Matt. 6:11-12). In this model prayer Jesus implies that just as one is to pray for "daily bread," he is also to pray for the forgiveness of his sins on a daily basis. John tells us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (I John 1:8).

Wayne Grudem, in his book, *Systematic Theology* states: "John's statement that 'No one who abides in him sins' (I John 3:6) does not teach that some of us attain perfection, because the present tense Greek verbs are better translated as indicating continual or habitual activity: 'No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him' (I John 3:6 NIV). This is similar to John's statement a few verses later, 'No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God' (I John 3:9 NIV). If these verses were taken to prove sinless perfection, they would have to prove it for all Christians, because they talk about what is true of everyone born of God, and everyone who has seen Christ and known Him."

F. F. Bruce, in his commentary on the epistles of John, makes this observation: "The new birth involves a radical change of human nature; for those who have not experienced it, sin is natural, whereas for those who have experienced it, sin is unnatural." It is quite clear that John is not teaching that a believer never sins, only that it is not natural for him because he has a new nature. But when he does sin, he has an advocate, Jesus Christ (I John 2:1).

Some have taken Paul's statement in Philippians 3:12, "Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus," to say that perfection is an attainable goal. Ralph P. Martin, commenting on this passage, has said: "The apostle denies any sense of final perfection as a present experience, he makes it clear that the work of sanctifying grace is progressive, and the *summum bonum* of Chrisian experience will be only reached at the consummation."

I believe the Bible teaches us that the more we mature in Christ, the more we are aware of our own *imperfection*. Isaiah, finding himself in the presence of the Lord, cried out "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell midst a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" (Isa. 6:5). Job, a man whose righteousness was commended, could only say in the presence of God: "I have heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes" (Job 42:5-6).

John Murray, in *Redemption Accomplished and Applied,* concludes: "Indeed, the more sanctified the person is, the more conformed he is to the image of his Savior, the more he must recoil against every lack of conformity to the holiness of God. The deeper his apprehension of the majesty of God, the greater the intensity of his love to God, the more persistent his yearning for the attainment of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, the more conscious will he be of the gravity of the sin that remains and the more poignant will be his detestation of it....Was this not the effect in all the people of God as they came into closer proximity to the revelation of God's holiness."

Potentiation By The Holy Spirit

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Potentiation - to make potent or powerful.

1 Cor 3:16—*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?*

A web page on the Internet (http://www.raptureready.com/resource/murray/ae8.html) that is attributed to the work of Andrew Murray contains the following:

Faith puts us in possession of all that the death of Christ and His resurrection have procured for us, and it is not only in our spirit and our soul that the life of the risen Jesus manifests its presence here below; it is in the body also that it would act according to the measure of our faith.

Let us begin by asking, what has the death or blood of Christ procured for us?

Rom 4:25—*He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

Eph 2:13—*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.*

Heb 10:19—*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,*

Heb 13:12—*And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood*

The death of Jesus Christ brought us near to God (Holy Spirit) by reason of the shed blood. The blood of Jesus has qualified us to experience the presence of God (Holy Spirit). The blood of Jesus made us holy by washing away our sins. All these were done for all of humanity and not for Christians alone. That is why in this end time, those who understand this fact will go round the world noising the good news.

The death of Jesus has procured for us all the blessings of heaven (Eph 1:3). But how many human beings do we see on earth today actually enjoying the heavenly blessings? What is the problem? This is where faith comes in. This is where justification comes in. It is only those who have faith in Christ that are justified. They are the people who can experience the blessings of heaven. However, it remains to understand what it means to have faith in Christ.

John 14:12-14—*I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have* *been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.* [13]*And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.* [14]*You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

Truly having faith in Christ unleashes the divine power of God inside a person. We read in Acts 10:38, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. Many after reading that verse begin to wish that they could be anointed like Jesus. However, the good news that will soon begin to be noised all over the world is that we have exactly the same anointing that Jesus had (the anointing of the Holy One—1 John 5:20). What then is the difference between us and our Lord Jesus Christ? It is faith! Jesus believed that God was in Him and that the presence of God in His human body is for the purpose of potentiating Him. He aligned His psyche and hence utterances and prayers with this belief; that was His faith.

John 1:5—*The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

The light (or Spirit or Christ) of God has been shining on and dwelling in mankind, but most of mankind have not understood it. That is why mankind is still dominated by sin, disease, poverty, etc. Yet, God released His light to us to drive away all these works of the devil, as He did on the second day of creation (Gen 1:2-3).

How can we operate the type of faith that Jesus Christ operated?

Rom 10:8-11—*But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming:* [9]*That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* [10]*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* [11]*As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”*

Let us put our trust in the Holy Spirit that dwells in us. Let us begin to praise God for putting His Spirit in us and thanking Him for the great potentials that has given us. Let us praise Him for our victory over sin, disease, misfortunes, poverty, and so on. Even if we are currently experiencing the symptoms of any of these works of Satan, let us call the things that are not as though they are.

Rom 4:17-24—*As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed–the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.*
[18]*Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”* [19]*Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead–since he was about a hundred years old–and that Sarah's womb was also dead.* [20]*Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God,* [21]*being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.* [22]*This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”* [23]*The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone,* [24]*but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness–for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the*

dead.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18—*We do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.* [17]*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.* [18]*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

Are you convinced that God has power to do what He has promised? If you do, no matter the weight of your current problems, thank Him for His potentiating Spirit that is in you. Proclaim to Him your belief that He is right now solving your problem by His Spirit that is in you. All things are possible if you begin to live this pattern of life; a life that trusts not in the ability of man but in the power of the Spirit within.

2 Pet 1:3-4—*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.* [4]*Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

God has given us His divine power by His Spirit that dwells in us. Let us begin to praise Him for His great and precious promises. As we praise Him, let us speak as though we are sure that he is right now fulfilling those promises by his Spirit that is in us. That is the real meaning of faith. With this kind of faith, sin can never be found in us; sickness can never be found in us; no power of the devil can overcome us.

I must confess that I was greatly inspired by this article on the web:
http://website.lineone.net/~cornerstone/murphy1.htm

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

My spirit agrees with this 'The Decision Has Been Made' word submitted by Stephen Hanson. This may seem strange to some since the Lord clearly showed me in early February that time till judgment had been bought. It was bought through the prayers of intercessors and for the sake of the Body. Some time was won, but it is only brief. The Lord has spoken to me that there will be no more delays again (in the ‘Time Bought’ dream/word the clock did not stop ticking, it was only moved back a bit). Also, I am personally not to intercede anymore for the US, nor cry my guts out for this nation again, nor carry any further burden, lament, grief, sorrow nor plea over her.

2-15-05 Dream: *I was riding quickly on a red horse along a country trail wearing a white prophetic robe. The trail was like one I remembered from a Paul Revere ride scene. I came to a resting post, got off the horse and rested some, but the rest was shorter than the ride. When I got back on the red horse, I was wearing a thick silvery suit and began to ride again. Then I woke up.*

Meaning: The ride on the red horse represents the prophetic call of warning to the US that I have undertaken again over the last couple of years. The rest from riding and warning has just begun for me. The rest in the dream was shorter than the ride itself. When I am called out of rest again to get back on the red horse its because judgment has begun. When I asked the Lord about the shiny suit He said, 'Fire protection' (fire represents judgment, red horse is for war). There is more to this new suit (mantle) to be revealed to me later.

2-17-05 Dream*: I saw myself standing in a doorway clothed with an Olympic type USA sweat suit (red, white and blue).*

2-18-05 Dream: *I was in my car and a messenger came, opened the door and sat next to me in the car. I handed the messenger that USA sweat suit and the messenger left.*

Meaning: These two dreams mean I will not run or 'sweat' for the US anymore. The mantle for the USA has been returned from whence it came.

Your Brother in Lord Jesus Christ,

Mike Tucker

P.S. 2-12-05 I had been pondering about the 'Time Bought' words given a few days earlier and was contemplating somewhat as to the nature of judgment now. *I had a dream and I saw a map of the Western US coastline. California and Oregon were gone. Washington state was still mostly there, except there was a crack between it and the mainland*.

Meaning: Time was graciously and mercifully put backwards, but the Judgment has not been mitigated.

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Prophetic Directives For 2005

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1. 2005 Is To Be Proclaimed As A Year Of The Lord's Favor (Isaiah 61:2)

This is a year when God's people can contend for greater levels of manifest favor and grace over their lives. Study and pray through Psalm 5:12; Ephesians 2:8; Luke 2:28; Acts 4:33,34; 2 Peter 1:2-4.

2. A Year Of Recompense, Reward, And Exponential Increase

The number 5 in scripture often is used to symbolize recompense, reward, and increase (see Exodus 22:1 -- Thieves must repay 5 times the value of the oxen they steal; Numbers 3:47 -- the Israelites were to reclaim their firstborn with a payment of 5 shekels each; Genesis 43:34; 45:22 -- Benjamin was honored by Joseph with 5 times more food than his brothers and 5 sets of clothing; Matthew 14:17-21 -- Jesus multiplies 5 fish to feed 5,000).
This year, many believers will be surprised with God's supernatural return on their lives for what looked like disasters in the past. Many who were "robbed" by the enemy (in 2004 and previous years) from the promised blessings of God will find a multiplied return this year if they contend for the blessing by faith. God will reward those who stand in faith, love, forgiveness, and purity.

Many Christians and ministries will enter into a season of multiplied and miraculous increase.

3. A Year Of Political Tensions And Upheavals -- Much Prayer Will Be Needed (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

2005 will require Christians to pray much for their government leaders. The enemy will continue to push his unrighteous agendas and attempt to change civic, regional, national, and even global laws to support his purposes. God will raise up many apostolic, intercessory and prophetic leaders to "stand in the gap" and encourage the Body of Christ to pray.

Prayer for government leaders will be of utmost importance in 2005. Christians must be careful not to verbally curse or judge them in their hearts, but to cry out in their prayer closet for God's righteousness and wisdom to fill government leaders.

4. Lawlessness Will Increase (Matthew 24:12-14)

We will see lawlessness increase again in 2005. Law enforcement institutions and policy makers will become overwhelmed at the intensity of crime. The church must pray for a revival of moral righteousness.

The practice of sin will also increase within the church. Intercessors must pray for the true conviction of the Spirit of God and for God to raise up a standard that will protect believers from the deceptions of the enemy.

Many, even in the church, will be calling "good evil" and "evil good." This increase of lawlessness will be a sign concerning the season of the end days. Believers must stand alert and move forward with aggressive action to preach the gospel.

A revival of the fear of the Lord and conviction of sin will begin in the house of God for those who contend for it. In these environments the presence of God will bring many to repentance.

5. A Fresh Thrust Of Evangelism And Mercy Ministry (Isaiah 61:1-3)

In 2004 there was a fresh call to the Body to go out to the harvest fields of the world. Many have responded already. In 2005, we will see floods of Christians receiving a true passion for reaching the lost. There will be an increase of training, equipping, and mobilizing.

Many believers will receive a true burden for the lost and perishing, and many in 2005 will GO! Many are going to have fresh compassion for the poor, the afflicted, and the broken. They will reach out to love, support, bless, and strengthen the weak of soul and body.

Great provision will be raised for the poor of the earth and a new missions thrust will enter the church.

6. Change For The Church (Matthew 9:17)

For a number of years, the Lord has been releasing a prophetic call concerning a new wine skin for the western church. In 2005, you will see drastic changes.

For those who have been praying and seeking the Lord regarding the transformation of the church, they will find "new blueprints" from the Spirit that will fit the call God has for their ministries and service. For those who have not prepared, they will most likely find a drastic diminishing of attendance in services, lack of commitment to programs, and a depletion of financial support.

There will not be one particular model raised up for others to follow, but the Spirit of God will direct leaders according to the will of God for their sphere of influence. Spending personal time in the presence of the Lord is the key to discerning the transition. The direction will not come from the mind of man but will be given out of friendship with the Lord as believers and leaders sit at His feet and receive counsel in His presence.

7. Kingdom Mindedness

A true perspective and understanding of the Kingdom of God is going to increase in the church in 2005. Many believers will become more "heavenly minded" in 2005 and will receive increased revelation in areas of the prophetic, heavenly experiences, and divine and angelic encounters. Colossians 3:1-3 will be a key verse for many.

8. Change In The Prophetic Movement

I have had a recurring vision of a sharp, two-edged sword over the last number of months. The Spirit revealed that this vision was in regards to the prophetic gift and movement. One side of the sword is called truth and the other side is called grace. John 1:17 came to mind:

"For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."

In the eighties and nineties, as the prophetic movement was maturing, the Lord laid a foundation of grace through the prophets. There was a beckoning through the prophetic word for believers to abide in the love, intimate presence, and precious promises of God. There was definitely a call to righteousness, but it was packaged in a wrapping of "the kindness of God leads a man to repentance."

This holy and sure foundation will continue to stand and be ministered to the Body through 2005, but there will also be the entrance of the "weighty words" that the Lord will bring to the church. There will be strong calls to repentance and righteousness. There will be words of exposure such as what Ananias and Sapphira encountered. This transition can be very dangerous if it is not properly discerned and managed.

Many disgruntled believers who were frustrated with the "lack of strong word" in this last season could possibly leap into this new season with a wrong motivation. The scripture clearly teaches that "the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God."

At the same time, when the weightier words come, those that were called to bring strong prophetic words of mercy, pardon, invitation to intimacy, etc. in the last season might take up offense at the strength of the call to morality, repentance, exposure, and righteousness that is about to unfold.

We must pray for peace and discernment.

In Luke 9:55,56 we find James and John wanting to call down fire from heaven on the Samaritans who wouldn't believe. Jesus rebuked them saying, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of, for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." In the book of Revelation, we find John, who is now known as the "apostle of love," being entrusted with the weighty words to the church.

The weighty words are coming, but woe to those who attempt to achieve the righteousness of God through the anger and judgment of man. God is looking for apostles and prophets of "love" who He can trust in this season.

9. Christians Must Learn To Live In Kingdom Provision (Philippians 4:19)

Economic upheavals will visit the earth in 2005, and global financial institutions will be strategizing to build global economy. It is very important for Christians to learn to live by faith in the area of their needs. There is no shortage of provision in the Kingdom. There is bounty!

The Lord is calling the church to lay hold of supernatural provision and to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, our Provider. God will remind the church this year that He is El Shaddai, the God of Plenty. Many who move into securing provision by faith will experience tremendous breakthroughs.

The Spirit will lead us into a new realm of securing provision as we follow Him. Keys will be given as we seek His face and the "Breaker Anointing" will operate in the area of provision. God is going to raise up faith-filled people as a standard. Blessings will come upon believers and overtake them as they stand in radical, tenacious, and persevering faith. GREAT REWARD awaits those who believe.

10. A New Generation Of Children (Isaiah 8:18)

The Lord is creating a generation of children (including those who are born in 2005) who will be extremely, spiritually sensitive; and many will carry unusual leadership abilities. We must invest time, prayer, and provision into this generation. The enemy will continue to inspire individuals to "market" the spirituality of these young people. Pray for the Lord to give insight, wisdom and counsel to His people on how to groom and disciple this coming generation.

The church MUST grow in spiritual awareness, focus, and creativity in order to reach this generation.

11. God's Media Army Emerges

The Lord is raising up a powerful company of believers who are making claim on the airwaves for the glory of the name of Jesus. This army will continue to surface and grow in 2005.

Many prophetic and apostolic ministers will be expanding their outreach to television, radio, web, and other forms of media. Many young people in their late teens through the 30's will be feeling strong calls from the Lord to get trained in media expressions.

The airwaves belong to the King of Glory (Psalm 24).

12. Miracles, Signs, And Wonders

A very strong move of miracles, signs, and wonders will become evident in 2005. Apostolic scriptures such as Matthew 10:1-8; Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; and Acts 1:8 will carry a fresh revelation to believers. The younger generation, in particular, will be moving powerfully in the preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom with accompanying miracles.

The healing ministry, including the ministry of creative miracles and the raising of the dead, will increase in 2005. God is calling all His people to move in these signs.

You will also begin to see women emerge (especially those born between 1960 and 1990) who are moved upon by the Spirit to move in ways such as Maria Woodworth Etter, Aimee Semple McPherson, and Kathryn Kuhlman.

May 2005 be a blessed and fruitful year for you and yours!

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A Prophetic Dream

by Bill Somers

This is a dream I had during the summer of 1996.

This dream involves a warfare situation.

We, perhaps America, had been the subject of a foreign invasion. (I am familiar with prophecies that speak of America being invaded at some point so that was my impression.)

Somehow I found myself a part of the army involved in the battle. Everyone was involved since this threat was so great that all citizens automatically became soldiers. I seem to remember everyone wearing camo fatigues and carrying small arms.

As a result of the invasion we were forced to retreat in confusion. We found ourselves in unfamiliar territory, at night, and skirmishes were taking place all around. We had no idea where we were where the enemy was or what was going on.

As the day dawned we could see that we were all on the same side and a cease fire went into effect at once.

I don't know if I was an advisor or what, but I had an urgent need to get a hold of my commanding officer and pass along some critical advice. Based on my view of the situation there were three fundamental things that had to be done as soon as possible. They are:

1. establish communications.

2. unify the command.

3. take the city.

At this point, I felt I had discharged my obligation. It was now up to the commanding officer to act on these suggestions.

Afterward, the Lord showed me the interpretation. The War in question is the coming civil war in the Church.

The dawning of the day, with its cease fire marks the end of the judgment and the beginning of the blessing. It is The Revelation of Jesus Christ, much like when the Lord opened Baalam's eyes. Then he understood the situation and the danger he was in. Then he fell on his face and worshipped. Then he repented and became obedient to his Lord.

This is when we see that while we were fighting each other, we were really all on the same side. Now we would begin to fight the real enemy!

The personal part I play was in a prophetic role, helping to lead to unity in the Church.

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Stringing Pearls on the Cross

by Bill Somers

*Matthew 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your **pearls** before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*

*Matthew 13:45-46 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly **pearls**. Who, when he had found one **pearl** of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.*

*Revelation 21:21 And the twelve gates [were] twelve pearls; every several gate was of one **pearl**: and the street of the city [was] pure gold, as it were transparent glass.*

I first heard the phrase 'stringing pearls' in a teaching of Zola Levitt. It was used in the time of Jesus to describe a common method of expounding upon the scriptures practiced in the Jewish Synagogues in Galilee and Judea. A speaker would hold forth on a theme of his choice and cite verses from different parts of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms as part of his teaching. The scriptures are compared to pearls and the train of thought that connects them is a string joining the pearls. So pearls were understood to symbolize verses of Holy Scripture.

This helps us understand Matthew 7:6 quoted above. *"Neither cast ye your pearls before swine...."* Here dogs and swine (unclean beasts) stand for unclean, unholy perhaps reprobate people. The intent of the verse is a warning against carelessly sharing the Word of God in dangerous circumstances. (This of course in not the same as boldly proclaiming the Gospel. The difference is in discerning, by the Holy Spirit, what to say, when to say it and who to say it to! That is to say, we cannot judge by outward appearance whether the persons we are dealing with are 'swine' or 'lost sheep'.)

Now of course to proclaim the Gospel is to share Jesus. As the pearls are the written Word of God, Jesus in the Living Word. And the merchant seeking pearls in Matthew 13:45 is willing to sell out for the Pearl of Great Price, Jesus himself!

Since we have just cited two references to pearls, we have strung two pearls! A third one is found in Revelation 21:21, the gates of pearl in the Heavenly city. In John 10.7 *"...said Jesus unto them ...I am the door of the sheep"*. And in John 14.6 *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* So if Jesus is the door and Jesus is the way and if Jesus is the Pearl of Great Price, then clearly the entrance to heaven is by a gate of Pearl as seen in Rev. 21:21!

And that's what we mean by stringing pearls. Let's take another example of stringing pearls, as it relates to the word of God.

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; ...." Col 2:14

Here we have the mention of how Jesus took the handwriting of ordinances which was against us and nailed it to his cross. It's certainly not clear exactly what that means but some comparisons may help us. The ideas here include the word of God and the cross. Lets add some pearls: *We preach Christ and him crucified.* (1st Cor. 2:2) His name is called the Word of God. (Rev. 19:13) *The word was with God and the Word was God.* (John 1:1) Keep in mind that Jesus is identified with the Word of God; that he is God; that He is the Word of God; that the Word of God is God. If Jesus nailed the handwritten ordinances (the Law or the Word) to his cross it is a reference to Jesus being nailed to the cross, by Jesus. This is the paradox of God offering himself as the perfect sacrifice. (*"And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering ...."* Gen. 22:8) When Jesus spoke of laying down his life he said: *"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father*." John 10:18

Now consider the passage in John where Pilate has an inscription written: *"And Pilate wrote a title, and put [it] on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS."* John 19:19 Verse 20 tells us that it was written in Hebrew and Greek and Latin. Now take that and filter out the Latin (types don't have to be exact) and you have reference to a writing in Greek and Hebrew. The original texts of the Bible are in Greek and Hebrew. To say "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" is to give a short, seven word, summation of the Bible! Now note that Pilate is the author. In this context, Pilate is acting and speaking as a type of God the Father. It is he who judges Jesus, and who says "I find no fault in this man. And still it is he who requires, and gives the order for Jesus death. Next, this writing is nailed to the cross. And finally when Jesus enemies challenge Pilate on what he had done, *"Pilate answered, What I have written I have written."* John 19:22 Which is a reference to the immutability of the Word of God. In John 10:35 we *read "... unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; ...."* So here is another expression of the Word and the Cross. The Word is on the Cross!

Now in another place (Matt. 22:37-40) we find Jesus being asked about the two great commandments in the Law (the Word). These are: *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and soul and mind and ...."* and *"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."* To add these pearls to our string we must include Jesus summation. *"On these two hang the whole of the Law and the Prophets."* (verse 40) The first principle, to love God, forms the basis of our relationship with Him. If we are in a right relationship with the Father, we can stand upright before God. This is known as a vertical relationship. The second principle, to love our neighbor, forms the basis of our attitude toward our fellow man. If we have that attitude right, we are reaching out to our fellow man. This is the proper horizontal relationship. When you stand upright and reach out to both sides, your body takes the shape of a **cross.** On this cross, the right vertical and horizontal relationships, everything else depends. You can easily make a case that you need both relationships working. If one fails the other will also. There is another paradox here, not only is the Word on the cross, the word is the cross!

Now notice Jesus used the word 'hang'. "On these two 'hang' the whole of the Law and the Prophets." The Law and the Prophets are the rest of the scriptures, the pearls. The reference to the Cross here is only implied, but the use of the word 'hang' confirms this conclusion. On this cross hangs the Son of God who is the Word of God, the Pearl of Great price. And without that cross we would not be able to stand upright before God nor reach out to our lost brothers.

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Prayer Harvest

Donna Chappell

Beloved Warriors:

The following prophetic word came to me on January 23. At the time, I was in a service at my home church, Bethel Assembly of God in Tampa. I thought that the word was for that church alone, and submitted it to my pastors. There was a sense of urgency about it, and I have continued to pray over it.

This was the word:

The enemy has resources tied up that are illegally held. This situation has been protracted, and some resources have been illegally held for generations. There are untold millions of dollars, as well as inheritances, buildings and land, concepts and ideas, key relationships, businesses, etc., that are included.

The next ninety days are key to releasing these things.

For the next ninety days, violent prayer must go forth in the heavenlies, calling for release. The hands of the givers have been robbed, and these resources are needed NOW for what is just ahead. The givers have a heart to give, but their hands have become empty.

It is crucial during this time that leaders stand in the gap on behalf of those who are under their stewardship. The authority of the leaders must be combined with the prayers of the givers to see the release of the resources.

The kind of prayer that must go forth is different. It can't be the spineless "If it be thy will...." prayer. It must be strong, it must be Word-based, it must be corporate, as the enemy will not willingly let go of his grip on these things. Corporate fasting will play a role in this, as the corporate anointing is needed to bring the release.

Where there have been weaknesses or missteps that have contributed to the situation, these should be repented of. HOWEVER, it is important to not dwell in regret and wallow in "if only I had not...." Move quickly beyond that, following repentance. For many, it was not iniquity that led to the seizure, but spiritual ambushments were involved. An unguarded moment, a character weakness, a false sense of security, etc., all have played a role in bringing this state about.

NOW IS THE TIME to prevail in the heavenlies. Plans are being formulated that will be fully in operation at the end of the ninety days. The window of opportunity is NOW for these things to be contended for in the heavenly realms. At the end of the ninety days, things will already be in motion.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR VIOLENT PRAYER THAT SHAKES THE HEAVENLIES AND BRINGS THE RELEASE.

Please note that there was no condemnation at all in the spirit of this word. The Lord was not chiding His people for the events that led to this.

He was saying, "Assess the situation. Ask Me for a rhema word to declare. Seek My Word for solid rock to stand on. Declare and do not stop declaring My Word over the matter. Get it done in prayer. Seize it by prayer. Fast and focus on prayer. Set aside all distractions and pray. These things must be released, but there must be strong, aggressive, authoritative prayer for their release."

All of that is pretty heavy-duty stuff. I submitted that to Berdine Vaughan, with the encouragement for the executive leadership of the church to bear down on this issue corporately.

Then I left the country.

While I was in Scotland, the Lord revealed that the word is for the entire Body of Christ, and not for Bethel only. In Scotland, a word was released that paralleled what the Lord had given to me. A seasoned English intercessor there shared that the Lord had said the following:

Now is the time to wrestle the keys to Kingdom Wealth out of the hands of the enemy.

She shared that there was a sense of growing urgency that came with that revelation. She had kept the word close, bathing it in prayer. The Lord prompted the release of the word, which, as you can see, summarizes the one I received on January 23.

There were other confirmations, too...many of them.

As my plane landed in Amsterdam from Aberdeen, Scotland, I was rushing to make my connecting flight. A beautiful airport employee was handing out pink-tinted newspapers to business travelers in the airport. She was standing in one location, offering the papers to passersby. I had no time to go out of my way to see what she was giving out, even if I was interested. I also was loaded down with luggage, coats, tickets and passports, etc. The last thing I needed was something else to carry.

The airport is huge, my next gate was very far away, and my plane was leaving in moments. The beautiful lady spotted me in the crowd of travelers, left her post, matched her steps with mine, and put the newspaper in my hands. She did not do that for anyone else. Once on the plane, I finally saw what the paper was: The International Financial Times.

After the plane took off, the gentleman on my left struck up a conversation. He looked like a magazine cover for the affluent descendants of the Vikings or something. Long story short: he is part of an elite European team that works for an international financial and real estate corporation. He handles the financial side of the European transactions for this corporation.

Is there an echo on the planet?

Hours later, the very gregarious Middle Eastern man on my right turned and began talking to me. He works for the same company, except he works in the real estate side. He franchises real estate operations for the same corporation as the gentleman on my left. He has opened multiple franchises in over 35 countries in Europe, North America and the Middle East. His father was the only non-Muslim military general in his nation of origin. His mother is Mediterranean. He was born in Canada. They have business interests all over the world.

They are ridiculously wealthy. He began offering me unsolicited financial advice. I was listening from head-to-toe. There are tons of people who would have paid big money to hear what this man had to say. He was offering it to me because the Lord had pushed his "ON" switch, that released the overflow of his kind heart.

The two men were on their way to the same conference in Orlando. They did not know one another. I was seated between them by the Lord, Who wanted me to hear His echo in stereo for almost nine hours.

The European man is very, very lost spiritually. He knows it. He told me. Science and psychology are the gods he serves. He was elegant, articulate, fluent in several languages, accomplished, and successful. And lost. We got into a lively discussion of the role of faith in the manifestation of spiritual healing. Of course, his spirituality and mine were worlds apart.

The Middle Eastern man is a Coptic/Orthodox Christian. How confusing is that He showed me this gold amulet he wears...the thing is big enough to choke a horse. It had the ankh ("It is the ancient 'key of life' symbol that has been used for centuries!")

Yep. And it's also a well-recognized occult symbol, my friend.

"And this symbol is the ancient memorial to deceased loved ones, well known throughout the ages."

...And that would be an obelisk where I come from, home boy. I did not engage him in a deep theological discussion of the occult implications of the various symbols on the amulet. The Lord was showing me what I needed to see -- that this incredibly wealthy man had some heavy deception going on. My job is to watch and pray. And I could feel the activation of my anointing to shut up, while I watch and pray. Someone will uncover the true meanings behind the areas of deception for this precious man. But that was not my job, and that was not my day. The Lord was showing me key things that related to the word He had entrusted to me on January 23.

Ninety days from January 23 will bring us to April 16. Hmmm....that would bring us to the day after federal income tax day, April 15, here in the United States. Hmmm....

What is the Lord doing?

I believe He is underscoring, italicizing, asterisking, and highlighting the urgency of the moment we are in spiritually. This is not something to trifle with, but to go after with great intensity.

I am praying not only for my family, but for those associated with Prayer Harvest. And for those associated with the Days of Refreshing. And for those who will be stepping up to the plate, carrying the re-captured spoils from the enemy. That will be strategic in advancing the Kingdom.

These resources are Kingdom resources. They are not meant to only increase our comfort and luxury. They are necessary for the harvest ingathering. We don't have the luxury of NOT apprehending what belongs to us for the task at hand. We WILL apprehend these things. We WILL prevail. The same Lord Who has issued this urgent call has guaranteed by His shed blood that we war from a position of accomplished victory.

Please be sure to send in your victory reports, Fearless Servants. And when you have apprehended what is assigned to you, don't stop contending. War for those who are still in the process. Where we're going, we're going together. And that's the fun part of the journey....

For His harvest,

Donna Chappell
Tampa Bay, Florida
Uniting and training harvesters, Psalm 126

Prophetic Insights For The UK
Musa Opiyo

May 8, 2005

Two Trumpets

In a vision I see two shofars. The first one has Ezekiel 37 written on it and as it sounds, it is calling the Lord's army to awaken from their slumber. From North, South, East and West he is gathering his army of men, women, boys and girls, and calling them to awaken. He is drawing them from the four corners of this country to be united together to receive a strategy to overcome the enemy from the Chief Strategist, Jesus himself.

A second shofar is then blown and its high pitched piercing sound is calling his people to war. And I hear the Lord saying fear not. As I said to My servant Joshua, so I say unto you, be strong and courageous. Do not fear the war that is before you, for I have anointed your hands for war and your fingers for battle. (Psa 144:1)

A Call To War

There is a war going on in the heavenlies between the armies of heaven and the armies of darkness. God is calling his people to violent praise and intercessory prayers. God is calling his people to begin to pray unusual prayers of faith. Decree that every stronghold is broken. God is calling us to violent praise. This means to praise him even when we feel that there is so much opposition, for that will be a sign that you are nearing breakthrough. The Word of the Lord to his people in this land is Don't give up. Continue to prophesy and decree the downfall of every unrighteous foundation and structure in the land and call down by faith the anointing that breaks the yoke (Isa 10:27).

There will be an unusual sign in the heavens of rain falling at unusual times, even during the summer months. As we pray for this nation and its leadership, it will be a sign of breakthrough and the Lord bringing the former and latter rain in its fullness (Jer 5:24). God is sounding his trumpets to awaken his people and calling his people to earnest prayer for the nation.

This is a time of grace and a time when he is releasing an open heaven over his saints so that they will receive direction on how to pray. I believe the Lord wants us to be bold with our prayers, as the word says that the Kingdom of God suffers violence, and it is the violent that take it by force (Matt 11:12). Let us boldly come come before the throne of grace and ask him for this nation.

Harvest for Souls

There is a turning of the tide and I believe there is a great harvest of souls in this land waiting to hear the message of Christ. I believe there is a mindset of self-consciousness that the Lord would want to break over his people. The Lord wants us to be radical for him, and by that I don't mean to just get out of control, but a boldness to share Jesus message of salvation freely knowing that some might reject this message. The Lord will give us wisdom in leading us to those who we are to minister to, because there are some who are not ready to hear the message of Christ's death and resurrection, and so we are admonished to be careful not to "cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet" (Matt 7:6)

Prayer Covering against Terrorism

The Lord is calling his people his people to pray for a covering of the blood of Jesus over the borders of the nation, because there is a big wave of terrorism planned and meant for this nation, yet I hear him saying If only My people would prayer. Prayer will change the course of events and all plans and operations of terrorism will be averted if we continue to pray.

Harvest for Muslims

There is also coming a great harvest for Muslims into the Kingdom of God that is going to happen here in the UK. There is a special grace for Muslims and so I hear the Lord say don't be surprised to see Muslims unusual open to hear the Gospel. At this time it is very easy to judge muslims and to label the word 'terrorist' on them, yet the war we are up against is not against flesh and blood, but "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph 6:12), which in this case is the spirit of Islam behind it. I prophesy the fall of the spirit of Islam in this nation says the Lord.

Marketplace anointing being released

There is a marketplace anointing on this land. I hear the Lord say I am going to move out of the four walls of the church and into the businesses and offices, into the supermarkets and into the retail outlets. I am calling My people, those that are willing, to be vessels of light in these areas. I am breaking the confines that people have placed Me under and reaching those that were previously unreachable.

A Garment of Praise

There is a garment of praise that is being placed over this nation. I believe the Lord is releasing new sounds in the heavenlies that will shake this nation to the core. I hear the Lord saying My people do not realise the value and strength of their praise, but as they open their mouths I will fill it with My praises says the Lord. It was praise that brought the walls of Jericho down. Praise sends the armies of darkness into confusion, and so as we praise, the enemy shall be sent into confusion.

Know who your true enemy is

I believe this is a warning from the Lord against seeds of division that are being sown by the enemy, satan, in order to distract us and throw us off course. The Lord is calling us to unity in our walk with him (Amos 3:3). Why is he sowing division? "Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken." (Eccl 4:12) He knows that as we stand in unity, we are a much stronger force against him and together in our prayers and our praise there isn't much that he can do. Let us stand together as one Body in Christ. A new day is dawning for the U.K. From the four corners of this nation the Lord is drawing us together to seek him and worship him in spirit and in truth. A day in which his promises for us shall come to pass, for they are indeed yes, and in Him amen (2 Cor 1:20)

Blessings,
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Prophetic Insights and Directives for the UK

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England:

Replacing Religion with Relationship

I heard the Lord say I will replace religion with relationship. No longer shall My English people worship a God that seems afar off but one whom they have come to know intimately.

I believe the Lord is releasing this country as a whole from traditions of the past and going through the rituals of the past and that he is releasing a new form of intimacy. A new river of healing shall flow through the hearts of My people says the Lord that shall break the ice over the hearts of men. Out of this shall burst forth a new revelation about what true intimacy with God is really like.

There is a level of intimacy that Adam and Eve experienced in the garden of eden that has been for the most part lost to mankind, but I feel the Lord will revive that in England. I hear the Lord saying England shall return to her first love (Rev 2:4-5). The Lord also showed me that he is releasing a special anointing of intimacy especially with the men. Ladies you are not exempt from this, but men on the whole are lot more resistant to intimacy with Christ than women are.

To you men who have been resistant to My intimacy the Lord says too late. I say too late because the river of My presence shall hit you in such a way that your hearts shall give in to a new and deeper depth of a relationship with your God.

Abandoned Churches becoming places of revival.

Around England you will find a lot of pre 1st World War built churches, some dating back centuries before. Most of them either have very little attendance while some have been abandoned altogether or turned into museums. I sense that the Lord will once again use these places as centers of revival where miracle and repentance meetings will be held once again as in the times of the old revivals.

I hear the Lord say, Lazarus shall be woken up. Those churches that you see empty or abandoned shall once again facilitate an ushering of My presence and My Glory.

Vision of the Olive Tree

I saw an olive tree standing in the midst of an olive grove. Among the branches were olives which started letting out oil that seeped through the branches and onto the tree trunk. Before this the tree looked old, almost withered and without life. I sensed in my spirit that the Lord is pouring out his oil upon the church in England. This oil (anointing) has been stifled and held back for a long time, and this in many ways has prevented the Body from experiencing times of refreshing in many places.
A fresh anointing is coming says the Lord. My people have prayed and the barriers have been broken, and now My Spirit shall flow in full measure.

Psalm 1: A Call to Holiness and Godly counsel

The Lord is speaking Psalm 1 over this nation in a call to righteous living. Although this applies to the nation as a whole, I feel he is speaking particularly to walk in holiness before the Lord. If we as a church are not walking in his ways, then how else will the nation be turned to God?
The Lord says people will no longer see hypocrites in My people but transparent people burning with My fire and the uncompromising word of God. I will have a people after My own heart.

A New Sound of Praise

I heard the Lord say I will anoint the music industry. Even now I am sending musicians who will bring forth a new sound from heaven that will captivate even the secular media. God is going to move with music in such a way that some Christian songs released will go to number one in the secular charts. God is looking for those who will say yes, those who will open their mouths and allow Him to fill them with his praises.
I am going to take the music industry by storm, says the Lord.

Scotland: A Nation of Bravehearts

God is going to anoint Scotland for prayer. The Lord is releasing a strong mantle of prophetic intercession in Scotland. He is going to raise up prayer groups that are going to be radical with prayer. Faith will arise to believe God for the impossible. Scotland is going to come to a revelation of what true Spiritual warfare is.

Truly the prayers of a righteous people shall avail much in this land says the Lord. For I am raising up a band of faith warriors whose prayers shall release My will into the heavenlies and into the atmosphere. There is a new sound coming out of Scotland says the Lord. It is a sound of war, but indeed My people in Scotland shall be victorious as they continue to put their faith and trust in Me.

Wales: My Fire shall move quickly

During the industrial revolution here in the UK and into the mid 20th century, Wales thrived in the coal industry (coal mining and coal being used to power the then steam machinery). But this industry has since seen decline mainly because better more efficient substitutes have emerged and the fact that there isn't that much coal left as before.

In a vision the Lord showed me Wales covered with coal that was glowing red. A fire then swept through the coal igniting more fires until Wales was literally ON FIRE. I heard the Lord say I am blowing My winds over Wales. My fire shall sweep across Wales again as it did in the earlier revival period. Nothing and noe one shall be able to stand against this fire. Because I am consuming Wales once again with My Glory.

Coals on Lips

The Lord showed me that he was visiting many of His Welsh people and touching their lips with the coals of heaven as it was in Isaiah 6: 6-7. This is symbolic for a strong spirit of prophecy that shall come upon the Welsh people.
The Lord says I will anoint your lips to speak My Word boldly. I am giving Wales a new authority of tearing down strongholds and building up the Kingdom of God. Speak forth that it is indeed a time of release. The chains shall fall off, the scales shall fall from My peoples as they see My anointing and Christ in you.

Liquid Gold

I saw the Lord pour liquid gold over Wales that spread to her neighbours and to the nations of the earth. He is pouring out a great measure of glory upon Wales such that this fire shall spread to the nations of the earth.

Northern Ireland: Your walls are coming down

The Lord says Northern Ireland your walls are coming down. Not only are the walls that you have erected against Me going to fall, but the walls you have erected against each other too shall fall. The Lord showed me a stone wall that stood between the Pentecostal and Roman Catholic communities that brought the separation which in the natural we see as the conflict between both groups. I saw the Lords hand bring the wall down and both groups come to a reconciliation. They came to a place of seeing Christ through the same eyes.
Great reformation is coming to Northern Ireland.

Blessings,
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ITEMS FOR PRAYER

The Lord brought to my spirit two issues that I have felt the need for a lot of prayer. When I asked the Lord about them, he simply said "Pray". Maybe the Lord has revealed other bits and specifics to more people. It would be encouraging as we all only see in part.
The first was the stock market. I feel in my spirit that a shaking is coming to it. The Lord just placed a strong urge to pray concerning this area.
The second was the upcoming elections. They are already tense with Tony Blair being seemingly unpopular at the moment because of his involvement with George Bush over the Iraq war and other issues like that.
As I said, they are just urgings that the Holy Spirit brought to pray for. May God give us revelation and open our eyes further to what he is doing so that we can pray,

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People In Bondage

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Hi, I was thinking about a recent sermon that was preached about how sin causes suffering. The preacher prayed for those that wanted prayer afterwards. I was very upset as he never even hinted that suffering isn't always caused by sin! That was over a month ago now, and I couldn't stop thinking about it.

Now, I realize that this is the kind of sermon is used by the enemy to keep people who are suffering in bondage. It will keep people from getting victory in their spiritual lives because they will always think that they are not good enough. It keeps them bound to 'the church' and I think that this is a scheme from our adversary the devil that preachers use and think that it is alright.

I also believe that there are many other sermons leaders preach that only give half truths in order to keep the people in subjection to themselves and the church, and to keep them downtrodden, and trusting in men rather than trusting in the Lord.

Can you see what confusion this simple little omission can cause with people who are suffering, and how it can heap more suffering upon those that are already suffering? Also it will cause those that are not suffering to have disdain for anyone who is suffering! No wonder we don't see any compassion in the church! No wonder the leadership can get away with taking all of the ministry unto themselves as if they are the only great heroes that can do it!

Then they will brag about it.. they tell how they are going to be serving the Lord in ministry until they get taken home. This has caused some that know that God has called them into ministry to be bound and suffering at the hands of those that are in ministry. Too many times I have seen how no one else can do anything spiritual in ministry around these who are the ones in leadership. Have you ever heard of someone saying that if they can't do anything for the Lord they may as well just die? There have been many ways of the church that have kept people in bondage, while leadership manifests themselves as the "saviors" of the people!

The leadership proclaims to be the covering of all of the people, and without this 'covering' they have no right of passage to minister! Do you think that God may not be very well pleased with these leaders? How do you think that these leaders would react to Jesus coming and overturning some tables!?

I believe that they many would react the same way the chief priests did in that day! They asked Jesus, 'by what authority do you do these things?'
(See Mark chapter 11)

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Partners in Crime

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"Justice and mercy are the foundation of My throne! Righteousness and TRUTH have kissed each other. I am releasing and I am increasing.

I am preserving TRUTH in the inner parts of men and women who have paid the cost and been willing in their hearts, if not in their flesh to die to self.

There is no other path but the narrow path to walk on, if you want eternal life. The gate is wide that leads to destruction. There is only one Way that leads to life. The soul that seeks to save his life will lose it.

Matt 7:13-14 AMP

13 Enter through the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and spacious and broad is the way that leads away to destruction, and many are those who are entering through it. 14 But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it. [Deut 30:19; Jer 21:8.]

Matt 16:25-27 NKJV For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

The fruits of righteousness are sown in peace by those who make peace.

They are not sown by those who hold grudges, by those who hold bitterness and suspicion in their hearts. You cannot be a peacemaker and hold grudges.

You cannot be a peacemaker and have vengeance in your heart. Your heart must be FREE of all unforgiveness. Forgive one another as I HAVE FORGIVEN YOU and granted you mercy and grace! Is there anything I have not forgiven you? Then why do you hold ought against your brother and sister? Forgiveness is a process, but it starts with obedience to forgive. I will help the heart that is willing to change. But the heart that seeks it's own way will be given over to delusion that person insists to go in rebellion away from Me and My ways.

James 3:17-18 NKJV But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

The hour is nigh when the times will test men's souls and will test what kind of soldier you have become. My heart is bent on harvest and I will soon come and deliver you from the bondages and sins that have easily beset you or that you have been unable to overcome though your heart has desired it. I will always bless the heart that is set on pilgrimage – the one who is desirous for more of ME. I long for you to have all that I have for you. But if I were to give it without your being prepared, it would be spoiled and pride would contaminate that gift. I am not willing that you should perish in being overtaken by the evil one. I desire you to come to the fullness of the knowledge of My love so that you can be filled to the brim with the very fullness of My presence! Those who desire their OWN WAY but have been hindered by the enemy will even be turned around. But those whose desire is soley for wickedness and self preservation will be given over to delusion and deception."

Rom 1:25-31 AMP Because they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever! Amen (so be it). [Jer 2:11.] 26 For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one, 27 And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another--men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.

28 And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome,

29 Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers,

30 Slanderers, hateful to and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient and undutiful to parents. 31 [They were] without understanding, conscienceless and faithless, heartless and loveless [and] merciless.

"For even now lawlessness arises, as men have become lovers of themselves instead of lovers of GOD. Rebellion has risen to unbelievable heights in men desiring to clone human beings, despising My laws , and hateful towards My ordinances. They have taken upon themselves to do whatever they want, and their minds have become corrupt as in the times of Noah. They purpose to build a Babel of their own making, and to usurp the power that belongs to the ALMIGHTY alone!"

2 Tim 3:1-5 AMP BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear]. 2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

"Because of this and My love for you, My beloveds, I will do a great and mighty thing on your behalf! I will prepare you for the times ahead and I have been preparing you in many ways. Wisdom will be the treasure of these times. Understanding will be poured out as never before. TRUTH will be your shield and buckler. LOVE will be poured into you that is pure and holy.

My love and MY glory will be poured out as never before. YOU will not be as you have been. I AM DOING A NEW THING! Eye has not seen, nor ear heard what God has prepared for those who love Him. Believe me, though evil men wax stronger and more plentiful, I have preserved a remnant that will do MY WILL ALONE! You will march together without breaking ranks!

You will work together and love one another as I have loved you. Those who prefer the darkness will not comprehend it. I have chosen you before the foundations of the earth to do what I have desired. I knew who would say yes and who would in their hearts be willing. And in fact I have put that desire to the test in many ways. You will soon experience what your hearts have longed for and you will be set on a new course."

Dan 12:4 AMP But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. [Amos 8:12.]

Isa 60:1-5 AMP ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech 8:23.]

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa 60:19-22; Mal 4:2; Rev 21:2,3.]

3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17.]

4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and tremble with joy [at the glorious deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures. [Ps 119:32.]

" Those who are partners in crime and wicked in their hearts will be exposed! Those who are wolves in sheeps clothing will be seen for who they are! You will trample the wicked in this hour. The enemy will become your footstool as I catapult you into greater vision, understanding and authority! The Son will arise with healing in HIS WINGS!"

Mal 4:1-3 AMP FOR BEHOLD, the day comes that shall burn like an oven, and all the proud and arrogant, yes, and all that do wickedly and are lawless, shall be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. [Isa 5:21-25; Matt 3:12.]

2 But unto you who revere and worshipfully fear My name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing in His wings and His beams, and you shall go forth and gambol like calves [released] from the stall and leap for joy.

3 And you shall tread down the lawless and wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, says the Lord of hosts.

A Mother’s Love
Priscilla Van Sutphin

May 7th, 2005

“I am a good Father Who gives good gifts to His children. I nurture and I admonish. I give and I take away. I love and give affection and I chastise to let you know when you have transgressed. I am a GOOD FATHER. I AM a good mother as well. I am EL SHADDAI, the mother-father God, and I am not absent of emotions for those I love. I feel the pain and hurts you endure. I feel the rejection and persecution you endure. My heart LONGS to heal you more than you want to be healed.

I am building confidence in My BRIDE in your ability to understand My love and grace for you! I am not a harsh and abusive father. I am LOVE. My love NEVER FAILS! I love My children and nothing in this world or in the heavens, nor under the earth can separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus! NOTHING! NOTHING! NOTHING can separate you from ME!

There is so much defensive pride in the body of Christ. It is there because you don’t understand the glorious power of My love nor the fullness of the power of the CROSS. You don’t understand My GRACE to the extent you need to know it! But I am REVEALING! I am RELEASING UNDERSTANDING, and WISDOM, and KNOWLEDGE and REVELATION of My love and grace to you! I am releasing you from the blockages that have kept you in bondage to lies of the enemy! I am restoring My church , My bride. But this will bring great division between who is truly MINE, and who follows after self and the enemy.

I will utterly destroy all selfishness and self will in the days ahead with the power of My love and grace. I will TRANSFORM the CHURCH and I will change completely the heart attitudes of many peoples. At the same time there will continue a harlot church that will compromise and lay down to the gods of the world. Do not think it strange My children, for I have told you beforehand all these things. As I ARISE to change things, there will be a falling away of those who retreat in FEAR of what I do now. But those who love me will arise with healing in their hearts, and the power of the CROSS to endure all hardship that will eventually come. Keep YOUR EYES ON ME!
Know that I AM WITH YOU TILL THE END OF ALL TIME! That time is growing shorter and shorter. ESCALATION has begun and your hearts will
hurt to see all that I must do to restore the ancient foundations of GRACE and MERCY and HOLINESS. I AM PURIFYING and I AM RESTORING.

I am releasing suddenlies. I am releasing miracles and signs and wonders in the earth and in the heavens. You will be amazed and your hearts will leap with joy as I step down to take the side of My bride!

Being a mother is a great and awesome responsibility. It brings new growth in the walk of life, and it brings great blessings. I am so wanting to bless all women who suffer under difficult situations, yet their hearts are tuned in to ME, and they try with all their might to follow My will. There is great blessing in being a mother. And there is great blessing in honoring mothers.
Remember that I AM is Mother-Father also and will always hold you in My arms whenever you need for me to do so. I am HERE FOR YOU ALWAYS!
My love and mercy endure forever!”

Isa 49:15-16 NKJV "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you. 16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me.

Isa 66:13-16 NKJV As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
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When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, And your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, And His indignation to His enemies. 15 For behold, the LORD will come with fire And with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword The LORD will judge all flesh; And the slain of the LORD shall be many.

Transition to a Bigger Picture

by Bill Somers

At the recent Missions Conference held at our local Church, I was allowed to make a presentation to the Missions Director; and to speak a word of prophecy to go with it.
What I presented was a large print of the painting "Threshing Wheat" by Thomas Hart Benton. Up to that point the missions office had only one harvest painting on their wall. The picture I was giving them would be the second. As I presented them with this print I had the missions pastor hold up the new picture and his wife hold up the old one, side by side for comparison.
I had written out some of this prophecy but when the time came to give it, the Lord had given me something else. The written version presented here is a combination of both.

A prophetic comparison of the harvesting paintings.

The first painting shows three people bending down and picking up stalks of wheat off the ground. The area they work in is relatively small. They can only gather as much as they themselves can carry.

The second painting shows teams of men with wagons, trucks and machinery working in vast open fields. They are harvesting and processing great wagon loads of wheat. The second picture also is a good deal larger than the first.

The prophetic element is the comparison of the two paintings. They are the before and the after.

For the Lord would say to his pastors and missionaries; to the local and the world wide ministries: You are now called to a bigger picture! Behold you are called to have a greater vision, you are called to greater fields, you are called to greater mobilization, you are called to greater authority, you are called to greater activity, you are called to a GREATER HARVEST.. You are called into my **end time harvest.**

This is not just a little bit bigger; this is not just bumping it up 5 or 10 percent, this is not just a doubling or even a tripling. This is WAY GREATER! This is way greater than you can even figure.

For there is a transition coming upon my Church, and it is already begun. Some are calling it a reformation, some speak of repentance, some call it revival, I call it a Redemption. Some will see it as a collapse, a calamity or a civil war. Some will see it as a scourging and a shaking. It is Judgment beginning at the House of God. Yet my judgments are redemptive, remember that the Seat of Judgment is also the Throne of Grace. As my word says Zion shall be redeemed with Judgment and her converts with Righteousness. The Lord of the Harvest must first be Lord of the laborers. When Joel's army is finished, Gideon's army will march.

So this transition will redeem my Church and enable her to bring in my harvest of converts. The difference will be like night and day, it will be like death and life, it will be like these two pictures.

These pictures are the before and after. The key difference is that the people in the second picture are using power. There is a large plume of black smoke coming from the threshing machine. Where there is smoke, there if FIRE, And where there is FIRE there is POWER!

For I am sending down the FIRE and You shall have my POWER!

Before you were like a car stuck in first gear
After you will pull out on the open road and put the hammer down.

Before you were just getting off the runway,
After you will pull back on the stick and light off the after burner like a Navy Blue Angel on takeoff.

Before you were like a Star Trek ship putzing along on impulse power,
After you will take it up to Warp 10!

Before you gleaned handfuls,
After you will harvest wagon loads.

Before you sent out a few workers, like scouts or skirmishers,
After you will mobilize entire divisions.

Before your people did pretty much the same identical tasks,
After they will operate in the unique ministries and roles I have created them for.

Before you operated in natural strength like the people in the first picture can only gather what they can carry themselves,
After you will be born of the spirit, move in supernatural power Like the people in the second picture have trucks, wagons and machines to allow them to do more than their own human strength would allow, so you will operate in supernatural grace and strength. You will move in my Power!

Before you had short visits, and blessings and moves of my spirit,
After I will pour out my spirit without measure. I will dwell among you on an ongoing basis. And you shall see the whole earth filled with my glory.

Up to now, I have called you to fields that were open; to places where people were hungry for the gospel. Now I am calling you to places that are not open; where there is no hunger for the gospel; where they are even taught to reject the name of Jesus from childhood. To bring in my harvest from these fields will take my Power. The Power that I am about to give to my Church.

All through history, the adversary has erected walls. Walls intended to keep my people out and my spirit from moving. But I say unto you. That they are only walls. They will fall in due time. The walls of Jericho were only walls, when the time came they fell. The Berlin wall was just a wall, it fell. The wall of China is falling even now. The walls of Mecca will fall shortly. The walls of the strongholds of Buddha, Krishna and Allah that keep the gospel from penetrating the 10-40 window will fall soon. But first the walls that separate my people one from another will fall. Then you will see the fire and walk in my Power

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Peace In The Storm

Betty Heimbach

“My Children,

“Be encouraged. I have not forsaken you, nor taken My watchful eye from you. You are Mine. You are precious to Me. Your life is precious to Me. My hand is upon your life. My hand is on you, to guide you, to care for you, to shelter you in every storm.

“You know My voice. Listen to me. For I do have some things I want to speak to you. Do not allow fear and concern to distract you. Do not allow the lies of the enemy to fill your mind so that you are not listening for My voice.

“I am walking in the center of your storm with you. Hold on. Hold on to Me. Hold on to My word. Hold on to your faith. Hold to My hand. Hold on.

“Do not allow the enemy to torment you with thoughts of impending disaster. Have I not clearly spoken to you in days gone by? Have I not given you warning of things to come? Is My voice now silenced? Can I no longer speak? Yes, I can and I do speak to you now. I am giving you My words of direction, of instruction, of warning and of comfort.

“Receive comfort and reassurance now, My child. Receive peace and rest – now. I am able to speak to you. My voice is still strong. Do not listen to the lies and accusations of the enemy. The best is yet to come. You have not seen the fullness of My plan for you yet. There is more, much more. Yes, truly the best is yet to come.

"Do not accept discouragement. Do not accept defeat. Do not accept limitations. For you will see the fulfillment of My promises to you, if you will but listen to My voice and follow My guidance.

“Yes there are some changes ahead. There are changes coming. Some you will have to make. Some choices you will need to make to bring about the change that is needed. Some changes will come without your participation. They will come as waves of the sea flow in unbidden – but unstoppable. But they will not overwhelm you as you rest in Me.

“Listen to me and follow My plan. Follow My guidance. And the things I’ve already begun to speak to you follow through on – carry it through to fruition. Make a wholehearted commitment to change what needs to be changed. Then through discipline and faithfulness continue in your new course of action. Be quick to hear and quick to obey. Be faithful in your diligence to continue in it.

“You are Mine. Your life is in My hands – My capable hands. Yield yourself completely to me. Do a greater work of crucifixion of self and the self-life. No longer yield to habits and ways of old. Put to death all that wars against the new course you must now take. Follow through by rising up in the spirit over your flesh and you will see victory.

“You are Mine. My loving care covers this storm, this trial and any storm to come. I am in the storm with you. You are Mine and you are precious to Me.”

Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

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Brought forth as a bible study from the passage 1 John 4:17-21
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We are God's children, and He sent His Son to die in our place to pay the penalty of our sins which was death. Jesus is our ultimate example of perfect love personified. Fear has torment, and we have been delivered of this bondage, because Jesus has set us free from the Curse of the Law. We now can have peace with the Father and know in our heart that our life is in His hands and that He is in total control of all that we face daily.

Because He first loved us, we are now able to love Him and share His love with others. We have the assurance that as He is in the world, so are we. We are the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, born-again believers of the Gospel, and we are to shine as lights in this kingdom of darkness. Put on the Armor of Light and burn brightly as the noonday sun, and blind the enemy with the glory of God which is Jesus, the radiance of the Father.

Pull down the strongholds over the land, and join ranks in unity, and stay focused on the vision of God. There are many more who are with us than those who are not. So, stand firm on the promises of God. Waver not in unbelief. And rejoice for the Kingdom of God is at hand, and all of God's promises are yes and Amen for you! Halleluia!

Read verses 17-18. - Made Secure in Him

Because Christ died for us and we have received Him into our heart, we have the assurance that we have peace with the Father and have escaped His wrath. When once we were enemies of God, now we are His friends. The Father no longer sees the sin upon our life but sees the purity of His Son's blood upon us. Love has been perfected among us in that God gave His only begotten Son, and whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but shall have everlasting life.

Because of the grace of God, we have boldness in the day of judgment. And because we are now in Christ and are no longer enemies of God, we have the same stand as Christ before the Father, and before the powers and principalities of the enemy, and before those of the world. So, we should walk in boldness, and take our authority in the name of Jesus, and know assured that whatsoever we say believing we shall have. Because we have the love of Christ in us, we are to have no fear but the knowledge that God will protect us and take care of us always.

Read verse 19 - Because of His Love

Because of the mercy and grace of God, we were drawn into His presence. And by the wooing of His Spirit and His tender loving-kindness and patience, He kept His hand on our life even though we were lost. He knew us before the foundation of the earth, and everything that we had faced in life had the sole purpose of bringing us into the Kingdom of God where we would respond to His love. Because He first loved us, we are able to love Him and share His love with others, but this is a growing process. As we grow closer to Him in intimacy, He is able to heal our heart of the hurts we had experienced and is able to strengthen us where we are free to stand bold and unwavering in Him.

Read verses 20-21 - To Press in for Unity

Those who have truly been with the Father in an intimate relationship have experienced His love more deeply and are able to overcome and spread His love to others. But those who are easily offended and are tempted to become self-centered and inconsiderate just show that they have given into having a carnal lifestyle. You only reap the fruit of the one you spend the most time with. We are to manifest the character of Christ by spending time with Him. Otherwise, we manifest the character of our enemy or of our carnal nature and the world.

Satan is out to steal, kill, and destroy and that is of our testimony as a Christian. We are to be aware of the enemy's tactics to try to snare us. He uses complacency, the allurements of the world, vanity, and many other distractions to try to keep us from coming into the presence of the Lord. As we draw close to the Lord in our times of devotion to Him, we are becoming more like Him allowing Him to love through us. We cannot do it in our own strength, so we need not try. Just by being yielded vessels of His glory are we able to unite as the Army of God to draw in the lost.

Keep your eyes focused on the vision that God has given you and not become sidetracked by the purposes of the world. Be Kingdom-minded always, destined to spread the Gospel of Christ, and live the crucified life. God by His grace will complete His work in us.

Final Word - Because of the love and grace of God, we are now free and are in Christ today and are in the position where we can stand strong against the enemy. The battle is the Lord's, and the key to walking in His victory lies in the time that we spend quiet and still before Him basking in His presence. Remember, we become like the one we spend the most time with!

Powerful Love Changing The World

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The most powerful motivational force known to man is love. Fear is a powerful motivator but love over powers fear and casts it away. Hatred and revenge are passionate motivators and they along with greed, desperate need, lust, covetousness and pride drive men's actions but mature love overpowers them all.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.
The word translated "perfect" here means "complete or mature".

Transformation of cities begins with personal transformation. Complete or mature love in men's hearts casts out all fear and pride destroying evil motivations and desires. Purity and holiness are released into the life through mature love. This result is transformation to calm powerful holy boldness to live as Christ is in the world.

1 John 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

We are now witnessing the beginnings of the most powerful stage of transition that the world has ever known. The most powerful force for transformation is coming forth into the reality of the world. Many are coming into the experience of abiding in the love of God - in love with God. Religion and every other passionate motivator is being dissolved in the hearts and lives of those maturing into the love of God.

In the recent past stages of this current transitional season, the love of God has been seen in His power coming forth to set people free, heal, and deliver many in powerful spiritual revival outpourings characterized by exciting praise and intimate worship of God. The love of the Father has come forth in the diverse realities of spiritual manifestations in renewal gatherings. Through the powerful presence and ministry of the Holy Spirit, transformation and impartation have come forth as people learned to soak in His presence and enter more fully into the work of the Spirit. Prophesy and intercession have moved to greater levels and spiritual revelation has removed the covering from deeper truths of the word of God.

Over the years each stage has prepared the people of God for the next stage. In the early stages of preparation we did not see a great world harvest. Individuals and congregations were transformed and there were those coming in from the world but the focus has been on awakening and maturing God's people. The lukewarm has been passing away as God's people have been becoming fervent in the passion of His love.

We now enter the harvest time. The cross is again looming large before us. Hearts broken by the love of God are turning toward a lost world of needy people with passionate love of God. As intercessors we have wept for ourselves and for the "church" but now the faces of multitudes of lost are appearing in our broken hearts. Multitudes will reach multitudes as each one touches others with the pure love of God.

1 John 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God loves his brother also.

THE HARVEST IS ON! This is a sovereign move of God by His Spirit from within His people. It is not an evangelistic program or campaign. As wonderful as the great evangelistic days were, the Billy Graham Crusades and similar works will not be the major harvest machines of this move. Yes, there will continue to be great gatherings and multitudes of stadium gatherings of praise, worship, powerful ministry, and prayer that touches heaven and changes earth, but the harvest will come through a multitude of individual priests - a generation of beacons of light that have been in the very presence of God and are radiant with His love.

The people around them will be drawn to the love and glory of Christ in them. The harvest will mature in multitudes of house churches and business churches as well as local groups meeting in community buildings, store fronts and wherever. No one but the Lord will be able to number the multitude or rule over them. Christ will truly be the head of His glorious church of the harvest.

Transformation of cities will become transformation of nations as the glory of God fills the whole earth. The pride and arrogance of evil hates the love of God and desperately fears it coming forth in God's humble people. The cataclysmic events before us will bring massive destruction to the pride and loftiness of man as prideful men make war against God and His people. Those who can repent will, and multitudes will come to the light and so it is that the harvest increases.

The kingdom of God that is within His people will flow from them to become the way of life over all the earth.**(Luke 17:21)** The power and Love of God are inseparable. The love of God is the power that establishes, orders, and maintains the eternal kingdom of Jesus. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Phil 2:9-11: Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Many, in this moment of the transformation season, who have experienced at least some of the previous stages, are asking, How can I get there? How can I be one that brings the love and glory of God to an insane world that has lost its way? What can I do to demonstrate the supernatural love and power of God to the hurting, dysfunctional, world in such great need?

We must be changed. Even our questions must be changed as our hearts are changed. The question must become, how or what can we? instead of, how or what can I?. In our wilderness season God had moved us out of the institutionalized man controlled structures. He has a purpose in our wilderness experience. He has allured us to Himself in an intimate one on one relationship free from outside distractions. This intimate love relationship is the core of the rest of our lives and must be done in isolation with Him.

Some are just now going into their wilderness experience with Him. Others are yet in process of becoming one with Him in intimate love. And many others are maturing in His love and are now being led out of the wilderness. Their love is now expanding to include the world around them as they are being placed back with people.

First we must become one with Him and then one with one another.

For those coming out there must be a rejoining to the true Body of Christ in relationship with others as the Holy Spirit makes the connections. Small spiritually alive groups are now being formed. They are coming together in intimacy with Him. The intensity of supernatural reality is greatly increasing as the group enters into deep spiritual places with God. The relationships bring multiplication of His glory. The multiplied love and power brings a manifestation of His presence with such glory that the radiance is seen by others and they are drawn to the glory of God upon you and the Christ in you.

John 17:20-23: "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect (mature) in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

None of us have all of Christ within us. His Body is collective and His Bride is a collective Bride. The "you" in "Christ in you the hope of glory." is a plural or collective "you". In southern USA language it would be "Christ in Y'all".

Beware of the little kings - the controllers and manipulators that seek to draw you together under their control to help them build their kingdom all supposedly in the name of Christ. But allow the Holy Spirit to connect you in intimate relationships with other members of the Body of Christ. Intensely seek God's heart together and allow the Holy Spirit to lead and minister among you. Greater love and powerful miracles will result and the world will know that God has sent Christ among you and will come to the light of His glory.

As you leave the gathering and go about your life show the love and speak of the things God is doing and be ready to pray for the needs of those around you in the world. Miracles will result and people will come to trust the God they see in you. The power of love will change the world around you.

Prepare Me A Place

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PREPARE ME A PLACE

Watch and pray that you fall not into temptation for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. It is so important to draw close to Me while it is day for soon disaster will cover the earth, and it will not be as easy to draw close in the secret place as it is now. You must learn to develop that quiet time in your heart so that you can draw close to Me always. You will not always have your prayer closet to draw into where it is quiet and peaceful so you need to have your own heart to be that dwelling place where I long to be.

You say that you have invited Me into your heart, but have you prepared a place for Me where I am welcome? There is always the hustling and bustling of preparation and the rushing to and fro and never a time where you just settle down and rest with Me, but you must develop this place when you have the time. It doesn't come that easy when you have had the habit of being busy and distracted.

This is the day the Lord has made and you are to rejoice and be glad in it, and the only way to do this is by committing the day to Me first and draw close to Me. I want to be the Lord and savior of your life so that you will be free from all harm and to walk in My wisdom. In order to know My will you must know My voice. Otherwise, surely you will fall into a snare that the enemy has set up. These are basic directions but they are so important. I want you to know My voice in order to know My will, and in order to do this you must know My word. So draw close to Me this day and open up your heart that I might enter in.

I want to open up the flood gates of My love and glory. Yes, I want to engulf you with My tangible presence. I want to move through you with My gifts and touch you with My healing power. That is what I will do, but you must do your part to be in the place where you can receive from Me. Resist the enemy and he will flee. Yes, flee the temptations and the distractions and enter in to a close communion with Me.

Prepare that place in your heart for Me. Walk with Me and talk with Me in the cool of the day. Join with Me to bring about My perfect will and My kingdom. If you put Me first and My righteousness, all good things will be added unto you. Yes, I will provide for you and give you the desires of your heart, but I first must have your heart. I love you, My children, but you must draw close.

Prisoners of Hope

Victoria Boyson

There are times, while waiting for the birth of your destiny, that you feel as though you would like to give up hope, but God will not let you. It feels as though you are held captive by hope.

"Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you" (Zechariah 9:12).

There are times during the development of your dream when your hope seems to have turned into a prison. You cannot make your dreams come true, and yet you find it impossible to stop believing in them. You cannot go forward any faster than God will let you, and you cannot return to where you once were before you became pregnant with the promise from God. God will not let you give up! During this time you might feel like saying, "Okay God, this is enough! I don't want to hope anymore! I am tired of being pregnant with this promise! I want out of this prison of hope!"

It is during this time that your dream feels so real to you, yet to others it does not. *The conflict between what you feel in the Spirit and what is evident in the natural grates at your soul.* You feel much like you are on a Ferris wheel. You have your up times when you can see your dream's fulfillment far into the future, but you also have your down time when you cannot see anything. You think to yourself, "Am I crazy to think that God would bless me?" The enemy comes in like a flood and you begin to doubt, causing anguish to your soul. This is the time when God is doing His greatest work in you.

It is Because He Loves You

You feel as though you are ready for your destiny, but once again God directs you back to the refinery for more tweaking. Oh, how weary you are of the awful refinery and that seemingly endless tweaking. "Okay, God, you can stop now," you scream, but He does not stop. You are caught in a prison of hope and He will not let you out until He is finished with what He began in you.

It is like a child who has a sliver. He does not like the pain the sliver causes him, but he hates the misery of having his sliver taken out. Removing the sliver is important, but he doesn't understand that. Even if he did, it is hard to keep still while it is being pulled out. Well, we all have spiritual slivers that we need God to take out, and sometimes it really hurts, especially when the sliver is way down deep in our heart.

This is when the refining process REALLY hurts, because He is getting down to the very core of your soul, to the deep regions of your heart. He is developing things in you that you did not know you lacked -- things you did not even know you needed.

You think, "Okay, God, this is deep enough." But every builder knows you must dig down deep to lay a proper foundation first, before you start to establish the height of the structure. And the greater the height of the structure, the deeper the foundation must be.

It is God's great love for us that keeps us from entering our destiny until our foundation is secure. If He has held you back and you feel like a prisoner, He has done it out of love for you. He does not want to see all that He has worked to build in you crumble, because He did not take the time to develop a sure foundation. He loves you that much!

Even though it hurts you, He needs to hold you in the prison cell of hope until it is safe for you to come out. Even though you are sick and tired of hoping, of believing, of waiting, He will still make you hope, believe and wait even longer. And this can be the hardest thing He has asked you to do yet.

But when you feel like giving up, and yet continue to carry on, you begin to sense a strength rising in you that you did not know you possessed. And really, you did not possess it previously, because it was your reward for enduring this painful process. *It is a gift from God that the enemy cannot take away from you, because you have earned it.*

Held Captive by Hope

In the Word of God we can find many people who were held captive by hope; there are Moses, Joseph, and Abraham, to name a few. My favorite is David -- his honesty in the face of misery draws my attention.

God had promised David that he would rule the kingdom of Israel, and Samuel had anointed him for it (see 1 Samuel 16:13). But after David had been anointed as king of all Israel, he had to go back to tending sheep. It was years before the promise came to pass for David, and he spent many of those years being chased by the man whose throne he would inherit. Back in the pasture on his father's farm, he did not envision himself hiding out in caves or pretending to be a madman in order to save his own life (see 1 Samuel 22:11). After all, God said he was going to be a king. A king does not have to do those things . . . does he?

In Psalm 119:82, David cried out to God in song and said, "My eyes fail looking for your promise." I understand the longing in his heart as he spoke those words. It feels, sometimes, as though the promise will never be fulfilled. But in fact, it was fulfilled for David, and it will be for you, too, *if you do not give up*.

Hopeless, No. Helpless, Yes!

Do you feel sometimes as though you are hopeless? Well, you are not without hope; you are not hopeless, but you are helpless. God has put you in a position of helplessness or complete dependency on Him, and you are helpless to help yourself. You struggle to gain some measure of control over your life, but your pride (that you did not even know you had) is being crushed during this helpless state, and *the only thing for you to do is to surrender and receive God's peace*. You may feel hopeless, but really it is the condition of helplessness that is causing you pain. *God wants you completely dependant on Him, and He will keep you a prisoner of hope until you are.*

Return to Your Fortress

Your fortress during this time is trusting in a loving God. Trust Him in spite of all the reasoning of your mind, in spite of the circumstances that surround you. You were content to give God control of your life until He decided to do something with your life you did not like. You were happy to surrender all to Him until He decided to give your promotion to someone else. You believe in His sovereignty, until His sovereign will conflicts with your will. Then you are sure He has made a mistake. You want to run from Him, but He is your refuge. How do you run from your refuge? How do you run from the only one who really loves you or understands you? The answer is . . . you don't. So, return, my friend, to your fortress and remain a prisoner until He is done with you; until He decides you are ready for all that *He* has for you.

What now feels like a prison cell to you, God sees as a fortress. And, of course, He is right. He loves you and if you give Him control of your life, He will guard it for you. Perhaps what feels to you like a prison cell may really be your place of safety and protection. David did not like being in a cave, but it saved him from King Saul. You may not like the circumstances you are in now, but do not run from them. They may be what is saving your life!

Double for Your Trouble

Why are we going through what we are going through? The second half of Zechariah 9:12 gives us the answer we are looking for. It says, "Even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you."

God says, "Even now I announce to you that not only will I restore to you all that has been taken from you, but I will give you double for all the trouble you have endured." He says, "Don't stop now . . . keep trusting me, because I can see your future and it is very blessed. Keep walking with me and keep trusting in me and I will give you rest in the midst of the storm."

"Come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). When we have learned to "rest" in God in the midst of our storm, God is mightily blessed. It proves to Him that we trust in His goodness no matter what our circumstances appear like.

It pleases Him very much when we trust in Him, and when He is pleased He will burst forth blessings from heaven. He just cannot help Himself; He loves to bless those who trust in His goodness.

He, as He did for Israel in Zechariah 9:12, will stand up and announce to all that He is proud of you and intends to restore double to you for your continued trust in Him through all you have endured. And this is the beginning of your dreams coming true. Enjoy it, friend, because you have waded through the river of adversity and your heavenly Father is proud of you.

Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope.

Portrait Of Grace
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A trail of tears runs to the altar of my grace. From the altar the waters flow to my wounded people. "Weeping endures for a night but joy comes in the morning." Walk the path of compassion to a hurting world. Your healing drives away the darkness.

Release my bread in obedience and it will feed millions. Continually pour the new wine into the new wineskin. It is full and ready to be given out in power. The next step is to walk in my glory with complete freedom. You are meshed into the tapestry of my love. Your vision is a portrait in my throne room. It is uncovered before angels and saints.

The vision may tarry but only for a little while. It will shoot forth like a star. Your destiny and purpose moves heaven and shakes the earth. Bride, You are ready for the victorious song. The brand is plucked from the fire. Its glow and warmth have touched your lips and you speak. Fire goes forth to my people. Hearts of stone melt and the released captive sings freedom.

The deceiver will not hide. The evil deed will not damage. The strong man's hands are tied. Angels have been sent to deal with him. I provide a servant to carry the load. Balaam's donkey spoke because of mercy. The way is blocked for your protection. I will not let you pass until it is time. You will not go the way of Balaam.

Build the sanctuary. Break the yoke in two. Multiply the work and double the portion. "My yoke is easy." I found you in the garden and gave you my mantle. You have said," I am whole and complete."

I heard your declaration of victory. I heed your cries for my people. Your tears flow to my heart. Bleed no more for the pain inflicted. Their blood will I require because they seek to slay. Cain's mutiny is defeated. Abel's sacrifice speaks in your anointing.

The garden blooms because of your wounds. You bled as you protected my children. Weeping has been heard in Ramah and comfort has come from Zion. "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted."

New robes have been given that are stained with tears that I wept for you. I give them freely. Your garments are washed white as snow. Your feet are shod for the work of the ministry. Oil is in the city. The prepared ointment is fragrant with my aroma. Use it at the eastern gate. You wait for my return. Amen.

A word from the Heart

Byron

Partaking of His Divine Nature: Two Extremes

Don Walker

"For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become the partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust." (II Peter 1:4)

Theologians since the time of the early Church fathers have attempted to explain the nature of the believer's relationship with God. Through the centuries this issue has produced a broad spectrum of ideas. In our attempt to define and bring depth of understanding to God's revealed truth we must take care to remain within the biblical boundaries.

Some have taken the extreme position that believers are, by partaking of the divine nature, brought into a position of virtual equality with God. This view fails to adequately see the scriptural distinction between their union with God, in the divine life and nature, and the unique status of the Godhead possessed by the Trinity alone. They erroneously portray believers as in some way co-equal with God, assuming on some level His divine headship and authority. This appears to be the view of at least some in the "Word of Faith" movement. Their overreaching imprecise statements imply that "union with God" suggests equality with God, an absolute parity with God, and thus, some manner of participation in the Godhead and in those attributes of God which are incommunicable.

[In fairness to these brothers, I do not believe they are trying to actually lay claim to a co-equal status with God. These men are not trained theologically and thus in "stretching" to express a truth that they believe they see in the Scriptures; they appear to violate orthodox theological boundaries. They do not place sufficient "fences" around some of their statements. In addition to that, they seem to lack a clear understanding of the sovereignty of God.]

On the other end of the spectrum we have those who only recognize the believer's judicial relationship with God. This view holds that believers primarily imitate God's divine communicable attributes rather than partake of them. They deny or dismiss any organic relationship between the Triune God and His redeemed. This teaching minimizes the relationship of the believer to the Father to mere legal status of adoption, wherein the adopted child imitates the adoptive parent's behavior. I believe that this position is an over-reaction to the apparently extreme view they see as being perpetuated by the Word of Faith teachers.

I believe that the Biblical truth lies between these two extremes, embracing the judicial aspect of the believer's relationship to God and at the same time affirming his union with God in Christ. The Bible never elevates man to the status of equality with God. Even prior to the fall Adam was under God's direction and authority. God is man's Creator, and the Potter has non-negotiable power over the clay (Rom. 9:20-21). On the other hand, a number of authors, in reaction to the exaggeration, confusion, and the error of the Word of Faith teachers, end up throwing out the proverbial baby with the bath water. These authors have also rejected a number of essential biblical truths concerning the believer's vital union and identification with God in life and nature.

The believer's relationship with God is more than legal, forensic, and outward. It is more than "union of fellowship," as one author has called it. This is a limited view of our salvation. The Bible stresses that we are regenerated. According to I Corinthians 6:17: "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him." It is more than an "adoptive" status. God Himself indwells us (Rom. 8:9; Ephes. 4:6; Col. 1:27).

Jesus told His disciples to expect the Spirit of the Father to be in them (Matt. 10:20). He declared that both He and the Father would be in His believers (John 17:21). It is true that the incommunicable attributes of God are not possessed by the believer – these being self-existence, immutability, omniscience, omnipotence, omnipresence, eternality, and absolute sovereignty. Nevertheless, the Bible shows us that God has chosen to impart to believers His communicable attributes – these being compassion, graciousness, mercy, slowness to anger, truth, faithfulness, and forgiveness. [See Exodus 34:6-7.]

It is incorrect to teach that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit indwell the believer apart from the divine life and nature; this would fragment the essence of God. God's life and nature are received at the moment of regeneration. God brings about the transformation of believers into His image by causing His indwelling life and nature to grow and mature within them (II Cor. 3:17-18). Ultimately, at His return even the physical bodies of believers will be transformed to a glorified state reflectng the glory of Christ (II Thess. 1:10; I John 3:2). It is scriptural to assert that believers participate in the divine nature, as long as it is made clear that we never become part of the Godhead and never evolve from creature to Creator. (This is the error of Mormonism, which teaches: "As man is, God once was; as God is, men may be.")

What did Peter mean by the statement, "You may become partakers of the divine nature" (II Peter 1:4)? Many of the early church fathers saw Peter's statement as actual union and participation by believers in the divine nature. Origen equated this fellowship of the Spirit with our partaking of the divine nature. He stated, "What is the fellowship of the Holy Spirit? Peter describes this by calling it 'sharing in the divine nature.'" Ambrose, Cyril of Jerusalem, and Novatian all said similar things commenting on II Peter 1:4. (See Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture, New Testament Vol.11.) The Venerable Bede commented: "When God blesses us, He changes our very being so that whatever we were by nature is transformed by the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we may truly become partakers of His nature."

Many modern Bible scholars have asserted in their writings that partaking of the divine nature is something real and inward. For example, Kenneth S. Wuest states, "The believer is made a partaker of the divine nature (II Peter 1:4). The life of God, surging through His being, causes him to hate sin and love holiness, and produces in him both the desire and the power to do God's will." A.T. Robertson considers regeneration as a partaking of the divine nature, as he says concerning II Peter 1:4, "Peter is referring to the new birth as I Peter 1:23." Henry Alford goes so far to say that the perfect divine nature abides in the believer. He writes that believers are "partakers of the divine nature (i.e. of that holiness, and truth, and love, and, in a word, perfection), which dwells in God, and in you, by God dwelling in you." I believe that I can say with certainty that none of these men would argue that believers are equal with God, but they have clearly affirmed that God dwells in the believer, bringing His divine nature into their being.

God's purpose in salvation was never to merely grant the forgiveness of sin. God's purpose is to live in and through His redeemed community. The whole redemptive work of Christ, from the Incarnation to the Resurrection and Ascension, as well as the work of the Holy Spirit culminate with the believer becoming a partaker of His divine nature as the completion of our salvation.

God's DNA
Don Walker

God's DNA and the Transformation of the Believer

In yesterdays message we dealt with the issue of being "partakers of His divine nature" (II Peter 1:4). In regeneration, God's DNA is imparted to us – His seed abides in us (I John 3:9) – enabling us to reflect His divine nature (His communicable attributes - compassion, graciousness, mercy, slowness to anger, truth, faithfulness, and forgiveness [Exodus 34:6-7]). What Christ is by His nature, we are by His grace. By grace through faith we have become partakers of His DNA, His divine nature. God's purpose in salvation was never to merely grant the forgiveness of sin. God's desire was not to have "good men," but to have men who have God's DNA.

First John 3:9 says that God's "seed" (Greek word *sperma*) abides in everyone who has been begotten of God. The Amplified Bible says for this verse: "His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently in him." When we are regenerated we become children of God, possessing His heredity with His very life and nature. We are truly "born-again." In our first birth, we receive the human life and nature of our earthly father. In our second birth, we receive the divine life and nature of our heavenly Father. After our first birth, we need to grow in our human, physical life. After our second birth, we need to grow in the spiritual, divine life.

Our Union with Christ

This is a foundational aspect of the New Testament revelation that is expressed a variety of ways in the Scriptures. For example, the term our "union with Christ" addresses this same concept. T. Austin Sparks in the book, *The Centrality of Jesus Christ*, makes this statement:

"Union with Christ is the heart or center of all that has been revealed of God's thought concerning man and man's relationship to God. Union with Christ is like the hub of a mighty wheel. There are many spokes to that wheel – election, creation, redemption, salvation, sanctification, glorification; and then, like a series of subsidiary spokes – repentance, faith, justification, conversion, regeneration, and so on. These are the spokes of the wheel, but they all center in Christ and radiate from Christ and reach the rim, which is God. They unite us in Christ with God."

In Second Corinthians 4:6 Paul declares that God is "the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." Then in verse 7 he says, But we have *this* treasure in earthen vessels." This treasure, according to verse 6, is the *face* of Christ. (In Greek the word for *face* is the same word used for *person* in II Cor. 2:10.) It is the presence of Christ, the actual person of Christ, which is our treasure. We are earthen vessels who are worthless and fragile, but within our spirit we contain a priceless treasure, the person of Christ Himself.

Deification

I now want to introduce a word that was used by the early church fathers, a word that can be a "stumbling block" to those us who are Protestants; it is the word *deification.* This was the term used by the Greek fathers in the first four centuries of the Church. Jaroslav Pelikan, church historian, states: "For the Greek patristic tradition, especially in its mystical forms, the final goal and result of this saving knowledge, this forgiveness, and this rescue from death was 'deification.'" In the ancient church, deification was viewed as the ultimate goal of man's salvation. Athanasius, who stood against the heresy of Arianism at the Council of Nicea, made the statement: "He became human that we might become divine." (This could be translated, "that we might become God.") Was Athanasius a heretic? How could this "champion" of orthodoxy make such a statement? What did he mean?

He did not mean that man could become God in the Mormon or pagan sense. In the early church Christians opposed the deification on man in the widely held pagan sense, but they did not oppose a proper understanding of deification (Greek word – *theosis*). We must understand the distinctive way they used this term. They did not use the term, as some would presuppose. They understood that God had imparted to man, through the indwelling Holy Spirit, His communicable attributes. They understood that this was God's means of transforming men. Through the imparting of His DNA God brings man into His likeness, transforming him into a reflection of Himself.

What man lost at the fall was access to the tree of life (Gen. 2:9, 3:24), which we may say symbolized God as life to man for the fulfillment of man's purpose in creation. There is a deeper reason for the Incarnation. In Hebrews 2:10-11 we are told:

"For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father;* for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren."

Here Christ's incarnation is viewed on the much higher plane of man's sanctification, and by inference his ultimate glorification. In order to sanctify man, Christ certainly must be divine. This was a major argument of Athanasius and others against the Arians in the 4th century. But if He is to impart His holy nature (DNA), Christ must also be human. By incarnation Christ brought the sanctifying source into humanity as the object of sanctification.

As a synonym for deification, sanctification focuses on the change in nature that believers undergo in transformation from sinners to sons of God. Holiness, an attribute of God's nature, is by definition what separates God from everything else. God alone is holy (Rev. 15:4), and in so saying, we declare that He is unique among all things and separated from all things. Thus, when we are sanctified, in other words, made holy (Ephes. 1:4; Col. 1:22), we participate in that which sets God apart from everything else – His holiness. The Greek fathers referred to this participation as deification.

[For further study on this concept, I recommend reading *The Divinization of the Christian: According to the Greek Fathers* by Jules Gross, published by A & C Press.]

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Poised At The Jordan

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"The Church is now poised at the Jordan, getting ready to enter into a promised land of God's glory, unlike anything the Church or the world has ever seen. However, at the gate is the greatest battle. "

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This word includes insights from Bob Jones, Ryan Wyatt, and Jeff Jansen. There is a great battle taking place right now between the Kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of Darkness over the attention and desires of the soul of man.

DEMONIC FIRE

I was recently in Iowa ministering, and on one night I had spent around 30 minutes sharing testimonies of God's healing power in order to get the people's faith to a place of really engaging heaven. Just as I began to release the healing wave, someone's camper caught on fire out in the parking lot. So, as I'm releasing the healing wave, people are now running out of the meeting to check on their cars.
The fire department came blazing into the church parking lot, with their red lights flashing. The intercessors at the church had been seeing red, flashing lights in their parking lot in the spirit all week but did not understand it. Now, it was coming to pass right before our eyes. We all knew that this was demonic fire and distraction released from the Enemy to keep us from receiving from God.

GODLY FIRE

That night after the service, I was just laying down to sleep for the night and told the Lord that He had gotten my attention and that I was listening if there was anything that He wanted to say to me. At the very moment I laid my head on the pillow, the fire alarm in the hotel went off.
At this point I became absolutely amazed at the events of the night. As I got out of bed to be evacuated from the hotel, the Lord told me to watch the faces of the people because there was a message in it. I was walking out of the hotel at around 1:15AM, with many people who were awakened out of a sound sleep. They were groggy and wanted nothing more than to be able to return to the comfort of their beds and not be bothered by the red, flashing lights of the firemen in the parking lot.

After about 45 minutes of standing outside, we were allowed to re-enter the hotel. Upon entering, I asked one of the firemen what the cause was for the fire alarm going off. He said that they were really confused because they can almost always find a natural reason for it, but they had checked every fire alarm and searched the rooms and could find absolutely **no** reason for the fire alarm. I then knew that God was really speaking clearly!

WAKE UP CHURCH

I woke up that next morning with God abruptly saying to me: "WAKE UP CHURCH!" That morning I preached on Psalm 29 about the God of glory who thunders and shakes us out of our wilderness and causes things to give birth. While I was preaching on the this, someone was outside the church watching, as it began to thunder, and the whole sky filled up with clouds.

A cloud formation appeared in the shape of an arm and hand reaching down from the heavens, as it rested right over the church. Suddenly, the arm retracted back into the heavens, and a literal hole opened up in the clouds, right over the church. Then, the sky broke forth with rain. This was all seen with the natural eyes, as a sign and a wonder in the heavens and on the earth.

I immediately called Bob Jones after the service to discuss it with him. We agreed that we are in a very intense time of warfare over the attention and desires of the soul of man. The devil is releasing everything he can to distract and suppress the church into a slumber. Meanwhile, God is shaking things up in our lives to get our attention. God wants us to wake up, and for those that will respond, God will open up the portals of Heaven, extend His arm of power, and release the rains of Heaven to put out all the demonic fires that rage around us!

COME UP FROM YOUR GRAVES

The week after being in Iowa, I came together with Bob Jones, Jeff Jansen, and Brad McClendon to minister at the Midwest Convergence in Cincinnati, Ohio. This was a gathering geared toward getting God's heart for the hour and releasing it to the Church. God spoke clearly from the very beginning. The people were expecting some stupendous, awe-inspiring word to be released, but instead, the Lord spoke the least expected.

God spoke to us about the Church being in a time of transition from the wilderness into the promised land. When Israel came up to the Jordan for the first time and God was going to lead them in, they were defeated because of the issues of their own souls. Issues like self-rejection, doubt, fear, unbelief, worry, insecurity, unforgiveness, etc…

The Church is now poised at the Jordan, getting ready to enter into a promised land of God's glory, unlike anything the Church or the world has ever seen. However, at the gate is the greatest battle. The devil tries to come against you and suffocate the life of God right out of you with depression, discouragement, and accusation. At the same time, God is standing by, ready to rebuke the accuser on your behalf, take off your filthy garments (issues of the soul), and put a rich robe on your body and a clean turban on your head (Zechariah 3:1-8).

BREATH OF HEAVEN

God is standing by, at this very moment, ready to release the breath of Heaven into your life and break off everything that binds us. However, He is looking for a people who will look to Him, that their faces might be radiant and not ashamed (Psalm 34).

On the last night, the Lord released a vision of Lazarus coming up from the grave and having fresh life breathed into him. Bob Jones and I also saw the Lord come into the meeting with a staff in hand and begin to stomp it on the ground in order to claim it.
Jesus is, at this present time, desperately wanting to lay claim to His inheritance. His inheritance is us! God spoke forth and said that He is claiming His promised land at this time. The Lord's promised land is for a people who will completely die to themselves in order to become His.

God is breathing fresh life into His army -- just like Ezekiel 37 and John 20:22 -- and saying it is time for us to come up from our graves and present ourselves before the Lord!

That night, we had a woman with metal in her feet, legs, and hips; the metal disappeared, as she demonstrated by bending her legs all the way to the ground! Another woman was healed of deafness of over 20 years. A young boy, deaf-mute from birth, began to receive his hearing for the first time.

HEAVENLY OIL CHANGE

Presently, there is a new purpose, vision, and blueprint being released to the Body of Christ, in a fresh way. As I flew into Detroit the week after Cincinnati, the Lord showed me a car going through an oil change. The old oil was being drained out, and the new, fresh oil was being poured in.

There is a remnant of people who are catching the vision and initiatives of Heaven and engaging the Lord daily. There will be a people who connect with the Head in Heaven, take on the mind of Christ,

and learn of their true identity as friends of God.
This group of overcomers will lay hold of the blueprints of Heaven and truly carry Heaven on earth. They will be heavenly ambassadors that express the government of Heaven everywhere they go because they are constantly tapped into the mind and heart of their home government in the heavenly realms.

There is new purpose and destiny being released to those who, in these times, will respond to the shakings and engage Heaven with holy violence.

THE SIGN AND WONDER OF THE OIL CHANGE

After releasing the word of the oil change, I left the church building without touching any one or any thing. As soon as I stepped outside the building, I looked at my hands, and they were covered in black grease as if I had just changed the oil in a car! God backed up this NOW word with a sign that makes you wonder!

It's time to set our faces, like flint, on the Lord, and as we do this, He will bring us up from our graves, breathe new life into us, and cause us to come into a holy union with Him!

I SAW ANGELS FLOODING INTO THE MIDWEST

While seeking the Lord in preparation for the Midwest Convergence, I was taken into a prophetic encounter where I heard the steady beat of war drums over the Midwest and saw many warring and harvesting angels being released over key states. I heard a trumpet sound as a clarion call for the Church to awake and arouse herself from sleep. As it blew over the region, I knew that it was the proclamation of a new release and rein of the Kingdom of Heaven and authority on the earth.

The Lord was re-awaking a sleeping giant (the Body of Christ) into recognition of her true identity and inheritance in Christ. I literally saw an earthquake-like vein or circuit run through the ground in the shape of a lightning bolt that spread from North Dakota to New Jersey and then fork off into Northern New York.

The Lord is arousing the Body of Christ from a spirit of slumber, and she is waking up and shaking off the old mindsets of the past that have kept her in bondage. Jesus wants us to open the door to intimacy with Him so He can reveal Himself to us.

"Behold I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me." -- Revelation 3:20

There is a new Kingdom reign knocking at the door, and we must open the door of invitation as intimate sons into supping or fellowshipping with the Lord and rightly display -- with substance and evidence -- the Kingdom of Heaven that is at hand (Mathew 4:17)!

During the conference in Cincinnati, we saw a marked increase in power and revelation. We're still awaiting the many confirmations of healings that took place, but without a doubt, there was an upscale release of power for miracles and healings.
We took many testimonies from individuals that received healings in their bodies after going through the Fire Tunnel on Friday night and miracles that took place after the healing wave was released on Saturday night. Conservatively, we could say that of the1,500 people that attended the conference there were more than 200 notable healings!

The Lord was clearly demonstrating His love and affection toward us, and it was clear to all that He was again extending an invitation for us to rise up and take our rightful place as heirs and inheritors of the Kingdom of God!

"Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate . . . Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then an heir!" -- Galatians 4:1, 7

God is awakening this sleeping giant into the realization of His true inheritance. This emerging, maturing son will possess "all things in Christ, because he is Christ's, and Christ is God's (1 Corinthians 3:21-23).

GULLIVER

Bob Jones had a very similar word and prophetic encounter, where in a vision he saw a great man, who in the past had fallen asleep. He was laying on his back, half-covered in dirt, and his name was Gulliver. Little people from a place of little input had completely tied him down, and he was waking up from being asleep for the past 38 years.
We can also call him (Gulliver) the Body of Christ. Bob saw that the head of this very large man was in Cleveland, Ohio, in a place called "Jacob's field." It was full of high school and college aged youth. The 2005 Shepherds Rod says that this is the year of Jacob (Psalm 44:4). We need to get a vision of the youth coming in great numbers in harvest in Cleveland!

The next thing Bob saw was a large, center pole of a tent coming up out of Columbus, Ohio. This was His heart. Powerful signs and wonders will come up out of Columbus, greater than we've ever seen before, that will look like a canopy over the region. Explosions of miracles and healings will be the hallmark of this city.

Cincinnati was the place where the reproduction organs were. Reproducing of the Kingdom will be evidenced here in priestly and kingly anointing.

The left hand of this large man was in Philadelphia, which had teaching and great love in it. The right hand extended west and came to rest in Indianapolis, Indiana. It began to flex, and the cords that were around it to keep it tied down, were beginning to snap off like rubber bands.

The left foot was in Charlotte, North Carolina, and there was a great television with it, so they televised the gospel all around the world. The right foot was in Nashville, Tennessee, where great faith is beginning to raise up.

This great man finally began to get up, breaking off all restraints and planting both of his feet in Atlanta, Georgia. God means to take Ohio, then move over to Indianapolis and up into Illinois, crossing over into the east, and finally, standing completely upright in Atlanta. The Lord told Bob that to take Atlanta would mean capturing the whole south.

The Lord is looking for the Body of Christ to keep its head focused in the Heavens above, and its body fixed on the earth below, walking out the Kingdom mandate with all convincing demonstrations. We need to be reconnected with the Head (Jesus Christ), so we can act out on the earth the strategy of Heaven with all power and authority!

Let us grow up in every way (Spiritual Maturity) and in all things, into Him Who is the Head, even Christ (Ephesians 4:15). We as the body must grow up in every way and stay connected to the Head, which is Christ.

THE GOLDEN TEAR DROP

On the last night of the conference, as Bob Jones was standing in front, something fell out of the heavens and hit him on the left cheek bone, directly under his eye. Brad McClendon saw it and said it looked like a drop of liquid gold. Bob said this had not happened to him in 40 years, and this golden

teardrop was the Father rejoicing in seeing His children bringing the reign of the Kingdom to earth. It also signified the release of the Church into the glory of God.
"They who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who goes forth bearing seed and weeping shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him!" -- Psalm 126:5-6
Jesus wept in the garden with great tears and agony. But He did it for the joy that was set before Him. He interceded for us, sowing in tears, knowing that His weeping would bring forth great seed of Kingdom harvest. For the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross! We are His joy.

God is now reaping the very thing Jesus sowed in seed form for us in the garden, which is His offspring doing the very works of the Kingdom of God. Jesus shed His blood for this very reason, and the Father is overjoyed in seeing His children bringing back sheaves of harvest and generating fruit born out of His suffering. It is the Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom.

The return of the Glory of the Lord is at hand. It's time for the Church (who has been asleep for 38 years) to make a beeline -- these next two years -- for the promised land! Remember, Israel wandered 38 years in the desert, and the last two years they entered into their inheritance. These next two years are critical for the Body of Christ. It's critical that we wake up and possess the land. We must move forward into the purposes of God and fully access all that rightfully belongs to us, as inheritors of the promises of God.

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Policy And Commentary

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> *They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.*
> *Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?*
> *(John 8:4-5)*

Occasionally people ask me if we have kept track of what prophecies have come true and which ones have not. I never bother to do so. [It's too big a job anyway.]

We do not keep score on the prophets.

It may be that every prophecy of disaster that never happens is a testimony of intercession that did happen. After all, Jonah's preaching would have been somewhat less effective, [understatement intended], had he spoken in terms of possibilities.

When a prophecy is conditional, when there are some 'if' clauses to it, we may not know what they are. The Lord may or may not expressly state the conditions to a prophecy. That's none of our business. Our job as prophets is to obey to the best of our abilities and give our 'thus sayeth the Lord's regardless of the consequences, regardless of what happens and especially regardless of what others may think, say or do. The Lord is the one who keeps score. And that is based on our obedience, not our track record as prognosticators. As we know He looks at the heart, not the outward appearance.

I don't think we need to be in the business of keeping score over who was right and who was wrong. [Lover covers a multitude of sins.] I don't have a problem when someone's word doesn't happen. Nor do I get upset when one article is doom and gloom and the next is sunshine and roses. Nor when they contradict each other, or even when they contradict themselves. [You can find contradictions in the Bible if you are looking for them.]

I can spot the obvious flakes and errors, and attitude problems. [And some not so obvious, because of the training, [reflected in my own articles], that the Lord has put me through.] And I may still post some of those articles anyway, when there is merit that outweighs the problems.

But I can not automatically discern what is of God, lest I operate in my own strength. For the most part, I have no discernment, unless God gives it to me. As Daniel said about dreams, interpretations belong to God. He had to wait for the interpretation to come to him. So it is with discernment. Often discernment does not come. [That doesn't mean we can't miss it by failing to wait!]

I have my personal preferences, limitations and biases and these play a part in deciding what gets published here. That is to say, I have some favorite topics and writers, and also some topics and writers I avoid. This will mean that sometimes I miss something that should get published, and sometimes post some things not worth bothering with. I hope you understand this. The collection of material on End Time Prophetic Vision is not without editorial slant. But I do not delete portions of text that I disagree with. I publish what I feel is important, interesting or inspiring, [always adored alliteration] but it is still from my limited point of view.

But as I said, For the most part, I have no discernment, unless God gives it to me.

My understanding of the word is limited. The Word is not. To insist that things line up with the word may be to insist that they conform to my limited understanding of the word. The word of God understands me far better than I understand the Word.

And I certainly do not want to sit in judgment, after the letter of the law, [that worketh death,] and put labels on people. That would firmly place me in the seat of the scornful, a place where, according to Psalm 1, you are sure to miss the blessing.

Portals Of Glory

Brenda Dowdin

May 24, 2005
Beloved Ones,

While in prayer I saw and sensed some things happening...

The next two weeks will be a time to ascend. A time of purging, preparation. A time to set your selves apart, to consecrate your self. There is a cleansing happening as God is preparing to take His people to a "whole" new level. Being complete in him. I saw God's people going up through a tunnel and at places in the tunnel its tight and uncomfortable. But, as we trust him, its like being attached to a hot air balloon that keeps ascending. Once we move through this tunnel we will be looking down from a whole new perspective. From this new vantage point there will be new strategies given to His people. What seemed to be impossible in the past will be a breeze in this new place in God. During this next two weeks don't let discouragement weigh you down. Don't let oppression be your constant friend. Stay in the word, let the word cleanse you. As the Lord dislodges places of darkness, deal with them. They are the entanglements that hold us back from ascending to this new place. The word will bring the light on these dark places and there is a enabling grace being released in this hour to come clean and ascend.

Ascend in to the glory realm. Angels have been dispatched to help you. Its a new season, and a new day. A fresh new work is coming upon the face of the earth. My kingdom is coming, my will is being done and soon you will see it with your natural eyes. Soon Beloved ones, soon! Be encouraged you will soon start reaping for the years of sowing you have laid up in heaven!

Watch for a real dramatic shift in June. My earth realm will prophecy it.

Ascending too! Brenda Dowdin firebrand007@hotmail.com

Pouring Out Of His Spirit

Homer Owen

Nov 7, 2005
"And it shall come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. And even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days." (Joel 2:28-29)

It is raining this morning in Ariel. Glory! In Acts we find that those who had received the outpouring of His Spirit were from time to time being refilled. Lord, I am asking you this morning to refresh all of us with a fresh out pouring of Your Spirit. Fill us afresh to overflowing as we allow Your rivers to flow out of us to those around us. We acknowledge that we are thirsty for You, the Living Water. Thank you Lord Jesus for so great a salvation.

Our brother Paul prayed a special prayer for all of us in his letter to the church in Ephesus. The Lord has been sharing with me lately some of the keys of His Kingdom that He has worked into me over the past thirty seven years and one of the major keys is found in this prayer of Paul concerning the love of God extended to each of us. The very foundation of our walk of faith must be rooted and grounded in this great love before we can effectively believe God for great things. Allow His Spirit to minister deeply in you today about His love.

"I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breath and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

As I was mediating on this passage of scripture I saw a big cubed box that was filled with His love and I was just kinda floating around in this cube. Suspended in His love. Wow! In Him we cannot escape His all encompassing love. Ruby and I have for the past five years endeavored to love these folks here in Ariel and the one big question that we are asked over and over is simply why. Why are you doing this? We simply tell them that their God has filled us with His love for them and this land. We are able to love because He first loved us. This is a major key to operating in His Kingdom.

We are living in a time that we are told many will lose this love or it will turn cold. I believe that Jesus centered His ministry on sharing His love for the Father and the Father's love for Him. I have four sons that are all over forty now, and I just love to physically take them into my arms and hug them and tell them that I love them. When I was first baptized in His love and delivered from a spirit of hate, the Lord spoke to my heart and told me that my greatest ministry to my family was to love them deeply. Love truly covers.

Two of the teen agers that hang out here at the mini golf are working with me some these days on our water project. Afghani and Dennis took a little ride with me the other day over to the spring on Mt. Gerizim. They had been filling pouches with water and we needed more water, so I decided to expand their outlook on the land that they live in. It was interesting as we headed for an area of Israel that they had never ventured into because it is occupied by the Arabs. These young men came from Russia as part of a million Russian Jews that came to Israel back in the mid 90's to help build this nation. Many fears keep folks from getting free.

As we drove up to the check point before entering the town of Hawaria we were naturally confronted with a line of Arab cars waiting to be checked by the Israel Army folks. The license plates on the Arab cars is white background with green lettering and my license plate is the same as the UN or diplomats which is white with black letters. I drove around the fifteen or so Arab cars and waved at the soldiers and drove on into this area of Israel. The boys were amazed at our not having to wait or be checked and I naturally used this to share with them how blessed they were in being His chosen people. Afghani was quick to tell me that he had a Jewish nose. Ha!

As we drove through Hawaria I honked and waved at a couple of Arabs that I have met and visited with and my Jewish friends were wondering about all this. They enjoyed the trip and were blessed in being able to help fill up the water tanks in the back of my little red truck. I sense a real excitement in heaven about the possibility of giving out a drink of His water from the Mount of Blessing with a message of Love from the Father to mankind. Glory! Thanks for praying with us about this project. Blessings from the Father of Love. Homer Owen

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Pastries Of Praise

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To ALL MY Children:

I have placed a "Path Of Provisions" for you to take and enjoy.

They are gifts for the Father that He has prepared for you to have as you need them.

There are "Loaves Of Love" that He has baked in the "oven of His heart".

There are "Donuts Of Delight" that he has gazed with his divine and everlasting love.

There are "Crumpets Of Compassion" that have been molded and shaped in the size and circumference of My love

And a cup of coffee that has been brewed in the "coffee pot of My soul" that "percolated to the rhythm of My heart."

Children I bring you what is the Divine Dunkin Donuts of Heaven...

I am the One that has 1000 flavors and bake with the purest ingredients of the Father's kitchen

My oven is heated by my Holy Spirit and I have served more than any other in the world.

My franchise is huge, so fret none My children, I have plenty to go around.

So as I fed the thousands of people with only a few natural loaves, I ask you to go forth and feed the hungry as well with the "loaves in your basket." As the young boy shared all he had for others, do unto the same for Me.

I shall forever reign as your King and you shall forever be My children that I enjoy so to sit and drink and eat with as we go on our "Picnic In The Palace" to share our love for one another.

Enjoy children!! For my "Pastries Of Praise" are for you to enjoy and to share the delightful flavors of my Father with all you shall see.

Salute!!!!!!!!

Commune With Me

Sherri Kohler

The skies are enlightened with the beauty of My love as I open the realm further for those to see into. The thunderous skies are no more for it is a time for My divine peace to settle upon the earth. The reflection of My love is radiant as the colors of the spectrum reflect what is of Me. Like gemstones on the crown to which I possess, are glistening from the holy glow of My being.

This is a time of refuge and rest, a time to recover from the weary battles My beloved soldiers to which you have endured, and a time of worship and praises, as the angelic choirs lead you to song. It has been an intense time for some and now is the time to worship Me.

Sing a new song unto Me. Dance a new step to My rhythm. Rejoice and be glad. I know those who are weary and weakened. I know the heaviness of ones that have so faithfully carried their sword throughout the storms and it is now a time to celebrate, for the harvest is ready, and the fruits are ripened.

Rejoice! I say, rejoice! Come to the table that has been prepared unto you for feasting and fulfillment. You are all worthy and I invite you to commune with Me this very day to taste the delightful fruits of My Spirit. There is plenty, so fear not; the plates shall never go empty and the cup shall flow over.

This is a time of great victory and joy. For the dragon has been slain, and you My children hold the swords to which has beheaded the beast of lies and deceit. His mouth as I will say once more is broken; and you my children are the victors to the celebration of your lives and the ones before you.

Rejoice! Rejoice!! Oh chosen ones of mine. Rejoice!!!!!!!!!!

Glory Unto Him!!

Arise
Sherri Kohler

ARISE! ARISE! For Thy Light Has Come! Arise ! And Shine!

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the BEGINNING, is NOW and SHALL EVER BE! Amen.

The Lord says, "ARISE" ARISE, For His Light Has Come.

Jesus is here, He has walked the grounds to which we stand, He stayed with us and had taught the words of The Father and spoke of the promises of His Kingdom.

He reminded me this day as I again stood in battle to battle my self -- such a stubborn contender that I seem to never be able to defeat when I go into the ring of myself and box with my boxing gloves of the flesh. It has been a hard lesson for me to understand, that the bell of victory has already been won and it is time to retire my boxing gloves and raise up my sword.

When Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus He did not put on boxing gloves to battle death, He raised his sword to which was himself and said, "Arise" to that body. There is life that lives within us all. He reminded me this day as I was weary in a battle I was not meant to be in, to ARISE and speak truth to the death that was already defeated!!

To take authority and speak LIFE !! To ARISE!!!!

So my brethren, LIVE IT! GRASP IT! WALK IT! BELIEVE IT! LIFE !!! not Death!! I know that I want it!

I no longer want to carry the" bandages of death" on my body, the lying spirits that try to cover me with the" band aids of bondage" in the "hospitals of horror."

JESUS is my DOCTOR! JESUS is my HEALER!

JESUS is our Friend!

ARISE!! GO FORTH!! FOR THE LIGHT HAS COME!!

ARISE!! as Lazarus did. ARISE to LIFE! And when the enemy tries to tell you that you belong in the bed of bondage, offering you an admission in his "hospital of horrors," just tell him No, and walk away with Jesus!

For you are ALIVE, and you are not a patient but a worker in the "Hospital of Holiness And Healing" that will set the captives free!

Bringing GLORY to HIS Name, not mine,

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Passing Of The Pope
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A few words about the passing of the Pope and the Coming of the Antichrist.
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Pope John Paul II passed away on April 2nd, 2005 after a 26-year reign. Perhaps one era is ending and another beginning. I feel this is an appropriate time to post a few thoughts.

We have all seen the millions of people gathered to pay their respects to the Pope. We have seen paupers standing next to Presidents and Princes, all with solemn faces. Every mainstream media outlet has put forth a tribute to this "great man of faith". We have seen great pomp and ceremony. Times such as these are invitations to reflection and I am reminded of another funeral long ago. I am reminded of a death that took place under very different circumstances.

Almost 2000 years ago, the mainstream religious leaders crucified the very Son of God. Four different Gospel writers left us accounts of that day. When I compare the death of Jesus to the death of the Pope, I am struck by the total contrast. I am also struck by the total contrast between the Son of God and the man who claimed to be the "Father" to Jesus' Earthly church.

Jesus died as a criminal.
The Pope is revered as a Saint.

Jesus died as a man without sin yet he was falsely accused of many sins.
The pope died as a man who uttered many blasphemies...yet no one speaks of them.

Jesus, a poor man, was buried in another mans tomb.
The Pope, a very rich man, is buried in a great elaborate cathedral.

When Jesus died he entrusted the care of His mother Mary to His disciple John.
When the Pope died he was part of a movement to make Mary the 4th person of the Godhead, calling her a "co-redemptress".

At the time of Jesus' death the political rulers of the day despised Him.
The political rulers of our day shower the Pope with accolades.

When Jesus died the world hated Him but a small remnant saw Him for what He really was.
When the Pope died the world loved him but a small remnant sees him for what he was.

Jesus died as the leader of a small group of believers.
The Pope died as a leader of a huge organization that "sitteth upon many waters". (Rev 17:1)

Jesus was the leader of Apostles and disciples who overflowed with brotherly love.
The Pope was the leader of Cardinals and Bishops infamously known for homosexuality and pedophilia.

That's quite a contrast...but why? Why did the multitudes sneer at Jesus yet anguish over the death of the Pope? Why did the rulers of this world gather themselves in array against Jesus but gather together in support of the Pope? Why were Jesus' disciples forbidden to speak in His name yet millions openly praise the Pope? Why did people invent lies to falsely accuse Jesus yet ignore the blatant and numerous blasphemies of the Pope?

The answer is quite simple. Jesus was part of one Kingdom...the Pope was part of another. Jesus was building the Kingdom of Heaven and the Pope was greatly instrumental in building the Kingdom of the Antichrist. The world hated Jesus because He was not of this world (cosmos). The world loved the Pope because he was of this world (cosmos). The rulers of this world hated Jesus and were confounded by His words...the rulers of this world loved and respected the Pope because he spoke their same language.

I am sure you think I am being too harsh. Perhaps this sort of talk makes you uncomfortable. Perhaps it is because we have put off these kinds of talks for far too long. I could say many direct things at this point but instead I will ask some questions about some serious end-time realities...namely, the "one-world religion" and the "one-world government".

I'll try to keep this short and sweet..."Ecumenism" has been a major tool for the building of the Antichrist's "one world religion". Ecumenism basically has sought to gather the Protestants back into the Catholic fold...basically undoing the Reformation. Of course now it has moved beyond ecumenism and went into "Interfaithism" wherein all the different religions get together and "worship". Once all the religions are "together", the Antichrist can just step in and take control. This is a major method of the Antichrist system...consolidate and then control. (See the major consolidation of Federal powers by George Bush...but we will save him for another post).

The "one-world government" was once a thing looked upon as far off. Not anymore...it is basically here now. And there are thousands of websites devoted to this subject so I can only lightly touch it here. To make a long story short the "one-world government" of the bible is now here and called the "New World Order". You need to do some google searches for that term and educate yourself. The U.N. and the E.U. are totally controlled by the New World Order...but guess what...so is America. Again, educate yourself by learning what the "Council on Foreign Relations" is. Learn what the "Trilateral Commission" is. Learn what "Skull and Bones" is. Learn who controls our "Federal Reserve" system. Learn what the "Bohemian Grove" is and why your "Christian Conservative" leaders are doing mock human sacrifices and ceremonies to a 30 ft tall concrete owl. Learn what R.F.I.D is. Learn who the "Illuminati" are. And lest we leave out Rick Joyner we need to learn whom the "Knights of Malta" are. There is a good Christian man by the name of Alex Jones who has basically dedicated his life to exposing the New World Order and he has several great websites. Probably the best one to check out is www.prisonplanet.com as it has links to the others. I highly advise all Christians to augment their Bible reading with study of these terms etc. There are other people who have similar websites but to me Alex is the most concise and as I said he is a Christian. Understanding the New World Order is fundamental to understanding the books of Revelation and Daniel since the New World Order is what these books largely refer to. Turn off the boob tube for a few hours one day and search on the Internet for some of these terms.

We are headed for DEVASTATING times....times so foreboding and savage that they will have to be shortened if anyone is to survive. Even now we are in a time of MASSIVE deception. We live as if our little false bubble will never pop…as if Jesus warned us for nothing. But we are dead wrong...the situation of the world right now could be described as "the calm before the storm". It would take thousands of words to even lay the groundwork for most of you to understand what is happening. Instead I will just ask a few questions.

If ecumenism is indeed a tool of the devil, why have men like Billy Graham and the Pope been massive and instrumental supporters of ecumenism? If "interfaithism" is absolutely and directly against everything Christianity stands for, why does Chuck Colson go and "pray" with Satanists and Wiccans? Why does George W. Bush pray at Shinto shrines? If the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is a blasphemous false messiah, why are most of the TV evangelists funded by him and why did Jerry Falwell take several million dollars from Moon to bail out Liberty College in 1994? Why did George W Bush in his 2nd inauguration speech place "the words of the Koran" on the same level of truth as "the Sermon on the Mount"?

If the "New World Order" is the very mechanism that builds the Antichrist control system, why did George Bush Senior, the Pope, (also Hitler), and many other world leaders call for a New World Order? If Skull and Bones is just an offshoot and sub-branch of the New World Order, what does it mean to have a President who is from Skull and Bones...whose father is from Skull and Bones...whose grandfather is from Skull and Bones? Why did the Pope say we needed a one-world government and that Gorbachev would be the ideal man to rule over it?

There is a widespread misunderstanding that somehow "things are going to get better". It is clear from the Bible that things are NOT going to get better until the Millennium. It is false to think that somehow through political maneuvering that we are going to bring the 'kingdom now". That is a serious error and these pseudo-Christians in politics and the media are using it to promote a wrong agenda. They are throwing you the bone of being "Pro-Life" and you vote for them based on that and you have no clue how they are setting up the Antichrist's system for him. I don't really hear Ken Copeland warning people about a coming DEVASTATION...I hear him saying that if we vote Republican everything will be right. That is hilariously foolish. "Republican" and "Democrat" are nothing more than a false dichotomy to divide and conquer. I hear Copeland and others saying that if we just get us a Republican in office that it will be smooth sailing and that we will "spread Christianity all over the world and when people see how blessed we are they will want to be Christians too". That would be nice...problem being that it is the opposite of what Jesus said would happen.

Another terrible tragedy is the totally false teaching of a "pre-trib rapture". This is totally unscriptural and is only about 200 years old...the church fathers would have wept if they knew such a thing would ever be taught. We believe it because we want to...we don't want to face reality. This false teaching has left the church totally emasculated. We go on like we have forever here on Earth...as if the Antichrist won't come...as if APOCALYPTIC DEVASTATION isn't coming upon the Earth. And somewhere in the back of our minds we hope that we will be "whisked away before things get too sticky". What a total farce...and yet today you are looked upon almost as a heretic if you believe what Jesus said about His elect being gathered up "after the tribulation of those days". We are living like fools, totally unprepared for what is almost upon us yet we glibly read the parable of the wise and the foolish virgins.

How to sum it all up? I will try to give a few general statements. At this moment the average Christian is in a state of deep deception. They are in a situation somewhat akin to a deaf and blind person standing on the railroad tracks not seeing what is coming. Our "leaders" and the men we look up to are largely charlatans and they are, knowingly or unknowingly, building the wrong kingdom...(and getting quite rich in the process.) This goes for the religious as well as political leaders. Those comparisons I made of the Pope and Jesus would also fit for many other "Christian" leaders. We don't even know who these men really are that we look up to. We sit mesmerized by our television sets as we are programmed for hours upon hours with the devil's propaganda. We think that if it is on CNN or Fox that it must be true. Oh really? How many times have you heard them say that Jesus is the Messiah and the ONLY way to heaven? (shoot, Billy Graham and the Pope didn't even say that). We think that some guy on TV on Sunday morning with a big ministry must have the hand of God blessing him. I tell you plainly that the big ministry and world wide recognition is more a sign that the devil is "blessing" him. We think that some politician that names Jesus or speaks of "faith" is going to fix everything for us...even if he is a member of a satanic cult. We think it is impressive when we see Pat Robertson and others rubbing elbows with all these big political people...but can you picture Jesus rubbing elbows and hanging out with Herod or Pilate?

We need to see what is going on here. We need to come OUT of these false man made "things" we call churches. We need to return to local home churches as per the Bible, not man made conglomerate "systems" or "chain store churches". We need to refuse the trappings of the devil and his system. We have GOT to find a way to tear ourselves away from the devil's propaganda networks. And we have GOT to stop cowering in fear and false deference to these men who publicly blaspheme and publicly flaunt their false allegiances. The time for clarity is now. The time to name names is now. We need to simplify our lives and return to purity and holiness. We need to stop being easily led astray be every charlatan that appears. We need to build the Kingdom of God, not the system of the Antichrist.

Piece Of The Rock

Milt Rodriguez

"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it." Matt. 16:18

Son of Man - Son of God

Jesus had just been asking His disciples; "who do people say that the Son of Man is"? Notice with me how He phrases this question, "who do people say that the **Son of Man** is"? Why did He use the phrase "Son of Man" in this question? For that matter, why was Jesus always referring to Himself as the "Son of Man"? Apparently, it was very important to Him that we realize He came from man as well as from God.

Only a **man** could fulfill God's eternal purpose. It was **man** that God created to fulfill a special destiny in being the image of God. It was **man** that was to have dominion on the earth (Gen. 1:26). Therefore, the Christ had to come as a man in order to create a new race that would be the **new** Adam and would succeed where the first Adam failed. Jesus asked them, "who is the Son of Man," and Peter answered: "the Son of the living God!"

The Declaration of Peter

It's very important that we see how much depth is involved in the revelation that Peter received from the Father. We know that Peter's confession was a result of a revelation received from the Father in heaven. But let's take a closer look at the declaration itself. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Wrapped up inside this one short statement is the very foundation of the universe. The relationship of the Triune God is contained in this one little sentence.

You are the Christ: the word Christ means the Messiah, or Anointed One. But anointed by whom? Anointed by the Holy Spirit. From His baptism to His resurrection, the whole earthly mission of Jesus was **in** and **by** the Holy Spirit. He was sent out by the Holy Spirit; baptized in the Holy Spirit; and ministered through the Spirit.

the Son: He is the Son **of** the living God. Jesus has a relationship to God. He is His Son! If there is a Father, then there must be a Son. If there is a Son, then there must be a Father. Jesus, the Christ, is the only begotten Son of the Father.

of the living God: this refers to the Father. In this relationship called "God," there is a Father. All life flows from the Father. That's why He is called the "Father." The Son continually flows out from the Father. The Son is eternal and has always existed. Nevertheless, He eternally flows out of the Father. This is what the term "only begotten" means (John 1:18).

So, here in this one statement of Peter's, we can see the relationship of the Godhead; the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Now, let's take a look at the Lord's response to Peter's confession.

Peter Gets a New Name

First of all, Jesus tells Peter that this revelation came from the Father in the other realm and not from man. Then He gives him another name. His name was Simon Barjona, now his name will be "Piece of the Rock." That's the literal translation of the word Peter ('petros' in Greek). The Lord tells him that you are 'piece of the rock' (or stone) and upon this rock (petra) I will build My church. The word 'petra' here means a massive **rock** or **mountain**. Are you starting to get the picture here? There is this mountain, a massive rock formation, and then there are these stones, or pieces of the mountain. Remember, all stones come from the mountain.

"And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is precious and choice in the sight of God, you also, as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

I Peter 2: 4, 5

Multiple Interpretations

Jesus said, "upon this rock (petra - massive rock) I will build My church. There have been several interpretations as to what this "rock" means. Some say that the rock is the revelation that Peter received. Some say that the rock is the confession Peter made. And some say that the rock is Christ Himself. I believe that all three of these are true, but I would like to add one.

The "rock" is also the relationship of the Godhead! Peter's confession was: "You are the **Christ**, the **Son** of the living **God** (Father)." Peter saw that the Christ was not alone. The Christ was not living in a vacuum. The Christ is part of a community of Three. Those Three are One. It's Their oneness that makes up the massive rock or mountain that is the foundation of the church (see John 17).

What is the difference between rock and sand? Why is sand not a good foundation for a house? It's obviously because the sand shifts, but **why** does it shift? Because sand is many tiny rocks that are all separate from one another. There is no cohesiveness. There is no oneness. The massive mountain is one solid piece of rock. It holds together within itself, that's why it can support a structure. This is the oneness of the Triune God. This is the fellowship of the Godhead. **This** is the foundation of the church! The Christ, the Son of the living God.

But how do you fit into this?

Piece of the Rock

Jesus told Peter that he was a piece of the rock. But **what** rock? The massive mountain that He would build His church upon! All stones must come from the mountain.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us (marked us off) in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him." Eph. 1:3, 4

Dear believer, you were chosen (marked off) in Christ before creation! The Father took a portion of the Son and wrote your name upon it! This is before there was anything. There was only God Himself. And the Father chose **YOU** in Christ! He chipped off a piece of the Rock and called it by **your** name!

This is who you are. **This** is where you came from. You came from the Mountain. You came out from the Massive Rock. **Just as Eve came out from Adam, so the church comes out of Christ.** Eve was not created. She was built from material taken out of Adam. Just as the church is built from the material that is taken out of Christ. Pieces of the Rock!

Now, God is in the process of building His house upon solid rock. He wants to take the living stones and build them together upon the massive mountain of His relationship with His Son. This foundation is sure and true because of the oneness within God Himself. God wants a place that He can call home. He wants a home where He can rest and relax and just be Himself. You are a piece of the Rock, a living stone. Won't you allow Him to build you together with other stones so He can have His house?

written by Milt Rodriguez

Pray For California

Lisa Doyle

As most of you are probably aware, California has recently been experiencing tremors and earthquakes throughout the state. As I was pondering and praying for the State of California in reference to these quakes, I was reminded of the dream-like visitation I had in March of this year in reference to the State of California that was released on the Elijah List on March 4, 2005.

In this dream-like visitation the Lord revealed to me that we were to pray for the State of California against impending natural disasters, especially tremors and earthquakes around the time that landslides occurred. On June 1, Laguna Beach experienced major landslides destroying many homes and damaging many others. At that time, the Lord told me to revisit the dream and look to what occurred about the time of the landslides. Here is an excerpt from the dream after the landslides:

As I continued in my endeavors to warn individuals and give my help along the way, I began to feel tremors below the earth's surface and I knew that a greater threat now existed. The tremors were faint at first and then began to build in intensity. As the visitation continued, I saw the rumblings and tremors build beneath the earth's surface, and I suddenly had a knowing that a major earthquake or earthquakes were impending. The visitation ended and I heard the Lord say, "San Bernardino."

I knew in my spirit that the landslide in Laguna Beach tied into the dream-like visitation and that it was definitely a sign to pray for California, especially in the area of earthquakes.

The other night, when one of the first earthquakes hit off the coast of Northern California, Steve Shultz and I were on the telephone dialoging about the current events transpiring, and he asked me what I was getting from the Lord. I said, with a knowing from the Lord, "that it was the beginning of many earthquakes." Since then there have been several other tremors and earthquakes throughout the state, including one in San Bernardino County.

What does this mean?

Well, I believe that this is a strategic time to rally in prayer for the State of California, specifically the area of San Bernardino -- as the Lord was very specific about this in the dream-like visitation -- but also the entire Pacific Coastline and the Pacific Rim of Fire needed intercession against any impending and devastating earthquakes, tremors, and other forms of natural disasters. And although I do believe that earthquakes are imminent, and many other prophets are getting and have released the same revelation, we should always pray to lessen the judgment and devastation of such events -- or even see them prevented altogether, the Lord willing.

Now, do our prayers guarantee that no earthquakes or loss of life will occur or happen? My answer would emphatically be, "I don't know!"

All I do know is that we are to pray, to prepare, and for each of us to do our own part as the Lord leads and allows.

Also, when a word is released that calls for prayer, especially in the area of warnings, direction, and/or correction, please hold fast to the Mercy Seat and ask the Lord to give you peace.

Philippians 4:6-8 *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy -- meditate on these things." (NKJV)

Psalm 46:10 *"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (NKJV)*

(also see Jeremiah 33:3)

Saints, please join with me in prayer to set up a prayer shield for the State of California and also the entire Pacific Coastline, including Canada, Alaska, Mexico, and South America, with an emphasis on these cities: Portland, Salem, Juno, Seattle, Redding, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Albany, Medford, LaGrande, and British Columbia. Please pray, prophesy and declare Psalm 91.

On a side note: Even as I write this I feel led by the Holy Spirit to rally in prayer protection for dams, tributaries, and water systems.

Also, please recognize that although we are calling for prayer for protection, we should also emphasize that the Lord is moving amazingly in the Pacific Northwest, and also beyond. We are experiencing the beginnings of Revival Fire and a Release of Faith, Hope, and Love within the region. (Isaiah 61; Psalm 133; Habakkuk 2:2, 3; I Corinthians 13; Joel 2:28; Acts 2; Isaiah 55)

Saints, please agree with us in prayer for the Lord's blessing and that His Favor shines brightly upon this region as the "Church Arises" and there is a release of Heaven that looses the Miraculous, Healing, Deliverance, Salvation, Resurrection Life/Power, and a cleansing and healing of the Land.

Also, in my spirit, I truly believe that the Revival that the Prophets have spoken of over the years for this area is awakening. Please agree in prayer, proclamation, and declaration, "For Such A Time as This," that it is time for the release and realization of the "The Great Awakening."

Many blessings, and love to you,

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Prepare America!
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Dear Friends:

The Lord has been very merciful to us this year. Many hurricanes have promised to be catastrophic and yet Jesus did the unimaginable and disallowed the forecasted destruction. Truly His mercy endures far beyond our evil deeds as a Nation and personal failures as a commonwealth of American Citizens.

Dennis was problematic, but a teaser compared to Katrina. Since Katrina came with her death defying winds and water, many have sought to explain the mystery of her rage. Some, but certainly not all revert to making this a Divine argument for Israel. I would like to share another side of Katrina and the situation with Israel.

Israel

The Lord covered the sin of dividing the Land of Israel in 2000, long before the land was practically divided. Jesus appeared to me in the fall of that year in connection with an important Congress concerning this very issue and shared His heart regarding His judicial decision to put this sin behind Him in light of His greater purpose for Israel. At that time He covered Israel and America who both stood to be disciplined for this act. This is what He told me.

The Land had to be divided. It was necessary for the purpose of preparing Israel for His glory. If you are not a Jewish person you may not be able to understand how us Jewish people love the Land to the point of idolatry if Messiah isn't in His proper place. This speaks of most of Israel. It is understandable in light of Jewish suffering around the world. Nevertheless, Messiah wants the heart of His people.

The Bible says: Therefore, are justice and right far from us, and righteousness and salvation do not overtake us. We expectantly wait for light, but only see darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity and gloom. We grope for the wall like the blind, yes, we grope like those who have no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in twilight; in dark places and among those who are full of life and vigor, we are as dead men. For our transgressions are multiplied before you O Lord, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know and recognize them all. Rebelling against and denying the Lord, turning away from following our God. Is 59

This is Israel's way. I am not saying God is angry with Israel. I am saying that many Israeli's feel that salvation in some way rests in the Land and therefore do not look further for Messiah. He is trying to get their attention for the purpose of saving their souls which is imminently more important than the occupation of the Land at this point in time.

The Word says: Your people also shall all be uncompromisingly and consistently righteous; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, that I might be glorified. Is 60:21 When shall we inherit the land forever? When we are righteous. Further the Word adds: But he who takes refuge in Me shall possess the land [Judea] and shall inherit My holy mountain. Is 57:13 Who shall inherit it? Those who take refuge in Him, our wonderful Heavenly Father, by way of Messiah. I am showing you a secret in the Lord's dealings with my people. Messiah appeared to me with a scroll in His hand during one of my prayer sessions while in Israel. He handed me the scroll. Upon the scroll was the above mentioned Scripture. He pointed out to me that those who take refuge in Him will inherit the land forever. This is not speaking of the Gentile Church, but of redeemed Israel.

The Bible say's in Joel 3:2 that there is a certain punishment upon those Nations who Divide the land. God will bring them into the Valley of Jehoshaphat and execute judgment up them. This is why Jesus had to lead us to repent for this sin in the Congress of 2000 so He could cover both America and Israel with His forgiveness. Otherwise both Israel and America would fall under God's future judgment.

Let us consider another issue. The attitude in which a Nation might take it upon themselves to divide the Land is also important. We have had Presidents working on this Land for Peace who if they would have succeeded would have brought America under the severest judgment because their hearts were one of war with Israel. They weren't trying to spare Israel harm as is the case with President Bush, they simply wanted to give the land to the Arabs and make a political name for themselves. So, if America had to be involved with this issue I am thankful it was through a Christian President who really cares for my people.

Further, concerning the temporal government in Israel I want to share a few things. The Jewish people moved into Gaza at Ariel Sharon's request a few decades ago. Now he is saying I am sorry, I was wrong, you must move. I don't know that he was wrong. I think Israel has withstood many adverse winds because of the faithful people in Gaza.

The funds are available to give to the people who are being forced out of their homes to enable them to purchase something else. Why the government does not have the structure in place to make this a much easier transition I don't really know. The people should not have to be living in hotels right now, as I understand it. As far as people living in tents, this too is not necessary. They are doing this by way of protest against the forced move. Nevertheless, this terrible and painful upheaval is for the good of my people and is being provoked by the Lord out of His love and not anger. He is preparing the way for His glory. The many visitations I have been given over this issue explaining to me the reasons for this historic move are all listed in the article: "Dividing the Land of Israel." It is a must read if you are to fully understand what is happening. www.worldforjesus.org is my website address.

The Lord has offset the judgment against both our countries for some important reasons. First, in some ways dividing the land is going to put Israel under greater vulnerability. Arabs will have an open sea to transport arms into the Palestinian occupied land. That won't be good for Israel. Although I sense we will enter into a time of greater peace for a season after this pull out, I also believe that ultimately war will ensue which will put the whole Middle East in chaos. Israel will win that war! At war's end, the world will finally see that Israel has done everything humanly possible to make peace with the Arabs around them to no avail. There will be such a pity released World-Wide for Israel that the Nations of the world will then say: Israel build your Temple on Temple Mount. Then will Isaiah 61 be fulfilled and the Lord will be on His way back to His people.

Israel is presently tithing land that will be returned to them! During one of my visits to Israel I was in my room asleep late at night. The Lord awakened me and told me to go to the Worship Center. He said He would meet with me there. I arose and obeyed. As I closed the door of the room and locked it, the holiness of the Lord began to fill the room and I knew I was about to have a special visitation. I laid the map of Israel out on the floor getting ready to pray over the Nation concerning the boundaries. Suddenly two of the Seven Spirits of God came in. The Spirit of the Lord and the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord. I won't share this whole visit, but I will tell you this much. They came in, the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord stood beside me, and the Spirit of the Lord rose up into the sky. The ceiling of the worship center disappeared and I had the incredible, unfathomable privilege of watching the Spirit of the Lord mark out the boundaries of Israel. The boundaries He marked were far more vast than Israel occupies today. They spanned clear out to what looked like present day Iraq. I was in awe! After the Spirit of the Lord finished His task He took me up into the heaven's and asked me if I would like to see what He had just completed. I looked and behold there was a luminous red line of pure light that began in the North bordering on the Mediterranean, going down south to the tip of Israel's southern boarder, then over the mountains and plains toward Iraq and back east to the Northeastern tip of Israel. I was in breathless awe. He then told me these were the boundaries marked out by the Father and that they could never be changed. So, I know it matters little what man does now, for the Eternal Father has already had the last word in the matter.

In conclusion, Israel isn't going anywhere. My people are there to inherit there inheritance. There is one more important step needed to make that possible -- salvation through Messiah! In the meantime He will work toward turning our mourning into gladness.

America

Back to Katrina! Katrina was sent to stop us from going over the edge from which there would have been no soon return. The Lord spoke to me while I was in New Orleans with my leadership of the

Gatherings. He said: I will destroy this city in a day! I was shocked, but I shared it with all the leaders. This was July 2nd of this year. The reason He stated for this stern discipline is the following. The foundation of the judgment is found in the shedding of innocent blood and the brutality against the First Nations People and the African Americans which span over 400 years. Of course the abortion issue falls next in line. After that, idolatry including, the occult and false religions, and the sins of decadence and the like. Every kind of licentious behavior falls into this category.

These are the reasons He gave to me that day! He never mentioned Israel and the dividing of the land as that is a settled issue to Him.

What we as a Nation need is repentance for our sin-sick heart! New Orleans never would have happened if that city and surrounding areas were not a Sodom and Gomorrah in God's eyes. The suffering of the innocent and the guilty brings tears of horrific grief both to the Lord and the world. But, He does have a plan for our good in aftermath.

Why am I going through such great lengths to explain this? Because we have more to travel through. After Katrina, the Lord began to speak to me about the Nation once again. He said: "There will be two more battles with hurricanes. Prayer can overcome." The next day He said: "Sodom and Gomorrah!" Later He said: "The sin of decadence." The next day He said: "Horse racing." Later that night He spoke in a vision: "Chaos." The next day He spoke in another vision: "Along the Gulf Coast." Right now, Ophelia is spinning around off the coast of Florida, a level one hurricane. One prophet said she is going to rip through Florida then into the Gulf. If she does what he said I would assume she stands a real good chance of being the storm that will bring about the fulfillment of our Lord's strong warnings to me. We are about to take another hit, dear Friends. This is not over Israel, it is over our sin-sick heart! It is a Divine attempt to bring us back to the Cross before we cross over the line of no return.

What were the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah? Ezekiel 16:49 & 50 says: Pride, overabundance of food, prosperous ease, idleness, neither did she strengthen the hands of the poor and needy and finally, haughtiness and terrible abominations.

What falls into the sin of decadence? Wantonness, lewdness - addiction to fornication and unlawful lusts, unrestrained lustfulness, indulgence in unrestrained sensuality as men grown wanton through prosperity. The apostle James said: Ye have lived in pleasures on the earth and grown wanton. (Js 5) It further speaks of luxuriant living and extravagance. All these fall under this category. We must as a people who belong to Jesus repent of our Nation's sins until our Nation can repent of its own sins. (Mk 7:22; II Cor. 12:21; GA 5:19; Eph. 4:19; and Jude 4) Romans Chapter 1 verses 23 - 32 says that anyone guilty of these sins is worthy of death. We have lived in the mercy of God all these years because He does not want any man to perish, and also, because of His great love for His Church.

This is what the Lord is looking for. In our repentance we will win the soul of our Nation. Chaos is once again coming to the Gulf unless we can pray it through and stop or greatly reduce this next calamity. Please pray for Israel as she comes through to her destiny. But, also pray for America as she comes through to hers.

In His Amazing love, Nita Johnson

The Precious: Part 2

by Bill Somers

This article is a short follow up to my earlier article, The Precious. That article forms a foundation for what I am saying here. [Also see the article The How and the Therefore.]

The Lord gives us instruction, 'line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little and there a little.' Each new insight becomes the foundation for something more yet to come.

So everything I've said so far is a preliminary. All this is the foundation for a word the Lord gave me in June and July of 92. A startling, exciting word, which he clearly spoke to me on two separate occasions. (The second time, he made sure I wrote it down.)

That the martyrdom of the church would allow him to break the powers that keep Israel in blindness! Correspondingly, the martyrdom of a remnant of saints would allow him to break the powers that keep the church in blindness!

So what is this supposed to mean? Lets look at some scriptures relating to blindness of Israel and of the Church.

> *What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were* **blinded***.* Romans. 11:7
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> *For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that* **blindness** *in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in* Romans. 11:25*.*

These two verses from the book of Romans speak clearly of the blindness on Israel. The following passage refers to the children of Israel but can also apply to the Church

> *Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:*
> *And not as Moses, [which] put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*
> *But their minds were* **blinded***: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ.*
> *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*
> *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.* 2nd Corinthians 3: 12-16..

We find an interesting commentary on this section in Luke; it could even be inserted in the above text after verse 15. "... If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:31). And of course the one who rose from the dead is Jesus, the Jewish Messiah! We believe it is proper to speak about blindness in the church because Jesus does in the Book of Revelation. In his rebuke to the Laodicean Church, which is the church of today, He says:

> *Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and* **blind,** *and naked:*
> *I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see* Revelations. 3:17-18*.*

The above quoted passage from 2nd Corinthians applies to the Church for several reasons.
A. As Israel is a type of the Church, many verses that speak to or of Israel also make sense when applied to the Church.
B. The passage clearly speaks of a blindness in terms of a vail over the mind or over the heart.

C. The blindness is related to understanding of the scriptures, especially the old testament but also the new.
D. The mention of not being able 'to look to the end' speaks of not understanding end time prophecy.
E. The references to the vail say that it is 'done away in Christ' and 'when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away'. The vail is removed, done away in Christ, in the spiritual but in the natural it awaits the turning or returning to the Lord before it can be finally removed.

The vail of the Temple was removed at the death of Jesus. As Mathew. 27:51 says: "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;".

The removal of these other vails will also require a death. What the Lord is saying is that the blindness, the veil, over Israel will be removed by a death, the death of the Church. The removal of the vail in Matt. 27:51 is a type. Just as Jesus death removed the vail in the natural temple, the death of the body of Christ, the Church, will remove the vail in the spiritual temple.

But first the vail blinding the Church must be removed. And then, when the fulness of the Gentiles [the Church] is come in, Israel's blindness will be removed..

When the Church *"shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be done away*." This will happen when revival comes. But it will require martyrdom, perhaps extensive martyrdom on the part of the remnant of the Church. [See the Rick Joyner article, Onslaught Against the Church] That is the remnant that is praying for revival and discerning the times.

When the nation of Israel *"shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be done away*." And they will look upon Him whom they pierced and cry *"Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest*." Mathew 21:9

And so this concept is a key to the two major events of end time prophecy. The coming of the Lord and the coming of revival. The one event open and manifest, the other somewhat hidden in scripture.

To phrase it another way, the coming of the Lord, the Day of the Lord is the coming of the Lord for and with his church. [See Marvin Ford's vision of Heaven] The coming of revival, an invisible coming, is the coming of the Lord 'to' his church.

> *Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and* **he shall come unto us as the rain***, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.* Hosea 6:1-3

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THE PRECIOUS

by Bill Somers

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15

Jesus asked one of his disciples, "*... Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake*?" (John 13:38)
In Mark 10:38 He asked "*... can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with*?
Romans 12:1 asks us to present our bodies, a living sacrifice.
1 John 3:16 tells us we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.
In Rev. 2:10 we are told to be faithful unto death.
In Rev. 2:13 we are reminded of the faithful martyr Antipas.

Personally, I never expected to be caught away as an escape from persecution or tribulation. The Lord has told us to expect persecution and tribulation. These verses here are a strong indication that **He expects us to be ready to give our lives** for the Kingdom. After all we are not our own, but are purchased with His blood and must be at his disposal. If He requires our death, at any time, He should be obeyed without hesitation. We really don't even have the right to ask why! But there is a God in Heaven that reveals secrets!

As I said, I never expected to be caught away as an escape from persecution or tribulation, I expect that somehow, somewhere I would die in the persecution! In John 7:16-17 we read "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." This implies that the Lord reveals his will to the willing. That He opens an understanding of His Word to those who are ready to obey.

Because of my willingness to obey Him in this, He has shown me something of Why the death of the saints precious to God? That is, that in some cases, MARTYRDOM CONTRIBUTES TO THE HARVEST. And of course the harvest is a major purpose of God. My first exposure to this idea came during a message I heard shortly after I got saved. Here it is.

The following text is transcribed from a taped sermon given by T. George Koshy, an Indian national pastor. I hope you can excuse his awkward English, which I try to quote as correctly as I can. This was given at Reserve Church, Nov 17, 1985. Brother Koshy was preaching on Living in Holiness. The text was Daniel 9:20-23. This is how he closed his message.

"Brothers and sisters, circumstances which we are in, its not favorable for you and me to serve the Lord. But don't blame the circumstances. In the midst of the strained circumstances, you and I can take a stand for God.
I think 6 or 7 years ago, in a state in the northern border of India, that state passed a law against worship. That means if I convert a man from Hindu to Christianity, that means the government can fine me three thousand rupees and put me in the prison.
In that state an around 18 year old girl, a tribal Hindu girl, accepted Jesus as her personal savior.
Her mom, dad, brothers and sisters; all the relatives, all the tribe of people tried their best to bring her back to her old religion. She said "No, I'm not going to deny my Jesus, I'm going to serve Him!"
The entire tribe of people gathered in one open place and brought this girl. They tried to persuade her to deny Jesus. She said no. They hanged her upside down on a tree. They beat her up. Then her father, mother, brothers, sisters, everybody implored her, "Please! Deny Jesus!" She said "NO!"
They put enough wood and things underneath, and put the fire on that wood, while she was hanging, burned and give her life for Jesus.
It is easy for me to say that. If the same thing happened to me I don't know how I'm going to stand and face....
Brothers and sisters, the entire tribe is in Pentecost right now.

While she was burning, heaven will be calling her 'thou art greatly beloved.'
Brothers and sisters, take a stand. If you have to give your life, don't hesitate, don't turn back. Tradition says when they tried to hang Peter, he escaped. But then he came back and said, "Hang me upside down, let me kiss the foot of my master, and I'll die."
If that happened today, ... how many will say ... I'm going to give my life ... for the one who hanged on the cross ... and gave his life for me. And heaven will say, 'thou art greatly beloved'.
My prayer, ... there was a prophecy towards me when I received the baptism. 'God will send me around the world as a witness'... that happened ... and second, 'I'll be slain for the sake of the Gospel!' And I pray every day, God, if I'm going to go through that kind of torture, ... give me the grace not to deny ... but to give my life ...."

I have included some ... pauses ... in my transcription of the tape to indicate the emotional content of Koshy's closing remarks. All of us there were very touched by depth of feeling he showed.

One comment of his stayed with me, though he quickly passed over it. And it seemingly went unnoticed by the congregation. That was when he said, "Brothers and sisters, the entire tribe is in Pentecost right now." This is to say, they all have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost! How or why was never mentioned. Yet here is a case where martyrdom apparently contributed to a harvest of souls!

Jim Elliot and four other American missionaries were killed in the late 1950's on an outreach to the Auca tribe in Ecuador, South America. Subsequently, the entire tribe converted to Christianity. And the very first converts were the men who had killed the missionaries. These missionaries gave their lives in a futile attempt to evangelize a tribe of savages. Their mission was apparently a total failure! Yet their deaths contributed to a harvest, for that tribe totally converted to Christ! Now why or how does this happen?

Here is another case. From *Last of the Giants* by George Otis page 157
Divine Visitations in Algeria

In the early 1980's, a truly remarkable incident took place in a North African village located some 125 miles east of the city of Algiers. According to testimony, on one unforgettable night in 1983 - with no prior warning and for no immediately discernible reason - God sovereignty descended upon this coastal township with gracious bounty. Moving from house to house, and communicating through a combination of dreams, visions and angelic visitations. He did not rest until every member of this Muslim community was properly introduced to His only begotten Son, Jesus. As might be expected, come daybreak, nearly every villager had a story to tell.

As the Holy Spirit lingered and these simple citizens managed to piece together the magnitude of what had happened to them, a sense of spiritual awe settled over the entire village. In the weeks that followed, their conclusions led to a dramatic wholesale conversion involving some 400 to 450 Muslim villagers - a nearly eighteen fold increase in the size of the Algerian national church!

When amazed mission workers, who had had no direct involvement in this extraordinary development, began to investigate possible reasons for this sovereign visitation, they came across a stunning piece of information. It was at virtually this very site that, in June 1315, Raymond Lull, a Spanish missionary from Majorca, had been stoned to death by frenzied Muslims after preaching in the open market.

The blood of martyrs, it has often been said, represents the seed of the Church. Lull, who is generally considered to be the first missionary to the Muslims, certainly believed this. In his book, "The Tree of Life", he wrote that Islamic strongholds are best conquered "by love and prayers, and the pouring out of tears and blood." In retrospect, it appears that it was precisely this formula that summoned the recent supernatural events in Algeria. Falling into the ground on that summer day in the fourteenth century, the seed of Raymond Lull's poured-out life was subsequently watered by the tears of generations of pious intercessors.

Faithfully tending their cause, these saints waited patiently until, some time in the late twentieth century, the golden vials of heaven overflowed and God was released to summon forth fruit in its due season.

Adding even more luster to this marvelous story is the fact that it has apparently triggered a book of Acts - style revival throughout other parts of Algeria, which continues to this day. During the summer of 1990, I had the high privilege of meeting with several dozen former Muslims who had come to faith in Christ within the previous eighteen months. Nearly all reported some type of supernatural intervention. Churches are spreading like wildfire, particularly among the Habyle Berber people living in and around the Atlas Mountains. One recent Arabic speaking visitor described as many as several thousand new believers meeting for Bible studies and marathon prayer sessions in homes and on mountaintops.

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On a recent trip to Rochester, New York, I spoke with a middle aged missionary who in the late 1960's led a team of young Americans in prayer on the very site of Raymond Lull's fourteenth century martyrdom in Algeria. Praying that God would redeem the seed of Raymond Lull's poured out life and send a move of His Spirit, the team helped to lay the groundwork for a sovereign outpouring of divine grace fewer than twenty years down the road. How and why does this happen?

George Otis's explanation is that "strongholds are best conquered "by love and prayers, and the pouring out of tears and blood."

In the late 1980's the Exodus II movement began under the leadership of Steve Lightle. One day in '88 the Lord showed him he would be involved with the harvest in Arabia!

I shared this one day with an Arab Christian minister from Kuwait. According to this prophecy, Steve Lightle was told he would one day preach the gospel in Mecca. Abdul Rahman (not his real name) told me that in the 1920's a Christian had penetrated Mecca and had actually gotten into the Kaba (a famous shrine) to pray. The Muslims found him there and killed him on the spot. (No further details were offered.)

I expressed a belief that the Lord would somehow honor that death and make use of it. He replied that the shed blood of the saints is never wasted.

Has this unknown 'Martyr of Mecca' become the seed for a future outpouring of the Spirit, following the same pattern as in the Algerian village? Do those who are interceding for the Muslims water this seed? Are both of these contributing to a future harvest, fulfilling the prophecy given to Steve Lightle? I believe so.

It looks like, whenever Satan kills one of God's people, it costs him something.

American missionary David Hogan, heading up Freedom Ministries, based in Laredo Texas, is a man moving in the anointing of a pioneer apostle. The Lord has used him, like Paul, in numerous miracles, especially raising the dead. Hogan in fact, claims to have lost count of the number of times he has raised the dead. His testimony includes an interesting incident related to our topic. While traveling on foot to a remote Mexican village his party was suddenly accosted by a pair of communist gunmen. His immediate proclamation went something like this. 'Devil, if you kill me, I'm claiming 100 more just like me to come take my place!'

The gunmen lowered their arms and disappeared into the brush! Every time the devil kills one of God's people, it costs him something. Apparently, in this case, being confronted first hand with this high cost, the devil backed off.

Jesus gave his disciples authority over all the power of the enemy. He gave us the power to bind and loose in spiritual warfare. Scripture teaches us to use the authority of His Name over the forces of Satan. Experience shows that this works, when the anointing is there.

Jesus also taught that when a strong man is bound his house can be entered and his goods taken. In the cases above, the Algerian village, the Hindu tribe and the American Indian tribe were all harvested. They were harvested in a total and dramatic fashion that indicates a spiritual breakthrough. These souls were taken away from the strong men, demonic rulers, who formerly held them captive. Somehow martyrdom contributed to these harvests.

We know that prayer can bind the strongman, but is there scripture showing that martyrdom can do so? We see that it is highly effective, even crucial in some cases. So how and why does this happen? My speculation is that the 'death of the saints', plus prayer, gives the Lord a reason to move. It provides justification for bringing judgment on the demonic powers. ("Ye shall die like men" Ps. 82:7). And clearly demonic powers have to be broken for this type of harvest to occur.

Suzette Hattingh (a teacher on intercessory prayer) gives the example of a policeman signaling for a truck to stop, as an example of authority in spiritual warfare. The prayer warrior, dressed in the armor of God, is like the policeman in his uniform. His authority is obvious because he is wearing the uniform. The Truck driver knows that he will be in a lot of trouble if he ignores the policeman and fails to stop.

Now consider what kind of trouble the trucker is in if he runs over the policeman and kills him! Every cop in town will be after him! If you translate this into the spiritual realm you can see what this means. This illustrates the power and effect of martyrdom. The Devil is in big trouble whenever he kills one of the saints. Whenever Satan kills one of God's people, it's going to cost him something sooner or later.

The scriptural key to the effect of martyrdom is as He says in Romans 12, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather **give place unto wrath**: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome evil with good**." (Romans 12:19-21)

More simply put, Martyrdom gives place to wrath. And then eventually vengeance comes. And then harvest comes. "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay." This verse is so often taken as a warning to the believer not to avenge himself. But look to the second part, "I will repay" and see that as one of God's promises! HE WILL REPAY! Not he might, and not he ought to and not he'll think about it. He WILL repay! You know our battles are not with flesh and blood, our enemy is spiritual. It is the vengeance that the Lord executes in the spiritual realm that breaks enemy strongholds, and brings such glorious results.

And so this summarizes my understanding of how martyrdom contributes to the harvest. I am reminded of the words of Medhi Dibaj, the recent Iranian martyr who said: ***"It is a terrible waste for a Christian to die a natural death!***

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At the end of last week's letter I mentioned the order of YHVH's kingdom, stating the following: The writer to the Hebrews states the problem very clearly. He says that after Yeshua was *"made perfect, [He] became the author of eternal salvation unto all of them that obey Him, [and was] called of YHVH Elohim a high priest after the order of Melchizedec."* In the same breath the same writer adds in the succeeding verse: *"Of which [topic – the order of Melchizedec] we have many things to say and hard to be uttered, seeing you are dull of hearing. "* The author of the book wanted desperately to share with the Believers about the order of Melchizedec, the order of YHVH's kingdom, but they could not hear. He goes on to say that although they ought to be teachers by now, they were still in need of taking once more the "milk" of the first principles of the oracles of YHVH, and are unable to consume strong meat. According to this author, the reason for their condition was, *"not being practiced in the word of righteousness",* a fact that rendered them as babes (ref Heb 5:12-13). End of quote.

One of Yeshua's greatest dissertations on righteousness, or explanation of the Torah, can be found in Matthew Chapters 5 through 7. These are not rules and regulations per se, but rather, they demonstrate the very nature and heart of Torah; the nature of the new creation life that was to be written on the heart of the New Covenant redeemed Israelites. Within the context of the teaching, Yeshua instructed His disciples to pray: *"Our Father"*, as a point of personal family identity (both as an Israelite and as an individual). *"Doubtless You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Israel does not recognize us. You, YHVH are our Father; our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name"* (Isaiah 63:16). *"But now, YHVH, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand"* (Isaiah 64:8).

Next, Yeshua states that our Father is in the "heavens". Please note the plurality of heavens. *"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me"* (Psalm139:7-10). Then Yeshua sanctifies the name of our Father, acknowledging not just the 'letter of the name', but the very nature of His name - *"Holiness"*, set apartness.

After giving glory to the Father, Yeshua sets in order the priorities; first and foremost His Father's Kingdom and His will: *"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done".* Where? *"On earth as it is in the heavens"*. *"As it is in the heavens"*, indicates that there is no problem with YHVH's will being done there, and so it is to the earthly protocol of the Kingdom that Yeshua is pointing. That is, the redemption of His inheritance, Israel and the irrevocable call that is upon them as a nation. Those whom he foreknew are predestined to become His royal priesthood on earth – being the expression of His Kingdom. This is why in Matthew 6:33 He exhorts his followers to *"seek first the Kingdom of Elohim and His righteousness".*

What does it mean to seek His Kingdom? Where do we look and what do we look for? Many possibilities present themselves in this search for the Kingdom of YHVH Elohim on earth. But it seems that the search calls for a certain order. Perhaps to start with…

The angel Gabriel, in announcing the birth of the Messiah, declared that this one, who was to come, would set up His Kingdom in the House of Jacob (see Luke 1:33). Later the Messiah's disciples, expecting Him to establish this Kingdom in Israel, asked Him when He was going to *"restore the Kingdom to Israel"* (Acts 1:6). They were extremely disappointed that Yeshua had not accomplished what they felt the prophets had foretold. However, Yeshua's answer to their question was a little evasive: "just hang in there for it will soon come" (and with that He promised that they would receive the power from the Spirit of Holiness to be His witnesses of that Kingdom. Acts. 1:8). The disciples thought that there would be an outward manifestation of this Kingdom, with the Messiah sitting in Jerusalem on the throne of David, but instead Yeshua said that He was going to heaven to sit at His Father's right hand until all His enemies would be dealt with (Luke 20:41-43). From that position of authority He would then send the Spirit of Holiness and baptize the believing Israelites with fire in order to purge and restore righteousness, peace and joy to the heart of His people.

"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them"…(Ezekiel 36:27, 37:14).

The Kingdom, along with the King, would take up residence in the House of Jacob. But rather than it being an outward Kingdom as it had been in the past, it would be an internal spiritual one. Since the House of Jacob is made up of the Two Houses, and those houses are made up of His people, it is the people who make up the house and who have His Kingdom in them. In this way they are fulfilling what the Messiah came to do - to set up His divine authority in the life of the Israelites.

Shabbat Shalom
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Pressing On

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All Scriptural references are *New American Standard Version* unless otherwise indicated.

Not long ago I met with an unusually restless evening late in the night, which led me to blindly turn on the television set in a sleepy stupor. I typically view very little television, and usually when I am met with restlessness deep in the night, I learn before long that the Holy Spirit has beckoned to meet with me in prayer.

As I turned on the television set, I recognized a nature documentary in motion. The setting was that of a beautiful aerial view of the Amazon River in South America. And as the camera began to zoom-in on a portion of the riverbank, I observed a man in khaki safari gear, wading into the river with pant legs rolled up to his knees.

The man was of Latin origin, of dark complexion, and was bent over with arms held wide, as if readying himself for the onset of a wrestling match. He appeared to be stealthily probing the river floor with his feet, very near the bank of the river. It was quite obvious that this man was stalking something lurking just beneath the surface of the water.

In a flash the man plunged headlong into the water shallows, moments later reappearing intertwined with an enormous snake—the largest snake I have ever observed. With his hands speedily groping the snakes' jaws in hopes of clamping down on them, the snake managed to plunge one of its fangs or a series of fangs, deep into one of the man's hands. And with camera-hungry, viewer-appetite for the *extreme*, a close-up of the man pulling his impaled hand from the snake's jaws revealed a deep laceration.

In seconds the man managed to gain a momentary stranglehold on this beast of a snake, at which point an assistant quickly placed a crude tourniquet on the man's wrist, markedly slowing the blood flow from his wound. The injured hunter then laughed-off the incident, and stated in broken English, something to the effect that "…*this kind of injury is 'all in a* days' *work.'* "

Interestingly, this biologist's actual first name is *Jesus* (pronounced, "Hay-suse" in Latin).

In a few minutes, this violent scene settled into relative calm. And as it did so I began to sense the unmistakable presence of the Holy Spirit in my living room at this late hour—this despite my fuzzy thinking and bed-hair (He had given me little time to present myself properly to Him upon His entrance).

Sensing the presence of the Lord while viewing this bizarre scene on television, I was certain that He was to shortly impress something upon me of a prophetic nature. And as I have often found to be characteristic of prophetic promptings, impressions, dreams, visions and the like; they are quite often filled with color, adventure, mystery, drama and even *humor* at times.

I began to grow warm all over, and the sounds in my television set seemed to fade into a distant murmur. As this occurred I was nearly certain that this is what I heard spoken to me—internally—in my spirit:

"What you are observing in this hunter is a caricature of the power and authority that I am beginning to impart to my vessels within the Last-Days church. The serpent is soon to meet his end, and he will ultimately be rendered powerless within the grasp of those among my servants who will stand and believe that my power and authority is at their disposal. This serpent symbolizes the fears faced by many within My last-days army, and the wounds you've observed within this struggle on television are symbolic of the wounds my veteran soldiers will need to overcome if they are to fully overcome the serpent's schemes in this hour—to fulfill their earthly destinies."

Moments following this divine communiqué, the volume in the television set moved back into earshot, and I heard the commentator state the following: *"The Anaconda snake reportedly grows to a length of 33 feet, and can weigh-in at 550 lbs. Further, this is the very first video footage of humans on the offensive with such a snake. Our biologist-researcher has yielded remarkable breakthroughs in our understanding of this snake, by dispelling the ageless misconception that the snake itself is the aggressor in this scenario. The fact of the matter, and as we have now come to understand, is that it appears this snake is in fact fearful of man. This, contrary to the historical notion that aside from the Lion, this snake is of the most feared predators within the animal kingdom."*

With this analogy in mind, in addition to increasing reports of miraculous healings, deliverances, Holy visitations and signs & wonders taking place around the globe, it has become quite clear that the Lord has begun to release power and authority over the schemes of the Devil like never before. And in this light, Luke 10:19-20 takes its strategic placement within the "signs of the times," to read as follows: **Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall injure you…the spirits are subject to you…**

As well, never before has the promise in Romans 16:20 held so much fiery authority, as *now*: **The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet**.

Following twenty four years at this point, and through countless opportunities and experiences within varying facets of teaching, prophetic and pastoral ministry, I have had the priceless privilege of observing literally *thousands* of Gods servants freed from the bondages of psychological and emotional trauma, torment and agony. The core of my delight in playing a small part in so many cases of deliverance and healing has been that of the association of my *personal* struggle with having experienced and endured extreme traumas as well, incurred as early as my infancy.

Rather than expound upon the hideous personal injustices, wounds, traumas and trials that I have faced; please trust me when I offer that the associated pain and turmoil has badgered me much of my adult life. This leads us to the unveiling and exposure of one of Satan's grand schemes. For it is my belief that Satan recognizes unusual elements of *destiny* upon God's saints, and that at a very early age. In fact, when he can place his clutches upon the lives of the very young, in a vicious attempt to thwart Divine plans, he will do so. My infancy and toddler-hood were no exception to such the vicious attempt.

This said, I believe it to be one of Satan's master schemes within the lives of the saints, to so traumatize them at a young age, that they then spend the bulk of their adult lives groping about in psychological and emotional confusion and defeat, rather than spending the bulk of their adult lives embracing and fulfilling the call, ministry and destiny upon their lives.

You may read deeper relevance into this concept as you would consider that I have personally met thousands of drug addicts, alcoholics, prison inmates and sanitarium residents, who have recognizable calls on their lives of such magnitude that they often appear to parallel the destinies of some of the greatest Christian figures in history. And as a Believer, it does not take much more than average intuition, perception and discernment to recognize unusual destiny upon the Lords Called.

What I have observed then, is destiny—*interrupted*, destiny—*intercepted*, and destiny ultimately—*thwarted*.

The mere law of average dictates that a sizeable number of the readership of this article can readily identify with having been traumatized at a young age. As well, I can confidently state the likelihood that within this number, at least half herein have spent nearly their entire lives simply recovering from traumas of one form or another. As such, it is quite common to encounter the need for healing of such throughout the Body of Christ.

Through many colorful opportunities within itinerant teaching and prophetic ministry engagements over the years, I have encountered without exception, at least a handful of Believers within a given congregation who have in a sense, *decommissioned* themselves from the fulfillment and the carrying-out of significant ministry which had been planted in them over many years. And for many of these dear ones, the callings, ministries and visions had been planted in them from childhood, to later find confirmation over many years and through many encounters, often in the form of words spoken over them by those moving in the revelatory gifts.

These saints are often those who have fallen into sin of one form or another, have endured marital abuse, divorce, legal and/or financial carnage, substance abuse, sexual abuse, disappointments and failures of a moral, ethical or spiritual nature, to include perhaps the violation and failure of their personal standards of character and integrity, as well as wounds incurred by others in ministry. These failures, points of pain and trauma have often occurred during their Christian walk, and quite often while holding positions in leadership within the Body of Christ.

We now approach the unveiling of yet *another* of Satan's master schemes; a scheme that often comes in the following form—a message whispered to one of these wounded saints, when they find themselves at their weakest point in depression and despair. And it goes something like this*: "You received tremendous cleansing and healing when you met the Lord. You really did. And you were really cultivating substantial intimacy with Him. You were beginning to embrace humility and the trademarks of Christian maturity. You began to exemplify the 'fruit of the Spirit,' and your fruitfulness in ministry was plentiful. You were stepping-out and into strong gifting and anointing; but now you've failed. You were forgiven of your failures as a non-Believer when you met Him. But now, well, now you've sown the cords of disobedience into your soul, as yet a Believer, and these cords will eat at your soul for the remainder of your life, and you will never fulfill the breadth and depth of the longing in your heart relative to the calling on your life. You've been* ***dis****qualified!"*

This, dear ones, is a lie straight from the Abyss. And it is akin to the lie that *"you will never be fully healed of the traumatic violations of your childhood, because if you were meant to be completely freed from them, they would have been erased from your psyche upon your conversion."*

Though it is true that some wounds require healing well into our Christian maturity, it is also true that you *will* find ultimate deliverance, freedom and healing from these deep violations, wounds, tragedies and failures. For though it is true that your wounds mold the very character and nature of the ministering agent within you, thus granting you the authority to speak healing and wholeness into the same within others; they must yet be released from their residency upon the psyche, and they must be freed from harbor within the *soul*.

Your healed wounds, seasoned with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, can be powerfully used to minister to those who suffer like injuries. The sensitivities created by your wounds therefore lay the foundation upon which one can see into the wounds of others. However it is these very elements of sensitivity and vulnerability of the same that make for a prime target in the form of return-visits from the evil one. And his evil visitation most often takes on the form of graphic reminders of how you may have contributed to the near destruction of your own life, to include the near destruction of the lives of others. Guilt, shame, despair, remorse and spiritual despondency then creep-in and quench the flame that once fueled your vision for the fulfillment of the Lord's call upon your life.

We are all accustomed to the phrase, "the bottom line." Could we not so call the last chapter, in the last book of the Bible, *the bottom line*? Consider this: **Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city** (Rev. 22:14). This in close association with: **He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son** (Rev. 21:7).

Note the verb tense in "wash" (Rev. 22:14). This denotes an *ongoing process* versus a one-time transaction. This to say that when you soil your robe, or when your robe has been soiled by any means, you must simply wash it, again, and again, and again, each time it is soiled. And for your persistence in this washing, you will in fact receive the very right to the *tree of life*.

It is crucial in understanding then, that *persistence* is the vital key in our overcoming.

If you've been a part of the family of God for any length of time, you have heard reference to Philippians 3:13-14, which reads: **Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I *press on*…toward the upward call…**

In recent years I have observed literally *thousands* of figurative prisoners set free from deeply seated psychological and emotional wounds, in one moment (**forgetting what lies behind**), through the revelatory gifts in action. And just moments later, through the same gifts, I have seen these very people affirmed in their gifts, callings and ministries (***pressing on*--and embracing the upward call**). I have observed this process take place within the context of but a few minutes time as my wife and I have shared the supreme privilege of delivering a message representative of the two primary tenets in Philippians 3:13-14; a message delivered within the context of itinerant ministry visits to several churches over the course of several years.

By the day, it has become increasingly clear to me that God is truly in the business of healing, delivering and recomissioning the wounded and battle-weary saints among us, for the pointed purposes of equipping and training the final generation of the **Army of God**.

As a former U.S. Navy sailor who also trained quite extensively with Marines (within an Amphibious Ready Group), I can tell you that it was the battle veterans that had gone before us, who molded we new recruits into battle-ready form. With scars, lines around the eyes etched by pain, anguish and anxiety that few of us will ever know, to include war stories and the accompanying wisdom, they possessed the battle-ready savvy or “grit” which had to be imparted to each individual within the amphibious assault group I represented. And with this analogy in consideration, I trust that you the reader have begun to feel the stirring and rekindling of your tremendous worth and purpose in getting back on the saddle; and getting back *into* **the fight**. For there is presently an enormous army of young recruits being groomed for the final hour, who need the very training, mentoring and modeling that only *you* can impart.

Having surfed the Southern California coast for nearly twenty years, it was quite traumatic to ultimately move to the Midwest, a move resulting in an eight-year withdrawal from the sport. To then have moved to the South Carolina coast in recent years, I have returned to the sport with passion that even surpasses that of my teen years.

Upon my recent return to the sport, I have discovered that surfers are now surfing a number of spots around the globe that are actually producing waves in excess of *80 feet* in height. In fact, not long ago a veteran BIG-wave surfer, Ken Bradshaw, age 49, successfully descended and rode-out an astonishing *85 foot* wave off the North Shore of Hawaii at a wave-break known within the surfing culture as “Jaws.” This ride, photographed and filmed, stands as the current world-record. Equal to the astonishing 85 foot wave ridden by Bradshaw, is an account of BIG-wave activity at another location in Northern California, nicknamed “Maverick’s” (named after a German Shepherd baring the same name, that used to swim-out to the surfer line-up back in the late 50’s and early 60’s). “Half Moon Bay” as it is officially known on the map, on November 21st of 2001, produced a series of *100 foot waves* late in the afternoon not long following a mass-exodus from the water wherein just hours previous, several big name/BIG-wave surfers had been surfing 80 foot-plus waves. This series of waves were witnessed and documented by the local Harbor Master, and are found within the permanent oceanographic logs in this locale. I am now aware of five locations around the globe that are producing the largest ridden waves in surfing history.

In addition to the BIG-wave phenomenon, consider that within the past 36 months (of the writing of this article), the earth has sustained the deadliest combination of frequency and intensity of earthquakes in recorded history. Consider as well that the Arab neighbors of Israel have never before brewed and stewed more threatening military venom than that within this very hour. Add to this, the horrifying destruction of thousands of lives on American soil as the result of terrorist attacks upon the World Trade Center, and a quarter of a million people killed in South Asia as the result of the deadliest Tsunami in human history; and we now have a recipe for the makings of what one might very well consider the birth pangs of the *End of The Age*.

The “signs of the times” have never before been so clear, colorful and obvious. We are in fact heading toward a *final battle*. I believe a heavenly military draft has been actuated. The young recruits being drafted cannot ultimately face battle until the battle-veterans are in place, governing boot camp and grooming battalions.

It is time to **press on**, and to re-embrace your **upward call**. And in doing so I can think of no better analogy than that representative of the lives of three men who embraced and embodied this concept at the birth of the 20th century.

The early 1900s represented an era in the United States largely known as the "Industrial Revolution." During this period, three economic magnates collectively and nearly single-handedly fueled the United States economy and thrust it into a rate of growth and health that has yet to be paralleled—comparatively.

These men were Andrew Carnegie (steel industry), J.P. Morgan (banking industry), and J.D. Rockefeller (oil industry).

At the height of the ultra successes represented in these three men, a young and bright journalist became unusually intrigued about the notion of discovering the *secret to success* which surely had to be resident and common among them.

Following repeated and persistent requests, this young journalist was ultimately granted interviews with each of the three. Interesting to note is that neither of the three were aware that the journalist intended to interview the other two within a short period, and with the same quest in mind.

With each of the interviews, the journalist concluded his privileged time by asking one final question. The question was this: "How do you define your genius? What *constitutes* your economic genius?"

Each of these men, again, completely unaware that the other two were being presented with the very same question, remarkably, answered almost verbatim, that which was stated by the other two.

Their collective answers were this: *"My genius? You must understand my good man, that I was born of average intelligence. I have been given nothing on a 'silver platter.' In fact, I have had to work for every thing I own. I was given no 'breaks' along the way. I'll tell you how I define my 'genius': I have been a miserable failure, and I have lost every last penny to my name on more than one occasion. I have had everything, I repeat everything completely collapse around me. Yet when it did, I lay there under the rubble, listening to the debris settle over my body, breathing-in the dust hovering just above the floor, and have then paused to collect my thoughts. Shortly following, I have taken in a deep breath, have begun to gently move the enormous weight of the debris, have painfully pulled myself to my feet, have stealthy made my way through the rubble to ultimately find a glimpse of daylight, have stood in amazement and shock while assessing the enormity of the carnage about me, have dusted off my hands, have looked back over the rubble one last time, have fixed my gaze skyward and have then walked away from the catastrophe--and have never looked back. I persisted, young man. This then, is how I define my genius: persistence.* ***Persistence therefore, is genius."***

And it is persistence (**pressing on**) that is being required of you now, dear ones.

You really must ***forget*** **what lies behind**.

If you have been personally wounded at the hands of another, and those wounds have in turn propelled you into a state of sadness and despair; a condition which may have pushed you back into vices that you have formerly overcome; and you have subsequently been responsible for creating the collapse and destruction of lives around you, or for nearly destroying your own; have cried out for forgiveness, cleansing and restoration from the Lord, and have as well asked for the forgiveness of those you've wounded, the tasks remaining are first; that of believing that God's mercy is much greater than our ability to terminally incriminate and incarcerate ourselves, and two; that of understanding the supreme importance of seeking the daily *renewal of your mind*. **"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind"** (Romans 12:2),

How do we "**be**" transformed? We enter into the *secret place*, the *Holy place*, the *quite chamber* of our one-on-one time with the Lord, early morning, *every* morning, for the remainder of our lives. *This* is where the transformation takes place, and *this* is where the carnage, rubble, destruction and associated loss and pain is healed and restored. *This* is the place where we are given the grace to forget **what lies behind**. And this is the place where you are given the grace to **press on** and to embrace **the upward call**, again.

The glorious annals of those who have gone before us; the countless martyrs who with their very lives have laid each stone in the pathway that has led to the religious liberties available within many parts of the world today, are filled with examples of those who have given significant portions of their lives to entering into the Holy Place of one-on-one time with the Lord—first thing in the morning, each day of their lives.

The accounts of Corrie Tin Boom, within the Nazi death camps; the accounts of Madame Jean Gouyon having endured tremendous persecution and imprisonment; and the accounts of Viktor Frankyl, yet another of the Nazi death camp survivors, tell tales of those who have found solace and sustenance in the practice of crying out to God in the wee hours of morning—long before the masses about them have begun to stir up the vain and agonizing repetition of the drudgery within prison life.

Madame Jean Gouyon especially, paralleled also by the likes of Basilea Schlink, cultivated a life of early morning prayer that so saturated her day, that it was said of onlookers that she often resided in a state of heavenly presence that was unaffected and unaltered by any measure of opposition within the context of a given day. It is my belief that this heavenly state that Madame Gouyon had cultivated was actually the very **…peace that surpasses all understanding** (Philippians 4:7).

Surely Madame Gouyon was but following the example and pattern set by the Lord Himself, so clearly established in scripture: **And in the *early morning*, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there** (Mark 1:35). Yet long before the earthly life of Jesus, this pattern of early morning prayer was gracefully modeled by King David: **In *the morning*, O Lord, Thou wilt hear my voice; in *the morning* I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch** (Psalm 5:3).

I have always likened the practice and the experience of early morning prayer and quiet time as that symbolic of climbing a mountain—coming closer to the face of God with each step. In this light I can think of no more colorful representation of this process than that represented in Moses as he regularly ascended Mount Sinai to seek the face of God: **…Be ready by *morning*, and come up in the *morning* to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain** (Exodus 34:2). Later in this chapter we observe the result of Moses' time with God: **…It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai…that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him** (Exodus 34:29).

Moses' encounter is also a profound representation of the purist form of ministry we can engage in within our lifetimes—the very *ministry unto the Lord*. And once we have served Him in this way, within the context of a given day, everything else that transpires within the course of the day as it unfolds bares His trademarks and semblance (**"his [Moses] face shone"**).

With this Holy radiance emanating from our faces following our meetings with God, face to face; whether we then go on to count toothpicks for a living in a remote factory, or speak to a crowd of 100,000 unsaved hearers in a third world crusade within the context of a day, we are equally fruitful as God's *very nature* has affixed itself to our being, and we then conduct His "ministry" regardless of what we put our hands to within the context of a given day.

Just prior to Moses' encounter with God on Mount Sinai, the Lord explains the profound benefits of Moses' obedience herein, which equally echoes the endless blessing of the same for us, if we will but do likewise and ascend this mountain *each morning*: **Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand…**(Exodus 33:21-22).

Is it not in the very "cleft of the rock [Jesus]" that we long to dwell? For this cleft can and *will* sustain us from the most hideous of wounds, and will as well keep us safe from the self- destructive course of the thoughts and feelings which so permeate our minds following our grave failures.

We can find this cleft, and we can enter-in, through the simple practice of early morning prayer, quite time and devotion. It is actually that simple.

As I seek to draw to a close my plea for your entrance and presence into this quiet chamber, I wish to allude to an excerpt of a timeless statement made by the late Dietrich Bonhoeffer concerning the place and practice of early morning prayer:

"The entire day receives order and discipline when it acquires unity. This unity must be sought and found in morning prayer. It is confirmed in work. The morning prayer determines the day. Squandered time of which we are ashamed, temptations to which we succumb, weaknesses and lack of courage in work, disorganization and lack of discipline in our thoughts and in our conversation with other men [and women] all have their origin most often in the neglect of morning prayer."

While "underway" (out to sea) and behind the wheel (as a Helmsman) in the U.S. Navy, I often found myself enduring the dreaded "mid-watch," a watch duty of four hours in length, which spanned the dreadful hours of 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Once relieved of such duty, I would then have to awaken at 6:30 a.m. to begin the standard workday--often lasting twelve
or more hours. As dreadful as this mid-watch was, I recall countless occasions when despite my extreme fatigue, I would realize the supreme silence and stillness of the night. It would then dawn on me that all that I could hear was the subtle drone of the "screws" (massive underwater propellers) and the gentle breaking of a glassy wake at the bow of the ship, accompanied also by an occasional and distant murmur of a fog horn from another seagoing vessel. I also knew that 99% of the ship's crew was fast asleep. And though I felt such a tremendous amount of responsibility at the helm, I would sometimes lose the weight of such, and feel as if I had entered another realm of some sort. What I didn't realize at the time, was that I was being met and wooed by the very presence of the Lord in those wee hours as I stood manning that helm.

If you are representative of 90% of the workforce in the United States, as well as many other developed nations, you find yourself fast asleep during the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. And within your sector of society, the world itself seems fast asleep. Your conscious mind has resigned for the night. However your *sub*conscious mind maintains spiritual antennae—spiritual antennae which grope about like the sensors on a snail's head—absorbing elements of the spiritual activity being waged about you as you lay in a vulnerable state.

In this state the evil one will often seek to visit and torment us through nightmares, and through other dark invasions and intrusions deep in the night. We can and should pray for protection from these dark visitations over our minds prior to retiring at night, every night. In the same context, and within these very hours of deep sleep and subconscious vulnerability, I have found the Lord most active in my life and in the lives of others; first in the form of dreams, and secondly, through gently awakening us, and prodding us to arise and seek Him in quiet, prayerful meditation—waiting and listening. It is evident then, that spiritual warfare is waged over us at night, in a unique way, distinct from that which is waged over us during the day.

Job 33:14-16 reads: **Indeed God speaks once, or twice, yet no one notices it. In a dream, a vision of the night, when sound sleep falls on men, while they slumber in their beds, *then* He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction.**

If you will pray for His visitation in dreams, and will pray for His visitation to beckon you to your knees deep in the night, He will be faithful, and will ultimately grant you such encounters with Him. When this does occur, I wish to encourage you to muster every fiber of willpower at your disposal, and crawl out of bed long enough to receive His Holy "download." And in doing so, you will receive His transforming grace; a transforming that will enable and empower you to **forget what lies behind**.

There is not a Believer among us who has not visualized the awesome fulfillment of being used in miraculous ways to save, heal and deliver the lost and broken. Equally so, there are few among us who have not earnestly pursued the spiritual gifts (I Corinthians 13:31) in such a way that we hunger and thirst for daily opportunities to be used of God in the measure that He has gifted and anointed us. I am no different in this pursuit to be used of God. Yet, in all my pursuing, and following twenty-four years of such the pursuit, I have come to a place wherein more than anything else, I simply long to be of *encouragement*. For if we can but simply leave a meager deposit of encouragement in another, we are feeding the eternal purposes in an individual who has been made in the very likeness of our

Creator; and a person of infinite worth. In this light, loved one, I sincerely hope that in some measure I have found a way to encourage you through what I have shared.

If I had the time and space, I would have expanded upon the horrendous pain and trauma I have endured in my 44 years. It will suffice to say that I have experienced your pain, dear one. I have fallen to the depths of pain and agony that can bring human beings to the very brink of the willingness to cease to exist; a measure of grief wherein one can actually give themselves up and cease to live, through sheer *will*. And yet in and through the dark valleys that I have crawled, many of which were of my own making, Mount Sinai has always been within view—standing as a beacon of hope, healing and restoration. And this mountain calls out to *you* as well, loved one.

Forget what lies behind; ***press on***; begin ascending this mountain in the early morning, forsaking fatigue, spiritual despondency, lethargy and resignation to life, and enter into that “cleft” in the rock that will not only renew and sustain you from now until the fulfillment of your assignment on earth, yet will also propel you into the fulfillment of the calling, ministry and destiny that has been affirmed in you over so many years.

You are going to make it, loved one. There is an army of young eyes looking to you for guidance and equipping. The Call is going out. Will you embrace it?

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Proclaim Heaven’s Decrees
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As Israel in the days of the Kings said let us be like other nations with their gods and ways …allowing the roots and seed of their destruction [to flourish]. So man has proclaimed that we are not a Christian Nation, but a ‘multicultural society’.
In the name of tolerance the politically ‘correct’ [spiritually deceived] proclaim an all religions society.

So the same destruction will be reaped. It is time for Heaven’s decrees to be spoken over the nation… The words of life and Truth. [Call to intercessors and prophets].

The life of Christ to be made known !!
Do NOT listen to the proclaims of men – those who have turned their hearts far from God and made their own wisdom.

For I will surely cut the ground from beneath them and call forth Truth speakers into the Halls of power. [Proclaim this call it forth intercessors].

For I have spoken, it will be accomplished through My Word and I shall vindicate those who have stood faithful in the hours of darkness.

1 Kings 3 5-7
Proverbs 24 v1-7

11 September 2005
(… A continuation of previous word)

Judgment Poured Out On The Earth
Geoff Pick

The time of the Kingdoms of men is over.
The bowls of my judgment are tipping over.
How long will you wait, before you arise.
Oh nations that once honoured me –
Have you banished Me from your Kingdoms?
That my people live as wanders in the earth.

This is the hour when I shall arise and cut down the trees,
that have mans mark upon it.
This is the day of deliverance for those who choose me.

I speak life upon my body for those washed by the blood,
the churning of the sea will not push you around
for the rock is standing firm and you can face the winds and waves
and stand in Heaven’s armour.
[Note: Not instructions for handling a hurricane]

So drink in My Word,
Draw close to me,
Let my Holy Spirit
Stir the wisdom of Heaven
Speak forth the language of Heaven
Dwell in the Heavenly place.
The treasure within your heart,
cannot be destroyed, it is eternal.

I call you to boldness !!
To proclaim My Word to the people
To stand for me as Your Lord.
To stand as a prayer wall for your Nation.
To proclaim the new dynamic that that is coming to pass
To be vanguard pioneers to retake the land.
To break through lies over your Nation
To call into being the new thing.

Awaken from slumber the nations that own My Name.
Awaken to the new as the Kingdoms of the world are shattered.
My Kingdom is being birthed in power and the deliverer will come.

The armies of Heaven are now in place to dislodge the enemy
And according to my servants the proclamation through the Holy Spirit
will bring down the walls of satan and the lies of mankind.

The hand of God is going to prevail against the enemy.

http://www.ourchurch.com/member/h/House4Nations/

Prophetic Cycles
Marsha Burns

September 2, 2005: Carefully preserve and protect all that is vital to you. Manage your resources to prevent exploitation or destruction. Resist the temptation to be extravagant or foolish with finances or emotions. It is important that you take your position as a watchman. Watch and be alert to discern the enemy's tactics against you that would bring dissipation or dispersion. Quiet your soul and stay focused on things of importance. Be established in wisdom, says the Lord.

September 1, 2005: Haven't I told you that I will vindicate you? You have walked in light and truth, and I have brought forth your righteousness as the light and justice as the noonday. For surely I will bring light to every situation, and the truth will reveal every lie. You have been redeemed from the curse, and truly no weapon formed against you shall prosper. I will not allow the enemy to rejoice over you. Rise up in the power of praise and go forth in the strength of victory. I am with you, says the Lord.

August 31, 2005: Stop and discern. Take note that nearly everything around you has taken on an air of newness. Even things that are very ordinary to you will seem strangely unfamiliar. This is because you are entering a new season. Do not try to maintain what once was or try to stay in your comfort zone. Let Me transport you to that new level that promises to expand your awareness and bring greater spiritual sensitivity. You may not understand this now, but if you will yield to this supernatural work it will bring great liberty to your life. *Isaiah 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."*

August 30, 2005: Be sensitive and careful to not violate the boundaries of others. To do so will bring quick and unpleasant consequences. Even when others violate your space, it is not a good idea to respond in kind or react negatively, for that will certainly open the door to insecurity and produce results you will regret. Be wise. Exercising patience and forgiveness will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness. *James 3:18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

August 29, 2005: The following prophetic cycles speak specifically to those who are yielded completely to God and are in Ezekiel's River -- in the flow of God's purposes – those who are dedicated to establishing the kingdom in their lives and metrons. These cycles have produced two distinct results depending on the hearts of the people. Those who are virtually self-absorbed instead of God-centered will repeated experience times of presumption followed by periods of grave disappointment and will completely miss the revelation and blessings of the season. They will not experience the spiritual reality or victory available to the Body of Christ.

2 Timothy 3:1-7 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Acts 17: 26-28 "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

Where have we been?

Cycles Seem to Always Begin With the Feast of Trumpets.
1987-1996: Ministry focus was on the elementary principles of salvation, the gifts and fruit of the Holy

Spirit, baptism in the Holy Spirit, and healing.

1996-2005: Produced a new sound for praise and worship. Warfare and deliverance was a main theme in ministry. The office and gift of the prophet was established. The Internet became a powerful tool for ministry.

We began this cycle with the joy of the Lord. Laughter was God’s tool to bring healing to the Body of Christ. The cycle progressed with sowing seeds of the Word into our own lives as well as into the Body of Christ; watering with revelation and proclamation of the Word (both written and prophetic); God giving the increase. We also had another season of separation and division both individually and corporately, and many ministries came to the brink of ruin. Everything that wasn’t working has been torn down or upgraded.

As we transition between the old cycle and the one that we are entering. We came to understand that our lives are not a series of starts and stops, but that we are in a continual flow of God’s mercy, favor and grace. That flow has produced a time of renovation and rebuilding on every level.

We are again shifting to new focus spiritually as we begin another 9-year cycle. The Feast of Trumpets (October 3-4, 2005) will mark the beginning of a break-away year and will conclude the changes that began in the fall of 2003. By break-away, I mean that there will be a complete break with the past as we do what Paul wrote about: *Philippians 3:13 "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.*

Where are we going?
We are at a new bend in the river -- on the threshold of a new era (a point in time from which a series of years is reckoned or determined). Life will take on new meaning and greater intensity as we move forward to fulfill kingdom destiny. What we are given to do will be fraught with significance as we proceed under the unction of the Holy Spirit with greater discernment and awareness of that which is supernatural being made manifest in our lives.

The phrase “Old ceilings become new floors” will take on significant meaning in the days ahead. Everything that has been significant in ministry will be elevated to a new level -- the sound of praise and worship, warfare, and all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those who camp out on the last move of the Spirit and old revelations will miss this next great wave of the Spirit.

God has called us into a transitional season of joy, liberty, thanksgiving, praise, and rejoicing that will bring renew our strength and hope and regenerate us. The reproach of the past is being rolled away. The Lord is going to supernaturally heal wounds of the past and restore His Body to joy that produces His strength. We will be given an extra measure of courage and boldness with which to step into the future. It will be like a honeymoon filled with hope and wonder. Enjoy it while it lasts.

2005-2014: Another cycle of ministry. We have heard a lot about the apostolic anointing in the past cycle, but we have yet to see the true manifestation of apostolic power and anointing. I believe that the office of the apostle will be established in this cycle.

Internet Ministry will continue to be huge as we continue to see the Body of Christ as a global entity. Many ministries who have been afraid of the computer and Internet will now get on board.

Destiny will be the operative word as the upcoming events and changes will propel God’s people into a higher octave of kingdom life, meaning and ministry. As diligently as we have planned and envisioned our lives at this time, surprises will still abound. So, expect the unexpected. The coming season will be filled with exciting possibilities and unusual opportunities.

Words from the Lord:

I had a vision of us wearing those head lights that miners wear in the tunnels, and I heard the Lord say, “I will give you the treasures of darkness hidden riches in secret places that you may know that I, the

Lord, which call you by your name, am the God of Israel. (Isaiah 45:3) I will reveal mysteries, and the darkness will become as noonday."

You are struggling to break free from the last season and recent tests. Your spirit man wants, desires above all things, to move ahead and be free. Yet, you must break free of the mindsets of the last season's tests and even the last move of the Spirit before you can go forward. I am doing a new and liberating thing, says the Lord, and I will help you break through. It will be by My grace and by My Spirit that you break through and move on beyond the strain of the past. The old phase will end and another will begin as you leap forward without the bridge of transition from one to the other.

The next phase will be like going from first grade to high school without going through the classes and grades between. It will be very different, but you won't know that until you get through it. Where you have been will be elementary compared to where I am taking you by My Spirit and revelation. I have given you opportunities to look back and see where you have been and to see how you have overcome things in your lives so that you can move forward. It will be a major leap. I am revealing the places in you that complicate your lives and make things harder and more complex than they have to be. I will show you the distractions and difficulties that hinder your progression.

You will progress so quickly that it will feel like you have been on a playground and then suddenly have acute awareness, the ability to see and perceive and know and discern. I will do this in you, says the Lord. Change your attitude and stop playing with ministry and Christianity, and go forth in the truth and reality of the kingdom.

To those who are reluctant to move ahead because of who they might leave behind, but you will be a greater witness, and the gap will actually be closed rather than widened because of your moving ahead rather than staying where you are. Do not drag your feet on this progression. When you moved into the season that is now ending, it was like going from a Model T Ford to a Cadillac, but this time it will be like going from that Cadillac to a jet-powered hovercraft.

Decisions that you make now will change the course of your life and be lasting, but you must not be afraid of radical changes. You are moving up! Old ceilings will indeed become new floors.

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. You have long since moved to a place of maturity and taken your position on the wall. You have raised a standard and proclaimed My purposes, but now you will step into a level of authority that will bring a level of effectiveness that will surprise you and delight those around you.

I have called you to understand and exercise My authority and to depend upon My leading. And, you have done well. But, that place of authority that has been a platform that you step onto will now become an indwelling and permanent state of being. You will find this position to be far more powerful and effective in carrying out the work of ministry.

The authority that you wield carries much responsibility, and much wisdom is required for the decisions that you must make. But, rest assured that I am with you every step of the way, and My wisdom is only a prayer away. Ask, and I will give an abundant flow that will carry you to new heights.

There are many demands on your time, but instead of being burdened by the multiple things that draw on your energies, you will be strengthened by them and find great joy in what I have given you to do. You will gain great satisfaction in accomplishing with diligence what I have set before you.

You can expect a season of greater spiritual growth and maturity in which your discernment will become more acute and your understanding more clear. Take full advantage of every opportunity to gain wisdom and knowledge.

The revelation that you have enjoyed will seem like child's play compared to the level of illumination that is about to become available to you. This is not something you will have to earn or work for to achieve. It is available as you yield to the flow of My Spirit, says the Lord.

You have experienced extraordinary rejection, the pain of accusation, and the agony of defeat that has plunged you into many dark days in the past four years. And, it seems as though things have gone from bad to worse at times. But, you have not turned back from following Me, says the Lord. You have continued to seek to know Me. Now, I will tear down and destroy every conspiracy, and I will vindicate you. This is a new season of hope and promise for you. Rise up in new confidence, for I am with you to make you strong again.

I have given you wings to mount up and rise above the storms. The attacks will no longer have the punch they once did, and you will find the strength and assurance necessary to overcome the fear of man, which is a snare to your soul. Take wing and soar, My child!

You have had several prime opportunities to be devastated beyond repair, but you chose to rise above rejection and self-pity and allow correction to be constructive rather than destructive. Well done! The seeds of your faithfulness will bear fruit in the coming season.

You are coming to a point of fresh hope that is accompanied by a sense of being valued again. Don’t let it slip away, but know that you are indeed valuable to Me and always have been. Be strong in the power of My might.

This is a significant season in which destiny awaits you. You often have difficulty in deciding a course of action, and taking a step into dark uncertainty can be very frightening, but if you will trust Me, says the Lord, I will lead you by the hand and make your darkness like the noonday.

You will experience greater stability on every level – spiritually, emotionally, and financially. Old insecurities will become dim memories that will no longer take control of your life. Rejoice in this new freedom.

I have torn, but I will heal. I have stricken, but I will bind you up. You will rise up and revive, and your latter years will be greater than the former years, for you shall be established and stand firm in My kingdom, says the Lord.

Your dedication and persistence in the face of incredible odds against you will now begin to pay off. You can expect breakthrough in several areas of life, which produce unparalleled liberty.

Your faith will once again become childlike as you revisit your spiritual roots and re-establish your spiritual foundation. This will also be and enticement and a great benefit to those in your sphere of influence.

Let nothing deter you from being a free spirit as you find joy in simple pleasures. Enjoy this season of simplicity as you behold My face in every facet of life. You have truly maintained a pure faith, which is a prerequisite to relationship with Me.

I have called you to set up a standard, and now I will make you a watchman. You will prepare for war and declare both the work of the enemy and proclaim the victory. Do not underestimate the power of your proclamations, says the Lord.

Your love for My people is strong, and I will reward your generous heart in ways you would never conceive of. The heart of the Father is the power of your love, and your motivation is Divine.

I have made you a strong and supportive hub in the circle of people I have given to you to minister to. What you do and say will have profound and eternal consequences that will yield a great harvest and reward. Do not grow weary in your well-doing!

You are entering a season of greater security and stability than you have ever known. But, the enemy will do his best to overwhelm you with the responsibilities you have taken on and will entice you to run away. But, I say, stand fast. I am with you to bring you through to victory. Trust Me!

Make you choices and be firm. Remember … a double-minded man gets nothing and is unstable in all his ways.

Your loyalty is beyond reproach, and I will use that platform of faithfulness as an example of kingdom integrity, a foundation of strength where many will find solace and hope.

You have trod the mountain tops and skirted the valleys and have proclaimed the glory of the Lord. And, your work in the valley will reveal My glory in unusual but definitive ways. Get ready to stretch, for the days ahead will require more than you thought possible. Yet, nothing is impossible with Me, says the Lord, and I am with you!

I have used you and will use you again to present opportunities to others to step into kingdom destiny. Those moments belong to them to decide. Do not become disheartened when they refuse the narrow path. The failure is not yours. You are My instrument of faithfulness, a vessel of honor.

You are a forerunner, and as you forge ahead and prepare the way, you call back to those who lag behind. Your persistence and zeal are a compelling force that invites even the most resistant. Refuse to allow their reticence to dowse your fire.

Now you can break through and overcome many obstacles that have hindered you for as long as you can remember. Simply yield to My leading as I take you step by step into new joy and freedom.

August 26, 2005: Watch for the devil to try to distract and disable you in an effort to keep you from receiving that which is spiritually vital to you at this time. Rise up in his face and declare, "Thus far and no more." You must turn back the battle at the gate and refuse to become a victim of this attack. Remember that I cause you to be victorious in all things, but only as you cooperate with Me and believe My word, says the Lord. *Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."*

August 25, 2005: The new season is upon you, and now is the time when you can tie up the loose ends and take care of details and last-minute preparations before you launch out. The spiritual atmosphere will be charged with excitement and anticipation, and you will have a heightened awareness that you are heading into new territory. Go forth with fresh vigor, says the Lord.

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Prophetic Directives For 2006

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Some Key Words for 2006: Possess and Occupy; Called to Purity; Mandated to Love; Kingdom Warriors Arising; Emerging House Church Movements; Jerusalem Needs Prayer; Potential Shifts in Government; Spiritual Revolution; and Enlargement, Expansion, and Increase.

Some Key Scriptures for 2006: The Book of **Malachi**; **Psalm 24**; **Deuteronomy 8**; **Joshua 1:1-9**; **Colossians 3:1-3**; **1 Corinthians 2**

1. A Call to Love

A radical and specific call to walk in the power of divine love is being released from the Spirit of God to the Body of Christ in 2006. Humility, favor, blessings, glory, provision, and miracle power will be released to those who pursue love. Increased faith will accompany this move. Household salvations and restoration of relationships will follow those who respond to this invitation. Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."
The Lord gave me a full prophetic insight into this call in November of 2005. Although believers are always expected to walk in pure love, the Spirit is inviting the Church to a specific focus in 2006.

2. The Purifier

In 2006, the Lord will shake those things that can be shaken. Jesus will manifest as a purifier of His Body. The book of Malachi will be key for believers in 2006. The Lord will deal with the weaknesses and sin in His people that are holding them back from fullness. He will come to cleanse and purify. The fire and the blood will be significant.

The Visitation of the Angel Purity

In December 2005, our producer Shirley Ross was visited by an angel called *Purity*. Purity is a white eagle with piercing, fiery eyes, and yet, it is soft, gentle, and dove-like in nature. Shirley also saw a golden ring that Purity carried. It was a ring of power and protection, and it was placed around individuals and groups who chose the virtue of purity. I was present during the visitation and also felt the presence of Purity at that time, although I did not see it.
I heard three words in my spirit: Expose, Sift, Analyze. I felt the Lord say that He will expose things that need to be exposed in His children's hearts and lives. Nothing will be left unexposed. For those that submit to His convictions and dealings, there will be new levels of authority and grace that follow. He will sift so that only the pure will remain, and He will analyze.
"Every man's ways are right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts." -**Proverbs 21:2**

The angel Purity returned the next day and the day after. I saw the vision of this being during the two days and also felt the softness of its breast feathers on one occasion. We met with our team artist Ruthann Fryer and commissioned her to paint the vision of this angel.

Heavier Weights of Conviction

Jesus is known in Malachi as the Purifier. He is calling His people to higher levels of purity in 2006.

Things that individuals were not convicted of in 2005 will carry conviction in 2006. This will come by the Spirit and not by legalistic rules.

As this call to purity rises, there will be increased measures of toleration for sin and worldly-mindedness within parts of the Church too. Good will be called evil, and evil will be called good. The deceitfulness of sin will attempt to fill the minds of some believers, thus producing unaddressed compromises.

The nature of deception is that when you are in it, you do not know it. Strong relational accountability will be needed to help avoid the pitfalls that come with deceptive doctrines and mindsets.

"I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols." **-Revelation 2:20**
"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world." **-1 John 2:15-16**

Polarization

It is important in 2006 that believers stay clear of destructive compromise. There will be some severe tensions over this in the New Year to a point where division and separation will come in some Christian circles as a result. Those who are committed to purity will stand strong in their convictions, and those who are giving tolerance to worldly mindsets will promote and defend their beliefs. These two parties will be polarized.

Deceitful last-day's doctrines will attempt to be birthed into the minds of believers that will give license to lustful and worldly pleasures. Confusion will come to some as supernatural visions, revelations, and even some scriptures will be used to support the doctrine. These doctrines will seem right to some, but the end will be destruction. They will fall away from the truth as a result.

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." **-Galatians 6:7,8**
"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." **-Proverbs 14:12**

The Whole Counsel of God

The Lord is calling His people to stay closely aligned to the truth within the scriptures and to meditate on the whole counsel of God. Many believers will be led to read through the whole Bible again in 2006 (especially the New Testament.) This will be used to fortify their faith and help them stand for purity and righteousness.

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against You." **-Psalm 119:9-11**

Advocates for Morality and Justice

As part of the Lord's call to purity in 2006, there will be individuals who will be raised up as advocates for morality and justice. The Lord will grant strategies that will allow them to call forth righteous foundations in their nations. The younger generation especially will be involved with this. Their message will be opposed by many, even like in the days of Elijah, but the Lord will strengthen them to stand firm. Their message will be soaked in love, faith, and compassion, but it will be delivered with the spirit of conviction.

Holiness Revivals

Like the revivals of old, the Lord is calling for His anointed revivalists in 2006. There are young men and women right now who the Lord is raising up as righteous advocates for the Kingdom of God. Some of them are still in obscurity. They are being seasoned by spending time in His presence. They are a humble company--and yet, radical and zealous. The zeal of the Lord consumes them. They will be marked through a holy conviction that comes through their message of love and truth. They will also be noted for the amazing displays of Kingdom power, signs, and wonders through their consecrated lives. They are not afraid to go into the dark places to bring the light.

This emergence of this company of revivalists must be birthed through prayer. Many intercessors will find themselves groaning for the coming forth of this righteous company. Just like Anna the prophetess, many prayer warriors will not leave their posts until they see the manifestation of these revivalists. Even creation will groan for the coming forth of this company.

"For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. . . For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now." **-Romans 8:19,22**

3. Kingdom Warriors

In 2006, there will be a new level of spiritual confrontation and combat. **Psalm 24** will be a key passage. Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, will reveal Himself as the Lord, mighty in battle.

Visitations of warrior angels will be evidenced by many. These warrior angels will aid believers in their fight against evil and will battle in the heavens on behalf of righteousness. They will be released into their assignments through the prayers of the saints and through the confession of the Word of God.

"Bless the Lord, you His angels, mighty in strength who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!" **-Psalm 103:20**

Men and women of God who have been faithful to stand on the authority of the Word of God in the past will find new levels of authority manifest through their lives in 2006. Their breakthroughs will come much quicker, and some victories will even manifest within minutes following the Word being declared.

Great Warriors Wielding the Sword

Great warriors who know how to wield the sword of the Spirit will arise in 2006. These warriors will impart courage to others in the Body of Christ and will model fearlessness just like David did when he fought Goliath.

I saw a vision of a sword, coming out of the sheath of the Lord. It is a sword sharpened to slaughter, and it is polished to flash like lightning. This sword is to cut off all the works of the enemy, as well as the works of the flesh. It must be wielded.

"Be silent, all flesh before the Lord, for He is aroused from His holy habitation." **-Zechariah 2:13**

4. House Churches

More house churches and house church movements will spring up in the New Year. Some of these will be launched due to the clear word of the Lord. Others will be planted due to rebellion and unresolved offenses in the hearts of wounded Christians. The churches planted with pure motives will succeed, and the others will be short-lived and potentially cause division and pain in the Body.

The Lord will highlight the relational dimension of His Kingdom in the house churches, and many will be saved in and through them. The Lord, however, is not replacing other expressions of His Church through this avenue, but He is, in fact, adding new dimensions.

5. Increased Visitation of the Lord in Jerusalem, as Well as Increased Conflict

I saw angelic messengers in the form of men walking the streets of Jerusalem. They were marking certain areas (store fronts, homes, and portions of streets) with red paint, which I believed to indicate the blood of Christ. This was in preparation for visitations of the Lord in those places where the crimson blood was painted. Increased appearances of Christ and angelic hosts will be seen in Jerusalem and in other parts of Israel.

Israel will continue to be an area of conflict and crisis in 2006, and much prayer will be needed for the peace of Jerusalem.

6. Potential for Righteous Governments and Judicial Systems to be Established.

There is great potential for righteous governments to be set in place in western nations, between 2006 and 2008, but it is very important for the Church to take its place in fervent intercession. A number of Christians who had no previous ambition for public service will be specifically called into the political arena in 2006.

As the Church prays for the unrighteous deeds performed in secret to be brought into the light, exposure will come. The judicial systems of nations will come into righteous alignment, as the Body of Christ continues in passionate supplication and intercession. Prayerlessness at this hour will be a fatal error.

7. Possess and Occupy

The year 2006 is the year to possess promises. In Joshua 1, the Lord commands Joshua to take courage and move forward to possess the promise of the Lord. Many Christians will move forward in faith to lay hold of past prophetic words that have yet to be fulfilled.

Numerous believers will increase in their purchase of lands, houses, and buildings. Many will inherit lands and estates in 2006, and some will inherit from unexpected sources.

It is a year to move into promise. **Deuteronomy 8** will be significant.

8. Expansion

The new year is a year to dream big, although there will be some things in the natural that will tend to tempt people to minimize their vision. Believers must keep their focus on the greatness of God and His ability to do anything. Nothing is impossible with God.
"Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all we could ask or think according to the power that works within us." **-Ephesians 3:20**
Those who soak in the glory of God and believe in His abiding presence will increase and enlarge beyond expectation. Things will grow quickly in 2006. Many will reap one hundred fold return in one year from all that they sow into good ground in the Kingdom.

9. Defined Apostolic Movement

True apostles will be more defined in 2006. They will be marked by their humility, faith, kingdom authority, power, and signs and wonders. There will be a further settling as to apostolic structures as theological adjustments move into place concerning the multi-faceted definition of this gift and calling.

Greater numbers of individuals in the Body of Christ will become "apostolic" according to the pattern in **Matthew 10**.
"Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. . . And as you go, preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons, freely you received, freely give." -**Matthew 10:1,7,8**
***"And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and abundant grace was upon them all."* -Acts 4:33**

10. The Spiritual Revolution

In 2006, more and more believers will be hungry to lay hold of Kingdom perspectives and experiences. Spiritual terms and language will become more common. Individuals will be raised up to bring more understanding, pastoring, and instruction in the operations of the unseen Kingdom dimension.

Unsaved people are going to search for spiritual fulfillment with increased persistence. The Church must be ready to give them the truth concerning their spirituality.

The surfacing of hunger for the unseen realm will cause some increased conflict within the Body, but more and more believers will be open to the counsel of the Word on the subject. Here are some more scriptures to meditate on: **1 Corinthians 2**; **Colossians 3:1-3**.

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Prophetic Tears

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Shalom Aleichem

Several Years back, I had an experience with Prophetic Tears. As it turned out, it was not to be my last. We happened to be listening to a recording of Shalom Aleichem done as an instrumental by David Grisman and Andy Statman. The tune is a slow and very melancholy traditional Jewish song. All of a sudden I had an overwhelming urge to cry. The experience was much like the burden some people get during intercessory prayer. It would come back on me, for a season, every time I heard this recording. I knew in my spirit that I was sharing the tears of our Father in Heaven for the sufferings of the Jewish people throughout the ages. Much of this suffering has been at the hands of the church.

Yerushalayim Shel Zahav - Jerusalem Of Gold

About a year and a half ago, just before the Hezbollah war broke out, I found myself weeping over Jerusalem the same way. There is an Israeli song, Jerusalem of Gold which I heard quoted on the Paul Wilbur CD *Shalom Jerusalem*. Being curious about this song, I discovered that there is a web site devoted to it. http://www.jerusalemofgold.co.il/

This site conveys background information, lyrics and links to recordings and midi files of the music. This song was especially composed for a 1967 Israel Song Festival, Forty years ago, just before the 6 Day War. I found that merely reading the story behind this song caused me to weep. This was prophetic, intercessory weeping over Jerusalem and for the Jewish state in Israel.

Weeping For America

I have also had the same burden to weep for America. There have been many prophecies about the USA being defeated in war and invaded by foreign troops. I had been thinking about how this would be a new situation for the US as she has enjoyed God’s protection from such invasions all through her history. Then the Lord reminded me that we have in fact had enemy troops on our soil. This was twice in our history, in 1812 and during our revolutionary war, 1775-1783.

Realizing this, I then had a great desire to study the History of the American Revolution, seeing that the situation would be similar. In 2000, a movie called The Patriot was released. When I viewed it at our local movie house, I made sure to take a good handful of tissues with me, as I knew I would be crying at some point during the film. What I found interesting was the parts that moved me to tears. It was not when the enemy committed atrocities against the civilian population, nor when they murdered prisoners of war, nor when major characters in the story were killed. What made me weep was when the Americans were urged or expressed a desire to stand up for what they believed in, and resist the enemy. One character, a pastor of a church, said God had called him to shepherd the flock and that sometimes that meant you had to drive off the wolves! It was sentiments like that which had me breaking out in tears.

More recently, I find my self weeping when I hear American patriotic music. This was especially strong when I heard a barbershop quartet do a rendition of *Stars and Stripes Forever*. This is a famous march by John Philip Sousa. [I never knew there were lyrics to it!]

Another song that brings on the tears is Lee Greenwood’s *God Bless The USA*. One of the lines goes: *Cause the flag still stands for freedom and* ***they can’t take that away***. When I hear this line, I find my self saying, Oh Yes they can! If these prophecies come to pass, they will take away our freedom and the Stars and Stripes won’t be here forever.

All this shows me, if nothing else would, the seriousness of the hour for Israel, The Church, and the USA. I have long realized that Israel is a type of the Church and also of The USA. This means that certain events in one will have a parallel in the others. As we know that Judgment needs to begin at the House of God, it may well begin in all three of these at once. But if the Stars and Stripes won’t be here forever, we know that the Kingdom of God will.

Prophetic Words

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Prophecy 1

People shall weep at my glory.
They will weep at my manifest presence.
As they behold the Son of God whom they murdered.
They pierced me, they took my robe away from me.
I was stark naked. I bled and died.
I was ashamed but I bore my shame.
I took away the pains and the grief of your heart at the cross.
Don’t be bitter towards any fellow.
Learn to love for I bore your pains.
I took your sorrows away.
I did bare them.
Take my cross and learn of me.
I am beauty.
You’ll learn well of me.
At the cross, I showed you love, when I bore your sins for you.
I paid the price as I bled to die for you.
I took the pain.
I bled and died.
Look to me with a fervent heart.
I will be there when you call.
You’ll call on my name and I will answer you.
You’ll pray and I will hear for I am wanting to know you.
I’ll be there to help you out of your difficulties.
Don’t be troubled.
Be prudent.
For I’ll come in a time that you expect not.
Therefore wash your robe.
Make it clean lest I come and find you wanting.

Prophecy 2

I have shared my gifts to all the body.
Now move in me and have life.
Learn to swim in me and covet the gifts.
Flow in me and use them for your edification.
I will pour out my Spirit as you are ready to covet more of me.
Flow in love.
More power is available when you flow in my love.
My word is ever ready to share with you of the happenings of tomorrow.
Learn to release yourself to me.
For I have my word in full measure to release to you.
As you ask, you'll receive.
Go in the fullness of prophecy.
Get ready to swim in my river.
Go for the depths of prophecy.
Move in the light and you will learn to swim more.

Love is the key to the flow of prophecy.
Love is the key to learning more of me. Go for the refreshing.
Let Love be the platform on which you receive my gifts.
For if you have it without love, you will be disenabled to walk in my river.
Therefore love and do not hate.
Move in the river.
Move in the light for Love is the fullness of my Spirit.
As you walk in Love, I'll speak to you.
You shall hear clearly and all shall be well with you.

Psalm 94

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Dream of May 28th, 2005. I share this and realize there is a prophetic unction on me, as I do.

I dreamed a servant of the Lord handed me a bottle which at first I thought was perfume. But then, when I turned it toward me, and saw the label, it came to me very clearly that this was a bottle of anointing oil. I remarked to the Lord's servant that it was anointing oil, and there was agreement on this.

The label on the bottle was a picture of "stalks" of wheat. Underneath that wheat, was the inscription: **Psalm 94.**

Of course, when I got up in the morning, the first thing I did was to read Psalm 94. I believe through this dream the Lord was telling me
that God's people are getting ready to move into a level of authority (the anointing oil) where they are going to have a right to execute God's judgments and vengeance against such wickedness as mentioned in this chapter; and these things are even ripened unto the judgments of God.

I come to this interpretation based on the following scriptural references:

> *6 ¶Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand;*
> *7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;*
> *8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;*
> *9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD. Psalm 149:6-9*

> *1 Corinthians 6:1 ¶Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?*
> *2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*
> *3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 1 Cor. 6:1-3*

Here is Psalm 94, and I will let the word speak for itself, but as you read, have your senses sharpened to see how many things in the scripture
actually address present day vexations against God's Word and His people. When I saw "murder the fatherless"......who are the fatherless,
but countless aborted babies who would be born to unwed women if they were given the chance to be born!! No one is ever "fatherless" in the biological
sense of the word, so it must be speaking of illegitimacy.

And then this scripture is replete with references to the persecution of the righteous, which is becoming an all-too-familiar trend in our land.

I continue to cry out much to God for His mercy to fall on this sin-sick nation to awaken people to

repentance, but this dream I had shook me
when I realized what the Spirit is saying, and that we are at a crucial point in time where **the anointing on God's people is changing**. It will not
just be empty words trying to cajole and convince and convict , but God's power being manifested through a people who have been chastised and corrected
into such a walk of obedience, He can trust them with His judgments.

My mailbox is flooded almost daily with those who wish to see righteous legislation to undo some of the evil of our day, and I praise God for these ones on the front-lines of the battles who are truly doing a worthy work.

But dearest friends, I believe we are getting ready to see an intervention of God through His people that will literally will defy the laws of gravity.......
and by that, I mean that those who are so grounded and smug and arrogant in what they are perpetuating against righteousness are going to be blown
sky high when they see God's activation of tribulation through His servants in order to purify and cleanse the land of sin and uncleanness. Righteousness WILL
prevail.

God's people have feared to walk in the full authority He has given to them, **but there is an anointing coming for it**, and the righteous are going to be as bold
as a lion, not turning aside for any!!

And it's not even going to come up for debate among God's people whether it's from the Lord or not because no one is going to dare say, "Is it the Lord?" because people are going to KNOW it's "from the Lord".

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him. Psalm 68:4
(Jah means, "The Lord most vehement!")

In the time of God's judgments, it's the time for the righteous to REJOICE, and not to be afraid!

The atmosphere is pregnant with the reality of this fresh anointing for servants to move into their position as sons. Read Galatians 4 to understand the difference
between a servant and a son.

The sobriety and seriousness that seems to be overwhelming your spirit is actually a spiritual transformation taking place throughout a remnant in the body of Christ who are being "set" in the land as "thrones of judgments". It's not by man's might, nor by man's power, but by God's Spirit. **You cannot make it up if God isn't putting it on you, and you cannot get out of it, if He is.**

God's got a fire in Zion (His people) , and a furnace in Jerusalem (His people) , and the heat coming from off those fires are getting ready to start some fires that
the ONLY thing that will quench the burning will be the water drawn out of the wells of salvation. A great humbling is coming to the land. God has promised
yet another revival to this Nation, but it's coming by way of the fires of God's judgments. Some will run to the "wells of salvation" (His people with a clear word of redemption to bring them unto repentance, deliverance, and full cleansing), but sadly, there will those who will refuse to hear to the very end, and the seed they've sown will reap the harvest after it's own kind.

Let the "more sure word of prophecy" speak to you, as you read the following passage of scripture.

> *Psalms 94:1 ¶O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth; O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, shew thyself.*
> *2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: render a reward to the proud.*
> *3 LORD, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?*
> *4 How long shall they utter and speak hard things? and all the workers of iniquity boast themselves?*
> *5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, and afflict thine heritage.*
> *6 They slay the widow and the stranger, and murder the fatherless.*
> *7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see, neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.*
> *8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye be wise?*
> *9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? he that formed the eye, shall he not see?*
> *10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall not he correct? he that teacheth man knowledge, shall not he know?*
> *11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.*
> *12 ¶Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD, and teachest him out of thy law;*
> *13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked.*
> *14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.*
> *15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it.*
> *16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?*
> *17 Unless the LORD had been my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence.*
> *18 When I said, My foot slippeth; thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.*
> *19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.*
> *20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?*
> *21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood.*
> *22 But the LORD is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge.*
> *23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off.*

Proclaim The Day

Bill Burns

What day is it, My children? Is it not the Day of resurrection and the Day of My power? Is it not the Day of the Third Day Church? I have called you to the forefront of this hour to proclaim the Day and to proclaim the Way and to release the blessings. I say to you that the seeds for the Jubilee blessings have been sown according to My word, and I will fulfill what I have spoken, and I will bring forth the harvest of what has been sown. You know that I am faithful in all of My ways. Freely you have received; freely give and watch as the harvest comes. These are the days of the blessing of the Lord. Receive what has been given to you, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns

March 28, 2005: Beloved, you have stood your ground and faced adversity with courage, and now the dark days of doubt and oppression are beginning to fade away. You have been prepared for victory, and now you can arise and take back what has been stolen. I have released fresh vision. Your light shall dawn in darkness, and even your darkness shall be as noonday, for the reproach has been rolled away. Now, you will maintain strength and courage at all times and be ready to do battle at the first sign of attack. Your victory will be won when you set a watch and turn back every battle at the gate. Then, you shall prosper in victory and rejoice.

Putting The House In Order

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The following word came in a little different format than what I have been used to and incorporates some personal aspects the Lord has been speaking to me about, however, I believe the message is for each one of us to consider.... that the Lord wants us to evaluate our lives, including our homes and households, to see if things are in order, and if not, to take action to put them into order. I sense a bit of urgency to this message to "put the house in order."

Blessings, Shirley Lise, Moderator

I am putting the house in order, putting the household in order, putting the household of God in order, lining all things up with My divine plumb line.

Get the house in order. To do this, I ask that you fix what needs fixing. Look at a house, a dilapidated house. What you do, is go in and fix it up, bring it up to standard. Well, I am asking you to do this in every area of your life, to bring it up to standard.

And what is the standard you ask? Everything I have given you has been entrusted to you. I would ask that you look after it properly, that you be a good steward of it. How do you do this, you ask? By looking at what needs to be done and bringing it up to standard.

Your house and home have been entrusted to you. Look at it and bring it up to standard. What needs to be done? Does anything need fixing? Fix it. Is it clean and is everything in it in order, or is it dirty and out of order? This is important. The house needs to be put into order. So look at your home and you will be able to judge whether or not your house is in order.

Do you continually leave things undone? Just as it is in your home, so is it in your life. So, put the house in order. Do those things that need to be done and do not neglect them. You will set the example to the next generation. If they see your house out of order, they will live in disorder. So I am asking that you take a good look at these things. Are you teaching and training the next generation to be good stewards of what I have given, or will they squander their wealth on foolishness and neglect the household?

I am setting a standard, says the Lord. It is a standard of holiness and requires that the house be put in order. So look around you and check to see if things that need to be done are getting done and if the house is kept clean.

There are some basic things I am addressing that can easily be overlooked, but I ask that you take a look at them. Looking after yourself is important. Getting enough sleep, eating properly, personal hygiene and cleanliness, good work habits, time spent in intimacy with the Lord, and time spent helping and ministering to others are necessary. All these need to be in order. Once again, your household reflects whether or not these are in proper order.

Interior Decorating. I have spoken to you about interior decorating. You are beginning to learn about colors and their use. Well, I am about to open your understanding regarding these things. You will see and appreciate the order I have designed in use of color and color schemes. You will see how colors are used to keep a room and house decor harmonized. You will also learn how to arrange furniture, what styles to use. I am opening a panoramic view of interior design and decor to you. You will learn how to put the house in order design-wise. This will help you to see the parallel which I am speaking to you about. Removing clutter is important in good design. You will see its use. Likewise, I ask you to remove clutter from your life. Get rid of those things that distract you and keep you from being focused on what I have called you to do.

Renovate? Renovate is even a stronger word than redecorate. If your life is extremely out of order, you cannot just redecorate, but you need to renovate. As in renovating, you bring everything up to standard by a complete overhaul. Well, I ask you to look at your life to see if you need a complete overhaul. If you do, it is time to begin.

So write up the checklist. Jot down those things that are out of order and make a conscious effort to bring them into line.

Pass The Salt

Robert Ricciardelli

Pass the salt, please!

I was channel surfing the other day. I do not have much time or desire for the television these days, but I was able to catch part of a basketball game. I then surfed over to a Christian cable network hoping to hear a good word. I am not so sure what I saw could have been described as good, but it sure was sweet, sugar coated for sure. There seems to be a trend of sweets for the flesh, from well meaning preachers on the television, from pulpits, and other media as well. It seems to come across as "The Word of God", because there are bible verses attached. They speak of Christianity as, "The land of milk and honey, and where all your dreams come true". If you have enough faith to name it, then your faith can claim it too. Fathers will does not seem to be necessary, if we only will live by faith, we will receive material prosperity. If you do this then you get that, if you give this much, then you get that much, have your cake and eat it too!

Those that know me know my heart and that I will defend a brother almost always. It just seems that we have been getting an over abundance of "sugar and spice and everything nice", and not enough of the "lose your life, so you may have it", type of teachings. Do I believe in biblical and godly prosperity? Yes I do! Do I believe in rewards for obedience? Yes I do! Do I believe in sowing and reaping? Of course I do! I am not talking about biblical truth; I am talking about pouring heaps of sugar and candy on top of the truth. I am hearing about a whole lot of sugar and not a lot about being the salt of the earth. I don't know about you, but for me, somebody pass me the salt, please!

Matthew 5:13
"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

Colossians 4:6
Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone

I started thinking about salt and all the characteristics and uses for it in the natural. There are so many spiritual lessons we can learn from salt, the very thing Jesus told us to be like on this earth. Why was salt of such importance in the scriptures? Why did Jesus compare people to salt . . . what on earth could the two have in common? To find the answer, I did some research about salt. I was amazed at what I learned and how much we can extrapolate to understand how we should be living, moving and having our being as salt and light to the world. .

Extractor Of Flavor – **It enhances flavor when added.** This gave me the idea of salt as a servant. Whatever food it serves, it brings out even a better quality of flavor. As we begin to touch peoples lives though the power of the Holy Spirit, we then will begin to see them begin to see the Lord and accept Him. His properties begin to be transferred by His presence, as healing and deliverance take place.

Then those persons become a new flavor, a new life in Christ, and the old flavor passes away…..

Salt Serves The Digestive Tract As salt we then can help the world digest the life-saving truth of God's Word. The nutrients of the Word of God feed and strengthen the world. We allow the only Spirit to continue to give us His Word fitly spoken into people's lives and give them the answers to their cares.

Salt Is Essential For Muscle Movement - "Christian salt" enables the world to move smoothly in the right direction and in the right way. Without it, there is lack of coordination–disorder, mayhem, lawlessness, etc. We should bring this movement to all areas of society so that they may be in alignment to the precepts of His word. A nation can be transformed as we bring His presence to the gate keepers in politics, healthcare, business & finance, media & entertainment, education, law, and our churches….

Salt is needed most in "hotter climates" - The need for "Christian salt" increases with temptation and sin. In times and area's where wickedness is on the increase, the greater the need for "Christian salt." It is interesting to note that, in the parts of the world where persecution is at its most devastating, the Christian faith is multiplying by leaps and bounds despite all efforts to stifle it. It seems like the greater the persecution, the greater blood, sweat and tears are realized. As blood, sweat and tears contain salt, it represents the fact that those that go and grow through them have increased their salt content.

Our failure to be salty causes great damage - Chronic deprivation of "Christian salt" causes loss of weight (dwindling Christianity in the world loss of appetite (the world's lack of interest in God and His Word), nausea (the world's rejection of God and His Word), and muscular cramps (disorder, conflict, and wickedness in the world). Eventually, lack of "Christian salt", leads to stunted growth–a body or world that can never reach full health and maturity. –Note: there is transformation taking place throughout the world – China, India, Pakistan, Russia, Eastern Europe…etc. but not much in the United States, yet).

Salt Preserves – Those that have become Christians can be preserved through learning from God's Word and discipleship. As we teach them to obey the Word of God and live according to His principles, then they become multiplied salt for the earth and bring that life to others.

Diluted Salt – **Salt when diluted, loses it's saltiness.** I was thinking in the area's of compromise in our life. As we compromise or add to much sugar theology to our diet, we then cannot be the witness and the flavor or image of Christ that we need to be. We can be diluted salt for the earth by many other things as well, such as unforgiveness, rebellion and many other sins. So we must continue to be uncompromised and obedient to His Word to keep our salty advantage.

Lumpy Salt – **Salt will lose it's ability to function when it lumps together and separates it's free flowing properties.** I began to think of the many factions, denominationalisms, individualisms, that separate at times from being the one true inseparable body of Christ. When we begin to think that our order, or the way we may worship is better than others, we then can become lumpy and lose our saltiness. There is only one church and although we may have different expressions of the only true

Way and only true Church, we must realize that church is not an organization, it is a people that belong to and live for Jesus Christ. In that essential we can then be mobilized to interact with every believer no matter what race, denomination or culture.

Salt Creates Thirst – Salt will create a constant thirst. If you have enough salt of God's properties in your life you will always be thirsty to drink more of Him and His Word. You will thirst for righteousness. You will thirst for souls. You will thirst for His presence and you will thirst to hear His voice. You will thirst for obedience and you will never stop thirsting to advance His kingdom.

Salt Has Value – Salt is valuable, is taxed heavily, and has been used as currency in many parts of the world. As God's agents of salt and light to the world, we are also valuable. We are of so much value beloved and we were purchased at a great price to be considered sons and daughters of the living God. We have inherited His authority and we are in training to reign with Him. We must understand who we are in Christ and the kingdom value and witness we represent.

These are a few examples to encourage us to feed those things in our life that will create us to become effectual witnesses for Christ wherever He leads us. We also must cut out from our diet, those things that would decrease the life giving properties of the Holy Spirit within us. We must not quench the salt and light of the Holy Spirit and begin to root out the culprit. The culprit many times is self. Self enjoys indulgences and like Luther in His day, we have establishments that are feeding us indulgences and sometimes they come in the form of godliness.

Let's get on a health food kick of the unadulterated Word of God and begin to wean out the sweets from our diet. An over abundance of sugar will kill you in the natural and can lead self or others towards spiritual death. It may taste good, it may feel good and it may tickle your ears. But if it is not producing the fruits of the Spirit in your life and causing you to seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, then it is no good. As for me and my house, we have seen and heard enough sugar, so pass the salt please!

Paying The Ultimate Price

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I would like to share a vision I have when I came across the story of Veronica Guerin.

Veronica Guerin was an Irish journalist who was brutally murdered in 1996 at the culmination of an investigative report into organised drug running and crime operations in Ireland.

The twelve months after Veronica Guerin's death saw a series of remarkable changes in Ireland. One week after her death, the Irish government ratified a constitutional change allowing the freezing and seizure of illicitly gained assets resulting from crime. Over the twelve months following Mrs. Guerin's death, there was an astounding galvanising of the people of Dublin that resulted in almost all of the drug dealers in that city being driven out by ordinary people while the main drug bosses were driven underground and their operations were significantly hampered. Almost all of the people involved in Mrs. Guerin's death were apprehended and brought to justice while having their assets seized .. and overall, there was a 15% drop in crime nationwide.

I was left deeply pondering why it always seems to be that one person has to pay such a high price for so many others to find a way through to a new experience of life. How many times across history have we seen this happen? One person makes the sacrifice and it seem to be the catalyst that triggers sweeping change for countless men and women.

I was moved to tears as I considered the pain being experienced by any individual in their quest to fulfill the thing that burns in their heart. I was overtaken by the pain and confusion that the individual's loved ones are left with in the wake of them paying the highest price of all for the sake of their quest.

I was left asking the Lord why that is. Why does an individual have to pay such a high price?

As I was pondering this concept, the Lord overtook me with a vision of what's really going on behind the scenes ....

Suddenly I saw a small company of angels assigned to stand very close protective guard over the person chosen to pay such a price. These angels are commanded by the Lord to pay any price to protect their charge. The one they are protecting must arrive at the moment where the ultimate price can be paid .. for the good of all those who are to benefit from their sacrifice.

In my vision I became aware of an increasing clamour as the angels war to defend their charge with all vehemence to ensure he or she makes it through to the end. The enemy is not deterred. He knows what it will look like if he loses to God's intent through this individual. The enemy presses in harder, looking for weak spots. The angelic company close ranks to ensure that their charge makes it through.

The enemy pushes harder. The clash of weaponry in the Spirit is deafening .. the roar of the Heavenly host intensifies as they spur on the Lord's chosen one .. "come on, you can do it .. you can make it" .. "don't give up, you must make it to the end" they cry .. and suddenly, the timing is right .. both history and destiny collide in a moment .. the Lord's goal is achieved and at the same moment, a gun shot .. the price has been paid .. all of heaven gasps .. the great cloud of witnesses holds their breath .. "how will the people respond to the price that's been paid for them?" .. "will it all be worth this individual's training?" .. "will the people run with the opportunity that's been given to them?" .. "will the Lord's orchestration of their life be worth it?

For therein lies the truth of the matter .. even though the angelic company was "defending" their charge, the fact is, they were meant to ensure that at just the right moment, the price was indeed paid by that individual .. even their life. This is why the Scripture says that "costly is death of His saints", because much has been invested into bringing them to the point where they would demonstrate their love for others by being willing to lay down their lives in the fulfillment of a plan much bigger than themselves .. but at any moment they may choose to say, "it's all too hard, I can't go on, I'm outta here!"

Along the journey, they may not have understood what it was that was driving them. Oh, they could try to explain it as a passion for justice, a determination to make a difference, a commitment to changing the status quo .. but what even they may not have known is that it was God who had invested Himself into them all along, in the hope that they would make it to the end in order to see the goal achieved, the battle won.

.. and here's the most shocking thing for me about this whole experience ..

God will ensure that the price is paid one way or the other and, if He can't find a believer to follow Him, He will find an unbeliever who He can trust to at least see out the task to the end.

Perhaps next time you are confused by your circumstances and yet feeling driven to pursue your goal come what may, you might stop and consider whether you too have been chosen for one of those moments when history and destiny might collide for the good of many who will come after you. If so, pay the price. We are with you!

Kerry Denten

Prepare The Way
Rick Joyner

The greatest sign of the return of the Lord is recorded in Matthew 24:14, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.” An acceleration of transformation is now going on in the church in order to prepare the way for this gospel to be preached and this prophecy fulfilled. The greatest force for truth is now being assembled for this purpose.

There are true, last-day prophets and apostles already living among us. Most are still immature, but they are here, they are maturing, and they will soon be released in power. Their commission will be foretold by the earth itself suffering spiritual contractions so that all who dwell on the earth will tremble. God is coming to shake things up.

The Revolution

This “gospel of the kingdom” is not the same as the gospel of salvation, commonly referred to as “the gospel” which has been the primary message of the Protestant and the evangelical churches for the past five hundred years. It is now time to understand the gospel of the kingdom, how it is distinguished from the gospel that has been preached, and how the message of the church is about to change so that it is preached throughout the whole world. We also need to examine the way that the gospel of salvation has been perverted in recent times, changing it from Him coming to save His people from their sins, to Him coming to save His people from their troubles. This is why so few remain in the faith after their “conversion.” The only true salvation comes from the conviction of our sins and our profound and desperate need for the atonement of the cross of Jesus Christ. Anything other than this is a wrong foundation that cannot stand. He did not come to deliver us from troubles, but rather the opposite. When someone comes to Christ, he or she needs to immediately be prepared for troubles, as the whole fallen world will be against them.

Without question the Christian life is the most fulfilling, wonderful adventure that anyone can experience in this world, but it is also the most difficult life that can be lived on this earth. When people come to Christ, they need to be prepared for battle from the first day. If they are not prepared for this, they are very unlikely to remain in the faith, as the glaring statistics of those who “come to Christ” that are lost again to the world should boldly teach us.

When we are born, it is not the goal of our lives, but only the beginning. Likewise, to be born again is not the ultimate goal of the gospel; it is the beginning of the greatest quest and journey toward the full maturity of what we are called to be. It is now time for the church to go on to maturity, and this must begin with our message. It is the greatest message of hope, but also a call to battle.

To preach the gospel of the kingdom does not in any way negate or denigrate the gospel of salvation. In fact, it is the gospel of the kingdom that leads to true salvation, which is why the Lord Jesus Himself preached this gospel, as well as the first century apostles. Redemption, reconciliation, and restoration are all part of the gospel of the kingdom, and these are reasons for which the kingdom is coming. However, the gospel of the kingdom does include more than the salvation of believers—it is the message that the rightful King is coming to take over.

Those who are born again with the hope of salvation may be changed, but those who are born again in order to see the kingdom will be so changed that they are a “new creation” (see Galatians 6:15) which stands out in great contrast to those of the old creation. Just as the first century Christians stood out in stunning contrast to all who lived in their time, the radical faith that is about to be revealed through such radical Christians will cause the whole world to stand in shock and awe.

Recent studies have revealed that modern, evangelical Christians are really no different from non-Christians in basic moral and integrity issues such as honesty, cheating, and immorality. That is about to change. As the Lord warned in John 15, every branch that does not bear fruit will be cut off. If you receive anything from this bulletin, heed the following clear warning from Galatians 5:16-25:

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, dispute s, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you just as I have forewarned you that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Again, we can know for sure that those who practice such things as are listed under the works of the flesh "shall not inherit the kingdom of God." The scariest thing in the world should be if we are doing these things and getting away with them. As we are told in Hebrews 12, the Lord disciplines His children, and if we are without discipline, then we are not His.

The Gospel of the Kingdom

The gospel of the kingdom is not just the gospel of our atonement, but it is the good news of the kingdom of God and the declaration that the King is coming to establish it here on the earth, beginning with us. To be saved with a vision of our salvation is good, but it is man-centered. To be saved by a vision of the kingdom is an enlistment into the army of the coming King. This is not a matter of "majoring on minors;" each has very different consequences and different fruit. When the gospel of salvation is preached, we are compelled to "accept the Lord" and often it is done as if we are doing Him a favor. When the gospel of the kingdom is preached so that His kingdom is seen, we will bow the knee begging His acceptance.

As the Lord instructed His people to pray for nearly 2,000 years, His kingdom is going to come, and His will is going to be done right here on the earth just as it is in heaven (see Matthew 6:9-13). This prayer of so many millions for so many years, the prayer that the King Himself gave us to pray, is going to be answered. He wants to start with us. That He came to be our Savior is something we will marvel at for eternity; however, He did not just come to be our Savior, but our King. There is a difference.

The coming of His kingdom is the greatest hope that has ever been preached on the earth. There is no hope found in any other religion or any philosophy of utopia that is as great as what we have been given to proclaim. As the troubles of the end of this age increase, the light of the hope of His kingdom will shine brighter and brighter. Now is the time to fill our lamps with this oil.

The earth will be restored to its former paradise so that there is no more war, sickness, dying, hunger, or even pain. The lion will lie down with the lamb, children will be able to play with cobras, and no one will hurt anyone else. This is the greatest message of hope that the world has ever heard. The gospel is not just "good news," but it is the greatest news, the greatest message OF A FUTURE that the world has ever heard. Our message must change from proclaiming that the end is coming to proclaiming that the beginning is coming.

He Comes to His Temple First

This is a sure promise, and the time is near for its fulfillment. The kingdom of God is surely coming to this earth, and soon. However, it can come to us today! We can live in the kingdom now, and those who begin to proclaim it will do this as true citizens of this kingdom. As we read in Revelation 3:20, the Lord has been standing at the door of His church, patiently knocking to see who would open to Him, but the time is near when He will suddenly burst into His temple and take over. His church is then going to be His body who does His will, speaks His words, and does the works that He did.

We may think this is what we have been doing, following His leading in everything, but in truth few have followed Him in much at all. Many wonderful things have been done in His name which the Lord has blessed, but He will bless many things that He will not inhabit. There have also been many terrible, even diabolical things done in His name.

Soon we will know the difference between what was truly born in the heart of God, and that which was born in the hearts of men. He is going to cleanse His temple, destroy the idols that have been set up there, and drive out the money-changers. He is then going to rebuild it so His church is in fact His church—His body of which He alone is the Head.

Great changes have been happening deep in the heart of the church for years. These are about to accelerate, resulting in such a great transformation that it will be viewed as the greatest move of God in His people since the Day of Pentecost when He first poured out His Spirit on the church. Like the Day of Pentecost in the book of Acts, it will begin with a remnant that has been very close to Him, but it will quickly get the attention of the rest of His people in every nation. These will also begin repenting of their ways that have in fact caused them to reject Him and live contrary to His will. Just as John had to preach repentance before Jesus came the first time, a great repentance is going to precede His second coming.

The sword of the Lord will sweep over the whole earth and remove from among His people all who are not bowing before Him. He will remove the arrogant and the stumbling blocks. When we see this deep repentance even touching the most highly visible and influential leaders of the church, we can begin to expect a radical transformation of the church so that true, New Testament church life as the Lord intended can be re-established on the earth. Then the church will not be known so much for its organization, facilities, or even its message, but it will be known as the place where the living God dwells. His people will be continually in awe of Him, and the rest will be in awe of His people. Another sign that His kingdom is near will be the mountains being brought low, and the valleys and low places being raised up. Many of the things that have been high and lofty in the church will be brought down, and things that have been kept in low esteem will be exalted. The message of the cross and the crucified life will be the first to be lifted up. The messages that have promoted presumption, self-seeking, and selfishness will be brought low. The messengers who promote them will likewise follow them.

Through the coming repentance, a great and profound maturity will come to the church. It will be such a radical change that Christians will claim that they have begun to see the kingdom of God and even the King for the first time. To a large degree this will simply be the result of getting our eyes off of ourselves and turning to Him. Instead of the church being so focused on building itself, it will begin to focus on preparing the way for His kingdom. This reorientation from self-focus to that which is greater will, in fact, do more to build the church than all of our self-focus was ever able to do.

Even so, this great repentance will result in a great pruning of the church. Many will not be willing to make these changes. The recent split of many denominations around basic issues is but a small foretaste of what is coming. Those who are more devoted to institutions or organizations than to the Lord will have a hard time, and many will not make it. Even so, those who do must press on.

In a relatively short period of time, the church will become more brilliant and powerful than it has ever been. The branches that are cut off from it will wither and die very fast. Do not die with them. Our allegiance must be to the Lord and His kingdom, which is bigger than any denomination or movement. When denominations turn from the Lord and His Word, it is time to turn from them.

From Control to Authority

There have been many messages that have come proposing to be the gospel of the kingdom, but as Robin McMillan observed, most of these messages have somehow been about how to control people. Indeed, a control spirit has not only entered into many of these teachings, but has sat in the seat of authority in much of the church since the first century. There is still a great deal of confusion in the church on the issues of authority, but that will soon change as a true authority is raised up.

Obeying the Lord and His delegated authority is important. The Lord Himself explained that if we call Him “Lord,” but do not do what He says, we are building on a foundation that will surely collapse (see Luke 6:46-49). Therefore, obedience to Him as the King is crucial for being a true messenger of His kingdom. However, the way in which the Lord preached the gospel of the kingdom actually said very little about authority and obedience, but rather He demonstrated their power over the conditions on earth.

For example, when the Lord saw a cripple it was as if He said (I am paraphrasing), “You know, there are no cripples in heaven, so watch what happens when the kingdom of heaven touches this cripple on the earth.” Then the cripple would be made whole. When He saw a multitude hungry with no food, it was as if He said, “You know, there is no lack in heaven, so watch what happens when heaven touches these few loaves and fishes...” The condition of heaven would touch the circumstances on earth and prevail over them. In this way, the authority of the kingdom of heaven was demonstrated to be greater than any authority or condition on the earth. He told His disciples to go and live the same way so that they could preach the same message. It is noteworthy that when the Lord turned the water into wine or multiplied the fish and loaves, He always made too much! Of course, He did this purposely to demonstrate the abundance of His kingdom. He did come to give abundant life! He promises those who are faithful to bring the whole tithe into His storehouse that He will pour out a blessing which they cannot contain (see Malachi 3:8-12). Likewise, the apostle Paul affirms the same in II Corinthians 9:6-8: Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully. Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

Life in the kingdom is one of abundance, having “all grace” abounding to us, “all sufficiency in everything,” and “an abundance for every good deed.” However, this is not just for our consumption, but for service. It is also in Spirit and power, which is why the apostle Paul wrote:

And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God (I Corinthians 2:4-5).

For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power (I Corinthians 4:20).

The message of the kingdom is about the King. The office of king is obviously about authority, but the authority of the kingdom of God is not just about beating people into submission. In John 18:36 the Lord said, “My kingdom is not of this world.” His kingdom is from above, and in many profound ways, not like the kingdoms of this world. Most of the doctrines concerning the kingdom and even those which have been declared to be the gospel of the kingdom, are very hard to distinguish from the kingdoms of this world, and have very little evidence or demonstration of being from the realm of heaven. What is coming will be different. The foundational purpose of the coming gospel of the kingdom will not be about getting people to line up and obey. It will be about healing them, feeding them, and transforming their minds by such demonstrations of the goodness of God that people begin to love Him, His truth, His righteousness, and His justice.

Seeing Is the Beginning

In John 4:48 the Lord said, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.” This is often taken as a rebuke, but when you read it in its context, it is simply the statement of a fact. When the Lord said this, the royal official who was seeking the healing of his son did believe, which is why he came to Jesus. The Lord went about “to do and to teach,” because people needed to see in order to believe. When the gospel of the kingdom goes forth, people will be given ample opportunity to believe.

Even so, as the Lord said in John 3:12, “If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things?” As Todd Bentley recently told me, he was beginning to understand that we must be born again to see the kingdom, and we must see it in order to preach it, but the ultimate goal is to “inherit the kingdom.” This is something that great saints have pondered throughout the church age, but we can expect it to soon become a preoccupation with believers because a great revelation of the kingdom is coming.

However, we are after more than a revelation of the kingdom. We must be born again to see the kingdom, but not everyone who is born again sees it. In fact, until now very few seem to have seen more than a passing glance. When we begin to see the kingdom, the change it will generate will be at least as great as being born again. Once we see the kingdom, it becomes impossible to be overly concerned about the temporary things of this world. To see the kingdom is a call to live in the power of the age to come. When we begin to see the kingdom and see its power demonstrated, we will not be able to contain our hope, but will have to proclaim it. Even so, our goal is more than just preaching the gospel of the kingdom. Our goal is to live in it now, demonstrating it.

The Church and the Kingdom

The end of this age will be the greatest time of trouble that the world has ever known because man will learn that he simply cannot rule over the earth without being in proper relation to God. Then, through His church, which is composed of men, He is going to establish His authority over the earth and He is going to “restore all things.” This means that mankind and the entire earth will be restored from all of the consequences of the Fall and the earth will be the paradise that He originally designed it to be. God’s original plan for man and the earth have not been thwarted, but He will certainly finish that which He began. About this we can be sure. Because of the transgression, the atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and restoration had to be added to the plan of God. It does not negate the fact that the Lord knew from the beginning that it would have to be added, as “His works were finished from the foundation of the world” (Hebrews 4:3). Even so, His intention all along has been to dwell with men upon the earth. This is our ultimate goal—to be His dwelling place and to have that intimate, personal relationship with Him restored.

The gospel of the kingdom is not just about heaven and eternal life—it is about heaven coming to the earth. This is the prayer that He gave us to pray in the beginning, that His kingdom would come and His will would be done, right here on earth as it is in heaven (see Matthew 6:9-13). We can be sure the prayer that the Son of God Himself gave us to pray for nearly two thousand years will be answered, and the time is near.

The Great Decision and the Great Division

Since the first century, the church has found a way to divide over almost any doctrine or procedure. That will change in the near future and ultimately a great unity will come, but first a great division is coming. The whole church will have to choose between following a control spirit or the Holy Spirit—the headship of men or the Headship of the Lord. Those denominations, movements, or churches which choose to go the way of building and following human political alliances in place of the Headship of Christ will quickly see huge numbers of churches and people departing. If they do not quickly repent of their error, they will fade away completely. Paul wrote in Galatians 1:10: “If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.” The fear of man is the most basic enemy of true spiritual authority. Those who are controlled by the fear of men, seeking the approval of men more than God, will be removed from leadership in the church. The Lord Jesus is going to be the Head of His church, and He will rule through bond-servants who live to do His will.

As stated, many things have divided the church in the past, but in the future the main division will be between those who follow the Lord, and those who follow after men, or human, earthly ambitions. This is the main division coming upon the earth, and the judgment will begin with His own household. The issue is over who is going to rule His house, and then over who is going to rule the earth. The Lord will ultimately rule over all, but the end of the age is about choosing who we will serve. As the Scriptures make clear, a great shaking is coming upon the world, and everything that can be shaken will be removed (see Hebrews 12). We are told in I Peter 4:17: “For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?” The key phrase in this verse is “obey the gospel,” which is more than just giving an intellectual assent to it, but it is conforming our lives to the truth of the gospel by acknowledging Jesus as the Lord by obeying Him.

The Lord cannot judge the world if His own people are doing the very things that He is coming to judge the world for. He is going to shake out of His kingdom those who have been conformed to this world and have not submitted to having their minds renewed and transformed. The flesh or carnal nature of man is about to be consumed like grass.

As the apostles make clear in the Scripture we read previously, those who “practice” the works of the flesh “shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:21). Many have been duped by a cheap salvation which in reality excludes the cross that we must each take up daily, implying if they just believe that God exists, and that Jesus went to the cross they will be saved. This is an ultimate deception, and has left many thinking they are safe who are in fact still in eternal jeopardy. Those who truly believe the gospel also obey it. This does not mean those who slip and do the works of the flesh are condemned, but those who “practice” them will not inherit the kingdom. If we are Christ’s and His Spirit is leading us, we will war against the deeds of the flesh until the flesh is not only subdued, but dead.

Whoever controls us is our true lord. If our carnal nature still controls us, then it is still our lord in place of Christ. If the fear of man controls us more than the fear of God, then we are still ruled from below and not above. The shaking that is coming will reveal that which is hidden, and the true state of us all.

However, the gospel remains “good news.” There is still time to repent and turn back to the Lord if we have become lukewarm, a backslider, or have ceased fighting the good fight of faith against our own fallen nature. As we are told in I Corinthians 11:31-32, “But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

Many of the great gatherings of Christians to repent and humble themselves before the Lord in such places as Washington D.C. have been heard, and the Lord has given us more time. However, He will not indefinitely refrain from judgment. To humble ourselves and pray is good, but true repentance is to turn from the sin. These are encouraging signs that there has been a lot of true repentance and turning away from sin in the church, but the battle is far from over

The Nature of Judgment

The judgments that are coming are not the result of God reaching out to smite the earth as much as it is Him removing the hand of mercy that has stayed “natural processes.” The Lord created His universe to live in harmony, and there are spiritual and natural harmonics which, if they are upset, set off everything from earthquakes to storms to diseases. If it had not been for God’s hand of mercy, holding back “the winds of the earth,” earthquakes and storms would be off the scale and super viruses would have already devastated the earth. The judgments that will come in the last days of this age are simply the result of God removing the restraints so that the earth and its natural systems will begin to do what they would have done a long time ago had they not been restrained (see Revelation 7). The “judgments of God” are really our own doing. They are simply fallen men reaping what they have sown. Just as the judgments that came upon biblical Israel by her neighbors being released to plunder her were simply the removing of the hand of the Lord from restraining these nations, so it will be in what is to come. God desires to show mercy far more than judgment, and He has always restrained the judgments until there was no longer any choice because of the hardness of men’s hearts. So as long as the judgments have not come they can still be stayed, and even when they come they can still be lessened if we repent.

Stand Upon What Stands

We have a kingdom that cannot be shaken. The citizens of that kingdom are going to become increasingly obvious as they will in time be the only ones standing. Not only will they be standing—they will be prevailing and prospering. As the Lord Jesus’ own prophecies concerning these times make very clear, we are coming to the greatest times of trouble the world has ever known. However, the good news is, if we have built our lives on the kingdom which cannot be shaken, we will not only survive what is coming, but we will prevail and prosper. This is actually the time when the church is going to cross over and begin to possess its Promised Land.

The present world systems are going to be shaking, and this will increase. As a sign of this, increasing natural disasters such as earthquakes and storms will continually break records until they exceed all previous scales and frequency. All who continue to think they can run the world, or even their own lives without God, are about to learn that this is impossible. Those who are “obeying the gospel” will know increasing light and prosperity at the same time the world around them is collapsing. We must not be ashamed of this, but it too is a part of the judgment. However, our prosperity is not so we can live luxuriously, but so we can help the desperate and prepare the way for the coming kingdom. In Joshua 3:16, we are told that the waters of the Jordan “which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam.” This could have been translated that the waters of the Jordan “were rolled back all the way to Adam.” It was no accident that this little town was named “Adam,” just as there are no accidents at all in Scripture. This was a prophecy that when God’s people begin to cross their Jordan, we will begin possessing all of the promises of God that we are called to inherit, and then death will be rolled back all the way to Adam! This means that all of the death which was the consequence of the Fall will be reversed. This is the good news and the reality of it will actually be much better than we have even been able to conceive. Now is the time—today is the day of salvation! Today we can live in a kingdom that will never shake and will surely prevail. Today let your choice be for the Tree of Life—and you will live forever.

The Fruit of the Land
Rick Joyner

" . . .Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you."

> *"Now when they had finished circumcising all the nation, that they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed.*
> *"Then the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.*
> *"While the sons of Israel camped at Gilgal, they observed the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth day of the month on the desert plains of Jericho.*
> *"And on the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate some of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.*
> *"And the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten some of the produce of the land, so that the sons of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate some of the yield of the land of Canaan during that year."* Joshua 5:8-12, NASB (Emphasis mine)

We see above that it was on the very day after the children of Israel celebrated the Passover that they began to eat the fruit of the land. There is a fundamental connection between remembering the Passover sacrifice of Christ, and our beginning to walk in the fruit of the Spirit as **I Corinthians 5:7** states: ***"Christ our Passover."*** We need to look briefly at this connection before our study of the fruit of the Spirit.

To partake of the Passover refocused Israel on their true Deliverer. It is Christ Who has delivered us from our bondage. Just as Israel was commanded to celebrate the Passover Feast year after year so that they would never forget this, we, too, need to always remember that it is the cross of Jesus that delivers us from our bondage and from death, giving us eternal life.
The more we start to walk in the fruit of the Spirit and possess our promises, the more we need to be reminded that this is not the result of our own righteousness or our own ability. It is a free gift we should always be thankful for, even through eternity. This is why the Lord is called ***"the Lamb"*** throughout eternity as we see in the book of Revelation. Eternity will not be long enough for us to thank Him for His great salvation!

Birth is Not the End Goal, But the Beginning

It was on the very night that Israel partook of the first Passover that would be their last night in Egypt and bondage. Their whole lives changed so radically that they would never again see all that they had been familiar with their whole lives. They would, from that day on, journey to lands in a new realm they had never seen before. This is how radically our lives should change when we come to Christ. As we are told in **II Corinthians 5:17:** ***"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*** This represents the new birth that we have when we partake of Christ as our Passover.

However, a birth is not the end goal, but the beginning. Israel was born again on that night, but it took many years for them to become mature enough to be able to take their land. One whole generation that could not get Egypt and bondage out of their hearts had to pass away, and another grow to maturity before they could enter into their full purpose. The Lord wanted the first generation to enter, but they disqualified themselves by their lack of faith. We, too, will need to have faith in God to possess our Promised Land.

"Clean Out the Old Leaven, and Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees & Sadducees"

A part of the Passover Feast that Israel was also commanded to celebrate is called: "The Feast of Unleavened Bread." In Scripture, leaven represented two seemingly opposite evils. One is sin and wickedness, which we see in **I Corinthians 5:6-8:**

"Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

"Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed.

"Let us therefore celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

In Matthew 16:6 Jesus warned His disciples to ***"beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."*** This represented the legalism of those movements. We see that leaven represents both the lawlessness of sin and wickedness and the self-righteousness of legalism. These are the two ditches that are on either side of the path of life. Both of them are referred to as leaven even though they seem to be the opposite problem. This is because they each work into a person's life like leaven. When you place just a tiny bit of leaven into a lump of dough, it quickly begins to spread until it has penetrated the entire lump. Such is the nature of both lawlessness and legalism.

The tragedy is, when many fall into one of these ditches, they may get out, but then they often so overreact to the ditch that they go to the opposite extreme and fall into the ditch on the other side. Reactionary people will spend much of their lives going from one extreme to the other. Because of them some of the worst doctrine, theologies, and even heresies have spread through parts of the body of Christ. If we are going to be free of these, we must refuse to let mistakes, failures, or wounds be the source of our beliefs and the way we live. We must resolve to believe the Word of God and only the clear teaching of Scripture.

Israel celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread as a reminder of how they left Egypt in such haste that their bread did not have time to become leavened (see Exodus 12:33-39, and Deuteronomy 16:3). That, too, is how we keep such leaven from our lives -- we must leave Egypt in haste. Even though we are leaving for the purpose of inheriting a Promised Land, we do need to get out of bondage fast, fleeing the evil ways of this world. Egypt represents the ways of this world that keep people in bondage. People who come to the Lord, but are slow to make the complete departure from their old ways, will inevitably end up back in bondage.

"Being Led to the Promised Land"

In recent years, studies have been made that indicate that there is no longer a distinguishable difference between the character of Christians and non-Christians when it comes to basic issues such as morality, cheating, lying, and stealing. This reveals that the leaven of the world has gotten back into the bread of the church and spread. This condition will not last long, but will soon change because the church is about to endure a new circumcision and then celebrate the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread again. The cross and the crucified life will soon become restored to the church. We will not be able to go on to possess our promises until this is accomplished. We will go no further in our present condition.

Again, to keep the leaven out of our bread, we must keep moving forward, growing, and going on to maturity. However, we are not to be moving in reaction to past mistakes or problems, but rather in the pursuit of God and the fulfillment of His purposes. The children of Israel were leaving bondage, but God did not come with a promise of just getting them out of their troubles, but rather of leading them to the Promised Land. We must always keep this in mind. We do not live in reaction to the ways of the world, but in obedience to God. There is a difference. One will lead to the religious spirit that is rooted in the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and the other will be eating of the Tree of Life.

When someone starts to slow down and camp too long in one place, either sin and wickedness, or legalism, will tend to creep into their lives. This is why movements are so important to the body of Christ. Each one is intended to keep us moving forward toward our purpose, growing closer to the

Lord and becoming like Him. If we are not moving forward, growing more Christlike by growing in the fruits of the Spirit in our lives, and growing in power and authority, we will regress. To not be moving forward is to become lukewarm at best, which is the most dangerous condition any Christian could ever fall into.

"Fruitfulness is the Result of What Christ Did on the Cross"

So, here we see that immediately after the circumcision, Israel celebrated the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread, and then immediately began to eat the fruit of the land. The principle is that our fruitfulness is the result of what Christ did on the cross, which we must always keep in mind. The way we keep the leaven out of our bread is to leave Egypt in haste, and keep moving, growing, and going on to maturity. When Christians begin to do these two things again, we will begin to immediately see the fruit. We will also begin the conquest that we have been waiting so long for.

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Profound Vision Of The World
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Newly 'Filled' Christian Girl Sees Profound Vision Of The World
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This young lady has only been filled with the Spirit a few weeks. This is to encourage you. See, you don't have to be "mature" to experience God! You don't have to "qualify" to enter into the supernatural realm -- it's your inheritance -- your divine right!

Here, in the words of Tina . . . is her story.
Via Kathie Walters

Kathie, in case you don't remember, I am the girl who you prayed over about the Freemasonry spirit at the very end of the meeting. Hugs! Tina

THE PRESENCE OF GOD CAME DOWN

On the last night, when we were leaving the most amazing thing happened to me!!! I just felt God's presence come upon me, and I began to lift up my hands and praise Him! Suddenly, I began to laugh . . . I MEAN LAUGH!!! I couldn't stop. Vivian was with me and she began to laugh (Vivian is VERY SOFT SPOKEN!). She was laughing so hard, she could hardly breathe . . . it was so funny! I was crying with laughter! We would get our composure back and start laughing again!! LOL!!
Nothing we could do could stop it! It was WONDERFUL!! I now know what the Scripture means when it says, ***"Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Holy Spirit!"*** My stomach is still sore from all that laughing! We finally made it back to the hotel, and we just sat out in the parking lot and worshiped God some more.

THE CALL OF GOD TO THE NATIONS

We both just laid our seats back, listened to Celtic worship music (*Fireland* CD), and lifted our hands to the Lord. I was praying in tongues, and something that has never happened to me before happened . . . I started interpreting what I was praying! I was saying, "The world shall see."
I didn't know what the words were to the music I was listening to -- it was a new CD from Ireland (Fireland) -- but I started listening, and the different countries were being called out: Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Canada; all over the United States, Australia, Africa, South America, China, India, Muslim nations; bring real light to deception, Russia, Europe; visitations for Rome, Jerusalem, the Armies of the Lord . . . (Fireland)

I could see the earth spinning and an angel on the East and West, touching it, to make it spin . . . It was a beautiful sight. I couldn't believe what was going on within my Spirit . . . It was praying . . . For the nations . . . Revival!

I started praying some more, so excited that I was able to interpret; I wanted to be able to do it some more . . .

INTERPRETATIONS

I was able to interpret more of my tongues. I was saying, "You are so Beautiful." (As I type this I am shaking . . . it was so precious . . .)
Suddenly, His presence was hovering above me . . . I reached out to touch Him, and I touched the outer part of Him and longed to bring Him closer to me, but felt so unworthy. I felt His love and, with tenderness, He moved closer to me and went within my heart. He dove into me. (My body shakes all over as I type this.)
I felt so much love . . . I, intensely, cried as never before as His presence was above me . . . I never felt such warmth and love . . .

After this, I was ready to go in; I was so overwhelmed, but I heard Jesus say, "Stay with me."
When Jesus sweetly asks you something . . . you can't say no . . .

HE SHOWED ME THE CROSS

Next, He showed me the cross . . . I kept saying within my Spirit, *I don't want to see it*. He was so precious and only showed it to me in black and white, with slight colors. He wanted to show me that I was worthy now (He made me His daughter) because of what He did for me.

He is our strong Tower.

He closed the door and I felt so safe with Him.

I saw myself at the bottom of the cross worshiping Him. We are so safe with Him.

Next, things came into color and the cross was at the top of the world! And we began to hold hands, Jesus and I, and dance around the cross; and our circle got bigger and bigger -- the whole body of Christ joined in, and we were all holding hands in a circle around the cross.
We danced in a circle around the whole earth, going further and further down as the circle got bigger. I could see the Nations . . . and I saw North America, and I said, "Jesus, I want to go there!"
And so, Jesus and I went to North America and I said, "I want to go to North Carolina" (I've been praying for revival in our area).
So, Jesus and I went and danced all over North Carolina. And Jesus said, "I want to go further," and started heading to the West Coast.
I said, "Jesus, I can't keep up; my legs are getting tired."

He told me to let Him run for me (no more striving, like Kathie said!!); then we went some more.

GOLDEN ARMOR

Next, I saw a box of gifts in front of me. I couldn't see what they were, but I was like a little kid and started grabbing all that I could grab and placing it inside my chest

I started feeling pieces of our warfare armor coming out. I put it all on, one by one. But I missed one and He called me back over to it, and He took His hands to give me a gift.

I thought this one must be precious for my Daddy to want to give this one to me from His hands. I remember thinking, *"I am going to really need this one,"* and I looked, and it was the Sword -- the Sword of the Spirit. It was gold with a long, red laser-type beam at the end.

He placed it in my hands; it was so beautiful!

Kathie had been talking about people going up in chariots . . . I kept telling Jesus that I wanted to go up in one.

THE CHARIOT RIDE

So, my Daddy took me up in a chariot. I remember how excited I was -- like a little kid getting to ride a carousel. He took me up above the clouds, and I could see a waterfall and saints below me. I really can't remember everything I have seen.

I just kept thinking, *"I want to see you Jesus!"* Through all of this, I never really saw Him; I just knew it was His presence there . . .

He took me to another place, and He placed me in a sled. I am not sure why the change?

I SAW THE ARMY

Anyhow, He took me to another place and, before I got there, I could hear marching. The closer we got, the louder the marching got. I looked down to behold an Army for the Lord; they were all wearing the Armor of the Lord.
I didn't realize it until that moment, that our armor was pure gold! WOW! Jesus told me it was my time to get in the battle. I was now ready. At first I didn't want to go, because I didn't want to leave . . .

He assured me that He would be with me. He let me know that He is with us each step -- each one of us.

It's so real!

This was so real - this was not in my imagination. It was too real! I was also amazed at the time . . . It was really almost 9 pm, and I "knew" it had to be 11 pm. In eternity, there is no time though . . .

Take from it what you think, but as for me, it is time for us to go fight for the Lord in our cities, states, country, nations . . . But, we must be truly equipped with His armor.

As I typed this, I put in the Fireland CD that was playing and was amazed at how a lot of it was the same rhythm as my experiences.

Jesus longs to be with us and have communion with us.

II Corinthians 13:14
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all." KJV

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Peace and pardon are coming to your house, so be ready to experience abundant joy. I am coming to you this night and I shall make up for lost time. I shall dispel doubt and prove to you that I have, indeed, favored you. So bring your requests before Me, find rest in Me, and trust Me to deal with the enemy on your behalf.

I Shall Establish My Government In The Earth
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Injustice, campaign against injustice. Raise up the standard. Raise up the age old foundations. Address issues and do not shun them. Address issues of ill in society. Address the issue of pornography, of incest, of idolatry, of "playboy" and "playgirl." Address the issue of blatant sin in society. Do not skirt the issue. I have given you voice. Raise up a banner, a declaration to war against the ills in society.

Fuel, I am giving you fuel that will propel the mandate forward to raise up the standard of righteousness in the land. I am giving you the platform. I am giving you My voice. Voice forth My will. Do not hold back.

You will see the turning of the tide. You will see the issues rise to the surface, for I am exposing them, putting them into full view and they will not go overlooked, but they shall stand out and be made known publicly. I shall put these things on display, yet not so man can indulge freely, but so that he may be made ashamed. It is coming, the wave is coming and it shall wash away the filth and purge the land of harlotry.

This is the time for action. I will lead a campaign through the land, and those of My choosing shall get on board. I shall establish My government in the land, not the peoples, but Mine, says the Lord. I shall shake society’s hold in false securities and bring such a shaking that men will call out to Me.

This is what I am doing. I am erecting My standard of holiness in the midst of society. All will adhere to it, for I shall come with a sweep through the Earth to bring all onto bended knee. I am rising up to declare war on injustice and it shall manifest in the Earth. Prison doors shall open to those wrongly accused. But to those who refuse to acknowledge My lordship, there shall be great calamity, for I am set to outdo them in their craftiness.

Gain understanding in this day. See that the time is right for the shaking to begin that will wash away impurity, for I shall cleanse and heal and give liberty to those pressed down. Roar forth My ordinances and do not let up until all is put under My feet. Speak forth My word of truth from the platform of righteousness.

Elections are coming up, but a tidal wave of My Spirit shall interrupt their flow. I shall make My name known on the political scene as the one and only name of choice. Say good-bye to your political forum. Kiss good-bye to means and methods of political behavior known, for I come to upset the man-made systems of government in order to erect My counsel and judgment. Once again I shall raise up the priesthood in the land, and establish kings and judges according to My divine order. Once again you will see that the Word of the Lord is read throughout the land and its ordinances kept. How will this take place, you ask, and what will it look like? I have earmarked My governors and given them jurisdiction to reign and rule in the Heavenlies, yet their jurisdiction shall be made known in the Earth, for I shall establish My government in your midst.

I am the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and I shall rule in righteousness through the kingdom that I am establishing in the Earth. Governors shall take their rightful place. Judges shall be established in the land who shall judge according to My precepts. You have seen the rise and fall of many, but you are yet to see the greatest event in all of history take place, the resurrection of the dead and the establishment of the government of God in the Earth. It is time for these things to come into place.

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Eye has not seen and ear has not heard of the wonderful things I am about to do, of how I shall restore back to your loved ones gladness of heart, great joy, joy rooted and grounded in contentment, for I shall bring your children into rivers of living water that shall wash away all the debris, all the darkness, all the hopelessness, and I shall give them hope of a future and remind them of My great love for them at every turn. They will see and they will know that I have ordained family and they shall be blessed to dwell within the context of family, for I shall release riches untold to them via the family.

The world said it could not be done, that the family could not provide, but I say that the family shall provide, that provision and great blessing shall be channeled through the family. I come to set a household in order, to reconcile man to wife and children to parents, to turn the heart of the father to his children, and I shall do this. I shall turn the hearts of the fathers back to their own households, to love and cherish and provide for them. I shall strip a father of his wanderings and lead him back home.

FAMILY BUSINESS

This is the answer. I have ordained that the family work side by side. Family business is of My design. Each child has his contribution. Watch and you will see movement in this direction as I speak to the hearts of family members. What I ordained, men fought to destroy, but I am pulling down the high places, statues erected to men, and I am laying low the buildings of men and erecting My building. It is a household ministry.

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Prophetic Word Over France

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I hear the Spirit of the Lord saying:

"I am releasing a purifying fire over the nation of France. I shall prove who I am to a people who have turned their backs on me. Turn back to me at once and see me do a new thing within your borders. Even in these days of unrest I shall prove myself to the French people and I shall show forth many great signs and wonders in the midst of the people who have denied me."

"The violence in the streets you have been witnessing is only the beginning of assaults that shall come against this land but I will prove myself faithful. I will do a new thing among the French people and their hearts shall be turned by the signs and wonders that I will perform in their midst".

"Paris has been given over to the enemy for many centuries. The French have entertained false gods and have given themselves over to idolatry. However, like a husband who pursues his wife although she is a harlot, I am reclaiming the adulterous nation for my own again in this season. If my people will arise and take their places of prayer, I will bring forth an outpouring of my Spirit like never before in France and it shall spread into other nations from there."

"France has been known for its wine and its food but it shall become also known for the bread of life, and the new wine of my Spirit that I am releasing to my people there."

"The youth and children are the key instruments of change that I will use in the nation of France. I am sending a mass invasion of missionaries that will focus on this generation says the Lord. I am raising up a mighty army of young end time warriors that shall even turn the hardest of hearts including the radical Islamic extremists says the Lord."

"Church this is your season to arise in Western Europe. Do not sit idle any longer, but work the harvest fields while it is yet day. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Will you go for me? Will you take your place in this pivotal region of the earth? These are days of grace but great judgment is coming. Prepare and position yourselves and see what I can and will do on your behalf says the Lord of Hosts."

As I was typing this word I saw a bull's eye painted on some major leaders in Europe. The enemy was targeting some leaders for assassination and God was targeting others as deliverers. Believers must pray for this area of the world like never before it is a very crucial time in history. Revival will come and change will come if the church will pray and respond to the voice of the Lord in these trouble filled days.

Prophetic Words That Seem To Contradict

Cyndee Pillow

Many of the Prophetic Words we have been receiving have caused some of us to wonder why they seem to contradict each other. Some words seem to speak of blessings. Others speak of much destruction. What are we to believe?

Maybe these prophetic words that sound so contrary are not as different as they seem? We must remember that *All things work together for the good to them that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose*. So, whether the earth is shaken beneath us, it is ALL good for the Child of God. He is ever working for our benefit and for His Glorious will to be manifest in the earth.

With that in mind we must remember these are days of great change. God's people are not appointed to wrath, so we can stand strong, blessed and secure IN Christ, even if 1,000 fall on one side, or 10,000 the other side, when change occurs. If we keep this in mind, we will not be easily moved.

There is renovation going on. In renovation, things look terrible in the house. "What a mess," we think, when we view a wall torn down, or a floor pulled up. Suddenly, the stuff piled up that use to be is in shambles and in a pile of rubble. When a skilled hand brings about renovation and restoration, what was in a moment of time, is not any longer. What has become formed is then awesome to behold.

We are in transition on the earth between one place and the other. In transition, there are a lot of things beginning and a lot of things ending at the very same time. It is always messy in transition, as it always requires a tearing down of things not profitable and then a clean-up process. Now, we stand on the verge of a day of transformation for all the earth as wickedness is swiftly coming to an end as these things take place.

It is time to watch the Master Builder bring understanding to all the diverse inspired words coming forth. I think we will be blessed as well as surprised at the end results, when we see how it comes together. The word says, *man has not even imagined in his mind what the Lord has prepared for those that Love Him.* Let us trust in His Finished work. I think the saying many use to day will fit here. And that saying is,
"It is all good".

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Queen of Hearts

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Sovereign she reigns;
Shabbat shalom the bride is coming home.
Off with their heads!
They must operate instead
With hearts of power and love!

She has the heart of a lioness;
The disposition of the dove
Rests on her from above.

With a sword afire,
She comes in white attire,
To rest on the bed
With the Nation’s Desire.

She lays her head down
On his breast;
With kisses of wine
They sing the divine.

She enters his tent,
Shuts the door,
If you didn’t repent
Then there is no more!

Quicken
Mary Clark

quicken – 1) to become enlivened; revive
2) to begin to show signs of life. To become more rapid; speed up

I am doing a mighty work in you, My beloved. I am doing a work that will quicken your senses. I am doing a work that will enable you to soar in the heavens with your Beloved. How am I doing this? I am doing it by the power of My Spirit, Who dwells within you. I am doing it by the mighty power that enables one to see the goodness of the living God and experience His glorious presence. That, beloved, is how I am doing this. That is how I am enlivening you, enabling you to come into a new realm – a new dimension of My power, causing you to soar – causing you to react in the way that is fitting for the growth of My kingdom.

Yes, I am doing a work inside you by the power of My indwelling Spirit. You don't always realize this. You go about your day as usual, doing your tasks, humming or singing songs of praise to Me, speaking to others about mundane things, and at times speaking about things pertaining to Me. Yes, you don't realize this ongoing work, but I do. I realize it, because the change that it is making inside you is forever before Me. I do like what I see. I am excited about what I see. You could say that I am VERY excited about what I see.

So know this day that My Spirit is working within you, bringing about change to your willing heart. My Spirit is doing an undercover work within My vessels of honor. I am enjoying this work and I love the progress that it affords My kingdom. I want you to know that you are truly My own. I hold you dear. You are very precious to Me. Don't doubt My work. Don't ever doubt this ongoing work. Rejoice in it every day with the singing of praises that I do so like to hear. Rejoice, knowing that whether you are realizing it or not, your Beloved is at work in you, bringing about His most perfect will.

I promised you that I would do a work in you that would bring Me pleasure – much pleasure, and I am doing it with an exactness you don't realize. I am doing it in your waking hours and while you are sleeping. It is phenomenal. It is a work that cannot be understood by man, but know this: It is a work that can be enjoyed by man. It is a work that can bring much benefit to a heart willing to comply with My will. It is a work that you will see take on a shape that will surprise you in the days to come. It is a work of which NOTHING, and I mean NOTHING, can compare.

So rejoice, beloved! Rejoice in this eternal work – this work that has no boundaries – this work that will enable you to soar with your Beloved. Rejoice NOW, knowing that I am presently at work within you – presently at work -- bringing about My desired results, and know this, dear one – know this when the enemy tells you that you are not going to make it to that place of wonder in Me – KNOW THIS: I never fail and My failure will NOT begin with you. No! There is nowhere in the history of man when the Beloved failed, and there will be no time in the future that will see My failure. For you see, beloved, you serve One Who has all under control. You serve One Who looks at the world with a kind, benevolent heart, yearning to draw mankind close into His embrace. You serve One Who accomplished all that you might enjoy much. You serve the living, eternal One, and I have never failed. I go on with My work with great precision, and I will complete it with the same precision the same wonderful expertise that mankind cannot understand.

So remember that I look on one who is surrendered to Me as complete and whole in Me, because I see the BIG picture. I see the BIG picture, and I know Myself. I know what I am capable of, and I know what the future holds. So rest in that wonderful truth, and know as time goes by that the work goes forth as planned. And beloved it will accomplish all that I yearn for it to accomplish. It will bring you into a place of wonder in Me. You will know with heart certainty that the Beloved has seen His way clear to quicken you in a phenomenal way – a most unusual and exacting way, and you will say, "He has made me alive to His truth. He has cleansed my heart and set me free to soar, and I will forever sing His praises for the life that I have found in walking with Him. I will forever sing His praises for all that He has done for Me and through Me. For He spoke His intent and He accomplished it with precision. He accomplished it with an expertise not known to man, but man has benefited. Oh, yes! Man has benefited, for the Beloved has made something that was dead and useless alive – alive to Him—alive to the fact that He is present, and alive to the fact that He is working mightily on our behalf to bring us into that place of completeness that can only come by the working of His Spirit – the holy One who quickens us within, making us to lie down beside the still waters and be restored – restored and made ALIVE to produce His will in our lives as we speak forth His truth of love to all with whom we come in contact."

There you have it, beloved. I am quickening you. I am making you more alive than you ever dreamed possible, and with this work is coming a heart peace that will open avenues of wonder for you to enjoy – avenues of wonder for you to walk in – to walk right out of this life and into eternity with Me. That is what this quickening is all about, beloved. Consider it your ticket to heaven – the ticket that I purchased free and clear. The ticket that I am about to put in your precious hand!!!

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Tender Hearts

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Tender hearts of compassion displayed throughout your day delight Me. It delights Me when I see a hand offered – a kind word spoken. It delights Me. Speak My truth – only My truth. Extend your hands in loving compassion to others. Offer Me. Offer Me. Speak of Me. Direct others to Me. I will be there. I will be there with My arms open wide to receive. Just speak. Act in a compassionate way.

See My truth as it is. See My truth as it is – as it works, developing wonder in the lives of others. Speak it. Speak it. Speak it. Act it out. Show it forth. Show it forth that others may see Me in you. That others may know that My heart is in you. That others may react in a positive way and come into a meaningful relationship with Me. In order that they too may show compassion to others. It is a chain reaction – a lovely, lovely chain reaction. Start it in your vicinity. Bring it forth in your life. See it work. See it produce a bumper crop* – a bumper crop. See My words produce a bumper crop.

*bumper crop – extra large, jumbo, mammoth, mega, profuse, plentiful, abundant, super, copious.

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Returning To First Love
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The breaking of a people gone astray after their own way.

> *Rev 2:4 "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*
>
> *John 15:1-2: "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vine dresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*

The redemption of a rebellious kingdom involves purging and pruning of all that offends the holiness of God. In the first century the church knew and lived in its "first love". The passion of Jesus was fresh and vital in their hearts. The cross was real and never far from their minds. The blessed fellowship of oneness in the heart of Christ by the Holy Spirit filled their lives and established their every motive and desire.

They had no church building, no man to stand as vicar between them and Christ, no professional ministers to tell them what to do, no religious system and hierarchy of control, no one to do the religious things for them while they watched, nothing was between them and the pure intimate love relationship in the heart of God. Their lives were permeated with the love of God and their love for God. The life of the resurrected Christ was with them and in them. The love and power of Jesus flowed through them. The church was a young but living vital presentation of the very life and love of Jesus. The miraculous works of the Father flowed through their lives and everyone around them was touched by the young church in love with God.

Their own pleasure, wealth, and even needs were only a distant second to the great value of intimately knowing Christ. Their lives consisted in the heart of Christ. Obedience to the Father was of greater importance than even their own lives. They were willing volunteers of sacrifice to the love that was first in every way in their lives. Love for God was number one in their lives. God's love is a consuming fire consuming all that it fills.

Probably there has always been in every age since then a remnant of people whose first love was Jesus. But not since the first century church has there been a greater consensus of believers consumed in the love of God. Later a powerless form of godliness replaced the reality of living in the heart of God. Because of this the "church" strayed centuries ago into the pagan ways of the world and has never recovered. Religious forms have so overtaken the reality of God living in His people that a powerless "Christianity" has evolved. Without the power of God flowing through an intimate relationship with God the people of the "church" lost their ability to resist sin. Much of the "church" became riddled with sin and yet has little or no ability to change the world.

> *2 Tim 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.*

The call is coming powerfully through the voice of the Father to return to the FIRST LOVE of the first century church. Jesus is longing to embrace His holy purified Bride and to move with her to bring the kingdoms of the world to the Father. The empty forms of godliness will be abandoned as a weeping people come to the heart of Jesus and fully embrace Him. We must become a broken hearted people void of stubborn stiff necked pagan religious ways. Our hearts must be broken as is His. He again looks over His people and weeps desiring to gather them under His wings of His love and healing.

The return to "first love" will not be easy for a people steeped in powerless paganized "Christian" religion. Painful purging and pruning will purify and make holy the "called out" people who will draw near to Jesus and seek God with their WHOLE hearts. Many who love their lives will fall away when the purging and pruning comes upon them. But there will be those who will overcome by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and who do not love their lives to the death.

> *Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*
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> *Mark 8:35 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.*
>
> *1 Cor 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump,*

The only way back to becoming one with Jesus is by our hearts being melted together with His until the are as one - soaking in His love and moving closer to Him in a personal intimate way - purging ourselves of fleshly and soulish desires and being willing for the "vine dresser" to prune all of our paganized "Christian" religious ways. Our greatest joy will come in returning to the simple ways of "first love" with Jesus. All the hype and all the stuff will fall off if we truly fall in love with Jesus all over again. We must abide in Him in a greater way than probably any of us have truly known. Only then will we truly see the glorious church Jesus is building of living stones.

Turbulent times are before us. Cleansing has begun in the house of God and in the world.

Father, we give our hearts and lives fully to you. Help us to know how to purge ourselves of all that offends your holiness. Prune us, Father, of all that is not fruitful in your kingdom. Create within us a clean heart as we draw near to you. Blend us into Jesus and fill us with His heart and life. Make us one together with You and Jesus. Open the heavens that we may know you and live in Your presence and love.

Forgive us, Father, by the blood of Jesus, for our twisted religious ways, that the word of our testimony may be holy and pure. Father, we lay down our lives and do not love our own lives even to the death. Come Holy Spirit take us and make us according to the Father's plan and not our own. Father, let Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

Pursue Love It Never Fails,
Ron McGatlin

Respond To My Call

Yolanda Ballard

This is the final hour, and I AM calling My bride to come up higher to escape the snares of the evil one. Once you know that I am calling you, you need to respond by drawing near. Don't allow the evil one to distract you by saying that you need your rest or that you don't have time.

For I AM your meat and drink, and I AM your refreshment, and all I want to do is to encourage you and strengthen you. For you have gone through the onslaughts, and many are weary from the fight just to stay above water, but I want you to just let go and flow in Me.

Let go of the props and the formality, and just worship Me and bask in My presence. Don't pay attention to who is around you whether they are worshipping Me or not. Just allow My Spirit to take you deeper in Me, and many will follow your lead. For I have called you a worship leader just by your example of worshipping Me in spirit and in truth.

Yes, this is the final hour, and I AM calling My bride to come up higher, and to tear down the strongholds of the enemy, especially of pride, disobedience and complacency. For these are snares many have fallen into because of their carelessness in not watching and praying and seeking My face.

Don't think that you have it all together and that you don't need to draw near to Me, for outside of the Vine there is no life and no health, and surely there is no prosperity. If you have been struggling in all areas of your life, examine your heart whether you have become independent or not. Do you still need Me, or are you just going through the motions, and trying to say all the right things, but in your heart you have drawn away. Return unto Me, and I will strengthen you and restore you, and fill you to overflowing, and the overflow will touch others.

Yes, return and I will bless you with My presence. Cast all your care upon Me for I surely care for you and love you and long to have you come before Me. I want you to trade places with Me for I want to live My life through you using your hands to heal and your feet to carry you through the mission field, whether in your own neighborhood or abroad. Yes, I want to use you in a mighty way so others can see My face in yours and hear My voice speaking forth the oracles of My Father, loosing and setting free the captives with the truth of My word.

So be ready for a mighty move of My Spirit and through you, My bride, but you must return unto Me. Yes, this is the final hour, and I AM drawing you near, but I hear you saying what must I do to be saved. And I tell you this day just to trust Me and rely on My word and be open, willing, and available, and I will do the rest.

By My grace I have called you, and by My grace I will enable you, and by My grace alone you will grow strong and mature and excel in the giftings I have placed within you. Be willing and I will give you the Kingdom and My glory forever and ever. Yes and Amen.
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Ready For Battle!
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Are you prepared to face the enemy at the mouth of your cave? The enemy at the mouth of the cave can be fear, a habit, anything to keep you from advancing. The enemy will throw many things at us to keep us from fighting the good fight of faith for the glory of God. Before we engage in battle we must know that we are called to be warriors that fight not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. We also must understand that we are either battling to advance or losing ground. We may be called to stand in preparation to go forward strategically as the Father directs us, but there are battles in just standing or waiting to advance.

Let's take a look at one of the Lord's early adopters to warfare.

1Samuel 17:31-51a

31Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.

David Kills Goliath
32"Don't worry about a thing," David told Saul. "I'll go fight this Philistine!"

33"Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There is no way you can go against this Philistine. You are only a boy, and he has been in the army since he was a boy!"

34But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, 35I go after it with a club and take the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. 36I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! 37The LORD who saved me from the claws of the lion and the bear will save me from this Philistine!"

Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!"

38Then Saul gave David his own armor--a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. 39David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. "I can't go in these," he protested. "I'm not used to them." So he took them off again. 40He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them in his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across to fight Goliath.

41Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, 42sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. 43"Am I a dog," he roared at David, "that you come at me with a stick?" And he cursed David by the names of his gods. 44"Come over here, and I'll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!" Goliath yelled.

45David shouted in reply, "You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD Almighty--the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! 47And everyone will know that the LORD does not need weapons to rescue his people. It is his battle, not ours. The LORD will give you to us!"

48As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. 49Reaching into his shepherd's bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it from his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face downward to the ground. 50So David triumphed over the Philistine giant with only a stone and sling. And since he had no sword, 51he ran over and pulled Goliath's sword from its sheath. David used it to kill the giant and cut off his head.

David faced a giant and so must we as there are giants in the land. Some of the names of those giants are Fear, Past Hurts, Religion, Bitterness, Hopelessness and Despair. They wait at the door that opens up to a land called Freedom and we must go through them to get there. They do not want us to move beyond our fears, beyond our habits, beyond our religion, beyond our hurts, or beyond our unbelief. In Christ, those giants cannot prevail against us. There is one condition though and that is to stand up in the authority and assurance we have in Christ Jesus and defeat anything that comes to defy the armies of the living God. It is in Christ that we engage and overcome the issues of this life. These issues come in many forms and life experiences, and we need divine inspiration and courage to move towards our God designed purposes.

What was it in David that gave him what it took to face a giant enemy? Here are a few things I gleaned from David's ability to move beyond the boundaries others would not dare.

1. He became righteously indignant to an enemy that was opposing His God and his people.

He would not stand for an enemy who blasphemed against his God. This enemy put his people in harms way and bound them in terror. This mobilized him towards action, knowing that it was God's battle and he was to be but an instrument of almighty God who is mighty in battle.

2. His faith in a God who was always with him and had allowed him to win other battles.

David had been able to defeat the lion and the bear to protect the flock as God partnered with him. The battle is always the Lords and it is a gift to partner with Him. We have all won battles because of the King of glory. He caused us to defeat the enemy called "Eternal Death", and we became sons and daughters of the living God. Many of us have won battles over addictions, self limiting beliefs, insecurities and so on. You may have not defeated a bear or a lion, but maybe you were able to defeat in Christ, alcoholism or pornography. In the same strength and Spirit that gave you previous victories, will you march to victory again.

3. David did not go into battle relying on another person's strategy or armor.

Sometimes we may rely on another persons faith or strategy because we have not spent enough time with the Lord to truly hear His voice and His commands. God wants us to hear from Him how to face a battle and yes He may direct us to others, but let us first counsel with Him as our Father. God does not like to use formulas, lotions or potions. He wants to be Commander in our lives and give us fresh revelation for our battles instead of seeking solely mans advice and wisdom. David faced many battles and he needed divine strategy for each one and they were always different. Joshua had divine battle plans as well. God most likely will not have you march around your opponent seven times and then shout and expect your enemy to come tumbling down. That happened one time in history for one specific event, for the victory. He may use a strategy more than once, but rely on His word and not on a formula that worked for someone else.

4. David Prepared.

He had a relationship with his almighty God. He knew the Lord God, Mighty in Battle, would fight for him. He also spent many days slinging stones. His preparation and faith guided that stone to hit the mark of victory. I heard the remark that he possibly carried 5 stones to prepare for Goliaths brothers or any others that may want to take on His God. God desires us to partner with Him in the physical and spiritual aspects of this life. Many times it seems that we are not delivered from evil and many times it is because we are engaging in battle without Him. Preparation takes time to develop and we are not spending time with the Lord in prayer and to know Him and His Word.

We must come out of the cave and into our freedom that Christ died for to give us. The Father grieves as He watches His children sink back into the retreat of their caves ever longing for them to respond to His love and His ways. His love which is perfect, casts away fear so that His way can be traveled. We must prepare by humbling ourselves to the point of knowing that it is no longer we that live, but He lives within us. It is in the dying to our self that we can truly be free to live for His purpose and glory. Let's face the enemy head on and watch our savior knock them over as we partner with His Spirit in battle…Amen!

Reasoning And Analysis

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"I have a lot to say to those who will listen and not just spout their own opinions. I have a lot to say about all that is happening and I have spoken, yet people try to do and hear what they want to do. Where is the one who will cry out in repentance, who will acknowledge their lacks? Pride is a stench in the nostrils of humanity that I can no longer wink at.

When I allow judgment, it is because I am trying to straighten out people and get them to walk in righteousness instead of sin. It is not to pummel them into the ground and grind them to dust. It is to change their hearts that they might acknowledge ME and seek My face!

Lamentations [Eikhah] 3: 21-26 CJB

But in my mind I keep returning to something. Something that gives me hope - that the grace of Adonai is not exhausted, that his compassion has not ended. [On the contrary,] They are new every morning! How great your faithfulness! "Adonai is all I have," I say; "therefore I will put my hope in him". Adonai is good to those waiting for him, to those who are seeking him out. It is good to wait patiently for the saving help of Adonai.

Lamentations 3:31-33, 37-51 Complete Jewish Bible

For rejection by Adonai does not last forever. He may cause grief, but he will take pity, in keeping with the greatness of his grace. For he does not ARBITRARILY TORMENT OR PUNISH HUMAN BEINGS….

Who can say something and have it happen without Adonai's commanding it?

Don't both bad things and good proceed from the mouth of the Most High?

Why should anyone alive complain, even a strong man, about the punishment for his sins?

Let us examine and test our ways and return to Adonai ..

Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to GOD in heaven and say, "We for our part, have transgressed and rebelled; you , for your part, have not forgiven. You have covered us with anger, pursued and slaughtered us without pity. You have covered yourself with a cloud so thick that no prayer can pass through . You have reduced us to rubbish and filth among the peoples. All our adversaries open their mouths to jeer at us. Panic and pitfall have come upon us, desolation and destruction. My eyes stream with rivers of water over the destruction of the daughter of my people. My eyes weep ceaselessly; there is no respite, until Adonai looks down and sees from heaven. My eyes make me so upset at the fate of the women in my city."

The Lord continues…

"It's true that it rains on the just and the unjust. It's true that the earth is groaning. It's also true that when My judgments come, people have their idols crushed and they have to turn to ME Who is the only source of all they need! I have a contention with the nations! I have much to say to the nations of the earth who spurn My affections. I will have them bow their knees in the end! Yet will many scorn Me and laugh and mock, and refuse to come into My arms of love! Surely in a flood of many waters I will rescue the one who calls on MY NAME! I am a God of compassion and mercy, love and kindness. But to those who spit on the cross and are perverse in their ways and refuse My kindness, I will have the last laugh!"

Tehillim – Psalms 1 & 2 CJB

1

How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit! Their delight is in Adonai's

Torah; on his Torah they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams – they bear fruit in season, their leaves never wither, everything they do succeeds.

Not so the wicked, who are like chaff driven by the wind. For this reason the wicked won't stand up to the judgment, nor will sinners at the gathering of the righteous. For Adonai watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

2

Why are the nations in an uproar, the peoples grumbling in vain? The earth's kings are taking positions, leaders conspiring together, against Adonai and his anointed. They cry, "Let's break their fetters! Let 's throw off their chains!"

He Who sits in heaven laughs; Adonai looks down at them in derision. Then in his anger he rebukes them, terrifies them in his fury. "I myself have installed My kind in Tziyon, my holy mountain."

I will proclaim the decree: Adonai said to me, 'You are my son; today I became your father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance;

The whole wide world will be your possession. You will break them with an iron rod, shatter them like a clay pot." Therefore, kings, be wise; be warned, you judges of the earth. Serve Adonai with fear; rejoice, but with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish along the way, when suddenly his anger blazes. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

"You may think that I change, but I do not and you overestimate the time you have. Are you not supposed to live your lives everyday as if it were the last? Do you not realize the times you are living in? Have I not pointed out to you in My word and spoken to my prophets for YEARS about judgments coming? Will you listen now My people and will you finally do MY WILL instead of your own? Is not America more accountable in My eyes for the many Christians that live in her? Will you continue to contend with Me and with My prophets? I tell you that what I do next will utterly change the tune of those who mock but still have a changeable heart! It will also take those who have been apathetic or complacent and turn them around. SURELY You will then know the truth of what I have said!"

2 Chronicles 7:12-20 CJB [Divrei-Hayamim Bet]

Adonai appeared to Shlomo [Solomon] by night and said to him, " I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up the sky, so that there is no rain; or if I order locusts to devour the land; or if I send an epidemic of sickness among my people; 14 then, if my people, who bear my name, will humble themselves, pray , seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land. 15 Now my eyes will be open and my ears will pay attention to the prayer made in this place. 16 For now I have chosen and consecrated this house, so that my name can be there forever; my eyes and heart will always be there. 17 AS FOR YOU, IF YOU WILL LIVE IN MY PRESENCE, AS DID DAVID YOUR FATHER, doing everything

I have ordered you to do, and keeping my laws and my rulings; 18 Then I will establish the throne of your rulership, as I covenanted with David your father when I said,

You will never lack a man to be ruler in Isra'el' 19 But if you turn away and abandon my regulations and mitzvot which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, worshipping them. 20 Then I will pull them up by the roots and out of the land I have given them. This house, which I consecrated for my name, I will eject from my sight; and I will make it an example to avoid and an object of scorn among all peoples.

The Lord continues…

" I am not through passing my rod over America. I will fulfill the scriptures as written. You will go to the nations, but some will go in bondage due to civil strife, and economics. Many will go because you have been willing to bear the burdens of others and have volunteered in this the day of My power, and I will take you there even quite supernaturally. Others will go on business as business here will not be as lucrative. Some will go under strife because they have been unwilling to yield to me and have taken advantage over others instead of nurturing others.

Will you kick against the goads My people or will you stretch out your hands to the needy and broken and do My will? Will you become passive again? Will you think only of your own needs anymore? Or will you learn to love one another? Learning to love is the whole point of your life – learning to love Me, and learning to love each other.

In the midst of chaos and turmoil I see many who I am very proud of reaching out and helping and sacrificing their own comforts to help others.

This is the way to show the world that a nation founded on Christian principles will rise up out of the ashes of brokenness and destruction and praise their God. I hear the testimonies of those on TV saying, "PRAISE GOD" and sharing the TRUTH of Who I am! I am proud of those who in such dire circumstances have been bold in proclaiming my name! I am proud of those who endure great affliction yet follow ME. I will arise in this nation and you will see a third great awakening as you have never seen before!

Continue to reach out! Continue to pray and do not go backwards to comfort and apathy. There will be a turn around soon in all that has been. Defeatism will be broken, and selfishness, complacency will be broken in my own. The dark will keep getting darker, but you will shine like the stars in the heavens! You will grow fat as stall fed calves – very oily, very healthy in ME. I am transitioning many of you for what is coming. Listen for the still small voice in your time of prayer. WAIT on Me, that you might receive your instructions. Know that your tears are accomplishing much in the heavenlies and your worship will cause a raining down of glory!"

Hostile Nations
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Joel 1:6 AMP For a [heathen and hostile] nation [of locusts, illustrative of a human foe] has invaded My land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness. [Rev 9:7,8.]

Ps 144:11 AMP Rescue me and deliver me out of the power of [hostile] alien [tribes] whose mouths speak deceit and whose right hands are right hands [raised in taking] fraudulent oaths.

Rom 8:7 AMP [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.

The Lord spoke:
Why do the nations rage and plot against the daughter of My people? Why do they meet in secret accord plotting the demise of this nation? Because they are surrendered to the evil one and delight in greed, covetousness and brutality! Secret meetings are not all they seem to those who attend from this nation. Men all over the world are hostile to Me and My beloveds, to Israel and to the Church of Jesus Christ. Those who align with their hostility will be broken and crushed by My Son in the end.

I cannot delay any longer what is purposed in my heart because of the hostility of the nations! There is no end to their greed. But I WILL raise up a standard in the midst of destruction and evil that is intended, and I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.

Isa 60:1-5 NKJV The Gentiles Bless Zion
Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see:
They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar,
And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.
5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

I will through the glory poured out in My people give the nations a chance to repent and turn from their wickedness. Much wantonness & perversion has filled the hearts of men. But My GLORY will arise over you, and be SEEN on you. They will KNOW who you are because of MY LIGHT in you. Do not give in to the defeatism the enemy is trying to bring to you, to make you give up and feel paralyzed by the reports of threats and the groanings & judgments to come.

Did I not keep John from being boiled in oil? For those who like him, stay close and lay their head on My chest and seek My face, I will sustain you until it is your time to come to glory. Did I not shelter even those who were in GOSHEN, even though many turned out to be rebellious to Me? A return of the apostolic age is soon upon you, and with it greater accountability to walk in holiness, but fear not, for my grace is sufficient and I will empower you to overcome if you seek ME, and not just My hand. To those weary and discouraged ones, I will pour out MY GRACE and STRENGTH again, and you will go forth as stall-fed calves.

As Israel finds oil, so will I bless them with a greater revelation of WHO I AM, and there will be a flood of MY OIL poured out onto those who are called by My name! I will pour and pour and pour, and there will be no excuse for those who don’t turn to honor My Son in the days ahead. It will be obvious even to the dull, who is really GOD over the heavens and the earth. Still many because of judgments and groanings will curse ME and not turn. Do not be like the heathen in UNBELIEF. Know that I AM FOR YOU and not against you. Though you go through the valley of the shadow of death, I am with you. I will comfort you and sustain you My beloveds. LOOK to ME, for I am abundant in mercy and grace. Keep your eyes FIXED on ME.

Know My beloveds, that unbelief is displeasing to ME. I am God and there is no other, but if you don’t believe, and walk in FAITH, how can you overcome?
Do not think that I am an ogre for I am NOT. I am gentle and humble of heart. I have given many warnings of the coming of this time. Do not fail to stay in the Word , prayer and worship. Stay in communion with me as the time draws near. Recognize the hostile nations are within you. Recognize the enemy has sown many deceitful ones in your midst. But if you believe, you will receive! Pray and seek My face, for I am so longing for communion with you. Set your eyes on UNION with ME! Walk in

My presence. Recognize I AM WITH YOU. Christ in you the Hope of Glory. My Spirit will never leave you nor forsake you. So cast ALL of your cares on ME, for I care FOR you!
REJOICE and be glad for Your Prince comes to you, and will establish His Kingdom in your heart in greater measure than you have known! He is a man of war and will war for you and with you as the days draw on. REJOICE, for the days you have longed to see are at hand!

Phil 4:5 NKJV Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
Phil 4:5 AMP Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon].

Be dependent on Me more than your own wisdom. Seek MY wisdom My beloveds. Open your hearts and let the King of GLORY come in! I am about to ASTOUND and OVERWHELM YOU WITH MY LOVE & GLORY! I will, I will, I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you. I am routing the enemy that I can come in. REJOICE and be exceedingly glad when men persecute you and speak ill of you, and know that all suffering leads to glory!”

Rom 8:17 NKJV and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Col 1:24 [Even] now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on your behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking and remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church.
Col 1:25-27 AMP In it I became a minister in accordance with the divine stewardship which was entrusted to me for you [as its object and for your benefit], to make the Word of God fully known [among you]--
26 The mystery of which was hidden for ages and generations [from angels and men], but is now revealed to His holy people (the saints),
27 To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within and among you, the Hope of [realizing the] glory.

1 Peter 2:20-25 NIV But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." 23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 3:14-17 NKJV But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. 17 For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

2 Tim 3:8-9 Now just as Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned. [Ex 7:11.] 9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those [magicians mentioned].

Col 1:21-23 And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,
22 Yet now has [Christ, the Messiah] reconciled [you to God] in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His [the Father's] presence. 23 [And this He will do] provided that you continue to stay with and in the faith [in Christ], well-grounded and settled

and steadfast, not shifting or moving away from the hope [which rests on and is inspired by] the glad tidings (the Gospel), which you heard and which has been preached [as being designed for and offered without restrictions] to every person under heaven, and of which [Gospel] I, Paul, became a minister.

Dan 10:20-21 AMP Then he said, Do you know why I have come to you? And now I will return to fight with the [hostile] prince of Persia; and when I have gone, behold, the [hostile] prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth or the Book of Truth. There is no one who holds with me and strengthens himself against these [hostile spirit forces] except Michael, your prince [national guardian angel].

Hos 10:10,12-13 AMP When I please I will chastise them, and hostile peoples shall be gathered against them when I shall bind and yoke them for their two transgressions [revolt from the Lord their God and the worship of idols]. [Jer 2:13; Lam 3:31-33.]…
12 Sow for yourselves according to righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God); reap according to mercy and loving-kindness. Break up your uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, to inquire for and of Him, and to require His favor, till He comes and teaches you righteousness and rains His righteous gift of salvation upon you. [2 Cor 9:10.]
13 You have plowed and plotted wickedness, you have reaped the [willful] injustice [of oppressors], you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your [own] way and your chariots, in the multitude of your mighty men,

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The White Dress
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I woke up seeing a vision of a woman's back, zipping up a white dress, like a bridal dress. Then I saw two large hands and a man's form standing behind her with his hands placed on her back on both sides of the zipper, as if assuring her, and at the same time holding it in place. I felt the Lord say…

" I am finishing up the new dress for My Bride. I am giving her pure white garments to wear. She is adorned in My glory that all may see her beauty. Though she has been bedraggled and disdained by many, now I will finish the final touches and imbue her with My love and power so that all the world will know that she is Mine ! They will know that she has spent time in My presence ! They will know because she will reflect My character and My power both.

Know that the things I am doing now in the earth will produce a most beautiful bride who loves and cares for others. Have I not said, that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him? The enemy has come down spreading his filth in all directions, but I have a plan too. I am JEALOUS for My Bride. I will not allow her to continue to wallow in filth. I will revive her heart and heal her wounds that others have not cared for. I will do all I've said I will do. I will not leave you comfortless.

Remember My beloved ones that this is NOT your home ! Heaven is your home. I am your HOME. In this world you will have troubles, but know that I have overcome the world and broken the power of the enemy. You will fulfill all I've destined for you, and when that is done, then only will you come home to ME.

Evil men continue to conspire and pride is rampant, but I AM with you and I will sustain you and fight beside you as you enter into the final war with the enemy ! He has come down with great wrath, knowing his time is over and wanting to destroy all he can. Do not be PRAYER LESS ! Keep your lamps trimmed and supplied with the oil of the Holy ONE. Keep in communion with Me. Stay beloveds close to ME in this hour. You need My advice. You need My discernment in all things pertaining to all around you. Do not go days without speaking to me ! How would you who are married feel if your mate didn't talk to you in days ? Would you not feel neglected ? How do you think I feel when you go day after day without stopping to take time for communion with ME, Who is your Husbandman ?"

My advice to you is to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eye salve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see ! As for Me, I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; so exert yourselves, and turn from your sins! Here, I am standing at the door, knocking. If someone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with Me. Rev 3:18-19 CJB

" Know that my heart is not to hurt you. I am a God of restoration, not destruction. But the world is escalating into wickedness, and I cannot stand by and see men continue to oppress without consequence, nor can I stop what will bring the culmination of all time. Know that I love you and my heart is ravished for My bride. Come to Me and let me hold you and heal you and bring to you all that I am ! So when you have opportunity, you will have what you need to give to others and to declare My word and be My witnesses !"

Radical Lovers

Victoria Boyson

The enemy has been attacking the church with cold love in an attempt to pre-empt the coming move of God with seeds of division. In response to his attack, we must become God's army of radical lovers, who love in spite of wrongs suffered. In so doing, we will indeed usher in the next wave of God's glory with a greater manifestation of God's love, peace and joy.

My Mother's Love

As I was growing up, my mother's favorite saying seemed to be, "If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all." She never allowed me to speak evil of others. She would always tell me, "If you have to say something negative to someone or about someone, speak seven nice things about them first to make up for the one negative thing spoken." This is wonderful advice, but I have to admit that I have not always followed my mother's advice.

I understand completely what Paul meant when he said, "For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want" (Ro. 7:19). We all desire to speak blessings over others, but occasionally negative thoughts about them held in storage in our minds pop out of our mouths in the form of accusations.

The enemy has targeted our thoughts and mouths because he knows better than we do that the power of life and death is in our tongues (see Prov. 18:21). Truly, we have yet to comprehend the power that is released through the words we speak. When we speak negative words about others, we open doors for the enemy to come into our lives and bring death and destruction.

So, the plan of the enemy is very simple isn't it? He knows if he can gain control of our tongues he can use it against us for our destruction. He puts thoughts in our minds about others that, if not taken captive, will take root in our heart. These thoughts may lay dormant for awhile, but at an improper moment they come spewing out our mouth like a deadly poison, destroying or hindering any victory or blessing we may have had lying ahead of us.

Sowing and Reaping

I have discovered a shift in the spirit realm in the area of sowing and reaping with an almost immediate harvesting of what we have sown. Amos 9:13 says, "'Behold, days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'When the plowman will overtake the reaper'" and we are beginning to move toward that now, with the blessings of heaven coming *shortly* after we have sown them. This is a time we as believers have been anticipating. But now that it is here, I have begun to see how unprepared we are for the full benefits or *consequences* of this promise.

We have failed to understand that *everything* we sow will be reaped. Even the *negative seeds* we sow will spring to life soon after we have sown them. While in the midst of a great victory, the enemy will try to trap us in a harvest of our negative words. With careless words, we can turn our surest victories into complete defeats.

He knows that by getting us to curse others, we curse ourselves as well. He is seeking an open door in order to destroy us, and quite often we have given him access to our lives without even realizing it.

One day my oldest son was playing basketball, and before the game we prayed for him to do well. For the first half of the game he played exceptional. However, during half-time a friend shared news with me about a brother in Christ. My initial response toward the news was not redemptive, but judgmental.

My son got back onto the court and did not play as well as he had the first half of the game. There was a visible change in his abilities. I prayed, rebuked the enemy, spoke in tongues and hollered out encouragement to my son, but nothing helped. I could feel in my spirit something had changed, but I didn't connect the two incidents. It wasn't until later, as I thought back on the game and the negative words I spoke, that I saw what happened.

No matter how good my son was at basketball, he needed God's grace to play well. God's grace comes through our humble submission to do what He desires of us. *If we want the grace of God in our lives, we must be willing to give that grace to others.* Judgment toward others comes through an attitude of superiority. Moreover, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). By having a judgmental attitude toward a brother, I closed the door on God's grace for myself and my son.

Ps. 34:12-13 says, "Who is the man who desires life and loves length of days that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit." If we want to see good in our lives, we must not speak evil of others. We must repent of any words of judgment toward others and cling to and live by the mercy of the cross of Jesus Christ and the unconditional love of our Father.

Love Covers All

"Love covers all transgressions" (Prov. 10:12).

If love covers sin, we must seek to love more than anything. Love is that important! Love is a refuge for us and we must abide in the love of Christ (see Jn. 15:10). Loving God and loving His people keeps us safe from the traps of the enemy. If we harbor *love* for others in our hearts instead of *offense*, we are kept safe from the snares of the enemy.

As we experience offense, we must deal with it right away or it will become a snare to us. The enemy causes offense, and then uses it to lie to us about those who have offended us. It is these unhealed wounds that open the door for the attacks of the enemy. If these lies are not dealt with, they will eventually become words that curse others, opening doors for the enemy to destroy us.

We must stay on our guard and take every thought captive (see 2 Cor. 10:5). We must aggressively war against any offense that comes at us with prayers of radical love for our offenders! We must see past the offense to the redemptive purpose of the offense, which is our intercession for them. If someone wounds us, we can choose to either *accuse* or *intercede*. I call to mind the admonition of James who wrote, "Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13), for I believe these words not only show the power of mercy, but the joy that God has when we display a merciful heart.

Judgment actually feeds the evil that is attacking our brother and it is spurred on by the pride in our own hearts. *But humility births intercession that responds to the needs of our brother by becoming the solution to his problem through prayer saturated in love.*

I have a friend, who seems to have spiritual sonar to know when I am under attack; somehow she always knows when I need help. She never judges me for needing help, she just helps - simply responding to my need with love and redemptive prayers of intercession. She has become a safe harbor for me - loving, not judging. She sees past my faults and ministers to my need.

Radical Love

Redemptive love is radical love; love that is not based on experiences, but on the unconditional love of Christ.

God is calling His people to be radical lovers. *Radical love destroys the works of darkness in the lives of others.* It causes us to love in spite of how we are treated! Radical love is simply loving as Christ loved, who gave His life for those He loved.

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). This kind of love responds to offense with redemptive intercession, not with accusation or judgment. It does not take offense personally, but looks past the faults of others and sees their needs, compelling us to become a part of the solution, not the problem.

This is the "greater love" that our Lord is calling us to walk in. This is the radical love that God had for us that moved Him to send His only Son to redeem us from our sins. God gave us life and we turned away from Him and lived for ourselves. In our rebellion we brought a curse upon ourselves, God's response was to send His Son to redeem us from that curse. He gave His Son so that we might live! That is indeed radical love, for Jesus came to save the world, not judge it (see Jn. 12:47). We must do the same!

"Sow with a view to righteousness, reap in accordance with kindness; *break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord"* (Hosea 10:12).

Pray this with me:

Dear Lord,
Please forgive me for the negative seeds I have sown. I repent of judgment and accusation. Cleanse my lips Lord and help me to only speak life. I plead the blood of Jesus over myself and those I have spoken against. I ask you to bless them, myself and Your church. Cause me to respond to offense with Your redemptive, radical love! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Stretch Out Your Hand
Victoria Boyson!

In Mark 3, Jesus entered into a synagogue and found a man there with a withered hand. The Pharisees were watching Him to see if He would heal the man on the Sabbath. **"And He said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?' *But they kept silent*. After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, He said to the man, '*Stretch out your hand!*' And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored." (Mark 3:1-5, *emphasis mine*)**

The Pharisees had no regard for the man whose hand was withered. They did not care that he suffered; his handicap was of no concern to them. Their hearts were so hardened that they felt no pity for what the man had endured. They did not love him. But Jesus *did* care about the man and they knew that . . . that is why they were watching Him. They wanted to catch Him breaking the rules.

They cared more for their religious rules than they did for those whom the rules were made for. They were more concerned for the *form* of godliness than for the *power* that form was made to hold. Jesus said in the last days their would be those who have a form of godliness, but deny the very power of God (see II Timothy 3:5).

The power of God was not necessarily the healing that transformed the man's hand, but the compassion that Christ felt for the man. His love caused Him to "break the rules" and heal on the Sabbath. Truly, the great power of God is that God is love. Everything He does is motivated by His love for His creation.

Jesus loved this man enough to break the rules for him. Yet, He was grieved and angry at the hardness of heart of the Pharisees at the synagogue. He saw their callousness -- how they cared more for their rules than this man -- this angered Him.

His response was to face their judgmental attitudes head on, and in defiant anger to their hateful hearts He told the man, *"Stretch out your hand!"*

Defiant Love

Jesus didn't care that He was breaking their rules. He cared only to love this man and restore him. He did what was offensive to the Pharisees because He was moved with compassion for the man. His love was defiant in the face of their hypocrisy.

He was not grieved because rules were broken, for He was the One Who broke them. On the contrary, He was grieved because they cared more for their rules and laws than they did for people.

Jesus was a rule breaker for the good of men, while the Pharisees were rule keepers at the cost of men. They sacrificed people for the sake of the law they served. Jesus served the people He loved at the cost of the rules He broke.

A Good Idea!

Jesus told a story of how King David and his companions came into the house of God and ate consecrated bread that was reserved for the priests. He did this because his men were famished. David broke the rules for the sake of his men (see Mark 2:25-26).

Jesus told them, **"The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27)**.

The Sabbath was made so we would have a day of rest; that sounds like a wonderful idea. But the Pharisees turned this rule, that was made for the good of man, into a harsh legalistic law that men must obey or face their wrath.

When we take a good rule and use it to wound or manipulate others, we have become no better than the Pharisees. Rules in ministry are good, but when we put our rules and regulations above the people we serve, we are no longer serving people, but the rules we have established. If we put our rules above God, making them more important than Him, we have stopped serving God and are now serving rules. God *is* a God of order, but He is more so a God of love.

The Greatest Rule

Many times in Scripture Jesus broke the man-made laws in order to show forth the *law of love*. Jesus was also a great advocate of the law. He pointed out that the greatest law was the law of love -- to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love your neighbor as yourself (see Mark 12:30-31). And, indeed, God showed us His love when He sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins.

If we stack up all our man-made rules against the law of love, they fall terribly short of the heart of Christ. They are good, yes, but the law of love is greater, and in that love, we will find the true power of God. Indeed, we will find God Himself!

Whose House is it Anyway?

The Church has been inhibited because we have cared more about "having church" than we have cherished the true Church, which is the people the church structure was made for.

Have you ever seen a child scolded for running in church? I smile at the memory of an usher scolding a child for acting like a child in the house of God. I smile because the Lord says that the kingdom belongs to such as these (see Matthew 19:14).

If it truly is God's house, He says, "Let them run!"

If it is God's house, He says, "Let them come to Me!"

If it is God's house, He says, "Set the captives free!"

If it is God's house, He says, "Rejoice!"

I guess we've got to decide who the boss in God's house will be. Will it be our rules? Will our rules be strong enough to fight against God Himself? Can they take on the Big Guy? Or will our rules come crumbling to the floor as Christ Himself stands and says, *"Stretch out your hand!"*

Will the Church today answer the Lord when He asks, "Is it lawful?" Or, will we remain silent like the Pharisees, knowing the answer, but resigning to keep silent because of the hardness in our hearts?

Will we grieve the Lord? Or, will we choose to love and set the world ablaze with the love of Christ? I can't wait to find out what we will do, because I am *proud* of the Church, and I know what the answer will be!

Please pray this with me:

Dear Father,
Give me the heart and mind of Your Son. Revive my love for You and Your people. Set me free from religious bondage that I may love like You love. Give me the courage to break a few rules if it means I might set the captives free with the power of Your love.

Warriors of Truth
Victoria Boyson

In prayer, I was shown a vision. In it I saw misguided people who were the enemies of Truth, rallying together to deceive the saints; they were being guided by demonic forces who used them like toys. Great effort was being made by the realms of darkness to bring confusion and to stir up strife among the brethren to break up friendships that gave strength and encouragement to the saints. I saw the enemies of Truth entering the lives of those who have been wounded by rejection and held in bondage by fear. They spoke demonically induced lies with great power to deceive them in their weakened condition.

Ironically, the lies of darkness actually seemed like "real truth" to them and the enemies of Truth seemed like great saints. They appeared as though they were God's answer for the loneliness and pain they were feeling, so they opened their hearts to them. Because they came into agreement with their lies and their love grew painfully cold, they began to attack their brothers and sisters in Christ with accusation and judgment. Consequently, their attacks against them unleashed powers of destruction on the Church.

Just when it seemed that the saints would falter under the heavy assault, I saw the great warriors of heaven rally their armies in preparation to invade earth and dispel the enemies of Truth. They only awaited the command to do so by the saints -- for their cry for help. Under the weight of accusation, the saints began to weep. Their tears unleashed the army of heaven to attack the realms of darkness.

The Judgments of the Lord

It was then that I saw a heavenly warrior filled with great power, radiating a glorious light, entering the home of my enemy. This man had been used by the realms of darkness to rain down curses on my head; he was very jealous and filled with hatred toward me.

However, even though I knew his dislike for me was great, I feared for him because the power of the heavenly warrior was great. I saw the warrior stand before him and draw its sword, which was enormous and gave off a great light.

I wondered at the sight of what was about to occur and thought, "Can it be God's will to destroy my enemy?"

I heard the warrior speak in answer to the question of my heart and say, "I have been given authority to execute the judgments of the Lord."

Then the warrior, standing over my enemy, raised the sword and thrust it into his heart.

It was difficult for me to watch, because I truly loved my enemy and had prayed for him for a long time. I did not want to see him destroyed. Indeed, I had wept and prayed that he would completely surrender his life to the Lord and not allow the enemy to use him any longer.

The warrior knew the thoughts of my heart and spoke again to me saying, "This sword is the sword of Truth, and will dispel the lies of darkness that have taken over his heart."

"Your Love For this Man Made This Possible for Him"

Then I looked at the sword and saw that, in its radiance, it seemed to be alive and was pulsating. As its large blade rested in my enemy's heart, the Light it held began to fill his body; like melting gold, the Light seeped into his chest.

At first, he lay motionless as if the sword had no effect on him, but then I saw his face cringe as if in pain and I sensed brokenness enter his heart. Sorrow was invading his soul as the truth of his actions was shown to him. The spirit of repentance was dispelling the demonic lies, and darkness was fleeing from him as tears ran down his face.

I looked again to watch the heavenly warrior who had come to execute the judgments of the Lord on my enemy. He watched with determined anticipation as the sword did its work on the man.

Turning to me, the warrior told me, "Your love for this man made this possible for him. I came to him only because you chose to love him in spite of his attacks against you and your family. You chose to love him, and because your Father loves you, He was compelled to touch the man for your sake."

I was shocked! I wept at the words the warrior spoke because I knew that it was only because of my love for Christ that I loved my enemy.

"My Earthly Enemy Was Not My Enemy After All; He Was the Treasure that the Lord Had Longed to Uncover"

In myself, I wanted to hate him. Indeed, I wanted him to suffer as he had made me suffer. My first thoughts at the onslaught of his attacks against me were to call upon God to execute vengeance against the man. But I saw that the longer I clung to thoughts of judgment toward him, the more distant Christ became to me.

It was only because of my desperate need and love for Christ that I forced myself to pray for him. I asked God to give me love for him, because I simply had none of my own. I had no desire to forgive, but I asked God to give me that as well. And when He had changed my heart, I could honestly say, "I love him" and mean it.

It scared me to remember how easy it would have been for me to condemn the man and how close I came to doing it. It was truly only because Christ loved me that I felt the need to love this man.

Could that one small decision to love and forgive him have brought about his redemption and activated the armies of heaven to fight for him? I was astonished to think that his deliverance at this moment came only because of that one small choice I made to stand with Christ.

Now, I stand in awe as I see the transformation of someone I thought was unredeemable.

I had, in the past, desperately pleaded with God to remove him from my life, so he would no longer have the power to hurt me. I couldn't understand why He wouldn't do it. It was, however, because He wanted to use me to change this man's life, and in the process of helping him, my own heart was transformed as well.

Yes, his redemption has truly changed us both. My earthly enemy was not my enemy after all; he was the treasure that the Lord had longed to uncover, if only I were willing to help Him.

Liberating the Lost

Now I see the warriors of Truth have invaded other lives across the earth as the hearts of the saints have cried out for the souls of men. They are liberating the lost from the darkness that bound them as these saints of Christ cling to the cross of love and hold it high above them in a defiant reply to the attacks of the accuser of the brethren.

The treasured friendships among the saints that seemed hopelessly broken are being miraculously restored, and they have received a greater level of appreciation for one another. The cold love that had tried to force them to fear one another has been flung aside and radical, selfless love has become their war cry!

Darkness had them bound, but THE TRUTH Himself has set them free, and whom the SON sets free is free indeed!

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Radical Womanhood
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I realize that many who may read this may wonder or even question a man's understanding of radical womanhood. I know in my own life as a man, that much of what I have and need to learn to attain a greater measure of godly manhood, comes through the viewpoint of a woman's perspective. My wife has taught me many priceless lessons on what makes a man complete in his call and purpose for life. Some has been well received and others, well, lets just say it took some time! However, I finally came around. Hopefully, this perspective will encourage and challenge you to be the woman that the Lord has purposed and called for such a time as this. A few men may need to read this as well!

It is interesting in today's society of how we view heroes of womanhood. What many consider to be a time naivety, a woman was honored and received a place of high moral standing when she gave herself to her husband and children (family). This high place of honor came through a biblical and willing heart to sacrifice for those whom she loved. Women placed a premium of devotion to the maintaining and order of her home – both physically and emotionally. She set the atmosphere that the family longed for and could find rest and peace in. She was angelic and Christ-like in doing her part to bring the kingdom of heaven to earth. She was radically devoted to her children and willing to sacrifice the desires of her own for the nurturing and building of the next generation.

However, these values have been programmed or brainwashed in our conscience as being antiquated and backward. These values of self surrender and sacrifice has given way to the satisfaction of earning a paycheck, the fallacy of independence, and the acquisition of power and respect outside the sanctuary of the home. Now, at this point, please don't assume that I am saying that women should be house hermits wrapped in aprons all day. This is not where I am going, so please follow me through this article and what I sincerely believe is the heart and word of the Lord for the healing of the nations.

We are surely wearing rose-colored glasses or even blinded if we cannot see the cultural assault and attempted murder of traditional marriage, motherhood, and contentment within our sexuality that has its corrupted origins in the socio-political and economic systems of the "world." The antichrist spirit is not an individual. The beast and the dragon as mentioned in the book of Revelation are real and tangible entities. The antichrist "spirit" is the spiritual evil that is manifested through these entities and adverse to the Lord's anointing, power, and perfect will for mankind. ("Christ" means "Anointed, anointing, and "to rubbed with oil." Thus, the spirit of antichrist is the anti-anointing and the adversary of God's best for our lives) John said that it was the "same spirit that was at work in his day" that was resisting the work of TRUTH the hearts of mankind. The world or antichrist system and its kingdom design are in tension or direct conflict with the kingdom design of God.

What transpires in the confines of the home is the true spiritual condition of the church…It is not what shows up on your typical Sunday morning that defines our true spiritual health as the corporate church. We can all put on our best for a few hours a week If the enemy of our souls can erode the Lord's design of the family structure – surely this house will not be able to stand through the storms of life. Much of the eroding of the family and radical womanhood has come through the once respected position of raising children, attending to a husband's need and running the "business" of the home as now portrayed as brainless, worthless, and even degrading or unprofessional. Concerning this position, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg stated, "No woman would willingly live a life of such limited achievement." This is but a mere reflection of the damage and brainwashing that the feminist movement has created in leading women away from God's primary and most glorious call for their lives – Her family and the responsible raising of her children.

I once read a statement that summed up the feminist movement well: "Feminism is not about giving women freedom to choose; it is about taking away choices of which feminist disapprove. And one choice they disapprove of is the participation in a conventional family…Perhaps the most vicious aspect of radical feminism is that it necessarily criticizes women who choose to work primarily as mothers and homemakers." I find it fascinating that multitudes of books are now being published to validate a woman's right with young children to work outside of the home and the benefits of it. The desire to ease this guilt is obvious – In the heart of a mother, she desires the opportunity at all cost to raise her own children. However, society's gauge of success, materialism, and our own rationalizations have shrouded the hearts of many women. Sadly, and even more tragic, is the pressure that many husbands place upon their wives to work outside the home to support a particular lifestyle at the expense of their own children. I have stated in a previous article that having children is one of the most selfish things that humanity does. We desire all the benefits of having children but want somebody to raise them. As a marriage, church, and nation, we understand and place the nurturing of our children and young people as the priority of our future and well-being. However, the opposite has been true and we are now experiencing the results of it.

The great deception is that anything done in the name of a woman's right is fancied and accepted as great courage. The world would have us view women as "intelligent" if they possess independence and autonomy. Somehow, the richer and abundant life is no longer the Lord's model for abundant life, but how equal women can perform in what God has called men to do. I believe some who are reading this may disagree on several points that I have already brought up. However, we must understand and recognize the difference between "conditioning" and familiarity through television talk shows, sitcoms, books, movies, and political movements. These are not the Lord's Word nor his best to answer humanities illness.

We live in a society where personal desires and ambitions take precedence over moral and personal "ideals." We have become through each preceding generation more and more consumed with ourselves. Living in the realm of "self" moves us constantly to the "mirror of life", making lifetime choices on how we want to mold and shape the reflection looking back. Sadly, many Christian women, along with our modern culture has ridiculed the reflection of the traditional wife and mother. Our social support of what we place priority on has surfaced and is on display for all to witness. The economic, political and emotional support for full-time homemaking has been replaced by easily funded abortion on demand, divorce, institutional child rearing, and illegitimate births due to young people looking for someone to meet their needs. Parents wonder why their children indulge in sex before marriage and get pregnant, thus ruining their young lives and God's plan for their teen years. Maybe it's because they spent too much time in the mirror of life and not enough time with their children. Their physical and emotional needs will be met by somebody...The choice is yours. Who are they spending their time with? Do they even have a choice?

The enemy has been at work stealing away our greatest resource – our young people and future. Children books are being introduced that portrait traditional marriage as a trap, but yet encourage the toleration of gay marriages. Feminism minimizes the healthy differences between men and women. When the core of a soul is led to believe that sexual differences are trivial or of little value, sex without true and meaningful love becomes normal and accepted. I believe that women understand deep within themselves that the difference between men and women is a beautiful picture of hope and relationship. It is this portrait that brings clarity of God's love for Christ and the church – His bride. The inner longings of a woman to be tenderly loved and cherished by a man and his support to her calling is the greatest legacy that a woman can leave. It is wrapped in this loving security that will provide a model for the godly young women of tomorrow as they embrace radical womanhood.

Elisabeth Elliot wrote:

"God has set no traps for us. Quite the contrary. HE has summoned us to the only true and full freedom. The woman who defines her liberation as doing what she wants, or not doing what she doesn't want, is, in the first place, evading responsibility. Evasion of responsibility is the mark of immaturity, The Women's Liberation Movement is characterized, it appears, by this very immaturity. While telling themselves that they've come a long way, that they are actually coming of age, they retreated to a partial humanity, one which refuses to acknowledge the vast significance of the sexual differentiation. (I do not say that they always ignore sexual differentiation itself, but that the "significance' of it escapes then entirely.) And the woman who ignores that fundamental truth ironically misses the very thing she has set out to find. By refusing to fulfill the whole vocation of womanhood she settles for a caricature, a pseudo-personhood."

Society places a premium of money, resources, and time in keeping many species from becoming extinct. The days we live in are dangerous for the LIFE and survival of the traditional and biblical model for marriage and family. In the name of tolerance, women have allowed themselves to be misled and deluded into popular culture and its lure of acceptance. Issues and movements that are morally "acceptable" does not constitute them as being morally "right." Popular culture is just that, popular. The world is not forcing its views and warped sense of truth down an unwilling church's throat. The demand for compromise, rationalization, and excuse to join them is obviously already there. Are we seeking the applause of a sin sick and soaked world to minimize our biblical responsibility to our families? Husbands, are you the problem? Are you sacrificing your wife and children to the gods of this world? Are we lusting over the things that money, power, and position can buy at the expense of our family? Have we forgotten that "What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight? "(Luke 16:15).

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Righteousness and Humility

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The Holy Spirit is re-emphasizing the requirement that Righteousness and Humility be defining characteristics of His people, especially as the Day of the Lord approaches. Now is the time to pursue these in ever-increasing measure. "Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger" (Zeph. 2: 3).

The plans of the Lord will not be thwarted. His purposes shall be accomplished, on earth as it is in heaven. The question is, 'Will we be standing when all is said and done?' The greatest time of testing the world has ever known is destined to precede the end of the age. Only those who have humbled themselves by taking refuge in Him will stand in that day. "When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm forever" (Prov. 10: 25).

Humility, nurtured in the soil of true and ongoing repentance; and Righteousness, born of the purifying work of the Refiner, are qualities the Lord is seeking in His people. "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who ... made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... He humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2: 5, 7, 8-11).

"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time" (1 Pet. 5: 6).

Revisiting A Love So Fierce

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"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins ... and not for ours only but also for the whole world." (1 John 4:10; 2:2)

A prophetic declaration of the love of God to the WHOLE WORLD is about to be unleashed with a fury of fire to melt the hearts of men. We may at times forget how to love, but God "so loved the WORLD that He gave His only begotten Son." (John 3:16). As bad as the world may seem at times, God has not forgotten or given up on the world. With a love so radical, so forgiving, so sacrificing, so fierce; how could He possibly give up on humanity. His heart radically burns for the saved and unsaved alike. His heart is ravished for the Muslim and the New Age-er. His passion is that ALL would be saved and come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 2:4) God sends His love to us, "in that while WE were yet SINNERS, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

There are many people in the world today that are deceived by false religions and worship false gods. When people in India and much of the Orient look into the face of their gods, they see mean and evil countenances with sharp teeth and claws. There is a sense of hatred in the faces of these hideous idols created by the imaginations and hands of man. Is this really a "god" that you could LOVE and feel LOVED? The gods of the Egyptians, Assyrians, and other ancient cultures were even more diabolical looking and had an appetite for human flesh – even child sacrifice. How could these gods have possibly created the LOVE that burns in your heart or the love of a parent toward their child? You can only create what is within you.

You will find upon review, that all pagan religions and writings are void of a God that LOVES them. It is completely alien for the Muslim to know that God created them for a loving and intimate relationship and that He loves them UNCONDITIONALLY. The only benefit that the moon god Allah could offer a pious Muslim woman would be that of a "heavenly prostitute" for a cold blooded murderer. My dear Islamic friends, who really is your god? What is his NATURE?

The Greeks and Romans were serving a myriad of gods that were waiting to strike them with a lightening bolt at the first instance of weakness or failure. For the intellectual or strong Greek, these gods took great joy in trying to trick mankind so as to prove their supremacy. It was as if the gods were playing a sort of cosmic game with mankind for their amusement. How could it be that a "God" could truly LOVE them? We need to realize how revolutionary this revelation was to mankind at this time in history.

Preston Eby tells a famous Confucian story that some missionaries discovered when they got to China. It is a story of a young man of a wealthy father, who one day stole a large portion of his father's wealth and ran away from home. He took the money and wasted it in riotous living. The years passed and finally it was all gone and he came into destitution. Finally, through an intermediary, he appealed to his father to take him back again. With open arms, his father accepted him back into the home and prepared for him a great feast. Does this sound familiar? As they sat feasting together, all eyes were fixed upon the son. There was a big smile beaming on the face of the father which broadened as a look of horror suddenly spread across the countenance of the son. The son grasped at his throat, finally realizing too late that he had been poisoned! And Confucius says, "So it shall be with every son that dishonors his father." How infinite is the gap between this story and the story that Jesus told of the prodigal son. Jesus came to REVEAL and display the Father's LOVE to humanity. Jesus stated that He came not to condemn the world, but to save it. (John 3:17).

The heart of the Lord and His word to the church today is simple. Humanity will become like and resemble in their actions the gods that they serve. I believe that it was Alexander Hamilton who said, "people deserve the government that they have, for it is a reflection of who they really are." Trying to change an Islamic country to a form of democracy will never work as long as the people remain violent in their core religious and societal beliefs. Violent people produce violent governments — whether secular or spiritual. We not only take on the nature of the god we worship, we take on their countenance as well.

Jesus came to PERSONALIZE a loving Father and God to humanity — His creation. People seem to have a difficult time moving in the pure beauty of faith and need to see and experience things with their natural senses. God even overlooked our lack of faith and completely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ that we could look and gaze upon His love for us. Jesus shows us what the NATURE of God is like.

Jesus showed us a love so fierce and so powerful that it would have to finish its course on a cross dying for our well being and salvation. Has another "god" ever proclaimed his love in such tenderness and depth, let alone suffer death on his creations behalf? This astounded the world at this time with utter shock. Does it still today? I seriously doubt it. We are casual and numbed to the love of God by the cloud and pollution of religion that has created religious DUTY rather than spontaneous and passionate love.

Suppose that I came home to my wife Carole with a dozen long stemmed roses. Carole would say, "O Danny, thank you. They are beautiful." As she is about to hug me, I hold out my hand and say, "Don't mention it. It's my duty."

Well, what has happened here? The roses only have meaning if they are given spontaneously from my heart. Actually, without the spontaneity of passionate love, the roses actually belittle her. God did not perform a duty in His appointment with the cross. The Rose Of Sharon died for us out of a passionate love for relationship. On the other hand, the "dutiful religion" we see and experience so much of is a far cry from the dying to ourselves that Christ set as an example of love for us to follow.

I realize that many reading this have been beaten down and abused by the trials of life. A great many people, even though surrounded by many people, are lonely and feel isolated in the purpose and meaning to life. I know more than a few believers who are in financial difficulty and wonder if anybody really cares. Some have suffered lay-offs and job closings after years of faithful commitment and may even feel that God has abandoned them.

Many who are parents know the care and love you have for children who have been hurt and wounded. It is a love that reaches and extends out in the midst of every facet of need. It even extends to a child who is wayward and has run away from his or her family. We can try to imagine the love of the greatest and most caring parents, but it pales in comparison to the measure and unimaginable depth of God's love for you.

Because of His great love toward us, we hold within us the greatest of treasures and inheritance — His Holy Spirit. We are the New Testament Ark of His covenant. What made the Old Testament Ark of value was not the acacia wood overlaid with gold. Nor was it the tablets (God's law), Aaron's rod that blossomed (God's power and authority), or the jars of manna (God's provision). It was the manifest presence of God.

No other "god" has given humanity the gift and inheritance of His Words, power, authority, and perfect provision. Even the essence of His holiness God has given to us who believe. "Be holy for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16) But the most astounding gift is that He gave us Himself! Like the Ark of old, His presence gives us value, meaning, and purpose. Of all that God could have chosen to call Himself, He simply said, "I am LOVE." When God fills us with His Spirit, He fills us with His love. God is telling us in His Word who He is. The words leap off the pages revealing to us His very nature. When we speak of caring we know that God is charitable, but He is not "charity." When we think of justice, we know that God is just, but He is not "justice." However, love is different. God IS love. Love is the revelation of the Father's very nature and being.

"And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in Him." (1 John 4:16)

Finally, we have those who do not believe or have faith in any "god." Actually, these individuals exhibit some of the "greatest faith" among the peoples of the earth. The Bible says that we are all without excuse and that God has revealed Himself to every man through something down deep in the spirit of within us. (Romans 1:20) To BELIEVE that there that is no God takes a tremendous amount faith considering the complexity of LOVE.

I can understand the scientific argument for evolution or the Big Bang theory. It makes perfect sense to me when I contemplate it on the surface. But as I dig deeper with UNDERSTANDING into the complexities of everyday life, I find serious faults and discrepancies in this "faith."

Imagine if I were to take all of the atomic and molecular particles in the entire expanding universe and combine it into one massive entity. In our scientific and natural understanding, we would obviously have the greatest source of power and mass conceivable. With this tremendous entity of power, could we or "it" produce just one drop of LOVE? Even those who believe in evolution must hold that everything has a starting place or origin. The question that the faithful atheist must answer is, "where was the origin of love and emotion?" Where did the freedom to experience and have passion come from?

The most intellectual and brilliant minds of men can justify and argue against the origins of God's creation. However, trapped within the confines of a finite mind, they have failed to UNDERSTAND the origin of the greatest gift given to man — The LOVE of God. "God IS love." And the love we express and experience from others can only have its origins within the heart and nature of God. It is His love for the whole world that permeates the hearts of mankind and gives them the ABILITY to love.

Jesus said that the whole world would know that we were His disciples by our love for one another. Does the world, your neighbor, your family, know that you are Christ's disciple?

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Rebuking A Spirit Of Competition

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Just recently, dreamt that I was part of a praise and worship practice. The leader asked me to open in prayer. God's anointing was very much present, as I began praying with quiet humility. However, as I did many others started to shout out their prayers...as if the louder they were, that made them more spiritual than others. Showy prayers obviously grieve our Lord's heart!

In the dream, God's Holy Spirit came upon me powerfully with righteous anger! I shouted louder than the rest of the people, rebuking them for operating in a competitive spirit and in vainglory! After I did that, there was complete silence with a keen awareness of our Lord's weighty Presence!

Though this dream's message applies to other ministries, I awoke knowing God was targeting the rivalry between praise and worship teams. Some seem to focus more on outperforming the other, rather than on Christ and helping to bring His People in! to His Powerful Presence! They seek the glory of man, instead of through heartfelt songs to glorify Jesus, Lord of lords and King of kings, who is coming back for His peaceable church!

Matthew 6:5-8 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask Him.

Philippians 2:1-5 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the ! Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 11:29-30 Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

Psalm 133:1-3 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Ephesians 4:1-3 ! As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Redemption And The Tsunami

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

In letter 251 I suggested that the reason for the earthquakes and tsunami were directly related to Torah principles of cause and effect, blessings and curses (Deut 28). But in this week's letter I would like to view these troubles from a different perspective.

Many have been reading, speaking, preaching, writing and talking about Yeshua's words to His disciples on the end times and the tribulation. His dissertation in Luke 21, much like the one in Mathew 24, seems to cover an extensive period of time. Some parts were fulfilled soon after Yeshua's ascension, but others have to wait to the end days. There are a number of points regarding Luke 21 that I would like to make reference to.

Yeshua said: *"Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near"* (v. 28). *"So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of Elohim is near"* (v. 31). Is Yeshua saying that these troubles are signs of redemption and of His manifested kingdom on earth? If this is the case, these are good tidings in the midst of bad news! Back in the 1970's, a friend and brother in the assembly of called-out, suggested that the reason for the tribulation was due, at least in part, to the very presence of YHVH's anointed ones, His redeemed remnant, on planet earth. Today, while pondering Yeshua's words in the above quote, it occurred to me that there might be some truth to what this brother had postulated.

Could it be that our (the redeemed remnant of the house of Jacob) presence is causing the Almighty to shake up the kingdoms of this world? Paul the Apostle said that the kingdom of YHVH is in the Spirit of Holiness and is made manifest in righteousness, peace and joy (ref. Rom 14:17). Can we conclude, therefore, that the more the called-out ones become mature in righteousness, peace and joy - the more the kingdoms of this earth are shaken by tribulation tremors? YHVH said that He would take out of the nations a remnant and bring them back to the land of their forefathers, and that He would do it through signs and wonders ("perplexities"). Will this present day exodus be reminiscent of the time of the deliverance of our forefathers from Egypt? Would YHVH have done all those things to Egypt had His people not been there?

As we know from the book of Daniel, the statue of man was representative of the kingdoms of this world. But when YHVH's little rock (His kingdom) hit these kingdoms on the foundations of their humanity (the feet of clay), the entire statue came tumbling down. Similarly, didn't *we* find our little kingdoms shaking and crumbling when we received the Spirit? How much more so when YHVH restores His holy nation of kings and priests and brings them back to Zion and to their land!

"Why do the nations [heathen nations] *rage and the people imagine a vain thing"?* (Are they dreaming about their own divinity, world dominion, one-world government-power, without being redeemed from sin, nor having a relationship with YHVH?) *"The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against YHVH, and against His anointed, saying, 'let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us'. He that sits in the heavens shall laugh: YHVH shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. 'Yet have I set my king upon My Holy Hill of Zion'"* (Psa. 2:1-6).

Since the majority of today's governments, including the United Nations, have been birthed out of the Greek form of rule, they stand in arrogant opposition to YHVH's kingdom government, which has now been set up in Zion, in the House of Jacob/Ya'acov and ruled over by the "Son" - Yeshua. *"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and YHVH shall give unto Him the throne of His father David, and He shall reign over the house of Ya'acov for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end"* (Luke 1:32-33). Yeshua said that kingdoms would be at war with each other. We find that even in our own personal lives, now that YHVH's kingdom is present in us, the kingdoms of this world are at war with that inner life authority of His kingdom. How much more will the kingdoms of this world resist His power and authority, as He restores the two nations of Israel and brings them together to make them one in His hand (Ez. 37)?

Have you ever wondered what YHVH's wrath and perplexities might be like? Read again how Yeshua describes those days in Mathew 24 and Luke 21. Many people are going to die in these cataclysmic events, as YHVH is no respecter of persons and will have mercy on whom He wills. Through Zephaniah, YHVH says: *"' Therefore wait upon Me,' says YHVH, 'until the day I rise up for plunder; My determination is to gather the nations, to assembly the kingdoms, to pour on them My indignation, all my fierce anger; all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy'"* (3:8). Although all of that sounds dreadful, it will result in calling upon His name and in serving Him. *"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they all may call on the name of YHVH, to serve Him with one accord"* (v 9). *"For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness"* (Isa 26:9).

When I mentioned in the past letters that the tribulations are the consequence of lawlessness (anti-nomianism), I was accused of self-righteousness, arrogance and presumptuousness. I guess in these days it is not politically correct to be explicit and specific about repentance. To repent and humble ourselves is a nice gesture, but what good is it if we don't acknowledge what it is that we are turning away from? I had read that several Christians were arrested for calling a spade a spade, when they preached that homosexuality is sin. I would imagine that even saying this here could cause some server domains to cut off these letters.

It is becoming more and more crucial that the believers, those who have been called out of the kingdoms of this world, begin to identify with the only nation that has been called and chosen to manifest the glory of His kingdom (see Rom. 9:4 and Isa. 43:7). This nation will be a light to the nations during the dark hours that are coming upon this world. YHVH declared to His servant Israel, that He would not give His glory to another (Isa. 42:8). May we make up that one redeemed restored nation (Israel), with the glory of the Son in us so that we might be that holy nation, a true light to the nations! Thus our restoration and the occurrence of troubles and sorrows are not unrelated. I was once looking at a dispensational chart that showed the pre-tribulation rapture over the valley of dry bones. In this chart the valley of dry bones was seen going down into the tribulation, and the church going up in the air. What struck me was the depiction of "two sticks"coming together in the midst of the tribulation. When I asked the pastor, who had this chart on his wall, what these two sticks were, he said that they were the unredeemed remnant of Jews that did not want to accept Jesus and leave in the rapture. My response to that was: "What if there is no pre-tribulation rapture, could it be then that these two stick/nations of YHVH's people, the house of Joseph in the hand of Ephraim and Judah, are bearing a testimony of their Elohim and His kingdom to the nations during this awesome period in human history?

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Ephraim

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Religious Darkness

Clo DiPilato

Don't stay in religious darkness while your baby drowning
Dearest Friends in Jesus,

I recently had a dream, and the Spirit causes me to realize it is for those whom the Lord is calling to a "new and living way", and especially for those whom God is calling to pioneer new things because this is a day of some spiritual trail-blazing, and there is a new spiritual frontier, and the fore-runners are called to go forth, and pave the way into the new thing God is doing in this time of transition. You will know if this dream is meant for you:

The dream had to do with being in a dark room where a **religious atmosphere** was being cultivated. Some people were standing, some were sitting, and some were quietly walking about the room. The people thought it was very spiritual, but it was not. It was an artificially created mood, and not from the true Spirit of God at all. Actually the atmosphere was mixture, as I discerned the Lord was trying to break through, but the religious spirits that had the supremacy would not allow it.

At first, I thought the people wanted the room dark because they wanted not to be distracted by things around them and that was very true, **but the spirit that was motivating all of this was a religious spirit, and not from the Lord at all.**

There was a young man playing the piano, and it was an old Pentecostal worshipful tune, and I was drawn to the tune because it brought back good spiritual memories to me. So, I went to approach the man to see if I was truly recognizing the tune, and because I wanted to softly sing it along with him. I knew by the spirit that to sing the song worshipfully would lift the atmosphere into a higher place, and I was greatly anticipating this, and felt he would be pleased to see someone else there knew the tune.

Since the atmosphere was very quiet and reverent, I knew that I must approach him very softly, and so I did. I caught his eye, and mouthed the words to him to see if I had the tune right. He looked me in the eye, but his spirit totally snubbed me as if I were interrupting the flow of "the anointing". I felt like I wanted to make friends with the man, and I tried to draw him in, but he refused to be drawn in, and my spirit was very wounded by his attitude toward me.

Then, I suddenly realized that I had left my own baby down by a pier that led into the water, and the baby was crawling down to the pier, and was going to fall into the water if I did not go rescue him. It was like I came to my senses, and thought........oh my gosh........what am I doing here?? My own baby is going to drown and here I am in this dark room with these people who don't even like me!!! My dear friend, if you have the true spirit of God operating in you, and through you, **religious people with religious spirits do not like you!!! Are you ignoring, or haphazardly taking care of your own baby, the vision and ministry God has given to YOU, while you are trying to please and appease the religious system???**

When I left that dark room of meeting, I came out into a big very green grassy yard, and daylight. I sprinted across the yard, and down to the pier, and my baby was sure enough crawling toward the pier, but then I remembered the baby had on an apparatus that would actually keep him from drowning so that he could navigate a bit in the water by himself. So, I was a bit relieved, but nevertheless.......I was horrified at myself that I had left the baby, and knew that I had done wrong in a big way. I woke up from the dream feeling satisfied that I had rescued the baby, and he had not drowned, but not actually remembering that part of the dream.

Oh my beloved friends, pay attention to the part highlighted in yellow. You may think it's fine and dandy and okay that you left the baby with it's 'water wings' or whatever, to keep itself afloat while you're still trying to get on the good side of the religious people who are busy creating religious moods so they can be religiously superior to others, and especially to YOU.

When you are so hungry for the REAL THING, when you are the one who truly WANTS not RELIGION but the light of God to be shining forth into the dark places, and TRUE WORSHIP to permeate those places where people are hungry for the Lord, why are you mixing with those who are intent in creating some artificial, soulish, religious atmosphere which is far more comfortable in religious darkness rather than in the light of revelation??

It wouldn't be so bad, if it was just about YOU, and like you are going to try one more time to get them to like you, to get them to receive you, to get them to maybe allow you to give a prophecy that's been burning in your spirit all week long, or a word of knowledge that's been rolling around within the deep of your being for many months......and so maybe this is the Sunday that liberty will prevail, and you just MIGHT get a chance to actually obey the Lord. Maybe you just be able to lift your voice with a sharp, piercing forceful stream of tongues that would scatter the dullness in the atmosphere to cause the joy of the Lord to break forth, and set the atmosphere free. Maybe they JUST MIGHT forsake their superior religious ways to let God move.

If you don't have your own baby to take care of, go ahead and play that silly religious game that's been keeping your soul in bondage for months and maybe even years!!! But if you've got your own baby, and you think it's okay to just leave it alone with enough to get by and keep it from drowning while you still try to appease the system, and make those people like you and receive you, please in the name of the God of heaven, COME TO YOUR SENSES, and GO and take care of the baby God has given to you, and DO IT WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART, and put your strength into that baby that will rise up and bless you, and call you "Mommy" and call you "Daddy", and quit trying to fit in where you just don't fit, and where you are not wanted, and where you will never be able to please the people because you are of a DIFFERENT spirit!!! You've got the spirit and the anointing that wants to operate in the LIGHT, and not in religious darkness and bondage!! And God is calling you to raise up a generation of LIGHT AND REVELATION, so why are you still dabbling in the darkness???

And when I say "religion".........believe me, I'm not picking on the Presbyterians and the Methodists. Some of the foulest stench of religion is coming out of people who ought to know better, who've actually KNOWN the light of the glory of God, and His true presence, but then they've MADE A RELIGION OUT OF IT by thinking they could control it, order it, put it in a box, and pass it off to God's people like it's still fresh manna when it's been defiled and corrupted by too much handling and manipulation of the minds and hearts and hands of men! The ark has been steadied, and death is in the camp! 2 Samuel 6. The name "Perez- uzzah" where the ark was steadied means a break, a breach. Actually, Perez means a breach, a gap, and Uzzah means "strength. David the man of God, who knew the true spirit of God, and the true moving of the Lord rightly named the place. **When you steady the ark, you cause a breach in the spirit that creates a wide open gap for all sorts of religious and familiar spirits to come in and take over the territory!** When are we going to call things by their right name? When are we going to say "Perez-Uzzah" to those things that had the life of God, and that could have continued in the presence of the ark, but instead chose to somehow "fix it and make it better?"

Now, here is how my dream could have been. It could have been a totally DIFFERENT dream. The dream COULD HAVE BEEN about me enjoying my baby. It was a beautiful day out. The grass was soft and lush and very green. I could have been playing with the baby in the grass. The water off the pier was very calm, and not at all too cold. I could have been playing with the baby in the water. It would have been a beautiful time with my precious little baby that God had given to me. I love to take my little granddaughter and sing the alphabet to her, and make up funny endings to sing to her. My son goes into sweeping gales of laughter when I sing this one to her: Now, I've sung the abc's THROUGH, you will sing them when you're TWO. Do you remember when you took your little ones to the beach, or to the lake?? How much fun it was to play with them there in the water, holding them, and dancing in the water with them, and playing little games with them, and singing silly little songs in their ears, the beginnings of life long relationships with your children? Doesn't that sound FAR MORE APPEALING than some dark and stuffy and suffocating religious atmosphere??? I completely understand why Tom Sawyer or Huck Finn (can't remember which one....maybe both) played hooky from church, and went fishing!!

Where are you putting your strength?? Are you putting into things that will not profit, into a religious system that doesn't care a thing about you, or the vision God has given to you, or the burden of the Lord that impregnates your soul, or are you putting your strength and attention into your own baby, the ministry, the vision that God has very uniquely and singularly given to YOU!!??

I feel by the Holy Ghost that I am really talking to someone who needs this word. It's time for you to step out and take care of the things God has given to YOU. You don't need to wait for some catastrophic thing to happen or for a "church split" or for a prophet to come along and give you permission to obey God before you start putting your energy into the vision the Lord has given to you!! **By the anointing, in Jesus Name, I release you to obey the Lord to take care of your own vision, to put your strength into your own vision, and I release you from very false responsibility to a religious system that cares nothing about you but to endlessly chew you up, and spit you out!** And when I say "your own vision", it's YOURS because the Lord very carefully gave it to you to keep it and watch over it, and pray about it, and water it and cultivate it and see it come forth, but it's truly HIS vision, but HE KNEW the "steward" in His household that was the RIGHT ONE to guard this vision, which is truly HIS vision, but He has also made it YOUR vision!!! We need to fully embrace and possess and cherish the things God gives to us, as we would care for and cherish a baby in the family!

In my dream, I was very aware of something. When I left that meeting to take care of my own baby, nothing there at all changed. They still kept doing their religious thing in the dark, and felt like the atmosphere they created was the Lord, and His presence. Not a thing was missed at all by my being gone. What I did or didn't do didn't even make a flutter of a dent on their " thing" they were doing. If anything, they were probably glad to get rid of me as I wasn't in their flow. One thing about religious spirits. They NEVER realize they are "religious", and always think they have THE corner on God and the word of the Lord, and what He is doing. And usually, you have to work so hard, so very hard to get their approval and to be in good standing with them. But it's almost impossible to measure up, except for that the same diabolical religious spirits that are ruling them, are also ruling you. Birds of a feather, flock together.

But where the true spirit of God is moving and in operation, it doesn't matter what level you are at spiritually........you could be saved 5 minutes or 50 years. You could be a "seasoned saint" measuring every word with grace and the beauty of holiness, or a recently born again reckless warrior, like a bull in a China shop, thinking you're going to save the world but offending everyone you meet because you're abrasive and have had no true tempering yet. You could be any one of those people, and anywhere in between, and when you come to the true presence of God, and the presence of His Life, you NEVER feel like you're not received or loved or warmly welcomed by the family of God.

There's no sense that you're not "good enough" or "spiritual enough". The "seasoned saints" don't make you feel like you're unworthy, and like you'll never arrive. They've got something that causes you to hunger and thirst and desire more of God because what they have DRAWS you, and doesn't make you feel worthless. There's absolutely NOTHING in Jesus that's harmful or hurtful. He's holy, undefiled and harmless! Those who are truly mature in the Lord make you want to sharpen your spiritual senses, not run from their blazoned and drawn swords ready to slice you up because you're not spiritual or mature enough. Here the word of the Lord and pay due diligence to understand the atmosphere you're in. Is it a religious one, or is where God is truly moving and working and having full sway over what's happening???

I am going to add a second part to this article separately, as I feel some things the Lord has been doing recently goes along with the flow of this dream that I wish to share.

But I feel that part one should conclude here.

Part 2.

I feel like the dream I had also corresponds with a demonstration in the Spirit I recently experienced in the course of my prayer life.

First of all, I will often sit in a dark room to wait on the Lord, meditate, especially late at night or very early in the morning to wait in the stillness before the Lord, and I believe it's RIGHT to do this. It's just the Lord and myself, and I do not feel that I am dealing with foreign or familiar spirits , though these things may try to gain an entranceway , but I'm very careful to pray over the atmosphere and cleanse it of anything foreign or diabolical before a time of concentrated waiting on the Lord.

So be clear that the dream I have shared with you is not telling you that you should not wait before the Lord in such a way, or in the stillness of the darkness. He tells us to commune with Him upon our beds at night. I'm sure He realizes we'll be doing that laying there in a dark room, and not with all the lights still on.... Either way, the point is to be still and wait before Him, and that is a GOOD thing..........whether you have NO lights on, or every light in your house on!!

Recently, I had a few weeks of a certain night of the week where the Lord spoke to me that I was to actually have every light on in my home from the hour of 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. in the morning. And when God said, EVERY light, that's what He meant! I had to make sure every night light was plugged into a socket, all the bathroom lights, the utility room lights, even the lights in the closets. It was just another one of those times that the Lord was telling me to do something He commanded me to do that had something to do with spiritual warfare that I didn't particularly need to understand........I just needed to obey Him.

As I came to the close of that period of doing this time of waiting before the Lord in the middle of the night with all the lights on, I realized it was a **demonstration to the spirit realm** that REVELATION and LIGHT is coming that is going to uncover works of spiritual darkness happening in the lateness of the hour. By "lateness of the hour" , I am not talking about the hour on the clock, or the time of the day, I am talking about these end-times that we are living in when we are going to actually behold in the experiential realm, and not only judicially, the wresting of the kingdoms of this world out of the hands of the enemy, to be converted and translated back **exclusively** into the kingdom of His dear Son.

¶Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
Colossians 1:12,13.

First, of course, the obvious work of the Spirit is that God is "making us, delivering us, and translating us". What is going to be manifested outwardly to the world, and all those things listed in the scripture below **in blue** , is first going to be made real to His people inwardly inside of our hearts and lives. He will first have the preeminence within us.

Who is truly seeking the Lord and desiring His very best that is not aware of the deep and penetrating searchlight of God piercing the darkness of every nook and cranny of the inward man? Sometimes it's accomplished through the heat and light of a fiery trial that brings hidden things to the surface. Sometimes, it's as simple as the Lord working through our consciences:

Proverbs 20:27 ¶The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:
17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.
18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:16-18

God has been doing a deep work in the lives of His people, but the time is now to declare that there is a FINISHED WORK!! The submission of our lives to Him and His dealings gives us a right to take that very same searchlight of the Spirit that God has shined upon our lives, and shine it into the places where principalities and powers and hidden things of darkness lurk, and demand their exposure by the light of God. The Bible speaks of the saints judging not only the world, but even the angels! (1 Cor. 6:2, 3) What is the preparation for this judgment? It's that we ourselves have been dealt with and chastened and received correction as sons, and like Jesus, the Pattern Son, the prince of this world has come, and he has nothing within us!! Refs.
Hebrews 12, and John 14:30.

When the Lord put upon me to leave the lights on all night long through the wee hours, and into the morning's light, I was actually declaring to principalities and powers that the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, filled with power and glory of God is ON THE MOVE, and going forth with such light and revelation, that no longer will these things be able to hide. They are being uncovered by the light of truth, and the radiance of His true glory.

Why do I say "true glory"?? Because there are manifestations of "false glory". False glory produces its own set of religious feelings, it's own company of false prophets, it's own generations of familiar spirits. Not every goose bump you get is from God. False glory is most likely to be manifested and produced for those who are seeking manifestations and feelings and experiences and visions apart from recognizing the need to seek the Source and the Giver of all good gifts, and usually so they can take personal advantage of it in some way. If only I'd have a major experience, then I can sell more books!! Let me give you some very serious spiritual advice: If you are seeking the Lord for a supernatural visitation and manifestation so you can get some fresh ministry fodder and write a book, CEASE AND DESIST!!! You're on dangerous territory!! You're open target for familiar spirits and field spirits!!

In fact, I'd suggest you make a promise to the Lord that if He sends you a very special and unique visitation you won't tell anyone, but cherish it in your heart, and keep it as an intimate secret between yourself and the Lord, and see what happens THEN!!! When you're crying out to God and begging Him to let you see the throne and angels and into the highest and holiest places in the heavenly realms, tell Him that you PROMISE not to say ONE WORD, except you get a very EXPRESS WORD from the Lord you are meant to share!!

My friend, I've had some encounters with saints who have seen some awesome things by the Spirit of God. People of deep prayer and sanctified lives. What they received from God was so precious, and brought such a sense of His holiness, it would NEVER cross their minds to market it!! This will sound harsh, but when the heart is purely toward Jesus, and honoring Him, you wouldn't dream of casting your pearls before the swine!

Do you know that God has a people in the earth OF MYSTERY who are yet to be revealed who are the ones who have been receiving true manifestation and vision because the goal has NEVER been manifestation, but ALWAYS Jesus!! Oh, Lord Jesus, how I want to be in THAT number!!

True glory comes from one source, and only one. It emanates out from the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not it's own disconnected entity out there in the atmosphere. It never happens apart from the adoration and exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ, whether it be through prophecy, or testimony, or song, or prayer, or preaching of the Word. You will only find "glory" where you find Jesus! He never dumps His glory off somewhere, and then takes off and leaves. He's protective of it.

Yes, the light of the true glory of God is going on, and the revelation of His word, and things that have been able to hide are going to be hidden no more! The Bible specifically declares that the end-times would be marked by false Christs, false prophets, false teachers, lying signs and wonders. Those things are manifesting among us liberally even now. They're manifesting in manipulative and controlling people in large churches. They're manifesting in the 'big fish in little pond' syndrome........that's those little ministries like a home meeting, or a small church where someone with a strong spirit comes in and usurps authority because they have a need to be seen and heard. They're manifesting in silly women who run all over the country after preachers getting revelations and giving words.

They are manifesting in people who feel it's more important to have a gift than to have their foundations rightly laid. I recently encountered a situation where someone needed to spend special time ministering to a "prophet of God" because the man was getting blown about because he didn't have his foundations correctly laid!!! Can you imagine such a thing??? Someone actually thinking they are a prophet, and they don't even know their abc's in the faith???? Unbelievable!!! And yet the church is full of such ones.

We can see these things as harmless, and in many cases they very much are. Why rock the boat? Live and let live!! But the Spirit of the Lord is telling me the lights are going on because in the process of preparation for the saints to rule and reign with Christ, there has been an advance of spiritual darkness very specifically sent forth against the church because God has allowed this to train the saints in spiritual warfare and to learn spiritual authority, even as He allowed satan to come against Job because He wanted to prove to the devil exactly what was in Job, and just what the quality of his personal metal was!!

Do we really believe we are going to be engaged in the spiritual contest of all the ages without having gone through the preparation?? The lights are going ON, and just as God told me to turn every light in my house on as a demonstration and a testimony against principalities and powers, etc, even so He is now raising up an apostolic and prophetic light-turning on brigade against the forces of darkness!!

It's coming through anointed preaching and teaching of the Word. It's going to be through the true manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit. It's going to be through the very presence of holy and sold out lives on fire for the Lord Jesus Christ. And under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, I will tell you that an unction is coming to lay the foundations with all authority in the lives of many who have claimed the Lord but have not known the deep works of God, and how He DIGS DEEP, and lays the foundation upon a SOLID ROCK within your life of relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Lord asked Peter, "Whom do you say that I am", He wanted Peter to understand that what gave Him the right to be the ROCK upon which He would build the Church was the fact that He was in relationship with the Father. Peter understood. He didn't just say, "Thou art the Christ. (the anointed one.) That should have been enough. But understanding relationship was important: So, he said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." (Matthew 16). If there's a church built because Jesus Christ is in relationship with the Father, then don't we need to understand we must be in relationship with Him, and with one another!!

Light is coming to expose those who don't really and truly know the Lord in relationship, and who are operating out of another spirit. Relationship with Jesus IS your foundation!

Don't be surprised if the Lord starts dealing with you strongly about fellowship ties where there is a question mark. I hear weeping and wailing in the Body of Christ because some "angels of light" who have been floating airily among the people of God like little sunbeams of sweetness are going to be manifested for the deceiving serpents that they are! The weeping and wailing is because some have had their spiritual lives and well-beings totally immersed and absorbed in these snakes, and the rending is going to be terrible as God begins to require it.

Something in me wants to soft-pedal this word so I don't hurt anyone's feelings. I do not want you to have questions about anointed vessels, but the Holy Ghost is saying that it's an hour when we'd better have the questions!! It's in this present hour, while the tares are growing up side by side with the wheat that we'd better start discerning which is which because the reapers, the messenger angels are coming, and if we have ourselves entwined around a tare that we thought was wheat, we just might get yanked up along with it!! I feel a holy fear for the people of God .

It's time for the lights to go on~!!
With all sobriety in the Spirit,

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Recompense

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recompense - reward, compensate, repay, pay, remunerate, make up for, reimburse

I want to speak to you tonight, beloved about recompense. I want you to know that your God paid a debt that He did not owe on your behalf. Rejoice in this work. Rejoice in the benefits that this mighty work brings to you, My beloved.

In the beginning, I created the heavens and the earth. I formed man to fellowship with Me ‘ to walk in My divine love. Man faltered and fell. Man could not meet the requirements of a just God, so I paid the debt ‘ I made the plans to do all of this long before you were born. You were rightly Mine before you said ‘yes’ to Me, beloved, for I had purchased you with a dear price long before you knew Me. When you said ‘yes’ to Me, dear one, you then received the greatest of gifts. You received the wonders of your God in one solid package.

So think on these words today, beloved. Ponder and rejoice over these words. They are truth everlasting. They are for you. They will enable you to grow, as you ponder their truth, accepting all that the Beloved has done for you.

I ask nothing but that you accept this work ‘ this wonderful work, and follow Me ‘ follow Me being an expression of My goodness to others. I desire that you draw closer to Me day by day, learning My ways, accepting My truth. For in the days ahead, beloved, things are going to be a bit rocky for those who have not accepted the payment the Lord God Almighty made on their behalf ‘ things are going to get VERY rocky.

So hold fast to this truth, knowing that I provided a wonderful means for you to step into the wonder of My heart. I gave Myself in payment for man’s fall. I gave Myself entirely to the cause of mankind, and that is not something to take lightly, beloved. That is something to hold close to your heart.

You are My beloved. I hold you dear, you prized possession. I did an eternal work when I died for you. I did a work that will benefit you forever. So stand strong in this truth, realizing that the One Who is holy paid the price for you, and nothing can ever change that wonderful fact ‘ that wonderful truth.

I do take delight in you, My chosen. I would do it again, if need be. But once was enough. Once was enough to open the portals of heaven and bless you mightily, offering you hope and everlasting peace of heart. Yes, once was enough.

So take this token of My wonderful love for you, knowing that I delight in you and want to move you further in My truth, further into My display of love for you, further into your rightful inheritance. For you see, dear one, the price that I paid for your freedom in Me covers much ‘ much more than you could ever imagine ‘ much more than you could ever ask or think. That is the true recompense of My love, beloved. That is the true recompense of your Savior’s love ‘ more than you could ever ask or think.

Refining
Musa Opiyo

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For many of God's people, you have been going through a season of testing, where the Lord has been "drawing out" and has brought your life into the open before you. Past hurts, rejections and disappointments have resurfaced and while you have been faced with the reality of what has been beneath the surface, you have been tempted to give up on yourself, to write yourself off as being unworthy, not being able to be used by the Lord and a feeling that you have missed the last train that pulled out of the station.

But the Lord would say do not give up on yourself because I have not given up on you. As My sons and daughters, I have searched your hearts and brought to light what was hidden within you. As you bring each burden before Me and leave them at My feet, not only will I bring healing and restoration but I will breathe new life into you. I will sharpen your vision and bring clear direction of where you are to go from here.

Though your enemy, the accuser of the brethren, stands and points the finger at you, yet I say, rise up and declare My word over every accusation. I have not condemned you but rather I am refining your character and enlarging your capacity to move in a greater way with Me. Leave all at My feet and let My Spirit breathe upon you, for truly where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Heb 12: 5-6 AMP
5. And have you [completely] forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reproved and corrected by him
6. For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom he loves, and he punishes, even scourges, every son whom he accepts and welcomes to his heart and cherishes.

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Refreshing

Barbara Lynch

August 10, 2005; 12: 49AM

Tell my people I have come with My glory and I am giving refreshing wherever the river flows. Tell them that I am with them in all things. Tell them that this is the hour of great visitation from their Father, and they will be refreshed and renewed to do the great and mighty works that I am calling them forth to do.

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My people who are called by name will assemble together at this given time and they shall receive divine instruction from their Heavenly Father. They shall come directly to the throne of grace and receive their orders directly from Me, their Father. There will be no more questions. There will just be instruction. I will lead, guide and direct My people in the path that they shall go and no more will they be tossed to and fro. They shall know what it is to be instructed in holiness and then to walk in holiness. I am with My peoples, I have not left them nor forsaken them as some have voiced. Oh no, on the contrary, I have been with them every step of the way and they shall soon see why they had to go down the path that they journeyed on for these past several years. Yes, it has been a hard path, but I was there every step of the way and I did not turn My back on them as some supposed. Happy are those who trusted in their Father for direction, for they shall see the salvation of the Lord.

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Many sorrows will begin to befall those who are refusing to follow Me. I have not asked much from My people, I have only asked that they love Me and follow Me, but there is so much chaos out there, to distract and sideswipe My people. They no longer look to the make as their supplier, they look to man they look to flesh. I desire to take care of My chosen ones, but they are so busy with the cares of this world that they leave Me out of the loop everyday. I have asked My children to come close, but they worship Me afar. I am asking My chosen ones at this hour to be still and know that I am God and know that I am in full control of all things, in the spirit realm and in the natural.

Remember Krakatoa

Timothy Snodgrass

Nov 21, 2005
Remember Krakatoa

A Prophetic Warning for the Indonesian Archipelago

November 20, 2005

Indonesia covers a vast portion of the Pacific, comprised of over 17,500 islands between Australia and the Asian Mainland, 6,000 of which are inhabited. (The Philippines have in comparison only 7,100 islands.) Located in one of the most seismically active regions of the world, these islands lay within a very fragile part of the Pacific Ring of Fire. Interestingly, the world's most recent volcanic super-eruption took place in Indonesia only 122 years ago in 1883. The Krakatoa eruption was so powerful that it not only dissolved an entire mountain, but obliterated two-thirds of the island of Krakatoa. Tsunami were recorded as high as 40 meters (140 feet), four times higher than tsunami triggered by the 9.3 Sumatra quake on 12/26/04. Had the epicenter of the eruption been outside the middle of the Indonesian Archipelago, the loss of life would have climbed into the millions. But Borneo and Sulawesi blocked the path of the tsunami from reaching most of the Pacific. Otherwise, the west coast of America would have been devastated, not to mention 90% of Asia. To the northwest, Sumatra blocked tsunami from reaching most of the Indian Ocean. Australia was shielded by Java. Although large tidal surges were recorded around the world, the impact of the eruption outside Indonesia was insignificant because of the shielded location of the event. Instead of millions of lives, only 36,417 people perished in this spectacular volcanic super-eruption. Was this event unique in the history of Indonesia? Will such an event happen again in our lifetime?

Last year in our November 11, 2004 Report we published a strong prophetic warning for Indonesia, which gave graphic details of the coming tsunami one month before the 9.3 Sumatra quake took place. The documented report was sent to hundreds of people on our mailing list, and read by thousands on our website at www.Elijah1.com. Shortly after the 11/11 report was published, in December, 2004 the vision was no longer a prophetic warning, it had become front page news. Now exactly one year later, we are preparing to send a prophetic team into the heart of Indonesia after receiving strong prophetic warnings of greater events yet to come, earth upheavals on the scale of Krakatoa if not averted through prayer, repentance and obedience to the directives of the Holy Spirit. We have been warned that the Sumatra 9.3 quake was NOT the Big One, but a small piece of a progressive series of warnings which point to a greater event yet to come. As we draw near to the Lord's return, we need to keep a very close eye on the islands of the sea, especially in fragile areas surrounding the Pacific Ring of Fire, whereas these regions are extremely vulnerable to great quakes and volcanic cataclysms. As we prepare to depart for Indonesia on this strategic intercessory journey, please keep the islands of the Pacific in prayer, that REVIVAL would sweep across the Pacific like a massive wave of glory, and that the seas would be calmed by the PEACE of God which passes all understanding.

Blessings,

Timothy Snodgrass
Philippines

INDONESIA MISSION MOVED TO DECEMBER: This has been an extremely busy year for our ministry, with prophetic teams being launched into Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, California, and now our final assignment into Indonesia. I feel a particular urgency to complete this upcoming trip to Sumatra without delay. People often ask me, "Why is it necessary to send apostolic or prophetic teams into these nations which are on the verge of great upheavals or judgments? Can't we just pray for these areas from our homes instead of going there?" My answer is: Of course not all are called to go into these regions. But one important aspect of the prophetic office is to *GO,* set our feet upon the soil of the nation and blow the trumpet of warning, calling the nation into repentance and intercession so the event can ultimately be averted. Do not underestimate what can be accomplished through simple obedience to the Holy Spirit, for the anointing is more powerful than a thousand atomic bombs, and can turn around the atmosphere of an entire nation through the child-like obedience of one person. Being at the right place at the right time in the future can mean not only the difference between life and death for you and your family, but for an entire nation or region.

If you would like to sow a special gift towards our upcoming Indonesian mission, please send all donations to our new permanent Bend, Oregon address listed below. This mission is currently on hold until funding materializes. Our New Zealand mission was supported by New Zealand, Fiji Mission sponsored by California, Australia mission supported by Australia, but thus far no nation has stood in the gap for Indonesia. We need approximately two-thousand, five-hundred dollars to proceed with this important mission. December is a critical time for Indonesia, which is 88% Moslem, 8% Christian. Persecution of Christians has been on the rise in many provinces of Indonesia such as Sulawesi, where recently 3 school girls were beheaded near their Christian school, followed by several other students being shot in the head, simply for being Christian. As we approach Christmas, the only hope of peace in Indonesia is through intervention from the Prince of Peace. Please consider supporting our upcoming Indonesian mission in behalf of your nation today, for our time is quickly running out to act and intervene on behalf of Indonesia. The blood of the martyrs is crying out from the ground for judgment, and make no mistake about it, our immediate response to the warnings received for this part of the world will determine the events which will soon manifest. If you think this matter does not concern your nation, remember Krakatoa. The next volcanic super-eruption in the Pacific may not be shielded by 17,000 islands.

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Release

Lanna Perry

The Lord longs to bring release to all who seek Him. The Lord longs to bring release to people's lives as they continue to walk with Him and continue to ride the rollercoaster of faith.

Release is an amazing gift from God. The release from bondage, the release from sin, the release from one season to another, the release of anointing, the release of God's provision. The Lord is a God of release. He loves to release His children into greater freedom. He longs to bring greater release of joy, freedom and peace into your life as you continue to keep your eyes firmly focused upon Him.

The Lord does not desire for His children to be kept under oppression. The Lord does not desire for heaviness to be a backpack that you or any of His children carry around daily. The Lord does not desire for depression and anxiety to be constant companions of His children. The Lord does not desire for His children to be constantly struggling through life.

God gave His children, the ultimate release when sending His Son Jesus to save us from our sins, and guarantee us eternal life as we choose to seek and follow Him wholeheartedly. For God did not send His Son Jesus to pay the price for us to live a life void of release. He came so we **MAY** life a life of complete release. (John 10:10) God's heart is not for you to live a life tied to bondage, heaviness, oppression and darkness. So why do many still live this way? Jesus paid the price for His children to live in complete freedom.

For it is only in the place of **complete surrender** before Jesus, that His true release can come. Many wait on Him for release into a new season. For a release of His miraculous movements, or for a release of His provision. For the Holy Spirit loves to cultivate and grow the heart of His children. True release only comes once the old is finished. Once the old has come to completion. God is a God of completion. What He has started, He is faithful to finish. (Phil 1:6)

Relinquishment - Release goes hand in hand with relinquishment. Release cannot come without the relinquishing of ones will and ones desires. God is looking for His children to be children that are living lives of continual relinquishment. Completely committed to relinquishing their desires and rights to serve themselves, on a daily basis. A surrender, a complete and pure surrender that has not been seen in great numbers by the world before. The Lord is wanting to rise up His church in a new and radical way. A group of believers whose hearts are radically surrendered to Him.

Whilst contemplating the word **release** I kept hearing the words in my spirit. **Refusing release through relinquishment means no peace**. Refusing to release your hearts and lives completely to the Lord, automatically removes peace out ones life. Why? Because without complete surrender to God, a human is not truly living. As humans we were created to be in relationship with Jesus Christ, and to be in complete relationship means to be completely surrendered to Him daily (Luke 14:27). Not just by words, but in the very actions of our lives and desires of our hearts.

Rejoice - It is important to always rejoice while waiting for release to come. Rejoice no matter your circumstances. Rejoice no matter what your heart feels. Rejoice no matter what your heart or people tell you. Rejoice in the release of God's character in the person of Jesus Christ. Rejoice, for has God changed? Surely not! God is good, and even if He didn't do one more thing for you and I, He is worthy of all our honour and our praise.

If you are waiting for release into your destiny, rejoice in the release of today. Rejoice in the release of

God's power in your life today. Rejoice in the release of God's blessings in your life today. Rejoice in the release of the revelations of God's character and heart for you in your life today. Rejoice in the release of God's provision in your life today. As you continue to rejoice in today's release, the greater future release will come to you in a greater way than you expect.

Focus not on when your release will come, but focus on the release that has already come in your life today. Rejoice in this!

The Bible says that His mercies are new every morning. Every morning the Lord releases His grace, His love, and His blessings into your life. Each day they are new. So as you continue to focus on the release of today, the release of being sent out into the desired ministries that He has for you, will come to you at the allotted time, and the process will not be slowed by wrong focus.

Rejoicing and praising Him releases His power in our lives.

God is calling His children to be hungry for release.

God is now releasing an increase of anointing upon His church. Upon those who are truly seeking Him above all. The Lord's desire is for His church to walk fully in the release of the anointing upon their lives.

Are you waiting for release in your life? Whatever your circumstance God longs to bring that release to you. Our heavenly Father will not withhold any good thing from those who love Him. (Matt 7:11) As you continue to surrender your heart in complete obedience to Him (relinquishment), and hold tightly to the promises that He has given you, and rejoice in the release you have already received, you will see great release of the Holy Spirit's power in your life, in whichever manifestation you are requiring. You just need to take the first few steps each day, and God will go a mile.

God's heart is to release you. Release you forward into the destiny He has for you, release you from captivity and release you from circumstances that hold you down.

Choose to relinquish and rejoice, and release will come.

When God looks at a heart completely surrendered to Him, He cannot help but move, it's His character to always release good things and more of Himself. He loves to move in your life. He loves to change you into His image, and He loves to love you. He loves YOU.

Hunger for release.

Relinquish, Rejoice, Release!!!!

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Renouncements
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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The Lord spoke ‘renouncements’ and then had me look up these scriptures…

Ps 23:3 NKJV He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Jer 23:3-4 NKJV "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD.

Job 2:4-6 AMP Then Satan answered the Lord, Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has will he give for his life. 5 But put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse and renounce You to Your face.
6 And the Lord said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; only spare his life.

Prov 11:2 AMP When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness.

Luke 14:33-35 AMP
33 So then, any of you who does not forsake (renounce, surrender claim to, give up, say good-bye to) all that he has cannot be My disciple.
34 Salt is good [an excellent thing], but if salt has lost its strength and has become saltless (insipid, flat), how shall its saltness be restored?
35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure heap; men throw it away. He who has ears to hear, let him listen and consider and comprehend by hearing!

Titus 1:11 AMP Their mouths must be stopped, for they are mentally distressing and subverting whole families by teaching what they ought not to teach, for the purpose of getting base advantage and disreputable gain…
Titus 1:16 AMP They profess to know God [to recognize, perceive, and be acquainted with Him], but deny and disown and renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable and loathsome, unbelieving and disobedient and disloyal and rebellious, and [they are] unfit and worthless for good work (deed or enterprise) of any kind.

Titus 2:12 AMP It has trained us to reject and renounce all ungodliness (irreligion) and worldly (passionate) desires, to live discreet (temperate, self-controlled), upright, devout (spiritually whole) lives in this present world,

Heb 11:37-38 AMP They were stoned to death; they were lured with tempting offers [to renounce their faith]; they were sawn asunder; they were slaughtered by the sword; [while they were alive] they had to go about wrapped in the skins of sheep and goats, utterly destitute, oppressed, cruelly treated--38 [Men] of whom the world was not worthy--roaming over the desolate places and the mountains, and [living] in caves and caverns and holes of the earth.

Then He spoke:
“My beloveds, you are the salt of the earth, but if the salt loses it’s flavor, how will it be restored? You don’t hide a light under a bushel basket. You let it SHINE, SHINE, SHINE!! I have not called you to pride, position, and the power of the world, but I have asked you to be servants to one another, just as I washed the feet of the apostles. You are to do so without constraint!

I have called you to walk with Me, but not in envying and strife. I am looking for renouncements in My people – renouncements of this world and all it has to offer, for only when you are free from the entrapments of it, then can you be trusted with true power and the fullness of what I have for you! Your heart must be willing to die to SELF. The reason I bless you is out of LOVE, not striving, not selfish ambition, trying to make a name for yourselves, but out of MY LOVE FOR YOU. And it is so YOU can be a blessing to others, not to acclaim position and power that is earthly or sensual.

I am the LORD and there is no other like ME. I am coming to right all that is wrong in the church. So position yourselves in the lowest place, in the place of humility. I am looking for you to go lower, not higher! Bend your hearts, and bend your knees to the LORD OF GLORY and HE will come in and have fellowship and union with you. There is MUCH, MUCH MORE of ME that is available to you if you will humble yourselves and pray and renounce the world and all it offers. That doesn't mean I won't bless you with earthly things, but just so that they are not the idol they have been in the churched.

Many are trying to preserve their positions and power by accusing others before me, but that is not necessary, as I know what is in the heart of a man. Only I KNOW what is in their hearts. YOU ARE NOT THE JUDGE.
I AM! So lay down your swords against your brothers and take up the sword of the word and BLESS those who curse you and pray for those who have spitefully used you. I am the ONE Who is separating, and testing and trying
The flock. My winds are blowing and they will blow stronger still to divide the wicked from the just. The western church MUST be cleansed of it's dirt and mud. Lay hold of the hem of MY GARMENT and humble yourselves in My presence and ask ME to heal your hearts and attitudes.

I am the TREE of LIFE and in My presence no one can stand. I will be cleansing and empowering in GREAT GRACE those who have been so wounded and bludgeoned. I will turn the hearts of the wicked, whom you have disdained instead of laying down your lives for, and use them sooner than anyone who would lift HIMSELF up before ME. I will exalt the humble and lay low the prideful and arrogant in this hour. So pray that your heart would be free of all that so easily besets you. I am shaking and I am going to shake all the trees in my garden to see if fruit is still standing – to see if the limbs and leaves are sturdy and healthy and full of MY LIFE.

Leviathan rises it's head in the form of Jezebel in this hour. And only if you are free from it yourself, will you be able to slay the spirit that seeks to destroy you and all who lift up MY NAME. RENOUNCE all pride, ego, vanity, arrogance and unthankfulness, discontentment, intolerance, frustration and impatience. Allow ME to be HEAD over your lives. SURRENDER the whole of your lives to ME. EVERYTHING – everything belongs to ME. You would have nothing without My blessing you. So what can you lose? What can a man profit by gaining the whole world but losing his soul?

How can you discern oh man, if you do not read My Word and ask ME to help you to understand it? Why is your life so busy oh downhearted one? Is it not because you have not entered the QUIET PLACE with ME and spent time in My presence? I AM THE SOURCE of all you need. LAY DOWN YOUR LIVES and I will give you MY LIFE – My Resurrection Life! MY LOVE, MY JOY, MY PEACE, MY HUMILITY, MY PROVISION, MY FAVOR! Allow me to completely possess your soul! Ask and you shall receive, for I LOVE YOU, as no other can love you. I am JEALOUS for you My beloveds! Draw in to My love. Draw closer to Me, and I will draw closer to YOU!

Truth And The Inner Man
Priscilla Van Sutphin

May 23rd, 2005

The Lord spoke to me…"truth and the inner man."

Ps 63:1 AMP O GOD, You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs and is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is.

Eph 3:16 AMP May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

Rev 2:5 AMP Remember then from what heights you have fallen. Repent (change the inner man to meet God's will) and do the works you did previously [when first you knew the Lord], or else I will visit you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you change your mind and repent.

“ I want to say something to My beloveds about the renewing of your inner man - the healing of your souls. I am the Creator God, Elohim, and it is I Who created you in Our image and likeness. It was with the Words I spoke that creation was launched. And with the Word that is written, called the Bible, that your minds are to be renewed daily. The logos helps you to know truth. But it is only as it is translated by My Spirit to penetrate the darkness inside of you, that you are set free. This is why many can read the word over and over and some truth comes, but if they don’t depend on the Spirit to teach them and lead them, then it becomes religious and futile.

The Pharisees knew the Word, and yet they did not KNOW the WORD.

The rhema is what I speak to you, and by it your soul and inner man is quickened to understand, to know, and to know My wisdom. THIS is the TRUTH that sets you free. You can know to do something right, yet be unable to DO it, because of demonic strongholds in your mind, will, and heart.

I deliver in many ways the sons of men. Just as I am creative, I also have many ways to deliver and heal that are suited to the individual person and their background. I don’t treat or speak to everyone in the same way, but according to their knowledge and life experiences. I alone know all these.

The knowledge then of the truth is PROGRESSIVE in that you don’t download all truth the moment you read it. It is only when the Spirit quickens it to your soul with understanding, that it has an effect. And still, it may cause you to WANT to be free, yet you are not always instantly delivered. Yet I am a FAITHFUL and RIGHTEOUS GOD, and I know what it takes to heal each one, and I will do it, as that person seeks ME, and as I will. Some things are left in place at times to produce endurance and perserverance in character. For if I suddenly did everything, then no one would understand others with whom it has taken longer to get free, or to understand the torment that others go through.

Rom 5:3-4 AMP Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance.

4 And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.

Repeated encounters with frustration and failure also bring humility that makes you realize that apart from ME, you can do nothing. Pride is the root of many and various sins and sickness. So as I root out that sin & pride, one becomes more free to be, and more free to do MY will, and not just your own. Walking in the Spirit perfectly requires freedom from demonic strongholds. But you are not free so easily when there has been great pain and suffering in a life. This is because the church has not walked in the perfection I intended, but through the years, has lost the power of the Spirit and it’s doctrines and holiness have been eaten away.

Soon, that will change! Soon, I will come in power and RESTORE all that has been stolen. Soon, anyone who is IN CHRIST WILL BE A NEW CREATION and you will see it and marvel! Many will be instantly healed and delivered at the same time! This will be quite startling for those whose doctrines have been full of untruths and half truths. And it will cause a great RUMBLING and SEPARATION in My church. Those who accept My ways, and the power of My Spirit will walk in great authority and power, but those who don't will dry up and no longer be of any effect. A new world order is emerging whose

roots are in the occult and antichrist in nature. Those who are not firm in foundations will easily fall to the lies and compromise. So strengthen the hands that hang low, and the feeble knees! Strengthen your brothers and sisters as best you can. And KNOW that I am coming quickly and will RESTORE all the locusts have eaten. Keep close to ME My beloveds! Keep your eyes on ME. Keep in the Word, and in the WORD. You are IN CHRIST, and seated in heavenly places.

REMEMBER THAT DAILY! Remember Whose you are! REMEMBER the power of your GOD to deliver and keep you. Remember how much I love you!

RESTORATION is coming in powerful and startling ways. Your hearts will leap and rejoice and you will be encouraged GREATLY in your FAITH. Do not shrink back. Strengthen your inner man with the washing of the Word, and the in the PRESENCE of the HOLY SPIRIT daily. Seek FIRST the KINGDOM of GOD and His righteousness and all you need will be provided.

OT:5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh); from OT:5314; properly, a breathing creature, i.e. animal of (abstractly) vitality; used very widely in a literal, accommodated or figurative sense (bodily or mental): [soul, inner self]

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Ps 6:3-4 AMP My [inner] self [as well as my body] is also exceedingly disturbed and troubled. But You, O Lord, how long [until You return and speak peace to me]? 4 Return [to my relief], O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of Your steadfast love and mercy.

Ps 16:9-10 AMP Therefore my heart is glad and my glory [my inner self] rejoices; my body too shall rest and confidently dwell in safety,10 For You will not abandon me to Sheol (the place of the dead), neither will You suffer Your holy one [Holy one] to see corruption. [Acts 13:35.]

Ps 31:9 AMP Have mercy and be gracious unto me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; with grief my eye is weakened, also my inner self and my body.

Ps 41:4 AMP I said, Lord, be merciful and gracious to me; heal my inner self, for I have sinned against You.

Ps 42:2 AMP My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? [John 7:37; 1 Thess 1:9,10.]

Ps 43:5 AMP Why are you cast down, O my inner self? And why should you moan over me and be disquieted within me? Hope in God and wait expectantly for Him, for I shall yet praise Him, Who is the help of my [sad] countenance, and my God.

Ps 57:8 AMP Awake, my glory (my inner self); awake, harp and lyre! I will awake right early [I will awaken the dawn]!

Ps 138:3 AMP In the day when I called, You answered me; and You strengthened me with strength (might and inflexibility to temptation) in my inner self.

Ps 139:14-18 AMP I will confess and praise You for You are fearful and wonderful and for the awful wonder of my birth! Wonderful are Your works, and that my inner self knows right well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You when I was being formed in secret [and] intricately and curiously wrought [as if embroidered with various colors] in the depths of the earth [a region of darkness and mystery]. 16

Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them. 17 How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! [Ps 40:5.]

18 If I could count them, they would be more in number than the sand. When I awoke, [could I count to the end] I would still be with You.

Ps 143:12 AMP And in your mercy and loving-kindness, cut off my enemies and destroy all those who afflict my inner self, for I am Your servant.

Prov 3:15-26 AMP Skillful and godly Wisdom is more precious than rubies; and nothing you can wish for is to be compared to her. [Job 28:12-18.]

16 Length of days is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. [Prov 8:12-21; 1 Tim 4:8.]

17 Her ways are highways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

18 She is a tree of life to those who lay hold on her; and happy (blessed, fortunate, to be envied) is everyone who holds her fast.

19 The Lord by skillful and godly Wisdom has founded the earth; by understanding He has established the heavens. [Col 1:16.]

20 By His knowledge the deeps were broken up, and the skies distill the dew. 21 My son, let them not escape from your sight, but keep sound and godly Wisdom and discretion, 22 And they will be life to your inner self, and a gracious ornament to your neck (your outer self).

23 Then you will walk in your way securely and in confident trust, and you shall not dash your foot or stumble. [Ps 91:11,12; Prov 10:9.]

24 When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet. 25 Be not afraid of sudden terror and panic, nor of the stormy blast or the storm and ruin of the wicked when it comes [for you will be guiltless], 26 For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught [in a trap or some hidden danger].

Lam 3:24 AMP The Lord is my portion or share, says my living being (my inner self); therefore will I hope in Him and wait expectantly for Him. [Num 18:20.]

Hab 3:16-19 AMP I heard and my [whole inner self] trembled; my lips quivered at the sound. Rottenness enters into my bones and under me [down to my feet]; I tremble. I will wait quietly for the day of trouble and distress when there shall come up against [my] people him who is about to invade and oppress them. 17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls, 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! [Rom 8:37.] 19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

Luke 11:41 AMP But [dedicate your inner self and] give as donations to the poor of those things which are within [of inward righteousness] and behold, everything is purified and clean for you.

Rom 2:4 AMP Or are you [so blind as to] trifle with and presume upon and despise and underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience? Are you unmindful or actually ignorant [of the fact] that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent (to change your mind and inner man to accept God's will)?

2 Cor 4:16 AMP Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly spiritless, exhausted, and wearied out through fear). Though our outer man is [progressively] decaying and wasting away, yet our inner self is being [progressively] renewed day after day.

Eph 5:26-27 NIV to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Titus 3:5-7 AMP He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by [the] cleansing [bath] of the new birth (regeneration) and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 Which He poured out [so] richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 [And He did it in order] that we might be justified by His grace (by His favor, wholly undeserved), [that we might be acknowledged and counted as conformed to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action], and that we might become heirs of eternal life according to [our] hope.

Heb 9:9 AMP Seeing that that first [outer portion of the] tabernacle was a parable (a visible symbol or type or picture of the present age). In it gifts and sacrifices are offered, and yet are incapable of perfecting the conscience or of cleansing and renewing the inner man of the worshiper.

Eph 4:23 AMP And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude],

Col 3:10 AMP And have clothed yourselves with the new [spiritual self], which is [ever in the process of being] renewed and remolded into [fuller and more perfect knowledge upon] knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him Who created it. [Gen 1:26.]

Religion Or Relationship
Ephraim Frank

July 22, 2005
Shalom Fellow Israelite

Why did YHVH send His only begotten Son into this world?

Did He send Him to give His life and die for the purpose of starting a new religion called Christianity or Messianism? Did Yeshua shed his blood in order to restore a religion called Judaism? Or better yet, did He come to combine the two into one Judeo-Christian religious expression? Why did the Father send the Son? In Luke chapter one we read the message that the angel Gabriel brought from YHVH to Miriam, and the word of prophecy which was uttered by Zechariah the priest, when filled with the Spirit of Holiness. Both announced the Father's purposes for sending Yeshua:

- To redeem His people (v. 68).
- To raise up a horn of salvation for us in the House of His servant David (v 69).
- To sit on the throne of His father David (v.32).
- To save us from our enemies, from those who hate us (v.71).
- To show mercy to our fathers (those who received no mercy - Lo-ruhamah - ref. Hosea 1:6).
- To remember His holy covenant, which He swore to our father Abraham (vs. 72- 73), whereby He committed Himself to give him a land, to "make him" a nation and a blessing (Gen. 12:2-3).
- To bring deliverance from our enemies, that we might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life (vs.74-75).
- To rule and reign in the House of Jacob forever, and there to set up an everlasting kingdom (v.33).

None of these objectives appear to have anything to do with religion, or with some other form of temple worship. Rather, Yeshua came to restore a relationship between His Father and us, His people, His inheritance. He also came to restore the House of Jacob, meaning the relationship between the Two Houses of Ephraim and Judah and to break down the enmity and jealousy between the brothers.

"Listen, O coastlands, to Me and take heed, you peoples from afar! YHVH has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name" (Isa. 49:1). "You shall call His name Yeshua [salvation]" (Luke 1:31). "And now YHVH says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him. Indeed He says, `It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the nations, that You should be My salvation [Yeshuah] to the ends of the earth,'" (Isaiah 49:5-6). How were all these objectives to be fulfilled?

Before sin marred the relationship between the Creator and Adam, man was required only to "listen and walk". After YHVH redeemed Israel from Egypt and slavery, they too, as a nation, were told the same thing: "Listen to My voice and walk in My ways." When Israel failed to do that and missed the mark (sinned), YHVH gave them a religion, using the Aaronic Priesthood. Sin was the reason for religion. As long as we remain in sin, we will always have a need for some religious expression. But what was YHVH's promise to the nation of Israel? "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us" (Psalm 103:11-12). "But You have lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of corruption, for You have cast all my sins behind Your back" (Isaiah 38:17). "I, even I, am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake; And I will not remember your sins" (Isa.43:25). "And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. In that day, everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree'" (Zechariah 3:10).

Notice that when sin and iniquity are removed, relationships are made possible. How did the Father accomplish this reconciliation? "Now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself" (Hebrews 9:26). Remember what John the Immerser declared when He saw Yeshua? "Behold the Lamb of Elohim that takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "YHVH was reconciling the world to Himself in the Messiah, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:19). "By Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:20). This is why Paul insisted only on one thing: "For I determined not to know anything among you except Yeshua the Messiah and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2).

Yeshua died to atone for sin and to remove it altogether. How did He do this? By being offered on the cross as the perfect lamb for the sacrifice. He fulfilled every requirement of the religious system. In removing sin as far as the east is from the west, He removed the need for a religious structure and restored the priesthood according to the Order of Melchizedek (ref. Hebrews 4:14-5:10; 7). This was the priesthood that all Israel was to partake of. By virtue of the Torah being inscribed on the heart, worship was to be in spirit and in truth (John 4:23), resulting in TRUE relationships. For do you not know this about yourselves that you are a tabernacle of the Spirit of Holiness (ref. 1Cor.3:16), that Yeshua the Messiah dwells in you (ref. 2Cor.13:5) and that you have died and that your life is hidden in His, and that He is NOW your life (ref. Col.3:4, Gal.2:20)? Faith is what reveals this reality, but if we hold to an outward form of religion, we actually deny His presence within our Holy of Holies (our spirit). This will bring about the anti-Christ lie, which denies that Yeshua came in the flesh, (in this case the spirit-filled believer's flesh). John explains to us that the world is under the power of the evil one (1 John 5:19), meaning all of the world's political and religious institutions. In verse 21 he warns, "Children keep yourselves from idols". But "sandwiched" between those two verses is a powerful statement of truth: "We know that the Son of YHVH has come and has given us understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Yeshua the Messiah. This is the true Elohim and eternal life" (v.20).

Yeshua is restoring the "fallen Succah (booth) of David" by uniting a remnant of the Two Houses, and by being enthroned in the hearts of the individuals who form this remnant. Through the reunited House of Jacob (the nation Israel), He will administer the Everlasting Kingdom government to the rest of the nations. It is therefore imperative that we come out of religion into right relationships and our set holy national identity.

Be separate and wait for YHVH who will whistle for us to return to the land (ref. Zec.10:8), there to become a royal priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek, and a holy nation; thus the covenant that YHVH made with our father Abraham, to become a blessing to the rest of the nations, will be possible.

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity. for in this YHVH commands the blessing "life eternal" (Ps. 133).

Repent

Lanna Perry

18th June, 2005
Sydney Australia

My precious church.....My precious body.....My precious followers....My precious children....how I long for you as My church to shine brighter than the noonday sun. How I long for each of you to operate in My Spirit's power and in deeper unity.

I am grieved My precious church, because I see so much pollution and so much disunity within My church, and My heart is grieved. I am longing to do great things through you My church, but there is so much pollution in My church.

I love each of you so much, and I love My body so much. Repent My church. Repent for your Idolatry, Repent of your worship of things that are NOT from Me. Repent for your sins and for your devotion to other things. Repent for allowing unrepentant sin into My house.

My precious church, you are the vehicle carrying My presence. Do not disgrace My name, but allow My Glory to rest among you, and to shine out of you in greater ways than ever before. I am calling you My church, as individuals and corporately to check your hearts before Me. Come before Me and check your hearts. Allow Me to show you things within you heart and within the body that are allowing the evil one to bring about havoc and division within My church. Come to Me, and allow Me to show you, so you may walk in all that I am calling you to, both individually and corporately.

I the Lord your God will not tolerate unrepentant sin, and I see much of this within My church today. Do not disgrace the name of the Lord your God. Repent, for time is short, and I am longing to pour out My Spirit in greater ways through those who are willing to continue to die to flesh, die to their desires and programs. I am waiting My church. I am waiting to do a new thing. Judgment will come upon My church, because of the unrepentant sin.

My church has become self-focused and is not focusing on what I am speaking. I am speaking "Repent, and turn your hearts BACK to Me". My precious church, you are My joy, do not continue walking in this way. Do not continue walking in sin and complacency.

Repent, allow Me to show the world My Glory through you. Allow Me to show the world, how great I am. Do not become like the world My church. Do not hide behind My name, but allow unrepentant sin into your hearts and churches. Stop now, and listen to Me.

Come before Me, let me embrace you, and remove all your idols. Let Me show you more of who I am, and let My Spirit show you what "I" want to do, not what you want to do. Let Me pour My love over you and My forgiveness and show you what I am doing.

Stop polluting My church. Continually come before Me individually and corporately....and listen to Me. Sacrifice what I am asking, even if you do not understand, sacrifice for Me, and let Me lead you in the path of everlasting. Do not be deceived any longer, but rise up, and let Me begin to use My church for what it was created for. To shine My Glory.

Stop becoming like the world enjoying your sin. Step OUT of your sin and idolatry...and TRULY come to Me and repent. Give Me your hearts truly. TRULY count the cost, and TRULY repent.

Judgment will come to those who are not repenting, and to My church. I am drawing the line in the sand now My church. I love you so much, but will not tolerate pollution within My house. Choose today

My church, choose to continue to walk in your ways, or repent and walk in the ways of the Lord Almighty.

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The Bread Of Life
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My precious children, many of you I see are in the place of desperation. Crying out to Me, "Lord WHEN, Lord HOW" I see many of you with an earnest desire to seek Me and an earnest desire to serve Me. I have seen your hearts and I am well pleased. I am well pleased with those of you who have sought after Me with all your hearts, you have sacrificed what I have asked, you have obeyed Me and continue to move forward in what seems to be a place without direction.

My precious friends, I have called you, I have chosen you and I have hidden you lately. I have hidden you so you may come to know Me in greater ways before I send you out. I have drawn you into the desert, into the quiet place where you can hear My voice and see Me. Where you are completely focused on Me and completely living for every word that comes from My mouth.

I see the desperation and the frustration within your hearts, and to you I say "soon" My children soon will you 'see', will you 'understand' and will you 'know'.

For I am the bread of life. I am the fresh bread from heaven, and I am all that you need. I am showing each of you that all you need is Me. That even when the physical side of life around you may not be going the way you desire, or may be planning out the way you intended, that I am all you need. As you continue to come to Me, and feast on Me daily, you will never hunger or thirst again.

As you continue to come to Me, and feast on every word that comes from My mouth and the beat of My heart, you will rejoice in your waiting. You will be captivated by My beauty and your focus will be on Me, and not the time and way that you will be sent out, or see how the future is to be planned out for you.

I love your desires to serve Me, and get out and do great things for Me, in greater ways, and I will soon show you the way, but for now, remain where I have placed you and allow Me to continue to cultivate you.

For I am grieved at the state of My church. I am grieved that the church has turned it's hearts away from Me, and has allowed sin to enter in. I am grieved that complacency has found it's way within My church, and that a lot of My children are not following hard after Me.

Those of you that I have called, and have placed specific callings on your lives, you My children, will be a light even unto My church. I will use you to shine My light to even those who know Me. I will shine My light through each of you, to show My church, My followers what it means to radically follow Me. For I am calling My church to turn back to Me, to repent and seek Me again, to know that I am their daily bread and they need NOTHING apart from Me.

For I am your daily bread, and NOTHING will ever satisfy the way that I do. I have called all of My children to come, to sit at My feet and receive, but many are running in the world trying to find what only I can give.

Be prepared My children, for a time is coming soon that I will rise up all My warriors who have been in waiting. Soon the release will come. Not one minute to early, or one minute too late.

Come, seek Me and allow Me to show you again and again, that I the bread of life are ALL that you need. That ALL things fall away in My presence. That NOTHING else matters when you stand before Me. Get your focus right, feast on Me, your daily bread, embrace Me, and put Me first. Receive more and more from Me, and then you will see ALL other things added unto you.

Barren Places Filled With Hope

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Many of you are finding yourselves in a place where you feel abundance has left you. Many of you are feeling that what you have hoped for and have dreamed of for so long, has been taken away from you, stripped, and you are alone in a barren place.

My children, let me say to you today, you are not alone. I am with you in this place. You are not in these places because of your sin, you are not in these places because you have heard me incorrectly, you are in these places because I am refining your character. I am refining you, preparing you and moulding you. I am teaching you in this place to hold onto Me alone. That I am all that you have.

I am doing My work in each of you, and you will come forth as pure gold. You will come forth and you will shine as brighter than the sun, if you continue to comply with My gentle hand working in your lives.

I am looking at each of your hearts. What is your heart attitude in this place? I am cultivating a thankful attitude in your hearts, that you may praise Me no matter what your circumstances speak to you. I am teaching you, that I am good, and when everything else seems to be taken away, you have all that you need in Me.

For a great shaking is coming to this earth, and a time of judgment and I need strong soldiers to be on the frontline. Not soldiers who are walking in their own strength, but soldiers who have been tried and tested and proved faithful. Soldiers who have remained in the desert, the barren place with Me, and have learnt to cling to Me, and remain in Me at all times.

Soldiers who have learnt to not move one step forward or one step back unless they hear the voice of their God. Soldiers who have learnt what it means to continue to die to self, and live for Christ alone. These are the warriors which I am sending forth.

There is much pain, and suffering now in this time, but it will not last. Oh, how I am about to bless each of you that are walking through this season joyfully. You have no idea of the abundance, peace, joy and provision that awaits each of you. You have no idea what I am about to do in and through each of you.

In this barren place I am stripping from your hearts all that is not of Me, and I am giving you My heart. Think of the times you have asked Me, Lord let me see the way you see, let me have your heart, let me hear what you are saying....I am answering your prayers, My precious, precious children.

I delight in each of you so much. You may look around and see a barren place, but this place contains such hope, such promise, and such opportunity that you have never dreamed. The opportunity of being in the place I desire you to be. That place being, a place of complete and utter desperation for Me, and a reliance on Me that can only come through walking through this season.

Do not be discouraged My children, for great is the season you are in, and as you continue to cleave your hearts to Mine, you will rejoice in this place, seeing these places, as places of great opportunity.

In this place of what seems to be barrenness I am pouring out My Spirit on each of you in ways you've never dreamed. You may not feel it or see it in the ways that you think, but I am increasing the anointing on your lives, I am increasing My Spirit's power within you, I am filling all the places within each of you that you've been crying out for Me to fill.

You will come out even more empowered by My Spirit and you will see Me do miraculous things through each of you. I have counted all your tears, and have held all those small muttered prayers towards Me. I have held them all, and each of you will be rewarded in great ways very, very soon.

Look at this desert, look at this barren place, as a place of immense hope, and immense opportunity, for this, My children, is my truth to each of you. My heart is for each of you to receive this truth today, and rejoice in this time, knowing you are going further, and deeper in Me, than you EVER have. Being trained and strengthened as warrior soldiers for Me, who will stand in the frontlines, know their enemy, but more importantly KNOW their Commander and Friend and NOT be shaken.

March forth and rejoice My children, for the barren place will produce much fruit

What Have You Given Your Hearts Too?
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My precious and beautiful children, I am calling each of you to examine your hearts. Come into My glorious light and examine your hearts in the light of My presence.

My children, I love each of you so much. I have called each of you to know Me and know My heart in great ways. Something that distresses Me greatly about My church today is that many do not know My heart. Many do not know what My heart is, and what My heart is saying to My church today. Many are not listening to My heart. Many have given their hearts to other things, and are not captivated and passionately following Me. Many are wandering off in their own directions while still calling on My name.

My precious followers, I love each of you with a love that is everlasting. With a love that reaches the deepest parts of you, parts that many of you don't even know that exist. My precious and wonderful jewels, I am calling you to come into My presence and examine your hearts.

Let Me show you the state of your hearts. Many of you have endured during this time and are enduring a deep time of refinement. This is me bringing your hearts into My light, those of you who are willing to become more like Me.

Many of you have given your hearts to things that are not of Me. Things that do not please Me. Let go My church. My precious, precious children, how I adore you, and My heart is to see you grow and flourish in My presence, yet many of you are not willing to let go.

Many of you are holding tightly to things that I have asked you to let go of. I am asking you again My church, let go of the things that are hindering you, that are causing your heart to turn to them and not to Me. Repent and let go.

I am now testing the faithfulness of My children, the fire is hot but you will NOT be burned. My children, let go, turn your hearts back to Me, and allow Me to reveal more of myself to you, and you will be captivated by Me in ways you've never dreamed.

My precious and wonderful warriors, I have called each of you with a great and wonderful purpose. You belong to Me, My family, and I want only what is best for you, so allow Me to change you and mould you. Let go of what is hindering you.

You have heard My voice in the stillness of your hearts lovingly urging you to let go, surrender and allow Me to take over. In those places where you don't understand, where you have sacrificed with what seems to be no purpose, let go of trying to understand and rest in Me.

I am moving My church forward. I am preparing the way for My return. Like voices in the wilderness My prophets are calling out "Prepare the way of the Lord, His return is ever so near", listen My church...come into My presence and let Me bring what is in your hearts to the surface.

Give your hearts to Me again. Be honest with yourselves and honest before Me. Repent of things that you have given your hearts too that are not of Me. Let go, and Let ME be God in your lives, and do all that I wish.

Then and then alone will you see My Glory manifest through each of you in glorious ways. I love each of you very much and want only what is best for you. Do not keep your hearts turned from Me, but turn back to Me. Turn your hearts back to Me, let Me remove the things in your hearts not of Me and I will fill them with more of myself.

Requiem

By Celia R. Okhuysen (USA)

[NOTE: This dream was posted on March 22, 1998. It is being posted again, *revised and updated*, in honor of Pope John Paul II's passing away in Rome on April 2, 2005 at the age of 84. Born Karol Wojtyla in humble conditions on May 18, 1920 in Poland, he became head of the Catholic Church in October 1978 at age 58.]

DREAM February 20, 1998

The environment in this dream was black.[1] There was not a hint of indoors or outdoors, or of any light. Large choirs alternately materialized in the midst of this blackness. Choir members were adult men and women of different heights and ages. Their complexions were mixed and *everyone* had dark hair. Each choir was closely grouped together as they stood on assembled platforms. Each choir also wore identical black robes with white collars, and sang acappella,[2] chanting the same slow, haunting, somber melody. I could not distinguish what language they sang. In sequence, a choir would fade out after it had chanted for a while and another choir would appear in its place, blending in continuity with perfect melody pitch. I had a strong and distinct impression that these choirs sang a requiem.[3] Throughout this endless chanting drama there seemed to be no obvious distinction about each choir, yet these choirs were different from each other.[4]

It was a dream of endless observation and listening. Upon awakening I continued to hear the choirs' deathly chanting echoing in my spirit. This vivid dream deeply affected and left me depressed in spirit as I grieved throughout the day. *(It was s-o-o-o real.)* This dream is also a powerful and foreboding omen. *So many choirs' endless deathly chanting* signifies that a prominent death is imminent. The intriguing question is, whose death?

Incredibly, while surfing through TV channels the following evening, I came across a large choir singing a Latin *(requiem?)* mass acappella. The men wore black tuxedos and the women wore long black dresses with white collars. They sang a contemporary style mass, and some of the selected chants could have quickly tuned most audiences out. Part of this requiem mass was sung in contrasting pitches of many sharps and flats in the music scales. It was not only grievous to the ear, but to my soul as well.

One particular chant seemed like a wail. It became apparent to me that the Holy Spirit was confirming the previous night's dream. Since this program was a prerecorded telecast from a cathedral in Poland, a prominent figure whose death could be highly considered would be a frail Pope John Paul II. Should he be the one in question, many nations would truly mourn his loss. History will record this pope to have been a truly beloved and dedicated servant of God as well as *a strong and imposing historical figure* who made an enormous spiritual and political impact in the world during the twentieth century.

Without doubt, much will be written and countless commentary voiced regarding this particular pope's legacy, more than any other pope in history. As a former Catholic, my personal opinion is that the papal reign of Pope John Paul II will be recorded in the pages of history as ***the Catholic Church's finest hour****.* Assuredly, countless choirs throughout the world will chant numerous requiem masses upon his death.

FOOTNOTES

1) Black signifies sin, death, famine.
2) Without music accompaniment.
3) Webster's Dictionary defines requiem as "A solemn chant *(a dirge; a lament; deathly march)* for the repose *(peace; rest)* of the dead."
4) The choirs portray nations.

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OF INTEREST:

THE POPES OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
http://www.geocities.com/Eureka/Plaza/7750/Popelist.html

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THE PROPHECIES OF ST. MALACHAY
[A brief outline of the last ten popes]
http://members.aol.com/larrypahl/malachay.htm

The last three remaining popes are:

The Labor of the Son. JOHN PAUL II. 1978-Present. John Paul II is the most traveled Pope in history. He has circled the globe numerous times, preaching to huge audiences everywhere he goes. Even though he was once shot, he has not seemed to slow down. He has recently written a book which has enjoyed a large circulation. Like the sun which never ceases to labor and provides light daily, this Pope has been incessant. John Paul II was born on May 18, 1920. On that date in the morning there was a near total eclipse of the sun over Europe.

The Glory of the Olive

Peter the Roman

[NOTE: Some Biblical scholars seem to conclude that the last Pope, Peter the Roman, will be the False Prophet of Rev.13:11-15 (the second beast) who is described as having “two horns like a lamb," *(a religious leader).* He supposedly will be the Antichrist’s prophet. Therefore, the counterfeit trinity will be Satan, Antichrist and False Prophet.]

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REKVIEM
(This Requiem dream is translated into Polish)
http://home.swipnet.se/~w-93281/kkrekvie.htm

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Previous post:

I AM God
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Restoration

Cindy Jacobs

"After The Nations Fast and Pray, (Sept. 22-October 31) There Will Be Restoration and A Powerful Move of the Holy Spirit. . . (Plus) New Orleans Will Be Built Upon A New Foundation!"

September 19, 2005,

Over the past few years, God has given me a number of prophetic words concerning New Orleans and, in particular, Southern Louisiana. In the year 1999, the Lord had me prophesy over Bourbon Street about a great, cleansing flood.
Then, in the year 2000, while we were doing a conference in New Orleans, I gave a very detailed prophecy and called for intercession for the city, because I had a vision of the whole city flooded. The vision was horrific, and I described, in detail, about seeing bodies -- young and old -- floating in the streets. I also mentioned coffins floating in the water. At that time, I called for prayer for the city.

Of course, this has all taken place, and we are all heart broken. We are grieved and sorrowful for those who have had such deep losses.

In seeking the Lord for a fresh word, the Holy Spirit spoke to me out of the book of Joel. Joel describes one of the most horrible cases of destruction of an area, in the Bible. The locust came in and destroyed all of the crops. For an agricultural society, this was a complete loss, not only for that season, but the next, as the locust laid their eggs, and the larvae ate up anything that tried to grow in the next season. In the midst of this, God called His people to turn to Him with fasting and prayer.

Restoration

We are doing this during the Forty Days of Prayer and Fasting, beginning on September 22nd - October 31st. God has planned the timing for this season to be a season of prayer. Intercessors from 33 nations are signed up, as well as 40 states. One hundred churches, in the Dallas area, are joining in the prayer and fasting, also.

The wonderful promise of God is that, after we fast and pray, there will be a restoration of the years that the locusts have eaten up. God spoke to me, saying that New Orleans and the surrounding areas of devastation will be built upon a new foundation, and that God is going to release a powerful move of the Holy Spirit into that area.

This is also biblical. The book of Joel also promises that after God's people pray, He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh.

This promise is for all of those who need restoration. Fast and pray with us during this forty day period of September 22nd - October 31st. Then, as many of you that can, come during the last ten nights, October 22nd - October 31st, for nights of glory, as major leaders from around the world pray for the sick.

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Anu Resources is a temp agency for IT workers. I worked there on and off doing computer and software installations and technical support for a large corporate client. Also 14 months as a help desk analyst.

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Calltech Communications LLC
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I worked at Calltech for 3 weeks training for Tech Support of DSL internet users.

6/03 - 1/04
RGIS Inventory Specialists District 29 Office
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RGIS is Retail Grocery Inventory Systems. I worked there on and off taking inventory in stores with a barcode scanner.

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Adecco is an employment company. I took a variety of short term assignments with them. These included receptionist, volunteer coordinator at a mid sized hospital, general office, accounts payable, purchasing, administrative and inside sales jobs.

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Resurrected Visions
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"Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb and we do not know where they have laid Him." (John 20:2)

The Bible says that Mary "SAW" that the stone had been rolled away and that someone had TAKEN the Lord's body. Was this an ACCURATE statement that Mary had just spoken to the disciples? Did someone take the Lord's body as Mary stated? Well, of course not. We know that this was not the case. We all know that Jesus had been resurrected in power. What Mary had SEEN was according to her vision in the NATURAL and what she discerned from a natural perspective. Essentially, Mary was formulating a belief system and conclusion based on her past experiences in life. The word for "SAW" in the original language is the Greek word "Blepo", which means to casually or naturally see.

"Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. And he, stooping down and LOOKING in, SAW the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. (John 20:4)

The word for "SAW" that is used here for the vision of John is the same word "Blepo" that Mary previously based her assumption on. We see little progress as of yet in DISCERNING the resurrection and the words Jesus had foretold concerning Himself. We also notice that John did not GO IN. Because of this, John's understanding would be limited to what he SAW in the natural or at a distance.

"Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went INTO the tomb; and he SAW the linen cloths lying there, and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. (John 20:6-7)

We now SEE that Peter went into the tomb. The original word and context that Peter SAW with is "Thereo." This is the Greek word that we get "theory" from in our modern vocabulary. Peter is pondering the facts that he is witnessing and we do have progress, but we do not base our faith and spiritual discernment on "theory" and assumption.

"Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he SAW and BELIEVED." (John 20:8)

John SAW and BELIEVED. The word for saw in this verse is "Eido", which means to SEE with UNDERSTANDING or REVELATION. It is no accident that we have three different words for "SAW" in this short passage and story. This is the VISION and spiritual eyes that the Lord desires we have as we approach Passover. John SAW into the REALITY of the Spirit realm. This anointing would continue to INCREASE in his life, culminating in the REVELATION of Jesus Christ.

The Lord is calling forth a people with VISION. A people who understand and SEE clearly that the cross is bare and the tomb is empty. The same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is the same mighty power that resides works within those who believe and call upon His name. This Spring season is more than simply recognizing resurrected lives...It is living in the power of the resurrection with a vision toward the supernatural.

John moved from the realm of the natural and into the supernatural in just a moment of time. Our prayer for you, is that you would truly SEE, believe, and experience Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb. The Lord has given you VISION and a dream. We want to encourage you to step into your vision and dreams. Life is to short to look back over the course of our lives and wonder "what if?" All of us have the opportunity to experience the throne room of grace. It only takes a willingness to SEE and

BELIEVE!

"Then I turned to SEE the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I SAW seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the shining in its strength.

And when I SAW Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand (The hand of blessing) on me, saying to me, 'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." (Revelation 1:12-18)

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Where Are Your Roosters? Pt. 3

Danny Korakas

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We will conclude this message with what I hope will be a greater understanding of the root causes that manifest as symptoms in areas of anger, criticism or judgments, unforgiveness, jealousy, gossip, depression, addictive behaviors and various forms of lust. We have discussed the fact that these areas of darkness or issues have taken root in the lives of many believers and are the primary hindrance to experiencing the glory and presence of God radiating through our lives for the benefit of others and ourselves. Many of us have been battling the same specific issues for years and even decades. The purpose of this 3 part article and prophetic message is to encourage you that you are not alone and every one of us has issues that the Lord is exposing and dealing with (sanctification). With this said, it is time that the church embrace the seasons of exposure in our lives and the Lord's sanctifying process.

The Lord is coming for His bride and has set a consummating date. However, the bride must "make herself ready." It is an act of perversion for the Bridegroom to dress the bride before their wedding day. We are born again and have been purchased with a tremendous price. But, it is naïve to think that our past has not had an impact on who we are today. The prophetic clarion of this message is to bring us into an understanding of the Lord's desire that we recognize the spots (sin) and wrinkles (disorder)` that are on our wedding dress as we begin the garment washing process in preparation for His soon return.

Corporately as the church, our greatest area of darkness is judgment and criticism. Judgment and a critical spirit will manifest through past, personal or individual hurts and REJECTION. The hurt or pain of rejection left unhealed will often lead to bitterness, and bitterness destroys its own mother or who conceives it. Needless to say, this is the root of many health issues and premature deaths that occur in the body of Christ (Please do not interpret this as being exclusive. It is simply one of the means of why the body of Christ experiences both premature natural and spiritual deaths). Judgment of others, and even SELF-JUDGMENT (The judging of one's self) can be lethal to not only our spiritual health, but our natural health as well.

The Bible states that many are sick and die prematurely because they have partaken of the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner and have not rightly discerned the Lord's "BODY." (See 1 Corinthians 11) The Bible does not say that we are sick and many die from not rightly discerning the "blood." We clearly understand the power and priceless value of the blood of Christ to forgive us of our sins. Our continual problem has been rightly discerning the priceless value of one another as the "BODY" of Christ and our continual judgment and criticism of one another. The Bible states that the natural comes before the spiritual. (I Corinthians 15:39-46) We see this in the principle of biblical sowing in the natural, and the supernatural reaping associated with it. (I am not referring exclusively to money, rather, the sowing of obedience) Our Lord Jesus came first in the natural that we could partake of our spiritual and eternal salvation. Our "natural" words and actions precede the "spiritual" benefits and even consequences. We have already defiled the "spiritual" aspect the Lord's blood and body in an unworthy manner by our "natural" words of criticism and conduct toward one another.

"But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another." (Galatians 5:15)

Self-judgment has consequences that are just as grave as judging others. Scientists are learning that just one single cell of the human body has more INTELLIGENCE than can be computed by the most powerful computers. Human life (You) began as one single microscopic cell. This single cell contains within it the awesome intelligence to reproduce itself over and over until it's birthed with a soul and the ability to reason. This single microscopic cell holds within it the ability to love, create, imagine, and exercise faith. With this said, we need to understand the power and effects of "self judgment" upon ourselves.

A good example would be men and women who retire from the work place with no sense of future or purpose. An incredible proportion of these individuals die within one year after retirement. Why? Because many have convinced themselves that they now have little value to offer humanity.(They have judged their own self-worth) When these thoughts originate out of the depth and recess of our soul, every intelligent cell in our body goes to work in fulfilling that deep seated emotion and system of belief – even the opinion of oneself. We are a triune being consisting of spirit, soul, and body. When the will of the soul and the flesh take preeminence over the spirit-man, we are left to the "natural" principles that govern life and death rather than the principles or dynamics that govern the supernatural. It is healthy to judge ourselves and recognize the areas of darkness within us. However, this must be handled with the knowledge that there is "no condemnation in Christ." His love and forgiveness through His shed blood is more powerful than any force, emotion, and natural principle that govern a fallen world. With this in mind, we can embrace the Lord's work in our lives toward recognizing hidden sin and the liberation of repentance.

Also, when a person feels that they have no purpose or self-worth in the church (a living organism made up of many "cells"), they likewise, can suffer spiritual sickness and a premature death of God's vision for their life. The Bible says, that "those without a vision perish." Sadly, the majority of this is perpetrated by insecure and controlling leadership that suffers from rejection as well and is in need of healing. When those called to servant leadership remain unhealed from rejection – they in turn sow rejection in those whom they have been called to serve. Their focus cannot help but be directed toward themselves in their starvation for affirmation and admiration. These emotional qualities manifest in manipulation and control.

Like Peter, we have come to know Christ as our Lord and Savior. We have been born again into His kingdom and have received eternal life. However, it is naive to think that our past does not factor into who we are today. The sum total of our past experiences in life will not only affect how we view life, it will also reflect how we handle life's problems and issues. (Our greatest opportunity for spiritual promotion) The transforming and refining work that brought denying Simon from the cross to anointed Peter at Pentecost would continue in his life.

It wouldn't be long before Peter would be rebuked by Paul in a public setting because he had slipped back into spiritual pride. Peter had slipped back into spiritual hypocrisy, but the Lord was still doing a refining work in Peter's life. Peter had a choice in how would receive this word of correction from Paul. Obviously, Peter humbled himself and recognized his weakness and error, rather than resisting or blaming another. We never read of this issue happening again in Peter's life and ministry. Peter would go on to be a history maker and a carrier of the Lord's presence in changing the world around him. He would walk in obedience to the Lord and offer up the greatest of sacrificial love – his own life. Peter allowed the Lord to draw to the surface his deep seated issues and do a continual deep work in his life.

I believe the Lord would have me expound the effects of REJECTION (The root of judgment) and the hindrance it has become in the building of His kingdom. The Bible tells us not to judge and the degree that we judge others, we will be judged. Think about this – As we read in Galatians 5:15, this can greatly affect the quality of life that we live. Many have built their ministries on the "generational curse" platform. I tend to disagree with most of this thought and logic. The Bible clearly states that the sins that I commit, or what my grandfather committed, will not be passed or held against my son. (See Ezekiel 18) What many perceive as being a "generational curse" is no more than a child growing up in an unhealthy environment and mirroring their parent's ungodly and selfish actions – The breeding ground of rejection.

The sin of judgment lies in rejection and offense. The power of the past and the unhealed pain and hurt of offenses is our greatest obstacle corporately as the church. Offenses that are buried and harbored promote divisiveness and a "house divided will not stand." Let's face it, we are a "divided house" both naturally (marital and family) and spiritually (corporately as the church).

Our degree of hurt and pain (offense) is in direct proportion to the degree of significance that we give it. In other words, if you have been slandered by another and the pain of this offense is greater than the significance that you give forgiveness, you have just allowed an opening for the enemy to reside and sow unforgiveness in your heart and create a pocket of darkness. If you place a greater significance on forgiveness -- you have just created a portal or an area of light that the devil cannot reside nor have influence in. It is this understanding that brings the prophetic man and woman to maturity. As we stated in part 2, "Our response to the adversity and temptations of life is our Christian and prophetic witness to others. It is within this maturity that the prophetic mantle fulfills it purpose in being an "exposer" of darkness rather than offended and continually wounded.

So, how does one who is prophetic or one who is direct in their communication style separate proclaiming and teaching "truth" from passing judgment? How can we be an effectual prophetic voice and not fall into the sin of judgment? This has been one of the church's greatest misunderstandings and downfalls. First of all, we do not judge when we have or formulate an opinion. We move into judgment when we assume to know WHY a person is who they are and does what they do and communicate that to another.

A good example would be if I as a direct communicator called my neighbor who is very indirect or talkative as a communicator and said, "Good morning, I have some large branches that the garbage truck cannot haul off. Do you mind if I borrow your truck to haul them off? 'Well sure' the indirect neighbor responds. Hey great. Thanks."

Now, on the other hand, my neighbor calls me who is an indirect communicator and says, "Hi Danny. How are your wife and family? Oh, that's good. Have you had a good week so far? So what do think about this great weather?" Finally, he gets around to saying, "Oh, by the way, the garbage truck will not remove these large branches that I cut down and I was wondering if I could borrow your truck?"

Since I am direct in communication style, the only time that I am "indirect" is when I am manipulating a circumstance or hiding something to get my way. My neighbor is only "direct" and "to the point" when he is angry. What we could easily assume about each other is that my neighbor is manipulative when in fact he was just trying to be friendly and build a relationship. My neighbor believes that I am an angry and arrogant person when in fact I was sincerely trying to be considerate of his time on a weekend. I hope you can see by this illustration how easy it is for us to pass judgment upon one another and the certain reaping of that judgment. Once again, due to the reciprocating principle of judgment, our entire quality of life will be affected.

Much of the leadership within the church has fallen into this trap and mind-set of the enemy. We always assume that people should do things or "think things" for the same reasons we do. We find it second nature to put everybody into our box and ways of doing things. Prophetic ministry has suffered for over 1700 years because pastoral and teaching communicators were trying to conform prophetic communicators into what they perceived as being correct or how it should be done. Why? Because that is how they (pastors and teachers) would do it.

Again, the church's paralysis in becoming a united army has been people in places of position assuming that the right way is their way and failing to understand the differences in people's communication styles, spiritual gifts, and how they EXPRESS those gifts. We have created an atmosphere of judgment and criticism which has led to premature spiritual casualties.

The root sin in the Garden of Eden was "spiritual pride" – the desire to judge what was good and evil. What Adam and Eve found irresistible was to judge what was good and evil, and to be the god of their own world. Whoever perceives or enters into the right to judge another, has just set themselves up as "god" or has become the "god" of their own world. Needless to say, man in his fallen state has an inherited desire to judge and criticize. There is something dark in the heart of man that desires to live independent from God and take on the right to dictate what is good and evil. This temptation is so strong that it was bait of Satan that mankind bit.

Once man has become a "god" of his own world and has taken on the right to judge, the next step in his depraved self-righteousness is the perceived right to exercise the penalty of what they have judged. Once we have passed judgment on another by assuming WHY they have done something – we naturally want to dictate what we feel is the appropriate penalty. The darkness which manifests deep in our hearts, and spills out for others to witness, is most often the by-product of hurt and pain caused by REJECTION. Most who suffer from rejection will judge and criticize others in an attempt to feel better about themselves (self-worth) and mask there own insecurities. We saw this from the beginning with Adam and Eve in part 1 of this message – Adam immediately blamed and criticized Eve to make himself look better. Eve in turn blamed the serpent.

Many of our deep seated issues in life and the church have their origins rejection. (The greatest pain that Jesus endured was not the pain of cross, it was being rejected by those He loved and came to save). The wounds of rejection are deep and leave visible scars unless they are recognized and allowed to surface for the Lord to heal. Sadly, many have become spiritually gangrenous due to the constant picking and re-opening of old wounds.

We will share more specifically in our next article on "rejection" and the symptoms that manifest through it in its plaguing of the body of Christ as our primary hindrance to the anointing and power of God in our lives.

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Regarding The Dec 26 Tsunami

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It was only 5 PM on Christmas Day where I live. It was 6:30 in the morning the day after Christmas for the people in India. It was 7 or 8 in that same morning for most of the rest of the places that were effected by the Tsunami that devastated southern Asia. It took about 12 hours for the news of this terrible disaster to travel throughout the world. Over 22,000 people are reported dead and the death toll is expected to climb even higher than that.

And people are asking "Why did this happen?" Christians around the world cannot help but notice how near this disaster was to Christmas Day and that the people effected by this were mostly idol worshippers. And some have wondered if this was some type of judgment of God against idolatry. In fact, that question ran briefly through my own mind as I got past the initial shock of the terrible news. I found myself asking God -- "was this a judgment or was it an attack of the enemy or what?"

It took about an hour before I was able to hear God's answer to my question. I think the delay was because this sad news hit me very hard, as I have close ties to the area. I have flown in/out of Chennai (a.k.a. Madras) many times. The state of Tamilnadu, where Madras is located, was one of the areas hardest hit in India. And I have ministered many times in the State of Andhra Predesh, and over 200 people are reported to have died from the Tsunami in that state. In fact, I had a guest from Andhra Predesh in my home at the exact instant the tsunami hit, and his wife was in India visiting her family 15 miles from the coast. (We did not know about the Tsunami until after he had gone home that night.)

This is what God told me: This was NOT a judgment from God, it was an attack of the enemy. The attack mirrors in the natural what God is about to do in the spirit, and it precedes an upcoming move of God in those areas. God has been hard a work behind the scenes to prepare South Asia for revival. It is almost ripe and God is going to release a wave of great revival there, a revival that will draw people to the truth and sweep away the stronghold of idolatry and ancestor worship. The devil is one who comes to comes to kill, steal and destroy. And he has brought this tsunami to kill as many people as he can before the revival hits. He is doing this because he does not want them to be saved in the revival. It is not God's heart or desire to destroy the people who live in great darkness in this part of the world -- it is His desire to shine His light into their darkness and to save them.

The Lord showed me a princple that relates to enemy activity in the area. The principle is that the enemy's "thing" is to kill and destroy, and the more of a hold he has on an area, the more of an ability he has to do his thing in that area. For instance, in India, the state of Tamilnadu was the one that was hardest hit by the Tsunami, and where most of the death and destruction occurred. This same state is one that had given the devil a stronghold by passing a very strong anti-conversion law that could imprison anyone who leads a person to the Lord. And because the devil had a stronghold on this area, he was able to bring more death/destruction to it than to other parts of India. (I am not saying that Tamilnadu is the only demonic stronghold in India. But the devil was able to destroy much there because it was one of his strongholds.) The good news is that Tamilnadu is almost ripe for revival and that area will be filled with God's light and presence."

We must remember that God's heart is for the lost and He wants to bring them to Himself. The devil's heart is to kill, steal and destroy and to oppress and keep people in darkness. God's goal and the devil's goal are diametrically opposed to one another. That is why there is a war going on between the two sides. God has already won the war when Jesus rose from the dead, breaking the power of sin and death. But God values human free-will; He wants people to worship Him of their own free choice.

And in order to preserve our ability to choose (free will) God has not yet banished the devil to Hell. The devil knows he is defeated, and like a trapped animal he still lashes out against God's kingdom and engages in warfare.

The Tsunami was a great and heart-breaking tragedy. We need to ask ourselves how God wants us to respond to this. I would like to share three insights to that question.

First, He wants us to love them with the love of Christ. That love does not sit idly by and hope the people will get the help they need -- instead that love helps those who become destitute from this Tsunami -- it gives both financial and practical aid. We are not to limit our help to just those who are willing to convert. We are to follow God's example: God sends His rain on both the just and the unjust, so we should help all who are effected, not just those who agree with our viewpoint.

Second, we need to pray for God's will to be done in this area. God's will is to bring a wave of His revival -- to break the power of darkness, to bring light and life and joy and peace and provision to these people. It is to bring them to the saving knowledge of Jesus so that they put away their idols and worship only Him. So we need to pray and intercede in agreement with God's will for a great revival to come to South Asia.

Third, we must participate with God in accomplishing His will in that area. This means doing missions work in South Asia. It also means supporting and equipping the indigenious believers as they evangelize their nations.

Great darkness has come to this area in the form of this terrible tradegy. Now it is time for the body of Christ to bring great light to dispell that darkness. It is time for us to bring practical and tangible help, as well as to bring God's love and the good news of the gospel to this region. It is also time to demonstrate the reality and power of God's love by healing the sick and doing the works that Jesus did.

Blessings

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Take Heart, For I Am With You
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Child of Mine, I have good plans for you and you will walk in them. Yes, at times the way looks doubtful and filled with perils. But guess what? If you look at the lives of My saints of old, you will see their lives are stories of how I empowered them to overcome their adversity and live in My victory. Many of them started in the midst of much difficulty and adversity.

Jacob was a schemer who made so much trouble for himself that he had to flee to the home of an even greater schemer, who tried over and over again to cheat him. Yet, in the midst of all that, I prospered him. He alienated his brother to the point where his brother wanted to kill him, but I spared his life. Even though Jacob did all he could to "mess up" his own life, I still turned it around for My glory and made him the father of a great nation. I gave him many sons and great wealth. And I gave him a happy and fulfilled ending to his many days.

Joseph, from early youth, knew betrayal and injustice. He was first sold into slavery by members of his own family. Later, he was falsely accused and unjustly thrown into prison. His character and gifting were formed in great adversity and hardship. But in due time, I drew him out of the dungeons and set him in place to rule a whole nation, second in government under the Pharaoh. I gave him a family of his own, and I even restored his father and his brothers to him. He ended his days in much joy and fulfillment.

Moses was born a slave in captivity, and sentenced to death, but I protected him and spared his life. Later, as an adult he became a murderer and a fugitive and had to leave his native land as he ran for his life. He spent many years in exile, convinced that he was a failure and that his life would never amount to anything. But I met him where he had fled, and I put him in a position of leadership and caused him to deliver My people out of bondage and I worked mighty signs and wonders through him. I made him one of My greatest prophets and I taught him of Myself. I even spoke to him face to face as a friend, and I granted his greatest desire and showed him My glory.

King David spent many years as a fugitive, running and hiding from a king who unjustly wanted to take is life. Yet I brought him out of that great difficulty and made him the greatest of all kings. I gave him riches and comfort and all that his heart desired. I established a dynasty from him that will never end.

Do you not see the pattern, child of Mine? Adversity and hardship do come upon My own, but it does not destroy them. I give them victory over it and I place My favor on them and I cause them to prosper. They may face difficulties, but I make them into overcoming ones, and set them in places of great victory and joy. I cause them to walk in the fullness of their destiny and I shower them with My blessings and with My delight. And child, I will do the same for you. I will give you My victory and bring My abundance and My joy into your life. I have good plans for you and I will accomplish them in your life in due time. My desire for you is for joy. Nothing will be able to overcome you or defeat you. You will rise up in My power and in My anointing and you will live in your promised land and enjoy the fruit of your labor.

So take heart, My child. Turn your attention and your focus from your difficult circumstances and look to Me. I will encourage you and I will strengthen you. And in due time I will give you great victory and cause you to experience the fullness of My good plans for you. Yes, My plans for you are good and I will surely accomplish them in your life.

Revelation

Brenda Dowdin

July 29, 2005

Beloved,

I am pouring out new revelation to help you overcome your adversary, the devil. New strategies that I've had hidden from your eyes. I will give some, great understanding to interpret dreams and visions, as I did Joseph. I will unravel mysteries and open the eyes of your understanding. This is a season to press in. Press in through Labor Day, something great is on the horizon.

In this hour an increased anointing will fall on those who have been living the life of Joseph. Over night I lifted Joseph out of the pit and in to the palace. It is your obedience and my anointing that will bring you in to this new place. I have taken every detail to develop my character in your life. This time of releasing is before you. Double honor will come where misunderstanding has been. Trust me Beloved One! Trust me!!! That time is before you. Answers are coming, new things are coming. A fresh release is coming.

My strategies are as foolishness to human thinking....don't let the fear of man stop you from following after me in strict obedience. I am not asking for perfection, but I am asking you to follow me wholly, completely and with a pure heart!

I have tested your heart motives and made the minor adjustments where they have been needed. As you are walking in obedience these next few months it is breaking the old cycles that have held you captive. You are well on your way to complete freedom from the old, and moving forward and unhindered. I will reveal all schemes of the enemy and I will give you a battle plan to overcome him, just as I did my servant David. This is no time to be discouraged. This is the time to press in for my revelation....it will bring to light all the enemies lies, and bring deliverance!

A Heads Up For Intercessors:

My wine is about to be poured out afresh on my people. Watch out intercessors, for a greater level of authority and anointing is coming upon you to birth many new things on my heart. Prepare your hearts now for what is very near....Birthing will happen suddenly, it will seem supernatural as you go in to deep intercession. I will take you in this deep place suddenly, birth will take place and sudden joy will come. You will see my hand in it, and then you will see the fruit from the intercession. I am accelerating the answers to your prayers. It is a new season, you will have fun interceding. You have never known a season quite like the one I am getting ready to pour forth....

Whistle Blowers!

This is a time to blow your whistle. I will deal with the enemies illegal moves against my people. I referee what goes on, not him. Whistle to me and I will send my flies and bees against the enemy and demolish his plans and schemes. I will bring confusion upon his head. Isa 7:18 Blow your Shofars and sound the alarm that the Lord God Almighty has spoken and is about to do a new thing. Shout and let the Roar of the Lord be released from your spirit. I say to you today it is a new day and my glory is coming to cover the earth and bring in the new....

In many places (at least on the West Coast) we were blessed with an unusually long spring. It went from Feb through June this year. The weather was mild and spring like. Another intercessor and I were discussing this and the Lord broke in and spoke to us...."I have extended your spring season because new things are birthed during the spring and I have many more new things that I am birthing this year....Watch for the new... Beloved it's a time to look forward with anticipation. I have not forgotten you, I have tuned your heart in exactly where I've wanted it to be. Be expectant, like a mother about to give birth....many new things are springing forth in this new season. In September I will release a double portion anointing to bring my people in to the new~! Old cycles are being broken, I will use you to blaze a trail where there's been none!"

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Raindrops from Heaven

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First things first, Jesus Jesus Jesus

One word from the Lord is better than a book from man

Wisdom is a frequency, tune to it

When the sea is like glass, one drop reaches all shores

All thoughts flow from two rivers, the river of Life or the river of Death

Each day has its own troubles so each day empties us, hence the daily bread

Knowledge which does not produce Love becomes blindness

Tomorrow will always be there, but each day passes

Questions lead to God

I do more by Being than by Doing

Today I am a King

Tarry an hour for power

Argue with a fool, become a fool

Inside of God there are no more questions

Yes Lord, Yes Lord

Joy is the King’s Sword

Joy is strength

It is better to enjoy life than question it

When questions disappear then you will truly know

Jesus is the reason behind the reason

Life is each passing moment

The devil touches you on your own strength

I have experienced all the lies, their power is distant now

The world is filled with illusions, which are yours?

At times, I am wise enough to master my circumstances and fool enough to try

We are all expressions of God and some will return home to Him

The Heart is where the Spirit and the Soul meet

Jesus is the Sabbath

Sometimes it is wiser to lower the ground than to raise the boulder

Dwell on what to Be not what you were

The great irony of life is this, just when you learn all the important lessons… you depart

I have been tempted in many ways and fallen many times, I have been tempted yet again but now I stand

Love everyone where they are at for you have been there too

Verily help your neighbor but not often, lest he lean on you and forget his Maker

Your life is a series of choices, choose well

The Lamb is greater than the Lion, but the Lion will have His day

How I label myself is how I am limited

Hold God to His Word? Or embrace His Love!

God is not bound by formulas

Rules are for children, but the wise man hears the Spirit

Respect the church as your mother, but you will not long nurse from her breast

Adam and Eve covered their skin, this made God angry

Who will you give your heart to? Who can even steward their own?

As is done, so is done, and so on again

As we accept who we are, so we become

Love is born from freedom

Time knows no mercy except the gift to forget

Jesus is the Jubilee

Today is the Sabbath come rest in Me

Life is a journey not a destination

In war, you are either hunting or hunted

Life is a tree, eat its fruit

Beware what you say to children for they have the eyes of God

What you speak… is in you

Some teach it, some do it

What you think you own will own you

Many things is many troubles

Love is a garden, sow well

What I touch passes. What I believe is eternal.

Surrender to Jesus!

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Reflections From The Heart

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Reflections from the Heart: Fun in the Son, Fanning the Flames, God Encounters of a Heavenly Kind, Kairos Moments, Arms of the Lord, 12 Stars and Women of Rev. 12, Church of Philadelphia, Forms and Storms, Leg of Lamb, Healing Rooms, "New" Orleans

Oh, that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened as the tent pegs of our minds are being enlarged with greater vision.

My dear friends, there is so much more for us to experience and enjoy. You may sometimes ask yourself, "is this all there is to life"? Yet, far above the principalities is one called Jesus/Jeshua who holds a dual citizenship as son of God and son of man in whose exceeding greatness far surpasses any hope and all expectations our little hearts could ever dream.

Fun, fun, fun Playing in the Son!

Do not be satisfied with a head knowledge of the Lord when the wonders of His character and kingdom, experimentally is ours. Do not be satisfied with the ability to sense the presence of His angels, but desire to see them. Do not be satisfied with anything less then entering into the fulfillment of His word for you, and you, and you. Oh, that our eyes of understanding and revelation to be opened to see our resources and reservoirs in Him in the heavenly realm and the eternal meaningful purpose of our souls here on this earth.

There are coming new baptisms of fire, water, wind and rain.

Flaming the fires of our heart - At a gathering the fires of the Holy Spirit came down as we worshiped and it felt so hot I thought I was in the midst of real flames, being consumed, and these fires, I felt, were fanning the flames of my heart, as they intensified. I came home and felt I had been in the "Son" all day, and was told that even my face did show a little glow.

In prophetic adventures, the Lord has been allowing me to experience unnatural phenomena which seem to even defy the natural laws of gravity. I had a dream, the neatest dream, where I was walking along this road, and suddenly the Holy Spirit prompted me to fly, and fly I did. for miles, along this highway - a "high way" - a higher way - His way - and it was incredible - I then saw myself interactively fly up over barb-wired barricades and such, and floating above a floor where I sensed there was acid - it was as if my spirit in the Holy Spirit could not be bound by natural space. This wind so reminded me of being able to fly in the Holy Spirit and defying those things which would hold us down.

All of creation is starting to "praise Him"! I saw water that had formed unnaturally like vertical icicles in an ice cube tray in my freezer and petals of water lilies become inverted, reaching upward as if in prayer. I then experienced skiing "up" a mountain, as one would ski down. These defy the basic laws of gravity, as we know it.. I call these God encounters of a heavenly kind, or His presents to His children. Who knows where the Lord wants to take us, or give to us prophetically. so reach out from the realm of the possible and touch the impossible!

BE all that YOU have been destined to be.

Kairos Moments - We are heading into kairos "moments", a point of no return for the church as the new order starts to eclipse the old. I am not sure what the significance of this is but we must follow the ark of God's presence, no matter when it leads.

"Arms" of the Lord - Blessed be the Lord, our rock and our firm strength, who teaches our hands to war and our fingers to fight (Psalm 144:1) I saw a vision of golden finger guards and arms that were being covered and protected by armbands of gold. These are the "arms" of His prayer warriors and the "arms" or artillery of His armies that are praying and marching through this land. Oh to be His hand extended, reaching out to the oppressed, let us touch Him, let us touch Jesus, so that others may know and be blessed.

Lord, help us to interpret the signs of the times and their appearance in the sky. I saw Arabic writing in the clouds and in vision, a crown of 12 stars upon the women in Revelations chapter 12. She was standing upon the land in Israel. Are these the (beginning) of birth pains?

Different forms Perfect storms Amidst the chaos Lord, bring your peace!

The promises to the Church of Philadelphia seem to be surfacing - to those who have kept the word of patience, the Lord will keep from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the earth.

I saw a vision of the leg of the Lord, a "leg of lamb", as of a lamb being prepared for Shabbat. Beyond the Jordan is our place of rest and the promise of entering His rest still holds true and is offered to us today. Today can be the first day of the "rest" of your life.

I saw an explosion of power, a Mt. Saint Helen experience, and a new level to the gift of healing, resurrecting and exploding. As well, I saw the gates of heaven open, and the Lord showed me the "body parts" in heaven, ready for the faith of people to pull them down, to the earth.

I see small gatherings on the earth of two and three, and heaven, lifting its curtain, and the heavenly host taking their seats, to watch our earthly productions as we worship the King.

Every time a leaf falls from His tree of Life, God weeps. I see Jeremiahs' in waterless dungeons, fighting the dragons. I see weather-beaten rocks, and prisoners of war, returning home. Know your Commander-in-Chief. Know the difference between the accusation of the enemy and the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Con-science is an awareness of moral consciousness. It can also mean that which is contrary to the discoveries of science. I see science and research as a tool which God is using for man to find Him in various fields of enlightenment. Let us not be afraid of any so-called "doctrines of research or truth of science" that would try to destroy our faith in God or any revolution on earth that would try to overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Truth in its highest form is finding the Lord Jesus Christ, and in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, bodily.

I see the Lord, as artisan, painting a mother with child.

Sympathy and salvation - where am I (Jesus speaking) in your prayers? This is what I got today for "New Orleans". It is His heart for this city to become "New" and we speak hope, restoration and revival, for this city and His people.

Lord, beyond time and space In unbroken focus We want to gaze upon your face!

Jesus/Jeshua - do not be satisfied with anything else!

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Radiant Glory Poured Out
Yolanda Ballard

Aug 4, 2005
Radiant glory is being poured out upon you for this is the day of the Latter rain Outpouring, and I AM preparing My bride to receive all that I have for her in the way of gifts and ministry. Open wide the flood gates for the King of Glory to enter in.

There has never been an outpouring before of this amount of tremendous power. Do not delay in the preparation by doing your part, by just dropping everything that you are doing at present, and enter into My glory. Do not question whether this is of Me or not. Just trust Me, and listen, and prepare your heart to receive.

I AM doing a quick work in the body, especially with the youth, because I AM going to enter into their presence with such glory that many will not be able to stand, and I will pour out My fire, and burn by the power of My love. I will come down in such strength that lives will be completely changed just by being with those who have received their calling. For they will be known as the fire of My remnant anointing.

Reach out and touch the hem of My garment, and receive the healing of your heart, soul, mind and body, for you need to be ready to go out to spread My glory. Bow down and receive My touch of transformation into My image for I AM doing a quick work in the hearts of My bride. Yes, reach out and touch Me and receive the gifts and anointing that I have for you in full portion. Yes, this is the day of My latter rain outpouring, and I AM out to make My bride ready to receive.

Glory to the Lamb of God who sits upon the throne of grace. And you are to be stationed in positions high and lifted up in My army, if you would only humble yourself before Me, and repent of all worldliness and distraction. Cry out for the hunger you need for My presence and for My wisdom, for many are complacent and apathetic.

If you would cry out for a portion of My heart in the way of burden, I will pour it out in measure that you will be able to receive the breakthrough you will need to see the victory. Many are crying out for My touch, and for My saving grace, and need those who are the vessels of My glory. I will radiate My love and glory out through you in such power that not only will the enemy be blinded, but also My own. You will walk by faith alone through the glory for it is of tremendous strength.

Do not fear for it is I who is pouring it out, and it is I who is in the glory, and it is I who is the glory, the radiance of the Father's presence, I AM.

A Call Up Higher
Yolanda Ballard

Aug 2, 2005

Last night I called My people to come up higher, but how many caught a glimpse of My sweet embrace. Too many were taken apart by the festivities of the season or by the distractions set up by the enemy. This is the day and the hour to come up higher, to even bask in My presence in a way never experienced before, for I AM letting out a trumpet call to draw men to My side for the final preparation before I loose My double portion anointing. For I AM letting out My battle cry. I AM letting out a warning like never before. Those who are sensitive to My call will be separated from those who have given way to complacency, to worldliness, from those who will miss out in what I AM planning to do through My bride.

For lo, this is an open invitation to all, to come to My banqueting table to celebrate the victory of the Lamb, for He is the great warrior of light, and He has made His bride ready. Those who have spent hours in My presence waiting upon Me with no lasting reply. Even though the heavens appeared as brass, they still bowed at My feet and waited. And I promised a reward for those who sought My face diligently. And now this is the hour where I will pour out My anointing for manifested promises. Yes, I have come to set the captives free. Yes, those who stood on My promise for household salvation. This is the hour to open the blind eyes that they may see My truth. Expect a change in their countenance for I have touched their heart in a profound way this night.

Shout Halleluia! for the Bride has made herself ready. I will do greater works through My bride, because she remained faithful through the fire and her love endured the test. And a great embrace is let out from the Father's heart, and great grace is abundantly falling like drops mixed with fire and rain.

So for those who did not catch the call to come up higher, it is not too late to join in for I AM a Father that gives second chances to shake off the complacency and the distractions of the enemy. Be open to a fresh wind of My Spirit to even tenderize your heart to conviction that you will not sin. I gave the life of My Son that you would have life. Now don't waste this chance once again. Come apart from the unclean thing. Cast off the chains that bind you. Cry out for renewal of your spirit that you may embrace Me once again. Return to your First Love, for this is truly a call to come up higher.

Rain is Coming

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via www.upstreamca.org

Just before falling off to sleep I had a vision of rain coming through the roof of my apartment…dumping puddles of water all over the place…just kept leaking and leaking. I'm on the ground floor and there is another apt above me. I saw myself trying to get pans, buckets, to collect the water to prevent damage to the rug, and trying to stop the leaking or control how it came down….but it was impossible to stop or control it.

Then the Lord when asked what He wanted to say…

"Do you hear the sound of the abundance of rain? I am coming and with Me will I pour out the latter day rains that will flood the earth with My Spirit. Just as you could not control the rain making puddles in your apartment, you will not be able to control this move of My Spirit. It will just erupt and there will be no controlling what I want to do! Man will find himself fighting directly against ME if he tries to control or stop it! I will frustrate all attempts to do so. Though many will shut it down, those affected will leave.

There will also be many who leave the church in fear because of the way I will do things. My Spirit will not be controlled in this movement. I WILL be LORD over My church. I WILL RESTORE all that the locusts have eaten, and I WILL RESTORE the FOUNDATIONS OF TRUTH! There will be such abundance of truth and it will make some who have been walking in lies who think they believe the truth, to try to cover and resist, but they will not be able to control those who want the truth. I will make it clear to My people WHO is in charge of the church!

The portion of Jacob will again preach in the church. He will rule and reign over what is His."

Jer 10:16 NKJV The Portion of Jacob is not like them, For He is the Maker of all things, and Israel is the tribe of His inheritance; The LORD of hosts is His name.

[Leonard Ravenhill said that the "Portion of Jacob" is Jesus - as the Spirit of revival in the church.]

"This flood will come as awakening, and not just to be hoarded in the church. It will start not in the church everywhere, but in the streets, in the coffee shops, in the parks and among common people. Worshippers will be leaders in this awakening. Many will be turned to the brightness of My glory and I will have an awakening that will flood the earth with My glory! No man will be able to take credit for what I do! I will startle the religious Pharisees in My church, and I will alter the face of the true church forever! The face of the church is the heart attitudes of the people! Know that this will not end until I come. What I start I will finish. What I call into being will NOT be aborted this time. I have been blowing a wind called "holiness" but soon will come the second wind and it will come in GREAT POWER" and you will receive healing, deliverance and great empowerment and AUTHORITY when it comes. You only have to HUMBLE yourselves before ME.

I am the MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL and I will no longer suffer My church to shame. I will change your hearts so that you will love one another as I have loved you once again. The church will once again be as at the beginning – one that will love and protect one another, and given to HOLINESS."

Zech 14:20-21 KJV In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowl's before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

Zech 14:20-21 AMP In that day there shall be [written] upon the [little] bells on the horses, HOLY TO

THE LORD, and the pots in the Lord's house shall be holy to the Lord like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yes, every pot in all the houses of Jerusalem and in Judah shall be dedicated and holy to the Lord of hosts, and all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil their sacrifices in them [and traders in such wares will no longer be seen at the temple]. And in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite [that is, any godless or unclean person, whether Jew or Gentile] in the house of the Lord of hosts. [Eph 2:19-22.]

Diaspora
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Diaspora: *noun*
Etymology: Greek, dispersion, from *diaspeirein* to scatter, from *dia-* + *speirein* to sow
1 *capitalized*
a : the settling of scattered colonies of Jews outside Palestine after the Babylonian exile
b : the area outside Palestine settled by Jews
c : the Jews living outside Palestine or modern Israel
2 a : the breaking up and scattering of a people **:** **MIGRATION** <the black *diaspora* to northern cities>
b : people settled far from their ancestral homelands <African *diaspora*>
c : the place where these people live

The Lord spoke “diaspora”, then said,

“When persecution comes there is always a diaspora – a scattering of peoples. When disaster comes, there is also a scattering due to financial lows, and inability to find work to make a living. Birth pangs are growing and a separating and scattering will come as the earth groans and spits up lava, - as it separates and shakes, as weather patterns which man has tampered with destroy crops and fields. Man has gone too far in thinking he can control everything. Shakings are coming that will level cities, nations, and level economies, and bring to fruition the written scriptures.

The enemy has come down, knowing he has little time left, and desires to destroy all he can of mankind. [Rev.12:12] Beware to not hold on to what you can hold in your hands, but rather treasure what your heart can hold. Store up treasures in heaven and not on earth where moth and rust decay. Learn to share what you have with others who are less fortunate. For less prosperous times are on their way. Perilous times are AT HAND. Determine to cling to ME, and not to the things of this world. Use the things of this world to ADVANCE MY KINGDOM, and not your own. Put on your ARMOR daily.

There is less time left than you would believe. So many are still sleeping. SHOUT from the rooftops what you hear in your ears! Do not hide the words I am speaking to you. Take them to the lost and to those who will listen. Go to the highways and byways. Invite them to come in to My arms of love. SEE THE FIELDS ARE WHITE FOR HARVESTING. Turbulence and chaos approaches. STAY CLOSE MY BELOVEDS. LOVE ONE ANOTHER as I have loved you! By THIS all men will know you belong to ME.

Circumstance will suddenly catapult many of you into the ministries I have prepared for you before the foundations of the earth. You are a privileged generation and group of generations. Know that I AM WITH YOU TILL THE END OF ALL TIME. KNOW that I LOVE YOU and adore you and will do anything you ask in My name. Cry out for the nations! Cry out for the church! Cry out for your loved ones and friends and neighbors. Watch how I will answer as you bend your hearts towards ALL I love!”

{Then an old song came to me, “ Lean on Me, when you’re alone, I’ll be your friend, I’ll help you carry on .}

The Lord continued…

“I am about to ERUPT & EXPLODE upon the scene - in your neighborhoods, in the marketplace, in your home and families. The SON is arising with HEALING in His wings. You will grow fat as stall fed calves! The anointing will increase immeasurably. You have no idea of the great plan I have had for you! I WILL DO MIGHTY THINGS through all who love ME! I will turn around churches who have kept Me out. I will upgrade those who have disdained My Holy Spirit, so long as their hearts have loved ME. THERE IS NOTHING that My glory cannot change! I WILL SHOCK MANY into submission to MY WILL and purposes. THINK BIG, and ask for MY eyes to see with.

HOLINESS IS MY IDEA. BUT IT IS I ALONE WHO hold the keys to death and hell. Do not judge before the time any man. Only judge as I would ask you to judge. I WILL PUT AWAY ALL DOUBT AND UNBELIEF among My own. AM I UNABLE to change anyone? Is My grace so weak and my blood so meager a gift that you think it incapable of changing the hardest of hearts? What were you before you said YES to ME? Did you steal? Then you were a thief. Did you have an abortion? Then you were a murderer? Did you have sex before marriage? Then you were a fornicator. Did you lie? Then you were a liar. Are any of these lesser sins that I didn’t have to die for. Then why do you look at the lost as if they are strange to be so lost when the world has grown so evil?

You murder babies before they are born in astronomical numbers, and at the same time America, you wonder why the youth are killing each other. Have you not set an example before your sons and daughters of devaluing life? Have you not taught them by example, even in MY CHURCH, that life can be just easily snuffed out if it is too inconvenient? So why are you surprised at euthanasia and rationalization of murder that is in your streets?

REPENT and turn that there may still be hope of restoration. I did not come into the world to condemn the world, but to SAVE IT. So do NOT look down at those who have gone the way of the world and write them off. I DON’T WRITE THEM OFF. My love NEVER FAILS. My mercies are NEW EVERY MORNING. REPENT OF YOUR OWN PRIDE and ARROGANCE and HYPOCRISY My church, for you have been weighed in the balances and found WANTING. I WILL HAVE A SPOTLESS BRIDE. And I will come NOW to set My church in order. MY GOVERNMENT HAS NO END. NOW, I will arise - Now I will make Myself known!

I will keep those who love ME, safe in My arms until your purpose here is fulfilled. Many of you are called to difficult lifestyles and I have been preparing you, so that you can teach others the TRUTH. So few know the TRUTH. So few are taught the fullness of the scriptures for they have been twisted to man’s desires and carnality. He who desires to be godly in CHRIST MUST SUFFER, I have said. Yet men have not taught this truth.

They enjoy their comfort more than serving others. THIS WILL CHANGE. I have groomed an army who knows what it is to suffer for My name’s sake. And it is to THESE that I will extend GREAT FAVOR to subdue cities and nations. Do not think your suffering has been in vain, or that I have not seen your perseverance to hold on to ME. Your failures do not matter as much as your steadfastness to pursue ME. Failures can be forgiven and overcome.

You have not denied ME before men, and you have struggled, so I will give to you GREAT FAVOR and ability to teach those who will come. I will extend My scepter to you and you will bring great deliverance and healing to those I send you to. Soon you will know that I truly have seen all, and I will make those who say they are Mine, but are not, to know that I have loved you.”

Precipice
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The Lord said: “Precipice”
prec·i·pice

Etymology: Middle French, from Latin *praecipitium,* from *praecipit-, praeceps* headlong, from *prae-* + *caput* head
1 : a very steep or overhanging place
2 : a hazardous situation; *broadly* **: BRINK**

"You, My children are on the brink of great change. You are on the precipice of great extremes of good and evil. You are heading into uncharted territory, and beyond this lies eternity. Great evil is coming, but where the enemy does pervade the land, so will My glory be poured out.
You are hanging on the edge of eternity and all that needs be shaken will be shaken. I am shaking My church loose of it's structure and a form of religion that has no power. At the same time is growing a totally apostate church who call themselves by My name and even use the name of My Son…but they do not KNOW HIM.

There is an EXTREME generation coming forth that will be transformed by My light and GLORY, and there will be a destruction of the PRETENSE that has shrouded My children, and those caught up in the darkness of this world who are called to New Life in ME. I will rip the veil of covering from off the nations. I will remove the spiritual blindness on those whose hearts are changeable – on those who are called to be in ME.

But know there is an evil army arising also. They have no conscience about the evil they do. They have seared consciences and will not turn from their wickedness. You must be able to know the difference and be free from any unsanctified mercy that would make you vulnerable to their wickedness. When I tell you "DON'T TOUCH THAT ONE" – I mean it! DO NOT TOUCH THEM. If you do, you are rebelling and it will leave you open to the demonization desired upon you by the enemy. When I say walk away…walk AWAY! When I say, that one is reprobate, and will not change, then you must listen. Do not be pulled into mercy I do not give out.
On the other hand, I will at this hour pour out GREAT GRACE upon all who will HUMBLE themselves before ME, and admit their faults and desire freedom. Some of them will even be astounded by their own attitudes, because they don't realize they've been bound by demons. When grace is poured out, it will alter their ability to say yes to ME. You won't have to waste your time in explaining things, because the Most Holy Spirit will be with you in POWER in such a way that HE will suddenly change that person in an instant, their eyes will be opened and all things will become NEW to them.

And I will pour out that grace in you as well to overcome all that has opposed ME in you. Chains will be broken off of all those who are desiring freedom!
I will , I WILL, I WILL SURELY DELIVER ALL WHO WANT IT! Nothing will stop the flow of My Spirit as He pours out this last awakening on the earth. A GREAT HARVEST is out there. It is time. It is time. It is time for harvesting. I am coming to many of you in visitations in the night watches and there will be an explosion of My Spirit within you that will change you mightily, to be able to walk with ME, and be and do all I want you to be and do! Great peril is ahead, but also great POWER and an awesome outpouring of MY LOVE that will overcome DEATH."

Ezek 47:6-12 KJV
6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river.
7 Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.
8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.
9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.
10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto En-eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.
11 But the miry places thereof and the marishes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.
12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof

shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.

Eretz
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March 15th, 2005

I felt the Lord say “eretz” and I know this is a word that goes with Israel meaning “the land of Israel” - Eretz Israel.

“I am the Sovereign of the Universe and it is to ME that the nations must bow, and not to man. Man has come to believe he can do whatever He wants and I won’t DO anything.

Zeph 1:12 NKJV "And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will He do evil.'

But I say to you that I AM the only GOD, and I WILL DECIDE and have already decided the plight of man. I know who will obey in the end and who will not. I know who will turn to Me and who will not. It is I Who sits above the heavens! It is I Who created the heavens and the earth. It is I WHO

divided the land and the seas. And as man has undertaken to destroy My beloveds, so shall those men be destroyed. Do not think that I will sit idly by forever. Time as you know it is short. There is an escalation to all that has been planned. You are being catapulted into times that you have no idea how to deal with unless you lean on ME.

“Come and eat” I’ve spoken to you. Come and learn of ME. For I am gentle and lowly in heart. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and I will lift you up. But man has not seen fit for the most part to humble himself. He cannot without believing in ME. Unless I change a person, how will he humble himself? It is ONLY when I pour out My Spirit that man has any clue as to how to behave, much less the ability to do it. One can ONLY obey as I free them from the demons and strongholds that hold them in place.

I am coming to take back the LAND of your SOUL My beloveds…and the land of all who will give themselves to ME. You cannot judge by outward appearances. Appearances are deceptive. Acknowledge ME - ask for the GRACE you need to humble yourself appropriately before ME. I will give the heart who really wants to be free it’s freedom. I will ROUT the enemy from your soul as you cry out to ME for that freedom. And as you admit to ME, the things you see in yourself, as I pour out My glory, then you will be made free to be all you want to be. But I am going WAY BEYOND all you can ask or think in those around you. You WILL see startling transformations as I pour out My Spirit in this hour. People will be in SHOCK at the things I do.

People who mocked you before and doubted will be stunned into silence before ME as I pour My Spirit out through you. Do not be caught up in condemnation and doubt about yourself, or how much I love you. Do not believe the enemy’s lies that you can be disqualified! For whom I call, I QUALIFY! I will finish in your what I have started. I will NEVER abandon you. MY FAITHFULNESS IS FOREVER! My LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

The enemy is busy trying to make you think somehow you’ve blown it and will never make it. He is trying to wear you out in every way. But I WILL HAVE THE LAST WORD in each of your lives! And you will pummel the enemy as you take the WORD and USE IT against him. He is afraid of your confidence. He is afraid if you really know how great My love is for you, then you will be effective in what you do! SO GRASP HOLD OF MY GARMENTS, and hold on to the TRUTH of what I have told you. Encourage yourself in the WORD and in what I have spoken to you. DO NOT FAINT.

DO NOT GIVE UP! I WILL have My stand on the earth! And I WILL GLORIFY MY TEMPLE, which you are!

DO NOT DOUBT My goodness to you even in the midst of turmoil. It is in the darkness that you will shine the brightest!”

Truth and Lending
Priscilla Van Sutphin

March 19th, 2005
I heard, “Truth and lending”

I give to you My love and I treasure you like the pearl of great price. I have given you My TRUTH and changed your lives to reflect My image, little by little, but now that will change in an amazing way, rather abruptly. I will set all things in their place and destroy the schemes of the wicked one. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind.

I am determined to bless My own, and especially those who have endured great hardship in My name. Do not worry one bit about your life for I am here and I will sustain you.

Ps 46:1-5 NKJV God the Refuge of His People and Conqueror of the Nations - To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah. A Song for Alamoth.
God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah
4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

Hab 3:17-19 AMP
17 Though the fig tree does not blossom and there is no fruit on the vines, [though] the product of the olive fails and the fields yield no food, though the flock is cut off from the fold and there are no cattle in the stalls,
18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the [victorious] God of my salvation! [Rom 8:37.]
19 The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

I am pouring out an abundance of TRUTH into My vessels who are coming forth as gold, and I will pour out many other blessings of this earth, that you may share with those who are broken and downtrodden in this perilous hour.
Keep in the Word so that your discernment will grow. Keep in My presence daily, that My love will be poured in again and again to refresh you. Amazing times are upon you. REACH OUT IN FAITH. Do not shrink back in unbelief.

Heb 3:12-14 NKJV Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,

Heb 3:17-19 NIV And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? 18 And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19 So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

Rom 11:22-27 NIV Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. 23 And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! 25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. 27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

If you don't walk in TRUTH and FAITH, then you will be self centered and focused in the days ahead when there is much turmoil. You need to have a heart bent to MY WILL alone and not harden your heart towards brothers and sisters, and towards the lost who will need to hear the TRUTH I have imparted to you. If you close your hearts to others, and do not lend to them your time, your finances, your things, your heart, then you will become hardened in unbelief, and turn away from Your Lord and Maker. Do not take this admonition lightly. For the love of money is the root of all evil. If you think you are going to be wealthy to spend it on yourself alone and are not able to share and lend freely, then you will be bound by poverty and debt, and unbelief which will destroy your confidence in ME. Self preservation is a strong and powerful pull on the soul. If you don't abandon yourself to ME, and trust ME fully with your things, then your things have you in bondage.
Bondage will steal and rob from you. Lend freely to all who ask. GIVE and it will be given to you, pressed down and running over!

Luke 6:38 AMP Give, and [gifts] will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into [the pouch formed by] the bosom [of your robe and used as a bag]. For with the measure you deal out [with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others], it will be measured back to you.

Uncovering
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While sleeping earlier today, I woke up after a vision of someone like a male with a kilt on bent over showing his bare butt. This was a bit startling…but Then the Lord reminded me of scriptures about uncovering the skirts.

Then while watching the news, again I was reminded of the vision as they were talking about Michael Jackson, wearing pj's to court today with a suit jacket over them, and the testimony of the victim's brother. Then also on the 6:30 news was a story about retired cops, who were paid by mafia to be hitmen. One had retired to Las Vegas and even acted in a movie . So again the theme of "uncovering".

Jer 13:26-27 NIV I will pull up your skirts over your face that your shame may be seen — 27 your adulteries and lustful neighings, your shameless prostitution! I have seen your detestable acts on the hills and in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! How long will you be unclean?"

Nah 3:5-6 NIV "I am against you," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness
and the kingdoms your shame. 6 I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle.

Isa 47:1-4 NIV "Go down, sit in the dust, Virgin Daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, Daughter of the Babylonians. No more will you be called tender or delicate. 2 Take millstones and grind flour; take off your veil. Lift up your skirts, bare your legs, and wade through the streams. 3 Your nakedness will be exposed and your shame uncovered. I will take vengeance; I will spare no one." 4 Our Redeemer — the LORD Almighty is his name — is the Holy One of Israel.

Jer 13:22-23 NIV And if you ask yourself, "Why has this happened to me?" — it is because of your many sins that your skirts have been torn off and your body mistreated. 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.

Then the Lord spoke:

“I am uncovering the skirts of those who have hidden their wickedness. Just as I’ve been exposing the hearts of My own children to My glory and showing them their own sins and weaknesses. I am uncovering the wickedness in the world and the tares in My church for all to see. I will give you a new heart and new eyes to see as I see, as you humble yourselves before Me. I want to bring the light of My love into the darkness of the hearts of those who have given themselves over to the enemy.

You are my ambassadors of LIGHT – so it is , in you, I have been working to show you where you need to be free and shining My light so that you will not walk in SELF-righteousness and recognize that without My GRACE, you might be the same as they! There are degrees of bondage. I am coming for a bride that is spotless, so I will perform a mighty work to establish My justice and My holiness within My own. I will overturn the tables of the wicked and oppressors. My heart however is to transform them. So, guard your heart against judging. For with the same judgment you use, it will be meted out to you. Keep your hearts IN ME. Walk in humility and know that nothing is too difficult for My blood to heal.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation! - This will be realized in faith in the days to come. You will see startling transformations as you walk in greater FAITH!

Revival In Israel Sooner Or Later

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> **Heinz' Law of Eschatology** says: For any given topic in end time bible prophecy there are 57 Varieties of opinion.

This essay will take a look at some of the ins and outs of various end time theories as they bear on revival in Israel and the Return of the Lord. If you hear some saying ouch, it's that we may well step on some toes in our treatment of this issue. It will not be an exhaustive treatment, but more in the way of exploration and speculation. [An exhaustive treatment would be exhausting and probably never get written.]

Israel Closed To The Gospel

Years ago I was blessed by a set of teaching tapes done by Ralph Mahoney on the subject of Spiritual Influences on the Mind. Mahoney is one of those known as missionary statesmen. This would be like an apostle to the missionaries. A missionary himself in his early years, he went on to become a trainer and executive leader of missionaries.

A great part of the teaching had to do with spiritual influences of demonic princes determining whether a given country or region was open to the gospel. Missionary administrators have to determine which areas are open and which are not open for efficient deployment of their missionaries and their monies. Then he took time to lament the fact that a disproportionate number if the church's resources were spent on missions in Israel, which was and is still closed to the gospel. And he noted that in terms of results, much of these resources should be sent somewhere else. In other words, a lot of the missionaries sent and money spent in Israel was a waste of effort.

That is not meant to say we shouldn't be working in Israel. But if you are in Israel, please be sure that's where you are called to be. Keep in mind the saying, Some were called, some were sent, others just packed up and went.

Romans 11:28 tells us that they are enemies of the Gospel.

> *Romans 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

While Romans 11:16 indicates that all Israel will be saved.

> *Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

So for now, Israel is closed to the Gospel, but at some point all Israel will be saved. This has to mean there will come a point when the situation is turned around and Israel becomes open to the Good News Of The Kingdom Of God. The question is when? Sooner or later it will happen, when and how it will happen is the main focus of our discussion.

Theories, Theories, Theories Everywhere

Several theories I have come across recently suggest that the revival in Israel comes at the beginning of the tribulation. Just when this 'tribulation' begins or how long it lasts are points of disagreement.

Some say 7 years, some say 3 and a half, some say it depends. But most agree there is going to be a time of tribulation of some kind. Remember Heinz' Law.

All Israel Saved At The Beginning of the Tribulation

This theory is very widespread. It goes like this. A somewhat literal reading of Revelation 14:1-5 is seen as the Lord appearing with the 144,000 servants of God mentioned in Revelation 7:3-8, 12,000 from each tribe, in the city of Jerusalem on the hill called Mount Zion. So this is taken to mean a revival in Israel. Then this revival in Israel produces a great wave of evangelism so that the Gospel is preached through all the world. This world wide preaching of the Gospel is one of the conditions that must be met before the end will come, as explained in Matthew 24.

> *Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

While one view is that this 144,000 is a remnant of the Jews there is another view that is held by some, especially Messianic Jewish believers. This view is that the revival seen in Revelation 14 is the point when 'All Israel' gets saved.
Here are the key verses from Romans 11.

> *Romans 11:15 For if the casting away of them* {Israel] *be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?*
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> *Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that* ***blindness*** *in part is happened to Israel, until the* ***fulness of the Gentiles*** *be come in.*
> *26 And so* ***all Israel*** *shall be saved:* ***as it is written****, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

The reference, as it is written, points to Isaiah 59.

> *Isaiah 59:20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.*

There are some who balk at this idea of **All** Israel saved. We hear talk of only a remnant saved, or mention that individual Jews can be saved but they must repent first, just like anyone else. Verse 23 mentions that they cannot remain in unbelief and still be restored.

> *Romans 11:23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again.*

Yet verse 26 says the deliverer shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob [Israel] To show exactly how it is that 'all Israel' gets saved this scripture from Zechariah is usually cited.

> *Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Here we see a mention of the spirit of grace and of supplications. This is the Holy Spirit, the Deliverer of Zion, which gives the people the grace to repent and to intercede. Since this grace is given to the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, we understand that to mean Israel. This is what makes it possible for 'all Israel' to repent and be saved at once.

Keep in mind that this can refer to literal sight, that is, physical seeing and to spiritual sight which is understanding. At this time they cannot see him physically because he has risen to heaven and sits at the Father's right hand. Secondly, they cannot see him with their understanding because of the blindness mentioned in Romans 11. So when blindness is removed, spiritual sight is granted. And by this grace, Israel can make supplication, or in simpler language, make prayers of repentance.

Why is this needed? Let's jump over here to Matthew 23 we see where Jesus says he will not return till his people pray and ask him to.

> *Matthew 23:39 For I say unto you, [speaking to Jerusalem] Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

How did this blindness get there? One view is that the blindness came because Israel missed their time of visitation. A close reading of Romans 11 however shows that it was there all along.

> *Romans 11:7-8*
> *7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded*
> *8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.*

Here you see in verse 8, where is says *as it is written*, a reference to a verse in Deuteronomy 29 that supports the idea that it was there all along.

> *Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.*

Let's keep moving along with this theory that all Israel is saved at the beginning of the tribulation. Life from the dead [Romans 11:15] is seen to be the revival of "Israel" to fulfill her national calling. This calling is to be a light to the nations. The nations are the gentiles and thereby the 144,000 are those who will evangelize the world. And so the gospel of the kingdom is preached to all the world. And the harvest of the gentiles is completed. Then the end comes as Jesus returns and sets up a kingdom to rule from Jerusalem for 1000 years.

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One problem with this is how the Lord is Revealing Himself to the Jews. According to Romans 11:25 this requires the removal of the **blindness**. This is in turn requires the fullness of the gentiles. If the fullness of the Gentiles speaks of the harvest of the gentiles, then the above scenario is a case of circular reasoning. That is they are saying in effect that the fullness of the gentiles yields a removal of the blindness. This produces the revival in Israel which brings about the fullness of the gentiles. Naturally there is a way around this if you claim that *the fullness of the gentiles* means something other than the harvest of the gentiles as is commonly thought. Remember Heinz' Law.

Now we are going to focus on the idea of "All Israel Shall Be Saved" and the setting whereby this happens at the end of the tribulation.

All Israel Saved At The End of the Tribulation

A Spiritual reading of Revelation 14:1-5 would see it as depicting revival coming to the Church at the beginning of the tribulation, not to 'all Israel' or even part of Israel. In this case, Mt. Zion is the church, as in Hebrews 12:22-23. And the 144,000 are followers of the Lamb, Jesus. They are Jews and Gentiles from every group and denomination including the outcasts of Israel.

This does not rule out any sort of revival in Israel to come at any time. We certainly welcome any move of God in Israel. All we are saying is that Revelation 14:1-5 is not interpreted as applying to natural Israel.

This view sees it as linked to other passages which show the same event from differing vantages or express it in differing language. Some of these links are Revelation 12:10, Revelation 11: 15-17, Psalm 2:6, Isaiah 28:16, Zechariah 4:7 and others. All of these relate to the Kingdom of God. In this view, the church does not usher in the Kingdom, the church does not expand the kingdom, and the church does not establish the kingdom. Rather the church becomes the kingdom by way of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the Revelation of Jesus Christ. We are still living in the days when there was no king is 'Israel' and every man did what was right in his own eyes. When the King comes, we can say, Our God Reigns. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom mentioned in Matthew 24.

> *Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

The Gospel: Good News and Glad Tidings for all peoples.

The Gospel of the Kingdom has two expressions. One is the Promise of Salvation to all peoples in terms of saying there is a kingdom Coming.
It speaks of 'salvation ready to be revealed in the last days.'

> *1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

After it is revealed in the last days, i.e. the Revelation of Jesus Christ, the Gospel will have a new expression. It will say "Our God Reigns" as those end time saints go forth proclaiming this good news. They have the lovely feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. And this is what truly enables world wide evangelization.

In the first expression, we say, like Jesus did, repent for the kingdom is at hand. In the second, we say the kingdom is now here.

Opposition To The Spiritual Approach

This whole approach is shunned by dispensationalists, i.e. pre-tribulationists, because it puts the church in the tribulation period. Any hint of such an approach triggers a 'don't go there' reaction.

It is also loathed by messianic believers for several reasons. First is spiritualizes 'Israel' which can lead to a doctrine of demons called 'replacement theology;' a theory that leaves natural Israel out in the cold. Second, it puts off the salvation of 'all Israel' to the end of the tribulation, meaning that Israel would never fulfill her national calling to be a light to the nations and that she will remain an enemy of the gospel till the very day Jesus returns. And third, it undercuts the view that Jesus will set up a literal physical Kingdom, with it's capitol in Jerusalem when it's all over. And finally it sidesteps the issue of Israel's right to inherit the land promised to it in the bible.

Israel Saved At The End: A Quick Summary

Revival in The church.
Church evangelizes the world.
Fullness of the Gentiles. Romans 11:25
Israel's Blindness removed Romans 11:25
Israel receives the Spirit of grace and supplication Zechariah 12:10.
Israel calls on the name of the Lord and Jesus returns Matthew 23:39
Resurrection of the dead Romans 11:15
Jesus and the armies of heaven fight the battle at Armageddon. Revelation 19:19

Zechariah 12:10 Linked to the Second Coming

In the earlier discussion we looked at how it is that ‘all Israel’ gets saved, quoting from Zechariah.

> *Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

This indeed shows the means for All Israel being saved. But we also need to look at other cross references here that speak of the Second Coming. These following verses provide a picture of the Second Coming.

This shows him coming in the clouds.

> *Matthew 24:30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man* ***coming in the clouds*** *of heaven with power and great glory.*

This one tells us that when he comes in the clouds, everyone shall see him, especially those which pierced him, at the crucifixion, his own Jewish people.

> *Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with* ***clouds****; and every eye shall see him, and they also which* ***pierced*** *him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

And then the mention of *they also which pierced him* takes us right to Zechariah 12:10 which mentions *me whom they have pierced.* So the work of the spirit of Grace and Supplications that is needed to bring about the salvation of ‘all Israel’ is directly tied to nothing less than the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. And this places the salvation of ‘all Israel’ right at the end of the tribulation.

Tie in to Romans 11 to Matthew 23:39

> *Matthew 23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*
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> *Romans 11:11-12*
> *11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.*
> *12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?*
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> *Romans 11:15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?*

Here the argument is that if *the receiving of them* i.e. the salvation of Israel, comes at the Second Coming, then the phrase *life from the dead* is the resurrection.

> *Romans 11:25-26*
> *25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*
> *26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

> *Romans 11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

Battle of Armageddon
The Battle of Armageddon is laid out in these three quotes.

This shows all the world coming against Israel.

> *Zechariah 12:2-3*
> *2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.*
> *3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.*

This shows where they are gathered to battle.

> *Revelation 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*

This shows that all those gathered to battle against Jerusalem, are there to fight against ‘Him that sat on the horse,’ Jesus.

> *Revelation 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.*

There are many who will not like this scenario and present alternate views. Remember Heinz’ Law. There are many who don’t like the idea that ‘all Israel’ will be saved. And others who don’t want to believe that the hope of Israel is deferred to the very end of this tribulation, also known as Jacob’s trouble.

This is why you can find endless quibbling about who is Israel, who is a Jew, or what does ‘all Israel’ mean. What about the lost tribes? And some are saying the fullness of the gentiles refers to the times of the gentiles.

Further consequences for the church
Questions we need to ask.
Does the blindness get removed because the Holy Spirit comes? Or Does the Holy Spirit come because the blindness is removed?

What is the fullness of the gentiles? And what is the fullness of Israel? Besides the notion of ‘full number’, the context of Romans 11 seem to indicate that fullness means their *salvation*. In Genesis 48, Jacob prophesies over Ephraim. The Hebrew word there for multitude is also translated fullness, elsewhere in the Hebrew old testament.

> *Genesis 48:19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.*

This idea of salvation here is linked to the idea of a multitude; we are speaking of the salvation of a multitude or large quantity of nations or gentiles.

> *Romans 11:11-12*
> *11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.*

> *12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?*

In these verses, their fall is contrasted with their fullness, so fullness speaks of restoration or salvation. What if they had not fallen? Then salvation would not have been available to the gentiles. If they knew Him to be their Messiah, they would not have had him crucified, and then there would be no redemption for mankind.

While there is a promise that 'all Israel' shall be saved, there is no similar promise that 'all gentiles' will be saved. Still we see that the Gospel must be preached to all the world, and this fullness of the gentiles must have 'come in to remove the blindness'. So if it is not all the gentiles, then it has to be some number gentiles. It has to be a vast multitude from every tribe and nation, still it is some number that has to be reached.

In the book of Revelation, when sixth seal is mentioned, there is a clue. Here it is saying the return of the Lord, to avenge his martyrs, must await the fulfillment of the rest of the martyrs that should be killed. There is a certain number to be fulfilled. That is a certain quantity.

> *Revelation 6:9-11*
> *9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not* ***judge and avenge*** *our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*
> *11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

Let's spell this out very carefully. The request to Judge and Avenge in Revelation 6:10 is talking about the second coming of Jesus. Here it is seen in 2 Thessalonians where the bible tells of vengeance happening at the return of the Lord.

> *2 Thessalonians 1:6-8*
> *6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;*
> *7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord* ***Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels****,*
> *8 In flaming fire* ***taking vengeance*** *on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

So all this is to say there is a 'certain number' of martyrs that must be fulfilled before Jesus returns. While Romans 11:25 is saying there is a 'certain number' of Gentiles that must be fulfilled before Jesus returns. When you phrase it that way, the connection becomes very clear.

Is fullness of the martyrs then the fullness of the gentiles? And when that number is reached, will the Lord say Vengeance Is Mine, I will repay.

> *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

If the fullness of the martyrs means the fullness of the gentiles, many will be quite unhappy with the idea that the church goes through the tribulation only to be martyred at the end. On the other hand, this means the martyrdom of the church which is fullness of the gentiles brings about the revival in Israel, and in turn this leads to the Return of Christ. This is something we should look forward to and be glad in.

All this reasoning involves long chains of logic. If any one of them proves to be a weak link, then the whole idea falls apart. Remember Heinz’ Law. Still this is what the Lord has shown me, as far as I understand it, and there are confirmations of it given in other articles I have written. Consider that the whole discussion beginning in Romans 10 has a conclusion in the use of the word therefore in Romans 12:1.

> *Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.*
>
> *Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

And this leads to the conclusion of Romans 12, a promise and a prophecy.

> *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

Respond In Love And Faith

Jeff Culver

As I entered into my normal routine last Friday to pray over the sanctuary and the people and church that I pastor, the Lord gripped my heart in a powerful way over what is soon to come to pass, beginning in 2005. He showed me one thing that I cannot control, or stop, and then He showed me two things that I can control in my reaction, as the beginning of the end unfolds before our very eyes.

The Lord first began to speak to me about the European Union, and how it was going to assert itself in stronger and more aggressive ways. It will set in motion a pattern of behaviour that is a fore-runner of the prophesied Beast with 10 heads found in Rev. 13:1. This pattern of behaviour will release fear and lawlessness across the earth in an ever-increasing measure over the coming years.

But the focus of the Lord was not primarily on this. He then turned His attention and focus to the reaction of His Church. As the "signs of the times" grow ever more obvious, as things continue to fall into place at an increasingly quick pace, how would His Church respond? The Lord expressed His desire that we respond in love and faith.

Over the coming years, and there will be a notable increase in 2005, there is going to be a steady increase in lawlessness. This is a release of lawlessness that is leading up to the unprecedented lawlessness embodied in "the man of lawlessness" himself. It will shock many, releasing a great fear, and extinguishing love as humanity goes into an "every man for himself" survival mode. The increasing lawlessness will cause the love of many to grow cold (Mt. 24:12). The temptation for the Church is to respond in the same way. Yet the Lord will be wanting to demonstrate His love through His Church in greater and greater measure. In speaking to the Church at Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7), Jesus told them that they have left their first love, and the activity and outer appearance did not cover up the inner death of love. As a result, if there was not a speedy repentance, He would remove His presence (the lampstand) from their midst. The Lord emphasized the word "quickly" to me. As the world around us retreats from love, the Church of Jesus Christ is to advance in love.

This great decrease in love will lead to a decrease in faith as well.

Jesus asked in Luke 18:8 if He would find faith on earth when He returned. He would not have asked this if it were not going to be an issue. Hab. 2:4 tells us that the "...just shall live by faith..." NKJV The characteristic of the people of God is to be a lifestyle of faith. Heb. 11:6 tells us that we cannot please God without faith. It is impossible. As lawlessness and fear lead to decline in human culture, the temptation is to hang onto that which we can comprehend with our minds, that which we can apprehend with our senses. Yet the call is to faith in God beyond what we have currently lived. Learning to trust in that which is unseen above that which is seen. For the Lord wants to release His works through His Church as never before. Dan. 11:32 tells us that those who know their God will do exploits. The Lord emphasized this verse to me repeatedly. This is the Church's hour! This is our chance to shine His glory! The life of faith makes the impossible possible. The sick are healed, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

And so, the Lord is focusing more on our response to the increase of trouble and tribulation, and is directing us to respond to their increase in an increasingly Godly way.

Rest In Me

Susan Waldrop

I see the turmoil, I see the stress, I see the sorrow, but I see your tomorrow! This is the moment we are together, this is the intersection at life you are at now. Nothing is ever permanent, remember this, for I see where you are going. This will pass, as everything in the past has passed.

Know this: I magistrate all things. I raise my righteous right hand in love, and I correct that which needs correction, I speak to those that are around you that persecute you and say, "Enough."

The speed and brilliance of my clouds passes over you now. Lay down in my green pasture, let each blade soften and wipe each tear as it falls. Do you not feel the love of even my grass, upon your cheek?

My creation knows me, knows my creation, for it is alive. Everything I make is alive! Yes, things you do not even know about, let your heart lead you now, and rest in me. Just rest... IN ME.

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Riders In The Storm

Kathleen Pirl

Redemptive workings of the Holy Spirit

In the Battle of Somme, 1 million men perished during World War I, on the ancient pathways and boundaries where the red poppies bled. France, your allies, our son's and father's blood that was spilled for your liberation from the Nazis in WWI and WWII, cries out to you in these days! Why do you make an alliance with nations that further oppression, tyranny, and slavery? Is it for wealth you will prostitute yourselves? Why do you fault us allies in our liberation attempts when not only have you received the benefits of such postures but also the restoration efforts such as those we have sown in post war Europe? Are you doomed by your patterns of behavior?

Belgium, Brussels at the Palais de Justice is the altar Pergamos (Satan's throne). It is a pivotal crossroads, the hub of nations; the pathway through Europe. The Palais is located on a high place that is a Babylonian palace of lions and angels. The circular drive in front of the Palais is a memorial to the slaughtered men of WWI and WWII. Do we remember? The very exclusive Royal's shopping mall (definitely class-oriented), contains a sculpture hanging from the ceiling of a dragon carrying off a cow. Who is this dragon that devours the laborers gain? The European Union is a convergence of heads of state whose confusion will cry out "blood, blood, blood!?!"

Shellings flood men's hearts with fear, removing all veneers,

Pretense, intense, we can fix it, make it work, make it happen!

All authority has been given over all dominions, principalities, powers, and provinces to the King of Kings. I heard that the road to Jerusalem goes through Brussels.

The Netherlands in Haarlem, is the Ten Boom watchmaker's shop. The small city nearby there is a Middle Eastern school of ministry. The murder of film maker Van Gogh by Muslim extremists still electrifies the atmosphere. The Dutch Colonial inheritance especially in Indonesia & South Africa is reaping generational sin and curses. The Butterfly effect essentially states that the flutter of the butterfly's wings on one side of the world sets up a chain of events creating a hurricane on the other side e.g., the chaos theory. This seems to be operational. The open port connection where everything is permissible (euthanasia, abortion, legal drugs, prostitution, cultural acceptance) is redeemed by the historical unification of worldwide missions forged by WWII in the 20th century (A History of Christianity Vol. II LaTourette-The Growth of the Ecumenical Movement and its Relation to the Continent pg 1376-1379).

RANDOM

Here are the Celtic highways ancient Gallic lands where I am taking notes from the Heart of God. Here is Montemartre in Paris where we were taken to the high place Sacre Coeur (Sacred Heart) to be shown the restoration of His heart for Paris in the place of martyrdom. He took us to the centre of the city the Isle de Paris where the ancient Celtic Parisi established the spiritual and political heart reflected in the current historical governmental houses.

We went under the Seine River and City center in the metro to the very lowest place underneath the river (the foundations) possessing every place our foot steps. Do we kill those we are to love? Do we bury them alive?

We stayed in the Faubourg district which contains a large Jewish population next to Montemartre. What is the heart of the Christian for their brothers of faith the Jews? Do we just say we are for them or do we really lay down our lives for their welfare as the Ten Boom family did in WWII? Is it performance? Is it their ministry? Or is it God’s ministry?

IS PARIS BURNING?

The Holy Spirit is coming with fires first of repentance! He is coming with fires of holiness! If they do not repent the fires of judgment are coming!!! Fire will descend on the coastlands Ez 39:6. France has more coastlands than any other European nation. Who is the Keeper of the Flame?

I brought you to Sacre Coeur. I brought you to the nations that have denied my Passion - trampling my blood. I have brought restoration to my remnant beloved church since year 2000. I have brought a fire of passion by my Spirit to those with eyes who can see and ears who can hear.

Ez 39:21 And I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations will see judgments which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. 22 “So the house of Israel shall know that I am the lord their God from that day forward.” I love you .I am blue without you. I love the thunder in you the volcano of fiery lava.

Visions- Lord carrying His cross. I saw Angel of His Presence blowing a trumpet with glory. I saw a man’s femur bone. I hear the vows of those who have disassociated their hearts from their lives. I hear the cries of those who hate themselves. The love of the Father will establish the love of life. I think I see the bones coming together. Ez 38 & 39

For want of a nail, a shoe was lost,
For want of a shoe, a horse was lost,
For want of a horse, a rider was lost,
For want of a message, a battle was lost,
For want of a battle, a kingdom was lost! (Folklore)
For WANT!

LOVE
Kathleen Pirl

I will sing of your love forever.

Chaos theory is the qualitative study of unstable aperiodic behavior in deterministic non linear dynamical systems. “An Introduction to Mathematical Chaos Theory and Fractal Geometry” by Manus J. Donahue III

Retreat Not, But Join Ranks
Yolanda Ballard

Sep 14, 2005

RETREAT NOT, BUT JOIN RANKS

Warriors, do not retreat in the battle. Do not run in the opposite direction of the enemy, but run towards them for surely I have given you the land. Do not give up in what appears as defeat for the enemy is lying to you. You are right at the edge of a mighty victory, a breakthrough you have been waiting for. For yes, you are at the threshold of a great awakening of My people. For I will take away the scales off their eyes of pride and deception and anoint them with the eye salve of humility and strength. For many have given way to the enemy without knowing it and have been in the enemy's camp. Now it is time to wake up and escape the clutch of the enemy.

Rush forward, Mighty River of God, and cleanse us of all filthiness of the flesh. Take away anything that would hinder our calling in You. Strengthen us to do battle, to lift up a mighty shout, and unite us as one.

No, it is not time to retreat, but to be strengthened in My presence. So draw together as one. Yes, join ranks, and I will give you the strategy that you will need to win this fight. The strategy is to humble yourself before the mighty throne of God, and I will lift you up. Trust in My strength for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Trust in My grace alone and My wisdom. If you feel you don't have a plan to take, then just rest and wait on Me for My timing is perfect in all things. Don't think you have to do something all the time for you need to take this time to rest.

Be sensitive to My calling you forth. You will hear My voice when I know you are ready. Join ranks I say this day. Put down petty differences and seek My face alone, and worship Me as a way of life by trusting and resting in Me. I will bring forth the victory through those who have childlike faith, one who trusts Me no matter what they feel or see. For I AM calling those who walk by faith and not sight and those who love above all things for that is your greatest weapon that will win the unlovely and will repel the enemy from the lost.

Yes, above all things I will have you to love your neighbor as yourself and love Me with all your mind, soul and strength. This is My greatest commandment. And to trust Me as a child would trust one who is a good father to them. Remember to keep humility as your mantle of praise, the joy of the Lord as your strength, and love your greatest weapon this day forth. This is My greatest battle plan for you is to join ranks.

Declutter Your Spiritual House
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Declutter Your Spiritual House

Examine the entranceway into your heart. Is it full of clutter or is it a clear pathway full of My wisdom and grace? I want you to be able to get to the place where you can be quiet and still before Me. Many are so scattered in their thoughts that they have actually become divided within themselves.

This is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM examining My bride to see if she might be ready to even move in My glory. The enemy has been working overtime pulling out all his props causing so many to fall away into complacency and apathy. Many don't even desire to be in My presence to seek My face. Everything else catches their attention, and it grieves My heart to see this happen.

For without Me there is no life within, and for My life to flow within you, you need to draw close to Me, and listen to My still small voice. Are you able to get quiet before Me? Do you even desire to do so? For I AM calling you back to your First Love, and I AM ready to put in your heart a deep thirst and hunger for My love. I AM even going to make you like a dry sponge ready to soak up all that I will pour out into you. If you would only die out to the props of the enemy to tear you away and return unto Me.

I will give you the grace to be able to stay before Me if you desire it. For I see your heart, and I see that many have just lost interest in having an intimate relationship with Me. I encourage you to not give up. I know it has been a long dry road, and the appearance of the Bride has been discouraging, but you must know that revival begins with you, by you crying out for repentance, and by standing in the gap for others to repent and to want purity in their lives and truth.

Look to Me, the Author and Finisher of your faith. I have begun the good work in you, and I AM faithful to complete it. So declutter the pathway that leads to your heart. Stay focused on the vision I've given to you. Be still and know that I AM Faithful, and that I have called you, and will use you in a powerful way. Yes, be still, stay focused, press in, and break through, says your God.

Rubber Necked Horses

Vicki Camp

10-3-05 In a vision I was shown two horses. They were dark colored (browns), and both were on their hind legs as stallions would be in fighting stance with one another, but I saw there was something other than fighting, which they were about and doing. It was like a friendly power dance, for they did not harm each other with their hooves, nor were they biting -- more a strong, powerful display and dance they danced with one another ....

They stood moving on their hind legs, in what appeared to be a lake or large pond of water having muddy grasses around the shoreline edge closest to me. The water was only 5-9 inches deep, or so, and these horses moving on their hind legs were never coming down, nor lowering to 'all fours' .
As I watched,,, these two horses would at times stretch out their necks to almost wrap around each other, extra-ordinary to see, while they were reared up and hoofing the air...... quite spectacular -- this dance, choreography, and power display of these two horses.

Then suddenly the two horses melded into one larger horse; One horse who was showing in tones of live mosaic in colors, as he moved; which I cannot really describe well in writing - a mosaic of colors very similar to stained glass with differing light glistening portions of glass in appearance, but most real and living horse flesh ! Marvelous to see; so "alive" moving, flowing with the light and shadows, the muscle, flesh and sinew of this new spectacular one-larger-horse.

This newly formed horse of colors also never lowered to all fours, but stood moving in magnificence,, still prancing on hind legs in that water, stirring it up, hoofing the air, throwing his head and mane about. -- and after some time of my watching, this vision ended.

Some insight received: In biblical times horses were power and strength, and in the way of God' language and symbol today, horses can sometimes depict ministers/ministries (which, horses have represented for me in dreams/vision from God in the past). Power as in horse-power.

*note: when I speak of ministers/ministries I am meaning "us", each one of us in Christ Body. Rom 12:4 and on,
"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:..."

I believe the two horses of this vision represent the apostolic and prophetic. When unity is gained, melding into one, then these two horses 'more' abilities are achieved. This is not unto any loss of identity of each horse, but this was a vision depiction received showing of their 'togetherness' larger strengths.
>From the 2 brown horses (earthy color, or human being) God raises up (standing on hind legs) glorious and powerful new mantled ministers/ministry from out of these two -- together.
Both; The 2 horses doing the neck-wrapping with each other (impossible), and the final larger vision-horse and his magnificent coloring, were supernatural depictions being shown, e.g. not things that are possible in the natural.

When prophetic and apostolic people (2 horses) get hold of this, being pliable, enabled to be and do with one another in a unity, the waters (read: people) will be stirred for sure (!), even as it was in N.T. times with the church of Jesus Christ.
And too this also stirs up some not so good muck (muddy, fleshly, 'all flesh is as grass....' - I Pet. 1:24a) on the shoreline, on the peripherals (those who will not enter-in).

However, the God' Glory (beautiful mosaic glass-like light colors) that comes forth out of this power of two horses into one = unity .... when compared with small-mud-shoreline-turbulence. .. is unto SO much more in our Lord Jesus Christ, for HIS' people and those entering in. (- Eph. 2:20)

These are pliable ones, not stiff-necked, but pliable like stretching rubber to our Lord's direction as DanceMaster, for they are yoked to HIM (necks: yoke)
As prophetic and apostolic people (2 horses) move up into our Lord Jesus Christ (one horse, one body = HIS) in unity of HIS' purpose and work; Jesus Christ as our foundation and our High top covering as well as all / everything in between, we come into a unit/oneness displaying HIM in both power and beauty purpose – His purpose.

This is what the Lord is emphasizing to me once again, through this vision and after: There is no stopping the unified apostolic/prophetic people and body of Christ our Lord; Nominal believers and the world do take note -- for they cannot and will not be able to miss this body, as she the apostolic/prophetic body and bride-church is all about 'stirring-up the waters' unto salvation, destroying the works of the enemy, redemption, healing, wholeness -- a 'one' in strength and purpose unit, Christ' body; glory and power, apostolic and prophetic people who are gifted and given to the people who receive of her Jesus' Grace's ..
'Glory Hallelujah to The Lamb, our Christ and King ! All thankfulness and glory, praise and honor, on earth as in heaven, forever unto our Father and Lord Jesus Christ, of Holy Spirit – Let Your Will be accomplished in us and through us, Your Body on earth.' In Jesus Name, - amen

"*Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a* ***coat of many colors.*** " - Gen. 37:3
  * Traditionally rendered a "coat of many colors". It is said that the exact meaning of the Hebrew is uncertain.

"*But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.*" - Jer. 17:23
  * stiff necked = stubborn, rebellious

Jesus says, *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."* - Mt. 11:29
  * yoked at the neck, to Jesus.

"........*Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*" - Rev. 21:9b and note v.10-27 the glorious **light** and **colors, gem stones** of her, the holy bride city. *"........her* ***light*** *was like unto a* ***stone most precious****.....jasper,.......crystal... all manner of precious stones..... "*

"The Spirit and the bride say "Come"......" Rev. 22:17a

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Resolution of Apology to the Native Americans

Jean Steffenson, one of USSPN National Apostolic Council Members and leader of the Native American Resource Network, has forwarded the following from John Sandford and Jim and Faith Chosa. These respected leaders bring wonderful understanding regarding the Biblical and historical view that supports the necessity of the Resolution of Apology to the Native Americans. This insight will help answer questions to those hesitant to support it.

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

Word from John Loren Sandford - Resolution of Apology

In 2 Samuel 21 a famine was recorded. It was discovered that the famine had occurred because King Saul broke the covenant made with the Gibeonites 400 years earlier. In America over 800 solemn covenants (treaties) were made with Indian people. Not one was kept! A tremendous curse hangs over America! Not as though Indian people have not been forgiving; many have done so, many times. But sometimes apologies and resultant forgiveness must be done by the right people.

Never have officials of our government taken up authority to apologize officially. It is my hope that many will see this apology in that light, as an act that can begin to lift the curse of the law of broken covenants off of this land. To me, that is the significance of this apology. But, so far, in the many discussions I have heard about it, too few seem to grasp the real significance. I believe our native community needs to see this as an official act which can touch history with redemption! Many others have repented and prayed, but this is the first opportunity for those who can truly represent our nation officially to repent and begin the official process of lifting away the curse. For this reason I believe we need to call for our people to pray that the resolution will be passed and acted upon by our President. I fervently believe our American Indian people need to realize and pray about this apology's true significance, for if our faith and forgiveness is joined to this act, great good can follow - and if we do not respond appropriately, what kinds of present day "famines" may still occur needlessly? This resolution is not merely some kind of political action that may have little practical effect. This is a spiritual event of profound importance for us and for many generations to come. If you agree, would you please pass this information along?

Yours in our Lord Jesus Christ,

John Loren Sandford,
Descendant and member of the Osage Tribal Nation.

Resolution of Apology Prayer Alert – Jim and Faith Chosa

You may have previously received many notices regarding this critical national issue so this alert may seem like redundancy. However, we hope you will press forward in the strength and determination of the Lord to see this issue through to victory. To date, the Resolution of Apology is moving forward in the legislative process.

In this prayer alert to mobilize focused prayer and rally support from the Body of Christ to contact their respective Senators and Congressman to support this resolution, we submit the following summary of the need for this resolution:

1. There are 371 treaties that have been negotiated between the federal government and Indian Nations and ratified by the US Senate; when a treaty is ratified by the Senate, it becomes the "supreme law of the land" according to constitutional language. All of these treaties have been broken by the federal government in a multitude of ways. The most distressing has been the complete removal of Indian Nations from lands recognized by these treaties as rightfully belonging to these Indian Nations.

2. The US Constitution is the foundation for all law within the Nation; when this law is broken by the breaking of these treaties by US federal agencies, and the legal rights of the host Indian Nations which sought protection under the Constitution are radically violated and their cultures, and in some cases entire Indian Nations, are cruelly exterminated, then the Constitution as the platform for law in the Nation is also violated and greatly undermined.

3. The results of violating and breaking the covenant of the supreme law of the land adds the defilement of bloodshed to the land which serves to root a shroud of the spirit of death over the land significantly manifesting in the death of those most vulnerable, the unborn in the womb. These defilements in the land are the root spiritual causes of the many social curses now plaguing our Nation especially those resulting from dysfunctional family relationships due to the high divorce rate. In addition, the attack on the sanctity of marriage itself, drug abuse, street gangs and epidemic lawlessness are rooted in the breaking of these 371 covenants.

4. In the realm of the spirit, broken covenants greatly defile the land and provide an environment for evil to work in all facets of society; the ancient testimony of the Nation of Israel reveals how broken covenants weakened the nation from within and made it extremely vulnerable to external forces from without. We have, by God's Spirit, been alerted to the reality of how these broken treaties have created spiritual breaches in our borders and how terrorists will potentially recruit radical elements within the Indian Nations located in the border regions of our Nation. Indications are this recruitment is now a stark reality!

5. The violent history of our Nations beginnings, reveal how the primary Nations of Britain and France recruited allies among the Indian Nations to further their colonial goals in America. This history is on the verge of repeating itself with radical elements from foreign nations again recruiting Native Americans to further their extreme religious goals.

6. The cultural barrier, manifesting as mistrust and deep bitterness, between the Native Americans and the rest of society in our Nation stems from the breaking of these treaties. The most significant arena where these unresolved issues manifest is in the Church where Native Americans resist the message of Christ because they view it as the white man's gospel. Therefore, Native families, especially Native young people, remain entrenched in a spiritual vortex which becomes magnified as extreme hopelessness producing pernicious addictions of drugs and alcohol, lawlessness and high rates of suicide. This creates a ripe environment for foreign terrorists to recruit local assets for their cause.

7. A vital aspect of the Resolution of Apology is HOMELAND SECURITY. To undermine and neutralize the power-grid of evil set and anchored in the land of America by these broken treaties begins with an apology. Whenever Israel was threatened by an invading force, the prophets in the Nation would call the nation to repentance before God. If the nation sincerely repented, then the Lord would move with great favor and force on Israel's behalf and the threat was removed. The Resolution of Apology initiates this repentance action. As a result, it will provide a legal platform for the Church in many ways to advance the true loving message of Christ into Native America and begin to bring about spiritual restoration of Native families and their societies and righteously connect them in the larger fabric of society in the Nation.

8. It will also provide a legal platform for the Church, rightly aligned with Native indigenous spiritual authority, to spiritually remove the defilements of these broken treaties and negate all their associated curses from the landscape of America and close the spiritual breaches in our borders.

This Resolution of Apology is not just about Native Americans it is an issue which greatly impacts all inhabitants of America and all it's citizens will greatly benefit from the passage and declaration of the Apology. On behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ, and homeland security for Native America and all inhabitants of the land of America, please pray for and then contact your Senators and Congressman and urge them to support this Resolution of Apology.

May the Spirit of the Lord grant you courage and great grace as you allow Him to ignite a passion in your spiritual heart in regard to this Resolution of Apology to stay the course until the victory is gained.

In the Service of King Jesus,
Jim and Faith Chosa

Resolution Of Apology To Native Peoples

SJ 15 IS 109th CONGRESS 1st Session S. J. RES. 15
To acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES April 19, 2005 Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. DODD) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States. Whereas the ancestors of today's Native Peoples inhabited the land of the present-day United States since time immemorial and for thousands of years before the arrival of peoples of European descent; Whereas the Native Peoples have for millennia honored, protected, and stewarded this land we cherish; Whereas the Native Peoples are spiritual peoples with a deep and abiding belief in the Creator, and for millennia their peoples have maintained a powerful spiritual connection to this land, as is evidenced by their customs and legends; Whereas the arrival of Europeans in North America opened a new chapter in the histories of the Native Peoples; Whereas, while establishment of permanent European settlements in North America did stir conflict with nearby Indian tribes, peaceful and mutually beneficial interactions also took place; Whereas the foundational English settlements in Jamestown, Virginia, and Plymouth, Massachusetts, owed their survival in large measure to the compassion and aid of the Native Peoples in their vicinities; Whereas in the infancy of the United States, the founders of the Republic expressed their desire for a just relationship with the Indian tribes, as evidenced by the Northwest Ordinance enacted by Congress in 1787, which begins with the phrase, `The utmost good faith shall always be observed toward the Indians'; Whereas Indian tribes provided great assistance to the fledgling Republic as it strengthened and grew, including invaluable help to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their epic journey from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Pacific Coast; Whereas Native Peoples and non-Native settlers engaged in numerous armed conflicts; Whereas the United States Government violated many of the treaties ratified by Congress and other diplomatic agreements with Indian tribes; Whereas this Nation should address the broken treaties and many of the more ill-conceived Federal policies that followed, such as extermination, termination, forced removal and relocation, the outlawing of traditional religions, and the destruction of sacred places; Whereas the United States forced Indian tribes and their citizens to move away from their traditional homelands and onto federally established and controlled reservations, in accordance with such Acts as the Indian Removal Act of 1830; Whereas many Native Peoples suffered and perished-- (1) during the execution of the official United States Government policy of forced removal, including the infamous Trail of Tears and Long Walk; (2) during bloody armed confrontations and massacres, such as the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864 and the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890; and (3) on numerous Indian reservations; Whereas the United States Government condemned the traditions, beliefs, and customs of the Native Peoples and endeavored to assimilate them by such policies as the redistribution of land under the General Allotment Act of 1887 and the forcible removal of Native children from their families to faraway boarding schools where their Native practices and languages were degraded and forbidden; Whereas officials of the United States Government and private United States citizens harmed Native Peoples by the unlawful acquisition of recognized tribal land and the theft of tribal resources and assets from recognized tribal land; Whereas the policies of the United States Government toward Indian tribes and the breaking of covenants with Indian tribes have contributed to the severe social ills and economic troubles in many Native communities today; Whereas, despite the wrongs committed against Native Peoples by the United States, the Native Peoples have remained committed to the protection of this great land, as evidenced by the fact that, on a per capita basis, more Native people have served in the United States Armed Forces and placed themselves in harm's way in defense of the United States in every major military conflict than any other ethnic group; Whereas Indian tribes have actively influenced the public life of the United

States by continued cooperation with Congress and the Department of the Interior, through the involvement of Native individuals in official United States Government positions, and by leadership of their own sovereign Indian tribes; Whereas Indian tribes are resilient and determined to preserve, develop, and transmit to future generations their unique cultural identities; Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian was established within the Smithsonian Institution as a living memorial to the Native Peoples and their traditions; and Whereas Native Peoples are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that among those are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness: Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APOLOGY.

The United States, acting through Congress--
(1) recognizes the special legal and political relationship the Indian tribes have with the United States and the solemn covenant with the land we share;
(2) commends and honors the Native Peoples for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected this land;
(3) recognizes that there have been years of official depredations, ill-conceived policies, and the breaking of covenants by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes;
(4) apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States;
(5) expresses its regret for the ramifications of former wrongs and its commitment to build on the positive relationships of the past and present to move toward a brighter future where all the people of this land live reconciled as brothers and sisters, and harmoniously steward and protect this land together;
(6) urges the President to acknowledge the wrongs of the United States against Indian tribes in the history of the United States in order to bring healing to this land by providing a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and Indian tribes; and
(7) commends the State governments that have begun reconciliation efforts with recognized Indian tribes located in their boundaries and encourages all State governments similarly to work toward reconciling relationships with Indian tribes within their boundaries.

SEC. 2. DISCLAIMER.

Nothing in this Joint Resolution--
(1) authorizes or supports any claim against the United States; or
(2) serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States.

Realms Of Eternal Faith

Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus,

The Lord has given me a couple of articles that I am going to call, "Prayer Warriors, Prophets, and Faith For An Eternal Realm". These articles addresses the subject of prayer warriors who are called to realms of Eternal Faith. These ones will actually be commissioned for service in the armies of the heavenly redeemed, and therefore, they have a prayer life very different from someone whose efforts in prayer are constrained to life on planet earth as we know it. These articles will precede a series of articles I will be doing on the subject of faith over the next few weeks.

Though for sake of contrast, the first group of prayer warriors I address through these articles are noted for their interest far more in a present image and immediate answers than for God's long term eternal plans to prepare them to be part of a remnant who will sit with Christ in His throne through all eternity, their prayers are to be valued for what they accomplish on the temporal level.

Though there is some disappointment in their lack of sensitivity to eternal things, in no way do I wish to neglect to appreciate a present anointing many of these ones are operating in. If there seems to be any sense of rebuke in the first article, it is because the Lord is wishing to call some of these ones up to a higher place, and my prayer is that we all have "ears to hear".

(I also wish to note that there are some personal testimonies in these articles of some who have been close to me such as my own grandmother, and the woman of God who mentored her into the life of prayer. I have found that at times people are offended by the personal testimonies, as if they are being exalted over the testimonies of others. They are not. They are simply what I can relate to firsthand, but I do know all those who serve the Lord do have their own stories and testimonies that are to be just as highly valued. In no way do I mean to minimize that which have others have learned about prayer through their own testimonies and experiences. We are all on the same side, and hopefully, serving the same God, and I am always greatly
blessed when people write to me, and share their own stories with me!!)

Now, to share with you just a bit of the dealings of the Lord that led up to these articles:

I have recently been experiencing a "trial of my faith." I am rejoicing in this because the Bible tells us when our faith is tried, it should be considered as more precious than gold.

> *6 ¶Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:*
> *7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 1 Peter 1:6,7*

I had presented to me an opportunity that would have allayed my immediate fears, and been a bit of a respite from the tension of my situation. But then I realized that it was a "short -term fix", and what I needed was a "long-term solution". The Lord spoke to me that I needed to deal with the root issue of a lack of faith. He spoke to me that I needed a greater impartation of faith, and in dealing with the problem on this level, rather than to just address a surface issue, I'd have faith to draw from whenever the need for greater faith would arise.

So, in obedience to the Spirit, I took a little trip to a place where there is a history of great faith in operation. On my 4 hour drive to the location, I did my best to prepare my spirit for whatever I'd receive from the Lord. I arrived at my destination late on Friday evening, and was shown to a beautiful guest room. The grounds, buildings and furnishings of this place are all exceptionally lovely, and it is all "debt free", and a place where the blessings of God flow. I was alone in the administration building for

Friday night, and most of Saturday except for some that had to come and go as part of their routine responsibilities in being part of church/Bible College campus ministry. (See Blue Ridge Chapel at http://www.blueridgchapel.org , if you are interested to find out more about this ministry)

As I settled in, and began to seek the Lord both in my room, and walking the hallway outside of my room (I'm a prayer "pacer") , and spending time in the Word in a little sitting room across the hall, there was one word from the Lord, and it was truly the word of the Lord, and began the process of encouraging me in my faith to the great dismay of any "fear, doubt, and unbelief" lurking within my soul. This was the word: **"All that you see with your eyes, is because someone prayed."** Knowing the history of this particular ministry, I knew they were people of GREAT prayer.

I also realized I needed to much consider the subject of prayer, and the articles I will be sending out over the next few days come out of that time of waiting on the Lord.

Let me encourage you that the articles do get more positive as I go along. I feel the first articles are an important foundation to the final article, which deals very primarily with what the Lord deposited into my spirit about faith. The following "points of review" introduce you to the content of the following articles. *The next two articles will follow shortly, and then the final article will appear on the weekend.*

A review of the Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior, Image is Everything.

1. Praying is to be able to successfully operate in gifts for the ministry advancement.
2. Praying is rarely about coming into relationship with the Lord.
3. Praying is rarely about coming to understanding of personal shortcomings and things in need of correction, though much will be discerned in the lives of others, and will set others in awe of the gift of knowledge in operation.
4. This prayer warrior's name recognition is much more important than the Name of Jesus. (They love to refer to themselves in the "third person", as if they are talking about someone else, just to make sure their name gets "out there".)
5. These prayer warriors have gifts that are outstanding because ALL attention is on the gift, and never on character. Their gifts will never betray them.
6. Praying is always about gifts and ministry, and never about character and personal sacrifice, except for what others should sacrifice to service the Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior's ministry.
7. Do not automatically dismiss these "prayer warriors" as false prophets, and be careful about making such a judgment. Rather pray for conviction to come, and their eyes to be open.

Review of the Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior: JESUS is everything:

1. The prayer life of this one will never escape the "candle of the Lord" that searches all the inward parts of the belly.
2. The prayer life of this one always goes by way of the Cross.
3. The prayer life of this one takes a life-time to get the answers because this one is committed to process to become more like Jesus.
4. The prayer life of this one has eternity's values in view, and is preparation for eternal ministry in the heavenly realms , and not just a present dispensation.
5. The prayer life of this one recognizes the advantages and value of praying in secret, and having the label of "intercessor" is not important to this one. The Lord getting HIS desired results is what is important.
6. The prayer life of this one is usually conceived in personal sufferings, but matures into a true and selfless expression of the burden of the Lord for others, and the work of the ministry.
7. The prayer life of this one knows how to come into a place of quietness to hear the Lord should He wish to address personal issues apart from the militant prayer mandate.

I trust you will read and consider what the Spirit is saying through these articles, as you have the time to do so.

Always in the Love of Jesus,

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

As I was writing this article, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me to address some things through prophetic insight. This is a bit of a hard word, but I feel if I soften what the Lord has given to me, I will be in disobedience to the Spirit of God.

We are in serious times, and God is dealing with the misuse of the ministry at all levels. We are coming to times when God's people are going to be in the forefront as never before ministering in reality, and NOT in theatrics and showmanship. A purging and pruning is coming to the Church, even if God has to "strip the bark clean bare" in order to get the representation of Himself that He desires to be manifested in this earth. I know many of us have been experiencing it on a personal level, and it's going to be manifested on the corporate level, as well as on the "stellar" level. What do I mean by the "stellar level"?? You'll understand at you read the article.

About prayer warriors who take hold in faith........

I have found that there are two types of "prayer warriors" who are "successful" in ministry. Much prayer is always at the root of any accurate prophetic ministry.

This first group addressed through this article are those who are very concerned with the present state of things, and temporal issues. If you are in this group, you would want to carefully seek the Lord to see if He has something higher for you in His purposes. If you know someone who is caught up in this type of ministry, give them the benefit of the doubt that they really do love the Lord, but just do not have the maturity to see beyond present spiritual gratification to the bigger picture of eternal values. Because much is being done to be seen of man, they have their rewards here and now, and will gain little in God's eternal kingdom.

For this type of "Prayer Warrior", image is everything.

These are prayer warriors who know how to turn the search light off when it comes to the dealing of God to their own soul. They pray with fervent energy, will rise up early and stay up late, will spend many days in prayer and fasting, but somehow they manage to be able to pray for ministry needs and success and giftings and anointings, but they never let the Spirit of God come to do a deep work within that changes their own nature. I think among these are the very ones who will be cited as being those who say in that day of the Lord's review, "But Lord......didn't we prophesy in your name, etc. "

> *21 ¶Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*
> *22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils?*
> *and in thy name done many wonderful works?*
> *23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*
> *Matthew 7:21-23.*

These particular prayer warriors build monuments to themselves. They always name their ministries after their own name. They only use the Name of Jesus for the advantages of it. Notice how all they DO, they DO in the Name of Jesus, but as far as truly knowing the Lord, Jesus denies them. They know how to work the laws and principles of the faith, and it WORKS. But those things will never buy relationship with Him. It's because though they are willing to spend endless hours in prayer and fasting to get power, they are not willing to submit to the fires that will bring their nature into conformity to His Nature, and His NAME is HIS NATURE!! This reminds me of the Lord's counsel to the church at

Laodocea:

> *4 ¶And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*
> *15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.*
> *16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.*
> *17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*
> *18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*

Now, I want you to catch something in the above portion of scripture. Jesus speaks of the Laodiceans as being "lukewarm". Because gifts and callings are without repentance, this scripture is NOT talking about being "lukewarm" in the manifestation of the gifts. You can be redhot in your gift, and lukewarm in your soul!!

If this particular group of "prayer warriors" were actually interested in giving glory to the Name of Jesus, they'd submit to His dealings so that their whole lives would be a testimony to Him . They'd take the counsel He gave to the Laodicean Church to heart.

When a ministry is not built on the Name of Jesus, it t takes the boundless amount of soul energy the original founder had to carry it on. Who has that energy, since they "did it all"?? There are very few powerful "second generation" anointings coming forth of this brand of "prayer warrior". But this foundation of the Name of Jesus again and again proves to be the "stone that the builders rejected". Why? Because the Name of Jesus brings an offense!! Better to say "the man upstairs", or that "guy in the sky" . To boldly say His Name, and that you recognize and honor Jesus as God Almighty manifested in the flesh will get you in trouble.

I found it quite interesting when I recently listened to a great exhortation to faith and deliverance from generational curses. This well-known minister managed to carry on for his half hour television show without even ONCE mentioning that the power is in the Name of Jesus!! He got all the principles out there, and I was really being blessed by what he was saying. I kept eagerly looking forward to the name of Jesus. It never came. I made the excuse for him that in the real services on location at his local church , surely they are mentioning the Name of Jesus, and not leaving Him out!! They just need to leave Jesus out so they won't offend the television audience and maybe lose donations.

Mentioning the Name of Jesus may get you moving in a very impressive level of power. But actually **building** on the Name of Jesus requires a whole lot more than throwing money to a ministry. It brings you face to face with the nature and character behind the Name, and a reverencing of God, and a bringing forth of fruits. (Read Matthew 42:33-42).

> *42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? Matthew 42:21*

These "Image is Everything" Prayer Warriors are usually legalistic in their approach to ministry because the worth of their ministry is based on "image", and so anything that would damage the "image" is not tolerated. Image is first and foremost the most important thing, and being able to boast about a dedicated prayer life is one thing that does help the image.

God honors prayer. Their prayers will get answered. Their anointings will be powerful and mighty, and will be manifested because they prayed. They faithfully prayed, and they will not be denied. Their ministry is not about a relationship with God that brings inward correction when there is a lack of integrity. It is about what is portrayed to the world of power and manifestation of their giftings.

Remember, Balaam was not a false prophet because of what he SAID, he was a false prophet because of unresolved character issues, and misusing the gift of God for selfish gain. Do you realize you can use the gift of God for "selfish gain" in other ways rather than just about money?? I could go into detail, but that would make this too lengthy. Again and again and again, I come under the conviction of the Spirit regarding the motivation behind any ministry endeavor. I know I am not alone in this matter. Beloved, it's just not all that important to God that we have a flourishing and successful ministry image. (Someone recently told me I'd never have a ministry that would amount to anything because if it was to happen, it would have already happened. My flesh reacted by being offended. But now, I am rejoicing because it truly sets me free to speak as the Lord anoints me to speak forth because there really isn't much at all for me to lose!)

These prayer warriors have gifts honed to perfection. That is because the most important thing to their world is their gift. Their gifts will NEVER betray them. They can hear from God about what color dress you wore last Tuesday, who you slept with last Monday, and where you went to church last Sunday. They can make you shake in your shoes that you might get caught in your own sin and uncleanness. You hear that the "prophet" is coming, and you're checking out your own soul every which way and on your face repenting before God because you know this "prophet" who is a prayer warrior who spends hours in the throne room is coming to your city.

But for some reason, this very same prophet who can hear reams from God about sins of others, storms on the horizon, and the rise and fall of national leaders have NO conviction whatsoever when it comes to hearing a word from God about abusing and misusing the sheep if someone is found not to be advantageous to his/her ministry. They can cut you off in a flash without caring one bit that they have wounded you. You are very dispensable because they have never cared about your soul, but only the workings of their own ministry machine, and any cog that keeps the wheel from running as it should needs to be replaced as fast as possible.

They will not spare your soul because of your crying. You'll be just fine. I know of a ministry that boasted in their ability to let people go. I heard first hand how they had dismissed about 50 people from the same position in a space of about 5 years. All because somehow they would have hurt "the ministry".

They feel no remorse whatsoever about using their ministry as a vehicle to their own financial success riding over the backs of those who struggle to make ends meet by commercializing a gospel and making merchandize of God's people when the Lord says, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Just what was Jesus talking about when He said, "Freely ye have received, freely give":

> ¶*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:*
> *6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*
> *7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.*
> *8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*
> *9 Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses,*
> *10 Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.*

Jesus was talking about the fact that the gifts they had received of demonstration and power were freely given to them, and these should be freely ministered to others. It was not just talking about the simple gospel message of a free salvation. They didn't get to charge registration fees for holding a revival service.

Now, is it a contradiction when the Lord says "freely give", and then turns around and says in the same breath that a "workman is worthy of his meat"?

Comparing scripture with scripture, we find that the "workman" refers to those who "labor in the word and doctrine". It does not refer to one who has the manifestation of a gift in operation in his/her life. This tells me that the signs and wonders were accompanying the preaching and teaching of the Word. So, the Lord was saying they were entitled to an offering, but they were NOT to charge for their gifts. If you are advertising your ministry based on your gift, and then charging ridiculous honorariums and conference fees because you use your gift as the drawing card, how do you square such a thing with what Jesus said???

We never see the Apostle Paul giving one word of advice to those he fathered in the faith as to how they should charge for their spiritual labors. Rather, He spoke directly to God's people, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." 1 Corinthians 9:7-9. Paul took this directly from the Old Testament Law. Deut 25: 4.

What does it mean not to "muzzle the ox" that treadeth out the corn. The natural feeding habits of oxen is to graze. As the ox was fulfilling his usefulness in the field, he would be free to graze. Here is what the dictionary tells us "graze" means:
Main Entry: ^{1}graze

- Pronunciation: 'grAz
- Function: *verb*
- Inflected Form(s): grazed; graz·ing
- Etymology: Middle English *grasen,* from Old English *grasian,* from *græs* grass
- *intransitive senses*
  1 : to feed on growing herbage, attached algae, or phytoplankton
  2 : to eat small amounts of various foods several times a day
  transitive senses
  1 a : to crop and eat in the field b : to feed on the herbage of
  2 a : to put to graze <*grazed* the cows on the meadow> b : to put cattle to graze on
  3 : to supply herbage for the grazing of
  - graze·able *or* graz·able */'grA-z&-b&l/ adjective*
  - graz·er *noun*
- Pronunciation Key

The animal, the ox, instinctively would know his own limitations, and not take more at one feed than he could naturally tolerate for the mechanisms of his digestive system. If you read about historical oxen, it's interesting to note that their helpfulness to humans was so valued they were literally worshipped in some societies. Hmmmmm. Think about that one!!

An unmuzzled ox could eat whatever he desired to eat, and was obviously trusted not to rake the fields clean of it's harvest. The people of God ought to be able to trust the servants of the Lord to freely receive from the works of their hands in the work of the ministry without fear they'll end up fleecing the flock because they are given to an insatiable appetite of greed. But the people of God need to be careful they don't "muzzle the ox".

> *4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. James 5:4*

I recently had a vision, and it kept coming to me over the course of several days. It was a room full of stacks of money, and the money was bundled by different colored bands. I never got close enough to the money to see the actual denominations of the bills. It could have all been one dollar bills, or a thousand dollar bills, or a variety. There were simply tables and tables and tables full of money. It seemed in this vision, I had access to this money. I saw myself filling my arms with as much money as I could possibly hold, and then trying to manage it so I would not drop it. The Spirit spoke to me, **"You are to only take what you need."** So, then the money dropped out of my arms because I knew that I had to come to a place of discerning what I truly needed because I felt the seriousness of the Spirit, and that there would be a great grieving if I lied to the Holy Ghost about what I needed to "take". I actually felt a great foreboding that I would even be killed, if I took more than what I needed!! In the issue of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) , they lied to the Holy Ghost about what they were giving. Beloved, by the word of the Lord, I will tell you that finances are going to come into the kingdom of God, and it's going to be the temptation to lie to the Holy Ghost about what we are taking!! Be careful**!!!**

The Holy Spirit within me is so offended by the commercialization of the truth, and the merchandizing of the gospel that I get some of these "commercial Christian websites (usually prophetic in nature)" and I am literally sickened when I open them. Because I have a great respect for truth, and in no way wish to come against the Lord's anointed, I cannot bring myself to "deleting" their mail. Instead, I save it in a folder to be opened at another time. I know other friends who are true in the spirit will end up forwarding me any true word of the Lord where I don't have to wade through half a dozen advertisements to get to the pure word. Thank the Lord for these ones!!

Yes, I know that paper and postage and printer's ink and marketing all costs money. That is a no-brainer. But when you put your advertisements at the top of your website instead of the word of the Lord on your "prophetic" website , just what spirit is motivating you? I think it's the same one that motivates the used car salesman and the cheap mattress company. Is it the desire that the people hear from God a relevant word that will help them to draw closer to the Lord, and navigate their way through perilous times, and be encouraged in their faith, or is it your need to make money off the word of the Lord?

Some defend these ones by telling me how "sincere and sweet" they are. A person can be very sincere, and be sincerely wrong. How can one sit as a judge over the word of the Lord through the mouths of His prophets and give commendations of their words, and not yet be able to hear from God that you've taken God's house, which is to be a place of prayer, and made it into a den of thieves. How does the conviction escape you? How do you manage to understand and explain such deep revelatory teachings and prophecies, and yet so thoroughly sear your consciences so that you cannot even hear and understand the clear teachings of scripture?

It would be better for you to repent and go work the night shift at 7-11 than to continue as you are doing. Haven't you read about the sons of Eli in 1 Samuel 2 and 3? Don't you know about how the Apostle Peter talks about false teachers and false prophets who will make up stories to get the people's money? Read all of 2 Peter Chapter 2.

When Jesus drove out the money-changers what was that all about? People had come from long distances to be at the temple. They were selling the animals used for sacrifices to poor people who could not afford them at exorbitant prices. Do you have a gift of God that people can't have because they can't afford what you're charging to get into your conferences?
What about "scholarship funds" for special retreats, etc? That is quite noble, but if you're the poor person on the receiving end of it, how do you get to the money without being embarrassed?? The poor are certainly way too proud, aren't they!! They should be very thankful for the hand out. Beloved friend, what would happen if we ministered out of the true provision of the Lord rather than from the level we fancy ourselves to be at, when we are NOT there? Isaiah spoke of a principle: It's called "line upon line", and "precept upon precept", and "here a LITTLE and there a LITTLE". It's found in the 28th chapter of Isaiah.

This "image demon' that is rampant in the church wants us to bypass all prayer that would bring us to the throne room for the purpose of seeing the Lord high and lifted up as Isaiah saw Him. It would not do at all to find ourselves for days on our faces before God over a "woe is me for I am undo, and I'm a person of unclean lips, dwelling in the midst of an unclean people" attitude when "the ministry" demands we pray more about our power and our gifts and our special visitations and revelations than about being more like Jesus!

"Image" has so invaded the church that moving and ministering in simplicity has almost become virtually impossible!! It's a spirit that has overtaken us and run roughshod over us as the church of Jesus Christ.

Here is the word of the Lord straight out of the scripture for those who engage in the practice of misusing the ministry for selfish gain, and are overly concerned with image. It may be wonderful to be riding on the wings of great charismatic, end-time, third-wave, third day, kingdom (and whoever I've forgotten) revelatory popularity, but you are setting yourself up to be the martyrs of the faith and are you sure you've got the right stuff to stand in that day of adversity and persecution?? Doesn't matter how much time you've put in "burning out for Jesus" and in hours of prayer and fasting. If the image of successful ministry is at the root of your desire rather than the desire to come forth in HIS image and likeness, believe me, you are NOT prepared for what will be coming your way, and you've made yourself a sitting target like a duck at a carnival. In the day of adversity, a willingness to stay hidden and humble is going to preserve God's people, not as "running in fear" but in having sense enough to discern the times. You're worth a whole lot more to God's purposes here on planet earth in tumultuous times if you're alive and ministering to a humble few hidden in some cave in the woods than if you're some dead super-star.

Jeremiah 45:1 ¶The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying,
2 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch;
3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.
4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus; Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.
5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest. Jeremiah 41: 1-5.

Review of the "Image is Everything" Prayer Warrior:

1. Praying is to be able to successfully operate in gifts for the ministry advancement.
2. Praying is rarely about coming into relationship with the Lord.
3. Praying is rarely about coming to understanding of personal shortcomings and things in need of correction, though much will be discerned in the lives of others, and will set others in awe of the gift of knowledge in operation.
4. This prayer warrior's name recognition is much more important than the Name of Jesus. (They love to refer to themselves in the "third person", as if they are talking about someone else, just to make sure their name gets "out there".)
5. These prayer warriors have gifts that are outstanding because ALL attention is on the gift, and never on character.
Their gifts will never betray them.
6. Praying is always about gifts and ministry, and never about character and personal sacrifice, except for what others should sacrifice to service the "Image is Everything" Prayer Warrior's ministry.
7. Do not automatically dismiss these "prayer warriors" as false prophets, and be careful about making such a judgment. Rather pray for conviction to come, and their eyes to be open.

End of Part One.

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

In the first article, I shared with you about the Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior : **Image is Everything.**

Here is the second group, and the one you wish to be in, if you are going to hear from the Lord's mouth in that day when He judges both the quick and the dead:

> *...Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord". Matthew 25:21*

For the Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior, **JESUS is everything!!**

This Prayer Warrior may perceive a need, and go to prayer, but they often get off track because as they are praying about a certain issue, they come face to face with something within their own nature that will cause them to turn aside. For this one:

> *The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly. Proverbs 20:27*

As much as the burden is real, the unbecoming issue in the flesh is relentless in it's appearing, and while they want to see God change a circumstance or meet a pressing need, it always seems prayer time never fails to take them by the way of the cross. They live with the perception that if they are going to see true answers to prayer, there is going to be a need for a death to the self-life.

When others get to collect goods and substance to leave to their children, they come face to face with this final outcome to their prayer life. They will never be truly satisfied until they come forth into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ:

> *14 From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose*
> *belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes.*
> *15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. Psalm 17:14, 15.*

These prayer warriors are the "Eagle Saints". If you are an "Eagle Saint", it means you always are "drawn to the carcase".

> *For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Matthew 24:28.*

In other words, where there has been a true death to the self life, the eagles are going to recognize it, and come together. Those of like spirit will gravitate toward one another, and if you are this type of prayer warrior, you will be found of others who are of the same spirit. You may be lonely now, but you can be assured, there will be a carcase that will be as a gathering place.

Beloved, if you are one of these "eagle saints", you just instinctively know by the Spirit when life is coming forth NOT based on the ability to produce or mimic a certain sound, or hype up a meeting, or prime a good old fashioned Pentecostal pump. (Something I have to admit, I personally love to do!!) Your spirit bears witness with something you fully understand.......what it means to go the way of the Cross, and out of death always comes TRUE LIFE.

The eagle saint's prayers come up before God as a sweet smelling savour. You would think the stench off the seething carcase of burnt flesh would be putrifying. But because the prayers of these saints are incense before the throne of God, that burning smell of flesh is masked and all God smells is the incense of the saints.

> *7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. Leviticus 4:7*
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> *Revelation 8:1 ¶And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.*
> *2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.*
> *3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.*
> *4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up*

> *before God out of the angel's hand. Rev. 8:1-4.*

I believe these "prayers of the saints" spoken of in the book are those times of consecration and surrender and willingness to be as the "burnt offering" upon the altar, for the burnt offering, which represents complete sacrifice was accompanied by incense.

The Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior, "Image is Everything" are extremely skillful at making militant noises and projecting energy into the atmosphere through words and sounds and they will definitely achieve results. Several years ago, I went to a prayer meeting of this type. The Instructor in prayer wanted things to stay revved up to a fevered pitch. You couldn't pray loud enough, pray fast enough, or pace the floor fast enough to suit the leader. This group was expected by their "Chief Intercessor" to scream in tongues for hours without losing any momentum. Willing to learn something new, I tried to keep up, but it was quite a struggle. During that prayer time, if the Spirit came to speak in a soft voice into the ear of someone who needed a word of God about an issue in their life that might be keeping them from the kingdom, it never would have happened.

The very sad thing is that this was a group that got great results as far as money and numbers and some miraculous events. But it fell apart because the leader fell into a snare of the devil. I would love to be able to report a restoration, but I just don't know the facts to be able to do that. My hope is that the experience, and the humbling switched him from being a Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior to being an Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to know that now instead of focusing on a style of prayer or a method of prayer, the focus is on Jesus, who answers prayer!! Jesus answers ALL prayer, but oh to be that one who returns to give Him thanks with a willingness to enter into relationship with Him, even as that one lone leper returned to acknowledge the Lord when there were 9 others who also received a healing, but chose not to return. Luke 17:11-17.

Because the Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior is far more sensitive to the convictions of the Spirit, their prayer life is a way of life that takes a literal life time to see things accomplished. What a "Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior" can accomplish in two weeks simply because they stay so focused on hounding heaven until they get what they are demanding, the ""Eternal RealmPrayer Warrior" can end up taking two years, or maybe even twenty years!! I know one man of God who has literally been before the throne of God a life-time waiting on God in prayer regarding vision and promise the Lord has given to him. Seems like by now he should have had a 'breakthrough". Why hasn't he?? Maybe because on his way to the results to prayer, this man of God is in the process of having eternity's values established in his life because he is not only called to accomplish things in THIS world, but in the one to come, too!!

> *2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,*
> *3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness,*
> *through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*
> *4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,*
> *having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*
> *5 ¶And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;*
> *6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*
> *7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 2 Peter 1: 2-7*

Why does it take so long? Because it's not just about the results. It's about a preparation for eternity. Prayer will engage the whole being, and convictions about prayer never seem to escape this type of prayer warrior. This one is far more often forced to pray "in secret", and doesn't have the advantage of calling a vast contingency of prayer warriors to his/her side. This one often cannot build a successful "intercessor's network" because they are so commissioned to the secret place that to do so would be counter-productive to the burden of the Lord upon this prayer warrior's soul. I am not saying it's

WRONG to call an "army of intercessors". In fact, if you have an 'army of intercessor's " praying with you, I bless you in the Name of the Lord!! But in some ways, it defies the logic of true intercessory prayer. It's like having your wife in the delivery room at a large city hospital with her doctor, and the attending nurse, and then calling all the visitors, all the other medical personnel, all the housekeeping staff into the labor and delivery room to be part of the experience!! True intercessory prayer takes place in private and intimate settings. It's not a "spectator's sport", but it's been made to seem that way.

My grandmother who was a missionary for 23 years in Israel, and 17 years prior to that in Tunisia, North Africa had one of the most unusual lives of prayer. Often, people would come to her wanting to write a book about her life, or promote her ministry. She would never allow it. She felt this type of exposure would do great damage to the very thing the Spirit had commissioned her to accomplish. Because of a secret life of prayer, literally praying every night from 9 p.m. until 2:oo a.m. walking the floors and binding the powers of darkness, she had liberties to do things in four different churches she started in Israel, mostly among the Arabs. Where men of God could not "make it" in the work of the ministry there in Israel , my grandmother had churches with great big Arab businessmen getting saved and filled with the Holy Ghost, and because no woman was allowed to pastor a church, she simply ran the meeting from the back of the church as these humble men submitted to her leadership!

Now, could she have accomplished these things if she was a "public intercessor"?? No way!! True prayer that had an ear to hear what the Spirit was saying gave her the sense to realize she needed to keep it quiet more than she needed to be recognized for her prayer life. Now, after her death, the Lord is allowing the honor to come that she never received in her life time.

The Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior has usually been forged into a life of prayer through personal trials and sufferings whereby their only recourse was to pray. There was simply no other answer for them. God laid a deep foundation of prayer within their lives by taking them through some things that taught them to pray. After being in this "school of prayer" whereby they learned faith and trusting in God on a deeper level, they were able to move beyond their own "life and death" issues to being useful to God to pray through on matters of the burden for souls, the establishing of ministries, the calling forth of giftings and anointings, and so on. Because the Lord became very close to these ones in a deep place of personal prayer, they never cease to appreciate their foundations, and to misuse prayer for selfish ambition and gain would be unthinkable. The fear of God is so interwoven into the fabric of their being, it would not occur to them to pray after the lusts of the flesh.

In the late 40's, my grandmother came from California to Brooklyn, NY, and through God's intervention, landed at the doorstep of Mary Crandall. She had never met the woman, but God sovereignly led her to her home through the help of a taxi driver. Mary Crandall took my grandmother in, and informed her that what they do in her home is "pray". My grandmother expected some little token prayer meetings.

Instead what happened was that she was informed that they are up by 7:00 a.m., beds got made, and then it was breakfast time. After breakfast, then it was prayer time. Mary Crandall pulled the "prayer cushions" out from underneath the couch, and went to prayer. And prayer didn't last for a half hour, or an hour, it lasted for 8 hours. Out of this woman's prayer life came forth a thriving church in New York City, two Bible College Presidents with close to 100 hundred of their own children and grandchildren all serving the Lord, and many in some capacity of the work of the ministry. Mary Crandall went to China by the word of the Lord at 80 years old when she originally received a prophetic word about China in her early twenties!! (Nowadays someone gets a prophecy and if it doesn't come to pass in two weeks, they are whining they got a word from a "false prophet.) My grandmother's flourishing ministry of many years on the mission field, never once being backed by any major missions board, but having God's people take care of her so that she was able to cross the waters 17 times to come back to the states to minister here from time to time was birthed through the prayer life she learned at the feet of Mary Crandall.

A brother in the Lord I regard as my own "father in the faith", asked Mary Crandall the question, "Where did you learn to pray that way"? She told him this story:

She had her sixth child. In those days, there was no welfare. Her husband left her, and she had no food for her children. Everyday, she went out to a big rock behind her house, and cried out to God to bring the provision to meet the needs of her family. The husband left when the new baby arrived. She was so humble before the Lord, she considered it a great blessing when someone rang the doorbell and she went to find that one lone new diaper had been left on the doorstep for the new baby.

Many can have testimonies about some hard times that taught them to pray. We can all cry out to God in times of trouble. But the Psalmist David talks about the "Valley of Baca" in the 84th Psalm. That is a place of weeping. I'm so blessed when I read the margin of my Bible about this particular scripture. The King James version says this:

> *5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.*
> *6 Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools.*
> *7 They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God. Psalm 84:5-7.*

But in the margin, it says that in the RV it reads, **"in whose heart are the highways to Zion".**

Beloved, the Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior has the "highway to Zion" in his heart!! This one knows how to make that valley of weeping a well, and knows how to pray the rain of God down to fill the surrounding pools. I believe the heart of my grandmother and others she influenced was as a "surrounding pool". And then that one goes from "strength to strength".

Mary Crandall started her prayer life by praying out of the depths for her personal needs. But she went from "strength to strength" as she learned to prevail in prayer to see the Lord birth great ministries, and was even instrumental in the early beginnings of some recognized Pentecostal movements. Remember how when talking about the "Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior", there is little generational fruit of powerful ministry following in their footsteps because they've built on their own names rather than the Name of Jesus? Well, this woman of God so lifted up the Name of Jesus, and so gave glory and honor to Him, I am seeing her grandchildren, and even her GREAT grandchildren moving in powerful anointings, and still establishing the work of the ministry on His Name, and not their own.

Beloved friend, when you pass through the valley of Baca, recognize it's power to give you a prayer life that will take you from the realms of selfish prayer for personal needs into the realm of selfless prayer where your heart is full of the "highways to Zion". What is the highway to Zion? It's a highway of holiness that leads straight to Jesus!! He is the kings that is enthroned on the holy hills of Zion!! Zion may physically be in a land across the waters called Israel, but more than that , it's in the hearts of His people who are giving the throne rights to Him!!

For that one who is the "Temporal Realm Prayer Warrior, Image is Everything", the ends will always justify the means. Doesn't matter what they do, or who they hurt on the way to recognition or answers they wish to achieve. For the "Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior, JESUS is everything", the "means" are every bit as important as the "ends". Theirs is a life-time commitment to a pathway that shines "brighter and brighter" unto the perfect day. It's not just about "getting there" quickly, but it's about relationship with Jesus, every step of the way, and as He is truly the bright and morning star, He is continually making Himself more real to these ones~!!

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Proverbs 4:18.

Review on the Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior: JESUS is everything:

1. The prayer life of this one will never escape the "candle of the Lord" that searches all the inward parts of the belly.
2. The prayer life of this one always goes by way of the Cross.
3. The prayer life of this one takes a life-time to get the answers because this one is committed to process to become more like Jesus.
4. The prayer life of this one has eternity's values in view, and is preparation for eternal ministry in the heavenly realms , and not just a present dispensation.

5. The prayer life of this one recognizes the advantages and value of praying in secret, and having the label of "intercessor" is not important to this one. The Lord getting HIS desired results is what is important.
6. The prayer life of this one is usually conceived in personal sufferings, but matures into a true and selfless expression of the burden of the Lord for others, and the work of the ministry.
7. The prayer life of this one knows how to come into a place of quietness to hear the Lord should He wish to address personal issues apart from the militant prayer mandate.

These articles will conclude with a series appearing over the next few weeks on how these understandings about the different types of prayer warrior will prepare you for not just temporal faith, but for eternal faith!!

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

As I have been inwardly processing the two types of Prayer Warriors, I discussed in Parts One and Two of this series, my heart is crying out to be faithful to the Eternal Realm Prayer Warrior" style. I want to have a life of prayer that causes me to accomplish great things for God, but I want it ALWAYS to be with "eternities values in view".

I started these articles by telling you I went to a place to meet the Lord for an impartation of faith, and God spoke to me when I surveyed the wondrous things God had done for these faithful servants, **"All that you see with your eyes is because someone prayed."** But it wasn't just the relentless kind of prayer that will not take NO for an answer. It was the type of prayer that brought these servants of the Lord to the place of sacrifice over and over and over again. It seemed almost counter-productive to the popular brand of faith that makes demands on God just because "I say so".

When you find yourself in the midst of true covenant people, and are seeking something from the Lord, it's usually very little about fanfare and sensationalism, and MUCH about "quiet time in the Word with Jesus". Again, it's because it's about a LIFETIME of a WAY OF LIFE, and not just some sudden emotional frenzy of spiritual activity that gets the blood rushing through your spiritual veins.

Since I went to that particular place for an impartation of faith, I decided I was going to go into the gospels and see what Jesus had to say about "faith".

Without elaborating much on these items, I'm going to give you my notes, and let the Lord build upon it within your own spirit. (Over the course of the next few weeks, I do hope to be able to write in more detail on each item, but I wanted to give the "list" now, for those who want to do their own studying on the subject.)

It seems there is a balance of negative and positive thoughts to help us to guard against doing the WRONG things that can hurt our faith, and encourage to do the RIGHT things that will help our faith. I would encourage you to read the scriptures in context.

1. If you don't trust God for your basic needs, then you have little faith. Learn to TRUST GOD!! Matthew 6:30

2. Jesus equates using the authority of His Name, and speaking the word (commanding things to happen by the word of the Lord, and in His Name) with GREAT faith!! Learn the POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS!!
Matthew 8:5-10.

3. The fearful are of little faith. Get rid of the fear!! Matthew 8:26

4. Jesus grants answers to prayers "according to faith", but He also sees crying out for mercy as FAITH!!
When you feel like you're lacking in faith, then CRY OUT FOR MERCY!! Matthew 9:27-29

5. There is little faith in the presence of doubt. Get rid of doubt!! Matthew 14:31.

6. To reason with God is considered "great faith", and produces results!! Never be afraid to try to convince God to meet your need!! Matthew 15:21-28.

7. Learn spiritual principles through natural lessons. To reason among yourselves shows a lack of faith, but to commit to memory the things that God has done will increase your faith. Remind yourself and share with others often the testimonies of things God has done for you!! Matthew 16:6-12.

8. Faith as a grain of mustard seed: Life is in the seed, and life produces life, and faith produces faith. This is a level of faith that keeps multiplying and producing more faith. Have ever increasing levels of faith! Matthew 17:20

9. Have faith, and NO DOUBT. You shall DO and you shall SAY. ALL THINGS asked in prayer! As the saying goes, "Believe your faith, and DOUBT your DOUBTS!! " Matthew 21:21

10. Corporate faith: One sick of the palsy "borne of four". When Jesus saw their faith.......The elements of corporate faith are "bear, bring, break, and "lay down before Him (see Luke 5:18)". Find those who will bind their faith with yours. Mark 2:3-5.

11. When you are in the presence of God, Jesus will question your lack of faith. Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? Jesus when He calmed the sea, asleep in the ship. Even though the Lord may not be "actively manifesting", He is there, and very aware, do NOT be fearful!! Mark 4:35-40

12. Faith "saves". Woman at house of Simon the leper with alabastor box who "worshipped." Look up what the word "saves" means in this context, and get fresh revelation into both faith and the fullness of salvation. Luke 7:50

13. The Apostles said unto Him, "Lord increase our faith". Those of apostolic anointing and calling hunger and desire an increase in faith. Luke 17:5

14. There is a faith that doesn't fail! Let us contend for this kind of faith!! Luke 22:31-32.

Amen and Amen. Let your own study of the Word develop these thoughts within your own spirit.

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Zech 10:3-5 NKJV "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as His royal horse in the battle. 4 From him comes the cornerstone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler together. 5 They shall be like mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame."

" Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but I would that YOU would trust in Your LORD My beloveds! Many trust in their own strength and what they can DO. But I want you to trust FULLY in ME and what I can do in and through you, and for you! The days are coming burning like an oven and I want you ready for battle, but I want you to battle MY WAY and not your way. My ways are higher than Your ways. My ways are not always easy, are not always what you would want to do, but they are the SURE way. It is easy to trust in what you have always done before.

But I am asking you to look to ME, and to do things My way for NOW. Do not look to old ways, but trust ME to show you what I am doing NOW – for BEHOLD I DO A NEW THING. Before it springs forth, will you not know it? I am preparing you new wineskins! You must see the way I SEE. You must hear the way I HEAR. There is a way that seems right unto a man but it's way leads to death. Going your OWN way in the days ahead may well lead to death My beloveds. DO NOT yield to your own way, but learn now to lean on ME. Cast all your cares on ME, for I care FOR you.

I know the best way. I am your Resource for all you need, so lean on My understanding and not your own. Look to ME for the answers. Behold, I will show you mighty and wondrous things! I will show you all you need to know if you will just rest and be QUIET before Me, and allow Me to speak. Quiet yourself and let Me pour out My love to you! Be still and know that I AM GOD. I will sustain you in all things. I will lead if you LET ME! Think of Me as your dance partner. You don't move unless I lead you ok? You don't go ahead and do things just because you feel compelled or driven, but because I lead you there. Trust that if you obey and walk in the Spirit then I will lead you the right way. Trust Me to confirm My will to you.

I AM the FOUNTAIN of LIVING WATERS and I am bubbling up…like Yellowstone geysers, I will well up in YOU and I will explode inside of you, and You will obey Me because you will be FILLED with My love and power when I do My mighty work. Until then, you must depend on ME to lead and guide you. At that point, you will want to obey and you will not go back to the old man. You will walk in NEW LIFE and GLORY will fill you up and burn off all the chaff. You will be a NEW MAN or WOMAN, BOY or GIRL! All will change. ALL THINGS WILL CHANGE. The world will know that I have loved you! Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess eventually that Jesus Christ alone is LORD.

I will bring down the gods of clay, stone and wood. People will discard their idols when they see My power working through you! They will be ASTOUNDED and SHOCKED by what I do in you! WAIT FOR ME! I know you have waited already many of you a long time. It is just a bit more, and surely I will come to you, and no more will they laugh at My name! Those that do will be reprobate and those that WILL NOT CHANGE.

Low, I am with you ALWAYS, even unto the end of all time. I AM WITH YOU MY BELOVEDS. DON'T think I have gone anywhere. I LIVE INSIDE YOU. TRUST the anointing within you. CAST OFF ALL DOUBTS! REST and REJOICE in ME. I WILL COME AND MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!!!"

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Ps 20:7-9 NKJV Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God. 8 They have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and stand upright. 9 Save, LORD! May the King answer us when we call.

Ezek 39:18-20 NIV You will eat the flesh of mighty men and drink the blood of the princes of the earth as if they were rams and lambs, goats and bulls-all of them fattened animals from Bashan. 19 At the sacrifice I am preparing for you, you will eat fat till you are glutted and drink blood till you are drunk. 20 At my table you will eat your fill of horses and riders, mighty men and soldiers of every kind,' declares the Sovereign LORD.

Hag 2:22 NIV I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.

Rev 9:17-19 NIV The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. 18 A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. 19 The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

Rev 19:17-18 NIV And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, 18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Fruit of My Lips
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"Have you ever thought about the fruit of My lips? Have you ever thought how when I speak, it brings life? With My words, there is enactment. There is conviction. There is empowerment. My lips speak gently to those who are beloved to Me. They speak as a Father speaks, not as a dictator, but as One Who implores you to right standing and holiness, and to woo you to Myself. I AM a good Father. Whether I am encouraging or correcting My children I speak in love. I may be abrupt, or stern, but never harsh and critical. Such admonitions come from another source who is a counterfeiter.

My words do not normally bring condemnation and death. They bring conviction, and they bring a conviction that engenders repentance and life giving sorrow, not grief and self condemnation. I have put My Spirit inside of you to write the law on your hearts. If you want to have words of life and conviction coming from your own mouth, then you must speak as I speak. You cannot judge and condemn others, ridicule and criticize and think that your words can bring life. If you gossip and judge others who are saved, then how are you helping them or encouraging them to righteousness? If all that comes out of your mouth is negative, then how can it bring forth LIFE – MY REDEEMING LIFE?

Do I lecture you? Do I hold a hammer over your head? NO! My words bring conviction and LIFE to your soul. Matt 12:34-36 NKJV

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the

heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.

So, in order for the fruit of YOUR lips to emulate the fruit of MY lips, then your heart needs to become healed and whole. Your soul needs to become free of demonic strongholds and bondage. THERE are precious few in the body of Christ who are whole. For many years the church has failed to heal patiently the hearts of those who have been gravely or even slightly wounded. People have grown impatient and intolerant. Look at the fruit of My lips, My beloveds! See how when I speak to you in love, it engenders love back? Even if I have to say something hard to you, I do it gently, in love, that you will be drawn to return love and to repentance.

So many speaking for Me now, are speaking out of the fruit of their own lips, but those lips are yet unclean. With the same mouth they curse others and wish judgment on others out of unforgiving hearts. They disdain those in the world and do not love them. They haven’t yet learned to love their enemies or to be good to those who hate them. But I WILL CHANGE the face of My Church. You will come to know the TRUTH. And that TRUTH will set you free. I am a God of LOVE and KINDNESS, and yes, My judgment is My love greatly provoked. But My judgments are to bring you back to line up your behavior with the WORD. It is to restore RIGHT relationship.

Do not think I rejoice to have to bring judgment. Weep and cry My beloveds. Weep for the brother who is in sin. Weep for the lost. Weep for those who are ignorant and misunderstanding of My love. Do not think to be arrogant, or you, like the publican and the sinner story will find yourself judged even as you have judged. LAY DOWN ALL PRIDE. For judgment is reserved for those who are haughty and think themselves better than others. Arrogance and pride will be brought low. If you want to remain humble, then hang out with the humble and not with the haughty. For I tell you the truth, My beloveds. All that walk in pride and haughtiness will be brought low indeed!

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, when men abuse you and speak wickedness against you, and malign your name, for great is your reward in heaven. Come and let us reason together you and I. Let us talk and let me touch you in the places where your own heart has been wounded. I love you and adore you and I will not let the places that are wounded continue to fester and stay infected IF you are willing to be healed. Come away My beloved and rest in My arms and let me touch you and heal your brokenness. Let me undo the bonds that have bound you from the wicked words of men and women who have been jealous or unkind and misunderstanding towards you. You are my peculiar treasures and I greatly guard those who love Me. Bitterness only leads to death. It is a road better to be less traveled. It will separate you from hearing from ME clearly. It will only steal and rob from you. The SON is rising with healing in His wings. I AM STEADFAST in pursuit of healing My bride! I am coming only for a spotless and pure bride. So lean on Your Beloved KING. Come and allow me closer. TRUST ME to do all I’ve purposed to fulfill the call on your life.”

Song 4:11-12 NKJV Your lips, O my spouse, Drip as the honeycomb;
Honey and milk are under your tongue; And the fragrance of your garments Is like the fragrance of Lebanon. 12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain sealed.

Song 5:13 NKJV His cheeks are like a bed of spices, Banks of scented herbs. His lips are lilies, dripping liquid myrrh.

[His lips speak of His words and His words are sweet and pure like lilies.

Solomon here as a type of Christ. Jesus’ words contain myrrh, which refers to His exhortations to embrace death to self as He did for us. – excerpt

From Song of Songs by Mike Bickle]

Song 7:9-10 NKJV And the roof of your mouth like the best wine.

THE SHULAMITE

The wine goes down smoothly for my beloved, Moving gently the lips of sleepers. 10 I am my beloved's, And his desire is toward me.

[The wine of the Holy Spirit is able to revive those who are spiritual sleepers. The wine of the Holy Spirit in her experience is able to awaken those who are spiritual sleepers. The Lord uses her (bride) to awaken people who are sleeping spiritually. In other words, she brings others to a life of worship and passion for Jesus. When she says “Yes!” to the Holy Spirit’s wine in her own life it eventually results in her ability to impact others to a life of obedience. – From SONG OF SONGS – Mike Bickle]

Isa 6:5 NKJV So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts."

Matt 15:8-9 NKJV "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"

Rom 3:13 NKJV "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips";

Ex 6:12 NKJV And Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, "The children of Israel have not heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh heed me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?"

Job 8:21 NKJV He will yet fill your mouth with laughing, And your lips with rejoicing.

Job 11:7-8 NKJV "Can you search out the deep things of God? Can you find out the limits of the Almighty? 8 They are higher than heaven — what can you do? Deeper than Sheol — what can you know?

Job 16:5 NKJV But I would strengthen you with my mouth, And the comfort of my lips would relieve your grief.

Job 23:12 NKJV I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Job 27:4-5 NKJV My lips will not speak wickedness, Nor my tongue utter deceit. 5 Far be it from me that I should say you are right; till I die I will not put away my integrity from me.

Job 32:20-22 NKJV I will speak, that I may find relief; I must open my lips and answer. 21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to anyone; Nor let me flatter any man. 22 For I do not know how to flatter, else my Maker would soon take me away.

Ps 12:2-4 NKJV They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. 3 May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things, 4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?"

Prov 8:6-7 NKJV Listen, for I will speak of excellent things, And from the opening of my lips will come right things; 7 For my mouth will speak truth; Wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Prov 10:13 NKJV Wisdom is found on the lips of him who has understanding,
But a rod is for the back of him who is devoid of understanding.

Heb 13:15 NKJV Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Here Comes The Son
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Started hearing this song this morning - Here comes the Sun little darling...here comes the SON : old Beatles song and I realized the Lord was singing to me. I thought these lyrics might bless you = ONLY REPLACE SUN WITH SON...I started to cry when I saw the full lyrics...It has been a long winter season for me!
Love, Pris

Beatles's Lyrics - Here Comes The Sun Lyrics

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
And I say it's all right

Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right

Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...

Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun,
And I say it's all right
It's all right
Hallelujah!!!

Felt it applied to many, not just myself though it was a personal word...Love, Pris

April 27th, 2005

You are depleted but not defeated.
You are delightful and not denied.
I am here and with you even in sorrow.
I am here and with you even in lack.
I will restore and I will ROAR!
I will survey and I will supply all you need.
I will not abandon nor will I forsake.

I will contribute and I will SHAKE.
You will rely on ME and not be denied.
You will be restored and not be ignored.

I am with you and I will not allow the enemy to continue this much longer.
I will RESTORE ALL and I mean ALL that concerns your heart.
I will make the crooked places straight and level every mountain that arrays itself against you for My name's sake!
I am ALL LIGHT AND POWER. "I AM AN EXPERIENCE" and soon they will experience ME in powerful ways that will catapult them into the Kingdom of My love and they will go forth as mighty men and women of GOD! [Youth]
Do not think your tears or sorrow are of no effect! I gather every tear. I know every groan and sigh , every longing to see them walk in truth!
Even the ones that are so distant and rebellious will be brought to their knees. So rest if you please and just feel the breeze! I am desires you and wants to commune with you!

I am your love and you will soon discover
That all that I've promised will be uncovered.
The explosion of My glory draws near My love.
Then you will go on the wings of the Dove!
You will fly to new heights in ME , My love
And greatly praise the One who is above!
Your joy and delight will increase so much,
That even the ungodly will be changed in a touch!

{ This morning I had awakened with a vision of a poster board in blue, green and white with letters in the middle saying ZANF! It kept being repeated in my mind!
It is a colloquialism per an online dictionary that means: I AM AN EXPERIENCE!
Also the name of a British musician- Christ Zanf}

Soar With Me
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"Drifting away is not an option for those called to intimacy.
It is only through diligence and violence that wars are won.
Pressing in to ME, is the call now. Time is of essence.
Surety is promised to all who will turn their hearts to ME now in this hour.
I am not an ogre, nor am I slouch, so I ask you to press into ME without striving, without trying hard, but just being - Resting in Me. Just come and be silent before ME. Lay your head on My shoulder! The Lord Your God is about to RISE and LIFT up high the Name of all Names!"

[I had a vision of an eagle as He said this - taking off from it's nest and soaring.]

As I arise to make Myself known, I will arise over you and My glory will be seen upon you! The Word will be written on your heart and mind and I will call all things to memory that are needed to fight in the days ahead.
I will make you My strong warriors to go forth in LOVE and in MERCY, in GRACE and in the power of MY MIGHT. Those who depend on their own might will be lowered and humbled till they repent. My love will be poured out in unprecedented measure to enable you to withstand all the things that are

coming upon the earth. Do not think it my desire to leave anyone out.

I know your concern for your families and children. I know which hearts will turn and which will not. I came to bring a sword, I said. Members of your own families in some cases will report you to authorities to try and have gain for themselves. Prepare your hearts in communion with ME so that I may give you specific instructions each day. Grow in dependence on ME and keep in the WORD. The WORD is life to your body and healing to your soul. It is your defense system. What kind of army would go to war without a defense system? I will level every mountain that lifts itself up against Me. I will raise up every valley. I will RESTORE MY CHURCH! Be still, and know that I am GOD. Do not strive. Just come to ME and allow ME to touch you and speak to you. I LOVE YOU MY BRIDE! NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH ME. Together we will fly and soar as eagles. I will not leave My bride alone EVER. I am a devoted Lover! I will not abandon you. This is your finest hour My love!

Truth will prevail over deception. Love will prevail over death and destruction. Healing will be effortless as I come and demonstrate My love and glory to the nations! I am raising up RADICAL LOVERS for My Kingdom among the youth and young adults who will lay down their lives and live only for ME. Dependency on ME is your greatest asset. I AM the Vine, you are the branches. Apart from ME, you can do nothing. Keep going My beloveds! Don’t give up just before I break through! Hold on to what you can hold in your heart, not in your hands!”

Rights of Passage
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Gal 4:4-7 NIV But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, 5 to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. 6 Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

Heb 12:15-17 NIV See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. 16 See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son. 17 Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.

NT:952 bebelos (beb'-ay-los); from the base of NT:939 and belos (a threshold); accessible (as by crossing the door-way), i.e. (by implication of Jewish notions) heathenish, wicked: KJV - profane (person).
NT:939 basis (bas'-ece); from baino (to walk); a pace ("base"), i.e. (by
implication) the foot: KJV - foot.

Father said, “ Rites of Passage but to spell it rights”
As I was contemplating the second verse above, and the meaning of godless or profane person, I saw a foot , as if trying with these boots on to try and push open a door that was slightly above ground, as if to wedge it open. Then the boot was struggling to force it open but it would not open.

Then Father spoke:

“Those who have RIGHTS of passage to My kingdom have it through entering into relationship with ME and accepting what My Son Jesus did on Calvary. There is no other way. Why was Esau denied his inheritance ? Why did he so easily give up his rights ? For the needs of his stomach, and because he was only concerned with himself. He did not value the inheritance until he realized the imminence of his father’s death and the importance that it was now at that time.

Many of My own have no concept of the imminence of My return and the importance of their inheritance in Christ. They have been sold a doctrine of demons that makes the BLOOD of My Son cheap, and not all that precious. They have no conscience about throwing away their inheritance. So when troubles will come, they will easily give up their rights of inheritance to heaven and My presence, because they have never tasted it, or out of FEAR for their lives in this world. MONEY will mean more. THINGS will mean more. RIGHTS in this world will mean more than ETERNAL rights that they cannot see, touch or feel NOW.

You must rescue many out of this maze of lies they have believed to save many who have no idea of the value of the inheritance that is available through Jesus and His BLOOD. That is why I made a spectacle of it in the Passion Mel made ! Some thought it too bloody. That is because it WAS a very bloody event. It was barbaric. It was horrible. It was bloody.
Some think nothing of eating raw meat, full of the blood, when I have said, the LIFE is in the BLOOD. Yet you call yourself a culture that values LIFE. Why then do you then drink the blood of animals ?

There were only three things required of new believers in the new testament – to abstain from sexual immorality, to not eat food sacrificed to idols, and to not eat meat with blood in it. Why is this common now ? Because of the growing violence of society. In ages past, things were different. Now all things are OK.

[As the Lord said this, I thought OH LORD, they are gonna think I'm whacko now or cultic but I knew He was speaking truth]

You have rights that no other being has rights to as children of GOD. You have rights to the throne of GRACE. You have rights to access My heart , My emotions, My thoughts and My will. You have rights to prosperous lives.
You have rights to share in My suffering, so that you will grow in MY COMPASSION. You have rights to have angels help you in ministering wherever you are. YOU have rights to protection so long as you walk according to the Spirit and not the flesh. But of course so few walk according to the Spirit ALL the time, so you experience many digressions in availability of "rights". In order to access these rights, you have to lay down all YOUR earthly rights…TO LIVE WITH CHRIST, YOU MUST DIE WITH CHRIST FIRST !

This has not been taught, nor has been taught the preciousness of the CROSS, and bearing YOUR CROSS DAILY. So that is why many are stumbling and not able to have victory in their lives. The inconsistency has caused confusion and doubt and skepticism to grow, along with unbelief. They can't understand why they aren't living "abundant life." They have no paradigm for suffering with ME. IT has not been taught that abundant life includes suffering WITH ME.

YET IT IS CLEAR in the WORD. Those who will benefit the most in the days ahead are those who have the right access, because they have the right doctrine in respect to RIGHTS. They will pass through the door of
LIFE and access to the KINGDOM. They do not count their lives as anything, but have given up their rights that they might obtain a more perfect reward !"

Acts 15:28-29 NKJV For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

Rev 12:10-11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Re: Paul the apostle
Acts 9:16 NKJV For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

Phil 2:25-27 NKJV Epaphroditus Praised
Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; 26 since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

2 Tim 3:12 NKJV Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

1 Cor 12:25-26 NKJV And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

2 Cor 1:6 NKJV Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

2 Cor 1:7 NKJV And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation.

Phil 1:28-30 NKJV For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, 30 having the same conflict which you saw in me and now hear is in me.

Phil 4:11-13 NKJV I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

1 Thess 3:3-5 NKJV For, in fact, we told you before when we were with you that we would suffer tribulation, just as it happened, and you know. 5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.

2 Thess 1:4-8
5 which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
NKJV

1 Tim 4:9-11
10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 These things command and teach.
NKJV

2 Tim 2:9-10 NKJV
9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Requiem Of Revival And A Harvest Hypothesis
Chad Taylor

> *"Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you, and all this people, to the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that I have given to you, as I said to Moses..." (Joshua 1:2-3).*

STEPHEN IS DEAD BUT PHILIP IS STILL ALIVE!

What once was is now ended and a new day do I declare. Your time of mourning over past dispensations is over and the dawning of a new day has come. From the mourning procession of previous revivals a new breed will emerge with a torch of new beginnings in their hand. They will blaze the road of my return and set the nations afire with a new vision of their future escaping the gravity of history and launching into a new understanding of Me. The eyes of the nations will be enlightened and they will abound more and more in the knowledge of God. As the world mourns the close of one era a spirit of Philip will arrest this generation and they will shed the garments of sorrow and go down to Samaria to set the captives free. They will not mimic or mime their predecessors but will speak a word in season to a world in crisis. Not only will they be harbingers of repentance but of hope and mercy as well. They will walk as I walked and they will only do what they see their Father in Heaven do. The smell of pretense and pre-planning will not fill My temple any longer but the aroma of a living sacrifice. Stephen is dead but Philip is still alive!

ROME, ITALY AND ATHENS: AN APOSTOLIC WOMB

>From this ancient place shall spring forth a new order that will define the future. A new face will be seen that does not wear the title of Catholicism or Protestantism but will shine like the face of an angel. They will carry a wisdom that the world cannot gainsay or rebuke. The seeds of Paul the Apostle shall come to maturation in these places springing up a harvest unprecedented in recent times. The foundation of the Apostles and Prophets will hold the weight of glory that will soon follow the seeds that have fallen to the ground and died; they will now bear much fruit. Watch the political tides in these places and you will see My hand shaping and changing the heart of a kingdom. I will open up the gates and the King of Glory will come in. I will harness the creative anointing in these places and use it to inspire the hearts of a generation, they will see a new song and dance the dance of David. A evangelistic explosion will occur in these providences and kingdoms spurring a fast work which will open the door to a new era ushering in My appointed and anointed. They will declare the Word of the Lord with daring boldness echoing the exploits of Paul and Peter. With this explosion will also come extreme persecution that will result in riot and mayhem in Rome's streets and squares but many will be saved and the head of Diana will fall. Many will be the testimonies from these days and many will be the victories that come from them. Watch with earnest expectation this apostolic womb.

THE BURNING BUSH IS SMOKING BUT A NEW FIRE IS KINDLING

You have only begun to see the Son and the unfinished work yet to be done in these notable places and people. I have reserved a special anointing for these 4 years that will set in motion the next 30. I will eclipse all that you have ever seen or done in the days to come. Do not look back at the former fire and do not linger at the well of previous experiences but I say climb higher up the mountain of expectation and view the landscape of My hope and glory. For the future I have predestined for you is greater than what you have previously seen. You will hear an amplified voice of righteousness come form the highest seats of authority as I release angels of government and harvest that have hitherto been restrained. They will carry My heart into chambers of legislation and law releasing a standard that will endure for a generation. I will loose you from the restraint of previous decisions that have brought to this land a curse. I will take supremacy in the supreme court and the sound of liberty will resound. A fire has been kindled and the floods of hell cannot put it out. My law will be exemplified and justified and the highest courts in this land will echo these mandates.

KILL THE FATTED CALF MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS ARE COMING HOME!

This is the year of the prodigal. The smoke of celebration will be seen from the rooftops as families rejoice from answered prayer. Those that have committed their hearts to evangelism will be rewarded exceedingly and abundantly more than they can ask or think. I will now give them the fruit of all their labors says the Lord of Harvest. Ministries that have aligned themselves with My heart and have not forgotten the widows and orphans will reap the greater blessing in this hour. I will expand their borders and strengthen their tent stakes and the blessings of the Lord shall overtake them. I have reserved the best seat in My house for the outcast and offscouring of this present world. Many in this hour will be taken to a lower seat as I promote the poor and destitute into a position of honor. Those that have humbled themselves under My mighty hand will now be exalted. Many that have laid claim to destinies and anointing that are not their own will relinquish them now to the simple and just. These humble servants returning from the fields of famine will find a signet ring of My authority and a robe of My glory that will carry them to the uttermost parts of the earth. I will give the heathen as their inheritance and the nations as their possession. Watch and see if it isn't so.

SMALL BUSINESS AND THE ENTREPRENEUR: A BARNABAS MANDATE

I will put my people in a position of proprietorship and ownership; they will possess the land. They will walk in the footsteps of Barnabas who laid claim to the apostolic anointing by his obedience to give. I will give the keys of obedience into the hands of this generation and they will accomplish the greater works. I will loose the hinges of wealth with the oil of giving in this hour to open up the windows of Heaven. There will be an abundance that cannot be contained and yet will have no number because as it increases in so will it be poured out. A river of resources will flood the land and propel my harvesters deep into the fields of prosperity. They will be the Barnabas's that equip the saints for works of service. The poor will be fed, the naked will be clothed and the prisoner will see a dawning a new light. Facilities will spring up in divers and sundry places that will accomplish more in a year than all of their predecessors combined. They will be a beacon of faith to an Egypt in famine giving from the storehouses of their obedience.

THE CIVIL WAR HAS STARTED BUT THE BATTLE HAS JUST BEGUN

I have not come to bring peace but a sword says the Lord. Some of your most fierce opposers will be those of your own household. The distinction between the obedient and malcontent will become clear. No longer will the two abide together. Harvest will be the decisive force that will bring forth a sifting which will refine My house. You have tasted the wine but now I will send the fire. I will purge the House of David and they will find the threshing floor of My desire. A purity of devotion shall come forth as My servants seek out the widows and orphans in their affliction. I will be able to say of this generation of ministers, "I was hungry and you gave Me meat, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in. Naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me..." You will know them by their fruit. My house will be a house of prayer for all nations.

INGENUITY FOR THE INDIGENOUS: THEY WILL BE MY JOSEPHS

These displaced people will find firm and steady ground in the coming days. I will open up political favor that has been reserved for such a time as this. These people native to this land will be a Joseph and will grant guidance in uncertain times. They will be ambassadors of peace and balance that will turn the tide of monumental decisions for life and equality. The voice of their forefathers will be heard once again and I will mark a day of remembrance for them. I will redeem the time that was lost in their ancestry and the dignity of their chiefs will once again be heard in the Whitehouse; their voices will be a voice of reckoning in the highest halls of the land. They will stand before kings for My names sake. I will restore land and boundaries that have been dishonorably displaced giving them back a legacy. I will stir the hearts of those in leadership and high cabinet positions to take up their cause as Esther did before the king. The giants of political prejudice will finally fall making way for a new generation of Kings and Priests. Thus opening the flood gates of restoration reestablishing a nation.

TONY BLAIR, GEORGE BUSH AND POPE BENEDICT XVI

These leaders will be lightning rods of controversy and reformation. I will use them as I used Daniel to bring about national reform and revival. There will be an unlikely alliance between these three that will open the windows of Heaven and re-dig the well of justice. They will be a hammer in my hand as Jeremiah was to break the hard hearts of unbelief and many will be delivered. I will confound the wise and justify the weak brining about a decade of liberty that will set the stage for unprecedented divine opportunity. At this table of world leaders will be my prophets as well. Those seeking a seat of notoriety and influence will be disqualified from this position and I will place instead the meek and unassuming to speak My mind and heart. The humble in this hour will be exalted and those desiring power and prestige will be broken. Watch the British says the Lord. Many will try to displace Tony Blair and remove him from his seat, the seat that I have created for him and like David, Saul will pursue him and even those in his own household will rise up against him but My will, will prevail. I will raise up mighty men to stand with him these next three years and the hand of righteousness and justice will prevail in the land. A whirlwind of revival will be created from the controversy and from the cities of Britain you will hear rumors of revival and a kindling flame will be started. Watch the royal house of England, there is a seed of salvation about to burst forth.

COUP D'ETATS AND THE SHIFTING POLITICAL PLATES

The landscape of political intrigue is changing. This year will be marked by radical transformation in cultural paradigms creating opportunity for change in impoverished nations setting the stage for economic revival. Out from the ashes of poverty will emerge an army of intellectual giants that carry My word and will. I will give them witty inventions and keen insights that set the pace for a generations of scientists and astronomers that will change the way we view the world. Like their predecessors they will upset the tyrannical orders that exist that insist on ignorance and poverty as means of control. This army of spiritual revolutionaries will bring about economic and educational reform casting down vain imaginations and science falsely so called. They will set new trends that will change the face of the future do dramatically you will not recognize what you see today - tomorrow. They will transcend third world mind sets and sit in the seat of Joseph and breaking the back of famine. This will create portals of missionary possibilities thrusting millions into the harvest fields. They will come with witty inventions and dramatic daring creating wealth from was once barren soil. Inventing and recycling what was always there to employ and empower the famished and outcast.

THE PITS OF PREJUDICE AND THE OPENING OF PRISON DOORS

Ancient gates of prejudice will break, opening the doors of freedom to a generation once enslaved to ignorance. A wave of inspired teaching will flood the educational systems of the United States and Great Britain setting a precedence world wide. I will lift the prisoners from the pit of prejudice and sit them with kings. They will arise and shine and embrace their destiny because their light has come. In governments of gross darkness they will be a ensign of change and reformation. They will lead an army into the promised land of My will says the Lord. Watch the East the shackles will fall from their feet and they will sing a new song in Vietnam North and South singing with one mouth. I will hasten it to come to pass. The anthem of ignorance will be turned into a song of joy and their mourning into laughter. I will give them beauty for ashes and the oil of joy for sorrow. Where once was civil unrest and war will be dancing and singing. I will restore what the canker worm has eaten and the locust have devoured. Your children's children will eat the fruit of the land. This is the day of new beginnings and a coming year of completion. You will have come full circle and a new season will seize you. You will not be who you were in the coming days and a new vision will lead you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "And we ourselves are 'saved to save'-we are made to give-to let everything go if only we may have more to give. The pebble takes in all the rays of light that fall on it, but the diamond flashes them out again; every little facet is a means, not simply of drinking more in, but of giving more out." -Lillias Trotter

Religion or Relationship?
Roy Resh

Everyone has a value system, standards and customs by which they live. Such values are often held and enforced with *religious* zeal. Jesus Christ was once asked: "Which is the first commandment of all (the Ten)?" Jesus responded to make it clear that our love *relationship* with God was first, and that we are also commanded to *love* each other with similar zeal. He revealed that every godly human value arises from love *relationships* and called us to love *all* of God's children, not just our own relatives, friends, ethnic group… (Mark 12:28-33)

So why the myriad conflicting *religions*, each with its own value system, sets of laws, regulations and customs? *Religions* arise because leaders believe that they know what is right and righteous and try to hold others to their value systems and standards. Religious members often 'sign up,' taking oaths to keep such rules, and do so even after they prove very detrimental, which is often the case. Examine Islam as an example. Following Mohammed's guidance in the Koran, Muslims turned the heartland of the Middle East (once called the *"Fertile Crescent"*) into a plantless desert. 'Peaceful' Islam uses terror, war, trickery, intimidation… (Eg. Mohammed mercilessly beheaded 800 *captured* Jewish men at Medina.)

What about the Judeo-Christian West? Do its religious institutions show lovingkindness and mercy as they try to enforce the value system of the Holy Bible? Even the great reformer Martin Luther was openly anti-semitic, calling for the persecution of Jews. History records this evil influence in the Nazi German holocaust that killed 6 million Jews. Regardless, millions world-wide call themselves "Lutheran" or "Denominationals" and therefore obligate themselves to God to obey revised but still deficient *reformed* 'Christian' value systems.

That's what *religion* does to man. Its 'good' value systems so detrimental to human dignity that wars and terror erupt on all sides. 'Politically Correct' solutions suggest that 'tolerance' and 'honoring diversity' are the answer. God, however, never tolerates sin, nor does He divide peoples into ethnic/religious groups and religious classes. His Christ called us to love Him, and our neighbors as ourselves. Unless mankind learns and follows this Truth, our end will be disastrous and painful. Whenever we go to God through His Christ we obtain the spiritual love that arises only from *relationships*. *Religion* can only hinder our progress toward the glorious One-to-one Bridegroom/Bride *relations* that Jesus the Christ wants with each of us. His Bride doesn't follow rules, she obeys His Spirit living within (His voice.)

The West has two major spiritual movements: institutionalizing religious *mothers;* and liberating *relational fathers*. Great contention has arisen between them as to how to lead people to Jesus or to grow them up in spirit. Hierarchical and demanding, *mothers* are often present at spiritual birth. Operating in a Nicolaitan spirit, institutionalized 'Churchianity' is largely a spiritual prostitute who has held near absolute control over Christ's earthly Body for almost 2000 years. She ties her never growing up, bewitched, captive little children to false *religious* value systems, telling them what they want to hear and hoping that they will continue to support her when Jesus calls for an accounting. (Luke 16:1-13) On the other hand, true spiritual *fathers* operate in the spirit of Elijah toward their children, as did Jesus' first *Jewish* Apostles. True descendants of these Apostles, *fathers* are a *relational* brotherhood who emphasize the liberty of righteousness and direct responsibility to God's Kingdom. (Mal 4:6)

Jesus Christ doesn't call spiritual toddlers or little children to marry Him! His Bride must be sufficiently mature in spirit and well informed of His character and heart's desires to truly know Him and His ways. To be truly betrothed to the King of Heaven and earth, she must turn her heart fully to Jesus, leaving behind both spiritual *mother* and *father.* She must learn to hear and obey His lovely voice within, moment-by-moment! This can't be *religion*, it's a *relationship* that brings much Glory to God and blessing to Christ's betrothed!

Note: Very few religious people, be they Christian, Jew, Muslim, Buddist… know the stringent and detailed rules and regulations of the value systems (religion) which they have chosen to follow. Regardless, our holy God expects every member of each institution to follow all of its rules, even though He hates their Nicolaitan works that separate people into classes.

Scientists' Revenge

Roy Resh

During the "Dark Ages" the Roman men of the cloth ruled unquestioned in the Western sphere. They claimed 'sole authority from God' to rule over all men's spirits, to even approve who entered Heaven or who must be consigned forever to Hell.

Then an inspired scientist discovered that, contrary to their doctrine that the earth was the center of the universe, the earth actually revolved around the sun. They were so certain of their doctrine that they demanded that this scientist recant his discovery, or be consigned forever to hell. Faced with such a terrible alternative, the scientist naturally recanted. Regardless, the earth continued to revolve around the sun.

Later a partial spiritual reformation in the West sparked the discovery of many natural world scientific principles that conflicted with Roman doctrine but proved useful to advance technology. When scientists began to challenge their authority, the men of cloth ridiculed, excommunicated, and even murdered many of them. Eventually an uneasy truce was established: Science would control in the natural domain, and the men of cloth in the spiritual. Man would leave his spirit at home for secular activity.

Public trust in the scientists increased rapidly as their discoveries were proven to advance mankind. One renown scientist wasn't happy with letting the men of cloth have rule over the minds of men. In fact, he claimed that there was actually no supernatural realm, and that humans weren't the creations of God in His image, as the men of cloth claimed. This scientist claimed that humans evolved from lower forms, from single-celled life which was created naturally through chance occurrences. Scientists soon recognized that this theory challenged the power of the men of cloth. If humans evolved, there is no need for a heaven or hell, because they are spiritual places. Many skilled scientists put their reputations behind this unproven, yes, unscientific, theory. The general public accepted it as fact and began to teach it to their children.

Some scientists eventually proved that chance happening could never naturally bring the proper atoms and molecules together for even the simplest life form, nor could the intricate information contained in DNA molecules arise without a Creator. Most scientists, however, merely used the same tactic that the men of cloth normally use on those who challenge their positions. Science claimed "What scientists say is true is true simply because we honorable men (and women) say it is true, and if most of us learned leaders believe it, it certainly must be true."

The men of cloth paid the penalty of those who assume authority that doesn't belong to them, but many, many still followed them rather than listen to God's voice for themselves. As the public bought into their deception on the origins of humanity, the scientists thought that they had the last laugh. But there really was a holy God in Heaven observing all of this religious and scientific deception. Because they desired lies above Truth, He sent a spirit of strong delusion to deceiver and deceived alike. What few people realized that the day was fast approaching when His wrath toward mankind's pretense, self-deception and rebellion would not be stayed longer. Oh, Oh!! The question of the hour is: "Are you among the self-deceived who is living in the spirit of strong delusion sent by God Himself and promoted in both religion and science?"

Rosh Hashanah 2005

Timothy Snodgrass

Sep 28, 2005
The Significance Of Rosh Hashanah 2005

September 26, 2005

Last night our family in the Philippines was awakened by smoke and fire, and after running to the door discovered that our patio had caught on fire while we were sleeping (we suspect that someone threw a cigarette through our gate). Only one week after our home was flooded by Typhoon Damrey, (which just hit Hainan, China as their strongest typhoon in 30 years), shortly afterwards we experienced an unexpected fire. Asking the Lord what the prophetic significance of all this was, the Holy Spirit spoke to me that Rosh Hashanah 5766 was going to be a year of fires and floods, of cleansing and purification, of shakings and preparation for what lies ahead if the nations of the world continue on their current path. Immediately after receiving this word, our local news announced that a 7.5 quake had shaken Northern Peru. Indeed, I believe that a year of shaking and change is now upon us, but the purpose of this shaking is to direct nations towards repentance and salvation.

I am departing within days for Perth, Australia, arriving one day before Rosh Hashanah, and will then begin a 3-nation assignment in Australia, the U.S. and Indonesia. In a nutshell, what I hear the Holy Spirit saying is: Change and purification is coming, and the army of God needs to prepare for a period of extreme cleansing and refinement in preparation for one of the greatest harvest of souls the earth has ever seen. During the coming year, we cannot cancel or annul God's judgments, but they can be lessened and shifted to alternate events which will ultimately produce the same outcome: purification and preparation for God's end-time army, that the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be preached in all nations before He returns, including Islamic nations.

While traveling in the Bahamas in July, the Holy Spirit spoke to us that both judgment and places of refuge would be released to the U.S. mainland out of the Bahamas. As most of you know, on the day we departed a rare tropical storm formed directly over our heads on Eleuthra Island, which almost prevented our departure to Florida. Hurricanes normally form far out in the distant Atlantic, but very rarely form directly over the Bahamas. Since our departure in July, weather patterns have drastically changed. Both Katrina and Rita both formed directly over the Bahamas. Interestingly, while praying for California from Eleuthra Island (interceding that the vision we received of 11,000+ deaths from a large California quake this year would be averted or lessened), unknowing to us at the time, judgment would be released from the east of the U.S. directly under our feet in the Bahamas. But instead of 11,000+ casualties, only 10% of that figure was reached when Katrina hit land (roughly 1,100 casualties to date), and the location of the judgment was shifted. Why? Does this mean California is off the hook for the rest of the year? I believe not. It is now time to tune our ears carefully to what the Holy Spirit is saying for the coming year of 5766, (which begins on Rosh Hashanah, October 4-5), for God is not playing games. There are three areas of great concern to me over the coming year: Indonesia, the US West Coast (from Alaska to California), and Australia (including South Pacific region). These areas have a great potential for explosive revival, and also a great potential for explosive judgment if we do not heed the warnings and stand in the gap for our cities and nations.

Blessings,

Timothy Snodgrass
Philippines

AFFECTS OF KATRINA ON MISSIONS

During the last month, Philippine mission donations have been down approximately 80% as a direct result of Hurricane Katrina. Although funding for relief efforts is extremely important, I believe that equally important is the continued launching of apostolic and prophetic teams into key areas to prevent or lessen the magnitude of these judgments in the immediate days ahead, especially as we enter into October and November. Our ministry has planned two strategic missions into Sumatra and San Francisco which have not yet been funded. Please consider sowing a special *preventative* relief gift this month *before* the disaster happens so that we can deal with the root of the cataclysm before it even manifests, and intercede for a release of revival instead of sorrow and destruction. We have an immediate need of roughly US $3,000 launch these two missions in California and Indonesia, and airline tickets need to be purchased immediately.

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Repairers Of The Breach

Sandra Anderson

The Key to the House of David

For about a month the Lord withheld revelation from me & I was crying out day & night! Then, a couple of weeks ago He gave me several treasures (actually it was a steady flow for several hours); the chief of which I want to share with you.

I was pondering the “KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID”(& other ‘keys’ mentioned in scripture & this is what the Lord’s shown me so far:

> *And it was the preparation of the Passover and about the 6th hour:*
> *And he (Pilate) saith unto the Jews, “Behold your king!”*
> *But they cried out, “Away with him, away with him, crucify him.”*
> *Pilate saith unto them, “Shall I crucify your king?”*
> *The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.*
> *Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified.*
> *And they took Jesus and led him away. And he BEARING HIS CROSS*
> *went forth into a place which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha. John 19:14-17*

(Picture, if you will, HOW he carried his cross.)

Next,

> *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:*
> *And the government shall be upon his SHOULDER: Isaiah 9:6-7*

(What government? The government of the Kingdom of God—the Apostolic Anointing, Christ being the Chief Apostle.)

> *And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.*

Next,

> *And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim (God who rises up) the son of Hilkiah (a portion of Jah) and I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. AND THE KEY OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID WILL I LAY UPON HIS SHOULDER, so that he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*
> *And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father’s house. And they shall hang upon him*
> *All the glory of his father’s house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.*
> *In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for the Lord hath spoken it. Isaiah 22:20-25*

And,

> *These things say he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath THE KEY OF DAVID, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth… Revelation 3:7*

I've looked up and made note of the meanings of the word '**key**' in both Hebrew and in Greek: (OT "key":"**maphteach**"; from "pathach" to open wide; specif. to loosen

NT "key": "**kleis**"; from "kleio" to close; shut up (as shutting a lock)—interesting!

Also, keys are usually used to open doors (Jesus IS THE DOOR) or to unlock MYSTERIES!

Also, I noticed, when looking up the word 'shoulder' in the concordance, That the 'right shoulder' of the animal sacrifices in Leviticus, etc. were considered 'hallowed unto the Lord (over and over again throughout the lists of sacrifices). So, I daresay that Christ carried the cross on his right shoulder…

All this to say that I'm sure that the Key to the House of David IS THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST! After all, Jesus is the door, he's the way to the Kingdom! What has OPENED the door to the Kingdom for all of us is the cross!

AND that the 'keys of the Kingdom' that Jesus referred to when talking with Peter in Matthew 16:17-19 are our individual crosses! When I asked the Lord to confirm this to me, He immediately answered me with this:

"Mine is the Master Key; yours are duplicates—made exactly like mine!"

My next step was to submit what the Lord had given me to several respected sources for their insights. My reply from Bill Somers was amazing! He sent me the following two articles that he had previously written: *Key of David* and *The Ultimate Repair Kit:*

Key of David
Bill Somers

> *And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth; Revelation 3:7*

The Key of David is mentioned Revelation 3 also comes up in Isaiah 22. What exactly is the Key of David?

In the passage from Revelation, we see Jesus describing Himself. This letting us know something about himself is a major feature of the book aptly named The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

But the mention in Isaiah doesn't seem to have anything to do with Jesus. Here is the text from Isaiah.

> *Isaiah 22:*
> *15 Thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,*
> *16 What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?*
> *17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.*
> *18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.*
> *19 And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.*
> *20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:*
> *21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy*

> *government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.*
> *22 And the **key** of the house of **David** will I lay upon his **shoulder**; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.*

Keys imply power and authority. To have a key is to have power, ability, or authority. They are also mentioned in Rev 1:18, Matt 16:19, Matt 18:18. In both these cases the Word speaks of ultimate authority to open and shut. It's clear that Jesus has the ultimate authority to open and shut.

> *And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Matthew 28:18*

But in Isaiah we find the same key of David with the same authority assigned to Elaikim the son of Hilkiah. Who was He? And moreover why should he be given the Key of David?

We also find Shebna and Hilkiah mentioned in 2 Kings and in Isaiah 37.

> *And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. 2 Kings 18:18*

> *And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. Isaiah 37:2*

And here we find out that Shebna was a scribe or lawyer, and that they were part of King Hezekiah's entourage during the Assyrian siege.

Let's look at some other factors. Hilkiah means portion of Jehovah or my portion is Jehovah. Eliakim means whom God establishes or Whom God will raise up or set up.. Shebna means youth or vigour. There are other clues to be found in careful reading of the text. Notice that in Isaiah 22 Shebna is mentioned as being over the house, but in Isaiah 37 and 2 Kings 18 it clearly states that Eliakim was over the household. In Isaiah 22:20 he uses the phrase "*And it shall come to pass in that day*". This indicates that the passage is prophetic and points to a future time. Also in the same verse he calls Eliakim 'my servant', a phrase associated with Messiah as mentioned in Isaiah 53 and other places. Next consider that Eliakim is always described as the son of Hilkiah while no genealogy is ever given for Shebna. He is always called Shebna, the Scribe. This whole passage about Shebna and Eliakim is only about them on the surface. This is figurative speech contrasting Jesus the Son of God with Satan the legalist. And the passage is really or prophetically speaking of Messiah being established in the place of Satan. Jesus is being set up by the Father, over the household of God where before it had been under the domain or influence of Satan, who is about to be overthrown with great judgments.

Notice that God says He will lay the key of David on his shoulder. There is another passage in Isaiah where we read about the government on his shoulder

> *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: **and the government shall be upon his shoulder**: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*
> *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7*

Now of course this passage is a reference to Jesus, the Messiah. Here it says *"and the government shall be upon his shoulder"* In the passage above from Isaiah 22, speaking of Eliakim, a figure for the Messiah, God says I will lay the Key of the house David on his shoulder. There is a very important connection here between the key, the shoulder and the government.

The Key of David sets him over the house of David. Or to use the language of Isaiah 9, it gives him the government of the house of David. As we read in Isaiah 22:21b: *"and I will commit thy government* *into his hand, …."*

We said before the key speaks of power and authority. Some commentators say that this is a mantle of authority, and thus we can speak of it being set upon someone's shoulders. So in this view, Isaiah 22 says that, God is saying He will give Jesus the government once held by Satan and give him all power and authority.

But if verse 21a it says " *And I will clothe him with thy robe ….* So the key may not be an article of clothing. Besides, if it referred to a mantle, like the mantle of Samuel, or of Elijah, then it would rest on both shoulders!

In this case the key is speaking of something required to exercise power and authority. It is not the power and authority itself. Just as a key is required to open or shut a door, the Key of David is required to exercise power and authority. And the clue here is the shoulder. And the key is the Cross which he bore on his shoulder. For it was not till after He went to the cross and rose again that he came and told his followers :"… *All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.*

> *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*
> *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:*
> *That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;*
> *And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:8-11*
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> *Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*
> *He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.*
> *Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:10 12*

The Key of David that was laid on His shoulder is the Cross. And because he was obedient unto the death of the Cross, He was given the power and authority over this world.

The cross was the wooden altar that the perfect sacrifice was offered upon.

As his feet were nailed to the cross, you could say that the cross is his footstool and also his throne, for because of the Cross, he reigns.

And because he reigns he can extend to the church a promise to rule and reign with him.

> *To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. Revelation 3:21*

To sit in his throne may require that we spend time on his cross. If we expect to rule and reign with him, we must be crucified with Christ.

> *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

And as it says in Timothy:

> *If we suffer, we shall also reign with him ….:2 Timothy 2:12*
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> *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim 3:12*

In these end times we are not to fear or worry or seek to be survivors. We are to be overcomers. We are to overcome the same way he overcame, by obedience even unto death. For we know that we can always trust the father for the grace needed to go through any trial or situation. As is says in Psalm 48:

> *Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.*
> *Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.*
> *Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following.*
> *For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psalm 48:11-14*
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> *Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Revelation 2:10*
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> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11*
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> *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Rev 20:4*

This was incredible to me! I was so excited that I was ‘on target’, but was completely surprised that someone already knew that the key was the cross!

Then my second source also knew! The third one did not, but said that she ‘totally agreed’ with what was written.

Next, Bill forwarded The Ultimate Repair Kit and I am including it here because it is necessary in order to appreciate what follows.

The Ultimate Repair Kit
Bill Somers

The Ultimate Repair Kit was the title on a package I ran across recently in a local Wal-Mart. In the paint and hardware department they had quite a few of them on display. It consisted of one roll of duct tape and one can of WD-40 spray, packaged together in a box, wrapped in plastic..

I found this especially amusing because for many of my years as a repairman, I have made a similar joke. My claim was, only half jokingly, that 80% of all repairs, except for parts replacement, could be made with one or more of five essential items. Super glue, duct tape, WD-40, plastic tie wraps and plastic wire splices. This is my repairman's five essentials. Sometimes I would substitute electrical tape for duct tape, or silicone sealer for super glue, but the idea was basically the same.

Now what exactly do these things do? Duct tape is a thick strong tape that is used to hold things together that have come loose for some reason. The same goes for other kinds of tape; and for glue, sealer, tie wraps, baling wire, binder twine, splices, screws and nails.

WD-40 is a lubricant and rust remover that allows things that are stuck together to come lose and move freely once again. The same goes for penetrating oil, motor oil, cooking oil, solvents and cleansers.

The filing system your computer uses has a similar function. It keeps or holds together things that belong together, and separates, [loosens or frees up] things that should be kept apart.

It all has to do with binding and loosing. Many common tools do this. Staplers bind things together; crowbars break them apart. Wrenches, pliers, and screwdrivers do both. Keys open and shut. By now you may have guessed where I am going with this.

The Real Ultimate Repair Kit is the Keys to the Kingdom given by Jesus to his followers.

> *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19*

So whatever you have that needs fixing, the tools are at hand. All that is needed is proper application.

There are other common tools that do not involve binding and loosing. They include squares, levels, chalk lines, plumb lines, meters and gauges. These are instruments of evaluation or judgment. In the bible there is mention of the plummet and the measuring rod. These instruments of judgment are only used by the master builder or at his specific direction. And that is another subject altogether.

After reading this article (which exactly corresponds with what God had given me), the last few words kept rolling around in my head…

*“So **whatever** you have that needs fixing, the tools are at hand. All that is needed is proper application.”*

All I could think about was the devastation in New Orleans/Louisiana, and Texas and that we are called to be ‘**repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in’…**isn’t this exactly what we are called to?

Note: (OT “breach”: **“perets”** to break out; (lit. or fig.) break; breach; breaking forth; gap) Also take note of I Samuel 5 & II Chronicles 14 when David fought & overcame the Philistines & David named the place “Baal-perazim” meaning: “Possessor of Breaches” because the Lord had “broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters”.

Let’s look at Isaiah 58…I believe that this is a clarion call to our nation and specifically to the Body of Christ…

> *Isaiah 58*
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> *Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.*
> *Yet they seek me daily and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God.*
> *Wherefore have we fasted say they, and thou seest not?*
> *Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.*
> *Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.*
> *Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul?*
> *Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?*
> *IS NOT THIS THE FAST that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the*

> *heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?*
> *IS IT NOT to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?*
> *THEN shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily, and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.*
> *THEN shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.*
> *IF thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;*
> *And IF thou draw out thy soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul;*
> *THEN shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day.*
> *And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought,*
> *And make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not.*
> *And they that shall be of thee*
> *SHALL BUILD THE OLD WASTE PLACES: THOU SHALT RAISE UP THE FOUNDATIONS OF MANY GENERATIONS;*
> *AND THOU SHALT BE CALLED,*
> *THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH, THE RESTORER OF PATHS TO DWELL IN.*

Now this next part refers to the Sabbath (specifically ceasing from our own labours and entering the Lord’s rest—just as Jesus did):

> *IF thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, NOT DOING THINE OWN WAYS (death to self), nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; THEN SHALT THOU DELIGHT THYSELF IN THE LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Jesus said, “All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; Go ye, therefore and preach the gospel to every creature; teaching them to observe All things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.”

My dear, brethren, if we are His, we have the ultimate repair kit; we are the repairers of all breaches, we hold the keys of the Kingdom!

May we glorify Him in this incredible hour.

Post script: The morning after the Lord gave me Isaiah 58, the following e-message was on my computer:

Descent Into Darkness And The New Orleans Paradox
Chad Taylor

> *"Your children will rebuild the deserted ruins of your cities. Then you will be known as the people who rebuild their walls and cities..." (Isa 58:12 NLT)*

Our second trip into the Gulf Coast region and more specifically New Orleans can only be described as a slow descent down a ladder into gross darkness. As we entered the Mississippi region and crossed through Biloxi and Gulf Port and began our journey into Louisiana it was surreal and extremely difficult to grasp the magnitude of the disaster we were facing. It was only after we left the region and began our travels home for more supplies did it begin to hit me. When we crossed the Causeway bridge over Lake Pontchartrain and entered Jefferson Parrish and the city of New Orleans we took a quantum leap from normality and predictability into tragedy and catastrophe in a blink of an eye. It was like a bomb had went off and we were climbing out of our insulated "bomb shelters" called our personal lives and seeing what the real world now looked like. Everything was marked by the hurricane from the road signs to the light pole - nothing was spared or unscathed by its wrath. Steel bill board signs with a 10 ft. girth were snapped like twigs. Businesses and entire cities were folded up like an old newspaper and thrown away. In many places nothing is left. Nothing.

The closer you approached the downtown area of New Orleans the tangible reality of darkness and death permeated the air - literally. The smell alone was shocking as we drove down the streets lined with empty houses and boarded windows. Patrols of military troops dotted every corner and an army of vehicles attempting to restore some semblance of humanity raced down the streets. Displaced people stared at us like robots waiting for a meal, a bottle of water or any glimmer of hope. We visited two major hubs of distribution; Victory Fellowship and Riverside Baptist Church and the mountain of donations was impressive. Little do most know though how quickly this mountain will dwindle as thousands try to re-enter a city that at this point is uninhabitable both naturally and spiritually. It is said that the public conscious lasts about 3 weeks and the danger is, that far before the rebuilding of New Orleans supernaturally and naturally occurs, the momentum currently being sustained by donations from all over the world will lose it's steam thus creating a vacuum that the very much present evil is intent on filling. Look at it like this relating to the massive aid and clean up of New Orleans and you will foresee the danger that's now facing us, "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man (or a city?), he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation..." (Matt. 12:43-45). The enemy desires to raise from the ashes of this devastation something even more corrupt and wicked than it was previously. If all that the enemy finds once the dust settles and the public awareness shifts is a city, "empty, swept, and put in order..." we have utterly failed in our attempt to help as sincere as our efforts may be.

Step back with me for a minute and ponder this: New Orleans's crime rate is ten times the national average, affluent corporations and businesses have fled New Orleans years ago because of the internal corruption and controversy always orbiting around the city. Just weeks before Katrina, federal officials indicted associates of the former mayor, for alleged kickbacks and contract fraud and the state ranks third in the number of elected officials convicted of crimes. Recent scandals include the conviction of 14 state judges and an FBI raid on the business and personal files of a Louisiana congressman. The Daily News goes on to note that in the 1990s the New Orleans Police Department "had the dubious distinction of being the nation's most corrupt police force and the least effective: the city had the highest murder rate in America. More than 50 officers were eventually convicted of crimes including murder, rape and robbery; two are currently on Death Row." Yearly New Orleans celebrates one of the most pagan demoralizing events in the world; Mardi Gras. By mid-August of this year, 192 murders had been committed in New Orleans, 'nearly 10 times the national average'. The New Orleans "southern decadence" festival which was to take place Labor Day weekend is described as a extreme gay celebration rivaling Mardi Gras and was only interrupted by Hurricane Katrina...

No doubt this is a major cleansing and purging by the Lord but the paradox is this: It also sets the stage for the most extreme move of God in America's history as well if we can fill the void with much, much more than cases of water and canned food. We need to move now into this vacuum and fill the air with worship and intercession 24 hrs. a day - seven days a week. But will we? We are so conditioned as a church entity to simply write a check and wash our hands leaving the dirty work to someone else that we run the great peril that New Orleans will not be revived then what is all of our efforts then? We have watched the ship of revival pass us time and time again namely Sept. 11th and the attacks on New York City. This created a public awareness of God that is unrivaled in American history and yet after a few months to a year it faded from our memory to become an epitaph on a stone memorial. The church failed to fill the spiritual vacuum created by it thus the enemy discovered that America was, "empty, swept, and put in order..." but not revived thus creating a compounded problem that we are facing now in the Gulf Coast and New Orleans. Remember this, New York is not immune to another attack the enemy is plotting and planning something much more evil and devastating right now for New York and only our sustained and perpetual prayers will stop it. This applies to New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast territory as well, hurricanes will stack up like a deck of cards on one of Biloxi's river boats until the church learns to leap from the steps of complacency and stand in the gap with "prayers without ceasing" and sinners repent of their sin and turn to the living God. But contemplate this, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom 10:14-15). We must act now or forever bear this countries darkest days that await her if the Church does not move now...

We have a plan. After two trips into this devastated area we are convinced that we could accommodate teams that could arrive from around the nation to pray, fast, worship and seek the Lord for true restoration and revival. Envision this... a small to medium tent with tables and chairs with teams from all points and providences praying and seeking the Lord for New Orleans with 24 hr. recorded and live worship. Envision this... a flat-bed truck trailer hosting worship bands publicly and openly worshiping the Lord for all to hear powered by gas generators filling the ravaged air with praise. Envision this... Teams stationed and ready to invade the streets with the love of God from this "worship and intercession base camp" bringing thousands of souls to Jesus. Envision this... healing and prophetic teams ready and prepared to administer the healing power of God to broken bodies and hearts and compelling them to move on with God's destiny for their lives. Envision this... having motor homes and other means of accommodating the teams in New Orleans and possibly a church or other sort of building to sustain this 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week worship and prayer in the very thick of the gross darkness and hopelessness. I tell you this it can happen if we can raise the standard and grasp the possibilities presented to us by the Lord and reach higher than we ever have as individuals and a church. Consuming Fire and many of our friends and even people we have never met are poised and in position to accomplish such a feat, are you ready to try?

We already have use of a 34' class A motor home, a 5 ton trailer for the commercial generator and gas supply (we currently need this size of generator if anyone can donate or let us use), and an enclosed 10X 5 trailer to transport supplies into and around New Orleans (we need something bigger or more of the same). Enterprise Rent-a Car has been incredibly gracious to give us almost 50% off the trucks we've used to travel with supplies from Southwest Georgia into these areas of destruction but we will be hard pressed to continue to pay over $250 dollars a week to travel and stay in New Orleans, we need to concentrate our prayers and efforts and secure a 4-door newer to new pick-up and/or larger SUV. It is critical we take hold of this in the spirit and allow it to manifest in the natural now. Any and all creative ideas small or large will not go unnoticed or considered. Please respond. I am convinced somebody reading this has the means even as Joseph had to fill the storehouses in Egypt to make this happen. We stand waiting and ready for this answer to prayer for the appropriate vehicle(s) to convoy to New Orleans and possess the land. We are giving our life to see America revived, this is not a mere charity drive it is a precipice of impossible possibilities that looms before us like a Titanic, will we sink or rise Church? Will we respond or fall back under the peer pressure of religion and continue the gamble of Sunday morning church and the revolving doors of conferences as epic disasters line up on our hallowed shores? What will we do in this hour? New Orleans is latchkey for America, how we respond to her is how we will respond to our own cities and streets. Will she remain empty and void of God's power in us or will a vanguard of Christians leap to this opportunity and "repair the breach..." We are here ready and willing to help you do just that, only we need you to be able to do it.

1) We need a vehicle(s) equipped for such a mission not only a truck to haul and carry supplies but others to take teams and prayer warriors into these areas of compromise and pray and minister. We would even be willing to bus teams in if the means were made available. We currently have a commercial semi-truck from Oregon ready to pick up larger supplies as well for this mission. Agree with us for the "Josephs" that are currently in position to answer this request now. AMEN.

2) We need an indoor tent that could accommodate approximately 50-100 people for continued around the clock prayer and worship. The main body of activity will be in the open air the tent would simply be used to pray, worship, and help individuals on a one-on-one level. Chairs and tables would also be necessary but not many. We all hold a piece of this puzzle please find your part and lay it on the table.

3) A flat bed semi trailer that live bands and ministers could use to call New Orleans into God's presence. We could literally host ministries and strategic prophetic voices from around the country to usher in America's greatest hour. A simple piece of equipment such as this could make this happen.

4) We will also need specialized team leaders that are skilled in these areas i.e., worship leaders, healing teams (possibly trained in the Healing Rooms from Spokane, WA. etc.) prophetic and evangelistic team leaders, team leaders possibly from I.H.O.P in Kansas City and an array of others that can simply stand in the gap and receive a city to Jesus. We believe we will be able to accommodate you in New Orleans and sustain a continuum of worship, prayer and outreach pushing back the pending darkness and destruction that still pervades.

5) If you can assist us RIGHT NOW to begin to mobilize this vision please visit our link at Consuming Fire below that's dedicated to receive your help and aid either small or great to make this a reality. We are currently still using Enterprise's vehicle to do pick ups and errands for these trips and the one we are planning now if you want to help in this area for one day, a week, or any amount of time you can contact Enterprise directly at (229)-228-5742 in Thomasville, GA. A generator is currently available of this size and capacity at The Tractor Supply in Thomasville and can be contacted at (229)-228-9844. We have worked with a car dealer in the past in Thomasville that has Christians in management that could be a possibility for a truck you can contact Thrifty Car Sales in Thomasville, GA. at (229)-551-0313. These are only points of contact and we will continue to agree with you for their answers. We are planning sometime in October to begin the building of a base camp in New Orleans and at least one more trip to secure the property for such a strategy as well. We can do this.

http://consumingfire.com/operationrescue.htm

Not only is it a confirmation, but it is also a perfect example of the reparation that the Lord is calling us to.

Comment by Bill Somers
Dear Sandra

As I was looking over your article, which I like, I noticed the following verse from Isaiah. I have quoted it here in the interlinear form that gives the original Hebrew words used.

Isa 22:23 And I will fasten <taqa> him [as] a nail <yathed> in a sure <aman> place <maqowm>; and he shall be for a glorious <kabowd> throne <kicce> to his father's <ab> house <bayith>.

Now what I see is that this whole verse could be translated quite differently, like this.

I will drive a nail in a sure spot, a glorious throne [seat or stool] to [in or for] his fathers house.

I think this reinforces the idea of linking the cross and the throne. The word used for throne can also be translated seat or stool.

Also this verse from Ezekiel

> *Eze 43:7 ¶ And he said unto me, Son of man,* ***the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet****, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever, and my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcases of their kings in their high places.*

This brings to mind the idea of the feet nailed to the cross i.e. the throne or footstool of the throne.

Some time back I read a study of Ezekiel’s plan of the temple. The writer analyzed the measurements and saw that significant parts of it were laid out in the shape of a cross. And the place where the feet would be nailed to the cross, corresponded to the holy of holies!

Sandra adds:

Also, the fact that in john's vision (book of rev.) Christ is still referred to as the Lamb (sacrifice) *'in the midst' of the throne...(rev. 5:6 " And I beheld, &, lo, in the midst of the throne & in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns & seven eyes (omniscience) which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth") also confirms this.*

Road to Armageddon

Bill Somers

News Item:
Palestinian President Yasser Arafat said Sunday that his people, locked in running street battles with Israelis, would remain resolute until Palestinians won sovereignty over Jerusalem.

News Item:
Communications Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer, told reporters that Israel has lost its peace partner and must therefore establish a unity government to prepare for major challenges ahead. He said he found it "difficult to believe that Arafat is going to abandon his ***new strategy*** of bringing about a Palestinian state by blood and fire."

Here is that strategy in a nutshell:

War for Jerusalem: Battle Plan

Step 1 Find a pretext for increasing the level of the violence [war]
Step 2 Increase it till the enemy is compelled to respond with [increasingly] harsh force. [Disregard your own losses; once the enemy can no longer respond you have won.]
Step 3 Call for outside help and use the enemy response to: Go to step 1.
As long as outside help continues to come and outside intervention does not come, you will eventually overcome the enemy.

Comment:
One potential source of outside intervention is the USA. If and when the USA is unable to intervene, that leaves only one other source.

Selah

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Rottweiler Warfare

Marion Guenther

Last summer I was at a prophetic conference, and, as many others probably experience as well, my eyes were opened more acutely to the spiritual world than usual. I saw many angels over those days, and was able to see just how much our actions (or non-actions) affect their ability to move.

The sessions had been long and there was much beautiful worship music. I felt sleepy one afternoon, and, instead of participating in the worship around me with all of my heart, I just listened and sang softly now and then. My eyes were suddenly opened to a group of very disappointed angels. They were greatly desiring to worship the Lord, but as long as I just sat there, sweetly stupid, they seemed unable! Needless to say, I got myself into action! The next day a similar incident occurred while the congregation was in a prolonged time of prayer. Again, I 'zoned out,' and again my eyes were opened to the same group of disappointed angels. They were armed and ready, but with no place to go as long as I was just passively drifting along! Again, when I got actively into prayer, they began moving out strongly.

We have a large and beautiful Rottweiler. I have been reading up on these dogs. Probably few people realize that if the dog's owner is being attacked and the owner falls down or shows a frightened, submissive attitude, the dog just becomes confused and doesn't know what to do. They are pack animals, and instinctively go with what the 'alpha' dog does. If the owner is fighting, the Rotti is more than happy to join in. But if the leader doesn't take up the fight, neither will the dog. I know dogs are not angels (not mine, anyway), but I believe that the same principle applies in spiritual warfare. I am, of course, assuming that we are fighting the battles we are assigned by the Lord. If we cave in to the intimidation or confusion surrounding the stand and do not fight, we simply don't get any help. But even if the force arrayed against us appears unassailable, if we will just put our heads down and wade into the battle, we will find that we are marvellously backed up.

Royal Robes
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In a vision, I saw purple robes and heard the Lord say, "royal robes." Here is what He has to tell us about these purple, royal robes that He has for those who follow diligently after His beloved heart:

I am the King of the universe. I have created this outstanding hour for you, My beloved, to walk in the knowledge of My will for you. I want to enliven you. I want to present My heart to you, and I want you to walk in My glory.

The world will look on My performance in awe. They will definitely see that something is "up," and they will be correct. Something is "up," and it is the mysteries of the living God being unfolded for all to see. I tell you truly that a dynamite time is at hand. I tell you truly that I am doing something outstanding in your midst, and you will see and know the wonders that I am presenting from an awesome vantage point.

I have a lovely robe for each of you, My beloved children. I want you to wear it, knowing that it is for this hour that I have called you into this new region where My wonderful love will be made known to your hearts in an astounding way. Walk with your head held high. You are a child of the King of glory. You are a chosen generation; called out to represent Me and My glorious will in your life.

I have a purple robe for you, beloved. Wear it, knowing that it delights My heart to see you don it. It delights My heart to see you walk forward into that place of delight in Me. And you, dear child of the living God, will know with a certainty that the love of your God is unfolding before your very eyes as you take each step into that place of wonder in Me. You will know that I have pronounced on you the title of emissary where you will go forth in My will, doing My deeds, and presenting My heart. That is your calling. That is why you are wearing that royal robe, beloved – to represent your God and His endeavors in order for all to see the urgency of the hour, and to walk in the wonder of Who I am, Who I am to whomsoever will surrender his whole heart to Me – His whole heart of love to the One Who is love, and has endeavored to bring forth His finest hour of wonder in your midst – My chosen – My beloved – My called-out ones – My very own!!!

Pestilence
Mary Clark

November 20, 2005

pestilence – plague, deadly disease, epidemic, virulent disease, virus, Bubonic Plague, endemic, pandemic.

I want to talk to you, My beloved, about things that are impending. Much is seen on the horizon in this hour. Much is seen about which man is growing anxious. But I do not want you to be anxious. Do not be anxious about anything, beloved. Do not get your focus on anything other than on Me – your God. Let Me tell you why I am asking this of you:

In this day, many occurrences are looming on the horizon. There are many with mad, anxious thoughts who delight in proving their point at the expense of others. This is not pleasing to Me – not pleasing to Me at all.

Then there are those who want to argue just for the sake of arguing. They want to look at every situation from every angle and tie all of their points in one big bow, seemingly proving their point. To this, I say, "hogwash!"

Now, let Me be more explicit – more to the point. There are words being spoken about a coming pandemic of huge proportions to the earth. I want My children to know this with a certainty. I would never let anything come near your dwelling that would cause havoc in your lives. I am your protector. I am the One to Whom you may look for total security. Yes, total security lies in the Beloved. So just keep your focus on Me. Don't let your focus stray to those things that could cause you anguish. Don't listen to words that will put fear in your hearts. I am not the author of fear, beloved. No, no, no. I am not the author of anything that would bring fear to your hearts, so rest in the knowledge that the One Who is holy and true is doing a work on planet earth – an astounding work, and He does not want His dear children filled with fear about what is to come.

I want you resting in the knowledge of Who I am – Who I am to you, and the reason that I created the universe and all that it contains. I did not create you to walk in fear and anguish. I created you to fellowship with Me – to commune with Me – to be in right standing with the One Who is holy and true.

Now, I tell you, beloved, that perilous times are surely coming – they are coming by man's hand,

but your God is with you. I will not abstain from My right to move you into the design of My will. I will not surrender My Lordship over those hearts that are committed to Me. I take care of My own. I will continue to take care of My own, and you will see on that fateful day that your God reached forth His loving hand in a protective manner, and that you are free and satisfied in My embrace. Yes. You are deeply loved by the Almighty, and He will not let a hair on your head be damaged, for I have looked on you with an eye to bless, and bless you I will. Bless you I most solemnly will!!!

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
Mary Clark

November 20, 2005

In a vision, I saw seven men walk up to seven brides, wearing white wedding gowns. They whisked them up in their arms, and walk off with them. Then I heard the Lord say, "Seven brides for seven brothers." Here is what He has to tell us about this vision:

I want My dear children to see something clearly. I want you walking in the realization of My love for you. I want you fit, as you travel life's road with Me. I want you focused on your Redeemer and His plans for you. Let Me tell you a little secret. Let Me open your eyes to some rich truth about your God:

I am taking you into a new place in Me that is alive with excitement. This new place is vibrant and wonderful. It is a place where you will look on My face and glow from within. It is a place that guarantees you experiences that you never dream of having. Look on the coming hour with much anticipation. Look on the coming hour with one notion in mind: To see the will of your God unfold in your life, offering new hope for you and new hope for those in the world who will follow Me.

I want you to know that I take delight in one who is committed to My ways. I take delight in seeing My dear children blessed – blessed beyond their understanding. I want you desiring to follow after My heart with great intensity. I don't want you lukewarm, beloved. I want you hot – on fire – for the things of your God. "How do I get to this place," you ask? Now this is where this most important word gets interesting.

I want you seeking Me, following after My will, yearning for My presence, just as you would your bride or bridegroom. I want you anticipating My return just as you would anticipate your bride or bridegroom. I want you dressed, ready, and presenting yourself to Me fit and alive, ready to follow Me into the new, high drama that is coming to the earth. I want you coming to Me, ready and vibrant with the glow of the living God. I don't want to see any of My precious children in dingy clothing. No! I want you dressed in the purity of your God.

So get ready to walk in the knowledge of My will for you. Get ready to explore the depths of My heart. Your Bridegroom awaits you patiently, but don't you be patient about seeing Me. Be exuberant! Be anticipating that moment when I will come and whisk you up in My arms, and carry you off into that place of My love being made known to your heart with vitality and warmth you have never experienced.

I tell you truly that your Bridegroom is awaiting that hour of wonder, when He will come for His bride and carry her off into that place of wonder that is found in His heart. He is eager. He is anticipating that hour with everything that is in Him. He is so eager that He shouts, and all of heaven comes to attention. I want you to know that great preparation if being made for your arrival, dear one. This is not an invitation that is not being backed up by much preparation. No! The preparation is going forth as I speak. Things are being done with you in mind. There is great care taken for the coming hour when I will whisk up My bride and take her to her new home – that new place of wonder that is found in entering My heart of love. Don't doubt that the work that I do will spring forth with new life for one who eagerly accepts My invitation.

I am telling you some words today that should thrill your heart. I am telling you that I will soon come for you, and I want you eagerly anticipating My arrival. I want you ready – prepared for where I am taking you. I want to know that I look on your heart with the excitement of a bridegroom on His wedding night. I want to look in your eyes and see My love for you reflected back to Me. I want to hold you close – so close that we are one, and, beloved, I tell you truly that this coming hour holds much in the way of excitement and wonder for you, My beloved – MUCH WONDER AND EXCITEMENT.

So get ready to explore the depths of My heart and know the meaning of true love. Get ready for the announcement to be made. Get ready to see all of heaven at attention, and know deep within that the Holy Master has prepared a way for you to enter into the hour of preparation – the hour when you will glow with the power and wonder of the One Whom you hold dear. So get ready! Anticipate this time of wonder and know, beloved, that the hour that I have prepared – that hour when I will come and whisk you up in MY arms is coming soon, and with it is coming a promise – a promise fulfilled.

A promise that was made to you long ago will come alive, and then, dear one, you will realize that you have accepted the Holy One and all that He is. You will step into that place that was prepared for your habitation – that place within My heart where you will thrive on the wonder of knowing Me, belonging to Me, and being a part of My master plan – the master plan that was written with you in mind.

You Are Special
Mary Clark

November 23, 2005

You are special to Me, beloved. Let Me tell you just how special you are to Me: I created you to walk in the design of My will – to fulfill a purpose. I created you to know Me – to share in the knowledge of My great love and compassion. I created you for this hour, to walk in My truth in such a way that the whole world will see and know that I truly live inside you. This is an awesome responsibility, but it is one that I, and I alone, will enable you to fulfill.

I tell you truly, beloved, that you are very special to Me. I have a wonderful plan for your life. I made you for a purpose, and you will see the completion of that purpose in your life. You will see My will flowing in your life in a wonderful way, and you will recognize, with a thankful heart, that all is unfolding according to My will.

You are SO absolutely special to Me, your Father and Creator. You mean SO absolutely much to Me. My heart swells with pride when I look on your surrendered heart. I hear your words of love and I almost burst forth with an exuberance of love that could shake the world off its axis – if I were so inclined to do so. (Smile)

I want you to know, beloved of the Lord, that your future in Me looks bright. It looks so bright that the angels in all of heaven can see the sheen from where they are standing. It looks so bright that I, beloved, feel the warmth coming from your heart.

I am your God. I am your Creator. You, beloved, are special to Me. I created you to complete a very important assignment on My behalf, and I can see that you are doing this. I can see that your heart's intent is to bless Me with your willingness to obey My wishes. I can see the love gleaming from your tear-filled eyes, giving Me signs of love and gratitude for all that I am to you.

Yes indeed, beloved, you are special to your heavenly Father – very special. I want you to know that in the coming days you will be in for some happy surprises. Just you wait, beloved. Just you wait! You are in for some happy surprises, and with these surprises you will realize a very important fact: You are special to Me – so very special, and I am moving you into a new arena – a new love-filled arena where My love will encompass your heart, offering to you new hope for the days ahead.

Oh, yes, beloved, I certainly DO have some happy surprises for you – some very happy surprises and they will unfold at the appointed hour. You will see and recognize My goodness to you, and you will cry out to Me with a loud voice, "Father, You are SO absolutely SPECIAL to me – so absolutely special to me in every way! And Father, I want You to know that I am glad – so happy – to serve You. My heart is willing. I am willing throughout My whole being, and I want You to see by my actions just how special You are to me – how absolutely special You are to me in every way, my Father – the One to Whom I look for my every bit of sustenance and declare my allegiance to now and forever!!!"

Yes, beloved, you are very special to your Father. And it gladdens My heart to hear that I am special to you. It gladdens Me right down to My toes, and I want you to know that in the coming days I will fulfill My words to you. I will fulfill the truth that it is in My heart to bless you with more of My essence, and I tell you, beloved, this essence – this wonderful presence of My being – will enable you to rise up in might and power and proclaim Me and all of My goodness to others. And beloved, this is a part of My plan – this is a part of My inevitable plan for you!!!

Righteousness Peace And Joy The Gospel Of The Kingdom

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This essay will be a continuing look at the Gospel of the Kingdom as presented in the Old Testament, that is, The Law and The Prophets.

We started to look at this topic in an earlier teaching, Gospel Of The Kingdom [http://www.etpv.org/2008/gotk.html]

We will focus on the question: *What is the Gospel*? And touch on the nature of the Kingdom. Also we'll consider what difference there is between saying: *The Kingdom of God is at hand*, and saying: *Our God Reigns*.

What got this discussion going was the raised by this verse from Acts 28:

> *Acts 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.*

Paul was teaching the Kingdom of God from the Old Testament. How would he do that, and what scripture would he use?

Gospel Definitions

Gospel
A word of Anglo-Saxon origin, and meaning "God's spell", i.e., word of God, or rather, according to others, "good spell", i.e., good news. It is the rendering of the Greek *evangelion*, i.e., "good message." It denotes
(1.) "the welcome intelligence of salvation to man as preached by our Lord and his followers.
(2.) It was afterwards transitively applied to each of the four histories of our Lord's life, published by those who are therefore called 'Evangelists', writers of the history of the gospel (the evangelion).
(3.) The term is often used to express collectively the gospel doctrines; and 'preaching the gospel' is often used to include not only the proclaiming of the good tidings, but the teaching men how to avail themselves of the offer of salvation, the declaring of all the truths, precepts, promises, and threatenings of Christianity." It is termed "the gospel of the grace of God" (Act_20:24), "the gospel of the kingdom" (Mat_4:23), "the gospel of Christ" (Rom_1:16), "the gospel of peace (Eph_6:15), "the glorious gospel," "the everlasting gospel," "the gospel of salvation" (Eph_1:13).

> Easton's Bible Dictionary

Gospel
gos´pel (τὸ εὐαγγέλιον, *tó euaggélion*): The word gospel is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word which meant "the story concerning God." In the New Testament the Greek word *euaggelion*, means "good news." It proclaims tidings of deliverance. The word sometimes stands for the record of the life of our Lord (Mar_1:1), embracing all His teachings, as in Act_20:24. But the word "gospel" now has a peculiar use, and describes primarily the message which Christianity announces. "Good news" is its significance. It means a gift from God. It is the proclamation of the forgiveness of sins and sonship with God restored through Christ. It means remission of sins and reconciliation with God. The gospel is not only a message of salvation, but also the instrument through which the Holy Spirit works

(Rom_1:16).

The gospel differs from the law in being known entirely from revelation. It is proclaimed in all its fullness in the revelation given in the New Testament. It is also found, although obscurely, in the Old Testament. It begins with the prophecy concerning the 'seed of the woman' (Gen_3:15), and the promise concerning Abraham, in whom all the nations should be blessed (Gen_12:3; Gen_15:5) and is also indicated in Act_10:43 and in the argument in Rom 4.

In the New Testament the gospel never means simply a book, but rather the message which Christ and His apostles announced. In some places it is called “the gospel of God,” as, for example, Rom_1:1; 1Th_2:2, 1Th_2:9; 1Ti_1:11. In others it is called “the gospel of Christ” (Mar_1:1; Rom_1:16; Rom_15:19; 1Co_9:12, 1Co_9:18; Gal_1:7). In another it is called “the gospel of the grace of God” (Act_20:24); in another “the gospel of peace” (Eph_6:15); in another “the gospel of your salvation” (Eph_1:13); and in yet another “the glorious gospel” (2Co_4:4 the King James Version). The gospel is Christ: He is the subject of it, the object of it, and the life of it. It was preached by Him (Mat_4:23; Mat_11:5; Mar_1:14; Luk_4:18 margin), by the apostles (Act_16:10; Rom_1:15; Rom_2:16; 1Co_9:16) and by the evangelists (Act_8:25).

> International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

The Gospel Summarized in First Corinthians

> *1 Corinthians 15:1-4*
> *1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;*
> *2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.*
> *3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;*
> *4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:*

Here is Paul giving a summary of the Gospel, this is the gospel and it is good news. But is this all there is to it? No this is only one expression of the good news. It can be phrased in many other ways.

Glad Tidings The Gospel of Peace

The expression *Glad Tidings* is a synonym for *Gospel*; sometimes it's rendered *Good News* or *Good Tidings*. See here how it is used in Luke

> *Luke 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,*

So the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is the Good News or Glad Tidings. That same phrase is found in Romans 10, where the Gospel is spoken of as the Gospel of Peace.

> *Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach **the gospel of peace**, and bring **glad tidings** of good things!*

Now let's find this in the Old Testament. In Isaiah 26 there is a mention of ***peace*** that we can relate to our previous discussion, Gospel Of The Kingdom. There we said: to seek first the kingdom of God is the same as to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and the same as to have no other gods before him.

> *Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*

Show me someone whose mind is stayed on The Lord: because he trusts in The Lord, and I'll show you someone who is seeking the Kingdom of God first and foremost.

In Romans 10:15, quoted above, we see the words: *as it is written*, Romans is quoting from Isaiah 52.

> *Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth **peace**; that bringeth **good tidings** of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

This one verse ties together several ideas which are, in typical Hebrew fashion, differing ways of saying the same thing. These are:
good tidings
publishing peace
publishing salvation
saying to Zion: [Israel and or the Church] Thy God Reigns, i.e. the Kingdom of God.

So if you are preaching from Isaiah 52 or anywhere in the Old Testament on any of these synonymous themes, you are preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God from the Old Testament. Here are some other examples.

> *Nahum 1:15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth **peace**! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.*
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> *Isaiah 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!*
>
> *Isaiah 57:19 I create the fruit of the lips; **Peace**, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.*

Notice that in both Isaiah and Nahum The Spirit uses a curious expression: the ***feet** of him that bringeth good tidings.* Romans 10:15 also says *How beautiful are the **feet** of them that preach the gospel of peace.* Ephesians 6 tells us that the Gospel of Peace is part of the whole armor of God. It's the part that goes on your **feet**! This is what enables you to Go and Preach. And this is what makes for beautiful **feet**!

> *Ephesians 6:15 And your **feet** shod with the preparation of the **gospel of peace**;*

Earlier in Ephesians it tells us that Jesus Christ is our peace.

> *Ephesians 2:14 For **he is our peace**, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*

So the gospel is announcing the Kingdom of God, who is our peace, The Prince of Peace. He is called that in Isaiah 9.

> *Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The **Prince of Peace.***

So if you're preaching from Isaiah 9, that's the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, from the Old Testament.

The Son, The King, The Cornerstone, The Promise

Here is a passage from Acts 13 that links the Glad Tidings with Psalm 2.

> *Acts 13:32-33*
> *32 And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the* ***promise*** *which was made unto the fathers,*
> *33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

And in Psalm 2 we read:

> *Psalms 2:6-8*
> *6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*
> *7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*
> *8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

Acts 2 links the Gospel with the promise made to the fathers; i.e. the covenant with Abraham, and then links it to Psalm 2 where the anointed one, i.e. the Messiah is declared to be the only begotten son. Psalm 2 then links these ideas to The Kingdom, Mount Zion and his inheritance. His inheritance is the heathen, [the nations] and all the earth.

Let's look at a mention of Mount Zion found in Isaiah 28.

> *Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

This is a parallel depiction of what is says in Psalm 2 "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." Another depiction of the same event is given in Zechariah 4 where *the cornerstone* is termed *the headstone*. The Lord Jesus is the head stone set in place on the great mountain, which is Mount Zion.

> *Zechariah 4:7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the* ***headstone*** *thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*

Notice that this quote mentions that the mountain shalt become a plain. This is seen in the book of Micah, and Isaiah.

> *Micah 3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.*
>
> *Isaiah 40:3-5*
> *3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*
> *4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every* ***mountain*** *and hill shall be* ***made low****: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places* ***plain****:*
> *5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

You can also tie in the mention of Mt. Zion from Psalm 133, and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom from the Old Testament.

> *Psalms 133:1-3*
> *1 <A Song of degrees of David.> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*

> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of* ***Zion****: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

The Promise To The Fathers
Now let's look at the Promise.

> *Acts 13:32-33*
> *32 And we declare unto you* ***glad tidings****, how that the* ***promise*** *which was made unto the fathers,*
> *33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.*

This quote from Acts links *The Gospel* with the *Promise To The Fathers* and to the Messiah, the Son mentioned in Psalm 2. We can find the promise spoken of in Genesis 12, although the first hint of it is in Genesis 3.

The promise to Abraham is seen in Genesis 12 thusly.

> *Genesis 12:1-3*
> *1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*
> *2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*
> *3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee:.*
>
> *7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.*

Now here is a multi part promise.
1. I will make of thee a great nation
2. I will bless thee
3. and make thy name great
4. and thou shalt be a blessing
5. And I will bless them that bless thee
6. and curse him that curses thee
7. and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed
8. Unto thy seed will I give this land

Item number 7, *and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed* Is the really important one. Galatians speaks of this blessing as The Gospel.

> *Galatians 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the* ***gospel*** *unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall* ***all nations*** *be blessed.*

And Galatians 3:14 elaborates on that saying that the Gospel is the blessing of Abraham coming to the gentiles, and most importantly *that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.* This promise of the Spirit is the promise of a New Covenant. It’s the same new covenant that was promised to Israel of old. Also it is telling us that the promise of a new covenant goes back to Abraham.

> *Galatians 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive* ***the promise of the Spirit*** *through faith.*

Thus the Gospel of the Kingdom is the promise of the Spirit. This would mean that any scripture in the Old Testament that mentions the Promise of a New Covenant or the Outpouring of the Spirit, is a preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom from the Old Testament!

Romans looks at the promise to Abraham and describes it, not as a promise just to receive the land of Canaan but to inherit all the world.

> *Romans 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the **heir of the world**, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

Now turn that right around and take it back to Psalm 2.

> *Psalm 2: 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the **heathen*** [nations] *for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the **earth** for thy possession.*

And remember how the Gospel is spoken of as Good News for All in Luke 2 in the New Testament and in Isaiah 52 in the old testament.

> *Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to **all people**.*
>
> *Isaiah 52:7-10*
> *7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*
> *8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.*
> *9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.*
> *10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all **the nations**; and all the **ends of the earth** shall see the **salvation** of our God.*

Here we see the gospel is a promise of the Spirit. When one says the Kingdom of God is at hand, he says, there is a kingdom coming. When you say Our God Reigns as is Isaiah 52:7, you are saying the kingdom is here. This has to do with when the promise of a new covenant is fulfilled by the coming of the king. And so lets look at when the Kingdom of God comes to earth. That is when will God's will be done here on earth as it is in heaven. Here are some verses that indicate the timing on this.

On Earth As It Is In Heaven

> *Daniel 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven **set up a kingdom**, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*
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> *Revelation 11:15-17*
> *15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the **kingdoms of our Lord**, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*
> *16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,*
> *17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast **reigned**.*
>
> *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the **kingdom of our God**, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
>
> *Psalms 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*
>
> *Psalms 110:1-3*

> *1 <A Psalm of David.> The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*
> *2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*
> *3 Thy people shall be willing in **the day of thy power**, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

Righteousness Peace and Joy

Let's look at another way *the Gospel* is related to *the Kingdom*. Romans 14 lists Righteousness Peace and Joy as three signs of the Kingdom of God.

> *Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

We can see in the following three quotes where the Gospel is seen as *salvation, peace and joy*.

> *Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your **salvation**: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

> *Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the **gospel of peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

> *Luke 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **good tidings of great joy**, which shall be to all people.*

So we could simply claim the *salvation* is synonymous with *righteousness* to tie in the three signs of the Kingdom to the Gospel. However it's easy enough to find scripture that links these two ideas.

> *Isaiah 56:1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my **salvation** is near to come, and my **righteousness** to be revealed.*

> *Isaiah 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of **salvation**, he hath covered me with the robe of **righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*

This last quote also brings in the idea of Joy once again. And of course Ephesians 6 informs us that righteousness and salvation are a part of the whole armor of God.

> *Ephesians 6:13-17*
> *13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*
> *14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of **righteousness**;*
> *15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*
> *16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.*
> *17 And take the helmet of **salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

So there you have righteousness, and peace, and joy: The Gospel of the Kingdom of God!

Other Aspects Of The Gospel

The Gospel Has Power

Consider these quotes mentioning power relating to the Gospel of The Kingdom.

> *Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power** of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*
>
> *1 Thessalonians 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in **power**, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:4-5*
> *4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of **power**:*
> *5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the **power** of God.*
>
> *1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in **power**.*

The Gospel Requires Obedience

> *Romans 10:16 But they have not all **obeyed** the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?*
>
> *Romans 16:25-26*
> *25 Now to him that is of **power** to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,*
> *26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the **obedience of faith**:*
>
> *1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that **obey** not the **gospel** of God?*

Summary

In Acts 28 we read another one of those parallel expressions. This one also makes a good definition of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.

> *Acts 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*

It's telling us that the Gospel of the Kingdom of God consists of *those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ*. So your old testament sources can be any of the following themes and more besides.

Any passage relating to the first commandment or
The coming of the Messiah, or
Peace or
Salvation or
The promises to Abraham and the fathers or
The King in Zion or
The cornerstone laid in Zion or
The promise of the New Covenant or
The Promise of the Spirit

Now we'll generalize a bit further. Consider that this quote from Acts 28 tells us that the Gospel of the Kingdom consists of those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's take a look at the opening verses of Acts.

> *Acts 1:1-3*
> *1 The **former treatise** have I made, O Theophilus, of **all that Jesus began both to do and teach**,*
> *2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:*
> *3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the **kingdom of God**:*

The mention of the *former treatise* in verse one is usually understood as speaking of The Gospel of Luke who wrote both Luke and Acts. Since we know that the true author of all scripture is the Holy Spirit, it is not too much of a stretch to see that the *Former Treatise* has a double meaning. That is to say, it is a veiled reference to the Old Testament! And with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we should be able to teach on the Gospel of the Kingdom of God from just about anywhere in the Old Testament. Selah!

Revival Redemption and Return of the Lord

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> *1 Corinthians 11:33-34*
> *33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.*
> *34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.*
>
> *1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

Let me start out by upsetting some peoples theology. God is not coming back so he can set up his Kingdom here on earth, he is setting up his Kingdom here on earth so he can come back.

Hey wait a minute, aren’t we getting things backwards here. Everyone agrees that Jesus will come back at the Second Coming, right? Well OK, so everyone doesn’t agree. But the Bible shows him coming back in Revelation 19 and in Revelation 20 it mentions the saints reigning with him a thousand years.

> *Revelation 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*

So that is when he sets up his kingdom. Right? No, that’s jumping to a conclusion. There are other scriptures to counter that view and we will look at some of them in this essay. The Bible says prove all things. We should question every traditional teaching we have ever had. See if what you believe is supported by scripture or if you are just accepting the teachings of men.

What about the Return of the Lord?

Anyway isn’t God all powerful and can do anything he wants, whenever? So why doesn’t he just come back now? Well because there are some scriptures that have to be fulfilled first. He says in his word just how he is going to do something, and he can’t just change his mind any old time and do something differently.

Here are two major things that stand in the way of the Second Coming.
A. The Gospel must go out to all the world producing a harvest.

> *Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

B. The Lord will not come back till the people of Jerusalem, the Jews, repent and call on his name.

> *Luke 13:34-35*
> *34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!*
> *35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and verily I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

The connection between these two is in Romans 11.

> *Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

So the way this works it that the Jews, can only call on the Lord if the blindness is removed. And the blindness can only be removed with the fullness of the Gentiles. And the fullness of the Gentiles can only come once the Gospel is preached to all the world. So the Lord's primary objective is for the Gospel to be preached to all the world, and the rest will fall in line automatically. There are other ways these verses can be interpreted, but I believe this is what the Lord has shown me.

That leaves us with the question:
What is it going to take for the Gospel to be preached to all the world?

It's going to take a people who are dead to self and willing to make whatever sacrifices it takes to win the lost. This means that the church of today must be purged, purified and empowered. We are told that judgment must begin at the house of God. We need to understand why this is so and what the result will be.

We also need to realize that this judgment is what it will take for God to accomplish his task and allow him to come again in clouds of glory.

And further we need to see that this act of judgment actually is God setting up his kingdom here on earth. That is why we said earlier that God is not coming back so he can set up his Kingdom here on earth, he is setting up his Kingdom here on earth so he can come back. So we want to show that Harvest follows Judgment and that this Judgment consists in God setting up his Kingdom here on earth.

The Faithful City, Corrupted and the Lord's End Time Plan

This passage from Isaiah 1 lays out the issues God has with the church, and his end time plan for dealing with them.

> *Isaiah 1:21-28*
> *21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.*
> *22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:*
> *23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.*
> *24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:*
> *25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:*
> *26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*
> *27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*
> *28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.*

Isaiah 1:27 links judgment and harvest very directly.

> *Isaiah 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*

The same idea can be seen in Psalm 2. Here it shows the Kingdom being set up and this is happening while the heathen are raging not after Jesus has returned to destroy all opposition.

> *Psalms 2:1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?*

> *Psalms 2:6-8*
> *6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*
> *7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*
> *8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

And right after the king is set on The Holy Hill of Zion, there is mention of the harvest of the heathen, i.e. the gentiles. Taking place in the utmost parts of the earth, where the gospel must be preached before the end.

Mount Zion

Let’s take a look at the meaning of Zion. First of all, Zion or Mount Zion is a literal place in the City of Jerusalem. You can go there today and visit it. Symbolically Zion stands for Jerusalem and by extension, all Israel. Those who do not see Israel as a type of the church stop there and think that Zion only means Israel or the people of Israel. Spiritually Zion speaks of the Church, and the place where God dwells. So Zion can mean all three.

The Tabernacle of David and Mount Zion

What is the Tabernacle of David and what does it have to do with Mount Zion?
The exact phrase *Tabernacle of David* is mentioned at least three times in the bible. Much of this is done in brilliant figurative language.

> *Amos 9:11-12*
> *11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:*
> *12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.*
>
> *Acts 15:16-17*
> *16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:*
> *17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.*

In both these quotes you find mention of the harvest of the heathen or gentiles following on after the restoration of this tabernacle. This tabernacle was a place inhabited by the Lord. Also David ordained 24 hour worship in this tabernacle. So the entire image is one of King Jesus coming to his place of rest, Mt. Zion, the City of the Great King. This is the setup of the Kingdom of God. It takes place before the harvest, not after Jesus returns.

Here are some more references.
This verse from Psalm 15 links the location of the tabernacle with image of the Holy Hill.

> *Psalms 15:1 <A Psalm of David.> LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?*

Isaiah 16 tells us that He [the lamb] shall sit on a throne in The Tabernacle of David and connects that right to Mount Zion.

> *Isaiah 16:1 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.*
>
> *Isaiah 16:5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.*

Psalm 132 informs us that The Lord intends to inhabit Zion and will dwell there forever. Verses 15 and 16 give details of the blessings to come there. We can’t forget the mention of blessings in Psalm 133 either.

> *Psalms 132:13-16*
> *13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.*
> *14 This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*
> *15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.*
> *16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*

Origin And Meaning Of The Tabernacle Of David.
These next verses tell us that David pitched a tent or tabernacle for the Ark of the Covenant in somewhere in Jerusalem.

> *2 Samuel 6:17 And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.*

> *2 Chronicles 1:4 But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjathjearim to the place which David had prepared for it: for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem.*

This quote tells us that it was on Mount Zion.

> *2 Chronicles 5:2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.*

The big picture in all this is that restoration of the Tabernacle of David precedes a harvest, and that it involves the Kingdom of God being set up there on Mount Zion.

More on Zion
This quote here from Hebrews 12 ties together many important biblical themes. Here Mount Zion is identified with, the Heavenly Jerusalem, The Church, and the New Covenant among other things.

> *Hebrews 12:22-24*
> *22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

Also there is this passage from Galatians 4 that identifies the heavenly Jerusalem with the New Covenant. So there is a contrast between the Old Covenant seen as Mount Sinai, where Moses received the Law, and the New Covenant seen as Mount Zion, the City of the Living God, the Great King.

> *Galatians 4:24-26*
> *24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*
> *25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*
> *26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

Zion Redeemed by Judgment
Let’s look back at Isaiah 1.

> *Isaiah 1:21-28*
> *21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.*

> *22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:*
> *23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.*
> *24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:*
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> *26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*
> *27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*
> *28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.*

In this section from Isaiah 1 note the first three verses, 21-23 summarize the corruption found. Then the word *therefore* in verse 24 begins to list God’s responses. Then in verse 27 and 28 the responses are summarized. Briefly, because of all this corruption, God will bring judgment. So what is the purpose of Judgment but redemption? And isn’t Judgment one of the attributes of Jesus? We read of Judgments in the earth over in Isaiah 26.

> *Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*

Here it seems the result of judgment is a blessing! Judgment is a good thing, not to be feared.

I Lay In Zion

The same pattern is repeated in Isaiah 28. There the first 15 verses are itemizing the different kinds of sin and corruption among God’s people. Then comes the ***Therefore*** verse.

> *Isaiah 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

This verse is saying an exact equivalent of what God says in Psalm 2:6

> *Psalm 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.*

That is because the cornerstone spoken of is Jesus himself.

> *Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*

Not By Might, Nor By Power

Laying the foundation stone in Zion is in figurative language the same as setting the King on the Holy Hill. The same figure is seen in Zechariah 4.

> *Zechariah 4:6-7*
> *6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the* ***headstone*** *thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*

Here the headstone is the same as the Chief Cornerstone mentioned in Ephesians 2:20. The great mountain mentioned in verse 7 is Mount Zion and Zerubbabel is a type of Jesus; and the one bringing forth the headstone is the Father. Notice now that the text says this great mountain shall become a plain. This is a figure of the judgment on Zion mentioned in Micah 3.

> *Micah 3:12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.*

The mountain being made low is seen in Isaiah 40 preparing the way of the Lord.

> *Isaiah 40:3-4*
> *3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*
> *4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:*

To tie all this together, Mt. Zion is judged and made level as a plain, or fallow ground being plowed, to prepare the way of the Lord. The Lord is the headstone, and he is the King being set in place on the Holy Hill. So the judgment coming is really a blessing because it is the Kingdom of God coming here on earth. He is the head of the body.

The Revelation Of Jesus Christ
Now this same pattern is found in Revelation. The central theme of the Book of Revelation is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The major metaphor is the scroll sealed with the seven seals. Judgments come as the scroll is unsealed, so the Lord is revealed. Psalm 6 reminds the Lord is Known, i.e. revealed by judgments.

> *Psalms 9:16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah.*

In Revelation Chapter 11, an evaluation is taking place.

> *Revelation 11:1 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.*

There the prophet is instructed to measure, i.e. judge or evaluate the temple and the worshipers which are the church. Keep in mind that a measuring rod is an instrument of evaluation used by a carpenter. Then in Revelation 12 we find this statement about the setting up of the Kingdom of God.

> *Revelation 12:10-11*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

And looking farther on to chapter 14 we see the King set in place in the Holy Hill.

> *Revelation 14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.*

And with him are the 144 thousand, who will follow him wherever he leads.

> *Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*

And here we find the answer to our question posed earlier.

What is it going to take for the Gospel to be preached to all the world? It will take a group of people dead to self, totally obedient to the Lord. Ones who will overcome the enemy by laying down their lives without fear. God is not looking for survivors, he’s looking for overcomers.

> *Psalms 110:3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

An After Word

As I write this, we are seeing a great deal of strife, **A Civil War In The Church** because of the Healing Outpouring that began in Lakeland Florida. This passage from Joshua 5 provides an illustration of how the Lord will bring all this to an end.

> *Joshua 5:13-15*
> *13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
> *14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*
> *15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

Here we see the Lord come into the camp of his own people with a drawn sword. This speaks of judgments being carried out on his people. The sword is the word and stands for Jesus who is the word. The idea that the sword is drawn and visible therefore speaks of The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Joshua’s question, *Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?* makes a lot of sense in context of this civil war. And the Lord’s answer can be paraphrased like this. “I am not come to take sides. I am come to take over.”

Rethinking The Five-Fold Ministry

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In virtually every city where I've spoken, I have been asked the question, *"Frank, do you believe in 'the five-fold ministry?' And do you believe that God is restoring 'the five-fold ministry' mentioned in Ephesians Chapter 4?"*

In this article, I would like to answer that question.

My answer is largely hinged on what one means by "the five-fold ministry." That is, what "five-fold ministry" are we talking about? Are we talking about the 200-year old doctrine of the restoration of "the five-fold ministry?" Or are we talking about the ascension gifts that Paul had in mind when he penned Ephesians 4:9-16?

The Five-Fold Ministry: The History of a Doctrine

In 19th century England, Christians were ripe to flock to apocalyptic prophecies about the coming Millennial Age. The upheaval that the French Revolution had produced left God's people wishing for a reign of peace under their Lord that would set all things right.

In the year 1824, Edward Irving, a Presbyterian pastor in Scotland, began teaching that "the five-fold ministry" of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers had disappeared from the church and were in need of restoration. According to Irving, the restoration of these ministries would usher in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ on the earth.

As a result of Irving's teachings, he and his followers began the *Catholic Apostolic Church* in 1832. Its chief purpose was to restore "the five-fold ministry" and usher in the Millennial Kingdom. The church ordained twelve "apostles" who were to be the last days equivalent of the original Twelve whom Jesus appointed. Henry Drummond, a wealthy banker from England, became the leader of the church. Drummond himself took the highest position . . . the "apostle to Scotland."

It was prophesied that these twelve apostles would be the last apostles to appear on the earth before Christ's return. (This is a throwback to Mani of Persia of the third century who labeled himself the "Apostle of Light," the very last apostle of Jesus to exist on the earth.)

Eventually these twelve apostles died (the last one dying in 1901). Upon their death, the *Catholic Apostolic Church* died in England. In Germany, however, the *Catholic Apostolic Church* ordained twelve more apostles and took the name *New Apostolic Church*.

In 1901, an erstwhile Congregational minister named John Alexander Dowie founded the *Christian Catholic Church* in 1896 and became its general overseer. In 1901, with 5,000 followers, Dowie established the "City of Zion" in north-east Illinois and ran it as a Puritan theocracy. In 1904, he revealed that he had been Divinely commissioned to be the "First Apostle" and told his followers to anticipate the full restoration of apostolic Christianity. In 1906, the community of believers in the City of Zion began to break down. Dowie passed away the following year.

Following the famed Azusa Street revival in Los Angeles in 1906, the restoration of "the five-fold ministry" and "a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit" just before the return of Christ picked up new steam. This spawned a new generation of apostles to appear. Luigi Francescon, "apostle to Italy," Ivan Voronaev, "apostle to the Slavs," T.B. Barratt, "apostle to Europe" were just some of them. Pentecostal denominations in Wales, New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States elected and ordained colleges of apostles to govern their denominations.

As the years rolled on, the restoration of "the five-fold ministry" doctrine somewhat faded. But it re-emerged again with a revival that was spawned at Sharon Orphanage in North Battleford, Saskatchewan, Canada in 1948. The *New Order of the Latter Rain* movement, as it was called, was prophesied to restore "the five-fold ministry" to prepare for the manifestation of the sons of God on the earth.

The restoration of "the five-fold ministry" doctrine again faded until it was given new life in the *Charismatic Movement* of the 1960s. It again began to dim until a group of men began to resurrect it with new fervor in the 1990s.

In 1996, Peter Wagner led a conference at Fuller Theological Seminary entitled *National Symposium on the Post-Denominational Church*. This conference spawned a new movement called the *New Apostolic Movement,* which Wagner claims is sweeping the globe with a new way of doing church. The churches who are part of this movement are being labeled *New Apostolic Churches*.

In 1999, Wagner sought to organize the movement under the name *International Coalition of Apostles* with Wagner as the "Presiding Apostle." The movement claims to be restoring "the five-fold ministry" today.

Sound familiar?

Parenthetically, the churches in the new apostolic movement are vanilla charismatic institutional churches replete with the office of modern pastor (now called "apostle"), Sunday sermons, pulpit, pews, church buildings, the 500 year-old order of worship, music led by a worship team, etc.

Point: The doctrine of the restoration of "the five-fold ministry" is over 180 years old! And it has been repackaged from movement to movement.

Running the Cart Over the Horse

So is God going to restore "the five-fold ministry?" To my mind, that's the wrong question. It's pushing the cart before the horse. The ascension gifts mentioned in Ephesians 4—which are *gifted people* given to the Body of Christ as gifts to His church—are the natural outgrowth and by-product of authentic church life. This is the case with all of the other gifts mentioned in the New Testament.

All in all, there are 20 gifts mentioned in the New Testament (apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers, word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, prophecy, healings, discerning of spirits, miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues, helps, administration, service, exhortation, giving, and mercy).

If a group of believers gathers around Jesus Christ alone—rather than a doctrine, theological system, or distinct practice—and they are void of a clergy system (a la, the modern pastor or a board of elders that dominates them)—then *in time* the church will produce all the gifts and gifted ones that exist within the Body of Christ.

It is no mistake that Paul uses the human physical body as an apt metaphor to describe the way the Body of Christ functions. When a baby girl is born, most of her physical capabilities are not present. She can't ride a bicycle, add and subtract numbers, eat with a fork and knife, nor can she bathe or dress herself.

However, within her body, she possesses the genetic codes that will produce the physical development by which to carry out these capabilities. If she is fed and nurtured properly, *in time,* these abilities will naturally develop within her. She will grow into them. Why? They are organic to her species as a human being. They are the product of life.

In the same way, when a church is born, it possesses within its spiritual DNA all of the gifts that are in Christ. But it takes time for the church to produce them.

What is needed, then, is the restoration of the *experience* of the Body of Christ. And that is what God is seeking to restore today as He has in every generation.

If we can discover *how* a church is born from God's perspective . . . and *how* it is to be nurtured and maintained . . . then we will see a restoration of *all* the gifts that are in Christ in the *way* that they were meant to be expressed.

(In *So You Want to Start a House Church: First-Century Styled Church Planting For Today*, I discuss in great detail how churches were raised up and maintained in the first century. The book is an in depth treatise on apostolic ministry and a sober antidote for the scores of Christian men who are suffering from *apostle-itis*. It's also a solemn plea to reinstate a missing ingredient in the house church movement.)

I've been meeting outside the institutional church for almost 20 years. And one of the most startling discoveries I've made is *how* the gifts of the Holy Spirit function in an organic setting of church life opposed to how they are manifested in the Pentecostal/charismatic world. The gift of prophecy, for example, that comes up out of the soil of authentic Body life looks profoundly different from the way it is packaged in the typical Pentecostal/charismatic church. The latter is largely based on imitation.

Forgive the personal reference, but I believe it will help to explain the last paragraph. In the 1980s, I was part of a spontaneous expression of church life. Most of us who were gathering at that time came from the Pentecostal/Charismatic tradition. We functioned freely in spiritual gifts as they were modeled to us by that tradition. A number of years later a group whose background was anti-Pentecostal/Charismatic joined us. What a dilemma!

After a blood-letting church split, the Lord graciously showed us that what was needed is for both groups to lay down our ideas and practice of spiritual gifts and leave them at the foot of the cross of Christ. Though it was difficult, we let our ideas and practice of the gifts go into death. In a year's time, something remarkable happened. The gifts of the Holy Spirit were resurrected in our gatherings. However, they looked very different from what any of us had ever seen before. The Pentecostal/Charismatic packaging was utterly stripped away. And what was left was a pure expression of the Holy Spirit that glorified, unveiled, and lifted up the Lord Jesus Christ. As a result, the two groups came into a unified experience of the Holy Spirit's work.

Consequently, the pressing question is: Are we going to get serious about discovering how to gather around Jesus Christ according to the Divine principles outlined in God's written Word? Or are we going to blithely ignore those principles and for the next 200 years continue to hope (and prophesy) that "the five-fold ministry" will one day be restored?

Again, God's way of raising up the ascension gifts is by restoring authentic Body life. The ascension gifts do not magically appear because someone wrote a book prophesying that they will appear soon. Nor should we assume that they are restored when someone claims to be the "First," the "Last," or the "New Apostle."

The ascension gifts naturally emerge out of the expression of authentic church life. Authentic apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherd/teachers are gifted members who grow up in authentic churches not as leaders, but as brethren, equal in position to everyone else in the church. Because they have developed out of the soil of church life, they have been tested and proven safe to the Kingdom of God and to the Lord's children. Their outstanding landmark is that they glorify, reveal, present, magnify, and bring into clear view the Lord Jesus Christ in unusual depths and in practical experience.

This is the heritage of the Ephesians 4 ascension gifts. It was true for all apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds/teachers in the first century. And Jesus Christ has not changed.

The Peril of a Wrong Environment

What happens when gifted members of the Body of Christ are reared from a human organization built on unbiblical traditions rather than growing up organically out of the experience of the Body of Christ? To put it another way, what happens when a gifted Christian's only experience is in the modern institutional church?

The answer? Mixture . . . with a capital M!

Add to that a footnote: Malfunction.

What happens when you remove polar bears out of their natural habitat? If they survive (and some do not), they do not fully function as God designed. They lose their ability to reproduce. What happens when lions are caged and domesticated from birth? They lose their predatory and killer instincts. They lose something of the natural functioning with which God wired them.

Over the last decade, I've met scores of men who were self-proclaimed prophets and apostles. Some . . . *not all* . . . were genuinely gifted. Some of them had the gift of teaching. Others had authentic gifts of healing. Others had a genuine operation of the word of knowledge. A few of them (those whom I never met personally) have been helpful to me in my own spiritual walk, and I respect them greatly.

But most lacked any real depth into Jesus Christ and very little experience in understanding or embracing His cross. Further, I've yet to meet one who had a grasp of God's all-consuming dream and governing intention—His eternal purpose—the central object of all of His workings and dealings in and outside of space and time.

And most of them, if I can be perfectly honest, were very self-willed people who were fixated on their own importance.

Why is this? Because of the institution that raised them up. Or, in some cases, because they raised *themselves* up in isolation from other Christians. (The latter is an even more abnormal environment for a Christian to be nurtured. *"He who separates himself seeks his own desire. He quarrels against all sound wisdom"*—Proverbs 18:1.)

To put it in a sentence, such men did not grow up in their proper environment. Few if any of them grew up in an authentic Body life experience where they were simply brothers among other brothers. Few if any had spent any time in a first-century expression of church life where their weaknesses and blind spots were exposed to others of equal rank. Instead, most were part of several institutional churches and launched out into an independent ministry on their own without any proper training or sending. As Watchman Nee once observed, *"The tragedy in Christian work today is that so many of the workers have simply gone out, they have not been sent."*

The New Testament never envisions such a situation.

As far as apostles go, I have never met a self-proclaimed, titled apostle who plants churches that gather according to New Testament lines. (If such men exist, I desperately want to meet them. I say this soberly and in absolute sincerity.)

To place my concern into a question, where are the churches that the "new apostles" have planted that are gathering under the Headship of Jesus Christ without a clergy, where the members know one another deeply and are experiencing a depth in Christ, where decisions are made by the community, and where every-member functions in the meetings (services) without any man controlling, directing, facilitating, or dominating? Such is the hallmark of true apostolic ministry (1 Corinthians 9:2; 2 Corinthians 3:1-4).

Still more disappointing, every titled "apostle" in the new apostolic movement that I know of clings fiercely to and defends those church practices that are rooted in pagan tradition and have been hindering the Headship of Jesus Christ and the full functioning of His Body for the last 1800 years.

(If you don't understand that last sentence, I refer you to my book *Pagan Christianity: The Origins of Our Modern Church Practices*. The book demonstrates that most of our church practices have no basis in the New Testament, came out of heathen tradition, and are spiritually counter-productive.)

In short, at present, I'm monumentally unimpressed with the "new apostolic movement."

What Were the Ascension Gifts in the First Century?

When the ascension gifts emerge in an authentic expression of church life, their chief function is to nurture and encourage the believing community into spiritual maturity, unity, and every-member functioning. The success of these gifted members is rooted in their ability to empower and mobilize the saints for the work of the ministry. In this way, the Ephesians 4 ascension gifts equip (Greek: *katartismos* = mend or fit) the Body to fulfill God's eternal purpose.

This equipping does not come about by giving sermons to a passive audience every week. Nor does it come about by dominating church services with one's gifts.

The ascension gifts are not offices which carry authority. Nor are they formal positions. The Greek text has no definite article connected with any of them in Ephesians 4 or anywhere else they are mentioned in the New Testament. And they are *never* used as titles or referred to as offices. They are merely people with peculiar "enabling" gifts designed to cultivate the ministries of their fellow brethren.

(Note: The word "office" in Acts 1:20; Romans 11:13; 12:4 and 1 Timothy 3:1, 10, 13 is a misnomer. In Acts and Timothy, the word has no equivalent in the Greek text. It was added by some translators. In the Romans passages, the Greek words mean "service" and "function." They do not mean a sociological slot that one fills.)

Apostles

Apostles are extra-local, traveling itinerants. They are people sent by the Lord and by a particular church to plant churches. By "church," I don't mean the organization that is officiated by a pastor who gives sermons every Sunday morning. That's not the church as it is envisioned in the New Testament. (See my book *Rethinking the Wineskin: The Practice of the New Testament Church* for details.) A church is a community of believers that gathers under the Headship of Jesus Christ and where every member participates in the meetings, functions in ministry, and participates in the decision-making process.

Apostles enable the church by giving it birth from the ground up. They also help it walk on its own two feet. Apostles, if they are to be trusted, grew up in a first-century styled expression of church life as non-leaders before they were sent out to plant churches of the same ilk.

Prophets

Prophets are people who have a clear vision of Jesus Christ and who are able to articulate it lucidly. Prophets enable the church by speaking to it the present word of the Lord. Sometimes their words will simply reveal Christ to encourage, inspire, and comfort. Other times their words will recast spiritual vision when it is lost. They will seek to return to things as God sees them when they are forgotten or lost sight of. Prophets sometimes confirm the gifts and callings of other members. And they sometimes prepare the church for future trials.

Evangelists

Evangelists enable the church by modeling the preaching of the good news to the lost. They are fearless souls when it comes to speaking to unbelievers. And they have a genuine passion for the unsaved.

Shepherds/Teachers

Shepherds/teachers are two sides of the same gift. In Ephesians 4:11, the apostles, prophets, and evangelists are mentioned separately, while shepherds and teachers are joined together. Further, the first three ministries are preceded by the word "some." But the word "some" is attached to shepherds and teachers together. This indicates that shepherds/teachers are one gift.

As shepherds, these Christians have a genuine and evident care for God's people. This care is coupled with a heart that reaches out to heal their wounds. They often counsel, console, comfort, and encourage the Lord's people in personal and private settings. As teachers, they have an ability to clearly instruct the people of God in spiritual things.

The chief task of shepherds/teachers is to help the church in times of personal crisis (shepherding) and to enlighten and cultivate the church's spiritual life by revealing Christ through the exposition of Scripture (teaching). Shepherding is the private side of their ministry, while teaching is the public side. According to the New Testament, Shepherds minister on equal footing as all other believers in the church meetings (1 Corinthians 14:26; Hebrews 10:24-25). Neither do they CEO, control, or direct a church. And they are never tagged with titles like "Revered," "Bishop," or "Pastor."

The ascension gifts are not the equivalent of local leaders. According to the New Testament, leadership in a local assembly comes from three sources. In the beginning, it comes from the church planter (or apostolic ministry). The church planter takes a strong lead in the beginning, but he is equipping the church so as to work himself out of a job. Leadership then shifts to all of the believers in the church who make decisions together and share the ministry.

In time, some who are more seasoned in spiritual life will begin to emerge and operate. These people mainly help the church through crisis, both corporate and personal. Their ministry is that of oversight, which is a largely passive role. The New Testament refers to them as "older ones" or "elders."

Apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherding/teachers may or may not be elders. But all elders have a gift of shepherding. Some may be teachers in the public sense.

None of these gifts dominate the meetings of the church, which is a meeting where *every member* freely functions and supplies Christ in the gatherings (1 Corinthians 14:26). Consequently, the idea that apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds/teachers dominate the church meetings is unscriptural.

The Error of Titles and Offices

The idea that apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherd/teachers are ministry titles is a post-Biblical invention. It is also an *anti*-Biblical invention! It is sad yet prevalent today to hear men and women wielding these Biblical words as personal titles. "Apostle Tommy and Prophet Wilma," "Bishop Jaquanza," "Pastor Rotunda," and "Evangelist Billy-Bob" all run against the grain of our Lord's aversion for titles and position which was a mark of the Jewish mindset of His day. Consider His words:

But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, AND YOU ARE ALL BROTHERS. And DO NOT CALL ANYONE ON EARTH YOUR FATHER: for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And DO NOT BE CALLED LEADERS; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ. But the greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself shall be humbled; and whoever humbles himself shall be exalted. (Matt. 23:8-12, NASB)

Gathering up the content of Christ's teaching here, we may glean the following:

*In the religious climate of the Jews there exists a class system made up of religious specialists and non-specialists. In the kingdom, *all* are brethren in the same family.

*In the Jewish world, religious leaders are accorded with honorific titles. (Examples: Apostle, Prophet, Father, Reverend, Pastor, Bishop, Priest, Minister, etc.) In the kingdom, there are no distinctions of protocol. Such titles obscure the unique honor of Jesus Christ and blur the New Testament revelation that envisions all Christians as ministers and priests.

*In the Jewish world, leaders are exalted into positions of prominence and glamorous display. In the kingdom, leaders find their work in the lowly towel of servitude and in the unassuming basin of humility.

*In the Jewish world, leadership is rooted in status, title, and position. In the kingdom, leadership is rooted in inward life and character. (In this vein, the current fad of bestowing honorary "doctorates" before the names of countless clergy is one example of how the modern church mirrors those leadership values that run contrary to God's kingdom.)

At this point, someone may retort by asking: *"Didn't Paul use the word "apostle" as an official title when speaking about himself?"*

Contrary to common thinking, most of Paul's correspondence contains a subtext that affirms that he is *not* an official-apostle. Granted, Paul regularly makes known his special function in the salutation of his letters (a la "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ"). But he never once identifies himself as "the Apostle Paul."

This is a meaningful distinction. The former is a description of a special function based on Divine commission. The latter is an official title.

In fact, nowhere in the New Testament do we find any ministry or function in the Body deployed as a title before the names of God's servants. Christians who are "title-happy" need to reflect seriously on this!

Similarly, the New Testament never envisions apostles, prophets, evangelists, or shepherd/teachers as offices possessing official authority. Such was a mark of Gentile thinking in our Lord's day.

Recall that after James and John implored Jesus to grant them the glorified power-seats beside His throne, the Lord replied saying,

. . . You know that the rulers of the Gentiles LORD IT OVER THEM, and their great men EXERCISE AUTHORITY OVER THEM. IT IS NOT SO AMONG YOU, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matt. 20:25-28, NASB)

And again,

. . . The kings of the Gentiles LORD IT OVER THEM; and those who HAVE AUTHORITY OVER THEM are called 'Benefactors.' BUT NOT SO WITH YOU, but let him who is the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as the servant.(Luke 22:25-26, NASB)

The Greek word for "exercise authority" in Matthew is *katexousiazo*. *Katexousiazo* is a combination of two Greek words. *Kata,* which means down upon or over. And *exousiazo*, which means to exercise authority. The Lord also uses the Greek word *katakurieuo* in this passage, which means to "lord it over" others.

What Jesus is condemning in these passages is not oppressive *leaders* as such. Instead, He is condemning the hierarchical *form* of leadership that dominates the Gentile world!

That bears repeating.

Jesus was not just condemning tyrannical leaders. He was condemning the hierarchical form of leadership itself!

What is the hierarchical form of leadership? It is the leadership style that is rooted in the benighted idea that power and authority flow from the top down. Essentially, it is built on a chain-of-command social structure.

Hierarchical leadership is based on a worldly concept of power. This explains why it is endemic to all traditional bureaucracies. It is present in the vicious forms of liege-lord feudalism and master/slave relationships. It is also seen in the highly stylized spheres of military and corporate America.

While often bloodless, the hierarchical leadership style is harmful to God's people. For it reduces human relationships into command-styled relationships. By that I mean relationships that are ordered along the lines of a military chain-of-command structure. Such relationships are foreign to New Testament thinking and practice.

Hierarchical leadership is employed everywhere in pagan culture. Regrettably, however, it has been adopted into most Christian churches today.

Summing up our Lord's teaching on this style of leadership, the following contrasts come into sharp focus:

*In the Gentile world, leaders operate on the basis of a political, chain-of-command social structure—a hierarchy. In the kingdom of God, leadership flows out of childlike meekness and sacrificial service.

*In the Gentile world, authority is based on position and rank. In the kingdom of God, authority is based on godly character. Note Christ's description of leaders: "let him *be* a servant," and "let him *be* as the younger." In our Lord's eyes, *being* precedes *doing*. And *doing* flows from *being.* Put differently, function follows character. Those who serve do so because they *are* servants.

*In the Gentile world, greatness is measured by prominence, external power, and political influence. In the kingdom of God, greatness is measured by inner humility and outward servitude.

*In the Gentile world, leaders exploit their positions to rule over others. In the kingdom of God, leaders deplore special reverence. They regard themselves "as the younger."

In brief, hierarchical leadership structures characterize the spirit of the Gentiles. Therefore, the implanting of these structures into the church is at odds with New Testament Christianity. Our Lord did not mince words in declaring His implicit disdain for the Gentile notion of leadership. For He plainly said: "*It is not so among you!"*

All in all, there is no room in Christ's teaching for the hierarchical leadership model that characterizes the modern church. The so-called "five-fold ministry" is not a group of titles or offices. This ego-massaging model of ministry is incompatible with the primitive simplicity of the church and the upside-down kingdom of Jesus Christ. It impedes the progress of God's people. It suppresses the functionality of the believing priesthood. It ruptures the image of the church as family. And it places severe limitations on the Headship of Christ. For these reasons "it is not so among" those who bear the name of the Savior!

Equating the ascension gifts of Ephesians 4 with a sociological slot (an office) can only be done at substantial risk. We have to evacuate "shepherd" of its native meaning (one who tends sheep). We also have to evacuate "apostle" from its intended meaning ("one sent" to lay the foundation of a church). The same is true for the other gifts.

In short, Ephesians 4:9-16 does not envision a hired clergy, a professional ministry, nor a special priestcraft. It does not envision a special group of church "officials." Neither are these people a special class of Christians. Like Paul's catalog of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4 has in view special functions rather than formal positions. And these functions naturally and non-mechanically emerge out of the organic interplay of first-century styled church life.

Answering the Call

The burden on my heart is to see God's people far less concerned with a "five-fold ministry" that's supposed to be recovered someday. And instead, tend toward discovering what the church is supposed to be according to the mind of God. Upon making this discovery, the Lord's dear people will be faced with a decision. To answer the call of meeting around Jesus Christ alone in the way that

He has prescribed. Or to remain chained to the unmovable traditions of men.

If the former path is taken, which will involve considerable cost, all the gifts in Christ will eventually come forth in *the way* that He designed. And those gifts will never usurp or dilute the ministry of the entire Body, where every member participates in manifesting Christ in His church.

In addition . . .

Would to God that all men and women who feel they are called to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, and shepherds/teachers would soberly reexamine what these gifts and ministries were in the first century and in the thought of God. I believe that wherever this happens, many of them will be lead into brand new directions. Those directions will often lead them to meet a cross and to break with cherished traditions and popular concepts. Yet only by these elements will the house of God begin to be restored on a broad scale.

Revival The Hard Way

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In Uganda, an evil tyrant shut down churches and massacred people by the thousands. Still, the people prayed.

The Christian church in Uganda is thriving. Despite the legacy of Idi Amin, the evil dictator who ravaged and plundered the East African country during the 1970s, Uganda is experiencing what many say is a spiritual revival. Under Amin's regime, violence and oppression prevailed, churches were ordered closed, and people died by the hundreds of thousands. But as the devastation spread, a remnant of believers began to pray. Here Jackson Senyonga, an international prayer leader and senior pastor of the 22,000-member Christian Life Church in Uganda's capital city of Kampala, explains how God brought transformation to his beleaguered nation.

In Uganda, we got our revival through devastation. The suffering of the people was beyond description, and no one came to our rescue. But God used the opportunity to wake a nation from its spiritual coma.

A remnant of believers went into the jungle. They gathered in underground caves. In desperation they prayed, "Lord, we don't know what to do. But you know." These people prayed continuously. They prayed desperate, deep, consistent, groaning prayers that never took no for an answer. They prayed until they saw a change.

Today, researchers say Uganda is one of the most transformed nations on the face of the earth. We've seen God transform the political system, the marketplace, and the church.

At 8 A.M. in the State House, people pray. The Parliament doesn't want to discuss things until they pray. The judges don't want to judge until they pray. The police are faxing prayer requests to the judges. The crime rate is dropping—down 70 percent in some communities. A major bank in the capital city of Kampala plays praise and worship music on all 11 floors.

Because God is everywhere, people are dreaming spiritual dreams. We've had Muslims and witch doctors come to our church saying, "I have never been to church in my life, but I had a dream. In my dream, I was putting on rags and rotten stuff. Somebody was telling me that I should come to church to get clean, white clothes. So I am here to find out if you give out clothes." They don't understand the dream. When you tell them the meaning of it, they burst into tears and give their lives to Jesus.

People come to our intercessors, who spend the night in the church, and say, "I cannot sleep. Something is telling me that I must give my life to Jesus." These people end up receiving Christ in the middle of the night.

At one point, aids in Uganda was at 33.3 percent. The World Health Organization predicted that Uganda's economy would collapse by 1999 or 2000 because there would be only widows and orphans left. So people sought the Lord and prayed. Today, thanks to prayer, education, and abstinence campaigns, aids has dropped to 5 percent.

Second Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." God is healing Uganda! He is harvesting the nation to himself. In the next eight to ten years, it is estimated that 95 percent of the 1.8 million residents of Kampala will be Christians.

Our church started with seven people. God told me, "Move into the capital and start a church. If you will obey me, I will use your obedience to touch your church, your city, your nation, and the nations around." We went from seven to 2,000 people in two weeks, and we never read a book about church growth.

None of this is to say that I'm special and wonderful. I know this has nothing to do with me. Jesus was very serious when he said, "Apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

Still, transformation like we've experienced in Uganda is not automatic. Every time God talks about transformation and revival, he uses the word "if." God is not obligated to send it if we are not willing to satisfy the conditions. Second Chronicles 7:14 begins with, "If my people." The same condition appears in Job 8:5-6: "If you would earnestly seek God and make your supplication to the Almighty … surely now he would awake for you" (NKJV).

We have to begin the process by becoming men and women of intercession. We must desire the glory and power of God more than anything we want for ourselves. We must want God to come because we want his glory to be seen. We must want there to be fewer people in hell and more people in heaven. We must want him to come to our land and suppress evil and release good.

In America, people want things quick, big, and cheap. It's the drive-through mentality: "Give it to me now, and super-size it, for 99 cents." We want it without obedience, sacrifice, inconvenience, or discomfort. But the Bible says to seek God earnestly. Seeking means praying until you get an answer, disciplining yourself to keep on until you find what you're looking for.

In Uganda, we are living in a time of transformation. And the glory of God will transform America, too.

Continue praying. There are so many things God has done through our prayers; yet there is so much more that he wants to do. You ask, "How much longer?" Until the glory of God covers the earth as the waters cover the sea! Until revival comes.

Releasing The Joseph Company Part 4
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Joseph was last seen sitting in the depths of the house of bondage. He was wrongly and willfully accused of committing a crime that he did not commit by someone he had respected, honored and served. Now what? Perhaps his brothers had been right all along. He was a crazy man with lofty dreams that would come to nothing. Looking at the circumstances, it would surely seem that these gifts God had given him only brought more problems and more suffering than anything else.

As Joseph sat in the darkness of the prison, he pondered his life. What was the point of going on? What was the purpose of all of this? It seemed that the things he had feared most had come upon him. These thoughts led him along the paths of loneliness, doubt, fear and ultimately unbelief. How could a loving God leave someone so gifted, talented and useful in a place of isolation from the outside world?

But try as Joseph might to give up, he could not. There was something within him that drove him to keep pressing on. The Word tells us that even in the prison Joseph found God’s favor was still with him.

Genesis 39:21-23
21 But the Lord was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. 22 And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph’s hand all of the prisoners who were in the prison; whatever they did there, it was his doing. 23 The keeper of the prison did not look into anything that was done under Joseph’s authority, because the Lord was with him; and whatever he did, the Lord made it prosper.

So, Joseph went about his business doing what seemed to come naturally to him, which was serving others. The servant’s heart within him gave him favor with the keeper of the prison and he found himself once again in a place of authority, even in a lowly prison. Through all the trials and tribulations that Joseph had been through so far, it was by grace that his heart had not been hardened to the point of no return. He realized that unlike the other prisoners, he had been wrongfully convicted. However, he also knew the right thing to do was serve them as unto the Lord and try to make the best of the grim situation. Somehow he knew inside that, “He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much” (see Luke 16:10). So, despite the urge to complain and have a pity party, Joseph learned it was better to serve in simplicity and gladness.

The Word tells us in Genesis 40 that it came to pass that the chief butler and the chief baker offended the king of Egypt. They were put in prison and given into Joseph’s care. One night each of them had a dream. When Joseph came in to them, he saw that they were sad and inquired of them. They told him that they had each had a dream, but had no one to interpret it.

Suddenly, something within Joseph stirred! The dreamer within him seemingly revived. He was back! Joseph the dreamer was back! This was the opportunity he had been waiting for! This was his breakthrough moment! Joseph told the men that interpretations belonged to God and asked them to share their dreams with him. Each man shared his dream.

Genesis 40:9-11
9 Then the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, “Behold, in my dream a vine was before me, 10 and in the vine were three branches; it was as though it budded, its blossoms shot forth, and its clusters brought forth ripe grapes. 11 Then Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh’s cup, and placed the cup in Pharaoh’s hand.”

Joseph then gave the chief butler the interpretation of the dream that the three branches represented three days and that within three days Pharaoh would lift up his head and restore him to his former place. What a wonderful interpretation this turned out to be. Not only would a man's life be saved, but Joseph also saw a great opportunity for BREAKTHROUGH to get him out of this dark, cold, cave like place called prison! Joseph said in Genesis 40:14-15, "But REMEMBER ME when it is well with you, and please SHOW KINDNESS TO ME; MAKE MENTION OF ME to Pharaoh, and GET ME OUT of this house. For indeed I was stolen away from the land of the Hebrews; and also I HAVE DONE NOTHING HERE that they should put me into this dungeon." Surely Joseph's gifts had made room for him and this was his way OUT!

With one dream interpreted, there was still one remaining. So, the chief baker shared his dream.

Genesis 40:16-17
16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and there were three white baskets on my head. 17 In the uppermost basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my head."

Joseph again interpreted the dream. This time the three baskets represented three days. Within three days Pharaoh would lift off the baker's head from him and hang him on a tree and the birds would eat his flesh. This was quite a sobering word compared to the interpretation given to the chief butler, but Joseph remained faithful to deliver the interpretation given to him as shown by God.

Joseph had done his job and now it was time to get out of this confined space and be free! Breakthrough, breakout, freedom! However, Genesis 40:20-23 tells a very different story.

Genesis 40:20-23
20 Now it came to pass on the THIRD DAY, which was Pharaoh's BIRTHDAY, that he made a feast for all his servants; and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants. 21 Then he restored the chief butler to his butlership again, and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand. 22 But he hanged the chief baker, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 Yet the chief butler DID NOT REMEMBER JOSEPH, BUT FORGOT HIM.

Joseph may have felt released for a short time as he waited for the call to come. He had correctly interpreted the dreams and because of his gifting and innocence he should be set free. Maybe that is how many of us have felt in these past few seasons. We have seen and perhaps tasted release into God's Divine destiny for us, but for some reason it continued to elude us. We continued to sit 'trapped' by our current circumstances. There, in the darkness we waited and waited.

As Joseph sat in the prison, he perhaps began to consider what had gone wrong. He knew in his heart of hearts he had given the correct interpretations of the prisoners' dreams. He had specifically asked the chief butler to remember him and explained that he was in fact an innocent man. However, the more he pondered the contrast of these two dreams, his heart began to see a prophetic picture unfolding before him. He realized that through the two dreams, he had come face to face with his Ishmael (release of God's promise through fleshly understanding/means) and more importantly A CHOICE.

I believe the two dreamers and two dreams represent the choice that each believer must make. It is within three days or three prophetic days (millenniums) that the fullness of God's plan is being revealed. There is a point in the maturity of a believer when his or her eyes are opened in which he or she must willfully choose to continue walking according to the flesh or according to the Spirit. It appears that the chief butler is a type and shadow of the Son of God, Jesus, who is the last Adam or life giving spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45). This is represented through the pressing or crushing of the grapes into the cup of suffering or the shedding of Jesus' own blood, a pure sacrifice, presented to the Father on our behalf. Within THREE DAYS His head was lifted up and He was restored to His original position. It was on the THIRD DAY that Jesus was RESURRECTED to His rightful place with the Father. This was the King's BIRTH-DAY.

On the other hand, the chief baker represents the natural man or Adamic nature (flesh), who is the first Adam. In his dream we find the chief baker bringing three white baskets to the King, with no mention of where he got the bread. These white baskets further represent the whitewashed tombs Jesus spoke of in Matthew 23:27-28, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like white washed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. 28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” This bread never made it to the King because the birds of the air ate (stole) it. This is because the seed (bread or word of the kingdom) had fallen by the wayside, and had never truly taken root in the person’s heart and spiritually understood, which produces life (see Matthew 13). Instead of offering something of life giving substance to the King, the chief baker (representing the flesh life) tried to contain the bread (letter) in an old wine skin or system of religion and fleshly works, leaving him open prey to the birds of the air to feast upon his flesh life, ultimately leading to death.

These two men and their two dreams can also be illustrated by the choices the two thieves on the crosses made the day Jesus set the captives free at Calvary. Jesus further illustrated this, when He was in the wilderness for 40 days and nights being tempted and tested. What was the devil really after in his quest to get Jesus to sin? It would seem that he was trying, through the three temptations we are told of, to deceive Jesus into giving into the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. But upon further investigation, it is revealed what Satan was truly after…HIS IDENTITY. Satan was trying to get Jesus to prove HIS IDENTITY by challenging Him with, “IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD...” Jesus did not need to prove He was the Son of God because He already KNEW IT WITHIN HIMSELF BY THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Here, through the prophetic picture of the two dreamers, we see Joseph has come face to face with the same identity crisis. Will he stand in the First Adam (carnal man or antichrist) or the Last Adam (Jesus Christ)?

It is in this time of prolonged waiting that Joseph finally sees that if he is to fulfill the destiny God has placed within him in full measure, he must make a choice to either go through the COMPLETE PROCESS of being CRUSHED into wine being CONFORMED into a true son of God or to continue to gather words of life around him into religious white washed baskets, but never fully allowing the Word and the Spirit to transform him that he might come to the knowledge of the Truth for himself PERSONALLY. To go on or not to go on, that is the question…

For a man or woman who has come this far by faith, the answer is quite clear. To stop here would mean that they would never fully carry out the destiny, which God had purposed and planned for them before the foundation of the world. However, to go on would mean a complete and utter death to all self-motives, ambitions, dreams, plans and understanding. The path of suffering cannot be escaped when one finally realizes that the prison they are trying to escape is not based on outward circumstances, but is actually found in the confines of the Adamic mindset that is HIDING WITHIN! The carnal mind, which is enmity (hatred) against God, is the true HOUSE OF BONDAGE (Egypt). “For to be CARNALLY MINDED IS DEATH, but to be SPIRITUALLY MINDED IS LIFE AND PEACE” (Romans 8:6). 1 Corinthians 2:16 tells us that WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST. Two very clear choices are presented. Which one will you choose today?

The longer we sit still, the more we realize that we are a prisoner to no man including our own Adamic mindset, but prisoners of the Lord. The Adamic nature was already crucified with Christ (see Romans 6:5-14) and so our Adamic mindset/nature must be crucified within our own lives, which can only happen through enduring the Refiner’s fire. Our life is not our own and was bought at a price (see 1 Corinthians 6:20). As Paul said in Philippians 1:21, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain!” More revelation begins to pour forth as we see that God’s ways and thoughts are much higher than our own. We must repent and turn away from our own understanding, dreams and desires. As we fully turn toward God our hope is renewed and we have the faith to believe God’s plan will unfold in His time, which is the appointed time.

So, as we begin to FULLY understand that we are in a BAPTISM OF FIRE (see Luke 3:16) that must be completed to perfection or maturity, we learn further what it means to truly find rest and peace in God. We find insight into this in James 1:2-4, “My brethren, COUNT IT ALL JOY, when you fall into various TRIALS, KNOWING that the TESTING OF YOUR FAITH PRODUCES PATIENCE. But LET PATIENCE HAVE ITS PERFECT WORK, that you may be PERFECT AND COMPLETE, LACKING NOTHING.”

Through our waiting and learning to be still, the promises of God become alive as stated in Isaiah 40:31, “But those who WAIT ON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall RUN AND NOT BE WEARY, they shall WALK AND NOT FAINT.” We also begin to see a pattern in all of our past self-efforts of trying to fulfill the call God has placed upon our lives. Anything that was birthed out of our own understanding or self works always ended in stripping us of or time, energy and anointing. Jesus said, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

Even if we were not outwardly at fault for our circumstances, we find that stating our innocence does not make us righteous. We begin to FULLY understand that ‘THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH’ and that our own self-righteousness is as filthy rags. We understand in our hearts that true righteousness only comes from God through faith alone in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. This Finished Work also reveals to us the rest of God (see Hebrews 4) that we were given full access into on the day we first believed. It is through fully understanding by faith what Jesus did for us on the Cross, that we realize there is a way to maintain this position of rest in Him. It is then that we can begin to fully, “GO OUT WITH JOY, AND BE LED OUT WITH PEACE” (see Isaiah 55:12). Perhaps we have learned these lessons and feel that soon it will be time to get out of this dreary dungeon.

As we continue to wait for what seems like an eternity, our eyes begin to adjust to the dim light in the prison. Our longing to be released from this circumstantial prison has become secondary to the process we need to complete while waiting on God. We find the dim light in the prison has a purpose in itself. It seems to have set a mood for intimacy. Eventually we realize that there is even greater purpose in this hidden place of obscurity. With no one left to truly comfort us or anyone who really understands what we have been through, we finally break down and relinquish all control to our Heavenly Father. It is then that pure trust in the Lord with all of our heart and leaning not on our own understanding is birthed. It is then that we begin to see clearly that God ordained the season of severing from our flesh life. We realized that there is something GREATER to this whole thing than even the PROCESS OF PURIFICATION!

It is then that the LIGHT WITHIN US begins to flicker and grow brighter. We find ourselves drawing closer and closer to our God. Our eyes open even wider to see that by simply BEING IN HIS PRESENCE we have come to KNOW HIM and LOVE HIM MORE. In this cocoon of FIRE, we find we have been TRANSFORMED from the inside out! It is then that we see through this PROCESS that HIS PURPOSE was being FULFILLED all along!!!

IT IS THROUGH THE PRISON OF PROCESS AND SEASON OF SEVERING THAT OUR TRUE PURPOSE AND CALLING IS BIRTHED!!!

This process was never about us individually, but has always been about fulfilling God’s Divine purposes. In order to understand His purposes fully, we must go back to the very beginning.

Genesis 1:11-13
11 Then God said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that YIELDS SEED, and the fruit tree that YIELDS FRUIT according to ITS KIND, whose SEED IS IN ITSELF, on the earth; and IT WAS SO. 12 And the earth BROUGHT FORTH grass, the herb that yields SEED according to ITS KIND, and the tree that YIELDS FRUIT, whose SEED IS IN ITSELF ACCORDING TO ITS KIND. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the THIRD DAY.

God makes it very clear that His purpose from the beginning was to YIELD FRUIT whose SEED is IN ITSELF according to ITS KIND in order to REPRODUCE ITSELF. And we know that the SEED that God desires to REPRODUCE in this hour is CHRIST IN US THE HOPE OF GLORY (see Galatians 3:16 and Colossians 1:27).

It is in the prison of process that our carnal mind/understanding is broken down and revealed to be a container of lies. However, the Person of Truth, Jesus, provided the way for this veil of carnality to be rent within the temple of our body. It is revealed to us that the one ultimately holding us prisoner was our carnality and our Salvation has set the captives (us) free! Because no flesh can stand in God’s presence, the veil of carnality was rent over 2000 years ago so that we might continually enjoy sweet communion with our Lord and Savior in the Holy of Holies.

It is within the confines of obscurity that we find intimacy with the Lord and realize that anything truly birthed of the Seed, who is Christ, must come through the womb and canal of intimacy and covenant relationship between a Bride and her Bridegroom! The two MUST BECOME ONE FLESH in order for the FULL MANIFESTATION OF GOD’S GLORY or character to be birthed and manifested to a lost and dying world! This is the Manchild the whole creation has been groaning and laboring with birth pangs to see that will bring her glorious liberty from the bondage of corruption (see Romans 8).

It is in the place of obscurity and hiddeness that we learn deep humility and the art of being hidden in Christ, who is our TRUE COVERING. For we have come to understand that THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD! “For as many as are LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD, these are the SONS OF GOD” (Romans 8:14). No longer do we need manmade systems or doctrinal ‘coverings’ to ‘protect us’ or cover us as a white washed tomb. “But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to BRING US TO CHRIST, that we might be justified by faith. BUT AFTER FAITH HAS COME, WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER A TUTOR (Galatians 3:23-24). It is God’s righteousness that goes before us and His glory is our rear guard that makes the path straight and the way clear before us. This is not a lone ranger company, but one who has shared in the sufferings of Christ and has gone all the way with Him! THIS IS THE TRUE JOSEPH COMPANY THAT IS EMERGING ON THE SCENE!

These OVERCOMERS will help bring to full manifestation the mandate given to man by God in the beginning.

Genesis 1:26-28
26 Then God said, “Let US make man in OUR IMAGE, according to OUR LIKENESS; let THEM have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in HIS OWN IMAGE; in the image of God He created HIM, MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM. 28 Then God BLESSED THEM, and God said to them, “BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY; FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT; HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA, OVER THE BIRDS OF THE AIR, AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVES ON THE EARTH.”

My friend, your destiny was set in place before the foundation of the world by a HOLY GOD! It is he who ENDURES TO THE END (of their carnal lives to be resurrected into the new life) that shall be SAVED (as the best wine for last)! There is a company, a remnant, a people who have learned the art of hiddeness or humility and abiding in the Lord that at the APPOINTED MOMENT IN TIME WILL BE RELEASED TO RULE AND REIGN OVER ALL THE EARTH! They have endured the great tribulation and battle for their souls. They have overcome the evil one as their carnal/sin nature has been crucified with Christ, giving the enemy no power to function any longer in their lives. They are like a wall of Salvation where the outlet of the flesh has been removed and the enemy’s plug no longer has any place to ‘plug in’ and operate! There is no longer an outlet to release the carnality of the flesh life, which had in the past been stirred up by lies and manipulation, fear and pride. They have been caught up or ’raptured’ into the very presence of God and are seated with Him in the heavenly places far above all principality and power and might and dominion (see Ephesians 1:20-21 and 2:6).

This Joseph Company has learned to be faithful with little, in ruling and reigning over their own earthen vessels, as Joseph did in his specially designed prison. They have learned the lesson of good stewardship and being responsible with whatever and whoever has been placed in their care. They come not to condemn or bring judgment, as they understand that the only law of the Kingdom of God is the law of love, which conquers all, fulfills all and endures forever. This is no soulish love, but is one that operates in true righteousness, holiness, mercy and grace. This Holy Nation also understands that those who do not know Christ already stand judged and condemned. These lost ones are already as dead men walking and must be called into the accountability of a Holy God. Their call goes forth to REPENT AND BE TRANFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND! They shall call men and women, young and old, to turn away from the flesh life and turn to face the LIVING GOD! This peculiar people are they who tread upon the lion and the cobra understanding that all adversity that is allowed to cross their path is only provided as a footstool into higher realms of God’s glory, just as the Jews were used to crucify Jesus, thus enabling Him to fulfill the mandate upon His life to be the glorious and triumphant sacrificial Lamb of God!

Oh, what a DAY is upon us! The SON is beginning to ARISE upon the THIRD DAY people! What started out, as a glimmer of light or understanding, has become a mighty rushing flood of the REVELATION OF THE GLORY OF GOD! It is time to ARISE AND SHINE FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME! The GLORY OF THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU! It is His glory that will be seen upon you that will draw the unbelievers to you and the kings to the brightness of your RISING. As CHRIST IS LIFTED UP or RESURRECTED within your life, HE WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO HIMSELF! Let go of old mindsets and anything that would hold you back from what God is doing in this hour. For the KINGDOM OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU! It is demonstrated in RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST!!!!!

The END of TWO FULL YEARS or era of waiting and being forgotten is drawing to a quick close. The THIRD (fullness) year is upon us in which the KING is calling forth those prisoners of the Lord who POSSESS that which will FULFILL HIS DREAMS! This possession is none other than the PRIZE HIMSELF, who is the MATURE SON, JESUS CHRIST WITHIN YOU, who is HOPE GLORIFIED! We have been tested, tried and weighed in the balance and have not been found wanting. Therefore, we shall be entrusted with the treasures of His Kingdom, which are the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. We are being RELEASED from within and without. We have passed through the narrow gate (the Cross) and will now be set in a wide place. We will be led by His peace and walk in His love, now fully understanding the great PURPOSE, which the Father has BIRTHED WITHIN us. Through pure faith and trust in the AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH, we will bring to COMPLETION God’s mandate to BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY THE SEED WITHIN US, who is CHRIST. As KINGS AND PRIESTS OF GOD we will RULE AND REIGN WITH HIM bringing SALVATION and DELIVERANCE, DIVINE ORDER and RESTORATION to all the earth!

Receive The Light Of This Day

Bill Burns

December 19, 2005: I will never leave you nor forsake you. I have led you to the very tops of the mountains to sit in counsel with you. I have directed you and told you the way in which you should walk and led you forth by the Spirit of Prophecy into the heavenlies. I have opened the door to the Valley of Vision so that you would know and understand that My kingdom is supernatural. I have instructed you and walked with you in the valley where you have learned to fight the good fight of faith and have learned to prevail through prayer and dependence on My strength, says the Lord. Arise, for this is your finest hour, and I will lead you in power. Arise into the new day by faith and receive the impartation of the power of My presence that is necessary for the days ahead. I am establishing the spiritual boundaries of your victory. Arise and examine the signposts that have been planted, which have declared your victory over various past challenges in your life. Those signposts are a witness to you to arise and take the next position. Arise now and cross through the Jordan, the place of anointing, into the power of this day. Indeed, you are living in the age of power which is dawning upon you, My people. Receive the light of this day.

Marsha Burns
December 19, 2005: I have caused My prophets and psalmists to rise up and declare the season that you are now entering. This is a season that has been spoken of in your songs and prophecies in the past months and even years. And, you will go forth in great power and gain the victory, says the Lord. However, I am now looking for a people who will prepare the way for the next move of My Spirit that is yet on the horizon. I am going to bring revival, and I am now calling to My prophets and psalmists to declare it to the heavens, to the earth and to the seas. There will be a very great revival in the midst of My people, the likes of which you have never seen nor heard nor read about. This revival will invade and cover the land. But, I need a people who will rise up in prayer and in prophecy and in song to bring it forth. Rise up and declare it!

Regarding The Lord Spoke Of Disaster Prophecy
Gabriel Tonwuru

I have been a constant reader of the prophecies, visions and dreams posted each week on the ETPV website. But it is just today June 30 that it became imperative for me for the first time to reply to the word of prophecy entitled "LORD spoke of disaster" that The LORD gave to Misty Murphy's daughter who was awakened from sleep at 2:00 A. M June 10.

I need to let everyone know that the prophecy our LORD JESUS showed her in Haggai chapter 1:15 was fulfilled yesterday morning the 29th of August, and needless to say it is the disaster caused by hurricane Katrina. Also note that the Biblical 24 hour day begins in the evening of the previous night and ends sundown the 29th August, 2005.

Now here is the scripture in Haggai 1:15; "In the four and twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the King." And here is the interpretation I was given under inspiration by the HOLY SPIRIT;

GOD does not honor man's calendar nor man's holidays. Man may change the Calendar, the number of days in a month, the feast days, such as the weekly Sabbaths, the high Sabbaths, and the new moon, but GOD that gave the prophet Daniel the prophecy that "they shall change times and laws" will never accept those changes even if these laws have been changed and accepted by all men for almost two thousand years.

So in June when I came across Misty Murphy daughter's written word of prophecy given her by the LORD, I was convinced that it was a true word of prophecy because I have been led by the HOLY SPIRIT to prophesy since the year 2001 that the United States of America was given the last 66 years(of the 666 years given to the Roman Beast in Revelation 13:18, whose deadly wound was healed) to reign over the kings of the whole earth, beginning from September 3 1939 when the second world war was declared by Chamberlain, and up until the last biblical year that commences on March 8, 2005 and ends in the first week of March 2006. And as for the 600 years that preceded America's reign, these were the years given to the revived Roman empire which began in early renaissance, dated 1339 A.D, the date that GOD raised up Great Britain, France and Spain to colonize the world. Additionally the HOLY SPIRIT has given me the interpretation of Dumitru's vision of "the Star which he saw fell sixteen times" to which when he asked the angel, Dumitru was told that this Star represents America, and for the fact it fell sixteen times, this is how fast America will fall.

Now I am happy to let you know that The LORD interpreted the meaning of the star in another vision HE gave Dumitru Duduman, that the fall of each star represents I year, therefore the sixteen times it fell amounts to sixteen years. And for the calculation, you should know that he received this vision in Dec 1989, therefore GOD sent his angel to show him sixteen more years from then for America, which obviously the Biblical year was to commence in the springtime of 2000, and the end of the first year was springtime of the year 2001. And when you complete the additions of all the years you will find out that again the beginning of the sixteenth and final year is March 8 2005 (when the new moon actually came out, and not the tenth as it is shown on most calendars) and the end of the sixteenth year will be the first week of March 2006.

I will now address Misty Murphy's daughters prophecy; The scriptures says in Haggai 1:15, "the 24th day of the 6th month", that is the 24th day of the sixth month of the Biblical calendar which began on March 8, 2005, and not the 24th day of June of our Roman Calendar. Also you have to know that the biblical months are 30 days each, which should give us a total of 30 x 12 = 360 days. However if you carefully study the books of the Jubilees, and Enoch, and a few other apocryphal books, you will find out that The LORD commanded Israel that they must add 4 more days in order to bring the total number to 364 days in a year. And further more these 4 days are to be added separately, i.e. one each to the four quarters of the year, in order words starting from the beginning of the year we count 3 months of 30 days each but the fourth month we should add an additional day to make it 31 days. In like manner we make the same counts of 30 days each for the first three months and one additional day for the rest of the quarters of the year.

One more thing to know is the fact that the biblical 24hour day begins at sundown the day before the date listed on your regular calendar. Let us together now see the calculation of the days of the Biblical months that lead up to the 24th day of the sixth month on the Roman or the United States regular Calendar;

Biblical Months	Duration Of Days	Number Of Days
First (Nisan, Abib)	March 8 to April 6	30 days
Second (Zif, Iyar)	April 7 to May 6	30 days
Third (Sivan)	May 7 to June 5	30 days
Fourth (Tammuz)	June 6 to July 6	31 days(1 day added)
Fifth (Av)	July 7 to Aug 5	30 days
Sixth (Elul)	Aug 6 to Aug 29	24 days

From above it is obvious that our LORD JESUS has let us know by the devastating Katrina disaster that the new moon (or the first day) of the Biblical year 2005 was March 8 on our secular Calendar.

By the way, you should know that the phases of the new moon on the secular USA Calendar are calculated using the unreliable scientific UTC(unreliable time calculation) time devise, which is no good and not accurate in the sight of our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST. On the contrary the Biblical new moon is always revealed by our LORD to either HIS priests, apostles, prophets, bishops, evangelists, the elders of the church, members of the presbytery, or to prophetesses or members of the Body of CHRIST, rather than vain, irregular and absurd Scientific approximate guesses. And this is the reason why most believers that claim to have received a prophecy, seen a vision or a dream concerning specific dates of different prophetic events have as yet not seen the fulfillment of these messages given them by The LORD, even though most of these messages have been fulfilled.

I give the glory, praises and thanks to The FATHER, HIS SON JESUS CHRIST AND The HOLY SPIRIT for given the prophecy of the disaster caused by hurricane Katrina to sister Misty Murphy's daughter, and it shows that GOD is training her in the gift of understanding prophecy.

On The Hurricane Known By Americans As Katrina

This hurricane has completely destroyed New Orleans and its neighboring cities, and as well as ruined parts of the south of both Mississippi and Alabama States. Now it is obvious that this is the beginning of the final and last judgments that GOD is bringing upon the United States, which will lead to its utter destruction before June 6, 2006, and the resultant occupation of its land by foreign troops. However before this November 8, 2005 Mayoral election I believe The LORD will cause sedition among the Citizens of America against all the politicians and rulers of this Land. But what is even worse is the fact that any day now, and in these months of September and October of 2005, CHINA will strike America and lure it to war over the controversy of Taiwan and its territorial waters, and this in turn will cause Russia to come with speed, carrying all its arsenals to annihilate America and bring its Citizens to their knees.

The LORD prophesied through HIS servants (as Dumitru Duduman) in our generation who were before us saying " I will send storms, heavy rains, flooding, earthquakes, hurricanes and tornadoes, because I want them to see my power, and know that without ME they can do nothing. They trusted in themselves and in their own strengths. This is why I will punish this place." And "I will send great plagues over America and want you to be aware." And again "the winds and storms that will begin against the Christians in this country will take many. Those who remain standing will be very few.

Humble yourselves. Be holy. Seek ME more than ever kneeling before ME often, that in the hard days I may save you", says the LORD.

Now you know, New Orleans, and I'm speaking mainly of you bishops , pastors, Evangelists, Prophets, Deacons, and whatever titles by which you call yourselves in the House of GOD, and even of all you who survived the hurricane disaster, that you have lived a lie all your life in the House of GOD, speaking the lies of tithes and prosperity, but leaving out what was most important to GOD, (John 15:13) that after HIS SON JESUS CHRIST had saved us on the cross by HIS death and by the POWER of HIS resurrection, and JESUS CHRIST (John 14:15-21) had prayed to the GLORIOUS FATHER of Light to send us the promise of His blessed HOLY SPIRIT, that we should now go humbly and in meekness as HIS sons and daughters, to the streets corners, market places, the highways and byways and to all the earth to preach the truth of HIS Word, and (John 15:8) let The LORD use us as His delightful vessels of glory to save those that are still in this sinful world.

No but you would rather deceive many by your false doctrines that are far from the highest faith, which is to be as virgins and eunuchs, that JESUS HIMSELF taught that we should deny and strip ourselves of all forms of desires, lusts, possessions and everything we have that hinders us from living a chaste and holy life acceptable in the sight of GOD. No but you would rather be a gainsayer by your love for only one scripture, and by your saying that "well, GOD is love and full of grace and abundant mercies so he will always forgive us for whatever sin we commit, therefore let us cast out "those isolated few, called-out believers' so-called highest standards with their rat race to perfection". Famous quote "for as long we in the New Orleans Churches know that only JESUS CHRIST is perfect in The FATHER and The HOLY SPIRIT, for the LORD (with the exception of Joseph, Mary, Peter, Paul, James, John, Steven, and a few of the early Christian Church, cannot make no other person to emulate the life of CHRIST as those called-out imposters are claiming to be.)

"So therefore let us do some works of righteousness and sin a little bit i.e. every once in a while, and collect tithes and several offerings a day, and buy houses, cars, collect funds to have huge savings in the banks for the future of our church building, in order to build a more modern church building complex, and ask every new believer or visitors that join the church to abide by the New Orleans churches' Sunday school teaching books, and to abide by the pastors interpretation of the Holy scriptures, (and not what the HOLY SPIRIT interprets in the word of GOD.)"unquote.

Now if I may ask you church members that survived the hurricane disaster a few questions? Where now are all your church pastors? Did not JESUS CHRIST tell you that HE, JESUS CHRIST is the way, the truth and the life, and that no man cometh unto The FATHER but by JESUS only? It is important for you to understand that although GOD commanded the house of Israel in the old testament and today the New Testament Church (Hebrews 10: 24-25) not to forsake the assembly of believers, The LORD did not mean that when the church members rebel against GOD, and they go and worship other gods, for example as Mel Gibson movies that blaspheme GOD The FATHER, JESUS CHRIST and The HOLY SPIRIT, or two men, haven made themselves homosexuals are allowed to be married in your church, or are allowed as pastors, that you should remain in that assembly. Are you only convinced with one scripture in the entire Bible, (John 5:39) that you did not bother to search the scriptures as JESUS commanded? Only if you had searched, you would have found out that The LORD always made the provision, which is a way of escape in every generation for the righteous and faithful true believers (2 Corinthians 6:14-18) to come out from among them (the "them" means to come out from the false churches). And then you can look for new believers of like mind as you are, that though few as it is prophesied, nevertheless still upholding the truth of the Glorious Gospel of CHRIST JESUS. Now haven searched carefully and looked upward in the direction of CHRIST, you can confidently boast in The LORD, being amongst the prudent as Mary, Joseph, Peter, James, John and the Apostle Paul, by saying this in the book of proverbs:

Proverbs 14:15, "The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going."

Remember that when Joseph and Mary were told by the Angel of the LORD about the plot that king Herod had made to kill all the infants from 2 years old and under, they both separated themselves from the company of the Pharisees, Scribes and elders of the temple in Jerusalem, and from Bethlehem. They went to Egypt where no one would find them. Again after the death of Herod, on their way back they by-passed Jerusalem and went far away from the land of Judah and Samaria, and they went back to Nazareth among the Gentiles, to another Jurisdiction, a place where the religious Pharisees and Scribes of the Sanhedrin would not find it easy to arrest them. Also examine the life of JESUS CHRIST, and see how HE was always amongst the poor and the sinners, except for the Sabbath days when HE went into the temple of the Jews, and every time HE was in the temple, the Jews hated HIM and wanted to kill HIM, but because HIS time was not come they were not able to kill Him, until the day that HE willingly offered HIMSELF for all our sins: PRAISE JESUS CHRIST our LORD. In like manner all the patriarchs and prophets of the old testament separated themselves from the religious. Did you notice that when JESUS was ready to choose HIS 12 apostles and the 70 disciples HE did not go to Jerusalem, neither did HE go into their temples to look for the right people for HIM to instruct in HIS doctrine, no but rather HE went to the Jews that have been cast out of the synagogues, that were living among the Gentiles.

Also was not Joshua among the assembly that came out of the Land of Egypt, and crossed the red sea, and then Moses, Aaron, Joshua and all the assembly arrived at the foot of mount Sinai? certainly he was amongst them, and this was only three months after the children of Israel came out of Egypt, and have witnessed the Mighty Hand of GOD in the plagues and the dividing of the Red Sea, and of all the wonders that The LORD wrought in the wilderness. But after Moses went up the Mount for only forty days the people corrupted themselves by the making of Idol gods fashioned after the gods of Egypt, and they disobeyed all the commandments of GOD that GOD commanded them by the mouth of Moses when they had just left Egypt. But Joshua being a man of great understanding, understood the abominations the children of Israel were engaged in, and as a result separated himself from their company and sat at the foot of the mount until Moses came down to see for himself all the abominations. Oh now you understand why The LORD blessed Joshua and Caleb, and afterwards after the death of Moses, The LORD gave them charge to lead the children of Israel into the promised Land.

Therefore if you delight in wisdom listen to what King Solomon was inspired by the HOLY SPIRIT to write:

Proverbs 18:1 "Through desire a man having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom".

Also Jeremiah 15:19-21 "Therefore thus saith The LORD, if thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before ME: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee: but return not thou unto them. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith The LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible."

Now hear this you unbelieving pastors that have never seen The LORD in a vision, dream or HIS Glorified manifestations, neither have you heard HIS voice; The LORD prophesied of the storm of August 29, 2005, that Americans call hurricane Katrina. And this was prophesied through the mouths of cast-out believers whom you refused and to whom you said The LORD did not send them to you. And the LORD forewarned them to leave the Cities and areas affected by the storms months before the 29th August 2005, and they all obeyed and have since left to new areas where at least for now it is safe for them to proclaim the gospel of JESUS to the saving of precious souls, until further direction is given by The LORD as to where they have to flee to. As Peter, Paul and the early Christians were persecuted and driven from city to city so we are instructed to live our lives today, thus saith The HOLY SPIRIT.

Make sure you find out what The LORD is saying to the "Body of Christ" by humbling yourself in asking the true messengers of our LORD who mostly communicate amongst ourselves on the internet websites. Be aware of copy cats, such as psychics, soothsayers, magicians, astrologers, tarot readers who amount to about 98% of the prophecies on the internet. I have seen even Moslems from the middle east and those in America quoting the same prophecies that our LORD JESUS CHRIST has given to HIS prophets and prophetesses of today. But I would say if you know the Bible and the commandments of our LORD, you will never be deceived. Know that if satan have access into your church buildings on the Sabbath days and on Sundays, do not marvel that the devils are also at work on the internet. So do not let these little tricks of the devils prevent you from searching for the truth.

Also know that The LORD have shown many of HIS servants that destruction is coming this year 2005 to Florida and Atlanta, and equally all the coastal cities of the United States. So it will be wise to move out of these areas, except that The LORD station you in one of those places then you have to obey the LORD who will have HIS protecting hand over you.

I very much believe we are about to see the final fall of America, and by the latest November 29, 2005 we must have been deep in the war between China and America, and by May 29 2006 commercial airplanes must have stopped flying in and out of the United States. These are 2 dates that I saw clearly in my Dream on my bed. Also a few believers, Jo Ann, Priscilla Van Sutphin Mark Fritts, Cate from Alaska, Olivia Long have claimed to have received visions and prophecies that the Nuclear attacks(meaning more than one attack) will happen in the months of September and October.

Also, Kato Mivule, if you are reading this article please know that the number 7 in your Calendar vision represents the 7th month, and this year 2005, the first day of the 7th month is September 5 and the last day of the month is Oct 4, and this is why the months of September / October were written on it. Incidentally one of the Chief's football games at home is on September 11, a date that have been mentioned by Mark Fritts and Cate from Alaska. I very much believe that a nuclear attack is going to happen this year but then The LORD knows best, since we all know in part, and may the will of The LORD be done.

May the grace and mercies of The LORD GOD be with you all. May all the Glory be to The FATHER, and to The SON JESUS CHRIST, and to The HOLY SPIRIT. Amen.

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Re-Thinking The Millennium

By Bill Somers

> To correctly understand the prophetic scriptures, we have to drop our assumption that the Millennium begins **after** the Second Coming of Christ.

So what exactly is the Millennium? In the book of Revelation we find mention of the thousand-year reign of Jesus with his saints at the very end.

> *And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*
> *And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,*
> *And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*
> *And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*
> *But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*
> *Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.*
> *And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.* (Rev. 20:1-7)

All this happens after Jesus returns and fights the battle of Armageddon. This passage clearly illustrates that Satan is bound for a thousand years, and that the saints live and reign with Christ for a thousand years. Since there is a definite point when Satan is bound, it seems that the thousand years begin at this point, just after Jesus' return.

What I'm suggesting is that God is speaking in generalities here. That is, the thousand years do not begin exactly at this point but approximately at this point. And that Jesus' reign on the earth does not begin exactly at this point but approximately at this point. What could make us modify our understanding of the thousand years? How can we best understand the Millennium?

- By taking into consideration other prophetic scriptures, and relating them to God's prophetic week. There are many things spoken of that must happen on the seventh day that must take place before His return.
- By seeing that Christ's reign on this earth begins in a spiritual sense before His actual return.
- By seeing that the thousand years reign means the Kingdom of God coming to the earth. Before The King of Glory comes physically.

First Principles

To see this you have to understand the first principles. Hebrews Chapter 5 makes reference to *"the first principles of the oracles of God"* which say, in effect, that to be skillful in understanding the Word you must know these first principles. The writer of Hebrews does not directly state these principles. He does indicate two levels of understanding. The unskillful is compared to a babe taking milk, the skillful, to one of full age who partakes of strong meat. This is to contrast the immature with the mature and the natural with the spiritual. The deep things of God are spiritual, and must be discerned by the spirit. That is the word is to be understood in its spiritual meaning. Therefore there is potentially a spiritual meaning to the most ordinary things. Another key principle is found is 1 Corinthians: *"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."* (1 Cor.10:11). Briefly, this tells us that there is an 'end-time' application to be found throughout scripture. Specifically, it tells us that what we consider ordinary things might be best understood in the context of the end times. Many Bible teachers stress what they call "The Law of Literal Interpretation". I believe that scripture is actually telling us that there is a law of spiritual interpretation. We are to seek the Holy Spirit for a spiritual interpretation of whatever we read in His Holy Word. And in these end times, when The Spirit opens our understanding of His Word, the interpretation will have end time application.

God's Prophetic Week

Now what is God's week, and what does it have to do with the end times? Simply stated, God's week is the notion that God's timeline, since the creation of Adam, is divided into seven one thousand-year periods. (See Ps. 90:4; 2 Pet. 3:8)

Each of these one thousand-year periods can correspond to a day in a week. Thus from Adam to Abraham are two "days", from Abraham to Jesus are two "days", from Jesus till now are two "days", and the coming Millennium will be the last "day." It will be the seventh or Sabbath day of God's week.

What is the purpose of the prophetic week and why should we accept it as a valid tool.

The idea is that God has used the idea of the prophetic week to give seemingly ordinary passages in His Word a double meaning. In some cases multiple meaning. So that in speaking of the seventh day there is first a literal historic meaning in the context. And then there is an allegorical, prophetic meaning taking it out of context.

Look at this verse from Exodus.

> *For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and **rested the seventh day**: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.* (Exodus 20:11)

Literally it speaks of the 7 days of creation and how the Lord blessed the 7th day and rested in it. Prophetically it speaks of the 7 thousand year periods, millennia. And tells us that the 7th is to be a time of peace (rest) and blessing.

The simplest, most obvious connection to make is to identify the seventh prophetic day as the thousand-year reign of Christ we read about in Revelation 20.

The catch is that while there many prophecies that speak of things which must happen on the seventh day, most of these things take place before The Second Coming.

What I'm suggesting is the thousand years do not begin exactly at this point but approximately at this point. And that Jesus' reign on the earth does not begin exactly at this point but slightly before. [We can find this illustrated in scripture.]

If the seventh day of the prophetic week is indeed the thousand-year period referred to in Revelation 20, we will see that this chapter [Rev 20] does speak in generalities. And there is more to be learned by considering it together with other scriptures.

Synonymous Terms

We will find many synonymous terms for the seventh day in the Bible. Here are some:

- The Seventh Day, [in the seventh day, on the seventh day, after six days etc.]
- The Sabbath [in some contexts], The Last day
- The Third Day, [in the third day, on the third day, in three days, after two days, etc.]
- The Day of Rest, The Day of Judgment
- The Lord's Day, The Day of the Lord
- That Day, [in that day, on that day, etc.]
- The Day of Redemption, The Day the Lord has made [the Lord's Day]
- The Day of Thy Power, The Kingdom of God
- A Day in which he will judge the world.

The Third Day and The Seventh Day

So how can the phrase 'the third day' and the phrase 'the seventh day' mean the same thing? The term "last days" or "latter days" is sometimes taken to mean the time period from the day of Pentecost till today; that is the so-called "Church Age." Sometimes it can mean the interval just before the Second Coming of the Lord. Looking at the first definition, you can see that the last days would then mean the last three days of God's week. And that the third day would be the last day. In other words, the third day is the last of the last days, making it equal to the seventh day if you looked at the whole week. That is to say, when we are speaking in context of the last days, the 'third day' is the millennium! Thus the 'third day' is the 'seventh day'. To confirm this you can find several references in scripture that link the "third day" with the "seventh day." For example: *"He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean."* (Num 19:12 KJV) (See also Num. 19:19; 31:19) Our conclusion then is that references to the third day in scripture will very often have a prophetic meaning that speaks of the seventh or last day. And this point is important to note since there are quite a few examples that use the third day metaphor.

Third Day Examples

Here are some examples:

> *"And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai."* (Ex. 19:11 KJV)

The end time interpretation of this is that it refers to the Second Coming when "every eye shall see him." This verse is saying that Jesus' Second Coming will happen on the third day or last day, and not before then.

> *And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled.* (Exodus 19:16)

This verse from the same chapter in Exodus speaks of God's judgments coming and fear falling on the people. It happens in the morning of the third day; or at the beginning of the Millennium.

> *"After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."* (Hosea 6:2 KJV)

The end time interpretation of this is *a)* that it speaks of end time revival. This revival is to happen after two days. In other words it happens during the millennium. *b)* It refers to the resurrection, when the dead in Christ shall be raised up. This also happens "in the third day" and not before it.

> *"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."* (John 2:1-2 KJV)

This can be seen as a reference to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It takes place during the Millennium no matter how you interpret it, but it's a good example of how God uses the phrase "third day" prophetically. Note that the bridegroom and bride are not mentioned or named but that Jesus and his disciples, the Church, are.

> *And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.*
> *And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.*
> *And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*
> *And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*
> *And the evening and the morning were* ***the third day***. (Gen 1: 9-13)

Here is probably the earliest passage in the Bible with end time implications. It says that God commanded the earth to bring forth its fruit on the third day. Prophetically this speaks of the harvest of the earth.

> *And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for* ***theharvest of the earth*** **is ripe**. (Revelation 14:15)

Again this happens on the third day, and takes place before Jesus returns.

In second Kings we read:

> *And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day?* (2 Kings 20:8)

What does it mean to be healed and to "go up into the house of the Lord on the third day?" The healing and the third day are mentioned in Hosea 6.

> *Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and* **he will heal us***; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.****After two days*** **will he revive us** *:* ***in the third day*** *he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and* ***he shall come unto us as the rain****, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.* (Hosea 6:1-3)

The latter rain is what brings the harvest! House of the Lord is His Church.

> *And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*
> *And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem*. (Isaiah 2:2-3)

In this case Isaiah is saying the temple or Church will be built in the last days. And combining these two passages gives us several conclusions. The healing and raising up is the restoration of the Church. The going up into the house of the Lord is the establishment of the Church. The coming of the latter rain brings the harvest to the Church. All this takes place on the "third day" and before the Lord's return.

This verse from Luke mentions the third day as a day of perfection.

> *And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected. Luke 13:32*

Prophetically this speaks of the perfection to come upon the Body of Christ, during the third day.

> *That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:27*

Seventh Day Examples

> Judges 14:*17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people*.

In this passage, Samson's wife is a type of the church. Her telling the riddle to her people speaks of the church fulfilling the great commission and taking the gospel to all the nations [gentiles]. This seventh day event also must happen before Jesus returns.

> Joshua 6:15 *And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times.*

The fall of Jericho on the seventh day speaks of the fall of Satan's kingdoms.

> *1 Kings 20:29 And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day.*

Here we read of another great victory for the children of Israel [a type of the Church] happening on the seventh day.

The Sabbath, or Day of Rest

The idea of the **day of res**t is first found in Genesis 2.

> *And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and **he rested** on the seventh day from all his work which he had made*. (Genesis 2:2)
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> *For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and **rested the seventh day**: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.* (Exodus 20:11)

We need to link this to the idea of a **place of rest**. And then we need to see that the Lord comes to His place of rest on his day of rest. The place of rest is mentioned in Psalm 132, Isaiah 66,and in other verses of Scripture.

> *Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed.* (Ps. 65:1)

Psalm 65:1 is a prayer telling the Lord that praise is waiting for Him in Zion [the Church]. The implication is that He, the Lord, must come to Zion where it awaits Him. And a further result is that when He comes to Zion He will find not only praise but also an obedient people. This is because it speaks of the vow being performed, which is to say, His Word being obeyed.

Psalm 132:8 is a prayer for the Lord to come. That is, for Him to come to His place of rest. And the place of rest is shown to be the temple, or the Church in verses 13 and 14.

> Psalm 132*:*
> 8 *Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*
> 13 *For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation.*
> 14 *This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*

Several other verses speak of God's resting place being his dwelling place, the temple or the church.

> *Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest*? (Isaiah 66:1*)*
>
> *In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion.* (Psalm 76:2)

> *And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and **his rest** shall be glorious.* (Isaiah 11:10)
>
> *The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy*; ***he will rest* in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.** (Zephaniah 3:17)

From all this we get the picture of God coming to the Church to dwell at a certain point in time. And this time naturally must be on His day of rest. So the day of rest begins with the Lord coming to His temple. And He will do so before His actual return to the earth.

> *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.* (Malachi 3:1)

Though we have always understood the Church to be the Lords dwelling, there is a certain sense in which the Lord is yet to come to the temple. When He does, He will do so in a big way. It will be The Revelation of Jesus Christ!

Kingdom Examples

Let's state something that should be obvious. **The Kingdom of God is wherever God is King.** If Jesus is on the throne of your heart, and you are truly obedient to your King in all things, then the Kingdom of God is within you. When Jesus is truly enthroned in His church, and she is truly obedient in all things, then the Kingdom of God has come to this earth. This is what God has intended. And He has given us some illustrations in his Word to show us the pattern.

So to help us understand how it is that the millennial kingdom begins just before Jesus returns, lets look at examples of the Kingdom in scripture.

1. One parallel to the millennium in scripture is the reign of King Solomon. His kingdom was established during a time of Civil War in Israel. Peace came later. Adonijah proclaimed himself king and led certain elements of Israel into rebellion. He seems to be a figure for antichrist. At the same time, prior to his death, David anointed his son as King. Solomon took the throne and spent several years purging his kingdom of offenders. Likewise Jesus' Kingdom is going to be established during a time of Civil War in the Church, and peace will come after his return.
2. In 2 Kings, Chapter 11, read the story of queen Athaliah, a clear type of Satan. She ruled the land for six years, and in the seventh year she was overthrown. The seventh year speaks of the Millennium. In this particular case, the true king of Israel was crowned in the temple, and those in the temple rejoiced greatly. All the while, the usurper, Queen Athaliah, still ruled in the city outside.

Likewise, Jesus will build and occupy his temple, the Church, at the beginning of the seventh day [Millennium], and then physically return to overthrow Satan.

The Day of Thy Power

> Psalm 110*: (A Psalm of David)*
> 1. *The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.*
> 2. *The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*
> 3. *Thy people shall be willing **in the day of thy power**, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*
> 4. *The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.*
> 5. *The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.*
> 6. *He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.*
> 7. *He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.*

My brief commentary on Ps. 110 is as follows:

- Verse one depicts Jesus seated at the right hand of the father till his enemies are dealt with.
- Verse two mentions *"the rod of thy strength*." This is naturally the Scepter of the King. Since it is sent forth out of Zion [the Church], it means the Kingdom is at this point established in the Church. In other words, this is the beginning of the Kingdom of God. And at this time He, Jesus, rules in the Church, in the midst of the enemies that are still in the world.
- Verse three says that the people shall be willing. That is, they will be obedient to their King, Jesus, once the day of power comes. That is when the Kingdom of God comes to the Church.
- Verses five and six show events that happen on the day of wrath. This is the day of Jesus' actual return. So the Kingdom comes to the Church, and the day of power [the Millennium] begins before His actual return.

The Day of Power is mentioned again in Revelation:

> *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and* ***the power of his Christ****: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.* (Rev. 12:10)

Here, we have another verse that speaks of both beginnings of the Kingdom and the day of power before Jesus' return.

The Day of the Lord Examples

Early on in the Book of Revelation we read:

> *Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a great voice as of a trumpet,*

The writer is saying He was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. This can have several interpretations, all correct.

1. Being in the Spirit can mean a trance like state in which the prophet gets his revelations, this being on the day of the week known as the Lord's Day.
2. It can mean being led of the spirit as opposed to led by the flesh. In this case the prophet is a type of the church which will be led by the Spirit and dead to the flesh in the Day of the Lord
3. It can mean being in a Spiritual state to receive visions, and while in that state to be on or living during the Day of the Lord. In this case you can say that everything depicted in the Book of Revelation takes place on the Day of the Lord. Most of this happens before the Second Coming which isn't till chapter 19!

Now there is a problem with using examples that mention The Day Of The Lord, multiple meanings again. The Day of the Lord can mean:

1. The entire seventh millennium, or
2. The portion of that millennium leading up to and including the Second Coming, or
3. The severe judgments during the portion leading up to and including the Second Coming, or
4. The days of the final judgments leading up to and including the Second Coming, or
5. The actual day(s) of the Second Coming

In the Book of Revelation, the time covered fits definition 2.

Here in Acts 2 it seems to be definition 5.

> *Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before that great and notable Day of the Lord come.*

Here is a selection of scriptures on The Day Of The Lord, most fitting definitions 3, 4, or 5.

> *2 Peter 3:10 But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. The earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*
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> *Isaiah 2:12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up" and he shall be brought low"*
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> *Isaiah 13:6 ¶ Howl ye, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*
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> *Isaiah 34:8 For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, and the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.*
>
> *Isaiah 63:4 For the day of vengeance is in Mine heart, and the year of My redeemed is come.*
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> *Jeremiah 46:10 For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Him of His adversaries. And the sword shall devour, and it shall be sated and made drunk with their blood; for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates.*
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> *Joel 3:14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.*
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> *Amos 8:9 And it shall come to pass in that day," saith the Lord GOD, "that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day.*
>
> *Zephaniah 2:2 before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you!*

> *Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.*

What exactly happens on the 7th day before the Second Coming?

The beginnings of the kingdom
The preaching of repentance
A series of judgments on the church and the world
Beginning of persecution of the church as part of the judgments
Redemption of the church while judgments increase on the world
Full establishment of the Kingdom of God in His Church
Great end time harvest while judgments increase on the world
Final persecution of the church
Still further judgments on the world leading to the Second Coming.

In my article, End Time Outline, I have broken these into 5 phases. These are considered from the viewpoint of what happens to the church. Kingdom, Judgment, Redemption, Harvest, and the Finale. All of this is part of the prophesied Millennium, The Day of the Lord.

This is the Day the Lord has made, we will be glad and rejoice in it!

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"Do You Have the Faith for the Radical Things of God?"
by Jill Austin

This weekend, I spoke at Jubilee Church in Camarillo, California, and shared about the new generation the Lord is releasing -- the Joshua Generation. I feel there are many of you who are working in the marketplace, and you are full of creative ideas that have not been fulfilled yet, so I am sharing more of this with you today.

Please read the following Scriptures:

Joshua 1:2, 3 ***"Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all these people, to the land which I am giving to them -- the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses."***

Joshua 6:1, 2 ***"Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the LORD said to Joshua: 'See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.'"***

A Church Without Walls

I feel that the Lord is releasing many new movements on the earth, and one of the movements is called "The Third Day Movement." I feel the Lord wants to release a church without walls. He wants to mobilize the men and women to do exploits in the name of the King. **There needs to be a cry inside of us that we will be ones who will do exploits for the King of Glory.** *Amen?*

When we remember Moses, it says he lived to be 120 years old. His eyes were not dim, but because of his disobedience, he was only able to see the Promised Land and not go into it, but he prayed for Joshua and gave him wisdom.

Are You a Giant-Killer or a Grasshopper?

Now, I want to go back into Moses' time a little. We all know the story about the twelve spies. We know how they went into the Promised Land, and they saw the giants. They came back and they said, "There are giants in the land -- and we are like grasshoppers." The only ones who had faith to go into the land were Joshua and Caleb.

I feel that the Lord wants to stir faith inside of us that we are *not* grasshoppers. I think there is something in us that says, "The giants are so big, and the strongholds of Jericho are so huge. Would God ever give us divine strategies to take down these strongholds in our lives, and in the lives of our families and friends?" There needs to be a switch to something inside us, faithfully saying, ***"Lord, You will give us divine strategies. We just have to take one step at a time."***

Do You Have the Faith for the Radical Things of God?

You see, they weren't able to go into the Promised Land because of their unbelief. They wouldn't believe their God, so they were willing to continue in the wilderness and in a place of familiarity. Often, in the church, we are used to what is comfortable and familiar. **I feel the Lord is saying, "I want to use fresh strategies and fresh impartations of my Spirit. I want you to break out of My old**

familiar wineskins."

There needs to be a cry inside of you that you are willing to be forerunners -- revolutionists -- that you are willing to take the glory of the Lord outside the walls of the church into the educational and political systems, the music industry, entertainment, the marketplace, and that you are willing to move in the radical things of God.

Do You Cry for a Visitation? Are You Willing to Live in the Miracles?

There needs to be a cry in you that says, "Lord, I want you to break out in the marketplace."
I feel that the Lord is saying, **"Are you willing to move in the times and the seasons . . . like Daniel, like Joshua?"**
Is your cry, *"Lord, I want to get the fresh strategies in our world for what you are doing in our lives"*? There needs to be that cry that says, "Lord, I want more of you."

They were willing to live in the miracles. Moses had radical 40-day-and-night visitations. There needs to be a cry in you that says, "I want those visitations. I want an encountering and a gripping. I want to meet my Jesus face-to-face."

There needs to be a cry in you that says, "Lord, the platform of the church is too small; but Lord, where can you radically use me to impact my world in everyday life, as a prophet, evangelist, teacher, and preacher with prophetic words and words of knowledge that **can impact my world and bring a shaking of the kingdom of God?**"

Be Fearlessly Radical Even Among the Rich

I want you to not only be able to move in the church, but to be able to have "suddenlies" of the Lord -- to be able to have sounds in the secular world that can start to bring the presence of Jesus Christ into stadiums for the purposes of God.

Why not have a dream? Why not develop radical inventions? Why not move in the medical community with radical intelligence to bring cures of leukemia and cancer? Some of you have been gifted in the medical field -- you've been gifted in science -- you've been given a sharpness.

I think so often in the church we say, "Yes, Lord, we should get everyone ministering to the streets." We talk about the inner city; and I feel that the Lord says, "It's not just the inner city. It's not just the poorest of the poor. I want you to be able to go to the rich. I want you to be able to go to the influential. I want you to be able to go to the educational and political systems and **impact your world radically**."

Why Not Dream Big?

Why do we only sanction that we take a tract and go to the street corner, when many of you are so gifted? **You need to move in your gifting and use your education to activate radical strategies that will break open the King of Glory to move in your midst.**

You Have More than You May Realize!

You see, some of you are saying, "I don't have anything"; but if you have a word of God, it will open up doors, and you can go into the courts of kings. **The Lord is going to change how the prophets are used.** We have gotten into a conference mentality.

More and more, the most radical prophetic voices are going to move almost like invisible men and women behind the scenes to go and talk to kings, prime ministers, and leaders in the world. Many of them you would never know on the platform of a church, and many of them you would never see on a conference itinerary; yet, they are used radically as brokers for the King of Glory.

It Is Big

Whatever your gift is, the Lord will use it. Whatever your talent is, the world will use it. Many times, the five-folders have sinned against the business and education system. They've said that the only place to use your gifts is from the platform, instead of empowering you to sit at corporate board tables as stock brokers, as educators, where you can give the prophetic word of the Lord and change the course of an entire corporation for Jesus Christ.

We need to stop being envious and pining away for the church platform and start being about the business of Jesus Christ. "Arriving" does not mean standing on the platform of a church. We are in a prophetic journey our whole lives. We need to carry the presence and love of Jesus wherever we go. In one place, you will give a word; in another, one person will get saved; and in another, delivered. That is part of moving in the gospel of Jesus. We need to bring the kingdom of God into everyday life. It is not enough to just sit in conferences.

If You Give it Away, He Will Multiply it Over and Over Again

When did you last dream and ask for prophetic revelation of inventions that would change the world trends in music? How about songs that would change history? How radical do you want to be? How entrepreneurial?
In everyday life, are you radical for Jesus? Is your cry, "Lord, let me see the broken, let me see the weak, let me see the despised"? You have to be willing to let God customize your own death. Now, when Joshua was going to go into Jericho, he sent two spies. They went into Jericho and they met Rahab, a prostitute.

When you go into the music or computer industries, you are going to meet Rahab. You are going to meet the gentiles. You are going to meet the prostitutes. You are going to meet the ones who say, with terror in their hearts, "I heard about your God," and you are going to bring salvation for their whole generation. Did you know that Rahab is in the line of Jesus Christ -- she is the great, great grandmother of Jesus!

Are you willing to meet Rahab? Are you willing to meet the prostitutes? Not just the prostitute on the street corner -- but that radical gentile, that sexually perverted person in the music, entertainment, or computer industry? Is there something in us that says, "Give us a radical word in season that will break open their sin, bring deliverance, and bring them to Jesus Christ?" You see, if you really loved Him, you would give Him away. If He is your first love, what else would you do but talk about Him?

For Joshua, the Jordan was in flood season. They had to believe for a miracle. Many times, when God breaks you out of the old familiar things and brings you to the new, you have to go through the flood waters. There were wild lions around the river, there was a cry for strategies. And the Lord said, "On the third day, have the priests carry the ark. Where their feet touch the water, the waters will recede."

The ark carried the glory and the presence of God. There needs to be a cry in us that, as we start to transition from the old to the new, we carry the glory and the presence of God. There needs to be a cry in us to press into the face of Jesus with hunger and passion, no matter what crosses our path.

How hungry are you? You can't do it without Him. The Jordan symbolized death; the Lord is going to kill a lot of old wineskins. It is not enough to just remember the miracles of years past. Are you moving with signs and wonders now? Are you moving with a fresh anointing of the presence of God now? Are you seeing people healed and saved? Are you crying out, saying, "Lord, I want you?"

Or Are We Barren with No Salvation?

You see, it is not enough to just have a fire party. The presence and the fire of God come to grip us with that radical first love so that everybody will get healed, saved, and delivered. There is an empowering fire, and it is not just for you.

See, the Lord is saying, "Wake up, Bride." I want the sleeping giant of the church to wake up. Come on. "Arriving" is not the platform of the church. If you just look up at people there and don't take what they're offering to get equipped and do the things of God, it is idolatry.

Idolatry is Self-Seeking, It is Not God-seeking

So, they get to the other side, and their enemies are afraid. The Lord could have said, "Joshua, now is the time to take out Jericho." What did He say? "Now is the time to call a meeting with all the warriors." And Joshua called all the men forward and took a flint knife and circumcised them!

Ladies, we can relate to this because the Lord circumcises our hearts, too. We get the easier deal on that one. Why would the Lord take a whole army and put them in a place of radical weakness and dependability on the King of Glory? They could have gone on their own strength.

In approaching Jericho, the men of war were already terrified. They had terror because they remembered the miracles that took place with the Red Sea. They knew that the God of Jehovah was in their midst. He wanted them circumcised. He wanted a fresh covenant, because they were moving into a holy war.

Will You Let the Lord Circumcise Your Heart?

I believe the Lord is saying, "Many of you need to be circumcised with a fresh anointing and a fresh repentance to move into that place of a fresh covenant; to move into that place of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and to be able to go in and take the land."

Joshua is on a faith journey; it is not any different than ours. Suddenly, we have the flood waters. We have to follow the Lord. There is nothing else that we can do besides follow the Lord. Then our hearts are circumcised. The enemy could have come in and wiped them out, but from a great place of vulnerability, and for weeks in recovery, they had to trust in their God.

From a Place of Humility, Visitation Comes

Then the Lord came with a divine visitation. The Captain of the Hosts showed up, and He gave them divine strategies to take down Jericho. How does He give you strategies to take down the strongholds in your own life? Do you ask the Lord for divine visitations and strategies, or is your knowledge of the Lord simply, "If I come, I will get into the river"?

I tell you, people, getting in the river is not enough. Getting a little warm feeling is nice, but it is not enough. There needs to be a radical gripping of God. A gripping in the depths of who you are. No one can make this happen, because there is a sovereignty of God. There is a place that you can position your love and your hearts.

Each One of Us Is Moses!

Each one of us is moving in the old familiar ways. We are in a season where the Lord wants to break you out of your old familiar paradigms and break you into a place to be a militant Joshua Generation. Each one of you is at a crossroads of the Jordan. God is inviting you to die.

The Jordan represents the cross. We die to our selfishness; we die to just us getting it and not giving it away. You want a multiplication of the prophetic; you need to start prophesying. You want a multiplication of the gift of healing, then you need to pray for the sick. You want a multiplication of moving in wisdom, then you need to counsel people and to ask God to give you wisdom and strategies for their lives. If you start to move into the kingdom, He will give you more. If you just go home, and say that we had a radical, wild conference, but you are not on fire, starting to give away Jesus, then you missed it.

Is Moses Dead?

Are you just a little grasshopper? Or, is there something in you that says, "**We have a big God.** We have a God who can take down giants. We have a God who can take down every city and every stronghold. We can go before Him. We have a God who can move on our behalf."

This is a word of freedom. It is a word to get you mobilized. It is a word to get you to say, "Go for it!"
"Move in God! Go for it! Be radical, fiery brides for the King of Glory! Take the land! Take the territory for God."

I want there to be a jealousy -- a holy jealousy, so you say, "Why not me? Lord, you could use a Gideon, why not me? Lord, you could use a David; why not me? Lord, you could use a little girl named Esther and made her a Queen. Lord, why not me? Lord, you could use my life. You used a Mary; why not me? Why can't you use my life?"

You See, He Can Use YOU!

Are you a Moses? Or a Joshua? Ladies, are you grasshoppers? Do you think only the men can be generals? Do you think that you can hold things in the Spirit? Can the Lord use you to move armies and come up with radical strategies for the King of Glory? Or, is it only the guys, and we get to be their shadows?
Are you guys saying, "This little light of mine, a little flicker?" Or are you a blazing torch?

There needs to be a cry that you are willing.

Recognize The Season

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Eccl. 3:1 tells us that there is a season for everything, a time for every purpose under heaven.

In the church of North America, we have forgotten about seasons. We have forgotten about sowing, watering, cultivating, plowing, travailing, waiting, suffering and looked for nothing but harvest. If a church is not in harvest at the moment, we assume/proclaim it is dead. We get antsy, impatient, nervous. We begin to force results in our desire to look successful and blessed, compromising all that brings true harvest.

I want to take a brief look at the Biblical words used for "time. The Hebrew word for time in Eccl. 3:1 is "zem-awn'", which means an appointed, or specific time. The Greek words for time are "Chronos" and "Kairos". "Chronos" is the passage of time, the season of "faithfulness in the little things", preperation, growth, refining, etc. It is the season of "breaking up the fallow ground", sowing, watering, cultivating, tears and travail, watchfulness, fastings, etc. In our culture of fast food and microwave religion, we can get extremely frustrated and impatient with God, our church, our pastor, our fellow church members in this season, simply because we do not understand the seasons.

"Kairos" is the second Greek word used for "time" in the NT. It is the "suddenly" of Acts 2 that we long for. The moment of Divine intervention. The Pow! The "WOW!" moment when the mighty wind of heaven descends upon earth in hurricane force. The moment revivals are birthed. In the past 100 or so years, there have been several of these moments. Wales experienced this in 1904, L.A. had one in 1906, known as the Azusa Street Revival, New Hebrides Islands experienced this in the late 1940's, a little church in Toronto experienced this wind in Jan. of 1994, and North America was hit again on Father's Day 1995 in Florida. When the wind struck, harvest began. This is what we pray for, wait for, long for.

But keep in mind that in comparison to the whole operation of farming, although the operation continues in one form or another, through various seasons, the season of harvest is the shortest one, lasting rarely more than 2 weeks of a 52 week year. The other 50 weeks, however, determine the quality and quantity of the relatively short season of harvest. The season of preparation, despite its length and seeming fruitlessness at times, is equally important to the actual harvest season, if not more so.

We like results. So we only look to the harvest, where the results are visible and manifest to all. But there are other seasons of our lives. The "Seven Forgotten Seasons".

1. Plowing. Breaking up the fallow ground. Both Jeremiah (Jer. 4:3) and Hosea (Hos. 10:12) tell us

that this is where we start. After winter, the ground is fallow, hard and in need of breaking up. Most cities of North America are in this state.

2. Sowing. After the breaking up of the fallow ground, then the land can receive the seed of the Word of God. Evangelistic outreaches occur in this season.

3. Watering. Water = life. The rains of the Holy Spirit, and the tears of the intercessor.

4. Cultivation. Keeping the soil soft during the growing season. Preserving the harvest through the entire season. Guarding that which was planted. Bringing the harvest to full maturity ensures the fullness of harvest. Continued evangelism and intercession. A season of protracted, intense warfare on behalf of the harvest that is still to come.

5. Waiting. Things take time to grow. Usually more time that I am willing to wait. In our haste for results, we often bypass waiting. It is in this season that we often make the fatal mistake that kills/drastically reduces our harvest. At this point we sacrifice substance for superficial, the Charismata for Charisma and make shortcuts/compromises that undermine all we are working for. We at this point look for the can of "Instant Success", as the "Chronos" period is taking to long. We begin to look elsewhere, to other ministries/opportunities with longing eyes, as they appear to be "doing something".

6. Travail. Travail means to give birth. This also is the warfare. the "slugging it out". Once a woman goes into labor, we stop when the baby comes. No breaks or let downs. All attention from this point on are on the birthing.

Travail can often mean suffering. There are going to be times of suffering, tribulation, oppression, blatant attack by our enemy along the road to harvest. As Paul told the elders in Acts 14:22, Through many tribulations we enter the Kingdom of heaven. Sufferings are sure to come along the road to harvest.

7. Harvest time.

What season are you in right now? Recognize the season and stay on the road to harvest, that your reward might be great in the Kingdom of our God.

Retaking The Ship

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I dreamed I was aboard a luxury liner, the good ship Christendom, converted curiously enough from a battleship, cruising blissfully through a lazy blue ocean. The cruise ads had promised clear skies, a great time, fun entertainment with some of the greatest speakers and singers of our time, and feast upon feast of a vast array of culinary delicacies from around the globe.

For some odd reason I had the impression this was supposed to be a family cruise but the wealthiest were atop in the luxury suites, quite isolated and protected from the rest of us who were secured in various levels of the ship each according to our rank of importance and wealth. Somehow, it didn't feel right.

Aside from a growing uneasiness that something wasn't quite right on this vast cruise ship, I was enjoying myself listening to great teachers and wonderful singers all the while surrounded by a few close friends.

One night, as I climbed into my bunk, I felt the ship begin to rock. It was a gentle rocking but soon the ship was tossing and heaving like a fish needing air. People were being thrown out of their bunks and began scrambling to get to the decks. Were we sinking?

I staggered like a drunken man up the stairs to see a sight unthinkable. The deck was rocking violently and everything that could be shaken was being shaken. Baggage and luxuries were being thrown overboard by the cresting of the waves and it seemed the ship would split into timbers. And through the swirling fog I saw what looked like another ship: a pirate ship?

We were being boarded and overtaken. It happened so fast there was almost no resistance. Some from the upper decks were shouting, "You cannot do this. We are the lords of this voyage." And a shrouded figure I took for the Captain of the attacking vessel stepped out of the shadows and replied simply; "It is not to be so among you for there is only one Lord."

Within a few minutes many of the passengers and crew were in chains for not having "lawfully boarded," while the rest of us were ordered to different decks. The whole ship was in ordered turmoil as everyone aboard was assigned a new place. A man named Mr. Prophet, who had been in irons for most of the voyage for "Speaking Mutiny" against the now deposed former Captain who ironically wore his same chains, was summarily released and placed into the watchtower to be the eyes of the ship.

A woman named Mrs. Intercessor who was serving in the galley as a lowly cook was sent to the deepest hole in the ship. I wondered about her punishment and asked one of the shining soldiers why this was so. He smiled and said, "She is close to the Captain's heart and needs the silence to be alone with him to hear his heart clearly. She has cried out to be released into this 'punishment' for many years. It is a station of great honor."

Others tried to use their former rank to demand an audience with the Captain but he ignored their swagger and boasts seeming instead drawn to the meek and lowly of heart, giving no regard to a person's rank or status.

The ship's powerful self-propelling engines were unbolted and dropped like useless, dead weights into the forgetfulness of the ocean! A mast went up and in a moment, she was transformed from running under her own power back into a sailing ship. Her ancient armory that had been locked tight was opened anew and her weapons were remounted transforming her into both a sailing ship and a warship. Many of the singers quit entertaining and began to offer up worship on the warship. An order was given to the speakers, "Quit merely speaking and teach by example. To your labor stations!"

Some who had beaten their fellow passengers during the voyage were publicly humiliated as a quick trial took place. Those who had abused their fellow passengers were allowed to remain on the ship and surprisingly were treated as guests of the Captain, but even what they had was taken away from them. There was a fast redistribution of wealth and duty as everyone was released into a place that somehow suddenly felt "right." We were no more divided into passengers and crew, but all simply crewmembers, fellow shipmates united under one Captain.

The Captain assembled the whole ship's company and, while holding a bottle of new wine in his hand, spoke quickly. "I come to liberate, not enslave! I have come to reclaim what is mine by birthright. I have retaken this ship that the pirates stole from me. She is no more christened The Christendom, but her true name, the good ship Salvation!"

He broke the bottle of new wine over her bow. "All who will may board her freely for the price to sail has been paid in full. We set sail for my Father's kingdom. Rebels and mutineers, beware! Your day of retribution draws swiftly near. Behold, I come quickly!"

A cheer went up from the crew as the sails were hoisted and a sudden wind from the deepest Heaven began to blow, propelling her towards an unseen land. My last sight was seeing her proper Captain at the wheel with his joyous face yet set like flint for the voyage to come. I sensed troubled waters of tribulation brewing and knew that only with the true Captain at the helm would we safely reach our destination.

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Remove The Shroud Of Death

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Warring To Remove The Shroud Of Death
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As many of you know, on March 24, 2005, I issued a prayer alert concerning the **Terri Schiavo** situation. This, of course, was before her death. In this alert I made some strong statements about the death culture in America and about a spirit of death being released from Florida to the nation, if her death was allowed. I have received requests from several people and organizations to follow up this prayer alert, since of course, she was killed.

The reason for a slight delay in writing a response to the situation is two-fold:

1) I wanted time to wait on the Lord, asking Him for His wisdom and word on the situation; and

2) I wanted to allow time for emotions to settle – both mine, in order that I might make my best effort to hear and write by the Spirit, and also the emotions of those who would read it.

Let me say from the start, that though I have received a few negative responses from what I wrote, the overwhelming response was agreement. I make no apologies for anything I said in the alert and still believe everything I wrote. I did try to be compassionate and conciliatory to those who have had to make heartbreaking decisions to disconnect loved ones from life support, while also stating that I did not believe that was what was happening with Terri. Here is that conciliatory statement:

"I feel that God is allowing it to epitomize where we are as a nation, picturing for us the death culture that has overtaken us in America. I do want to be careful at this point not to cast any dispersion on those who have had to make the excruciating decision to disconnect loved ones from life support. I have had to stand with individuals, giving them comfort and support as they made this decision for brain-dead loved ones. However, I have a very deep conviction that is not what is taking place in this case."

While I still feel the same strong empathy and compassion for those who have had to end life support for loved ones, it has become even more obvious to me that that is not what was happening with Terri Schiavo. Anyone with moral integrity and common sense can see otherwise:

1) She was NOT on life support – she was simply fed;

2) She was NOT on a breathing machine, she breathed on her own;

3) She was NOT dying;

4) She was NOT comatose;

5) It is almost certain her behavior did NOT meet the medical or statutory definition of a persistent vegetative state (PVS). Fourteen independent medical professionals (six of them neurologists) gave either statements or testimony that Terri was NOT a PVS;

6) Her husband (legally, not morally), who had long since moved on with his life, waited seven years to begin saying he remembered that she didn't want to be sustained by a feeding tube.

There are many other injustices and suspicious circumstances surrounding this ordeal. Even the supposed poll that "proved" most Americans wanted her to die was so slanted and dishonest making it suspect at best. For the exact poll question and the clearest expose of this situation I have read to date, you can go to www.focusaction.org and read ***Dr. James Dobson's*** article entitled, "***Life, Death and Judicial Tyranny***." It is shocking, hard-hitting and in many ways, frightening. It is somewhat long but is a **must-read**.

There is no doubt in my mind that Terri Schiavo was, in essence, "legally" murdered. My purpose in this communication is not to prove that, however, but to reiterate what I believe this caused in our nation and to discuss what we must do from here. I issued the following warning in the prayer alert: "As this burden began to intensify yesterday, I called ***Chuck Pierce*** and ***Ken Malone*** (the Strategic Prayer Network state coordinator for Florida). He reminded me of a word Chuck gave about Florida a few months ago. Chuck prophesied,

"A strategy will be uncovered out of Florida that will be very detrimental to our land. . . a strategy that will try to mature to stop the plan for this nation out of Florida, to bring confusion in this land." Chuck also told me yesterday that when he gave this word, he saw a death structure in Florida that would become an issue before the nation – that death would try to reign from there.

"I feel very strongly that if we don't overcome this spirit of death, a new wave of violence and death will be released across our nation. It could manifest through suicides, terrorism, disease, euthanasia, increased abortions, murder, etc. How it manifests may vary, but I am issuing the warning: if this is allowed to continue in Florida, this spirit of death will be unleashed with a vengeance."

I still stand behind this warning. Chuck Pierce also delivered another prophetic word on January 14, 2005 stating, "***In April, death will attempt to sting.***" Terri died March 31! Don't miss the timings of her death and this prophecy. ***There is no doubt in my mind that when she died what the Holy Spirit warned of began***. The stronghold of death in America has increased its strength through this "legal" decision.

By the visibility and coverage of this situation, God gave the nation the opportunity to stop this death by choosing life and therefore, mercy. Some tried to do so, including the President and Congress, but led by a Godless judicial system we (collectively) chose death and judgment.

It is too late to stop the initiating of this death "invasion." There **will** be an increase of violent death in our nation. As you will see before I finish this letter, I don't believe we have to allow this spirit of death and destruction to run its full course. But make no mistake about it, it has begun.

Is this coming destruction the hand of God? Certainly not. It is **the absence of His hand.** Jonah 2:8 says: "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs." (NIV) America chose death over life – even many in the church were strangely silent. We forsook grace and chose destruction.

I also wrote in the prayer alert about the courts – the judicial system. I, along with many other prophets and leaders, have been warning for several years that they are out of control and are the number one entry-point for the spiritual decay and cultural demise in our nation. Of course there are some good judges in America, but nonetheless this institution has done more than any other to release the spirit of death over our nation. Many of them are unaccountable, arrogant, godless and on a mission to legislate God out of America.

Please read the aforementioned article of Dr. Dobson's and, among many compelling arguments proving what I just said, **you will read of Thomas Jefferson predicting this 200 years ago! *His greatest fear for America was the judicial system!***

God placed them on public trial in the Terri Schiavo case. They were weighed in the balances and found wanting. They were offered a choice – they chose death. They failed the test and showed that they are under the influence of a spirit of death. They tried to say that they were only following the law, but when the President, Congress, the Governor and legislature of Florida gave them the way out – the way to choose life – they showed their true colors. They didn't want the way out, the way to choose life. They even defied a Congressional order – a subpoena. The point is, they didn't want a way out and didn't want to have any other governmental branch bringing checks or balances to them, as the Constitution mandates. They are full of pride and out of control, and they are now bringing America into another phase and level of judgment. We must pray and do everything else in our power to change this evil system. **The destiny of America is at stake.**

Jim Hodges, my apostolic covering and one of my spiritual fathers agrees with this. He said,

"***A nation cannot be sustained or reach its divine destiny if it chooses a culture of death.*** **'I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendents by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers. . .'** (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

This word of God through Moses came to Israel as they prepared to cross the Jordan into their destiny. America has a prophetic destiny, but it can be aborted by choosing death!"

Where does this leave us? Is it too late to stem the tide of this death culture? Must we face the full force of this spirit of death that has been released? Is it too late to rein in this renegade judicial system? The answer to these questions is a resounding "**No**."

While it is too late to stop some of the judgment, we can and must break this death culture and overcome this spirit of death. Through various dreams and revelations, God showed Chuck Pierce in January that we were entering a ***ten month struggle against death in America***. We lost a battle, but we can still win this war!

As Chuck and I have prayed and processed together, God began to speak about His river of life. Of course, God's ***life*** always overcomes ***death***. There must be a fresh release of this river in America. Ezekiel 47:9 says, "Everything will live where the river goes." This river has power to heal even nations (see Ezekiel 47:12 and Revelation 22:1-2).

Saying we need a release of the river of God is another way of saying we need a fresh outpouring of His Spirit. Nothing else will break this spirit of death. Yes, I still believe revival is coming to America. Unfortunately, some of the cause will probably be judgment, since it is often what it takes to bring further repentance and a turning back to God.

Here are four things we can do now to see a fresh release of the Holy Spirit and His river of life, and a consequent breaking of the spirit of death over America. They involve, quite simply, a radical return to the basics:

1) **Repent.** Biblically, repentance means a change of mind leading to a change of action and direction. Complacency and indifference must be broken off of us, starting with the church. The blindness that keeps us from seeing our horrible condition must be lifted. If judges had done something to hurt our pocketbooks there would have been a far greater outcry, including from the church. We are pathetically selfish. We think we are "rich. . . and have need of nothing." But we "are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked," (see Revelation 3:17). We must "be zealous therefore, and repent," (verse 19). Do this individually and corporately. Do it identificationally for the nation.

- Repent for the pride and arrogance that permeates our nation.
- Repent for allowing God to be mocked and expelled from our culture.
- Repent of greed and selfishness.

- Repent of idolatry and gross immorality.
- Repent of lukewarmness in the church.
- Do not listen to false leaders and shepherds who tell us all is well.
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Read the first six chapters of Jeremiah; it has many warnings for us.

2) **Fasting.** Sometimes there is nothing else that will produce breakthrough. According to Isaiah 58:6 it loosens the bonds of wickedness, undoes the bands of the yoke, lets the oppressed go free and breaks every yoke. There are many wonderful promises, as well as important conditions, in this chapter.

Fasting is also a statement of humility. It is a humbling or bringing down of self and its desires, and a reciprocal exalting of the spirit and its life forces.

3) **Intercession.** Both personal and corporate intercession must be released to pull down this spirit of death and break the death culture in America. Biblical decrees and declarations must be issued in order to release the sword of the Spirit. If enough believers in America would do this daily and enough churches do it weekly, we could overcome this spirit in a relatively short time. Don't underestimate the importance of yourself or your prayer group.

Do prayer journeys/walks to your courthouse, abortion clinic, Planned Parenthood offices and anywhere else God's Spirit leads. Don't make a scene – pray and decree. Your invisible force in the spirit is worth more than a protest.

4) **Worship.** Worship exalts God, weakens principalities and powers (Psalm 149:5-9) and confuses the forces of darkness (2 Chronicles 20:23). It cleanses the atmosphere. Worship gatherings – simply for the sake of worship – are important in this season. They should be regular and frequent.

In closing, while I firmly agree with Chuck Pierce that we are in a season of intense war with a spirit of death and the death culture in America, we can win this war. Even judgment does not have to be final under grace; mercy can triumph. ***Let's up this war for life and win it!***

Passionately,
Dutch Sheets

Redeeming The Time

Jon Hamill

Redeeming The Time

This July, at a gathering called "The Gate" in Washington, D.C., the Lord gave me a prophetic experience regarding an emerging season where He is redeeming the time on behalf of His body.

Almost immediately after this experience, God brought significant confirmation in my own life. Many friends with whom I have prayed and shared the word have also been impacted. In a dream a week ago, the Lord made clear it is now time to release this word to the broader body of Christ.

In the prophetic experience, I saw and heard swirling winds forming a whirlwind and descending upon us. The sound was like the rhythm of a helicopter, and the whirlwind was moving counterclockwise.

I asked the Lord why the whirlwind was rotating counterclockwise, and He spoke to me that it's because these winds were released for the redeeming of time. This is a facet of His manifest justice. God is prepared, as it were, to turn back the hand of time. He is breathing life into the gate of this nation, bringing us into a season where kairos windows of opportunity, stolen by the enemy, will be redeemed and brought back around.

As His breath begins to blow, God will bring to completion His intentions for our lives that have seemingly been aborted by the enemy. Even opportunities missed by our own stupor are available for His redemption. Let the Lord quicken to you what kairos opportunities you have been robbed of, and ask Him for restoration. He is eager to move on your behalf!

In Ephesians 5:15-16, we are admonished that redeeming the (kairos) time is a facet of walking wisely in the midst of evil days. The prophet Joel speaks of an army trained to "enter through the windows like a thief" (Joel 2:9). How often have we slumbered while incredible windows of opportunity have opened by the hand of the Lord? Just like an unrighteous thief, God is calling us to focus on the prize on the other side of the window. He's saying it's wise to see that the prize is worth the risk!

As God redeems kairos opportunities to establish His justice, even to change the course of history, let's walk wisely.

In his time, Martin Luther King responded to such a call. He perceived that God had opened a window to this nation to bring to fruition the promise of liberty for which the Civil War had originally been fought. In other words, God brought back around a kairos window of opportunity to establish His justice -- for all.

It is interesting to note that at this season in history, the healing movement birthed by Oral Roberts, Kenneth Hagin, Paul Cain, Jack Coe, Kathryn Kuhlman, and others, was being breathed on with strength by the Holy Spirit. God was restoring the Biblical truth that, through the cross, Christ Jesus paid for our healing as well as our salvation. And that our healing was a facet of His justice.

In this context, God raised up Martin Luther King with a healing anointing to *restore the soul of a nation*! It is to our shame that as God began to shift His people into a focus on healing a nation, the vast majority of white Christians responded with passivity.

Dr. King was often confronted with criticism from white Christians that his actions were too extreme for the era in which he lived. Responding to this criticism in a Letter from a Birmingham Jail, Dr. King amazingly identified *stewardship of time* as the core issue! He wrote: "Such an attitude stems from a tragic misconception of time . . . More and more I feel that the people of ill will have used time much more effectively than the people of good will. We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people . . . We must use time creatively, and forever realize that *the time is always right to do right*."

We live in an era similar to that of Martin Luther King. To the seeking, God is releasing a new measure of apostolic anointing and authority to establish societal justice. This anointing, commensurate with our lifestyle, will empower us to redeem the kairos time so that issues of justice -- even on a national level -- may be brought to completion.

In this season of restoration, may God give us the same resolve so demonstrated by Dr. King. Because the cost will be much greater if we stay passive. The fulfillment of God's promise to this nation depends upon a swift response to His call to "establish justice at the gates." As the windows of opportunity open -- go through!

"Go through, Go through the gates; prepare the way for the people . . . " (Isaiah 62:10)

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Returning To The Source

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Returning to the Source and Reversing the Lost Power of the Church" (A Prayer Journey to Moscow, Istanbul, Rome and Jerusalem)

Dear Standing Saints:

I recently attended John and Paula Sanford's 30th anniversary gathering. These saints paved the way for many of us to understand our identity. I remember reading *The Elijah Task* in 1978 and saying, "Thank you, Lord! This explains a little better who I am."

This is a year for things to come full circle. I believe this 30th anniversary signified a launching of God's prophets and healers into the next dimension. We left on Pentecost Sunday (June 12) for our *Eagles of God* trip to Moscow, Istanbul, Rome, and Jerusalem: *Returning to the Source and Reversing the Lost Power of the Church* (see details below). As the team of ten journeyed, we were declaring that the power of Pentecost come upon you -- bringing increase in REVELATION, PROVISION, and HARVEST THINKING.

THE WIND OF HEAVEN IS BLOWING! (A Prophetic Word for You)

Get Ready For The Vexation Of Your Spirit To Lift And Revival To Occur!

I preached a message, recently, titled "Do You Want to Be Made Whole?" We are entering into a time of revival of the spirit. The spirit of man is the innermost part of a person where the Holy Spirit resides. The spirit of man sings and blesses God.
Ask the Lord to release your spirit from any vexation so you can bless the Lord. Let your spirit bless God. Get past your wounds and confinements and let your spirit bless God. Let Him touch you in a way He has never touched you before. Tell the Lord you are willing, that you want wholeness, and that you want Him to transform your blood and remove any impurities from your life.

The Lord is speaking the following:

"If you have come with one arm withered, stretch both arms up and let Me stretch you in a new way. Feel Me chipping away at that thing which has been holding you and let Me shift you. Feel yourself rising even in the midst of warfare. The warfare around you is ending. I AM getting you past your conflicts and releasing a new grace for you to win the war.

"Even though you hear the sound of war, you hear My sound more clearly. Come up, come up, come up, and stand before Me. I AM the Father of your spirit. I want you to understand your full adoption. I have paid for your spirit to be free. I want you to experience your full inheritance.

"Feel the penetration of My Spirit through your spirit -- transforming your soul and changing your body. Enter into a new place of communion. Hear the sounds of heaven as you commune. Don't commune the same common way, but allow your spirit to be filled with Holy Spirit.

"Submit to the 'Father of spirits.' See things from a different perspective. Communion is a function of the spirit. Let Me infuse you with thoughts from heaven that will affect earth -- creative thoughts that will reorder structures and systems around you.

"I AM removing soul ties that have you bound to an earthy realm and in places you do not belong. You will now see where your spirit aligns and fits. Thank Holy Spirit for raising you up above the earth

realm. You have been looking up at the sky and you've been thinking that the sky is going to fall on you. I'm pulling you up beyond what you thought could fall on you.
"Look at your right foot. Where it has been held by chains, I AM pulling it out of the pit. Lift it and step forward. Look at your left foot. Where it has been held by the shackles of sin -- the mud grip is releasing. Lift it and step forward. Raise your right hand and raise your left hand because extension is coming to your body today.

"I AM taking you up. A new wind is blowing that is causing you to rise. I AM accelerating your release from your enemies. The earth is crying out for My glory and right now the heavens are bringing you to a new height of victory. Holy Spirit has released you to ascend."

LET OLD CYCLES BREAK!

This *FirstFruits* gathering this month was one of our most important of the year. This is the month to decree that ***old cycles break!*** We addressed deadly cycles that seem to control our lives and remove our freedom. A cycle is an interval during which a recurring sequence of events happens.

A cycle can also be a periodically repeated sequence of events . . . something that happens over and over at a certain time. Sometimes this is impregnated with supernatural phenomena. A cycle can be linked with time or event and orchestrated supernaturally so a repeating wound or injustice occurs from generation to generation. Satan loves to keep us going around the same mountain. ***But God!***

Romans 8:1-4 (LB) says:
"So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving Spirit -- and this power is mine through Christ Jesus -- has freed me from the *vicious circle* of sin and death. We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God, because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours -- except that ours are sinful -- and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins. So now we can obey God's laws if we follow after the Holy Spirit and no longer obey the old evil nature within us."
God has a remedy for iniquity. By embracing the blood and redemptive sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ we can break out of any old pattern. **Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "And a three fold cord is not quickly broken."** Of course, this was written in the concept of the unity of the Trinity. However, this Scripture allows us to understand the principle that a triple, braided cord is very difficult to break.

You can also imagine if three demonic strongholds align with each other. The three demonic strongholds we have to deal with most of the time in our lives are **poverty**, **infirmity**, and **religion**. I am decreeing that each braided cord in your life, family, church, city, and state that is choking out God's best will begin to unravel. Move from *POVERTY* to *INCREASE*. Shift from *INFIRMITY* to *HEALING*. Leave *RELIGION* and move into *THE NEW THING*.

THE EAGLES OF GOD TRIP TO MOSCOW, ISTANBUL, ROME AND JERUSALEM

Returning to the Source and Reversing the Lost Power of the Church

Another three-fold cord of great importance has to do with the history of the Church. Your gifts and prayer support have spread around the world over the last couple of months and were now used to declare a change in Church History as we went to MOSCOW, CONSTANTINOPLE (Istanbul), ROME, and JERUSALEM for a prayer journey called *Returning to the Source and Reversing the Lost Power of the Church*.

The Purpose of the Trip

In AD 325, the Emperor Constantine gave the church "an offer it couldn't refuse!" As a result, the church compromised with paganism and lost touch with its biblical roots. The resulting paganized Christianity was marked by the worship of images, icons, shrines, prayer to Mary and the Saints, pagan rituals, ceremonies, holidays, a pagan view of God, etc. The church was plunged into a thousand years of ignorance and superstition, known as the dark ages.

Beginning with the protestant reformation, God has graciously worked to restore to the church much that it had lost, but the restoration is not yet complete. ***We believe God is bringing His church into a time of full restoration, when the apostolic church will be restored to its original purity and power, bringing about a great last-days harvest.***

Branches of the Church

In the years since Constantine, the Church has split into several major branches. In this journey we will focus on three primary branches of the church that are highly significant theologically, politically, and prophetically.

The first is the Roman Catholic Church. Rome is called the "Eternal City." Rome brought about the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of the early Church and -- through Constantine -- the death of the early Church, cutting the Church off from its biblical foundation and plunging the Church into a millennium of darkness.

The second is the Orthodox Church, represented by Constantinople (now Istanbul), which called itself "The Second Rome." The Orthodox Church continued to build on the paganized foundation of Rome, adding the worship of icons and, in its worship, "restoring the temple veil" between God and the people. The Orthodox Church has been much more resistant to movements of renewal, restoration, and reformation than the Roman church.

The third is the Russian Orthodox Church, represented by Moscow, which calls itself "The Third Rome." The Russian Orthodox Church continued to build on the paganized foundation of the first two "Romes," but replaced the "Greek" mindset of the Roman and Greek churches with a barbarian worldview of the Kievan Rus. This laid a foundation of harsh oppression which resulted in the Bolshevik revolution and the rise of communism. The present Russian state has repeatedly stated its goal of once again rising as the "Third Rome."

While we, in America, are primarily concerned with the Roman church, (*and its reformed offspring, the **Protestant church***) we are also part of the greater church worldwide, and must intercede for the restoration of the church in all of its branches.

Our trip schedule was, beginning Pentecost Sunday, June 12th:

Sunday (noon)	**Travel from Dallas to Chicago and on to London**
Monday (AM)	**Arrive in London and travel on to Moscow**
Monday (afternoon)	**Arrive in Moscow**
Tues and Wed (AM)	**Pray at strategic sites in Moscow**
Wed (afternoon)	**Depart Moscow and arrive in Istanbul**
Thursday (AM)	**Pray at strategic sites in Istanbul**
Thursday (afternoon)	**Depart Istanbul and arrive in Rome**
Friday	**Pray at strategic sites in Rome**
Saturday	**Depart Rome for Israel (AM) and arrive in Tel Aviv (afternoon)**
Sunday and Monday	**Pray at strategic sites in Jerusalem**
Tuesday (early AM)	**Travel from Tel Aviv (early AM) to Zurich and on to Dallas**
Tuesday (afternoon)	**Arrive in Dallas**

Thank you for praying for us as we declared a reversal of lost power over you! MAY THE LORD RESTORE ALL! I am decreeing that every vicious circle the enemy has you in will break and that wasted time will be reversed. We will send along more reports through The Elijah List during the next couple of weeks. I appreciate each of you. I could not accomplish the will of the Lord for my life without you.

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Brambles And Bushes
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"Many Feel Caught Up In The Brambles And Bushes..."

And the Lord would say to you: “Many of you feel today that you have been caught up in the brambles and bushes. Many of you even think you have lost your way. But I would say to you that I have a Highway for you and I AM going to bring you back upon the Highway. I’m going to set your feet on the way of holiness. I AM going to set your feet on the way of progression and advancement. I AM going to set your feet on the way of victory. And this day I AM calling you out of curses. I AM calling you out of bondage. I AM calling you out of a place of darkness. I AM calling you out of weariness. I AM calling you out of places of failure. I AM calling you out of condemnation. And I AM inviting you to come up on My Highway. Let Me establish your feet. You will stand, you will surely stand, you will surely stand” says the Lord.

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Run Forrest Run!
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Mrs. Gump: I happen to believe you make your own destiny. You have to do the best with what God gave you."

Forrest: Momma, what's my destiny?

Mrs. Gump: Your gonna have to figure it out yourself Forrest. Life is like a box of Chocolates, you never know what your gonna get."

Forrest: I don't know if mamma was right, if it's Lt. Dan, I don't know if we all have a destiny, or if were all just floating accidentally like on a breeze, but maybe I think it's both. Maybe both are happening at the same time.

Deuteronomy 30:19

19 Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live! 20Choose to love the Lord your God and to obey him and commit yourself to him, for he is your life. Then you will live long in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

The Lord is calling His people on their unmistaken path to their destiny. Forrest Gump is a God breathed Movie. A story of Child like Faith and the beautiful obedience of a faithful child. You best see it and look at through your spiritual eyes! The Great Lord is calling for His people to run to their destinies. What did Forrest do. What did that faithful Child do. The young poor boy with the crooked back. He stepped out in faith when his enemies were chasing him, his friend said "Run Forrest Run! And he did! Telling his story he said, "Now you wouldn't believe it if I told you, but I can run like the wind blows! From that day on if I was going somewhere, I was running!" Just like David, "Gimmie that sling! I'm gonna eat me some giant! Let us run to the high calling so we will be able to stand before him unashamed. Yes, run to stand! Yes, Forrest you made your destiny, by your Love, your obedience and your childlike faithfulness set forth in your face of flint!

Church, the orders have been set forth by the Captain of the Armies of the Lord! His sword is drawn, and it's pointing at everything that is not of Him. Ignore what the real prophets have to say at your own peril! Prayer, Praise and Obedience. The Line has been drawn in the sand for the World and His Church. The World has all ready chosen their destiny. The question is what will you choose? Will you run like Forrest to what the Father is doing in this hour and what he's calling you to? Or in your rebellion will you die or be swept away in the flood waters of judgment that has been reserved for the world and forfeit the destiny the Lord was trying to bring you in? Choose Life, Be a David! Be a Son of God!

We need to renew our minds to these scriptures. Only in his power will we be able to stand. Only in His power will we have the" want to"! In faith we grab hold of the promise of a new heart that will long and thirst after Him at all costs. Not in our human motivation or will power it can't be done! By the Word, Worship and Prayer will we be able to come into sonship and a new heart. We Christians are that nation that has dishonored the Lord's great name among the nations. Because of our sick hearts.

Hearts that have had the Lords interests only in appearances. They honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. That is changing!

Jeremiah 24:77 I will give them hearts that will recognize me as the Lord. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly.

Ezekiel 11:1919 And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their hearts of stone and give them tender hearts instead, 20so they will obey my laws and regulations. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 36:23

23 I will show how holy my great name is—the name you dishonored among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign Lord, then the nations will know that I am the Lord. 24For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land25"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. 26And I will give you a new heart with new and right desires, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony heart of sin and give you a new, obedient heart.£ 27And I will put my Spirit in you so you will obey my laws and do whatever I command.

Joel 2

1 Blow the trumpet in Jerusalem£! Sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the Lord is upon us. 2 It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of thick clouds and deep blackness. Suddenly, like dawn spreading across the mountains, a mighty army appears! How great and powerful they are! The likes of them have not been seen before and never will be seen again.

3 Fire burns in front of them and follows them in every direction! Ahead of them the land lies as fair as the Garden of Eden in all its beauty. Behind them is nothing but desolation; not one thing escapes. 4 They look like tiny horses, and they run as fast. 5 Look at them as they leap along the mountaintops! Listen to the noise they make—like the rumbling of chariots, like the roar of a fire sweeping across a field, or like a mighty army moving into battle.

6 Fear grips all the people; every face grows pale with fright. 7 The attackers march like warriors and scale city walls like trained soldiers. Straight forward they march, never breaking rank. 8 They never jostle each other; each moves in exactly the right place. They lunge through the gaps, and no weapon can stop them. 9 They swarm over the city and run along its walls. They enter all the houses, climbing like thieves through the windows.

10 The earth quakes as they advance, and the heavens tremble. The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars no longer shine. 11The Lord leads them with a shout! This is his mighty army, and they follow his orders. The day of the Lord is an awesome, terrible thing. Who can endure it?

A Call to Repentance

12 That is why the Lord says, "Turn to me now, while there is time! Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. 13 Don’t tear your clothing in your grief; instead, tear your hearts." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful. He is not easily angered. He is filled with

kindness and is eager not to punish you. 14 Who knows? Perhaps even yet he will give you a reprieve, sending you a blessing instead of this terrible curse. Perhaps he will give you so much that you will be able to offer grain and wine to the Lord your God as before!15 Blow the trumpet in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. 16 Bring everyone—the elders, the children, and even the babies. Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room. 17 The priests, who minister in the Lord’s presence, will stand between the people and the altar, weeping. Let them pray, "Spare your people, Lord! They belong to you, so don’t let them become an object of mockery. Don’t let their name become a proverb of unbelieving foreigners who say, ‘Where is the God of Israel? He must be helpless!’"

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The David's Of The Hour
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I am raising up my David's in this hour,- I have been preparing them, steadying them, rooting them in Me. They are like steel. No, they are like titanium. They will not only use the sling-shot effectively, but these that I am raising up, will also cut off the heads of Goliath in the land. Sharply and decisively. They are indestructible, unaware of the fray around them. They do what they are supposed to do. What they have been born to do. Nothing can stop them. Many consider them violent. They care not what people think of them. They only do what their Father asks them to do. They are fearless. They are "lightening-rods" in the Hand of the Lord. They are a prized possession. They cannot be stopped. They devour all that is in their path. Woe to those that try and oppose them. Those that oppose them are annihilated without mercy. They are hated with the most perfect hatred. They are hated for their single-minded devotion to the Lord. But they are steadfast. They are not moved. Who can withstand their assault? They trample on their enemies. They are successful in all they have been called to do. They are given the Spirit without limits. Who can stand before them? Who can oppose them? They are victorious and mighty. They have been prepared for the hour at hand. They are deadly in their accuracy. Tremble in the presence of the Holy ones. Tremble in the presence of the Lord. Does not His Word come to pass as it is written? All that has been written will come to pass. Look and see the Holy ones who stand on the mountain of the Lord. They are coming. The David's of the hour.
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Rest Until the Rider Comes
Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

June 4, 2005

Again I say, rest, rest, rest – wait on Me, for I say to you the days ahead will not be easy. But know that through Me all things are possible.

For even as the wheels of change turn around you – you must sit in the eye of the storm. For the enemy seeks to pull you into it. DO NOT ENTER. I say to you, “DO NOT ENTER into the evil that lurks around you. For the enemy seeks to tie your hands, feet, and mouth, to keep you from going forward in My kingdom. Yet I say to you, that he will not stop that which I have placed in you. For I say, sit and rest. Know that you have crossed over the threshold and your future approaches you. **The rider is coming (I saw a rider coming toward me, from the distance on a horse, with a scroll / document / contract in his hand.) Know that even as he approaches that you are ready for what I am giving you.** Know that it will appear to be much – but do not fear, for what it appears to be – for know again, that I, Your God, Your Father, and Master am in your corner. I AM on your side, and what appears to be much in the eyes of man is only possible through My grace and mercy. You will rise up to the challenge and My glory will rise up through you. Know that you have been given great favor this day and that you have come out of darkness and into My Light – that My light will shine forth from you into the uttermost parts of the world - that I will use you for My Glory. Know that even now, the enemy trembles at what I have placed in you for he greatly fears what is coming in the days ahead, for he knows that I have won the war, yet he refuses to give up for he thinks there is hope through his corruption of man.

His hope lies in what is now happening around the world. His hope lies in deception, corruption, and death.

But know that My army is rising. My army is coming forth in all of My Glory. My army will overcome all that is placed before it, for it is filled with MY GLORY and MY OVERCOMING SPIRIT and it will not give up until it has defeated all evil.

So rest, in peace, My daughter, for the Army of the Lord is waiting with you, for My Word, for My Timing, and for Me to say, “GO, NOW, IT IS TIME.” **Rest until the rider comes, for much will be yours in the days ahead.** Rest and wait. Rest to prepare for what is coming. Know that I have it all in My hands – for I am in control.

Horsemen At The Gates And Angels Of Light
Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

June 25, 2005

As you go on this new journey in your life – **BE RELEASED! – and KNOW THAT I AM GOD.** Know that I have you in the palm of My hand, that I will protect and provide for you.

Rest, rest, continue to rest until the rider comes. For the rider comes in with a mighty wind of

change, a change that will manifest itself greatly in your life, and the lives of those around and near you. For lives will not be the same.

For I come with great force and great passion for My people that I have called forth from the north, south, east, and west. I come also with gentleness. For again, should you choose not to change – I will not force you, but you also choose then to not come forth into the next move that will come forth on the earth, the next move that will shake Heaven and earth greatly. **For, the horsemen are at the gates of every territory, every city, every region, and every nation. I say the horsemen are at the gates.**

I looked up and saw thousands of riders on horses at huge iron gates that were very heavy and closed. But I knew in my spirit that a simple breath from the Lord would easily open these to allow the army of the Lord to enter.

Then I heard, **WAKE UP! WAKE UP, OH SLEEPING ONES! WAKE UP!** For I call you now to come forth into My plans and purposes, not into the plans and purposes of man. Know which plans are of man and which are of Me – seek Me. Join Me in My counsel chambers. Ask of Me, that I might show you what is to come – of what is of the days ahead, that you would be prepared – that you would be ready to choose.

I then saw many individuals in the counsel chambers of the Lord – many were on their faces, seeking Him for revelation.

Again I say, much change will come forth in the days ahead. Get ready now for what is coming. Rest, that you might gather strength. Rest that you will know Me when you see Me, that you will not be deceived by angels who pose as angels of light. (2 Corinthians 11:14)

I saw then a force of angels released from hell, who were dark, but as they approached the light they became lighter and appeared to look like the heavenly angels; but I knew they were not. They were dispersing to all parts of the earth and being sent to all people - that there would be a choice that would have to be made by people on earth.

For there are those who continue to seek to destroy My Kingdom.

You must be alert and ready. You must be aware. You must know the difference between light and dark. You must not compromise. For snares have been set in the darkness to capture those who are unawares, those who are not alert or ready. Be ready, for I come.

Rise Up With Words Of Victory

Yolanda Ballard

Jan 16, 2005

Rest assured that I know everything that you are going through this day. Even though the trials come your way, it is I who is in control of the wind and the waves. Remember when I first called you by my side, and the rage of the enemy burned brightly against you? But you stood firm no matter what you felt and saw. You didn't waver in unbelief, because you trusted in My faithfulness to keep you safe.

And now I AM calling you even closer, and the enemy doesn't like what he sees, because I AM raising up an army that will not waver in unbelief. Anything of the enemy that will be hurled their way will be repelled by the blinding light of My glory and love, Yes, I AM raising up an army that will not waver and will set their heads like flint against the enemy and will continue to take the land.

They are determined to possess their inheritance no matter what the enemy says to them, because they know he's a liar and the father of lies, and they know what is rightfully theirs. They know that the nations are their inheritance. They know that whatever ground that their foot will touch will be theirs, because they are claiming it for My kingdom to come and for My will to be done.

So be strong. Do not waver in unbelief because of what you might feel or see. Be still and see My hand move on your behalf. Fear not and stand firm and see My salvation for I AM the King of glory and I reign mightily. Once you make up your mind to stand firm, then wait upon Me patiently believing I will keep My word to you for all of My promises are "yes" and "Amen" to you.

This is the day to rise up and be strong for there is not to be any defeat in your vocabulary just words of victory. You are to proclaim only My truth and never to repeat the lies of the evil one. Spread only My good news and never anything the enemy is doing. Never bring any glory to the acts of destruction and defeat the enemy may bring your way or across the globe. Only proclaim truth, and you will see My power over-compensate the works of the enemy, for this is the day to only rejoice and to be glad.

Don't allow the trials of life to weigh you down. Be free in Me and see my glory fall. You are My mighty army, and I will flow mightily through you. Keep your heart shielded with My love. Keep your mind covered with My blood. Keep only words of victory flowing from your mouth, and see the enemy scattered before you. I AM raising you up this day. If I AM for you, who can be against you?

Revelation, Wisdom and Knowledge

Dan Williams

Releasing the Spirit of Revelation, Wisdom
& Knowledge - Dan Williams

For I hear the Spirit of the Lord speaking, and the Lord says, “I will release revelation in this year. For this year has been a crossing over, a threshold to a new season. A new season that will also bring forth new revelation. For many of my people have been in the old season. They have walked and moved as in times past, but things have now changed. The Spirit of God says things have changed. This is a new time and a new season. A threshold, a doorway entrance is now being opened into revelation this year, says God. My people have dreamed of and sought for more revelation and they have not attained it as yet. But this shall be given to you, says the Spirit of God. I shall reveal and unveil my Son in this year in a new and a profound way. A way in which My people have not yet seen. For my people have a hunger that has risen up within them. Many of you have became so hungry that you cannot do without more revelation and knowledge of who I am and my purpose for your life. And therefore, says God, even your Father, I shall bring forth revelation. I shall bring it forth new to you. Just as a baby that experiences new things, says God, my people like new babies shall experience something new within this year, says the Spirit of Grace. The Spirit of Revelation, Wisdom, and Knowledge will be loosed and be released upon this land. And you shall rise up in your inner man such as you have not experienced in times past. My people have been in bondage to this and to that. But the Lord says bondages shall fall off of my people like shackles of those in prison. They shall fall off, says the Spirit of God, for I am bringing release in this year. I am bringing a release not only of revelation, but a release to my people to bring them out. For my people, you must come out of something in order to enter into something new.

Do not look to the left nor to the right, says the Spirit of God, because it is not there. You shall not find it at your right hand nor shall you find it at your left. You shall not find it if you turn back, you shall only find it if you go forward in me. For I shall bring you in and out of that which you have experienced. I shall bring you into something that shall be far more glorious than that which you have known or could even imagine.

Brazil shaken and ablaze

I have something to speak to you, even this night, says the Spirit of the Lord, for Brazil. For the whole nation of Brazil shall be shaken. For Brazil shall have fire released within the nation, says God. I shall release a fire within the Nation of Brazil even in this year, says God. I shall shake the leaders of Brazil. I shall shake this nation by my hand, says God. For I have a plan and a purpose even for this people, says the Spirit of Grace. And this shall be a sign and a wonder to you, says God. This shall be a sign and a wonder to my people says the Spirit of God to you. For my sons and my daughters need to see a thing and know that the thing they see - comes from me. Oh yes, you must walk by faith and not by sight. You must live and see that which is not seen through the natural eyes by through eyes of faith.

The Spirit of the Lord says, I will encourage you this year. I shall do a sign and a wonder. I shall encourage you and stir you up, says the Spirit of God. This year shall be a year of breakthrough. This year shall be a year in which you shall obtain those things that you have sought for and have not been able to obtain. Yes, you have cried out. You have had desires and you have had needs in your life, says God. Yes, these needs shall be met in this year. The shackles shall fall off. Poverty spirits shall be broken off. My people, the blinders that have blinded you to see only so far shall fall off your spiritual eyes. You shall see beyond and perceive those things that you have only desired to see and have longed for and have never been able to take a hold of them. But by my Spirit, says God, you shall embrace that which is in front of you and you shall see my hand in an extended way such as never before. For signs, wonders and miracles shall be released upon this land, says God.

America Is Mine

Oh yes, Brazil shall be a sign and a wonder but America is mine, says the Spirit of God. I have my man back in the White House. He has been put there by my finger, says God. America shall have a season. America shall have a season of grace, a season of prosperity, a season of economical prosperity, says God.

There are doubters and scoffers that will say that it shall all fall to pieces in the next year or two, but the Lord says Nay, it shall not! I shall prosper this land says the Spirit of God. I shall prosper this land for a few. To those whose heart has been right toward me. Those who have called upon my name. They have turned from their own ways and have turned to mine. Therefore, I am bringing healing into this land, says God.

Many of you have longed for your loved ones to come out of darkness and into light. Many of you have prayed and said, ‘When will this thing be?’ In this year you shall see many of them come in, says God. You shall see harvest come your way. It shall be a harvest of souls and a harvest of your family. A harvest in your health, a harvest in your finances, a harvest, number one, in your relationship with me, says God. For intimacy shall fall upon you, says God. Just like the bride adorning herself to meet her husband, I shall robe you with intimacy this year, says God. I shall give you a spirit to be able to separate yourself unto me and in this year, you shall be able to come into this place with me. You have sought to do this in the past but you have never found the time nor the energy, says God. You have always been drawn to this and to that, says the Spirit of God. But in this year, I shall release you. I shall cause a great release. I shall blow upon you with the wind of my Spirit, says God. You shall be able to pull yourself back from those things that have held you in bondage to get into that place with me where you can hear my voice. A place in which you shall hear my voice and experience my presence. For in my presence, there is fullness of joy. At my right hand, there are pleasures evermore.

I long, I long for you to experience this with me, says God. I long for the intimate time with you, says the Spirit of God. For it is then that I can download the things of the kingdom unto you. It is then that I can reload you with those things that I need to have within you so that I can cause those things to flow through you. I can reload you and remove all that stuff that has been crowded into your minds and have crowded me out. All the cares and the concerns of this world. The worries of how you are going to make it have crowded me out of your life, my people. The worries of what you are going to wear, the worry of where you are going to live. You are worried about what you are going to drive. You are worried about what you are going to eat and how you are going to pay your bills, says the Spirit of God. But I shall breathe upon you. I am going to move within your midst. I shall raise you out of the ashes and beauty shall be yours, says the Spirit of God. The oil of joy shall fall upon you, my children. Laughter shall come in your midst again. For you shall see and you shall rejoice and be glad for I, the Lord has done it. It is my hand that shall bring you out and up.

Yes, it is I who has brought you out and has raised you up, says God. Do not look back any longer, my people. Don’t shake your head any longer at your problems, just shake your head at the devil, put your finger up to his face, and declare, ‘Devil, you have lost! Devil, you have lost and my Jesus has already won and gave me the victory! And I have the victory that overcomes this world.

I remind you of my Word, my children. Go into my Word and eat my Word because it shall be nourishment to you. This year when you feast upon my Word, you will find so much more. You shall see so much more this year that you have not seen in years gone by. For my revelation now shall come upon you. I shall cover you with it, says the Spirit of the Lord.

The Wind of the Spirit is Moving Along the East Coast

Dan Williams

A Word regarding The East Coast, New York, Italy and Cures for Various Illnesses.

For the wind is blowing. For my wind is blowing upon the east, says God. My wind is blowing across the east of this nation, says the Spirit of the Lord. And I shall blow upon the East Coast, says God. Down from Maine and all along the coastline shall my wind begin to blow, shall my fire begin to glow, shall my people begin to see. They shall begin to see, says God. This is a strange thing you say, 'We already see." No, you do not see. You do not see what you will see. You shall begin to see what you need to see, says the Spirit of the Lord, not what you want to see.

My people want to see things. They want to perceive certain things from their own intellectual understanding, but I shall open them up like a flower, says God. I shall cause them to bloom and pollinate them with a revelation. A revelation that shall burn like fire. A revelation that shall burn like fire, says God. A revelation that shall blow like wind even from the East Coast and through the nations, starting from this border, says God. I shall move in this land and you shall hear it. You shall hear of it. It shall be noised abroad.

Remember in my Word of how when the Word went forth, miracles, signs and wonders began to happen? It was noised abroad. It could not be quiet. There was great joy in those cities, says God. And there shall be great joy in these cities, says the Spirit of the Lord. For my wind shall blow and it shall be noised abroad that visitation has hit the East Coast in a new way.

Don't say in your heart, "Well, we are already there. We have already attained it. We are already walking in such revelation. We have already seen your hand touch this East Coast." Don't say this, my children. For you have not yet seen it. You have not yet seen what I will do. You have not yet heard what I will say. You have not yet experienced what I will cause you to experience in this next time and season, says God. You shall experience that which others, others, others have desired to experience and were not able to do so. For they were not prepared. They were not ready. And therefore I could not move in this way.

I have prepared a people that have been hidden out. I have prepared a few choice people that have been hidden out. This is not because I love them more, says God. It is because they were willing to hear. They were willing to change. They were willing to suffer. They were willing to take what came their way and give me the glory through the fire. And therefore, even as Shadrach, Meshach, and AbedNego, as they gave me glory, as they didn't bow, as they didn't bow and conform to their surroundings I delivered them even in the fire, says God. Their bonds were burnt off. Their bonds came off of them in the midst of their calamity. In the midst of their fire that they experienced, they became free. Therefore, these choice ones in which I have chosen, I have called to be leaders, says the Spirit of God. Is it you? Are you one, says the Spirit of the Lord? Are you one of those that will hear my voice even now, says God?

Ah! Are you one of those? For if you are one, I am saying come now! Come up higher! Hear and attain! Hear and attain the wisdom and the knowledge that I have for you. Take that which I want to deliver to your hand now. I desire, I desire to use you. I desire to see my church grow in this year. I desire, I desire fruit. I desire souls to come out of darkness.

I desire New York to be touched. Where the Statue of Liberty stands tall, where the Statue of Liberty stands tall, says God, my people are in great darkness. They are in such bondage in this land, says the Spirit of God. Even as that Statue is suppose to proclaim liberty, may my Spirit be and accepted and received in this land. May you receive it. May you corporate with me and I shall set these captives free, says God. I shall bring those out of darkness into light. And in this year there shall be a massive move of my Spirit. There shall be a mighty move of my Spirit because you my children have sought my face. You have got upon your knees. You have cried out upon my name and you have believed this thing and therefore I shall honor you even in this coming year, says God.

And I do hear those crying out in Italy, says God. I have heard those who have been crying out in Italy, says the Spirit of Grace. I will move in Italy. I will move in this place, says the Spirit of God. You shall even see my hand in this year, says God. You shall see some changes take place in your land. For you have called upon my name and even as it is written in my Word, "Call upon me and I shall answer you and show you great and mighty things which thou knowest not."

You have called upon me and I shall meet with you. I shall meet with you and I shall show myself strong on your behalf. I shall touch Italy this year, also. I shall touch people in Italy and leaders in this land, says God. Those in high places. Those in the court system and those in legal areas. I shall move upon this land, says the Spirit of God. For I have heard the supplications of my people. I have heard the cries of those who have been between the door posts. For they have placed themselves there and have fallen on their face. I have heard their cries, says God. I shall move in this land even so in this year you shall see these things begin to come to pass.

Revival Will Come To Europe
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Is revival coming to Europe?

John Walker, Regional Vice President of FGBMFI Europe, a movement which aims to evangelise businesspeople, read a report by Peter Spreckley telling of an evangelistic revival in his movement in Nicaragua. "When I read that report, I felt a strong desire that a similar movement would pour out across the great continent of Europe, which has become so dark spiritually. I lay awake in bed in the early hours of Monday morning, thinking about the report. I sensed the Holy Spirit saying 'Revival will come to Europe, the glory of the Lord will cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea. Now is the time to remain strong, remain faithful and seek perfection in all you do. Now are the days of preparation. Do not remain lukewarm or self-contented, but remain strong as my faithful remnant in these days and this generation.'"

Learning from Nicaragua The following excerpts from Peter Spreckley's report show what stirred John Walker: "What we saw and experienced was overwhelming. We were challenged out of our long held understanding of FGBMFI's vision, as it was initially formulated in the book 'The Happiest People on Earth': at the most, monthly outreaches, with one or two prayer meetings in between. Our Chapter meetings generally follow the pattern laid out in the Chapter manual. In the fellowship's 'glory days', we had a good spiritual harvest, but realistically, we have to accept that the harvest has been decreasing, as did the number of Chapters, members and regular meetings. There were one or two exceptions, of course, but I don't think anyone would challenge that assessment. And yet we are called to impact and change our nation!

275,600 attend evangelistic dinners The following statistics give an impression of what we saw and heard in Nicaragua: There are over 530 Chapters in Nicaragua, which has a little less than 6 million inhabitants. 130 of those Chapters are Women's Chapters. There are around 100 Chapters in the capital, Managua. They expect to open one new chapter each week. Every Chapter invites people to an evangelistic dinner each week, and each time, an average of ten new people attend. At one such dinner, 22 of the 40 guests were there for the first time. 530 (Chapters) x 52 (weeks) x 10 (new people) = 275,600 new guests each year. Every third weekend, a seminar is held from Friday evening until Sunday midday for leaders and guests who react during the dinners. We attended one of these seminars, with 700 participants, 80% of which were there for the first time! The seminars cover many areas of the Christian life, such as marriage, giving, sanctification, being a good citizen etc..

94,500 respondents per year Seminars for youths and women are held between these weekends, each with over 3,000 participants. Three or four times each year, various regions hold revival meetings. We took part in one such event in Ocotal in north-western Nicaragua. Over 700 men took holiday from work for at least a part of the week. In one year, there were some 2,500 events, at which 94,500 people are reported to have called on Jesus as their saviour. Miraculously, in our European eyes, there seemed to be no door closed to the men from the Fellowship. We went with them into schools, where every class stopped while a member gave testimony, restaurants, local radio, the police station, the bus station, the ministry of employment, the list is endless. Always the same formula, using the vision of the Fellowship to explain why they are there, testimony and prayer. The hearers are then advised of the local chapter dinner dates. Sometimes there was individual prayer afterwards. We noted the authority and confidence with which the men spoke. How can this be? Well the answer has to be "God". But there is a history leading up to this great move of the Spirit and beyond. It starts, in 1991 (when the civil war had just ended) with a prophesy to Nicaragua, which is now being fulfilled.

Devoted fishing How do they do it? We see three things: commitment, fishing, testimony. The commitment is clearly visible, from the leadership to the last member. Hence the rapid expansion of the Chapters, participation of the seminars etc.. There would be no 'fired up' new members if there were none inviting them. So the commitment is not to the fellowship but to reaching men, born out of a deep life-changing personal experience of Jesus, leading in turn to a deep desire to see others experience the same transfer from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. So they are fishing every day, and the results speak for themselves. The tool they use is exclusively testimony.

What does that mean for Europe? Every attempt to analyse the situation must begin with the recognition that God is present (in Nicaragua) and is working out his purposes. However, we must ask ourselves "Why isn't this happening here?", "Can that happen here too?" and "Do we want it to happen here?"

Why isn't this happening here? It is hard to find an answer to this question which does not include excuses. Maybe it is not God's timing. But it is the same God and the same vision. How committed are we? And how seriously do we fish? Is our limited effort limiting God? Have we become 'religious' in the way we run our meetings? Should we put our rules and manuals aside and look at things through Nicaragua's eyes? We are tempted to make excuses: we are so busy at home, in our church and at work - but we can always find time to do what we want. That brings us back to commitment. Do we really love those who are not yet in the Kingdom? Do we really understand the call on each Christian, "go and make disciples"? Do we understand that we will have to account for our obedience to this command? "Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain". If we are to respond to what He seems, in my understanding, to be showing us then we need to hear from Him. We need His revelation and we need Him to go ahead of us. Source: Report by John Walker/Peter Spreckley, Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, www.fgbmfi-europe.com / http://www.fgbmfi-europe.com/international/articles/nicaragua.htm

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Switzerland: Fathers and sons together A Christian camp called "The Levites' camp" was held near Winterthur, Switzerland, at the end of July 2005. One of the speakers was Matthias Kuhn, better known as Kuno, a young evangelist and house church planter from Thun, Switzerland. This Friday Fax is an extract of journalist Peter Schmid's recording of his talk about reconciled generations.

The next generation "We often hear prophetic words that it will be the coming generation, or the next generation, that will bring the breakthrough. In the passion rising among youth in the past few years, I also sense a pain. A pain, because I really do not believe that the coming generation will bring the breakthrough. I believe that only Jesus brings the breakthrough. Jesus does not glorify himself just through one generation, but through people uniting and joining in community, people in true relationship. A relationship and unity between the generations is definitely a part of that.

A key I believe that Malachi 4:6, the last verse of the Old Testament, is immensely important for our days. God says that he will again turn the hearts of the fathers to their sons and mothers to their daughters, to protect the nation from a curse.

Holding hands Friends, I don't believe that the next generation will reach our continent with the gospel, but I do believe that the blessing we so greatly desire will come when we humbly submit to one another and hold each others' hands. I believe that the glory of the Lord will break through when the younger generation takes their place in the line down from their elders and honours them.

The great lie We have believed a great humanist lie: we believe that we only become mature by making ourselves independent. That is not true. The truth is that the true quality of God's Kingdom (Eph. 4:16) can only break through when we make ourselves dependent on one another. The word 'dependent' often gives us the shivers - myself included.

Leader, or father? We have given the word 'dependent' a wrong meaning, understanding dependence on people exercising leadership, not fatherhood or motherhood. I do not believe that we should be dependent on leaders, but I do believe that we should depend on fathers and mothers. A leader desires to see the next generation continue his ministry; fathers, that the next generation comes with power.

A call to the younger generation To the younger generation I say, if we do not return to the hearts of our fathers and mothers, there may be a few more stories and a few more books about us at the end of our lives, but the Kingdom of God will not break through in a new quality. We desperately need to return to the place of dependence on our fathers and mothers. For years, I thought that I and my generation would bring radical commitment. I made myself independent from my parents. Only recently, after preaching about it many times, did I realise that I have to put it into practice.

Honouring our fathers I have wonderful parents. I called my father and said "I want to have a day of retreat with you". I wanted that once before, but I was also glad that he did not respond. Now I knew that the time had come. I had to again give my father his mandate to be my father. We sat together in silence. I knew inside that I had to lay down all my rebellion, pride, and the thought that my generation is the one, and say "Father, I need you."

Walking together Fathers and mothers, my appeal to you is not to believe that we do not need you. Don't believe we don't need you just because you don't know what an MP3 is. We need you desperately, not in order to use you to become something better, but because we know that the Kingdom of God can only come in quality when we walk together. We have four children; I am my son's father and trainer. My son plays handball, as I used to. When I'm sitting on the trainer's bench, my son does not need a trainer, but a father. One day, he was not doing well. He was playing in a tournament, shooting again and again - and missing every time. I called him over and told him to pull his socks up, get his game in order. The trainer had spoken. He went back out and shot again - and missed. "That can't be true!" I thought.

Trust and encourage Then God spoke to me, saying "Timo doesn't need a trainer, he needs a father." I went to him, and knew: correcting him is not the right thing to do now. I think that is the pain keeping the generations apart in our hearts; we have been very good at criticising each other, telling each other where our place is. Friends, living in reconciliation means trusting one another. I told my son, "Timo, I trust you and believe in you." That also happened in the story of Elijah and Elisha. It is the key to God's Kingdom coming in a new quality in our nation.

Where God's beauty shines If there is one thing I desire, it is that God reveals the beauty of mothers and fathers going forward in unity with their children, their hearts turned to one another. The time is ripe for a reformation in my heart. Let me no longer seek that which serves me and my generation, and how to become more radical, but how we as a young generation can seek to honour our fathers and mothers. That doesn't start up here on the stage, but in our own homes. I wish us courage. Source: Peter Schmid.

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Redwoodland

Conrad Lampan

A few years ago I was scheduled to minister in the city of Porterville in California; it was my first time there. I arrived the night before the services and was lodged at a hotel in the area. That night I had a dream that I never shared with any of you because I did not have the interpretation or found any meaning for it until now. This dream never left me, it is one of those things that keep coming back all the time, and just a moment ago God showed in a very simple way a very simple albeit powerful meaning. I find it very significant that God has showed this interpretation now and not years ago; we all believe that God is just about to release a mighty revival in California, so sharing this dream and its interpretation comes just on due time.

In the dream we were approaching a meeting place out of town it seemed; it was a not very tall building, although from the distance it seemed to be very wide to the sides. It was dusk time. I saw many people I would say literally flocking into the building to the point that I wondered -in the dream- how could that building, as big as it looked extending to the sides, contain so many people. As we approached the place I could see a sign written on the wall on top of the door, like those signs over the main entrance of some malls or the like. The sign read "Redwoodland". Then I woke up.

Since the next day I was to minister at a church in Porterville that did not have their own building yet, I though I might have dreamt of the City Center where they were meeting, but when we got there it was not the building of my dream, and I could not find that sign anywhere. I have ministered in quite a few places in California but have never found that place, or seen a sign with those words. I have also performed quite a few searches over the internet trying to find such a place but never found it. So without finding that place I could not think of any interpretation to the dream... until today.

I asked a friend in Redwood City, in Northern California if there could be any such place with such name in that area, and he wrote back to me a short email unaware that he was giving me the interpretation of the dream. Here is what he said:

"In answer to your question, no, there is not place in California that I've heard of called Redwood Land. California is, however, the only place on earth where you can find the Sequoia Sempervirens, a redwood tree growing along the California coastal area. They grow to be the largest living things on earth and are quite impressive. So you might, unofficially, call California, Redwoodland."

I am so excited about this! Combined with the vision about fire in the triangle which I shared years ago, and what several others have received about an imminent move of God in California this dream and this interpretation right at this particular time makes it doubly exciting!

Based on the email from my friend I believe the building I saw in the dream (although it could exist physically somewhere) actually represents not a building but the whole region. If one approaches California from the sea it's quite wide extending to the sides just as the building I saw. Without entering into analyzing every single detail, I believe the meaning is that California will be receiving the nations of the world, people without number who will come to the meeting place the Holy Spirit is setting in that region.

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Submitting To Pentecost's Sword

Reuven And Mary Lou Doron

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." **(John 10)**

There was a time when man and his wife were naked and unashamed. Their fellowship with God and with one another was perfect, unhindered and pure. Together, as one, they walked with God in the cool of the evening in the garden of delight and knew no lack. This still is the highest privilege and calling of husbands and wives, and one which we ourselves strive to attain to daily as we walk out God's redemption in our own lives and marriage.

After the fall, however, things dramatically changed. The sound of God's voice seeking fellowship in the garden now triggered FEAR instead of joy. The guilt and shame in the hearts of Adam and his wife filtered God's life-giving voice, distorted it, and produced a horrific chain reaction in their wounded souls. The first couple on earth was now driven toward hiding, cover-up, denial and blame shifting, culminating in the "super-sin" of all -- accusing God for their calamity (Genesis 3:8-13).

Eve was deceived by the serpent. Adam was lured by her. In his defense, looking to deflect the responsibility for his actions, Adam said to God, ***"The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me, SHE gave me of the tree . . . "*** **(Genesis 3:12)**. In other words, as Adam framed it, it was God's mistake that the woman was placed by his side in the first place, only to mislead him on that terrible day.

Then and there was born the enmity between the genders as distrust, anger and disappointment became part of each couple's experience from then on. We ourselves found that breaking down that dividing wall is a daily discipline and an ongoing and deliberate labor of love in order to appropriate what Christ has won for us and to defend our marital oneness in Him.

Once Adam turned on God, questioning His integrity as the sovereign creator of our lives and circumstance, it was all over! Unacknowledged and unrepented sin turned into a full-blown rebellion, and mankind became the enemy of God. Ousted from the garden, a flaming SWORD now blocked the way back to God and to eternal life. The Hebrew word for that SWORD in Genesis 3:24 is HEREV.

Creation was now cursed. Demonic forces roamed the earth freely and man was dead in sin. In this darkened atmosphere, God's voice, the source of all life and light, became a threat. The further mankind wandered from the garden and the more independent they became, the less they wanted and were able to hear that voice. It triggered FEAR and RESENTMENT in the hearts due to the unresolved guilt.

However, there is always a choice. As the decades and centuries passed, some heard God's voice, though not always obeying Him. Cain, Enoch, Noah, Job, Hagar, Pharaoh, Abimelech, Abraham, Lot, Laban, Rebekah and others, all interacted with the living word. Some sought Him, others were sought by Him. Some harkened and submitted to His voice, others disregarded and rejected it. The record of their lives and legacy is found in Scripture, demonstrating the stormy relationship between God and mankind.

The First Pentecost

Redeemed out of Egypt, young Israel arrived at the foot of Mt. Sinai during the season of Pentecost. The Hebrew nation was there to receive their calling -- God's Laws for life and prosperity which were to propel them into a global priesthood. But God's voice, once again, was too much to bear.

"And all the people perceived the thunder and the lightning flashes and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood at a distance. Then they said to Moses, 'Speak to us yourself and we will listen; but let not God speak to us, lest we die.'" **(Ex. 20:18,19)**

Many, unwilling or unable to hear and receive the full impact of God's voice, still choose to hear only man instead. Our movements are filled with spectators, not unlike the sports arenas of the world. Some perform, others are entertained, but how many hear and obey the voice of God?

Moses, descending from the smoking mountaintop with the tablets written by God's finger in his arms, found Israel worshiping the golden calf. Moved with wrath, ***"Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, 'Whoever is for the LORD, come to me!' And all the sons of Levi gathered together to him. And he said to them, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Every man of you put his SWORD upon his thigh, and go back and forth from gate to gate in the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor."' So the sons of Levi did as Moses instructed, and about THREE THOUSAND men of the people fell that day."*** **(Ex. 32)**

The name of that desert mountain is Mt. Horeb, or Horev in the original text. This is the same root word used for the flaming SWORD found in Genesis 3. As the bloody drama unfolded on that terrible day, a SWORD, once again, separated mankind from the divine presence as the Levite swords swept thorough the camp at the foot of the mountain of the SWORD.

Three thousand souls perished in the judgment of the Lord on that first Pentecost. 1,500 years later, again at Pentecost, 3,000 souls were dramatically touched by eternity under a different dispensation as they were fished out of the Jerusalem mob by Peter's message and received eternal life.

Perhaps we haven't fully appreciated the words of the apostle in II Corinthians 3:6, saying, **" . . . the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."** The same God who killed 3,000 by the giving of the Law also revived 3,000 by the giving of the Spirit. Why? Because of Jesus' blood and sacrificial death at Passover.

God's two-edged SWORD serves both life and death. The sword of the Spirit is the Word, and in order to return to God and live, we must first die. We must pass through the flaming SWORD separating us from Him in order to re-enter the garden. That HEREV is His word of truth that convicts us of our sin, rebellion and desperate need. In today's Pentecost, after the Passover has been fulfilled, the same word that kills us also revives us by the power of the Spirit that has now come.

We ourselves passed through the depth of God's dealings, judgments and cleansing of the sin of adultery and unfaithfulness in recent years. Often, we cried out to Him for strength and grace to submit to His sword working its work of death and life in our hearts, for He kills and He makes alive by the same word.

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." **Hebrews 4:12**

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Strategy For What's Coming
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This morning I had a dream, and it is still very clear in my heart and mind. In the dream I was talking with a gal I had gone to High School with. This gal came from a very large family, she was one of 15 siblings. She being the youngest. In the dream I was asking her how they had remained together all these years with so many different personalities? She started to tell me the secret of their success, but it was so hectic and noisy where we were standing that her words sounded like bits and pieces of words. Again I got very close to her and said, I can't hear you, would you please repeat that? She got right next to my left ear and said this, "Courage and Unity!" Then I woke from the dream.

This is what I sensed as I waited on the Lord. There is a shaking coming. This shaking will try and come against the very fiber of our society, the family! The remedy is courage and unity. But, it will take a listening ear, one that is purposely trying to hear the spirit in order to succeed in this area. It is not just about our own little family, but our parents and in-laws too. There is a bringing together of the family that the Lord is about. Unity from the grandfathers to the generations of grand children, and great grand children and everything in between. A cleansing of the 3rd and 4th generations. The Father is wanting to bring the blessings down and remove the cursing. He wants to use those of us who know him to bring this about in each family! We must ask him our part in it?

Family is on his heart. We can do this. Take courage and move towards unity.

1 Peter 3::8-12 "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. For He who would love life and see good days. Let him refrain his tongue form evil. And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good. Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous. And his ears are open to their prayers, But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Persevering Faith
Brenda Dowdin

I have seen your persevering faith. It pleases me so.... Persevering faith is the "purse", the "treasure chest", of reward for my saints, the "Crown". You have waited long, you have at many times felt like giving up, sitting down and saying, "What's the use...", but your love for me and your determination to follow through on my word and promises. Promises that I have whispered to you.... and so now is your time to enter into the promised land.

When you were in the desert I circumcised your heart, yes it was painful, but I never left your side. The land of Canaan is before you, and the desert behind you, your at the gate. There is a last push, just as a mother giving birth. The battle is at the gate, but I will usher you through the gate. A fresh wind will come upon you for this final push. Don't let weariness overtake you, for you are my Overcomer, you are my Beloved, you are my Priests and Kings and I will usher you in. Let obedience guide you and discipline instruct you. You are well on your way Beloved....

"Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery? says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb? says your God." Isa 66:9

"Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. Behold, I am coming quickly!

Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown." Rev 3:10-11

"And let us not grow weary while dong good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." Gal 6:9

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Full Circle The Restoration Process
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Beloved,

Where there are fragmented relationships I am bringing healing. Relationships that were intimate at one time, that were severally shaken are coming about full circle. It is time to re-connect with the direction of my spirit. I will bring this to pass. This will be a divine process. I have placed things in divine order. It is part of what must happen before you can be sent out "in to the new".

There is a place of "rest" coming in this "restoration process". Enjoy the process, let tears of joy come as the fullness of restoration happens....its by my spirit. It will cause healing to be released in a greater way.

The Predator Spirit....

In this next season you will see the Predator Spirit being dealt with. If you have been a victim, ask me for grace to forgive those who have hurt or offended you in this way. As you release them and forgive them, it releases my hand to deal with these who have allowed the Predator to use them. I am punishing this stronghold. I am pushing this enemy off of my Beloved One's. I see the innocent, the naive who have been used and tormented by this principality. I am dealing with it in this hour. You will see this dealt with in the church and in your society. Things done in secret are about to be exposed. The light will hit the darkness in a dramatic way..... I have heard the cry's of the innocent and it has caused my hand to act....

I am not finished with Michael Jackson. Pray for him, I have plans for him. There are things coming on the horizon.....

Beloved, There is a greater power being released in you as you pray. Don't discount the power of your prayers. They move my heart and that moves my hand on your behalf! Stand boldly before my throne and ask. I am waiting to hear your hearts cry!

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Strength For Your Time of Need

Angel Dahilig

In this dream, a large number of people were captured by a Chinese occupation unit, including myself and two other Christians We were together when this happened. The officers (leaders) walked out of our sight to confer. As we were waiting to see what they would do with us, I realized that I didn't feel "ready" for this, although I had tried to prepare spiritually. Then, I realized that one may never truly "feel" ready. As I pondered this, the thought came to me, "*Remember the example of your Chinese brothers and sisters before you*."

Hebrews 12:1-3

1. **Therefore, since we are surrounded by such *a great cloud of witnesses,*** let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entagles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
2. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3. **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

I told the other two Christians, who were with me, to *"Remember the examples of our Chinese brothers and sisters before us!*", and also, "*Pray, so that we will have strength for 'our time of need' "*. I then dropped to my knees and began to pray in the Spirit. I did not *"feel" strong*, nor "*ready*", but I understood, as if by spiritual instinct, that this would bolster and strengthen me in my "time of need". It was like I was trying to store up, save up, all the prayers that I may need for grace later. Have you ever saved up for a house or something else, and then right before you actually bought it you saved every precious penny that you had to make sure that you would have enough? That's what this was like. Not knowing if there would be opportunity for prayer later, it was as if my prayers would be stored up to release grace at the proper time.

Luke 22:31-32
31 [Jesus said,] "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat.
32 But **I have prayed for you**, Simon, **that your faith may not fail.** And when you have turned back [to me], strengthen your brothers."

As I was praying, I started to pray outloud, as well as more loudly, and I think I stood up and walked around something while praying. I was praying *both for myself and also for my companions*. While doing this, I attracted the attention of one of the Chinese guards or officer or whatever he was. He came over with a sword that was sheathed. He began to spar me with the sheathed sword, and I blocked his attacks. It was as if he wanted me to grab at the sword, and thereby slip off the sheath and result in cutting myself. I knew this, and somehow the sword did become unsheathed and the blade exposed. But, somehow, I was able to grab the sword away from him and I broke it in two. It broke like a green twig, where one piece has a stringy piece still hanging from the other broken piece. That's how this sword broke, except the sword was clearly metal.
Then I awoke.

Luke 21:36
Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Please understand, that in the scriptures, the word "watch" is used to mean "pray".

Matthew 26:41

> "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
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> Mark 13:33
> "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is."
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> Luke 12:39
> "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through."
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> Luke 21:34-36
> 34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
> 35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
> 36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.
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> 1 Corinthians 16:13
> Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked the three disciples who were with him, Peter, James, and John, to "watch and pray". When he returned to them and found them sleeping, he asked them, "Why could you not watch with me for one hour?"

> Matthew 26:33-45
> 33. Peter answered and said unto him [Jesus], Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.
> 34. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, That this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.
> 35. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.
> 36. Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, **while I go and pray yonder**.
> 37. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.
> 38. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: **tarry ye here, and watch with me**.
> 39. And he went a little further, and **fell on his face, and prayed**, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.
> 40. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, **What, could ye not watch with me one hour**?
> 41. **Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.**
> 42. He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.
> 43. And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.
> 44. And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.
> 45. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

We are called to not fall asleep [become prayerless], but to "watch and pray" for all the saints everywhere.

> Ephesians 6:18
> **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

And in all things, we commit and trust ourselves unto Him who is able to keep us from falling.

Jude 1:24
Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

Romans 8:33-39
33. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
34. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
36. As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Love in Christ Jesus,
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Standing Against and Pulling Down Death's Reign

Dutch Sheets

March 24, 2005

As I am sure is the case with many of you, I have been following the Terri Schiavo situation in Florida very closely. Though I was already concerned and praying, an incredibly strong burden began to overwhelm me yesterday (Wednesday, March 23). As I prayed and processed, I became convinced that this situation is not just about Mrs. Schiavo. As precious as even one soul is to God, I believe this situation is all about our nation.

I feel that God is allowing it to epitomize where we are as a nation, picturing for us the death culture that has overtaken us in America. I do want to be careful at this point not to cast any dispersion on those who have had to make the excruciating decision to disconnect loved ones from life support. I have had to stand with individuals, giving them comfort and support as they made this decision for brain-dead loved ones. However, I have a very deep conviction that is not what is taking place in this case.

As this burden began to intensify yesterday, I called Chuck Pierce and Ken Malone (the Strategic Prayer Network state coordinator for Florida). He reminded me of a word Chuck gave about Florida a few months ago. Chuck prophesied, "A strategy will be uncovered out of Florida that will be very detrimental to our land. . . a strategy that will try to mature to stop the plan for this nation out of Florida, to bring confusion in this land." Chuck also told me yesterday that when he gave this word, he saw a death structure in Florida that would become an issue before the nation – that death would try to reign from there.

I feel very strongly that if we don't overcome this spirit of death, a new wave of violence and death will be released across our nation. It could manifest through suicides, terrorism, disease, euthanasia, increased abortions, murder, etc. How it manifests may vary, but I am issuing the warning: if this is allowed to continue in Florida, this spirit of death will be unleashed with a vengeance. *But it is not too late to try to stop it!* Begin immediately and with great diligence to do the following:

1) Ask God for more time. Pray that Terri not die, even if God has to keep her alive supernaturally for awhile.

2) Repent on behalf of our nation for allowing death to rule through greed and selfishness. Repent

for our complacency and dullness to the horrible genocide in America through abortion and other means.

3) Ask God for mercy on us.

4) Stand against this spirit of death. Make biblical decrees against it. Decree that America's covenant with death will be broken (Isaiah 28:15,18), as well as anything else He gives you to pray and decree.

5) Do not turn this over to the courts. It may appear that they have the final say but *they don't*. For too long, the church has failed to realize that we have more authority on earth than any human institution. We lose by default. Take this situation out of their hands and rule through *spiritual* authority and weapons. (This is also all about the spiritual battle that is taking place over the ungodly element in our courts. This stronghold must and will come down, but the war must be won in the spiritual realm before we see complete breakthrough naturally.)

6) Pray for Governor Jeb Bush. Pray that, like the midwives in Egypt, he refuses to honor this decree of death. Pray that he realizes he is an Esther, placed where he is for such a time as this. Pray that he makes the same stand she did – "If I perish, I perish but I will do what is right in the sight of God." (see Esther 4:16). Pray against fear, compromise and political spirits. Pray for wisdom, strength and boldness. He is a good man and fighting hard. Undergird him.

Let's together break this assault. Let's say "Enough!" I am on my way to Florida as I write this. I will war from there – you war from wherever you are. Help us save Terri's life and many other lives, and keep this spirit of death from going to a new level in America. We can do it!

For life,
Dutch Sheets

Settlements And A Settlement

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Will the Jews of Gaza and Northern Samaria be transferred? Will they have to leave their homes and their businesses? That is the question. Many among them who are true Zionists and Bible believers, men and women of the faith, are going about their business as if they will be living there the rest of their lives. A group of Christians who went recently to visit each of the settlements in the Gaza strip, in order to encourage the settlers in the midst of their troublesome times, came away feeling encouraged and blessed by seeing the faith that these folks have in the faithfulness of the Elohim of Israel. These Gentile Believers also testified to having felt a “strange” oneness with these Zionist Orthodox Jews.

When in their last destination, in a settlement closest to the Egyptian border, an elder of the Christian group asked one of the children what was the best thing that has happened to him on that day. The child's answer stunned the listeners: “We didn't get shot at today”. Can you imagine living in a place where day after day you are bombed, shot at and watched by an enemy who wants you exterminated?! But what can be more disconcerting is the help that these enemies of peace, who are essentially terrorists and employ terror tactics for so called political ends, are getting from the United Nations with their resolutions, Road Maps and millions of dollars of "donations".

Scripture declares: *“To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven… a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace”* (Eccl 3:1;8). It is none other than YHVH Elohim who is in control of the times and seasons. In Joel chapter 3 the prophet talks about the Valley of Jehoshafath (“Yah will Judge”). This prophecy is to take place at a time when the House of Judah is back in the land and Jerusalem is in their hands. Obviously this is the case today, along with the partitioning of Judah’s land.

“For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will enter into judgment with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land” (Joel 3:1-2).

The next thing that we should be looking at therefore, during the times of restoration, is the gathering of the nations for war. *“Proclaim this among the nations; prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong”* (Joel 3:9-10).

It doesn’t take too much research to determine that far more money is being spent on military equipment than on development of and research in agriculture. We also may be hearing a lot about “peace”, but if we listen carefully to the News we hear much more about “war”. Even the fans of Israel’s soccer team, which has been playing for a place in the World Cup soccer tournament (the “Mondial”), yell at the top of their voices as they encourage their team in the packed out stadium: “Yisrael

Milchama!" ("Israel – war!").

"Assemble and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather together…Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations" (Joel 11-12). What surrounding nations… are they the nations that surround the United States or Japan…?

Interestingly YHVH seems to have His eye on the destruction of the nations surrounding Judah and Jerusalem. So as we attempt at putting some of the prophetic signs together, we see that while Russia and the United States are working together to establish peace in the Middle East, they are also arming us as well as the surrounding nations for this war. Why are they doing this? Ostensibly, if the United States is going to go to war against Iran or Syria it will not do so if these countries are devoid of arms. This is also true in the case of the Palestinians. Israel cannot fight a war against sticks and stones, or with guerrillas and militias. So we, along with other interested parties, are arming them and putting them into a position so that the war games may be played "fairly". Do we dare say that this is YHVH working in the affairs of men in order to accomplish His purposes?

At the end of the Joel prophesies we read YHVH's final solution: *"Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom a desolate wilderness"* (Joel 3:19). But if we look at the outcome for Judah, Jerusalem and for the rest of Israel, this is what the prophet says: *"YHVH will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem… YHVH will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel…Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation… her mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of YHVH and water the Valley of Acacias"* (Joel 3:17-18).

All of this is accomplished by our covenant keeping Elohim so that *"You shall know that I am YHVH Elohim, dwelling in Zion My holy mountain"* (Joel 3:17).

May it be so!

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Shake And Bake

Joni Ames

Dear Friends,

The Lord often prompts me regarding coming events by giving me "flash" visions or small phrases, and the term "shake & bake" has been coming to mind for some time. This week as the new fire in California showed up in the news, that term again came. Along with that, I've been laboring in concern regarding earthquakes, and the California and New Madrid fault lines had come to mind. In fact, even up to two years ago, I've been feeling that many of the next "terrors" will be due to various "natural" disasters.

This past week or so, I've also noted that there has been a drastic increase in the "flash" visions, impressions and phrases that have come, followed by related incidents in the natural. Many of you have probably been experiencing the same. I encourage you to "catch those fleeting thoughts," write them down, and see what the Lord has to say further about them. Because of those that have continued with me, I felt urged to send out this word in particular to pray regarding fires and earthquakes. (Which, by the way, could also lead to landslides and floods.)

I also felt that the Lord said "heads up" to pray regarding the possible severity of this coming winter's flu season and weather. Get whatever flu and pneumonia prevention shots you can get now, while they are available. And be sure to have your home ready for this winter in every way you can.

When these type of warnings begin to occur, I also begin to do research - by going to the Lord, through His Word, by the Spirit, and through whatever natural resources He also leads me to.

The terms "Fires" and "Shakings" can mean something literal - like natural fires and earthquakes - or they can mean trials, tribulations, and things getting "hot" or "shaken" in our lives. Regarding this word, I believe the Lord was speaking about "Fires" and "Shakings" in both the natural and spiritual realms. I feel that even our "current natural events" speak of this.

We never want to "pray against" what God may be doing - but we need to realize that He put us here to intercede for each other as well. Even if events are a result of His Judgment, and even if we were prophets, He tells us to cry out so that the vessels (people) involved do not perish and go into eternal damnation. (Ref.: Jer. 27:18)

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THE SHAKINGS
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We've heard a lot about "open heavens," and I believe that spiritual open heavens are occurring in many places. When this happens, the anointing of God comes through in greater measure. And when that occurs, things begin to be shaken and changed:

"....For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken." (Isaiah 24:18b)

"The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly." (Isaiah 24:19)

When God shakes things up, it is like a man who pans for gold... Everything goes into a "sifter," and the sand and other debris come out of it, and the gold is what is left:

"Now this, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Heb. 12:27)

During this time, in our own personal lives, it is a time when many things are being shaken - relationships, careers, the things we usually like to occupy our time with, family situations, attitudes of the heart, sin. The purpose? So that what is left will be that which we can live with, and do so without fearing God. So that we will be so strong and courageous that, when even worse times come, we will not be shaken, and we will be able to be that awesome and glorious Bride!

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." (Heb. 12:28)

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DON'T LET THE SHAKINGS & FIRES CAUSE YOU UNHEALTHY FEAR
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"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev. 2:10)

"(14) Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (15) and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. (16) For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. (Heb. 2:14-16)

An important thing to do in these times is to submit to the Lord whatever we know it is that is not of Him. When we do that, then we know that - live or die - we win! - Because we know where we are going. When we have the kind of faith that says, "To live is Christ, to die is gain," even the threat of imprisonment or death will not hold us back from doing and being what we are called to! For truly, in the end times, the Word tells us that many will die, just through the fear and expectation of the things that are to come: "...men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken." (Luke 21:26)

But we need to know that the Lord will pursue our enemies and send fear upon them! - "'And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; the sound of a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee; they shall flee as though fleeing from a sword, and they shall fall when no one pursues." (Lev. 26:36)

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HOLY SPIRIT COMES FORTH IN POWER
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When shakings come, and the Lord is in it, His Power comes along with them:

"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

When we cry out to Him as David did when his enemies pursued him, God shakes things up in our favor:

""Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of heaven quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry." (2 Sam. 22:8)

"Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry." (Psalm 18:7)

And He shows up: "And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke." (Isaiah 6:4)

So be sure of this - He and His power is greater than any other, and you WILL be endued with power from on high in this time, and He will (if needs be) come forth in great power to your defense!

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PRISON DOORS ARE OPENED

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When the shakings of God come, no prison doors will hold His people back! - "Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed." (Acts 16:26)

So, if you are the Lord's and are being falsely accused, whether it is a natural or spiritual "prison" that you are threatened by, know that the gates will open wide, and those that are His will be set free in this time to do what He has called them to. Even the very gates of Hell will not prevail!

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WE CAN STAND IN PEACE IN THE MIDST OF SHAKINGS

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If we are "OK" with the Lord, we do not have to be shaken, because He will be with us and use us to reach others:

"For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken." (Acts 2:25)

"No one should be shaken by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we are appointed to this." (1 Thes. 3:3)

"Do not be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter." (2 Thes. 2:2a)

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SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS & EARTH

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The Word tells us that there will be signs in the heavens and on the earth when His shakings come - so expect it to happen:

"And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind." (Rev. 6:13)

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (Mt. 24:29)
"The stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken." (Mark 13:25)

"I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke." (Acts 2:19)

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TESTED BY FIRE

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One of my prayers when I go to minister is that there will be fruit that remains. I want to go where God wants me to go and do what He says do. I do not want to waste my time, because time is life, and I want to spend mine wisely. Truly, whatever we do will be tested:

"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt." (Mark 9:49)

"And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." (Matthew 3:10)

"Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake." (Rev. 8:5)

GOD'S POWER REVEALED IN FIRE

When the fire of God comes, and we've been tried and tested, His Power - the fire of His Spirit - also comes!

"But you shall receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; **and** you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, **and** in all Judea **and** Samaria, **and** to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in **power..." (1 Thes. 1:5)**

HIS EYES ARE LIKE FIRE

I heard someone say once that the hottest parts of a fire are the white and the blue parts. No wonder His eyes are described as being like flames of fire! -

"His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire." (Rev. :14)
"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass. (Rev. 2:18)

"His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself." (Rev. 19:12)

HIS FIRE BRINGS CLEANSING & PURIFICATION

There is no amount of money that can pay for what happens in our lives when the fire of God comes and cleanses and purifies us! When He rids us of fear of man, nothing can hold us back! And nothing that man could hold against us matters, when we are right with HIM!:

"I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see." (Rev. 3:18)

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

"But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." (John 3:21)

"Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:16)

"The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you." (John 14:17)

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." (John 16:13)

"Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." (John 17:17)

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THE GOOD NEWS: BLESSINGS SHAKEN OUT

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Also in these shakings, as we give of ourselves (not just money - that is easy), God will give back to us more than we can imagine! There is no loss in serving Him!:

"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:38)

Fellow Ministers, I know that none of us at all begrudge this, but the truth is, many who normally support ministries have been diverting their support towards helping the hurricane victims. Therefore, this has been a "rough" season for most ministries financially. But I felt that the Lord said that He wants to remind us in this time that HE is our Jehovah Jireh, our Provider, and He CAN AND WILL provide for us too! Also, let's not forsake OUR giving in this time either! Let's practice what we preach, remembering that no PERSON or PEOPLE determines our finances. Only our God. And He WILL find and direct the funds to take care of us as well!

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FAITH IS PURIFIED

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One of the exciting things that has happened to me through each "trial by fire" that I've gone through is that I am changed by them. I know it. I can feel it. I'm stronger, in the natural and spiritual sense. And that is His promise: "That the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:7)

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THE MESSENGERS ARE SENT

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The Lord never leaves us alone in such times. Don't accept the lie that there is a "brass heaven." The opposite is true! He has sent forth His messengers to minister to and guide us:

"And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai." (Acts 7:30)

"And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." (Heb. 1:7)

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THE ENEMIES ARE REVEALED

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One thing that trial by fire does is to reveal our enemies! Oh mercy! Like a viper, they come forth to try to sting us all the more! But that's a good thing - for it reveals to us who our enemies are. And the Lord protects us and sends His vengeance upon them:

"But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand." {Acts 28:3)

"But he shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm." (Acts 28:5)

"in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Th. 1:8)

In the process, our own hearts are tried, so it's a good idea to not stand in judgment against anyone else. "Therefore If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." (Rom. 12:20) The cool part about it all is, if we handle situations right, even our enemies will be brought to the warmth of the Lord and repent and be won over and snatched from the enemy!

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THE ENEMY & HIS WORKS DESTROYED BY FIRE

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"They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." (Rev. 20:9)
"The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." (Rev. 20:10)

And whatever it is that we have wasted our time on will be removed:

"If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire." (1 Cor. 3:15)

"each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is." (1 Cor. 3:13)

"For our God is a consuming fire." (Heb. 12:29)

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SOME CLARIFICATION

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I'm not at all insinuating that anyone experiencing these things is horrible and under judgment. What I am saying is that, no matter what the reason for the fiery trials and shakings we are walking through, it is good to look for the "God" side of it and not "waste" them! I've often said to the Lord, "As long as I'm going through this, would you please use it for my good, and while the fires are hot and the shakings strong, take out WHATEVER may be there that needs to be gone!"

Time and time again as I've watched the news during the fires and other disasters, the survivors have said, "We can replace things. We are just thankful that our family got out alive!"

There is something about the tragedies I've personally faced that I know brings about clarification of personal values, and greater faith in God. There is a strength that comes that no one can take!

I see these things that are beginning to occur World-Wide as "birth pangs" that are awakening the Church as a whole and beginning to bring us towards that point of being the glorious Bride! - Truly, we are entering into the Church's finest hour!

So, since we are in the "Shake & Bake" process, let's ask the Lord to "shake out" and "bake out" whatever doesn't need to be there so that He will be able to say of us, "WELL DONE, good and faithful servant!" - - Pun intended! <smile>

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IN CLOSING

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I encourage you to read all of Isaiah 60, but I will close with this set of verses to encourage you. For, as we allow the shakings and fires of this time to cleanse and sanctify us, the harvest will come! Our loved ones will return to Him, finances will be restored, and the joy of the Lord will override anything the enemy can think of doing!:

(1) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. (2) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. (3) The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. (4) "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. (5) Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you." (Isaiah 60:1-5)

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The angels will go about putting a mark on the forehead of those who grieve and mourn for what is going on in Zion ….. somewhere in the Bible *smile*

I waited before the awful, black and ominous Throne of my God. I was about 11 in the vision (He tells me) – so scared; so sad, lost and lonely – trembling, but I knew I had to be here. I was about to apologise that I had not been here for a while.

"And why so sad, Tim?" asked Jesus, as He scooped me up into His oh so Mighty Arms and whisked me off to a little mountain-top meadow of spring-time flowers near the roots of a glacier – somewhere in Switzerland I suppose. Absolutely beautiful.

"Why …. *because I told you – I carry My Throne with Me everywhere – and I want to captivate you again with My Love and Joy …. You have been in the battle so long and carried so many intercessory burdens that you're beginning to lose these things – and your heart has been screaming this at you for quite a while, yes? ….* of course ….. (because it is impossible to lie to Jesus in a vision – and useless to try.)"

Jesus was ….. 17. I love it when He does that. I could never ask for a more perfect older brother.

"I'm sorry Jesus – I'm sad about this business of same-sex marriages – many of us are sad and worried …. it's legal now of course – part of our pathetic and twisted constitution …. " For some reason my tears towards Christmas and the year's end were becoming more and more copious. *"My heart is progressively downloaded into you, Tim – don't let that scare you. Ok so they've legalised gay marriages …. Listen. Do you think that this shocks or scares me? Do you think that I will backtrack on My promise to make your nation a Sanctuary because the so-called gatekeepers are defiling the city? Ha! You think that as Britain approaches Sodom and Gomorrah that I will rain down fire and sulphur upon you?"*

I just lay on the grass and shook and wept. There was nothing I could say. And so Jesus took me in His arms and let me cry myself into some semblance of peace on His lap. Then He began to share a little more of His salvation plan with me …..

"Loved one …. believe Me when I say that My Holy Spirit will suppress the man of sin in your land until I catch you up into My bosom. Review your Sanctuary word – where we raced around Britain upon the White Stallion and created My force field of protection. I told you then that this was a Kingdom foundation that would never fall or fail yes? I told you then that the righteous would become more righteous and the sinners more so."

He stood and looked at me seriously – holding my hands. *"Stop capitalising me OK? It's wearing you out *smile* …. we both know that there is worship and respect there …. now listen …. I have enough righteous, son – I have enough righteous in the land to save your city! I have righteous and Christian families spread throughout your nation – and I am about to anoint them with a very* *special blessing – it is my oil of unity and love – and it is* ***these*** *blessed couples – who are Christians and they love each other with my help – it is* ***they*** *who shall hold this country together through this time – just by being themselves together, and loving each other, and loving their children, and praying together.* ***You*** *are my righteous –* ***you*** *are my safety net! Meaning my righteous ones. And if we don't have enough to sustain the net - then by jove we shall go and make some more until we do *encouraging smile**

You *are my gatekeepers.* ***You*** *are my kings and priests."* And he spread his fingers and sent out a network of brilliant silver blue energy lines – that knit righteous heart to righteous heart, and righteous home to righteous home. And the very foundations of Britain were strengthened and upheld by these **families** and **couples** who had chosen purity and righteousness – **these** are they whom Heaven would deal with – not with the politicians – until such a time as they had earned the right again to govern.

I was about to write of the out runners – the intercessors with no partner who fought alone and in secret – the Nazarites – the isolated prayer warriors – being included in this network – but Jesus shushed me … and smiled …. *I have special missions for these ones. They will patrol the perimeter of the Sanctuary and the hidden places of darkness with me – take on and defeat the gates and onslaughts of hell as and when I have need. And the Net will nourish and strengthen them. And they shall rescue and bless the Net. Perfect synchronicity of the Kingdom.*

From your level the battlefield seems an absolute shambles and you feel your being driven back on every front. But if you could see my Heaven perspective you would see how wonderful and beautiful are my battle lines – and how much we treasure you and value you all."

And so you fight – and you box demons you can't see – and you fight for your kids – and you sigh and weep and tremble for the things you can't change in the land. And you email your worries to each other. And you get together to pray – in rooms or on the phone. And you don't see how I'm circulating my army *all the time* *and seeing it all – and I grab a tear, I witness a fearful comment, I wait upon a little prayer from a worried heart until it falls into my hand …. And then I rejoice saying I shall use that,* *I will use that* *to strengthen and nourish my force field over Britain.*

And I walk quietly from soldier to soldier – touching each beloved heart and shoulder – saying you are not alone my love and you will not fall my love and I shall garrison your faithful heart. **Well done**, blessed. Well done – you shall be lifted up. Amen. You will not fall again – Britain – you have fallen far enough from your glory days – only what needs to be shaken shall be. Try to trust this more than you do the news headlines. You will not fall, but I will raise you up into my arms."

Strange As It May Seem

Susan Cummings

Strange as it may seem, you are not failing in your pursuit of Me. Just because the walls of opposition have raised and have stood in full array against you, does not negate your progress. It actually reveals it. For nothing comes by chance or by accident, but I do all things on purpose. These trials have served to settle you and firmly root you in Me.

You need the opposition to bring you further into Me, and to show Me through the issues, so that others can see Me in them, as you deal with them. I teach you through the things you suffer and the things you learn. It is also the way others follow. For all of My People learn through each other. This is why you cannot stand alone, nor live apart from one another.

Each step builds upon the next, which is the foundation for the next, and the platform from which you will climb upwards. Without each step, you would not arise unto Me and expand in your understanding. Every situation has it's trial, it's good, and it's grace. Look at it through My eyes, and see My will for you. Embrace it and bring it into your heart, for within it, is my treasure to you.

Many want My treasures, but don't want the opposition that it takes to make the treasure. They are formed through much fire, pressure, and yielding to My hands. Not many stay upon My wheel and allow Me to turn it till I am finished, but it is always My Purpose to create a perfect work. You are My perfect work child.

Take every day as a gift from Me, and see it as a journey of transformation and perfection. I do nothing half way or with faultiness. It is those who look at themselves through their own eyes, that see their faultiness and their humanity. But when you look through My eyes, you will see My handiwork, and will rejoice. My Standards are much different than yours, and I have a higher purpose than you can fathom, and a greater purpose for your life than you can yet embrace. But trust Me to bring you to completion, and yield to My hands.

Everything has it's season and I am moving exactly where I want to in your life. I am moving through My Body, and showing My handiwork, as it comes forth out of you. Each of you will display Me, as I work through you. You are My great and strange work in the earth, and many will marvel at what I will do through each of you in the days to come.

Think it not strange that I am working behind the scenes. It is the greater works that are now being established within you, and when I am finished, they will come forth out of you. For I am working a great, and very deep work, that I alone will be glorified in, and seen through. So, rest in Me. I am moving.

Keep drawing near to Me, and stay your heart upon Me. Quiet yourself before Me, and allow Me to finalize My ministrations to you, and in you. For surely, what I have been forming within your life, will come forth in this season.

-Susan Cummings 5-2-05 12:29 am

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Samson's Death

The Victory Of The Church

Bill Somers

> *Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines [are] rulers over us?* Judges 15:11

Samson is often seen as a type of the church. [He can also be seen as a type of the Lord Jesus, the patterns are similar.] There are several points of correspondence that are usually mentioned as proof.

Samson had a supernatural birth,
The Spirit of the Lord was come upon him,
He did many exploits for the Lord,

He became corrupted,
He lost his great strength,
He became a captive to his enemies
He lost his vision,
He gradually regained his strength,
He called upon the Lord once again and
He was revived at the end.

And he judged Israel 20 years, speaking of the 2000 years that we call the 'church age'. So these points of comparison are taken to be a picture of the history of the church during the church age, with final revival coming at the end, before the Lord returns.

At this point writers usually gloss over the manner of his death and go on to some other topic.

In this article we'll look at his death as a continuation of the comparison to the church and see in it an allegory of the destiny of the church and her role in the Second Coming of Christ.

If we look at how Samson died we can see three main points.

A. Samson willingly laid down his life!
B. His first purpose was to bring destruction to the Philistines.
C. His second purpose was a consequence of the first, to free Israel from bondage. Note that these purposes combine mercy and judgment.

Lets look at the text.

> *Judges 16*
> *23 Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand.*
> *24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew many of us.*
> *25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made them sport: and they set him between the pillars.*
> *26 And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may lean upon them.*

> *27 Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines [were] there; and [there were] upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson made sport.*
> *28 And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes.*
> *29 And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left.*
> *30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with [all his] might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that [were] therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than [they] which he slew in his life.*
> *31 Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought [him] up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.*

Now lets look at this text for comparisons to the end time church.

The Lords of the Philistines mentioned in verses 23, 27 and 30 are clear types of Demon Powers. The mention of many people on the roof, verse 27, speaks of heavenly places, another clue that this passage is about demonic princes.

> *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (Ephesians 6:12)*

And these are specifically the ones that keep Israel blinded.

> *Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines [are] rulers over us?* Judges 15:11

So here we have a portrait of wicked rulers in high places who are rulers over Israel. This is what makes up the veil over their hearts and minds, producing spiritual blindness.

The mention of the Philistine god and the people praising him, verses 23-24, speak of the worshippers of the Beast in Revelation

The situation in verses 23-25 has a parallel in the Book of Revelation.

> *And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*
> *And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months*
> *And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven*
> *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations*
> *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:4-8)*

The Philistines are rejoicing that their enemy has been delivered into their hands. This has its parallel in revelation where it states in Revelation 13:7 that *it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.*

When they call for Samson out of the prison to make sport of him, it speaks of the great persecution to come against the end time church. Furthermore by their action of bringing him out and setting him between the pillars, they put Samson in the **exact position** where he can do the most damage to them. But Samson can only damage them if he is willing to lay down his life, which they never expected. But that is exactly what he does. And by his action achieves his greatest victory of all.

In our comparison, when the end time church comes under the persecution of the Beast, it will be in a place where it can do the most damage to Satan's kingdom.

> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Revelation 12:11)*

By laying down our lives, willingly, we "give place to wrath". [Psalm 110 speaks of this willingness.] Thus opening the way for the Vengeance of the Lord, as it says in Romans 12:19

> *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Romans 12:19*

Samson prays, verse 28, and calls upon the Lord for vengeance, just as the saints under the altar in Revelation.

> *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held*
> *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? (Revelation 6:9-10)*

Gaining the Greatest Victory

In verse 30, we see that "the dead which he slew at his death were more than [they] which he slew in his life."

Thus his moment of greatest defeat was really his greatest victory. Samson died in victory.
Jesus' moment of greatest defeat, on the cross, was really his moment of greatest victory.
The destruction of the Church will be Her moment of greatest victory!

We have said that the Lords of the Philistines represent heavenly powers. Samson brought destruction to the Philistine rulers of his time.

Likewise the martyrdom of the church brings about judgment on the powers of heaven at the end of the age.

> *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: Matthew 24:29*

Samson's second purpose was achieved because by the destruction of the Philistine power base, the people of Israel were set free.

When the church lays down its life, it's for the purpose of setting the people of Israel free. The fall of the powers of heaven is what is needed to remove the veil of spiritual blindness over Israel.

> *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* [Here *the brethren* speaks of Israel.] (1 John 3:16)

If we look at Romans 12:1-2, we see it speaks of laying down our lives.

> *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service*
> *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,*

> *that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:1-2)*

When the Lord uses the word 'therefore' it's there for a purpose. And the purpose for this is found a few verses back on Romans 11.

> *And so all Israel shall be saved….* Rom 11:26

As the power of heaven fall, Israel shall see clearly her need to repent and call upon Messiah Jeshua to come and save them. This is what will make them cry out Baruch Ha Ba B'Shem Adonai (Blessed be Him who comes in the name of the Lord.) It is then that Jesus will come again to His people.

> *In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. Jeremiah 50:4*
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> *And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. Zechariah 12:10*

Verse 31 mentions that "Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought [him] up....".

This is a reference to the Second Coming of the Lord and the resurrection. His brethren and all the house of his father are Christ and all the saints. When Jesus comes for the Church it will be to resurrect her. Bringing Samson up and burying him with his fathers speaks of resurrecting the church and setting her in a place of honor. This happens right after her death. "*Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up*." (John 2:19

The conclusion is that Samson knowingly and willingly laid down his life for the purpose of destroying his enemies and setting Israel free. That is exactly the pattern that Jesus followed to set his people free. That is the pattern that the Church is called to follow as we become conformed to the image of Christ.

Samson's Riddle Part Two:
The 'Rest of the Story'
by Bill Somers

> *Q. Out of the eater came forth meat, out of the strong, came forth sweetness.*
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> *A. What is sweeter than honey and what is stronger than a lion?*

That is Samson's riddle. Did you notice that the answer is a question? And naturally a question calls for another answer. What is the answer to the answer? Now this is interesting, the answer to the answer is, so to speak, the ultimate answer! And The Ultimate Answer is Jesus Christ! For it is He who is sweeter than honey and He who is stronger than a lion!

In the first article on Samson's Riddle we found the following conclusions: [see Samson's Riddle by Bill Somers]
a. Samson is a type of the Lord Jesus
b. Samson's wife is a type of the Church
c. Samson's father is a type of God the Father
d. The Philistines are a type of the world
e. The honey is a type of the **Word Of God Revealed In Depth, or Revelation Knowledge**
f. The answer to the riddle is Jesus Christ
g. The act of giving the answer is a type of **The Revelation of Jesus Christ!**
This is the **Word Of God Revealed In Depth**
h. The act of Samson's wife telling her people the answer is a type of the Church revealing Jesus to the World. That is preaching the gospel to all the world and completing the great commission.
i. One of the main lessons is that the Church cannot effectively reveal Jesus to the World till she receives that revelation in depth herself! That is till Jesus reveals Himself to the Church. Then the world will see Jesus in the Church.

Now let's draw some conclusions from this allegory:

Looking at point **G** above, we understand that this speaks of Revival. That is Jesus coming to the Church and revealing Himself in awesome holiness and irresistible power is what we really mean by revival. Not lots of people getting converted. That comes next. Point **H** speaks of the harvest or ingathering that must follow revival.

Now the text tells us that this took place on the 7th day. Prophetically this means the 7th 1000 year period, in other words, the Millenium. Thus the revival and harvest will take place not before the Millenium but on and at the very beginning of the Millenium!

Now what else does the text tell us will happen at that time? What is the 'Rest of the Story'?

We just said that the revival and harvest take place at the beginning of the 7th millenium, not at the end of the 6th. Are there other elements here in Judges 14 and 15 that speak of other end time events?

If we look carefully, with spiritual eyes, there are several. I'm going to share what the Holy Spirit has allowed me to see so far. This includes:

> a recapitulation of the cycle of judgment, redemption and harvest;
> the outpouring of the spirit;
> further judgment on the world's economy;
> the final persecution of the Church;
> the redemption of the Jews;
> the final battle and return of the Lord.

Before going into all that, lets look at some loose ends from part one and their relation to the 'Rest of the Story'.

In part one to explain the meaning of the sweetness in the riddle, we said:

The honey, the sweetness is the word of God.

> *Then said Jonathan, …: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.* 1 Sam 14;:29

> *And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: ….* Rev 10:10

In each case here we took a passage out of context to make a connection between the sweetness and the word of God and the understanding it brings. But in each case there was a down side; a 'Rest of the Story' that we did not go into.

For Jonathan, eating the honey brought him under a sentence of death! There was a price to pay.

> *Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die*. 1 Sam 14:43

In the book of Revelation, when the prophet eats the book, there was a price to pay, a bitter result.

> *And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.* Rev. 10:10

Now in our discussion of Samson's Riddle and him revealing it to his wife, the 'Rest of the Story', the downside is that, shortly after that, SHE DIES! What is this telling us? Is it a picture of the Church being caught up and away from the judgments? Is it a picture of the Church surviving through a period of judgments and caught away at the end? Or is it a picture of the Church persecuted and overcome by her enemies? The 'Rest of the Story' is that the Church must die. *But what chess player would not sacrifice his queen to checkmate the enemy?* [The Lord spoke this to me as I was writing this.]

Now let's look a some specifics:

> *16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell it thee?*
> *17 And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people.*
> *18 And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.*
> *19 And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.*
> *20 But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.* Judges 14:16-20

In verses 16 and 17, Samson's wife [the Church] weeps before him and pleads until he reveals the answer to the riddle. This illustrates the Church weeping in repentance before her Lord. She presses in till the great revelation comes and immediately reveals it to the world. It is a case of the cycle of judgment, redemption and harvest. Some judgments having brought the Church to her knees in the first place.

Verse 18 shows the reason for the Lord's anger against the enemies of the Church who have "plowed with his heifer". So, in verse 19, following this redemption, during this time of harvest, the Lord executes further judgments on those who have come against His Church. "The gates of hell shall not prevail." Verse 19 ends with the phrase 'he went up to his father's house'. This clearly speaks of the Lord's Visitation to the Church. But what about verse 20? In Young's translation it reads:

> *and Samson's wife becometh his companion's, who is his friend.*

Who was Samson's companion? I always had the impression that he worked alone! Who was this mysterious guy who shows up out of nowhere and is never heard from again? At any rate, for the purpose of our end time prophetic vision; if Samson is a type of Jesus, then his companion and friend must be the Holy Spirit. Therefore to say his wife became his companion is to say the Church becomes the possession of the Holy Spirit! The Church is then possessed by the Holy Spirit; much in the same way that the virgin Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit in Luke 1:35. This is another way of saying what the Lord said at the end of verse 19. That is He comes to visit and to dwell in his Fathers house, the Church.

> This is the first statement of the judgment and redemption cycle. Now lets move on to Chapter 15.
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> *1 But it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in.*
> *2 And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.*
> *3 And Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a*

> *displeasure.*
> *4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails.*
> *5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives.*
> *6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire.*
> *7 And Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.*
> *8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam*.
> Judges 15:1-8
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> The cycle is partly restated here in Chapter 15. Verse 1 speaks of the Lord desiring to Visit his wife, his bride, the Church at wheat harvest. This is the time of Pentecost! Also in this verse the father causes a delay in the visitation. In verse two he says " I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her." This speaks of the judgment the Lord must bring against his Church first. [Judgment must needs begin at the house of God.] These judgments will be so severe that it will appear that the Lord had abandoned his Church but it will not be so. For the redemption comes quickly after. *In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.* Isaiah 54:8

Psalm 79 shows this in two phases:
This is the Church interceding under judgment.

> *1 O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps.*
> *2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.*
> *3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.*
> *4 We are become a reproach to our neighbours, a scorn and derision to them that are round about us.*
> *5 How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?*

And this is her warfare prayer calling on the Lord to judge his enemies.

> *6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.*
> *7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.*
> *8 O remember not against us former iniquities: let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us: for we are brought very low.*
> *9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.*
> *10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? let him be known among the heathen in our sight by the revenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed.*
> *11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve thou* **those that are appointed to die***;*
> *12 And render unto our neighbours sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, O Lord.*
> *13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.*

Samson's next move [verse 4 and 5] is an illustration of the Lord answering the prayers of the Church above.

The Foxes
Samson went and caught 300 foxes. What do foxes stand for? First they are among the 'beasts of the earth' and Jesus and the second Adam is obeying God's commandment to Adam in Genesis 1:28, to subdue the beasts of the earth or earthly demonic powers. [See 'which of You Convicts Me of Sin?' By Bill Somers]

Secondly foxes speak specifically of demonic forces that come against the Church.

In Nehemiah, where the people are building the walls of Jerusalem, we see their enemies ridiculing them and their walls as weak enough for a fox to destroy. So a fox is a beast of the earth whose assignment is to attack the holy city, the Church.

> *Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a* **fox** *go up, he shall even break down their stone wall.* Nehemiah 4:3

In the Song of Solomon, foxes are depicted attacking vines, and we know the bible commonly uses the vine or vineyard to speak of the Church.

> *Take us the* **foxes***, the little* **foxes***, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.* Song of Solomon 2:15

Lamentations mentions foxes as part of the judgment on Jerusalem or Zion [the Church]

> *Because of the mountain of Zion, which is desolate, the* **foxes** *walk upon it.* Lamentations 5:18

In Matthew, Jesus mentions foxes and birds. These are the beasts of the earth and the fowls of the air. [Demonic Forces]. Because of their inroads into the Church, the holes and nests, the son of man is hindered from taking his place as the head. He cannot come to his rest and rest his head upon his body the Church till it is purged by judgment. The holes of the foxes are the enemies breaches in the wall. They are points where the hedge is broken down allowing the fox entrance to the vineyard. They are places where sin has opened a way for the enemy to come in. They are the Gates of Hell. The nests of the birds are spiritual strongholds of wrong thinking and false doctrine that fill the Church today.

> *And Jesus saith unto him, The* **foxes** *have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.* Matthew 8:20

Later in Matthew, Jesus speaks of King Herod as 'that fox'. Recall that Herod was a leader in persecution of the Church, and suffered a terrible judgment for it in the book of Acts.

> *And he said unto them, Go ye, and tell that* **fox***, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.* Luke 13:32

Note also the use of the phrase 'third day' in that quote. This speaks of the resurrection on the third day, and of the coming perfection of the Church on the millennial third day. Reinforcing our understanding that these things take place during the millenium. [See 'The Third Day in Prophecy' by Bill Somers]

It is this perfection of the Church that results from the redemption. It is made possible by the subduing of the foxes. When the foxes holes are closed off, and the birds nests are eliminated, then the Son of Man will have that place to lay his head, a Church purified and holy, and dedicated only to serving him. A Church that is finally willing to die for Him.

Now back to Samson [verse 4,5], his use of the foxes was to destroy the Philistines crops. Their corn, their wine, their oil. Their entire economy was laid waste. From our end time perspective this speaks of world wide economic disaster, one of the judgments we expect during tribulation. So when the world falls apart, the Church will come together!

Now obviously [let's face it] verse 6 pictures the final persecution of the Church.

> *And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.* Revelation 11:7
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> *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: …. .* Revelation 13:7

Notice the Philistine reaction to these disasters:

> *6 Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, …."*

It is like the world will realize that these judgments are acts of God, and take revenge against Christians out of frustration. But God says:

> *Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.* Romans 12:19

[See 'The How and the Therefore' by Bill Somers]

In Joel there is a reference to the vine and the fig tree.

> *He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: ….* Joel 1:7

As the vine is taken to mean the Church, the fig tree is often used to mean Israel.
And so we see that verses 7 and 8 picture the Lords final revenge against those who have destroyed his vineyard [the Church].
The next section looks at the end time finale with a focus on the Jews, the Men of Judah.
This shows the Lord's final revenge against those who have barked his fig tree [Israel].

> *9 Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi.*

> *10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us.*
> *11 Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.* [See Joel 3:4]
> *12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves.*
> *13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.*
> *14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.*
> *15 And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith.* Judges 15:9-15

Now to understand this point here, reread the passage and filter out any reference to binding Samson, these details are irrelevant in this case.

What this is saying is that there will come a time when the World [Philistines] will come against Israel [the men of Judah] to make war. They pitched and they spread themselves means they come ready to fight.

> *Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.* Joel 3:14

At this time the Jews of Israel will Call Upon the Lord, [Samson up on the rock of Etam] who will come down from the rock [down from heaven] and fight their enemy for them! So this part of the Samson story is a picture of the Battle at Armageddon. When the Lord will save his people and destroy the remainder of His enemies.

> *The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.* Joel 3:6

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Samsons Riddle:
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The Riddle: Out of the eater came forth meat; out of the strong came forth sweetness.
The answer: What is sweeter than honey and what is stronger than a lion?
Second Riddle: What has this got to do with End Time Prophetic Vision?
Second answer: A Lot!

> Judges 14:
> 1 ¶ And Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines.
> 2 And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife.
> 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.
> 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel.
> 5- Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him.
> 6 And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and [he had] nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done.
> 7 And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well.
> 8 And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, [there was] a swarm of bees and honey in the carcase of the lion.
> 9 And he took thereof in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcase of the lion.
> 10 So his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do.
> 11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him.
> 12 And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find [it] out, then I will give you thirty sheets and thirty change of garments:
> 13 But if ye cannot declare [it] me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.
> 14 And he said unto them, ***Out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness.*** And they could not in three days expound the riddle.
> 15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to take that we have? [is it] not [so]?
> 16 And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told [it] me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told [it] my father nor my mother, and shall I tell [it] thee?
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The Riddle speaks of the Word of God.
The lion is Jesus

> *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the* **Lion** *of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.* Rev. 5.5

The lion died; he died for us, ("*I am he that liveth and was dead* …." Rev 1:18)
Inside the carcase of the Lion was found the honey.
The honey, the sweetness is the word of God.

> *Then said Jonathan, …: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.* 1 Sam 14;:29

> *And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: ….* Rev 10:10

The meat (food) speaks of the word. Hebrews. 5 in discussing the word of righteousness tells us that *meat is for them that are of full age.*
The bible says that hidden in Christ are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

> *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and* ***of Christ;***
> ***In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge****.* Colossians 2:2-3

So this sweet meat [food] hidden inside the lion speaks of the Word of God, but especially it speaks of deep revelation and rich understanding of the Word. Hidden treasures of Wisdom. It speaks of **mature insight into the Word.**

The Philistines Couldn't Possibly Know the Answer.
In this story there was no way the Philistines could know the answer. They had to be totally clueless at to what Samson was talking about.
This agrees with the idea that the Riddle speaks of the Word of God. The Philistines are a type of the world. The natural man cannot understand the Word of God

> *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* 1Co 2:14

Samson is a Type of the Lord Jesus Christ
Just as Samson was dedicated to the Lord from birth, as a nazarite, Jesus was dedicated and separated to be the head of the church.
Samson is also a type of the resurrected Christ. Nothing could bind Him. Nothing could hold Him, not even death, hell and the grave.

His Wife is a Type of the Church

> *Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath ….* Judges 14:5

There are three clues in this verse. 1. Samson went down; this speaks of Jesus coming down from Heaven. 2. Timnath means portion. This says Jesus came down to get His portion or inheritance. [The World] 3. He came to the vineyards of Timnath; ***vineyards*** speak of the Church.

The Church is His Harlot Bride. Samson kept going after a harlotous, Gentile bride. JESUS has done the same. Jesus' bride, the Church in many ways has been just as harlotous as Israel ever was and yet Jesus will purify her for she pleaseth him..

> *And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well*. Judges 14:3

Samson's Wife Couldn't Possibly Know the Answer either.
Now here I have to be careful. We just said that the natural man cannot know spiritual things. [The Word of God.] But the Church, surely is different! We are made up of born again believers, we are spiritual people aren't we?

Well recall that we said knowing the answer to the riddle speaks of Mature Insight into the Word. It means a depth of revelation. Can we say that about today's Church? Rather look back again to Hebrews 5:12

> *" For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat."*

Here we find a more accurate description of the state of the Church today. The strong meat is the answer to the riddle, but we are not ready!
Secondly it is impossible for us to know the answer because the **Books are Sealed**!

> *But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and* **seal the book***, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.* Daniel 12;:4
>
> *Bind up the testimony,* **seal the law** *among my disciples*. Isaiah 8:16

Revealing the Answer on the Seventh Day is a type of End Time Revival
The seventh day speaks of the Millenium or the end times which we are now in.

Revealing the Answer is the Revelation of Jesus Christ

> *And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to* **open the book***, and to loose the seven seals thereof.* Rev. 5.5

Revealing the answer to the riddle is the same as opening the Book.
In the Book of revelation we see Jesus the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, opening the Book. In Judges 14:17 we see Samson revealing the answer to his wife. This speaks of nothing less than **God Revealing Himself, because Jesus is the Word of God.** And only God can reveal Himself. No man was found worthy to open the book. Man cannot comprehend God by his own efforts. God reveals Himself to man at the time of His choosing.
Notice also that the answer was not revealed to the wife until she wept before Him and pleaded for the answer. Doesn't this speak of deep repentance that we know must come to the Church?

The Lesson
So we see that Samson revealing the answer to the riddle to his wife is that same as Jesus revealing Himself to the Church! Notice what happens next!

> *… and she told the riddle to the children of her people.* Judges 14:17

As soon as she knew the answer, she turned around and told the other Philistines. Isn't this what the Church is required to do? To reveal Jesus to a lost and dying world, marked for judgment? So we see that when and only when we receive the Revelation of Jesus Christ will we really be able to impart that to the lost.

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Stand Armed, Not Disarmed

Lanna Perry

21st July, 2005
Sydney Australia

My warriors, the enemy is coming against many of you at this time, and his agenda, is to unravel you. Bring death and destruction and undo all that I have done in you.

My church, I am calling you to be even more aware in these days. Hear my voice, and do not allow the evil one to disarm you. The only way he can disarm you is if you allow it.

I see he is coming against many of you in intense ways, but do not allow this to discourage you, but continue to stand firm. The enemy is kicking hard, and he is kicking in the areas of self worth and identity. The enemy is coming against many of you, by trying to make you doubt your worth in Me, and your identity in Me.

The enemy sees the importance of My children knowing who they are in Me. If he can attack you in these areas, when you are disarmed, or unaware you will often unravel into doubt, fear and lies about who you are in Me and who I am in you.
The enemy knows that the one way to distract My church is to attack their self worth and identity. If he can cause doubt and oppression in My children in these areas then everything unravels.
My church, I am calling each of you to be even more aware. When you have done all to stand, keep standing. Use your swords My children, not sticks. Do not use counterfeit items to combat the enemy, for they will not stop the attack. Use what I have given you, the Sword of the Spirit.

Many of you have felt like you are becoming unstuck and have not realised why. I am speaking to you now, that the reason is, is because you are entertaining the thoughts placed in your minds from the enemy.

Do not entertain these thoughts, but entertain thoughts of above and thoughts of Me. For the time that I am leading My church into very soon, each of you will need a firm foundation and heart conviction of who you are in Me.

For once you are standing stronger and stronger in who you are in Me, when the wind and the waves blow you will not be blown around, but standing firm in the revelation of who you are in Me.

A new move is upon the church. Bridges are being built that have never been built before, but great oppression has come to My church, and the only way to withstand is by standing in the conviction of who you are in Me, and who I AM.

Do not allow the enemy to disarm you. Be aware My church. Continually allow My Spirit to empower each of you to stand against the darts being thrown at you. For it is not by might, or by power, but by My Spirit, that you are given the strength to stand in your worth and identity in Me.

Many of you are still living in unbelief, no more, take on what I say about you, for what I say is the greatest truth that ever existed or will ever exist.

As you stand on my truth, strongholds will fall. If you are not standing in Me, in the confidence of who I am in you, then you are not standing in the power or authority I have given you in My Spirit.

The world and everyone in it, is screaming out to be loved, and be worth something. Feel worthwhile. You, My church have the answer, but you cannot pass on what you do not have.

Continue to soak in My presence, asking Me to continually bathe you in the revelation of who you are. For as I send out My church, a body of Mighty warriors who know who they are in Me, My Spirit will work such great wonders through that authority and confidence like you've never dreamed.

Rise up My precious church. Rise Up My Warriors. Open your eyes and see who you truly are.

Stand My church in the confidence of who you are in Me, but more importantly who I AM in you.
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Seeds
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19th July, 2005
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My precious and beautiful children, I have so many heavenly deposits that I am placing within your hearts as you continue to seek Me. As each of you continue to come to Me, and seek Me, and know Me, I am placing seeds of truth within your hearts, and seeds of My Kingdom. Seeds of revelations, seeds of encouragement, and seeds of My love. As you continue to come to Me and allow My living waters to flow through you, these seeds will grow and multiply and you will be known by your fruit.

I long to have each of you as well planted trees beside a stream, blossoming with much fruit from My Kingdom. Much harvest from that which I sow into you, and which you sow into the world for My Kingdom. I long to extend your roots so deep within Me, that you will receive a sweetness and richness from Me and My love that you have never tasted. Finer than the sweetest honey, shall be the enrichment you receive from Me.

I am saddened My children, to see the seeds that you are planting within each other. Many of you are not planting heavenly seeds within the hearts and lives of those around you. I have called each of you to love your neighbour as yourself and place others above yourselves. To continue to place value, love and encouragement upon those around you within My body.

I see a lot of death seeds being planted within My church. I continue to see death seeds being placed within the hearts and lives of My children, from one another.

My heart is for growth and life, not death. When you plant seeds of death, you are allowing the enemy to influence you and use you to tear down and quench that which I am doing in My church.

I am calling for My church to rise up and be planters of love and encouragement, not death.

I see poison running through My church. Seeds of control, manipulation, abuse, and slander are being planted within My church continually without repentance.

My heart of love is not being reflected within My church. I am about to do a new move, My Spirit will be poured out in greater ways, and I am going to bring signs and wonders into the marketplace and the world like never before.

Seeds of death, and seeds of destruction will hinder that work within My church if you continue to do this. I have chosen to give each of you free will, and I long to move greatly, and I will move as you rid yourselves of handing out seeds of death and destruction to one another.

Come out, come out of the darkness and into My Glorious light. Repent of the seeds you have been giving out and allow Me to continue to fill your hearts and hands with seeds of love and seeds from My

Kingdom that will bring about much fruit and love in the lives of every believer around you as you hand them out in the power of My Spirit.

The seed of jealousy and manipulation is coming strongly against My church, from WITHIN. Do not be envious of one another but continue to seek Me, and love each other as I love the church. Not in your strength, but allow Me to show you how to love one another in My strength.

My Spirit is about to reach greater lengths and places that have not been reached before, but first you must rid your hearts and hands of these seeds that are NOT of Me.

I love each of you with an everlasting love. All that I deposit within you are seeds of love, and I never hand out seeds of death. My heart is to see you overflow.

Come, My church, continue to be My representatives to this world. Repent of the poison each of you have carried and deposited into one another through thoughts and actions.

Allow forgiveness to flow through My church. Do not quench or hinder My work any longer. I do not expect perfection, for only I the Lord your God can move in complete perfection. Although I call you now My church to leave complacency behind and to be holy as I am holy.

Time is drawing near. Revival and a great shaking is closer to you than you realise. Clean your hearts and your hands in My presence. Rid yourselves of these destructive ways.

Die to self, crucify the flesh continually, and walk in the Spirit. Walk in Me, handing out seeds of love and encouragement wherever your foot may tread. As you do this, watch Me honour your faithfulness and do great and mighty things among you.

As each of you walk in this way as I have called you, and consciously set aside these destructive seeds, you will see My church come together in a new and fresh way, like never before. You will see My church rise up, and do that which I have destined it to do. You will see all parts working together in unity. You will see the beauty of My heart within the church more than ever before. You must rid yourselves of these seeds, and poison one another no more.

Let the church of Mine, the church of Jesus Christ shine again. Let My church not be quenched any longer, listen to what My Spirit is saying, and let My waters wash over all destructiveness within My church, and bring about that which I have always desired. My church continually growing in worshipping in Spirit and in truth.

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Storm A Prophetic Event

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Politicians Join Archbishop In Calling A Storm A Prophetic Event
[Posted from the well known Catholic WebSite www.SpiritDaily.com]

I don't get to see television very often, but from I understand a state senator from Alabama, Henry E. "Hank" Erwin Jr., was pilloried the other night in one of those programs where the name of the game is pillorying.

In this case it was for Senator Erwin's view that Hurricane Katrina was God's response to the "gambling casinos, sin, and wickedness" of the Gulf and the senator was attacked by both "left" and "right" for that "radical" viewpoint.

It is curious how frenetically the devil attacks notions of chastisement. Sin and wickedness? "It is the kind of behavior that ultimately brings the judgment of God," Senator Erwin had the nerve to say in a nation where even the churchgoers have forgotten what it says in the Bible.

In New York, a discussion among Protestant theologians led by Bill Moyers seemed to purvey the collective discernment that the hurricanes were no chastisement because -- said one participant -- the Lord would not have done so without warning.

Without warning? How many times have we received warnings! "Warnings year after year by godly evangelists and preachers went unheeded," wrote Senator Erwin for a column in a local paper. "So why were we surprised when finally the hand of judgment fell? Sadly, innocents suffered along with the guilty. Sin always brings suffering to good people as well as the bad. America has been moving away from God. We all need to embrace godliness and churchgoing and good, godly living, and we can get divine protection for that point. The Lord is sending appeals to us. As harsh as it may sound, those hurricanes do say that God is real, and we have to realize sin has consequences."

Meanwhile, back in New York, Moyers made the point that it's dangerous to "read the Bible as literally true," and this report comes at the same time that bishops in England, Wales, and Scotland reportedly advised their flocks not to take the Good Book as an historically accurate document, including the predictions of *Revelation.*

Fortunately, other Protestants, including Franklin Graham, son of Billy, have differed:

Shortly after the storm hit New Orleans, Graham said, “There's been Satanic worship in New Orleans. There's been sexual perversion. God is going to use that storm to bring a revival. God has a plan. God has a purpose.”

Such is also emphasized by Archbishop Philip M. Hannan, who led the New Orleans archdiocese for 23 years and is still such a visible figure that many refer to him as the "pope of New Orleans." He called the hurricane a "Divine chastisement" and urged Catholics to make sure that others -- especially children and grandchildren -- understood God was sending a message; only if we do, he said, will we correct what he called our nation's "low level" of morality.

Ah: no wonder the devil's frenzy!

The same view was expressed by New Orleans City Council President Oliver Thomas -- who said that "maybe God is going to cleanse us."

And then there is former Louisiana state senator, Judge Fritz Windhorst -- a solidly Marian lawyer who has a home near the New Orleans airport and had recently sold a vacation home in Gulfport -- which was destroyed during Katrina. "A lot of people are now talking about chastisement around here," he told me. "The ones who may have been laughing at the idea of an imminent one aren't laughing anymore. It's obvious."

Father Robert Guste, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Kenner, said that the lewd homosexual festival, Southern Decadence, the rampant pornography and gambling and the brazenly blasphemous activities surrounding the annual Mardi Gras, a festival renowned for its mockeries of Christian symbols, may have suggested divine punishment, according to the Catholic website, *Lifesite.net.*

“Does this not invite Divine judgment?” Guste, 78, asked. When he was asked if New Orleans will ever be the same, he replied, “I hope not. I hope and pray it will be a better city.”

Indeed, those who have been hit or brushed by hurricanes seem to have more of a sense of such than others, although a recent poll by ABC (if we can believe secular polls) says that 23 percent, or about 68 million Americans, believe that the hurricanes were a "deliberate act of God's."

According to the poll, the percentage of Catholics believing that was just 15 percent, or 9.3 million (lower than the number of "non-religious" who believe it was a chastisement, and far lower than evangelicals!), although the percentage is almost surely significantly higher among actual church-going Catholics, who are now in the minority. We must remember than two-thirds of Catholics don't regularly attend Mass and that the majority want married priests and do not believe in the "real Presence" of the Eucharist.

There may also be questions about how the questions were posed. What would the response have been if the question was not whether God directly struck, but rather "allowed" the events to happen?

Is it God Who sends the "judgment" or the devil who actually causes mayhem when we distance ourselves from God and His umbrella of protection?

Whatever the metaphysics, of further interest was that the first thing we saw from Gulfport were the mangled and tossed casinos and the same was true in Biloxi and then in places like Lake Charles (in the aftermath of Rita). Curious too how polluted areas and oil platforms or rigs (at least 109) took hits. One well-known mystic, Sondra Abrahams, who resides in Lake Charles and has appeared on television with Archbishop Hannan, had a near-death experience many years ago during which she claims she was shown aspects of the future. She believes that the storms and other events will intensify, and warns particularly about California.

Sondra is interesting because during the 1970s, long before cloning, she was speaking of a vision in which she was shown what she described for a long time as "duplication." She too has mentioned the sin in afflicted areas. Let us note that the recent fires in California started in Chatsworth -- which is the very epicenter of the pornography business.

The fires did not spread as far as they could have and we must thank God for His patience, which, it seems, is now running out. Back to Louisiana, in Cameron Parish -- a spot where a statue of the

Madonna has always stood against storms -- there is now devastation.

But if so, if storms are targeting the sin along the Gulf, and in the entire country, why did the French Quarter survive? Was God simply so merciful that He did not want that most precious part of New Orleans -- its cultural heart -- destroyed, or is He simply arranging another test?

No one can know such things. These are events for the entire nation. They are not done with worldly specificity. But perhaps we have inklings. "The tragedy of New Orleans is not the final one," another mystic, Josyp Terelya, of Ukraine, claims he was told by the Blessed Mother in September. "You will save America through fasting and prayer."

Terelya says that on visiting an alleged site of apparitions in Marmora, Ontario, on August 18, he had been given a prophecy of the storms, again by the Blessed Mother -- who referred to "my children of the new and holy America."

Many are those who claim prophetic words, visions, or dreams. How many can we believe? We try to sort through such things, in obedience to the Bible, which tells us not to discount prophecy, and what we hear often has to do with something fiery.

There are many warnings about the obvious places, such as California, Manhattan, and Long Island. Terelya sees an event that will turn New York into "purified" land dedicated to Mary. How much stock can we place in such prophecies? Have they not at least given us the pulse of what has already come? Do we not at least take from them a general sense of spiritual preparation?

"I have increased my daily 'hedge' prayers for home and family," says a reader named Pamela Foos of Seattle. "I have also felt a strong push to bless the home each day with Holy Water and blessed salt. In the last ten years I have had two very strong dreams, very vivid, very detailed, about chastisement coming. I remember them as if I had them last night. In each of the two dreams, during the chastisement that surrounded me and my family, I felt an interior peace and a 'bubble' of grace which clearly came from Jesus and Our Lady."

"It is still hard to believe that this has happened to New Orleans," writes a resident of the area, Cathryn Lang "It is like a bad dream. But, something really needed to be done! There were so many poor people, and maybe, now, they can start over and have a better life. And there were three or four murders every day. I hope that will stop now. I hope that city is smaller now. It is just too bad that Mardi Gras and the dancers in the French Quarter may come back. We need to pray that this doesn't happen."

Satan's Final Challenge

Bill Somers

Challenge 1

In the Book of Job we read of a case where Satan came before God and issued a challenge, and we see how God took that challenge and used everything Satan meant for evil and used it for good.

> *Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*
> *Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?*
> *Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*
> *But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD. Job 1:6-12*

Satan's challenge is this: If you allow me to take Job's property, he will curse you. When the Lord allows Satan what he asks for it shows once again that Satan is a liar because things do not work out as he says the will.

Look at Job's reaction! Instead of cursing God he worships God and says *" ...the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD*."

So The Lord accepted Satan's challenge and proved him wrong.

Challenge 2

Then Satan comes forth with another challenge. This challenge followed the exact pattern of the first one.

> *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD.*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.*
> *And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.*
> *But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. Job 2: 1-6*

This time Satan's challenge is 'if you let me afflict Job with sickness, he will curse you. He even plants the suggestion to 'curse God' in Job's mind through his wife.

> *Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.*
> *But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. Job 2:9-10*

Once again Job's reaction makes a liar out of Satan.

We know how the story ends as we read through the 44 chapters of Job. Job goes through great turmoil and strife in his debates with his three friends, etc. Finally God Reveals Himself to Job! And Job realizes his sin, repents and is restored. So in the end God has made him an even more perfect servant and restored to him all things that the enemy had taken.

Challenge 3?
In the story of Job, our man Job is entirely unaware of Satan's challenges or what's at stake in them. All he knows is how to hold on to the confession of faith he has in the Lord.

Suppose Satan had come again a third time with another challenge that increased level of Job's trial. The scene might have gone something like this

> And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.
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> And thou hast stricken him with all manner of boils.
> And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Boils come and boils go. Job still retaineth his life.
> But put forth thine hand now, and touch him with a sickness unto death, and he will curse thee to thy face.
> And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; even to take his life.

This time, supposing Satan had escalated the challenge a third time, what would happen? I believe that Job would continue to hold fast to his confession of faith and make a liar out of Satan once again. Later on in the book Job says:

> *Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him .... Job 13:15*

And so Job would have glorified God by his death, still unaware of what was going on in the heavenly realms. When he came before the Lord for his judgment, God would have said, "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the Joy of the Lord."

End Time Application
There is a lesson here that we could apply directly to the End Time Church. She is about to be afflicted by the Hordes of Hell as the Gates of Hell are opened and the enemy comes in like a flood. She will realize her sin, repent and be restored in a Glorious Revival. All things will be restored to her equipping her to bring in the great harvest of souls that God desires.

But then what?

Then we suppose there might be another meeting in heaven, and another conversation that would go something like this.

> Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
> And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.
> And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my End Time Apostolic Church that there is none like her in the earth, nor has there ever been any like her in all history, being conformed to the very image of my own son Jesus.
> That she is a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that she is become holy and without blemish.
> A perfect and an upright Church, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?
> One that has obeyed my every command

> That has gone forth and preached my gospel, making disciples of all nations
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> Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth this so called church of yours fear God for nought?
> Hast not thou redeemed her from all her sin, purifying her in the fire of your judgment
> And made an hedge about her, and about her house, and about all that she hath on every side?
> thou hast blessed the work of her hands,
> and baptized her with the Holy Ghost and Fire,
> Anointed her with rivers of oil, signs, wonders and miracles
> and poured out your Spirit upon her without measure so that the harvest is increased in the land.
> Hast thou not raised up the standard of holiness to frustrate my entire army
> But I still have a **stronghold** left in your so called perfection of beauty!
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> And the Lord answered "Say on"
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> You know that I have "the power of death" and trough fear of death I hold all your precious saints in bondage. [See Hebrews 2:14-15]
> But put forth thine hand now, and touch this church of yours with persecution unto death, and she will deny thee and curse thee to thy face.
> And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, she is in thine hand to do whatsoever thou wish. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And the result of this we find in Revelation 13

> *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. Rev 13:7*

But we have one advantage over Job. We have read the book to the end and we know that **Satan's Final Challenge** is doomed to fail just like all the rest.

> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11*

And though Satan is given power to overcome us, we know that we will overcome him the same way Jesus did when He defeated him at the cross.

> *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 3:16*

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Salvation and the Ministry of Reconciliation

David Weber

"Neither through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, did He enter into the Most Holy Place, having obtained age-during redemption once and for all." (Hebrews 9:12)

"So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, apart from a sin-offering, will appear a second time to those waiting for Him – to salvation! (Hebrews 9:28)

The book of Hebrews generally has suffered much misunderstanding in the church, and the notion that verse 28 supports the conventional concept of "The second coming of Christ," is a prime example of reading into a text unbiblical presuppositions. For this reason, I feel a pressing need at this time to draw a line of comparison between the above verses so that we might also be able to compare two atoning works of Christ; that which we call "reconciliation," and that which we call "salvation," for they are not the same. By doing this we might also be able to understand how all things (including all men) were reconciled (past tense) to the Father at Calvary (Colossians 1:20, Romans 5:10, 2 Corinthians 5:18-19), yet we see not all men saved ... yet.

Beloved, in the above two verses from Hebrews we should be able to see two distinct and separate works of Christ; reconciliation by His death (vs.12), and secondly, salvation by His life-giving Spirit (vs. 28). Jesus Christ came first in the likeness of sinful flesh and condemned sin in the flesh by tasting death for every man, then He comes again to all those who believe, as a life-giving Spirit, to infuse that believer with His Resurrection Life. It was the Father's good pleasure for His Son to be crucified, for in that work, ALL OF CREATION was reconciled to the Father, having made peace through the blood of the cross. Because of that work, and through our faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world, we as believers are then given the ministry of reconciliation, that is; to let all men know that they HAVE BEEN RECONCILED to God through the blood of Jesus Christ, but in order for them to enter into, or even see the Kingdom of God, they must step into the PROCESS of salvation by faith; the process that will change and conform them into the image of the Son of God.

The two distinct and separate works of atonement (reconciliation and salvation) are also revealed to us in Old Testament picture type. Let us take a look at some of them as they are revealed to us in the book of Leviticus:

In Leviticus chapter 14 and chapter 16, we can find two passages of Scripture that embody the laws regarding the two works of Christ described above; this represented in the two birds used in the cleansing of a leper (a depiction of mortality), and the two goats used to fulfill the law on the Day of Atonement. In brief: the two birds depict the two stages by which mankind shall be cleansed of mortality. The first bird was killed to provide a blood covering for the second bird. In this we can see that the first bird's death (Christ's death on the cross) makes Life available to all men through reconciliation with the Father, while the second bird when released into the "field" (spiritual regeneration), INFUSES a believer with inherent immortality and the Life of Christ through the process of salvation.

The goats of Leviticus 16 reveal something similar, but they deal not with man's mortality because of sin, but rather with the sin itself. Again, as revealed also in Hebrews chapter 9, there are two stages in which the sin of man is eradicated. The first goat (Christ's death on the cross) covered our sin (provided a means for forgiveness – reconciliation), and the second goat (a living, sanctifying work of the Spirit) will remove sin from man until "salvation" is completed (glorification). Beloved, Christ's first "appearance" (in the Most Holy Place in heaven) covered our sin, and His second "appearance" (an intercessory and spiritual work) will remove it altogether.

In order for us to gain a clearer understanding of these atoning works, it is important for us to see "salvation" as a PROCESS rather than a moment that happened at an altar call somewhere. Beloved, you are not fully "saved" until you come to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. This is why Paul exhorted the Philippian believers to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. The "altar call" (so to speak) was only an entrance (regeneration) into the fellowship of the Spirit; the time when the salvation/sanctification process that leads to resurrection Life and glorification BEGINS. It is only through God's provision by His first work of redemption and reconciliation that ANYONE can enter into the second work of salvation; a work in which men are actually shaped into vessels of righteousness.

Are you still with me here saints? If you can understand what I am saying today, you will better be able to understand God's Father heart for His creation, and if you study this in conjunction with the prophetic feasts of Israel, you will be able to see and understand that God has a perfect plan to bring ALL men to the knowledge of the Truth whereby they all will eventually be "saved."

Brethren, Jesus Christ is the Reconciler and Savior of all men! We may not see all men saved at this time, but they have been reconciled to God, and when God's plan of the ages comes to its full and complete end ... God will have His way ... and all men will be saved! The entire Bible declares it! (*For those of you who still might believe the unbiblical doctrine of "eternal torment," and have not had any teaching on the English mistranslations of the Hebrew word "olam" and its Greek equivalent "aion," please e-mail me and I'll be more than happy to send you some information).

It is also true today that many Christians (who consider themselves "saved") are not actually being infused with the resurrection Life and Power of Christ, for they never moved beyond the initial stage of salvation. Jesus said that "straight is the gate and narrow is the path that leads to Life, and few there be who find it!" This has a particular application for believers regarding the full salvation that shall be seen during the Age of Tabernacles! For this reason, I exhort you brethren, as Paul did the Philippian believers, to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for when Christ is fully formed within a firstfruit remnant, all of creation (and an unbelieving portion of the church) shall witness firsthand, full salvation in a people; a salvation that is found in none other than Jesus Christ alone, and made available to all because of His redemptive work on Calvary!

"For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life!" (Romans 5:10)

Beloved, the gospel truth is that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, even when they (and we) were still His enemies! Through the first atoning work of Christ, redemption and reconciliation was made available for all; meaning that God has made provision for all men to come into the second work of salvation, and all eventually will, but each in their own rank and order, and over the course of many ages. We need to let the world know that God is not angry at them, and that He is not threatening to torture and torment them "forever and ever." *That* is a gross misrepresentation of Who He is! That is not the GOOD NEWS at all! No! The good news is that all men have been reconciled to God at the cross, and that God looks upon His entire creation as a loving Father whose arms are ever stretched out to receive them to Himself. It is His kindness that leads men to repentance! ... He wants them to know Him through the Love of Christ, not as a monster who threatens them with horrendous torments and torture for all of eternity!! *That* is a pagan doctrine that infiltrated the church in the third and fourth centuries through faulty Latin Bible translations! Beloved, many people in the world are not rejecting God as much as they are rejecting the false doctrines of the "Christians" who misrepresent Him! Our Father has committed to us the word of reconciliation which is good news for everyone! Christian, go and tell the world the good news! Go and tell them the truth!

"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."(2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Beloved, go and tell them the truth.

Stand And War

Chuck Pierce

September 2, 2005

Dear Friends:

We must pray and intercede on behalf of those traumatized along the Gulf Coast areas. We are entering into a level of warfare in the earth that is beyond our present mindset and paradigm.

In these seven years of war, God has been preparing us for what is ahead. We are ending the fourth year and approaching the fifth year.

We need supernatural grace to deal with lawless structures in days ahead. I want to be real honest, when I wrote "The Future War of the Church" explaining the anti-Christ system and lawlessness, many criticized and scoffed at the concept of the level of warfare that we would be encountering in days ahead.

Please, please prepare yourself for these next three years. Use the prayer points below to begin to engage spiritual forces in ways that we have never understood in the past. The following prophetic word is from the revelation that came forth on August 12 in our FirstFruits Gathering built around covenant alignment.

Word Of The Lord That Came Forth On August 12, 2005

> To the United States of America ... "Know that today this nation is being realigned. Get ready, for refuge cities will begin to arise throughout this land. They will begin to rise up from state to state to state all along the East coast, all along the Gulf, and all along the West coast.
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> "I am raising up refuge cities. Florida is resisting the development of My plan, but I will cause a strong remnant to arise in this state. I AM even beginning to train those in cities that will know how to move forward. Many of you have wondered: 'Why am I not involved here or there - why do I seem to be shelved?' I will begin to assign you to be a part of those groups that will aid My next move in the earth.
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> "This will come because of great shakings, floods and disease structures that are forming. I AM assigning you now to spread My Good News. I AM developing ears to hear My grace. There is a shifting now of compassion and mercy, for I need My healers to be ready to be released throughout the land.
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> "...To those in law enforcement and public authority, lawlessness is beginning to rise and escalate. Many of you who have prayed will become discouraged as you see statistics change.

> Lift up your heads. This is the beginning of dividing and exposing the real source of covenant breaking and violence that is seething in this land. I will give you strategies over how to defeat major lawless structures. These strategies are but temporary measures, so remain on alert from this day forward."

1. Ask God to teach you about lawlessness.
2. Ask the Lord to build a shield of faith around you.
3. Ask the Lord to have you be more responsive to prophecy. (The word to Baton Rouge in 2003 was "you will become a refuge city" [referenced in "Releasing the Prophetic Destiny of a Nation"]. In 2004, the word given in Baton Rouge was on purification coming to New Orleans. You can read this word here: http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=2459)
4. Don't lean on your own understanding. We are entering into a supernatural dimension.
5. Bind the accuser who is working in the earth realm to bring division in the midst of crisis.
6. Begin to set a blood line barrier at the 150 mile radius around the victimized area. How do you do that? You get up and decree by the Spirit of God that there is a supernatural shield set so that the enemy's plan cannot invade that barrier. Cry out for angelic forces to visit individuals that are crying out in these areas. Ask for angels to HELP in this structure of lawlessness that is operating in this part of the earth.
7. Pray for those that are serving as refuge cities – Houston, Baton Rouge, and others.
8. In the midst of trauma, always let God show you areas in our lives that can be purified. Bind condemnation and ask God to purify us where we have been weak in the past. In intercession, what you identify ... purify. Ask God to purify areas where we have allowed the enemy to take control.
9. Pray for supernatural, unexplained healings to start occurring in individuals.
10. Ask for the Holy Spirit to invade this situation.

Yes, this situation could be a result of the Gaza Strip crisis in Israel. Yes, this situation could be a result of the spiritistic decadence that goes on in New Orleans. Yes, this situation could be a result because of the slave entry through New Orleans. Yes, this situation could be a result of the gambling along the coast line. Yes, this could be because of the Circuit Court System in New Orleans taking its stand on behalf of abortion in the land. However, the issue right now is to let the Spirit of God rise up within you and for you begin to cry out in the midst of this situation in a way that you have never cried out before.

Job 22:30 says, "He will even deliver the one [for whom you intercede] who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands." (AMP)

Once you have lived through severe trauma, you realize that pointing a finger is not necessary !!!

You actually realize that it is just the grace of God that any of us are not in these situations. Pray that the "spirit of man withstand this major wound and infirmity in this nation" (Prov 18:14).

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONLY RESTRAINER OF EVIL IN THE EARTH REALM

Here is another portion of the prophetic word that came forward in our August FirstFruits Gathering on covenant.

> To the CHURCH ... "I will reverse cessation thinking. Many have held onto a dead religion. Let go of old religious patters and embrace My resurrection and power. The wind of My power will begin to blow and it will not be able to be explained. There will be a desire for My Spirit. Those that do not repent of a religion that denies My Spirit in the earth will not embrace My covenant plan or people in the future. I have chosen Israel as the deciding factor in the earth. Those who do not acknowledge Israel's place in the earth will not understand the place that I have prepared for them in days ahead."

If there is one thing that we need to ask the Lord to forgive us for – it is the quenching and grieving of Holy Spirit in the earth.

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Stumbling Blocks to Maturity

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> *Ro 14:1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.*
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> For any given topic in end time prophecy, there are 57 varieties of opinion. *Heinz Law of Eschatology*.

Introduction

Childish Things

Over the years, the Lord has shown me many things out of his word. I have written about the end times, revival, the kingdom, the church and the second coming in my other articles. Another topic that comes often is disputes and divisions in the church. We have an unending number of differences of opinion. In fact, it seems that whenever two Christians from different churches get together, one of the first things they do is to find something do disagree about. We have cases where there are a good number of scriptures that support either side of a question. And we have cases where a given scripture can be interpreted in two or more ways. Lack of maturity is what prevents God's people from agreeing on these issues and coming into 'unity of the faith.' How is this so?

Our first opening quote above refers to doubtful disputations. My paraphrase of it is, *accept your brothers and sisters in the Lord who are weak in faith, or immature; but don't get into foolish arguments with them*. These next two quotes reinforce that idea.

> *2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*
> *23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.*
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> *Tit 3:9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.*

In other words, don't get yourself tangled up in stupid arguments with immature believers. As these quotes indicate, they are 'doubtful', 'unprofitable' 'unwise' and cause a lot of friction.

One way of expressing why you should avoid these arguments is simply that it's childish. As I said, the Lord has shown me many things about the end times. Occasionally, he would go over them and summarize them to me. The way this worked was like this. I would imagine myself sharing or speaking on these topics to an audience somewhere, and the Lord would be giving me the things to say to them. [Some refer to this as the anointing to preach.] As I was doing this one day, it occurred to me that in my discussion, I never touched on the subject of the Pre-Trib Rapture. And furthermore, that some listeners would think this unusual since it has been a really big issue for some time. What if, I thought, someone would bring up a question like this: 'But, sir, you are not even trying to disprove the pretrib rapture!' Well that's right; I never even consider it an option. But I asked the Lord, well Lord what do I say if someone asks me that? His answer really startled me! Or rather, as some might say, it blew me away! He said: **When I became a man, I put away childish things**.

Wow! How like him to cut through all the stuff and nonsense and get right to the heart of the matter! Now even after about 10 years, I'm still learning the full implications of what he spoke to me that evening. That's what this essay is about.

One of these implications is this. To a mature believer, the pre-trib teaching is absolute childish nonsense, period, end of discussion. What does this have to say about the level of maturity in the church today? Well for the most part it says there is no level of maturity in the church today. Some few individuals are approaching maturity, but for in general you're not going to find much maturity anywhere. [What maturity I might have myself is purely the Lord's doing and nothing I accomplished by my own efforts, I assure you.]

So it's the immature Christians that get caught up in foolish fussin', fuedin', and fightin'. The mature are to avoid all that. I have found my self in several cases submitted to men that had far greater experience, authority, and ministry credentials than mine. Yet in these situations I was often puzzled by why they could not see the things the Lord was revealing to me in the scriptures. Now I realize that it's simply that they were immature. Even those with many years in the ministry, that you would expect to be mature users of the Word, turned out to be immature. In many cases that was because of stumbling blocks in their lives.

I was looking to them as experts in the word, but it turned out that I was more expert than they were. And I was putting myself at a disadvantage by regarding them as superiors. It was realizing this, which lead to this article.

As we proceed, we are going to look at what maturity is; and how it is linked with faith and wisdom. Then we'll consider what common obstacles to it exist.

Part One
Maturity and Wisdom

Maturity is having the faith to acquire wisdom. The mature have faith and get wisdom. This is a matter of degree, not an either or situation. The mature have a degree of faith and have received a degree of wisdom.

Heb. 5: 12-14 is a key passage for understanding the notion of maturity.

> *Heb. 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*
> *13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*
> *14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

We see that those who have been in ministry and should be capable teachers are spoken of as those who need teaching. This is the condition of the church today. This passage contrasts the mature, those of full age, with the babes in terms of consuming meat or milk, in relation to the oracles of God. The word *oracle* is related to oration or speaking. So Hebrews here is talking about God speaking. As we get farther along, we will be able to see exactly what are **the first principles of the oracles of God**.

Now here is the context of the phrase the Lord spoke to me that I mentioned above.

> *1 Cor. 13: 8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*
> *9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*
> *10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*
> *11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but **when I became a man, I put away childish things**.*
> *12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*
> *13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

In general this whole passage speaks of a great transition. It's the transition from a child to a man; from the immature to the mature. We change from being those who know in part, and prophesy in part to those who know even as we are known. We go from seeing things very dimly, to seeing things quite plainly.

We start as babes in Christ, who are nourished by the milk of the word. We must mature to become like those of full age who are nourished by strong meat.

This passage from Ephesians 4 covers much of the same ideas. It speaks of the 5 fold ministry and its purpose, to help in the perfecting of the saints. That is another way of saying to help lead them out of the childish ways into maturity.

> *Eph. 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*
> *13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*
> *14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
> *15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

Notice how it talks about growing up and being children no longer; leaving behind childish things and childish ways. The children are pictured as being tossed about, and carried away with constantly changing doctrines and differing opinions. They are easy marks for trickery, craftiness and deception. They are contrasted with the mature that come into unity of the faith, and achieve a level of perfection as they grow up into a likeness of Christ.

Those teachers – you have 10,000 instructors in Christ – whom you notice are immature in the word are to be avoided, except in the very basics.

> *Proverbs 14:7 Go from the presence of a foolish man, when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.*

They are essentially and automatically disqualified as teachers or expositors of the word. They will of course have some truth and accuracy in what they have to share, but you will find it thoroughly mixed with error and man's opinion. This of course includes all Christian denominations and camps, to a greater or lesser degree. We should not be bothered to argue or dispute with them, as with any who are weak in faith. From God's point of view, the differences between denominations are often nothing more than children arguing on the playground that really have no idea what they are talking about. .

No Undecided Voters

A few weeks before the last presidential election here in America, I got into a discussion with a co-worker who supported the candidate I opposed. One thing he mentioned was very intriguing. Actually, all the polling data about the undecided voter was just a lot of bunk, he claimed. There are no undecided voters; the election will not be won by swaying the undecided voter, or by persuading those of the opposing party to switch their votes. The election will go to who ever gets out the vote. [I personally feel that the heavy rain all election evening here in Ohio is what swung the state into the Republican camp.]

The next interesting point he made was that people did not give the real or honest reason they vote one way or another. In this election, he felt, people were actually quite indifferent to the personality and character of John Kerry. And they really weren't moved by the candidate's stands on the issues. People were going to vote one way or the other because they either liked the incumbent Pres. Bush or because they hated him. And the issues were irrelevant, and the personality of his opponent, Kerry made no difference. Now they might give a great deal of reasons for voting one way or the other, but that meant nothing really. The fact was that most people have their minds made up and simple arguments would not persuade them. And that's because their minds were made up on an emotional basis. Nobody is going to admit that the real reason they vote the way they do is not based on sound logic. But for some it is a personal like or dislike, and for some, it may be simply party affiliation. Character and programs mattered not at all.

Reason Has A Limited Effect

Generalizing on this idea, it seems that reasoning and logic does not convince people to change their views. Ultimately their views and opinions are not entirely rational. Now reason can have a great influence in many cases, but where it meets resistance it will not carry the day. We know from the bible and from experience that there are great spiritual influences on the mind. And these are capable of controlling or conditioning the thinking of entire populations where they hold sway.

No matter what you say, some people are set in their views and cannot be swayed by any rational means. The real reasons for their attitudes may be will hidden behind a smokescreen of excuses and rationalizations.

This brings us back to avoiding foolish disputes. The immature Christian will get into foolish debates because they are still babes, feeding on the milk of the word. They are still weak in the faith. They will latch onto some theory, and nothing can budge them. Reasoning from the scriptures does not sway them, because their ideas or the ideas they have been taught, have become a stronghold in their thinking.

And what do we mean by weak in the faith? We are told that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. This can mean faith comes by hearing the word of God. Or in a more complex analysis, that faith is the ability to hear the word of God, and this hearing comes from ‘The Word of God’, that is Jesus. This said another way is that Jesus gives the ability to hear his word.

So what do we mean by hearing in this case? Spiritual hearing of course. When Jesus rebukes his critics in John 8 it says:

> *John 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.*

Here it’s not whether they can hear what he is saying to them. They could just holler 'Speak Up Louder' if that was the case. Their problem is they have no Spiritual ears to hear the meaning of Jesus’ words. The idea is restated in verse 47.

> *John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words*

This does not only apply to the ungodly, but to the immature Christian. When one comes to the lord, he can read the word and this is feeding on the milk. As you mature, you begin to hear the word as well. This is learning to feed on the meat, and it should always increase. So hearing is not just hearing with the ears, it is understanding. Likewise, seeing is not just seeing with the eyes, but understanding or comprehending.

The First Principle Of The Oracles Of God.

As we mentioned the word *oracle* refers to speech. So the oracles of God are what God is speaking. And the first principle is that you have to hear. It is repeated 7 times in the book of revelation.

> *"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." (Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22)*

Skepticism

The hard core skeptic will refuse to accept that there is any spiritual side to life at all. He will always find or make up some natural explanation for anything that happens. To those whose world view allows for a spiritual dimension, and accept the existence of spirits, many events are obviously supernatural in cause. To the skeptic, it’s just coincidence. But coincidence is often exactly what God uses to emphasize things to those who have an ear to hear. [On Sep. 11, 2002 the numbers 9 1 1 came out in the New York State lottery; coincidence?]

The Limits Of Mans Reason

You can only go so far in teaching or explaining the bible. There comes a point where you have to let the student or the audience figure out things for themselves. The immature believer is not going to get it; the skeptic is not going to accept it. Only the Spirit of God will lead them to make the right conclusion.

The Divinity of Jesus

For example in Revelation, there is a description of God’s throne in heaven. It is said to be surrounded by the four beasts. Later you see where it says that in the midst of the throne, and in the midst of the four beasts there stood a lamb. A believer can read this and in a flash of insight, reach a conclusion that Jesus is God. For him, because the Spirit can quicken his insight, this can be a proof text. A skeptic can look at this same passage and just as easily say 'I don't see where this proves anything!'

Another passage used as a proof text is in John 20: 28 when *doubting* Thomas places his hand into Jesus' wounded side, and exclaims, *My Lord and My God!* To a believer this is a proof text of the Divinity of Jesus. To a skeptic or a member of a movement or cult that denies the Divinity of Jesus, it's no proof at all. They can easily claim that Thomas is just using a figure of speech. As someone who says "Jumpin' Jehosaphat!" or "Holy Smoke!" is merely expressing astonishment.

The idea here is that if someone doesn't want to accept a certain idea, or believe a certain doctrine, they will always be able to come up with an alternative explanation. If they have not been given any insight by the Spirit or they are hindered by one of the stumbling blocks the result is much the same. They will go off in the wrong direction.

Likewise the anti-rapture school will often go too far and reject any covenant promises with Israel as applying to natural Israel. This gets them into replacement theology, and dangerously close to anti-Semitism. It is a typical over-reaction to the excesses of dispensationalism. These thinkers will find themselves saying things like "The restoration of the State of Israel in 1948 has absolutely nothing to do with bible prophecy." Well, duh! How is anybody going to be taken seriously when they deny something as obvious as that? Man's logic in this case gets him to the point of denying the obvious.

No matter what you say, some people are set in their views and cannot be swayed by reason or scripture. The real reasons for their attitudes may be will hidden behind a smokescreen of excuses and rationalizations. Or you may just have a case of outright refusal to believe.

Once I had an opportunity to share a taped testimony of someone who God had raised from the dead. Marvin Ford suffered a fatal heart attack and was dead on the hospital bed for one half hour. In his testimony he describes his experience in heaven, and how he saw his pastor come to the hospital, and pray over his corpse. Then he was back in his body, alive again. My neighbor listened to this and refused to believe it. He argued, well that never could have happened because after being dead that long, his brain cells would be dead and he would just be a vegetable if he woke up again. Well DUH! What does it take? Did this guy ever stop to think? If God could bring someone's body back to life, wouldn't that include the brain cells? But it was no use debating him. No wonder Jesus said:

> *Luke 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

So we are to avoid foolish disputes with those weak in the faith, because unless they can hear directly from God for themselves, nothing will convince them. They are may be swayed by some experience or jostled by a show of power, but mere discourse will have little effect.

Receiving Divine Revelation
How does knowledge come? Through man's wisdom or God's? Here is an important illustration from Matthew 16.

> *Mt 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?*
> *14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.*
> *15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?*
> *16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
> *17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

Let's take a look at what is going on here. First Jesus asks them, who do men say that I am? And they list several alternatives. These are like theories based on man's wisdom. Then he asks them: Who do you say that I am?

Then Peter, being given a typical multiple choice question on an exam, picks: **None of the above**. He is saying: none of the theories of men are right, and none of the wisdom of man carries any weight. *You are Christ, the Son of the living God!*

And then Jesus says [I'm amplifying his remarks] Blessed you are indeed! Blessed because flesh and blood has not revealed it to you. That is you didn't get it from studying the theories of other men, you didn't get it from reading the latest best seller, or the most profound scholarly commentaries. And you didn't figure it out all on your own. Yet you have this knowledge and that's because you got it directly from God in Heaven.
[And that's where any real knowledge must come from.]

The contrast between mature and immature is phrased as a comparison between the spiritual and the carnal, or fleshly in 1 Cor. 3

> *1Cr 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, [even] as unto babes in Christ.*
> *2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able [to bear it], neither yet now are ye able.*

John 6 touches on this idea also.

> *John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I* ***speak*** *unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

The passage above mentions that the spoken words are life. This is also seen in the passages on Jesus' temptation.

> *Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

People are set in their views and cannot be swayed by reason or scripture. But we see here that Divine Revelation, God's wisdom, can overcome and override all of that.

So we are to avoid foolish disputes with those weak in the faith, because unless they can hear directly from God for themselves, nothing will convince them. They are may be swayed by some experience or jostled by a show of power, but mere discourse will have little effect.

Wisdom of Man vs. the Power of God
Now if people are set in their views and cannot be swayed by reason what does it take to make a change? Consider these passages which compare the spoken word to the Power of the Spirit

> *1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.*
> *2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*
> *3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.*
> *4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of* ***man's wisdom****, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:*
> *5 That your faith should not stand in the* ***wisdom of men, but in the power of God****.*
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> *1Co 4:15 For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.*
> *16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.*
> *17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*
> *18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.*
> *19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.*

> *20 For the kingdom of God is **not in word, but in power**.*

Consider how the Spirit is described here in John 14 as one who teaches and brings things into remembrance.

> *Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

To provide an example of a more mature, in depth approach consider the following In the above passage from 1 Cor 4 a very similar description is given for Timotheus. This is a clue that the passage from 1 Cor 4 is allegorical. The speaker is Jesus, [not Paul] and Timotheus is used as a type of the Holy Spirit. It is Jesus who is saying *be ye followers of me.* The Holy Spirit is the one who is to teach and bring things into memory. And the mention of the coming to us and the nature of the Kingdom has end time implications. For now we have *ten thousand instructors* but where is the maturity? It's found in those who are followers; those who can hear.

Another Example

We mentioned that someone can always find an alternate explanation for a bible passage. People have used the bible to prove just about anything. And it's not just the bible; people can come up with reasons for just about anything. Man's capacity for self justification and self delusion seems unlimited.

Now the bible gives a very interesting example of exactly this process. In Psalms 26 you can find two sequential verses that tell you to do the exact opposites. And each one has a good reason given to justify it. [And the question may well be about foolish disputes.]

> *Prov. 26:4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.*
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> *Prov. 26:5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.*

The point here is with the letter of the law you can find a reason for just about anything. There are many issues of debate in the church where people on both sides of an issue can come up with scripture to prove their point. [Do we keep the Sabbath on Saturday or have worship service on Sunday, is one example that comes to mind.] Going with the letter of the law, we are just never going to reach agreement. Some of these questions can never be settled by arguing over the scripture. Proverbs 3 puts it another way.

> *Prov. 3: 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*
> *6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

When faced with a demand for proof by the scripture, you can talk till you are blue in the face and it won't make any difference, without the Spirit to open the ears of the listener. Depending on your own logic automatically means you are no longer trusting the Lord. But when you 'acknowledge him' you admit that you can't figure these things out on your own. He will lead the way, trust him enough to follow.

Is it any wonder that Jesus' would say:

> *Mark 4:9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Once again, reasoning and logic does not convince people to change their views. Someone who is holding a certain view point can always find alternate explanations or simply go into denial. They are leaning on their own understanding.

Existentialism

The famous existentialist philosopher, Jean Paul Sartre, based a lot of his arguments on a hypothetical moral dilemma. He proposed a situation in which a young man was torn between duty to his country and duty to his parents. Then he showed that Religion did not provide any answer to this dilemma. You could find strong reasons for both sides of the question and no way of convincingly answering it. Since religion has no answers, he rejected belief in God. [In logic, this is called a *non sequitur* or as we say nowadays, it does not compute.] The mature Christian will know that religion has no answers, God has the answers , and they are found in seeking him! Religion is just the dead letter of the law. Or it is a system of man made rules that promise salvation but can never deliver. It is a work of the flesh.

Mixed with Faith

Another way of expressing this is to look at the idea of the word mixed with faith.

> *Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

This is saying the word needs to be mixed or received by faith. For those without faith, the word is of little or no benefit.

What is the word that is not mixed with faith? It's the plain word with no Spirit in it. It is natural, not supernatural; or flesh not spirit. The word mixed with faith is supernatural.

> *Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Let's look at this verse. He that comes to God must believe he is. The skeptic is not going to get very far studying the word. He will not be very able to hear the voice of one he thinks doesn't exist! [We believe **he is** because he says **I AM**!]

Next, we believe he is a rewarder of those who intensely seek him. How does he reward his seekers? One answer is for those who seek him, he gives of himself. Those who seek him, find … him. That is they find more of him. He reveals more and more of himself to you! And there is always more to be found. This is the Key of Knowledge and way to maturity.

Examples:
This passage speaks of seeking wisdom and finding it as you would find a hidden treasure.

> *Pr 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;*
> *2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*
> *3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*
> *4 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;*
> *5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*
> *6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*
> *7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.*
> *8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.*
> *9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.*

This next passage speaks of the gradual growth to maturity which comes from seeking Him.

> *Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
> *10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:*

Now this passage speaks of the hidden treasures found in him, and contrasts it with the enticing words of men.

> *Col 2:1 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;*
> *2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the*

> *full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*
> *3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.*
> *4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.*
> *5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.*

This passage speaks of knowing the Lord by receiving hidden riches, or to invert that, receiving the riches which is knowing the Lord.

> *Isa 45:3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.*

Without faith it is impossible to please him. Romans 10 adds this:

> *Ro 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

And 1st Corinthians points out that:

> *1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

John adds this:

> *John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I* ***speak*** *unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

All of this put together is very significant. Without the hearing of the word, it's impossible to understand the word. The hearing of the word is the second witness. The Spirit who gives illumination or sheds light on the word will do so to the extent that you are able to understand. So someone with more background knowledge or who already understands some parts of the bible is able to receive deeper revelation of any given passage. In this way each revelation can become the foundation or background of the next revelation. There are often multiple levels, multiple meanings and multiple lessons potentially to be found in the word. So the Spirit may reveal quite different things to different readers from the same bible verse.

Having the word 'mixed with faith' means hearing the voice of God. This is inherently a supernatural thing. The hearing of faith is what lets us understand the word. This sheds new light on the verse that says without faith it is impossible to please him. Well obviously, if you're not hearing what he says, you won't know what he wants you to do! We need the hearing of faith, then comes the obedience of faith. With these then, we may be able to please God.

Two Witnesses

We just mentioned that hearing the word is the second witness. Let's look at the idea of having 2 witnesses.

> *De 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.*
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> *De 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.*
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> *Mt 18:16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*
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> *2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.*

> *John 8:17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.*

Here we have a few verses relating to the idea that 2 or more witnesses are needed to prove something. In the Old Testament verses, they are witnesses in a case of a capital crime. The 2 witnesses are needed to establish the guilt of a guilty party when there is a death sentence possible.

In the case of the New Testament verses, capital punishment is not the issue; the principle is applied much more broadly. It covers any situation where positive proof is needed.

Early in my Christian walk, I was taught that these verses were the foundation of a principle of Bible Study. That is they are generalized. This means that in order to prove or establish a teaching or doctrine, you needed to find 2 verses of the bible that said roughly the same thing to support whatever you were trying to prove.

Well this made some sense, and nobody questioned it at the time. It was one of those things you were taught as a baby Christian and never gave much thought to. So what's the problem with it, you ask? Well, everyone gave this principle 'lip service' and that's all. It's one of those things that you can use for emphasis when you have 2 verses that support what you're trying to say. But when you don't have 2 verses, well shucks, 1 will do just fine. That is to say, everyone said they agreed with the 2 witness, 2 verse theory. But nobody actually applied it in any honest way. I have never heard any teaching challenged because the teacher failed to supply 2 verses to make his point. We all operate on the basis that if you can find it in the word of God, then that's enough proof. God only needs to say something once. After all the word is considered infallible and without error. So if God said something, even if only once, it's still something that God said, and has to be true. After all do we go through the bible and rip out every verse that doesn't have a backup somewhere else in the bible? Of course not! So what's wrong with this picture? Why does God say to establish every word by two witnesses? Is this meant to apply only to specific situations where witnesses are called to testify? Is it a mistake to apply this to the word of God itself? Does the Word of God need 2 witnesses before we believe it? Or rather does the Word of God require 2 witnesses before we can understand it? Putting that another way, can we believe, and thereby obey something we don't understand?

We find the 2 witness idea repeated several times in the bible, so it must be important; yet we're not sure how to apply it. The reason is we are looking at the matter in an entirely wrong way.

Just recently, I got some new revelation on the matter. We were in a discussion with a skeptical young man about some issues of the bible and faith. I had challenged him to puzzle out the events in John 8: 1-11 on the basis of some background info about the Pharisees, and some verses from the law of Moses. One of these was De 17:6 quoted above. His comment about it really opened my eyes to what the real issue was here. And I found it tied in perfectly with my thinking in preparing this essay.

What he said was: *Moses is calling for 2 or three witnesses here. But the only witness that I have that this is really the word of God is Moses*. Well, I had never thought about it that way! It's like we take it for granted that the words in the Bible are the words of God which the Holy Spirit spoke to the various authors, like Moses, which they then went and wrote down. So Moses is the witness. When we read the word of God at the hand of Moses, Moses is the witness that this is what God said. Even if we find 3, 4 or 5 verses that support one of our ideas, there is still only 1 witness! And that witness is Moses. So my friend says, here I am taking Moses word that this is what God said. But Moses is still just one witness!

So I explained to this young man how I understood the inspiration for the bible works. As I did so, the understanding came to me, even while I was talking, that the second witness has to be the Holy Spirit! Here is how I presented it.

The Bible says that 'all scripture is given by inspiration of God. '[i.e. the Holy Spirit.] Now this works two ways. Like in the case of Moses, the Lord said to him, take and write these words in a book. Well the Lord appears to Moses and tells him, or he speaks the words directly into his mind. And Moses writes down exactly what God says. He doesn't need to understand what God means by any of it. All he has to do is write it down exactly as given to him. That's the first way that scripture is given by the

Spirit.

A witness is someone who gives testimony. A biblical writer is giving his testimony that he has written what God told him to write. If you think he is writing down his own thoughts, or doing it on his own initiative, you have missed it big time.

A testament is another word for testimony. So the bible, new and old, is just a series of testimonies. It's one witness, the Spirit is the second one!

The second way the Spirit gives scripture is by giving it to the reader! As the reader is reading in the bible, the Spirit will give him bits and pieces of it. He opens the understanding of the reader so that it makes sense. And if you're reading parts of the bible without the guidance of the Spirit, you just won't get it. Get it?

So in reading Moses or Matthew or any book of the Bible, the first witness is the bible itself. You're reading a long, confusing, vague and boring book that claims to be the word of God. That's your first witness, the book claims to be the word of God. Now along comes the Spirit and takes the long, confusing, vague and boring book, and brings it to life by showing you what things mean. That's your second witness. And with these 2 witnesses you can prove things. The written word by itself is just a dead letter. The letter kills but the Spirit Gives Life. So the letter plus the Spirit gives life. That's two witnesses. That's the word mixed with faith!

> *2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

So the implication of this is that without the Spirit, no word can be established. The Spirit is our proof, not man's wisdom. Any speaker or writer who is not inspired by the spirit is just presenting another theory. These theories are mostly man's logic and wisdom, even when there is some truth in them. Regardless of someone's experience, status or credentials, their theories are just so much 'foolish disputations'. It don't mean a thing if it ain't got the Spirit behind it.

Stringing Pearls and Connecting Dots

We said above that, when it comes to the bible in many cases, without the guidance of the Spirit, you just won't get it. The phrase 'get it' is especially suited here because it can be a lot like getting a joke. It requires something to click in, in your understanding for you to get a joke. In fact there is a joke on this very topic. For some people, it seems that they laugh 3 times at every joke. The first time the laugh is when you tell it. The second time they laugh is after you explain it. And the third time they laugh is a day or so later when they finally get it!

Apply this to bible study. You can read the verses and get a little bit. You can have some teacher explain them to you, and get a little more. But when the Holy Spirit gives you insight, they you really have a handle on things.

Now consider a children's dot-to-dot coloring book. You must connect the dots in the correct order before you can see the picture in order to color it. Connecting the dots is like stringing the pearls. I first heard the phrase 'stringing pearls' in a teaching of Zola Levitt. It was used in the time of Jesus to describe a common method of expounding upon the scriptures practiced in the Jewish Synagogues in Galilee and Judea. A speaker would hold forth on a theme of his choice and cite verses from different parts of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms as part of his teaching. The scriptures are compared to pearls and the train of thought that connects them is a string joining the pearls. So pearls were understood to symbolize verses of Holy Scripture. The dots are like pearls. When they are strung together in the right order, you begin to see the picture clearly. So it takes some study to connect the dots, and then a flash of insight to recognize what the picture is.

Lining Up With The Word

We hear often that so and so's teachings do not line up with the word. Or that someone's vision, dream or prophecy does not agree with scripture. If it doesn't line up with the word, throw it out we are told. Most often this kind of talk comes from those who are basically immature in the word, and have little understanding of the deeper meanings in the word. In effect, they are saying that ‘such and such teaching or theory’ does not agree with my understanding of the word, so it must be wrong. So they want God to conform to them. In their pride, they never consider that there might something lacking in their understanding.

For example, we have many visions and prophesies about end time revival and harvest. The critics will throw these out, claiming that the bible makes no mention of end time revival and harvest. Now if these visions, etc, are correct, they constitute direct revelation by the Spirit. This is where the critic will jump in and come against the very idea of revelation knowledge. Critics will argue that God has nothing new to say; he said it all in his word; and the word must be sufficient. And they will maintain this without offering any scriptural proof.

What we need to be asking is whether the Spirit is giving any light on the scriptures that provide an interpretation which lines up with the prophecies. If you look in the scriptures you will find that that’s **exactly how God operates**. He will reveal something directly and then show it to you in the scriptures. This is **two witnesses** establishing a word. Here is a case in point from when Jesus meets the two disciples on the road after he has risen from the dead.

> *Lu 24:25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*
> *26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*
> *27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

First he tells them directly: *Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?* Then he takes them into the bible and shows it to them in the written word. Many of the passages in Isaiah speak of a suffering servant, for example. But it’s not clear who they apply to. New Testament passages spell out the fact that they refer to Jesus. Here is a well known instance of such a clarification.

> *Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

Now Peter, referring to Jesus, clears up the question of whose stripes we are talking about.

> *1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

So when immature believers claim they don’t see something in the bible, the problem is not what is in the bible or not in the bible. The problem is in what they can see. It’s not a question of whether something or other is not in the bible; it’s just that they don’t see it! Or rather they don’t see it with spiritual eyes; they don’t understand it.

Part 2
The Stumbling Blocks

What is a Stumbling Block? It’s called stone of stumbling or rock of offense and it keeps you from walking the right path, or getting where you should be going. .

> *Ro 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.*
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> *1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*
>
> *Rom 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

The stumbling blocks come in two groups, one a set of ideas, perhaps mental strongholds. The other is a set of attitudes. Any one of these can provide a major stumbling block keeping one from receiving revelation knowledge and moving on toward maturity.

Another interesting reference stumbling blocks is in Isaiah 57. Here it talks about the stumbling block being removed and mentions revival to come to those who are humble and contrite. [Those who have repented.] So stumbling blocks stand in the way of maturity, and of revival!

> *Isa 57:14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.*
> *15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

Stumbling Blocks I
The Sacred Cows

The first group is a set of ideas or methods used to approach the study of the Word of God. I have called them The Sacred Cows of Bible Study, in one of my other articles, so I won’t go into detail here. Here they are:
Literalism
The literal interpretation of the bible.
Law of Context
The notion that context is all important to understanding the bible.
Historical Approach
The use of scholarly analysis to bring out the meaning of the bible.
Systematic Theology
The attempt to construct a comprehensive theory that explains the entire bible.

The Scholars and the Scholarly Approach

All of these ‘sacred cows’ are part and parcel of a scholarly approach to the Word. Fundamentally, this is a form of worldly thinking, and an attempt to achieve worldly acceptance of theology as an academic discipline. Now this should tell us right off the bat that there is something wrong with this picture. First, in this approach we are using the ways of the world to expound on the word of God, Second, we are seeking the approval of man in our efforts. It shouldn’t be too hard to find scripture that speaks against these ways. [Let that be your homework assignment.]

We need to see that this approach is automatically and inherently immature, period, end of discussion. It will not lead us into the depths of God’s word, but only into ‘foolish disputing’ and fruitless dead ends.

I recently picked up a copy of *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* at a used book sale. It was published in 1993 by Word Inc. Three authors and an editor, all carrying the title Dr. and all from Denver Seminary produced this 500 some page scholarly tome. The back dust jacked carried glowing recommendations from luminaries at Gordon-Cromwell Seminary, University of Aberdeen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Asbury Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Trinity Western University. Are you impressed yet?

Now to see what these gentlemen really knew about biblical interpretation, I consulted the index of subjects at the back of the book. Typology is mentioned on only 4 pages, and considered in depth on two additional pages. Allegory is covered on only two pages. Symbols and symbolism were not even listed.

In their analysis of typology, it quickly became clear that they based everything on understanding what the ‘biblical authors’ intentions were. This shows a clear lack of faith in the divine inspiration of the bible. What were Moses’ intentions when the Lord told him to write his words in a book? If Moses had any sense at all, his intent would be to write the words of God in a book! So if you focus on Moses’ intentions, [or any other biblical author’s], you completely miss the idea. What were God’s intentions in speaking these words in the first place?

Since the meaning of biblical passages in not always precisely clear, to make an understatement, you have to ask the author to explain things to you. [We call this, in Christian jargon, inquiring of the Holy Spirit.] To put it bluntly, the bible is deliberately vague, confusing, and boring. [Try and find a preacher who will admit that.] You need the Spirit to reveal the meaning. The authors of this work clearly acknowledge this need, but they get it all backward. Their teaching is that while the Spirit is needed, correct interpretation relies more on careful study and analysis of the text. Their acknowledgement of the need for the Spirit is pure lip service. What you really need, according to the scholars, are dictionaries, commentaries, word studies, and social-historical research; and the proper methods to use them. Could this be a case of the blind leading the blind?

Now the bible is there for anyone to study, not just trained scholars. Religion would have the people depending on the clergy; the rabbi's, priests, and ministers; especially the theologians. But the bible tells us directly that wisdom and understanding come from the Lord, not from study. True we are told to study and meditate on the word, but also to seek the Lord for wisdom. The bible is a sealed book except to those who have ears to hear.

When I first got saved and came into a Christian church, it was a Pentecostal styled denomination called Full Gospel. [Oddly enough this denomination considered itself non-denominational.] One of the first things we were taught is that God is going to bring a great end time revival and harvest. This I later learned is a keystone of what is called *Pentecostal Theology*. We were shown various scriptures, references to the latter rain, etc, and taught how these were seen as pointing to such a harvest. Other denominations did not teach this at all. I had long been puzzled as to why some could see this and others couldn't.

Let's put it another way. Where some look in the bible and see end time revival and harvest others only see end time falling away, [apostasy] and judgment. Well as the skeptics argue, end time revival and harvest is just not there. That is unless the Spirit shows it to you, it's just not there. But once you receive it as divine revelation, then it becomes obvious. [A similar issue could be: Is the church the bride of Christ?]

All the scriptures that suggest revival and harvest mean nothing to the skeptic because he hasn't got ears to hear! As Faith comes by hearing, you can conclude that they simply are just weak in faith. They are not hearing from the Spirit in this area. And that's likely to be because of stumbling blocks or strongholds in their thinking. But we are to avoid 'foolish disputes' with our brothers who are weak in the faith. There is no point even arguing with them about some of these issues. Their understanding is darkened; to them the books of the bible are sealed.

Objective Or Subjective, The Limitations Of Science

One of the objections that scholars have to employing allegory in bible study has been the loss of objectivity. Allegory must be subjective, these scholars feel and thus can't be depended upon to come up with an interpretation everyone can agree on. This points to a fundamental assumption. This is the idea that we can draw conclusions from the Bible in just the same way that science reaches conclusions based on empirical observation and experiment. Once again this is to approach the word of God using the ways of the world. It's inherently immature.

In our day and age science is looked on as the ultimate achievement of man's mind. And the accomplishments of technology as a testament to man's greatness. So the scholarly approach goes the same direction because it seems to work in other areas.

Few people are aware and still fewer people point out that empirical science and its handmaid mathematical logic have encountered serious dead ends. In mathematics, the queen of the sciences we are limited by the incompleteness theorem, which underscores the limits of man's reason. Physics, the king of the sciences is even more seriously plagued by the uncertainty principle. This makes it clear that objective knowledge based on observation is always conditioned by the interaction between the event observed and the ones doing the observation. To put that more simply, the act of observing has an effect on the thing you are trying to observe, so you can never be sure of what is really happening. [See End Notes] Ultimately **objectivity is a fiction**, because the presence of the observer always has some influence on the phenomena being observed. [This is quite easy to see in the field of journalism of course.]

Intelligent Design

Since we're on the topic of science, these recent hearings on creationism vs. evolution are a real curious case. Is this a debate over the scientific merits of Darwin's theory, or is it really a debate on the existence of God. Come on, let's stop kidding around. If creationism or the theory of intelligent design makes more since than the theory of evolution, what does that prove? The existence of God, what else?

This question of the existence of God is not an academic exercise. Nor is it some abstract philosophical puzzle or exercise in objective scientific study. You can say that the question of some obscure fact may be relatively objective. For instance, you can say, OK so Mars has two moons, big deal, what's that got to do with me? Answer: nothing.

But if you say intelligent design is the only thing that really makes any since, so there must be a God. Big deal, what's that got to do with me? Answer: everything.

When it comes to God, it's no longer a matter of objective facts, it's extremely subjective because you are involved whether you want to be or not. And once you acknowledge God, the next question is what are you going to do about it. If creationism is right, and God exists, then there are rules that should govern my behavior. But if evolution is right, then I can do whatever I want. But then so can everyone else. That's the law of the jungle. The farther away you get from God's law, the closer you get to chaos.

God Is Revealing Himself, The Revelation Of Jesus Christ

When you realize that God is revealing himself to you as he reveals the depths of meaning in his word, the scholarly ways just become so much trivia. Now consider that God will reveal different, but not opposite things, to different people about the very same scripture. And consider that he will reveal different things about the same scriptures to the same person at different times. You can see that there are multiple meanings and levels in His Word.

I recall a preacher who preached two weeks every night on John 3:16. Each sermon was different! God showed him different things to preach on each day.

The demand for objectivity in bible interpretation is the search for the single correct meaning of a passage, based on a man made principle of interpretation. This has proven to be fruitless. Objective, independently verifiable truth is an element of worldly thinking. When it comes to the word of God, it just won't work. After all Jesus is the Word of God, and He says 'I am truth'. Discovering truth then means receiving the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And this is only by varying degrees, as he reveals himself to different individuals. Objectivity then becomes a myth, a distraction, an error. This requires a pretty radical adjustment in mans thinking. The mature, are in Christ and have the mind of Christ. They can make this kind of radical adjustment in their thinking. They become like him in their thinking. His thoughts are higher than mans. His ways are different.

Divine Revelation and Subjective Truth

Divine revelation is a supernatural thing. It should however, be the normal daily fare for the mature believer. The uncertainty principle throws out unbiased, objective, empirical knowledge, because at certain levels, the act of observation interferes with the subject being observed. There is interaction between observer and the subject at just about any level, and at the subatomic level the uncertainty is overwhelming.

Divine revelation on the other hand, only works when there is interaction. It requires interaction. It seeks interaction. The observer is you, the mature believer. The Subject is God, the creator of the universe. Since he has an infinite scope, only so much of Him can be observed at any one time. And what you observe is what he chooses to reveal of himself as you seek him. You can't even think of it in terms of observer and subject. It works entirely different than scientific method or any other worldly approach. This is genuine truth, subjective truth, and divine fellowship, friendship and worship.

Scholars and theologians study the word, like a biologist might study a specimen under a microscope. The biologist looks at a dead moth under a microscope. His observations can tell him a lot about the surface appearance of the moth, but little about the internal workings.

The immature believer, scholar or not, looks at the word and sees the dead letter. He can learn a lot about the surface meaning but little of the true depths of wisdom and knowledge. A mature believer is fellowshipping with the Spirit. He can sense the Lords presence. It’s just as if someone were standing next to him, placing a hand on his shoulder and whispering in his ear. The Spirit will call your attention to certain words and phrases; he will direct you to look up certain definitions, point you to important cross references, allow you to see new relationships and viewpoints, and put new ideas into your head. Most importantly, he will stir your curiosity for further study and increase your hunger for further insight. And that’s how wisdom comes, *line upon line, precept on precept, here a little and there a little.*

Stumbling Blocks II
Hindering Attitudes

The second group of stumbling blocks is a set of attitudes or practices that also can hold you back. I call them the hindering attitudes. They are as follows.

Scorn of Others
Skepticism and Unbelief
Quenching the Spirit
Despising Prophecy
Being Offended By The Supernatural
Idolatry In The Heart
Unwillingness To Obey

Let’s look at each of these in depth:

Scorn of Others

The scornful attitude is a byproduct of pride and a spirit of religion. Here is a selection of verses that speak to the issue.

> *Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*
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> *Pr 1:22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?*
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> *Pr 3:34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.*
>
> *Pr 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.*
>
> *Pr 22:10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.*

Let’s look at the first one, from Psalm 1.

> *Ps 1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

This tells us among other things, that those who are not scornful will be blessed. To invert that, those who are scornful will miss being blessed. The phrase *seat of the scornful* speaks of authority. Often the scorners are in some position of authority where they pass on their scornful attitude to their flock. One of the blessings they will miss is wisdom, as Psalm 14 points out.

> *Pr 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.*

It’s easy to figure out what the scripture is telling us here. Scorning becomes a stumbling block. It prevents you from getting wisdom and keeps you in the ranks of the immature. If you repent and humble yourself, things will change for the better.

Skepticism and Unbelief

This is a tendency to reject or disregard anything that God is doing which doesn’t fit into your theology. Some call it putting God in a box. Or it can be termed limiting God. It’s closely related to quenching the spirit and offense at the supernatural.

Quenching the Spirit

> *1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*

This instruction is from 1 Thessalonians 5, where we are given a list of short commandments. It could also be called grieving the Spirit as mentioned in Eph 4.

> *Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*
> *30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
> *31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*
> *32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

What exactly is quenching the Spirit? Any attempt to control or limit what God can do in your meetings, or in your personal life is one case. Those who suppress emotional expression, worshipping in the spirit, or operation of the spiritual gifts quench the Spirit.

Quenching or grieving the Spirit is a stumbling block in that it involves rejection of the ministry of the Spirit. And that same ministry of the Spirit is what brings on maturity, so rejection will keep you in the ranks of the immature. Once you humble yourself and repent, The Spirit will be free to minister once again.

Despising Prophecy

Despising Prophecy is a special case of quenching the Spirit, we are told, again from 1 Thessalonians 5:

> *1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.*

And in Matthew we read:

> *Mt 10:41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.*

This also is a stumbling block in that it involves rejection of the ministry of the Spirit. The prophet’s reward is the benefit of his ministry, and or the message he brings. And also the maturity that can come through his teachings to those who have ears to hear. If you want no part of that, don’t expect to approach maturity.

The Prophet’s Job

The prophet’s job is not to produce accurate predictions. It is not the job of a prophet to produce accurate predictions. Producing accurate predictions is not the job of a prophet. Can I say it another way?

His job is to obey the Lord, period, end of discussion. If that includes predictions, fine. But they are not judged on their accuracy, but on their obedience. That’s why he calls them, 'my servants, the prophets'.

They are to go where, do what, and speak exactly as he tells them. This is regardless of the outcome or any effect on their reputation. Man who looks on the outward appearance wants to judge based on accuracy, the Lord sees things differently.

Some time back we had a case of a young woman who prophesied a major seismic catastrophe to happen by a certain date. This did not occur as predicted. I consider it a warning that was heeded by enough intercessors to delay or avert the occurrence. Others considered it a case of false prophecy.

I pay little attention to what goes on over the Christian Internet, and no attention to the other Christian Media. All my material for posting comes to my inbox. Yet somehow it came to my notice that this woman was being pilloried on the Web as a false prophet. I thought to my self: Why are these people picking on this woman just because she missed a date? And the Lord answered me: *Moses, in the law says such a one should be stoned, what sayest thou*? [John 8:5}

And that was revelation to me. The first thing I realized is that the accuser of the brethren was in operation here. And second is that they were trying to judge her under the law. The letter kills but the Spirit gives life; what was the Spirit saying in this situation? The mature way to approach this is found in 1 Peter and Ephesians

> *1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.*
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> *Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

Offence at the Supernatural
Once again, this is a special case of quenching the Spirit. In Luke 7, we read:

> *Lu 7:23 And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.*

By inverting the reading of the passage, who is offended misses the blessing, which can often be further wisdom and maturity

Now this can include many types of supernatural happenings. Speaking in tongues and prophecy, expressive worship including gestures, exuberant behavior, wild dancing, people losing control of their bodies, people falling out under the power of the spirit, healings, and deliverance; visions, angelic visitations and others. I once had someone tell me that if someone next to them got a healing, they would get up and run out of church. That’s really going to keep them from progressing if they run away from what God is doing.

In the refreshing of the 90’s many were offended by the phenomenon of the laughter, the stage diving and other seeming silliness. Then there were the screams and shrieks of those getting delivered. Also there were animalistic actions of dog barking and lion roaring. Clearly they felt, these are demonic manifestations and outbursts. They claimed to discern, by some personal set of rules, that it was not from God. Well sure having demons scream and curse is not a manifestation of the Lord. But as you can read in the Gospels, many times these things happened when Jesus came on the scene. Here’s an example from Mark 5.

> *Mark 5: 6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,*
> *7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.*
> *8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.*

They were showing forth demonic actions because Jesus was there and about to cast them out. So the demonic behavior, while not coming from God, was a response to the presence of God. And it is a response we should expect to see whenever God is present in a powerful way.

The screaming and carrying on is a response to God’s presence just as much as the worship and rejoicing. The reason it’s not normally found in our church services, is simply due to a lack of God’s presence, to any significant degree if not a complete and total lack of God at all in today’s church. If you look at the histories of the great revivals, when God poured out large measures of the Spirit, you will find many records of wild carrying on. It’s ‘normal’ when God is greatly present.

Sure the scoffers and discerners could tell there were demons present, but they missed the fact of the Lords presence, that was causing these demonic outbursts.

Being offended by the supernatural also includes hatred of, or attempts to suppress emotionalism, prophecy and worship, as we mentioned above. All of these indicate the presence of God in a meeting. Squelching or avoiding them amounts to quenching the Spirit. This is a sure way to keep people in an immature state, depending on their clergy for everything, instead of learning directly from the Lord. And it also keeps the clergy in an immature state. Again this is the blind leading blind.

Idolatry in the Heart

The following passages are quoted from an article *Heart Idols* by David Webber. I feel they express this idea far better than I could, so I’ll just quote them.

> “Because most Christians are not really embracing death to their self-life, heart idols (doctrinal and otherwise) are not being dealt with which then prevent them from hearing the voice of the Father clearly, or even worse, lead them into deception."
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> I was engaged in a conversation with a local pastor recently in which the subject of “heart idols” came up. This brother said that he believed that people certainly do “make up their own minds about certain matters” and even embrace certain doctrines because of preconceived ideas; “hear what they want to hear” he said. And although there is some truth to that, I don’t believe *that* accurately describes what is really going on spiritually.
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> If we take a look at some of the verses that I listed above, we should be able to see something that is not just a matter of people "making up their own minds" because of preconceived ideas or mindsets, but something much more shocking than that; that is; people can inquire of the Lord with a heart that is not pure (preconceived wishes or ideas – heart idols) and the Lord might just give them an answer that is according to the idol in their heart! Isn’t that shocking? I believe that this is a reason why so many people can read and study the scriptures and continually find support for their doctrinal beliefs that are completely wrong! It all has to do with hearts that are not completely yielded to the Spirit.
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> There is tremendous doctrinal division and controversy over the meaning of passages of scripture in the body of Christ today, and the only way that this is ever going to change is for Christians to ask the Lord to bring total destruction and annihilation to everything that is carnal and earthy in their thinking. This can be a very painful process. Is that something that you are willing to pray for Christian? If it is ... then do it ... and embrace whatever God brings into your life to see this purpose accomplished in you.

So basically Idolatry in the Heart speaks of some area in our lives that’s not yielded to the Lord. It can be a doctrine, mindset or just a hobby or pursuit that distracts us from hearing God. And anything that keeps us from hearing God is a stumbling block to maturity.

Unwillingness To Obey

The previous topic, Idolatry in the Heart, is a special case of this one, unwillingness to obey. In any area where you are willing to obey what the Lord reveals to you, He will provide greater revelation. In any area you are not willing to obey, there will be a stumbling block, keeping you from gaining further wisdom and maturity. Let’s look at this section from John chapter 7.

> *John 7:14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.*
> *15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*
> *16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*
> *17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*
> *18 He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent*

> *him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him.*

In verse 14 you see Jesus teaching in the temple. Then in verse 15 some critics come along and saying in effect, how can he be teaching if he is not a trained scholar? The same critical attitude shows up in Acts 4 where the religious

> *Acts 4:13 when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

In verse 16 and 17 he answers them. We can paraphrase his answer like this. This teaching didn't just come from a man, but from the God who sent me. Those who are willing to obey him, [do his will], will know that the teaching is from God and not just from a man.

The reason here being that God will provide the witness of the Spirit to those who are willing and obedient, and that's how they will know it's true.
Then in verse 18, he contrasts those who promote themselves with those who are dead to self and only seek the glory of God. When you are completely dead to self, you will do more than have truth, it says you will be true.

Summary
We have listed quite a few stumbling blocks, and gone into detail on some. We started by looking at why you should avoid foolish disputes. There we saw that it's pointless to debate the immature believer. This is because they are still babes feeding on the milk. The mature are those who feed on the meat. They can hear the Spirit by the hearing of Faith. This lets them receive divine revelation. Immaturity is associated with lack of faith and or lack of wisdom. Maturity speaks of the wisdom that comes by faith. The mature have the letter of the law and the Spirit. The letter is supposed to lead you to Christ.

Gal 3:24 *24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

And if you are really seeking, the Spirit will bring life to the word.
The Key of Knowledge is to seek it, that is to seek the Lord. The stumbling blocks are things that keep you from going on to maturity. They can be ideas or methods like the sacred cows we mentioned. They can actually discourage you from seeking, or lead you into depending on some fruitless method based on worldly thinking. Other stumbling blocks can be one or more of a set of attitudes which hinder or prevent you from fellowship with the Spirit. Or they may quench or grieve the Spirit. This in turn stymies spiritual growth.

Maturity vs. Immaturity

The immature are Proud
The mature are Humble

The immature are Scornful
The mature are Understanding

The immature are Despise Prophecy
The mature desire to Prophecy

The immature sees Bible text as Literal
The mature sees Bible text as Allegorical

The immature sees Bible text as: Having 1 meaning only
The mature sees Bible text as having multiple meanings

The immature Treat the bible as a Law book
The mature Treat the bible as having many forms of expression.

The immature Studies the bible Depending on a method
The mature Studies the bible depending on the Spirit.

The immature sees bible text as the thoughts of the Writer of the book
The mature sees bible text as the Words of Jesus.

The immature are offended by supernatural phenomena
The mature are comfortable with supernatural phenomena.

The immature honors the sacred cows
The mature Partake of real meat.

The immature think God said it all in his Word
The mature knows that God still speaks today.

The immature applies parts of scripture to certain groups
The mature see that all scripture applies to us.

The immature claim that the Word is sufficient
The mature know that it must be mixed with faith and illuminated by the Spirit.

The immature expect that study will reveal all the secrets of the bible
The mature accept that some things remain concealed.

The immature are stiff necked and resistant
The mature are willing to obey lessons learned.

The immature study the bible to know the Law
The mature study the bible to know the Lord.

The immature are stuck in the old paradigm
The mature are moving into the new paradigm.

End Notes:

The Law Was Our Schoolmaster

> *Gal 3:22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*
> *23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*
> *24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
> *25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*
> *26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*
> *27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*
> *28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*
> *29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Gödel's Incompleteness Theorem

In 1931, the Czech-born mathematician Kurt Gödel demonstrated that within any given branch of mathematics, there would always be some propositions that couldn't be proven either true or false using the rules and axioms ... of that mathematical branch itself. You might be able to prove every conceivable statement about numbers within a system by going *outside* the system in order to come up with new rules and axioms, but by doing so you'll only create a larger system with its own unprovable statements. The implication is that *all* logical system of any complexity are, by definition, incomplete; each of them contains, at any given time, more true statements than it can possibly prove according to its own defining set of rules. Jones and Wilson, *An Incomplete Education*

Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle

According to the *Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle* the idea that you can measure things exactly breaks down. If a particle has momentum *p* and a position *x, y*ou would not be able to measure *p* and *x* precisely. There is an uncertainty associated with each measurement, which can never be eliminated, even in a perfect experiment! This is because whenever a measurement is made, the system is disturbed. (In order to know something is there, the observer has to bump into it.)

Stand - Be Confident

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My precious children, do you not know what I have spoken to you? Have I not told each of you how much I love you and how many blessings you have in Me?

I am calling you to rise up and stand up in who I the Lord your God have called you to be. I am not against you, I am for you. I am calling you deeper in Me and I am calling each of you to rise up in who I say you are.

I see many of My children are putting their identity and trust in things of this world. Why do you do this? When I the Lord your God have given you all that you need.

I have given you My authority. I have given you My victory, I have given you My Spirit. My children, what blessings you are missing out on as you continue to place your self worth and identity in things of this world.

Do not do this. For I have called you My children. I have called you My princes and princesses. I have called you My handmaidens and I have called you My priests.

Now is the time for My body, My church to rise up and shine. Shine in the revelation of who you are in Me. This revelation will shine brighter than the noonday sun through you. For this world is quickly passing away and many are broken-hearted and need comforting. Many of this world need hope and a future and you My children can give this to them.

I am calling each of you to stand in who you are in Me. No more doubt, no more insecurities, no more worthlessness. Stand in Me. The enemy has taken too much from My children in this area.

So many of you are not living in the abundance to which I have called you, so many of you are living in lies, the lies from the enemy of who you are. Many of you are not living in faith, the faith that I have given you in My Word. The Word that tells you who you are in Me.

Many of you have allowed your self worth to be put in the things that pass away, and have focused on these things to bring you life. Have they brought you life and hope? Surely Not. It is only I the Lord your God who can bring you this life and this hope.

There are many of you holding onto things that are not of Me to fulfill the pain and emptiness inside. Even though you know Me, you are feeling empty. You are feeling worthless and are trying to fill the ache, the hole inside.

Only, I can fill this hole. Only I can fill you with My Spirit in a way that you have never known and you will rise up in the knowledge of who you are in Me.

For My Spirit cannot work through you freely as you believe the lies and doubts of the enemy. The enemy is running around placing lies in My children’s minds, and as you My children grab hold of these and believe them, you are allowing the evil one to have a foothold in your life, and this shuts me out of that area.

I the Lord your God, am now raising up My army. I am bringing many of My children forth. I am bringing many of my children into the frontline to prepare for what is to come.

My precious children, you must have confidence in Me, confidence in My Spirit. You will not stand and remain standing in the days of trial if you believe the lies of the enemy.

You are conquerors in Me. Those of you who are under attack, rise up. Those of you who are weary, know that I am your strength.

Use your sword My children. Use it. For I did not give you the sword to stay on the shelf. I have given you this Sword to use to bring down the lies of the enemy.

My Word never returns void. My Word is powerful and effective. My children rise up and use your sword.

Rise up and stand tall in all that the Lord your God says that you are. For who can argue with the Lord? Who can argue with what the Lord your God says about you?

There are hearts that are hurting, and My Words, only My Words alone can bring peace to your heart and fill the parts of you that need healing.

Oh My children, how I love each of you. As you continue to rise up and stand in Me, you will see the jewels of heaven fall down on you more and more revelations coming upon you, and more and more of My presence upon you.

The power in My presence is greater than anything. My children, take My Word and eat deeply. Eat deeply of My Word. Let My Words fill you to overflowing in revelation of who you are in Me.

I am bringing freedom to many of My children. I am bringing life and hope again to many of My children. I love you all so very much. Take the jewels of who you are in Me and stand on these.

Do not stand on the shaky ground of what people or the world says of you, stand in Me, in My Word and My revelations of who you are in Me. Stand on My Word.

My light will burst forth through each of you in ways you've never dreamed as you continue to stand in me, and stand in the revelation of who you are in Me.

No more doubts, no more lies. Rise up My children. Do not wait for someone to encourage you and tell you who you are in Me. Do not wait for the prophets to bring you a word, but stand on My Word.

For what do the prophets have that you do not have? They have learnt to listen and they have learnt to obey and they deliver My Words, My heart. My Words and My heart for you is contained in My Word My children.

Oh precious children of Mine, listen to My Words, stand in the truth of who you are and you will sparkle greater than the stars in the dark sky.

Freedom will come to you, healing will come to you, refreshment will come to you and the enemy will no longer be able to torment you, and have a hold over you in the area of your identity.

I am a loving Father and I love to caress My children. Remember My children, while you were yet sinners I died for you. Even then I thought you were beautiful, special enough to die for you. I look at you My children and I see beauty, I see hope and I see potential.

I see children who love to cuddle up in their Father's arms. I see children who love to hear their Father speak. I delight so much in you. You are the apples of My eyes.

You are My treasured possessions. You are above and not beneath, you are the head and not the tail.

You are saints in Me, you are heirs of heaven, you will reign with Me. These glorious truths My children will set you free, and take you deeper in Me.

Come, feast at My table and listen to the Words that I have for you. Let me speak to you personally about who you are in Me. Let Me pour My love over each of you and show you how much I love you.

Let go of the things you have squeezed and squeezed to get the life and fulfillment out of to make yourselves feel better about yourselves. Let go of those and take up the true Word, the one Word that can set you free.

Those who abuse you, those who curse you, those who criticize you, bless them. Bless them and bless them some more. Pray for them, and give them to Me, and I the Lord your God, the Great Judge will judge accordingly. Continue to show love to your abuser. Love them with healthy boundaries, love them as I have called you to love them. Show affection to those who trample on you, and show My forgiveness to all who speak badly of you and bring you down.

For every negative word spoken over each of you I speak a million positive words. For every one negative thought someone has against you, I have numerous good thoughts towards you, more than the grains of sand on the seashore. Do not listen anymore to your abusers. Listen to Me. Listen to what I the Lord your God have to say. Train your mind to be like Mine. Train your mind to only take on what it is that I say. Pray for My strength as you do this, and I the Lord your God will help you by the empowerment of My Spirit to transform your mind and heal your wounds.

I love you My children. Now is the time to be set free from the bondage you have been in and rise up and be prepared. Be trained in My army, be counted now, for the Lord your God is about to do a new thing.

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Special Bulletin Hurricane Katrina

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It is understandable that almost everyone in the U.S. is now very focused on the tragedy caused by Hurricane Katrina. It is a tragedy that will touch us all in many ways and will continue to unfold over the weeks and months ahead. Even so, the end result is that we are going to be much better and much stronger as a nation. The Gulf Coast region will also emerge better than ever, and stronger.

Even so, we were not prepared for this as a nation, and we do need to learn the lessons that this situation is going to teach us. As this plays out it will prove to have been even more deadly and devastating than almost anyone imagined, even though it is already perceived to be the worst natural disaster in our history. Even so, it could have been worse, and the end result will be to help us.

I have been asked often if anyone in our ministry or our prophetic friends foresaw Hurricane Katrina. The answer is "yes," as early as 1998. These prophecies included "New Orleans looking like an estuary," and great damage coming to Mobile and all parts in-between. As hard as this could be to imagine now, the end result of this storm will be to make even many of the Gulf Coast victims thankful for it in the end.

Over the next few years a great move of God will spread over that region, and many who have lost all of their possessions will gain something far better—eternal life. This storm is a sign of a great cleansing and very powerful move of God coming to that region which will affect the whole nation for good. We will also see it affecting us in more difficult ways for a time—especially economically. However, the region will be rebuilt and better than before, but much more than physically, it will be rebuilt spiritually. There is a great move of God to rebuild our nation spiritually as well.

Though there are many crucial lessons to be learned from this entire situation, it is not the time to get into them in any more depth. Now it is still a rescue situation, and we need to pray that this now be accomplished with Godspeed or many, many more could be lost.

One reason the situation has not been handled better is the spirit of confusion that has been released over that region. We know that we do not war against flesh and blood (see Ephesians 6:12), though we cannot expect the government and law enforcement agencies to understand this. There is a lot of witchcraft coming from New Orleans and it wants to cause as much death as possible. We need to pray for this spirit of confusion to be bound, and for great clarity and energy to be given to those who are managing and implementing the lifesaving efforts. Then we need to pray for great clarity and energy to rebuild that city and region. This is important for the whole nation.

The church needs to gear up to help in many ways. Churches are called sanctuaries, and we need to be that right now for these multitudes who have virtually lost everything they had. If every church just took one family, we could take care of all of the people. There are churches all over America with large Sunday School facilities that only get used one half a day a week. These can be quickly converted to shelters for families.

We are also at this time examining every way that we can use the facilities that we have at Heritage International Ministries to help those in need. We need to all be asking right now what we have that could help. Many things that we no longer use and will never use again, such as old clothes, tools, vehicles, or other resources can make a big difference in the lives of those who are our neighbors and are now in desperate need.

If you want to help, but do not know what to do, please consider joining us. We will be sending teams to the region to assist in the cleanup and rebuilding. Check this website for more information.

You may also make donations to MorningStar for the Katrina relief. One hundred percent of the donations designated for Hurricane Katrina relief will go to that effort. MorningStar does not keep a single cent for administration or our own costs. You can also donate materials such as trucks, buses, tools such as chain saws, power saws, building materials, and other items that can be used to help in this effort.

To make a credit card donation, donate online or call 1-800-542-0278 and say you want to make a donation for the Katrina Relief. You may also mail your donation (please mark them for Katrina Relief) to:

MorningStar Fellowship Church
9700 Regent Parkway
Fort Mill, South Carolina 29715

There is no question now that this will prove to be the worst natural disaster in our nation's history. We need to be in special prayer for all who are leading this relief effort and for the people who are affected that this will all be used for good, and for us to learn all of the lessons that we can from this situation so that we are far more prepared the next time.

Something Big Is Coming

Terry Suggs!

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I heard these words from the Holy Spirit.
The church, the called out ones, the born-again believers are about to receive the end-time endowment of power, wisdom and anointing. You will hear the words “This has never happened before” being spoken everywhere.
What we are about to see cannot be taught in the classroom. It will be achieved by, the Spirit of God and all the vessels that He chooses.

We can sense at this point in time that something major is about to manifest in this world. I feel it. I can sense it by the Holy Spirit. I believe that it will be simultaneous for everyone. Expressions like “on the brink” “on the edge” and “about to happen” are being used now.

God is preparing us to stand in the presence of His Glory. We can feel this inward change taking place in our spirit man. For brief moments during my prayer times the Lord allowed me to experience the greatness of His power, and His anointing and presence. I hope that this happens to everyone that is pursuing God. It will change them forever.
There will be a tangible and resident presence with us for the end time work of the Lord.

Born-again believers
When we were born-again we were literally placed in the kingdom of unlimited Faith, unlimited healing power, unlimited wisdom, unlimited deliverance power, unlimited supplies, unlimited ability and the unlimited prosperity of heaven.
We are seated at the right hand of God in Christ Jesus. In that realm of the kingdom of God, there are no limits.
It all emanates from Him in whom all fullness dwells.
We can walk in all authority, all power, all wisdom, all glory and all faith when we allow God to work out His perfect will in our lives. Communication through prayer and reading God’s word is the key.

Intercession
Prayers of intercession are praying with the leading of the Holy Spirit. He gives us what to pray about. He leads the prayer. He gives the specifics about what to pray, who to pray for and how to pray.

The Body of Christ, then and now.

Then.
Acts 4:31-37
And when they prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost. And they spoke the word of God with boldness.
And the multitude of them that believed was of one heart and of one soul. Neither said any of them that the things they owned were solely theirs. They shared everything. They had all things common.
And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked. For as much as were of possessors of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things that were sold. And laid them down at the apostles feet, and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.
And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.

Now.
The prayers and preaching and witnessing have been replaced by:
Business man’s or woman’s meetings.
Denominationalism, sects, financial success seminars, rituals, ceremonies, programs that are substitutes for the power of God, board meetings, elections, campaigns, membership with strings

attached, committees, and religious traditions started by carnal minded men.
These are smothering the true purpose of the body of Christ. The perfect will of God is not a part of any of this.

This is a very serious and critical time. Denominationalism issues are a big distraction. Divide and conquer has been the enemy's strategy in stopping the advancement of God's kingdom. These distractions are keeping the world from seeing the body of Christ operate in the power of the Holy Ghost. They only see the flesh of men on display. Being sidetracked into doctrinal issues is a distraction. Tearing each other down is not building the body of Christ.
The work will only get done by those led by the Holy Spirit and not by those led by something else.
Don't waste time with issues that have no salvation in them.
God Himself is exposing and uncovering the people that are not His.
Encourage and pray for everyone, whether they are in your denomination or not. Encourage and pray for those that are not born-again.
St. John 14:34-35
By this shall all men know that you are mine, that you love one another as I have loved you.
There is enough faith in one spirit filled Christian to get the multitudes healed.
One Christian has enough power in their life to get a nation to turn to God.
There is no limit to what one human life, that is sold out to God can accomplish.
Take this as a word from the Lord.

Open Heaven
Terry Suggs

At this time, there are no set boundaries on what we are trusting God to do in our lives. We can receive the dead raised back to life again. We can receive creative miracles. We can believe and receive the answers to our greatest needs. Our God has given us an open heaven. Nothing hinders our prayers. Only our minds cause us to magnify the problem, the illness, and the situation. In this time we are experiencing a refreshing, a renewal, and a revival.
We are experiencing great favor, great power, great compassion, great fear, great signs and wonders, and great grace. This is a time of great and mighty things.
God will not allow the believer to be put to shame at this time. If you are representing Him and bringing God into a situation, then the victory is guaranteed. God is confirming His word with signs following and with power. When you speak His word now there is power behind it to bring changes to the problem or the situation. It will happen when you speak the word in faith.
An open heaven means that there is nothing between us and our Lord to stop or constrain or restrain our answers to prayers. It means that we are aligned with God's will for our lives. This means that the presence will be stronger and more powerful than we have ever experienced it before. You see like God sees. You speak like God speaks. Nothing is impossible to you. There are no hinderances. Nothing can stop you except your negative thinking and seeing things in the natural.
God is not limited by anything in the natural. We limit our faith because of what we see and hear in the natural.
Remember this does not mean that you should go jump out of a high rise window, or step in front of a truck or train. Use wisdom please. Stay in the will and plan of God.
You can't lose. If God be for us, who can be against us. God overrides, overrules, over shadows, superrules, supercedes and exceeds every obstacle or hinderance or problem that is before us.
David ran to meet Goliath, because he was in the will of God. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is what destroys the yoke. The anointing was upon David.

This is a time of fullness, wholeness and completion.
Let us get into the fullness of God through the leading of the Holy Ghost and praying and fasting. The whole world is waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God. We are to give this world a powerful witness.
Jesus is with you now and always. He will never leave you or forsake. There has never been a time like this in our human history. We set our on boundaries by the way we see things in the natural. Keep your eyes on the Lord and His promises. He is Faithful and True.
Jesus is our reward. He is Lord over all creation.

The Church is God’s Body on Earth
Terry Suggs

John 1:16
For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift (heaped) upon gift. Gifts are free as you know.

Romans 5:1,9-10
Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us (grasp the fact that we) have (the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy) peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Therefore, since we are now justified (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ’s blood, how much more (certain is it that) we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God.
For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more certain, now that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin’s dominion) through His (resurrection) life.

Romans 4:19-25
He (Abraham) did not weaken in faith when he considered the utter impotence of his own body which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or (when he considered) the bareness of Sarah’s (deadened) womb.
No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God,
Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.
All the promises in Christ are yes (a divine yes, backed up by God Himself) and Amen (so be it).
That is why his faith was credited to him as righteousness (right standing with God, Made to be right, or acquitted and positioned as righteous).
But they (The Words), It was credited to Him, were written not for his sake alone,
But (they were written) for our sakes too. (Righteousness, standing acceptance to God) will be granted and credited to us also who believe in (trust in, adhere to and rely on) God, Who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), making our balance and absolving us from all guilt before God). Christ Jesus met every requirement of the Law of God for us to make us the heirs with Him.

Hebrews 9:10-12
For (the ceremonies) deal only with clean and unclean meats and drinks and different washings, (mere) external rules and regulations for the body imposed to tide the worshippers over until the time of setting things straight (of reformation, of the complete new order when Christ, the Messiah, shall establish the reality of what these things foreshadow-a better Covenant).
But that appointed time came when Christ the Messiah appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come and are to come. Then through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with human hands, that is, not a part of this material creation,
He went once for all into the (Holy of) Holies (of Heaven), not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves (by which to make reconciliation between God and man), but His own blood, (sinless blood) having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).

Romans 8:6
But as it now is, He (Christ) has acquired a (priestly) ministry which is as much superior and more excellent (than the old) as the covenant (the agreement, contract) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, because it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublimer, higher, and nobler) promises.

Colossians 3:9-17,23
For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).
And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son, and Holy Ghost-and reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).
In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a spiritual circumcision (performed by) Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh (the whole Corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts).
Thus you were circumcised when you were buried with Him in your baptism, in which your were also raised with Him (to a new life) through (your) faith in the working of God (as displayed) when He raised Him up from the dead.
And your were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), God brought to life together with (Christ), having (freely) forgiven us all our transgressions.
Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This (note with its regulations, decrees, and demands) He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to (His) cross.
God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the Cross).
Therefore let no one sit in judgment on you in matters of food and drink, or with regard to a feast day or a New Moon or a Sabbath. (You have been born anew with the image and likeness of Christ).
Such things are only the shadow of things that are to come, and they have only a symbolic value, But the reality (the substance, the solid fact of what is foreshadowed, the body of it) belongs to Christ.
Such (practices) have indeed the outward appearance (that popularity passes) for wisdom, in promoting self-imposed rigor of devotion and delight in self humiliation and severity of discipline of the body, but they are of no value in checking the indulgence of the flesh (the lower nature). (Instead, they do not honor God but serve only to indulge the flesh).

Ephesians 1:3,5
May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ (the Messiah) with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!
For he foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent).
God intends for everyone of His Adopted Children to have every attribute and spiritual gift that He gave to His only begotten Son Jesus.
He has given to us every right and privilege and gift to be His adopted Children.
He has made us a kind of being like Himself.

I Corinthians 6:17
But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

I Corinthians 15:49
And just as we have borne the image (of the man) of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image (of the Man) of heaven.

I John 3:9

No one born (begotten) of God (deliberately, knowingly, and habitually) practices sin, for God's nature abides in him (His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him); and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God.

I John 1:5
There is ***no darkness*** (no evil, no deception, no hatred, no evil intent, no falsity) ***in Him at all.*** God is 100 % light (100% honest. Pure and righteous and loving).
We are children of the Light and we are the light of the world.
We are benefactors of a new covenant. The law of Moses is not a part of the new Covenant.
The Law of Moses was always about making sacrifices and offerings and doing something to be accepted by God.
The new covenant is established in Jesus' finished work. He met all the requirements and completed everything that God needed to bring us into right standing with Himself.

II Corinthians 4:13
Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed , and therefore have I spoken. We too believe and therefore we speak..

II Corinthians 4:17-18
For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory (beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!),
Since we consider and look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting.

Matthew 10:7-10
And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand!
Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons.
Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.
Take no gold nor silver (even) copper money in your purses (belts);
And do not take a provision bag or a wallet for a collection bag for your journey, nor two undergarments, nor sandals, nor staff; for the workman deserves his support (his living, his food).
Now that our sins have been wiped out, and blotted out, ***there is nothing between us and God to hinder us.***
We are now in the family and have full rights and can come boldly to the throne of Grace.
Jesus said that we have authority over all the authority of the enemy.
And He said that nothing by any means shall harm you.
We have a new covenant in Jesus. The Law of Moses is not in the new covenant. We are now living by faith. We are in the dispensation of Grace.
Genesis means beginning. Genetic means the make up of those containing the gene. It is what is inherited or passed down in sequence. It means that there are traits that are passed down through each child from the parent. The way that genes are detected is mostly through the blood. Jesus blood is what has transformed our lives.
God has "re-gene-rated" our spirit man by His Own Spirit and nature.
Now our minds have to be renewed to match our position.

Mark 6
This chapter has the feeding of 5,000 men plus women and children with 5 loaves and 2 fish. It has the story of Jesus walking on the water. He also heals multitudes when they touched Him. He calmed the storm.
Jesus has given us this kind of authority and ability.

Mark 9:23
And Jesus said, (You say to me), If You can do anything? (Why), all things can be (are possible) to him

who believes!

Mark 10:27
Jesus glanced around at them and said, With men (it is) impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.
Greater is He that is in Us than he that is in the world.
I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.
If God be for us, who can be against us.

Luke 12:32
Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear, little flock, for it is Your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!

John 10:27
The sheep that are My Own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. (To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.) And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.
My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all (else); and no one is able to snatch (them) out of the Father's hand.
I and My Father are One. John 10:34-36

John 14:10-11
Jesus operated in the Father's authority. We operate in Jesus' authority.
John 16:13-15
But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His Own message (on His Own authority); but He will tell whatever He hears (from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him), And He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come (that will happen in the future).
He will honor and glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

John 17:22-23,26
I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one (even) as We are one;
I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and (definitely) recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them (even) as You have loved Me, (The same Acceptance and favor and blessings that are bestowed upon Jesus are bestowed upon us).
I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your Character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make (You) known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them (felt in their hearts) and that I (Myself) may be in them.

John 20:21-23
Then Jesus said to them again, Peace to you! (Just) as the Father has sent Me forth, so I am sending you.
And having said this, He breathed on them and said to them, receive The Holy Spirit!
(Now having received the Holy Spirit, being led and directed by (Him) if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained.
Jesus said to His followers that greater works than the works He did they would do,
Because after He multiplied Himself in them, this would become possible for each person.

II Corinthians 1:20
For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency) to the glory of God.

Isaiah 51:6-8, 15-16
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall be dissolved and vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner (like knats), But My salvation shall be forever, and My rightness and justice (and faithfully fulfilled promise) shall not be abolished.
Listen to Me, you who know rightness and justice and right standing with God, the people in whose heart is My Law and My instruction; fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid nor dismayed at their revilings.
For (in comparison with the Lord they are so weak that things as insignificant as) the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool. But My rightness and justice (and faithfully fulfilled promise) shall be forever, and My salvation to all generations. (In the Genes)
For I am the Lord your God, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar and Who by rebuke restrains it -the Lord of hosts is His Name.
And I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, that I may fix the (new) heavens as a tabernacle and lay the foundations of a new earth and say to Zion, You are My people.

Matthew 7:1-2,12
Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves.
For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you (use to) deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you.
So then, whatever you desire that others would do to and for you, even so do also to and for them, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
Matthew 5:33-48
Luke 1:37
For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.

Isaiah 52:6
Therefore My people shall know what My name is and what it means; therefore they shall know in that day that I Am He Who speaks; behold, I Am!
God’s word will not return empty.

Isaiah 61:1-4
The Spirit of The Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed and qualified me to preach the Gospel of good tidings to the meek, the poor, and afflicted; He has sent ME to bind up and heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the (physical and spiritual) captives and the opening of the prison and of the eyes to those who are bound.
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord (the year of His favor) and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
To grant consolation and joy to those who mourn in Zion - to give them an ornament (a garland or diadem) of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, the garment (expressive) of praise instead of a heavy, burdened and failing spirit- that they may be called oaks of righteousness (loft, strong, and magnificent, distinguished for uprightness, justice, and right standing with God), the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.
And they shall rebuild the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former desolations and renew the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.
The Lord id working with the body of Christ to confirm His message of salvation and adoption as God’s children.

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There is nothing between us. I have removed every sin and blotted them out so that you may come boldly to the throne of "Grace" (unmerited and unearned favor). Nothing is held back from you. (If God spared not His Own Son, how much more with Him shall He also freely give us all things). My love is intense and my compassion is intense. I have made an eternal covenant through the blood of My Own Son, so that you would have every right to whatever I have given to Him. (We are Heirs of God and Joint Heirs with Jesus). There is no greater love than the love I have shown. There is no greater or more intense compassion than the compassion I have. Preach and teach the good news (the gospel). Get out of the boat! Speak to the storm! Heal the sick so that some might believe. Have the Faith of God! Love has no boundaries!
As with Cain and Abel, Cain made a sacrifice, Abel made a covenant with blood. I have made and eternal covenant.
I recently had a brief vision of the Lord putting a white covering or table cloth on a table top where there was a big mess of spills and things scattered all over the table. The cloth was placed by Him over this mess. He looked at me and said, you've done nothing wrong.

Another recent dream that I had was about Jesus as a little boy possibly 13 years old. Another man was talking to Him franticly saying to the young Jesus, "If you say it, it will happen". He was directing Jesus to a sick child that was sitting on a chair slumped over as if he was weak and very sick and nearly unconscious. The man said the same thing over again to Jesus, "if you say it, it will happen." And then He said "If you say it the devil can't do hurt him. There was something hovering above them with red wings, I guess this was satan. Then Jesus turn towards the sick child, and placed His hand on the child's chest and said with a loud voice "Be Delivered! The child jerked his head immediately and looked as if he was cured of this illness instantly. Then I woke up and the Holy Spirit said, "you can do it too." I had this feeling in my arms flowing to my hands after I heard this.

Sealed In Favor
Trapped In Love and Mercy
Acts 13:39,41
So let it be clearly known and understood by you, brethren, that through this Man forgiveness and removal of sins is now proclaimed to you;
And that through Him everyone who believes (who acknowledges Jesus as his Savior and devotes himself to Him) is absolved (cleared and freed) from every charge from which he could not be justified and freed by the Law of Moses and given right standing with God.
You won’t believe it even when it is clearly told to you in fine details.

John 1:9-14
God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus. It is not our body that has to fulfill the Law of God to be saved, because Jesus has already fulfilled the Law of God.
He sent His Word and healed them. Jesus was the Word made flesh. By His stripes we were healed.

Acts 17:24-29
The God who produced and formed the world and all things in it being Lord of Heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade shrines.
Neither is He served by human hands, as though He lacked anything, for it is He Himself Who gives life and breath and all things to all people.
And He made from one (common origin, one source, one blood) all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined (their) allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes).

So that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.
For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your (own) poets have said, For we are also His offspring.
Since then we are God’s offspring, we ought not to suppose that deity (the God-Head) is like gold or silver or stone, (of the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

Genesis 1:2627

God created man as a mirror image and likeness of Himself.
God said, Let Us (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, and after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the (tame) beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.
So God created man in His Own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.
And God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it (using all its vast resources in the service of God and man); and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.
Adam did not have a natural Father.

John 1:12-14,17

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of god, that is, to those who believe in adhere to trust in, and rely on) His name.
Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor of the will of the flesh (that of physical impulse) nor to the will of man (that of a natural), but to God. (They are born of God).

And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we (actually) saw His glory as an only begotten son receives from His father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.
John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me.
(He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is My chief).
For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift (heaped) upon gift.
For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, unmerited, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:11-22

In Him we also were made (God’s) Heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Whop works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His Own will.
So that we who first hoped in Christ (who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!
In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.
That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the first fruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it to the praise of His glory,
For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward the saints (the people of God),
I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.
For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into the mysteries and secrets) in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him,
By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),
And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,
Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His Own right hand in the heavenly places,
Far above all rule and authority and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named

(above every title that can be conferred), not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.
And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church),
Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

Ephesians 2:4-12
But God-so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us,

Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation),
And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the messiah, the Anointed One).
He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in (His) kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.
For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation, is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving , but it is the gift of God;
Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself).
For we are God's Own handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, (born anew) that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live).

Ephesians 3:4-6
When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

This mystery was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His Holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the Holy Spirit.
Everything that comes from the Holy Spirit is perfect and complete and whole and in fullness. This seals of lives in Christ.
It is this that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promise in Christ through (their acceptance of) the glad tidings (the Gospel).
God chose the color of our suits or our skin and the places where we live.

Sealed In Him
John 1:3-4
All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.
In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.
II Corinthians 1:20
For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency) to the glory of God
But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us (in joint fellowship) with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us (enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit);
He has also appropriate and acknowledged us as His by putting His seal upon us and giving us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee (of the fulfillment of His promise).

I Corinthians **6:17, 18-19**

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received
(as a Gift) from God? You are not your own.
You were bought with a price purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His Own. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.

All In One (Jesus) were made righteous
II Corinthians 5:21
For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness.

Ephesians 1:4-5, 10-11
Even as (in His love) He chose us (actually picked us out for Himself as His Own) in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.
For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent.
He planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, (both) things in heaven and things on the earth.
In Him we also were made (God’s) Heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His Own will..

Colossians 2:9-10
For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the God-Head) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).
And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the God-Head-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

I Corinthians 12:27
Now you (collectively) are Christ’s body and individually you are members of it, each part severally and distinct (each with his own place and function).

Philippians 3:8-9
Yes furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply an intimately acquainted with Him (of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly). For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One).
And that I may (actually) be found and known as in Him, not having any (self-achieved) righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law’s demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that genuine righteousness which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed one), the truly right standing with God which comes from God by saving faith.

I John 5:20
And we have seen and know positively that the Son of God has actually come to this world and has given us understanding and insight progressively to perceive recognize and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true and we are in Him Who is true- in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), This Man is the true God and Life eternal.

I Corinthians 1:30
But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus,
Whom God made our Wisdom from God, (revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as) our Righteousness (thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God), and our Consecration (making us pure and holy), and our Redemption (providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin).

Colossians 3:3-4
For as far as this world is concerned, you have died, and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life will appear with Him in the splendor of His glory.

I Corinthians 3:16
Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth are God’s temple (His sanctuary), and that God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually)?
The Word of God in the new testament mentions that we are In Him over 380 times.
If we can understand that we are already completely accepted in Christ and favored in Christ, then we will lose our sense of inferiority and weakness.
Now the Word of God says that to Whom you yield your body to obey, that is whose servant you will be. But remember, greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.
Remember that you were purchased by God and you are not your own any longer. You are God’s property.
Romans 12:1
Present your bodies to God which is your reasonable service.
All that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.
Satan cannot tempt you with what is already yours.
I Corinthians 3:22-23
All things are yours.
And you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.
I Corinthians 3:1-3
Do not think as unspiritual men having the nature of the flesh, under control of ordinary impulses. Do not behave as unchanged men.
The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the Law of sin and death.
I am sealed in favor forever. I am sealed in completeness, wholeness and fullness in Jesus Christ.
He whom the Son sets free is free indeed.
I am free from trying to be justified by my own actions and free from trying to get into favor by my good performance or good behavior.
I am accepted in the Beloved in Christ alone.
We are God’s temple through Christ Jesus.
Our victory is sealed by the finished work of Christ.
Our healing is sealed by the finished work of Christ.
Our blessings and gifts are sealed by the finished work of Christ.
Now let us renew our minds to match our position.

Philemon 6
And I pray that the participation in and sharing of you faith may produce and promote full recognition and appreciation and understanding and precise knowledge of every good thing that is ours in our identification with Christ Jesus and unto His glory.
Speak in faith like Jesus spoke and get the results that Jesus got.
When there was a demon being cast out of a man, He spoke to those attempting to cast it out saying, Paul I know and Jesus I know but who are you? In Christ, demons are subject to you. But, you have to know who you are.
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Seeing Beauty in the Body of Christ

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The boy was horribly disfigured by birth defects. It was difficult to look at his misshapen face. His mother's heart had been broken repeatedly by the looks of horror and the unkind words. The host of the TV show asked her, "When you look at your son, what do you see?" Tears running down her face, she replied, "I see a beautiful boy." She was not blind to his defects, but defiantly chose to look past her son's deformity. She chose to see him with eyes of love.

In recent days I have heard harsh criticisms of the church. Many churches are horribly divided, hopelessly impotent and haplessly adrift. A retired pastor is angry at the church, seeing every modern innovation as aberrant and destructive. A young man, who claims to walk with Jesus, disdains the church as irrelevant, hypocritical, even silly.

My problem is that I have to agree with many of the criticisms. It is hard to argue that today's American church is not misshapen, deformed, and disfigured. The Body of Christ, destined to be His pure and radiant bride, is often weak and sick.

Look at the evidence. So many churches today are torn apart by divisive power struggles. A truly unified church is shamefully rare.

Too many Christians live in ignorance of the teachings of God's Word. Because the Bible is ignored, the church drifts on a raging sea of deception, a ship without rudder or anchor.

The Body of Christ is too often unclean, as well. Divorce is about as common in the church as it is in the lost world. There is little that distinguishes the lives of many of the redeemed from the lost world around us.

Many churches have lost sight of their purpose. We are called to be salt and light in a decaying, darkened world, to make disciples of those who live in it. But we often get distracted and the church of Jesus Christ becomes more a social club than an evangelistic army.

I haven't even mentioned materialism, racism, and other serious issues. There is no denying that the church of Jesus Christ gives its critics way too much ammunition.

But there is something the critics forget that we must not. No matter how disfigured the church of Jesus Christ is, it is still the church of Jesus Christ. It is His body, redeemed by His blood, built by His hands and upheld by His power. And Jesus looks on His church with the eyes of love. Yes, the church may be diseased and dysfunctional, but Jesus loves it -- with all His heart.

It is always too soon to give up on the church of Jesus Christ. It has weathered 2000 years of false teachers, hostile despots, internal carnality and waywardness. Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church." He never changes his mind and he never fails in His purposes.

Jesus looks at us with eyes of love, as the mother above did. But there is a key difference. The mother loved her child but could do nothing about his condition. Jesus has all power. He works to purify the Body, strengthen it, heal it, empower it. He never quits, never tires of the work; He never abandons His sovereign purpose.

We are the body of Christ -- Christ's hands, His feet, His voice. For reasons that go beyond my understanding, God chose to work in this world through the church. We are His plan A. He has no plan B.

So, let us acknowledge that the church is not what it should be, or could be. But we must never disdain the church of the Living God. He loves His church. He will never give up on it. He sees the beautiful Bride it will one day be, regardless of the current state of affairs.

Let us ask God to give us the eyes of Christ as we look on His church. We may notice the faults, the disease, the dysfunction, but we must look beyond them with the eyes of faith. The glorious good news is that we are not defined by our past or even our present. We are defined by the destiny marked out for us by God.

For the church, that destiny is beautiful, radiant and pure. Can you see it? Can you see the beauty of the church, in spite of its deformity? It is too soon to give up on the church of Jesus Christ. Jesus is at work and will complete the job; he will make the church all He desires it to be.

In the imperfect present, let us never forget the glorious future of the radiant Bride of Christ!

David L. Miller

Substance Behind The Symbol

Louise Switzer

Dear fellow Christians,
A few days ago I received the following e-mail that affected me differently that it would have in the past because of what the Lord has said we need to be focused on. Here is the e-mail with my comments following.

"Tomorrow, Grassfire will be at the National Press Club representing tens of thousands of citizens who are standing in support of the Ten Commandments. During this Grassfire sponsored event, we hope to be able to broadcast a strong message to the media and our elected leaders that the Ten Commandments and our rights to publicly acknowledge them are preserved and protected. As we prepare to leave for our nation's Capitol, we do so knowing that our constitutional right to publicly acknowledge God is in jeopardy! Unless the grassroots voice of America stands up, we are seriously in danger of losing this precious right to a relatively small group of radical secularists bent on removing God from the fabric of our nation!"

Although I am against the removal of anything that acknowledges God, I find it a bit ironic that Christians are making such a fuss over the removal of monuments bearing the inscription of the Ten Commandments, when the church long ago removed the Law from its life, claiming it had been abolished at the cross. In light of this, why is it important to get a "strong message" to the media and politicians of our society when we do not even acknowledge the place of God's Law in our own lives? Is this not just the same demanding of "rights" on the part of Christians as the world makes for what it considers its rights?

The best way to fight the removal of the Ten Commandments from the fabric of our nation is to embrace those Law's on an individual level. What we need to be *protesting* is the fact that the government of the traditional church has not acknowledged the New Covenant promise of God to put His Law in our minds and write them on our hearts. *It is ultimately the organized church's removal of the Law that has come down to our political leaders and religious dissidents attempting erasure of any public symbol bearing the imprint of God's influence!* The injustice here is the one of blaming unregenerate mankind who does not know God instead of pointing the finger of fault at Christians who have not exercised the power of God's Law to influence the unsaved by obeying the Law themselves. It is God who is allowing the removal of these treasured "symbols" in answer to our having already removed our obedience to them. This is no different than His allowing the Ark of the Covenant that carried the Ten Commandments to be taken away from Israel by her enemies because her heart had turned from keeping them.

The presence of things such as monuments engraved with the Ten Commandments may cause us to think we are a godly nation, but it is a deception because there is no substance behind the symbol. Its removal is to our benefit so we can face the reality of what we have become, and it is just another in a long line of warnings to those claiming to know God that judgment is to soon descend on our nation, just as it did on Israel for the same reasons—*disregard for the Law of God.* And the responsibility for this rests squarely on the shoulders of the church!

May we be found faithful and obedient to *all* of His word, which is His Law!
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Shaking Coming To His Church

Orla Duane

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Please hear the Spirit of the Lord in this and not me. I know what the spirit of fear feels and looks like, but I tell you it is with the Great Fear of the Lord that I write, and submit this to you. My whole body shakes, as I can feel His fire burning on my face and on my hands. Do not take this lightly. Please know I love you my friends and family worldwide. Although this intercession has been specifically for America, I sense a shaking coming to His church in the USA, and then spreading around the world?
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Written Saturday 17th September 2005 - between 3-4 PM (GMT)

With weeping, wailing, groaning and the hand of God on my shoulder, I've got to write to you. I don't say any of this lightly but as I write I am hearing the devastation of God's wrath let lose over America. I can hear weeping of mothers multiplied many times over, for their dead children. If only you could hear the weeping, and wailing, **"Rachel weeping for her children for they were no more,"** (Oh God I don't want to say any of this.) **He is waiting on even ONE person to stand in the gap and to apologise and repent on behalf of the Body of Christ; but it has to be a man in "office;" then it will lessen His judgments**. It's like Daniel repenting for the sins of the nation, even though he as an individual didn't commit those sins. It's a symbolic thing.

There are three angels with three bowls of judgment to be loosed over the Body of Christ - over those in "leadership" if they don't repent. (I'm sorry to have to say this, but this is only one of what I heard and this is mild. I am not released to speak of the others yet. And have blocked my ears after hearing the words spoken by God. This "language" is very mild. Please don't joke about this). **The Father's wrath burns and He is about to erupt with a Great Shaking**. The Three judgments, specifically for Christian Leaders if true repentance does not come are:
1) Hemorrhoids
2) Genital warts
3) Oral thrush

But it will be of an epidemic proportion, and traditional medicine will not cure the problems. It will even make the news, and it will become the "butt" joke around the world.

I can see those three angels with those bowls lifted high ready to be poured out; waiting for God's signal. I see one placed over the **Southern West Coast**, the second over the **Northern West Coast** and the third somewhere in the **Southern Midwest**? (from studying a map, I would say Springfield Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois - that general area) In my spirit I sense a SHAKING of some kind with those bowls, a natural Earthquake, or Volcanic eruption. I am still seeing those dates, 9/18, 9/19, 9/20 with more emphasis on 9/19 and 9/20?? I wonder does it mean 9/19 - time wise in America, but perhaps 9/20 Irish time??? That **1 Samuel 9: 18, 19, 20 has more meaning now. The HEART being REVEALED** - as I've heard the Father's spewing anger of how His "lead men" have treated His Son's Body. Especially the "hidden/secret" sins (lust) of the heart.

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Written Sunday 18th September 2005 5:42 PM (GMT)

He now shows me just why He burns with wrath, as I see the Father pick up a little girl around 7/8 years old. She is naked, with bruises and burn marks (like that of cigarette burns on her skin), in-fact her body looks grotesque, almost unrecognisable. Her face is deformed, all out of alignment. This little one looks like death, as if there is no hope of recovery of life, for her, as she is so bruised. I see the **Father's overwhelming love for this child, and hear Him call her America**, **"My beautiful little girl. What have they done to you? What have they done? Why did they gang rape you and abuse you over, and over, and over again? My precious little girl. How could they? Look she is so bruised that she is frightened of ME, her FATHER. THIS IS WRONG. I WILL HAVE MY VENGEANCE ON THOSE WHO HAVE DONE THIS TO HER."**

The Father's anger rages. I hear Him call His **"leaders"** to attention for He says, "**This is what you have done, to MY daughter. In the spirit this is what your sinning has done. I entrusted you to mind and CARE for MY sheep, MY Son's Body, HIS Bride and Look? This is what I see, MY little Precious, Beautiful, Daughter America has been abused by YOU. THE PEOPLE I ENTRUSTED TO CARE AND MIND AND PROTECT HER. Oh, that's MY girl. LOOK at what YOU have done. LOOK."**

I (Orla) cling to Jesus and I weep with Him, for now I can understand why the Father's rage is burning. **He wants vengeance over what has taken place to His daughter America. And He is holding the leaders responsible**. I see the love, tears and pain of THE FATHER over His little girl. He has her naked, bruised, deformed body wrapped in a silken, jeweled, blazing, white, light, filled blanket. I know it is no ordinary blanket; it is a very special blanket that He made, and now He tenderly wraps it around her, and He doesn't care that her weeping cuts and bruises are blood staining this blanket. He carries her as close to His chest as possible and whispers His love into her ear. But because she has been so abused she won't even open her hand to let HIM touch her, for **so great has been the abuse and defilement that she has a distorted imagine of her TRUE FATHER.**

Jesus says we must get some water, for her bruises to be cleansed and washed. I wonder where to go to find some water? I look at Jesus with tears in my eyes, as I don't know what to do? (I'm about 5 years old in this vision) He then whispers, **"There is the water. Don't you see. It is your tears. That's what I need, I need yours and others tears to help wash and cleanse America."** Now, a waterfall of tears come pouring out of my eyes for this little one. She looks so helpless. I want to tell her it will be alright, your safe now, your with Abba, and Jesus will make you Brand NEW. But I sense if I approach her, I will only scare her, for **great** has been the abuse. I kneel and let The Healer collect my tears; "take them Jesus, take them. I won't stop crying until you collect all the water you need."

I sense this is a final warning call: I have heard Jesus weeping for His "lead men" praying, groaning, interceding for them to repent for what they have done to His Body, His Bride, The Father's little girl. But like that dream, warning, and Ezekiel 22 reading that Mike Bickle received. I too sense Jesus, saying, "**I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none."**

"At this moment, ISRAEL'S (America's) FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS." I Samuel 9:20 MSG

I have spent the past week, two weeks unable to leave my house, haven't watched TV, or read a paper. Had to leave my friends and family; couldn't even speak to them at times, for so great has been the spirit of intercession and His Holy fire burning deep within my belly. He has opened my mouth like a cork shooting up, I've even been scared of the holiness to the words I've uttered, as have those around me. He has then shut my mouth. I feel like Amos (Whose name means: burden-bearer) when God showed Him visions of His judgments, and then he (Amos) standing in the gap, praying that they wouldn't happen. This is what I've been doing. But **He says, it's in your hands America ("lead men"). What will be your response?**

As a side note: I've just heard that Sue Mitchell of Passion Ministers U.K. only last night in Cork City, spoke of Cork being like that champagne cork, bubbling up, ready to pop open. Definitely what I've been feeling.

I'm a nobody. And I see Jesus has sat me down and has just placed running shoes on my feet. **I see the SERIOUSNESS on His face that this must be "delivered."** I so don't want to "deliver" this, and I sense a hush in Heaven, to see what my response will be? I am reminded of Isaiah's call, "Send me Lord" and I know in my spirit some will not heed the warning. My heart breaks for I know what will fall on the children. The children will reap the sins of the fathers if they don't repent. **"THIS IS WHAT SIN DOES."** They are the words ringing in my ears over and over again. Oh, and **what breaks HIS HEART the most, is that the children are the ones repenting for their parents, but will the parents???**

I humbly and on bended knees in sheer brokenness, submit this to you.

I weep for you America - Be cleansed in His blood, I pray.

In Jesus' Love & MERCY,

Orla Duane
Orla Duane
(Cork, Ireland)

P.S. For those who don't know me that well. I am usually extra quiet and prefer to be silent. Delivering this email is a very difficult thing to do. It is because of my love for Him; and in hope that this may prevent even one disaster from happening that I deliver... Just felt Him ask me to pray a release of His holiness and the very fragrance of Jesus over this. And to remind you of His Great love for "leaders" but they must repent.

Storm Clouds On Horizon
Timothy Snodgrass

Mar 11, 2005

STORM CLOUDS GATHERING ON HORIZON

03/03/05

Recently while traveling across the beautiful green hills of Northern California towards the coast, I was taken in the Spirit to the San Francisco Bay area, and shown a coastline littered with ships lying broken upon the sandy shores; great military vessels, cruise ships, fishing boats and every manner of vessel, caught unaware by tsunami as great quakes rippled across the Pacific. Our message this winter to America was a call to prayer and repentance, for I believe that the 9.0 Sumatra quake was just a warning, not the big one; greater events are now approaching. Time has been bought for the North American Continent by the tears of the saints, sown upon the soil as apostolic and prophetic teams have been launched to guard the borders of the sea; yet the time bought with these tears is very limited. It is what we do with this time that will determine the destiny of many nations, islands and regions.

Looking across the Pacific I see storm clouds gathering on the horizon. Unless there is repentance, Indonesia has not seen the worst of what is yet to come. I am greatly concerned for the islands of the South Pacific. Who will walk the land, and sow tears of repentance and intercession for Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Polynesia and islands of the sea? Who will sow tears of intercession for the lost and dying souls in China, Taiwan, Japan, Russia, Alaska and the Aleutian Islands? The harvest is great, but workers are few. Before teams of revivalist can be sent in to reap the harvest, God's special forces must be sent in first to prepare the way; prophetic and apostolic teams commissioned for specific tasks, who will leave a region with an entirely different atmosphere than before they came. The anointing can calm seas, stabilize fault lines, cast out demonic principalities and powers, releasing the atmosphere of heaven in areas which have been captive to hell. The Pacific Ring of Fire is awakening, and warnings will continue to increase in size and magnitude, until the veil of darkness is finally rent over this tiny blue planet, and the great Awakening begins; judgment and revival are now both imminent as we draw closer to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ; yet, some of these judgments can be offset, redirected, averted or lessened in magnitude through prayer, intercession, divinely inspired actions, fasting and obedience to unction of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,

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40 Days Prayer, Fasting
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Mar 11, 2005

40 DAYS PRAYER, FASTING FOR THE PACIFIC
April 8 – May 18, 2005

We are calling a 40-day period of prayer and fasting for the Pacific Region, including the South Pacific (from Australia and the Antarctic to South America) and for the North Pacific (from China and SE Asia to the coast of North America). Although our greatest concern is the South Pacific, there are other areas of concern in the North Pacific as well, in which we foresee seismic events on the near horizon in the 8.0 and 9.0 realm.

The South Pacific is our chief focus, because the magnitude of the quake we foresee occurring in this region would be much greater than the December 26 Sumatra quake. According to Northwestern University seismologists, the 12/26 Sumatra quake was actually three times larger than originally estimated, or magnitude 9.3. The energy released in great quakes like this are extremely hard to measure, and often takes weeks before data from the epicenter can be accurately accessed. Prophetically, we have been warned of a greater quake in the South Pacific Region which would not only be larger in magnitude than the Sumatra quake, but send destructive waves across the Pacific as far away as Anchorage and Los Angeles. Although the window of time we foresee this quake occurring begins this spring, with sufficient prayer covering the event can be offset beyond 2006 or 2007, and the epicenter can be redirected away from the Antarctic to less dangerous area of the South Pacific, away from the ice cap. Needless to say, it is better that the epicenter of this quake is on land, instead of open sea.

Shortly after the Holy Spirit gave us the dates 4/8-5/18 for our 40 day period of prayer and fasting for the Pacific, data begin to emerge on the significance of these particular dates, and how it ties in to everything. On April 8th, a total solar eclipse will blacken the skies of the South Pacific, beginning just SE of New Zealand near the Antarctic, drawing a line all the way across the Pacific to South America. Forty days later, the fast will end on May 18th, the 25th anniversary of the eruption of Mt. Saint Helens. I don't believe that this is a coincidence. We seem to have a 40 day window of time to impact the course of many of these events in the Pacific region, but our time is quickly running out.

In preparing for our intercessory mission to the South Pacific this spring, we have never encountered so much opposition since Berlin during 1989. Although most of our partners are aware that our team arrived in Germany on the day the Berlin Wall fell in November, 1989, few are aware of the great opposition we faced on the journey from Sweden to Amsterdam during that time, and that I had been shot at and nearly lost my life before arriving in Germany. The opposition to our intercessory trip to the South Pacific trip has been enormous, making Germany, 1989 look almost like a picnic. Last week we were informed that one of our team members, Jocelyn Lane from Perth, Australia, was in a horrible car accident. It is really a miracle that she is still alive. The engine to her car was found in the front seat after she had a mild stroke and hit a tree, and she suffered severe injuries. She is still listed in critical condition in the Royal Perth Hospital. I would like to ask that as you begin to fast and pray for the South Pacific this spring, don't forget to pray for Jocelyn, for total healing and a 100% breakthrough and physical turnaround for this precious woman of God in Australia. We believe that as the veil of darkness is rent over the South Pacific region, thousands will be healed and delivered in Australia, New Zealand and the islands of the Pacific, and that the enemy will wish that he never touched a hair on Jocelyn's head. Not only will she be healed, but thousands of others will experience healing, salvation and deliverance from darkness across this region of the world.

Our South Pacific team is now down to three persons, and we continue to come under enormous attack and opposition as the deadline draws nearer. But at times when we are tempted to throw in the towel and cancel, I always look back on Germany. What if we had canceled Berlin in 1989? Did our small prophetic team really make a difference? I have often asked myself that question over the years. I really don't know the answer, except that prior to our arrival in Germany East Germany was communist, and on the day we arrived it became democratic. Just as the veil of darkness fell over Berlin, it can also fall over the South Pacific Region.

One week ago, we had funding for the trip, because of a commitment made by a new friend of the ministry to buy airline tickets and so forth, but this person has also come under attack, and we no longer have funding. During the upcoming 40 day fast for the Pacific, remember our small team in prayer for provision, covering safety and financial backing to complete the assignment in the South Pacific. In addition to airline tickets to New Zealand and Polynesia, the Antarctic segment of the journey is extremely tricky, whereas the polar winter is beginning to set in. The scientific outpost on Macquarie Island is closing for the season, and it is difficult to find an expedition to the area. Thus, for this particular segment of the journey we really need a charter jet to do a quick intercessory sweep of the region from New Zealand.

Interestingly, since we accurately prophesied the Indonesia quake and tsunami one-month prior to the event (in our November, 2004 report), the daily viewers of our website has jumped astronomically, and we are monitored daily by world governments, insurance companies (funny if you think about it), and every manner of organization; yet, funding for this ministry is still scarce (our website picks up perhaps one or two donations per month). Pray that some of these godly people in our government or military would cooperate with missions like this one, whereas we have military planes flying over the Antarctic every day. We have need of a ship or plane going to this region simply to pray for the area, and are all working together towards the same goal. (Without assistance of a ship or plane to the Antarctic, the cost of our mission to the South Pacific is estimated somewhere between $12,000 and $14,000.) During this 40 day fast, do not forget to pray for the military of the US, UK, Australia and other great nations who have ships scattered throughout in the Pacific, for I believe God is going to use them in a powerful and unique way in the immediate days ahead for the glory of God.

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"I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the Lord. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God." - Psalm 84:2

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name" - Psalm 100:4

"I saw the Lord seated on a throne" - Isaiah 6:1

"For He raised us from the dead along with Christ, and we are seated with Him in the heavenly realms" - Ephesians 2:6

The doors are covered in gold. The shine so brightly that I can hardly look at them. I hold my breath knowing what awaits me inside. I look up and as high as I can see, I see the words inscripted on the doors.

EL SHADDAI, ALMIGHTY GOD!!!!

I open the doors, and as I do, I look around the room and I can see millions upon millions of coloured jewels, that cover the walls. As far as I can see there are jewels. It's like being in a disco, rays of all these beautiful colours unknown to the mind of man, are flashing around everywhere.

As I continue to look, I see them. Angels, millions upon millions of angels around the walls, all with their arms raised singing "Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lamb", all singing in one accord, the music, the sound, like nothing I have ever seen.

I am still standing at the door frozen, admiring all these things that seem to be so real, while I am feeling this overwhelming feeling that "I'm home". I look at the other end of the room and there is a throne. The throne is the brightest emerald colour I have ever seen, yet it is transparent. I can see waters gushing through this throne, round and round and round inside this throne. It's so bright, I cannot see anything, but the throne.

Before the throne are men, a few rows of them all dressed in white, with gold crowns and then are bowing down before the throne singing "HOLY HOLY HOLY are you LORD".

The bowls of incense, from the prayers of the saints, being guarded and treasured closely by some of the angels.

I just want to run up to this throne. I look to the floor, and I see I'm in His courts. Big gold square tiles, as far as I can see. Such peace in this place, I've never dreamed.

I then see a chair off to the side of the room, and I slowly sneak over to this chair and take a seat, hoping to be able to see all that is going on. As I take my seat, I hear the words:

"That is not your seat. I have not called you to that seat". As I look up before Me is the King of Kings. Jesus!!!!!

He's wearing the most beautiful purple robe, and His crown shines so brightly, the gold and the jewels is like nothing I have ever seen. He takes me by the hand, and says, "Come, let me show you the seat I paid for you".

As we walk across the room, I am filled with a love I cannot describe, I feel so loved, and the excitement within me, is almost unbearable. My heart feels like it's going to beat right out of my chest.

The thoughts continue to run through my mind 'where is my seat, He's taking me further to the front, my seat can't be in the front row, surely not'. As He continues to lead me, I look to the angels and they are smiling with such delight, watching the King take me to my place.

We then walk past what I now realise are not just men, but elders. The elders worshipping. We pass them. Now I am thinking 'where are we going? there are no more seats left'.

Jesus then turns to me and says "Here is your seat" He is smiling greatly. I cannot believe it, because we are standing before His throne.

I say "but Lord, this is your throne, not my seat" and He says to me "You reign with me".

"You are seated with me"

"Come, take your seat"

He sits on the throne and motions for Me to come and sit with Him. I climb up on the throne, and snuggle into His chest. I can hardly believe I am sitting on the throne with Jesus.

He then begins to share with me, that He is saddened that many are not sitting with Him. Many are taking their seat in the back row (as I went too) and are not sitting in the place that I have called them too.

He kept speaking. "It's here, seated and reigning with Me, that I have called each of My children to be at. To listen to My heart and snuggle with Me. It's when they leave this seat, that they get themselves into trouble".

"In this seat, is where My children find confidence, fulfillment, direction, joy, peace, forgiveness, grace, and fueled passion. It's here as My children focus on Me alone, and hearing My heart, will they truly begin to live. My children, need to stop taking their seats in anxiety, depression, low self esteem, unbelief, fear, death, sin, hopelessness, worthlessness, doubt, and worry. It's time for My children to truly take their seat."

"Take this message My child, eat it, and take it to My church. The time has come for My church to rise up, and show the world they are seated with ME, the ALMIGHTY GOD, and NONE can remove them from My seat, My hands. They must choose today, where they sit, in the backrow, in seats not of Me, or the seat I have chosen for them".

Jesus then went onto cuddle Me, and speak beautiful words of love into My ears. There I sat, in the very throne-room of the Almighty, in His very courts, and truly did I know:

THIS IS MY HOME! THIS IS WHERE I AM MEANT TO BE! SEATED WITH JESUS!!!!!!!

Be Alert
Lanna Perry

23rd August, 2005
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I am warning my church to remain under My covering. I am warning each of you to not step out of the covering I have placed over you. Many of you are stepping out of My covering when you are not aligning yourself with My Word.

When you do not align yourself with My Word you are opening yourself up to much attack by the evil one. Remain in Me, and in My Word, connected to Me so that I may bring to you much fruit and life. Strength to stand and courage to endure.
Great attacks are coming against many of you and I have given you the strength in order to stand and fight, but if you are continually aligning yourselves with things other than Me, then you will be tossed around by the wind and the waves.

What you allow to be put before you, you will indeed reflect, and many of you are not placing My Words before you, but placing the world and all it's desires before you. I love each of you so much, and My thoughts towards you are numerous, like the sand on the seashore, I am always thinking of each of you, always longing to take you deeper, and provide what is best for each of you.

Many of you are not walking with your minds renewed. Many of you are continually allowing the world and its lusts and the enemy to control your minds. Why? Do you not want to be renewed and walk in the fullness of the manifestation of being given the mind of Christ?

Take your thoughts captive. Be aware of what is before you and do not move from under the covering of My Word. Do not give yourself to things not contained in the truth of My Word.

I am transforming My church. I am transforming My Bride to be ready for My return. For many events that are occurring in the world today are crucial for My return, and I long to see My bride shining brighter than the noon day sun.
You are My joy, My church. I delight in you and am bringing forth My army.

Walk in the joy of the covering of My Word, and delight in the continued renewal of your mind.

I am forewarning you My church, that a great attack from the enemy is about to arrive at your doors. One that will truly require My church to hear My voice, to hear Me clearly, and know to stand. Know to take thoughts captive and use the weapons that I have given to each of you.

An increase in warfare but not bigger than the authority and victory I have purchased for you at Calvary.

I am warning you now My church to listen to My Words. Come closer to Me than ever before, and as you do, these attacks that are about to come to the church will not shake you, but strengthen you as each of you continue to walk with Me.

Be aware that the enemy sees the transformation that I am bringing to My church, and will do all he can to stop this. For if he can disarm My children one by one, then the army weakens, so listen to My voice.

Prepare for this. Shake off the things of old, and things that are not eternal. Shake them off, and set your minds on the things of heavenly value, of eternal value. Do not waste your time with things of this earth. For you are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers.

You MUST be equipped church. Jezebel is rampant in My church today, and wants to control the minds of My children, and bring about bondage and great control. Stand against this, use My Word as your Sword, and allow your minds to be transformed.

For as your minds are transformed, not only will you see greater victory and freedom in your lives and church, you will be strengthened more and more to fight the battles that are coming your way. The enemy knows where to hit each of you, do not be ignorant, but rejoice in the truth, that I the Lord your God, have given you all you need to resist the devil, and stand in victory.

For, I will use this time of great attack to sift through My church. Those who truly hear My voice, and seek wholeheartedly will stand and not be moved, and those who do not, will waver.

See what is to come as a great blessing. See what is to come as a time of great strengthening knowing you will not be overcome My church, if you continue to walk in My Spirit, knowing My voice, and renewing your minds in Me.

This attack and shaking will be used for My Glory. Be ready, always alert, and know that I the Lord your God will use all things to bring about My Glory in your individual lives and My church corporately.

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Parsley
Lanna Perry

Aug 26, 2005

This isn't a prophetic 'word' as such, but I am sending out this revelation, because I believe (a) it's funny, (b) it's encouraging, and (c) I felt God wanted me to share.

I have to tell you I am fascinated with my parsley. Yes parsley. I am growing my own parsley. I have it in a little pot and I water it everyday and I look after it. I keep my parsley in the kitchen and I look after it everyday.

Well tonight, I went out into the kitchen to make myself a cup of tea, and I always go over and check how it is going. I get so excited every time I see the parsley grow more and more. I get so excited every time I water it, and pull out any sticks out of the soil, hindering it's growth, and I just delight so much in watching it grow.

Without me, it cannot exist, because it's in the house and if I don't water it and look after it, it's not outside exposed to natural sunlight and rain, to be able to grow. So without me it dies.

The absolute delight I have in watching my parsley grow I cannot even tell you. I literally get so excited, because I am looking after it, and in a sense it feels like my creation, (even though in a lot of ways it isn't ;))

I am awe-struck. Here I am sitting here really excited and in awe as I watch the growth take place, and I love this parsley so much because it's mine. It belongs to Me.

Now, it hits my Spirit. Bang!!!!!!!!!!

Could this be how God feels towards me? Towards us?

I/we are the parsley. God delights in us so much. He gets so excited to watch us grow and depend on Him. Knowing without Him, we are nothing, and we cannot survive truly without Him. It needs sunlight, as we need SON-light.

As I excitedly go to check on my parsley everyday and water it, God eagerly waits for us to continue to come to Him, so He can pour His water of life into us, and bring growth to us.

In that place, God is able to get rid of all the 'sticks' and 'stones' in the soil that hinder our growth.

I just keep hearing the word 'excitement' in my spirit. God is so excited at watching us grow up in Him. That's amazing!!!!!!!!!!!!

God really delights in our growth, but even deeper than that, He really delights in us.

So, whatever I feel toward my parsley is almost nothing compared to what God feels about us?

As I stand over my parsley and feel like singing songs to it, and telling it how beautiful it is, because it is mine, that's how God feels about us.

Standing beside us, cheering us on.

"You are so beautiful, you are Mine"

"You are growing so beautifully, I am so excited at your growth and what you are to become"

Hear those words:

What you have become and are becoming and are to become!!!!!

Those words hit my Spirit like a tonne of bricks.

God is so excited about what I/we are going to become. The growth into who we are in Him. It's a daily process, day after day after day, walking deeper and deeper in the revelation of who we really are.

For there cannot come a day, where we stop growing in the revelation of our identity. God is SO SO SO excited about what we are to become. Walking in the complete manifestation of who we are in Him.

He delights SO much in what we are becoming, and delights in what we are to become.

Wow!!!!!

So God delights in what we are slowly becoming now, the growth that is taking place, no matter how slow, and He delights in the calling He has for us.

The calling He has for me, He's excited at what He is going to make "Lanna Perry" into. Not for my namesake, but for His Glory. He is EXCITED about what He is making each of YOU into, a gold pure shining vessel to shine forth and carry His Glory. Hallelujah!!!!!!!!

God delights in YOU and ME!!!!

Now as I stand over my parsley singing 'you're so cute, you're so beautiful, you keep growing, you are mine' I then hear the thunderous words from above:

"YOU ARE MINE. YOU ARE SO BEAUTIFUL. I DELIGHT IN WHO YOU ARE NOW, WHAT YOU ARE BECOMING AND WHO YOU ARE TO BECOME"

I pray this blesses you. May you step forward into the rest of your day, confidently knowing that God delights in YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

All my love to you my friends,
Lanna Perry

Seek Me
Sandy Warner

Nov 14, 2005
SEEK ME

I can hear you knocking, dear one. I told you that you shall find Me if you seek Me. So why do you frown? Do you think I am lost? Smile, precious! I am not lost, but I do hide Myself. I draw your heart to earnestly seek Me with all your heart, so that you will know Me in all My ways. How I love to reveal My heart to those who are truly hungry for Me. Do not feel guilty about your tendency to nag until I answer. I am drawing you and developing within you the habit of searching for Me, so that you will learn to abide in Me, and not stray from My side. I know that once you "catch" Me, you will never let go!

Luke 11:9-13 NLT
"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks. "You fathers--if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

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Inviting Others
Sandy Warner

Nov 15, 2005

INVITING OTHERS
I want to use you to knock on the doors of hearts. Learn to listen to My Spirit's drawing of warmth and compassion. Learn to listen to the cues from those who need My touch. Learn to listen to their boundaries for receiving. Learn to be sensitive to the timing of these special invitations. You will be blessing Me as well as them as I teach you how to knock on the hearts of men.

Prov 18:24 NKJV
A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Rev 3:20 NKJV
Behold, I stand at the door and knock . If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

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My DNA
Sandy Warner

Nov 18, 2005

MY DNA
You are on a journey, dear one, and I have marked out a map of your desires, needs and abilities. I have heard all your frets and concerns about missing My plan for your life. It is true, that I do give mankind freewill and I have called you to partner with Me. Your choices to follow Me and abide in Me do count. However, you also have My divine DNA encoded inside. When you surrendered your life to Me, you were re-birthed into My family and you are no longer a child of the world, but you belong to My family. I AM your Father. I have given you My code, deeply embedded into your spirit to know the way.

Yes, in the darkening world sometimes the way is not clear. However, I have placed My light inside of you to keenly know My quickened Words. Listen to the signs, and listen to your spirit shout YES when My Word marks exactly where you are. I use all your desires, needs and abilities for My glory. Simply walk with Me and we will journey together.

Ps 139:16-17 AMP
Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days [of my life] were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them. How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them! [Ps 40:5.]

Rom 8:29-30 AMP
For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren. And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

Colossians 3:17 NRS
And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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Those On The Front Lines
Sandy Warner

Nov 17, 2005

THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES
I tenderly watch over those who walk on the front lines of breakthrough. Such courage you have and bravery, tenacity and willingness to keep going and not quit! You have faced such odds, big bumps in the road and so many dead ends. Yet you trust in Me to find your way through a jungle of circumstances. You juggle and toss one thing in the air while your hands diligently continue with another. On and on you press, and with resolve in your heart, you move forward. How precious is your faith! You are so dear and precious to Me. Thank you, dear ones, for all your sacrifices. Each sacrifice is multiplied for others who are walking in the paths that you have forged. Thank you.

2 Cor 11:23-29 NLT
I have worked harder, been put in jail more often, been whipped times without number, and faced death again and again. Five different times the Jews gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled many weary miles. I have faced danger from flooded rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the stormy seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be Christians but are not. I have lived with weariness and pain and sleepless nights. Often I have been hungry and thirsty and have gone without food. Often I have shivered with cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm. Then, besides all this, I have the daily burden of how the churches are getting along. Who is weak without my feeling that weakness? Who is led astray, and I do not burn with anger?

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Seeking Answers
Joni Ames?

> *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (I Chron. 7:14)*

Dear Friends,

Many are asking for answers about what is going on in the Earth in this day and time, especially during times of disaster such as we are experiencing in this nation right now.

I keep having a "sinking feeling" that things in New Orleans are not over and that worse flooding is about to occur there - fearing that the whole place may fill up totally with water, or something! I've been transfixed by the news reports coming out of there and the other disaster areas, crying with and for the people! Not just my nephew Matthew, who is there right now, in a downtown hotel, because he has been working there as a chef, but for the thousands I do not know as well. Like most of us, I've been crying out for answers...but...

Truly, God is the only answer! Nationwide repentance needs to come forth before additional disasters occur!

On July 10th of this year, I sent a newsletter out to my group and said, "A couple weeks ago when the U.S. Supreme court in DC ruled against the Ten Commandments, I said to my son, "That (and the U.S. stating that Israel needs to give her land up) has just opened this country up to the kind of terrorism that no one can fight back at or stop. Severe Natural Disasters. Watch now for some of the worst natural disasters - including storms, earthquakes, fires, tornados and possibly even volcanoes - that this country has ever experienced."

The war we are involved in over in the Middle East is more than terrorism. It IS a Holy War. The Moslems are not afraid to say that! We (the USA) were formed as a Christian nation, and we must be willing to stand as strong in that conviction as the Moslems in the Middle East are of theirs. In other words, Mr. President, if you are listening, we need to unashamedly proclaim and dedicate this nation back to who is was formed for - our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Additionally:

We need to stand with and for Israel to KEEP her land, NOT give it up.

We need to agree with God regarding the fact that abortion is murder and turn over Roe vs. Wade. If we do not stand for the rights of unborn babies, why should God spare us?

We need to agree with God regarding the fact that homosexuality is sin and not allow same sex marriage.

I feel very strongly that our nation has been opened up to all kinds of terrorism, including "Natural Terrorism" - terrorism via "natural events" that occur as a direct result of our disobedience to Him.

The following are excerpts from articles on my newsletter site at: http://JoniAmes.InJesus.com which I feel were a foretelling of some of what we are experiencing in this nation at this time. Further details are on the "In Jesus" site at that address, but let's re-visit the following for some clarity:

From: Storms & Thoughts - Joni Ames
Sep 06, 2004

"This past year as I've been traveling, I've been telling people that I felt that the natural disasters that were about to occur would be very serious."

"I really do believe the Lord IS speaking through these storms, and the names. One thing the Lord had shown me before was He would come up through Alabama like a "zipper" and unzip the state of Alabama AND the midst of the Nation, a sign of the Lord freeing them up for His purposes."

"A few years ago, I had a prophetic experience in Mobile, AL, when I was supposed to drive over a bridge to Dauphin Island - I had to pull over! - I couldn't even drive over it! - It was as if I was INSIDE THE MIDST OF A HURRICANE THERE that was VERY destructive."

"A year later, I had a dream that there was a hurricane that was coming into Mobile, AL, but some people didn't believe it was coming. Some were having a hurricane party and mocking it. So, in the dream, I got out of the city and was watching TV from afar, and I saw the entire city of Mobile under water."

From: Joni Ames' Shepherd's Rod 2005 - Joni Ames
Oct 01, 2004
Last year the Lord spoke to me that "There are some "bad" things I sense, such as in increase regarding severe natural disasters - earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornados, volcanos, etc., because the earth itself is groaning for the sons (i.e., male AND female) to take their rightful place (Romans 8). Additionally, the enemy is escalating as well."

(Excerpt from: "WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2004 (Part 1 & 2)" - Joni Ames
Dec 30, 2003 at http://JoniAmes.InJesus.com).
I sense that this is a continuing word for the coming years as well.

Many have been looking for what the Lord was speaking through the recent barrage of storms, and truly there is a sensing among most that it has been the blowing of the winds of the judgment of the Lord. This is very true. But God's judgment IS merciful - it comes to expell the enemy. And He spoke even through the names of the hurricanes - Frances, meaning "freedom" and Charley, meaning "manly" were led on a path over areas where gay pride and fantasy have been saluted; Ivan, meaning "God is merciful" and Jeanne, meaning "God is gracious" both made circles in order to totally get to where they were sent.

I saw Florida as a big foot, at the base of the nation, and that the Lord was washing the feet of our nation, and then on up the Eastern Coast - Eastern Gate - of our Land, with His judgment, cleansing, mercy and grace, preparing her for what lay ahead. The judgment, mercy & grace of the Lord is entering our Eastern Gate.

From: "The Next Four Years & Beyond"
- Joni Ames
Dec 21, 2004

Emergency Broadcast System
Several times recently, I have heard what sounded like an emergency broadcast siren, and have seen "flashes" of explosions, people running, and have heard the excited voices of news media members who are covering the activities crying, "The United States is under attack! Get to a place of safety! We are truly a nation at war!"

I also heard the "buzzer" that sounds over a radio or TV station when a weather warning is released, and felt that there will additionally be atmospheric emergencies this coming year as well, and that we need to be prepared to respond in the safest way possible. Often the Lord gives warning so that His People will move to safety before His Judgment falls. - Such as with Lot and his wife. If He calls you to do that, don't look back. It sure didn't help Lot's wife to do so.

I also sensed that the "weather warning siren" warns us of stormy times to come economically, and that there is a call to "downsize, simplify, and be wise" in the area of finances.

FROM: "IF We Do, He Will Heal Our LAND!"
- Joni Ames
Jan 27, 2005
After having several dreams about tsunami on our east AND west coast, recent dreams about volcanoes where lava was running down city streets, and visions and sensations of earthquakes, I was surprised when the Lord gave me a different type of open vision and the verse:

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their LAND." I Chron. 7:14 - I saw the word LAND very big and bold.

I said, "Wow, Lord! Do you REALLY mean that you would heal our LAND? - LITERALLY?!" Then I saw, under ground, lava flowing into the cracks of huge earthquake faults, as if it was hot welding material, sealing up the cracks. When that release happened, it then calmed the volcanoes.

I said, "Lord, some may think I'm crazy if I say this!" So then He led me to read this.... "But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. " - Jer 23:22 - That would certainly be my prayer!

So, I don't care what others think - I'm trusting and believing in the Lord. And I'm believing that He was showing me that He actually could and would do what He said - IF we, as a nation, would publicly: (1) Humble ourselves and acknowledge Him, our need for Him, and our trust in Him, (2) Pray to Him, (3) Seek His Face (4) Turn from our wicked ways - meaning repent of and no longer do that which needs repented for.

I believe this is a time of grace - a "grace period" - when the Lord is saying that, as a nation, He is giving us a "space to repent" so that things like what we've seen happen overseas does not happen here. I believe the many hurricanes we had last year were a sign to us as well that our nation is being "blown upon" and called to repentance.

As a nation, some of those things I saw that we were to corporately pray for and repent of (turn from) in this time would be abortion, homosexuality, etc. - And individually, whatever that would also mean for each of us.

The Bible is clear that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God. So this is a call to all of us to participate in whatever way the Lord leads each of us to do so.

The Lord speaks to us as He spoke to Israel:

Jer. 3:19-22:
(19) "...How can I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a beautiful heritage of the hosts of the nations?"..... "You shall call Me, 'My Father' and not turn away from Me." (20) Surely, as a wife treacherously departs from her husband, So have you dealt treacherously with Me..." (21) A voice was heard on the desolate heights, Weeping and supplications of the children of Israel. For they have perverted their way; They have forgotten the Lord their God." (22) "Return, you back-sliding children, And I will heal your backslidings...."

Jer. 4:1-2:
(1) "IF you will return..." says the Lord, Return to ME, and IF you will put away your abominations out of My sight, Then you shall not be moved." (2) And you shall swear, 'The Lord lives,' In truth, in judgment,

and in righteousness; The nations shall bless themselves in Him, And in Him they shall glory."

From: Terror Alert Elevated
- Joni Ames
Apr 25, 2005
Luke 1:25 & 26: (25) "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; (26) men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken."

Luke 1:28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

I believe the Lord has sounded the alarm to let us know that terror is coming forth in many forms in this day and time - through wars, terrorist attacks, grief, fear, economic shortages, diseases, weather, natural disasters, and through a variety of spiritual, emotional, and other distresses. Therefore, we need to be prepared NOW by recalling who He is, and therefore who we are in Him.

From: Re: The Storm, Where I Am, & Some Thoughts & Notes
Jul 10, 2005

"A couple weeks ago when the U.S. Supreme court in DC ruled against the Ten Commandments, I said to my son, "That (and the U.S. stating that Israel needs to give her land up) has just opened this country up to the kind of terrorism that no one can fight back at or stop. Severe Natural Disasters. Watch now for some the worst natural disasters - including storms, earthquakes, fires, tornados and possibly even volcanoes - that this country has ever experienced."

The GOOD NEWS? It's not too late! - Let us be found getting into the Word, prayer, and repentance in these days, and actively pursue the Lord in all our ways.

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Self Deception

Robert I Holmes

What if I told you that you were suffering from a malady, a sickness, a disease of some kind. But it did not show signs, or remarkable symptoms to the sick person. Furthermore, those symptoms were readily visible to anyone else who looked. You'd feel a little queasy, as I did when I first learned the lesson contained in this article.

The issue of self deception is very difficult. People do not know they are suffering from it because they cannot see it in themselves. They are quick to diagnose someone else who is struggling to see clearly, but ourselves? Jesus called this the "log in the eye" syndrome.

Because we are all sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, we have within our human frame a hunger for the fruit they ate. We devour fruit born from the knowledge of good and evil. This fruit bears poor results in our lives. It creates a kind of myopia, a one-eyed-ness. We view the world in a certain way, that shifts values toward us, and blame away from us. "It was the woman you gave me," Adam says, turning the attention to Eve. "Hey, it was the snake!" she says.

We believe we are better than we really are, and others are worse than they really are. Bill Hybels says, "We judge ourselves by our intentions and others by their actions". So true.

An example from real life

Consider a husband and a wife lying in bed with the baby crying. They are both awake, yet both pretending to be asleep. Each one lies there, thinking of a good reason why they should not get up. "Doesn't she know I am tired?" the man says to himself. "I have worked hard all day, she's not even grateful. Lazy girl". She is thinking, "Doesn't he appreciate how much hard work motherhood is? I bet he doesn't think it is even real work! I'm tired, I deserve a break".

This simple example illustrates what the Arbinger Institute has come to call a "self betrayal" - when you do not follow through on your better instincts. As a results, we distort our view or paradigm of life to justify ourselves and condemn others. Anthropologists call it "demonising" others and "angelising" ourselves.

This is the fruit of knowing good and evil. We have knowledge, and we think that by it, we are improved. But we rarely stop to examine our assumptions. Not all knowledge is good knowledge. We think of ourselves as good, and others as evil. It justifies our treatment of them, for they are something less than human. We are starting, ever so gradually to "dehumanize" them.

We call this, self deception. In teams and groups it leads to group deception. This is how Hitler was able to justify destroying the Jews, by making them less than human. This is why the Evangelical Church in Germany let Nazi Imperialism evolve. In fact they called Hitler a messiah! This is why the Afrikaner church largely failed to confront Apartheid, and why the American church is content with capitalism. What we have is better (or best) so we think.

It belongs to me!

I was in a leadership meeting for a local church recently. Each member was asked to be honest about what they saw going on in the church and leadership. Consider this comment, made by one of the ladies there: "It's dysfunctional, but hey, at least it's MY dysfunctional!" Crazy as it sounds, we all laughed, because that's how we feel. "I know it's not working, but at least it belongs to me!" I can just hear Dr Phil McGraw looking into the camera and saying, "So how's that workin' for ya?".

Everyone around you knows it's not working, but they cannot help you. You will not acknowledge your "disease" because of fear, guilt, shame or hurt. Even those who give lip service to the fact that "we are all sinners", are rarely found to be repenting. They see the fault in others, but not themselves. Or if they do repent, they do not go on to bear the fruit of that repentance. Jesus said it's like, "The blind leading the blind" (Matt. 15:14).

Why do you want to stay deceived?

The truth is, you built the world you live in. So why would you complain about it? If you want change. change yourself. But most of us do not change. We cling to our dysfunction. Why would we cling to being "right" or better, when it just isn't working? The answer is simple, yet dreadful. We cling to "it's mine" because of a secondary payoff, or a second class gain.

Consider an example that happens in church after church, and business after business. A man is being raised up in leadership, and decides he will vie for control. The team do not think it's time, and ask him to wait. But the man says, "You don't recognise my gift, I am far better at this than the present leader". So off he goes, taking a handful of people with him. The man is choosing (in many cases) to be the captain of a tug-boat, instead of the second mate on a larger trading vessel. Why? Because of secondary gain. He is willing to suffer one kind of harm, for another kind of (second class) gain.

· Why do abused women stay with their husbands? · Why do children stay with their alcoholic mother? · Why does a sick person not get up for prayer, or to see a doctor?

Because there is a secondary gain.

You're willing to put up with the initial abuse, because of the secondary gain. Things like money, power, sex, finances, pride, prestige. what's the pay off for staying deceived? What's the pay off for leaving things as they are.? Consider the cost though, consider the damage being done to those around you, and to yourself.

An example

I had a friend who trained as a palliative care nurse. Her work involved looking after people who were dieing. Her father was very sick, dying of a disease that could not be cured. Eventually the insurance payments stopped, and her dad's life was threatened. So she built a hospital room in her house, and took care of him herself. This appears noble, and her motives were fine. But somewhere between this fine beginning and the day we met, her motives had changed.

Dad had become the object of her affection, but not because of his position as father. Not even because of his frailty. It turned out, the state paid her quite well to keep him that way. She had every reason to seclude her life and avoid church. It was so bad by the time I got in on the story that she defended her father against "witchcraft" and "speaking negatively" so he would not die. Meanwhile her calling in God was atrophied. The word of the Lord to her was, "Your father is going to die, prepare your heart to go out and minister in My name". Instead of embracing this call, she told us to leave!

The secondary gain was worth it (in her mind), and the cost of obedience was too high. Shortly though, God called her father home, and her little world fell apart. Her finances struggled. Her identity, held so long as primary care giver, was corroded. Her call in God needed a kick-start.

Seeing people as people

I mentioned before that we tend to demonise people, and angelise ourselves when we go ahead and justify our self-betrayals. (When we fail to live up to the expectation of our heart, we betray ourselves).

The answer lies in seeing people as they really are. As people! We need to face our circumstances as they really are, and unmask our choices for what they really hide. Let me ask you,

· Do you see people, or objects? How would you know? · Do you know people's names? · Is there a response inside you which says "I need x from this person."?

My father worked on a Naval ship, which had 350 men serving on it. The Captain could remember every man's name, and even most of their wife's and children's names. That Captain went on to become an Admiral. Why? Because people mattered to him. Many people I talk to say, "I just cannot remember peoples names" as though it were a fault especial to themselves. Here's the wake up call. The University of California produced a study on the human brain, which concluded that the right brain could remember 1 million faces, and the left brain can code four pieces of information against those faces. So what's your excuse?

Getting out of the trap

You can escape self deception in four easy ways:

· The first key is to acknowledge the fact that we are deceived. · The second key is to see people as they really are · The third key is to find out what your secondary gain is · The fourth key is to ask those around you to help you

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Sensitive Walk
Sandy Warner

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SENSITIVE WALK

My beloved one; as gentle and lowly as a doe or a buck… with the softest, most sensitive eyes. I have made you keenly impressionable to what I carry in the wind of My Spirit. You sense things far off, and have been tuned to this sensitivity.

It is very important now that when something comes to deter or intimidate you, that you hold back the urge to run. Do not dart out in front or make any sudden movements. Be still and watch. Sudden alarm is your call to hold back and find your footings in My peace. In quietness and confidence, your shield is raised and camouflage enveloped.

Walk the fine line I have placed before you. Let nothing deter you, let nothing deter you, let nothing deter you from the path I have prepared for you. You are on My path, I have placed My anointing within you and that anointing is keeping you, sustaining you and leading you in the right direction. Only pace yourself in the sensitivity to stop, slow down or move upon what I carry in the wind.

Hab 3:19 KJV
The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet , and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

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Your Way Is Marked
Sandy Warner

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YOUR WAY IS MARKED

I have heard your anxious worries over walking to the tune of My Spirit and walking with others of like minds. I know who and what has been missing in your life, dear one. I understand the pain. You have been sent like a pioneer into non-charted territory and few have walked this way. They have not recognized this great drive that is within you to see what is beyond the next valley. Come walk with Me. Your way is greatly protected and sheltered.

I have given you My Word which you have hidden in your heart. I have covered you and shaded you. Resist carrying too much weight, dear one, for such encumbers your way. Instead, travel light and easy and become so sensitive to My leading that I can lead you with My eye. Look up, change your focus, for it is faith that causes you to rise above all that encumbers you. You belong to Me, My love. I belong to you.

Fear not, for your prepared way has an impenetrable fence against the dogs or wolves who devour and bite. I am taking you cross country and bringing you along the path of laurels, the overcoming ones. Also, you need not fear deception from the wolves, for I have paved the trail before you. Your path is well marked with signs of My Word liberally sprinkled to your right and to your left. I have also sent others before you and they have given much in order to leave a trail trial of bread crumbs and seeds for you, My precious hungry birds.

And even as you have followed the signs and been faithful with what I have given you, you shall be promoted. I will send you into the market place to release My Words to those who are starving and, yes, they will listen. In the past they did not heed My Word and grew hungry while they walked in circles. You are My chosen generation who walked ahead of them. You shall walk out of the wilderness pioneering, leaning upon your Beloved. A great company travels with you and you shall never be alone again.

Song 8:5-7 NKJV
Who is this coming up from the wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth. Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised.
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Wounded Faith
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WOUNDED FAITH

What was My Word? What was absurd?
What did you hear? What did you fear?
What was assured? What was a lure?
What was real? What was surreal?

Sorting life is like cryptograms
Letters move around that are jammed.
Rubik's cubes are hard to solve
One affects another with resolve.

Sometimes it's people, sometimes it's words
Sometimes it's circumstances gone absurd.
Never ending circles up and down
Smiles and laughter turned to a frown.

Sometimes people are hard to fit
One is at peace, the other's in a snit.
Sometimes words make no sense
Until they are washed and recompensed.

No matter what is unsettled this day.
I weave My will in your life to stay.
I make order out of pure chaos
I take the gold and remove the dross.

Give Me your riddled rubik's cube.
Flowing formulas down the tube.
There is a way the pieces fit.
Release to Me and recommit.

My answer is simple, under your nose.
I make manifest and expose.
Lives are coded in DNA.
But passion from vision is here to stay.

Every choice has repercussions
Facing the truth can't be out run.
Independence, pride and control wont work.
Faith, humility and love don't shirk.

Confess, apologize, forgive a lot.
And I will reveal the answers you've sought.
Relationship must be a two way street.
Or all will go down in painful defeat.

Turn your Rubik's cubes round and round.
What was lost, will be found.
Talk to Me and talk to others.
Talk to your family, pray with your brothers.

As you talk and pray about what hasn't worked
Demonic strongholds fall from what did lurk.
The warps in your puzzle will become un-kinked.
Chains will fall and old patterns unlink.

It is not as hopeless as in times past.
From despairing patterns set in dyes cast.
Don't give up or quit or run away.
Talk and pray it out yet another day.

Before you know it, changes will appear
It's not as bad as in the past you feared.
One thing remains and is simple to solve.
My love never quits, My love resolves.

1 Cor 13:11-13 NKJV

When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith , hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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Katrina A Two Edged Sword

There have been many prophetic words regarding the Hurricane Katrina. I have no doubt about the connection between the US State Departments pressure on Israel to vacate (give away) Gaza. This I believe is one of the main reasons that Judgment has been released against the USA; however it is not the only reason.

I was in the USA for 4 weeks in August this year during which time there was an ominous sensing that the US was about to experience another hit, 9/11 was a wake up call but did we wake up?. One year ago when I was America the Lord clearly spoke to me that there had not been enough repentance by the churches (Christians) to avert further Judgment, and I urged the people to keep praying earnestly. It is not over yet. Prayer may have averted greater judgment, it could have been much worse that what New Orleans has experienced. Terrorism still looms as a threat to the Nations of the world especially the USA.

Whatever God does is always redemptive

The nature of God never changes, He is the I *AM Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed*….. God is love and that never changes, everything God does is from the motivation of Love. This must always be our anchor in times of judgment and tragedy. While we mourn the death and destruction that has occurred in New Orleans, we must also see a redemptive purpose in it.

We don't know how many Christians died in New Orleans, but I am very sure that good seed was planted for the resurrection of that City….. *John 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit….*

We know that this city was a centre of witchcraft, occultism, and sexual depravity, We also know that God often uses a specific judgment to deal with more than one issue, killing to birds with one stone as it were. The city of New Orleans is dead, evacuated and cleansed as the water invaded the city, washing away the witchcraft and degradation before resurrecting a New City.

Note this passage of scripture:

> *Revelation 16:17*
> *And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.*
> *18*
> *And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such*

> *as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.*
> *19*
> *And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.*

This earthquake which is yet to happen, leveled all the cities of the world, why? Because God was about to build something far greater! When Jesus returns to set up His Millennium Kingdom in the earth, He first destroys the cities of the world, removing all that is decadent and polluted by sin, before He rebuilds a New World of peace and beauty. That earthquake will be redemptive.
The Sins of New Orleans came up as a stench before the Lord, this combined with the giving away of His land Joel 3:2 created a two fold grievous National iniquity, a catalyst for judgment which God graciously combined into Just one hit on the land.

It is not over yet for the USA, there will be more disasters as God begins to cleanse the Land, but we can rest assured that all this will be redemptive as God conditions cities and regions for great revival. Look up for your redemption draweth nigh: Great sweeping moves of God are coming.

America; God says to you

> *Isaiah 30:18*
> *And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.*
> *19*
> *For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee.*

God Bless you
James N Johnson

Set A Watch

Robert I Holmes

God's judgments are in the earth today. He is auditing every ministry, every church, every leader, every heart, every motive.

In 2003 I was in Oklahoma City. I was taking a shower when the Angel of the Lord visited me. Quite without announcement, he lifted up a sword. He put the cold steel blade tip to my mouth, my heart and my feet. His words stay with me to this day:

· Set a watch over your mouth (Prov. 10:11, 31, 32) · Set a watch over your heart (Prov. 4:23) · Set a watch over your feet (Prov. 4:26)

I was recently speaking at a leadership conference (May 2005) in Canberra with Ray Djan from London. The word of the Lord came to me, reminding me of the Lord's instruction that day. He related it directly to leadership, and our treatment of leaders.

He showed me five relationships, mainly from the life of Moses and Joshua, unscoring personal conduct:

1. Korah and Moses (Num. 16:3). Korah was a leader in Israel. This was a leader who said, "Hey we're all holy, you have taken too much upon yourself" . He was actually quoting the Lord, who had said he was making a royal priesthood, a holy nation. True God wants a priesthood of all believers, but he also sets apart certain men and women as leaders, to go ahead. Korah was swallowed up by the earth. We must be careful, in our zeal for "brotherhood" and equality that we do not overlook the fact that God appoints leaders. We must especially not speak against those leaders!

2. Miriam and Moses (Num. 12:1). Miriam was related by blood to a leader. This was a person from the family, and familiar with the leader. She brought accusation against Moses over his Ethiopian wife. Once again she had "scriptural backing". God had spoken about unholy alliances with foreign nations. But she made a mistake, becoming the judge of her brother, instead of asking God to take care of it. Are we complaining about the personal choices of a leader? We do not know how much they pray, what they do in secret, what their life with God is like. Miriam became leprous - anathema to her people, outcast.

3. Moses and God (Deut. 32:51). God called Moses up the mountain, and told him he was being taken home because he had profaned the Lord before the people. God is dealing with His people, especially his leaders right now. He will call them home if they profane His name. Don't judge the leader yourself! God will be the judge, and if you are a Moses, take care of how you represent the Lord to the people. If he shouts, shout. If He whispers, whisper. If He runs, pursue Him. Is He tarries, wait. This goes hand in glove with the fact that your personal conduct is also being watched - your family, your marriage, your kids.

4. The people and Joshua (Josh 1:18). The people really endorsed Joshua as their leader, they wanted him to run forward. So much so, that they said, "We'll kill anyone who does not obey you". This is a good heart attitude, that we judge one another, and spur one another one, and avoid the Lord having to judge us. We must earnestly contend for the faith.

We often think that the restoration of five fold leadership will result in the Body coming to fullness and revival will break forth. But Paul placed unity of the Spirit before the five fold ministry. He said, "Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). Find unity in the Spirit and make every effort to walk in peace with your brother. The comes the five fold ministry, who work "until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph. 4:13)

5. God and Joshua (Josh 3:7). God said to Joshua, "Be strong and courageous" . Leaders must edify themselves in the Lord, and trust in His calling. Many of our famous fathers are passing away. Moses is dead. Derek Prince is gone. John Wimber has passed into glory. It is time for the sons to rise up. They have been anointed for the work, Moses has passed on the mantle. God Himself will encourage the reticent leader to rise up and march forward.

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Seven Times Chastised

Hollie Moody

(September 22, 2005)

In a vision, I saw a man standing alone with a long pole held in one of his hands. In his other hand, he held a trumpet. The man appeared to be standing upon rock; a firm foundation. The pole had a banner waving from the top of it.

The man took the pole, raised it up high in the air, then slammed it down into the ground upon which he was standing, anchoring the pole into the rock. He then began to blow the trumpet.

The man stayed where he was, upon the rock, with the pole grasped in one of his hands, and the trumpet in his other hand. I then saw young men approaching the man with the pole and the trumpet. The young men were converging upon the man with the pole and the trumpet from every direction. When they reached the man with the pole and the trumpet, they sat at his feet, and he began to speak to them. He was instructing them, exhorting them, admonishing them, encouraging them.

Towards the end of his speaking to the young men, he cried out loudly, "Love the truth! Contend for the faith!"

The young men arose back to their feet and departed from the man who was holding the pole and the trumpet. The young men returned in the same direction from which they had come.

Then, the vision ended. ********** Several days after experiencing this vision, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me and said, "An island will be struck by an east wind."

A few days later, I felt the Spirit of the Lord exclaim to me three times, "Bring them home! Bring them home! Bring them home!" I felt very strongly that those to be brought home, were our troops in Iraq.

I sensed in my spirit that the vision and the two words spoken to me by the Spirit of the Lord were somehow connected, but I didn't know how they were. I began to pray and fast in regard to the vision and the two words from the Lord.

I sought counsel and advice from others. I will include their words here in regard to what an east wind represents/symbolizes. I will also include their names to give them recognition and honor for what they shared with me.

Rayford Strange www.ApostolicLibrary.com

Spiritually speaking, an East wind...the wind from the rising of the Sun, is from the Lord. The East wind has one affect upon the righteous for their benefit and quite the opposite effect upon the wicked. The three Hebrew children enjoyed themselves in the company of an angel while the nearness of the same environment caused the death of those that cast them into it. The East wind blew, separated the waters, effecting deliverance for the people of God, while it brought about the destruction of the army of Pharoah. The East wind blew away the locust into the sea effecting their destruction, which caused the preservation of the grain in the fields.

Maybe I can elaborate more on the East Wind later on, but in short, the East Wind, speaking spiritually, denotes love to the Lord and love toward the neighbor and all that is good. But, as I said above, among the wicked, the same wind has an opposite effect, denoting self love and love for the world. The East Wind speaks of dispersing all that is false (the locusts) and evil. In fact winds of whatever direction speak of spirits that move upon the (spiritual) land. Doctrines are spirits that move upon the spiritual landscape.

In the original language the same word is used for spirits as for winds. They flow in wave upon wave and activate kindred loves and delusions residing within a person. When these spirits are dispersed, the Word speaks of it being done by means of 'a wind', and in fact by 'an east wind'.

A parching East Wind is sent by the Lord off the hot dry desert into Caana to dry the fruit and wither the vine as a judgment upon (the church) Caana. An East wind will also wreck the ships of Tarshish, Psa 48:7. Ephraim feeding upon the wind, following after the East wind speaks of multiplying lies by the understanding. "To feed on wind" is "to multiply a lie;" "and to pursue the east wind" is "to multiply vastation." A state of vastation and temptation is also called "the day of the east wind" in Isa. 27:7, 8.

The East Wind (Verses and thoughts shared with me from: Matthew Burdette)

Gen 41:27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them [are] seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

Exodus 10:13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all [that] night; [and] when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

Job 27:19 The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he [is] not. Job 27:20 Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. Job 27:21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and as a storm hurleth him out of his place. Job 27:22 For [God] shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand.

Jer 18:17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will shew them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

Jonah 4:8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, [It is] better for me to die than to live.

Sis,As far as I understand it scripturally, the East Wind always refers to Gods judgment. I have to agree with Bro Strange that the East wind has a different effect on the saint than it does on the sinner. The East Wind upon a saint will cause him to seek God for greater grace. It will bring him to a humbled state before his God. Within the East Wind, he will find that he is not destroyed, but sustained in it. The East Wind upon the sinner will cause him to curse God, and blaspheme the Name of the Most High. We will see this more and more as times continue. The sinner will become more and more hardened to the promptings of God for repentance. Instead of judgment bringing him down to a humbled state, it will harden him more and more against God. This is shown in Rev ch 9 and ch 16.

********** (A statement I received from a brother I know only as: "Essaias.")

The east wind was an "evil" because it blew out of the Arabian Desert, and was hot, dry, and blighting.

There is a lot of hot air blowing in the religious world these days, and it is dry as a bone and blighting the spirits of millions.

(I received the following from a brother called Michael Blume.) http://mikeblume.com http://thegodsearch.com

I saw a correlation between the FOUR WINDS in Matthew 24:31 and Zech 6.

Mat 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Quote: Zec 6:1-6 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. (2) In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; (3) And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. (4) Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? (5) And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. (6) The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country.

A good marginal reference Bible will tell you the FOUR SPIRITS is the same thing as THE FOUR WINDS.

Quote: spirits: or, winds

And notice the four horses here are paralleling those of Rev 6. And if they are the FOUR WINDS, is it more than coincidental that after Rev 6 lists the four horses (winds) and the other seals, that Rev 7 says FOUR WINDS as well?

Quote: Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

These explanations of the symbolic meaning of the "East Wind" helped to bring much clarity to my questions. Yet, I was still left wondering what the "island" was that had been spoken to me by the Spirit of the Lord. I went back and reread the entire post Bro. Rayford Strange had sent to me. And found my answer. He said:

"Here is an example of what you see:

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...

God speaks by things that are seen. We must learn to discern His language. Otherwise, we are without excuse. "

And there was my answer. The "island," is America.

At the end of Bro. Strange's letter to me, he shared the following (this was shared with me on September 13, 2005):

"Now, with that being said, the other night as I was praying and meditating, I saw a sword laid across America. The point of the sword reached beyond the West Coast. The blade laid across the landscape while the hilt was off the East Coast. I then heard these words, "America is appointed to the sword."

Let us pray for America, remembering to ask God to spare the righteous for whatever impending calamity that might be ahead of us." ********** As I continued to pray and fast about how all of this fit together, Leviticus 26 was laid on my heart.

Leviticus 26:18, 21, 23-24, 27-28 ~~ "{18} And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. {21} And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. {23} And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; {24} Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins. {27} And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; {28} Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins."

After receiving the burden of Leviticus 26, the Lord freely began to speak to me. His Spirit spoke to me of the logically steady progression of chastisements He has allowed to be sent against America. These chastisements have already fallen upon: areas of tourism and places/cities of witchcraft and demonic activity.

(Please note: When we read in the Word of God when God's chastisement and/or judgments fell upon certain cities/nations, the surrounding areas were also affected by this chastisement/judgment. Areas/cities surrounding areas of chastisement in America have also been affected by these chastisements.)

The Lord impressed upon my heart that the following areas/centers will also be coming under the chastisement of the Lord: oil and money, entertainment and homosexuality (area impressed upon my heart was: from Hollywood to San Francisco), education, religion, and the government. These equal seven areas of chastisement.

This brought back to my mind the vision of the man holding a pole in one hand and a trumpet in his other hand. The pole represents a standard, a criterion of excellence. A trumpet was used in the Word of God to signalize God's presence as well as prophetic events, to gather the nation together, and to alert against an enemy.

The Lord would have us to stand firm upon the Rock, which is Christ/Truth. God would have us to be a voice to those around us to warn of His impending chastisements and to turn the sinner from the error of his ways.

The Lord will have those who know Him to have peace in their hearts.

Psalm 29:11 ~~ "The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace."

John 14:27 ~~ "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

There will be places/cities of refuge that the Lord will provide for the safety of those who hear His warnings and flee from the coming chastisements.

There was also a warning from the Lord given unto me for the prophets:

"They <the prophets> are giving little to no warnings to My people for they <the prophets> are lazy and undisciplined. If they <the prophets> will humble themselves, pray and seek My face, My voice will clearly be heard, and warning will be given in advance of an impending chastisement. I will hold them <the prophets> responsible for not giving warning in advance."

******* Jer. 51:11-12, 27 ~~ "{11} Make bright the arrows; gather the shields: the Lord hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes: for his device is against Babylon, to destroy it; because it is the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance of his temple {12} Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon. {27} Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ar-a-rat, Min-ni, and Ash-che-naz; appoint a captain against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars." ******* In Him, ~~ Hollie L. Moody

Set Free By Truth

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Come walk with Me, My beloved, for I want to talk to you face to face explaining to you what is upon My heart for this season of time. For I have a burden upon My heart that My people have not been able to bear up to this point, but I am willing to prepare hearts, to enlarge them to carry this capacity, to fill them to overflowing with My compassion. For My faith moves through the gift of compassion enabling mighty healings to take place.

Are you willing to bear down to birth forth healing in behalf of others who are struggling so? For this is the time and the hour where I will prepare My bride to do mighty works for I said you would do greater works that even I because I have gone to the Father. And you are My body and I have a mission to do through you in a mighty capacity, and that is why I need you to be whole, healthy, and of a sound mind, full of My joy which is your strength.

So if you are ready to stand in the gap in behalf of My mighty army of overcomers who have been held bound by many infirmities of the mind and body, reach out and touch the hem of My garment, and bear down and birth forth healings in the spirit realm. For these people need you to stand in the gap that they might be set free to do the work I've called them to do.

Yes, this is the time and the hour to travail and to worship at My feet, and I will stretch your capacity to receive My burden and My love. For I have a large heart for you, full of grace and truth, and I want to pour out upon you My fresh manna to be able to feed others that they may be made strong once again. For My body has not been fed the nutrients that they need and have been made sick by the complacency and deception of those in leadership. Many don't seek Me for My word for the hour to feed My sheep. Therefore, they are being led astray by every wind and doctrine.

My body is truly hungry for truth. But who will bow down at My feet to receive it? Yes, I AM looking to see My bride made whole once again walking in My light, casting down strongholds and every high tower built up by the enemy. Yes, this is the day to be made free and to rejoice. For only My truth will set you free!

http://www.ourchurch.com/member/r/RainNglory - to read my book We Need To Start Somewhere

Seek First The Righteousness Of God

Terry Suggs

The Word of God says that we are made righteous or put into right standing with God through Christ.
Galatians 3:26
For in Christ, you are all sons of God through faith.
Galatians 3:10-13
And all who depend on the Law (who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide (live and remain) by all the precepts an commands written in the Book of the Law an to practice them.
Now it is evident that no person is justified (declared righteous and brought into right standing with God) through the Law, for the Scripture says, The man in right standing with God (the just and the righteous) shall live by and out of faith and he who through and by faith is declared righteous and in right standing with God shall live.
But the law does not rest on faith (does not require faith, has nothing to do with faith), for it itself says, He who does them (the things prescribed by Law) shall live by them (not by faith).
Christ purchased our freedom (redeeming us) from the curse (doom) of the Law (and its condemnation) by Himself becoming a curse for us, for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified)
Galatians 5:1
In this freedom Christ has made us free (and completely liberated us); stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery (which you have once put off.
Ephesians 2:1-2, 5-9 18-19
And you (He made alive), when you were dead (slain) by (your) trespasses and sins, in which at one time you walked (habitually). You were following the course of this world (were under the sway of the tendency of this present age), following the prince of the power of the air. (You were obedient to and under the control of) the (demon) spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience (the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God.
Even when we were dead (slain) by (our own) shortcomings and trespasses, **He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ, (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).**
And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in (His) kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation through (your) faith. And this (salvation) is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving, but it is the gift of God.
Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take

glory to himself).
For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now we have an introduction (access) by one (Holy) Spirit to the Father (so that we are able to approach Him).
Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's (Own) household.
We are reconciled-
Rom. 5:8-10
But God shows and clearly proves His (Own) love for us by the fact that while were still sinners, Christ the Messiah, the Anointed One died for us.
Therefore, since we are now justified (acquitted, made righteous, ransomed, redeemed, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood, how much more (certain is it) that we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God.
For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more (certain), now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His (resurrection) life.
Psalm 103:12
As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.
II Corinthians 5:18-21
But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself (received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself) and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation (that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him).
It was God (personally present) in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against (men) their trespasses (but canceling them) committing to us the message of reconciliation (of restoration to favor).
So we are Christ's ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We (as Christ's personal representatives) beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor (now offered you) and be reconciled to God.
For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness).

We are justified-
Romans 3:21-28
But now the righteousness of God has been revealed independently and altogether apart from the Law, although actually it is attested by the Law and the Prophets
Namely, the righteousness of God which comes by believing with personal trust and confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the messiah). And it is meant for all who believe. For there is no distinction,
Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives.
All are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is provided in Christ Jesus,
Whom God put forward (before the eyes of all) as a mercy seat propitiation by His blood,the cleansing and life-giving sacrifice of atonement and reconciliation, to be received through faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He has passed over and ignored former sins without punishment.
It was meant to demonstrate and prove at the present time (in the now season) that He Himself is righteous and that He justifies and accepts as righteous him who has true faith in Jesus.
Then what becomes of our pride and our boasting? It is excluded (banished, ruled out

entirely). On what principle) of doing good deeds? No, but on the principle of faith.
For we hold that a man is justified and made upright by faith independent of and distinctly apart from good deeds (works of the Law). The observance of the Law has nothing to do with justification.

We are redeemed-

I Peter 1:18-19, 23

You must know (recognize) that you were redeemed (ransomed) from the useless (fruitless) way of living inherited by tradition from (your) forefathers, not with corruptible things such as silver or gold,
But you were purchased with the precious blood of Christ (the Messiah), like that of a sacrificial lamb without blemish or spot.
You have been re-gene-rated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word Of God.

We are Ransomed-

I Timothy 2:5-6

For there is only one God, and only one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.
Who gave Himself as a ransom for all people, a fact that was attested to at the right and proper time.

We have been transferred out of the kingdom of darkness-

Colossians 1:13-14,22

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.
In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, which means the forgiveness of our sins.
Yet now has Christ the Messiah reconciled you to God In the body of His flesh through death, In order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father’s presence).

We are made righteous-

Romans 5:19

For if because of one man’s trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive (God’s) overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness (putting them into right standing with Himself) reign as Kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

We have all grace given to us

II Corinthians 9:8-9

And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient (possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation).
As it is written, He (the benevolent person) scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever!

We have power-

Luke 10:17-19, 23

The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name (authority)!
And He said to them, I beheld Satan falling like a lightning (flash) from heaven.
Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and physical and mental strength and ability over all the power that the enemy possesses; and nothing shall in any way harm you.
Blessed and happy to be envied are those whose eyes see what you see!

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria
And to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

We are accepted-

Ephesians 1:6-7

So that we might be to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses) in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved delivered from judgment, and made partakers of Christ's Salvation through your faith. And this salvation is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving, but it is the gift of God.

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possible do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself).

We have abundant life-

John 10:10

The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows.

Titus 3:3-7

For we also were once thoughtless and senseless, obstinate and disobedient, deluded and misled; (we too were once) slaves to all sorts of pleasures, wasting our days in malice and jealousy and envy, hateful (hated, detestable) and hating one another.

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior to man (as man) appeared,

He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His Own pity and mercy, by t(the) cleansing (bath) of the new birth (regeneration) an renewing of the Holy Spirit, Which He poured out (so) richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

And He did it in order that we might be justified by His grace (by His favor, wholly undeserved), that we might be acknowledged and counted as conformed to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action), and that we might become heirs of eternal life according to our hope.

We are made holy-

Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14, 17

And in accordance with this will of God, we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).

Whereas this One (Christ), after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins (that shall avail) for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.

For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.

We are made full-

John 1:16

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were al supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift (heaped) upon gift.

Ephesians 2:22

In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

The Life of God in Us only comes through the Holy Spirit in our spirit. The Spirit is the only life we really have. The Spirit quickens the flesh.

Romans 8:9,11-12, 14

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if th Holy Spirit of God (really) dwells within you directs and controls you). But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of GOD.

And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life will also restore to life your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.

So then, brethren, we are debtors, but not to the flesh (we are not obligated to our carnal nature), to live (a life ruled by the standards set up by the dictates) of the flesh.

For all Who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the Universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised through-out the church).

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything every where, with Himself.

Colossians 2:9

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the God-Head-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

We are seated with Christ in heavenly places. We have been given joint seating as joint heirs with Him.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you have been raised with Christ to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the rich and eternal treasures that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things not on the things that are on the earth.

For as far as this world is concerned you have died and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God,

When Christ, Who is our life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in (the splendor of His) glory.

Acts 17:28

For in Him we live move and have our being; as even some of your (own) poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ (In Him I have shared His crucifixion); it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) (the faithfulness of) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

We are made free-

Ephesians 2:8

For if is by free grace (God’s unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation) through (your) faith. And this salvation is not of your own doing, it came not through you own striving0, but it is the gift of God…

Galatians 5:1, 13, 18

In this freedom Christ has made us free and completely liberated us; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery, which you have put off.

For you brethren were indeed called to freedom; only do not let your freedom be an incentive to your flesh and an opportunity or excuse (for selfishness), but through love you should serve one another.

But if you are guided (led) by the (Holy) Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.

II Corinthians 3:17-18

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom).

And all of us, as with unveiled faces, (because we) continued to behold (in the Word of God as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very Own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; (for this comes) from the Lord (Who is) the Spirit.

II Corinthians 4:4,7

For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers minds that they should discern the truth, preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image and Likeness of God.

However, we possess this precious treasure (the divine Light of the Gospel) in frail, human vessels of earth that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.

I Peter 2:16

Live as free people, yet without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but live at all times as servant of God.

We have been made whole-

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement (needful to obtain) peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes (that wounded) Him we are made whole.

Acts 9:33-34

There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedfast for eight years and was paralyzed.

And Peter said to Him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ (the Messiah) now makes you whole. Get up and make your bed! And immediately (Aeneas) stood up.

We are sealed by God-

II Corinthians 1:22

He has also appropriated and acknowledged us as His by putting His seal upon us and giving us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee of the fulfillment of His promise.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth , the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God (do not offend or vex or sadden Him), by Whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God’s Own, secured) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin).

We are one with Christ-

Philippians 2:13

For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you (energizing and creating in you the power and desire) both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

I Corinthians 1:8-9

And He will establish you to the end (keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be guiltless an irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Corinthians 6:17

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

Romans 8:16-17

The spirit Himself thus testifies together with our own spirit assuring us that we are children of God.

And if we are His children , then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and joint heirs with (fellow heirs) with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

We are thought of by God-

Psalms 139:16-18

Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book all the days of my life were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.

How precious and weighty also are your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

If I could count them, they would be more in number than the sand.

Philemon 6
And I pray that the participation in and sharing of your faith may produce and promote full recognition and appreciation and understanding and precise knowledge of every good thing that is ours in (our identification with) Christ Jesus (and unto His glory).
This is life in God Himself. This message is to show the life that we have is the very Spirit of Christ working in our spirit. Everything that comes into manifestation like healing, miracles, forth telling the future and any supernatural thing that happens is through the Holy Spirit in us. Jesus said My Words are Spirit and they are life.
There is much more but this is a brief look at who we are and what we have in Christ.
We are the light of the world.
Had the rulers of this world known that Jesus crucifixion would only multiply Him, they would not have crucified Him.
Isaiah 41:10-13
1 Corinthians 2:8, 10-114

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Shout Grace

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We sing *Amazing Grace*, but I don't think we realize how amazing grace actually is. Grace is God's power, motivated by His mercy, working to fulfill His compassion.

We are saved by grace, but what culminates in a "day of salvation" experience is actually months and even years of God quietly, yet powerfully, working in our hearts. Recall: Jesus said, **"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (John 6:44a)**. Do you remember that drawing power? Before we knew God, divine power was working invisibly within our hearts, drawing and wooing us to Christ.

Yet let me take this miracle of grace further, for after Jesus spoke of the Father's drawing power, He then said, **"and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44b)**. This is the power and commitment of our Father's love: from the days of our sin and rebellion even to the days long after we die, grace continues working to unite our hearts with God's. From our utterly helpless beginnings to our utterly helpless end, from being dead in sin to being dead in the grave, grace carries us to the arms of God.

Unlocking the Power of Grace

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in order that, in the ages to come, He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:4-8

Paul says that grace saved us "through faith." Faith unlocks the power of grace and releases it to function in our world -- and faith itself is another gift of God. The difference between both gifts is that the grace-gift must be activated by the faith-gift. We must believe that God is "rich in mercy." We must *accept as true* that God loves us with "great love." We must *not doubt* He atoned for "our transgressions." We must be *confident* we are "alive together with Christ."

Grace works through faith. Believing the words of grace unlocks the power of grace; the power of grace to fully transform us comes through faith. As it is written, **"For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace" (John 1:16)**. The true stride of a Christian's walk is "grace upon grace." The same grace that turned our hearts toward Christ continues to work in us, transforming even our sufferings and trials into virtue and power.

Are you in a battle? Are you struggling with finances, health, righteousness, or relationships? Your grace-miracle has already been created. But you must believe that not only has God created a grace-provision for you, but Christ is *motivated* by love and actually *desires* to show you favor.

You may feel like a loser, a sinner, a person others routinely reject -- and perhaps you are! The purpose of redemption was so that, in the ages to come, God might display through us "the surpassing riches of His grace." You may be poor in this world, but you can become rich in the transforming grace of God. Believe Him. A day will come in the future world of God when He will point to you and I, once fallen and depraved, filthy and isolated creatures, and display us before heaven and earth as radiant, transformed beings -- a glory to His workmanship and love. And it will come to pass because we believed in the grace of God to change us.

Who cares what other people think of you? God says He loves you! Indeed, His grace is working to set you free. God knows you have been struggling with desperate issues; that's one reason why He has inspired this message. His grace is reaching to you to deliver you. The means to your victory is not more prayer or more Bible study, but faith-activated grace. Of course, I strongly believe in both prayer and study, but the power to release each of us is a free gift of grace. Don't postpone your breakthrough. Believe that God's grace is here to release you!

What We Cannot Do On Our Own

We've been taught that grace is God's unmerited favor which, of course, it is. Yet unmerited favor is only one aspect of grace. *In reality, grace is God's promise to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves.*

The Bible says that **"Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness" (Romans 4:3)**. It doesn't mean that Abraham believed there was a God. No. Demons believe in one God and tremble! When Abraham "believed God" it meant that he believed what God had promised would come to pass. *God promised to do for Abraham what Abraham and Sarah could not fulfill on their own.* The Lord had promised Abraham he'd be a father of many nations. This is the glory of God's grace: it accomplishes what is otherwise impossible for us. You see, grace not only chooses me, saves me eternally, and blankets my life with mercy, but grace also works in me realities unattainable without divine help.

Consider Zechariah and the story about Zerubbabel, who was governor of Israel. The Jews had been held in Babylonian captivity for 70 years. Now, they were being restored to Jerusalem. It was Zerubbabel's task to oversee the restoration of the city. In the struggle of the battle, weariness settled on the governor. So, the Lord gave Zechariah a promise for Zerubbabel. He said,
"'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts." Zechariah 4:6
God was saying, in effect, "You have labored, your enemies are many and they are strong, but this work I've set before you isn't about your abilities; it's about what I can do working through you." Likewise, our salvation isn't about our works or power. It's about believing in the Holy Spirit's power and the grace of God. Then the Lord gave Zerubbabel an important word. He said,
"What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'" Zechariah 4:7
Zerubbabel had mountains in his life that were too much for him. He had a task that was beyond his abilities. Yet God promised His Spirit would help and, when it was done, multitudes would be shouting "Grace, grace!" at the finished work.

Listen, my friends, don't run from the mountains in your life, face them with faith -- and then shout "Grace, grace!" to them. Let God make your mountains into "a plain."

Let's not mutter an unbelieving whisper about grace, but shout it out loud. It doesn't say, "think about grace," but release your faith and shout "Grace, grace!" God's unmerited favor has been poured out upon you; now speak to that mountain of discouragement, sickness, or financial need -- GRACE, GRACE!

Blessed God, You have drawn me to Yourself and have sheltered my life in the impenetrable stronghold of Your grace. Forgive me for drifting back into trusting in my works or abilities. Lord, I believe in Your grace! I shout "Grace, grace!" to the mountains that stand before me! In Jesus' name!

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Discerning the Shadows

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Consider the following scene. There is a large room with several people seated in various places. A door to the outside is open and someone very important is approaching, about to enter through the door. He casts a shadow ahead of him that can be seen on the floor of the room. There are some that can see the shadow very clearly because of where they are sitting. Others can hear the voice and footsteps of the person when it's not too noisy in the room. Still others can sometimes get a glimpse of him in a mirror or through a window. Each of these people can tell something about the person coming and about how close he is to the door. The closer he gets, the more those in the room can tell about him. They are able to pass along some of their information to others in the room at times. Some can tell what they hear, some can tell what they see and some can tell what they have learned by studying the shadow. However communication is very poor due to disorder and conflict between the people inside. Some are expecting the arrival of the person, others will be extremely surprised. Once he enters the room their knowledge of him will begin to increase dramatically and soon will be far more complete and accurate.
This is a picture of the Church today. She is about to receive a visit from the Lord. His prophets know he is coming, in a spiritual sense first, others only look forward to His physical return, still others aren't expecting Him very soon, if at all.
This is not a visitation like past visitations. It is more than just a visit. He is coming to stay. He is not coming as a guest to spend a short time. He is coming as the Head of the church, to take up permanent residence. **He is coming to take over.**

His prophets know he is coming.
Those who can hear His voice and footsteps are those who prophesy the words he gives them.
Those who catch occasional glimpses of Him are those who relate their visions.
Those who see the outlines of His shadow are those who are prophetic teachers.
The shadows are the prophetic types and shadows found in the bible.
*"Let no man judge you in meat or in drink or in respect of an holy day or of the new moon or of the sabbath which are a **shadow of things to come**; but the body is of Christ."* Col. 2:16 Note that the last clause of this verse could be translated 'and the body of Christ' So this verse speaks of things in the bible which are **shadows of things to come and the body of Christ** [the Church]
Their meaning is imparted to the prophet by revelation. So that to discern the shadows is to understand the bible and what it says about the return of the Lord.
The closer he gets, the more those in the room can tell about him. This means you can see His shadow more clearly. We know that 'the books [of the bible] are sealed till the time of the end'; so when their meaning is revealed we know the time of the end has come.

The Lord gave me this illustration of the people in the room to show how He speaks to His people. And so I would understand that I was one of those who discern the shadows.
That is there are three kinds of prophets, the **hearers**, the **seers**, and the **teachers**.
It wasn't till later that I found that this verse in Hosea says practically the same thing. "I have also spoken by the **prophets**, and I have multiplied **visions**, and used **similitudes** [types and shadows], by the ministry of the prophets." (Hosea 12:10)

Once He enters the room their knowledge will become far more complete and accurate.
"For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." (1 Corinthians 13:9-10)
This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

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“I am your Safe Harbor in the storms of life! It is only IN ME, that you will be safe and secure. When Egypt was destroying the children of Israel, I raised up midwives who would not bow their knee to tyranny and it will be the same in this age ! The midwives are the prophets, and I will raise up prophets now, who will speak truth to he people, and who will DEFY the ungodly authority in the lands of the earth.

“Who will rise up for Me against the evil doers?” I have said in the past.
Who will advance the Kingdom despite opposition?
Indeed the wicked grow strong with plenty to feed them, but when the enemy comes in like a flood, the LORD will raise up a standard against him I’ve said ! I’ve told you that it is YOU that will be the standard ! It is YOU that I will cleanse and empower and use to bring down the kingdom of darkness arising in the earth. With each martyr that dies will I raise up thousands more who will believe !

Remember that I said, I did not come to bring peace but a SWORD.
Do not be ignorant My beloveds of the things that are coming on the earth.
I have had it all written down so study it and know that I am revealing. I am revealing the secrets of what has been written down for centuries. It is a time of release and a new age of REVELATION - A new age of LIGHT and REFORMATION ! I will increase My light within you and it will repel the darkness in others. It will repel those who are contrary to the gospel !
John 1:4-5 NKJV
4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Darkness cannot comprehend LIGHT. The light shines in the darkness and illuminates what is hidden. Therefore many will reject the light that is in you, because they love the darkness rather than the light. Whereas many who seem unworthy and hopeless, will receive by the great grace I will pour out, deliverance enough to make an informed choice. I will pour out glory and bring healing and deliverance to the captives so that their eyes may be opened and their hearts changed from stone to flesh. THEN they will be able to receive truth, as the darkness has been eradicated.”

[I saw an arm on a handle that was turning a crank….like the old cars you had to crank up to get them going.]

Then He said, “I am going to remove all that would keep you from being able to be ‘revved up’ for ME. I will pour out the Spirit of Might and you will be empowered to reach out and to testify, to deliver and to heal ! I will use you to subdue the enemy in the lives of others and in cities and nations ! I will pour out My Spirit in ways you cannot conceive of even now ! Am I limited in how I can do anything ? AM I NOT GOD ALMIGHTY, the CREATOR of heaven and earth ? Surely nothing is impossible with Me.

I have something to tell you about your family, those who have resisted bowing their knee to Me, will soon be apprehended. Do not give up on them.
Do not give up on what seems impossible. Although many will not bend, many will bend to ME. And I know who they are. I will give you revelation and help you in prayer to be effective in how you pray for them if you just ask Me.
I know the deep seated doubts and fears. I know the rationalizations they have believed. And I will

break down every argument. Walk in FAITH and CONFIDENCE that I am ABLE to do abundantly more than you can think or ask. WORSHIP ME in the beauty of holiness and WATCH what I will do !
I will move as you walk in FAITH without doubt ! Hold on to your confidence and do not allow doubt to take hold !

I also said " a little child shall lead them" and NOW there will be release to your children of dreams and visions, callings and a measure of revelation that has been unheard of in days past for I AM RESTORING all that the canker worm has eaten. I am RESTORING all that the palmer worm has stolen !
I WILL HAVE A GLORIOUS BRIDE ! Draw near to ME, and I will draw near to YOU !"

Matt 23:29-36 NKJV
29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.'
31 "Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. 33 Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? 34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, 35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

Eph 2:19-22 NKJV Christ Our Cornerstone
Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Revved
Inflected Form(s): **revved**; **rev·ving**
transitive senses
1 a : to step up the number of revolutions per minute of -- often used with *up* <*rev* up the engine> **b : INCREASE** -- used with *up* <*rev* up production>
2 : to drive or operate especially at high speed -- often used with *up*
3 : to make more active or effective -- used with *up*
4 : to stir up **: EXCITE** -- usually used with *up*
intransitive senses
1 : to operate at an increased speed of revolution -- usually used with *up*
2 : to increase in amount or activity -- used with *up*

Shards Of Pottery

Judy Curmi

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A San Francisco, California federal court judge today ruled the US Pledge of Allegiance was illegal to say in public schools, because children were coerced into affirming "God". This evening I received the following message.

When you least expect it, then I will come. When you least expect it everything will utterly fall apart, stricken with a catastrophic terminal illness. Your planet is very ill, but few have paid attention. Mankind is also very ill, but few have noticed that either.

From the bottom to the top corruption reigns. The form still stands, but it is like a piece of rusted iron. All it will take is one more good hit and the structure will buckle and crumble. As a piece of rusted metal crumbles into little pieces, so will be the crumbling of the system that man has set up for buying, selling and bypassing me completely.

I warned you how I could take a piece of pottery and break it so that even the shards could not hold water. So it shall be again.

Isa. 30:8-15 Now go, write before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for a time to come forever and ever; That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the word of the Lord; Who say to the seers, "Do not see," and to the prophets, "Do not prophesy to us right things; Speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way. Turn aside from the path. Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us."

Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel:

Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them, Therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, A bulge in a high wall whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. And he shall break it like the breaking of a potter's vessel, which is broken in pieces; he shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments a shard to take fire from the hearth or to take water from the cistern.

For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quiet and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not. [*NKJ*]

You have spurned my Love and denounced my Name because it "offends" you. So be it. The fruit is wholly ripe. All of the pieces are in place for a shaking such as man has never seen before. You may denounce me, but you can not make me go away, because the Great I AM created YOU – not the other way around.

To my remnant I would say, Stand Firm. Stand tall. Do not be dissuaded by the sights and sounds around you. Do not be undone by the wailing, but persevere in seeking and following after me. I am about to expose my heart to you and you will be undone with love for me.

This is a Love I have offered to each and every person, but few have cared to acknowledge or even show an interest. They were too busy or had other interests that attracted and held their attention. That is – they had other gods that they preferred more than me.

WOE to mankind.

WOE to the sinful cities.

WOE to the rebellious nations.

You think you have been so clever as you raged and railed against me. You made up figures and other gods whom you could worship that pleased you more.

The End is the End. You are walking into it with eyes wide open, but acting like sleep walkers. This was by your choice, not mine.

My remnant: Get ready for the dawn. Get ready for the light. To the rest I say, Get ready for the darkness. You have pulled it around you like a cloak, but you will find that you are totally entangled by it and can not get out.

As a spider spins his web, so Satan has been spinning his plans for man’s total destruction. As dew drops on a spider’s web sparkle and entangle the prey, so has it been with you, Oh man. You will be as thoroughly entangled with your rebellion as a fly is caught in a spider’s web. No matter how much it buzzes or how much noise it makes, it can not get free.

The division of the light and the darkness has begun. The division of good and evil has begun and each will be clearly seen. Clearly – this is the time one needs to be on the winning team. Will you root for the "home team" or will you root for the kingdom of God?

As the earth shivers and quakes much evil will be expelled. Much more will be uncovered and brought to the light. Do not be deceived. Do not be dismayed. All is in perfect order for the triumphant return of my Son. The course has been set and all the actors are in their places. Did you know that the curtain has already gone up on the last act…or were you so busy that you even missed that?

Daddy

Spiritual Hurricane Coming To Liverpool

Musa Opiyo

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I simply heard the Lord say "A spiritual hurricane is going to hit Liverpool beginning 2006"

He then opened up a vision to me where he showed me Liverpool. I was not sure what time it was, all I can say was that it was in the dead of night. Everything was silent and nothing was moving, yet there was a something stirring in the heavenlies. There was a sense of anticipation in the air of something coming. There was a strong sense that the demonic principalities in and around Liverpool were growing restless because of this.

The Lord then said " I have issued an eviction order to all principalities, demonic powers and rulers of the high places. It's time to go!"

An Angel appeared in the sky flying over Liverpool and began blowing a shofar, first a long drawn out sound, followed by short bursts of it. I then saw demonic spirits in the form of bats taking to the sky trying to escape from something, but this was not fast enough to outrun the wind that was coming from the sea. Soon more hurricane type winds blew and rain followed. All over the city more bats and other dark creatures began to take to the sky and soon were caught up in the wind which began to blow them away. Then the winds and rain began to beat on some of the houses and structures and completely flatten them to the ground.

As this was happening, I noticed something strange. When the wind tore down some houses, I could see families inside them kneeling down and praying. The wind and rain did not seem to affect them, it was as if there was something protecting them from it.

ARISE AND SHINE

Then the Lord spoke..

"Arise, shine for My light has come, and My glory shall surely rise upon you. I have heard the prayers of My faithful people that have risen up to Me from this city. Yes, even the prayers of the little children have come up to Me in faith that I would change their schools. Have I not heard the prayers of these little ones? Have I not come to displace the enemy around you? Do not remain silent. Yes you will see a change and a shift in the spiritual atmosphere beginning 2006, yet do not remain complacent. Do not relent in your prayers and in your prophesy until the enemy is consumed. Did I not say that life and death is in the power of the tongue?

As My young people in Liverpool open their mouths, I am going to use them to prophesy spiritual renewal and awakening. Signs and wonders shall surely follow their words. I am going to equip My people with prophetic prayers of authority that will bring righteous alignment to the city. Arise and shine Liverpool. I am bringing you out of a place of insignificance. People will flock to you to see and take back with them the fire that I shall place in your midst. Arise out of your hiding and come to the dawn of a new day"

I then saw the praying families glowing with the glory of God, which radiated out from where they were and out into the whole of Liverpool

MERSEYSIDE SHALL BE KNOWN AS 'MERCY SIDE'

The Lord reminded me of how the family of Antony Walker, the recently murdered black teenager, on TV offered their forgiveness to his killers despite the trauma they experienced.

The Lord then said "What this family did is but a prophetic act of what
I
a going to do not only in Liverpool, but in Merseyside". He then showed me a plane flying over the city and region with a banner attached to it which had Psalm 136:1 "For the Lord is good, and his mercy endures forever"

He then went on to say "Merseyside shall be known as Mercy Side. For there are many voices that have cried judgment upon this city, yes as it was in Abrahams day, I have found a faithful few who are willing to stand in the gap for the many. There is a special anointing of grace and mercy upon this region"

Blessings,
Musa Opiyo.

Shattered Dreams
Larry Crabb

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What is the Real Christian Life really like? This is one of the best descriptions of the "real" Christian life, I've ever read. If you believe that Christianity is a ticket to the trouble free life . . . read no further.

God's goal for humans is different from ours. The author uses the Book of Ruth to make his point about God's goals. He asks, "What does it mean to hope in God as we continue to live in a world where good dreams shatter and God seems to do nothing about it?" The answer requires a change in the way we naturally look at life. It demands a revolution in our understanding of why we're alive at all - of why God keeps us living in this world for so long before He takes us to heaven. The problem sincere Christians have with God often comes down to a wrong understanding of what life is meant to provide.

God's Idea vs. Our Idea

God's idea is to move us through a cycle from happiness through despair to joy. Then, since joy is never fully settled, the cycle repeats itself. This happiness-to-despair cycle is familiar to every honest person who sincerely tries to follow this crazy, narrow, pothole-ridden path called the Christian life. But it's not our idea of life.

Our idea is that God will keep the good times rolling. When we signed onto the Christian life, that's what we thought was the deal. We do what we're told, and God stacks presents under the tree. But God knows that happy people do not live well. That's why happiness, the pleasant feelings that pleasant circumstances generate, must be taken away in order to be replaced by joy.

Enjoy- if that is the right word.

Shattered dreams are the prelude to joy. Always. What a tragedy when people deaden their souls to the pain that eliminates happiness and, as a result, they never discover their desire for God. Desperate people discover that desire. Happy people never do.

It comes down to this: God's best is available only to those who sacrifice, or who are willing to sacrifice, the merely good. If we are satisfied with good health, responsible children, enjoyable marriages, close friendships, interesting jobs, and successful ministries, we will never hunger for God's best. We will never worship. I've come to believe that only broken people truly worship. Unbroken people - happy folks who enjoy their blessings more than the Blesser, say thanks to God the way a shopper thanks a clerk.

When dreams shatter, we long to experience God's nearness in a way that dries our tears. Instead, deeper tears are released. "Tears have become my deepest form of worship," says Jim. A profound encounter with pain brings us to a choice. Either we change - or we sink. Either we accept that life is not all about us and how we feel and what happens here - or we push back the pain by settling for lesser goals. God is taking away good food to make us hungry for better fare.

Example: C.S. Lewis, after his wife died, found heaven's door shut. He discovered his desire for God, but not God Himself. It's at that point we either dismiss God, and live to satisfy all kinds of lesser desires - or we wait. If you're seeking God but having trouble finding Him, be encouraged that it bothers you. The more you're bothered by not finding Him, the more aware you're becoming of how badly you want Him.

God is always working to make His children aware of a dream that remains alive beneath the rubble of every shattered dream - a new dream that, when realized, will release a new song, sung with tears until God wipes the tears away and we will sing with nothing but joy.

We eventually become aware that, through all the events of our life (both the goods times and the bad), God is telling His story. It's a journey through shattered dreams into relationship with God - and solidly founded hope in Him. Regarding a widower named Jim: Shattered dreams did not harden his heart but rather opened a doorway into deeper recesses, where he discovered a desire for God that was stronger and more alive than any other desire. He misses his departed wife badly, but he wants God more.

The psalmists wailed. "Why are You so far from my groaning? I cry out and I hear nothing. How can I sing the songs of the Lord? How long, O Lord, before You deliver me from my distress? All is darkness! I cannot find You!" They were realistic, much more than we who worship a divine vending machine: insert correct spiritual change and God delivers.

Our generation has lost the concept of finding joy in unfulfilled desire. We no longer understand what it means to hope. Only by NOT revealing God to us, at least for awhile can the Spirit put us in touch with a desire that eventually displaces every other desire. In Naomi's life, God did not create a smooth path. Through the agony of shattered dreams, her soul was ripped open so she could discover her desire for God.

Life can be tough. It can be tough for sincere Christians who have walked faithfully with Christ for many years. It can be so tough that the best you can do is just hold on. The choice to abandon ourselves to Him is often most powerfully made when life has dragged us to the brink of blasphemy. Until we know how close we come to giving up on God ("Look what He allowed to happen in my life!"), we'll know little of what it means to give ourselves fully to Him.

It is when we are in pain that we cry out to God. And as we abandon ourselves, a confidence emerges, a sense of His Presence. I can't express it better than Iain Matthew, who writes:

That confidence is a presence that emerges from within, from behind, as if one entered a room and sat there on one's own; then, after some minutes, yes there is someone there, has always been, a silhouette becoming clear. It is a kind of companionship and inner strength which walks with the soul and gives her strength, a presence that is gentle, imperceptible, dark, which evaporates if one tries to describe it... but which sustains life."

Shattered dreams give us the chance to discover our desire for God and then to create space for Him (abandonment) and watch Him enter (confidence). As the process slowly unfolds, we become aware of God's desire for us!

On a truly spiritual journey, there are seasons when "doing great" requires that we feel awful. A healthy heart on a secular journey likes living here and feels good about how effectively their life is being lived. The spiritual journey is different. Doing great on a journey to God involves sensing an appetite that is never fully satisfied, a desire to be the kind of person no one is, a longing to be close to God no matter what happens.

My friend put it well when he said, "If God does so little about things that matter so much to me, I have no categories for understanding that He loves me." Everyone agrees: love implies a concern for another's burdens that translates into action. No action? No love! Praying can feel like furiously pressing the call nurse button dangling by your hospital bed. It's hard to think of an absent nurse as caring.

Revelation: it's more difficult for Christ to restrain Himself from making all our dreams come true than for us to watch them shatter. At our moment of worst pain, the pain of Jesus is worse. God is actually a restrained lover. Naomi tells Ruth:

"Boaz wants you more than you want him. He is withholding himself from you for a time at great personal cost. It is harder for him to keep his distance than it is for you to wait for him. Know this, that this man will move heaven and earth to find a lawful way to marry you. And that's what you want, a legal marriage that rests on an unshakeable foundation. You want nothing less. Wait, my daughter. The man will not rest until the matter is settled."

In the mystery of suffering, enter the deeper mystery of His restrained passion. As the mother holds her baby still so the doctor can deliver the needed injection, so your Lord is allowing you to suffer for reasons you do not know. Grief can only be embraced, never managed. When life kicks us in the stomach, we want someone to be with us as we are. We don't want someone trying to make us feel better. Such efforts, no matter how well-intended, create pressure that adds to our distress.

Without consciously realizing it, a pastor friend I know seems to want to be an agent of improvement rather than to just be with me in my pain.] Why is it so difficult to simply give ourselves to each other without yielding to the urge to give relief, to help, to try to make things better?

What We Do Instead

It seems we are devoting our best efforts to one central goal: making this life work better so we can feel better. But the assumption behind our resolve is a delusion. We assume life is supposed to work in ways that make us feel the way we want to feel. We further assume that, if there is a God, His job is to do what we cannot do to make life work as we want - to keep us relatively happy until we reach heaven. But that's not God's goal - His goal is an intimate relationship of Perfect Love that can provide us with joy.

Hardships should compel me to abandon myself to God for the good things I cannot see. It's hard to hear, but God is not committed to supporting our ministries, to preventing our divorces, to preserving our health, to straightening out our kids, to providing a livable home, to ending famine, to protecting us from agonizing problems that feel like death.

We cannot count on God to prevent us from experiencing things like that. We can count on Him to give us the hope to keep us going in spite of how much pain plagues us.

Our misery drives us, not to seek, God, but to feel better - not to please Him, but to use him. Only shattered dreams reveal that attitude and create a brokenness that helps us hate it enough to give it up.

The way of the flesh = something bad happens, and I ask God for

help. I am resolved to feel better. I do whatever I can to make at least a few dreams come true.

The way of the Spirit = something bad happens, and I hurt, I feel unhappy. I long to feel good. But I trust God. His pleasure matters more than mine. Making Him feel good is a higher priority than making me feel good. Inevitably, through this, I discover joy.

When dreams shatter, when God does nothing, we either REBEL in some form or we TRY to become spiritual enough to experience some spiritual fruit such as peace and joy. Either we sin - or we strive. The former is do-able but stupid; the latter is impossible. Feeding an infant, I see he wants a full stomach. That is important, and it will feel good when the baby does eat, but, someday, filling his soul will be a far deeper passion. Many people die having never discovered the food that could fill their stomach. They live their entire lives trying hard to be satisfied with shallow pleasures while their mouths silently scream for delights they were designed to enjoy.

I do hope for the infant - that he will be healthy, do well in school, have lots of friends, marry a nice girl, lead his family into meaningful involvements with the people of God. But those are all second-order hopes. My first-order hope is that he will encounter God.

The good news is not that God will make life easier. It is that He will make life better. Our goal is to draw close to Him, to glorify God, to make Him look good to any who watch.

Without trials, only spoiled brats would enter heaven, which would make heaven into hell. I fear that millions of Christians have never made the discovery that mere happiness is no different from the happiness of circumstantially well-off pagans and that they, therefore, blissfully continue to drink watery grape juice when fine wine is available.

Naomi could envision nothing higher for the two women than circumstance-dependent happiness: marriage, children, a nice house, what every culture rightly calls a good life - and the likelihood of their achieving happiness if they left her.

Tragedies in lives are God's doing. Perhaps they are discipline for wrong choices, or maybe they come for some other reason, but they are always God's doing. He could prevent them. He doesn't. No one feels lonelier than a depressed person at a party. When someone tells you he is so excited about all that God is doing, it's hard to admit you're irritated over what God is not doing. We set a limit on mourning. At some point, we insist on victory.

If we're to find hope when everything we've lived for is taken away, we must rescue Paul's teaching that "all things work together for good" from the pile of biblical mantras uttered by pious folks when they want to deaden pain.

I beg God to deliver me from Calvary-denying sermons which leave people feeling scolded and pressured and falsely hopeful because biblical principals are presented as formulas for making life work. I plead protection from church services where we do the Spirit's work for Him with contrived worship and emotional provocation and endless programs that substitute for community. I ask God to never again let me preach an Eden-denying message where psychological insights replace biblical wisdom in a misguided effort to repair emotional damage when the real problem is a serpent-inspired determination to experience life without God.

The function of pain is to carry us into the inner recesses of our being that want God. We need to let soul-pain do its work by experiencing it fully. We need God. He is all we need. But until we realize that fact, we experience lesser "wants" as "needs" and devote our energy to satisfying our wants. That defines addiction.

We will not find the power to resist addiction's pull toward lesser desires until we discover a more powerful desire that we long to fulfill a desire the Spirit creates within our hearts when the Father forgives us. We must discover our desire for God - otherwise, we will not battle against addiction. The branch must draw life from the vine or it withers and dies. Therefore, welcome shattered dreams. If you want to know God, welcome shattered dreams. When storms rage, that is when we stay anchored in Christ.

Many Christians long to experience God in ways that empower them to relate lovingly and live morally, but it never really happens. So they continue in their addictions, privately feeling ashamed, weak, and frustrated. For others, things go well. They feel pretty good. The wonderful truth that God is faithful means to them that He will keep their lives moving along pleasantly. When their path hits a bump, they pray and things get better. They know God can do something, and He does.

Why does God seem to provide so well for the pleasantly committed and to withdraw from the seriously committed? It's enough to make us seek for lukewarmness. But it is truly settling for less. Our deepest desire is for a kind of life only mercy makes possible, a life only grace provides. It is for life from God, life with God, life for God. And we have it. We've had it from the day Christ took our sins.

Few find Him because He is hidden. An honest look will reveal the rubble of our efforts to make life work without God. Our construction projects have created a false self that we hope will "stay together" through life. This rubble of dust and stone hides the Presence.

If we're to encounter Him within us, we must, like Jesus, become indignant over what we've done. We must dig through, not around, what keeps us from Him. The process is what spiritual people call brokenness and repentance.

What We Need To Do

An encounter with God is possible now, in this life, and it actually gives us pleasure that exceeds all other pleasures. We need to learn ways to approach God, ways to put ourselves in a position to experience the encounter He longs to provide. Martin Luther once said, "Oh! God's grace and goodness is so great! But without great assaults and trials, it cannot be understood!" Yet we present Christianity as little more than a means of escaping hell. Christianity is about going to heaven, but that's not the center of Christ's kindness. The exact center is the opportunity to enjoy God, to be more satisfied with Him than with anyone or anything else.

Friends of mine have a teenage daughter using drugs and sleeping with her boyfriend. Could they really believe that knowing God will bring them more pleasure than seeing their daughter straighten out? The question is: does knowing God REALLY provide the pleasure for which our souls were designed?

Listen to the testimony of Augustine, who came to a point where he was most bothered not by his immoral acts but by his powerlessness to change. He knew what was right, but he couldn't do it. He was crushed by his inability to do what God required. Freedom came when he identified that he needed to enjoy God more than sex. He encountered God and was transformed. It was not teaching, exhortation, or a healing that empowered him to get right. It was an encounter with God more pleasant than sex.

The cure for every form of slavery and addiction is worship - not the dull worship of rote routine or the shallow worship of contrived excitement, but worship that creates deep pleasure in the One who receives it and the one who gives it. Only a thrilling, soul-pleasuring encounter with God that generates more pleasure than sin will free us from our addiction to that sin.

More than ever in my lifetime, people are hungry for God, for spiritual renewal, for deep satisfaction of the soul. This presents more danger than ever before of managing our search and discovering a spirituality without Christ.

Spiritual activities can become maneuvers designed to make something happen. But true abandonment, giving ourselves to God in utter dependence, pleads only mercy. It allows no room for control. It includes no claim on God that obligates Him to do anything. Only suffering has the power to bring us to this point.

Satan's masterpiece is not the prostitute or skid-row bum. It is the self-sufficient person who has made life comfortable, who is adjusting well to the world and truly likes living here, a person who dreams of no better place to live, who longs only to be a little better - and a little better off - than he already is.

Christianity is not primarily about getting saved out of hell and into heaven. It is not primarily about living a certain way that creates fewer problems and makes us feel better. It is about knowing Jesus as the most wonderful person there is, the very best friend anyone could ever have. It is about glorifying God by enjoying Him more than any other source of pleasure.

I am praying for a revolution in the church that forges a new way. With our new appetite, our new power, I see a community of broken people united, not by their problems, but by their hunger for God. We need to put ourselves in a position to receive His sovereign joy, to experience the pleasure of His company.

It is when we, arrogant people, realize that what we really deserve is eternal misery, that we tremble before Him and discover grace. We encounter the depths of God's kindness and love, a kindness and love we find nowhere else. We fall to our knees and worship Christ as our Lord and Savior and as our truest friend, really our only true friend. We know we don't deserve a hug, no matter how badly we're hurting, but we get an eternal one anyway. That's the grace that takes our breath away.

We expect the lightning to strike us, to sizzle us until we're burned up. It never comes. We look up. We see Jesus. He is screaming, hanging on a cross. The lightning has just struck Him.

We enter into the community of broken, forgiven people who are hungry for all of God they can get. Nothing stands in our way - not shame, not the fear of revealing too much, not a desire to be well-thought-of.

With abandon, we seek God -- alone, and in the company of like-minded others. We are startled when we discover that our interior worlds are changing - that we actually WANT to obey God. We find ourselves caring less about our own reputations than about God's. We become spiritual people, dreaming the dream of knowing Christ better.

And we welcome shattered dreams, embracing them as friends. We enter pain and discover that arrogant spirit saying, "I don't deserve this." We tremble in unholiness before a holy God and discover how passionately we want to have a good relationship with Him. But we learn slowly. More dreams must shatter before we experience our deepest joy -- a journey through shattered dreams to the exquisite joy of encountering Christ.

Shifting

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Like when an earthquake hits the earth and the plates in the core of the earth move, so are the plates in the core of My Kingdom shifting. By My Spirit I am bringing about a shifting, a change in this world, through the work of My Kingdom.
My precious children, I am sending you into new areas and new dimensions of My Spirit and My Kingdom that you have never been into before. I am sending you into these places with My Spirit to do the work that I have called each of you to do.

I am bringing about a fresh shift of creativity to My Kingdom. Many of you will begin to see a greater sense of creativity being released from your hands, from your mouths, from your hearts, from your life, as I am releasing a new sense of creativity over this world through My Kingdom. A creativity that does not belong to the world, but belongs to Me. As the world sees this new release of creativity many will begin to become unsettled with their present circumstances. I love every person in this world, and I am continually moving more and more to bring all of My creation into My Kingdom.

I am paving new paths. I am paving paths into places that have not yet been touched. I am paving the way now. I am bringing some things to a close, and I am moving quickly in many areas. Many of you will be sent onto these new paths. Yes, test the spirits, but know that I am moving, and taking My children into new places, and areas that they have not been before.

I am calling My children to raise the bar in their levels of faith. With Me paving the way for these new areas, dimensions, and creativity you will need greater faith.

Greater faith to believe for miracles and the shift that is taking place. You are now being called to walk in greater faith in preparation for what I am doing, My friends.
Many of you have been wondering, when, where, how will I be sent out. My children, listen to Me. The gifts I have given you will make room for you. You do not have to run around searching.

I am beginning to create positions and titles for My children that have never existed before. I am in the process of bringing this about, so do not worry My children. I know many of you have itchy feet and are tired of being hidden, but I am now creating the perfect positions for each of you. Places and positions will begin to appear out of what seems ‘nowhere, but they are coming out of My hand.
I am now revealing My people, that I have had in the secret place for a long time now. They are slowly being sent to the surface. Many will think they are too radical, not of Me, too heavenly minded, but that is not truth.

Truth is, is that they are the ones that have chosen to come deeper in Me than ever before, and have sacrificed their time, their efforts, and their money, their desires to be with Me. Truly abandoned to Me.

Now I am rewarding them, by sending them out into the world, with everything sorted for them. They will raise up many of My people that have still not seen a depth of intimacy with Me. I am continually searching the earth, looking for those who are willing to lay everything down to Me. So come.
The shifting is well in progress. The plates are moving. Everything is coming into position. I am informing My prophets now of what is to come, to bring encouragement to each of you, to know, that I love you all so much, and you are My friends, and long to share My heart with you. So listen, be prepared and know, that a mighty fresh work of the Spirit is about to be seen.

When we face UP to the Glory of God, we find ourselves face down in worship - Matt Redman

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My children, the battle has intensified. Many of you are facing intense attack. The enemy is bringing great attack against many of you, because I am bringing about a great move in your lives very soon, and the enemy is petrified.
As the shifting is taking place in the Spirit, the enemy is getting roused, and He is bringing hard attack upon you My children, but you My warriors are victorious. No matter how hard, or how fierce the attack, you are victorious.

I see many of you riding the attacks. Riding up and riding down with the attacks and that is not what I have called you to do. Allowing these attacks to give you a good beating. I have called you to stand firm in Me, and not be swayed by attacks.

I have given you a great weapon – Worship. How much time are you spending with Me just in worship? Not asking Me for anything, but worshipping Me? This is the weapon to break all the attacks of the enemy. Through worshipping Me and speaking out My Word, the enemy must flee.

Do not cry out to Me to stop the attack, for I have given you the weapons to break the attacks. Yes, it gets tiring, but I am training each of you. I am training your hands for war, and your fingers for battle, but you will not learn or be trained if you do not adhere to My calls to you.
Worshipping Me breaks off the chains, and breaks off the oppression.

When you worship Me, your eyes are not on the attack, are not on the evil one attacking you, but on Me. That's where they should always be.

Stop focusing on the attacks, and focus on Me. Focus on My beauty. On My character, who I am, and the victory you have in Me. No matter how fierce things get, you are never unarmed. You are never in the midst of battle without weapons.

Worship is the weapon I have given you.

Am I not worthy of all glory, and praise? Am I not worthy to be continually worshipped?

I am rising up My church, My warriors, in worship. I am calling out to you My church, you want to know Me more, then worship Me.

Love on Me. Bless Me, My children. I love to give to you, and I will always continue to give to you, but love on Me. I desire your worship, and I love your worship. It is such a beautiful sacrifice to Me.

Stop asking, and just behold My Glory. I want each of you to stop asking for the moment now, and behold My Glory. Worship Me. Fight your battles with worship.

My Spirit will be released in greater ways as you worship Me. I will move and answer your requests, but FIRST you must worship Me. I am not a vending machine. I am God.
Worship Me. As you focus on Me, and worship Me, all else will be given unto you.
Yes, the battle has increased and is fierce, but how much does the battle matter, when you worship Me and are beholding My Glory?

Rise Up My Worshippers. Rise Up. Worship Me, for I am worthy.

Seeking His Kingdom

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It seems that last week's letter raised a few questions. The first of which is perhaps the most controversial of all and the most mysterious: Who is Melchizedec, or is it just one of many titles of YHVH Elohim? The meaning of the word comes from two Hebrew words, melech (king) and tzedec (justice or righteousness), and I think that you would agree that Yah is the only one that has that nature and at the same time holds such a position. The second question was the use of the word "order" (in Hebrews 5:10 and Psalm 110:4). The Hebrew word "divra", does not mean "succession", but "in the manner of", or the "likeness of" Melchizedec. I wanted to clarify this, as the translation in some bibles is incorrect. In Psalm 110 it says, "according to my word, Melchizedec"; eaning that YHVH has sworn that David would be "like" a Melchizedec, since he sat temporarily on YHVH's throne in and over the House of Jacob.

As I wrote last week, our first priority, according to Yeshua, is to "seek first the Kingdom of YHVH Elohim and His righteousness". Obviously the King of that Kingdom is YHVH Elohim. And without racking our brain too much, it may be deducted that if the Kingdom is righteous and just, so is its King. Under the guidance of the Spirit of Holiness, the apostle Paul says that the nature of the Kingdom of YHVH is "tzedec - righteousness (justice), shalom (peace) and simcha (joy)". Thus YHVH Elohim is Melech Tzedec, Melech Shalom and Melech Simcha. The Kingdom is a kingdom of "justice" and "righteousness", or put another way, of "law and order". It is not a kingdom of chaos.

The Psalmist asks: *"Who is this King of glory? YHVH strong and mighty, YHVH mighty in battle… Who is this King of glory? YHVH Zevaot, He is the King of glory"* (Psa 24:7-10).

In this Psalm we see another title ascribed to YHVH Elohim. It is clear that He is the Melech Hakavod, King of Glory. In the writings of the book of Revelation we see this King sitting on His heavenly throne with a scroll in His hand (ref. Rev 4:1-11; 5:1). When the portal into these heavenly places was open, for John to go in, he saw this throne and the One sitting upon it. Who was the One sitting upon the throne with twenty-four elders sitting on thrones around Him? Out of this throne came light, which was like lighting and thunder. Around the throne there were four creatures: one like a lion, another like a calf, another with a face like a man and finally one like an eagle. Similar scenes were viewed or envisioned by other prophets of the past, like Moses on Mount Sinai, Ezekiel and Daniel (Ex 19:16; Ez 1:10; Dan 7:9). The many similarities in these prophets' experiences indicate that they all saw the same throne and King. Since John was in the spirit, one might venture to say that he was having a spiritual experience in the Kingdom of Heaven, the same Kingdom which Yeshua mentions in His prayer: *"Our Father… Your (YHVH Elohim) kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven"* (Matt 6:10).

Some may argue that the King sitting on the throne with the scroll in His hand was Yeshua. But if it were Yeshua, who then is the Lion of the tribe of Judah that looks like a lamb, who comes and takes the scroll out of the hand of the One sitting on the throne (ref Rev 5: 5-7)? Yeshua did not come to take over the Kingdom of heaven that belonged to His Father, but the Father, after His Son overcame or prevailed, proving himself worthy, gave Him the inheritance that was written and designated on the scroll. Yeshua knew why he was here, and because of that reason he had great joy; so much so that He endured the cross. He proved himself faithful to the will of His Father even unto death, thus He was able to sit down at the right hand of His Father and take up a ruling position over His Father's Kingdom on earth. He was also found worthy to take on all the titles that were His Father's, like Malchi-Tzedec and Melech Ha kavod, Sar Shalom, Eternal Father, Wonderful [or Marvelous] Counselor. Moreover, He also qualified to take the scroll and begin to reign from this heavenly position over the House of Jacob. His authority would be made manifest and seen on earth at the opening of each of the seven seals. Remember how He spoke to the storm while in the boat with His disciples? This was only a foretaste of His power and authority in order to establish His Father's Kingdom on earth. This is why when no one could be found in heaven, earth or under the earth worthy to open the scroll, one of the elders exclaimed: *"Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals"* (ref. Rev 5:5)!

The Father's plan, even from the foundation of the world, was to establish on, or restore His Kingdom to earth. But why was it so important that Yeshua be in the Abrahamic family, specifically of the tribe of Judah and the Root of David? Why could He have not been from just any people group? What does the throne of David have to do with the establishment of the Kingdom of YHVH on earth? The angel Gabriel, coming from the presence of YHVH, announced to Miriam that the Spirit of Holiness conceived the baby in her womb, and that she was to call Him Yeshua (or Yah'shua). The messenger said that this child would be great and that He would be called the Son of the Highest, and YHVH Elohim would give to Him the throne of His father David and that He would reign over the house of Jacob forever, and that His kingdom would have no end (ref Luke 1:31-33).

No question about it, YHVH's Kingdom here on earth is directly connected to the House of Jacob (meaning all twelve tribes)! As mentioned before, there are statutes, ordinances and laws that govern the order of His Kingdom. This divine order (meaning law and order) is laid out in the Torah of Moses and in the books of the prophets. YHVH will not deviate from His word that He established through Moses, or any other of His prophets. Each of the seals that are on the scroll contains the prophetic Word of the Father, *"for the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy"* (Rev 19:10).

Yeshua came to establish and fulfill all that has been spoken. Not only that which pertained to His first appearance, nor now in His present form (that is in His corporate body), but also in His future appearance. There is a progressive revelation happening and we must be prepared for each successive appearance. This is the reason for the exhortation to *"seek first His kingdom and His righteousness",* as the Father has bequeathed the entire earthly inheritance to His son Yeshua. We, the redeemed remnant, must devote ourselves to His authority, His righteousness, His peace and His joy. We are His servants,
that is, servants of righteousness. He will see to it that we pass through trials and testings that are necessary to prove ourselves worthy to inherit that which has been reserved in heaven for us (ref 1 Pet 1:4). Our walk here on earth in many ways is no different than Yeshua's was. *When Yeshua found Himself in the likeness of humanity, He made himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant, "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore YHVH Elohim also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name"* (Phil. 2:8-9). Yeshua also demonstrated His servant's heart when He wrapped himself in a towel and washed the disciples' feet, and then took the ultimate step and laid down His life.

We, who have received His life, have His nature. "But", and I mean a big "but" we must learn what the Spirit is saying to the seven churches (Rev 2:1 – 3:22), as our heavenly inheritance is contingent upon one word - "overcoming".

Have a rest-filled Shabbat,
Ephraim

Shout Restore

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My child, look around you this day because those very things that you see in the natural in this new season are also going to take place in the spiritual. For have I not said; the spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual (1 Corinthians 15:46)? In the days ahead you will step into a new season and you will be experiencing a falling back. This falling back will be in your natural time, but just as in the days of Hezekiah who in his sickness turned his face toward the wall and prayed unto Me for his own health, I say to you today that I am bringing again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward (Isaiah 38:8).

In this new season of your life you will feel as though I have again commanded the sun to stand still just as I spoke through My servant Joshua so long ago so that I can work on your behalf. However, I come to you this day asking that you open your heart to Me so that I can begin a process of great restoration in your life. Do not allow unforgiveness to keep you closed off or disconnected from your brothers and sisters in Christ. For it is only in pureness of heart, humility and forgiveness that I am able to do mighty things in your midst.

Restore, Restore, Restore and again I say Restore. For I am truly able to restore even that which once was. Just like an older house, vintage car or even a fine piece of furniture, in order to restore there must be a starting place. There must be a place of beginning and yet through time, weather and trials things began to change and in some cases even get broken. You have said; â€œBut Lord, my life is such a mess, it is all broken before me. I can no longer see goodness ahead and it so hard to believe that anything good can come of it all.â€ But I say to you this day My child that there is nothing that is beyond repair when placed in My hands. For even in the hands of the potter was the vessel broken and yet I took that vessel and formed it again as I saw was best (Jeremiah 18:4).

I took what was already there, what was marred and broken and reformed it into a beautiful vessel and I am doing so again to make you a great vessel of honor. I ask you My child; is there anything that is too difficult for Me? Do not look back at what you perceive was destruction, but look with me ahead to what I can take and turn around for your good. For I do work all things together for your good My child and I can use even the worst of circumstances if you place them in My hands. Leave your broken heart, life, situations and circumstances in My hands and I will restore the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm has stolen (Joel 2:25).

My child, shout to the North, the South, the East and the West this day for I am a God of restoration and My Word does not come back void.

Shout Restore in your finances

Shout Restore for your family

Shout Restore even in your friendships

Shout Restore for everything that you believe in the natural has been torn down or broken and I will begin a work even now in the spirit that will manifest in the days ahead. Yes even in the new season that is coming upon you as you hearken unto My voice and take the steps toward fulfilling this word that I am sending to you this day.

First My child you must be able to look back in love and forgiveness. For it is only in the pure of heart and the humble that I can do great and mighty things. Finally My child YOU MUST BELIEVE that I am not a man that I should lie, but your Father in Heaven who keeps His promises from generation to generation. All things are possible with Me and through Me. So dear one, take the steps this day to place those broken pieces in My hands and Shout Restore as you go about your daily life. For I say to you this day that within ten days you will begin to see that which I am working in the spirit for you. Even in the days ahead it will begin to manifest as you Shout Restore!

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

This letter is very personal as it is my heart, but at the same time I know it's also for many in the body of Christ who are experiencing something very similar to what I am conveying in this article. Whether it's a "word from God", or "instruction in righteousness", or just a little "tea and comfort" to let you know you are NOT alone, I pray the Lord may have His work in your own heart through what I am sharing with you here.

I have been experiencing spiritual hunger "pangs" as never before. I looked up the word "pangs" in my concordance, and it's always associated with a woman in travail when used in the Word.

I came to the conclusion that this is the right word to use rather than "pains" . I feel a deep spiritual anguish that I desperately need to meet God in a special way, and see the Lord afresh through a spiritual birthing of that which has been seeded into my life. That which has come through the anointing and spirit of true prophecy and the ingrafting of an incorruptible seed born from above, needs to find it's fullness of expression. I feel truly that as far as my inner spiritual yearnings, I am no different than those who were desirous to receive some answers from Jesus regarding their longing for Him, whom He went onto to compare to a woman who is experiencing the pain and sorrow of childbirth:

19Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?
20Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.
21A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.
22And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. John 16:19-22.

There is an intense spiritual hunger that literally causes an inward pain. It is so pronounced in a sense of an inner groaning that if I were free to give expression to it, the tears could flow profusely just as somewhat of a "vent". However, it is not always necessary for it to be expressed in this way, and when Paul spoke to the Romans of "groanings that cannot be uttered" (Romans 8), I think it may have been the Spirit's way of telling us that this is just a little portion of the "prayer without ceasing" that can be wrought by one of His own who may find themselves in circumstances where others simply would not understand (like in the workplace, or in a classroom).

So, within the deepest recesses of our person, we can sense a gurgling of those waters of desire for Him, and for spiritual life to come forth, which is as the cry of the Spirit having it's perfect will and way within. Others may never perceive what is happening within your spirit, except the Lord causes them to be on the same circuit of such testimony of His workings and dealings within the life. It's the place where the soul begins to find true conversion because the law of God can have it's fullest work where the fire and hunger of desire rises up to meet it with all encouragement that only the fully surrendered heart can achieve. (Read Psalm 19)

The following scriptures in Jeremiah and Isaiah give a portrayal of the feelings of the anguish of true spiritual hunger, and I hesitated to cite them because they speak of warfare, and what does childbirth and a desire to see the mighty Christ come forth have to do with the subject of warfare?

Everything because the carnal mind is at emnity with God. To be spiritually minded is life and peace, and to be carnally minded is death. The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and there is always a dragon ready to devour the manchild as soon as it's born. (Read Romans 8, Galatians 5, and Revelation 12)

Paul is truly representative of our "Father of spirits", when with an impregnated sense of groaning in the words, he declared to the Galatians that he "travailed in birth until the Christ be formed in you." The Holy Spirit within us exacts this very same travailing upon our souls. And again, in the full context of Galatians 4, how can we miss the presence of warfare? Warfare between flesh and spirit. Warfare between captivity and liberty. Warfare between the son of promise and the offspring of bondage.
19My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Jeremiah 4:19.

If you read this in the context of the whole 4th chapter of Jeremiah, you'll see it's replete with illumination for those who see deeper into the Word with a desire to return to Him in a way that would expedite the presentation of His glory, even as the midwife might give exclamation of joy at the presenting of the crown of a newborn baby's head. There are scriptures about returning to the Lord with the whole heart, breaking up the fallow ground, not sowing among thorns, circumcising the heart, being washed from wickedness---all things encouraged to cause His glory to be seen among the nations.

And then there are those who wailed in lament to Isaiah as King Hezekiah and his feeble armies were mocked by the King of Assyria. I actually feel like the spacing of centuries between myself and King Hezekiah, and Eliakim, and Shebna, and the elders of the priests is shrunk by reason of identification with the feeling of knowing what it's like to fear that the "children are come to birth", and what if there is not "strength to bring forth"? What a horrible dilemma to come to the point of delivery, and then NOT have the "strength to bring forth". Such strong words: trouble, rebuke, and even "blasphemy"!! What a horrible condition to be in, to come to birth and then NOT have "strength" to "bring forth".

1And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD.
2And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz.
3And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. Isaiah 37:1-3

The one thing that causes a woman to endure the ordeal and agony of the grueling pain of childbirth is the knowledge that a child will come forth in due time. If a woman had word before time that no matter how she might struggle to bring a new baby into the world by doing her own part in working with the contractions meant to propel the child along the birth canal, what a sense of futility would ensue! That woman would either give up in hopeless despair, or determine to find out what she must do to correct the situation, so that the baby can be born.

When I saw in the Word that the problem is there is not "strength" to bring forth, I passionately set myself to have a better understanding of this "strength". Some scriptures immediately came to mind about "strength". The joy of the Lord is our "strength". In quietness and confidence shall be your "strength". But the word for "strength" in this passage of scripture in Isaiah means "to be firm". In other words, it's the strength of endurance, and sticking with it, and not vacillating, and not giving up!! You simply need to SEE IT THROUGH until you SEE THE LORD in the fullness of His glory in the situation!!

If there is a word to the Body of Christ, and especially those who have been in spiritual warfare contending against the flesh and all that would prevent the presentation of the manchild with the intensity of intercession akin to the agonizing travail of a woman, the word of the Lord is to STAND, ENDURE, SEE IT THROUGH!! What is the "manchild"?? It is when Jesus comes forth in manifested fullness in and through our lives, and it happens both personally as well as corporately. The day came when Mary was able to rejoice that Jesus had been born, Immanuel, God with us. Thou shalt call His Name, Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

Now, this same Jesus is about to come forth through His people, and upon Mt Zion shall also be saviours, (with a little "s")
but operating in that same power of the Spirit, Christ within, the Hope of Glory!!!. (Obadiah, Colossians 1:27, Romans 8:11)

Beloved, you need to decide if it's worth the price you may be required to pay to see Him come forth not only in your situation, but in personal communion that He desires to have with you, and that will cause you to become the "womb of glory" for the nations.

Just what is your "spiritual hunger" all about?? Is it about ascending into the hill of the Lord?? Is it about dwelling in the house of the Lord forever where you can behold His beauty and enquire in His temple ?? (Ref Psalm 15, 24, and 27)

Search the scriptures, and find what you need to do to come into that place. Do you believe you will get there by simply effecting moodful spiritual drama? Do you think it will happen by merely dimming the lights, burning candles, putting on dreamy spiritual "mood music", and relaxing in
a state of repose and claiming you do have His presence because you have created a religious mood, a religious atmosphere??

Beloved, there is nothing wrong with those things, but if they are not on the proper foundation, they are nothing but empty religious exercise, and probably bringing about the wrong spirit. What is the right foundation for the presence of the Lord? What truly gets you into His presence?
What will cause you personally to be a habitation for His glory? Who will abide in His tabernacle, and dwell in His Holy Hill? Let the
scriptures speak for themselves. Not a word about burning candles, turning down the lights, or putting on dreamy, instrumental religious music
on the cd player!!

1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.
Psalm 15, All.

I want a hunger that presses into God enough that as much as I am willing to wait quietly in a room in His presence, and declare that I am "soaking", I am also equally desirous to bring the flesh into subjection to His Word, and His will and His instruction in righteousness to do the things that are going to cause Him to want to come near to me. There are my way of doing things, and there is God's way of doing things. It's
a piece of cake to burn a candle, and to turn down the lights, and play religious music and sit quietly in a chair. But it's not always so easy to
"walk uprightly, work righteousness, speak truth in my heart, guard my tongue from backbiting, keep

from entering into the "herd mentality" against a neighbor (that is "taking up a reproach"), or separate from vile person. It's not so easy to speak the truth when it might personally hurt me. But THESE are the things that God promises will get me into His presence!!! Am I hungry enough for God that I'm going to keep careful
watch over my "checklist" of what God likes???

In closing, if you've got a true spiritual hunger that is desirous to be in the presence of the Lord, desirous to see true prophecy come to pass, desirous to see the manifestation of the manchild, then begin to perceive that very desire as the true intercession of the Spirit that WILL cause these things to come to birth, and hold fast to your hunger for God!! Let your hunger be according to the absence of complete fulfillment as found in the following scripture so that your capacity for more of God can increase.

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give. There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough:
16The grave; and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water; and the fire that saith not, It is enough. Proverbs 30:15, and 16.

Just when you feel you cannot be more hungry for God, think about how that bloodsucker, the horseleach, never ceases to crave the taste of blood. Think about how the grave is never satisfied, and a day doesn't go by that it is not looking to receive yet another lifeless form into it's arms. Think about how the earth drinks in the rain, and yet always has an appetite for more as the rivers run into the seas, and how a fire will devour all in it's path, and yet never needs to loosen the belt because it's tummy is full. Think about the anguish of an unfulfilled barren woman, desiring to hold a baby close to her breast. Let your hunger for God develop so that it's not eclipsed by any of these illustrations of desperate hunger so portrayed by the writer of Proverbs.

It will be seen in the heart of God as TRUE INTERCESSION, and then you will BRING FORTH!! Your spiritual hunger will be converted in the courts of heaven, and in the heart of God as the purest of prayer, and He will hear you, and you will be satisfied!

For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Psalm 107: 9

Always in the Love of Jesus, Clo DiPilato

Sealed In Favor

Terry Suggs

Trapped In Love and Mercy Acts 13:39,41

> *So let it be clearly known and understood by you, brethren, that through this Man forgiveness and removal of sins is now proclaimed to you; And that through Him everyone who believes (who acknowledges Jesus as his Savior and devotes himself to Him) is absolved (cleared and freed) from every charge from which he could not be justified and freed by the Law of Moses and given right standing with God. You won't believe it even when it is clearly told to you in fine details. John 1:9-14*

God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus. It is not our body that has to fulfill the Law of God to be saved, because Jesus has already fulfilled the Law of God.

He sent His Word and healed them. Jesus was the Word made flesh. By His stripes we were healed.

Acts 17:24-29

The God who produced and formed the world and all things in it being Lord of Heaven and earth, does not dwell in handmade shrines.

Neither is He served by human hands, as though He lacked anything, for it is He Himself Who gives life and breath and all things to all people.

And He made from one (common origin, one source, one blood) all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined (their) allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes).

So that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.

For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of your (own) poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that deity (the God-Head) is like gold or silver or stone, (of the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

Genesis 1:2627

God created man as a mirror image and likeness of Himself.

God said, Let Us (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) make mankind in Our image, and after Our likeness, and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the (tame) beasts, and over all of the earth, and over everything that creeps upon the earth.

So God created man in His Own image, in the image and likeness of God He created him; male and female He created them.

And God blessed them and said to them, be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it (using all its vast resources in the service of God and man); and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth.

Adam did not have a natural Father.

John 1:12-14,17

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of god, that is, to those who believe in adhere to trust in, and rely on) His name.

Who owe their birth neither to bloods nor of the will of the flesh (that of physical impulse) nor to the will of man (that of a natural), but to God. (They are born of God).

And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we (actually) saw His glory as an only begotten son receives from His father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

John testified about Him and cried out, This was He of Whom I said, He Who comes after me has priority over me, for He was before me.

(He takes rank above me, for He existed before I did. He has advanced before me, because He is My chief).

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift (heaped) upon gift.

For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, unmerited, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:11-22

In Him we also were made (God’s) Heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Whop works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His Own will.

So that we who first hoped in Christ (who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the first fruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it to the praise of His glory,

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward the saints (the people of God),

I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into the mysteries and secrets) in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him,

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones),

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His Own right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all rule and authority and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named (above every title that can be conferred), not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church),

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

Ephesians 2:4-12

But God-so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us,

Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation),

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the messiah, the Anointed One).

He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in (His) kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation, is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving , but it is the gift of God;

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself).

For we are God's Own handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, (born anew) that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live).

Ephesians 3:4-6

When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

This mystery was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His Holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the Holy Spirit.

Everything that comes from the Holy Spirit is perfect and complete and whole and in fullness. This seals of lives in Christ.

It is this that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promise in Christ through (their acceptance of) the glad tidings (the Gospel).

God chose the color of our suits or our skin and the places where we live.

Sealed In Him

John 1:3-4

All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.

II Corinthians 1:20

For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency) to the glory of God

But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us (in joint fellowship) with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us (enduing us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit);

He has also appropriate and acknowledged us as His by putting His seal upon us and giving us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee (of the fulfillment of His promise).

I Corinthians **6:17, 18-19**

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received

(as a Gift) from God? You are not your own.

You were bought with a price purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His Own. So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.

All In One (Jesus) were made righteous

II Corinthians 5:21

For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness.

Ephesians 1:4-5, 10-11

Even as (in His love) He chose us (actually picked us out for Himself as His Own) in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) and blameless in

His sight, even above reproach, before Him in love.

For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent.

He planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and consummate them in Christ, (both) things in heaven and things on the earth.

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Colossians 2:9-10

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the God-Head) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the God-Head-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

I Corinthians 12:27

Now you (collectively) are Christ's body and individually you are members of it, each part severally and distinct (each with his own place and function).

Philippians 3:8-9

Yes furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply an intimately acquainted with Him (of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly). For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One).

And that I may (actually) be found and known as in Him, not having any (self-achieved) righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that genuine righteousness which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed one), the truly right standing with God which comes from God by saving faith.

I John 5:20

And we have seen and know positively that the Son of God has actually come to this world and has given us understanding and insight progressively to perceive recognize and come to know better and more clearly Him Who is true and we are in Him Who is true- in His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), This Man is the true God and Life eternal.

I Corinthians 1:30

But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus,

Whom God made our Wisdom from God, (revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as) our Righteousness (thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God), and our Consecration (making us pure and holy), and our Redemption (providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin).

Colossians 3:3-4

For as far as this world is concerned, you have died, and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, Who is our life will appear with Him in the splendor of His glory.

I Corinthians 3:16

Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually)?

The Word of God in the new testament mentions that we are In Him over 380 times.

If we can understand that we are already completely accepted in Christ and favored in Christ, then we will lose our sense of inferiority and weakness.

Now the Word of God says that to Whom you yield your body to obey, that is whose servant you will be. But remember, greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

Remember that you were purchased by God and you are not your own any longer. You are God's property.

Romans 12:1

Present your bodies to God which is your reasonable service.

All that is in the world is the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life.

Satan cannot tempt you with what is already yours.

I Corinthians 3:22-23

All things are yours.

And you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

I Corinthians 3:1-3

Do not think as unspiritual men having the nature of the flesh, under control of ordinary impulses. Do not behave as unchanged men.

The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the Law of sin and death.

I am sealed in favor forever. I am sealed in completeness, wholeness and fullness in Jesus Christ.

He whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

I am free from trying to be justified by my own actions and free from trying to get into favor by my good performance or good behavior.

I am accepted in the Beloved in Christ alone.

We are God’s temple through Christ Jesus.

Our victory is sealed by the finished work of Christ.

Our healing is sealed by the finished work of Christ.

Our blessings and gifts are sealed by the finished work of Christ.

Now let us renew our minds to match our position.

Philemon 6

And I pray that the participation in and sharing of you faith may produce and promote full recognition and appreciation and understanding and precise knowledge of every good thing that is ours in our identification with Christ Jesus and unto His glory.

Speak in faith like Jesus spoke and get the results that Jesus got.

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Signature Of God

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Apr 11, 2005

Signature of God on 40-Day Fast, April 8 – May 18, 2005

Today, on April 8th, 2005, we have begun our 40-day fast for the South Pacific, and for inhabitants of the Pacific coastal regions from Alaska to Argentina, and from New Zealand to the Aleutian Islands. If you happen to be reading this report on a later date, and have not yet joined us on the fast, we encourage you to do so at whatever level you are physically able. Many will be doing a limited Daniel Fast (fruits & vegetables; no breads, meats or pleasure foods), but however you fast, remember to pray fervently for the people of the Pacific coastlands; for revival, mercy, and spiritual awakening.

If you have any doubts as to the validity of the timing of this fast, or are not sure if it was called by God or man, then look closely at the dates, published months in advance (April 8 - May 18). Every major prophetic warning is followed by major signs, which have the signature of God, easy to recognize if you examine the pattern of events. Pope John Paul II was born during an eclipse on May 18, 1920 (look at the date: May 18). Only God knew in advance that Pope John Paul would be buried in Rome 84 years later, during a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2005, the beginning of the 40-day fast. Think about that for a minute: On the very day this 40-fast was called months in advance, not only did skies darken across the South Pacific from a total eclipse, but flags were lowered around the world at half-stance from the death of John Paul II. This 40-day fast will end on John Paul's birthday, May 18 (Washington residents will of course recognize that date as being the anniversary of the eruption of Mt. Saint Helens). If you look closely at this pattern of events, you can only come to one conclusion: the signature of God on the fast is clearly evident, and the warning for the South Pacific is chillingly valid and time-sensitive.

One month prior to the great December 26 Sumatra quake, we forewarned of the Great Indonesia Quake and tsunami in our 11/11/04 report. Now we are warning of greater seismic events to follow in 2005, unless their prayer, fasting and repentance for the sake of the inhabitants of the coastlands. Indonesia would be impacted tremendously, and tsunami would make the 33-foot waves from the 12/26/04 quake look small in comparison. Short of angelic intervention, the epicenter of the quake will be SE of the 9.3 Sumatra quake, putting at risk New Zealand, Australia, Polynesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Tsunami height would decrease as the wave traveled across the Pacific, but still remain significant as far away as Los Angeles and Anchorage. This warning is given for the purpose of averting the magnitude and timing event, for the sake of the inhabitants of the coasts. We pray that this cataclysm never takes place. Keep in mind, great quakes are inevitable before Christ returns; however, we believe that this specific event is not inevitable or written in stone. If you examine prophetic warnings given for this event, and warnings given for Indonesia's great December quake on 11/11/04, you will see some major differences. No call to prayer and fasting was given for Indonesia, and the 11/11/04 warning was given in the context of a progressive judgment. But in the case of this warning for the South Pacific, there appears to be an opportunity for repentance and grace. Only angelic intervention can relieve the tectonic pressures building in the South Pacific region, which is nearing the point of a cataclysmic conclusion. If you happen to live near the Pacific coastal regions, be encouraged: prayer can move mountains! Will you join us during this time of prayer and fasting for the Pacific? South Pacific Mission

We have extended our hands to seven nations in the South Pacific, and only one nation has responded: Fiji. The church in Fiji has treated us like royalty, and will be joining us in prayer and fasting for revival, mercy, and for a manifestation of a tidal wave of the glory of the Lord in the South Pacific region, instead of tsunami of judgment. We have not received any response from Australia, New Zealand or other South Pacific nations. As a matter of spiritual protocol, we will not enter into a nation unless at least one gatekeeper opens the door, giving a platform to the messenger to speak the word he has been given for their nation. Otherwise, traveling across the world would be fruitless; although the prayers and intercession of the messenger and team would be heard, and judgment possibly averted, still, sometimes a nation needs judgment before they can enter into revival and spiritual inheritance. In November, 1989, we traveled to Berlin to intercede for East Germany, and as many of you are aware, on the day our team arrived in Germany from Sweden the Berlin Wall fell. But there was no spiritual fruit. We were not received by the church in Germany. Our pillows were back-packs as we slept in cold train stations, not having the money for rooms; our offerings were bullets, as drunk passerby's shot at us; our music was loud police whistles, as guards and police officers chased those who shot at us. Since 1989, we have changed much of our protocol. We will not enter into a nation unless at least one spiritual gatekeeper invites us. For the release of spiritual fruits and freedoms is much more important than political freedoms; it is more important than national peace and stability; whereas what good is seismic, political or financial stability, when the souls of a nation are in darkness.

Blessings,

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MISSION TO FIJI

The segments of our intercessory journey to Australia and New Zealand are now pending in the balance, and we are now concentrating most of our efforts on Fiji in Polynesia. I will be flying to Fiji from Manila shortly after our 40-day fast. Our Ascension Day mission to New Zealand has been canceled; however, Australia and New Zealand may be revived later. We have strong words for these nations, but are waiting for a gatekeeper to prepare the way. We are very excited about our mission to Fiji, and expecting great things to be released in the islands of the sea, as God prepares his army and end time revivalist to ignite the Pacific Rim with his glory; we are about to see the release of an unprecedented healing movement so vast, so far reaching, that like a tsunami, nothing can stop it, and it will turn the world up-side-down with the glory of God.

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Signs of Evidence

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Revelation 16:10-11

Was it the absence of evidence
That caused her to reply
With an attitude of indifference
To the words he prophesied.
She proclaimed all things
Had remained the same
Men still breathed, lived and died,
Families moved on, songs were sung
Soldiers fought, and women cried.
If there was any salvation
Unto eternal life
Then she asked him where was the evidence
That would change the direction of time.

Yet she would often remember
The words he spoke years ago
As they walked down by the river's edge
Talking of a love to her unknown.
How he tried to help her visualize
God's love that inspired his heart toward hope
Found in the message of the risen King
The One, he claimed to have personally known
How God's Holy Spirit
Moved like a river
Upon the parched shoreline of his weary soul
Bringing healing and deliverance
From condemnations unmerciful hold.

So today, as the girl wandered
Down the street of life's design
She wondered if she had seen signs of evidence
In the life of the man with gentle eyes
Who had taken time to share with her
Even though she mocked him while walking by his side
Extending gifts of mercy
Rarely given to the girl who never apologized
For her reckless acts of self abandonment
That wrecked havoc in many lives.
Maybe it was the way he spoke,
That made her stop and think about the time
How today might be a good day
To lift her voice on high
Asking God if He is really there
To make Himself known within her life.

> *"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."* Revelation 16:10-11

> *"Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law? They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. But the Lord is my defense; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, the Lord our God shall cut them off." Psalm 94:20-23*

"Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool" (Isaiah 66:1). When the word "heaven" is spoken, thoughts of space that surround the earth, in which the sun, moon, and stars appear, comes to mind. Those who acknowledge that the heavens are God's throne are able to look up into the sky and appreciate that the Lord's power and authority has brought to pass that which the eye can see. They are able to appreciate that creation was not a random activity that introduced matter, space and time, but that "the invisible things of him [God] from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made" (Romans 1:20). They are able to appreciate that creation is a reality purposely ordained of God.

Those who have comprehension that the heavens contain God's throne, are able to understand how the power behind God's throne, is non other than God Himself. It is God, the creator of heaven and earth, who has taken the invisible things of Himself, and made visible, manifestations of His goodness, which is able to be experienced of mankind, according to the good pleasure of His will. Because it is God whose presence fills the heavens, it can be said that all of creation displays the glory of God. And if a man should quiet his soul and seek the Lord, he may appreciate, that from God's throne that fills the heavens, can be heard the resonating sound of God's profound love, for God is love. ("He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:8)

> *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:16-17*

God's abundant love has continued throughout the ages to be exhibited within the heavens. God, who is love, cannot deny Himself, and so He who is love, continues to exhibit His personality throughout the heavens declaring to mankind a message of great worth. In accord with His nature, God purposed from the foundation of the world to send His only begotten Son to the earth, not to keep men in the grip of condemnation's cruel bondage, but to bestow upon mankind riches of great worth. God sent to the earth His beloved Son, so that mankind would personally be able to experience God's love "shed abroad in our [their] hearts." (Romans 5:5)

Through faith in Jesus Christ, God redeems mankind from the Adamic nature, which has caused men/women to stand under the heavens that exhibit the glory of God, yet not appreciate the beauty and loving kindness of the Lord. Though God's love is in evidence in all of creation, while a person walks in unbelief, they will remain in a domain of denial. It is through seeking after Jesus Christ in sincere faith, that a person is rewarded with the infilling of God's Holy Spirit, who is equipped to open the eyes of the (spiritually) blind, so they are able to see and appreciate the glory of God that surrounds them. Through the infilling of the Holy Spirit the partakers will, through personal experience, begin to understand the mysteries that are theirs in Christ.

> *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2*

Jesus Christ, after offering up His life "to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26) ascended on high, to sit at the right hand of the throne of God. Jesus Christ who was with God in the beginning, would, after fulfilling the purposes of the Father, take His rightful place within the heavens beside the Father. The power and authority behind the throne, which supports the intent and purposes of God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ, is God. From the throne of God, judgment unto righteousness has been obtained through the sacrifice of God’s beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

It is God, the creator of heaven and earth, who ordained, from the foundation of the world, a way for each man/woman to come boldly before His throne of grace, and to obtain mercy in their time of need, through faith in Jesus Christ. Because of what Jesus Christ accomplished through His obedience to the Father, a way was made possible for each person to enter into the holiest of places, so they can look upon and behold the glory of God for themselves (Hebrews 10:19-22). Because of Christ, they are able to be filled of God’s Spirit, so that their minds are renewed by the goodness of God, which will cause them to walk having spiritual discernment, able to see and appreciate the glory of God that surrounds them.

> *“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” John 14:23-26*

While Jesus Christ walked the earth, He promised that the Father would send in His name the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit. He promised that if He went away, which meant that His physical body would leave the earth as He took His rightful place at the right hand of the Father whose presence fills the heavens, then the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, would come and make God’s abode (room, dwelling place) within their lives. The power and authority behind the Holy Spirit, is God. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one (1 John 5:7) and through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, God’s kingdom rule and reign, that fills the heavens, where Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of God, will be established within a person’s life.

When God’s Spirit makes its abode within the life of a person, it is God’s love, expressed through His kingdom power and authority that fills all of creation, which is being established upon their heart and mind. A person, filled with the Spirit, partakes of the power behind God’s throne, who is God Himself. God the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit are united in their desire to conform a person’s heart and mind to the will of God, so that they are able to live their days appreciating and exhibiting the love of God toward them.

> *“I behold till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.” Daniel 7:9*

Before a person receives the gift of the Holy Spirit, through having faith in God’s beloved Son, Jesus Christ, they may not give honor unto the Word of God. They may, in fact, speak words of accusation against the scriptures that God proclaims were given to men who wrote under His divine influence (2 Timothy 3:16). They may proclaim that the scriptures are nothing more but a compilation of words by men, who walked in the same human condition they walk in, that denies the power and authority of God’ love. Because they do not believe in the unity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit they may proclaim that no one can possibly be under the divine influence of God’s Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ.

For those who do not believe that God’s throne fills the heavens, it would be an incomprehensible message to proclaim that God reigns from His throne in heaven. If they do not believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, then how can they believe in a heavenly kingdom, where from God’s throne, He rules over all of creation. If they deny that God reigns within the heavens, then how can they believe that God sends His Holy Spirit to make His home within a person’s life, so that they are inspired of God’s love and led of the Spirit unto all truth regarding righteousness?

To deny that a holy God reigns in absolute power and authority from His throne in heaven is to walk in the realm and domain of unbelief. People who proclaim that, because they have decided that God's power and authority is not established in the heavens, so it would be impossible for God's love, power and authority to reign upon the hearts and minds of men, walk greatly influenced by the power found in the realm of unbelief's domain. Every coherent, living person is influenced by what they think upon, which will affect the way they react to the world around them. To deny the union of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, so that God's throne of grace, where righteousness, holiness and love is the order of the day but is not appreciated, will cause a person to exalt attitudes and opinions of unbelief, which focus on self centered, self exhaltive behavior.

To deny the power of God's throne that fills the heavens, is to lift up in its place, a throne of power and authority, whose dominion lies in the realm of unbelief. To deny that it is God who rules and reigns in power in heaven and in the lives of men through the Holy Spirit, is to exalt opinions, thoughts and beliefs that herald unbelief in God, so that it becomes acceptable to exalt other gods, worship graven images, have no respect toward one's father and mother, downplay stealing, justify killing, discount the sanctity of marriage so that adultery is common place, personalize and encourage covetousness, and to rationalize not having any concern, compassion or love toward others.

When a person turns toward the Lord in sincere faith in Jesus Christ, then the power and authority found in holy love, that radiates from God's throne, will be established upon the person's heart. When, from God's throne, His righteous judgment is established within a person's life, then will the dominion of unbelief, that held power over a person's life, be cast down. All other thrones, where the power and authority of unbelief held reign over a person's thoughts, will be cast down, when the voice of truth that proceeds from God's throne of mercy makes itself known within a person's life. A person who possesses the Holy Spirit, who is representative of God's kingdom on high, will have a thankful heart toward the Lord, when released from the destructive bondage of unbelief.

> *"But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you." 2 Peter 2:12-13*
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> *"For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of the circumcision: whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies." Titus 1:10:12*

Men who reject God's throne of grace, and exalt the authority behind the dominion of unbelief, will be - to one degree or another - as the beasts of the field. In the dominion of unbelief a person does not experience God's gift of love, so they remain out in the open, as unsuspecting targets who do not know how to escape condemnation's cruel arrows. To continue to refuse the One, who calls out from heaven, is to day by day find that what they have been feeding on (what they have thought upon and consumed as truth), has made them dull of mind, and restless of spirit.

Those whose attitudes are like the beasts of the field, are determined to graze upon earthly understandings, and when they thirst they return to polluted wells and streams of man's reasoning, which are contaminated by self focused desires, so that they continue to discount the love of God. For those who are not experiencing the love of God within their lives, it will become easier, and even familiar, to walk in hatred and loathing toward mankind. They will begin to attack each other, bringing greater grief upon the lives of mankind. If a person continues to turn from God's love, so that hatred has an inroad into their life, then hatred will begin to consume them. Their behavior will fall under the description of a brutish beast that has no concern for the welfare of others; their only concern will be to fill their bellies with what ever earthly concerns their eyes desire today. It is their own self focused lusts that consume them, which controls them, so they do not care whose life they may destroy through their words and actions.

> *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:1-6*

All men are born with the Adamic, carnal nature, which seeks out its existence from among the things of the earth. They are born blind to the goodness of God that surrounds them. They are born deaf to the resonating voice of God that sings to them throughout all of creation, declaring His great love toward them. It is through the hearing of the Word, and turning toward Jesus Christ in sincerity, that people become partakers of the divine influence of the Holy Spirit, so that their hearts ascend on high with God, to the realization of His power, authority and love, which fills all of creation. It is through the Holy Spirit, that men are made alive unto the things of God.

Though men seek things to satisfy the desires of the carnal, Adamic nature, it is not God's desire that they continue to feed the beastly (carnal) nature, so that they become brutish and destructive in their approach toward life. That is why he sent to the earth His beloved Son, so that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, (now and eternally), but shall be filled with everlasting life, found in the Holy Spirit. Through faith in Jesus Christ men become partakers of eternal life, so that while alive they are inspired of God's love toward them, which will transform the way they live and react to life, making men confident that though their earthly bodies return to the earth, they shall forevermore be with the Lord.

To walk denying the goodness of God is to walk in darkness. It is to live denying that the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ, has come in the Father's name, and now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. Until a person repents of their unbelief and is quickened by the Holy Spirit unto eternal life, they will not understand and reject this truth. Because they refuse salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, they continue to walk in darkness, which is unbelief's domain of authority and power. The kingdom of darkness looks to unbelief as its source of strength and power.

God's blessings and love will not be realized or experienced while walking in the kingdom of darkness. His blessings cannot be understood or appreciated when walking in the domain of unbelief. For a person to exalt themselves above God is to allow unbelief's cruel reign to influence their lives in greater and greater degree as they go through their lives. It is to have actions of today and yesterday, which bring sorrow and suffering upon their lives, continue to mount up upon their minds, until it is possible murderous thoughts reign supreme upon their hearts. Upon the kingdom of darkness, where unbelief is the power and authority over people's lives, God's wrath (anger) is poured out. His love is eternal, but to deny the gift that He extends toward mankind is to exalt self over God, which is to bring insult upon the name of God. This behavior will not receive any blessings of eternal significance.

God's love, grace and mercy expands throughout the heavens, but if a person should continue to deny this truth, and refuse to repent and give Him the glory, then God's judgment of condemnation shall remain upon their lives. When a person has no understanding of how to turn to God, then they will spend their days dealing with pain, sorrow, and suffering, for unrighteousness sake, without the Comforter to speak words of encouragement into their lives. They will walk within God's kingdom of Light that fills all of creation, but because their darkened hearts refuse His gift of grace, they will not receive the reward of spiritual sight, and they will not experience God's love that inspires mankind's hearts upward toward the high calling that could be theirs in Christ.

Unbelief is the power and dominion behind the throne which upholds the beast(ly), carnal, Adamic nature. Upon this attitude God pours out His fair and perfect judgment of condemnation. People, who love darkness more than the Light, shall reap what they have sown. If unto condemnation they shall sow, then unto condemnation they shall reap.

May those who have partaken of God’s divine nature, found in the Holy Spirit, continue to extend God’s hand of mercy, as He has extended His mercy toward them. May the abundant riches of His glory, strengthen them with power to embrace each day with joy and mercy. May their hearts be “rooted and grounded in love.” And may their lives become an expression of God’s love, which helps others to realize there is a way of escape from condemnation’s cruel grip. All praise unto the awesome King of glory.

> *“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.” 1 John 4:7-16*

Silver Pitcher

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Dream of silver pitcher & ladle & hidden treasure in River
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Prov. 2: 3-5
“Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek (wisdom) as for silver and search for skillful and Godly wisdom as for hidden treasures then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.”

I dreamed I was camping with my family. This was not an RV city kind of place, but a country, beautiful place. I had arisen from my night’s sleep and decided to take a bath in this river that flowed through the campground. I can’t decide whether to call it a river or a stream because it wasn’t huge like some rivers are and it wasn’t really turbulent like some rivers are either. It was smaller and it was crystal clear and the water just bubbled with life, but it definitely was a strong flow. It was very pleasant. I was just sponge bathing certain parts of my body rather than immersing myself totally in the cool water.

As I looked in front of me, I saw just a few feet away but on the other side, a log. This log was totally underwater and had been wedged in by the current. It had been there for a long time but it was not rotten or anything like that. Just below the log, out of the strong current, were a silver pitcher and a ladle. I knew that these had been in the river for a very long time. I picked them up out of the water. As I did so, I saw jewelry of all kinds in a clear glass display case. This display case seemed to be wedged somehow in with the log sitting on top of the log. The top of the display case was completely covered with a slab of rock. This rock had an indentation in it in one of the corners closest to the bank. In this indentation there were two smaller rocks piled.

I got out of the river to take the silver pitcher and ladle to my mom to keep. I then went back to the river to see about retrieving these jewels. Rings and necklaces and all sorts of wonderful, wonderful jewelry. There were some loose jewels also. This jewelry was also older. It had come from a jewelry shop probably about 50 or so yrs. ago. (I am now 53 yrs. old) I also knew that this jewelry case of jewelry had ended up here because of some catastrophic, instantaneous event and the case had ended up almost buried, but not really buried, in the river. No one had known it was here until I had seen it.

I remember looking in and seeing a very large golden amber stone placed in a setting and attached to a necklace. I thought it was beautiful, but it was not really as appealing to me as the ruby rings and other things were. There were so many ruby rings of varying sizes and shapes that I couldn’t count them. There were a myriad number of varying jewels, most set in jewelry, but some loose stones of ruby and golden amber. Ruby seemed to be the dominant color except I remember some very small emeralds as well as diamonds set in with some the ruby rings. As I was looking at all this, somehow word had gotten out and I found myself in the company of several women, all sitting in the river and circled around the glass case as I was. These women were all around my age. I was pretty irritated with this. Each of us wanted so.o.o bad to get into the case, but somehow it seemed wrong to do so. As we were sitting in the river looking into the case each woman was remarking on the jewels that they particularly wanted. Then, as I looked I saw that a couple of women closest to the edge of the case where the two stones had been piled up on top of the slab of stone had somehow managed to unobtrusively get their hands in and take out a couple of rings each. They were ruby. They had stuck them in the bank of the river right behind their heads with the stones of the rings sticking out. This was done to free up their hands for more and to just try not to let anyone see that they had done this.

Well, this seemed to give license to the rest of us. As we were getting our hands in the case, my daughter Heather came up and was looking in and she pointed to this particular ruby piece indicating how much she loved it. I don't know if it was a necklace or a ring. I think it was a ring though. I felt I would like to get that for her and I knew of another piece that I wanted my daughter, Jenn to have. I reached in a started taking out the things that I wanted. It just was a free for all with many hands coming and going out of the case. I then saw a whole brown paper wrapped package. I grabbed it because I knew it would be full of jewelry. Like a "grab-bag" of jewels. There was another and I can't remember specifically if I got it but I think that I did. The other women had not noticed the brown bags.

The next scene I am putting all these jewels away in my camping gear to get ready for travel.
I am not remembering with specific detail here but I know that a male authority type figure like a game and fish warden or campground patrol came up to me and was questioning me.

End

Interpretation:
I am a sojourner in the earth. I represent the present church.
The river is the River of Life.
I am sponge bathing, letting the river cleanse me. I believe the Lord lets me see supernaturally something that is hidden.
The silver pitcher and ladle are heirlooms fit for a Bride. The Bride of Christ. The silver pitcher and ladle represent wisdom and also supernatural revelation of the Most Holy Spirit. These are the heritage of the church.

My mom symbolizes both the mature church of the Lord and the past church of the Lord, the Bride.
She is given the pitcher and silver ladle for safekeeping. The wisdom of the Lord belongs to the mature.

Again, the Lord has let me see the treasures supernaturally. The log has kept these treasures out of the "main stream". The log is a picture of the Lord Jesus in His humanity and His humility and the stone that protects and covers the case of treasure is also symbolic of the Lord. Not sure why the indentation and the two small stones.

The rings represent covenant promises. The ruby is the covenant of Jesus Christ through the shedding of His blood. The big beautiful golden amber stone is the Glory of the Lord. All of these treasures have been hidden along with the mysteries of the Lord. Again, a picture of revelation knowledge here.

The cataclysmic event was due to the church “system” taking control. Who knows how many centuries ago. The other women also represent the present church. My daughter’s both represent the younger church, the Bride of Jesus too.

Now here is the whole key issue:

We had felt it wrong to take these treasures out. The reason why is that the church has always been taught that we can’t have access to the “deep” things of God because we are not educated; we are only commoners, not the elite. This has been the lie of the enemy for how many centuries?

The male authority figure represents the male dominated church “system”. This system is religion at its finest which has historically looked down upon the laity being able to understand the hidden treasures of Jesus’ Word and just who He is.

This also speaks to me of the prophetic especially. Prophetic people are supposed to be “knighted” by the powers that be with the mantle of the “church system” before they will be heard in any kind of real trust by the leaders of “churchianity” when in fact, prophets belong to the Lord alone. Not that they should not be under authority perhaps, but authority has been set up wrong.

Praise the Lord! It looks like change is on the way! There is coming a reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord as well as the hidden treasures of supernatural knowledge and wisdom.

Prov. 2: 3-5
“Yes, if you cry out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek (wisdom) as for silver and search for skillful and Godly wisdom as for hidden treasures then you will understand the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.”

Stand In The Gap

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(I have experienced this word lately in my own life as I have seen the enemy attempt to play havoc on my family's lives. However, he will not prevail if we would do warfare against him through God's spirit, and not on our own, he will be defeated.)

"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me ***in the gap*** *on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found none. Ezekiel 22:30*
13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Eph. 6

"I tell you that this is a time when the enemy is trying to play havoc on people's lives and families. He knows that his time is running short so he is pulling out all of the stops to attempt to do these things. But I tell you that he will not be successful if you do warfare with him in my spirit. He is trying to see who you will be giving allegiance to, for he has held captive many in his service. There are all types of chains in which he employs to keep his victims underfoot. I tell you that there are entire nations that he wants to control but he knows that there are certain individuals who stand in the gap against him. I tell you that when certain nations fall, he is there rejoicing over this."

"I tell you to do warfare…it is time to do warfare. Put on the whole armor of God so that you will be able to stand against him. Pray for those who are in need. Stand in the gap for them. For when there are certain people who will stand in the gap then he will fall. He will fall, I tell you that he will fall. Remember that Martin Luther once said that, 'One little word will fall him.'"

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Sit-izenship

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Last night, I had the distinct privilege of meeting the honorable Chief Justice Roy Moore at a Renew America Rally hosted by American Vision near our home on the north side of Atlanta. We had a wonderful visit just before he had to give the key- note speech for the evening. Each time he would mention the word, "citizenship"; I actually heard "sit-izenship." It was at that time the Holy Spirit began speaking to me about this concept; opening up scripture that I had hidden inside of my heart for many years. It is amazing how just one word can connect so many dots and bring understanding and a paradigm shift in the core of your being!

Anyone who has been frustrated as I have, with the apathy of believers concerning civic duty will see why there has been such a lack of influence we have had on the culture, political climate, arts and entertainment, and many aspects of public life. There is a reason why so many have a hard time standing. It is because they have not been seated first! The Apostle Paul gave us the order of civic life in the Book of Ephesians. He begins with the idea of sitting. After we have secured our seat of dominion, we are able to walk and stand.

Sit, Walk, Stand

"Sit, walk, and stand" is the basic outline of the Book of Ephesians. In fact the first 3 chapters of this book are devoted to one concept, "sitting"! How can anyone know on what to stand if they do not know where to sit first? It is from the seated place of confident rest and safety we can stand firm, endued with power from on high, fearing no man. When God raised Jesus from the dead, He seated Him at His right hand in the Third Heaven, which is far above all other powers, dominions, and authorities in all nations through out all time.

In other words: Jesus Christ is positioned over all earthly powers. That's right! Jesus Christ has the final word on everything from galaxies to governments! He is in the absolute position of authority over all things. No person or power outranks Him! He is " The Boss" and "The CEO of the Universe." In and through Him alone lie all 3 branches of government. He is the master and commander of heavenly execution, jurisdiction and legislation and we are seated together in Him in heavenly places sharing this same role on the earth!

"The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Ephesians 1: 17-23 NKJ

Before we read on, let's look at the exact same passage in the colorful imagery of the "The Message" translation:

I ask--ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory--to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing Him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is He is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life He has for Christians, Oh, the utter extravagance of His work in us who trust Him--endless energy, boundless strength! All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and sat Him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything.

Ephesians 1: 17-23 Message

We might ask ourselves now, " What does the fact that Jesus is seated at the right hand of God have to do with us personally and our citizenship here on the earth?" That is a very good question! The 2nd chapter of Ephesians defines where we are in the scheme of things and to whom we are connected. The following scripture passage is some of the most powerful information we, the modern church, could ever embrace:

You May Now Be Seated

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2: 4-9

So we can now boldly state, according to Ephesians 1 and 2, God who is rich in mercy has seated us (the Church) together in Christ at the Father's right hand in heavenly places far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come!

Before anyone reading this could physically walk or stand, they had to sit up first. When we were babies, sitting up literally gave us a new perspective on the world. We could look down or across at things, rather than always staring up from below. Likewise, we must sit up in Christ in the place of confidence and see all things subjugated to His lordship. This is a place of rest and knowing who we are and where we are positioned. It's from this place we can begin to walk what we talk and make a stand for righteousness. When we understand that all of heaven is backing us, we can be boldly energized and effectively mobilized as we are harmoniously synthesized in Christ who is omnipotent having all power.

When we begin to really believe this fact, we will be able to walk in realms of influence and effectiveness as we relate to this new identity.
Up until this time, we have had an identity crisis. We have been trying to achieve and accomplish great things from a low place as opposed to a high place with all the saints positioned for complete victory.

This mentality, this awareness, this revelation is the foundation of true heavenly citizenship. We are not foreigners and illegal aliens. We are documented by God's Word. We have identification as legal immigrants from heaven. We have obtained our citizenship from heaven as we have been seated in Christ who sits on the throne of God and transferred that citizenship to this earth!

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians2:19,22

Dual Citizenship

There are many believers who have lacked the understanding of dual citizenship. There are those who embrace the earthly citizenship and attempt to impact society without a strong consecrated faith in God. These people have good work ethics, but when adversity hits, there is a lack of "staying power" and endurance. How can we gain momentum if we continue to "play it safe" by compromising the absolutes of God's Word in public? We cannot live victoriously and remain ambiguous; fearing the opinions of men. We must find our seat in Christ and abide steadfastly and immovable therein. We need to be rock solid and consistent without apology. When we deny the dominion of Christ on the earth, he denies our dominion in heaven. When we publicly recognize and favor His righteous cause, He then publicly endorses our actions in heaven.

On the other hand, there are strong Christians who have a great love and devotion to God and truly understand that it is by his mercy we are granted citizenship in heaven. These same people will not even register to vote because they do not want to be called in for jury duty. They have no clue what it means to live in a constitutional republic with liberty and justice for all. There is an old saying that we can be so heavenly minded, we are no earthly good. But I say, we should be so heavenly minded we are of great earthly good! We must not be deceived to think for instance that politics is dirty. Baby diapers get dirty also, but do we distance ourselves from the "dirty work" to clean them up and change them? It's time to mature and take personal responsibility for our communities. The days of walking past public policy with blinders on are over. Anyone who will not register to vote and make his or her voice be heard on the earth in the voting ballot has no right to murmur and complain. Even the apostle Paul was a Roman citizen. The man whom God appointed to write most of the New Testament understood the mandate to be involved in civics as a believer. Can we look an American soldier in the eyes who has fought for our freedom and say, " No thank you, I've opted to pass on liberty and give up my rights that you and Jesus bled for, thanks anyway."

Is this a hard thing to say? It's only hard when we reject our dual citizenship. Each time we fail to vote for the right thing, we give our legal rights away to someone who will vote for the wrong thing. We are no better than Adam and Eve when they gave their authority over to satan and suffered the fall from grace. Silence is golden but often times it is just plain "yellow."

We must first and foremost recognize our heavenly citizenship in Christ and then expand that citizenship into the county, state, and country in which we live. We Christians must be the voters, those who run for public office, and serve our communities. Jesus said that we must shine our light on the top of the hill, and that would also include capital hill. Amen?

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

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Saturated In The Spirit Of God

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding, Prov 3:5.

There is a need to become so saturated in the Spirit of God that our intellect is not required to sift through men's opinions of what is from God and what is not.

We are in times of transition that have been described as transformation, reformation and even revolution. Times that are indeed fluid and can be turbulent. It is not probable that anyone except the Holy Spirit can guide us safely through these times of radical change. Much knowledge and even the best understandings from the past must bow to the Holy Spirit revelation of truth and guidance establishing the reality of Christ abiding within a people who are abiding in Him. The many branches must be connected directly and permanently into the one true vine.

Men of God can only speak with true authority what they themselves have heard and seen God doing or saying. Otherwise there is a dependency on what someone else has said or written in the past. Often teachings (doctrines) of the past "institutional church age" have been established from intellectual discernment of the word more than from Holy Spirit revelation of the word of God. This can also lead to demonic input as well. In this way traditions of men and doctrines of demons are passed on as truth.

John 5:19 Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner."

Mat 15:6 ....Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition which you have handed down.

1 Tim 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.

One of the major schemes of the enemy is to set up false counterfeit teachings or mixtures that look much like the truth and may contain some truth, but with a deadly error embedded within. The enemy knows that when the error is discovered many people will reject the whole teaching and anything that looks like it as false. The true revelation, which may look or sound much like the false, may also be rejected and the people will miss the revelation of truth that God has sent. In an effort to protect doctrines, theologians may come up with a counter teaching against the true revelation by using intellectual interpretation of the word. They may also be affected by the enemy twisting their understanding. Many good people who rely on what others have said rather than hearing and seeing what God is doing and saying may inadvertently speak against the truth while thinking they are defending it. A deceived person does not know they are deceived.

The word does not change but revelation of the word to man is progressive. God continues to remove the covers from the eyes of those sincerely seeking Him, thus revealing more truth of the word. One factor in further revelation coming forth is the level of purity in the heart of men. Experiencing the loving presence of God in intimate oneness with God leads to humble innocence, purity and holiness in the heart of God's people. This opens the way for increased release of revelation of the truth. The experience of spiritual outpourings of revival and renewal coming forth in recent decades have led to increased levels of brokenness, humility, and oneness with God for many people, thus opening the way for increased revelation of the word of God.

The people moving with God in this transition season are not all at the same place in the process, but rather are at various stages and therefore cannot always see everything exactly alike. The people of God who are not at all moving through this transition cannot possibly understand what is going on and will turn to their previously held teachings and understanding for guidance and may reject much of what God is doing. They can then easily become affected by a critical spirit and fight against what God is doing while thinking they are protecting the pure doctrines of the church. They may attack just because they hear a certain buzz word or see a certain manifestation that they do not understand.

The kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the King, the embodiment of the kingdom.

Jesus abides in His people by the Holy Spirit.
Being filled with the Holy Spirit is being filled with Jesus - Jesus abiding in us.

His people abide in Jesus by the Holy Spirit.
Abiding in Jesus is tantamount to our being saturated or immersed in the Holy Spirit. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is immersion in and saturation with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus and the Father are one. When Jesus abides within us the Father is with us. When we abide in Jesus we are with the Father.

Jesus is within and Jesus is among His people by the Holy Spirit.

We become the Body of Christ who is the King. Literally the kingdom is within us by the Holy Spirit - and as Christ also manifest among us by the Holy Spirit, the kingdom is within and without by the Holy Spirit.

Rom 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Luke 17:21 "nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

John 10:30 "I and My Father are one."
John 17:21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,....
John 17:23 "I in them, and You in Me;....

John 10:37-38: "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him."

Walking in the Spirit is walking in the kingdom of God. Christ living in His many membered Body is the kingdom of God on earth as the Body does only the will of God on earth as it is done in heaven. As heaven is affected by the will of God being done by all involved so the world is affected by the will of

God being done by the Body of Christ (the "Christ in you people"). An atmosphere of heavenly holiness is beginning to develop in pockets and places in the world. As the light grows it spreads into increasing areas of the world.

Judgment comes upon evil in an atmosphere ruled by the holiness of the kingdom of God. Judgment came quickly in the holy atmosphere of heaven when Lucifer and a third of the angels rebelled. As the kingdom of God people come forth in an increasing remnant across the world the atmosphere begins to change to a heavenly holiness of light invading the darkness. This prepares the way for judgment upon the wicked and ungodly. The judgment of God is with great love and mercy. Many who sit in darkness will experience judgment and quickly begin to move toward the light of the kingdom of God. Only those who willingly choose to deny God and cling to darkness will be removed by the angels as tares from the kingdom of God. (Mat 13:30)

Myriads of angels are poised across the earth. All heaven is waiting and watching anticipating the purified holy sons of God, the Body of Christ saturated in the Holy Spirit to mature and emerge in the fullness of Christ to overcome the works of the devil.

This is it. We have entered the season of the kingdom of God that Jesus shed His blood to redeem. Earth shaking changes have begun upon the world. As the mature Body of Christ emerges and the light expands the enemy will fight with great wrath because he sees the end of his reign on earth coming to a soon end. (Rev 12:11-12) This is a season of extremes. We need not try to build back what God is destroying. We cannot rescue what is being removed or rebuild what is crumbling. We can only cling to that which cannot be shaken.

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

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God's Inexhaustible Kingdom Reality
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As God's people begin to crawl out from under the blanket of human and religious limitation and to stand erect in the holy light of heaven's ways, vast changes of our reality begins to occur. The lowly image of sin identification begins to lift. The imposed beliefs that we are all sinners and will always be sinners begins to be washed away. There is more to this than "lost sinners and saved sinners." There is the righteous of God. Holy men and women of God who do not live under the limitations of sin but are free to move in the supernatural world of holiness and purity flowing the love of God.

Focus on failure creates negative faith that limits the work of God. Living under a blanket of religious "false grace" is false righteousness. Thinking that God sees only our religious blanket of "righteousness" and cannot see our continuing to live in uncleanness, lust, immorality, greed, covetousness and strife is foolish deception and a mockery of God.

1 John 3:7-10: Little children, let no one deceive you. ***He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.*** *He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for* ***His seed remains in him;*** *and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God. In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

Kingdom of God principles are idealistic. The kingdom of God is ideal. Yet the heavenly ways of the kingdom must become our practical reality in this life. This is not only possible but is absolutely necessary to bring forth the kingdom of God lifestyle into the world. There must be holy mature sons of God to release the inexhaustible resources of God to change our world.

How is this possible? How can it be that men and women can live on the earth in real holiness, in the practical reality of pure righteousness? How can men and women who have been trained in failure live in pure righteousness? We know of the substitutionary death of Jesus at the cross to pay for our sin but how do we quit sinning and live holy lives?

Identification with the cross is fully adequate to take care of our forgiveness but it cannot stop our sinning. There must come the fullness of identification with the resurrection life of Christ to stop sinning and live in real practical holiness. The cross is incomplete without the resurrection.

How then do we attain to the resurrection life of Christ?

The "greatest mystery" and the answer to our question is the pure revelation of the reality of "Christ in you the hope of glory".

The religious way is to try to reform ourselves according to the pattern of Christ. Oh -- the pain of the many failures of this soulish attempt. Oh -- the guilt of never quite measuring up - of really doing good for a season and then failing or backsliding to be worse than before - the frustration of trying to believe for miracle working power to heal the sick and save the lost. Oh -- the disappointments of seeing those that we thought were making it, those we highly respected, fall into ugly sin and failure. Oh -- the sick feelings of discovering their secret hidden sins hidden behind their efforts at being like a godly person or like Christ.

Jesus said, Only God is good. Jesus as a sinless man empowered by the Father through the Holy Spirit spoke clearly that only God is good. It was God in the man Christ Jesus that made Him the Son of God even before his glorification at the cross and resurrection.

Mat 19:17: ***So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God.....***

It is the practical reality of the resurrection life of Christ in us by the Holy Spirit that makes us sons of God and that does the works of Christ now on earth. It sounds like blasphemy to really recognize the reality of Christ Jesus and the Father can literally live in us causing us to become the body of Christ in reality. "It is no longer I that live but Christ." "as He is, so are we in this world." We are as Christ in the world. Only Christ living in man can do the supernatural works of God. Only Christ in us can fully obey the Father and do only what we see and hear him doing and saying. Only Christ in us can in a practical reality reclaim the kingdoms of the world as the kingdoms of our God.

The world has yet to see the fullness of the supernatural power of the love of God flowing through the sons of God on earth. But we are getting started in the right direction and are closer than we were. There is an increasing number of maturing sons world wide doing the supernatural works of god now.

Oh the glory of the manifested Son filling the earth. The glory of God shall cover the earth. There is an inexhaustible reality of the love and power of God. God provides inexhaustible supply supernaturally - water from a rock - daily manna in the desert - a scrap of oil and meal that doesn't run out - the jar of oil that does not stop pouring until all the available vessels are filled - the feeding of thousands with a few loaves of bread and fish with baskets full left over.

True grace (the empowerment of God to live righteously) and the love of God poured out into every available vessel with absolutely no end to the power, wisdom and love through Christ in His sons by the Holy Spirit. The "unmerited" gift is the power to live above sin and all natural restraints as we lose our life and His life is manifest in us. It is Christ and not us that lives and Christ cannot sin and in Him all power and all authority abides on earth, in the mature sons of God, as the Son of God lives on earth by the Holy Spirit of God.

Walk in the Spirit. Abide in Christ and He in you. Become one with the Son and the Father. Meditate, soak, live in the manifest presence of God coming forth on earth by the Holy Spirit and allow the fire of His presence to consume all self centered life. Seek Him with your whole heart. Come to know Him and be known of Him. Hear His voice and obey. Only do and say what you hear and see the Father doing and saying. Christ in you the hope of glory will become the reality of His manifested glory.

Pursue Love It Never Fails,
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Strangers In The World

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I recently had a conversation with my sister about when people we love pass away. She told me how she didn't particularly care for the comments of people when they would say "I know he/she is in a better place." because they weren't necessarily comforting and did nothing to ease the grief. Her comment gave me pause to consider this statement which is without a doubt a commonly uttered sentiment by people who are trying to be helpful in a sad and hurting situation. The following discussion is my consideration of her statement as it relates to the body of Christ.

In Genesis 15:13 the Lord told Abraham "Know for certain that your descendants will be *strangers in a country not their own* and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years." As the Lord declared the descendants of Abraham were indeed enslaved for four hundred years and later delivered from that slavery by God and eventually settled in the country he promised Abraham they would be. As the spiritual descendants of Abraham, the body of Christ has received its freedom from being slaves to sin through the shed blood of Jesus Christ so that this world and its ways are no longer home for us. In 1Peter 2:11 the apostle Peter reiterated this concept when he stated, "Dear friends, I urge you, as *aliens and strangers in the world* to abstain from sinful desires which war against your soul." I believe that the reason the above cited words of solace may result in little comfort to grieving loved ones can likely be attributed to it not coming from a place of belief and a life lived in the reality of that belief. It's not that whatever sentiment is offered when a loved one passes away will erase the pain of their loss, but as saints of God when a fellow saint and loved one passes away that statement should not be just a platitude we or others use to idly comfort ourselves. If our discipleship is continuously characterized by our becoming more and more strange to this world and we live our lives as such then when we face our mortality, other saints who live their lives as strangers will be able to say with all sincerity of belief "I know he/she is with the Lord." That is different from someone who is speaking from niceness, or some other religious belief where the blood of Jesus has not taken the sting out of death for them.

This world and particularly modern society easily obscures for saints that we are strangers in the world. We can find ourselves immersed in the everyday doings of life, the everyday survival modes so that we lose that stranger mindset. We are sucked into bill payments, careers, relationships and all the other worries and cares of life so that if the Lord requires something of us in the nature of moving our tents we are hardly amenable to it. When I say (we) I do not mean everyone because I know there are people who have made the jump to living their lives as strangers, but probably far too many of us with gifts, talents ,abilities, dormant calls and ministries have been sucked into the maelstrom of life with all its' distractions. I must admit I think it's a difficult balance to walk, to be in the world, but not of it and find myself spinning in the whirlpool of this situation and that circumstance from time to time. After all, we have responsibilities and obligations in this life; however, the challenge is to not be drowned by them so that they become our life instead of the Lord Jesus. In Matthew 13: 1-23 Jesus told the parable of the sower sowing seed on four types of ground: (1) path (2) rocky (3) thorns (4) good. It states in verse 22 " The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. In our society and this world there is ever accumulating lists of worries to choke the Lord Jesus who is the word and his speaking in our lives making it at any given point unfruitful. I would hazard to say that most of us fall into the worries of this life category, but if we do not there is no free pass for those with wealth because their wealth can deceive them and equally choke the word.

The worries of life are definitely stealthy culprits in dimming our view to our alien status in this world. Conversely, the worries of life may not be some saints main issue. Instead it may be the attraction of an ever dizzying array of entertainment choices and leisure activities. The luxuries of life are as beguiling and potentially consuming as the worries of life so that those who are privy to it have an interest in maintaining the status quo and saving for the purposes of this discussion, western civilization from its moral decline for themselves and their children. Although, I believe as saints we have a duty to live godly lives in whatever social capacity we find ourselves and to be light and salt, it is not the duty of the church to establish or maintain a utopian society in this world. It is our primary duty to live in expectation of the return and reign of the Lord Jesus and let the world know of God's salvation and his pending judgment of an evil world no matter what form of government is currently en vogue from a global standpoint.

My point is simply that with incredible facility we can lose sight of our status as aliens in this world. As horrible as slavery is one can become comfortable in the situation so that freedom is actually abhorred and feared. This paradox is witnessed with Israel when God delivered them from slavery and many actually wanted to return to Egypt rather than endure the new challenges of freedom. In Numbers 16 we are treated to the account of three men who rebelled against Moses. Specifically, in verse 12 Moses summoned two of them Dathan and Abiram in which they responded "We will not come! Isn't it enough that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey to kill us in the desert ….14 "Moreover, you haven't brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey or given us an inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you gouge out the eyes of these men? No, we will not come!" It appears that these men had very short memories of their oppression under the Pharaoh of Egypt or were delusional. How else does one explain an association of bondage with milk and honey, but that is the nature of the world. It can delude and persuade us into believing it is the land flowing with milk and honey and we are better off aligning ourselves with its virtues and vices as opposed to embracing and enduring the hard ships of our God bestowed freedom until we have possessed the Promised Land. Dathan and Abiram's story is our story. When we have been set free in Christ and begin to know the trials and difficulties that sometimes beset us, it is tempting to look back at the world and believe we were better off ---to believe we had fewer problems, more friends and fewer obstacles and perhaps this is true. However, if we cannot endure the trials of our freedom and return to the plantation system of the world, we will find that like Dathan and Abiram we are set to perish.

Dathan and Abiram were physically out of Egypt but in their hearts it was still their home. They were not strangers in that country on their way to their own country and so they were not able to inherit land. So we learn from them that our hearts need to be for the country that is our own because when the world turns ugly and the fiery trials come it will be tempting to see it as flowing with milk and honey if our hearts are invested in it. When I consider the apostle Paul and his life I am equally impressed with how he faced death as with how he lived Christ. Languishing in a grimy Roman prison, he writes to Timothy:

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and The time has come for my departure. I have fought the good Fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. IITimothy4:7

Here it is evident that the Apostle Paul knew he was about to die, but instead of a tone of sadness he established for Timothy a tone of hope in another reality. It doesn't appear that Paul is about to die, but that he is about to take a plane ride to go home to another part of the world where he is one day expecting a reward for his service in a foreign land. I find it further encouraging that the Lord must have let Paul know that his death was imminent. What maturity it must take to handle the knowledge of your passing when you serve the same sovereign God who divinely freed Peter from prison (Acts 12:1-10). It is doubtlessly easier to accept the knowledge of our healing and deliverance, but the knowledge of our death is another story. If Paul asked God to divinely free him and spare his life, it is not indicated here. After all the trials Paul had gone through one would think he would have received retirement at a posh Roman villa and death by natural causes at the age of 100 years plus his crown of righteousness on that day. If many of us were in Paul's place today would we be able to handle the knowledge of our passing and say with him I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith or would we collapse in hysteria and lobby for time, not because we desire to finish the race or even know we're running one but because our roots are still embedded in the soil of this world.

I do not mean to suggest that Paul was desensitized to living. I can imagine he wrote that letter through a haze of tears and I can imagine that as Timothy read it tears slowly trickled down his face and later gushed in a flood when Paul was no more. Grief and emotions are a part of us because they are a part of God and physical death no matter what hurts when it takes people we love; however, the great virtue and blessing of being a saint is that when our bodies are no more we still have a home. It with this fact that Jesus comforts his disciples when says:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in Me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I Would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for You. John 14:1-2 (NIV)

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Smoldering Coals

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In a vision, I saw some smoldering* coals.

*smoldering – on fire, ablaze, aflame, blazing, flaming, fiery

I see My beloved's heart. I am looking intently on that heart. I like what I see in that heart. I like where I am taking that heart. I am taking that heart to a new place in Me – the place of the smoldering coals. It is a place of intensity and fire. It is a place of hope – hope in the Beloved and hope in your future with the Beloved.

Know this: I have kindled a fire within each willing heart. I am bringing that heart into a holy union of love with Me. Never doubt My work and My ability to see you through. Never doubt that the King of glory can present Himself in full array to one surrendered – one intent on serving the Almighty, come what may.

A new era is dawning – an era when you must put your total trust in Me in a way you have never before done. This era holds much for one surrendered and trusting in Me. It holds much in the way of the fantastic being revealed. This is an era of great wonder and truth. It is an era of powerful revelation. Get ready for some knowledge about your God to overwhelm you.

Yes, My truth is like that – it is overwhelming. It is most satisfying to the soul. It brings life and health to those who are trusting in Me. Hear Me, and know that I find great satisfaction in bringing all that is coming to you – MUCH satisfaction. You could say that I am overwhelmed with the pleasure of the thought. You could say that I am most satisfied with My work – it is exemplarily – it is without fault.

So take that stand in Me, knowing that an era is dawning when those smoldering coals will take on a new look – a fiery, new look, and know that with this fire is coming something splendid – too splendid for words – too wonderful to be told. For mere words cannot express the work of the Almighty. Mere words cannot equal this work in any capacity. So lean not on your own understanding, beloved. Stand firm in the knowledge that the One Who is Love has deemed it necessary – beneficial – to present this hour to My beloved children, and anything that is beneficial to you is beneficial to My cause.

I long for this new hour to begin. It is surely coming. Get ready for the fire, knowing that those smoldering coals within were placed there by My Spirit and they are going to blaze high with the knowledge of My most profound love like NEVER before. Stand firm in your calling, knowing that it is My desire to perfect you – perfect you in every way in order for you to rise to the occasion that I have set before you – a most wonderfully glad occasion when you will be brought into My sphere – My sphere of great pleasure and much hope!!!

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Green Flies
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The Sign of Flies/ Green Flies
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NOTE:

Mary's word below reminds me of an experience in India so thought I would share with you. To me flies represent LIES of the enemy. One day in Andhra Pradesh, I was speaking at a pastor's conference, and I was speaking on prayer. The Lord at one point pushed me to talk about "witchcraft prayers". So I did and as I explained what that was, and how we are to bless and not curse, some of them seemed to be talking to each other so I asked Ben, why, what was going on. He said they were chattering to each other because they had been doing that!

Pastors there are not like here I found out when there. Most there, go out to a village in FAITH to start a church at the beckoning of God. They may or may not have schooling. They just listen to the voice of God and go.

After this session I went back to Ben's house, and in my room ONLY...and it's a big house with many rooms, there were black flies all over the windows inside and out...of 4 windows I think...I remember being stunned because they were not moving. So then Prasant and Grace helped me to swat all the flies on the inside, and then they swept them up. Then the Lord said to me very clearly, " this morning you swatted a lot of flies " ! hahaha PTL !

So He was saying, by the teaching I'd dealt with a lot of lies they had believed. To me it was an amazing object lesson. The pastors repented and all renounced all the ungodly prayers/curses they had placed on anyone. Love, Pris

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Green Flies
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The Lord has been speaking to me about green flies lately and I decided to look on the Internet and get some information about them.

Blowflies, Greenbottle flies and Bluebottle flies are all common large flies, noted for their blue or green coloration. These flies are often flying up and down in a window, making their characteristic buzzing sound. Blowflies are scavengers which deposit their eggs on decaying meat, fish, garbage, fecal matter and dead animals. These materials on which blowflies deposit their eggs are the key in their elimination: find and eliminate these sources! Blowflies breed in damp organic material such as garbage and dead animals, therefore most of these pests found indoors actually originate from an outdoor source.

Here is what the Lord has to tell us about these flies: The flies are coming. The flies are coming. They are coming to your vicinity. Get ready to swat those demons with My truth. Get ready to speak the word of the living God as these flies swarm into your vicinity.

They are harmful to those who do not know My truth. They are detrimental to My will shining forth in that one who has not fed on My word.

I tell you truly that it is time to sit up and take notice of the living God. It is time to feed on My word – My truth. It is the ammunition that you need to conquer this tool of the devil. It is the ONLY tool that will combat his fury. Feed on My word. Feed on it voraciously. It will enable you to arise out of the vicinity of his lies. My truth will enable you to combat his lies while standing firm on My truth.

I am telling you, beloved, that the flies are coming. They are breeding at this very moment. They are coming to offer no hope and keep My children from walking in My words of truth. But the devil is defenseless when My word is used against him – defenseless in every sense of the word. So feed on My words of truth. Get them deep within your heart. Rehearse them to one another. Speak of them often. Don't let an opportunity go by without speaking My words of truth over any situation that arises.

I am eager for My beloved children to walk in My truth. I tell you, dear one, that the enemy is sending something your way that I liken to green flies – these green flies are detrimental to your well-being. You must take advantage of the word of your God; speak it over your situations and the situation of others. Do not listen to the lies of the enemy. Pay his lies no mind. You speak only the truth of the living God.

The green flies are on the way. They are harboring ill-will for those who welcome them. How do you welcome them? By believing the lies that they speak. By speaking those lies and ignoring My truth. THAT, beloved, is how you welcome them. Don't put the welcome mat out for them, beloved. Squash them with My words of truth. Speak loud and clear the simple truth of the living God, and see them dissipate into nothingness. YES! See those lies of the devil dissipate into nothingness, dropping out of existence, as My words of truth hit them dead center, declaring them powerless in the lives of My beloved children.

Show Me Your Face

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The Word the Lord gave me for 2005 all stems from Psalms 27:8. It is a WORD that stems forth from my personal journeys this past year, and where He is taking the Body this next year.

Psalms 27:8 KJV "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek."

WILL YOUR HEART RESPOND...

To seek His face. The Lord said He'd show Himself to you if you seek His face in 2005. He is again looking for those who will cry out to see His glory just like Moses and David. He says to you seek My face. But will your heart respond, "Thy face will I seek?" Do you desire Him so much for Him to fill you to the uttermost. For those who seek Him shall find Him. He is seeking for a people who will be sensitive to His calling. He is searching for you. He said that there is no one like you. He doesn't want someone to come for you, but He DESIRES you. 2005 is a year for tuning your ear to His voice. For His sheep hear His voice. ho.

Come Lord. Show me your face. O I desire to look into Your eyes. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. (Psalms 17:15 KJV)....

INTIMACY...

Psalms 23:6 MSG "Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life. I'm back home in the house of GOD for the rest of my life."

2005 will mark a new level of intimacy for many. It will seem, as the verse above states, that the Lord's beauty and love will chase after you. 2005 will be a year when the pursuer will become the pursued. When those who seek, and war, struggle, and suffer to see the face of God will no longer be chasing after Him, instead His beauty and love will pursue us. Times and levels in the Secret Place will be increased. He said this will be a time to look into His eyes. O to gaze at the "Beauty of Holiness." In these seasons you will be transformed from strength to strength, faith to faith, and glory to glory.

Lord, Your beauty is so amazing. I gaze upon You now O Lord. Take me deeper. New realms of intimacy with You O God. Increase. Increase O Lord. Take me away with you. Though being dark that I am, in Your eyes, I am lovely....

GRACE TO WHOM I WILL GIVE GRACE....

Matthew 11:29-30 MSG Walk with me and work with me--watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. (30) Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

To those who are willing to learn the unforced rhythms of My grace will I bestow upon them grace in 2005. "And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of Jehovah before you. And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will have mercy on whom I will have mercy (Exodus 33:19 MKJV)". This past year you have seen My tremendous grace and favor, yet you have also seen My wrath. But I say that I will give grace to whom I will give grace. If you want it, you must learn to walk in it. So, walk with me. Follow in My steps. I have already laid straight the path for you to take. If it is grace that you want, than you must learn to walk in it. If it is My heart, learn to walk in it. I will lead you and I will guide you. I do and teach. Learn from Me. If you learn the unforced rhythms of grace, surley My goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life.

Jesus, help me to walk with You. Let me learn the unforced rhythms of grace in 2005, O God. This is my hearts desire, to walk in Your grace and mercy. I desire to see Your mercy and goodness poured out of me O God....

THE HARVEST...

John 4:35 Young's Literal Translation "...do not say that it is yet four months, and the harvest cometh; lo, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and see the fields, that they are white unto harvest already."

2005 will see an increased persecution of My saints. The war is not over, nor has the battle been lost, but through your sufferings, many will come into My Kingdom. Do not see the harvest as being tomorrow, or next year, but as NOW. Look up and see from My eyes. I see the harvest white and plentiful. Ready now! There will be many who oppose and many in opposition. But can there be a victory without a battle?

"(1) Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. (2) For behold darkness shall cover the earth, and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. (3) And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising. (4) Lift up thy eyes round about, and see: all these are gathered together, they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. (5) Then shalt thou see, and abound, and thy heart shall wonder and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee." Isaiah 60:1-5 DRB. My sunrise GLORY is shining all over you. You will shine among the nations of darkness with sunburst brightness, ho!!! My Glory will shine down on those who seek My face.

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, for Your GLORY, so that it may spread to the nations! Cover the earth with Your glory and light. Let it spread from my life...

TO BE HOLY...

Isaiah 35:8 KJV "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it *shall be* for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*."

To be holy as I am holy is what I call you to. Be blameless among men. For every sinful act you commit infront of other men, you put a reproach upon My name. Walk upon My highway of holiness. It is the way to My heart. It is the way to seeking My face. If you take My hand, I will lead you. Walk with me.

Lord, make me clean. Make me holy. I want to be just as You are. How long until I awake in Your likeness? Change me, and guide me, O God. May 2005 make me holy, just as You are. To be like just like You...

AMERICA MUST COME TO HER KNEES....

Acts 3:19 ALT Therefore, repent and turn back *[to God]* in order for your sins to be blotted out, in order that times of refreshing shall come from *[the]* face *[fig., presence]* of the Lord

America, how I love you, but how much longer before I must discipline you. America must come to her knees! I am ready to pour out refreshing and revival over the land, but America must come to her knees. If she we humble herself, seek My face, and turn from her wicked ways, I will restore America to her foundations. "But I'll fix her: I'll dump her in a field of thistles, then lose her in a dead-end alley. She'll go on the hunt for her lovers but not bring down a single one. She'll look high and low but won't find a one. Then she'll say, 'I'm going back to my Husband (God), the One I started out with. That was a better life by far than this one.' " (Hosea 2:6-7 MSG)

God we pray for America. We pray you open her eyes. We place a hedge of thistles around America. Lord she will not be able to go one way or another. She will not be able to find her foreign lovers of sin, but will only be able to walk the pathway back to You, O God. We cry out for a cultural revolution. We cry out for a Great Awakening. Take the blinders off the American people's eyes. Lord, let this happen in 2005....

THE NATIONS...

Revelation 22:1-5 MKJV "And he showed me a pure river of Water of Life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. (2) In the midst of its street, and of the river, from here and from there, *was* the Tree of Life, which bore twelve fruits, each yielding its fruit according to one month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (3) And every curse will no longer be; but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will serve Him. (4) And they will see His face, and His name *will be* in their foreheads. (5) And there will be no night there. And they need no lamp, or light of the sun; for the Lord God gives them light. And they will reign forever and ever."

I am bringing healing to the nations. Many have encountered much disaster this year, but I will raise them up once again. This time My throne will be established among them. And they will worship Me for Who I Am.

Lord, we pray for the nations. We pray that their hearts would turn to You, and would seek Your face. We pray that these nations would be nations of the Cross! In Jesus' name, amen!

GOING AFTER GOD
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CHANGING THE WORLD

Spiritual Networking and Apostolic Authority
Ron McGatlin

The Great Transition

It is vitally important for understanding present day truth that we fully recognize that we (the church) are in a season of great transition. For years prophets have seen it coming and have been speaking of a new paradigm, a new spiritual landscape coming forth.

As many individuals in the Body are drawn into the heart of God and are cleansed, healed, and humbled by the awesome love of Father, their lives are changing. Obedience to God and walking in the Spirit are becoming top priority in their lives and fresh revelation of the Word of God is pouring into them. We have now entered a season when many forerunners have entered into this awesome rest in the heart of the Father. This then has brought and is bringing an increasing level of maturity in the Body of Christ. The Body has begun to mature into love. We are headed toward the goal and desire of God for a nation of "kings and priests" a "royal priesthood."

Rev 5:10: And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.

1 Pet 2:9: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people....

2 Tim 2:12: If we endure, We shall also reign with Him.

Rev 20:6: ...but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him...

Rom 5:17: ...those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

The maturation of the Body is preparing the way for a return to the original model of "ekklesia" (church) that Jesus and the disciples began. The systems of church are beginning to change to the new covenant order. But for the present moment we have a somewhat chaotic condition as the new meets the old and some change quickly and others slowly and some not at all. **Keep in mind that the new is not new to God. It was His original desire.** It is only new to us who have lived for centuries in a different way than His desire for His children.

There is only ONE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY. All authority flows from God. At this point we must understand that there is from God "dominion authority" and "spiritual authority". Adam was given dominion authority on earth. Spiritual authority is in Christ.

Dominion authority is delegated authority given to mankind over all that is upon Planet Earth. God gave dominion of the earth to mankind in Adam and has not rescinded it. Man was given and yet possesses the authority to bring forth life from God (tree of life) or to bring forth death through self government apart from God by the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

*Gen 1:26-28: Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, **"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."***

Man was given the rule over all upon the earth but was not originally given the authority to rule over other men. But man participating in the tree of self government apart from God has established structures of men and tribes dominating and ruling over others to fulfill their need or greed.

This establishes the kingdom of man which is invaded and empowered by spirits of darkness. Man has been delegated authority and can bring forth good or evil, the kingdom of light or the kingdom of darkness, on earth.

It was never God's desire that man partake of the tree of knowledge and establish godless rule on earth. His plan always was and yet is that His godly sons would serve as kings and priests and bring forth the rule of God from heaven on earth, the kingdom of God. (Gen 2:17)

God chose Israel as a forerunner nation to model the re-establishment of His kingdom. Man chose disobedience over relationship to God and continued to do so as God continued to seek a nation of kings and priests.

Moses was to lead the nation from severe bondage in Egypt to the promised land. Before entering the promised land the people needed reconnection in close relationship to God and instruction of the law to train the nation to prepare for the coming Messiah and the coming kingdom of God to the world. The people refused close connection with and direct leadership by God and insisted that Moses go up for them and relate to God for them. They wanted Moses to go up and find out what God had to say and they promised to do all that God told Moses. (Exo 20:19-21)

In 1 Samuel 8, the chosen nation of Israel demanded a king like other nations rather than having God to rule over them directly. God warned them what a king over them would do but allowed them to exercise their place of choice and dominion and allowed them to have another king.

Christ came and at the cross forever broke the back of the alternate plans of men and the enemy to continue self governing apart from God and to re establish the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. Jesus called out disciples to follow Him and by the Holy Spirit modeled the kingdom of God. He demonstrated the power of God to destroy the works of the enemy and power over all the works of nature as he healed the sick, raised the dead, walked on the water, and quieted the storm. He demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit working through a man as King to the world and Priest unto God.

God's nation of kings and priests was birthed again into the earth. The first Adam had failed but the last Adam completed the work of redemption and became the first of many brethren to be brought forth in the world as sons of God. Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father to make intercession for the Father's many sons coming forth on earth.

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came upon and entered within those waiting in obedience. The new nation of kings and priests was born and the same cloud and fire that rested above the tabernacle and that the people had followed in the wilderness came to guide and empower all of them as Christ was being formed within them. They then went out preaching the gospel everywhere with signs and wonders following as Christ worked with them. (Mark 16:20)

These ordinary people who were not of the Levitical Priesthood became the beginning of the desire of God for many sons becoming a nation of kings and priests. The Holy Spirit guided and miracles of deliverance, healing and speaking gifts began a harvest and the spiritual nation of Israel grew. They were freed from the imposition of governing from the tree of knowledge. The Spirit made some apostles, some prophets, shepherds, teachers, and evangelists. **The Holy Spirit coordinated and networked the church** of the First Born Son as Christ was being formed in many sons.(Rom 8:14) (Heb 12:22)

Heb 2:10-11: For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, ***in bringing many sons to glory,*** *to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.* ***For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,***

There was indeed much chaos going on in the religious world of that day. The old system tried to stamp out the new by persecuting and killing the people of God. Some were probably caught between the old way and the new and may have endured some confusion and debate within themselves and with others as they battled with old thought patterns and the new. The Pharisees could prove from the word, at least among themselves and their followers, that Jesus was not the Christ and that the whole matter of this new thing was OUT OF ORDER and was led by rebels and produced anarchy.

The old ways reentered the church

In the seasons after the beginning of the church the old "tree of knowledge" ways reentered the church and began to establish through some of the past methods of the old priesthood from before Jesus. The closeness with God and the Holy Spirit's leading and empowering was gone from them and men devised systems to replace the Holy Spirit's leadership and empowerment.

We are now experiencing a great change to the original ways of the reality of intimate closeness with God and dependency upon the Holy Spirit forming the Spirit of Christ within us to lead and empower His church. (Gal 4:19) (Col 1:27)

Many mixtures and interim developing models have been spawned through these early stages of transition. When the prophetic was restored it became overemphasized and is in process of refinement. So has been the case with each major part of restoration.

Apostolic Authority & Spiritual Networking

Apostles are being restored to the body and again some refining is yet due. Some apostles yet maintained enough of the old way that they began to go out and gather ministries or groups as THEIR network or to raise up sons to be their network and build their ministry. One can gather a following after the gifts, especially with some strong preaching and coercing. **No minister is to have his own group or groups.** They all belong to God and Christ lives in them. They are all children of God and are brothers and sisters before they are anything else. One never owns another man's children nor does he ever own his brothers and sisters.

Ministers, whether apostle, prophet, teacher, evangelist, shepherd or another gifting are to help God's young ones to grow up in Him. It is very important that the groups be connected with more than one apostle and other servant ministers in the course of their maturing.

As newborns a small group may be closely related to one nursing mother or father for a season to get them started on solid food and begin learning to feed themselves. And even then it is best that there be some older siblings involved to help train the babies. But the goal of getting them released to move on in their growth into sons of God needs to always be in mind. And they should become connected with others as soon as they are ready.

Spiritual networking happens supernaturally by the Spirit as spiritual relationships with brothers and sisters grow into place. The spiritual networking of a group connects out in many directions through the people within the group. Christ is the only head of spiritual networking and everyone relates first as sons and daughters to God and then secondly as brothers and sisters and after that the different gifts and works take place from those next to you that you are related to in Christ.

*Col 1:27: To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.***

In true "spiritual authority" there is no delegated authority as there is in "dominion authority". The Father flowing through the Holy Spirit forming the Spirit of Christ within the "dead to self" humble son of God is spiritual authority. The only authority is Christ in you. Spiritual authority is Christ himself ruling and reigning in His Body. All of our great "tree of knowledge" understanding, all of our great oratory skills and strong voice is nothing and useless. **Only His voice, His love, His correction, His power, is ordained authority. Anything else is mixture at best and always inordinate.**

Some of the biggest "lone rangers" are some of the ones shouting out the most against lone rangers. Some old style leaders may be gifted men and sincerely seeking to serve God with a congregation under them and yet flowing from their own soul without the guidance and empowerment of the Holy Spirit. They are very much alone (lone rangers) controlling everything without having experienced the death to self that allows Christ to become the only head involved. There needs be real repentance and seeking God for the reality of spiritual networking under the one true head.

Accountability

Spiritually we are accountable only to God in the authority He has established. The Spirit and the Word are our first line of authority that we must be accountable to. We are accountable to hear and obey. Our accountability is to God, first within ourselves and to Christ in our brothers and sisters. Especially the Christ in our spiritually mature brothers and sisters. If we are yet babies we may be primarily accountable to Christ in one special person. But as mature believers we must needs be accountable to Christ in several brothers or sisters.

In any event in spiritual matters we are always only accountable to God and must needs to not follow "the man" in any brother. When it stops being Christ in the man speaking we need to stop listening and offer no accountability. Again this is networked by the Holy Spirit and not by man's intellect. When correction comes through Christ in a brother it will be effective and we must need to listen and obey. It may be painful to our flesh but it will prosper our spirit. It will be as the wounds of a friend. But if correction come from the flesh or soul of a man it will be as death to our spirit and will probably bring only harm.

We are subject in the natural to the civil authority that God has allowed to exist in our area. **This is delegated authority from God and not direct authority.** (Rom 13:1) It may not be Christ in the official at all. Yet if it is the law of the land we seek to live within the law. If we break the law then we must willingly submit to the subscribed consequences of the law. If however we are unjustly punished for doing good and take it patiently then the Spirit of glory rests upon us. There is special provision for persecution as we bless those who curse use us and pray for those who spitefully use (or abuse) us. (1 Pet 4:14-16)

Mat 5:44-45: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, "that you may be ***sons of your Father*** *in heaven....*

(More To Come On This Soon)

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Snake Oil

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snake oil -- a liquid substance with no real medicinal value sold as a cure-all or nostrum, esp. in a medicine show.

nostrum -- a patented medicine of a kind sold with exaggerated claims; quack medicine. A pet scheme for solving some social or political problem; panacea

panacea -- a supposed remedy, cure or medicine for all diseases or ills; cure-all

In a vision, the Lord showed me some oily looking black snakes, and then I heard Him say, "snake oil." Here is what He has to tell us about snake oil: The devil has been feeding My dear children a load of snake oil and they have been lapping it up. Let Me tell you what I mean.

My children are looking for a cure-all to the world's situation. They are looking to man to rectify the situations of earth. Don't you know -- don't you realize, beloved, that all is in My hands -- My capable hands? It is. So rely on Me.

No matter what you see or what you hear, rely on your Beloved to set all things to right in My own good time. I am calling for My dear children to look to Me, their Creator, in the days ahead in a way like never before. Stay focused on the Beloved. Take in no more of that horrendous snake oil. Drink only the word of your God, and walk in My kind favor. Rely on Me.

I am fascinated by the way man continues to look to man to set things to right. I am fascinated when I hear My own dear ones speak words of trust in another man. Don't do that, beloved! Don't look to man to rectify the situations on earth. Look to Me, dear one, and then all will fall into place.

Look on the cure-alls of man as what they are. They are snake oil. They are useless. They are of no benefit to you or to the world. Look to Me. Believe on Me and see My will accomplished in your midst.

Know My divine will. Walk in it, and be at peace, beloved, because I am your God and My intent is kind -- it is to bless and it will render all that I have spoken.

All the wonder that is in My heart will be pronounced on one who will follow after Me in total trust. Look to Me. Drink what I have to offer -- My living water -- and be filled and refreshed with the essence of your God. Now! Isn't that much more satisfying than a cup of snake oil, beloved? Isn't it much more pleasing to the heart and the palate???

String Of Beads

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My children, like a necklace is joined together, so I am calling My body, My children to come together. For if one bead is missing from a necklace, is it complete and functioning fully as it was created too? Surely Not.

My children, you are like a string of beads. You are called to work together. For a necklace cannot be a necklace with one bead alone. A necklace cannot function completely without all of the beads being joined together.

Yes, one bead alone has much beauty, but how much more beautiful are many beads strung together? I have created each of you to work together for My Kingdom. Yes, you each have individual callings, but together, you form the beautiful string of beads, My creation, My body, My church. Alone, it is not completed and perfect.

With a string of beads My children, can the beads stand alone? Can they join together and stand alone? No! What holds them together? The string! I am the string in each of your lives. You cannot join together and stand together without Me as your lifeline, without Me as your center. My children, where does the string join the beads together? Through the center. Yes, through the center. I am to be the center of each of your lives. I am to be the One and ONLY constant support and source of your lives.

Stop placing other objects in the center of your lives, and allow Me to grow more and more as being the center of your lives. Without the string, what happens to the beads? They all fall apart. Without Me, the body of Christ falls apart. Without Me nothing can be held together. Everything comes unglued when I am not the center and the support.

Many of you are walking in situations where you have not allowed Me to be the center and support in that area, and that area is beginning to fall apart. Why? Because you have not allowed Me My rightful place. My children let go, and allow Me, the Greatest and strongest string of support, bring things together, form them as they should be, and shine My beauty through it.

I see your hearts, and the constant desires to bring forth My Glory and to serve Me in great ways. I see these desires and am greatly blessed, and am speaking to each of you, to work together, in unison, as a string of beads, to fulfill the purposes for which you were created.

Partner with those to whom I have called you too and allow Me to use each of you together to bring about My Glory. Partner with those around you that I have brought to you, to minister with, and partner with them. Allow the unity that I am calling My body too, the unity that flows between My Son, My Spirit and I, to manifest itself in your lives.

Yes each of you have callings, but together you form the beauty of My people, My church, My body. Without one, it is not the same. I have called each of you to come to Me and allow Me to minister to each of you.

I am bringing about change on this earth, through My children, I am preparing My church, for My return. My bride. I am surrounding you My church with My fire, that you may be without spot, wrinkle or blemish, when I return to receive you.

Many of you have allowed unforgiveness, have allowed bitter hearts, wounds and grievances to cause disunity among My body, and church and this saddens Me. People have wronged people, and people have caused people hurts, both deliberate and unintentionally. This has allowed disunity to come between My people and this is not My will.

My children, in order to function properly as My church, you must function as a body. Together! Like a string of beads, you cannot function in the way and purpose you were created for unless you are joined together.

Release old wounds, release unforgiveness, release grievances. Come to Me and allow Me to heal these things, and allow Me to bring about restoration. I am not saying that you must continue to fellowship with those who hurt you, but bless them. Bless them, and release the hurt and unforgiveness, so unity, My unity may flow throughout every area of your life.

For if you hold onto unforgiveness and hurt, it dampens My shine through you. You are part of the body, but you are not functioning properly. You are not allowing My Spirit to function through you in the way I have created you. Unforgiveness and bitterness dims My light within you, so as it dims the light within you, it brings about shadow in My body.

My precious children, My beads, you are continually in a process of refinement. Wherever you go My Spirit and My fire surrounds you, continually conforming you more and more into My image. My Spirit, My fire is continually burning away and bringing to light any dross that shows forth itself in your life.

Continue to come to Me and allow My Spirit, My fire to shine on you, and bring to the surface anything that may hinder My shine through you. My precious children, My beads, I am polishing you every day, so that together as a string of beads, as My body, you will shine brighter than the noonday sun.

Center yourselves on Me. Allow Me the One string that cannot ever be broken, allow Me to be the center of your lives. Join together My children. Listen to My Spirit. Listen to My Spirit crying ‘unity’. Listen to My Spirit crying out for My body, My bride to join together and complete the work in which I have planned for this earth.

The necklace of My Kingdom cannot function with a bead missing. If one bead takes off and ministers alone, the necklace is then not complete. As My children, My beads, My necklace, you must work together, and serve together.

Rise Up My children. Be the Bride I have created you to be. Lay aside all and rise up into your destiny. To move together as MY BRIDE, bringing about MY Glory on this earth TOGETHER. Not alone, TOGETHER.

Are you going to allow disunity to hinder the work that I the Lord your God, the Mighty String that has no beginning and end, have planned for this earth? Will you not come to Me and allow Me to bring healing to you, then lead you to restoration, so then you may see My Spirit of unity move in your lives? Are you willing?

I am constantly drawing together My beads, together to form the necklace that I am preparing to show the world. Such beauty, such elegance and such glory.
Endure the fire, endure the testing so that I may shine in you brighter than ever, and joined to Me and unified with My other beads, My other children, you shall add to the Glory of My Kingdom.

Come together. Listen to My Spirit. Come together My beads. Center your lives on Me. Endure the fire, lay aside all grievances, allow Me to bring restoration, and watch how you shall add to the ‘Shine’ of My Kingdom that none else can. Together, watch the Necklace of God, that I wear proudly around My neck, function as it was destined too. Shining forth, all to speak forth and show the world the name above all Names. My Name.

The world has not yet seen what I am about to bring forth. You, each of you, My precious beads, are crucial to what I am doing. Each one of you are SO special to Me. So beautiful, and not ONE missed. For I will leave the 99 to come after the one. Each of you, I know your every detail, and you are so beautiful to Me. Together, with all My other beautiful beads, bring about the Glory and Splendor of Me. My Bride, My beads.

Oh how I wear you SO proudly around My neck. Be unified My beads, Be unified.

Windows
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3rd March 2005
All night I just keep hearing windows opening in the Spirit. Continually. It has been so strong all night. Below is what I believe the Lord is saying. I submit this to your discernment.

I am now making a way where there is no way. Where many of you have believed that doors have closed, I am opening windows. My children I am now creating a pathway where there seems to be no other.
Many of you are in what seems to be hopeless situations, many of you seem to be in places where you are expecting a miracle. I am speaking to you, I will make a way where there is no other.
The door may not open the way you wish but the window will open. The windows are now opening. I am opening the windows. I am opening the windows around you to show you that I am moving, maybe in not the way you realise, but I am moving. I am making a way in the desert, where there is no other, I am creating a path.
I am the God of the impossible. I bring what does not even exist yet into existence. Many of you are believing for My hand to move in certain areas of your lives, I say wait on Me and you will receive. Wait on Me and you will see what I the Lord your God am doing in this hour.
I am opening the windows of heaven. I am opening the windows of heaven, so that you may smell the aroma of My depths. I am opening the windows so that you may smell what is coming directly from My depths, from My throne.

I am opening the windows so that you may have a taste of what is on My heart, what is happening in the Spirit, what is happening in the supernatural. Once you smell what is coming from the throne room, from My heart, will you still stand outside? Will you still wait and not come in, and sacrifice to spend time with your Beloved?
I am giving you a taste of what is from Me. I am showering My blessings continually over My people and longing for you to come and be with Me. Come deeper. Come into My sanctuary. If you came in more often I would not have to open the windows.
I am opening the windows because I love you, and will continue to pursue you with My Great love and will not give up on you. I am always offering you more of Myself.
I am opening My windows. I am opening up My Kingdom so that you may taste and see, that I am good. Many have come inside My sanctuary, many are residing within, but many of you are standing outside, many of you are not surrendering more and more to Me, to come into My sanctuary more

often and see the deep things of My heart that I wish to reveal to all My children.
The windows of heaven have been opened and the Spirit is flowing out more than ever. The Spirit is moving quicker than before, and there is an urgency in the air. Still yourself, listen to the Spirit, listen to the wind, and how it blows, My Spirit calling out for deeper intimacy from My children. I am constantly speaking this message forth, because it is My heart.
Many of you disregard what I am saying, because you've heard it before, why do this? Is it not My heart above all to know you more? When do you get to a point of knowing Me completely on this earth? You do not. So this message is a constant for you My children.
The windows of heaven have been opened so that those outside may have a taste of My depths, but this is not enough, taste and then enter. Taste, and then sacrifice time to be with Me. Taste and surrender.

The windows of heaven have been opened to give hope back to those who have lost their hope. Where they are in places or situations where there seems to be nothing positive, where there seems to be no other way, where it seems no matter which way they turn the doors close. Well I the Lord your God am saying, where hope seems to have faded, I am making a way. Where you are living in a land where there seems to be no water, no refreshment, no substance, I am opening the windows of heaven to pour forth life and My Spirit, My waters.

Where you are crying out for breakthrough and not receiving, I am opening the windows of heaven, so My Spirit may flow forth and make a way where there is no way.
My children, have hope in Me. For the windows of heaven have been opened and I am pouring out My Spirit in greater ways. I am raising up a standard. I am raising up My army.
I am calling My children, come closer. Come closer. Come into the sanctuary and see what new and fresh thing, I the Lord your God am doing.

Will you stand at the window and peer in, and only taste? Will you taste the depths of Me, and remain outside? Or will you take this opportunity where I have opened the windows of heaven, to taste and surrender, and come to Me.
Those in despair, rejoice, rejoice, for where there is no way, I have now opened the windows of heaven, and am making a way. Creating a path where there was no path, because I love you, because of My Great and never ending love for you.

Soar Higher
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Soar Higher for Increased Strength & Vision

I have set you apart for service, ordained you for prosperity and caused you to soar above each and every circumstance that would try to weigh you down. Arise into your new anointing, and prepare to accelerate your ministry outreach. I have come to strengthen you this day and encourage you to seek the fullness of My prosperous way. This new elevation of ministry will provide a heightened perspective of vision and allow you to catch a stronger wind of My Spirit. Your current work is an active foundational support for My plans and purposes, which will be build upon the integrity of your heart and the wisdom and knowledge of My Word.
Many will see and know that the hand of the Lord is upon your life. Inquiring minds will come and ask, “What is the source of your joy and strength?” These will be divine opportunities for prophetic evangelism that will cause My kingdom to grow stronger as you help others to come in. A shout will arise from within your heart that Jesus is Lord! I have lifted up your name in Heaven, and proclaimed that you are My precious children. So march forward to a new sound of praise and worship, and release My power to the hungry hearts that are looking for the True Light.

Isaiah 40: 29,31
He gives **power** to the faint and to them that have no might he increases strength.
But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their **strength**; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Strategy Of Haman In Esther

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Dear family

I don't usually send out two newsletters in one month but just really felt that what I have been learning is a follow-on from May's newsletter and did not want to wait until June to send this out. I am still chewing on the nutrition of this insight myself, so would welcome any feedback you may have.

We have been feasting in the book of Esther and last time dwelt on Esther and Mordecai and what happened between the two banquets. This time I want to concentrate on the King himself. He plays a pivotal role in the mighty deliverance that God wrought.

Haman had worked and wiggled his way through the other servants of the king until he was granted the position above all the other princes in the realm. The first time we hear of Haman is only in Esther chapter three. Before this the king had a number of other counselors or chamberlains that gave him advice. The Bible tells us that in the multitude of counselors there is safety. At some point, the King chose a way that was not wise by only having one chief counselor and I believe it had to do with his disillusionment following the betrayal by two of his chamberlains who plotted to kill him.

Whenever we are hurt in some way by those we have trusted, if we do not deal with the incident by forgiveness and full release, then we are vulnerable to allowing the enemy a doorway into our inner chamber. The king did not discern that Haman was dangerous, primarily because Haman appeared as 'an angel of light'. He probably sympathized profusely with the king for the cruel betrayal of his trusted chamberlains and flattered his way into the wounded king's affections. With his much persuasive and beguiling argument, he managed to fool the king into thinking he could be trusted above all others. In actual fact, the king had taken a viper into his bosom. Not only did he not discern his enemy but he welcomed and paved the way for his invasion and promoted him to the place closest to his royal ear. Haman had ambition to take Xerxe's throne which we learn later when Haman expresses his suggestion on how to treat the man the king wanted to honor – he was after the king's garment and crown.

Beloved, this is exactly the way the enemy works in our lives. We do not wrestle with flesh and blood but principalities and powers. Satan knows that he can never gain access to our inner chambers by a full frontal attack. He rather bides his time until disappointment, hurt and betrayal have done their deadly work and then, if we do not handle these painful experiences God's way, then he has a foot in the door and proceeds to flatter and beguile us with his satisfying arguments. He will go to any length to tell us how terribly we have been treated and how justified we are in our response of withdrawal from those we previously shared our hearts with. Because we are in pain, we do not discern that the argument being presented is not in line with the Word of God. It appeals to our soulish nature and causes us to feel justified in our unrighteous responses. Little by little we withdraw in our hearts from those we previously had relationship with, those who could speak into our lives and bring correction and encouragement, not realizing that we are walking right into the enemy's trap.

We see this process in operation in Proverbs 7 where the action of the loose woman is described. Beloved, this is not talking only about immoral women but is teaching you the modus operandi of a seducing spirit who seeks to beguile you away from wholehearted devotion to the Living God. If we do not treasure and keep the Lord's commandments then we become vulnerable to the work of a seducing spirit. Proverbs 7 calls the person who succumbs to its advances ‘a fool’ and we learn elsewhere in Proverbs that the man who despises counsel and instruction is a fool. Therefore, when we do not heed the Lord’s counsel to forgive and to bless those who curse us and pray for those who despitefully use us, then we have moved ourselves into the category of fools and are in great danger of being overcome by the strategy of a seducing spirit.

Most of us will not visit a prostitute frequenting a street corner, yet we tolerate the sound of (and sometimes deliberately tune into) hell’s radio station which is insidiously infiltrating our minds with the doctrine of demons. “Oh no, my sister, you are mistaken. I would never embrace the doctrine of demons – I love the Lord too much!” Well, every time you walk in unforgiveness you are extending satan’s kingdom and the only way you would do that without realizing it is if you are paying heed to a seducing spirit’s satisfying and beguiling argument which persuades you that you are somehow excused from obeying this particular portion of scripture because of extenuating circumstances. Unfortunately it is as simple as that.

King Xerxes officially installed Haman as his chief counselor. Haman’s father’s name was Hammedatha which means ‘he who troubles the law’. So this means the king had installed as his chief counselor someone whose root and foundational function was to argue with and contradict the law - or in this case, the truth of God’s Word. You see, Haman was not only planning the destruction of Esther and her people but his ambition was to possess the throne. When we through disobedience to the Word of God, give the enemy legal access to our lives, his intention is the destruction of our families and our ministries and to rob us of our seat in heavenly places. He is still after God’s throne as he was in the beginning – he wants the throne of your heart.

We only have to read in Esther chapter three to see plainly Haman’s beguiling argument concerning the destruction of the Jews. The enemy will always pit us against someone who is in reality our brother or sister in Christ – he is the accuser of the brethren, accusing us to one another and God to us. Haman made it sound like the Jews were against the king and he was so persuasive that the king gave him his signet ring to seal the destruction orders. In the same way, the enemy tries to persuade us to give our seal of approval to the destruction of our brothers and sisters in Christ by telling us that they are against us. He knows he has succeeded when we begin to carry out his destruction plans, using our tongues to assassinate the characters of our brothers and sisters behind their backs. If Xerxes had just gone to the Jews and asked them where they stood, he would have discovered them to be loyal and faithful subjects. In fact one of them, Mordecai had saved his life in the past. Sadly, the king chose rather to believe the evil report of Haman and sanctioned the death-warrant being issued. The Word of God tells us that if our brother has sinned against us, we are to go to them privately and sort it out. Sadly, how many of us do this. It is much more satisfying to discuss the problem with others who are sympathetic to our cause, even though we are presenting them with half of the story and thus furthering the enemy’s plan to bring division and destruction into the Body of Christ.

There is also a sobering warning for those of us who are married. We need to seriously seek the Lord’s wisdom as to whom we share our hearts with. If we have taken into our inner circle someone who does not love and honor and esteem our marriage partner but rather encourages us to take a stand against them and promotes division in the marriage, then we may well be listening to the enemy’s broadcast through that person and sadly enough it is often ourselves who have opened the door to the enemy by speaking against our marriage partner to others instead of going to them and dealing with the issue. King Xerxes had taken into his bosom someone who wanted the destruction of his wife and her people and he was unaware of it. I believe this is one of the major ways the enemy causes the destruction of Christian marriages – by driving a wedge between the unsuspecting couple through insinuations and lies and accusing them to one another. Without realizing it, Xerxes sanctioned and enabled the plan to destroy the woman who was most dear to him in all the kingdom – in fact his signet ring and his own tongue was involved. That is the subtlety of satan’s strategy and we are the target.

Now lets move to the banqueting stage of the story. The king, Esther and their enemy are seated at the table. Only Esther knows who is who at this charade. Haman is unaware that she is on to him and the king thinks he is having a meal with his favourite counselor and his darling wife. However this first banquet was not the appointed time for the revealing of the enemy. The enemy had gained access through the king’s own permission to the inner chamber and the king was well-accustomed to listening to Haman’s counsel. He liked him. We know this because it was Haman’s opinion the King sought out when he was considering rewarding Mordecai. Actually, we can be encouraged here because even when we have given the enemy territory through our own disobedience to the Word, the Lord still works all things together for good.

The question the king poses serves to expose Haman’s true state of heart and his deception concerning his position in the king’s heart. The enemy thinks in his own conceit that he has gained such an advantage in our lives that he is one step away from the throne. He does not realize that God has been counseling us in the night seasons and bringing to our remembrance his acts of deliverance and mercy in the past. God reminded the king about Mordecai. ‘Mordecai’ means:

Penitence; deep sorrow for sin; grief of heart for having offended and infinitely holy and benevolent God. The word is usually understood to mean genuine penitence, accompanied with a deep sense of ingratitude in the sinner, and sincere resolution to live in obedience to the divine law.

So when God was dealing with the king, it was concerning repentance and conviction of sin. Beloved, we are in a season when the Lord is coming to visit us in the night seasons to show us where we have gone wrong in our walk. He has heard our cries for deliverance in our situations and the place He is starting is our own hearts. Malachi three speaks about the Lord coming to His temple:

and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.
Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he *is* like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:
Mal 3:3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

The Lord is come to refine His Bride in the inner chambers of her heart. The king made restitution according to the conviction of his heart. Where he had not fully rewarded something that had blessed him, he made right the next day openly and in full. This is a sign of true repentance and sorrow for sin. There is an eagerness to make right and to bless. Mordecai was a Jew, someone who had already been officially recognized as one of the king’s enemies according to Haman’s twisted input. I believe that the Lord is going to so begin to dismantle the enemy’s stranglehold on our lives that we will begin to recognize that those we have believed are our enemies are in fact faithful and true friends, ones who have shielded our backs from the murderous tongues of others. As we repent of our wrong judgment there will well up within us a desire to heal the rift and to bless the faithful intercessors on the fringes of our lives.

So by the time the king arrives at the second banquet, he has done some serious damage to the enemy without even realizing it, just by acknowledging and blessing every good gift in his life. As we as husbands and wives begin to acknowledge the ways in which our partners are a blessing to us, not only in our hearts but openly before the eyes of others, we begin to dismantle the enemy’s stronghold in our relationships without ever openly confronting him or our spouses concerning his inroads into their lives! The power of life and death is in the tongue – lets choose life!

Following our acknowledging every good thing, there comes an acknowledging of evil. A perverse person calls what is good, evil and what is evil, good. This is basically the strategy of a seducing spirit. It will attempt to mix your signals so that you can no longer discern what the Lord's will is. This is a result of not fearing the Lord and trembling at His Word because obedience causes us to walk in a place of safety on the highway of Holiness where no unclean thing can travel with us. This is why it is so important to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Any thought that is in opposition to the Word of God is a direct satellite transmission from the enemy camp. When the Lord comes to rescue us out of the snare of the enemy, He first gets us to call what is good, good. Then our mouths line up with His Word in this regard and the stronghold starts to unravel. In the beginning God called everything He had created 'good' and this is where we must start. Our battle is not against flesh and blood. Once we have given honor where honor is due then the stage is set for the final revealing and destruction of the enemy's foothold in our lives and families.

The king is shocked to discover that the very one he has embraced as a friend is in actual fact a diabolical enemy of his kingdom and his wife. God is about to uncover the works of darkness in our inner chambers, places where we have inadvertently been listening to the enemy's counsel. Beloved, some of the things we believe are not in line with the Truth. We sometimes embrace doctrines of demons without realizing it; especially when what we believe about others and act upon brings division and rifts in the Body. In Ezekiel 13 the Lord God speaks a very strong word against the lying prophets, who have spoken lying divination to God's people:

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord GOD. And mine hand shall be upon the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the secret council of my people

Just as Haman was exposed before the king, so the Lord is going to expose every lying spirit that has sat in our secret council, feeding us lies in the name of the Lord. As we suddenly see clearly the plots of the enemy and how deep his inroads have been, there will rise up within us a holy anger and desire to drive far from our hearts every trace of the enemy's influence. Once again we will become a people who fear the Lord and tremble at His Word. The battleground is the mind and we will be eager to take captive and pull down every thought that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. God is shaking everything that can be shaken and bringing judgment upon His enemies, who have deceived and taken captive the minds of His people. The Message Bible puts it so graphically:

Eze 13:22 "'Because you've confounded and confused good people, unsuspecting and innocent people, with your lies, and because you've made it easy for others to persist in evil so that it wouldn't even dawn on them to turn to me so I could save them, as of now you're finished. No more delusion-mongering from you, no more sermonic lies. I'm going to rescue my people from your clutches. And you'll realize that I am GOD.'"

God is going to contend with those who have been contending with us and he will replace the 'Haman' in our thought-life with 'Mordecai'; He will replace the destructive doctrines of pride and rebellion against His Word with the conviction of sin and repentant hearts that run in the path of His commandments. This will cause the gates of hell to be unable to prevail against us and we will possess the gates of our enemies.

We have heard from many prophetic sources that the Lord is going to release keys to unlock our situations. I want to say to you that **you** are the key to your own situation. If the key will 'turn', then the door will begin to swing open and a mighty deliverance will be wrought. In other words, if you will repent of every area that you have not been walking in obedience to the Word and make right where necessary, you will set in motion the dismantling of every device that has stood against you and your family. The enemy has no weapon that works against a humble repentant heart!!

Cutting Away
Christine Beadsworth

This month I would like to share with you a prophetic picture that the Lord has been painting for me and speaking powerfully from. So often He speaks to us out of the ordinary everyday things that are around us and if we will not just rush past, we gain wisdom and insight into what the Spirit is busy doing in our lives.

At the entrance to our back patio, we have a wooden arch (which my husband constructed) with a beautiful climbing rose growing over it. Every year this rose is completely covered with a magnificent display of flowers and I am always blessed by its beauty and look forward to flowering time. Unfortunately, in winter we experience very strong winds and rain and this year, after a particularly bad storm, the wooden structure became very rickety and started to lean over. With every successive wind, more damage was done and it became quite dangerous to walk under it. My husband told me I needed to cut it back as the only way to rebuild the archway was to remove the climber and start again. I wrestled with this because I was so fond of this rose but eventually realized that there was no other solution. So, for two days I pruned and a huge pile of severed branches stood in the pathway, yet I hadn't even begun to tackle the main bulk of the rose above the archway. “Lord, I don't have the heart to cut this thing right back, it is so beautiful and look, there are a whole lot of new buds on it”, I wailed and straight away I heard His response, “you have a choice; either cut it right back or it will be uprooted in the next storm!” and suddenly I saw what He was trying to say.

The storms in our lives reveal the strength of our support structures or the foundations in our lives. If what our lives or ministries are built on is strong, we will weather the storms although a few branches may be broken or bent. Structural flaws remain hidden in fine weather but stormy winds reveal every place that is not properly put together. In the case of my rose, it had grown so big that it provided huge wind resistance and every buffeting caused severe strain on the archway. It was not that there was anything wrong with the rose; it was an extremely vigorous and healthy plant but the weight of it could not be supported by the underlying archway when the storm hit. In the same way, God allows storms to hit our lives for the purpose of revealing to us structural weaknesses that need attending to. Perhaps our prayer lives have become weak and ritualistic and we are too busy with the work of the Lord instead of the Lord of the work. God allows the trial to come so that we become aware of areas in which we are lacking so that we can allow Him to reinforce and mend every flawed area. James 1 in the Message says:

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

We walked under that archway every day for years without giving it a second thought. We thought about the climbing rose often but only when the stormy wind came, did we turn our attention to the wooden structure holding it up.

Secondly, the storm revealed there was unnecessary bulk that needed attending to. Sometimes there are things in our lives which are not sinful but without our realizing it, they are weighing us down and holding us back from progressing at the speed God would like.

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us

It is time for the household of God to focus on the race before us and remove those things that are unnecessary in our lives. Marathon runners do not participate with backpacks, extra jackets, lunchboxes and CD players under their arms. They are dressed in the bare essentials and get refreshment along the way. Ask the Lord what represents the weights in your life. Storms are coming that are beyond the context of what we have ever known and if we are to withstand them, we need to suck every bit of wisdom we can out of the mild winds God is allowing to touch our lives and make the necessary adjustments so that we may be prepared for what is ahead.

Paul was on a ship on the way to Rome in Acts 27 and a severe storm hit. Paul received a warning from the Lord in verse 10 and cautioned the sailors not to continue on but they disregarded his warning and continued on. We must learn to heed the warnings of the Lord even if we perceive that a favorable south wind is blowing - because we cannot see what is waiting just round the next piece of coastline. As the story unfolds, a tempest hits them and eventually they are forced to throw out all the wheat they are carrying to lighten the ship. This was not superfluous cargo they had to cast into the sea. It was the food their lives depended upon but in this situation it was a weight that was contributing to their destruction. So they cast aside every weight in order to save their lives.

The weight of my climbing rose was contributing to the destruction of the archway. Even though these branches were the very ones that bore the profusion of flowers and they were in bud, they had to be removed for the saving of the plant. Sometimes, God’s pruning in our lives does not seem to make sense. He removes the very areas in our lives and ministries which we know are bearing fruit. It is at these times we need to submit and trust because we cannot see the tempest round the corner that the enemy has designed for our destruction. It seems God is being overly severe in His cutting back of our areas of influence and activity and it is painful to be so stripped down in our prime. We don’t understand His ways and feel just like those bare stumpy rose canes, exposed and humbled. None of the former glory is visible any longer. And then to top it all, the whole support structure is dismantled before our eyes! Paul’s ship was broken to pieces and they were saved by clinging to planks and debris and washed safely to shore.

Beloved, God is coming to shake everything that can be shaken so that what cannot be shaken remains. As long as you are rooted in Him, you will live to bear more fruit in a new season. However, if you will not submit to His dealings and allow your heart to be dealt with, the severity of what is coming will destroy all that you have worked for, leaving you neither root nor branch.
It was a painful experience for me to cut down this beautiful plant but I knew in my heart that I was doing it to save it. There were also some insights that the Lord revealed to me in the process. Out of the huge pile of discarded branches I was able to make many cuttings to start new plants and I suddenly understood something new about the Lord’s dealings. We pray for Him to extend our area of influence, to increase our ministry and yet we fail to understand that the best way He can do that is to prune us and take cuttings to start whole new plants bearing the same fruit as the mother plant. We might feel parts of us which were perfectly good and fruitful are being cut away but it is by this very action that God is increasing the potential of our influence.

My daughter has just gone to YWAM in Argentina and it has been painful for me to feel the cutting away and transplanting of someone dear to my heart but now that she is there, God has sprung up a whole new area of influence for His kingdom from me, the mother-plant. Our offspring shall possess the nations!

The other amazing thing about the removal of the archway and severe pruning of the rose is that suddenly we have a much wider view and so much more light. We did not realize just how much of a visual barrier the whole edifice was and now that it is gone we can see so much further and receive much more sunlight and warmth. In the same way, we do not realize that the size and bulk of what we are building for the Lord is obscuring our spiritual vision and perspective and preventing us from receiving light and revelation from the Son. If we will just let Him remove everything He deems necessary in this season, even if we feel our lives depend on it, we will discover we have come into a whole new level of revelation and spiritual understanding which will equip us for the season ahead. There will be a time of fresh sprouting and new growth in directions we previously had never imagined but the pruning must come first.

As we dismantled the old wooden archway, my husband said," I think we must put up two pillars in its place!" and I heard the Spirit say, " yes, I am removing the rickety structure of your own attempts at spirituality and I will cause this storm to build into you that which will make you pillars in My house"

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

So, Beloved, a final word of encouragement; if you are facing a stormy wind, yield to the Lord's hand, cry out to Him to work in you what is pleasing in His sight and know that afterward what is of Christ in you will stand. Severe pruning is only done to plants which have already proved faithful in bearing fruit, for the purpose of producing more fruit in the next season. Although it may feel like your very life is being severed, trust and rest in the wisdom of Him who fully intends to bring to pass His purposes for you AND complete them. He has invested His Name in you and will bring glory to Himself through you!

Rom 8:17b(AMP) We must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.(but what of that?) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred on us!!

Blessings
Christine

So It Begins
Susan Cummings

Prophetic Words/experiences given during the N Y Meetings
3/13/05

During the service the Lord showed Susan in a vision several things. First, we had our hands raised, and as we were asking Him to come in, I saw a sword come in and chop off all of our heads. The Lord then said, ”I will come in, but first it will cost you your heads. Now I can move through you, cause now you won’t limit me, and now you won’t hinder Me and box Me in.”

Also, as I was standing there, I began to feel water about waist deep. And the rest of the way up me was like fire. The Lord said, “Truth and Holiness. You will stand in My Truth, and will you be My Holiness.” The water was moving because Truth never stops.

God is always moving and it is the Spirit of Truth that is our anchor and our foundation, and unless we embrace the Truth and walk in the Truth, we can’t be Holy, but we let the Truth work it’s work in us and then He will be seen in us.

Then, as I was standing there the Lord says to me, “And so it begins.”

Then rain began to hit me in the face during the worship. The Lord then said in a prophetic word to the group:

“You have cried out to Me, you have called upon Me, you have come towards Me, and you have embraced Me, and you have given as much as you know how to give unto Me, and I have received you, and I have heard you, and I have marked you as My Own.” He says, “So it begins.”

“I’m fully coming in. No more, will My bride be tied and bound. No more will My People be slain and lame, for I AM Jealous for My Holy Name and I will not allow her to be profaned. For My Fire is coming into My House and from this night forth, I will be seen and will no longer wait, for I am even passed the gate.

“And so it shall begin. And what I have done in the east will go until I have reached the west, for My People shall know that I Am Holy and they will know that I Am their God and I will be seen in the land. And yes, I have come with My winnowing fan, but I also come to blow upon you, across the land. For it is time that My Spirit is free. It is time that My Spirit is no longer bound. It is time that My People are untied and loosed from all the chains that have held them. For this is the Hour that I will no longer hold back. I will no longer be silent. I will no longer wait, for I am coming in, and I will no longer tolerate sin. Either you are Mine, or you are not. Either I will live fully in you, or I will have none of you. For I have called and called and called unto the generations to come unto Me, but very few have waited upon Me and have tarried with Me and have allowed Me to change them. I say, that day is over, for I am now coming in, and I am raising up My Laborers.”

“I am coming in. I am bringing forth those who have been in captivity. And those who have been crying out to Me, “How long until we see?” “That day is upon you. For I am coming in with great liberty. For I have the keys and I will set My People free and I will burn in the land. Yes, with My Judgment Fire, but also with My Holiness. For I said, the angels Holiness and Terrible will march across this land, and I say unto you, It has already begun, for My House will be Holy and My People will be Holy, and My Name is Holy, and I am coming for all three.”

“For just as My Fire is burning right now in the midst of you, know that My Hand will be upon you and I will not do as you expect and I will not do as you have asked Me to do, I will do what I want to do! For no more, will I be told what to do and no more, will I be controlled and be dictated to by men, and no more, will I allow men to hold back My People from coming to Me. For everyone that is Mine will come unto Me and everyone that is Mine will be free from captivity, for this is a New Day. This is a new day,

for I have broken the chains that have held My
People in regions, in cities, in churches, and I have called My people out unto Me."

"And those who have denied Me, and said they will not come out, will now have their portion, but those who have given themselves to Me, I will raise up. So, do not limit Me by your thinking. Do not limit Me by wondering and saying, Lord, I'm not ready. You're right, but I AM! And I will do it and you won't. Because I am in you, and I'm coming a whole new way, because it is a new day, and no longer will I hold back and no longer will you, any more."

"I told you that I was coming and I told you that I was going to come in many areas. And I told you that I would be birthing forth in the hidden places. I say to you, that this is a place of My grace, but many have come against My Grace, many have spoken against My places in the earth, where I have chosen to give birth, but I say to you, I am already birthed and breaking forth. What I have begun, I will finish. What I have spoken, I will do. What My Word has told you will come, is already begun, yet men have not even seen. For I have desired this day from the very foundation, and the very beginning that My people would stop their sinning. That My People would despise the shame and the disgrace and they would turn to Me and seek My Face. I say to you, it has begun. For My People have come, and they've cried out and they've given themselves to Me, and now I stand in the midst and I say, I have received thee, and so it begins."

"For I am fully coming in. And it will be seen who is Mine and who is not. For Mine will be Holy, they will be true, and they will be fully given in the earth, for I sow My Life into them, for My Breath is coming, and I'm breathing upon My People who have lied fallow and waste and who have been waiting. I say to you, receive My Breath, and receive My Grace, receive My winnowing Hand even as I pass by your face. For truly I am Holy. Be ye Holy, even as I am Holy. For even now, the rain begins."

"Do not think that it is only for one night. But know, that I mean what I say, I'm coming in. And I'm breaking forth. And I'm going to make things right in My House. And all that is not built and founded upon Me will fall before Me. For they did not embrace Me or know Me. But I say to you, you are Mine. For I've called you by name, and I've sanctified you, and I've washed you, and I've measured you, and I've brought you unto Myself, and I will show you the way and you will go forth in My Name and you will see the promises come, for it has now begun."

3/14/05

Visitation of Holiness and Terrible

The Power of the Lord came upon me in this visitation, and great lightning began to crack through me as Holiness and Terrible came into my room. The Fear of the Lord was so strong at times through this experience that I tried to fall to the floor to hide but could not, as the wind was blowing down beside my bed strongly and it was cold, so I hid under my blankets, as the Presence of the Lord was so strong at times and heavy that I was terrified, that I felt like I could not bear it at times. I finally got up and went into the bathroom and knelt on the rug and prayed so as not to wake up Donnie and Brittany who slept next to me on the couch.

This visitation took place over the span of an hour and a half. The words came in portions, and as He ministered to me, I wrote them out. The Lord gave me grace to write the following words, that He began to speak to me:

And so it begins…

Time and Destiny now doth meet
As the next phase is now released
For the full Weight of My Glory
Doth now pass over thee

I told you that Holiness and Terrible
Have come and stood
And spoke My words to you who would

Now all who refused will go their way
For I Am passing over this day

Many will rise and many will fall
As all pass under My Holy Gaze
Not one will I miss, as I pass by
For every word will I now extract
That have been uttered unto Me

And so it begins…

My Holiness burning over you
Greatly to be feared, I AM
Lift up your heads all who are Mine
For I Am coming as I said, and I will burn

Every eye will behold Me
And every tongue I will require
For I will judge all who stand alone in this hour
No man will stand apart from Me
For now comes forth My Severity

I Am Holy I Am True
I Am Faithful over the many and the few
I Am passing over you
And great will I be in the midst of thee
For I Am the King
And now I break forth My new thing

My Covenant, I AM
My Covenant, I keep
My Covenant, I birthed
Now is fully breathed

That which is holy, now will remain holy
That which is unclean, now will remain unclean
That which is true, will now be the rule
That which is Mine, is under My Covenant Seal

My Full Weight will now descend
Upon the hearts and minds of men
]I have weighed and measured and seen
The hardness of hearts that openly spoke
Against My workings and handiwork

No more will I be resisted and opposed
For many, hell itself, will now be disclosed
My Grace and My Mercy I have long extended
And the hour has now passed
For those who rejected My Hand extended

No more will I look upon the unclean
No more will I answer the unredeemed
No more will I acknowledge those puffed up
No more I tolerate My church's wickedness
For I passed by with My Mercy and Grace
Then I called for My Holy Embrace
Now I brought forth those from the Furnace
The rest will fall under My Iron Fist

Holiness and Terrible move across the land
Bringing in My Holy Ones with My Winnowing Hand
Standing in the city gates
Crying out to those who refuse to partake
Come out, for the hour is late!
And now the destroyer comes to pass over the rest
For I called and offered Myself to them
And few came to Me, but clove to their sins
So now, I give them to their chains

My Fiery Breath doth come, as I said to thee
For it comes flowing and burning upon thee
Narry will one stand as I fall and burn
For the nation will know that I have returned
For Mine are hidden under My Hand
As I doth pass over with My Burning Fan

And so it begins anew, as I said I would do
For the time has passed for all who would do
And now the full measure
I will bestow on My Faithful Ones
Who freely cried out to Me
To open their hearts to My Holy Gaze
I AM- I say again- I Am- now doth abide

Woe to those who refused Me their hearts
Woe to those who answered not My Call
Woe unto those who came against My Servants
Woe to those who sat on the fence
Woe to those who moved not at My direction
Woe to those who mocked with great derision
Woe to those who pass under My Gaze and My Full Weight

Why doth men mock My Birth?
Why doth men gloat over Mine outcasts?
Why doth men not embrace My Holiness?
Why doth men refuse My Grace and reject My Face?
Why doth men not come to My Light?

Holiness and Terrible will burn and consume
All that is not hidden in My Holy Room
Brought in by My Merciful Hand
As I pass over the rebellious land
Requiring the words of rebelliousness
And repaying the deeds they did not confess

My Word hath been given
My Word hath been shared
My Word hath been trumpeted
My Word hath been sown and brought forth
My Word hath stood in the courts and cried out
My Word hath waited for the Hour
My Word hath tested and tried the souls
My Word doth testify in the streets
My Word now makes all complete

And so it begins…
In the realm of time and of men

As I doth now fully come in
And inhabit My Holy Tents
And then bring My Holy Recompense

Oh, My Sweet Fire, My Sweet Grace
Burning upon those in My Embrace
Given forth from My Own Heart
To those whose lives they willingly rent apart
Now standing in My Glory under My Hand
As I come fully upon your land

Great rejoicing will be heard as I repay
Mine who hath laboured and been spent
Who withheld not themselves from Me
And who embraced My Bonds
For all who entered into My Sufferings
Now rejoice in My Final Outpourings

-Susan Cummings

3-14-05

4:20 am

The Lord then showed me in a next scene, a face mask. It had tubes running through it, and blood was being poured by men into the tubes. The Lord then said, that men would try to put a face on the move that would now be released in then region.

The Lord warned strictly that men were not to worship the move of God, but were to worship the God who moved amongst them.

3/20/05 Prophetic Word given during the banquet before she left NY:

And So Begins The Days Of Fire

And so begins the Days of Fire
Ushered in by the Father
Decreed for all the days of men
That all would acknowledge Him

Every eye will see the Hand of the Lord
As He comes with the Fiery Hosts
Flaming Fires will His People be
In the flaming Day of Outpouring

Great Fire in the earth and in heaven
Will thoroughly purge out the leaven
Till My Remnant fully blazes
And stands radiant at the end of the ages

I have entered the earthen gates
And started the final race
Now comes My Glory and My Fire
As I stand in My rightful place

Fire rages in the heavens
And will blaze in the earth
Men will stand and see My Hand
As it breaks forth this day

I have begun the Days of Fire
And I will burn through My House
Purifying and transforming My Jewels
And thrusting them into the earth

The earth has travailed and given birth
As My Fire has come into it’s gates
Now come My Face
As I now set the final pace
For My Hand has lit the final torch
And the earth will shake as Mine now run
Breaking the ancient chains
And releasing the Living Flame

Great darkness and war
Will now rise throughout the earth
In the Days of Fire that I have birthed
For My Hand now passes over the lands

Great Fire will be in My House
As Mine stand in the Holy Blaze
Standing and rejoicing in the lands
As I move and bring My Flaming Fans

Everything That You Are Originated From Me
Susan Cummings

Everything that you are originated from Me. Every part of your personality came from Me. I knew you even before I formed you, because I took you from Myself. You are formed from My Spirit and have My Life within you. You are created in My Image. Everything that I have made, has My Life. For I sustain all things and by Me all things were made. There is nothing about you that I do not know, for I took of Myself and formed you, so you could know that I have loved you.

I created all things and have always loved My Creation. For I am Love. My Life is in My Creation, and I expressed Myself through it, to you, so you could further understand that love. For all of Creation expresses Me and shows forth My Glory. For men to reject Me, they will reject the Life that created them and is in them. That is why no man will have an excuse before Me when they reject Me. For even Creation declares Me and makes me known to all men.

I even sent My Son to pay the price for all men, that they might be brought back to Me. I never stopped loving My Creation, so again, I gave of Myself, for them, that they might be free. Once again, all men have been given a choice, to love Me or not to. I have given, and have laid My Life down for My Creation in the person of My Son, and yet, men do not embrace Me, nor receive My Love. I carried the full penalty of sin, and shed My Holy Blood, that men might be free, and made it a free gift, yet, men shun My Love, My Blood, and My Life. There will be no excuse for rejecting Me.

I then sent My Holy Spirit to teach men the Truth, and to give My Light to whosoever would receive it. I gave of Myself in the person of My Holy Spirit, that men might know Me, and be with Me where I am, and walk in My Ways. I am Holy, and My People will be Holy, and will walk in the Light as I am in the light. They will be Lovers of the Truth. My Life is the light of all men, and few there are that are lit by it. Oh, that men would love My Light rather than the darkness. It is a precious gift that few receive, and fewer still reverence it. By rejecting My Light and My Truth, and by loving that darkness more than My Holy Spirit, there will be no excuse, and no forgiveness.

I am coming now. I am coming fully into My House. I will embrace all who will embrace Me. I will have a People in the earth who love Me and who receive Me as their God. I will be known as I AM, and will be glorified in the earth. I will abide in all who will receive Me and who will call upon My Name. For I Am. My Life will I live through them, and I will be in them, and I will one with them as I said I would in My Word. I will no longer allow men to call me Father, who do not know Me. I will live in My People, or I will not.

I will have a People who walk fully in Me and who know Me. No longer will My People be bound by men and the devil, for I have come to abide in My living temples, and will now raise up My Holy People. My Body is My earthly Temple and I am going to fill it. I am suddenly coming to My Temple and men will know there is a Living God in the earth. I will be seen amongst men, and men will know whom they have rejected and will have no excuse.

All things will be fulfilled and will be as My Word has decreed. For My Word is True and is unfolding as I said it would and all things will be ushered in. I have been preparing a People who will stand till the end, and I will be glorified. For the Hour has been declared and all have made ready. Now, I will move through them, and in them, and by their fiery witness all men will see Me face to face.

Behold, I come.

-Susan Cummings
3-30-05
1:08 am

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Sons of Jacob Ask Again

Bob Hartley

God is inviting the Josephs to move to a wholly different view of life.

He wants to show us what He sees, to see his leading love throughout all the circumstances of our lives. He wants to clear the fog of our unbelief that perceives rejection rather than His leading love.

He is going to give a gift to those of us who want to receive it: taking us to the "summit," the high hill over the city, to see His heart and His promises over our lives and our cities. He is asking us, "When are you going to allow Me to give you the best view in town?"

I recently had a dream in which God showed me that He wants the Josephs to become "Sons of Jacob" - those who wrestle in prayer with vigor and earnestness, those who ask "hard" for the promises of God, who see His leading love and not give up. Throughout scripture (Ps 44, Ps 84) the term "Sons of Jacob" is used to signify those who are tenacious in their pursuit of the promises of God.

Jacob wrestled for his promises and his inheritance, even when death stood before him. He kept asking and wrestling, and this pleased God, **"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel (meaning 'he struggles with God'), because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome" (Gen 32 v 28).**

In the dream, the Lord had a complaint over us: that we had too easily given up rather than fighting for our promises like Jacob. Our cries had become weak and plaintive. We had allowed our faith and confidence to die. God said, "They view life thinking I'm really rejecting them, that I'm deaf to their cries."

God is asking us to move from a plaintive, mournful cry to a Jacob wrestling - one that is confident in Him and His leading love.

The kind of wrestling God is inviting us into is a co-laboring with Him and His heart's desires to bring about his purposes on the earth - an awesome privilege.

God's promises have been released into the heavens but we must ask for these to be loosed on earth - **Ps 115 v 16, "The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to man."** The reality of free will means we have the dignity and privilege of asking for **"the kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6 v 10).**

In my dream we had underestimated the hindering presence of a third party - the devil. The devil does not want these promises loosed on earth and wars violently against them.

We have to wrestle against the enemy for these promises to be loosed on earth. It is a noble fight to co-labor with God. But without this intercession, He doesn't have permission to move - we effectively and tragically "dis-invite God" from moving in the earth.

In the dream, there were 3 sins that prevented us taking our place as the Sons of Jacob.

First, we had the spirit of the prodigal son in Luke 15 - like the prodigal, we were filled with shame, seeing only our own weakness. We've returned to the Father, but believe we've really blown it. We were hoping only for a life of hard work, to beg for a measly job like the prodigal son did. He had no faith to ask the Father for anything more.

In the dream God said we were in the same place. He said, "You are actually far worse than what you think - but you are far, far more loved than what you think." We do not realize the depth of the love of our Father, who will run after us and reward us in spite of our shame. God wants us to experience this, just as the prodigal did.

God said, "The hardest thing required of you that you'll ever have to do is believe for My love, believe for My inheritance all the days of your life. It's My joy to invite you fully into My heart and My promises - I'm going to do this because I take pleasure in My people - Oh, that you would know Me, understand Me and rejoice in your Maker."

Second, we've underestimated the presence of a third party - the presence of an enemy. In the dream He said we were in the place of Isaiah 56. Many have made sincere efforts to pray and pursue God and have gained a measure of the joy of knowing their dream of God and their dream in God. They got the initial promise and ran out joyfully to build.

But then they experienced the "pioneer fade" when their promises got challenged and they experienced the first bit of opposition. Then the third party, the "beasts of the field" of Isa 56 v 9 came in and devoured them. Then they became like Isa 56 v 10 - blind to the promises, blind to the knowledge of God.

It's a double robbery - the accuser steals the Joseph's inheritance and then makes God the enemy, so they think God is opposing them, rather than the "beasts of the field."

Third, the sin of self-reliance crept in. Out of disappointment and our wrong view of God, we had become like the Israelites in Haggai 1 - in the dream we were content just to build our own houses, focusing on prospering our own lives. It was a pitiful, diminished perspective, missing the far better invitation to build God's house - a "house of prayer for all nations." **Haggai 1 v 2, 3 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "These people say, 'The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built.' Then the word of the Lord came to Haggai: 'Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?'"**

In the dream, God was not angry at us, but passionate for us. He wanted us to stop killing ourselves building our own empires, our own paneled houses - He could see how it was exhausting and diminishing us. To co-labor with Him and His heart was so much better, where there are endless resources, grace and power.

Our real work is to learn to lean on Him. **Song 8 v 6: "Who is this coming up from the desert, leaning on her beloved?"**

The promise was that if we would repent of our self reliant, plaintive position and move to the place of asking from a new view, wrestling as co-laborers, as Sons of Jacob then He would thrust his hand into our hearts and give us an incurable desire for His desires.

We were invited to move into a lifetime of asking and partnering with God and releasing His promises.

In the dream God responded that His heart was so blessed when we waited on Him and trusted on Him in this new place of seeing and asking. Then He told me a secret: Our hearts would be greatly blessed in that place, too.

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Spirit Of Jealousy, Spirit Of Korah

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Background

Some weeks ago, I was prompted by the Lord to request that the person I was ministering to, look into my eyes. The precious person responded that something was rising up against me inside of her, and that it was ugly and indeed I saw a manifestation of hatred in her eyes. I was told that it was the first time she actually could feel a spirit move inside her and she was highly embarrassed and started to weep silently.

We were interrupted and deliverance did not take place (we were in a public place for the Lord moves in the streets and in the market place where I meet people by divine appointment, and it nearly always takes me by surprise. This happens when your spiritual heart and ears are always open to the promptings of the Lord).

Weeks passed and I eventually decided to phone this person and I was cut off, she confessed purposely by herself, and I and a sister who was with me at that time, could actually feel that spirit which had its "claws" out against me, even though we were far apart!

After some time I asked the Lord to get this person to phone me and within the week she did phone, and we arranged to meet. As I sat opposite her the Lord very clearly said Korah. As I searched the scriptures for Korah, the picture became very clear.

Spirit of Jealousy - Korah

Num 16:1 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men:
2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:
3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

Please note that Korah was a man of fame and renown in the congregation. This spirit walks with those with Jezebel (spirit of control and rebellion/witchcraft) and who love to be recognized in the congregation (yes they are born again children of the Lord).

This spirit comes against those called out of the Lord to true leadership, as was Moses. They do not come against those who have promoted themselves to leadership in the congregation, but against those with the anointing of spiritual leadership by the calling of the Most High God. Those that walk with a heart of love and servant-hood, those who are aware that they themselves are nothing and are capable of no good thing, save for Christ Jesus living in them and flowing through them.

I perceive that we will see more and more of this spirit manifest as the truly anointed Prophets and Apostles are released from their hidden places.

Manifestations

It is a spirit of spiritual jealousy. It says we are all children of God and who do you think you are? Why should you have the anointing of leadership? Who are you to tell us what to do and what is error? Why should you have anointings that we don't have? It will attempt to dominate the conversation so as to show how spiritual they are and will cut one off and bring the subject back to them selves quickly (this is also a manifestation of the spirit of pride, both in the world and in the church).

It will cut off with a glare or an abrupt change in conversation if the one called to leadership dare share what the Lord is doing in and through them, or dare share a revelation. This spirit causes their spiritual hearts and minds to literally close down so that the truth cannot reach them i.e. the things that are shared are met with a blank stare and the question is raised of what are you on about, I know it all!

It walks with the spirit of pride, Leviathan and the spirit of control, Jezebel. It will use words that sound spiritually correct i.e. you lift yourself up and are full of spiritual pride, so as to cut that one called to leadership down. Their words will cut you to the bone and spiritually deeply drain you. Korah did that to Moses so that that great man of God fell on his face!

Num 16:4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:

The best thing to do is to seek the Lord's face for the truth in such an instance, for these spirits are so insidious, that their words seem to be true and yet you must hold onto His truth that the Lord communed directly to your spirit!

Please remember that the spirit manifested in the person and that it had gained entrance though some trauma, abuse and wounding, and it is not the person themselves. It really is possible to love the person but to hate the spirit manifesting through them.

However the Lord recently took me to this scripture for those who are too proud or blind to deal with the wounds and also the spirits operating in and through them; those who choose to have the "protective covering" of demonic spirits (spirits enter through wounds and trauma and the person so afflicted will find spirits of pride, jealousy and control protect those wounds and prevent them from being wounded again) rather then be exposed to truth and to be healed so that they no longer walk in mixture. If these things are not dealt with they will eventually operate in the counterfeit and be so blinded that they are totally unaware of it.

Psa 68:21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.
22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan, I will bring my people again from the depths of the sea (Leviathan - spirit of pride dwells in the sea)
23 That thy foot may crush them, in blood. And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies (NKJV)
(Jezebel's blood was licked up by the dogs)

Moses sought the Lord's face to show who was in truth and who was in error.

Num 16:5 And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even to morrow the LORD will shew who are his, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he hath chosen will he cause to come near unto him.

They cannot discern the many membered body of Christ and are not content with their gifts and callings but desire to be in leadership. As a side note, they have not been prepared to suffer isolation, persecution, great loss and long periods of dying to self in the wilderness, that it takes to be prepared for leadership, or the High Calling of the Most High God. They have not paid the cost and yet want the calling. Beloved the greater the calling, the higher the cost!

Your greatest calling is to be in obedience to the Lord, whether you are called to sweep out the church or to be in leadership. Those who humbly and in love, do what He has called them to do, even if it is to sweep, will receive the greater reward.

Those who elevate themselves to positions they are not called to by the Spirit, walk in assumption, presumption and *postulation and are in grave danger of having their works burnt as wood, hay and stubble. (*Merriam Websters - Postulate 2 a : to assume or claim as true)

Num 16:6 This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;
7 And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the LORD to morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the LORD doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.
8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi:
9 Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?
10 And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?

They will murmur against and falsely accuse those called to leadership. They cause division and will draw others who are not in total submission to the Lord and therefore do not recognize His appointed leadership, after them, as Korah drew 250 men of the congregation after him.

Num 16:11 For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?
12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up:
13 Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us?
14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.
15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.

Those that come against the appointed and anointed of the Lord, and against those called to Prophetic and Apostolic leadership, are coming against the Lord Himself, and will in the days to come be in danger of coming under the severe judgment of the Lord (as did Ananias and Sapphira).

28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.
29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me.

30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.
31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:
32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.

Therefore I implore you Beloveds, come before the Lord with unveiled face and submit to chastisement, healing and deliverance lest you find yourselves working against the next great move of the Lord and His anointed, and remain unaware of it! Worse still, be in danger of missing out on His protection and provision in the coming days of turmoil and finally find yourself cast out with the tares. The days of grace are coming to a close for those who continue in their trespasses. Hear the clarion call of the Lord to cease from your religious labors and sit before Him with an unveiled face so that He may heal and restore you.

His arms are open wide, beckoning you to come to Him and to lay down your earthly wisdom for the carnal mind is at enmity with the things of God. You say but I am not carnally minded, but spiritually minded. The Lord would say to you, when you make a judgment or decision without seeking My face and My Word on it, you are relying on your own wisdom and not Mine, this is when you persecute those whom I have called and I have anointed. Come up higher and discern by My Spirit so that you may walk in unity and that My Glory may be made manifest through My body, upon the face of the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Sola Scriptura Not

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> *Isaiah 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.*
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> *Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.*

We ran across this idea of Sola Scriptura while researching for an article on the inspiration of the scriptures. Our idea is to show some aspects of what the Lord has revealed to us on the nature of his Word. And on of the topics involved there is *inerrancy*.

There are several theories of inspiration. Instead of listing them all and getting side tracked, we present this quote from Ron Rhodes which summarizes the correct view.

> **What Is Inspiration?**
> Biblical inspiration may be defined as God's superintending of the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities (and even their writing styles), they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs. Inspiration means that "the Holy Spirit of God superintended the human writers in the production of Scripture so that what they wrote was precisely what God wanted written."
> *The Inspiration of Scripture (by Ron Rhodes)*

This is called the dictation or indication theory of biblical inspiration. You can easily show that it is true by quotes from the bible.

Side note: Critics will say you can just as easily prove the Koran is the word of God by quoting the Koran. Well you can prove that the Koran is the word of Allah by quoting the Koran. The catch is that Allah is not God. Mohammed was not a prophet. And the Koran is a book of lies. [Just in case you wondered where I stood on that issue.]

And for those who demand an unshakeable logical proof, I say, *If any man have ears to hear, let him hear Mark 7:16 .*

So what is this idea of Sola Scriptura and what does it have to do with inspiration of the Scriptures. Here is a good definition and some background.

> ***Sola scriptura*** (Latin ablative, "by scripture alone") is the assertion that the Bible as God's written word is self-authenticating, clear (perspicuous) to the rational reader, its own interpreter ("Scripture interprets Scripture"), and sufficient of itself to be the final authority of Christian doctrine.
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> *Sola scriptura* was a foundational doctrinal principle of the Protestant Reformation held by the reformer Martin Luther and is a definitive principle of Protestants today (see Five solas)

Sola scriptura may be contrasted with Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox teaching, in which doctrine is taught by the teaching authority of the Church, drawing on the "Deposit of Faith", based on what they consider to be "Sacred Tradition", of which Scripture is a subset.

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Now back to Ron Rhodes.

The Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Authority of the Bible
by Ron Rhodes

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When you break the doctrine of inspiration down to its essential elements, there are seven key factors:

- Divine origin and causality;
- Human agency;
- Written verbally (in words);
- Plenary (all of Scripture is inspired, not just parts of it);
- Only the "Autographs" (the original documents penned by the biblical authors) are inspired;
- Because Scripture is inspired, it is inerrant; and
- Because Scripture is inspired and inerrant, it alone has final authority.

The word inspiration literally means "God-breathed" in the Greek. And because Scripture is breathed out by God, it is true and inerrant. Consider the following syllogism:

Major Premise:
God is true (Romans 3:4).
Minor Premise:
God breathed out the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16).
Conclusion:
Therefore, the Scriptures are true (John 17:17).

As illustrated above, the inerrancy of Scripture can be inferred by premises that are themselves taught by Scripture.
We read in Scripture that truth is an attribute of God (Jeremiah 10:10; John 1:14; 14:6; 17:3), and that God speaks truthfully - that is, He does not lie (Numbers 23:19; 1 Samuel 15:29; Titus 1:2; Romans 3:3-4).

We also are told that Scripture is "breathed out" by God (2 Timothy 3:16).

The Word of God, then, is true (John 17:14,17; cf. Psalm 119:142; 151; 160; Revelation 21:5; 22:6).
http://home.earthlink.net/~ronrhodes/Inspiration.html

Now the link between these two ideas is in the phrase *final authority*. Remember that this idea was developed to counter the teaching that the church was the final authority.

The problem with this all is that even with the Scripture as final authority, there is so much disagreement among believers.

Rhodes presents us with some clear straight forward logical thinking. This is fine. I believe that God expects us to use our minds. As we meditate on the word, we find there are logical connections between it's themes.

There is nothing wrong with his logic at least at first glance. But logical thinking is just an example of man's wisdom. In this case, the logical thinking fails because we have neglected the Whole counsel of God.

> *Acts 20:27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.*

By this I mean that there are certain scriptures that you have to take into account when considering this doctrine of Sola Scriptura. What if we could use the bible to prove that it is not the final authority?

So here we are, challenging the foundational doctrinal principle of the Protestant Reformation. Is this heresy or chutzpah?

> *Nevertheless what saith the scripture…. Galatians 4:30*

Here we go.
Second Corinthians 3 tells us that the letter of the law [sola scriptura] kills. It is the ministration of death.

> *2 Corinthians 3:6-7*
> *6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*
> *7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:*

The New Testament i.e. the Holy Spirit gives life. New testament ministers do not minister the letter of the law. They minister the Spirit. So the New Testament, that is the Covenant, not the Book, is synonymous with the Spirit. If you minister the Spirit, you are ministering the New Covenant. Doesn't this tell us that the Holy Spirit is the final authority? The **author** of the scripture has to be the final authority.

Now look at the temptation of Christ and put on your spiritual goggles.

> *Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*
>
> *Luke 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** of God.*

The phrase *bread alone* signifies the written word, sola scriptura. Jesus contrasts that with the spoken word. In both verses, *word* is used to translate the Greek *rhema*, which means *utterance*, that is *something spoken*.

God is saying we can't go by just what the written word [sola scriptura] says, we need him to explain it to us.

Looking back on the idea of inerrancy, it simply tells us that there are no mistakes. The bible contains exactly what God intended for it to say. But God did not want to make everything plain and obvious. He wants it so that we have to seek for that wisdom from above to understand the written word.

> *1 Corinthians 2:12-16*
> *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*
> *13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*
> *15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*
> *16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

This is very close to what Proverbs 3:5 says.

> *Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

To accept the doctrine of Sola Scriptura is to lean on our own understanding.

To be fair, most of those who teach sola scriptura acknowledge the need for the Holy Spirit's illumination. But this is usually superficial; lip service. More often than not they will resort to some principle such as grammatico-historical exegesis. This let's them get back to using man's wisdom. And man's wisdom, plus sola scriptura has given us some 20 thousand protestant denominations as a result.

If we have the written word. And if we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, then there shouldn't be so much division in the church. Could it be that we don't really have much access to the Holy Spirit? Could it be that our denominations do not get much input from the Holy Spirit? Could it be that we are not willing to face that fact and wonder why it is? Could it be that there is a lack of faith involved?

Often we hear about disputes over what the bible says. With all the many translations, dictionaries and commentaries, it's not a problem to know what the bible says. That's sola scriptura. We know what the bible says.
We rarely agree on what it means. One of my favorite sayings is this.
When two Christians meet the first thing they will do is greet one another in the Lord. Secondly they will find something to disagree about.

Many writers invoke the principle that Scripture interprets scripture. Well exactly how does Scripture interpret scripture? Believe me, it doesn't use the literal hermeneutic or grammatico-historical exegesis. It does it by quoting other scripture and showing logical or thematic connections. For example:

Here is a series of verses dealing with how the Spirit gives us the faith to receive the meaning of the scriptures. This is a case of connecting the dots so you can see the picture.

> *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with* ***faith*** *in them that heard it.*

This quote from Hebrews tells us that the word, sola scriptura, must be received with faith, or it is worthless to us.

> *Romans 10:17 So then **faith** cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Here Romans 10 is saying faith comes by hearing. That is through your spiritual headphones.

> *2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is **given** by inspiration of God, ….*

Second Timothy tells us we need to have the scripture **given** to us by God. Sola scriptura is not enough.

> *Matthew 19:11 But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is **given**.*

Matthew 19 here is telling us we can't receive the scripture unless it is **given** to us. That would be by the Holy Spirit naturally.

To sum it all up here, Sola Scriptura is not enough. Scripture alone is the letter of the Law that works death.

What else is needed?
First the word must be rightly divided. That is rightly handled and analyzed; and logic carefully applied.

> *2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

And then the word must be **given** by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and received with **faith**.

> *Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

He rewards those who seek him, by letting them find him. He reveals himself.

> He that has eyes, has he seen?
> He that has ears, has he heard?
> Man does not live by bread alone
> But by God's spoken word

End note:

I said earlier that there was nothing wrong with Rhodes' logic at first glance. But if you look deeper, you can see there is really a problem with it. He is saying everything in the bible is true, **therefore** it is the final authority. This is an invalid conclusion; it is a fallacy known as a *non sequitur*, which means *not following*.

> "Because Scripture is inspired and inerrant, it alone has final authority." Ron Rhodes

How do you get from it being true to concluding that it is the final authority. All that does is prove the bible is a true and accurate authority. Not a final authority. So in this case of faulty logic. It's unscriptural too.

When the bible says ‘the law’ it is speaking of itself as the written word. Then we can easily show that the bible itself tells us that it is only an intermediate authority.

> *Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

Christ is our final authority. Since we have mentioned that the word must be ‘mixed with faith’, consider the role faith plays as you look at the larger context of this quote.

> *Galatians 3:23-25*
> *23 But before* ***faith*** *came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*
> *24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by* ***faith****.*
> *25 But after that* ***faith*** *is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

Galatians 5 says nearly the same thing.

> *Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

Sola Scriptura Not!

South Pacific

Timothy Snodgrass

Mar 28, 2005
SOUTH PACIFIC ON FIRE

40-Day Fast For The Pacific Rim April 8 to May 28, 2005

The South Pole has been relatively quiet in the news for as long and I can remember, with the exception of the recent 8.1 quake near Mcquaire Island, which shook the Antarctic region only three days prior to the great Sumatra quake. In the natural realm, our upcoming assignment to the South Pacific makes absolutely no sense. Why should someone travel to the Antarctic, ministering to a land where only penguins dwell? Why sail to Polynesia and the remote parts of the Pacific, interceding for hidden fault lines, undersea volcanoes and shifting land masses under the ocean which knit the planet together? After all, did not Jesus say that in the last days there would be great earthquakes? Why intercede that some of these judgments would be delayed or lessened, for is that not interfering with God's plan for the latter days?

The answer to these questions can be summed up in one word: Obedience. The heart of God never changes, and he is still not willing that any should perish. God loves the people of the South Pacific. Our job is not to question why, but to simply go when he says GO. We must act on behalf of those who now find themselves in harms way, pointing the way to the cross as the Holy Spirit emphasizes the urgency of interceding for the South Pacific and islands of the sea. The recent tsunami triggered by the 12/26/04 Sumatra quake was relatively small compared to some of the events we foresee occurring in the near future within South Pacific region. Yet, the anointing has the power to not only impact the past and present, it sends waves of mercy rolling onto the shores of the distant future. It changes the destiny of islands and nations which were sentenced to death, releasing life as the Blood of Jesus flows through the mountains and valleys, calling the inhabitants of the land into repentance, that the land can be cleansed, and judgments erased or lessened.

MISSION DETAILS

Shortly after our 40-day fast (between April 8 - May 28, 2005), our team will be traveling to Australia (the KING of the South Pacific), New Zealand (the WATCHMAN of the South Pacific), Polynesia (the FIRE of the South Pacific, islands of future revivalists) and sweeping over the Antarctic by air only (whereas the Antarctic winter is setting in, and travel by ship is too dangerous).

Our focus will not be to intercede for volcanoes and fault lines per say, but to intercede that the veil of darkness be rent over the South Pacific, that revival would be released in the region. Seismic stability is only an after-affect of the anointing when a region is touched by the hand of God. Do not underestimate the earth-changing power released through simple obedience to the Holy Spirit.

To pastors and spiritual leaders in Australia, New Zealand and the islands of the sea: be forewarned, change is coming to the spiritual atmosphere of your region. You are going to need to train your ministers how to judge and discern spiritual manifestations, things which you have never seen before. There is about to be a great house-cleaning, and the spirit of pride is going to be confronted. If you are a leader that likes to always be in control, be forewarned, you are about to lose control. The Holy Spirit is about to make the necessary adjustments in the way you minister to his people, so that you can be a fit vessel for latter day ministry. It is not going to be clean or predictable, but people are going to be delivered, healed and released from the chains of darkness which have held them captive.

WORD OF THE LORD FROM CANADA

On Palm Sunday I was not scheduled to speak, but in the early hours of the morning had a strong dream about Canada. I was standing in front of a large Canadian congregation, speaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit about the revival which was soon coming to North America. I remember the message clearly, and the faces of the congregation are still vividly in my mind. Throughout the church, bodies were scattered on the floor from those who were unable to stand under the presence of God. After the meeting, the pastor stood up and began to speak. I will never forget his face, and the face of his wife who was standing by his side. They both appeared to be in their mid-50's. The pastor prophesied of a great tsunami which was to hit Vancouver Island and the Canadian coast, and called the congregation into prayer and repentance, that the event would be delayed or lessened in magnitude. Afterwards, he called the ushers of the church and took an offering for our South Pacific mission. I awoke from this dream with a strong anointing and detailed memory of the service, and cannot get the church out of my mind. I believe that Canada is in line for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit in the days ahead.

STATUS OF SOUTH PACIFIC MISSION

Expected to depart for Australia during the first week of June, then on to New Zealand and Polynesia. We are open to doing meetings in any of these locations. If you are a pastor or leader in Fiji, Auckland, Perth, Sydney or any other great city from this region, and would like to support what we are doing in the South Pacific by having a prophetic meeting in your area, please contact me as soon as possible. If you would like to join us in prayer and fasting for the Pacific region from April 8 - May 28, please let us know so that we can keep each other covered in prayer during this strategic time of preparation. If you would like to financially support this work, we still have need of funding for airline tickets and other expenses for the journey. Please intercede with us for revival and stability in the South Pacific.

Blessings,

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Great Sumatra Quake
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Another great quake has shaken Sumatra, measured by the Japan Meteorological Agency and Swiss Seismological Service at magnitude 8.5 (identical to preliminary readings of the December 26 quake before being upgraded). It sometimes takes weeks or months before great quakes of this magnitude can be accurately accessed. It is too early to get damage estimates, and tsunami alerts have just been issued as far away as Sri Lanka, Thailand and India. The lower epicenter of this quake appears to put NW Australia at risk, but I am still awaiting reports from Australian authorities. The USGS has given this quake a preliminary magnitude of 8.2, but I expect that figure will rise after looking at data from local Asian seismologists. It is now 3:00am in the Philippines, and reports are just now coming in. I am logging off for the night, and will post more data on our website in the morning.

Blessings,

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Ascension Day
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Apr 1, 2005

ASCENSION DAY (05/05/05)

04/01/05 - We have moved up the timetable for our South Pacific intercessory trip to May 5 (Ascension Day), and will flying directly into New Zealand. In recent reports we have tried to communicate the urgency of what we foresee manifesting in this part of the world, but I really don't think the Body of Christ comprehends the magnitude of the situation, nor the importance of interceding and acting on behalf of the inhabitants of the Pacific coastlands, before it is too late. We will be posting one last prophetic report on the topic before our departure to New Zealand, just before Ascension Day on 05/05/05. This Spring the coastlands should consider themselves on high alert; yet, nothing is impossible with God.

04/01/05 WORLD NEWS

Expert Warns Of Super Volcanic Eruption Near Mt. Tapo, New Zealand

Maps Need To Be Redrawn Again After Latest 8.7 Indonesia Quake

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Deut 33:18-19 NKJV And of Zebulun he said: "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, And Issachar in your tents! 19 They shall call the peoples to the mountain; There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; For they shall partake of the abundance of the seas and of treasures hidden in the sand."

“I have an abundance of treasures I have saved to be given in this last hour!

The souls of My people are abundant treasures. Each one very unique and different and bought at a great price! For I have had a special treasure, that I hid and it will be mined in this hour by those who love Me. Mining is not always easy work, but it is very rewarding.

Will take up this work to live for souls and not for earthly treasures alone?

I’m not calling just the educated sheep. I’m not calling just the wise sheep.

I’m calling all who are WILLING to volunteer their time to do this work.

I’m calling some to work to help support this work, to finance this work and others to PRAY for these that will go. But everyone’s roles are equally important. I am calling some to mine, or fish, and some to clean the fish.

I’m calling some to TEACH the fish and disciple them in Truth. The ones who sow and the ones who reap are equally important. Don’t look at the roles of others and think yourself unimportant because you are called to pray for example. But think of the reward of a job fulfilled that I have called you to.

Obedience in your calling is all I ask for – to do what I’ve given you to do!

Those who are wise will shine like the stars in the heavens! Those who are wise are those who obey Me. I have another admonition for you My children for you will see many unwise in these days, do not waste your time mourning for those who refuse to obey ME in this hour, for you will see judgment within the church that will break your heart. Just attend to your own heart NOW that it will be healed from all torments, and that you become obedient to My will as best you can. Pray NOW for those who are not to be conformed to My image while there is still time to pray. For soon there will not be time to change…for the KINGDOM of GOD will be upon you!”

Luke 20:17-18 AMP

17 But [Jesus] looked at them and said, What then is [the meaning of] this that is written: The [very] Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Stone of the corner [Cornerstone]? [Ps 118:22,23.]

18 Everyone who falls on that Stone will be broken [in pieces]; but upon whomever It falls, It will crush him [winnow him and scatter him as dust]. [Isa 8:14,15; Dan 2:34,35.]

“I say to you to build your house on this Rock, and not on sand, for every house built on sand will perish and sink into darkness. But every house built on My Kingdom, will survive and every person who falls on this Rock will live forever and ever. Do not compromise with the world. From the beginning of time, through the sands of time, have been many who strayed away from the sure foundation that is in ME.

But you know the TRUTH My beloveds, and if you will fill yourselves with ME, and forsake the ways of the world and all it has to offer, then there is eternal life and the rewards of THAT life will be forever and ever, and cannot be compared to this life!

This life requires embracing the CROSS. This life requires laying down your life and dying to what you want and living for what I want in this life! So do not call anything you have your own. I am Your MASTER and Lord, then if I am your Master and Lord, then you do not do your own will, but MY will and you do MY work, not your own work. That is you do it all for ME, not just for you. Then your hearts will want what I want. And I want SOULS. I want a BRIDE for My Son that is pure and spotless. You will ask Me then before you speak. You will think, what does Father want me to do. You will STOP and THINK and not just live oblivious to My will in your life. And you won't think that other men's will for your life is equal to My will for your life!!!

MAN is not your master! I am your master! I AM your Covering! I AM the Beginning and the End. I AM the LORD OF HOSTS! I AM the MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL. I AM the EVERLASTING FATHER.

I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE.

JESUS CHRIST is Head of the church.

Man is not the head, only the appointed vessel and authority, if I have appointed him! And you will know them by their FRUIT, not their gifts, not their ability to speak swelling words, not by their charisma, but by their FRUITS. Do they walk and live HUMBLY with their God? Do they love one another as I have loved you. Are they willing to lay down their lives for the sheep? Do they help the poor and homeless? Do they serve you, or are they only wanting to be served themselves? Are they full of KINDNESS, and patience and self control? You will know when I fill you with My love."

Mal 3:16-18 AMP

16 Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who reverenced and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name.

17 And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.

18 Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

Gen 22:17 NKJV blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

Jer 5:22 NKJV Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it.

Jer 33:22 NKJV As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'"

The Desire of My Heart
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Jan 8th, 2004
The desire of My heart is to love you and to protect you and to commune with you! The design of the

universe was to prepare a home, a dwelling place for man and it was a good idea. Life was abundant and the communion with man was ideal. We walked together in the garden and talked and shared each other's company. Man and woman alike had access to My companionship and presence. All was well until the fall. Since that time, and the necessary

unfolding of things, I have longed once again to have FULL communion with My creation.

Hundreds of centuries of men and women have come and gone, and gradually,

There has been uncovering of various truths. But all along the enemy has waged battle for the souls of men. This hour is no different, yet it is because he knows his time is short. So he is busy trying to steal as many souls as he can before the ultimate battle. I have assured you of the victory! I have wrapped you in My grace and I am about to increase greatly the proportion of My GRACE for this hour.

Do not give up in the escalation of things spoken of in My Word to the spirit of this hour. He wishes like then in the garden to draw you away from the ultimate communion with ME. It is important in this hour to commune with Me and to stay close to My presence for the times will test your soul as no other. STAY in My WORD! Do not depart from it's statutes. Continue to renew your mind and continually converse with Me. I AM IN YOU. I am EMMANUEL! Do not neglect either the gift that is in you – to share it with all you can. For by sharing as you are led, you may save some from the fire

of eternity. You don't know what tomorrow brings. So share what I have given you as you can and are led to do it. Do not fear what a man can do to you. FEAR HIM WHO has the power to destroy body and soul in hell!

Matt 10:28-29 NKJV And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

There is NOTHING He can do to you without MY PERMISSION. Any suffering you do here on earth is allowed only for your perfecting and maturing, or to the fall of mankind. The earth is groaning and it will continue to be in birth pangs until My soon return. Do not let your heart get hard!

Continue in the GRACE I have given you and do not grow weary in well doing.

Things are about to get more exciting in the realm of the Spirit as well. Even as the enemy has prepared an army for this hour, so have I and will I perfect My bride. Suddenly the One you adore will come to His temple and oneness that has not been known will be achieved. It will not come by striving or works of the flesh, but solely by MY DOING - and it will be wonderful to behold, and terrifying to the hypocrite.

Suddenly there will be a day of glorious immersion in My presence and it will provoke the lost to jealousy for what you have. Right now they are not jealous of the strife and envy, the competition, greed, and religious hypocrisy. But in the days ahead they will literally see the glory upon you and see the miracles with their own eyes done before them, and there will be no excuse for opposition to My love when I get done doing all I intend. What kind of God would I be to not offer grace to each generation of man to come to Me? Now I will arise! Now I will make Myself known! Now I will raise up a standard and you will see it and your hearts will melt with JOY inexpressible and overflowing! I am arising with HEALING in My wings! Glory will fill the earth and a flood of My love will be poured out through you to the lost and dying world!

Isa 33:10-24 NKJV Impending Judgment on Zion

"Now I will rise," says the LORD;

"Now I will be exalted,

Now I will lift Myself up.

11 You shall conceive chaff, You shall bring forth stubble; Your breath, as fire, shall devour you. 12 And the people shall be like the burnings of lime;

Like thorns cut up they shall be burned in the fire. 13 Hear, you who are afar off, what I have done; And you who are near, acknowledge My might."

14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" 15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil: 16 He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure.

17 The Land of the Majestic King

Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will see the land that is very far off. 18 Your heart will meditate on terror: "Where is the scribe? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?" 19 You will not see a fierce people, A people of obscure speech, beyond perception, Of a stammering tongue that you cannot understand.

20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, A tabernacle that will not be taken down; Not one of its stakes will ever be removed, Nor will any of its cords be broken. 21 But there the majestic LORD will be for us a place of broad rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars will sail, nor majestic ships pass by 22 (For the LORD is our Judge, The LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us); 23 Your tackle is loosed, They could not strengthen their mast, They could not spread the sail. Then the prey of great plunder is divided; The lame take the prey. 24 And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity.

Time and Faith
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Jan 6th, 2005

Luke 18:7-8 NKJV And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Matt 24:7-14 NKJV For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. 11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

“When the Son of man returns, will He find FAITH on the earth?

Will He find those who believe He is omnipotent, ALL-MIGHTY, and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

Have something to share with others who need the truth, by spending yourselves on Me and My Word. Deep darkness is filling the earth and surely, oh man, the days are escalating and you will see the Son of God soon coming on the clouds in majesty and splendor.

Know that I am with you until the end of all time. Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, what you will have, for I AM is with you. I will uphold my beloveds. Give unto those who ask of you and share all you have with those who don't know the value of My love and mercy. Extend your hand to the weak and hungry. I will multiply food if you will believe for it and give glory to My name. I AM the RESOURCE of all you need.

Ps 33:18-19 NKJV Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy, 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Teach My beloveds to depend on ME, not on you! Teach them how to be intimate with Me! Teach them to call upon MY name and they will be saved!

Teach them to PRAISE in all circumstances. Teach them to walk in HUMILITY and JUSTICE.

I am calling forth many to help care for the children who will be abandoned, and to rescue those who would be enslaved or oppressed by the wicked.

Be bold and be courageous in asking for all you need! I WILL do MANY signs and WONDERS in the heavens and in the earth, so that the world will be drawn unto Me. Do not be afraid of, nor tremble for the wicked. Be confident in Your Beloved, for I AM IN YOU AND WITH YOU!

For MANY will turn to Me in this hour. And those who don't cannot touch you unless I allow it. I will turn many a hard heart to Me in this hour. For I will take the stony hearts out of many and make them vessels of honor for MY GLORY! SIGNS and WONDERS, SIGNS AND WONDERS! Know that I will turn the eyes of man toward the heavens and towards ME in this hour.

Those who refuse will be refuse! Cry out to Me for your families and friends who are unsaved. I am coming and I will set them on the path of righteousness for My name's sake! Ask Me for nations and I will give them to you! Ask Me for your neighborhoods and I will give them to you! Ask and you SHALL receive in abundance!

Eyelids are opening! Hearts will tremble and be afraid. But many will come to the brightness of your rising and there will be many who turn away, but even then, many who will embrace My love and be saved. My MERCY endures forever, even amidst stress and turmoil in the nations. This year will be chock full of strange happenings and prophetic signs. AWAKENING is on the way! Awaken the sleepers and let your words reflect My glory!

TESTIFY to the wonders of Your God and Savior! Give testimony of My lovingkindnesses! Open your mouths and I will fill them.

Be brave My beloveds for a great wave of HARVEST is soon upon you. The sickle is being swung and the earth will tremble and open up and salvation will spring forth!"

Isa 45:8 NKJV "Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.

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Ripened Fruit
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Luke 8:14 NKJV Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

Luke 8:14 AMP And as for what fell among the thorns, these are [the people] who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked and suffocated with the anxieties and cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen (come to maturity and perfection).

“Springtime and harvest are important seasons of life. In the spring you plant seeds and nurture and water them and in harvest time, the fruit comes to fruition and is plucked and gathered to be sent out. I am bringing to fruition soon, to perfection, the fruit of your lives through a gracious outpouring of My river of Life. Those who have struggled with many problems over and over will struggle no more. Those who have gone from church to church trying to find relief and deliverance from torment, will be delivered at My hands !

Fruit that is not fed the proper nutrients cannot come to fruition properly.

There are seasons in your lives when there is watering and there is nourishing through My Word and through the Words that come to you from rhema as well that give you wisdom and understanding. There are times of dryness, that cause roots to go deep into the earth searching for water…meaning searching My Word for LIFE is imparted through the Word as well as the Living Word who is Jesus ! Fruit cannot just sit on a shelf or it will rot there. Many have been shelved due to competition in My church, and various other sins apparent to all who have eyes to see. Many also have grown weary in well doing and the fruit they are bearing is overripened !

Yeast causes fruit to ripen more quickly and to sour. Yeast of the Pharisees has overtaken My church in many places and is ruining My vineyards.

I am about to overturn the tables of the moneychangers and I am asking YOU to procure a true heart of generosity from ME, so that you can walk through the times ahead without getting stained by the yeast that softens the fruit and rots it on the inside. I do not want any unforgiveness or root of bitterness in My vessels destined to be turned to gold. Search your hearts and ask of ME, for I am humble and I am capable of letting you know when there is a problem, if you will just ask. I am determined to take out of all hearts really belonging to ME, all that hinders you from being perfected in ME.

Come and bask in MY sunshine just as natural fruit is ripened by the sun, so you must also bask in MY Son’s LIGHT of glory to be sanctified and made whole and to continue to produce good fruit !

Intimacy is what is necessary now ! Do not run away My beloveds ! I am here and wanting to hold you in My arms of love. I will drive away all the intruders, if you will but REST in ME !

I will make you like trees planted by the river of LIFE, and you will bear fruit 12 months of the year and your leaves will be for the healing of the nations ! All will come and partake of your fruit !”

Rev 22:1-5 NKJV The River of Life

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Ezek 47:12 NKJV Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Matt 12:33 NKJV A Tree Known by Its Fruit (Matt 7:15-20)

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Matt 7:18-20 NKJV A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Matt 13:23 NKJV But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

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Season Of The Blessing

Bill Burns

March 20, 2005: Come, children, gather around. Let Me tell you of the season of the blessing that is upon you. Many have struggled to believe that I am the God of all provision. Many have struggled to believe that I am the God who heals. Many have struggled to believe that I can give wisdom. Many have struggled to believe that I can lead and guide. But, I say, in this season there will be no question or doubt that I am walking among My people and that I have come to bless My children in this season with all gifts, spiritual gifts, even those things in the natural that are necessary to your well being, says the Lord, for I watch over My children. I protect those under My covenant, and the benefits of the kingdom of heaven do now fall upon you like the rain of the season. It is the season of the planting, and the season of harvest is yet before you. Sow generously, and in the time of the rain ask, for the former and latter rain will come together and water the seeds of faith that have been planted. Those seeds shall indeed produce a harvest, and you will understand that I am the God who watches over you.

March 18, 2005: It is time to break the cycle of defeat. Disappointment leads to discouragement, and discouragement kills faith. When faith is dead there is no victory or overcoming. There is no joy or peace, for you have lost all in the cycle of defeat. You can break that cycle and begin to overcome by faith. Repent for disappointment, walk away from discouragement, and go back to the place of faith. You will overcome because I have caused you to be victorious in all things.

Marsha Burns

March 21, 2005: I have spoken words of truth and grace to your hearts, and I have given you hope and great encouragement. Yet, you do not see any natural evidence that what I have promised is coming to pass. But, I say to you, hope is not hope if you can see the fulfillment of it. This is a time to remain faithful to the promise. Do not lose hope in your waiting, for you will reap in due season if you do not give up. *Romans 8:24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?*

Season Of The Horse

Bill Burns

November 29, 2005: You now know and understand that the season has changed and that you are entering into a new season. This new season will be known as the season of the horse. The last season that you walked through was known as the season of the eagle, which prepared you through the prophetic word. Now you know that My return will be on a white horse. The horse represents the power of the end of the age, apostolic power, which I will bring to My church, for I have found those who have desired to walk with Me in a position of obedience, and I will pour out of My Spirit, says the Lord, in a new and fresh way. I will come to you as the former and latter rain together to bring the strength of My purpose forth and to give you the weapons necessary to defeat the last enemy and to walk forth with Me in the flow of My anointing and glory. We shall lift up the cup of victory together with grateful praise.

Settling On The Other Side Of The Jordan
Mike Edds

A few years ago while living near the beautiful mountain village of Summersville, West Virginia, I had a most extraordinary dream. The dream was divided into four parts. In the first part, I was leaving my position as the Head of School in a private school. Secondly, one of my teachers was elevated to my former position. Thirdly, the board chairman who had lived in the community all of her life was moving away. In the fourth part of the dream, I was preaching to a large African American church on the subject, "You Have Settled on the Other Side of the Jordan." In the dream, this great church had accomplished much and possessed a great national ministry. However, the Lord said that they had not reached the fulfillment of their divine destiny. As I preached, the powerful presence of the Lord descended in that mighty church. He began to give revelation and direction concerning the immense destiny that He had planned for them. The church exploded in worship and praise. I awakened from the dream.

The first three parts of the dream happened within a few months. I resigned from my position, the teacher I saw in the dream became the interim Head of School, and the board chairman and her husband sold their family business and left town. However, the fourth part of the dream did not immediately happen. In fact, I did not understand this portion of the dream. Five years passed as I continually pondered the dream in my heart.

One year ago, I was invited to conduct a grant writing workshop and preach at a large African American church in Chicago. I still did not understand the meaning of the message, "You Have Settled On the Other Side of the Jordan" but the Lord directed me to preach this message. As I studied the Word, the incredible prophetic meaning of the message in the dream was revealed.

Two and a half tribes of the Israelites found the rich farm and grazing lands to the east of the Jordan River to their liking. The tribes of Gad, Reuben, and half of the large tribe of Manasseh decided to settle on the "other side" of the Jordan and thus not cross over into the promised land. Moses and Joshua had given them permission to do so but with one major requirement, their warriors must led the battle in taking the Promised Land. Joshua chapter 3 records the miraculous parting of the flooded Jordan. The priests led the procession through a dry, divine path made through the flood waters. True to their agreement, 40,000 warriors of the two and a half tribes took the lead in the battle. Their divine destiny was to assume the reigns of leadership in battle and bring the rest of the tribes into their promised destinies and lands. What a great mantle of ministry was laid upon Gad, Reuben and half of Manasseh!

The Lord began to reveal the divine destiny that He has for HIS African American people. I was given an article written by Susan Castell which stunned me. The prophetic word given to her concerning African American believers was identical to what the Lord was revealing to me. She wrote:

"You have come to this land for such a time as this. It is now time to lay aside the weight of racial hatred and the sin of unforgiveness which so readily clings to and entangles you. It is now time to forget what lies behind and to reach forth to what lies ahead. It is now time to arise and seek Me for the fulfillment of your divine destiny.

Just as the survival of ancient Egypt and Israel rested on the shoulders of Joseph (a man sold into slavery by his brothers and carried away to a foreign land), so does the very survival of this great nation of America rest upon you. It is now time to embrace My plan and to allow Me to birth within you the heart and the attitude of Joseph who was able to forgive his brothers and those who had enslaved and imprisoned him. It is now time to embrace the cross of My Son and become a great blessing in the land of your captivity.

Even as man has seemingly succeeded in humbling you to the very lowest of places, so will I exalt you to the very highest place, even to the very throne of My Glory. As you humble yourselves under My mighty hand and allow the mind and heart of Christ to be formed in you, you will experience supernatural healing and deliverance from the many and deep wounds inflicted by those who have degraded, despised and humiliated you. As you identify with My Son and you begin to cry out: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do", you will enter into a new dimension of My Grace and Glory, and you will receive the revelation of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection power which your hearts have been hungering for.

It is now time to understand that all history, including Black History, is HIS STORY. It is now time to lift up your eyes above man's agenda and catch the vision of My agenda. It is now time to declare with Joseph: "As for you, you thought evil against me, but G-d meant it for good, to bring about that many people should be kept alive..." (Gen. 50:20)

Arise my people, my Joseph company, whom I have brought from afar and planted in this land for such a time as this. Look unto Me and I will unveil the meaning of your history. Look unto Me and I will reveal the mystery of your many and long sufferings. I am the L-rd your G-d, and besides Me, there is no other. Look unto Me and be healed of the wounds of your captivity. Look unto Me and I will make you free to be my instruments of healing and deliverance in this land of your divine destiny."

The fullness of the prophetic meaning of the message, "Settling on the Other Side of the Jordan," came into full focus. The Great Awakening that is soon to burst upon this world as a final witness will be led by a "Joseph Company" that God has been preparing for a long time. This Awakening will bring God's holy remnant together as a Bride without spot or wrinkle. Divisions, separations, and walls will collapse as the Church comes together to fulfill her final destiny. Each tribe that composes the Church has a promised destiny, a place of promise to occupy. Leading the way to bring all tribes of believers into that fulfillment will be the African American believer. Just like Gad, Rueben and Manesseh, the mantle of leadership will rest upon them. God is an excellent bookkeeper. All of the weary years and generations of blood, sweat, tears, unpaid slave wages and rejection WILL BE PAID IN FULL! It will not come from the White House, the Supreme Court or from Congress. It will come from the hand of the mighty God! Just like Joseph, they will be suddenly ushered from obscurity to the fullness of divinely appointed leadership. What man meant for evil, God will turn into good for the saving of many lives. The mantle of leadership will be laid upon them by a divine Hand. They will lead the rest of us into our appointed destinies. I believe that the Holy Spirit is stirring within them now. Divine gifts within that have been given for this prophetic hour are now being activated and released. Understanding of the long night of their suffering is being revealed to them. The heart of Joseph is reaching perfection within them. God calls them to fulfill their destiny. The Jordan has parted before them. They lead the way for the rest of the Body of Christ to follow. Pay day has finally come!

The final part of the dream was fulfilled. I preached this message to the great church in Chicago. The Lord came down in that service!

Isn't it incredibly ironic that God would reveal and speak this message through a white man, a descendant of slave owners from the South, a region that once deprived them of their most basic rights. Isaiah 60:10 states, " The sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you. All who despised you will bow at your feet." God fulfilled the words of the prophet on the day I preached the message, "You Have Settled on the Other Side of the Jordan." May God bless this these divinely called leaders of the Coming Awakening.

"O Africa, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not plead thy cause, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth." - Lyman Beecher

Standing On The Shoulders Of Other Men

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PR 2:4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,

LK 10:21 At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

RO 10:20 And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me."

(The Lord showed me a strange scene of a man that was standing on the top of a man who was standing on the top of several other men. There must have been around twenty or so people who were standing on the shoulders of each other. Finally, at the very top of this, the last person was reaching for the roof. At this point, he pulled himself up and was looking out. Then he began to run and would jump from building top to building top. This process continued with each person standing on the top of each person and finally looking out upon a roof scene.)

“This is man’s attempt to reach Me, and also, many prophets have stood on the shoulders of others to get revelation of Me. I tell you that many want to have a personal relationship with Me, but they think that they have to do something important for Me. You do not go up to the heavens, but I have gone down to you. There are not many who have received “new” revelation of Me in this hour. “

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Time Will Speed-Up

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(A minister friend of mine had asked for some discernment concerning some things that she had heard from the Lord. She said that the Lord told her to warn everyone that the Angel of Time is about to cast down the burning hour glass of judgment into the earth in a matter of days, when he declares by the Lord, 'time is up'.)

Aside: I believe that these are important things for us to consider. We need to remember how God reckons time and that the "language of the spirit" is to be considered so that we can then understand what He has to say to us in relevance to these things.)

A Time for Everything

1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, 6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. Ecclesiastes 3

My response after praying about this was:

Yes that is a strange thing to hear...Obviously we don't have just five days left upon the earth, but we need to understand the language of the spirit. I believe that the Lord is saying that in five days He will begin the countdown. "In the heavens time is reckoned differently than upon earth. Five days is not the same as five days upon the earth. "

"In seven days I created the heavens and the earth, but in five days it will be destroyed. These days are hastening forward to my soon return upon the earth. Who will be found ready when these times come? Time as you know it, will begin the process of "speeding-up." And then the events that have been predicted, will begin to unfold."

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Signs Of The Times

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America’s “Red Dawn”

Matthew 16:2-4 *But he replied to them, When it is evening, you say, it will be fair weather, for the sky is red. And in the morning, There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Do you know how to discern the signs of the times? An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.*

This verses prompts the question, Would Christ send his people a sign today for this generation? What would a sign from Christ look like? Has Christ given us any signs of the times we are in?

Christ speaks of a “Red Dawn” as a sign of a bad day ahead.

Many dramatic events have taken place in the past 75 years all of them are true signs. (Un)Spiritual movements, Earthquakes, Wars, Famines and Political intrigue. All of these can be taken the Bible says as signs of the times we are in.

But if Christ were sending his people a great discipline what kind of “Red Dawn” would he show them before the discipline occurred?

Well it would have to be an event that is in line with scripture. Rarely in fact possibly never would God send a sign that could not be easily explained within the context of his word. Also it would probably be a confirmed sign.

What is a confirmed sign? Two witnesses are a constant theme throughout scripture when referring to dramatic events ahead. Pharaoh saw disturbing images and sought the meaning. God sent Joseph to explain and expand the meaning of these events. These images were Pharaoh’s, Egypt’s and God’s peoples’(By way of Joseph) “Red Dawn.”

This theme was repeated by Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar. In the case of Pharaoh the advice God gave was taken and gain came to Pharaoh the Egyptians. Although some discipline was experienced it was minor compared to what would have occurred if God’s advice was not taken.

In the case of Daniel and his king’s disturbing images. God’s advice given through Daniel was not heeded. Great discipline came to the King and although good finally did comes unneeded pain was experienced.

Later sign’s were sent to Pharaoh's descendant and to all of his people. But because of his hardened heart he refused and despised those sign’s.

Pharaoh also hated the one God sent to given him the message (Namely Moses).His refusal to honor and obey God’s signs cost him and his people dearly.

There are many other examples of “Red Dawn’s” sent to not only God’s people but to people who did not know him.

So if Christ was to send an ugly threatening morning to us today as a people what would it be?

It would be a disturbing image. Those are the ones that get everybody’s attention.

In the above scripture Christ say's that people have already been given clear signs as to what is coming. Because they did not heed the "Red Dawns" no other dramatic signs will be given to them except Christ's teaching, prophesying and preaching.

During the time that Christ walked the earth what were the dramatic events that were about to come upon the Jewish people? What were these signs ("Red Dawn's") that had already been given to the Jewish people that proceeded that dramatic event?

We know from the historian Josephus that many signs were given to the people. One was the Jewish lands and people being held by Rome.

Josephus also describes the dramatic destructive discipline that came later to the Jewish people the destruction of Jerusalem and the Holy Temple by the Romans. The scattering of the Jews throughout the earth in 70AD.

But outside of history does the Bible itself tell us about any dramatic signs that preceded the "Great Day of the Lord" in 70AD?

Any "Bloody Dawns" during the time that Christ was on the earth? The Jesus speaks about *almost* no so called "Dramatic Current Headline Events" outside of his own ministry and that of John's.

There is a strong exception to this.

Luke 12:54-56 *And He was saying to the crowds ."When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say. 'A Shower is coming.' And so it turns out. And when you see a south wind blowing, you say, ' It will be a hot day, and it turns out that day. YOU HYPOCRITES! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time.*

Luke is echoing the Gospel of Matthew. But what are the blowing winds of the times that the Pharisee's are guilty of not analyzing.

In the verse that follows (Luke 12:57 to the end of 12) Christ tells us before we are to make a court appearance we should settle matters ourselves. Christ's ring of the warning and advice of Daniel to Nebuchadnezzar(Da.4:27).

When we see a "Red Dawn" we need to do whatever is necessary to change things to avoid ever appearing before God on his day. Christ was saying that even if it costs you extra do it because freedom in humility is better than an appearance that may cost you your freedom.

The Ninevites recognized this and humbled themselves and delayed God's judgment on their lands.

Now to tell of one of Israel's signs of the times

Luke 13:1-5 *Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed* (shed along with) *their* (daily) *sacrifices. And Jesus said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were greater sinners than all other Galileans because they suffered this fate? I tell you, NO, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.*

Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

One of the signs Christ was speaking of were people being burned on an altar and people being killed in a collapsing tower.

The message that Christ says these disturbing images were to transmit to the people were.

“If you think it is bad that these people perished in this shocking manner. You need to know that unless you fix what is wrong with yourselves and in the land, humble yourselves and repent you to will suffer a similar fate.”

We have recently as a nation and as Christians have had our “Red Dawn”.

The images of the 911 attacks should burn in our hearts because of the raw Biblical imagery they contain. The signs that Christ has sent us are so prophetically clear that all should heed them and humble themselves. To limit what is written here I am not going in full detail at this writing all that Luke 13:1-5 exposes.

One of the earliest images I can recall seeing on the morning of the attacks was dust and ashes. Dust and ashes covered the survivors who were within the Twin Towers. So much ash and dust covered them you could not tell Black from White.

Later dust and ash covered the entire city of New York. It was so pervasive that it even covered the inside of even the most sealed off millionaires apartments. Even a Biblical novice understands what this is a call for. It is a call for humility and repentance. This is common Biblical knowledge.

This is not a statement that somehow God had covered and repented the people in New York by force. No God allowed us to see in Biblical imagery on Television how to survive what is ahead. It is national repentance and humility.

One of the most horrifying aspects of the collapse of the towers was that these high proud towers were converted to a smoldering altar of burning flesh that continued to burn for days.

It seems cruel that God would allow the horrible deaths of these people just to be a sign to us who still walk the earth. How much more cruel to their lives would it be that we did not obey the sign that their lives were allowed to be sacrificed to demonstrate.

It is even more horrible in God’s eyes that he allowed the sacrifice of his only begotten
Son so that we could sacrifice to created things rather that the creator.

Recently I made a commitment to get up every morning and join others in an early morning prayer at the church that I attend. One morning I relaxed a little more than I should and missed the prayer start time. I blew off the prayer and felt released that it would be okay with God if I missed one day.

I did not feel condemned but I realized later that my morning prayer was a sacrifice to God.

I would have handled it vastly different if I was getting up to meet a new customer. I would have never missed that appointment.

This is what is bringing us to discipline as a nation we are burning sacrifices on the altar of our work. Our daily sacrifices to God have ceased. He gets our leftovers if we have time from the bondage to our work.

I am not saying that we should stop working. What I am saying is that Christ should take first place in everything we do.(not that I have achieved this)

Earthly things should be put to the side. When we offer sacrifices to the earth we prosper in the earth. But the way of heaven is trampled down. The stars (this is us we are citizens of heaven) is cast down.

In Daniel 8:9-12 Antiochus Epiphanes was prophesied as a type of Anti-Christ. This fact is almost universally accepted by all eschatologists. One of his greatest sins was the cessation of the daily sacrifices to God and his demand that they be given unto himself and his god of power.

But what happens when we bring patriotic fervor and money stewardship classes within the church?

The faith prosperity movement is a vial doctrine that I am opposed to.

But at least their sinful use of Christ and his word for financial gain is out in the open and manifested. Many within the church are attempting the same thing yet not accepting it and keeping it hidden.

Our founding fathers gave their lives to keep the church grafted onto Christ.

For centuries prior to the foundation of our nation the church had been grafted onto the world as a part of the government of the earth.

Yet when recently our President grafted the church onto the government by endorsing faith based programs with Federal Money. Not even a whimper of protest was heard. It was assumed that it would be good for the church.

But in saying that what are the motives for a Wealthy European man to travel to a poor country and give wealth to a financially poor but moral family? If this man sought to bring unwholesome pleasures to their young daughter would it still be good?

Great discipline and pain is ahead.

But so is a stronger more viable church.

Death and suffering can be avoided if we humble ourselves now and heed the warning sign that Christ has allowed.

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Savannah On The Verge

Renee Smith

February 23, 2002

IT IS TIME TO TAKE NOTICE...........

We were down in Savannah, GA this past week-end ministering, and as I was sitting in the back as the praise and worship was going on, the Lord gave me a vision.

THE INVITATION IS BEING SENT OUT.........

I saw an old fisherman. He was very large, so I was wondering how everyone in the city did not see him out there looking in towards the port, towards the roads and bridges over the water in the bay. He had on a weathered rain parka and hood and he was out over the water with his arm extended toward the shore. In his hand was a Beautiful, Glistening, Crystal Bell, like a dinner bell. He was ringing it for the people. I wondered why it was a Bell and not a lantern like you might see in a fisherman's hand.

HE IS BECKONING........

I didn't have the meaning fully while I was there. I mentioned it to the people at the meeting and one lady did shine some light on it, but mostly the vision kept coming. Last night, the Holy Spirit began to speak to me concerning this fisherman and his dinner bell...

HE HAS MADE US FISHERS OF MEN.........

I saw how through the years our Lord has sent out a call to Savannah as a Gateway to the South. He has been waiting patiently there over the water. He has weathered many storms with His people there in Savannah. His Spirit is brooding over the waters waiting for Savannah to come into her Authority. She is a Port Authority to bring in those there in the hi-ways and bi-ways, the Lord is saying to compel them to come in. IT IS TIME...He was looking towards the hi-ways, the bi-ways with an invitation in His hand. He is the one there in the water. His Spirit is The Water. HE is looking toward the city streets. He will make you, Savannah, Fishers Of Men if you will Follow Him!

HE WILL SEND OUT A SOUND TO SAVANNAH CLEAR AS A BELL!

Many will be in slumber, and are in slumber, as the Sound rings out to this City. Go and wake up the slumbering, the Invitation of the Lord is in His hand. He is RINGING the bell, this Crystal Clear sound coming from His hand is a CALL to go out in the Hi-ways and Bi-ways and compel them to come into the marriage supper of the Lord. Many will answer the call, many will not, but He is looking for those to answer and know He is waiting and Calling. He is watching, even with His eyes He is calling.

Every time you drive out over the bridges, every time you drive out over the marshes, every time you walk down the streets of your city Savannah, know there is one waiting there, an unseen guest, except by those with open eyes to see, watching for those who Hear the Sound of His beckoning. Go out, Come out. Bring them in to the Salvation of our Lord. Take back the City for Our God! The CALL IS CRYSTAL CLEAR. You are a Chosen Vessel. The Great Fisher Of Men is Waiting......People groups upon people groups have been sent there to this city, what will be your response OH SAVANNAH! He has already given you light, walk ye in it. Now He wants all to HEAR the invitation of His hand extended. Be Ready, Savannah, your Destiny is Calling! IT IS TIME, Wait no more...to TAKE YOUR CITY. He is WAITING. LORD MAY YOUR BLESSINGS BE ON SAVANNAH AS SHE FULFILLS HER DESTINY IN YOU!

Spirit Of The Word

John Lallier

The bible says the letter killeth but the spirit brings truth,

In Math, 28 Jesus said to be baptized in the [name] of the father son and holy ghost. So 22000 churches go and baptize in the name of the father son and holy ghost just like they read in the dead letter of the word. Now the spirit of the word is needed to understand what Jesus is saying. The father is not a name, the son is not a name and the holy ghost is not a name. You were baptized in the name of Tom Dick and Harry, [nothing]. Jesus said he would speak in parables and only the spiritual minded would understand. First you have to repent and then know that Jesus died for you and know he was god in the flesh. You must ask Jesus to come into your heart, that is when you get the [son]. That's the born again experience. Then after you know the son then you go to Jesus and ask him to baptize with the holy ghost. Jesus is the baptizer; you will get filled with the holy ghost and have signs following 1st Corinth 12. You will die to self and fast and pray and turn from this earth and turn from idols. Then God [the father] himself will come in. You must have all three.

Jesus said god will come into his newly finished temple, most Christians think Jesus will return in the finished temple in the holy land, but that's wrong, [dead letter]. Jesus said we are the temples of God and no more temples made with mans hands. We are lively stones. The world is waiting for the Jews to rebuild the temple and God will return. Many will be deceived, that's the temple Satan will come into. The Lord said he must leave and he is preparing a place for us and when he returns the holy city will come down from heaven[not made from mans hand].

In the old testament Moses was told to tell the people to keep three feasts. All would have to keep the three feasts , Passover, Pentecost and tabernacles; three feasts. Now Jesus is our Passover and when we ask Jesus into our heart we received the Passover [born again]. Then not many day latter like John The Baptist said in Math 3, we will get the [fire] the fire is the holy ghost, acts chapter two [as the tongues of fire fell on them]. That's the Pentecost feast. When the second coming of Christ comes [tabernacles] that's when god himself comes into his newly finished temples. You see you need all three feasts the father son and holy ghost all three and its all spiritual,

What is flesh is flesh., we can't use our carnal minds to use reason and understanding. Jesus said in john 16 13 the holy spirit is our teacher and that we need to go to no man. Well I did that, I took my eyes off of man and put them on Christ. He is my teacher and my God. I asked the lord one morning while in prayer, why all the confusion so many different churches all have a different teaching and understanding. The Lord spoke to me, he said he uses religion. It tells people about Jesus but when you seek him and find him he will tell you to get out.

I wouldn't be where I'm at with the lord if I didn't go to churches, the Lord is looking for sons [not pew warmers] Romans 8. Those that are led by the spirit become sons of God. My challenge to you all, if you don't know the Lord ask him into your heart. If you're born again, ask Jesus to baptize you with the holy ghost and when you die to self and this world then and only them will God come and rest in his newly finished temple. Another way of seeing this, look at a caterpillar and when it builds a cocoon it dies and then a butterfly comes out, you don't want to be a caterpillar you want to become a butterfly,

I felt led to write this to you all, I'm a nobody. I don't want people following me, I don't want your money. Jesus said to seek the truth and the truth will set you free. If you think you have truth and quit seeking truth you will miss out. Jesus said wide is the road and narrow is the path and few find it. Jesus is that door, seek him and go thru the door. Get your eyes off of man and let Jesus take you thru the three feasts by the spirit and not the flesh with your mind and reason and your own understanding, John 3 30 you must decrease that I might increase,

I cant spell, poor grammar, this is from a nobody. Jesus said he couldn't go to the nobles, he had to go to nobodies, become a nobody and know god. Knowledge puffs up but love edifies; those that are exalted will get humbled

Spiritual Hurricane
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September 3, 2005
Sydney, Australia

Let your roots grow down deep into him and draw up nourishment from Him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught – Colossians 2:7

My precious children, I love each of you so much, and I am bringing to you a word of warning. As you look around the world right now, you can see that many disasters are escalating and you can see that desperation is sitting over many nations.
My church, as many disasters have come and hit the earth, so will the great shaking come to My church. It is closer than you realise.

A spiritual hurricane is about to hit My church. It is going to bring such a tremendous shaking to My church, that those who are not standing in Me, will not stand. They will not endure to the very end.

Look around, and you can see a taste for where the world is heading. As the earth crumbles, so must My people rise up. So must My people stand up and proclaim the Word of the Lord. So must My people stand up and reach out to Me, and receive the strength and power to endure.

For the days ahead will not be easy. My church needs to rise up, for if My church does not rise up, who will? There is intense battle in the spiritual, there is not time to waste playing church, My children. It is time to lay aside all that hinders and truly set your faces to Me like a flint and move forward. It is time to truly set your hearts on Me and serve Me.

It is My Word that will keep you grounded, it is My Word that is your bread of life. Do not remain where you are My church.

I am calling My army together. I am calling My army to take their place. Many have not yet taken their place nor counted the cost. Check your hearts My children, and listen to what I am saying.

You must come to Me in the quiet place and allow Me to take your roots so much deeper in Me, for this hurricane that will come to My church, will take out all of those who’s roots do not go deep into Me.

I long for all of My church to be deeply grounded in Me, waiting on Me, and ready for battle. My church, you are not ready for battle. You are not allowing Me to equip you. Lay down all your agenda’s and ideas and allow Me to train you, to show you what you need to know in order to walk in victory in the areas I have called you too.

The shofar is being blown. It’s time to rise up. It’s time to take your stand. Be strong for this hurricane is near, and I am calling each of you to re-examine where you are with Me.

Wake Up My church!!!!!! Do not sleep any longer!!!! Wake up and rise up to your calling. Rise up to what I have called you too. I love you, I want to grow you, I want to prosper you, but you must wake up.

The battle has intensified, and the enemy has only just begun in many ways. Be ready My church, be ready, be on guard, for if you are not on guard, and your roots are deep in Me, you will not survive.

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Foundation

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Anyone who listens to My teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock – Matthew 7:24

I the Lord your God am building My church. I the Lord your God am building My church, and bringing about My Gospel of the Kingdom. The Gospel of the Kingdom that, I am coming back to earth, and I am coming back for My bride.

Many of you are building your foundation in Me on shaky ground. Many of you are trying to build your lives on other foundations besides Me. Many of you are crying out for release but you cannot be released if your foundations are not in Me.

My heart is grieved because many of you My children, are putting effort into building things not of My Kingdom. I see that many of you are trying to build houses for yourselves on mud. It will not work. You will sink.

If you build the foundations of your lives on anything but Me, when the wind and the waves come, you will be broken. You will collapse.

My heart is to see each of you spending time with Me, delighting in coming into My presence, coming away with Me and listening to My voice. Many of you are spending more time and effort building your success, or building your worry, or building your lives, and not building your foundation on Me, the only and only true living God.

I am continually sifting through My church, and I am sorting the sheep from the goats. Anyone who's foundation is not in Me, when the wind and the waves come, you will be torn down.

Your foundation My church is knowing Me. Your foundation is spending time listening to Me, and in My presence. Presently, a lot of My church does not know Me. A lot of My church knows OF Me through sermons and what they are told, but many do not know ME through revelation and through My spoken word into their lives. Why? Because many are spending time building on foundations not of Me, many who are claiming My name.

Oh My precious church, do not grieve My heart. For I have called you to shine brightly, I have called you to know Me, serve Me and take My Good News to the world.

I am a God of grace. I am not a God of condemnation. I will never condemn My people and My church. Never. I am just grieved at the lack of commitment and passion in My church, and churches will begin to fall, if My people do not repent and come and seek Me like never before.

I am calling My churches and My people to repent. I have grace upon My people. I long for My people to enjoy their lives with all the blessings that I provide, but first above all must come the foundation in Me.

Many of you are not placing Me and spending time with Me as a priority and I am grieved. My heart is very grieved. I have great great plans for each of you, and oh the mysteries and treasures I have to share with each of you. I long to hold you in My hands as a splendid crown My church to shine to all the world.

To show all the world, that this is a beautiful representation of Me. Of My love, My grace, My power and My forgiveness. My message. My message is represented by My church.

Come to Me, My church. No longer build your foundations on things of old and not of Me.

Choose today to place Me above all. Sow your time, and effort in building on Me.

For earthquakes and hurricanes hit the world physically, so will earthquakes and hurricanes soon hit My church spiritually, many of you will not be able to stand if you do not take heed of My Word.

I warn you because I am the Lord your God and I love you more than you could ever imagine. My love and thoughts towards you are as numerous as the sand on the seashore. My plans for you are greater than you could ever dream or imagine.

The blessings I have for each of you are over and above all that you have ever dreamed. The treasures and revelations I long to share with you are more amazing than you have ever seen, and the heart I have to transform you to be more and more like Me, is something that you cannot experience deeply if you are not sowing into the foundation of Me.

Do not keep your hearts far from Me any longer. Do not enjoy building foundations of things that are not of Me. Things of this world. Repent My church. Truly repent. Come before Me and allow Me to wash you clean. Come to Me, and KNOW ME, build your foundations on ME, My church and then truly shall the church of Mine shine brighter than the noonday sun.
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Spiritual Advancement

Bill Burns

May 24, 2005:

I want you to understand that you have entered into a time of spiritual advancement unlike any in the history of mankind. This is a time when you shall be able to realize the fullness of your calling, a time when you will be able to receive all that I have for you. It is a time of spiritual advancement, for this is the time of opportunity for you to gird up the loins of your strength and begin to push into the kingdom. I am coming to you to bestow upon you the glory of these times, and I shall equip you for these times and provide all that you need so that each of you may fulfill your destiny and all that you have been called to do in this season, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns

May 24, 2005: Expect disruptions in your routine, and stay calm. I will light the path before you and direct your steps. And, know that when you experience a disturbance in your timing and order, I am still with you to guide you, says the Lord. My grace is sufficient to take you through even the most grueling of days. Trust Me to give you a second wind when you reach the end of your rope. Refuse to allow stress to rule, regardless of the situation.

Spirit Of Prophecy
Brenda Dowdin

Dec 2, 2005

Beloveds:

This last Sunday while worshiping in our corporate church gathering, "tongues" came upon me and I sensed a portal opening up over our church, over me. I then sensed the Holy Spirit saying this, "The spirit of prophecy is resting here!" I wrote this down and shared it with my pastor, thinking the Lord was going to break in to our service and move right then, but not really sure what the Lord was doing? Nothing happened right then...

Just a few days later, the Lord started to down load more...then on Nov 29th, it was the 333 day of the year and there were 33 days left in the year. For those of us that move in the prophetic realm this day was quite significant, pointing to Jeremiah 33:3. God's strategies scripture.... "Call to me, and ask me and I will show you great and mighty things, which you do not know!" Also on this last Nov 29th it was the passing of my own beloved father. This day marked the 8th year since his passing (eight meaning "new beginning" and "healing") The following is what I sensed the Father high lighting...

A word from the Father....

My Beloved Sons and Daughters: These last eight years I have broken in to your hearts and crushed the walls down of rejection, walls that would not allow you to know the Father person of the Godhead. These walls were erected by your own places of woundedness. Some of you had fathers who didn't understand you needed their affirmation and affection. Others just didn't have fathers, and still some had fathers who were abusive and cruel. I have spent the last 8 years breaking down these walls and bringing you in to a new place of "trust" of my "father heart" towards you. I have circumcised your hearts and the process has been excruciating for some of you. But, on this side of it all you have come to know me as your strong tower, a wall that will not be moved. A Father who cherishes you as my very own child. A Father who is always there no mater who deserts you or betrays you. It is this "Father heart" that I have longed for you to experience and trust. You see you have been on a journey to the Father's heart the last 8 years. Eight meaning "new beginning", for a "new found foundation and trust in my keeping power"! I have truly kept you Beloved! Although this testing time has been hard, it has been for my greater purposes that I've allowed you to journey here. For you see before you could truly love my son, these places of lack had to be dealt with. In order for you to completely fall in love with my son, your heavenly Bridegroom, you have needed to know the love of the Father and the steadfastness of my love towards you and all that touches you...

You Are Now Ready...

You have come in to a new depth of my love because of the journey. You are now ready to know the son at a whole new level of love. You will know His (our) "love anointing". He is the one who can look in to your eyes with his burning eyes of passion and fire and read the very depths of your soul and spirit. The one who can cause you to melt before him as wax, as he tells you how much he loves you. Then when you see his scares on his hands and feet, when you see his passion... something will change in you. The old places of resistance will flee from you. For you see Beloved, when you come near the

Bridegroom you can't help but be swept off your feet in to his "love anointing". He is full of passion and compassion. He is the one who longs to love you in this deep way. He is the one who sees your true heart. He saw the women caught in the act of adultery and chose to forgive her. He saw this womens heart. He knew she hadn't a Fathers love. He knew that she was longing to know true love. Its true she had fallen in to a pit of despair, a trap of the enemy! But, the heavenly Bridegroom saw past the sin, he saw her heart. He saw that she was crying out inside, all along just wanting to be loved and adorned. Adorned by a Father and loved by a husband. She longed for acceptance, for her God had made her to love and to know love....

You see as my Beloved Son comes down as "The Spirit of Prophecy", you will know him in a whole new light. You will fall in love with him with a whole new depth and passion. As you walk with him, you will see those who have fallen in sin in a whole new light. Not in judgment, but in love and grace. When you see those on the streets, those who are homeless your hearts will weep with compassion as my "love anointing" falls upon you and moves through you. You see for the great harvest is before you, and I have prepared you to minister to those out in the byways and alleys of life. Those who no one else will love. My passion and fire will so change you and bring you in to this new level of love because of the depth of circumcision that has been done in your own hearts. I know you didn't understand the breaking of the Lord as it happened, but in the days ahead you will see. You will understand and you will love those who I send to you, just as my son did the adulteress women! My son will love them through you....great tears of compassion will fill your eyes, deep love will pour forth through you. You will be moved with passion. You will fall so very deeply in love with my son. The spirit of prophecy is coming upon those places and people who have embraced these last eight years of fire and refining. They shall know this new place in me. They shall move in deep passion and love...

There is a weightiness that is coming with the words you shall speak, for you shall speak my heart. A new level of power and anointing that will come as you release my heart. For the spirit of prophecy is my son. He is the written word and the prophetic word. It is his time to shine, and he will shine through you. You see we are one, and as you speak his heart you are also speaking my heart! We desire that you become one in spirit with us. Knowing our love and compassion. You will come into new levels of understanding and wisdom. New revelation of our heart for the harvest....for our creation.

When my Spirit of Prophecy comes upon the earth realm...you won't even be able to wrap your mind around it. Just kick the sides out of the box out right now. As you see with your eyes my spirit brooding over the lost, you will fall to your knees with great tears of compassion. My love anointing will increase until the fullness of time has come and I have brought in to my Kingdom such as are sufficient to fill the banqueting table before my son. I am gathering my son's bride and the guests to the wedding feast. The table is set, and I say come.... and the spirit and the bride, "together" say, Come! Your loving, steadfast Father, the one whom you can depend upon, always!

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Springs Of Water

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Recently while listening to an audio version of the Bible, I came across a passage in Joshua that the Spirit had quickened to me in times past. It became clear that He wanted me to work up a teaching based on it. As I looked into the meaning of some of the elements, He gave more light. When you seek the Lord, he reveals more of himself to you.

We have recently started a prayer meeting, which may develop into a house church. For now we are meeting at our local public library. Their summer reading program was themed ***Get A Clue***. That became the title of our bible study sessions. Then while sharing this insight from Joshua at the prayer meeting we saw it as a good example of approaching the scriptures and drawing from their depths. So our by-line for this teaching is this:

What To Do When You Get A Clue.
Here is the quote from Joshua.

> *Joshua 15:15-19*
> *15 And he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of Debir before was Kirjathsepher.*
> *16 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjathsepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife.*
> *17 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.*
> *18 And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou?*
> *19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.*
> *20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.*

The above passage in Joshua makes up an end time allegory. A similar passage is found in Judges 1:12-15, so it’s something that the bible has repeated twice.

Now here is **the clue** the Spirit gave me.
In verse 19 the upper springs, and the nether springs are the former and the latter rain.

So, what do to when you get a clue? We look up what else the bible has to say about the former and the latter rain. And as we do we find that is has great meaning as figurative language often does.

The Rains

> *Deuteronomy 11:11-14*
> *11 But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven:*
> *12 A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.*
> *13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I*

> *command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,*
> *14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

This quote from Deuteronomy indicates in verse 14 that these rains are given to make it possible to gather in the crops at the end of the year. Verse 13 lays out a condition for this, God's people must be **obedient** for this to happen.

> *Jeremiah 5:24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now* ***fear the LORD*** *our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.*

In Jeremiah there is also a mention of the rains. Both of these passages mention that the harvest, and the rains that make it possible, come in a certain season.

> *Joel 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*

This quote from Joel is interesting for several reasons. One is that it mentions the *first month*. *The first month*, however is a vague reference. How is this? There is a peculiar feature in the Jewish calendar. It's because there is a civil calendar and a religious calendar. In the religious calendar the first month is in the spring, but in the civil calendar the first month is in the fall. So some will say that the former rain is the spring rains and others will tell you it's the fall rains. Actually the bible is unclear on this.

Since the Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar, some years have extra months. But the extra month is always inserted, in the appropriate years during the winter. This means that there is always the same number of days between the beginning of the religious year and the civil year. And therefore the time between Passover and Tabernacles is always constant.

Both rains are needed in their seasons in Israel since the barley and wheat harvests come in the spring. That's the corn. While the Oil and the Wine, which is the fruit harvest, comes in the fall.

The End Times

Joel chapter 2 is full of end time prophecy. This is another clue, which is that *the rains have to do with the end times.* Also note that in Joel it says God will send the former rain and the latter rain in the first month, that is both at the same time. Here's another clue that we're talking about a supernatural rain.

> *Zechariah 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.*

Zechariah is another book full of end time prophecy, this verse speaks of asking the Lord for rain in the time or season of the latter rain. This idea suggests that the time of the latter rain is the latter days.

Next in James we find mention of the fruit harvest, the rains and the second coming of the Lord.

> *James 5:7-8*
> *7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

> *8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

This should make it clear that when the bible mentions the former and the latter rain, and the season of the latter rain, that it's talking about the end times and the return of the Lord.

Let's pull in one more quote, this time from Matthew.

> *Matthew 13:38-39*
> *38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;*
> *39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.*

Here Jesus is speaking and he explains the details of the parable of the sower. Applying this back to Joshua, we know that *the field is the world* and *the harvest is the end of the world*, the end times. Achsah here is asking her father Caleb for springs of water to go with the land he has given her. This is a parallel to asking the Lord for the rains needed to bring in crops off the land.

Father, Bride and Groom
What to do when you get a clue? Next we do a little research on the meaning of names. Here's what we come up with.

Othniel [Oth'ni-el] means *lion of God* and
Achsah [Ach'sah] means *ankle-chain, anklet.*
> Smith's Bible Dictionary

From this we should be able to figure out that Othniel is a type of Jesus, and Achsah is the Bride of Christ. Then this makes Caleb a type of Abba, the Father God.

When Caleb gives his daughter Achsah to Othniel as a bride, he naturally acquires a son in law. This brings to mind Psalm 2 where the Father says to the son, this day you are now my son. Then as Achsah moved him to ask of her father a field, we Psalm 2 mentions the Father telling the Son to ask him for an inheritance, nothing less than the world. And as we know, the field is the world.

> *Psalms 2:7-8*
> *7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee.*
> *8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.*

Right after this, Achsah is saying to Caleb *thou hast given* ***me*** *a south land; give me also springs of water.*

So that suddenly the field given to Othniel now belongs to Achsah. What does this mean?

I believe it reflects the idea that after Jesus rose from the dead he gave the church what we call *the great commission*. In other words, after defeating the enemy, Satan, He gains power and authority over the earth. And he turns right around and conveys this power and authority to the church. Here are some verses that support this view.

> *Matthew 28:18-19*
> *18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and*

> *in earth.*
> *19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*
>
> *Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*
>
> *John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*
>
> *Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

Achsah then acting as a type of the church in the book of Joshua, prefigures the church interceding for revival to come so she will be empowered to bring in the promised harvest. As we quoted above: *Zechariah 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain….*

This is the inheritance of the church, and parallels the reference to an inheritance mentioned in Joshua 15:20 above. As Matthew 5 says:

> *Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

The Story So Far

Now what is this allegory saying? Firstly, a bride, highly prized and chosen by the father is promised to who ever accomplishes a great feat; capturing a town. This speaks of Jesus who wins his bride by his victory at the cross, a great feat that earns him ownership of the entire world.

Achsah comes to Othniel and moves him to ask her father for a field. This speaks of Jesus asking his Father for the world and the nations that inhabit it. But notice that Caleb then asks Achsah what she wants. This speaks of the fact that Jesus, having won the world, immediately turns it over to the church. Achsah then intercedes before her father and asks for springs of water to go with the land. This shows that the church must intercede and wait for the former and latter rain before she can take and use that land promised to her. Or before the church can bring in the harvest of souls to be saved in the end of days.

What to do when you get a clue?

Next we do a little more research on the meaning of names. Here’s what we come up with.

Debir [De'bir] means a *sanctuary*.
Kirjath-sepher [Kir'jath-se'pher] means *city of books*.
Smith’s Bible Dictionary

A sanctuary is a holy place, church or temple. City of Books reminds one of the Christian Church and it’s Holy Book of Books, the Bible. So we have Othniel smiting this town and taking it; and the town stands for the Church!

Now an allegory or parable is defined as a *symbolic work in which the characters and events are to be understood as representing other things and symbolically expressing a deeper, often spiritual, moral, or political meaning*. That is according to the Encarta dictionary.

So an allegory makes an analogy. But now all of a sudden instead of talking about Jesus victory over Satan our allegory is talking about the church. What’s going on here? We are shifting focus, changing gears or mixing metaphors if you will.

What this part of the allegory is saying is that in order for Jesus to get his bride he has to capture, conquer, or take over the church. The church and the bride of Christ, or wife and the body are often interchangeable terms. Ephesians 5:23 links the three ideas together. [Another clue there.]

> *Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the **wife**, even as Christ is the head of the **church**: and he is the savior of the **body**.*

But here the church and the bride are different. This reflects the idea that the church we have today is not the spotless bride that will eventually be united with the Lord. The one described in Ephesians 5:27.

> *Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

So the church of today has to be transformed into this spotless bride. This is done by judgment. Because Judgment brings righteousness.

> *Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy **judgments** are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn **righteousness**.*

And in the end times judgment begins with the church.

> *1 Peter 4:17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

And once the church is in a place where it does obey the gospel of God, it will be *holy and without blemish*. Deuteronomy 11:11-14 also mentions that the rains will come to an obedient people.

This whole program can be seen in chapter 1 of Isaiah, where the Lord spells out his end time plan. Here the church is identified as Mount Zion.

> *Isaiah 1:24-28*
> *24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:*
> *25 And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:*
> *26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.*
> ***27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.***
> *28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.*

We also note that in Joshua 15:19 Achsah says *Give me a blessing.* The blessing is found in the end of Psalm 133 for when the church becomes the spotless bride, then the *brethren dwell together in unity!*

> *Psalms 133:1-3*
> *1 <A Song of degrees of David.> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in **unity**!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's*

> *beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded* ***the blessing****, even life for evermore.*

The Story So Far

Well so far here is how the allegory breaks out:

1. We will see that Othniel is a type of Jesus, and
2. Achsah is a type of the Bride of Christ.
3. Caleb is a type of the Father God.
4. Debir or Kirjathsepher is a type of the church,
5. Capturing Debir is the judgment on the church,
6. the field is a type of the world and
7. the upper and nether springs of water are speaking of the former and latter rain.
8. The inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah is also a reference to the earth, the land of promise.

This is not saying that the Children of Israel are not promised the land of Canaan as the Lord spoke to Abraham in Genesis 12. We are simply generalizing and looking at a bigger picture. The promised land can also mean the Kingdom of God.

More To The Story – The South Land

The bible is not just some historical record. It tells us that all scripture is profitable. Every detail is placed there for a purpose. Looking back at Joshua 15:19, you can see where Achsah mentions that the need for springs of water is because she has been given *a south land*.

> *Joshua 15:19 Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me* ***a south land****; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.*

A little more research brings up this tidbit of information. A definition of south as translated from the Hebrew language.

South negeb [neh'-gheb] From an unused root meaning to *be parched*; the *south* (from its drought); specifically the *negeb* or southern district of Judah.
Strong’s Dictionary

So the land Achsah gets is a parched desert! Some wedding present! But she is a wise daughter and intercedes with her father who gives the needed waters. Think of the many references to watering the desert or dry land you can find in the bilble. For example:

> *Isaiah 41:18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the* ***dry land*** *springs of water.*
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> *Isaiah 35:4-7*
> *4 Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.*
> *5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.*
> *6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and* ***streams in the desert****.*
> *7 And the* ***parched ground*** *shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.*

Isaiah 30:25 puts these streams of water into an end time context.

> *Isaiah 30:25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.*
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> *Exodus 4:9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of **the river**, and pour it upon the **dry land**: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.*
>
> *Psalms 46:4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.*

These scriptures make allusion to the end time harvest, which is what it’s all about anyway.

What to do when you get a clue?
Follow through!

Now could there be any special meaning to the fact that Ashsah was riding an ass?
Could Othniel, Kenaz and Caleb somehow represent the Trinity?
What else does the bible say about south lands?

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A Great Eagle

Bob's initial visions symbolically depicted the United States of America as a great eagle. However, her demeanor was not that of a majestic bird of courage and strength.

Instead, she appeared battered and confused. Her strength was depleted and her feathers were in disarray; they had been dipped in the filth of this world.

Her weakened condition prevented normal flight and she could not soar in her ordinary manner. Something had to be done and quickly!

Not only were her feathers tainted and her beak disfigured, but she also appeared fat and bloated from the poisonous meat she had consumed. She was swollen with the poison of secular humanism and spiritual self-righteousness.

All of these conditions prevented her from soaring into flight with majesty and resolve. This eagle's stateliness is dependant upon her ability to escape into the heavens to see with clarity the direction to lead into the 21st century.

Bob then watched as the eagle flew to a hidden rock. In her weakened state, an eagle molt began from this secluded place. Transition and renewal was initiated.

The only Rock that can adequately hide us during seasons of hardship, confusion and shame is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Eagle Molt

Because of their strength, eagles have been a symbol of war and imperial power since the early days of man. Nevertheless, it is theorized that at least once in the lifetime of an eagle, a molting process takes place—a renewal.

When this occurs the eagle begins to lose its feathers, beak and talons. This creates an extremely feeble and vulnerable condition.

The prophet David once acknowledged it is the Lord,

Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle –Psalms 103:5

David spoke of a renewal process the eagle experiences that transcends into a spiritual application.

Unlike other birds, eagles molt in their old age in order to be revitalized with greater resilience. With the removal and regrowth of their feathers, there is a restoring of youth and vitality.

According to scientific theory, the eagle's feathers become laden with oil and dirt making them brittle and degenerated. The beak and talons become calcified and fragile. It is then that the eagle retires to a hidden place beyond the reach of predators, to initiate the renewal process.

With the extraction of its feathers, the molting eagle finds itself unable to fly; its vision is also substantially impaired during this handicapped season. Because of the combination of its weakened condition and pronounced calcium build-up on its beak, the molting eagle cannot carry itself in the proud manner normally accustomed.

During their vulnerability, molting eagles are dependent upon comrade eagles for their sustenance. They find themselves reliant upon others when they are conditioned to self-sufficiency. If it can survive the shame and exposure, the stripping process paves the way for the eagle to become even stronger.

All of these influences are prophetic signs of the place we find ourselves as a nation and within the western Church. Even so, our hope is grounded in Isaiah's prophecies when he said,

those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they
will walk and not become weary. –Isaiah 40:31

We are furnished the incredible opportunity to gain new strength, if we will follow the directive of Heaven and take our place of authority as God's representation on earth. We have the Lord's assurance that He will incline His ear to our prayers and supplications to extend mercy and grace. Like Daniel our prayer is,

O my God, incline your ear and hear! Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city which is called by your name; for we are not presenting our supplications before you on account of any merits of our own, but on account of your great compassion - Daniel 9:18

Our restoration will be determined exclusively through God's compassion.

The Promise of Restoration

Bob was then told that America is in a weakened and vulnerable condition typified by the eagle shown in the vision. However, the promise was also granted that she could soar majestically once again, but only by the great-grace of God.

This is not to imply that the entirety of our nation will abandon corruption and sin. Although that would be wonderful. Rather, our present promise is for the restoration of a Godly pattern to be conveyed to our nation; the reestablishment of principles we have compromised in recent years.

Some of these areas of improvement are listed:

1. There is an incredible opportunity to see the justice system renovated to a more righteous standard.

2. We have the great responsibility to contend for the destiny of our youth with the recovery of prayer in school.

3. We also have the mandate to battle for the purity of our soil and reverse the position of our courts concerning abortion. Innocent blood continues to cry out from our soil as it did with righteous Abel. Even so, we can overcome this great tragedy.

4. Furthermore, we as the Church of Jesus Christ have the commission to lead society rather than bear the reproach of society.

5. When we begin to reflect the image of Christ and carry His virtue, then those in the world will turn their attention to us to discover life in God.

During days of great outpouring, it was gifted Christians who lead culture and revolutionized the arts, literature, finance and other arenas of our existence.

Even so, this deposit of grace needed in all of these areas will not be granted automatically; it is dependant upon the willingness of God's people to stand in the gap as a righteous agency. Moses did so for Israel and obtained God's mercy when it was least deserved.

The Lord was angry with Israel's rebellion and declared,

How long will this people spurn Me? And how long will they not believe in Me, despite all the signs which I have performed in their midst? I will smite them with pestilence and dispossess them, and I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they. –Numbers 14:11-12

Moses immediately remembered the Lord's attributes of mercy and grace and assumed the role of intermediary. He called upon God's favor saying,

Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Your lovingkindness, just as You also have forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now -- Numbers 14:19

With that plea for mercy the most amazing thing transpired. Almighty God, the Creator of Heaven and earth, recognized and acknowledged the prayer of a righteous man and granted mercy.

The Lord altered His position from destroying the people to extending forgiveness because of righteous intercession. The Lord said,

I have pardoned them according to your word; but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD — Numbers 14:20-21

This is our promise and our hope for this season. Our only reconciliation can be found in the attributes of mercy and grace inherent in God's heart. Without it we will perish.

Nevertheless, as surely as the Lord lives, there will be a company of people in the earth who join themselves to Him without reservation, to manifest and reveal His glory. We have that Biblical mandate clearly stated.

A Righteous Response

As the vision continued Bob observed an immediate response from righteous intercessors. A vast company of virtuous saints, a number larger than Bob expected, began to surround the eagle. With great passion they began to earnestly cry out for Heavenly mercy.

Like Elijah, many have felt only a small remnant have not bowed their spiritual knees to compromise and seeker sensitive Christianity. However, the Lord is announcing that He has His "seven thousand" hidden warriors of righteousness. This is not a literal number but a symbolic portrayal of a body of people who have abandoned their hearts to God.

Honey and Scrolls

As they pleaded their case before God's Throne, a host from Heaven joined in unison. This extensive array of Heavenly messengers are specially equipped for the end-of-days confrontation. The Lord Jesus Himself spoke of a portion of this company in Matthew 13.

As the angelic host descended, they brought with them unique provision from God. They delivered "honey" and "scrolls" that would transform this weak and sick eagle into the majestic bird she was created to be.

The Honey

Honey is a general biblical reference for the sweetness and loveliness of the precious graces we discover through faith in Christ. Various Old and New Testament Scriptures make positive references for this virtue.

The land of promise is symbolically epitomized as one flowing with milk and honey. Very often, the word of God is to the soul what honey is to the body.

Furthermore, Jonathan's eyes were enlightened when he ate the honey after the weariness of battle. (1 Samuel 14:27) This is also a symbolic reference to the spirit of revelation that is being granted in this day. It is fundamentally essential for the spirit of stupor to be extracted for us to begin to see with spirit eyes.

Without illumination we will continue to make the same mistakes as in the past. This will be especially true with our governmental leadership. Our president needs a revelation concerning Israel.

These are just a few of the potential application of the honey. There can be many more!

The Scrolls

Scrolls are a general reference for oracles from God and prophetic promises. Our present call is not merely to read the Word, but "eat the Word."

When the prophets of old ate the scrolls, it was as though they consumed the prophetic theme for a generation. They then became the message. The Lord does not only want us to have a prophetic promise, but to become the promise.

In Revelations 10 we discover the open book containing the full revelation of Jesus Christ. It is the book of redemption. The Church can also expect fresh insight from God's heart that has been reserved for the end-time generation.

We are called to take the open book from His hand and eat it. We must prophesy again concerning many nations, tongues, tribes and kingdoms.

As we call upon Him, He is promising to answer us and tell us great and mighty things that we presently do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)

The scrolls descending with the angelic host represent measures of revelation concerning the nature of Christ and latter-day prophetic promises from His word.

According to Daniel 12:4,

But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge.

These words contained in God's blueprint will have application within the Church and also for our nation in its transition into a more fruitful posture.

Again, these promises are not to indicate the complete turning of this nation, but within the core leadership position on key issues. Even so, we are promised a great harvest of souls from our nation and throughout the world.

There will be a grace for those seeking it, but also increased lawlessness for those who spurn God's hand of mercy. It will be the best of times and the worst of times.

Ours is a promise for the restoration of moral virtues to be recaptured that were once lost.

Releasing the Honey and Scrolls

The more righteous prayer ascended before God, increased measures of hope was being imparted to the eagle. As the angels continued to feed the bird through the saint's intercession, the transformation was initiated.

When the angels fed the honey and the Word of God to the eagle, the poison she had previously consumed began to be neutralized. This process appeared to be approximately a two-year journey. We are presently in a two-year transition. God's Word will eradicate the contamination of secular humanism; it is the only antidote.

This eagle is not appointed unto death during this season, but to repentance. She is called to once again eat the good Word of God. The Lord is not finished with this nation. There are prominent things yet to be accomplished before the end comes.

Although many may see the outward condition of the eagle and predict her death, it is not the will of God for this to transpire. It takes people with Heavenly vision to be able to see an exceedingly great army in a valley of dry bones.

Nevertheless, those that possess eyes to see will prophesy life to the bones and watch the miracle transpire. The future of this great eagle is in the hands of God's people.

A Fullness of Time Juncture

We are living in a crucial moment in the spiritual history of this nation and in the Church's destiny; a "fullness of time" moment in God's plan. God Himself is granting to the Church increased authority to stand in the gap for our nation.

Our willingness to heed this call will determine the speed by which the heart of America is transformed from a weakened and poisoned position into the majestic nation she was intended to be.

The "great eagle" is called to live in this hour and also to lead. This nation's present eagle molt can be facilitated only through the prayers and counsel of God's people. It will be the consolidated intercession of the Church and the spirits of righteous men and women made perfect. As the writer of Hebrews acknowledges,

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel - Hebrews 12:22-24

We **have come** to Mount Zion and the city of the Living God. We have come to myriads of angels and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect.

All of the Heavenly host are standing to attention at this most crucial hour in our nation's history and in God's blueprint.

As the Bible depicts, we are presently surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses who constitute spirits of righteous men made perfect. The Lord Himself ever lives to make intercession, and those joined to Him do likewise.

When the righteous cry out, the Lord hears from Heaven. All of this hinges on the establishment of righteousness in God's people and their willingness to stand in the gap.

Our nation's cleansing transformation has already begun. The molting procedure has been initiated with many of the things we have been watching over the last two years. The direction of the future is in our hands.

In Bob's vision, it was the Church of Jesus Christ surrounding our nation that caught God's attention. It is our righteousness, imputed to us by the Lord's blood, that is our door of hope. It is our role to bring the spirit of repentance into the Church on behalf of our nation.

Hidden Warriors

Many of the ones who are called to play a key role in this responsibility are not even known on earth, but they are known in heaven. These spiritual warriors have received the imputed righteousness of God and carry His influence.

They have captured the attention of Heaven and it is now time to arise, like Moses from the wilderness, and exercise their delegated authority.

For a season, David was hidden in the cave of Adullam. When the time was appropriate, he and his mighty band emerged in strength to execute God's commission. So shall it be with this company.

Although the call is for the entirety of the Church, those that will be used most notably in this battle will be many who are yet unknown in a public forum; even so, they are well-known before the Throne of Grace. Their reward will be great, once victory is achieved.

The heart of this message is for God's people to adhere to His standard of righteousness. Purity and maturity will prepare us to carry great mantels of authority needed for this commissioning.

A primary part of our mandate for this season is intercession for our nation and Israel. A deposit of anointing and authority is being allocated for those who will apprehend it.

Although we are focused on the prophetic promises for the future, much will be determined by our willingness to embrace this present responsibility. Winning this battle will lay a platform for the achievement of many prophetic promises granted to us as a corporate body and as individuals.

Transforming the Prophetic

As a form of prophetic symbolism, the eagle is distinguished for its beauty and strength. They are endowed with keen eyesight that portrays revelatory vision and prophetic understanding. The eagle is an emblem of God's voice to mankind, conveying divine favor, correction and Heavenly direction.

Bob's vision can also portray an eagle molt taking place in the prophetic community and throughout the entire Church. This has been a refining season. God's pruning is for the purpose of bringing us to a place of maturity so that we can taste the good word of God and the power of the age to come.

Thus far we have been like infants on milk learning how to operate in revelatory gifts and callings. This has been a necessary season; it is now time for maturity and character to be exemplified in the body of Christ and especially within the prophetic community.

There are mysteries of the Kingdom that the Bible calls strong meat, that is to be delegated to us in this season. Clean hands, pure hearts and spiritual adulthood are prerequisites to steward properly this great responsibility and end-time destiny.

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil - Hebrews 5:12-14

Our Spiritual DNA

The Lord is presently speaking very pointedly about the Church's need to move into spiritual maturity. Many people living in this generation have a unique and holy attribute woven into their spiritual DNA.

A predetermined virtue provokes us to move beyond the outer court and into a place of Kingdom expression. It is called divine destiny.

Our adversary has worked diligently to release the "spirit of stupor" over the western church. This diabolical scenario blinds our eyes and shields our ears to spiritual truth. It promotes a sense of satisfaction to simply live in a justified state without being incited to greater deeps in God.

The eagle molt within the Church is to strengthen us and move us into a place of greater responsibility in the functioning of our spiritual gifts. This process is fundamentally necessary for the achievement of our personal and corporate destiny.

The Lord has saved us and He has also given us a holy calling or a divine destiny. The Scriptures declares that He,

has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began — 2 Timothy 1:9

We as God's covenant people have a function and responsibility while living in this world. If we are content to simply remain in the elementary principles of the faith, we may never achieve the notable destiny and holy calling prescribed for us. The eagle molt presently taking place is to bring us into adulthood and our "time-of-the-end" mandate.

With spiritual maturity we can be entrusted with tremendous virtue and authority necessary to impact our generation with the Kingdom's message. We are called for this objective.

These blueprints for our lives are already recorded in the archives of Heaven. (Psalms 139:16) It remains up to each of us individually to co-operate with the Lord in their fulfillment.

Conformed to His Image

Our ultimate personal destiny is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. We are not certain what we will be like in the conclusion of time; but we do know that we will be like Him because we will have seen Him as He is. What an incredible assurance!

1 John 3:2 outlines this promise saying,

Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

The Lord is granting to His people eyes to see and ears to hear the revelation of divine destiny. This realization breaks the spirit of despair and hopelessness. It launches us into an inheritance set-aside for us before the foundation of the world.

This grace was purchased at a great cost; the blood of Jesus Christ. We are the "joy" that was set before the Lord for which He willingly endured the cross although He despised its shame.

Many things are now being spoken about the provision for our destiny. This trend will escalate in the days ahead.

One of the foremost aspects of identifying our destiny is to also understand the stewardship of spiritual provision essential for its fulfillment. That is the primary objective in the eagle molt presently taking place. We must come out of it much stronger and more mature.

However, we can only achieve the fullness of our inheritance when we first discover the awareness and personal pursuit of our individual destiny. Each of us has the destiny to be like Jesus and convey His nature.

A Righteous Army

Very often in God's ways, difficult things are allowed in order to achieve higher purposes. Joseph's tribulations in Egypt prepared him for leadership. What the enemy intended for evil, God meant for good.

After God's pruning was complete, Joseph recognized God's hand and said,

Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive. -

Genesis 50:19-20

This has been the model during this present season. As God's people, the difficulties and hardships we currently face are principally designed to make us better. This season of the spirit is intended to establish righteousness within a company of believers who will become an exceedingly great army.

That is not to imply that the entirety of our condition is the result of an enemy assault. Much of our present circumstances are the result of our poor choices.

Even so, the enemy exploits the opportunity to unleash destruction and misery. The Lord allows this for a season to accomplish a Heavenly purpose.

Nevertheless, once it is complete and Gods righteousness and purity is woven into our hearts, we can then petition the justice of God for restoration of all that the thief has stolen and destroyed. The Lord promised, "I will restore."

I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them back, because I have had compassion on them; and they will be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them. - Zechariah 10:6

If we submit to God's grace, it will make us better; but if we do not, these times will make us bitter. Heaven's desire is for the Lord's righteousness to be made evident among God's people. That is the number one objective in this season.

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you - Matthew 6:33

If we will seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness, everything else we need will be imparted to us.

Once we carry the evidence of His righteousness, we can then be endowed with the mantels of power and authority needed for the harvest. The end result of this season will be a mighty harvest of souls brought into the Kingdom through demonstrations of God's power.

The Kingdom of God consists of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. These are the attributes we must embody during the harvest season.

Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit - Romans 14:16-17

If we do not possess these Heavenly attributes, we could be overcome by the flood of darkness prevalent in this spiritual climate and the insecurity rampant in the world.

Grace for the Arts

Although there are many pressures that we presently experience, these times will also introduce a heightened release of creativity in the artistic community. Bob was told, "Great deposits from the Spirit of the Creator will be evident in the arts, literature, poetry and music."

Those who are gifted in this arena should begin to earnestly pursue this measure of grace that is about to be available. Its purpose is to awaken our generation to its uniqueness.

Very often the greatest songs are written during seasons of distress and heartache. The same principle has been true throughout history in relationship to the arts.

Bob heard this on the Day of Atonement and I had a confirming revelation many months ago. We entitled it "The Coming Renaissance."

The Coming Renaissance

The end of 2003 provided one of the richest and thoroughly rewarding revelations I have received from the Lord. It was an incredible journey into Heaven's treasury room. I have written about this encounter in detail in "Books of Destiny."

The apostle Paul, in his epistle to the Colossians, records an encouragement regarding the great wealth we have as our inheritance in Christ. He hoped,

that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ Himself in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3

This wealth, however, is not the riches of this world but priceless treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ. It is our privilege and prerogative to explore the depths of His heart by the spirit of revelation to ascertain the immense value of these riches.

Greater opportunity exists today than any prior generation to access God's mysteries and secrets hidden in Christ Jesus. The prophet Daniel foresaw this privilege and wrote of it in Daniel 12. He recorded,

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase. Daniel 12:3-4

The end of days will be characterized by great revelation of God's Kingdom and tremendous truth restored to the body of Christ. The time of the end will be a period of revealing and re-instating truth as well as exposing the hidden devices of darkness.

These truths will be cultivated from God's word and communicated in a variety of ways. The arts and literature will be marked by God's sons and daughters who live in the revelatory realm of Heaven.

Painting and poetry will be taken to greater heights by anointed artists accessing the Creator's heart. Engineering blueprints will be diagramed by Christian architects who access the ingenuity of Heaven.

Tremendous advancement is going to be achieved in the sciences. The cellular and molecular structure of creation will be understood in this generation with greater clarity than any before.

Inspired teachers who have encountered the Teacher will bring to the Church revelatory truth that will separate the precious from the profane according to Ezekiel 44. Great mysteries of the Kingdom are reserved in God's heart to be examined and explored by the end-time Church.

Such is the heritage of God's people in this crucial juncture of Church history. This generation has broached a "fullness of time" moment in God's time-line. This is indeed a kairos season.

Most importantly, the goodness and glory of God will be revealed in the earth in tangible ways. Christ in us is our hope of glory. Who can measure the immense value of a life yielded to God or the spiritual wealth ascertained by possessing the nature of Christ?

Sing a New Song

The Church should look forward to mightily anointed songs that have never been heard on earth to emerge from present-day worshipers. The treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ are accessible to be released through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

This creative sound will be revelatory truth that eye has not yet seen nor ear heard. These new sounds have not yet entered into the heart of man. Nevertheless, the Spirit of Christ is searching the depths of

God's heart to bring these realities into this present day.

When this occurs there will be a spirit of deliverance that accompanies the new sound. Many people will be set free from addictions, oppressions and infirmity simply by apprehending God's heart in the atmosphere of anointing that will be created by this fresh deposit of worship. They will be songs of deliverance.

And they sang the song of Moses, the bond-servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, FOR YOUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS HAVE BEEN REVEALED - Revelations 15:3-4

This new sound will not only remember the works of Christ; it will produce them.

Stay Your Mind on Christ

Corporate praise will be increasingly necessary to stay our minds on Christ in the midst of the difficulties evident in the world. This will be part of the 21st century model.

In that day this song will be sung in the land of Judah: "We have a strong city; God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks. Open the gates, that the righteous nation which keeps the truth may enter in. You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. - Isaiah 26:1-3

In the midst of great darkness, we can discover God's light through abandoning our hearts before Him in praise and worship. It will be difficult for people in the world to understand this spiritual gift. Nevertheless, it will also be a tool that draws many into the Kingdom.

It is the God of peace that will crush Satan under our feet. As we acquire Heavenly peace in this atmosphere of worship, it will become evident to all around us. Those that have no peace will begin to pursue the ones who do. This will be a great evangelistic tool during times of greatest pressure.

Spiritual Fathers and Mothers

Bob saw in a vision, young men and women walking the aisles of the Church seeking those who would become spiritual fathers and mothers to them. There is something coming from God's Spirit that will make us inherently mindful of our need for mothers and fathers.

For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me - 1 Corinthians 4:15-16

The spirit of self-sufficiency and independence will begin to be extracted as the Holy Spirit continues to deal with issues of our souls. We will recognize the richness of spiritual wisdom imparted by those who have gone before us. We will do well to follow their spiritual example and learn form their mistakes.

This younger generation can save enormous time by heeding the council of fathers and mothers in the faith. Months and sometimes years are lost through poor decisions that result in ministry dead-ends and spiritual cul-de-sacs that can be alleviated by this one simple commitment.

Imparting the Blessing

Furthermore, those who accept the duty as mothers and fathers will also find grace for their roles as leaders and receive God's favor for impartation. A spiritual blessing can be imparted to facilitate the equipping of this generation's champions.

Isaac blessed Jacob and that experience launched Jacob into a divine encounter with God. It set him on the course for the attainment of his individual destiny.

May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham- Genesis 28:3-4

It is important to note that being fathers and mothers is not necessarily related to age, although many who embrace this role will be much older. Our need for one another will become obvious in this season ahead, crossing all barriers.

It was also clear in the experience that many of the people that assumed the position as fathers and mothers were not presently in recognizable leadership positions. Nevertheless, they carry authority with God. The purposes for which they have been prepared over many years will now become evident.

They will embrace the sons and daughters with Heavenly affection and apprehend great grace for instruction and spiritual impartation. Their love for the sons and daughters will be as real as the love they have for their natural children. This can only come from God's heart.

just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children - 1 Thessalonians 2:11

A sense of security will be established in this younger generation as they open themselves up to the council and wisdom of spiritual mothers and fathers.

This was especially evident in the worship arena. Bob saw that many worship leaders will pursue spiritual parents who will provide covering, protection and insight.

This will begin to seal enemy access to areas he has formerly exploited in his vile attempt to derail many gifted people.

Divine Alliances

On Saturday morning before the Day of Atonement, I received a spiritual dream that communicated a message consistent with this theme. Wanda and I along with Bob Jones, Shawn Bolz and Aaron Evans were involved in the "Engaging Heaven" conference with our friends Brian and Candace Simmons in West Haven, Connecticut.

At 2 o'clock in the morning, the hotel fire alarm was activated requiring an evacuation of the hotel. This in itself conveyed a spiritual message for this season. Our enemy will constantly trigger false alarms to keep us in unrest. We must keep our minds focused upon the Lord at all times.

Once it was determined that there was no real danger, we returned to our rooms. As soon as I was able to sleep, I immediately went into a dream.

The context of the dream was set around the TV program "Survivor." It was incredibly vivid and detailed. Every circumstance that we discover on this program was involved in the dream. A group of people, including myself, were delivered to a remote island with little or no provision.

Each person was placed within a tribe with whom they would live, survive and depend. Part of the program scenario centers around challenges that promote teamwork and communication.
There is a reward challenge to hopefully acquire the essentials necessary for survival on the island. The other is a competition to determine which tribe must eliminate one of its members.

Immediately I recognized the only hope for survival in this context was to form an alliance with others that I completely trusted. I was able to locate three other men that shared common views with me. We committed ourselves to an unbreakable alliance built around trust and open communication.

The dream continued for four consecutive hours until the time came to be awakened for the morning conference meetings. When the dream concluded, the only "survivors" that remained were the four of us in the divine alliance.

Instantly, I knew the heart of the message conveyed in the dream. The days ahead are going to be difficult and trying. Much of what we have readily depended upon for day-to-day life will be removed. Our only hope for survival in the coming season is a willingness to form divine alliances and partnerships with others we thoroughly trust.

Communication and mutual confidence will be two of the most indispensable commodities discovered in ministries and churches that flourish. I remember thinking at the end of the dream that I was pleased to be awakened before another member was to be removed from the island. I do not believe any of the four of us would have broken the alliance.

Alliance Defined

An alliance is defined as a formal agreement that establishes a relationship or partnership between other parties to achieve a particular goal. It is an association built around common interests and objectives. Alliances are primarily established to advance a certain cause or agenda. It is sometimes referred to as a treaty of friendship.

As 21st century Christians, we have the greatest cause of all to advance —Gods Kingdom and the revelation of Jesus Christ. Many in the world are asking pointed questions concerning the conditions that exist in the earth. We as the Church must provide the answers; if we do not, who will?

It is now time for a transition to take place where we lead by example. Divine grace is being released from Heaven that will allow Christians to trust one another once again in the context of divine alliances, partnerships and close friendships.

There is going to be the revelation of a high calling around which many will build their entire lives. This realization will so profoundly impact many, that they will willingly lay aside personal agendas and ambitions to embrace this mandate.

Great strength and advancement in God's Kingdom will be discovered by those determined to enter in to such an arrangement. Divine alliances will not only produce substantial results but also a sphere of safety. We each need the spiritual light that others carry. The consolidation of many lights produces a great light.

The uniqueness of divine alliances allows for churches or ministries to maintain their own identity and vision while also joining in agreement with others to advance a common cause. If the Lord can find just three or four churches in a region to dwell together in harmony, and support one another in friendship, then great progress can be achieved in that territory.

Avoid Unholy Alliances

The Bible also contains numerous examples of unholy alliances that were displeasing to God. These, however, were centered on compromise and idolatry. As always, our adversary seeks to pervert everything that is fruitful.

It has been our experience that those to whom we are to be joined in covenant relationship are made evident. In this context, partnership in ministry is very similar to the marriage of man and woman.

It must be a divine arrangement with those to whom we are equally yoked. Trust, communication and mutual vision are all essential ingredients that formulate a successful union.

The Lord will bring into our lives those to whom we are to be joined in long-term relationship. It does not have to be something that we force into existence.

In the Order of David and Jonathan

The Bible provides numerous examples of New Testament leaders who established ministry covenants. Peter and John clearly functioned as a team as we discover in Acts 8. Paul and Barnabas illustrate one of the earliest examples following the Day of Pentecost.

However, one of the greatest alliances in the Bible that advanced God's cause, existed between David and Jonathan.

Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety, inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, "The LORD will be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever."' Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city - 1 Samuel 20:42

Jonathan recognized in David the future of Israel's prosperity. There was a cause that he discovered that was worthy of his sacrifice and commitment to achieve.

Furthermore, the LORD imparted genuine affection in their hearts for one another. Theirs was an unbreakable bond of commitment that resulted in David's survival and Israel's welfare.

The entirety of 1 Samuel 20 provides a vivid portrayal of the commitment that existed between David and Jonathan. They entered into a divine alliance that provided safety and strength. They enjoyed clear and concise communication that facilitated the plan of God and the future of Israel.

The Fraternity House Vision

Throughout the last several years there has been a reoccurring dream that I have had perhaps 100 times. The dream always involves the people with whom we are in relationship and ministry association.

The essence of the dream always takes place in the fraternity house that I lived in during my college days. Uniquely, this fraternity at Mississippi State University had as a large portion of its membership, openly radical Christians. In fact, other fraternities often made the statement that our fraternity house should have a steeple on it.

It was not uncommon for us to have campus-wide Bible studies and private prayer meetings two or three times a week. We would regularly have awesomely gifted musicians and singers leading worship. Our meetings often had between 100-200 students participating in the gatherings.

There existed among us true brotherhood that preferred one another and reinforced each other during times of distress and difficulty.

It was a truly significant time in my life in which many of the seeds were sown for the things we are presently doing. For that reason, I believe the Lord uses it to emphasize His desire for a body of people who live together in "fraternal" affection who genuinely have all things in common.

Joined in Fraternal Affection

Fraternal affection and brotherly love is emphasized in the ascending pyramid of graces and Godly attributes discovered in 2 Peter 1:5-8; these are essential in our quest to become one spirit with the Lord.

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Greek word for "brotherly kindness" in this passage is "philadelphia." This word is defined as "fraternal affection; brotherly love (kindness) or love of the brethren."

From a position of fraternal love we move forward into the "agape" of God. If it is our hearts' desire to participate in the harvest of the ages and the healing of the nations, then it must be from a position of authentic compassion birthed in love. These can only be imparted to us through the Holy Spirit.

As summarized through the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13, we are to abide in faith, hope and love. We dwell in faith through the conviction and belief of man in his relationship with the Lord; hope is our confident expectation of redemption.

The greatest of this triad of graces is true affection for God and man expressed through saints; it is generated by a deposit of Heavenly virtue resident in us --LOVE.

A truth to be greatly emphasized in this generation is the transference of our lost nature for His divine nature. We have the precious and magnificent promises by which we become partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption of this world and its lusts.

By virtue of being joined with Him as His body in the mystery of incarnation, we likewise share in His heart of love and desire for the brethren as well as lost humanity.

As the Lord declared in John 17:23,

I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

We are being sent in this generation in like fashion as the Lord Himself was commissioned by His Father. We are to be carriers of His heart.

Strengthen Our Tent Cords

The phrase that Bob heard in his dream was, "now is not the time to lengthen our tent cords but to strengthen existing ones." We are in present need of having our relationships strengthened in order to endure the winds of adversity that are coming.

The Bible declares that there are appropriate times and seasons for all things. It becomes a great responsibility of God's people to suitably recognize the spiritual climate and when to emphasize certain characteristics.

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven-- A time to give birth and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.

A time to kill and a time to heal; a time to tear down and a time to build up. A time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance;

A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones; a time to embrace and a time to shun embracing. A time to search and a time to give up as lost; a time to keep and a time to throw away;

A time to tear apart and a time to sew together; a time to be silent and a time to speak; A time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace. Eccl 3:1-8

According to the prophetic indications that we are presently receiving, we are currently in a season to reinforce our tent cords which represent relationships that we currently enjoy. There will be a time for the extending of our tent cords with the expansion of power and authority that will soon be delegated.

However, the present need is for personal and ministry relationships to be fortified and cultivated in a deeper fashion. Our adversary is often called the accuser of the brethren. This divisive role is frequently subtle in its erosive effects on relationships ordained by Heaven.

Therefore, the Lord is asking for those who are joined in common purpose and ministry to take the time and effort to strengthen those existing relationships before we move into a season of expansion.

The Insignia of Love

The following is a portion of one of our previous prophetic articles emphasizing this truth that developed from a series of dreams and revelations the Lord gave me:

As the Lord was about to leave the disciples he gave them a new and unique command —that they love one another as He loved them.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another - John 13:34

Surely after three years of life and ministry together, the twelve future leaders of the church experienced such love emanating from the Lord toward them that it was beyond the expression of words. Yet, they were given this new commandment, not only as an admonition, but a banner or badge of their discipleship.

This great fraternal affection was to be a signature by which they might be known as His friends and followers. It was the identification by which they were to be distinguished from all others.

Never before had there been a precedent for such a command as this for a people group to be distinguished and recognized.

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another — John 13:35

Now, in the case of born again believers in Jesus Christ, we are not to be known by distinctions of wealth, education or fame, although some may possess these; we are not required to aspire to earthly honors or acclaim; we are not even mandated to adopt any special style of dress or insignia.

This new royal priesthood is to be identified by tender and constant affection and allegiance for one another.

This great command to walk in brotherly love will transcend all distinctions of national origin, color, social status, or denomination. The disciples of Christ are to uniformly perceive we are all in the same spiritual family with common goals. We have all been redeemed by the same sacred blood of Jesus Christ.

We are to befriend each other in trials and ardently guard each other's feelings and reputation. We are even to deny ourselves in order to promote one another's welfare. Amen.

Mankind is looking for something as a standard by which to measure. Brotherly love and divine alliances will be the "standard" by which the Church will receive its authority. Those willing to adopt these principles will find great blessings, favor and anointing.

The Sarah's and Hannah's

Bob heard a voice calling out for the "Sarah's" and the "Hannah's" to take their post of duty in this hour.

The name Sarah means "princess" and Hannah denotes "favor and grace."

Sarah bore much fruit in her old age and Hannah did in her despair. The Voice from Heaven is calling for veterans of the faith to begin to bear fruit in their older age.

This was not only speaking of individuals but also churches and movements that have been barren for an extended season who will birth something immensely fruitful in their old age.

Sarah carried a promise for many years before she saw its fulfillment. Not only that, she also experienced rejuvenation in her body that made it possible for the promise to be realized. This is a prophetic illustration for many individuals and Churches.

Sarah experienced a quickening in her body that produced life and manifested God's promise. She was made beautiful in her old age.

Much like Abraham and Sarah, many saints perceive their promise is dead. Nevertheless, God's life-giving Spirit is being released to restore and recover lost hope. Our posture should be like that of Abraham and Sarah depicted through the apostle Paul when he said,

Without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God —Romans 4:19-20

Furthermore, Paul continued with his example of Sarah in Romans 9:9 stating,

For this is the word of promise: "at this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son.

At the appointed time, those who experience barrenness will bear fruit. This should be a substantial promise of encouragement to individuals and Churches.

Although many trials and difficulties face the nations of the earth and the Church, we also have the most profound promises.

The Prayer of Desperation

Hannah was likewise barren until she made a covenant with God from the desperation of her soul. Many of the "Hannah's" of today will make a pledge to God in order to bring forth something of great spiritual value in God's Kingdom. Hannah completely yielded to God the fruit of her womb without reservation or stipulation.

In her resignation to be fruitful, she prayed a violent and aggressive prayer that touched God's Throne. She said,

O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and a razor shall never come on his head - 1 Samuel 1:11

Although lukewarm leadership did not recognize the condition of her soul, God did. True to her word, Hannah took Samuel to Shiloh and presented him to the Lord for his priestly duties. Great leadership resulted from this encounter between Heaven and earth.

There is something fresh and new in the way of Godly leadership that is about to be birthed through the "Hannah's" of today. From a place of desperation they will touch God's heart and receive from Him a fruitful reward.

It is our encouragement for this season to petition God's Throne as did Hannah. He is promising to hear this kind of prayer to establish a form of leadership today that is epitomized in the life of Samuel.

The Carpenters

Master builders and skilled craftsmen are being set in the church who build by divine revelation. During this time of destruction and uprooting, a grace is also being granted to plant and build.

That is the hope that is being given in this hour. Jeremiah was given a commission stating,

See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

The word of the LORD came to me saying, "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree. Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it - Jeremiah 1:10-12

God is watching over His word to perform it. Much of what we are seeing in the way of natural disasters, economic failures and political upheaval are for the intent of replanting and rebuilding with something far greater, both spiritually and in the natural realm.

This is especially true in our judicial system. As God's people, we currently have a fundamental responsibility to pray into office righteous justices.

We cannot simply allow ourselves to become complacent and hope that our president makes good choices. Instead, we are to be militant in this arena and override the oppressions and witchcraft sent against this nation's leadership involving these crucial decisions.

Great spiritual darkness is being unleashed against our president as it relates to the appointment of these justices and in relationship to Israel. To us, God's people, a grace is being given to recapture the judicial branch.

Somehow, the Church was asleep at the wheel over many decades and didn't recognize the importance of this arena.

This generation suddenly discovered itself facing the decisions of unrighteous judges who had been appointed on our watch. Their unholy verdicts have prompted a measure of God's discipline on our nation.

The Lord is once again giving us the opportunity to set judges and counselors in our midst who adhere to high standards of morality and justice.

Then I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; after that you will be called the city of righteousness, a faithful city. Zion will be redeemed with justice and her repentant ones with righteousness — Isaiah 1:26-27

Saints with an anointing and commission functioning like spiritual "carpenters," will take their position in the Church and begin to reconstruct with standards of righteousness what has been shattered or destroyed.

Even so, this will not happen automatically. It requires a pro-active role on our part to call this into being by the spirit of prophecy and the testimony of Jesus.

Spiritual transformation will predominantly be achieved through increased authority being granted to the prayer movement.

Areas that have been most devastated by natural disasters are being rebuilt. Whether they are spiritually reconstructed for better or worse depends in large part upon God's people. The heavens are the Lord's heavens, but the earth He has entrusted into the hands of men and women who possess His authority and articulate His desires.

The carpenters and craftsmen are anointed by God to overcome the four horns of the adversary that scatter, destroy and divide.

Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.

Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it - Zechariah 1:18-21

These individuals being set in the Church will carry much revelatory insight. They will be like the sons of Issachar who know the times and seasons and the things that Gods chosen people must do. We must be wise master builders. According to Paul,

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it.

But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ —1 Corinthians 3:9-11

This will result in a new spiritual unity in the Church. Divisions and strife are a signs of immaturity. Paul wanted to deliver strong meat to the saints but could not until they dealt with envy and lack of unity. Divine alliances and commitment to one another will open the door for advancement is this important arena.

Increased Lawlessness

It is not encouraging to report, but the spirit of lawlessness will increase. As tension and difficulty elevates throughout the world, people without hope in Christ will be drawn to "sin centers" in hopes of finding temporary relief. The Bible foretold this would take place. The apostle Paul prophesied,

that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; avoid such men as these --- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Bob actually saw thievery, robbery and other such crimes increasing because of the desperation of the times. It will result in the unrestrained human spirit functioning at a heightened level.

There is not one good thing in any of us except the Holy Spirit for those who have embraced the cross and redemption through the Lord Jesus' blood. The unbelieving host without the restraints of the Holy Spirit will take lawlessness to even greater levels of depravity.

The emotions of those living under the influence of this world's spirit will become exceedingly volatile. There will be a sense of restlessness by the unbelieving world not anchored in Christ, as they witness the many things taking place.

Likewise, Christians are going to be required to carefully watch their conversation. Life and death is in the tongue. Although we are seeing many things with our eyes we cannot be moved by what we observe, but what we believe. Our conversation and comments must be based from a spirit of a faith, not fear.

A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit - Prov 15:4

This spiritual truth will be truer now than ever before.

In many instances we must have the faith of Abraham to call those things that are not, as though they were. We cannot afford to agree with the spirit of this world. Our language must be in harmony with Heaven.

Saints who learn this discipline will experience deeper measures of the spirit of prophecy to articulate God's heart. Once developed, this commissioning will change the spiritual atmosphere from darkness to light within homes, Churches and regions.

Peacemakers will be anointed to bring peace to volatile situations merely with an anointed word. It is light that must dispel darkness, not the reverse. This will be the evidence that we are living in the end-times.

Psalms of Hope

Psalm 37 and Psalm 23 will have considerable anointing on them during the coming days. The promises of these passages will have increased relevance as we invoke the spiritual truth they carry.

In the midst of this difficult and trying season, the Lord is also giving promises of consolation and hope; they will be like an oasis in the midst of a desert.

The implications of Psalms 23 are obvious. This is been one of the most endearing and cherished Psalms in the entirety of the Bible.

It is interesting that most believe David penned this rich Psalm during one of the most difficult and discouraging times of his life. The enemy of his soul was constantly attempting to destroy him. Nevertheless, he found peace in God even when circumstances looked grim.

Psalms 23 is a promise for restoration, and protection from evil in the process. Our Great Shepherd comforts and sustains us in our prophetic journey with Him. It is a portrait of God's heart towards His people and His promise to shelter, sustain, and befriend us even in the shadow of death.

The Lord even promises to prepare a table for us in the presence of our enemies. This implies victory both on this side of eternity and in the millennial reign of Christ when it is made complete.

Psalms 37 is likewise a promise for protection in an evil and perverse generation. In it, the righteous are reminded not to be envious of the seemingly successful exploits of those in the world. Rather, our delight is in the Lord and the fruit generated in the spirit.

The heart of this Psalm is to keep us focused on those things which are truly important, despite implications in the world. We are not to fear because of the apparent domination of evil in the earth.

We must keep our mind fixed upon the Lord in this season more so than ever. Our spirit is strong but our flesh and soul are weak. This is a Psalm to help us reinforce our soul (mind, will and emotions) in the midst of things that would make us emotionally volatile.

The predominant theme of Psalms 37 deals with our struggle to keep peace of mind in the midst of numerous circumstances that would rob it. This Psalm emphasizes that evil will eventually be cut off and judged while the righteous will be blessed. This will come at the time when Divine Justice is realized.

Justice is the dual function of blessings upon the righteous and discipline upon unrighteousness. The Ancient of Days is preparing to take his seat as the Just Judge. When He does, he will open the books revealing the unrighteousness of this age to render a verdict in favor of the Saints.

In so doing, the Lord will unleash divine authority for us to begin to reveal His Kingdom on this side of eternity. We are promised to taste the good word of God and the powers of the Kingdom age that is to come. (Hebrews 6:5)

The Psalmist declares from personal experience, God's incredible care for His children. The truths communicated in Psalms 37 will have direct application to the conditions inherent in these times. The Lord is giving this as an emphasis of His grace.

Part 2

We will discover amplified anointing on the directives communicated in it.

A Fresh Wave of Intercession in Kansas City

This next season will see an increase in grace and anointing for the ministry of intercession. This will be especially true for the prayer centers in and around Kansas City.

A prayer movement has been initiated in this city that will escalate in its relevance. This is not only in relationship to IHOP, but also the many other prayer ministries that have been birthed from it.

Likewise, there will also be other Churches and movements that are not associated with current "Harp & Bowl" fellowships that will discover the importance of this ministry in birthing end-time scenarios.

Houses of prayer and worship will continue to grow with expanded involvement from the body of Christ. This is a trend that will continue until the end of the age.

Of course, this is not limited to the Kansas City area but the entirety of the Church. Kansas City has been an incubator for the birthing of this movement and a leader in its development.

Watchmen– Intercession with Revelation

In addition to the prayer and praise framework that has already been constructed, an increased revelatory anointing will be joined to provide the watchmen ministry. According to the prophecies of Isaiah,

On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who remind the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth - Isaiah 62:6-7

The merger of the revelatory anointing with intercession produces the watchmen on the wall. I wrote of this in "Books of Destiny" and will include a brief excerpt...

The Lord's Holy Alliance

In the 1999 leader's meeting, the Lord emphasized that His "holy alliance" was the antidote for the enemy's devises. God intends to endow a generation of overcomers with the spirit of revelation and position them, in power and authority, as watchers on the walls of the Church.

These people will facilitate a holy partnership of both revelatory anointing and intercessory prayer with true spiritual authority. They will provide continual prayer, anointed worship, and prophetic declaration.

Daniel's prophetic portrait is a helpful paradigm of Heaven's strategy in this confrontation. Daniel focused his attention on Heaven, through prayer and fasting, in order to understand the spiritual conflict raging in the spiritual realm. He received a visitation from Heaven in response to his devotion.

The divine attributes we read about in this passage also provide foresight into the Lord's revelation about the struggle we presently face. The Lord admonished us in 1999: "This is not to be touched by human hands, that is, human perceptions, traditions, and formulas. Instead, what is being birthed will be Spirit-led and Spirit-sponsored."

Everything manifested in radical Islamic strongholds is directed in the heavenlies against the purposes the Lord desires to release to us. However, as the Scriptures point out:

From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.-Matthew 11:12

If we truly hunger to see God's spiritual government birthed and functioning, we must take our post and gain the Lord's authority through prayer and declaring our agreement with Heaven. That is the *divine strategy for this season.*

The Ministry of the Watchmen

The watchmen are specially prepared spiritual warriors who capture the Lord's desire and restate it to Him in the form of anointed prayer. Like Habakkuk, watchmen take their position on the wall to see what the Lord may speak. From that informed position, God's people then know how to reply to Him with effective intercession.

Habakkuk said,

I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved — Habakkuk 2:1

Revelatory prayer will carry the Church into the 21st century. These will be prayers of laser-like precision and clarity. The union of revelation with intercession generates concise spiritual light that will penetrate the heavens with power.

The watchmen will have a strategic word placed in their mouths. The Lord then promises to overshadow them with the power of His hand. From this place of anointing, the words that are declared will plant seeds of the Kingdom in the heavens and found His will on the earth. It will announce to the Zion, "you are my people" and beckon them to the place of destiny. As Isaiah stated,

I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea and its waves roar (the LORD of hosts is His name). "I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand, to establish the heavens, to found the earth, and to say to Zion, "You are My people." - Isaiah 51:15-16

Clearly, the seas and waves have been stirred in recent days. This is a natural reality pointing to these spiritual truths. The Lord is looking for a submissive and obedient company of people so that He can place revelatory words from His heart into their mouths.

When they articulate this message from an atmosphere of the anointing, the heavens will be established with the revelation of Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. What is established in the heavens will be revealed on the earth. A called-out body of people will then begin to step into their inheritance.

Psalms 106

Psalms 106 is a Psalm of transition. This clearly identifies the season we are presently living in. This year will produce a spiritual shifting that will transport us into a different aspect of God's plan and strategy.

The message of this Psalms deals with Israel's difficulties and tribulations leading up to the revelation of a greater Kingdom. It outlines God's discipline for seasons of iniquity, but only so that something greater can be established.

There is great similarity in this Psalm with Daniel's prayer of repentance and supplication. Daniel cried,

we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.

Righteousness belongs to You, O Lord, but to us open shame, as it is this day-- to the men of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, those who are nearby and those who are far away in all the countries to which You have driven them, because of their unfaithful deeds which they have committed against You — Daniel 9:5-7

These prayers petition for God's intervention to deliver His people from captivity as He has done in times past.

Most commentators agree that Psalms 106 was composed during a period of public calamity. This clearly has application for today!

The verses of this Psalm rehearse the failures of the past, particularly during the wilderness experience. It also contains a plea for God to gather His people from the different places to which they have been scattered. This is done when we are willing to praise His name and humble ourselves before God.

Praise and worship provide a key to the kingdom and a strategy for restoration.

As one historian commented, "Psalms 106 offers a humbling reminder of how the Chosen People have provoked the anger of the Lord, only to be forgiven and avenged."

1. Verses 1-5

We must abide in an atmosphere of praise and worship.

We can focus on God and He will keep us in perfect peace.

We are to observe justice and treat others fairly so that we remain in right standing with God at all times. Those who do will receive increased measures of His imputed righteousness.

2. Verses 6-22

One of the great failures of the contemporary Church is our lack of understanding of our heritage and God's dealing throughout Church history. This was also recorded in Psalms 106. We are to rehearse God's mercy and His exploits.

Our admonition in Hebrews 13:7 is to examine the faithfulness of our leaders who have gone before us to observe and scrutinize their conduct and the results of their lives. We are then charged to imitate their faith because Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

We are not necessarily called to emulate their personal style or patterns and formulas but imitate their faith. In so doing, the Lord will do through us what he did through them by mighty expressions of power and authority.

This is the era of God's justice. He is looking for a dedicated people to apprehend the truth of verse 8 saying,

Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of His name, that He might make His power known.

Moses once reminded Israel that they forfeited their opportunity to inherit the promise because they did not have eyes to see nor ears to hear. They did not possess the revelatory anointing that is fundamentally essential to cooperate with God. (Deuteronomy 29:2-4)
This Psalm remembers that reality but also highlights the Lord's mercy because of those who allowed His righteousness and divine character to be imparted. The Lord did so in order to show His mighty power in the exploits of His name.

The pain of the past is our preparation for the future. Like Joseph, we must reconcile ourselves with the past in order to make our future more fruitful. The Patriarch Joseph demonstrated this truth in the naming of his sons.

Joseph named the firstborn Manasseh, "For," he said "God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household. He named the second Ephraim, "For," he said "God

has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction — Gen 41:51-52

If we seek His ways and cry out to God to reveal His thoughts, we will discover His mercy.

3. Verses 23-29

Verse 23 records our call to take our position, like Moses, as God's intermediary on earth. It is time for the body of Christ to stand up and cry out for mercy and grace. If we do not, who will. Moses was one of the Lord's great representatives who stood before Him as His spokesman in a position of righteousness. Moses was able to occupy this distinguished office of great responsibility because of the prior years of preparation, purging and refinement that qualified him.

Like Moses, Job was another prominent saint who learned to stand in the gap for his generation. Perhaps there could be many purposes expressed for the testing of Job's righteousness.

Clearly, one of the designs of the Lord in this endeavor is to bring Job into a heightened place of relationship and authority as the Lord's representative on the earth.

The benefit for the sifting of righteous Job was to establish a greater level of right standing with God along with intimate fellowship. Through the "cleanness" of his hands, he was then be able to deliver the ones who were not innocent.

The understanding is, that the man who returns to God in righteousness, and who is regarded by Him as His friend, is more amply equipped to intercede for the guilty and unrepentant with the Lord's heart of compassion.

When righteous intercession if offered, extraordinary favor is shown, even when it is not deserved. This sentiment is consistent with that expressed in Genesis 18:23-24 as Abraham intervened on behalf of Sodom from his place of friendship with the Lord.

Job's highest calling was to a position of leadership as a fearless representation of heaven on earth. Our mandate is the same today.

The Lord recently expressed His desire to deal with the strongholds in us so we can deal with the strongholds in our churches, cities and nation.

The ultimate purpose of Job's testing, and ours, is to dwell on a higher plain of authority before God and a greater level of intimate relationship as the Lord's intermediary on the earth. The Lord will always have a witness on the earth of His righteousness to testify against an evil and perverse generation and call them to repentance.

The Lord Himself is designated as the "Faithful witness" and His Spirit in us will also bear witness of His righteousness. It is this marriage between heaven and earth that will release both the kindness and severity of God throughout all generations.

Amos is another example of one called by the Spirit to foresee the judgment of God and stand before His Presence and intercede on behalf of His people.

Thus the Lord GOD showed me: Behold, He formed locust swarms at the beginning of the late crop; indeed it was the late crop after the king's mowings. And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said: "O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, for he is small!" So the LORD relented concerning this. "It shall not be," said the LORD. Amos 7:1-3

Daniel was described in the scripture as one greatly beloved. Part of the reason for this truth is because of his heart for the nation and his willingness to stand in the gap for his people. He humbled himself and presented supplications on behalf of those in his age and the prior generations. He did so with a heart of repentance and foresight for the generations to come.

The Lord's friends are able to stand in this post because of the refinement that has taken place in their lives that enables them to occupy this privileged place in God. Intimate fellowship with the Lord results when righteousness has been developed. It allows us to peer into God's heart to obtain understanding of His nature and character.

In this manner, divine purposes are birthed in the earth through words anointed with Spirit and Life expressed from this position of righteousness.

Principally, the Lord is looking for a righteous agent on the earth to stand in the gap on behalf of a sinful generation. The Lord Himself is the perfect mediator between God and man establishing for all generations God's righteousness.

That virtue is now being imparted to those in the Church established in righteousness, as His earthly delegation to intercede for this nation and the destiny of the Church.

If there is a messenger for him, a mediator, one among a thousand, to show man His uprightness, Then He is gracious to him, and says, 'Deliver him from going down to the Pit; I have found a ransom' — Job 33:23-24

The Father has chosen the Church as His instrument to unfold His great redemptive plan. When this is achieved, we have the Lord's promise for restoration and salvation for man;

His flesh shall be young like a child's, he shall return to the days of his youth. He shall pray to God, and He will delight in him, he shall see His face with joy, for He restores to man His righteousness. — Job 33:25-26

If there was no agent to stand in the gap, then mercy and grace could not be found

So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one. Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath; and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads, says the Lord GOD —Ezekiel 22:30-31

When a righteous representative of God is able to enter His Presence, it pleases the Father to hear intercession on behalf of the lost. It is because of the righteousness of Christ established in us through the Spirit of Christ that will enable us to come before the throne of grace to obtain mercy and help in time of need.

Resident in the Father's heart is both mercy and justice. Justice calls for the judgments of God to be established in the earth. Yet, His heart also yearns to release mercy when His representatives stand before Him in this mediatory role reminding him of His longsuffering and lovingkindness.

The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished —Exodus 34:6-7

4. Verses 29-31

In the person of Phinehas we find a type of the one who stands in the gap to obtain mercy in the midst of judgment.

Thus they provoked Him to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them. Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, and so the plague was stayed. And it was reckoned to him for righteousness, to all generations forever — Psalms 106:29-31

This loyal priest received a divinely issued covenant of peace because of his jealousy towards the Lord and his commitment to the Word.

The Bible teaches that the Old Testament saints and God's dealings with Israel are given as an example. The lives of the patriarchs and faithful men and women of old are adopted for our instruction in God's ways.

Many believers will begin to emerge in this hour with the anointing of Phinehas and a covenant of peace. These will be priests providing inspired revelation of God's Word.

This reality will primarily be discovered when we call upon the Lord in desperation. When we do, He has promised to answer us and show us great and mighty things which we do not presently know.

This unique group will embody a heavenly "jealousy" and integrity by rightly dividing the Word of Truth without mixture or compromise. This anointing will produce in many people a healthy ardor and zeal of God for the Spirit of Truth.

Furthermore, those with the Phinehas anointing will not shun to declare the whole counsel of God nor tremble at the fear of man. (Acts 20.27) There is a clear distinction between possessing the zeal of God as opposed to having zeal for God.

The name Phinehas means "mouth of brass." This is a depiction of those who will begin to "judge and discern the thoughts and intents of the heart" and help others identify the sin which so easily besets them. (Hebrews 4:12)

When the Living Word is present, all things are open and laid bare before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Nothing is hidden. This is not something to fear but embrace to facilitate maturity and purity of soul.

The Bible depicts the revelation gifts unveiling the secrets of the heart so those who observe it will fall on their faces and say, "surely God is in this place". This manner of revelation is not rooted in suspicion, but genuine insight from the Lord and disclosure of divine secrets ministered in charity and faithfulness.

This work of the "Phinehas" anointing will usher the Fear of the Lord back into the Church and pave the way for Divinely granted repentance that leads to the knowledge of the Truth.

This will produce a more righteous body with whom the Lord will become intimate and share His mysteries and power.

5. Verses 32-40

The conditions recorded in these verses results from unknowingly embracing the "spirit of compromise" that facilitates the substitution of the Holy Spirit with the spirit of this world.

What the enemy can not accomplish in head-to-head battle he easily achieves through this deceptive snare. The Lord Himself warned us about this spirit in Matthew 24.

This is the strategy that Balaam utilized against Israel that the psalmist remembers. When the adversary was unsuccessful in cursing God's chosen people he altered his approach. What he could not perpetuate in direct confrontation he easily accomplished through stumbling blocks and snares facilitated through compromise.

The New Testament reminds us of this demonic strategy from the spirit of Balaam in both Jude and the book of Revelations. It is a battle that we must learn to win. It is the spirit of Godly jealousy, as demonstrated through Phinehas, that is the antidote for this dilemma.

It was the teaching of Balaam that eventually led Israel into God's judgment. Balaam was unable to curse Israel, therefore he convinced her to compromise her covenant with God by intermingling with Balak and the people of Moab.

And Moses said to them, "Have you spared all the women? "Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor,

so the plague was among the congregation of the LORD.

Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known man intimately. "But all the girls who have not known man intimately, spare for yourselves-Numbers 31:15-18

Ours is an admonition of separation and purity while patiently waiting on the promised union with the Lord Jesus. It is the counsel of "compromise" to lead us away from that position at all costs.

The "way of Balaam" is the covetous conduct of the ones structurally described as "hirelings," whose primary motive is to commercialize their divine gift.

Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness - 2 Peter 2:15

The "teaching of Balaam" is the teaching of the mercenary ministry counseling the church to abandon Godly separation and noble character in favor of worldly conformity.

But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality- Revelations 2:14

Very often, following this path will seemingly bring quick results and attract scores of people with much less spiritual resistance. Nonetheless, the conclusion after all has been done is death and fruitlessness.

Balaam taught Balak to corrupt the people who could not be cursed by seducing them to marry Moabite women and commit spiritual adultery. That is what is being rehearsed in Psalms 106.

When we are faithful to God our enemy cannot overcome the anointing and authority that the Lord is able to delegate to us. His strategy for victory is to corrupt God's people by seduction with the spirit of the world.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God-1 Corinthians 2:12

Spiritual compromise will always lead us into wrong relationships. Concession leads to death while faithfulness leads to repentance, restoration, and victory.

6. Verse 41

Economic slavery! For a season, much of this nation's economic resources will go to other nations. This will be especially true involving countries associated with the petroleum industry.

The conditions that have been created in this arena constitute a form of economic slavery for our nation. We are in large part bound by our need to obtain fuel from Islamic nations in order to meet our high demand.

This will increase over this next season.

7. Verse 44

Much of the conditions of our nation and the Church are the result of compromise. We have yielded our righteous standards for a counterfeit substitute that provokes God's discipline.

This Psalm also highlights the Lord's willingness to show mercy and bring restoration. This was repeatedly exemplified with the nation of Israel. It is the strategy by which our prayer movements are to be mobilized.

8. Verses 47-48

We are to cry out in Godly sorrow for the USA and ourselves until God grants repentance. All the shaking is for the expressed purpose of positioning the Church in righteousness for the restoration of His glory.

The earth will begin to cleanse itself from the shame of innocent blood. The measure to which this takes place will be determined by the abundance of our intercession and obtaining Godly granted repentance.

Prophetic Sound-Bites

1. In the 2005 Shepherd's Rod we listed the ten plagues of Egypt providing a prophetic parallel that will continue in this season. This is a symbolic portrayal of calamity, pestilence, sickness, and other disciplines that took place in Egypt that built upon one another in a domino effect. This is a representation of God's discipline on the spirit of this world.

We encourage our readers to review that portion of the 2005 Shepherd's Rod as this trend will continue. Much of what we saw in New Orleans and the Gulf coast are outlined in it.

2. Nashville will continue to be a focal point and a strategic city. There is a special grace being extended for songwriters and musicians to capture spiritual truth and convey it.

This will result from the same stream of creativity that is coming to the Church in the form of worship. Nevertheless, this form of music will have positive and beneficial messages centered in the Nashville music industry.

3. The colors for this year are blue and white to represent a call to purity and the release of revelation. White is generated by his imputed righteousness. There is a great opportunity in this season to advance substantially in this area.

With the establishment of Godly righteousness and virtuous character, mantels of power and authority will be downloaded that are needed for harvest.

All that has taken place in this hour is part of the preparatory process for a wave of harvest that is to come. The next major outpouring of the Spirit will be for "power evangelism."

The color blue is a symbolic representation marking a great opportunity to apprehend revelatory insight needed in every area of our lives. The inspiration for revelation will be especially pertinent in the area of intercession. Comprehension of His heart will bring clarity and precision to the saint's prayers.

Revelation will also bring a stream of anointing resting on the promises of God for this age that strategically position us in our confrontation with realms of darkness. The sons of Issachar knew times and seasons and the things that Israel needed do. Likewise, the "Issachar" anointing is being released for this purpose today.

We cannot afford to wander aimlessly in this crucial hour. Furthermore, our prayers do not need to be in the way of a shotgun, but of a laser. Revelation produces precision.

Shofars Summoned Into Battle

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"Shofars Being Summoned Into Battle . . . To Blow The 'Hell' Out Of The Nations!" Judges 7:22
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***About the Shofar: The shofar is a ceremonial ram's horn (trumpet) of ancient Israel. The shofar holds a prominent role in the history of Israel. The ram's horn is identified with the ram that became the substitute sacrifice for Isaac in Genesis 22:1-19. The ram typified the future sacrifice that Jesus would become for us.*

IS THE SHOFAR STILL EFFECTIVE?

Yes! Our battles today are with principalities and powers of darkness, but they are still battles!

***"And the three hundred (of Gideon's army) blew the trumpets (shofars), and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host (of the enemy): and the host fled to Bethshittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abelmeholah, unto Tabbath."* Judges 7:22**

"I WOULDN'T HAVE CHOSEN THAT WEAPON!"

God is still calling forth the foolish things to use for His glory. If He can use you and me, He can use anything -- and get away with it!
Most victories in times of war in the Old Testament came through unusual weapons ordered by the Lord. Samson with the jawbone of an ass slew a thousand Philistines! Israel marched around a city and took it with a shout! Jehoshaphat's army was outnumbered like the sands of the seashore and He was led to put his loudest mouth singers on the very front line of battle. They began to sing praises as they marched into the enemy camp and God sent ambushments against the enemy to confuse them; and all the enemy were dead when the hymn-sing was over! They didn't even get to fight in this battle! I have been to an army base in Israel, recently. Their army still sings during their training drills . . . Devil beware! I must confess, if I was commanding these armies, "I wouldn't have chosen these weapons . . . but God did!"

"THE SHOFAR BLOWS CONFUSION INTO THE CAMP OF THE ENEMY . . . IT'S TIME TO CONFUSE THE TERRORISTS!"

I believe the most terrifying sound in the enemy's ears is the sound of the shofar! Every time a shofar blows, the devil doesn't know whether it's one of us or Gabriel himself blowing that last trump of God! When shofars are blown, they blow confusion into the enemy's camp -- every time!
I believe one of the reasons the Lord is calling forth the weapon of the shofar this hour is to send confusion into the camp of the terrorists! I sense great fear and the terror of the Lord will be released upon them through this mighty, foolish weapon!

"WHEN GIDEON BLEW HIS . . . I BLEW MINE!"

As I read how the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gideon and he blew a trumpet (shofar), I asked the Lord, "When the Spirit came upon Gideon and he blew a shofar, was that Gideon blowing or was that you?"
The Lord answered, "When Gideon blew his . . . I blew Mine!"

Many Jewish people believe that the trump of God in Heaven is not a Louis Armstrong-type trumpet,

but a shofar (a rams horn -- or *His* could be called a lamb's horn).
I heard of the testimony of a man who died and went to heaven. He said he saw the shofar of God there. He said, "It is fifteen miles long!" When it is blown it will literally raise the dead down through every generation of time who believe in Jesus Christ the Messiah! I believe the Lord is raising up shofars this hour, getting us used to hearing their sound; for when Gabriel blows the Shofar of God, it will be the last sound out of here!

"WHEN A WEAPON IS LOADED, IT GOES OFF EVERY TIME . . . THERE IS NO NEED FOR PRACTICE!"

In 1995, I was invited to blow the shofar at an International Aglow Conference in Long Beach, California. Blowing the shofar was new to me. Before the conference in the hotel room, I thought I better practice blowing it. At the very first blow, in the Spirit I saw angels descending upon Long Beach and the whole region! I sensed the Lord saying, "Be careful, this baby is loaded! There is no need to practice with this weapon!"
I have learned that when a shofar is blown, it calls forth angelic armies into that region to fight against the powers of darkness, to take back that territory into God's kingdom! When I blew the shofar at the conference, into nine thousand people, and had them shout the walls down inside of their households, divorces were cancelled, marriages were restored and even reports came in of missing children being found!

"ALL I KNOW IS GOD SAID, 'BLOW!'"

I wonder how God might organize a mass blowing of shofars from those who know they are called to blow one. I sense there are many who think that to blow a shofar isn't for them. Let me ask you a question, *How do you know unless you blow one?*
I used to think only certain people are called to blow the shofar. But I honestly am not sure any more. I think anyone can pull a trigger of a loaded weapon, even a little child! I will let that decision of blowing one be between you and the Lord.
When the Lord first called me to blow the shofar, He made one thing clear: "Bill, when you blow it, it will be Me blowing, because I live in you! By faith, I believe when I blow into one end of the shofar, the very breath of God comes out the other -- because He lives in me! It's all by faith that God is calling forth these foolish weapons again, this hour, in time of war!

I sense the Lord would have us to personally be led by Him when and where to blow in this season of war. I believe a good place to start is right at home. Let's blow the confusion out of our own lives and families! And let the Lord lead you from there! You can stand right where you are and blow into a nation. There is no distance with the breath of God! He will lead us. Check in with Him for the details . . . all I know is God said, "Blow!"

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Stepping Stones In Transition

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These are great times of transition in the Body of Christ! There are major things happening that we have prayer for and prophesied over the years. These are exciting times, but they are also stressful times. The old wine skin is not able to take us where God is heading with the Church. We are making a paradigm shift to a new wine skin. It's a new model that is forming. We have waited on it with expectancy! How we respond in this "now" prophetic season will determine our effectiveness in the future.

This is a time where there is major rearranging happening. Those who were not considered capable for the task at hand are surfacing as qualified and being strategically placed by the Spirit of the Lord. They are the hidden company of believers that have been waiting in the wings. What has qualified them? Their faith, patience and the process of God have qualified them. Though others would disdain them for how they would do things, they are the cream of the crop. They are Joshuas with a heart to possess and divide an inheritance to the people of God.

If you are one who is in this hidden company, I am writing this to you as one modern day Joshua to another. While in the process of transition, there are some stepping stones to follow that I have found to be trustworthy. They will keep you from being hindered in forward progress. The enemy would like nothing better than to distract you to cause you to lose your direction during times of transition. If he can keep you from advancing, he can keep you from getting into position to displace him.

DRAW CLOSER TO GOD We must all make a choice when arising into that which God has prepared for us. It involves either following the direction that God has placed in our heart or giving into the desires of others. Draw closer to the Lord. Be a worshipper of God. There will be a rock solid assurance in your heart when you do this. It will come down to "but one thing I do" Phillipians 3:13. You must have a determination to press forward before setting out to do so.

FOCUS It is vital that you get yourself focused and keep yourself from all distractions that would pull at you. Remind yourself that leaders never lose their focus. Someone will be following even though you may not consider yourself a leader. Lead yourself well and others will follow in your steps.

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. Colossians 3:1-2

In transition, things change rapidly. Be careful what you get involved with at this time. Don't make long-term obligations without absolutely knowing that it is God's direction for you at this time. If in doubt, back up and pray until you know. Romans 8:6 says "to be spiritually minded is life and peace". God's direction will bring peace.

Everything the enemy will send your way right now is intended to pull you off course. Choose your battles wisely. Move forward and maintain course in spite of conflicting opinion and who chooses to stay behind.

KEEP PEACE Maintain and keep peace at all costs. Understand that often the enemy will use those around you. Do not burn bridges. You will just have to go back and rebuild. Your effectiveness in the future will be determined by how you respond now. It will either be with a forgiving attitude or bitterness.

Beware of anger and bitterness. It will set you back in your forward progress. Bitterness is an indicator of pride yet to be dealt with. Repent now. Bitterness will only fuel an unruly tongue. Watch that little member! Pass up opportunities to give a piece of your mind! Only say what is needed, do not try and justify your direction or come against another's. It takes a response of humility to agree quickly with your adversary at your expense.

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled. Hebrews 12:14-15

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Matthew 5:23-25

Do not choose sides on issues. Try and resolve issues if possible but not at the cost of relationships. In times of transition, it is difficult to resolve issues because change is likely being resisted. If it is justice that is sought after, you must discern the condition and intent of your heart. What spirit are you operating out of? Can this wait? If you can wait, attitudes will often change.

You can differ, but do it in love. It is very easy to see hypocrisy in others. We must repent for the hypocrisy that we see rather than attacking our brothers and sisters in Christ. Stay in a repentant state before God.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; And take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with a willing spirit. Psalm 51:10-12

GET YOUR HEALING Before entering into that new thing that the Lord has for you, get healed and delivered of the past. Whatever it takes! Don't let past hindrances become present hesitations. Enter into the new with wholeness! There is something about being free that causes a refreshing for possessing the next thing ahead of you!

If you'll do these things, you'll come through much easier. Follow the Lord and possess!

Until we meet again, we are...
Reaching For Heaven & Touching The Nations,

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Seven Songs Of The Lord

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The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork! Psalm 19:1

ANGELS SINGING SEVEN SONGS OF THE LORD!

I saw angels proclaiming the Glory of the Lord and hosting the stars of heaven. The stars were singing seven songs of the Lord, all declaring His awesome handiwork!

The first song was like the sound of beating drums, echoing the heartbeat of our Savior. I could hear His blood begin to flow through out the dry rivers of our souls, causing a mighty cleansing and purging, a ridding of all that was not of Him.

The second song was the like the sound of a thousand violins crying, a melody of lost love, a betrayal of hearts gone astray. To some this song was heard with much heartache and repentance and to others a calling to go deeper into the Father's heart.

The third song reached out and bit my lip bringing instant pain and remorse with the sound of the tapping of many shoes lined up in a row upon the floor of heaven. Tap, Tap, Tap went the sound all in unison, tapping on the floor of our hearts to give all to Him, to lay everything down at the Master's feet. Our gifts, our ministries, our callings and our lives, all to Him!

The fourth song was the sound of a thousand bees all flying together, wizzing through the torment of our minds. They brought a wind, a cutting wind that began to release many saints of strongholds and bondages that had been keeping them from seeing and hearing the voice of God.

The fifth song was the sound of joyful children laughing in the presence of our Lord. Their sound came straight from the heart of the Father and into the darkness of those who had lost their loved ones. This brought such joy and jubilation to the saints to hear their children laughing that they began to spread His love through out the nations, proclaiming the Goodness and Mercy of the Lord!

The sixth song was the song of silence that echoed through out the earth. As the calm before the storm so was this sound as it made its way into our homes and into the churches. I could see the sound travel into the bars piercing the hearts of those who sat broken upon the stools causing such a repentance and longing for Jesus that they began right then to proclaim the Glory of the Lord! This sound made its way into the streets piercing the very darkest of souls where they would leap instantly in freedom upon the movement of this sound!

The seventh song was a distant sound, unlike any melody I have ever heard and it moved the angels deeply upon the releasing of this song. I could see the Father's face full of so much love for His children and the aching of His heart beat heavily within my spirit. This sound, this song, reached out and moved mountains, physical mountains. Some of these mountains had been hidden beneath the earth for thousands and thousands of years, packed beneath layers and layers of rock. Their breakthrough looked like the breaking of glass shattering as they moved the earth with their explosion! The angels began to sing louder and louder awakening even the dead as they proclaimed that the Glory of the Lord would be heard through out the earth and all its inhabitants within!

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Stop Sabotaging Yourselves!

Luz Cintron

I was meditating on the things that the Lord has been doing in my life as of late. I started to see how my lack of understanding hinders my advance. There was also much fear because of lack of understanding properly. Spiritual understanding differs from the intellectual understanding. Spiritual understanding is a knowledge of trust, a life experience that teaches through a lifetime. It can not be acquired from books alone. The things we understand from books stay at our intellectual level and remains there, it can only become alive if the Holy Spirit intervenes, because in the hour of test doubt shakes its foundation and what remains strong usually is that we have heard, seen and lived in and through the Spirit, that is the learning of wisdom, the fear of the Lord for Who He Is!

At moments like this I end up crying. It is overwhelming to see how I can't understand and I wish I could. I was meditating on those things when the cry rose from my heart. I was reading the life and works of John G Lake, how much yielded unto the Lord he walked. In truth the Lord was with Him. How far I stand! But the cry that rose in me was not unto the miracles or the experiences. I could care less for the spectacular. I hunger and thirst for Him.

I have been in a reducing mode for a while and now I understand the freedom of loosing. Not having a church, not having fellowship, not having friends and yet having them because when He leads to give there they are but in the receiving it is only Him in the jealousy of His love. I told Him that I was thankful that He has taken me out. I can now pursue His presence for Him alone and not with any agenda. Indeed, He is sufficient for me, but then, how do I grow closer?

I told Him," it seems I can not get things right no matter how hard I try or how deeply I long for it. I come to the verge just to mess things up for You. Will I ever be able to bring something to You? How can You love me? I don’t seek experiences anymore. Nor do I want to see beyond this pitiful realm."

All I want is to become with Him and in Him. To be for Him a dwelling place without any other purpose than to look into His heart and understand His cares. Will it ever be possible? If only I could touch the hem of His garment! Nobody hinders me, except myself. I don't know how to believe unless the gift of faith is stirred in my like the waters of the pool.

How can I see what I can't understand? Because He speaks. He speaks and says over and over "Only believe!" and I know Him to be true. At moments like these life becomes a burden.

He spoke to me yesterday as I was meditating like this. He spoke and said to me, "Write this and send it forth because there are many like you in the same place you stand. Hear, listen and tell them. **Stop sabotaging yourselves!** You don't understand what I am doing. Trust Me! Just believe! Where you read failure I am writing My success. Where you see defeat and shame I am establishing My glory! Yield to Me still a little more. I shall deliver as I have saved"

The Lord speaks and His voice awakens the deep desires of the heart. He speaks and His speech is a call . Who can not hear? Who can ignore the sound of the many waves of His love? Who can refrain from Him when he knocks and call? We may not see where we are led, we may not know where we are taken but who, oh who can resist? He is stronger than fear and stronger than death.

Stand

Musa Opiyo

July 11, 2005

For I am the Lord who has risen in the midst of My people today and I say unto you, having done all that you are able to do, STAND (Eph 6:13). For you My people are coming out of one season into the next. In this new season, I am bringing breakthroughs both on a corporate level and on an individual level. I am removing hindrances placed by the enemy and I am releasing exponential growth both in the spirit and in the physical realm to those things pertaining to the Kingdom. I am going to suddenly bring revelation and wisdom on how to move forward in the destinies and plans that I have for each of you.

This release of grace and favour from My throne has not gone amiss on satan's radar and he has attacked many of My people especially in the area of finances and relationships. Fear not My people, for this is the time when you will have to contend with the forces of darkness in order to "breath-through", yet I have released this thing called Grace where My Spirit shall lead you in wisdom as you contend on the battlefield. I have not left you alone. I have not left you without a plan. As you cry out to Me, I will make your path before you clear so that you will know how to move forward from here.

Having done all that you can in obedience to Me, stand and watch Me win the battles ahead. Do not let the failures from the past, the circumstances from your present situation or your own inabilities throw you off balance, for I am indeed the Rock that cannot be shaken. Those who are for you are more than those against you.

Blessings,
Musa Opiyo
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Stand Firm
Doug Patterson

June 7, 2005

Stand firm and know My words are alive and growing inside your heart. Be prepared to expand your vision and move forward in your gifts and calling. Open doors await you as you press into the fullness of My purpose and provision. You are never alone for My Holy Spirit lives within you to be a strength and encouragement.
Be very bold and very strong for I have declared that you shall do great exploits in My name.

Joshua 1:7
Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law/which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.

Overwhelming Victory For My Bride
Linda Patterson

June 8, 2005

The winds of adversity are dying down now. It has been a long season of testing and refining for My bride. I have been drawing you into that secret place close to My heart. You are sheltered and protected in My loving embrace.
The winds will blow in great fury around you as My judgments come crashing down throughout the nations. My bride you are covered in My peace and rest. Many will see the strength, courage and overwhelming victory in your life and be drawn to you. In the hour of testing and trial they will embrace the good news of salvation that shall surely set them free.

Psalm 63:7
Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

Stars And Stripes

Lanna Perry

Declaring God’s Heart For America – 2006 and Beyond!

I kept seeing the American Flag in the Spirit. Every time I would enquire of the Lord’s heart for America I continually saw the American Flag. So I enquired to the Lord what He was trying to convey. This is what I believe that He has shared with me, and I submit it to your discernment, that the Lord may proclaim forth the destiny of the United States Of America and may the body of Christ rise up and get alongside God’s proclamation so that the move of God may be ushered into fruition.

So many times you hear of the pending judgment coming to the United States of America, and I do not doubt this at all, but so little do you hear of God’s heart for the United States.

So I pray that the Holy Spirit through this word, would give us all a glimpse into the heart of God for this most powerful and influential nation.

As I began to say, I continually saw the America Flag when asking God of His heart for America, and this is what I believe He wanted to convey.

Stars and Stripes!!!

I believe that the Lord is calling the United States of America to be a guiding nation. Key in leading God’s people into revival, a new sense of God’s authority and presence in the lives of people. You see many moves of God and tele-evangelists coming out of the United States, many that are great, and many not so great. Already, the United States of America is providing many true and false ministries. Yet, I see that America has turned it’s back on God. It is trying to weed God out of the system. Weed God out of the government and welcome in an ‘open arms policy’ to all religions.

The Lord is proclaiming that the United States of America is to rise up and stand into what He has called it to be.

As a star led the shepherds to Jesus, so is the Lord proclaiming that America (along with other nations) is to be a nation that leads many to JESUS CHRIST.

God does not favour one nation over another. God will use all nations together to bring about His Glory and His Kingdom. As the body of Christ has many parts and works together, so will all nations work together to bring forth God’s glory.

The Lord is declaring that He intends for America to give up it’s sinful ways, repent for it’s complacency and trying to weed God out of the nation, and allow Him to usher forth and re-establish the nation as He first intended it. A GUIDING SHINING STAR TO LEAD THE WAY TO JESUS.

The Lord is crying out for His people to take a stand. To rise up, and stand in it's destiny. You may ask, how is this possible? The Lord is handing EVERY SINGLE AMERICAN BELIEVER a shofar. Each of you are being given a shofar in the spirit right this moment, SOUND THE ALARM.

Encourage those around you to rise up, get alongside those who have backslidden, speak it from the pulpit, repent for your complacency and get out onto the streets and proclaim the Word.

The government is a huge part of the move of God. God loves government. God created government. I believe that the Lord is now raising up individuals with a heart for the government of the USA to begin PROCLAIMING in faith the coming move of God. Proclaiming in faith, that the Lord will bring a great shaking to the government, that will turn the tables upside-down and settle them back in place, so that the warriors GOD has chosen may take their place. Many do not BELIEVE that it is possible for the Holy Spirit to move within the hearts of many within the USA.

I am not saying that the whole nation of America will be "for" God, I'm simply saying that the Lord is establishing His word to America that those that are for God are to rise up, blow the shofars, warn the nation, and begin proclaiming God's heart in these times.

Before the world began God PROCLAIMED what was to come, THEN it came to fruition. So the Lord is calling the body of Christ in the USA, to proclaim the heart of God into the government of the USA, as the body of Christ rises up and does this, the change of God WILL come. God does NOT want to destroy America, God LOVES America. God does NOT want to pour out His judgment upon America, He will if His call is not heeded too, but yet AGAIN the Lord is calling out and giving the USA another chance. "Hear what My Spirit is saying to the churches" – Revelation 2:17

Stripes

Influence. In the world the USA has great influence. It is the leading nation. Spiritually the USA has NOT taken it's stand. America, do you realise the authority the Lord has given you in the supernatural realm? Do you see the opportunity that is on your doorstep? The vessel that God has given you?

The stripes on the American flag are representative in the supernatural realm of the line of influence the Lord has poured out on the nation of America.

God has given the nation of America the vehicle to carry forth His name. A nation that is always in the public eye, the world looks at, you have the vehicle to bring forth the Kingdom of God in a great way.

I continue to hear in the Spirit, voices crying out "One nation under JESUS CHRIST" not one nation under a distant "GOD" figure, but one nation under "JESUS CHRIST".

What does being under Jesus Christ mean? It means being submissive, humble, gentle, kind, compassionate, self sacrificing, showing strength in weakness. That as I see it is the real challenge to the U.S as a nation, becoming these things in government, public life and personal life not the challenge to rise up in more of the kind of power they are currently displaying.

Do not give up hope America. Do not look at your nation as doomed by the judgment of God. Look at your nation as a tremendous vehicle to be used by the mighty hand of God.

If the new move of God is ushered forth especially in 2006, the wheels will begin turning and you will begin to see great moves of God in your nation. I hear the wheels turning as in Ezekiel, proclaim proclaim proclaim. Do not sit and just pray anymore, proclaim what God has said over your government leaders, over your nation, over your schools, over your churches. Speak forth the move of God.

Watch the stripes move forward. Watch the nation extended it's arms into touching others for Jesus Christ. Stretch out America.

Do not stay where you are anymore. Step out of your comfort zones. Move forward. Do not be inactive anymore in your prayer life, be a PART of God's move in the USA.

Even if there is just one in a nation crying out, interceding, standing in the gap, but proclaiming in faith and believing for their nation, would God surely not honour this? Certainly.

America – listen to the Spirit.

You are destined. You are chosen. You are the stars and the stripes of this world. Will you take your stand? As each person starts small in their own lives, proclaiming, proclaiming, proclaiming, America will begin to see the hand and heart of God move in their nation like they have never seen before.

America, you have taken the backseat for too long. It's time to step up into your destiny.

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Singing The Blues

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May 21st, 2005

I have all things in My hands. The earth and the sky and all that is under the earth belongs to Me. I created it all and I know every thought and action of man. I know what is in man's heart. And there is nothing that is, that is not known by ME.

So many are singing the "blues" because the world has gotten so dark and full of pride and wickedness of man. But You must know that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the LORD raises up a standard against him !
The blues has a nice beat, but unless there is hope, then it leads to self pity and complaining, and discontentment. I have not left you hopeless My beloveds. I am your blessed HOPE. I am Christ, the hope of Glory ! I live in you, and I know all that you are, and I know the past and present and future.

I know all that it holds. Am I not able to tell you all you need to know ? If you are IN ME, and have communion with Me, and seek My face, then surely will I not take care of you, and keep you in the palm of My hand? Did I not say I would never leave or forsake you ? Some of you are growing weary, but it is in the impossible times, that I can do the miraculous. PRAY FOR MIRACLES ! PRAY FOR HEAVEN TO IMPACT THE EARTH AROUND YOU !

Do not give up, or despair My beloveds. I WILL show you great and mighty things you do not know, if you will ask. I WILL do great and mighty things you have not seen before, if you will but ask. I am coming again like a mighty rushing wind I have said. And I will work changes in all you are concerned about. I will rescue that loved one you are so concerned for. I will restore your children. I AM a GOD of RESTORATION.

So start singing the praises of your GOD, and change the atmosphere of your home, your heart, your neighborhood, and all around you ! Rejoice and be exceedingly glad when men persecute you and speak all kinds of bad things about you. For great is your reward in heaven. Know that you don't have to dwell on your emotions, or in them, but you can change them and rearrange them, by focusing on ME, and PRAISING ME. Then you will no longer need to sing the blues, but you can shout for JOY and change your circumstances by doing so !

Think on the good things. Think on all the times I've come through for you.
Think about the promises I've made to you and it's ok to rehearse them in your heart ! I will fulfill every one. Think on all that is beautiful and kind,
all that is praiseworthy and wonderful. Fill your mind with good things like the laughter of children and the smell of roses. And speak the Word to the enemy of your soul – answer his thoughts with Words of PRAISE to ME, with songs and dance. Startle him with praise even in the midst of troubles.
Show him you will not allow him to steal your joy !

Then I heard the song " Dance with Me, I want to be your partner, dance with Me !"

Dance with me, I want to be your partner
Can't you see the music is just starting?
Night is falling, and I am calling
Dance with me

Fantasy could never be so giving

I feel free, I hope that you are willing
Pick your feet up, and kick your feet up
Dance with me

Let it lift you off the ground
Starry eyes, and love is all around
I can take you where you want to go

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Phil 4:8-9 NKJV
8 Meditate on These Things
Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Eph 5:18-20 NKJV
18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Spiritual Thirst

Chimezie Onyebilanma

January 17, 2005.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled" Matt. 5:6

Before the holidays we began to look at the subject of personal revival and spiritual thirst. We said to have revival we need to touch God and to be touched by God. We cannot be indifferent and receive revival. We need to stretch ourselves to touch God like that woman with the issue of blood who pressed on to touch Jesus. Spiritual thirst is the stretching out of our soul to touch God. The deeper the intensity of our thirst, the farther the reach of our soul to God. And once we touch God, God will touch us and that is revival.

Indeed spiritual thirst is a prerequisite for every spiritual progress. Spiritual progress is not measured by activities or by emotional highs but by our degree of nearness to God. God draws near to the thirsty, never to the apathetic. It's a spiritual law "Blessed are those who thirst…for they shall be filled" It is like spiritual thirst empties the soul in such a way that God finds space to pour himself into it.

A thirsty man is always earnest. David said "O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirst for you, my body longs for you." (Ps 63:1). To be earnest means to seek something desperately; to want it really bad; to be ready to give anything to get it. This is what spiritual thirst is about.

In 1 Samuel 1 we read of an earnest woman, Hannah. Hannah had a devoted husband that loved her, provided more than enough for her need, esteemed her and showered her with gifts. Yet she was not satisfied. She was barren and she was not going to let anything console her. Some of us are satisfied even though we are spiritually barren.

Hannah's dear husband consoled her. He said "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?" But Hannah was earnest, she was not going to let what she had blind her from pursuing what she lacked. She did not allow her husband's gifts to distract her from this pursuit. Beloved, what is distracting you from wanting more of God? What do you have that is making you so satisfied?

Why are we satisfied with so little? Why are we satisfied to live ordinary lives without power or purity? Why are we satisfied with noise instead of life? Why are we satisfied with playing church instead of being the church? Why are we satisfied with the little we have drunk from God when there is till more? This is the truth, no matter what we might have experienced of God in the past it is nothing compared to what we have not yet tasted. There is more.

Perhaps Hannah would have been satisfied with all her husband's gifts and adoration if not for Peninnah, her husband's second wife's mockery. Peninnah's jeers provoked her out of complacency. Can we ask God to bring things our way to provoke us out of our complacency? This is a risky prayer because it is not a comfortable process. But it will be a good thing for our soul.
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PLEASE are you born again? *It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg*

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Some Thoughts on New Years Resolutions

Judy Bauman

The Lord spoke very clearly to me concerning New Year's Resolutions. It is my prayer that what He said will also help you.

This is what happened: For several months I had really been searching and asking the Lord questions like, "What am I missing?" "What is hindering me?" Then as I was reading the newspaper, I came across an article about how to make New Year's Resolutions. It said that keeping our list of resolutions to 1-3 things will help us from being overwhelmed. My weight has really been a preoccupation of mine, so I thought, *'I know, I will have just one goal and it will be to get into shape!'*

My well-intended thought was disrupted by a still small voice that said, **"No! Your one goal will be to spend more time with Me in the secret place."**

It dawned on me that ***anything hindering us from what God has asked us to do cannot continue when exposed in the presence of the Lord!*** It must let go! As we cooperate with God, whatever it is that has kept us from His perfect plan for our lives will be revealed. But only as we submit to God in *the secret place.* This means to simply go alone to God the Father in the name of Jesus in prayer and praise; read His word and listen to His voice. (See John 10:27 or better yet, verses 1-30)

Thank God there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ! The law of sin and death condemns, but the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free. When we fail, He loves us where we are at and helps us from that point. He will never leave us. Thank God He will walk us through every challenge in life and not abandon us! (See Romans 8) Thank God His mercies are new every morning! (See Lam 3:21-26)

I believe the Lord would say to you and to me that whatever our New Year's Resolutions are, we must lay them down before the Father. He will break our chains in pieces, shatter the gates of bronze, and cut iron gates to set us each free! The God of heaven and earth anointed Jesus to proclaim liberty to the captives and open the prisons to those who are bound. Anything that is keeping us in bondage, *any* type of bondage, the Lord wants to set us free from it. (See Ps 107:10-16, 19-22, 43 and Is 61:1)

As Jesus taught us in Matt 6:33 **But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.**

Seek FIRST the kingdom of God and all else will fall into place. God knows our needs. Let us seek His face first. Let us be still and know that He is God. After all, He knows how to part the sea! He surely knows what we need! You may be hearing in your spirit that it is time to fast and really seek His face. Seek His wisdom in this and follow His instructions. (See Ps 46:10; 2 Chron 7:14, Prov 8:17; Jer 29:11-14, Luke 11:10; John 10: 3-5)

May you thrive in the secret place of the most High God in 2005 and beyond. Arise! Shine! For your Light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!

God bless you in your journey with Him,
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Stop The Parties

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Since I have heard about Hurricane Wilma, I have kept hearing the song at the end of the cartoon, The Flintstones. It says, "We'll have a gay ol' time!" Then Fred yells, "WILMA!" I was thinking it would be a common thing to come to mind. We know that when the Flintstones came out, this had a different meaning than today! But considering what its meaning has become, I am under the impression this hurricane is going to strike at homosexuality. The sad thing is that when something like this happens, innocent people are also in the fray. But God will take our testimonies to bring others to know the hope to with they have been called. So we must keep that in mind. I looked up the meaning for the name and Wilma means 'protector'. I read that and felt it meant God's desire to protect His word. He is not mocked. We reap what we sow. Unfortunately, there aren't many places it could hit along the coast of our country where there isn't a gay community, but none are quiet like New Orleans or Key West, FL. Never have I ever felt storms were 'judgments from God' until this fall. **I believe something has shifted in the heavenlies.** I have that same weird sense about this storm as I did with Katrina. See the paragraph on 'Twin Hurricanes' at http://www.etpv.org/2005/twins.html Generally I feel the push to pray for people and places in danger, but the Lord hasn't given me His usual grace for intercession. I do not want to 'steady what the Lord is shaking'. I want God's will. I want to see man's repentance – true turning from sin. I do not sense any such thing going on yet. God's desire to draw all men and women to Himself is not stopped by their lack of belief. He still loves them and desires them to come to Him.

So in that light, I pray that whatever devastation may come, that it comes to glorify the Father and bring many, many souls to salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. We know that ultimately it is He that saves us from this life of sin. We are all sinners and we all come short of God's glory.

Last night I heard something on the news that sent me on a trail of sorts. Look at these websites if you must, but I warn you that they are lures for homosexuals, so guard yourself before proceeding. If you have battled with this in any form, I would caution you to take my word and not expose yourself to it. I only include the websites so that it is clear I am not making this more than what it is.

Hurricane Katrina stopped this party "Southern Decadence 2005"
http://www.southerndecadence.net/

Right after Katrina hit New Orleans I had heard about Southern Decadence 2005 being canceled and went to this website to confirm. At the time it was posted that the party was going to be moved to Biloxi, MS. Which **Hurricane Rita** hit. So this same party was stopped again!!!

This weekend **Hurricane Wilma** stopped these parties "Fantasy Fest 2005 and Mayan Riviera Gay Fall Fiesta"
http://www.fantasyfest.net/ Key West, FL
http://arcoiris.8m.net/photo3.html Cancun Mexico

These are huge festivals to draw gays together and isn't it interesting that the storms have baffled the experts in their explosive growth! They seem to be of little consequence and then suddenly they are category 5 hurricanes! This reminds me of the book of Jonah. God wanted him to go one way and he went the opposite way. A great storm arose so quickly that all the mariners were caught off-guard.

Maybe the message for the homosexual community is that God is telling them to go His direction, but since they have gone their own direction the storms have come to get their attention.

As I am writing I heard CBS news anchor, Jim Acosta, reporting from Florida saying, "…and in Mexico. The fiesta's are out, fear is setting in."

Please join me to pray for these precious souls that Jesus died to save. Their sin is no more heinous than adultery, sex before marriage, stealing, extorting, and the like. (See 1 Corinthians 6:9 and Gal 5:19 – 21) We are all sinners and we all have fallen short of the glory of God. If we say we have no sin than we deceive ourselves and the truth of God is not in us. 1 John 1:8 So let's lift up these men and women who are in great need of our prayers. I pray that any who were planning on going to these gay festivals would see the connection and have a real and true 'fear of the Lord' and come to know Jesus as their Savior. He is our Deliverer and He is their Deliverer. Come Holy Spirit!

Again I hear 2 Chronicles 7:14 needs to be heeded particularly by men in Christian leadership. There is something very powerful to take place in the heavenlies if the men – the warriors of God – will obey this Scripture.

Your sister-in-Christ
Judy

If you didn't receive the dream about judgment coming to America it can be found at http://www.etpv.org/2005/juoamer.html

Release the Cockle Burs
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This word from the Lord came to me for a specific person but the Lord showed me this is a widespread problem in His Body. When you consider how prolific weeds can be, especially this type, it would make sense that we need to set a guard against them spreading. The Lord had me rewrite parts of it to speak more broadly to His Church.

"I speak to you, My child. You ask who I Am? I am your Father who made You for My pleasure. You are made to accomplish much for My sake. I have not given you the desire to create for your purpose, but for Mine. I have seen your anguish and I have seen your pain. I have seen you abandoned and I have seen you afflicted. It pleases Me when I see you are not moved by this world's system. This motivates Me to work on your behalf. Come to Me. Come to Me when your heart is breaking and no one understands you. You are looking for someone to understand you and that need of yours has not been fulfilled. It couldn't be. Had you found someone to look to other than Me, you would not be able to accomplish what I have set before you. You *have* to rely on Me. You *have* to turn to Me. I wait for you. I wait and I watch. I have waited a long time and I wait longer. I speak to you. I long to be heard by you. I long for you to recognize My voice. I have great secrets kept in storage to release to you. They will not be given unless you come to Me.

The desires of your heart will be given only when you have let go of what you are holding in your hand. You are holding a cocklebur bush. See http://www.psu.missouri.edu/fishel/common_cocklebur.htm and http://waynesword.palomar.edu/plapr98.htm Be sure and read the toxic symptoms as this is what the enemy of your soul desires to do to you. You feel the effects of the poison even now. As long as you are holding onto the thorns, I cannot help you. Hold onto Me not the burs. You have gotten too use to the pain. You must submit yourself to Me. – your true Father, to remove the burs, the barbs, and their toxic results. The cockles have barbs and stick to everything they touch. They are painful to grab and difficult to pull off, but they cannot be left to further infect.

But there is something I want you to see. I gave inspiration to make Velcro from this annoying plant. If you come to Me, and I mean truly come to Me and seek My face, I will reveal mysteries from your life's cockleburs. The things that have annoyed you the most will be sources of your greatest victories. The things that have hindered your walk with Me will cause you to run and not grow weary – if you faint not! You will have many triumphs if you will submit yourself to Me. I have created you to fellowship with Me and that is why there is so much unrest in your soul. You need My peace but you will not get it with success or fame. You will get the peace and security you seek when you give yourself totally in fellowship with Me. Walk with Me in the cool of the day, beloved. Seek Me early while I can be found. I have created you to fellowship with Me and that is why there is so much unrest in your soul. You look here and you look there. You do not find rest because you haven't come to Me. I am your first resort, not your last. Release what you are holding onto. Those things that have wounded you. Those rejects and disappointments and failures. Just like cockleburs, they are sticking to you even when you let go. That is where I come in! I will take those sticky, pesky, annoying, painful burs of your life and I will remove their toxic affects. I will cause them to become seeds of victory.

I must warn you. These burs must be released from your grip soon! The devil, your enemy, is desiring to cause these wounds to hurt you, to destroy you, to bring you to ruin. He is petitioning Me to sift you. You will slip through his fingers if the burs are gone. If you release the burs all he will have in his hand is the chaff that I wanted removed in the first place. If the burs are still in your hands, you will be stuck in Satan's trap – entangled by the burs in his net. Time is short. Stop taking the burs to yourself – stop feeding them with words that give them energy to reproduce. They desire to consume you. Rid yourself of these cumbersome stickers. Let Me dig up the root of bitterness!

Come to Me and I will give you rest. I will give you a future. I will give you hope renewed. I will set your feet up high on a mountain. I will be as the eagle who swoops down and brings you to the high place on My wings. Trust Me, My child. Trust Me. I will never let you down. Release the cockleburs to Me. Don't hold them any longer. Don't pull them close to yourself. It is My desire to propel you. Get ready! Rid yourself of the cockle burs and get ready!!! You are about to be launched into your destiny and My purpose! Read what My servants wrote in Psalms 34 and Hebrews 12. These are for you today and for this season. Do not despise small beginnings. It is a season of grooming. Do not harden your heart as they did in the rebellion. Trust Me to work all things for your good for you are truly called according to My purpose."

Supreme Court Dream

Jessica Miller

On Saturday night, (10-1-05) I was caught into a whirlwind after I went to bed. I was in a whirlwind or tornado type of place. It wasn't frightening. . . just forceful. I could hear voices. One in particular caught my attention; so I gravitated toward it. I couldn't see anyone or really anything, but I realized I was overhearing a conversation between the Lord and someone else (He may have been speaking to more than one).

He said it was IMPERATIVE that His choice for a woman to fill the vacant supreme court justice seat be according to HIS will. He and whoever He was discussing this with said it would be a war. . . but the church must wage battle to ensure her placement. I did not hear the name of the woman. . . only that it was a woman.

I thought it strange that I was overhearing this conversation. They emphasized the importance of the Church waging warfare NOW.

Then they discussed another very soon to be vacant seat, and that if the Church will guard over the Lord's choice, it will swing America into a glorious reversal of past errors.

The Lord reminded whoever He was speaking to about the incredible importance for the Church to cover the justices (Roberts, the woman, and the third one) with prayer to be protected from a liberal and humanistic spirit. I came out of that place and thought it odd. I told my daughters about it and the necessity of prayer.

Several mornings later, my daughter was watching the news and called to me to come see. It was about George Bush nominating a woman for the Justice seat. I am not sure if she is the woman, but I do know the Lord said we needed to engage in warfare to ensure the placement of a woman in the seat.

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Surfers

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> *"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." Isaiah 43:1-2*
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> *"He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death." Revelation 2:11*
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> *"If His people will walk in His judgment before the Judgment Day, that day will be glorious for them. If they do not live by them, they, too, will know the sorrow that the world is about to know." Rick Joyner, The Vision.*
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> *"Live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature … let us keep in step with the Spirit." Galatians 5:16,25.*

I saw Jesus clothed in white – surfing on a silver hover-board!! He was totally relaxed and full of joy – and whenever I see this vision I laugh inside – there's an anointing that comes with it. He is surfing over a lake of fire with total poise and confidence.

I begin the vision drowning in the fire myself – terrified of God's judgment, and bound by sin and possibly religious indoctrination. As this joy grew on me I realised that yes – everyone must face God's judgment on them personally, but it is **redemptive**, praise our saviour! It purifies us and lifts us up from the fallen race of Adam and from being Satan's children, to make us eligible citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven and children of the King!

He said inside me, *"Beloved son – do not fear the lake of fire. Everyone must pass through it – you've already past through a lot of it. The elect and the wise will ask Me for this process of purification now – rather than wait until they stand before My throne – because they have a passion for the Kingdom of Heaven to come to earth – now! And they want to be able to stand before my throne clothed in white with no shame left – then they can look me in the eye like a friend and brother – and share My ministry. These things are speeding up, Tim, there are called ones who I have called out by name – and they are coming forward to me now. They will fight through the fear, doubt and shame – it is your flesh that fears My fire because it knows it will die – your spirit loves it because it knows that the process will release your inner man – the one you are destined to be. Allow the fire to expose the fallen man of sin in you, then crucify yourself daily with Me, and allow the mind of Christ to totally invade you. You see – much of My church has truly come to the cross and have been saved and forgiven – but they have stopped there and not become* ***crucified with me****. This is simply a division between immaturity and maturity in my children. My closest disciples also take up their cross daily – because they know that I suffered for the joy set before Me. Yes – I know what you're thinking – about the scripture where I say to fear Him who can cast both body and soul into hell. But realise that this is aimed at the unrepentant sinner, and at the sinful nature in you. The fear of the Lord is the* ***beginning*** *of wisdom – because it drives you to the cross – but my hearts desire is not for my children to always be in terror of Me and be mere slaves – but to come forward into My embrace of love and be sons and daughters. I want them to take part in My* ***resurrection*** *also – and the sooner they repent and are crucified – the sooner I can resurrect them into their Kingdom nature – and then we will share the pure joy I promise! My crucifixion was only part of the process – I rose from the dead – and this is what you're going to do also. For those who want to follow me through the Cross I am going to start releasing them visions of their Kingdom destiny –*

so that they can begin to experience the same joy that kept Me going through My sufferings. Yes I am releasing a holy fear too – some this will unfortunately crush and terrify into the Kingdom, some will experience a mixture of fear and joy, and some will begin to surf even the largest of waves and fly with Me and upon Me. Some I will show the burning coals from among the cherubim as I did to Ezekiel – and like the prophets of old they will assist in My end-time mercy and judgments. When they leave this most Holy of Courtyards - My eyes will blaze with fire through their eyes. As I said to Rick Joyner – they will be trusted with the powers of the age to come. They will be clothed with a Holy Spirit mantle, and will carry with them the wind of fire, fear and joy. The wind will guide them and carry them – and they will winnow, judge, bless, rescue and release wherever they fly. Everyone is at a different stage of the journey – but run to Me – and we'll embrace, dance, and laugh I promise. The fears will fall away as old rags – no longer needed."

By the end of the vision – Jesus had lifted me tenderly up and placed me on my own silver surf board. He had joked with me about the prophets who are beginning to "surf the internet" and was teaching me how to laugh again. He is the Anointer, Author and Commander of this new internet network - the new "surfer anointing"! He had clothed me in a large red cloak which moved in the breeze. He had taught me how to remove the hooks in me that would drag me back into the fire – and He had removed everything in me which gave hell a hold on me - it was a done deal in the Spirit – even if this took the rest of my lifetime in the natural – the download of **joy** and promise was immediate. He had shown me both what my fallen man looks like, and what my new man looks like. He *was* the surf board – I stood on His word – and the Holy Spirit wind embraced me and guided me across the lake. I think it was just sparkling water by the end – leading to the yellow beaches of paradise.

The Race
Tim Cook

I was talking with a friend who felt that we (the church) were headed for some pretty difficult times up ahead. I said that maybe we needed God to warn us in advance what was coming so that we could be prepared. Then the Lord gave me this vision;

The Race
I saw the true church as a racing car zooming along a racetrack - it was already going pretty fast - and had quite a powerful engine. There were thorn bushes, pits, barricades and oil slicks on the road - but I knew that we had to ignore these and drive straight through. There were rules, or signposts;

1. NO SWERVING - STAY ON TRACK
2. KEEP INSIDE THE VEHICLE
3. NO PIT STOPS
4. ACCELERATE ONLY - NO BRAKING
5. AIM FOR THE UP RAMP

1. The car was almost on rails - and I could not steer it -because the Holy Spirit was - and He was not going to deviate from the true course for any reason - so it up to us to run and rest and ride with Him - to jump on board and trust Him. The car was running on God's Word - so it was on firm ground - the traps of the enemy were totally beneath us - and we drove though them as if they weren't there - we almost phased into another realm - because we were focused totally on the Lord. Joel 2:7,8 "They all march in line, not swerving from their course ... they plunge through defences without breaking ranks." Proverbs 4:25-27 "Let your eyes look straight ahead ... make level paths for your feet ... do not swerve ..." This way the enemy was crushed beneath our feet. When we focus too much on the problems and the activities of the enemy, we can lose sight of what the King is up to, and crash.

2. We must remain in Christ totally - and for me I have found that this can be a daily battle - to keep in

step with Him - sometimes He needs me to catch up - other times to slow down and rest. No distractions by the side of the road - we tell our children not to reach their hands out of the car - it's dangerous - we don't want to be snatched away by the roaring lion. Stay in the Vine and networked with the Body - so we can receive up to date nourishment and the divine strategies.

3. Jesus had nowhere on earth to lay His head - He rested (or had His home) in another heavenly Kingdom - so must we. We can no longer find comfort or support from the world, we cannot go down to Egypt, for this world is passing away - we seek a heavenly inheritance. The car was being constantly refueled and upgraded in transit - without stopping - as a military fighter plane can be re-fuelled in the air by the mother ship without landing. So it was unstoppable - and was not tempted by what the tempter was advertising by the side of the track. Like a weaned child is my soul within me (Psalms) and we rest satisfied on our Father's lap.

4. Do not try to slow down or stop the movement of the Holy Spirit in these days! He knows what He's doing and all we can do is enroll in the Army, and jump on board and say "use me Lord!". With regard to what God is doing today I keep seeing galloping horses - they know what they're doing - and we just have to saddle up and co-operate. When a horse is going to jump a hurdle - it bunches up it's muscles and speeds up. A car must accelerate towards a ramp-jump, not slow down! Amen. The righteous will get more righteous, and the evil more evil - but we shall leap over all the obstacles.

5. We are headed towards the time when we rise up to meet the Lord in the air - this is the up ramp at the end. The car does a victory leap into the air at the end because of it's speed and energy! Praise God. The closer we walk with Jesus - like Enoch - the more we shall exist on a higher plane and this world will be insignificant to us.

After the vision - I saw another picture. A young golden girl was playing hopscotch across holy and unholy stones - and she knew exactly what to do to win the game! A little child shall lead them - and the most innocent and child-like amongst us can sometimes see the way forward better than the rest.

Amen, Be Blessed
Tim Cook

My Brother
Tim Cook

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I hesitated back in the war room. I watched the tall black-haired man, and the young blond boy. But he looked up and smiled again – so I went over – and became the boy.

“Jesus …? *Yes – where have you been – I’ve been waiting for you!*

Sorry Lord – you just don’t look like Jesus somehow. *I’ve appeared here as your elder brother … why? … Because you need an elder brother – and I want to relate to you sometimes as co-warriors for the Kingdom. I will appear to my children as mother, father, brother and sister as they have need. Brothers have a special bond – they support and protect each other – and can be quite playful.”* He winked.

“Wow - that’s wonderful! Also – I’m ashamed to say that the enemy was telling me all sorts of lies about this vision – sorry. *I understand. Remember – you will know Me when you stand with Me and rest under My voice – and the deeper the vision the greater the spiritual resistance on you.*

Amen! *And what did your heart tell you?* That this is the end-time war room.” He nodded, *“Close enough”.* We were silent for a while. “Lord – it will be so great when you have come to Earth and begin to heal and restore it – and to re-design all of the kingdoms of this world – presumably from your HQ in Jerusalem.” He smiled and nodded. *“I know you have questions about that…”* We shared some more thoughts.

“Sometimes you blow my mind Lord! …” I looked down and sighed my pain … He ruffled my hair affectionately … *“I know, Tim …”* Then he placed His hand on my chest. He leaned down, looked into my eyes and whispered so tenderly, *“Do not fear the Tribulation my love”.* This totally dissolved me – tears leaped to my eyes. He knew I had been in agonies over Revelation again. “I want to hug you. *We just did – you can’t see it – but that’s why you’re crying”*

I wept as I looked at Him again. “You are the most beautiful person I’ve ever seen. *I’m letting you see true nobility – Tim – true courage requires …?* Real danger and real pain and real battles – I understand. Lord – the devil …” I glanced to a corner … *“I know – he spews contradictions and blasphemies into your mind during every vision. Why do I allow him to be present …? Because he still has some strongholds in you, and as – er - ‘prince of this world’ - he is allowed to witness certain things.”* He glanced upwards in mock exasperation – and His use of heavily sarcastic speech marks had me in stitches.

“Laughter, joy, Tim – you need it. It’s your strength. Why are many of my soldiers losing the fight and the will to fight? Loss of joy and love – Jezebel is too strong for us!”, I blurted. “Her traps … *yes, they are strong and numerous – so you need the* ***joy****! You need to know the* ***reasons*** *to be pure – what’s the reward, the inheritance, yes?”* He took out a small silver flask – and anointed my head. *“Give My joy to my people, Tim … tell them about My mansions, share what I show you. Show then their destiny! Then they can fight the good fight with true zeal.”* Only Jesus could make me laugh and cry at the same time! “How I love your oil of joy Lord! Oh Jesus … if only people could see you like this they would come to you in droves …!” He smiled and nodded – this had been on His heart also.

He looked up to the top of the dome – and seemed to gaze wistfully at the stars – and sighed. *“Oh Tim, there’s* ***so*** *much I want to show you …”* He seemed frustrated. “I know Jesus, I’m sorry I’m not ready – please make me ready.”

He closed His eyes and breathed deeply … “*Why is Creation groaning and travailing?* **For the sons of God to come into their own!**” For some reason I stamped my foot and slammed my fist on the table with a passion, “Oh Jesus – make it here, make it **now**! Please - I beg!” And I collapsed and groaned, and sobbed there’s far too much pain in this world – and my heart was just breaking yet again.

And He lifted back His head and shouted to the Heavens at the top of His voice. We groaned and roared “Aaaaaaargh!”

In another realm a hundred thousand warriors thumped their spears on the ground and yelled in perfect unison.

In another realm a pregnant woman in labour screamed piercingly loud.

In another realm a warrior princess in dazzling armour screamed a triumphant ululation.

In another realm the Lion roared.

The whole Universe shouted a resounding YES and trembled.

And a new baby was born – bloody and crying. Silence … we all panted and shook.

“Jesus. You know what I think …? I think that Your Kingdom has come – and is here and now. *Shhh … don’t tell anyone.* I looked to check that He was joking. “Behold I come as a thief.” He grew sober …. “Oh God – please we need time to wear our clean clothes – but more than time we need Your help to **make** us do it.” He nodded seriously.

A familiar poison rose in my throat - “Oh please – not again – no more pain please. *Sorry Tim – I* ***must*** *deal in realities – Jezebel has some hooks in you, but I* ***will*** *set you free.”* There was yet more deliverance as He illuminated the demonic chains and hooks and washed me in His blood as I repented – it had seemed so unending. Then we looked at the last manacle on my left ankle. Again – I was trembling with fear.

He chuckled – *“Tim – what is the last enemy to be conquered …?”* And the light began to dawn as I grinned … “It’s death! And the truth shall set you free – Lord I thought I was damned to hell or something with this manacle on me! Bless you. *Everyone has to die since the Fall.”* But I’m sure there was a glint in His eye – a John 8:51 kind of glint.

We pulled ourselves together and He took me back to the causeway and helped me back onto my horse. He began fussing with the harness and my armour and tutting to Himself. *“Look soldier, you need to spruce up your armour, and look after this horse – she’s very nervous and battle-muddied.* Sorry Jesus – please help me … who or what is the horse Lord? *You don’t need to know – just trust her and care for her – she knows what to do and will work with you in the visions. The horses know their destinies and can fly.*”

We began to think about the road ahead. I began to feel depressed and battered.

“Talk to Me, Tim. Oh Lord – I so easily lose the joy of Your presence. I feel that every vision is preceded by intense spiritual attack and then I fall all the way into hell afterwards and am torn apart by God Himself. I feel nothing but poison in my head and stomach and hell fire all over my body. I don’t know how I will survive. I can’t do this. Sorry about being petulant.” He sighed gently - tenderly. *“I have torn that I may heal – you must allow the pain to identify the strongholds so I can heal you. You’ve begged me to make you pure and I’m afraid there’s no painless cure – you* ***know*** *this but have bravely submitted everything to the scalpel anyway. The pain of healing is better than the pain of sin – because one is temporary and to deliver – and the other is permanent and destructive. But you have almost seen enough of hell…. Trust Me for the Joy – it will leap out at you at unexpected times – from a sunset, a cloudscape, a starscape, a worship song, even a line that God has planted in a film or TV show specifically for you, or in a sudden Holy Spirit wisecrack inside, or I’ll drag you back to one of your favourite encounters with Me. You know these things, but let’s verbalise them. “*

He was brushing the horses coat steadily, head down …. *“Talk to Me Tim – you don’t know how to pray, but ….?”*

“Yes! The Holy Spirit in me does and the Father knows we are weak and delights to give good gifts and the desires of their hearts … Jesus please give me a constant flow of the spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17). *Agreed …. Why?* Because without a vision the people perish. *Yes, and?* So that we may know the Father better. *Good, and?* Because You want your people to see and possess their inheritance. *Yes.* And the true Spirit of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy!” He smiled.

He nodded and began stroking and whispering to the horses face… *Why do the people perish without vision?* Because we were made for – and have lost Paradise. *Yes, and?* Because we need fresh bread daily on top of the Scriptures so that we have nourishment and divine strategies for our lives. *Good – and?* Because the enemy has prepared false christs with false visions for those spiritually lost and confused. *Correct – and?* We will be led astray by the false if we don't understand the true. *He nodded – and moved round to brush the right side of the horse.* Toddlers need colour and variety to grow and flourish. *Well said … what did I give you yesterday.* Oh yes! A handful of small diamonds in a pouch. *Will you look after and care for those?* Yes Lord, help me."

"Can I have the Spirit of Counsel? *At times, yes.* And the Spirit of might? Oh and especially discernment! *…?* Because I have some big dragons ahead – and the angels of light are arrayed against me like a legion of … *OK don't panic!* He smiled again – I'm sure I was amusing Him. *"Angels will guard and protect you, go ahead and lift you up. And discernment comes with practice – and for that you need to be confronted with both the true and false spirits."* Peace was coming. "Hey – why …? *… do I not usually let you see angels even though you've asked to see and other people do … there are reasons and you suspect some of them – but for now I need you to trust Me on that issue. Also – your own visions will protect you because they are My words to you and in you, and they carry with them the atmosphere of Heaven. I will inhabit your visions and where I AM …?* There can dwell no unclean thing! Thank you Lord.*"*

"Why the Spirit of Counsel specifically? Well Lord, and forgive me if I'm wrong, but I think the key is found in John 15. Also I learned a valuable principle from Graeme Cooke's "Crafted Prayer". Get close to the Father – and try to listen in on what is the conversation about oneself (and ones nation) between the Father, the Spirit and the Son – then ask for things in line with that. Because there then comes a point – if we can get close enough - where we can ask for *anything* of the Father in Your name and it *will* be done. *Amen.* Amen. It could almost be said … *yes? …* it sounds presumptuous … *say it* … that we temporarily become a part of the Counsel ourselves. *That is reasonable and logical – and also scriptural.* Phew – Thank You!*"*

"Can I have the mantle of humility? *Done. Why?* Because I'm so proud. *What do you see in your heart?* I see Satan enthroned in the heart of man – standing on a heap of ashes – still demanding that You worship him. *Will that keep you humble?* I think that it will drive me mad. Again He smiled despite Himself. *If that doesn't work then …* then I will be visited again by messengers from Satan to blaspheme and torment me (by the way I still want to die)." He smiled and laughed, *"Oh Tim – you do make me laugh. And …?* And Jezebel will display in my minds eye her lewd and perverted images with which she floods the mind of man, and smother me with acid. And demons will remind me of my worst past sins, and … *OK – do you reckon that should be enough?* I think that that should do the trick. *Stop making me laugh! Oh please – you always make me cry too."* He seemed to stumble and almost collapse momentarily. *Now – do you understand why Paul boasted in his weaknesses and his sufferings?* Too right. *When you look back you will be amazed at what we have accomplished together and Hell will shudder when the sons of the Kingdom come. Also – haven't you forgotten something?* Oh yes – In Your Name I plant the Cross of Jesus Christ inside that deepest place of the heart of man, and we bow down to Jesus – and **every** knee shall bow – and we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord – let Him reign in our hearts – let His forgiving blood flow and cleanse and heal – and recapture those lost and hidden places. Remove every hook, image, whisper and device of Jezebel from the mind of man, and bind and silence every demon, please. Send them all far from our shores Jesus, oh – and please keep the Antichrist away from my country. Amen.*"*

He had been encouraging and affirming me every faltering step. *"What's the difference between affirmation and flattery?* **Flattery** inflates one's pride with a false sense of power in order to get hooks of control in you and make slaves, it's demonic because the angels of light can then dash your hopes to the ground and mock your disappointment, thereby damaging our faith in a loving God. It basically comes down to Satan offering us the kingdoms of this world in order to be king over us; and **affirmation** builds up ones own sense of self worth, strength and destiny and makes sons *… why now,* *why do men need ….* Because we men were not affirmed constantly by our fathers and older brothers and so have lost our self-image, and self-worth, and inner centre of strength and zeal to fight Jezebel – we're vulnerable – and we don't have a clue how to really love. Sorry if I'm generalising too much. Only You can make us warriors and sons, and brothers and fathers Jesus – thank you – please … *complete the good work I have begun in you and present you perfect to the Father …?* Thank you for those promises Lord!"

"Can you make me perfect in Love? *Yes – because?* If we don't learn to love then we have lost the whole point and are not Your disciples … *and the highest form of love is …?* To lay down ones life for ones friends… and … of course! Moses had to share in the sufferings of his people before you arranged the exodus … and … *and the other prayers you have already prayed and they will come to you as you need them. Right"* Jesus straightened up and playfully slapped the rump of the horse … *"Go – fight the good fight … and* ***don't*** *despair – I have overcome the world! Oh – just before you go … why do I sometimes hide from you and appear to vanish or be distant – or even angry – and allow the wolves to close in?* Oh Lord … I'm too tired and that's such a big question … but I know there are good reasons and I have to trust You even when I'm angry at You and feel betrayed by You. *Yes – go and sleep – but think about it – and believe that it will be worth it!* There's a Cosmic Dance – it would be good to learn the steps so we can dance with You – and walk with You again in the cool of the evening – as we did in the Garden.*"*

Start With The Babies

David Walters

How do we make our children mighty for God?

We must start ministering the presence of God while they are still in the womb. Remember John the Baptist responded when Mary greeted her cousin Elizabeth. "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy"

(Lk.1:44). Also John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb. (See Lk.1:15.) We cannot preach salvation messages to infants and expect them to repent and respond to an altar call, but we can minister to their spirits. Their minds may not understand, but because they are spiritual beings they will respond to the presence of God.

That is why it is necessary to have anointed people working in the nursery. They are not there just to change diapers and feeding bottles, but they are called to be custodians of destiny.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (Jer.1:5). We have seen nursery's turned around from disaster area's to anointed school's of the spirit. No unsaved people should work in a church nursery. No teenage girls, if they are only doing it to escape the service. No negative people, who complain and talk about all the problems of the church. Use the anointed people with a real call to the infants upon their lives. Create a wholesome spiritual atmosphere, where the presence of God is evident. Read the word of God over the infants, pray over them, sing the songs of Zion over them; that way you will minister to their spirits.

Many children's pastors have become frustrated because they are never allowed to occupy the adult pulpit, even though a number of them have an awesome anointing and are very capable preachers. Although the Lord doesn't see it this way, they feel that they have been relegated solely to the "little league," so they are barred from entering the major league. It would also be very uncommon to bring the children into the main sanctuary to testify or minister. Usually the senior pastor's policy is, "out of sight, out of mind." As long as there are no serious problems, leave well alone. So we have two separate entities in the same church, and never the twain shall meet. Serious investment in our children's spiritual development has not been popular, "after all they don't tithe, they can't do anything important." But the Lord doesn't think about them that way. Jesus said in John 21 "Feed my lambs," [first] before He said "feed my sheep." Traditionally, we have done the opposite, we have fed the sheep and thrown crumbs to the lambs.

There is no male or female, black or white, or age, in the spirit. God is eternal, therefore He dwells in eternity, not time. Time is a man-made concept. The spirit realm is eternal. Our names were written in the book of life, before the foundation of the world.

Children and youth are not given a baby or a junior Holy Spirit when they become Christians. The great Methodist preacher, John Wesley wrote in his journals that "children spoke with the wisdom of the aged." I tell little children that they can have children right now and old people can still have kids. The reproductive organ in the Spirit is the mouth. When Jesus told the parable of the sower, He said the seed was the word of God. If little ones can speak under the anointing and tell their friends about

Jesus the seed comes out of their mouths and goes into the ears of their friends. If it drops into their friend's heart then they become pregnant with the Holy Spirit or born again and the little child has born fruit or reproduced. "Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth was God's first command to man. Now he wants us, the children and the old folk to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the Kingdom.

A NEW BREED

I have been ministering a radical message about children and youth for the last ten years and now tremendous breakthroughs are happening in churches where the senior pastors are catching the vision. No longer are our children being locked away in a back room and baby-sat or entertained, but they are taking their place alongside the rest of the body to become mighty warriors for Christ.

Parents are now taking responsibility to train their children up in the way they should go, according to Proverbs. This is a scripture with a command and then a promise. "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old [independent] he will not depart from it (Prov.22:6). What is the way he should go? Not the child's own way, or the world's way, but God's way! Some people have said, "I raised my kids the best way I could." We don't raise kids, we raise chickens; we are to train or disciple our children. For those of us who have seriously committed to train our children, we are beginning to apprehend the promise that they will not depart from it.

Serious training of children means that we do not give them choices, but we teach them to obey. I have been in churches where people have said to me, "I wish my seven year old daughter would have been here tonight. Such a wonderful anointing it was just what she needed." Why didn't she come?" I ask. "She did not want too." is the reply. "Why didn't you make her come?" I ask. "Oh if we force her, we will turn her off, so we are waiting until she is ready and wants to come" is often the reply Whether we have a twelve year old boy who doesn't want to come, because he plans to spend the night with his friend, or a reluctant teenager, who rarely wants to come even on a Sunday, that should be unacceptable.

My answer to these people is "Oh! so when it's time to go to school you give them a choice do you?" "You don't make them take a shower, brush their teeth eat their vegetables, you just let them do what they want?" Of course not. Why do we consider those things more important than spiritual things. Is the school teacher more important than God? Can children and youth run around at school during lessons, walk out to the bathroom ten times, play with toys, talk, or fall asleep like they often do in church? The first thing I do when I preach at churches is to lay down the rules. Believe me the children and youth respond. They even warn their parents to pay attention and not to wander out to the bathroom unless it's a real emergency. Praise God it works.

FAITH IN OUR CHILDREN

God has more faith in children than we do. If He can speak through the mouth of a donkey, speak out of a bush, and part the Red Sea with a stick, He can certainly use a child. Age is not the criteria, but willingness. The only limitation that children or youth have in God, is what we adults put on them.

The Bible has many accounts of children and youth involved in the Lord's business. Samuel ministered to the Lord as an infant. (1.Sam.2:11,18.)

Infants cried out praises to Jesus. (Mat.21:15-16.) Parents brought their children to Jesus that He might anoint them. (Lk.18:15-16.)

Jesus was strong in spirit and about His Father's business at the age of twelve. Lk.2:40-49.) Children attended Jesus' meetings.

The little boy with the loaves and fishes was available and so the five thousand men were fed, not including the women and children.

The following teenagers were used.

Joseph had two dreams when he was seventeen. (Gen.37:2-11.)

The young lad Samuel had a word of rebuke for Eli the high priest even though he was afraid to give it at first. (1.Sam 3:4-18.)

Young David slew Goliath even though he was told he was too young to fight. (1.Sam.17:33.) Sounds like our modern churches.

The Lord rebuked Jeremiah when he tried to use his age as an excuse for not serving God. (Jer.1:6-8.)

God chose a little teenage peasant girl called Mary to be the most honored woman in all of history (Lk.1:26-31.)

Teenage Timothy was able to fulfill his calling as a teenager under opposition, because he had a godly mother and grandmother who were able to instill in him a genuine faith. (1.Tim.1:5. 1.Tim.4.12.)

"But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;" (1.Cor.1:27)

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Standing When There Is Nothing Underneath You

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We have entered a season of change that has passed the point of no return. We have crossed over into a time of absolute revolution and reformation, but also of transfiguration. All that we knew as fact, is changing, as God challenges our mindsets and ideas of what is Him and not.

Circumstances around us will change but also increase in intensity as we walk out these days before us. There is nothing that we can place our hope or faith in but Christ, that will be solid from here on out. Either we absolutely let go of our ways of thinking and absolutely trust in Him, or we will stumble, fall, and deny Him in the end. Self preservation is strong in our humanity, and we must die to our resources and abilities and lay them at His feet.

We have undergone extreme pressures as a family lately, with no light at all around us at times, and no way out of our struggles. The Lord has a reason for everything that comes to us, so we had to find Him in it, and embrace Him in it. When I saw that it did not matter if we understood the circumstance, and it did not matter if we had an answer to it, all that mattered was that we were totally given to Him in it, and left the outcome to Him.

When we came to that point, then the breaking began, and a release began to come, and answers began to be understood. God is after the hearts of His People. He will not be second place in our lives, nor at the beck and call of our little bells that we ring when we want something our way. It is time to grow up. If we can’t take the heat now, what will we do later? We will run.

It is time to stand. The Lord told me that it is time to stand. Even if we are surrounded by a thousand legions of demons, total darkness, and no hope. We are to stand. For our Hope and Life comes from Him and it is within us. We must begin to draw from Him within us, and not run to every fix it solution out in the world. If we do not draw from our relationship with Him, then we are truly devoid of hope and are lost. For He is our Life. We say that easily, but to really mean it, means it is put to the test. Is He really our life? He will test that. So will the enemy.

Radical living will be the norm from here on out. Either we fully trust Him, no matter what, or we don’t. Our faith is determined by our words and our actions. What are we saying and doing? Our words will match our walk. There is no lip service anymore. We will live by our words. Life or death is in the power of the tongue. We can no longer afford to bless and curse. It is only Holiness that will come forth out of us, and be seen.

This is fashioned in us through the fiery trials. Jesus learned obedience through suffering and so do we. But we also learn and get smart, and yield and surrender. We must move on, past the elementary teachings, and begin to walk out the meat of the Word, in the Church. That is where we are coming to now.

The walking out of our faith with fear and trembling. The fear of the Lord has returned, and either we reverence Him or He will judge those who do not, amongst His Own. We must change. We must be vessels that are prepared and that await His Summons. He is breaking all things open, and we will be poured out.

But what is poured out of us, is up to us individually. We determine what is seen. We determine what is counted as an offering of righteousness to Him.

No longer can we go our ways, throughout our days, without His direct influence in all things. Either He is God throughout our day and in every decision, or He is not. That is hard for the worldly church, for we like our comforts and independence. That day is over.

As our family has walked out these trials, we have come to see our utter dependence upon the Lord and upon each other. No one can out pull the other, but we must carry the duties and weight together as Christ leads us. This leads to honesty, and humility. This leads to bearing each others burdens.

Are we really honest when we say, that we will lay our lives down for our brothers? God will test those words as well. So will the enemy. We will know what it means to care for each other. For we are the Body of Christ that is sown into the earth, and for a witness. Great changes will bring radical living that will bring great transfiguration and freedom to Gods People.

The tests only break open the vessel so His Glory can be poured out. We just have to be willing to be broken, so that He can be seen. The breaking forth has only begun, and we must embrace Him in it, and allow it's work to be accomplished. It's not about us, it's all about the Father, and what he is wanting to accomplish in and through us. So we surrender.

At the same time, there is a tremendous release and empowerment happening concurrently to the breaking. The Father is pouring Hid Fire and Glory into those who are willing to be broken. He is totally inhabiting and filling up those who have been purged, refined, and broken. He is healing, delivering, and setting those free who have cried out for change. Radical lives given for the radical witness of God.

The pouring in of His Love, His Holiness, and His Truth has been bringing forth a surge of revelation and understanding. Great clarity is beginning to be formed as we sit at His feet and heed His Voice. Change brings revolution to our thinking and mindsets. The Remnant is rising up changed, and full of the Holy Spirit and Fire. They are coming forth full of His Grace and Wisdom, as they know where they have come from, and who saved them. They are nothing without their Lord.

The outpouring of Love amongst His Own is also coming forth, as we perceive the Grace of God within each other. We begin to minister to the person of Christ within each one, and to the Body of Christ. We esteem each other as our own self and help them where they need it, as we walk this hour out. Change brings the Body together, and we have awaited this day.

Our family has begun to experience this change, as the outpouring of love and help was given to us through many of His Body, and shown to us in this season. This has brought change to us as we saw the faithfulness of God, through the vessels He sent.

When we give, others give and when we change, others are changed. We need each other, and we won't stand without each other. We give thanks to our Lord for the family of God who are walking these days out with us. May we all obtain the high calling and reach the goal in Christ Jesus.
The greater shaking hasn't even begun yet, but we all have our feet firmly planted in Christ, and we press on knowing from whence we have been saved and called, and we look forwards to our Lord.

We have a great calling and destiny to fulfill, and we have only birthed forth, and have not yet fully entered into that, but we are walking it out, day by day, together. Let us do so with fear and trembling, knowing our days are numbered, but also with Joy, knowing our Lord has empowered us for this day and is with us.

Our God is Holy and He is a Consuming Fire.

His Vessels are Holy and are filled with His Holy Fire.

He is pouring out both.

We will stand when there seems to be nothing underneath us, because our foundation is our Lord and He holds us all in His hands, and we are being lifted up to rule and reign with Christ, seated with Him in the heavenly places. We are no longer limited by time and space, but can do all things because of His grace!

Our thanks is given to God foremost for His Mercy and His Foreknowledge of all things, and what we need. Then we turn and become that answer for someone else, as the Lord brings them by our sides.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with and in you all.

-Susan Cummings
7-24-05
8:32 pm

The Great Breaking Experience
Susan Cummings

I have just awakened from a late afternoon nap. Just before fully awakening, I began to feel like I was being lifted up in the spirit. I began to see great cracks appear in the earth all over. From my vantage place, I saw great deep cracks in the road systems and in areas of the US appear. Some areas were undriveable and impassable as the roads were now broken open.

I also saw fire shoot up from some cracks as the pressure was released through some of them. Not from all. It seemed to be specific in it's areas, depending upon where the pressure was the greatest. But it rose up high in some places. There was a roar as the fire rose up from them.

I saw some people who had to place a long ladder across the cracks to get to the other side.

I also saw that it was not earthquake specific, meaning, that I did not see one that caused this. It seemed to be caused by the great pressures already built up in the earth that was bringing the land to the cracking stage, and not from one specific thing, as this seemed to be happening.

Note: Although, from my experience I don't know if there was an earthquake that brought on this final breaking, I just did not see one in this experience, nor was I told of one by the Lord specifically. I am only relating what I saw and heard from the Lord…..

The Lord also began to show me a spiritual aspect to this scene also before I awoke.

He said to me that the great pressures that He has been applying to His Own, was at the point of birthing now. It would break forth and great areas would burst forth with a tremendous release of His Spirit and of Fire. Some areas would experience more breaking than others, but all would be affected by the event.

The fires would erupt forth from seemingly little known people as He has kept them hidden till now, but the breaking forth, would see them emerge, no longer hidden. What the Lord did under the season of pressure, would now be released through His People as His great Power.

Nothing can stop the natural or the spiritual breaking or the releases. It is set and will burst forth.

I awoke and thought of this vision and the clock said 6:43 pm.

-Susan Cummings
07-23-05

The Lord then reminded me of the Vision of the Great Hall Part 2:

Vision Of The Great Hall- Part 2

I see myself standing before the desert. I am back at the place of my birth. I look at the vast expanse before me, and try to decide what to do next. I look back behind me, and the Great Hall is still there. It is a strange comfort to me now. I feel pulled to the Door, yet, I know that I must go back into the desert.

So, I turn and begin my journey back into the rolling sands of the desert. It doesn't feel like a desert to me though. I am puzzled. It is the same desert that I just came out of, yet, it is not the same anymore. I have changed. The desert is not one with me anymore. I feel a range of emotions well up from within me, and yet I feel comforted at the same time. I was thinking about these things while I was walking along.

I began to hear a faint whirring noise coming from the East. I don't know how I knew it was East, because in the natural, I don't know directions, but here, I just knew it. The sound puzzled me at first. It began to get closer. I then realized that it was not a whirring noise after all, it was a huge sandstorm that was heading my direction. I saw it coming, and I began to look for a shelter of some sort. I looked around, and there was nothing but brush and sparse vegetation here and there. There was no where to go. I began to feel panic trying to rush through my mind, but I felt the Lord say to me to light my candle. I thought to myself, what good is a candle in a sand storm? But I did light it anyway.

The sandstorm came closer, and I lit my candle. It's little flame began to flicker in the wind. The closer the sandstorm got, the bigger my little flame got. I was surprised. The, the storm reached where I was standing, and I braced myself for the impact. But I was totally shocked that I felt nothing but a light breeze rush by me! The sand did not beat at me, but it circled around me! I was in an eye of some sorts. My flame was steady and bright. I looked around me, and the sand whirled and raced by, and it was a red sand. I did not know there was red sand in America. But this sand was red.

I stood there in the storm sheltered, and unaffected. I don't know how long it was, but I was calm and steady. When it began to subside, I began to look around, and to check out what had happened. Everything that was growing outside for vegetation was gone. It was all stripped away. The land was totally flat, and there was nothing for miles around. The sandstorm had stripped the land bare.

I stood there wondering what to do next. The Lord's voice spoke to me to release the fire from my censer upon the ground. I thought to myself, why there is nothing to burn!

But I reached out my censer that was full of fire, and took some of it and let it fall upon the ground. The fire hit the ground and it began to race upon the ground like streaks of lightning. It would flash here and there, and it would streak back and forth.

I watched it in amazement for it was running along the ground very fast. There was no wind to carry it. It burned and it flashed on it's own volition. I did notice that the path that it took was focused and direct. What I did not realize was that it was marking out the land. It was drawing patterns in the ground. Burning outlines in the ground. Then, all of a sudden, it stopped. The fire just ceased. It vanished.

I stood there wondering where it went. The ground looked like a checkerboard of sorts.

The lines were deeply etched and scorched into the ground. I walked over to a place that was marked and I began to feel the markings. They were smoldering and were very strong smelling. It reminded me of burnt flesh.

I stood up and the ground began to shake beneath my feet. I looked down, and the ground opened up, and I saw people come up out of the marked areas. There were steps leading down into the ground where they had been hidden below the ground. I was amazed! There were multitudes who were coming up out of the ground. There were men, women, and children. They were very strong and fierce looking people. They began to come up to me, and to greet me!

I began to laugh and was so overcome with Joy at seeing them, that I could not stand. So I sat before them rejoicing.

Then, I heard the Lord speak to all of us………….

What you have witnessed is the stripping away of all of the facades and the covers that have hidden the truth from my people. I have come with my fury and have blown away every opposing force that has hindered them, and that has tried to destroy them. I have also removed every high place and every manmade thing that has stood in the way of my Remnant.

Now my fury will be seen upon the rebellious and the wicked. I have brought forth the Indignation, and it will not be quenched till the cup is full of my Vindication.

My Holy Fire has wrought a Holy Work within My Own, and it has fashioned them and tempered them. They are now prepared to release My Righteous Judgments in the earth. The fire has ran it's course in the earth, seeking those who would embrace it. Those who embraced it were sheltered within it's flames. Now they are brought forth to pour it out upon the earth. For My Holiness will be seen in My People!

The land will no longer hide the sin. It will spew it forth for all to see. Everything will now be shown for what it is, and will be judged by it's fruit. Great darkness follows the Storms. The Word bears witness to the Truth. Many will not heed the Truth, nor the Storms. For none sees the handwriting on the wall.

The reason you were overcome with Joy at the sight of My servants rising up out of the ground, is because they have been hidden, and have now been brought forth. You have foretold their coming. They have entered into their season of release. Now it will spring forth! Many will recognize them, and they know you. For all are knit together in My House. My House is complete.

Take heed to My Word, and behold……….

For now, it comes to pass before your very eyes……………

Susan Cummings

6-8-02
12:00 am

Stop Wrestling With Your Weaknesses
Susan Cummings

Stop wrestling with your weaknesses and give them to Me. The more you wrestle, the more you become entangled. The more you become entangled, the more you fall into condemnation and guilt. Stop and look at the situation, and place it all in My Hands. You cannot change it. I can.

You strive and labor and push till you are wore out. This is not the place of rest that I desire for you. Stop the fleshly works and come to Me. You cannot accomplish anything for Me until you do. For you are in a place of much activity, yet little fruit. Count the times that you are frustrated and angry. Give me the anger and the frustrations. Allow Me to become your Peace.

The enemy desires to bring My People into captivity through areas that they are not settled in. If you have an area where you are striving, or working, or tempted in, then you will be sifted. He desires to defile all that are seeking Me, and to bring them back to captivity. Take no more thought for the sin, and how you can get free, but recognise the devices of the enemy, and come to Me. Only My Blood can set you free.

You are an earthen vessel, which I created. I know your weaknesses. I know your strengths. I know your thoughts. I know your every move, before you make them. So, stop striving and move forth from where you are, and come closer to me. The fears that torment you will no longer have any voice or power over you. For I AM your Peace. Place your hand in Mine, and walk with Me. I will make a way through it all, and bring forth My Light and Truth into your life.

Come and walk with Me.
Susan Cummings
10-12-05 2:45 am
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http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords

A Walk In The Garden
Susan Cummings

I have had a reoccurring flash vision over the past few days. I have waited till I got the full understanding about what I was seeing and what the Lord was trying to communicate to them through it. The following encounter will hopefully be clear and understandable.

I am walking down a path, which seems to be at the edge of an area of woodland or at the juncture of the woods and a prairie area. I do not know which. But it is at the point of a change of landscape.

This path is well worn and has the feel of familiarity even though I haven’t been on it before, to my knowledge. I feel such peace here, as I have always loved the woods and the country. I feel at home and secure as I walk alone along the path.

The path turns and curves along the edge of the woods and begins to wind around into an area of tangled bushes and brambles. I can still see the path ahead of me and it goes right through the bushes, as the way has been made before, and the bushes don’t seem to grow over the path, but come up alongside of it as if it were sheltering the path instead.

I continue to walk, and just as I pass the entrance of the bushes, I stop in amazement. Behind the entrance of the bushes, there is a vast garden spread out before me. The bushes made a covering and a wall of protection for the garden, it seems. What a wonderful place.

It was a garden of exceptional beauty and design. The colors were so vivid and seemed to be illuminated somehow. The trees and plants all stood out, as if each were the focus. Everything had a distinct individuality, but each was seen and formed the whole of the garden. It was like they all had an identity and were alive and a part of the Body somehow. Like people were. I could feel the life from within all of the creation in this garden. I felt strong and alive in here. There was a source of strength from within them that helped me to also be complete.

“Yes”, said the Lord, “My life is in all things I created and all things are a part of Me, so all things are in harmony.”

I turned and the Lord was sitting on the ground near me, and had been watching me as I had entered the garden and was examining things. I went over to Him and sat by Him.

I said, “Lord, this garden was hidden by the bushes and brambles in the area, near the woods. Yet this garden seems to be not of this world.” The Lord nodded and said, “It isn’t.”

“I told you that the Kingdom of God is within you. This is the outer edge of My Kingdom. It is the place of My Rest. In Hebrews I tell you of the entrance into My Rest, but few believe, and enter in. My Word is a Living Word that lives within each of My People. But only those who truly believe that Word and act on it, will enter in. You have chosen to follow Me and to believe in Me. That is why you can enter in and be refreshed.”

“In the Song of Solomon, I called to My People to enter in and become one with Me, but few do. I have a place of Intimacy and Union for all who are Mine, to know Me and to walk with Me in, and to draw from Me those things that they need. But so many are more concerned with their lives and plans and paths, that they have lost their vision and love for Me.”

“The bushes and brambles that were around this garden is the flesh that covers your heart and life. As I told you in the last experience, that only those who entered through surrender, could follow Me And walk further into their destinies. When I am allowed to burn up the brambles and things in your life that hinder you and block your heart from Me, then you can walk fully in Me.”

“The path was not totally covered by the brambles, because you have opened your heart fully to Me. You have made a way for Me, and a place for Me to abide with you. So, you can freely come in and go out now. The way has been laid and now you can walk upon it, and partake and sup with Me. But you must continue to come and more than ever. You must come daily, and sup with Me. You must fully abide with Me, and learn of Me. You must clear all of the things from the borders of the garden of your mind and heart.”

“The woods and trees are the religious teachings and trainings of men that you have had to navigate to find Me in the midst. I AM always in your midst, but much of the world has blocked My People from fully abiding in Me. There is so much distractions that still draw you away from Me. But you are coming more and that pleases Me. You must cut off all distractions and walk with more focus and vision.”

“The more you cut off the distractions and ways of men, the clearer your vision will become. There is so much built in the world that is not Mine, but has My Name upon it. What is not truly built by Me is a distraction and a hindrance to My People. I am cutting off all that hinders Mine, and bringing My People into a sharp focus and clarity. Those who truly love Me will come to Me, and inquire, and I will give them wisdom.”

“The Life that flows through all of My Garden is within you. I told you that My Kingdom is within you. All that I AM is within you. All that I have is going to come out of you, and bring change, as you embrace Me, and allow Me to work. I have a rest and a refreshing from within, if My People would just look within and see Me at work. So much from without allures, entices, and diverts My People. They constantly run to And fro looking from without for Me. But if I abide in you And you abide in Me, then start where I am found.”

“As I transform you from within, then I begin to work outwards. I begin to be seen in demonstration as My Life from within you works outwardly. It is the union with Me that comes forth. I AM the Resurrection and the Life. What I AM, will come forth, as you walk further on with Me, and yield fully to Me.”

‘The illumination of the plants and creation is My Spirit that is breathed into all things. All things came forth from Me and were created by Me. My Life and Breath are in all things. Everything that is made did come from Me, and was birthed forth from My Love. The individuality of each plant and created thing is the mystery. I make all things according to My Image, and all things reflect Me and give a knowledge of a portion of Me. When I created, all things came forth from Me, so they all reflect who I AM and give forth My Life. That is why you could see them each as individual and as a whole. For I am the whole, I AM in all things.”

“This is also a reflection of My Purposes that I am working out within you and within all of My People. I am fashioning each into their parts and also into the whole. Each part reflects Me and an aspect of Me through their life that others need to see. But each points to Me and teaches about Me through their lives. My Body is a Living Body. I am the Life of My Body.”

“As you learn to abide in Me, you become fully illuminated by Me, by My Word that works within you, and by the amount of surrender that you have given to Me. The more you give over to Me, to My complete Lordship and direction, the more you reflect My Life and Light. Then others also begin to walk with Me, and enter in as they see you do so. This brings a working out of the Body into complete harmony as you see here in the garden.”

“There is no struggle here in the garden. There is no competition, no jealousy, no disregard, or hatred, or striving. Each plant here, is a part of Me, and each rejoices in their place and sharing of My Heart. Each protects the other and sustains the other, for the life they have is tied into the next, as they all share My Life. That unity is what you will walk in, child, as you further walk with Me.”

“As you learn to abide more in Me, and the others that walk with you learn to abide in Me, then you can walk in harmony with Me. Then you will walk with others, who will walk with others, who will walk with others, all yoked with Me. I am making up My Body, one member at a time. Each of you will be dependent upon another, and cannot be separated. For you all hold a part of Me, and that part must be reflected as a whole, for the world to clearly see Me. That is why the battle is begun.”

While He was taking, I could feel the Life flowing from Him to me, and from the garden to Me. It was like a soft wind flowing into Me. A breath of Life. The sound of His Words even strengthened Me as I listened. More and more, as I sat there, I could sense the gaining clarity and focus. The longer I sat there, the clearer I became. I was so free that I wanted never to leave.

The Lord smiled. He nodded, and said, “You do not leave. You are a part of Me. I am a part of you. It is our intimacy that feeds you and sustains you. This you must cultivate even more. The Kingdom of God is within you. Draw from Me, for all that you need. Listen for My still small voice from within you. Drink deeply of the reservoir of Life that flows from within. Let what I have placed within you begin to come forth out of you. Stir up those things that I AM from within, and release Me to work even more in your life.”

“The dimensions of My Spirit are in the heavenly realms and are also within you. For I AM in all things. All things were created by Me and exist with Me. So, learn to move and abide in Me in all things. My Word is not limited by time, gravity, and space. Those are all creations of Mine. But allow Me to walk with you in all things and dimensions. There are places, such as this garden, with you that you have not yet explored with Me. I want to take you on a journey of discovery. There is much for you to learn and even in your own heart. Men do not know their hearts and what’s within, but I do. I want Mine to know Me and to know the workings that I do within them, in their hearts and lives, so they can know that I am indeed their Lord and God.”

“The higher you go in knowledge of Me is also the deeper you go in knowledge of Me, for I know the heights and the depths and the width and the breadth of all things. Can you know Me in this way? The door is open, as is this garden. All who desire Me will seek Me and walk with Me. All who hunger and thirst, look for Me and find Me. What you see here is the Truth, and is Me. Learn to abide even more in Me.”

The Lord then stood up and looked at me. He reached out and I took His hand and stood next to Him. He looked at me and said, “You must come to Me daily. You must abide with Me and learn more, for the days ahead are dire. The storm comes and is making its way across the earth, it will soon fully engulf all the lands. Then no man will work.”

“But for now you must feed of Me and make more room for Me within, so that I can come forth more out of you. The measure that you let Me in, is the measure that I will be able to be expressed out of you. My Word is in you and must come forth fully. I have made My People ready, but the applications must now be worked forth, so what was planted within can break forth fully. There is no time to be distracted, but you must be fierce in your faith and not waver, but stand and give forth what I give to you for the people.”

“I have stationed My People in their places, and they are all making this journey with you, for Mine need healing, refreshing and strength for the next battle. The days a re few before the dark binds the lands. You each have a portion to give forth, and that is now what you must begin to do. Stand by Me here, and learn, and then go and do, while the Father has given this hour to you. When this hour is complete, then the full fury will be released.”

As I was looking into His eyes, while He spoke to Me, I felt like I was loved yet rebuked. I had not done all that I could be doing in coming to Him. I had not given more time to Him. I have been caught up in life and its distractions. I must turn fully into His Presence again, and be more diligent to pursue Him. As I was thinking these thoughts, I felt peace, and healing, and forgiveness coming from Him, even while He was speaking. I also felt new faith rising up within me. I felt complete.

As I was thinking these things, I saw that I was now standing alone. Jesus had gone and I was now at the edge of the garden. I had to go. I did not want to go. But it was time to walk forth again. I stepped out of the garden and stopped. Before me was nothing. It was barren and devoid of life or creation. It was a wasteland. I did not know what to do.

I heard Jesus say, “Men think that “I AM” is a metaphor. That My Garden is not real or even applicable to their lives. That there is no place of Life or real change. Apart from Me, there is nothing.”

Then the vision ended.

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Sydney

Robert Holmes

Sydney: Some prophetic thoughts

Dear List,

I wish to release (or re-release) these prophetic words for the city of Sydney. Two of them I received last month and have sought the Lord about them. I would welcome feedback, insight and discussion on this matter. I do not believe that these words are a fateful declaration, but through prayer and repentance we can see them mitigated.

My prayer and thoughts toward Sydney began when I moved there in 1993 after being married. We lived in Bellevue Hill, Chatswood and West Ryde. I worked in North Sydney, Mascot, Manly, Sydney city, Kings Cross and North Ryde. I was distressed greatly by what I saw and experienced in the city, the billboard advertising, the lewdness, the abortion clinics, the young male prostitutes in the Cross, and the drug dealers horrified me.

Dec 1993

The first word I got for the city was in Dec. 1993. The Lord whispered, "Fire". You'll recall in Jan. 1994 the city was encircled with fire. I got the feeling God was about to start judging the city for her sins.

Dec 1995

In Lane Cove National Park Dec. 31, 1995. The Lord came to me and said: "The city of Sydney was set on fire, circled about, and burned throughout by evil pyromaniacs. These things were a sign. I will again set this city on fire! But not with evil, but for good, not by fire bugs, but by my Holy Ghost Fire Starters. There are holy men of God, who will spark the fires that touch the lives of every person in my kingdom one way or another!"

June 2004

Driving through the Sydney Harbour Tunnel in June 2004, I heard a terrible noise, like an explosion, a shockwave, grinding metal and smoke. As we came out of the tunnel I prayed, feeling like there would be an act of terrorism in the tunnel. This experience repeated itself in Feb 2005.

Nov 4th 2005

I received this word on Nov 4th, 2005. On the front page of the news today was a fantastic visual image that grabbed me. The Lane Cove tunnel fell in today, and undermined the foundation of a building. The Lord specifically said to me, "Here it is, laid out before the city, the foundations of their property boom are being undermined" - that is the fundamentals undergirding the boom are being undermined.

Nov 8th 2005

On the flight home between Perth and Sydney we were flying over Goulburn. Far out on the horizon I could see (with my natural eyes) the glow of Sydney. Then I saw a massive angel over Sydney. He was taller than the center point tower. Then I realised this was a kind of projection, to get my attention.

I could suddenly see in the "spiritual" instead of natural. Everything was gold, silver, platinum, lead and black hues. I could see angels and demons rendered against this background.

I saw skirmishes, there was one in Wetherill Park, one at Rookwood Cemetary, on under the water in Bayview, one down by Sydney Airport, one in Campbelltown, one over by the Manly dam.

I saw decay, streets falling into sewers below; steam outlets failing; underground railway tunnels and conduits full of rats and hidden chambers; an underground city of sorts.

Then several suburb names came before me, ones which I am not familiar with: Kempton Park, Dundas, Woolstonecraft, Battery Park, Fern Hill and so on.

Then I became aware of an angel sitting in a vacant seat behind me, and my eyesight became normal again. It was the same one who was with me during counseling sessions in Jo'berg, Africa. "You have done well resisting temptation today" he said. "Fear nothing, for I am with you, and the Lord is with you".

Then, as I gazed out the window again, I saw terrorist cells preparing in Sydney. "They have not found them all, there are several teams" said the angel. I could see two bombing teams: train and bus; a truck and tunnel team; and a water poisoning team.

Request

I have given the word about property boom to several key investors, development managers and real estate planners to see and guage what their responses might be. Furthermore I think we are in a position to actually do something about these words (practically speaking). The last word seems to offer us a chance to pray that the terror cells would be uncovered and captured. God bless us all

Mildura
Robert Holmes

(Mildura is a city of 40,000 people, situated on the border
of Victoria and New South Wales States in Australia.)
November 29th, 2005

Mildura is something of a marvel. Situated in the remote west of Victoria, it is in the "outback" arid zone of Australia, right near the desert. As a result of irrigation techniques, they have been able to build "Sunraysia", a lush oasis of fertile agriculture. However, as a result of the drought, and use of water as far north as Queensland, the water levels are dangerously low. During a ministry time in the region I received this word:

1. A flood on dry ground

"As unlikely as it seems, there is going to be a flood. This city stands at the confluence of two rivers (the Murray and the Darling), and there will be a flood. Right up to the levy banks, to cleanse and wash the river, to bring her life. Prepare, prepare now!"

2. A plague caused by mosquitoes

I also saw water lying on the ground, and in the fields, and round the houses. I saw a multitude of mosquitoes, too many to number. They were on the animals: chickens, sheep, cattle. They were drawing blood, cross pollinating, hibernating sickness. The word "Plague" came very clearly to mind. I believe a plague is getting ready to break forth from the result of mosquitoes.

This reminded me of a time when Ross River fever was making it's way down from the north. At the time I lived in Sydney, and the fever had made it's way to Coffs Harbour. The Sydney Council went to great lengths to reduce the population of mosquitoes in our area, and my understanding is that this disaster was averted.

Conclusion

We still have time - to prepare for a flood. We can ensure the levy banks are in order, we can prepare the house boats for mooring or dry dock.

We still have time to pray and prepare against the plague. It can be avoided through careful prayer and also human planning, just as Egypt prepared for drought.

Be blessed
Robert

Still Your Hearts And Minds
Susan Cummings

Still your hearts and minds, my children. Be still and listen to My voice, for many are troubled and frustrated amongst you. Do not lean unto your own understanding, but fully surrender all things to Me. I am in control, and I am fully able to guide you and to provide for you. Stay in your positions before Me.

Do not allow the pressures, the cares, the needs, or the news to draw your attention away from Me. It is at this time, that you must remain at My side and hear Me. Close out those things that war for your attention, and place a guard over your hearts and minds. Be diligent to take hold of your place, and do not yield to the tactics of the flesh, the enemy, or the world. You must stand.

Come away from the busyness, and the chatter, and focus. For I am calling Mine to sit with Me, and to draw deeply at this time. You must come deeper and drink of Me. Partake of all that you need and desire, for it will be your strength in the days ahead. You are responsible for your daily portion. If you will come to Me, then I will meet with you. I will not force you to come, nor will I give to those who do not seek Me.

Take your eyes off of the external events and place them upon the eternal. See what I see, and learn what I want to show you. You have need of wisdom, but it will not come to you through others, but from My Hand. Take all that I have, for it is yours. My Word is your bread and meat, and My Holy Spirit will teach you, and bring illumination of My Word to you. It will sustain you and guide you. Stop trusting in men and methods and place them fully in Me. Either you trust Me or you don’t. Stop running and rest.

Either you find your place beside Me, and receive what I have for you, or you will fall away as the rest will that reject Me. All men have a choice, and all men will make it. Enter in, and sit with Me, and allow Me to feed you, and give you what you need, or go your way and feed from the table of the world. It’s your choice.

Spend time with Me. Enter in. Hear Me. Come to Me.

-Susan Cummings
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http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords
http://www.1-2-free-forums.com/mf/remnantaflame.html - new address!

Even In The Darkness I Am Speaking
Susan Cummings

Even in the darkness I am speaking
Ever whispering to your heart
Never a day passes without My embrace
Wrapped up in the day I bring forth

Never think that you are forgotten
Or doubt My eternal love for you
Everything concerning your life
Is already set in My time for you

Each day, you must choose to believe

And each step, you must choose to receive
All that I bring to you that day
Through the manner that I choose to be seen

Many voices are crying and voicing their complaints
But few thank Me for the Grace I bring
I hold all things within My hands
And still many seek to work their own plans

Turmoils, pressures, and chaos will be the norm
Because men fail to turn to Me and trust
Light has turned to darkness in the realm of men
Given what they wanted and shown what's really within

Even in the darkness I am still speaking
My Word uttered throughout eternity
The heavens declare My coming Glory
And the earth labors to be released

Choices have been eternally made
And clear paths have turned to waste places
As the courses change with the winds
Facing the fruits of the labors that were spent

Runners running to and fro
Voices roaring, crying, and forth telling
But none bow their knee to the King
Only wanting to hear themselves sing

Another year has come and gone
Still singing the same old songs
Never seeing the stage has changed
Nor the players assembled and ready

Warnings have gone forth till the sound is no longer wanted
Men shut their ears, and turn their heads
No longer listening to the little one's tears
Fully will they be reaped, as this year fully unfolds

Hidden prayers, and remorseful tears
Long held by the Father over the years
Precious treasures held for the end
Now are poured earthward, to birth the end

Blood, Fire, and vapour of smoke
Shaking the heavens and the earthen folk
Nothing will stand that has not been tried
In the Fires of Holiness previously offered to all

Seasons change and time awaits its end
For the Father to bring forth all things
And for Creation to be free to yield its fruit
Resting from it's labors and being complete

Even in the darkness, I am ever speaking
For all things bear testimony of I AM

And all men will know that I have spoken
As I break forth and release what's hidden

Sealed and shut, awaiting it's hour
My Word will be completed as I have disclosed
All must be fulfilled as it is written
For the pouring forth has begun, and the fires will rage

The waters rise up at My Voice, as they did before
And the knowledge of My Glory will be seen
As the bells toll and the greater winds will sing
Ushering in the greatest hour

What was stolen in the beginning
Will be eternally established in the end
As My Justice breaks forth and sets free the hearts of men
Who hear My voice crying in the winds

The wise will listen and take heed to My Words
Given as a warning before the great floods
Fear not to trust, as I bring forth
Run not to the voices, but remain in My folds

Stumbling will be seen as men run to their idols
Seeking to be saved from the fires of the trials
Hasten to your knees and seek My Face
For the Hour of travail has broken forth

This Word has been heard, and the mockers are many
Where is the sign, that we may believe?
Stony hearts that they never freely gave
Will now forsake them as the heavens rage

My Word is True and will be seen
But only those shut in with Me
Will be seen firmly standing with Me
For My Blood has given them their liberty

Even in the darkness I am speaking
But soon, even as men doubt, will total silence be heard
As heaven awaits the Father's move
And the final players are removed

The wisdom of men is passing as the light fades
And the foolishness of their choices will be evident
As they stand in horror and see the end time sights
Of not listening to My Voice crying out in the night

Justice and Mercy have been released
To all who will truly bow their knees
And embrace the Words of the night watchmen
Faithfully preparing for the heavenly decrees

Quickly now, while the little light remains
Stand in your places and proclaim
The revelations given from the Father
Keys that unlock the final doors

Those with ears, hear the Father speaking
Those with eyes, see into the false darkness
Those with mouths, speak the truth in love
Stationed at their posts on the Mount of the Lord

Even in this final darkness, I am speaking
A faithful witness for those who would be seeking
Return unto Me, while I am yet calling
For time itself has begun travailing

All things are given into My Hands
As the lands, the seas, and nature kneels to my commands
All cry out for deliverance and for truth
As the rising waters and fires break forth

All of the earth and the realm of men
Will know that I AM
As the convulsing now increases
In the ending stage of birth

What is given to Me, is now Mine
All else will fall, to it’s place
Great grace upon Mine, will be common place
As they run the final lap of this earthly race

Listen, and take heed
Hear, and quickly obey
Watch, and humbly bow, and pray
For the horses are fully running their race

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Spread Your Wings

Bill Burns

May 30, 2005: Have you not heard the sound of heaven? Have you not heard the voice of the prophets in these days? I am doing a mighty work among My people, for I have purposed to bring forth the manifestation of My power. Gird up the loins of your faith and arise to new heights. Spread your wings even as the eagles, and I shall lift you up with the wind and breath of My Spirit, which shall carry you into a pre-appointed place in this pre-determined time. In this season, you will experience the kingdom in a new, fresh and powerful way, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns

May 30, 2005: Behold, My beloved, I am setting things in order and bringing forth a new order. And, from this foundation I will not only command a blessing, but I will prepare you for a deep, deep work of sanctification. I have already given you a foretaste of what I am about to do, for this season will yield the fruit of greater revelation and righteousness in you. No longer will your spiritual walk be superficial or shallow, but it will become intense and profound as you desire to explore they mysteries of My kingdom, says the Lord. *Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.*

May 31, 2005: Take time for a reality check. Look back to see where you've come from and where you are now, and then project your current course to see the direction you are headed. Are you on the right path, and are you pointed towards your desired destination? Quiet your soul and be objective about your current position to determine whether or not you have deviated in any way from your ultimate goal and kingdom position. If you need to make a course correction, now is the time, says the Lord. *Philippians 3:13-14 "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

June 1, 2005: The pressure of your circumstances will create stress and even illness unless you refuse to become overwhelmed with what lies ahead of you to do. Even when you feel burdened and unable to rise to the task, you must remember that I will enable you to accomplish all that I have set before you. Do not allow your feelings of inadequacy to keep you from moving ahead. You can be confident in that fact that My grace is sufficient, says the Lord. *Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

June 2, 2005: Take care, beloved, that you do not define yourself by your needs and desires, but rather let My word frame your life and establish the details of your purpose. By the same token, refuse to be drawn in to evaluating others by your needs and expectations. And, do not allow others to establish your identity according to their requirements. I am your firm foundation, says the Lord, and the truth of My word is your plumb line. Your submission to Me will determine whether you succeed or fail, stand or fall. Your true identity will be evident as you abide in Me.

June 3, 2005: I want you to enjoy the flow of life, of moving from one challenge to another, for I will lead you from strength to strength, victory to victory, and glory to glory. Do not be impatient in trying to quickly finish up one phase so that you can move on to the next stage of growth and development. Rather, take pleasure in the process, not seeing your life in terms of starts and stops, but when you abide in Me, you are in a continual stream of mercy, favor and grace. I have begun a good work in you, and I will bring it to completion and perfection, says the Lord. Fear not!

Spread Your Wings

Brenda Dowdin

Beloved,

You have been shrouded in grave clothes, this day I have begun unfolding those clothes, unwrapping them. They have held you back and I actually allowed them for your protection and for my purposes. But, this day I say to you, spread your wings, let your wings feel the breeze. I am preparing you to take flight. Many doors are about to open. There is an enabling grace that will take you in to the new things I have for you. Things you wouldn't have thought about doing in the past will be a "breeze" for you in this new season. A confidence is coming, and enabling, things are beginning to turn and shift because I am bringing you into full alignment.

The past is gone and over. This is a new day. A new season. A season to begin reaping my righteousness. Its been stored up in heaven for you. As you trek with me you will be delighted with your new life. Even the fragrance and colors will seem more alive in your life. A greater understanding and revelation is coming to walk with me and beside me. Its a new season Beloved One... I say to you be delighted. A season of promise lies ahead.

"These next few weeks are weeks of great shifting. Change, change, change." As I heard these words, I asked the Father, "Haven't we been shifting for a season Lord?" He let me see a vision of a guitar being tuned and he said to me. "There is more than one string that needs to be tuned and aligned!" "As I bring complete alignment in all areas the new sounds and sights of heaven will be released in the earth realm. Its already being done in heaven."

>From June 3rd through June 23rd keep your heart pressed up against my breast I have many things to say and show you. Don't allow condemnation to press in to you. Let brokenness be near your heart and I will abide near you, even in you. My grace will bring you joy and delight. An undoing of heavy burdens is coming. The places the enemy has stolen from your life are being required from him in this season. When the enemy has been found out he must restore no less than 7 fold retribution!

In this new season will be more of my manifest presence and with my presence comes more light. You will enjoy basking in my light and glory, but areas in your heart where there has been darkness will be exposed. Now, I see you shrink back from me, but I say to you - we will deal with this together, and gently. I am for you and not against you! Repentance will come and I will do the work. Your job is only to surrender and ask forgiveness. I am testing the heart motives in this season. Bringing my Father heart beat to you. I want you to express my Father heart beat to the world, creation is in travail for the Father's presence. Creation longs to know me. Won't you be a carrier of my presence? There are many choices out there, but I say to you today, chose life, chose me. Chose obedience. Chose surrender. Chose brokenness of spirit and you will know me anew.

I say all these things to you Beloved because I delight in you and have my eyes fixed upon you. Walk in my ways, surly your day of breakthrough into the new is so very near!

Your loving Father...

A Prayer from your servants,

Ah Lord, let your words go forth and create all things new in our lives. Have your sovereign way in our lives. Bless your children, especially the homeless, the widows and the orphans. Let your church see with eyes of the Father in this hour. Let your love flow out of us to those who cry out daily for your help. Guide us to those who are hurting Lord. Those who are out in the highways and byways, in the alleys of life. Those who have felt they were dumped unto the trash heap of life. Show us where to go, and who you want to touch... Lord its those who others "didn't want", that "you want". Its those you have placed special treasure in. Help us to see that treasure and speak in to it. Help us to dig for buried treasure! Lord you put value in each life, let us see through your eyes to see that value and what is truly important. We can surly only take a soul with us to heaven, help us to remember this Lord... Oh Father, give me greater compassion, to not be selfish and self centered. Greater grace to understand and walk the talk, not just say words, but be them in this hour. Your words created, let our words create life.

Let us speak your heart to the hurting and lost.

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Memorial Day

Brenda Dowdin

Beloved~

Take time and think back at all the wonderful things I've done for you. Ah, so many! Won't you make an altar unto me this day as a "Memorial" as the children of Israel did. Talk to me about these times and seasons. (Exodus 20:22-26) Let your altar be a "thankful heart", with "gratitude", for the grace I've extended you. Yes, even appreciation for the tests I allowed for the purpose of refining you, and yes you embraced them. It has pleased my heart so. I've been preparing you for this very day. I know as you walked through the test you didn't understand, and at times you felt alone, but you chose to hold my hand and walk beside me in faith. You've learned how to let me rest in you and you in me. How I've longed for this time. I have waited long for you Beloved.

So, as you come before me with this heart of gratitude I will release you in to the new season that lies ahead. You are ready! Ah, and yes it is full of my goodness and glory. Won't you make an altar to me? I've much to say to you....much to show you!!! This is what "Memorial Day", means to me.

PS.. A note about unforgiveness....only read if you feel a nudge...

One word of caution I would extend to you. Let all unforgiveness go. You say, "But Lord, I've forgiven all who've hurt me." And yet I say to you Beloved! "Have you even let go of the "need" to have that "one" say to you, "Please forgive me." Have you felt "love" for that one who hurt you in this last season? These tests I've allowed. Ah, Beloved it was for my purpose that I allowed the tests....Let it all go! I've forgiven you, I gave my all just for YOU! Now know you must also do the same. Show my love unconditionally. I will give you the grace right now, if you will but say yes at this moment. Don't allow "unforgiveness" to hold you back from one more moment of your destiny. I am giving you all the keys you need to unlock all entanglements and bring a fresh release for you. I am ready for us to move forward together.

Lord we release all those who may have hurt us. We ask you not to hold an account in heaven or upon earth against them. But, as you have freely given us forgiveness and love so we do those who may have trespassed against us. We truly bless them with all our hearts and earnestly ask for your very best for them. Lord we also ask you to forgive us, forgive us of any pride or hurtful thing we may have done or said, knowingly or unknowingly. We desire perfect un-interupted communion with you. In your precious son's name, Jesus. A-men....!

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Sit At My Feet

Brenda Dowdin

Beloved,

You are in a new place. Its time to come and sit at my feet. I've many things to say. It's a time for new strategies and revelations. A time of new awakenings to come. You are ready, we have dealt with the old waste places. You are ready for the new. Wisdom builds her house and her rooms are full of treasures. Wisdom comes from remaining in a "high place" in me. It only comes with understanding that my ways are higher than yours. Not many will let me take them to this high place. You say why? It's the cost. The cost is everything. I am a consuming fire...,but when I burn away the dross, it leaves you clean, not smelling of the refiners fire or smoke. As you loose your life you will pick up mine and know true freedom and life.

As you've embraced the tests and trials your character has been hewn in to that of my son. I've treasures I am hewing in you. My treasures the world will see in you. They will be attracted to the treasure in you, my Son. I've been curving my signature in your very hearts. You wear my very name and are walking with my Kingly anointing. You're looking more and more like the reflection of my son. It pleases me to look upon you. You are my constant delight. My son's Bride is truly coming into her beauty, her purpose.

Spend time at my feet. My light will glisten off of you....for truly I am the Father of Lights! I am calling out to my own to draw near my feet. Listen for my battle plans, you will war in joy and laughter in this season.

Mother's Of Is-ra-el Arise!

Intercessors will be raised up in this last hour.

I will raise up my chosen leaders to "mother", these intercessors and bring them to full maturity. I will raise up conferences specifically for intercession. The earth realm hasn't experienced what will take place as my spirit falls upon these who will hear and pray my heart. The earth will labor as a women about to "give birth", as the prayers of these mothers come before me.

Mother's of Israel will be raised up as well.

A mother's heart will travail for her child and hold on with determination like no other heart. I am raising up "Mother's of Is-ra’el", those who will carry an intercession for Israel like it were her own son or daughter. She will travail for "her" and I will hear the hearts crying out and answer quickly. My son's and daughter's in Israel will answer their call, both of Abraham's seed will hear the cry in their spirits for me. They will raise up a radical war cry and worship will come before my throne as incense from Jerusalem. The young of Is-ra'el will be "leaders of intercession", and astound the "church" as it is known in your day, because of my anointing.

My land, Is-ra'el is full of worship, I've deposited in this little piece of land WORSHIP. Nations will come to put their feet upon the land so that a deposit of worship will fill their souls. So I say to you, "MOTHER"S OF IS-RA'EL ARISE!" Hear your battle cry, set at my feet. I will bring those to you that you will teach and train. My Spirit, the Counselor will guide you in to all truth and righteousness. A great company is about to arise!!!

Isa 19:23-24 "In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together. In that day Is-ra’el will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Lord Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, "Assyria my handiwork, "and Is-ra'el my inheritance."

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Time to Birth My Kingdom

Toni Miles

Now Is The Time to Birth The Manifestation of My Kingdom

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Prophecy given by Toni Miles
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I heard the Lord say, "You must prevail in travail in order to unveil My Kingdom in the earth. I have been faithful to reveal the mysteries of My Kingdom to My prophets and apostles, and they have been faithful to speak forth this revelation. But, NOW, I say, it's time to bring forth the manifestation! Now, you must go from just having the revelation to becoming the manifestation. "The Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21), therefore, that which has been revealed to you must now manifest through you . . . and I say, now, the fullness of your time has come . . . Now, is the time to give birth to the manifestation of My Kingdom in the earth!

"As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons," (Isaiah 66:8). "For we know the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now . . .for the earnest expectation of the creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Romans 8: 19,22). All of My creation is desperately waiting for My sons to manifest My Kingdom, so that it can be reconciled back to Me, the Creator. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." (Rev 11:15).

"I have given to you, My sons, the ministry of reconciliation, but there has to be a manifestation before there can be a econciliation. The manifestation of My Kingdom is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Romans 14:17). My Son, Jesus, was the perfect example of this Kingdom manifestation, which ultimately resulted in a total reconciliation of all those He encountered in that generation. "Jesus (the manifestation) went throughout Galilee teaching (imparting by example) in their synagogues and proclaiming (revealing) the good news of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness (demonstration) among the people (reconciliation)"(Matthew 4:23).

You have to first become a manifestation before you can release an impartation or proclaim a revelation with the power that results in a demonstration that will ultimately bring forth a reconciliation to this generation. I have already released an anointing that will empower you, that will give you the strength to bring to birth the fullness of this kingdom manifestation of righteousness, peace, and joy!"

And we say, "Let it be so, Lord. Let Your Kingdom come, let it be released through us, so that this generation can be reconciled back to You. Amen."

Things To Come

Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

July 9, 2005
I speak to you today of things to come, of places to go, of people to see; for there is much that I wish to show you in My kingdom in the days ahead, and there will be many to see. For My kingdom is at hand.

Yet again, many refuse to hear My call, many refuse to acknowledge My presence, many refuse to know Me for Who I am. Many have left Me outside the door, knocking. Know they not that I will not continue, that I will go on, should they continue to refuse Me admittance into their hearts? Woe to those who refuse to let Me enter, for time is short, and there is yet much to be done!

For the field is white and ready for harvest. Can you not see it before you? Ask Me, for I will open your eyes; for the enemy has long blinded the eyes of man to keep him from seeing that which is before him. Many think they have to go far and wide to minister, yet I say to you, have you looked in your own back yard? Have you looked to the left and right? Have you looked before you to see what I have placed before you? Have you let your own pride get in the way; that you refuse to get your hands dirty? For I tell you this work will not be easy, nor will you stay clean. For birthing is bloody, and My kingdom needs to be cleaned up. For the enemy has thrown debris everywhere, and has made many “garbage collectors” unaware of their own problems, thinking that it is always someone else and not them.

I say to you that no one is without spot or wrinkle - **NO ONE**. Even those who choose to hold themselves above others have things which must be dealt with and taken from them in order to be ready and prepared as My bride.

So I say to you, get ready. For the earth is about to shake and tremble as it never has before, as the birth pangs of labor are coming forth on the land. For the sea shall rise and the rivers overflow, as I come forth in great abundance to cleanse and clear the land of the filth that has covered it, that My glory may begin to shine.

Many will say, “God, why are you destroying us and our property?” But I say, you who have not listened may run and flee and hide, but I know where you are. I know your hiding places and where you live, for I have watched you. I have beckoned you and asked you, yet you refuse. Woe to you who refuse to listen. Woe to you.

For some, this is the only way that you will repent. For it will cause you to draw into Me in a new way. Many of you are as the Israelites with your hard-headedness and hard-heartedness. Why does it take disaster to make you listen?

For there are those who have listened. For there are those who have prepared, and there are those who are ready and waiting for Me to tell them where to go and what to do. There are those who have been obedient to My call. These are My remnant; these are coming forth in the last days to fight for Me and My cause. These wear My armor and are girded with truth and righteousness. These are ready for battle. They have listened and obeyed. They are ready.

So know, you who listen not, you who have refused Me and My ways, know that I, God of all Heaven and Earth, am watching. I see, I hear and I know all that has been done and all that will be done in the days ahead, for I alone am God.

For it doesn’t matter what you say or do to cover-up. It does not matter. ***What will matter will be when or if you open your heart to Me***; that you embrace what I have, that you are obedient to Me and turn from that which has kept you.

Know again, those who watch and wait. I am coming. I am coming. The time is short. I am coming.

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Change Coming Forth
Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

July 1, 2005

For I would speak to you this day of things on My heart.

For the world as you know it is about to change radically. For there are many who still refuse to listen to My call – who refuse to answer the door when I knock. For I have called and called for My people to come forth. Yet many still sit and ignore Me. Many go off on their own way, refusing to hear Me, thinking they know the ways of this world and what is best for them.

I say to you, the earth will tremble and the sky will show in the days ahead the changes that will come forth in the land. For it will not be the same. Much will change. For even the seas are ready to break forth over the land. The trees have heard Me whisper - change, change, CHANGE is coming forth and there will be nothing that man or demon can do about it. For I say to you that change has to come forth in great abundance, for My kingdom to manifest on this earth, for man has not been diligent in taking care of that which I have given him.

Yet there are those who are coming out of darkness, into My light that I have called My remnant – that have heeded My call – that have heard My voice – that have sacrificed much and that will rise up in the days ahead to pull out the roots of despair, to pull out the roots of hate and lack – who will minister to My people and go forth to heal the land and My people. These will walk in My truth and righteousness. They will prevail and overcome. They will become as the light in the darkness. For My Word and ways have been imbedded into them, through the trials and tribulations they have endured. For even now many travel alone or in small companies – for this has been necessary, so that they could stay hidden until it is time.

Get ready, get ready, get ready, for much change is about to break forth across the land. Get ready to ride My wave of the Holy Spirit – that you will not fall under the control and pressures of man. Be ready, be alert, be prepared, and ready to move at My command.

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Turn to the Father

Robert I Holmes

12 September 2005

On the 12th of Sept 2005 I was praying on Stradbroke Island, in Queensland Australia, with a friend. Many subjects and topics crossed our prayer time, when suddenly, and quite unexpectedly, the Lord opened up a vision of the Hawaiian Islands, covered in mist or smoke. Then I heard these words, "There will be volcanic disruption". No time was given, but an urgency to pray that it would be minimized.

Then on the 25th of Sept 2005 I was in. Over breakfast with friends, our conversation was suddenly interrupted by an open vision. I saw another (a third) cyclone lining up toward the Gulf coast of southern USA. It looked large, as if I was viewing it from space. I would say F3-F5 in speed and ferocity.

Praying about these things today, (and the fact that they both related to the USA), I came across Isaiah 9 which seemed pertinent.

"The people did not turn to Him who struck them, or seek the LORD of hosts. So the LORD (will) cut off from Israel (the) head and tail; palm branch and reed in one day; the elders and dignitaries are the head, and prophets who teach lies are the tail" (Isa. 9:13-15).

Whether God, or the devil actioned the devastation in the US is irrelevant. The Bible says "God struck them" (c.f. Hos. 6:1-3) and our response should be "turn to Him". So go to the One who struck us, not necessarily saying "Oh thank you!", but rather go asking, "What is it Lord?".

But our response has been anything but this. American dinner table discussions stray from: "The Mayor (of N Orleans) was to blame" and "The government is corrupt," to "Why doesn't George W do something" or, "Those nations the US has helped before should now come and help us, why don't they help us?"

But because we do not return to Him, He will send more!

The Bible also says, "If you complain at such a time as this, I will make your chains worse". He will cut off the head, and the tail! But this Scripture makes it very clear what that means - next come dignitaries and elders (the head) and then the prophets who teach lies (the tail).

Consider the lament of a prophet well acquainted with pain and loss, "Why should any who draw breath complain about the punishment of their sins? Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD. Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in heaven." (Lam 3:39-41).

Time For Revival

Barbara Lynch

October 26, 2005, 3:55 AM

The Fullness of Time has come upon My church. It is time for revival to strike across this great land. Amidst the great destruction that is going on, I am now pouring out My Spirit upon all flesh. All flesh will know and see the fullness of their God. Whether it be Me, or the enemy they shall know the fullness of their God.

Do not be afraid of what you hear Me say to the people. It is time for them to understand their days of fulfillment. They worked hard for this day and they need to know what their labors have brought them. Some have labored for the Kingdom of God and some have labored to their own destruction. I once told you (many times) that this day was coming and there would be great gnashing of teeth.

Do not be afraid of the people's faces any longer. Let them say and do what they have all ready pre-purposed in their heart to do. This is the long awaited day for many. They have been wondering where it is all going to end and now they shall know.

The destruction that lies around about and will still come is of little importance now. I have shifted in the heavenlies and I am now working on one of the greatest revivals this world has ever seen. Many are going to miss out in this revival. Many others are going to see their ministries blossom as never before.

I truly do speak in parables, for My people are still not ready to hear the truth of My Word, but all that is shifting also. You shall see this great shifting occur right before your very eyes. Suddenly in an instant I will bring to pass all the promises.

Just as I took My disciples aside with Me and told them the truth of things to come, I have been taking My true disciples aside and sharing the truth of the end times. Just like Paul, I have set them apart and shared many heavenly things with them and now they shall share in the rewards just as My disciples in My Word did.

Many new songs will be written in the days ahead. For I am putting a new song in the hearts of My disciples and they shall sing these new songs for Me Church stay humble before a humble King and allow Me (always) to lead, guide, and direct your every word and your every footstep. You have been awaiting this day for quite some time now. The riches of heaven are being poured out and you shall know the Fullness of Time.

Galatians 4:3-4
Ephesians 1:7-12

Resurrection Power
Barbara Lynch

November 6, 2005, 3:56 AM

Father, do you have anything to say to the church?

The church is entering into one of the marvelous adventures it has ever encountered. They will go forth and do great and mighty exploits for Me. The hour has now come and is when My true prophets and apostles will arise out of the ash heap and go forth in My resurrection power. I have foretold of this in My Word and it is surely coming to pass. Mighty resurrection power is coming on the scene. All darkness will bow their knee to this resurrection power. My Son died so this resurrection power could be seen throughout this earth. My manifest Glory is coming upon the scene and it shall shine throughout this universe. Marvelous! Marvelous will be the works that I am about to accomplish through My peoples.

Stand back church. For you are about to see the fulfillment of Joel chapter two in all its fullness. You are going to witness the mighty surge of power of the Almighty God. No more will you wonder about in confusion, for My resurrection power will destroy all confusion and you shall come forth as a marvelous light for the whole world to witness the goodness of the Father.

My goodness is in My Resurrection Power. It is My goodness that destroys the works of the evil one. All sin shall witness My Goodness. All shall know that I have come upon the scene just as I have been promising.

Time For The Eagles To Fly Again

Chuck Pierce

May 5, 2005

Dear Faithful Pray-ers:

As you know, I have ***not*** traveled internationally since having our international worship gathering in Spain last August and getting a prayer team into the last of the 40/70 Window nations, San Marino. ***However, now is the time to move beyond the United States and my prayer focus here and into other parts of the world. These trips have fully developed and been ordained by the Lord. I would never go to nations without wanting to take you with us. Also, notice that the new book, Restoring the Prophetic Destiny of A Nation, is here. Order now! This is a book for the generations!***

Time for the Eagles to Fly Again

Today we depart on the first of ***five international trips in these next two months.*** I will be leading a six member Eagles of God team to Asia on **May 5-15**. We will first travel to **Japan**, where I will be ministering on the northern island of Hokkaido. This is called the 'Island of the Spirits.' This part of Japan is actually within the 40/70 Window, and will be our first journey to the eastern part of this region that we have been focusing on the past five years.

Following Japan, we travel on to **Malaysia** and **Singapore** where I will be teaching Wagner Leadership Institute courses. Then at the end of May, I will be taking a four member team to **Nigeria** to dedicate Apostle Emmanuel Kure's church. This is the largest church in northern Nigeria, a region that is predominately Muslim. For this in-and-out trip we depart on **May 25** and arrive home on **May 29**. On **June 12-21,** I will be leading a ten member team to **Moscow, Istanbul, Rome** and**Jerusalem**. This prayer journey has been designed to retrace the degeneration of the Church, and has become very significant with the recent death of the Pope.

At the end of June, I will be traveling to **Vancouver, Canada** for the *Strategic Keys Breakthrough Conference* hosted by Todd Bentley. Then in July, I will be traveling to **England** for three days of meetings with leaders there on how to affect the government and atmosphere for a move of the Holy Spirit. ***Dutch Sheets*** will also be ministering at those meetings.

Removing Any Ceiling Over You!

Since August, instead of traveling, I have been on the wall. I have enjoyed leading prayer on Tuesdays and praying for each one of you more than anything. Last week in the prayer meeting, the Lord did incredible things. I started off by leading praise, and said we must go higher in leading praise. One of the intercessors then saw a ladder standing over by the wall. She came up and whispered, "Isn't that ladder a picture of what you are doing?"

I would have us exhibit violent praise and then decree that we were moving up into a new place of authority in the heavenlies. When we pray on Tuesday mornings, we make these decrees over all of you just as if you were with us. We set the ladder in the middle of the room, and as we would praise this intercessor would go up a rung on the ladder. **Eventually, she could not get seated at the top**

of the ladder without removing the ceiling. That is just what we did – we removed the ceiling! The power of God fell upon all of us.

That is what we are decreeing: ANY CEILING OVER YOU WILL BE REMOVED! A ceiling is the inside top part or covering of a room; the upper limit set on anything; a covering of clouds limiting vertical visibility; the maximum altitude at which an aircraft can fly. *I prayed three things for you out of this*:

1. **Mark 2**. Remember the friends who tore the ceiling off of the house to get their paralytic friend in before Jesus? I am praying for God to bring that type of friends into your life that will see to it that ceilings are removed so you can accomplish the whole purpose of God for your life. We are one of your friends.
2. **2 Corinthians 10**. Many times our arguments, theories, reasonings, pride and philosophies put a ceiling on our thought processes. I am praying that any wrong thinking that has produced a stronghold and formed a ceiling that is stopping transformation in your life will be removed.
3. **Joshua 2**. When it was time to enter the Promised Land, Joshua sent in two spies who were helped by a harlot named Rahab who lived in Jericho. This harlot hid them on top of the roof. This was the key to enter to the Promised Land. I am also praying that God puts people in your life that can help you get above the ceiling and on top of the roof so that you move forward into all that God has promised you.

Japan

I will be taking a six member team to Japan for a strategic prayer gathering on the northern island of Hokkaido. This part of Japan is actually within the 40/70 Window, and is a nation that I have looked forward to visiting during our five year focus on the 40/70 Window. The island houses Japan's agricultural services.

Most of Japan's wildlife originated in sub-tropical Asia, but Hokkaido is different. Many of its animals and plants came from Siberia. The same is probably true of Ainu people. The Ainu are hunter-gatherers who have lived in northern Japan since at least the seventh century. Their looks, language and traditions are unlike any other culture in Asia.

Hokkaido Island is called the ***Island of the Spirits*** - a stronghold of spiritism in both Japan and the 40/70 Window. However, we want to go there and release a move of the Holy Spirit to overtake Japan. Several weeks ago at church I received this word:

"*There will be a shaking coming to Japan that will bring them to their knees. This shaking will change the industry of the nation. Japan has been built upon a fault line linked with a deep wounding from the past. This shaking will occur before the apostolic team that I am sending to Japan arrives. When they arrive, I will begin the healing of the fault line and release a new anointing for industries. I am sending you to the people group of that area and they will be humbled in the midst of their pride. Do not fear. I am causing the mountain to be brought down and the valleys to be brought up. I will create a leveling effect in Japan"* (from Keith Pierce).

Since that time, there has been a major shift in their stock market. We have seen Japan brought to world headline news because of a major train wreck. ***Watch this nation carefully as we go.***

Just before I arrive in Japan, ***Cindy Jacobs*** will have ministered at a national "***Shift the Nation***" conference with intercessors and leaders in Tokyo on May 4-5. Both of these meetings are being coordinated by ***Ron Sawka,*** the director of ***Christian International for Asia***. I would ask that you specifically pray for Japan at this time. At the bottom of this email is a request from Ron that will help you focus your prayers.

Malaysia and Singapore

From Japan we fly on to Malaysia and Singapore. In each of these nations I will be joining ***Dr. Peter Wagner*** in teaching a ***Wagner Leadership Institute Course: Apostles and Prophets – The Foundation of the Church***. Although restricted, the Church in both of these nations is very vibrant and prime for revival.

So our trip schedule is:

May 5 (Noon)................ Depart Dallas for Tokyo
May 6 (Afternoon)......... Arrive in Tokyo and fly on to Hokkaido Island
May 6 (PM)....................Arrive in Sapporo
May 7............................Strategic Prayer Gathering (morning and afternoon)
May 8 (AM)....................Depart for Tokyo; connect to Malaysia
May 8 (PM)....................Arrive in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
May 9 (PM)–11 (PM).....Teach Wagner Leadership Institute Course in Kuala Lumpur
May 12 (AM)..................Fly to Singapore
May 12 (PM)–14 (PM)...Teach Wagner Leadership Institute Course in Singapore
May 15 (AM)..................Depart Singapore for Japan and on to Dallas
May 15 (PM)..................Arrive in Dallas

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

p.s. Our new book, ***Releasing the Prophetic Destiny of a Nation***, is now available. This is an incredible book with each state's history and prophetic destiny, and one for generations to come to use for prayer. You will want to get this book. The price is $14.00. Go to www.glory-of-zion.org or call **(888) 965-1099** to place your order.

Prayer Focus for Japan from Ron Sawka:

Greetings from Japan! I am writing this to request your prayer support and covering for two key meetings planned for this country. On May 4-5, ***Cindy Jacobs*** will be ministering in Tokyo (Lilia Hall, Kawaguchi) at a large gathering of leaders and intercessors. On May 7, ***Chuck Pierce*** will be ministering in Sapporo. We feel these are two key events for shifting Japan.

As many of you know, in October 2001, at the Gideon's Army 2 gathering in Hanover, Germany, Cindy Jacobs prophesied that God was realigning the old Axis nations and Allied nations so that they might pull together to shift those nations.

Personally, I have taken that word very seriously. Perhaps it is because I live and minister in Japan, and have experienced just how difficult it has been to get and sustain momentum. Also, two other key prophecies released in 2000 have really shaped my thinking and strategy these past 4 years. One was by ***Bill Hamon*** that declared a great deal would be decided about Japan's future in the period between 2001 and now. The other was by ***Chuck Pierce***. It stated that 2000-2005 was a ***key window of opportunity***, and if the church in Japan did not adequately rise up, the spirit behind ***Shinto (Queen of Heaven or Amaterasu)*** would keep getting stronger and begin to persecute the church.

Perhaps at this point I should answer the obvious question, “What is the condition of Japan at present?” Without going into details, let me just say that while the Church has been rising up, perhaps we must admit that the Shinto spirit has been rising even more quickly. Certainly one evidence of this is that we are quite far behind in seeing the development of apostles in this nation.

It was with this in mind that we called for leaders’ summits starting in 2002. At that time, many of you interceded for us, and I am convinced that is why we had a measure of success. Now, I am asking for your help again. Please circulate the dates of the two meetings and pray with us for their effectiveness.

Perhaps you can pray along these lines:

1. That God will use these meetings to shift Japan ahead
2. That the right people will be in attendance
3. That God's ordained leadership will arise
4. That harvest will quickly increase

TOKYO: ***Cindy Jacobs***, May 4-5
SAPPORO: ***Chuck Pierce***, May 7

Thank you so much for your Spirit-led response and cooperation.
God bless you,
Ronald W. Sawka

The Alpha And Omega Of History

Don Walker

April 19, 2005

We are told in Revelation 5:5 that Jesus is "the Root of David" which seems to us to be a rather strange expression. We can easily understand Isaiah's prophetic reference to Jesus as "a shoot from the stem of Jesse" (Isa. 11:1). Likewise, as a descendent of Jesse and David, Jesus could be called a "branch" (Jer. 23:5; Zech. 3:8). But how could He be called the *Root*?

Our problem lies in our non-Biblical understanding of how history works. We are accustomed to thinking of history as if it merely a cosmic chain of events. History is often viewed as one event leading to a string of other events. This is very much like a board game we played when I was a child called "Mousetrap," based on a fictional Rube Goldberg machine. Trip a lever at one end, and a series of domino-like "whatchamacallits" and "thingamajigs" bang into each resulting eventually in the mousetrap coming down on the mouse. By pure cause and effect, each event causes other events, in direct chronological succession.

While this is true – it's not the whole truth. History is not simply a matter of the past causing the future; it is also true that *the future causes the past*.

Allow me to illustrate it this way. Let's say someone walks into your home on a Saturday afternoon and finds you packing clothes in a suitcase. Since "inquiring minds want to know," they ask for the reason you are engaged in this activity. You reply, "Because I am going out of town tomorrow." What has happened? In a sense, the future – the planned trip – has determined the past. Because you have planned a trip, you packed your clothes. Logically, the trip preceded, and caused, the packing of the clothes, even though it followed it chronologically. In the same way, God desired to glorify Himself in Jesus Christ; therefore He created Jesse and David, in addition to all the other ancestors of Christ's human nature, in order to bring His Son into the world. The Son of David, the Lord Jesus Christ, was the Root of David. The "effect" determined the "cause."

The Lord Jesus Christ is thus presented in the most radical way, as the *center* of all history, the divine Root as well as the Branch, the Beginning and the End, Alpha and Omega. The Bible is clear in its emphasis of Christ being the beginning and the end of history. For example, we are told that Christ is the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev.13:8 KJV). The end was already established from the beginning. History is not an "open book" that is in the process of being written, based upon the actions of men and the effect they have on the course of future events. Rather, history is "closed," in that it has been determined by the Creator at the beginning.

We, as human beings, do have a will of our own. We make things happen. Yet the power of choice we exercise is only secondary. God’s sovereign providential power stands over and above our actions. *He works out His will through the actions of human wills, without violating the freedom of those human wills*. As the Westminster Confession of Faith states:

"God, the great Creator of all things, doth uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by his most wise and holy providence, according to his infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of his own will, to the praise of the glory of his wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy."

Benjamin Warfield expressed the same concept this way: "In the infinite wisdom of the Lord of all the earth, each event falls with exact precision into its proper place in the unfolding of His eternal plan, nothing, however small, however strange, occurs without His ordering, or without its peculiar fitness in the working out of His purpose; and the end of all shall be the manifestation of His glory, and the accumulation of His praise."

Our understanding of history must not originate from history itself, but from the fact that Christ is the Creator and Redeemer of the world. We must understand that all of history, created and controlled by God’s personal and total government, is moving inexorably toward the universal dominion of the Lord Jesus Christ. All of history will be summed in the Alpha and Omega of history (Ephes.1:10).

The Adullam Dream

Tina Nicolo

I had the dream in the early morning hours of April 9th 2005. I know it's A little late getting it out, but I believe with all my hear that I am sharing this in His perfect timing. I've had dreams and visions for years, but until now I have not felt lead to share them with the body. God has been waking me up and I believe this is the first of many words He has given me for HIS Bride.

I went to bed around midnight and feel asleep praying. I felt like I was in a constant state of prayer and dreaming all night long. In the first scene of my dream I was in a city. It felt like New York. The city was in turmoil. I saw and felt the terror of people running from place to place. Planes were crashing and people were dying on the subways. For a moment I stopped and looked out into the horizon. I saw a small plane in the distance, it was sort of wobbling in the sky then it lost power completely and went down and crashed. I got nervous as I watched the plane go down, but then I thought to myself that the plane was far enough away and I wouldn't be hit. As soon as I had the thought there was a huge crash and bits of rubble and debris were flying toward me and others in the street. Some were hit, but I was not. The turmoil stopped and everyone seemed to breath a sigh of relief.

In the next part of my dream I was lifted above the city and was up high looking down toward the east coast. I was looking at a sea port, maybe Boston harbor, or some place in New York. I'm not exactly sure of my location, but it was definitely the north east and definitely at some type of ship yard or port. It looked a lot to me like Boston Harbor. I live in the area so this would be a logical conclusion to me. I heard a drum march so I "flew" down to get a closer. As far as I could see down the coast there were men- some dressed in red and some in black. They were lined up in 2 straight lines with patterns of square formations along the lines. It sort of looked like this:

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The men were playing huge black drums. They were playing a battle march against America. I felt the pure hatred in their hearts. I knew if they saw me they would surely kill me. Absolute terror gripped my heart. Just then I heard a voice behind me say "IGNORE THOSE MEN AND CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON ME" . I turned toward His voice and did not look back at the men. Then I saw the hand of the Lord write these words: ADULLAM DRUM BATTLE Then the dream was over. I said the 3 words over and over again. I didn't want to forget any of the words especially "adullam". I honestly never heard the word before.

I woke up and immediately grabbed the Bible. I was thrilled to see that "adullam" was an actual word in my bible, but I was over come with joy when I read the definition:

ADULLAM IS A REFUGE. ONE OF THE ROYAL CITIES IN CANAAN. KNOWN FOR A CAVE NEARBY WHERE DAVID LIVED FOR A TIME. SEVERAL OF HIS RELATIVES AND THE POOR AND AFFLICTED PEOPLE OF THE LAND CAME TO HIM THERE.

In the first part of my dream I believe what the Lord was trying to show me was how most of America reacted to 911. They were nervous for a moment, some minimized the damage and devastation then breathed a sigh of relief when it was over. I believe the 2 colors represent 2 nations or countries. I also believe the formation represents strategic plan to work together in their attack towards America. For the words "drum" and "battle" the Lord gave me Jeremiah:50. The sound of they drums is the battle cry against America.

Adullam is an amazing promise!! I love that this refuge is a place of ministry for the poor and afflicted people of the land!!

God Bless you,
Tina Nicolo

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Jer 4:19 "O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace, Because you have heard, O my soul, The sound of the trumpet, The alarm of war."

Luke 1:25 & 26: (25) "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; (26) men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken."

Luke 1:28 "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Have you (or someone you know) recently felt as though you are under an unusually heavy attack in some way? Has there been a struggle with depression, oppression, un-natural fear, battling spirits of sickness or death,)or fear of sickness or death), financial attacks, feelings of failure, fatigue, hopelessness, etc.? You are not alone and you are not crazy! The enemy has seemingly launched an all out assault upon the Body of Christ in that regard. As I was watching TV and saw the warning in the natural, "TERROR ALERT ELEVATED," the Lord showed me that there has also been a greater launching of terror in spiritual realms.

The Bible clearly warns us that, as we go into the end times, there will be wars, tsunamis, earthquakes and signs in the heavens. We are now seeing these things occur on a regular basis. The Bible says that, because of these things, fear may prevail to such a degree that people's hearts will fail them because of it. (Luke 21:26) This past year, there was already a news report on TV about a young man who was literally "scared to death."

I recently spoke to a medical employee who told me that around 75% of all the patients they know of that are on some sort of medication for anxiety, depression or nerves are Christians! There is no condemnation to anyone if that's what they need to do, but it's a healthy reminder of the power of fear and terror. However, there is a HIGHER power, and HIS name is JESUS! - "Greater is HE!!!" - And HE is IN US!!! We are definitely in times when we need to be reminded of this fact!

Because we are human, even Christians have a tendency to get afraid of or sad about things at some point. There times and seasons for everything - even grief and sorrow. (Eccl. 3:1) However, it is how we process and handle those times and seasons that is important. Going through things can be our bridge to greater authority. What we conquer becomes our testimony, and since Satan is defeated by the blood of the Lamb and word of our testimony (Rev. 12:11), those things we go through can become areas of greater authority for us!

I believe the Lord has sounded the alarm to let us know that terror is coming forth in many forms in this day and time - through wars, terrorist attacks, grief, fear, economic shortages, diseases, weather, natural disasters, and through a variety of spiritual, emotional, and other distresses. Therefore, we need to be prepared NOW by recalling who He is, and therefore who we are in Him.

SAY "NO!" and "GO!"

We would not knowingly let a person in to steal from us, so why should we allow the enemy in to steal our peace, joy or well being?

We have the authority to say, "NO!" and "GO!" to the enemy! In other words, "NO! I do NOT receive condemnation, depression, self hate, self pity, sickness, fear, etc.!" - And "GO to the feet of Jesus for judgement!" to any spirits that are NOT of the HOLY Spirit!

KNOW THE CHARACTER OF GOD VS. THE CHARACTER OF THE ENEMY

Job 22:21 tells us, "Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; Thereby good will come to you."

God reminds us that HE is NOT a terrorist! " ..... I am God, and not man, The Holy One in your midst; And I will not come with terror." (Hosea 11:9)

Satan is described as a thief, and Jesus tells us in John 10:10: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

In Rev. 10:12, we are reminded that Satan is as the accuser of the brethren, who accuses us before our God DAY AND NIGHT! - Continuously! - How dare that uncircumcised Philistine!!!

We clearly need to remember that, "There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit." (Rom. 8:1) – Therefore it is well for us to remember to walk according to the Spirit!

One way to properly discern whether what we are hearing is the conviction of the Holy Spirit or condemnation from the enemy is the fruit of it. When the Holy Spirit convicts and we repent, peace comes. If after we repent, we continue to hear voices of condemnation, that is the enemy! At such times, we need to remember to stand in our authority and say "NO & GO" to it. In other words, "NO! I don't receive that condemnation! I'm forgiven and cleansed by the blood of the Lamb! And you, enemy, have to GO to the feet of Jesus for judgement!"

The Lord reminds us in Jer 29:11 that the thoughts HE thinks toward us are thoughts of peace and not evil, to give us a future and a hope.

In Isaiah 57:15, He tells us, "For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.'"

LET'S CHOOSE OUR WEAPONS!

We are at war in both the natural and in the spirit. Matt. 11:12 tells us that "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." But we must choose our weapons wisely.

2 Cor. 10:3-4 reminds us that OUR weapons are SPIRITUAL, NOT carnal, and are totally effective to pull down the strongholds of the enemy: (4) "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh." (4) "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds."

Let's take a look at what some of the weapons are that God has given to us:

WE CAN WAR WITH PROPER FOCUS OF OUR MINDS AND ENERGY

One of our greatest weapons is to use a fruit of the Spirit called SELF CONTROL. In particular, we can do this by controlling where our mind goes. I'm not talking about some new age visualization thing. What I'm saying is, we don't need to let our imaginations wander into visualizing our destruction or demise, or into self pity. In fact, self pity and self focus is what the enemy wants us to dwell in, because then we will not be properly focused on the Lord. And if we aren't focused on the Lord, we won't have peace. So what should we do when this "stuff" comes at us?

STEP 1:
2 Cor. 10:5 tells us we can be: "...casting down arguments (imaginations) and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

This simply means to REFUSE the imaginations the enemy brings - say "NO & GO!" to it - and lay our hands on our head and command our thinking to come under the authority of the name, blood and Word of God!

STEP 2:
Philipians 4:8 instructs us: ".....Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

Once we've cast out the thoughts of the enemy, we now focus on the truth - what the Word has to say about God's love for us, thanking Him for our blessings, and focusing on the promises He has given to us.

STEP 3:
Col 1:21 tells us: "And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled."

Once we've asked for it, we have forgiveness of our sins and are no longer separated from God. We just need to receive it and believe it!

STEP 4:
Isa 26:3 encourages us, "You (God) will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."

Finally, we need to focus on the Lord! When we CHOOSE to focus on THE LORD, our thinking begins to be less foggy and confused, and we begin to WIN!

WAR WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS

Righteousness is RIGHT RELATIONSHIP to the Lord. If we are not in that position, we simply need to repent and get there! If we are in right relationship - right standing - with the Lord, He promises us that terror will be far from us:

"In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you." (Isaiah 54:14)

When we are out of right relationship with the Lord, the enemy will use against us exactly what he is responsible for bringing into our lives to mess it up with in order to condemn us. The enemy taunts, tempts, and leads people into sin, and then sends out his little demonic emissaries with voices of condemnation to haunt, taunt, hunt, terrorize and make us feel like garbage if we cave in and do that which is against our conscience and against the Lord!

So what do we do? Simply repent* and get INTO right relationship! "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Eph. 1:7)

Repent simply means, "to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life; to feel regret or contrition; to change one's mind." As we do this, we receive an awesome peace and refreshing from the Spirit of God!

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." (Acts 3:19)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

WAR WITH WORSHIP AND PRAISE

David didn't mope around in self pity when life got hot! - He encouraged Himself in the Lord, and we can too! "Now David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God." (I Sam. 30:6)

How can we encourage ourselves in the Lord?

Years ago, our pastor asked us to get words for the new year, and as I lifted my heart to the Lord He said to me, "WORSHIP is your WAR-ship!" He reminded me of a time when the Israelites worshipped Him in the midst of war, and it threw the enemy into so much confusion that those who came up against the Israelites all battled and killed each other!

The battle is the Lord's! (I Sam. 17:47)

Shut out the cares of the world, the lies of the enemy, and even the discouraging voices of others! He inhabits our praise! So let's just take a deep breath of fresh air, and focus on and worship The Lord! When we do this, He will say to us, "Come up here, and I will show you of things to come!" (Rev. 4:1)

David worshipped the Lord SEVEN times a day! We aren't told "how long" each time, but imagine this... Things at work get "to" you, so you go into your office (or restroom) and shut the door. You choose to take one to three to five minutes to (1) take a deep breath, (2) clear your head of all else but the Lord, and (3) worship Him. Normally, you get a ten minute break in the morning and afternoon, as well as lunch. Choosing to privately focus on Him in this time can be live changing - for us AND those around us!

WAR WITH THE WORD

"What would Jesus do?"

With Jesus as our example, we can war with "It is written" - The Word of God! (ref. Matthew 4) - When Jesus had a face to face confrontation with Satan, HE warred and WON with THE WORD! - Remember, Jesus IS The Word! - 1 John 1:1 & 14:(1) In the Beginning was the Word..... and (14) The Word became flesh and dwelt among us! - In the form of JESUS, Himself!!! - The more of The Word we get into us, the more of JESUS we have in us!

"The word of God is LIVING and POWERFUL, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Heb 4:12)

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For THEN you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success." (Jos 1:8)

...."But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not." (Jer 20:9)

"Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces? (Jer 23:29)

WAR WITH FAITH AND CONFIDENCE

Fear, which is the opposite of faith and confidence, is a SPIRIT of BONDAGE, and is NOT from God!

Romans 8:15 reminds us, "...You did NOT receive the spirit of BONDAGE again to FEAR, but YOU received the Spirit of ADOPTION by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." "

2 Timothy 1:7 tells us clearly, "For God has NOT given us a spirit of fear, but of POWER and of LOVE and of a SOUND MIND!"

The Lord hasn't given us a spirit of fear! He's given to us the HOLY Spirit! And that gives to US spirits of POWER, LOVE and a SOUND MIND! - Therefore we can tap into HIS power THROUGH His Spirit! - "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts." (Zech. 4:6)

"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." (1 Cor. 2:12)

Whom the Son sets free is free indeed! (John 8:36) And that means YOU and me!!! - Prov. 23:7 reminds us that "as we think in our heart"....so we are!

In Jesus, we can have the confidence to believe and see Him act on our behalf!

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16)

"So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Heb. 13:6)

WAR WITH DISCERNMENT

We don't need to share EVERYthing with EVERYone! Joseph did, to his regret! There are some that we can share the very most intimate details of life with, and there are others that we simply must hold at a somewhat of a distance.

If we have a friend whose weakness is alcohol or drugs, we won't give that to them, right? Likewise with gossip. We don't need give away anything about us that someone can use to further their sickness and to harm us. We need to be smart and guard our hearts - and mouths! - with all diligence! If we do otherwise, we have only ourselves to blame for any fallout!

Sometimes the BEST way to war is by knowing when to be silent!

Ex 14:14 "The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

Pr 17:28 Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive.

But remember, if we simply please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. (Prov. 16:7)

WAR WITH PRAYING IN TONGUES

When we pray in the Spirit, Jude 1:20-23 tells us that we build ourselves up in faith on the inside, keep ourselves in the love of God, help ourselves to look for mercy (instead of criticism and judgement), walk in compassion, discernment, and save others from destruction."(20) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, (21) keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (22) And on some have compassion, making a distinction; (23) but others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh."

Rom. 8:26-27 lets us know that when we pray in the Spirit, we also are able to pray past our own weaknesses (personal opinion, judgement, etc.) for the root issues we do not have any personal knowledge about, and are able to pray in the will of God for situations: (26) the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (27) Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

And THEN, because we've prayed in His will, Rom. 8:28 tells us: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

WAR WITH OUR HEARTS BEING RIGHT

Jesus said in Mark 7:6: "....'This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me." We need to be sure that our hearts bear witness with what we speak.

I love David's prayer in Psalms 19:14: "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."

Matthew 5:8 promises, "Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God."

Psalm 24:3-5, "(3) Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place? (4) He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. (5) He shall receive blessing from the Lord, And righteousness from the God of his salvation."

Let's pray, as David did, "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

WE CAN WAR WITH OUR FAITH

Sometimes we have condemnation because we have ignored our faith. (1 Tim. 5:12) But, even if we have "lost" all our faith, Jesus is the author and finisher of it (Heb. 12:12), and can make and give us more!

Cake mix is the substance of a cake we don't see yet, but if we use it as we should, we'll have that cake! We don't buy the mix, open the box, and dump the package on our counter top and cry because it doesn't look like a cake, do we?! We do with it what we need to do in order to have it become that cake! Likewise, Hebrews 1:1 tells us that faith is the very substance of the things we hope for but have not yet seen! And we have to DO something with it, because faith without works is dead! (James 2:20)

WAR WITH FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is very powerful. There are times we are going through things simply because we refuse to forgive others, and therefore cause ourselves to come under judgment: "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Luke 6:37)

WAR WITH COMPASSION

The dictionary describes compassion as, "sympathetic consciousness of others' distress together with a desire to alleviate it." Because of His compassion, Jesus healed, forgave, and fed many. (Matt. 14:14; Matt. 18:27; Mark 8:2) and tells us to have compassion on others, just as He has had on us (Matt. 18:33)

When we walk in compassion, we walk in the love of God. And God IS Love!

WAR WITH THE PROPHECIES WE'VE RECEIVED

Rev. 12:11 tells us that Satan will ultimately be overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimonies. Prophecy is often the way our testimony is given to us in advance, to give us the courage we need that will help us to press on towards that mark and gain victory. Therefore, prophecies are a main ingredient in waging warfare!

I Tim. 1:18 tells us: "This charge I commit to you...according to the PROPHECIES previously made concerning you, that BY THEM you may wage the good warfare."

I Tim. 4:13-16 reminds us: "(13) Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. (14) Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you BY PROPHECY with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. (15) Meditate on these things; GIVE YOURSELF ENTIRELY TO THEM, that your progress may be evident to all. (16) Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."

GIVE YOUR BODY PROPER REST

When we most need it, sometimes the enemy tries to rob us of sleep, even through fear and running a broken record of his torments. However, the Word of God is clear. God wants us to have protected, peaceful sleep.

There was a time when I used to be tormented and robbed of my sleep most every night. Now when I find myself having a rough night, I "say NO and GO" to the enemy, do all the things that make me comfortable for a good night's sleep, and quote the scriptures below. The Lord never fails me!

"(24) When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. (25) Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; (26) For the Lord will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught." (Prov. 3:24-26)

"I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." (Ps 4:8)

"You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day." (Ps 91:5)

WE CAN WAR WITH THE WORDS WE SPEAK

Toxic people TALK sick, and they infect many. The Bible is pretty clear that, even if someone sounds "religious," if they do not bridle their own tongue, they "deceive their own heart, and this one's religion is useless." (James 1:26)

Proverbs 31:26 says of the Virtuous Woman, "She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness." We, as the Bride of Christ, need to have the Law of Kindness upon our lips, one to another. Words are SO important! God formed the WORLD with HIS words! And WE form OUR worlds with OUR words! In Joshua 14 we are told that the words of Joshua & Caleb were full of faith but in verse 7, we read that the words of the spies "caused the hearts of the people to melt!" - How sad! Because of the evil report they gave, MANY missed out on the Promised Land!

"For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (14) For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (15) But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!" (Galatians 5:13-15: 13)

"Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy." (Pr 12:20)

In Jer 29:7 the Lord reminds us to "seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace."

WAR WITH SURROUNDING OURSELVES WITH THE RIGHT COMPANY

The Bible is pretty clear about being cautious about the company we keep. 1 Co 15:33 tells us pretty bluntly, "Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits."

2 Th 3:14 says, "And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed."

1 Co 5:9 instructs, "...do not to keep company with sexually immoral people."

Remember, this was written to and about the bretheren...."But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person." (1 Co 5:11)

If the company we keep won't go to heaven with us, why should we let them take us to Hell??

WAR WITH PRAYER

I used to wonder why, if God knew everything, we have to pray? Didn't he see the needs and the injustices? When I asked the Lord, He said, "Because I've made you to be of free will, you can choose to do things your own way. Through prayer, I give to you the opportunity to allow me to intervene."

The Bible tells us that prayer is a very powerful tool. Let's use it!

God promises, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14)

Let's not be "religious" with vain repetition, or thinking we have to spend certain hours in prayer. We may be on a different "watch" than those who are up at 5 a.m., but it doesn't make us "wrong" if we pray at a different time. Whether on our knees, standing, sitting, walking, or driving the car, let's just PRAY!

PRAYER

Dear God, We come before you in the name of your son Jesus, and we ask you to help us remember to keep our focus upon you and to USE the weapons you have given to us. We ask you to forgive us for having let ourselves be complacent and for falling into self pity. Give to us the wisdom, understanding, faith and strength we need to do all you have called us to do, and to fulfill our purpose and destiny. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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To Avert Further Judgments

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"Katrina -- A Warning to Avert Further Judgments?"
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How should we pray in the wake of what may soon prove to be one of America's greatest natural disasters in history? Is this crisis a one-time thing, or is it only the second in a series of disastrous judgments waiting at America's door, unless there is a massive move of lasting repentance??
9-11 was a powerful wake-up call. It seems America was awakened out of her sleepy spiritual state long enough to push the "snooze" button on the alarm, but then quickly went back to sleep.

One of the clear ways of God seen in His historical dealings with Israel, was that He would allow a lesser judgment to come in order to stir His people out of their spiritual slumber. If they awoke, and turned from idolatry in a true and lasting fashion, the greater judgment was averted. If they did not, He released (with great sorrow of heart) the greater judgment, which for Israel meant two times the destruction of Jerusalem, resulting in the destruction of Israel's economy and the exile of her people into the nations.

God's Displeasure

Katrina means "pure", and I believe it is a call for purification. A week before Katrina, as we prayed about the forced removal of Jewish people from their homes in Gaza and parts of Samaria (the northern "West Bank"), we sensed that God was going to speak soon in very strong terms His displeasure with the continued and increasing pressure of the nations to "divide up the Land" (Joel 3:2). Psalm 29 came out very strongly in both our day and night "watches" (we did not know until the following day that we had both received the same Scripture and message).

Evening, night, morning, and afternoon intercessors, all separately received a sense that a storm was coming. They felt that God was very angry about the pullout, and that His voice would soon thunder His displeasure through nature. Some significant Scriptures received were:

> "The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters . . . The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever." --Psalm 29:3, 9, 10
> "You boast, 'We have entered into a covenant with death, with the grave we have made an agreement. When an overwhelming scourge sweeps by, it cannot touch us, for we have made a lie our refuge and falsehood our hiding place.' I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line; hail will sweep away your refuge, the lie, and water will overflow

> your hiding place. Your covenant with death will be annulled; your agreement with the grave will not stand. When the overwhelming scourge sweeps by, you will be beaten down by it." -- Isaiah 28: 15, 17, 18
> (See also Isaiah 30:27-33; and Psalm 18:1-15)

God's Mercy
For any who might question the link of the Gaza/Samaria evacuation with the New Orleans evacuation, I encourage you to read an article by our friend, Avner Boskey, showing the parallels between the two uprootings (See www.elijahlist.com/words).

In the hours just before Katrina hit the Gulf Coast of America, we were crying out to God here in Jerusalem, where we conduct 24/7 worship and intercession from our center, facing Mt. Zion. As we asked God to "in wrath remember mercy", we were led to confess two root sins.
The first is the exploitation of sin and decadence, to not only parade it shamelessly, but also to use it to gain money through tourism and exportation, via the media. Secondly, the sin of saying that God does not have the "right" to set the borders of nations -- pressuring Israel to *divide up the Land* and give away her biblically promised inheritance to be replaced by an Islamic terrorist state, probably to be dominated by forces openly dedicated to the destruction of Israel. I believe that Katrina's last minute veer to the right, avoiding a head-on with New Orleans, was an expression of "in wrath remember mercy." Although we deeply grieve over lives lost, it could have been even worse.

Unless America And Europe Heed The Wakeup Call . . .

Unless America heeds the wake-up call this time, and Europe heeds the wake-up call from the London terrorism and the recent flooding, there are worse judgments standing in line, waiting to be released upon America and Europe. May we, as intercessors, cry out for a spirit of repentance to be poured out upon America and Europe before judgments come that are far worse than 9-11, the London bombings, or Hurricane Katrina.

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The Awakening Has Begun

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For the last couple of weeks, I have had a series of visions and they have been progressive and the Father has laid a base from which He will ultimately build upon in the days to come. He is speaking, moving, and breaking forth. The Hour is late, and we are changing. There are many that are in the Remnant also birthing forth in this hour who can add more to this than me, but I will share my portion as I received it.

Exodus 33: 7-11 In the vision, I am watching myself as well as participating in this experience.

I am sitting on the ground leaning my back against a tent wall. I am in a huge tent and it is dark somewhat. I realize that I am in the Tent of Meeting. I have been here before, but this time not as someone walking around and being shown things as before. But I am sitting at the wall edge and waiting. I realize that I am alone and that I am tired.

As I rest, I can feel the Lord’s Presence within the Tent. He fills the Tent with Himself, yet is also unseen. The eyes are only opened as he decides. To behold Him is to behold Holiness and Terrible Fear. For He is Holy and Terrible, and He is God. I remembered some of My times before the Lord, as I sit there, and my heart longs for Him again. I long for His touch and voice and His Love, yet I also tremble in His gaze, for His eyes look upon all humanity, searching for those with upright hearts. I shiver at the thought of failing Him. I become afraid.

My heart beats faster, and the fear rises up within me, as I search myself and cry out from within myself for mercy and for His cleansing fire. I could not bear to miss My Lord and be apart from Him. All I can do is sit by the wall of the Tent and wait upon Him. For I cannot go anywhere else. He is all I have. My thoughts were now in turmoil, and I shook myself within, struggling to pull myself together, for I knew the Lord brought me here for a reason, therefore I could not have missed him. I chided myself for giving in to the fears of the flesh.

As I was just refocusing, I heard a voice speak from within the Tent. It was very loud and powerful like a trumpet and it echoed all throughout the chambers of the Tent and beyond.

"The Awakening Has Begun."

I jumped up and shook, as it hit me. I looked around and searched for the Lord. He alone could have spoken like that, and I knew I had to seek Him out for the rest of the word. I began to hesitantly walk forwards into the Tent further. As I did, I noticed that it became increasingly harder to see. The Cloud of the Lord began to manifest, or to fill the Tent. I could see the thick Glory as it swirled all around me and I shook even harder. I tried to fall down, but I was held upright. I remained standing as the cloud was all around and I felt the terrible fear arise afresh, as I felt my Lord within.

"Lord," I called out, "Give me your Grace to stand here in your midst."

The Lord then stepped forth closer to me, and smiled. He held out His hand, and took mine. He said, "You have My Grace, that is what held you upright. I am with all of Mine, and My Grace is with you wherever you are. Do not fear. I wanted you to hear what I am doing, and understand, then I would show you."

"Many want to see what I am doing, and then they will trust Me. But I am raising up a people who will trust Me when they hear My Voice, without seeing. Men always want signs. They always want to see, touch, or do something, before they will believe. But I say unto you, that day is over. I will have a people who walk after My Spirit, who know My Voice, who will trust Me without ever seeing, and who also know My embrace. But it is not given to those who do not want Me."

"The Awakening Has Begun."

"I am bringing forth Mine who will rise up and stand with Me. I have told you this before. They are changing now, and are being trained, matured, and transformed right before the world's eyes. I have wrought a great work, and no one saw it. For their hearts are hardened, and their eyes are dull, and their hearing has waxed shut. It will remain so. For I am raising up and sending forth new leaders and they will not be fearful, nor disobedient. The brokenness that I have accomplished within them, has now become the foundation and birthplace for their ascent. Now comes the next stage of events."

"You are to also begin anew. All that you labored over was brought to another breaking, for it had to pass, and be the new foundation upon which you will now walk. Do not grieve over the ruins that you see all around you, but rejoice that I have wrought a work, and move forth. For what was, could never compare to what will be. For it is all Me. I have been working a deep work and now it will break forth, and what was, will not even be thought of, for I have changed you. Trust Me to lead you further."

I listened to the Lord and felt the grief I had been carrying leave me, and the tiredness. I felt a sense of hope stirring, and looked up. The Lord was gone. I looked around, and all I could see was cloud. I did not desire for Him to leave just yet, and longed for Him. I cried out, "Lord, where are you?" I could hear only a light wind that blew ever so gently in the Tent. I strained to hear, and after a few moments, then I caught a still, quiet word, "Come."

I stepped forwards and could not see anything, for the Presence of the Lord's Cloud was so thick, and it felt heavy now. I also felt the wind on me as I walked. I could smell the Lord though, and it gave me comfort. I could smell the sweet incense that burned somewhere. I felt with my hands out before me, and moved in the direction of the voice.

After a few minutes, I stopped, for I did not know how far I had stepped, or if I was near anything. I did not want to knock over anything in the Tent. I waited, and listened for the Lord. Nothing. I prayed and said, "Lord, I will wait upon you. I will not move until you say to, nor will I fear, for I know you will lead me." Then the Lord spoke, and said, "That is what I want. That is where My People will remain in Me. That is where Mine will abide and walk out the days ahead. Only at the sound of My Voice."

"The famine of the Word has come, but will intensify. Men will run to and from looking for the true Word from my lips, but will not find it. They will seek out the prophets and the seers, and try to access Me through them, but I will not be found by them. My Word has been profaned long enough, by men who do not treasure it nor reverence it. It will be removed and given to those who have hungered and thirsted after righteousness. It will be given out by Mine who love Me more than their own lives. It will be brought forth with Truth, and with respect. It will no longer be trampled on."

"My Presence will be within you, as well as with all who are called by My Name, but it will not be with those who do not love Me nor walk with Me. I will not abide with those who reject the Truth and love the lies.

Greater darkness comes. You have only seen a portion of the darkness, daughter. You have only seen what you could see when I am so near to you, but if I were to withdraw completely; you would be consumed by the total darkness that is truly present. I showed you this before, but now it is even more becoming a reality in your land. My Son also knew this darkness and separation when I withdrew from Him on the Cross. All who reject Me, will also know this darkness, for their choice will bring them fully into it, as I have told you."

"My Presence is always in the earth, for I uphold all things by Myself. But I am not striving with rebellious men anymore. For I am unfolding even more, as the days come, and their eyes will be opened whether they like it or not, whether they want it or not, and whether they are ready or not. For I warned and gave many years for men to turn to Me, and some did. Fewer allowed themselves to be broken and purged, and now they cannot come. For the hour of full travail has come. The breaking open has been initiated and now comes the harder choices."

"You have given what I told you to give over the years, and some listened and are now being birthed forth. Others are about to be, and others are coming into a state of readiness, as I have been bringing them through it. Each will be released in their stages."

"But the time of answering the call and coming to Me and of being purged, and for maturing as a vessel for My Use is past, for the greater darkness now comes. It is too late. The destroyer will reap, and great will be the outcry. I gave time to repent, and now it cannot be given anymore. The hour has begun and the black wind is beginning to blow. The black stream will flow unchecked. The black stream will flow alongside of the True, but who will know the difference between the two? You have seen it, and also have been persecuted for it, but the revelation is true and it comes. Men do not see what I see, it will not be as they think, but I will bring it forth suddenly."

"Go your way, and walk on. Do not carry the weights and expectations of others upon you anymore, and do not grieve, but only walk with My yoke upon you. For you are Mine, and I will set your pace and illuminate the way, as you listen for My Voice and obey it. My Sons and Daughters of Thunder will arise and utter My Voice, as they yield to Me, and I will roar in the earth. My Thunder and My Lightning will be heard and seen, as the black winds now increase and the darkness comes."

"I am awakening My hidden Vessels, and great will be the sound of the awakening, and the glorious company of the Righteous that now does My Will."

The Lord then lifted and the cloud ascended and I was sitting by the inside wall of the Tent again.

***I pray these revelations will encourage you, and strengthen you to follow His Voice, and to fully trust in Him.

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Tongues and Heart Entwined

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Let your yes, be yes, and your no, be no. Do not speak forth words that you know I have called you to speak, but yet leave your hearts far from Me.

Many of you speak, but your words are empty because your hearts have remained at a distance from Me. Why is this? Are you afraid to relinquish all control to allow your God to take hold?

Let your yes, be yes, and your no, be no.

My beautiful children, I have called each of you to come to Me, come with your hearts as your sacrifice and allow Me to touch each of you, and bring you closer to Myself. Many of you are speaking of things that are of My Kingdom, but are keeping your hearts so far from Me.

Deceit has entered my house, and I am not pleased. I have called each of you to be speakers of truth. Speakers of love and encouragement. The words that you speak, to overflow out of your hearts of thankfulness and worship of Me. Many of you are lying. Many of you are hiding behind cliché words and phrases, and not allowing My Spirit of truth to speak through you.

I am the God of the Impossible. I am making the Impossible, Possible.

Do not ‘play’ church any longer My children. Do not speak empty words, and keep your hearts far from Me.

Examine your hearts, and your words. Where your heart lies, so does your treasure, but many of you are speaking forth words of Mine, but are not allowing your hearts to rest in Me. You are allowing your hearts to rest in your own desires and lusts of the flesh.

I long to draw each of you closer to Me than you ever have been. Draw you to that secret place of speaking so deeply and intimately to you, and strengthening you for the task ahead.

Let the words that you speak, reflect the heart that is within you. Do not allow deceit to come from your mouth. Do not deceive others by your empty words of praise to Me, and keeping your hearts far from

Me.

My church, the time is drawing near for My return, and many games and manipulation and deceit is being entertained in My church. Repent, and allow My Spirit to clean your hearts, your tongues and My church.

Allow My fire to fall on your tongues and hearts, so that the joining of your heart and your tongue may manifest. That truly My children will walk in a deeper empowerment of My Spirit.
Allow Me to break down the parts of you have kept your hearts far from Me.

For the power of My Spirit that shall flow through My church when hearts and tongues are combined shall be incredible.

Many are walking within My house, that are not following Me, and are deceiving many. Stay alert. Keep watch, and listen to My Spirit.

I the Lord your God, will not accept those who come to Me with words, but hearts are far from Me. Check your hearts My children, and allow Me to show you anything within you that may not bring about Glory to My name.

Let the revival of My church begin within you. Let your words reflect your heart. Repent of deceit, and come walk in truth.

For the truth, will set you free, and will set the world free of it’s bondage. You cannot hide anything from Me, I see all, and I long to restore that which is hidden in darkness.

So come, My church, let your tongues and heart unite. Be carriers of TRUTH, carriers of My Word and hearts that are clean and pure. Let Me prepare you for what is to come. To walk in greater holiness and purity of heart. No more deceit.

Tamar Yearning

Robert I Holmes

Moses, the author of the first five books of the Old Testament, does a strange thing in chapter 38 of Genesis. In chapter 37 we are reading along with the life of Joseph and his brothers, arriving at the point where his brothers sell him into slavery. The story has reached a mild climax, and the next chapter is opening up in Egypt with Joseph, when Moses takes the day off. There is a hiatus, whilst we go off to read about Judah and his first three sons. Roll the elevator music. Then in chapter 39, he picks right back up on the theme of Joseph and carries on as if nothing had happened.

These things are not without cause. We are supposed to take note (but we rarely do). Judah - the betraying brother - has three sons in rapid succession: Er, Onan and Shelah. Er (all jokes aside), the eldest marries a girl called Tamar, and like all women of her time yearns to have children with him.

Three kinds of failure

But before they can complete the task, God kills him, "For Er was a wicked man" (Gen. 38:7). OK, Tamar wasn't a very discerning type. The father-in-law is distressed (amazed) and as is the custom of the time, says to his next son, "Go in to your brother's wife and perform the duty of a brother-in-law to her; raise up offspring for your brother" (vs 8).

But young Onan does not want to raise up an inheritance for his brother, he wants the pleasure of the encounter, but not the responsibility of raising kids. He just cannot bring himself to raise sons in someone else's house. God is very displeased with his action - and more so with his attitude. Roll the lightning again - bam, whisps of smoke and no more Onan! Poor Tamar, desperate for children, comes to her father-in-law again.

Never once looking at his own fathering skill, the sin in his son's life, Judah is thinking to himself, "This woman is cursed! Two of my sons are dead". She asks for recompense, or satisfaction, and Judah says, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my son Shelah grows up -- for he feared that he too would die, like his brothers" (vs 11). He did not place blame on the wickedness of Er, or the shameful behaviour of Onan. Tamar must be to blame.

She never does get Shelah as promised. She waits, perhaps years, for the third son to grow up. Judah's wife dies (so we may be talking about 10-15 years later!) and Judah is consoled. Then one day he is walking down the road, missing his wife, and sees this beautiful woman beside the road, dressed like a harlot. It was Tamar in disguise. "She saw that Shelah was grown up, yet she had not been given to him in marriage" (vs 14).

This last son was withheld from her, initially because of his youth, and also because of his father's skepticism (judgment) about Tamar's character. She was desperate for change, and yearned for children.

Three kinds of leader

During a prophetic conference in early October, 2006 I was speaking with our host, Terry Appel and another speaker for the conference, Marc Dupont. We were discussing Tamar - and more specifically Onan. Much is said about Onan, and his seed-spilling incident. But little is made of the rest of the story.

I believe this story contains a picture of three kinds of leaders being dealt with in the Body of Christ today:

· Er - full of wickedness will be removed. There are leaders who have wickedness in their house, but more dangerously, in their hearts. The days of Ananias and Sapphira are back. · Onan - unwilling to embrace responsibility, and unwilling to raise up sons in someone else's house. The heart of this man's issue if jealously, envy, spite and a lack of submission to correct authority. Watch the ground Korah, watch the sky Onan, God is on the move. · Shelah - immature and held back by their leaders from being intimate with the bride. The immature son is unable to find union and bring forth fruitfulness. If he can wait, like David. if he can abide, like Jesus he will be blessed.

One step too far?

My mind recoils at the rest of this story. Tamar seduces, then entraps Judah. She falls pregnant to her father-in-law and when she is "caught" and threatened with death. She is able to produce evidence that Judah is the father (he gave her his rod and ring as a tie-over until he could bring a lamb). His response? "You are more righteous than I" (vs 26).

Hmmm, righteous does not quite seem to fit Tamar's behaviour - or does it? Judah, Tamar and the kids turn up in the lineage of Jesus Christ. The Son of God is directly connected to this story (Matt. 1:3, Luke 3:33). He is not ashamed of this somewhat checkered story.

This woman was desperate for justice, but took an errant path to gain success. She is no better, and no worse than her father of faith - Abraham. He resorted to "the flesh" and the resulting union (Hagar and Ishmael) have both received rather a bad rap from the church (though Scripture is careful to note that on two occasions God blesses them both).

Our human mind recoils at the sins men commit, yet God, the holy and righteous one "works all things together for good". He honours Tamar (the person, not the sin she committed) eternally in the word of God. He takes our greatest mistakes, and the very worst situations and turns them to His glory - that is a God specialty!.

Two sons, one breakthrough

Tamar finally has her children. By hook or by crook, she has achieved her goal, and now God has something to say about this "new generation"! There are twins, and one pops his hand out, then pulls it back in. The other child breaks out ahead of him, and they call him Perez "for he has broken through!" His brother's name is Zerah.

Tamar broke through, and brought forth children to Judah, and her children go on to become numbered among Israel during the census of Moses (Num. 26:20,21). They are also running in David's time - mighty in battle, word and deed. Perez breaks through at birth and his kids go on breaking through.

A remarkable historic underlining takes place with David. The great grandsons of Perez are among the men fighting in the valley of Rephaim with David. They are fighting against the Philistines, and God grants them wonderful favour.

"David defeated them there. He said, 'The LORD has burst forth against my enemies before me, like a bursting flood.' Therefore that place is called Baal-perazim. The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them away" (2 Sam. 5:20,21).

David came to know God as Lord of the breakthrough. The Lord had gone out ahead of them, and had broken through like water, like a flood on dry ground. This is of the Holy Spirit - this is an anointing.

God gave David two instructions, which he followed carefully, and God went ahead of the army into Victory. This anointing was actually upon David, following God. The prophet Micah spoke clearly of it: "The one who breaks out will go up before them; they will break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king will pass on before them, the LORD at their head." (Micah 2:13).

The breaker anointing

There is, upon certain individuals, a "breaker anointing", which causes them to break through. Tamar had it, she broke through and brought sons into the world. Her husband Er was disqualified because of sin. Her brother-in-law Onan was disqualified because he could not bring himself to raise sons in someone else's house. Her other brother-in-law Shelah was disqualified because of his immaturity, and his father's suspicion.

But her son Perez caught the anointing, and broke through. This anointing flowed down the line - all the way to Christ who broke through for all of man kind! In these last days God is looking for the yearning of Tamar, and consolation of Israel.

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The Adoption of Sons

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I feel the need to express a few things today; some things that are foundational to our understanding of "sonship," as many Christians are not very familiar with the true meaning of "sonship" or "the adoption of sons" or "the placement of sons" as those things are revealed to us in scripture.

It is no wonder that a dark veil has been pulled over the understanding of most Christians regarding "sonship," for the revelation of sonship is something that the devil ferociously withstands, and that because the Christian progression from spiritual children to spiritual sons means the enemy's very undoing.

> *"For the anxious longing of the creature waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subject to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth until now. And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons..." (Romans 8:19-23)*

Beloved, even a brief glimpse into this passage of scripture from Romans should reveal to us that the "adoption of sons" or the unveiling of the Son in fullness in a company of sons is something which yet lies ahead for the body of Christ. We, who have received a measure of the Spirit now wait ...GROANINGLY WAIT! for our adoption as sons. We were foreordained unto adoption as sons, but the actual adoption is something for which we are now waiting. Thus, this "adoption" is not simply the matter of our coming into the family of God through regeneration of our spirit, but rather, it is something which is the end result of God's fiery dealings with us unto the full and complete surrender of our souls!

There have been vast amounts of erroneous teaching about "adoption" and "sonship" in the body of Christ, and that mostly because men have looked at biblical adoption through the eyes of modern western culture. But beloved, the traditional Hebrew view of "the adoption of a son" has absolutely nothing to do with the placement of an orphan into a foster home, rather, it has to do with a young man coming into a place of maturity whereby the full authority and resources of his father are bestowed upon him.

With this in mind, can you not see why the devil would do everything in his power to blind the children of God to the message of their full inheritance and adoption as sons? When MATURE sons of God are made manifest beloved (the man-child of Revelation 12), the enemy will lose his place, he will lose his kingdom, he will lose his title, he will even lose his evil grip on creation! He loses everything!

> *"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ has come, for the accuser of the brethren has been thrown down..." (Revelation 12:10)*

Dear ones, the catching up of the manchild of Revelation 12 to the throne of God is none other than the sons of God coming into their place of full authority and power in the kingdom; *that* which the devil has feared the most, and that for which all of creation has been groaning like a woman in the travail of childbirth. The devil has fought hard to keep the light of the inheritance in Christ from Christian believers ... but beloved ... it is now time for us to rise and shine for our light has come! It is time for us to know by the spirit of wisdom and revelation the hope of our calling; which is the full riches and power and authority of our Father bestowed upon us, and that for the purpose of setting all of His creation free from its slavery to corruption and death so that even it (creation itself) might come into the freedom of the glory of the children of God come into their inheritance as sons! Oh glory!

With these things in mind and heart, let me share with you something about the true scriptural meaning of "adoption" and "sonship" as it applies to the above quoted verse from Romans 8 (our inheritance), and as it can be seen in the life and development of the average Hebrew boy ... and even Jesus Himself!

The original Greek word translated as “revealing” in Romans 8:19 is the word “apokalupsis,” which simply means “disclosure.” In other places throughout the New Testament, it is also translated as “appearing,” “coming,” “enlighten,” and “revelation.” The definition assigned to its root word is, “to take off the cover.” Therefore, when we come across this word “apokalupsis” in Scripture, it has to do with the exposing of something that has been hidden from view, or bringing into light that which has been kept in obscurity. In this passage of scripture it should be pretty clear that what has been hidden and held in obscurity is ... the sons of God! Certainly even the understanding of sonship has been hidden from many Christians up until now, but thank God, we are coming into a day of a great unveiling of God's inheritance in the saints.

As the above passage of scripture about the sons of God appears to us in English, "sons" could be taken in several different ways, but in the original language, Paul was very careful in his choice of words. For the word "sons" Paul very carefully chose the word “huios” rather than the word “teknion” (which means infant) or “teknon” (which speaks of a child or a youth) because he was not referring to mere children. “Huios” specifically speaks of matured, fully developed sons, or those who have come of age into full maturity. Of the three words, "huios" is the only word that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to use when he spoke of those to be manifested as sons of God in Romans 8, and it is also the only word that the Holy Spirit inspired the beloved John to use when he referred to the manchild in Revelation chapter 12. Is that possibly because those are one and the same? I think so.

With this understanding somewhat established, we should be able to see that the manifestation of the sons of God is not merely the unveiling or revelation of God’s children, since that manifestation has been occurring for the past two thousand years, but it is a revelation of those children coming into their full maturity in Christ, when they will come of full age (spiritually speaking) and be presented by the Father as full grown “sons” (huios) of the Kingdom.

According to John’s Gospel, those who receive the Christ are given the power to become the children (teknon) of God, and that through the regeneration of their spirit. But what Paul then reveals in Romans is that from these children will come forth “mature sons;” the manifestation of which all of creation has been anxiously awaiting. Take a look again at verse 21 from Romans, but this time from the J.B.Phillips translation;

“And the hope is that in the end the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty WHICH CAN ONLY BELONG TO THE CHILDREN OF GOD!”

Beloved, this means that the “sons of God” can only come forth from the “children of God,” or in other words, the “manchild” can only come forth from the “woman" (she who is made up of “sun clad” believers, but is yet to come to full maturity in Christ for she is still in a sense, a spiritual “child,” not having put the self-life fully to death). The manifestation of the sons of God will not be the disclosure of God’s offspring in the infant stage (teknion) or the adolescent stage (teknon)... No, it shall be a manifestation of those who have come to the full stature of Christ; nothing less than Christ's own perfection (that's maturity)! Oh, may the spirit of wisdom and revelation open the eyes of your understanding to this wonderful truth!

This article is getting a little bit long, and I want to try to wrap it up, but I would like to take a quick look at the life of Jesus as it is revealed to us in the Gospels because in His life we can see a pattern which reveals the three stages of spiritual growth in a believer ... from infancy (teknion) ... to puberty (teknon) ... to maturity (huios). This is revealed in Jesus' manger birth and circumcision on the eighth day, to His appearing in the temple at age 12, to His adoption ceremony and His Father’s proclamation of His Sonship at the Jordan at age 30 ("30" is the biblical number for "maturity").

The pattern shown to us in the life of Jesus, is also revealed to us in the life of the average Israelite male (which I mentioned earlier). Jesus then spiritually amplifies for us that pattern with His life.

In the life of the average Hebrew boy there were three major events which drew broad public attention to him. The first of these events was his "Circumcision," which occurred when he was an infant, at eight days old. This was the moment that he was marked as a “covenant man” in Israel, and was celebrated throughout the community.

The second major event was his "Bar-Mitzvah," which took place as he was about to enter into puberty. The word Bar-Mitzvah actually means “a son accountable,” and this signified the time, not only when he was held accountable for keeping the Commandments of God, but also when he was to become an apprentice under his father in the family business. This, too, was celebrated as a very special event in the life of the child, just as it is today.

The third event was what was known as the “Huiothesia,” or the (young man's) “adoption ceremony.” The word "Huiothesia" means “Son Placement,” and indicates the time when a male child reached what was considered to be the age of maturity (somewhere around 30). At this time, the father of the young man would place his hand on the head of his son and openly proclaim, "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased! I bestow upon him now all of my riches and power and authority (through power of attorney) so that he might act on my behalf in all of my affairs."

Beloved friends, can you see that the three experiences that are described in the life of an Israelite male, and the three stages shown to us in the life of Jesus, are to be spiritually discerned so that we may understand God’s enduring process for our own spiritual growth into sons? Can you now understand why Jesus would say to Mary and Joseph at age 12, “Know ye not that I must be about My Father’s business?” Can you see that He was proclaiming His just then entered apprenticeship under the Father? At that point Jesus was just entering an 18 year stage of "learning the family business” so to speak. His Sonship ceremony at the Jordan which would "fulfill all righteousness" and launch His glorious Sonship ministry would not be performed until He reached the full stage of "maturity." The Holy Spirit's descent like a dove upon Jesus was in essence the hand of the Father coming upon the Son to proclaim His Sonship ministry! The Father said, "This is My Beloved Son in Whom I AM well pleased!" Many of us have not understood the full ramifications of those words, or that ceremony, until now. But there is now a great light of revelation being shed upon such things in this day.

Why?

Because the time for our adoption as "sons" is drawing nigh beloved. Our Father is preparing to bestow the riches and the power and the glory of His Kingdom upon a people, and that without measure! But He won't give that power to spiritual infants! No, He won't. Nor will He give it to spiritual children... But the Father is waiting (as is all of creation) to bring forth sons. This is the precious fruit of the earth for which the Husbandman has been patiently waiting.

Oh yeah ... one last thing.

Growth from spiritual childhood to that of a son comes only one way beloved... lots and lots of chastening, suffering, trials, and tribulation. Hardly the escape "rapture" folks ... sorry.

May the Lord give us the grace to endure the trials and the chastening that we must suffer unto sonship, and that, so that He may have that company of sons upon whom He can place the great authority and power that is needed to rule and reign with Him in the Kingdom of God.

The Appearance Of The United States Will Change

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[21] For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now--and never to be equaled again. [22] If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Matt. 24

“There is a place that you can run to and hide when the storms come upon this world. There is a place that you will be sheltered from the storms. I tell you that you can run to Me when the storms of this life rage upon you. For there are great storms coming. They will be unequaled since the time of this world. I tell you that in the coming months and years the United States map will change. For the map of the United States will be changed because of catastrophic events. This will be because of various earthquakes and nuclear attacks. “

(The Lord showed me a picture of the state of Florida. I was looking at it and then the shape of it was then transformed into the shape of a gun. It was as if the panhandle section was then the barrel of a gun. It then seemed that the state itself had become broken in half. The Lord then showed me a picture of the United States. I was shown the state of Texas and it was broken in a piece where the bottom half of it was now submerged. It had broken off from about where the panhandle section was in the state. The gulf of Mexico had come into most of it and had totally changed it. Then I looked at the rest of the continent, and saw that the northeastern section of the America was being curled up like a paper. The continent was rolled up along the northeastern edges, and along the coastlines down to Florida, some 200 or miles inland. This was also on the western half of America as well, except that California was not to be seen.)

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There Are Those

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

This following has been sent to us by a friend, who was evacuated from one of the Northern Gaza settlements. This is what she has to say:

I just realized that I wrote the following pages [see down] four and a half months before we were scheduled to leave our home in the Northern Gaza Strip. I'd forgotten all about it and the funny thing is that it's now three and a half months since we left our homes.

When I read it just recently, it took me a while to realize what I was reading and that I'd written it. There are times when it all seems so far away. Yet, it's still all too real. Nothing has changed and there's been very little progress in securing any agreement with the government. Many of us are living without much ability to decide what's next in our future. The spirits of confusion, lying and manipulation are woven into every discussion and you meet them at every turn.

When I wrote this little piece many people were still wondering if it would really happen. I was wondering why the Father was giving me such a vivid picture of why it would.

I spent quite a few months in the place of betrayal, abandonment, sacrifice and obedience. Betrayal seemed to meet me wherever I went. My thoughts and emotions could not escape it.

One of the most difficult parts of leaving our home was to leave our garden. I found it very difficult to imagine it being run over by a plow; buried under the rubble of our home. Just weeks before we were to leave, we began to 'uproot' the garden. One of the first plants to be lifted out of the sand was a 'stephanotis'. I was told to cut it back so that it would be better able to withstand the transplanting. But I couldn’t bring myself to cut off the buds which were yet unopened on the vine. To my surprise, the flowers began to bloom only a few days after the plant was moved. It was then that the Lord showed me that although the move would be difficult, that which He transplants will survive.

We moved as much of the garden as we could. It's being cared for by a family member (a gardener); until the Lord brings us to our new home. Then we will put the roots down into new soil; mingled with the old.

There are those.

There are those who carry the Spirit of the Living God within them, who are being called to another level; a level of choosing to bear the pain of entering into the Heart of God. Those who answer the call must be prepared to intercede for the turning of the Nation of Israel to her God; the Nation of Israel in the land and in the nations. The Nation of Israel, which is natural Israel and that which is spiritual Israel. The Nation of Israel which is both, as well as those who have yet to learn their true identity. He knows and He has promised to bring them back, to the land and to Himself.

He is looking for a battalion within His army willing to be part of the skirmish to release them from their shackles. He is looking for those who will take part in the preparation of going before and preparing the way for the lifting of the scales from their eyes.

You cannot afford to get stuck in your own perceptions of what the future will be. You have either been called to this division of the army, or not. You will know by the preparation which you have received up until this point.

Do not be surprised if many of those with whom you have trained with up until this point are not recruited along with you. This does not make anyone more or less in My eyes. It only stresses the importance of knowing your place.

The land is not the point. It is the issue which will direct you to the battle at hand. Yes, the land and the people are one! However, the battles must be fought separately. Until the battle for the souls of my people reaches the level where all has been set in place for the final battle, the separation of the land will be the price which is paid. Eliminate all that may hinder you from completing your training and answering the call which has been placed upon you. Much is at stake. Eternity and destiny lie before you.

Pray for the turning of My chosen ones; that My hands may be untied, for I have heard from heaven and Will heal my land. I will raise forth on that day my standard. He will come forth as the mighty warrior and all that I promised I will do.

Do you find this difficult to comprehend? Would you stand before Me and argue that it is not as you have fought up until this time? Do you assume that what is unfamiliar to you cannot be from Me? Would you argue that what seems to be contrary in the natural cannot in the spiritual be one and the same?
How is it that I could allow such a thing; the separation of the land through the betrayal of my people by one of my own sons?

The scriptures foretold of the day when I would come to you in the flesh; when I would sacrifice myself to comply with my own laws in order that you may be saved from my judgment. As if this was not enough of a paradox=85

Ask yourself this: Ask yourself this: why did I not choose to foretell of my betrayal till after the pact had been made? What was and is the purpose of eliminating the foretelling of this significant piece of information? It is to bring you to the very question itself.

Did I need one of my own to betray Me in order for my plan to be fulfilled?
Would it have been so difficult to destroy Me?
Was there a lack of those who hated, feared or mistrusted Me?
Do you consider it unjust that I would choose one to walk with Me only to position him for his own destruction?
Was he without choice?
Was there no other way?
Is there a purpose in going this route?

The questions of My betrayal apply today; just as My people cannot be separated from the land, so too I cannot be separated from My people.

The betrayal which brought Me to the cross is no different than that which separates Me from my people today. The questions speak for themselves.

[And so these questions are being heard]: "How will we survive? What will we do without our homes?

How will we explain to the weaker ones; those who will be driven to forfeit their lives?" Not realizing that they are first and foremost My land.

Can you comprehend that I love you that much that I would allow you to walk this path? A path of pain and ridicule. A path of rejection and criticism; subjected to taunting, jeering and the hurling of insults; the object of lies and manipulation. "We're innocent" you say! "What have we done, what did we ask for?" Questions asked of me, falling on deafened ears. You are not the first nor will you be the last.

Comfort ye My people. Has there been a time when you cried out to Me that I failed to give you the words from which to draw your strength?

As with the gardener and His garden; so it is with you! ;

Giving His life for the garden, not a day passes when he is not found wandering midst all which dwells within. Walled within His loving care and watchful eye, His steps lead all too often to a place of pain. Yet His love goes deeper than the pain which must be borne. Pain rewarded by a fragrance not to be forfeited at any cost.

Tenderly the gardener lifts the plant from its place in the soil of the garden. Much has come against the plant, yet the roots, unharmed, hold firm to the familiar soil which cannot be shaken from it there in its temporary shelter; the gardener subjects it to the unfathomable.

He cuts away all that until now has grown out of its life in the garden. All that remains is a single dry stalk standing stripped of all its growth; awaiting what is to come.

The gardener, knowing of the plant's weakened state from the unending assault, has stripped it so that it may become strong. The roots, remaining, nourished by the familiar soil, will in the appointed time bring forth new growth.

Then the gardener, in his infinite wisdom, moves the plant from its sheltered place to once again spread it roots; deep into the soil where it will flourish once again.

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Terrorist Attack

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The LORD called me to the seer realm in 1988 when I first got saved. Ever since then I have been having open visions, visions and dreams. A year ago I dreamed that my sister died, and three weeks ago she passed away suddenly at the age of 52. I understood dreams and visions to be part of the normal Christian life. I had no idea the unbelief that is so rampant in the church and it's despise of the supernatural until I got involved in some of the local churches. It is only willful sin and unbelief that hinders God from working in people's lives. We must let Christ live in us and totally possess us (Gal. 2:20). We must consume the WORD, Walk in the Spirit, Fear God, crucify flesh, love everybody always, and continually turn away from evil (Job 1:1).

In 1988 when I first got saved, I had a dream of God in Glory sitting on His Throne. I will never forget it. If what I say in this total letter is not the total truth may He blot out my name from the Lamb's Book Of Life for all eternity. In my dream, I saw a huge bright white throne, as big as Lincoln's throne at the Lincoln memorial in Washington, D.C. Upon this Throne I saw God Himself and the very features of His face. He was pure white, He was pure light. Yet I could see the outline of His form. His hair was white and curly, and the length was to His Shoulders. He was total beauty. He was fierce looking, though not angry. I trembled at His appearance and presence. I saw directly into His Eyes. The closet thing on Earth in appearance was later when I saw Michelangelo’s painting of God in the Sistine Chapel. Though the difference was in my dream He appeared all white. He wore a pure white robe. I feared Him greatly. I will never forget it.

Though it is hard to describe with words. This was my commission as a seer (Num. 12:6). Last night, I had an open vision of an upcoming terrorist attack against the United States. As usual when I go to the throneroom to commune with God I put my hands over my spirit (inner man) around the stomach area, lift my head up and close my eyes while taking deep breaths, and I am only a second away from the immediate presence and the throneroom of God in the Spirit. Last night as I approached His Throneroom I felt the winds of the second heaven on my face, up ahead I saw tiny white lights everywhere (they were angels) then I saw His brilliant white Throne. I was in the very presence of God. Trembling, I asked Him to show me plainly the future of the United States. He said, "I will show you a small fragment."

I saw two large natural disasters that are coming to America because they refuse to repent. I saw the eruption of the Yellowstone geyser. I saw an earthquake that absolutely devastated the State of California. Then I asked the LORD to show me if there are any more terrorist attacks coming to America. And He said, "Look down there!" And I saw a train going around two mountains in a valley, and then I saw the words, "SEATTLE WASHINGTON." As the train came into the words, the entire train exploded. I said LORD, "when will this happen?" And He said, "Not to many days from now." I thanked and praised Him, and then I came back down to the first heaven. Let's all pray and intercede that the LORD will have mercy on this country. Perhaps if He finds ten righteous as He told Abraham, He just might.

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These Are The Days

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3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

II Peter 3:2-4

1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 2 Timothy 3

“I tell you that these are the days that my prophets of old had looked into. These are the days that men and women will need to guard their hearts for what is coming. These are the days that many scoffers will come upon the scene. They will say, ‘Where is the sign of the coming of the Son of God?--Forever since the beginning of time there has been sunrise and sunset, everything has continued as it has. ’ But I tell you that things will not continue as they always have. For not only will natural disasters increase, but crimes of all sorts will increase. For in the cities will come major crimes against humanity--for the murdering of young children will be on the rise. Men will commit horrible crimes against their families. Few places will be exempt from these things. “

“But upon those who reverence Me, you will be protected under the shadow of my wings. I will watch over my own. For you will be given wisdom from above and strength for the journey. No longer will you walk a dim road, but it will be filled with light. I tell you that many will fall in the hours ahead, but to those who stand, I will give my spirit and the strength to endure.”

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Tools And Train Dream

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For a few days I had been hearing of Holy Spirit in various forms one word: “tools”, “refreshed tools”, and “new tools” / “all new tools”,, which I understood to be our Lord’s Holy Spirit equipments, given/gifted into us, believers and followers of Jesus Christ.

Sunday The Lord gave me this dream scene below as I was drifting off to sleep, being some answer from The Lord to me, due to my pondering with HIM concerning what I had been hearing -- a fresh emphasis of our Lord: Holy Spirit “tools”, gifts (I Cor. 12:1) and as related to HIS’ prophets and prophetic people.

*"Follow after love, and **desire** (earnestly desire, covet) **spiritual gifts**, but **especially** that you may **prophesy**. "* - I Cor. 14:1

Oct. 9th. dream: I saw a rather desolate, small, old fashioned wood train station, seeming to be setting out in the middle of nowhere. It was longish and plain, with a door in the middle, and with a long porch - outdoor waiting area across the front. (This whole dream scene was a short distance in front and slightly below me, as I watched, face on.)

As I looked at this building and the surrounding dried yellowish/brownish blah landscape I suddenly felt 'my own urgent desire' to populate this place with persons, with life.

As events followed, the ground and station in this dream scene did populate! Some people on the porch seated and standing, just suddenly popped into this dream scene. A boy and dog on the grassy area to the right popped into the scene,,,, and so on. This was rather amazing, even to myself in the dream as I dreamed it! ......I ‘knew’ in the dream that this was in response to my great wanting and desire to bring life into this place, where it had looked and been so desolate.

Then, a large train was approaching from around a curve on my right as I looked, and next in the dream scene, a group of people began to emerge through the central front door of this station. Evidently it was time for them to 'catch', or come out and 'meet' this train coming-on, and so they were emerging from inside this station, through the front door, heading for the tracks.

What was notable about these persons emerging, was that they all wore the same jackets: deep rich blue wool blazers of an unusual style. They were obviously a group, and they were all now coming out to meet the fast approaching train.

That large train was coming on full speed, in a blast of power, and I wondered how in this world it would ever be able to stop at this station ?! So powerfully moving, that it almost seemed full throttle to me, as it came-on approaching the station. Then this train approaching, coming-on,, repeated in the dream-scene...... two or three times this part of the dream repeated, with the large fast train coming around that bend heading for that train station building -- At this point I awoke fully, to ponder this dream-scene with the Lord.

I have understanding of this dream for the most part (we all presently know 'in part' – I Cor. 13:9&12. I also feel this is a fuller additional picture form The Lord, of the dream I published the end of July (Crane Arm Delivering)
I do feel I to say this one portion: I sense as I have asked Lord concerning this dream,,, that those of God's people, prophets, prophetic-folks (dream = mantled in blue) who pull-back, or do not come out to receive/partake/enter this 'particular' God' train-move approaching may be passed-by, left standing at the station, so to speak ... their station of call .... empty handed.

Our Lord has been emphasizing over recent years to many of us: character, Christ' character being built and formed into us by His Spirit. Even so, this presented to me as a 'now' emphasis of our Lord for some of us: HIS Holy Spirit "tools", even "new tools" in the sensing I have, and of our Lord desiring to refresh or "re-tool" some folks. I feel HE is going to expand, and even enlarge beyond what we have up to this previous time experienced in Holy Spirit equipments for functioning, as HIS' prophetic people.
"*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."* - I Cor. 2:9
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The Appointed Time Has Come

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I saw a long hallway with doors on the left and on the right, each door having a label indicating what was behind the door. God's people were rushing down the hallway and running through the doors. Then I heard the Lord say:

Doors, doors, doors are opening for My people. What seemed impossible for My own last year will now be possible for I am unlocking doors and I will open them for My own.

Some will enter through a door of the fulfillment of dreams and visions. Visions will no longer tarry for it is the appointed time for the visions and dreams of My people to be manifested in the earth. Yea, even broken dreams will come to pass for I have ordained it saith the Lord.

Some will also enter through the door of restoration. There they will find that all they have lost has been restored and better than it was before. Not only will they find there the things that they lost in the natural but also spiritual things. In this season of the appointed time, I will restore it all.

Some will enter the through the door of renewal. And as they enter through this door a gentle wind of My Spirit will begin to blow and it will bring refreshing and renewal to those that are weary. Here they will find the hope that they lost in the last year. Here My Spirit will transform them. They will leave behind this door the baggage of the last year that has pulled them down and caused them to become weary. They will be filled anew with My Spirit. Anticipation and excited will overtake these weary souls.

Some will enter through the door of resurrection power. These are they which have died, been buried, and now they will be raised up into My Glory, just as My Son was. They have laid down their lives and behind this door they will find that they will rule and reign from heavenly places. They will engulfed in My presence and soaked in the anointing.

Yet others will enter through the door of wisdom and revelation. Here they will find new sight to see what is not visible to the naked eye and they will partake of heavenly wisdom. The hidden treasures of My Word and My Kingdom will be revealed to them. They will know things that man has not known before about My Kingdom that is coming for it is a type and shadow of My heavenly Kingdom. Through these My Kingdom will come and things on earth will be as they are in heaven.

Many doors still remain and another is the door of fire. No, no this is not the fire that purifies and purges that door has already been opened and will remain so. This is a place where My own will be consumed by the fire of My presence. My fire that will burn in them will cause them to be radical for the Kingdom of their God. Everywhere that they are they will spark a fire in others an ember that cannot be extinguished. The fire that they will carry within their bellies will cause others to hunger and thirst for My presence. They will ignite a revival across the land. The door of truth. Many that have walked steeped in religion and deception will come through this door. My truth, and not the knowledge of man, will ring throughout the land through these and it will no longer fall on deaf ears. But, I will open the ears of mankind to hear. It will bring freedom and liberty to those that have been deceived not only by the enemy but also by man.

The door of refinement where I will complete and bring to maturity those that are to become vessels of honor in My house. Many will enter through this door one-way and exit another having been transformed by the Master Potter. Behind this door I will do a quick work for time is growing short.

The door of blessings and abundance is opened to those that have learned to be good stewards of that which I have put within their hands. They will use that which I will release to them behind this door for the poor, the needy and to establish My covenant in the earth. Many of these have experienced famine in the area of finances but as they enter this door My blessings will overtake them.

The final door is the door of faith. Here My own will find the faith to believe for miracles not for just the small things but for great things in their lives and the lives of others. They will call and I will answer. They will see My hand move in miraculous ways that their hearts had not previously conceived possible. Here they will find that nothing is impossible but that the impossible becomes possible, as they believe. They will not have to muster up the ability to believe for in this place it will be imparted to them.

Come now cries the Spirit of God. Come now and My Spirit will give you entrance into your door or doors for many of these doors will open for My own. The appointed time has come. Come for the doors of heaven have been opened and nothing will ever be the same, saith the Most High God.

Trembling at the Wrath of God
John Piper

The Present Effects of Trembling at the Wrath of God

I love to see the perspectives that may take us to a place of real reflection on where we stand. So many times we are stuck in what we know and what we do. Many times what we know is based on what we do and what we have experienced so far in life. So please always embrace new perspectives and check with the Holy Spirit on what portion He desires you to receive. Enjoy the journey beloved....your Brother and friend in Christ....Robert

Romans 12:19

"Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'"

My aim today is simple and straightforward. I want to show from Scripture the proper emotional effect of believing in the wrath of God. And then I want to show how that belief and that emotion transforms 1) the way we do corporate worship, and 2) the way we raise children, and 3) the way we do evangelism and to display the glory of Christ.

Revelation 19:15

Last time we saw from the Bible that the wrath of God is eternal, terrible, deserved, and escapable, because of the death and resurrection of Christ. Let the apostle John remind us of how terrible and eternal the wrath of God is with just one of his most dreadful images.

In Revelation 19:15b he describes Christ in his second coming: "From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty." Notice the four parts of this terrible picture of God's judgment on those who do not repent.

- First, God is "almighty." We are dealing here not with a mere world ruler, like the president of the United States or the Chinese Premier. They are as nothing compared to the power of the Creator of the Universe. "Almighty" means that God has all the power in the universe. All atomic power. All electromagnetic power. All gravitational power. All the power in the greatest explosions that are or ever have been among the greatest stars of space.
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- Second, this almighty God will pour out his wrath. He is not only a God of love, but of holiness and justice and wrath.
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- Third, his wrath is full of fury. John speaks of "the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty." The wrath is not cool opposition. It is furiously angry opposition.
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- And fourth, and perhaps most terrible, Jesus himself is pictured as treading the winepress of this fury. That means that those who rebelled and did not repent are like grapes under the feet of the fury of Christ, and are crushed until their blood runs like wise from the press.
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Godly Trembling

The point today is that believing in this reality produces a proper fear and trembling in the life of a Christian that transforms everything. Listen to several passages of Scripture that show this godly trembling. From the Old Testament we hear Psalm 114:7, "*Tremble, O earth*, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob." Psalm 119:120, "My *flesh trembles* for fear of you, and *I am afraid* of your judgments." Isaiah 66:2b, "This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and *trembles at my word*."

And from the New Testament, we hear most clearly Philippians 2:12, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation *with fear and trembling*." If you know God—really know God—for who he is in the greatness of his holiness and justice and wrath and grace, you will tremble in his presence. And this is not something you will grow out of. In fact, the immature must grow into it.

The Two Meanings of "Fear Not"

If you say—which you should—"But doesn't the Bible teach us not to fear? Aren't there many commands like, 'Fear not, for I am with you.' What do they mean?" They mean two things. They mean, *Don't fear man, fear God*. And, second, they mean, *Don't fear God as your enemy, fear him as one who was once was your enemy and still is infinite in power and holiness*. Here's the support for these two ways of not fearing.

First, Matthew 10:28, "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." In other words, Don't fear man, fear God. Tremble at the prospect of distrusting God, not displeasing man. Listen to the way Isaiah put it, "Do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts . . . Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he will become a sanctuary" (Isaiah 8:12-14). Don't fear displeasing man, fear distrusting God, and he will become your sanctuary from the wrath of man. (See Exodus 20:20.) So the first meaning of "Fear not" is don't fear man, fear God.

The second meaning is: If you are his child, fear God not as your enemy, but fear him as one who was once was your enemy and still is infinite in power and holiness. If you were stranded on a windy ledge fifty stories above the street and about to lose your balance and suddenly a policeman grabbed you and brought you to safety inside the building, you would not stop trembling just because you were safe. The height is still in your mind. The wind is still in your mind. The weakness and the vulnerability are still in your mind. But now you are totally secure. This trembling is different than when you were on the ledge.

Isn't there something like that demanded in the Bible? Consider Psalm 130:3-4, "If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared." There is forgiveness that you may be feared. Once our iniquities fell before us like a terrible chasm. Who can stand! we cried. Then we were snatched by grace—sovereign grace alone—and now we are free. We are forgiven. And we tremble, not because God is our enemy, but because he was, and oh, how terrible it would have been if he had not saved us.

So I say again, in the Christian life—the forgiven, heaven-bound, eternally secure, Spirit-indwelt Christian life—there is a proper fear and trembling that transforms everything. So let us take a look at a few of the things that it transforms.

Fear and Trembling Transforms Corporate Worship

The first thing we should say is that this Christian fear and trembling should be felt especially in our worship services. Corporate worship is the experience of coming corporately and consciously before the face of God. Here, if anywhere in the Christian life, there will be a proper fear and trembling. Consider how the Bible connects worship and the fear of the Lord.

Psalm 96:9, "*Worship the Lord* in the splendor of holiness; *tremble before him*, all the earth!" Revelation 14:7, "*Fear God* and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and *worship him* who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water." Revelation 15:4, "Who will not *fear*, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and *worship you*, for your righteous acts have been revealed."

But now here is a great fear-transforming reality, and it explains why Christians sing with joy in worship, and Muslims don't. Fear and trembling are not because God is our enemy but because he saved us from his wrath through Christ, and now we stand on the brink of the Grand Canyon of his holiness and justice and grace and wrath with unspeakable wonder, knees wobbling and hands trembling, but overcome with worship at the depth of his majesty, not with worry that we might fall in.

Listen to the way the Bible says it so paradoxically, and yet, all true saints know what these words mean. Psalm 2:11, "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." This fear is shot through with joy. Isaiah 11:3, "And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord." This fear is full of delight. Nehemiah 1:11, "O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer . . . of your servants who delight to fear your name." This fear is what the saints delight to experience.

Those who have seen and savored the holiness of God and justice and wrath and grace of God, can never again trivialize worship. It is so sad when someone hears a message like this and then comes up and says, "Don't you think we can have fun in worship?" What is sad about that response is that their heart is so small that the only alternative they can think of to fear is fun. I don't like to the word "fun" for what we do in worship—or in ministry for that matter. It is a sad commentary on the superficial condition of our times that one of the most common things said about good experience in ministry and worship is that "we are having fun."

The point is not that Christians can't be light-hearted. You are probably sick if you can't be light hearted. The point is, there is time and season for everything under the sun. And something should happen in corporate worship, before the face of the infinitely holy God, that calls forth a different vocabulary than what you experience at the amusement park.

We are Christian Hedonists. We pursue joy with all our might, because we believe that God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him. And Christian Hedonists can smell the flames of hell. Christian Hedonists tremble still at the ledge from which we were snatched. Christian Hedonists see those who are toppling toward wrath as people who are just like us, only not yet snatched by grace alone from the ledge. Christian Hedonists feel a potential for joy—infinitely serious joy—in the God of holiness and wrath and grace that is so great it would break our heart if God did not give us a divine ability to bear the weight of our happiness without being crushed by it.

Oh, the difference in worship when the wrath of God is known and felt! Gone is jesting and silliness and slapstick and pettiness and trifling and joking and clowning and levity. Listen to Charles Spurgeon:

We must conquer—some of us especially—our tendency to levity. A great distinction exists between holy cheerfulness, which is a virtue, and that general levity, which is a vice. There is a levity which has not enough heart to laugh but trifles with everything; it is flippant, hollow, unreal. A hearty laugh is no more levity than a hearty cry. (Charles Spurgeon, *Lectures to My Students*, p. 212)

Over and over again, we on the staff at Desiring God and Bethlehem remind ourselves of 2 Corinthians 6:10 as the watch word of Christian Hedonism: "sorrowful yet always rejoicing (*lupoumenoi aei de chairontes*)." "Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling." That's what happens in corporate worship when you believe and feel the wrath of God.

Fear and Trembling Transforms Parenting

I said a few moments ago, If you know God for who he really is in the greatness of his holiness and justice and wrath and grace, you will tremble in his presence. And this is not something you will grow out of. In fact the immature must grow into it. And my word to parents, especially fathers, is *be the kind of parent who helps your children tremble with joy in the presence of God.*

I will mention only one thing to the fathers (and if there is no father at home, moms must pick it up and draw in other men): Fathers, be the kind of father that your children delight to fear. And thus help them know God. Take your place as the special representative of God in this family and display the fullness of who God is so that your children will delight to fear you.

If they only fear you, and there is no delight in it, it's wrong and dysfunctional. If they only delight in you and do not fear you, it's wrong and dysfunctional. In both cases you will have made it very difficult for the children to embrace the true God—the God of wrath and mercy.

On the one had, fathers, you hear Proverbs 13:24, "Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him." Why? Because that's the way God is. Hebrews 12:6, "The Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." So when you discipline your child, you display God's judgment.

But on the other hand, fathers, you hear this word from Ephesians 6:4, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." You are in the place of the Lord. Your are doing the discipline of the Lord. Your children are learning what the Lord is like. And what is he like? Psalm 103:13-14, "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust." And do we not therefore delight to fear him?

May you be so God-like in your compassion and your wrath that your children delight to fear you! May they speak to you with words like Isaiah's, "Daddy, disobeying you is a fearful thing. And I am thankful that it is. But, oh, what a sanctuary you are to me! How I love to live the light of your strength and your joy!"

Fear and Trembling Transforms Evangelism and the Glory of Christ

Which brings us to evangelism and the question: How does fear and trembling at the wrath of God transform the way we help others see and savor the glory of Christ? The answer is, *we need to help people know that they are under the wrath of God because of their sin*.

There is so much good intention to show people the love of God, without realizing that the love of God in Christ is a love that rescues us from the wrath of God. Listen carefully and thankfully to Romans 5:8-9, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." The love of God rescues us from the wrath of God.

This means that in America today, as well as on the mission field, it won't do to simply present God as a caring loving God. The gospel will not be the gospel against that backdrop. It only makes sense against the backdrop of truth. God is holy and glorious. We have all sinned against him and fallen short of that glory. We are under his just wrath and without hope. But God so loved the world that he sent his only Son that whoever believes in him might be saved—saved from wrath (John 3:16, 36). Relationships don't save anybody. They can be the matrix for truth and for life-giving gospel. But sooner or later you need to ask your friend for a few minutes to share the gospel. Then lay it out, wrath and all. It will be the most loving ten minutes you ever lived.

When Paul, the prisoner, had one chance to speak to Felix the governor, Luke tells us, "He reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment" (Acts 24:25). Felix needed to understand the wrath of God.

Evangelism, parenting, corporate worship—all of them, and all of life—exist to magnify the glory of Jesus Christ. That glory was displayed in its deepest love and highest beauty when Jesus willingly went to the cross to bear the wrath of God against our sins. Our evangelism, our parenting, our corporate worship will never display the glory of Christ as they ought until the wrath of God is known and feared.

Then our hearts will leap up with love and gratitude and joy and trembling when we say,

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:4-6)

That is as true today as it was then. So I invite you to embrace Christ as the most precious treasure of your life, who delivers from the wrath to come
(1 Thessalonians 1:10).

The Axe Is Upon The Root

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"And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon? So Jesus answered and said to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, if you have faith, and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done" (Matthew 21:20-21)

I have written several articles in the past making reference to the Lord's cursing the fig tree. Several revelations have come forth out of seeking the Lord for answers to this seemingly strange event. How are we to explain what most have termed a "miracle" but yet, it is so negative in meaning and symbolism? Jesus actually took the life of a tree that seemed to be alive and well in APPEARANCE. But was this really the case?

We have stated in past articles that the fig tree holds several symbolic meanings and lessons. Adam and Eve hid their sin and guilt behind the leaves of a fig tree. We can only imagine the emotions that were moving through our Lord as He set Himself toward Jerusalem and the cruel fate of the cross. Adam and Eve (Mankind) lived in perfect order and harmony with God. It would be the leaves of a fig tree that would pollute the divine order and corrupt the purity that the Lord had patterned and fashioned in His own image.

Reading this account certainly stimulates a myriad of questions. Was Jesus experiencing the memory of that fateful day when man fell behind fig leaves? Could it be that Jesus was rendering a sign of divine judgment? The destroying of the fig tree was accomplished down to the very root and source of its nourishment. Are we given a picture of divine anger or hatred? It is important that we understand that all of the miracles of Jesus Christ were given to humanity to express and convey absolute TRUTH. The miracles of Jesus and the promise He has given the church to do "greater works than these" is not to "perform" a demonstration of God's power. They are to reveal TRUTH through the Word and teachings of our Lord. The reason that the church is not living in "greater works than these" is because we have a greater hunger for power than we do for truth. With that said, we need to be on a continual quest for the meaning of truth behind and within the miracles of Christ. This is the "treasure" or the golden nuggets within the prophetic word and voice – the revealing of truth. So, what truth are we to find today within the cursed and withered fig tree?

The first thing that we recognize from a practical standpoint is a picture of the Lord's continual dealing and striving with His people. "I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first fruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, and separated themselves to that shame. They became an abomination like the thing they loved." (Hosea 9:10).

The Lord has chosen Israel as His covenant people just as He has called and grafted the church into covenant. Like the fig tree that Jesus saw from a distance, Israel was to be a fruit bearing tree to bring nourishment and refreshment to the surrounding and pagan nations. As stated in Galatians 5, God's covenant people are to bear the fruit and testimony of God's Spirit. As God's people, we are "Oaks of righteousness." It is the people of God who are to be "planted by the waters, whose leaves will never wither and be for the healing of the nations." But have we truly produced this kind of fruit?

Jesus, the Son of God came to the earth and He was looking for a people who were bearing and bringing forth spiritual fruit...He was looking for "proof" of a "chosen people and generation" who were building a kingdom of living stones. This was the fruit that Jesus "hungered" and is still hungering for, but all He found was religious people hiding behind religious fig leaves. In other words, the Messiah came and found in the midst of the "church" at that time, a beautiful building (dead cement stones), a detailed religious system built on dead works, and fruit leaves that looked bountiful and fruit bearing on the surface. Yet, there was no spiritual fruit that indicated a life of INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP with the Father. For had they, they would have recognized and known the One who was sent for their behalf.

The parable of the fig tree in Luke 13 is a clear picture of the chosen people of that time portrayed as a "barren fig tree." We notice in verse 7 that Jesus says, "Then He said to the keeper of His vineyard (the church), 'Look, for three years (the time of Jesus' earthly ministry) I have come seeking FRUIT on this fig tree and find none." The Lord is stating, that in the three years of His earthly ministry, He was on a quest to find fruit among His chosen people. In fact, just the opposite transpired. The chosen people rejected God Himself when they rejected the Words of Christ. "He came to all that was His own, but His own people did not receive Him." (John 1:11) Why? Because Jesus confronted and exposed the nakedness of a religious system that lacked real intimacy and relationship with both God and among themselves.

Three years prior to this statement by Jesus, John the Baptist had said, "The axe is already laid at the root of the tree, and every tree that does not bear fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire!" (Matthew 3:10). These words of John was a prophetic declaration of not only the true condition of the individual, but the religious system that was in place as well. Just as the Jewish nation and its religious institution (A fruitless tree) would be cut down in 70 A.D. by the Roman army, so will the institution of the religious system today if it continues in its fruitless ways. The Lord did not take pleasure in the taking of this fig tree's life. Likewise, He did not desire to remove Israel from her position of privilege. And He does not desire to remove "leaders" from their current position of privilege. However, it is being prophesied from the four corners of the earth that a paradigm shift with judgment is coming first to the church and to those who have conformed her into an institution that basis its survival on mammon.

"Beware of false prophets, who will come to you in sheep's clothing, but INWARDLY they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits...Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit...Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Remember saints, what sounds "good" is usally the enemy of God's "best."

The first fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22 is love. When was the last time you said to a member of your fellowship beside your immediate family, "I love you?" "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains (power seekers) but have not love, I am NOTHING." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) Love is not a feeling but an action. The proof that Jesus is still hungering and searching for is your expression of His love. I cannot begin to even share with you the multitudes that are still hurt and wounded because of natural and spiritual fathers who never took the time to intimately express their love to their children through "ACTIONS." Our thoughts and intentions are merely that – just empty thoughts and intentions that never happen. "Intentions" are in a person head and seldom happen. "Desire" is in a person heart and we always do what we desire to do. We must begin desiring in our heart to unconditionally love. The church is a dysfunctional family and has lacked TRUE POWER because we cannot even express and love our own, let alone the world.

The next fruit is "joy." A life that is full of joy is one that truly worships the Lord in a real, intimate, and personal way. When Carole and I had our babies, I instantly entered into a type of "praise" in my excitement. When my favorite football team scores the winning touchdown in the last period, I enter into a type of joyful praise. These times of thankful praise were made even more meaningful when I could look into the eyes of another in my expression. I took my babies and looked at my family members and said, "Isn't he / she beautiful?" It was at this moment that my joy was made complete. At the football game, My excited praise and joy is made complete by speaking and looking at another in agreement. Imagine in just these two examples if I did not have the privilege to express my feelings through praise. My joy would not be complete.

God has given us the awesome privilege to worship and praise Him through expression. God does not demand our expression of praise because He has low self-esteem or needs our affirmation. As a matter of fact, He doesn't need our praise at all. God has given us the honor to praise Him because He knows that it will complete our joy! If you struggle with depression or lack joy in your life, let me encourage you to begin praising and worshiping the Lord as a life style. You will soon find that God truly does inhabit the praises of His people. And where He is...I promise it will be good!

Beloved, judgment is coming to the religious institution that has hidden behind the mask of fig leaves and called itself the "church." The church is to be an environment of love that creates an atmosphere of joyful praise and freedom of expression to be exercised by all (Not a selsect few). Instead, we have control and formula that modern day Pharisees and the religious elite have instituted. People don't come to church because they have already been there once. They have not experienced the love of God through us and have not witnessed an atmosphere of everlasting joy. Rather, they are given a seat to warm, a plate to throw their money in, and told to speak when spoken to. And if they don't complain and object along with simply showing up when the doors open and tithe -- they are accounted as being spiritually mature. Good grief, what has the church become? Do dead stones have preeminence over living stones? The Lord has come and is moving in the midst of the lampstands. To those who have been given authority in the church: Is your lampstand burning brightly with the love and joy of God, or will your lampstand be taken? My dear friend, the lampstand is the people that the Lord has entrusted into your hands and leadership. Are you using your place of privilege for others to embrace "your" vision? Or, are you consumed with the dreams and visions of "others?" Are you equipping the saints for the work of ministry? Or, are you consumed with validating your own? The axe is coming!

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Too Big To Miss

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King Saul thought Goliath was too big to kill - David thought, "He's too big to miss!

I Hear The Lord Saying To Us In The Midst Of Our Trials
And Enemies - "Worship Me!"

David learned to worship God on the hill sides of Judea. When no one else was around but the Lord and those smelly sheep. We all must learn to worship the Lord in spite of the smell of the sheep around us. I believe David was full-time worshipper and part time shepherd boy. I believe the presence of God that inhabited his praises helped to bring protection and care for the sheep's well being. David kept magnifying the Lord in His life who faithfully delivered Him from every trial and enemy.

I can sort of picture David worshipping the Lord with his sheep near by feeding.... and along comes a hungry bear with it's mouth watering for a lamb chop. What that poor bear didn't know was that he was about to interrupt David's worship service.

Anything that interferes and disrupts worship has to die!

I believe David took no time killing that intruder between the pause of the last stanza and the next verse of his song! Again a lion came out against his flock and immediately it was destroyed as it crossed the line over into the worship zone David had created through his praises to God. It was as though his praises had constructed an unseen Holy Ghost Fence that brought sudden execution to enemy trespassers.

By the time David faced the giant Goliath he had magnified his God through worship so big that Goliath just looked like another bear or lion to him. He had begun to see his enemies as God saw them - not that big! David had learned what we all need to know. If you compare your giant to yourself, you are in trouble! But if you compare your giant to God - your giant's in trouble!

David came on the scene as all of Israel and King Saul stood bound by fear terrified by Goliath. David sees everything they saw. David takes one look at Goliath and says, "He is big! - He's so big I can't miss him! King Saul thought Goliath was too big to kill. David thought, "He's too big to miss!

I hear the Lord saying to us in the midst of our trials and enemies, "Worship Me!" Worship is Warfare! Worship brings God down into us and He starts inhabiting us. Then He begins to rise up within us and our enemies start to scatter! God Himself fights for us for the battle becomes all His! And he does not know how to lose! Do you have any bears, lions or giants coming against you! "Send Judah (praise) first and the battle will be won!" Excuse me, I think I smell a giant. "It's worship time for me!"

Footmen Of War

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'Footmen Of War' Now Being Summoned . . . Holy Ghost 'River' Dancers, Tap Dancers, Ballet And Ballroom . . . To Launch Major 'Ground' Strikes Against The Enemy!"

Ecclesiastes 3:4 ***" . . . a time to dance!"***

The word "dance" in this verse means *to stamp, to spring about (wildly or for joy): dance, jump up and twirl around, leap, skip*.

I sense "a time to dance" is upon us in this crucial time of intense spiritual warfare! The joy of the Lord is still our strength. When was the last time you stamped your feet or even tapped your toe? Can you remember ever jumping, leaping, or skipping down the aisle of your church or in your living room? Did you know that God created the dance -- and not the devil? The thief has stolen it, but God is taking it back!

You may have seen the Irish "River Dancers" who have become famous with their precision foot cadence! Their feet move so fast that you can hardly see them, but you hear the tapping of their feet, reminding you of soldiers marching to war! I heard the Captain of the Lord of Hosts declaring, "There shall be Holy Ghost 'River' Dancing in My House! I am raising up an army of River Dancers who will seem as though they are performing for people, but they will actually be pulling down strongholds in the spirit, crushing the enemy under their feet!

"I AM GOING TO MOVE ON ANYONE WHO MOVES!"

Recently, I was in a meeting where I saw just a few people moving during the time of worship. I saw a strong anointing coming upon these few people who seemed to be touching the heart of God just because they were moving about as they worshiped. I then heard the Father say, "I am going to move on anyone who moves in My House! If you move, I will move."
We all know the Scripture that says, ***"In Him we live, and 'move' and have our being."*** I personally believe the reason many of us are not really living and having our being in Him is because we are not "moving"! If we are alive, we should be moving. If you are not moving, check your pulse and ask Him to raise you from the dead! Lazarus came jumping and leaping out of his tomb! He was acting like he was alive!

"THE TAPPING OF DANCING FEET WILL 'TAP' INTO UNDERGROUND ANCIENT WELLS AND ACTIVATE RESERVOIRS OF HIDDEN 'OIL' -- RELEASING GEYSERS FROM UNKNOWN PLACES OF THE EARTH!"

Never hold back from tapping your toes and feet. It's all a part of worship! Even your toes are being anointed in this season of war! You will soon discover that your little toe is bigger than the devil and all of his powers!

I see the tapping of dancing feet tapping into underground riches in secret places that are being activated to be released this hour. It's a part of the spoil that will be taken back from the enemy. Heaven is God's throne and the earth is His footstool. ***Whatever is over our heads is under His feet!*** **And God is about to tap His foot upon the earth through His people!**

BALLET: AN ARTISTIC DANCE FORM CHARACTERIZED BY GRACE OF MOVEMENT!

There is no question in my mind that God is invading the arts, music, and drama industry to redeem it for His Glory. Many things that don't move us move Him! I sense there will be a move of God-ordained ballet dancers (notice I didn't say belly dancers) raised up who will reflect the grace and glory of God in their expression of worship, even on worldly stage performances -- where amazing grace is so needed.

BALLROOM: A LARGE ROOM FOR DANCING!

Psalm 31:8 ***"Thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy . . . THOU HAST SET MY FEET IN A LARGE ROOM!" (Emphasis mine)***

The Father is about to set our feet in a large place. I often wondered why He purposes to set our feet in a large room. I sense that it's because He wants us to have a ball with Him! The last time I checked, ***"in His presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand (right now for us) there are pleasures forevermore!"*** At this moment, as war is ushering us, His Bride, down the aisles of the nations to meet the bridegroom, I sense the Father of the Bride requesting to dance with us: "Would you dance with Me?"

By the way, how long has it been since you have embraced your wife or husband and danced with them to nourish that passionate love that was once there on your wedding day? Our marriage is a reflection of Christ and the Church. He desires that our spousal relationships be hot with passion. Dancing with our spouse may cultivate wonders again. Do you remember what it did on your wedding reception dance floor?

I SEE ANGELS POURING OUT A SPIRIT OF DANCING IN FATHER'S HOUSE THAT WILL RISE ANKLE DEEP, WAIST DEEP . . . AND THEN RIVERS TO DANCE IN!

Perhaps we should consider hardwood floors instead of carpet the next time we remodel our homes and His House!

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The Course Of The River Is Changing
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"Though My River has been carrying many peacefully along, you must understand the course and the flow of this River as it carries you into My purposes. Unless you understand the course and the changes ahead that this River will take, you will wonder if this is the same river in which you started."

This River soon begins to gradually descend and pick up momentum. Then comes an almost sudden descent with swift rapids ahead. The River is much lower here and there are many rocks protruding from the river bed to the surface of the water. Many people in this River unrepentantly begin to experience their lives hitting rock bottom, being broken apart, falling upon these rocks.

The Lord says, "When this takes place you must embrace the rock you fall upon and cleave to it for that rock is Christ! As you cleave to that rock and cry out to Him, the rapids flowing powerfully over you will bring rapid healing, cleansing and swift deliverance even to your households. The turbulence in these river rapids generates a tremendous power beating against the rocky bottom of the river bed.... power to change lives!"

Better for those to fall upon the rock than to have the rock fall upon them. Here at the bedrock bottom of the River will come forth miraculous testimonies of changed lives. So miraculous that many people standing along the banks of the river will begin jumping in and taking the plunge. These testimonies will be as a springboard for many to jump in the river."

The Lord is showing us that this River is all His... from top to bottom, from beginning to end. Even those hitting rock bottom can find He is there - still with us!

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The Battle For Europe Has Begun
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The Key To The Nations

Just the other night, I laid down on my bed to rest for a few moments. I was feeling extremely tired after a busy--but productive--day. All I wanted was some private moments with my King. I began to silently praise Jesus by raising my arms. I felt too tired to keep my arms raised, but I lifted them up nonetheless. Softly, I whispered, "I want to be a laid-down lover of Jesus; all I want is to worship you, Lord." Instantly, I found myself caught up in a visitation with the Lord.

Using a key, the Lord opened up a music box to reveal a dancing ballerina inside, set against the backdrop of a mirror. The music was delightful, as were the dancer's movements. I paused for a moment to consider the absolute grace and beauty of the dancer in motion. I looked at the hands of Christ, pierced for our sins, and marveled afresh at their eternal beauty. I considered the grace-filled movements of the dancer and how much they reflected the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I considered the nations and the great need for the revelation of His grace in this hour.

I looked at Jesus, and He said, "That which was hidden is at once made obvious to a worshipful heart."
"But it (grace) is so beautiful; why must it be hidden Lord?"

"This, my child, is the mystery: the Gospel is an open secret to all with a heart to pursue and receive Me."

The Battle For Europe Has Begun

The mirror inside the box reflected my face. Similarly, our lives ought to reflect the grace of God. I started to cry, and Jesus took my teardrops and put them on the dancer. Tears and grace are a potent combination and have the potential to revive the nations.

"My child, save your tears for those who are in the most torment."
At this, an apocalyptic vision opened up before me as the Lord said, "The battle for the heart of Europe has begun."
Stricken, I asked Jesus, "How do we wage war for the heart of Europe, Lord?"

A Word For Europe

He responded, "Continue to worship with compassion and kindness in your hearts. Continue to care for and carry the weak and the oppressed. I will convene Kingdom gatherings in nations" (I saw believers gather in Paris, Rome, the Netherlands, and Germany to name a few).

"Take the **Key of Grace** to all nations. I am calling leaders together--they will come together because of My Voice. Collaborate with kindness and build nets of mercy for the multitudes through prayer, through tears, through love, and through humility.

"Establish My government in Europe and do not allow the enemy to violate the boundaries of grace. Keep close in unity by my Spirit. Cross oceans simply to serve one another. Have compassion on the wounded and the weary. Feed the starving with the Bread of My Presence. Carry my anointing, as my ambassadors, into Parliaments and into Palaces. Meet with Police, Fire fighters, Medical and Military men and women and encourage them in their work. Speak to teachers to reinstate redemptive thinking in their classrooms, particularly in France.

"I will send my envoys to assist you. Never forget how to dance, for from the heart of worship flows the power and the grace-filled love of Eternity."

The Company Of Nazirites

I laid speechless on my bed as tears rolled down my face. I thought of France, and the precious brothers and sisters whom I love there. France--a nation caught up in violence and unrest. I recalled a vision from 2001 when I saw Apollyon ('the destroyer' **Revelation 9:11**) begin to march through Europe. It began in France and fanned out across Europe and into Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, the UK, and more. It is my conviction at this time that the situation in France is bigger than we had envisioned. There certainly may be issues that the Lord wants to address in France, yet what is happening in France is bigger than France and is affecting many parts of Europe.

I heard the Spirit of the Lord say, "The spirit of anarchy has been released. The enemy has released unholy fire in the nations; it is time for the holy fire of My presence to burn instead."

Now is the hour for a global company of Nazirites to rise up in the nations to countermand the enemy's work in the neo-Nazi movement and in the spread of Islamic fundamentalism. The nations will be won only in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer Points For Europe

I share this with you now, my brothers and sisters in Christ, in the hope that you will join me in prayer. As a citizen of the Kingdom and a citizen of Europe, I implore you to pray with us and for us.

Pray for a revelation of grace in the nations and that the church will come into a new understanding of grace in this hour. Pray for a company of Nazirites to be raised up and for Christ to be exalted in Europe. Pray for a spirit of repentance and compassion to be birthed through the European church.

Prayer For France

Pray for mission teams to be sent to France and from France, particularly to African and Arab nations. Pray that the French believers will move in the opposite spirit than that which is operating in society. Pray that Military and Emergency workers would be encouraged and thanked for their work. Pray for generous gifts to be given to the poor and marginalized in French society. Pray that dividing walls be broken between races and religions. Pray for the Spirit of Jesus to empower and enable believers to go into the heart of the fire, just like Shadrach, Abednego, and Meshach, to the glory of God.

As we see in the book of **Acts 2**, fire in the nations can be a precursor to a release of the grace of God to bring forth salvations:

"I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy, I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." **-Acts 2:18-21**

Grace is with us in the heart of the fire!

The Promise

By way of accountability, I sent this prophetic word/article to several key international leaders for testing and further input prior to releasing it into the public domain. James Goll responded that he felt this is a "true word," and he also sent the following beautiful, prophetic promise, prompted by the image of the dancing ballerina and the mirror in the vision:
"The bride that I shall raise up shall dance upon historic injustice and be a true reflection of my grace and mirror my image in the earth." **-James Goll**
Yours in the love of our King

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The Bells Are Ringing

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For a long time now I had been sensing a 'release' to come out and that 'change' is imminent for me to come out of the system of church as we have seen and experienced. I can no longer 'play church'. Are we doing church, or are we the church doing?

Many things are unfolding to me and I do sense something in the horizon as the DAY OF THE LORD APPROACHES.

For those who remain in the system, this is for you so that you can understand what others 'out' are doing. God has do deal with people in His Way for His plans for that person.

How dare we think that each person must be put in a box (a system) the way we think that they should go.

Here is an analogy:

A picture puzzle.. On the cover of the puzzle box we see what it is to look like in it's completion. Usually people begin by placing the edges first, then the colors which seem to be in each particular section in little separate piles . I am sure you get 'the picture'.

Each area of that puzzle has its own design and color etc which when placed properly the picture will be seen. But... what if you decide you don't like the color there or that object where the designer has placed it, so you then try to force or manipulate that piece into another corner. What happens... If you are too forceful, the piece can be damaged. And if you leave that piece there the picture will be distorted.

Now listen up. We all are pieces to God's great picture and we must be willing to be placed where HE DESIGNED IT TO BE. We must allow Him to lead and direct HIS vessels/sheep/etc. We need to take our place and do what HE has called us to... He is the Potter we are just clay. He is making and molding us and even breaks us to make us over again... at times this is painful but necessary.

If we are in a situation of distraction and listening to voices that cause frustration and there is manipulation and these are controlling you and you are not 'hearing' what the GOOD SHEPHERD is saying.. I strongly urge you to remove yourself from that situation and come away UNTO HIM... so that HE can train and teach you HIS truth and HIS plan for you!! Do not let anyone 'box' you in. Be released in Christ Jesus. Do not copy another. Or be pressed into an area you do not belong!

This is what I have recently discovered and have wondered for a long time why this and why that. But unless God build His house they labour in VAIN. We are the planting of the Lord.. It is our job to be OBEDIENT TO HIS VOICE, HIS WORD AND KNOW HIM IN ALL THAT HE IS... then a stranger you will not follow.

These end-times are going to be horrendous and if we are following after man and his system and programs we will not hear the voice of Christ within. Instead their words and wishes will be ringing in our ears and we will then want to be man pleasers and doing what they have planned for you and the others.

There is a spirit of distraction and we must be very alert to that fact.. satan often uses good things to draw us away from coming to HIM. He also uses problems, TV, books, others opinions, etc etc.... These things many times has worked on me.

We must be aware and press into God in Worship and adoration to HIM and HIM only.. therein lies our strength. We will need HIS strength for the coming days ahead. Days of woe and perilous times... are we HEARING HIS VOICE or does the ringing of another fill your thoughts and mind and even your heart?

Trust not in the arm of flesh. But only Trust God Almighty.

You must come to HIM daily in quietness and in His Presence. Read and Study His Word more than ever!! This is a place IN HIM, the secret place of the Most High. Nothing then when IN THIS PLACE can harm, distract or hurt you. Because you have found the 'PLACE'. Then once we are IN HIM we can walk as the 91st Psalm promises us. Praise the Lord!!

The spirit of anti-christ which opposes the anointing and the Truth will deceive even the elect if it were possible. This spirit will creep into the churches and has already. This spirit appeals to your flesh. In the garden Eve saw the fruit, and she heard the deceiver say hath God not said... but those words were twisted and distorted. And Maybe she only knew God by what her husband said and not her own experience as Adam was the one who was told not to eat of that tree. Satan is very cunning.

Jesus said over and over again 'I do nothing in myself but only those things that I see my Father do'. Jesus was totally lead of the HOLY GHOST in HIM. So must we be in all things. Our lives and the lives of those around us may depend on really knowing HIM.

Commit to Jesus Christ in all things not to a church or program/system etc. Anyone who exalts themselves over anyone and tries to control and manipulate anyone is walking in witchcraft. It is Jesus who died and rose again, not any person.

There is a New World Order coming and their purpose is to control you along with the rest of the world. Martial law will take over and any resisters will be removed and taken and destroyed. Watch and pray that you be accounted worthy to escape all these things.

Many prominent and trusted religious leaders are being 'pied pipers' leading many 'blind' saints down the road to destruction. OPEN YOUR EYES AND EARS TO TRUTH. BE NOT DECEIVED. It is not about just doing good works, even the heathen do good works. But it is about being IN HIM by coming to HIM daily humbly at His feet and looking into HIS face. Being one with HIM. Then the good works will be automatic. He is the Author and the finisher of our faith.

Do not call anyone by a title. It is a gift not a position. So many have excessively honored 'the position' of those who God has gifted for the church. Do not do that! It is idolatry. HONOR God. If we run to the five-fold ministry all the time for every need we have, that is wrong. We are to learn and study the Word ourselves and help the weak and the afflicted so they then can then do likewise. We are to make disciples not have people with glazen eyes looking to us as if we are their god.. No way! I have seen this idolatry and have done it.. very wrong!

Find people of like faith to whom there is true blessed fellowship and understanding, thereby drawing strength from each other as each does draw from the HOLY SPIRIT of God within each one.

God is making NEW WINE SKINS... so that we will be able to HOLD THE NEW WINE.

Praise the Lord all ye His Saints and Worship Him in the beauty of His Holiness!

It is to Him and for Him...

Be obedient to His plans for you! Let no one distract or control what God has begun in YOU.

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The Anointed Verses THE ANOINTED
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There are many chapters here from I Samuel 9 to 2 Samuel 2

Looking at this title one would think how is that possible?

Well we look at two men, Saul and David. Most of you know the story.
Israel wanted a King, even though God did not want them to have one.
So He allowed them to have their way.

He lets us have our way too, even though He does not want us to do what we want.

God allowed Saul to be King. At the time when he was anointed, he was humble and a wonderful servant before God. He even prophesied with the prophets and became **as another man.**

There is something that happens to someone who becomes “Kingly”. They tend to think they are better than someone else. “O I am chosen of God, I am King and you must serve me” attitude. “I’m right and don’t tell me what to do”. Do you hear the lion roar? Pride steps in and now the down hill spiral begins.
To disobey a direct command of God is very dangerous and that is what Saul did. He was impatient with Samuel and wanted to have a sacrifice so he stepped in Samuel’s shoes so to speak, and didn’t wait for the prophet/priest so he did it himself.

How many times have we gone ahead of God in our impatience and IN OUR FLESH did what God said not to or maybe He said WAIT.

Poor Saul, all his Kingshipness is getting him into hot water. Flesh has taken over this ANOINTED MAN. David still called him ‘God’s anointed’.

Dear saints we are and maybe have been like this King. Once was a humble a servant and obeyed God. But gradually pride kept stripping him until more and more ugly flesh showed itself. Jealous over another which was not yet a King but **anointed**, nonetheless.

I see this as a clear picture of vessels anointed of God, but one in the flesh and the other in the Spirit. We are at war, not with one another but with Flesh and the Spirit! We are the anointed of God, but we need to be found humble and clean before HIM.

Let us look at the characteristics of Saul: PRIDE, JEALOUS, IMPATIENT, SELF-WILLED, SUSPICIOUS. You can be ‘anointed’ in your calling but still be an offense to God. Because you are anointed does not excuse you from being unChrist like in any way. Saul sought to kill David. An anointed vessel trying to kill another anointed vessel. Why? **Flesh.**

There may even be many signs of blessings, wealth, fame victories in those who are Sauls but God will vindicate His OBEDIENT HUMBLE ANOINTED ONES. “VENGEANCE IS MINE SAYS THE LORD, I WILL REPAY.” I don’t know about you but I want to walk softy. I want a Holy Fear for God.

Here comes David. A young lad tending sheep. Obedient to his father. Defends the sheep from a lion and a bear and recovered a kid out of its mouth and killed the beast.
David had confidence in God. He was fearless, humble, knew His God and trusted in HIM.

When faced with Goliath he was outraged at this uncircumcised Philistine that would dare to mock The HOLY God of ISRAEL!
This is the kind of Holy Anger we can have toward the demons that are afflicting humanity!
He was ready to fight this Giant because He knew God would help him to defeat Goliath.
David was a worshipper. He pleased God in that. David had a heart after God. He inquired of the Lord. 2 Sam 2:1 , 5:19&23

*A man or woman **led of God** will always try to inquire of the Lord as to what, where, how, when etc.*
Make Him truly Lord of all!

Yes David sinned, but God forgave him because David repented sorrowfully and did not hide or lie about his sin. A prophet came to him and exposed the sin to him..
Soon the prophets of God will come forth in the LOVE of God soaked in the TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD, fearless and uncompromising.. Speaking forth the Word of the Living God!

God is looking for those who will Worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. Obeying Him and fearless when facing satanic opposition. Standing strong in the face of adversity!

David realized very quickly that the armor of Saul did not fit him.
How many times do we try to fit into anothers' ministry role or giftings? It doesn't work. We need our own which is given by God HIMSELF.

I know this story of David and Goliath etc has so many more types and truths.. But please just be aware of satan's devices.. God Bless you all!

Praise the Lord!!
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The Barren Woman

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It's not over 'til the Barren Woman Sings!

Beloved saints of God

I have been spending much time in the first chapter of Luke and would like to share with you some insights from the lives of Zechariah and Elizabeth.

There are principles displayed in the story of their lives which explain God's ways in dealing with His people in the earth in this day. Zechariah and Elizabeth were both faithful servants of God. They had a history and a genealogy of faithful service to the Lord. Zechariah was of the family of Abijah which means 'worshipper of God' and Elisabeth was descended from Aaron. Their forefathers were godly and they had secured a godly inheritance for this couple, yet there was no manifestation of this and no fruitfulness in their lives. They had never had a child. There was an incongruence here. According to Deut 28, for those who served God faithfully, one of the promises was that there would be no barren amongst them. Yet here were Zechariah and Elisabeth manifesting circumstances that seemed to indicate unfaithfulness to God and sin in their lives or the lives of their forefathers. How confusing because the Word reminds us:

Luk 1:6 And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord.

Sometimes those who do not seem fruitful are judged by others in the Body of Christ as being unfit or disqualified and it is assumed there is sin in their lives. Perhaps you are one of these people who have faithfully worshipped God for many years and prayed for Him to use you for His kingdom and yet no door has ever opened for you and you feel that you just go round and round in circles like Zechariah, year after year performing the required sacrifices in the temple, attending all the meetings, praying, worshipping, giving- and yet, there is no breakthrough to your destiny and this 'purpose' that is talked about everywhere, never happens.

Elisabeth, in particular, had borne the brunt of this situation and had been labeled as 'barren'. Zechariah was still going through the motions, involved in service for the Lord at the temple, doing whatever was required of him but Elisabeth was at home and the stigma of not having a child weighed heavily upon her. She must have wondered what was wrong with her that made her unfit to be blessed with a fruitful womb by the Lord. Why was God always using other people? Didn't He see her desperate desire to be used by Him? She had been through all the soul-searching, the counseling, the deliverance, in an effort to cleanse her soul of anything that might hinder the Lord from using her but still she found herself in this barren place. Elisabeth means 'God is my satisfaction' and she must have finally come to the place of accepting that nothing she desired in her life compared to God. He could satisfy and silence every longing in her soul with His presence. He was enough. She had come to the place of death to her own desire that the mantle of shame placed on her by the community would be lifted. If God did not desire her to have a child, she would accept it and worship Him with all her heart anyway.

Our congregations are full of people like Elisabeth, and these are the people He delights to use. I found a very interesting thing when I dug into the Hebrew meaning of the word 'barren': it means 'stiff and unnatural' but comes from a root word meaning solid, stable and steadfast' and this in turn comes from a word meaning 'to stand, abide, covenant'. So, deep down in the foundations of someone who appears barren, there is actually a strength and stability, a covenant relationship with the Lord. They may be a bit inflexible and stiff concerning new things happening in the church, they may not be up at the front moving in the power of the Spirit, but in God's eyes they don't carry the stigma their brothers and sisters in the Body attach to them. They are solid rock Christians, the salt of the earth, not powerhouses maybe but you can count on them!

This is the wonderful lesson to be learnt from Zechariah and Elisabeth's lives: just because God hasn't used you up to now doesn't mean you are unuseable! There is nothing wrong with you, it just means that your appointed time of participating in God's prophetic purposes hasn't arrived until now! Barrenness just means that God has been keeping your spiritual womb set apart and undefiled by the agendas of man so that He can use you in His kairos moment to participate in His purposes! When the angel Gabriel spoke to Zechariah, he said, " Do not fear, Zechariah. For your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name John." This is amazing because obviously he is not referring to a prayer that Zechariah prayed last week. He himself said he was 'an old man, and my wife well stricken in years'. Beloved, the angel is referring to prayers prayed many years before when the couple were young and it was the expected time to bear children. You can guarantee that they had long since given up praying for that particular issue. Yet here is the angel saying that God has not forgotten or mislaid that prayer request! What an encouragement for us. I believe that we are going to see God answering prayer issues that we have long since laid to rest on the altar of His sovereignty. It wasn't that you prayed wrong or were out of the will of God. There is just the issue of God's appointed times in executing His will in the earth! God doesn't come at the expected time and sometimes He waits until everyone else has written you off and then in He sweeps and turns your life upside-down.

The name of this child that would be born is important. John means 'the favor of God'. Here is a woman who has seemingly walked under God's disapproval and disqualification because of 'barrenness' now bringing forth something that clearly has the badge of God's favor upon it! Beloved, He is going to remove our shame and the reproach of unfruitfulness and men are going to acknowledge that the favor of God rests upon our lives. Isaiah 61 says:

For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

God heard your heart's request and the answer is coming and it is going to leave you speechless just as it did Zechariah! This is God's idea and you are not going to be able to water it down by just calling it what people would expect - it was traditional for babies to be named after their fathers or at least someone in their family line so that everything would be respectable but no! – this idea is going to ruffle feathers and shake up the religious mindsets even before it can speak for itself and you are not going to have words to explain what is happening! This is why you will need to draw apart like Elisabeth did, to spend time before the Lord gaining understanding of His purposes and plan that is growing within you. By the time Mary came to visit, Elisabeth understood where she fitted into the whole picture and was able to mentor Mary.

What is interesting in the unfolding of God's redemptive purpose in the earth is that first He used a barren womb to produce something to prepare the way and then He used a virgin womb to bring forth the manifestation of Christ in the earth. From 'used but unfruitful' to 'untouched and virgin'. What a story of God's creative restoring power at work! It is done the same way in our lives. First God takes our barrenness and shame and transforms it to fruitfulness. But this is just the preparation for God's main event, the manifestation of His Son! The outworking of the spirit of Elijah (which was also seen in John) prepares the way within us and transforms us into a virgin womb to receive the seed of the Son, so that we bring forth Christ in the earth. If you think people are shook-up by the appearance of 'John' in your life, wait until 'Jesus' manifests in power!

The marks and effects of John's life were an outpouring of joy, holiness, repentance and a fullness of the Spirit and a mighty move of evangelism and souls being brought into the kingdom. All of this was a preparation so that there would be a readiness for the Lord's appearing:

Luk 1:14 And you shall have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall neither drink wine nor strong drink. And he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he shall turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

I see from this that will be a move in the Body of Christ manifesting a return to holiness and repentance. Both John and Jesus preached the same message, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" but John did no miracles. John baptized in water which is representative of a washing with the Word and signifies teaching on sin, righteousness and judgment so that people can learn to discern between good and evil. This will bring repentance. John said that following him, there will be a fresh baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. , and this will bring forth an unprecedented wave of evangelism in power and then there will be the manifestation of the sons of God through miracles and signs following the preaching of the Word.

In Malachi 3 God addresses the cry of His people for Him to visit them and explains that He will come but first it will be as a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap to clean up His priests. This is the message of John the Baptist – bear fruit in keeping with repentance. Then after this in Malachi 4, the Sun of Righteousness arises with healing in His wings.

So, Beloved, expect first a conviction of sin and a deep desire within you to be wholly set apart for the Lord. This is God's work of preparation in you before you can bring forth Christ in the earth. Listen to the prophesy that Zechariah spoke over his son:

Luk 1:76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

This work of the Holy Spirit will cause us to return to the good old paths, to get rid of the rampant outgrowth of wickedness in our lifestyles and to be restored to life of peace with God.

John was the introduction to the main attraction but there was a consistency between His message and Jesus' message. Whatever the Lord is going to express through your life, there will be consistency whether you are walking out the prophetic preparation or the manifestation of Christ. Both will shake up the establishment and bring conflict with those of a religious spirit. Expect it! Remember there is always a season of seclusion with God's appointed mentors when we carry His purposes in our spiritual wombs. Both Elisabeth and Mary were hidden from the general public during the first months of their pregnancy, being mentored by the Holy Spirit personally or a spirit-filled person. Don't rush around telling everyone what you carry in your womb as soon as you conceive. Wait until you gain understanding and it starts to take shape within you and then the 'bump' will start to show anyway, you will not be able to hide it although you may not have a very rational explanation to give people!

Zechariah means 'God has remembered'. Beloved, God has not overlooked your labor of love and you will reap a harvest if you faint not. Your prayers have been heard, God has not forgotten and the answer is coming to turn your lives upside down and you will be a co-laborer with God, bringing forth His purposes at His appointed seasons! You are not barren after all, just in the Kairos waiting room. Prepare to be stretched beyond the mindsets of your religious community and family. You are going to bring forth something of a different spirit!

The Bounce Back Cloud

Kathie Walters

GOD IS LOOKING TO RELEASE A NEW LEVEL OF HIS GLORY.

THIS IS THE TIME to receive a deeper and stronger anointing. Did you realize that God's glory is meant to be a part of your life? It is the inheritance of the Body of Christ. It is already promised.

In 2 Corinthians, chapter three, it says that we are changed from glory to glory. As we behold the glory of the Lord, we are changed from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

It's Not by Might or Power...

It has nothing to do with man's effort to try and strive to please God. Trying can be very trying; it is not trying, it is yielding to the Spirit.
***"He that has entered into His rest, has also ceased from his own works."* -- Hebrews 4:10**
He (Jesus) is going to present you faultless before the Presence of His glory with exceeding joy (Jude 24). You are His trophy.
***"He that began a good work in you WILL perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ."* -- Phil 1:6**

The Bounce-back Cloud

While I was in Switzerland, recently, I awoke one night -- it was as if I was wrestling with a dark cloud. Although I had some things specifically related to Switzerland, God did also give me a word for us all.

I saw this dark cloud over the church or rather, much of the church. Then I saw intercessors pray, and the cloud would move away. But then it would come right back again. I wondered why it seemed so persistent in its bounce-back manner.

So, I began to ask the Lord about it. He told me: "The Body of Christ needs to get uncovered from layers that are hiding My Glory." You see, you don't have to plead and beg for God to send His glory -- He already did. After the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, His glory was released. We are changed FROM GLORY TO GLORY, remember. But His glory on the church gets covered with religion and sin.

So.. Back to the Cloud...

Jesus said, ***"The same judgments you make will come back to you again,"*** (Matthew 7:1-2). That's pretty serious isn't it?

So How do you make wrong judgments? What if you make judgments that aren't righteous? What if your judgments are biased? What if they are not the same as God's judgments?
***"God Judgments are true and righteous altogether. . ."* -- Revelation 19:2**
Well, according to Jesus, those same judgments you make are going to come back to you. They are the cloud that keeps the glory from being manifested in your life and ministry the way God wants His inheritance to be seen on you and in you.

So let me explain a little about judgments. The Bible says that God's judgments are true and righteous altogether. It was prophesied of Jesus, *"He will not judge by the seeing of the eye, nor the hearing of* *the ear,"* (Isaiah 11:3). God is the righteous judge, and He alone is able to discern the heart and thoughts and intents of the heart. To make ourselves the judge and dispenser of judgment is pride and folly.

If you judge another, then you presume that you are above them and therefore able to know someone else's heart, [then] that's making yourself equal with God. That's very scary, as the Bible is clear about the consequences of pride. *"God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble,"* (James 4:6). If you want to receive grace, then you have to give grace.

There is nowhere in the Bible where we are told to judge another. You know we all do dumb things sometimes, and we say things without thinking -- but that doesn't mean that someone has a wicked heart. Jesus said that the same judgment you measure out to someone else is going to return to you. God responds to the heart.

He May Not Sound Like You!

There may be someone who doesn't sound like you, doesn't look like you, [and] doesn't tie in with your particular brand of Christianity, but you know what? That doesn't mean that God's spirit is not using them, maybe in a more powerful way than He is using you.
"He has shown thee, oh Man, what is good and what does the Lord requires of thee - but to do JUSTLY and to LOVE MERCY and to WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD." **-- Micah 6:8**
God isn't asking your opinion. He loves you, but He is not asking your permission to use anyone. He sends His servants to bless and build up His Body. The Body of Christ is precious, bought with the precious blood of the LAMB.

The Holy Spirit is the encourager; He builds up, He edifies, He strengthens, and He makes life.

God builds, and with your judgment, you can tear down what He is building. Did you know your words and judgments can abort what the Holy Spirit is doing?

Negative Words Produce Negative Results

When we were in Switzerland, we heard so many negative things about Benny Hinn and other power-ministries. The pity was that God sent Benny to bring an anointing of healing to the people, but the critical and judgmental religious spirit aborted healing from the people making the judgments and also aborted it from other people who were sick and needed a miracle.

God didn't ask your opinion before He deposited Benny Hinn with a powerful healing anointing. Maybe if you have a stronger healing anointing, you might be in a position to say a few things. All judgment comes out of pride.

Break the power of negative words. If negative and judgmental words have gone into your ears, you need to break their power and ask the Holy Spirit to get them out. Words sow seeds in the back of the mind.

False judgment can open the door to all kinds of negative things. If it is negative based, it will produce negative things: sickness, depression, confusion, etc. Don't eat of that spirit. It is poisonous, and it is witchcraft.

I once sat next to a lady during a meeting. The lady was very angry and irritated with the well-known speaker (not without reason), and she made angry comments to me during the meeting. I didn't realize that those words had gone into me at that time until a year later, when the Lord told me that I needed

to forgive the minister we were listening to in that meeting.
I was not consciously angry with him, but her words had gone into me and sowed seeds without my realizing it. God is looking for some righteous people who will not enter into the spirit of false judgment, nor partake of it.

Ask the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Sprit to bring to your mind people you judged, the churches, ministries, or your own friends. Maybe it was only a "little" judgment. Maybe you spoke out your little judgmental words into the ears of someone else -- like that lady did to me; it causes others to make wrong judgments and then the cloud comes back on them too.

Wouldn't you love to have the glory of God around you all the time? Wouldn't you love to have His presence manifested all day long? Where you work? Where you play, where you pray, and where you worship?

[I have] one more story so that you really understand what I'm saying. David was going to minister in a house group years ago in Georgia. This was on the Sunday we were supposed to speak. We had not met this particular house group leader before, so one of the elders of this church took us on Saturday evening to meet the leader at his home.

Spirit of Adultery

We arrived with our host, myself, David, and Sue (Sue was a young woman traveling with us at the time.) When the house group leader opened the door to greet us, I saw a spirit of adultery in his eyes when I shook his hand. It was bold, and the incident took me by surprise, so it threw me. He invited us into the living room, and there were several people visiting, standing around the room talking. Much to my surprise, who was sitting there in an armchair was an old minister friend of ours, Arthur Burt.

Arthur had been a spiritual dad to us years before when we were in revival in London. My mind was racing like the Energizer bunny.

"If I can see this spirit of adultery, surely Arthur can see it too. Why doesn't he DO something? Maybe he can't see it; maybe he's not as spiritual [as] I thought he was." I was trying to talk to him across the room with my eyes. Have you ever done that? *"Why don't you do something?"* I was trying to say. Meanwhile Sue was doing the same thing to me -- trying to talk to me with her eyes. We must have looked really weird.

The Word Came Out

Arthur was talking to a lady on his right -- seemingly oblivious. After about 30 minutes, Arthur put his glass of orange juice on the table. Then [he] gave out a VERY LOUD tongues and interpretation. [It was] something to this effect: "You have until this time tomorrow to uncover or be discovered by the Spirit of God." There was a silence for a few minutes in the room, then Arthur picked up his juice and resumed his conversation with the lady next to him.

"I couldn't use you Kathie."

When I got back to the place we were staying, I went back to the bedroom and closed the door. "OK," I said to God. It was a question not a statement.
"I couldn't use you, Kathie, because when you SAW the spirit, you already judged the man," the Lord

spoke to me. Then I saw, clearly, what happened. Arthur had been around in the ministry for a long time, at least 50 years at that time. I am sure he must have seen that spirit of adultery, although, I never asked him about it. But he didn't KNOW until God told him. When the anointing came on him, he just obeyed and gave out the word.
But it had nothing to do with him. He was detached from it; it was between the leader and God. Arthur was just a vessel -- a vehicle. Incidentally, we had a great meeting that Sunday morning. In the evening, the leader left and took off with another lady in the church! He never did come back as far as I know. The word, by the Spirit, did it's own work. Understand?

So let me encourage you again: ask the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind the people, ministries, and churches that you have judged and made comments about that may have influenced others to make wrong judgments about.
It might take a few days; [it] might take a week, but God wants you to think His thoughts. If you want to receive grace, you have to give grace. Then the glory of God will be manifested more in your life and ministry. If people have made false judgments about you, you need to break that Spirit of witchcraft over yourself.

The Glory of God

It's your inheritance. God wants to walk with you and fellowship with you. He called you as a son and daughter and as a FRIEND. Think His righteous thoughts and learn to see what He sees.

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The Bird Flu And Hurricane Katrina

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As I have shared with our local church, conferences, and through our Prophetic Bulletin over the last few months, it was only a matter of time before the media would realize the seriousness of the coming "bird flu" plague. That is now happening. The threat from this flu is very real, and it does have the potential to be just as deadly as the scientific community is stating. Even the terrible scenarios that are being projected are almost all being purposely understated to prevent panic. This is understandable, but even the understated warnings are causing great fear and panic for some. However, this is not understandable for a Christian, nor acceptable.

Even the "best case" scenarios would make this plague the worst disaster in human history. The time is now here when Christians must know and abide in the peace of God. If we have true faith, we must also have the peace of God which remains calm in the midst of any storm. We have been given a kingdom that cannot be shaken. If we have built our lives on it, everything that can be shaken is shaken. We are told this in Hebrews 12, and through even the greatest shaking, we will remain steadfast and a sanctuary in the storm. Do not let anything steal your peace.

If you feel like the situations that are now coming upon the world are beyond control, you are right. They are beyond human control. This is the primary reason for the great time of trouble or tribulation that is coming upon the world. It is the result of mankind trying to run the world without God. After this time, all of creation will know for all of eternity that this was a bad idea. We need God. We need Him for our personal lives, and we need Him in all human affairs. Everyone who scoffs at this as being "a crutch" will soon wish they had one, and we need to be ready to share ours with them.

Resolve every time that you feel fear and panic rising in you to read Psalm 91, and other Scriptures that promise God's protection. He will protect His people who have made Him their refuge. If the Word Himself has taken His stand against the devil with "it is written," how much more should we? There is only one answer to the problems that are coming upon the world, and we know Him. Determine every time when you begin to feel fear that you are going to trust God and grow in the peace of God. Fight the fear with "it is written." What He has promised us is absolute truth. It is a rock, and it will not shake, even when the entire world is shaking.

As I have been sharing in these Special Bulletins, we must learn all that we can from the Hurricane Katrina disaster because we are going to need that understanding for the times that are coming upon the world. The church is not only going to be safe during these times, but we will be building while everything else is collapsing. However, we must learn to face the greatest human devastation and chaos, wade into it, bring order, and get the job done. Our resolve and peace will help many others find the same Source that we have.

It Is a Good Day to Die

We must also learn to die well. If that statement alarms you, you are the one I am probably addressing this to. If we truly believe in the resurrection, not just as a doctrine, but as the sure promise that it is from Almighty God who cannot lie, then we, above all people on the earth, should be able to die with joy, not fear. As I have heard from many hospital workers, not many Christians die well. Something is profoundly wrong with this. Regardless of whom we are or what we have, we should be looking forward to the day of our death with great desire for "the joy that is set before us."

One of the most important Christian teachings and disciplines is the call that we have to take up our crosses and "die daily." If we have died to this world, as we have been called to do, it is impossible for us to fear. What does a dead man fear? One who is already dead to this world does not fear anything on the earth. This must be our resolve.

The number one strategy of the devil in these times is to control the world through fear. The Lord leads His people through faith. The times are going to increasingly reveal those who have true faith and those who do not. Psalm 32 is an important word for us, especially verses 6-11, which is quoted below:

"Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, otherwise they will not come near to you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the Lord, lovingkindness shall surround him. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart." -- Psalm 32:6-11

The recent earthquakes, tsunamis, and hurricanes are already taxing the whole world's relief efforts. The worst natural disasters in human history are continuing to be topped by succeeding ones. The Lord and the prophets have all made it clear that this would come upon the world in the last days, but this should not cause fear in Christians, but rather rejoicing--not because we are rejoicing at the suffering of others, but because our redemption is drawing near.

The kingdom is coming, and our King is going to restore the earth to the paradise He created it to be. He is going to remove all disease, pain, cruelty and suffering, and wipe every tear away from every eye. The tragic lessons of the part of creation that is trying to live without its Creator are nearly over--and the joys of redemption and restoration are about to begin. The kingdom is at hand, even at the door.

However, we must understand this door. As Paul said in Acts 14:22: "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." The Lord does not allow troubles to come upon His people without purpose, and the basic purposes are: 1) to help conform us to the image of Christ, and 2) to help us find the entry into the kingdom in that area of our life. The "great tribulation" (see Matthew 24:21) or the "great time of trouble" are also doors for the whole world to enter into the kingdom, and that will be the result.

It Is Time to Take the Land

After reciting the events and trials of Israel in the wilderness after leaving Egypt, we are told in I Corinthians 10:11, "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." Everything that Israel went through is a prophetic parallel of what the church would go through, and how we, too, will enter the Promised Land, the kingdom of God. In this light, let us consider the prophetic significance of Joshua 3:3-4, 14-17.

***"When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."* -- Joshua 3:3-4**

"So it came about when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest), that the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho. And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had

***finished crossing the Jordan."* -- Joshua 3:14-17**

In Scripture, the Jordan River often represents death. That is why both Jesus and John the Baptist baptized there. The Jordan River also empties into the Dead Sea. There was a reason why the Lord commanded the Ark of the Covenant to be carried across the Jordan "about" 2,000 cubits ahead of the rest of the people. The Ark represents Jesus, and the cubits represent years. This was a prophetic statement that the Lord would pass through death to His Promised Land "about" 2,000 years before the rest of His people.

The Lord said that "...the harvest is the end of the age..."(Matthew 13:39), and we read in Joshua 3:15 that "...the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of the harvest..." This speaks of how death will be overflowing all of its banks all of the days of the harvest, which is the end of the age. Because of this we can expect such natural and human disasters to increase during the coming times.

As all of the Lord Jesus' own prophecies concerning these times make very clear, we are coming to the greatest times of trouble the world has ever known. However, the good news is, if we have built our lives on the kingdom which cannot be shaken, we will not only survive what is coming, but we will prevail and prosper. We are now at the time that the church is going to cross over and begin to possess its Promised Land.

We must also understand that at the very time such great troubles are going to be coming upon the world that "the Jordan River overflows all of its banks," Christians who are walking in the ways of the Lord are going to prosper more than they ever have before. However, this is at the time when death is overflowing all of its banks, so we must learn to keep functioning even when a thousand fall on one side, and then ten thousand on the other.

The Shaking Ahead

The present world systems are being shaken, and this will increase, but if we are abiding in the Lord, we are on a Rock that simply cannot be shaken. However, our prosperity is not so we can live luxuriously, but so we can help the desperate and prepare the way for the coming kingdom. As I recently told one of our U.S. senators, the federal government is going to run out of resources for helping the people through what is to come, but we will be open to lend them some!

I was being serious. Even the federal government of the wealthiest and most powerful nation on earth has limited resources and is running out of them now. Our governments are going to be reduced to the role of just trying to keep order in the times to come, and there will be a time when even that will be beyond their ability. However, we have not only been given a kingdom that will not even shake through what is coming, but a kingdom which has resources that all of the earth, even all of creation, could not exhaust. Those who have built their lives on the kingdom will have increasing access to those resources.

I did not see it, but I was told of an article in one of the country's foremost liberal newspapers that admitted the church was many times more effective at meeting the desperate needs of the people devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. I was just in the disaster area and I can tell you personally that this is true--the church was far more effective than the government in this. The next time we will do much better.

I am not mad or disappointed at the government for this. We are the most foolish of all people if we are putting our hope in the governments of this world. I have actually marveled at how well they have done so far, and I am thankful for a government that will do all it can to help people in need. However, the government does not have the resources that we have--we have the unlimited resources of heaven, and those who have learned how to open the doors and windows of heaven will now see them opening wider and wider.

Paradise Again

In Joshua 3:16,we are told the waters of the Jordan "which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam." This could have been translated that the waters of the Jordan "were rolled back all the way to Adam." It was no accident that this little town was named "Adam," just as there are no accidents at all in Scripture. This was a prophecy that when God's people begin to pass through this baptism in the Jordan, we will begin possessing all of the promises of God that we are called to inherit, and death will be rolled back all the way to Adam! This means that all of the death which was the consequence of the Fall will be reversed.

For this reason we must prepare ourselves for increasingly great natural and manmade disasters as we get closer to the end of this age. We will need to learn to cope with death all around us and keep on functioning. Just as no general could be successful if he is overly concerned about casualties, we, too, will have to learn to cope with death--even sending forth missions and missionaries that we know will not return. We must not be overly given to grieving or mourning the dead in order to save the living from an even greater, eternal disaster.

The prophecies of these times are fearful for those who are not abiding in the Prince of Peace. Even so, they are the greatest hope and represent the release that the prophets and righteous ones have longed to see come to pass since the beginning. We must understand that the problems are coming, and to avoid looking for them because they make us uncomfortable or fearful is to live in deception. Those very problems are also our greatest opportunities, and we must be ready to seize them.

If we have built our lives on the kingdom, we have nothing to fear, from anything or anyone. Those who have not built their lives on the kingdom will have many things to fear, and it will increase. It is better for them to fear than to go on in their delusions and be in the terrible jeopardy those delusions keep them in. Therefore, we want to see these things for what they are, and be prepared, not to just survive, but to save many others.

Israel's inheritance was the land, and they dispossessed the people who were on it. Our inheritance, which is also the Lord's, is the people. Even though the Jordan will be overflowing its banks, and death will be all around us, the power of His indestructible life will be flowing through us to reap the greatest harvest that the world has ever known. We must not sleep or be distracted while the treasure of the earth is ripe for reaping.

Victory over Death

Baptism is a ritual performed to emphasize an important spiritual reality. The bane of Christianity since the third century has been to substitute rituals for the realities that they represented, and were intended to illuminate. The ritual of baptism was meant to convey the commitment on the part of the one baptized so they would die to themselves to live to Christ. After the third century, one could be baptized in place of living the crucified life, removing the life and power of the cross from the church.

We should not belittle the importance of the ritual. A wedding is a ritual and not the marriage itself, but because marriage is so important it is right to make a big deal out of the ritual. Likewise, it is right to make a big deal out of baptism, communion, and the other important rituals handed down to us, but they must not be allowed to supplant the truths that they were given to us to illuminate. You can dunk someone in the water all day and not have them partake of the death or resurrection of Jesus. There is nothing magical about the water. The power is in the crucified life. The baptism is performed as a commitment to live the crucified life in order that we might also be resurrected with Christ, as we read in Romans 6:4-5:

"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For we have become UNITED with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection." (emphasis mine) **-- Romans 6:4-5**

We must note here that in this text there is no mention of water! This is not speaking of water baptism, but of what water baptism represents--the crucified life. Paul further conveyed in Romans 6:5:"For if we become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection."

What did the Lord mean when He stated, "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:49-50)? Was the baptism that was distressing Him simply being immersed in water? Of course not. He was referring to His impending crucifixion. That crucifixion is also the meaning of our baptism.

Jesus was likewise referring to the baptism into His crucifixion when James and John asked to be seated on His right and left in the kingdom. He said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (Mark 10:38).

It is a basic spiritual principle that death is the path to life in Christ. We are called to live now by the power and authority of the resurrected life of Christ, but by its very definition one cannot experience a resurrection without first experiencing a death. To be baptized with His baptism is to be conformed to the purpose of His death, the laying down of our own lives for the sake of others.

When the church reduced the truth of the crucified (and thereby resurrected) life to a mere ritual, it has robbed the Lord of our consecration, the church of its salvation, and has stolen from the world the power of the gospel. There are many Scriptures that make the meaning of this very clear. The following are just a few of them, which I encourage you to read carefully as their importance is literally life and death:

"For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him; If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. . ." **-- II Timothy 2:11-12**

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM IN ORDER THAT we may also be glorified with Him." (emphasis mine) **-- Romans 8:16-17**

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, being conformed to His death, IN ORDER THAT I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." (emphasis mine) **-- Philippians 3:10-11**

"For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake." **-- Philippians 1:29**

"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering." **-- II Thessalonians 1:3-5**

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ALWAYS carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh." (emphasis mine) **-- II Corinthians 4:8-11**

The Lord made it clear in His Word--if we are to partake of His life, we must also partake of His death "that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him" (II Corinthians 5:15). Any other teaching is a false gospel and an enemy of the cross. Death separates the things that are natural from the things that are spiritual. Again, to have a resurrection, there must first be a death. If we want to walk in the resurrection life of Jesus, we must be willing to lay down our lives for Him.

Pray for Our Governments

As I recently had a conversation with a high-ranking man in world affairs, and is in a position to know what world leaders are doing, he told me straightforwardly that President Bush is one of the few world leaders who has sought to understand and prepare his nation for the expected unprecedented plague released by the "bird flu." The best case scenario for what this will do on the earth will make it worse than the plagues of the Middle Ages. The worst case is incomprehensible. We have been given a wise leader for the times, and we do need to pray for him. He is not being a fear monger in asking for the authority to use the military for such things as quarantines of regions of the country. Though quarantines will not really work for this, these troops will be needed to keep order.

It is almost incomprehensible that he has done so well facing so many problems during his presidency. He has not handled any of them perfectly, and only the greatest fools should expect that of any human being in this world. He has done very well, but his greatest trials are likely still ahead of him.

In the coming Bulletins, I will focus more on some very practical things we must do, and more of the lessons we are now learning from the disasters that have been coming upon us. We cannot run from this. There is nowhere to go. Just as true warriors run to the sound of battle, not away from it--we must learn to run to the cries for help and lead them to the Helper, who is the Remedy for every human problem. You already have Him. Let Him fix all of your problems, and determine that you are going to grow in trust in Him every day. Then resolve that you are going to help others do the same. That is why we are here. If we have been chosen to live, it is to do a job. Let's get on with it.

The Bunny Hole

Mary Clark

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In a vision, I saw a small, brown bunny, scampering hurriedly close to the side of a fence. Then he went into a hole that led to the other side of the fence. Here is what the Lord has to say about this vision:

Many of My children are looking for a way out of their present situation. I have these words for you: When you feel that "life" has dealt you a bad hand, know that nothing has gotten past Me. Know that I know exactly what is going on and I know just how perplexed you are. Know that I will make a way of escape.

My timing may not be up to your satisfaction, but believe Me when I say that My timing is *always* perfect.

I see many of you in dire straights, longing for major change – a major breakthrough. I tell you that help is on the way. I have a way for you to escape from your present situation. It is waiting for you. It is open for you, and you will come upon it at the opportune time. Just be patient with Me, beloved. I just want you to be patient with Me!!!

The Big One

Rosalie Snyder

Dear Bill
I have never posted anything on the internet. My daughter in AZ. "found" your website last night and tonight on the phone shared it with me. As I was reading through some of these, I was compelled to send this vision to you. Last year is when I was compelled to put it on paper and send it to President Bush. I praise God for your website!!!!!!!! I live in the Bible Belt, but it seems no one is on the same page that I am on. The Lord kept telling me to keep learning from Him and listening what the Spirit is saying, that I am not alone. Sure enough.......reading some of these postings, I read so many things I also have been told.

THE VISION

This vision was given to me in the late 1970's. I saw the whole United States. It was as if I was looking down from a satellite.

As I looked, I saw our country split apart from top to bottom right along the Mississippi River. The split was as wide and deep as the Grand Canyon and no bridge could ever span it. I knew instantly I was seeing an earthquake. The magnitude was 9.3. As I saw the earthquake happening, I heard 9.3.

I said, "Lord, man says the big one will be California and it will drop off into the ocean". He replied, "that's what man says, I say it will be here". I told very few people this vision, but always kept it in my heart as I know it was a vision from the Lord.

In the fall of 1996, as I was vacuuming my living room, I heard these words....."what you have done to me, I will do to you". I stopped dead in my tracks, turned off the vacuum and stood silent. I knew it was the Lord speaking to me and His voice was firm and serious. Then I spoke, "Lord, what have I done to you"? I thought I had offended and angered Him! Then He said, "What you have done to me, I WILL do to you. You have divided My land, I will divide yours". Then I saw the vision again of our country split by the earthquake. Very same vision - 20 years later. Then instantly, I saw like an instant replay on a television screen, the news conference that showed Yassar Arafat, President Clinton and Isreal's Prime Minister standing together with President Clinton standing in the center of the three as they were telling the world their "Land for Peace" agreement. I dropped my head and cried. Man has no regard for the Holy Covenant God made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and His chosen people.

I found in the Holy Scriptures, Obadiah 15 says, :"For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head". Obadiah is only one chapter----It is "The Vision of Obadiah". Awesome words for the time we are living in. Joel 3:2 tells about "and parted my land".

I have been compelled to write the vision. Habakkuk 2:2-3 "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it: because it will surely come, it will not tarry".

October 22, 2003 - In reading the scripture 3:15am - I read in Genesis 41:32 "and for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice: it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass". I immediately remembered this vision and that it was given to me TWICE. 20 years apart.

Watch and Pray,
Rosalie Snyder

The British Lion to Roar Again
Wendy Alec – Dave Hood

Great Britain Land Of End Time Destiny
Wendy Alec

Oh Great Britain, Great Britain, isle of walls and of fortresses, I tell you that even as the glory of the Lord has departed from the Lion [Great Britain], so the glory of the Lion of Judah shall return; and My glory shall rest upon the Lion, and the Lion, once again, shall open its mouth and its roar shall be heard again among the nations of this earth.

For, even as in times past the Lion whelped many, many cubs and sent its missionaries even to the uttermost parts of the earth, so I tell you that the glory of these latter days shall be greater than that of the former. And even though in centuries past I sent missionaries out from this nation -- even to Africa, to India, to China and beyond -- so I tell you, beloved, that in the decades to come, a great mobilizing of My called out ones shall occur -- of men and women and boys and girls from these shores. Those who even slumber at this time shall start to arise, says the Lord.

I AM ABOUT TO BLOW THE TRUMPET

For even as many of My children, even as much of My Church in Great Britain, slumbers even this day, so I declare that I am about to blow the trumpet, says the Lord. Yes, I, the Lord God of Hosts, am about to blow the trumpet in Zion, and it shall resound with a mighty roar from the heavens; and My glory shall start to fall and My Church and My called out ones shall rouse themselves from their stupor and from their slumber, says the Lord. For even now I have heard the prayers of my people.

Even now, although it be but a remnant, I have heard the prayers of the watchmen on the walls of Great Britain -- the watchmen who neither slumber nor sleep. And even as they have cried out to Me in the midnight hour for Britain to heed My voice and to seek My face, so I tell you, My children, that the day of the Lord is appearing.

And they shall rise from the East and from the West of this isle; they shall rise from the Southernmost tip to the North. And Scotland -- yes, Scotland, says the Lord -- yes, My burning fire shall be ignited in the furthermost parts of the North. My glory shall light a flame, says the Lord, that shall sweep across divides and denominations. And the Pentecostals and the Evangelicals and the Anglicans, the Methodists, the Catholics, and all who revere My Name and the sacrifice of My Son shall unite with one heart and as one body -- and that flame shall be seen across this land; and the cities and the villages of this nation shall start to burn with the fervency and the hunger of the living God.

For even as My Church has been bound by the shackles of compromise and passivity, I tell you that in this coming day and in this coming hour, My firebrands shall start to rise.

LIKE WILBERFORCE, MY APOSTOLIC VOICES SHALL RISE IN THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

And, like Wilberforce, My apostolic voices shall rise in the Houses of Parliament; they shall arise in London, they shall arise in Edinburgh, they shall arise in the North of England. And even as the unions had a voice in past years that was strident and rose above the crowds and became the voice of the masses, so in like manner shall My Church's voice start to be heard in a manner far above and beyond this present day.

And so I shall raise My apostles and they shall stand at the city gates and the gates of trading, and they shall stand in the government, and they shall stand in the media and in the banking institutions and in businesses, and they shall stand in the clergy of this nation. And I shall raise up my prophets -- and they shall rise -- and their faces will be as flint. And even as John Knox's voice rang out above Scotland, I tell you that My prophets' voices shall start to rise in this nation. And I call my intercessors, I call my intercessors: Pray, Pray! Do not desist from your prayers, for even that which you have perceived in your spirits and that which you have yearned for -- it is almost upon you.

A MIGHTY FLOOD OF EVANGELISTS

For surely the day of the missionaries dawns once more upon these shores. For surely the day of the gospel going forth to the uttermost parts of the earth dawns once more upon these shores. And as My fire starts to fall across Great Britain, I tell you that the men and women, boys and girls shall feel the call to leave these isles and to travel to the continents of the earth to preach My gospel.

And a mighty flood of evangelists -- a mighty throng of missionaries -- shall leave this nation, and I shall thrust them into the four corners of the earth. And they shall go to Japan, and they shall go to Beijing, and they shall go to Africa -- East and West; and they shall go to Europe and to the Middle East, and I shall spread them as a net over the continent of Asia.

And I shall open doors to My gospel that have previously been shut -- even the doors of iron and of brass shall be opened unto the missionaries from the British Isles: Vietnam, North Korea, and beyond. And there shall be a great flood and a torrent of My gospel that shall once more go forth from this land.

And I shall send Bibles from this land. And I shall send resources, resources, resources from Great Britain, that will feed, that will clothe, that will build, that will teach, and that will establish My gospel in the four corners of the earth. For this is the destiny of this land in latter days, says the Lord, to resource, to nurture, to establish, to preach My gospel. And even as in past days this Empire was established, so I tell you that in this coming day and this coming hour it shall be the Empire of the Great King of Heaven that shall be established.

THE RISE OF ONE IN GREAT BRITAIN WITH A ROD OF IRON AND MY GOVERNMENT UPON HIS SHOULDERS

And there has yet to rise from these shores one who has a rod of iron. In the decades to come, you shall yet see one rise who has My government upon his shoulders. He shall rise in the government and he shall rise in this nation, and he shall rule with a rod of iron, says the Lord. He will come at such a time when Great Britain is faltering -- and I shall do this because of the prayers of My people.

For there shall be a great swarm that shall rise against these isles in the decades to come. A great swarm as an army will arise across the waters around this nation, but this man with the rod of iron shall stand firm. And the nation shall take courage, and the lionheart of Britain shall arise as one, and the great swarm shall turn back and, even in an instant, be stopped in their tracks, says the Lord

THE GREAT JOINING OF THE LION AND THE EAGLE

And there will be a great joining of the Lion and the Eagle. And even as the voices in the streets and the byways -- the murmuring, the complaining, of any alliance between the United States and Britain -- so I tell you that these voices neither discern the times nor the purposes of the Living God. For even as the Eagle came to the Lion's aid in times gone by, so I tell you that in this coming season, once again, this alliance between the Lion and the Eagle shall be forged. And the forge shall not be broken, says the Lord, because it is destined by Heaven.

And a great wave of prayer shall rise up from the East Coast of America through the heartland to the West -- and that wave of prayer and intercession shall wash across Britain as a fiercely burning flame, and shall cleanse and protect. But in the years ahead, so the prayers of the saints in Britain shall rise and, like a wave, they shall spread across America -- to preserve and protect -- and a great joining shall occur; and this joining shall not be the joining of man, says the Lord, but the joining of Almighty God.

And this nation shall return to its Christian roots. It shall RETURN to its Christian roots! And the glory of the Lion of Judah shall once more return and rest upon the Lion.

IF My people repent of the sins of this nation and humble themselves and pray.

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The Iceberg
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Imagine if you will an iceberg, its tip appearing above the water. In fact only one seventh of the iceberg is above water. The other six sevenths, is submerged. Consider what this means. There is more of it in the dark than the light, as yet only a small part of the iceberg is exposed or seen.

Consider the state and form of this berg which is underneath the surface of the water. It is in the dark, away from the light. At best it may dwell in an icy grey light, that is neither in day, yet it is neither in night.

Such is the heart of man. Such is the heart of a nation.

However, Gods purpose for this cold, hard, grey icy mass is to expose it to the Light of His Son, bringing it out of dark light, twilight, into daylight. The greater (6/7ths), becoming more visible than the lesser (1/7th)……thereby turning the heart of man through the impossible angle. Exposing the darkest parts to the light, that shines from the surface of The Son. Turning the heart of man, the heart of a nation, upside down.

The world has yet to see the full heart of God in man turned loose in the world.

The Lord desires to melt the ice grey heart, for the iceberg, in its present state, only causes the water around it to grow cold at its touch. Within the body of man, within its place in its world, touching adversely his closest neighbour. As the sun beams down onto its surface, warming and melting the berg, the berg warms and melts and the waters cool.

If an ice berg were turned upside down in this manner, it would in fact do the impossible. For it would be defying the laws of gravity, the laws of its physics. In the natural realm by itself, it simply is not possible. However in the spiritual realm it is. Consider.

2 Kings 6:1-7
6:1 The Floating Axe Head
And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. 2 Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell."
So he answered, "Go." 3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron axe head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." 6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. 7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it. NKJV

The axe head had fallen into the river, it had sunk. It and its purpose were lost. Elisha cut off a stick and threw it there….where it had fallen…and he made the iron float. The application of the stick, a piece of wood, is the application of the cross of God to the waters. There is a return to life, a return to purpose. There is a reversing of the laws of nature.

The greater part of the iceberg is underwater, as a result of the reverse, it’s floating, it’s turning over and through the impossible angle, and a new type of geometry is seen. A new thing. As a result of it turning over the glory of the latter will be greater than the glory of the former. An increase to what was there before.

As an iceberg turns, particularly one of gigantic size and momentum would create great undercurrent and suction. As the air and the sea currents meet, warm meeting between cold, moist air is hit by cold fronts. This causes storms. Cold water in = warm water out.

An iceberg is a significant lump of ice, broken free from its main land mass. It is a floating, moving mass, deceptively large, yet apparently small. The ice berg is if you like, is an island. Not attached to the land at it sides or the ocean bed at its roots. It mirrors the human heart, itself encased in a pericardial sac, and this in turn, lies amidst the human body, itself, mainly composed of water, over 80%

The ice berg is the cold, dense, dark heart of man within the water of the body of man. It in turn is an island amid waters…. An iceberg is an island……and so is Great Britain.

Margaret Thatcher became famous for the quote…"this lady is not for turning". Father God is making a statement about the heart of this country and its place as a nation… "this country IS for turning." And as it turns it will encounter the clear blue heavens of its Fathers love, the warmth of the rays of His Son and will be touched by the clear air of His Spirit. As the chemistry of love and the physics of heaven, meets with the biology of man, the geography of heaven appears and a new map is formed.

As this immense berg turns, its heaving waters will rush to its nearest shores, those of Europe, its neighbour, who will experience the change of its heart and warmth in its waters. May He let us welcome the change to our hearts and the nation it's turning to His purpose. He will finish what He has started, for He is the Mastermind. He wants the mind and the heart of the Master to be within you.

It can be done, it can be done in us, it can be done in this nation and it can be done in this continent…why for as the word says…we each have a beam…and so has a nation…v6 says it…"Please, go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there". We all have access to the cross, to Christ, to Jesus. God knows where we have fallen, where with His work, with ourselves and with this country we have fallen short. But like Elisha and Moses, will we ask v.3 "please consent to come with your servant". The answer is clear...v.7 "Pick it up for yourself"…He was there with His servant, He is there and here with us now, and he already has cut down His tree, his beam, in Jesus and just as He is ascended, He is ready now to again pick up His cross for us now, will we pick up our cross for Him, for His country and His continent.

The British Lion

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Vision For Great Britain
Wendy Alec,

I saw several pockets of small fires across Europe . . . the fires of wicked men and organizations. And the Lord said "Holland." Holland was very strong. Then France, and then Spain and Italy. Then the Lord said, "And to the North." It was very clear, and the Holy Spirit's voice was insistent and very strong, "The NORTH, the North, the North . . . " and I had no clear understanding at all what the Lord meant. And then I sensed a circle and heard the Holy Spirit say, "North London, Northern England, Northern Europe," and then I heard "North Africa." This was the circle, and the circle seemed to me to be linked in some way.

"This is the Snare of Heaven"

These fires, God said, were kindling fires. They were very small -- hardly noticeable on the map – but they burned furiously, and had fiercely burning blue flames. And then I saw that some kind of NET was being loosed from the heavenlies down to earth. And I heard the Lord say, "THIS IS THE SNARE OF HEAVEN." And I saw a great angelic host . . . the warring host of Heaven being dispatched across Great Britain and Europe and other Northern-most and Middle-Eastern parts of the earth, with swords that glistened like flaming fires. And the Lord said, "As in the ancient of times, so as My people humble themselves and pray, a great and mighty roar of battle shall be unleashed from the heavenlies, and My mighty warring angels shall go forth, for I shall send them from the North and from the South." God was saying these were the fires of wicked men and organizations across Great Britain and Europe and beyond.

Then I saw prayer start to rise . . . first from small pockets of intercessors across the British Isles. These were not just prayer movements and organizations, but they were the heartfelt prayers of the saints from towns and villages all across Great Britain. These were the praying mothers and grandmothers and grandfathers; these were the prayers of the intercessors across great Britain. And, yes, they were mostly women in their homes and in tiny prayer and home groups, fallen on their knees and on their faces, and I could see that they had the full attention of the Lord.

And then I saw the men – and the men were the ministers of God – and the pastors and the ministers from all across Britain rose and joined their prayers in the Spirit with the prayers of the handmaidens. And the prophets started to prophesy and join with the apostles and the intercessors. And then they were joined by the praying saints from across pockets in Europe and then from the North, East, South and West.

And I saw a great hand arise from the North and the South and the East and the West. And the Lord said, "Because of the heartfelt prayers of My saints, I shall send my Angelic Host and the sound of their battle cry shall resound through the four corners of the earth as they prepare to meet the Princes of Darkness. For I tell you, My children, a great and terrible darkness has been unleashed upon the earth in these days, BUT I am raising up an army. I am raising up a mighty army of My people who will gird themselves up for battle. And as the sound of their voices rises up to me, and as the sound of their prayers of their supplications comes before my throne, so in turn, My mighty warring angels be unleashed to do battle in the heavenlies.

"This is the Hour to Arise"

"And through the prayers of my saints in Great Britain – through the prayers of My saints in Great Britain – through the prayers of the saints and My followers in Great Britain – the stupor and the slumber and the secular humanistic spirits that have bound My people in this nation shall start to uproot. For my Church has had an outward semblance of power – yet its sound has been a whisper. Even as My children have raised their voice in the streets of Great Britain, so the spirits of secularism and humanism have bound the mouths of My saints. But I tell you, my children, there dawns another day," says the Lord. "There dawns a different hour. And I call you, Oh Church, I call you My saints. This is the day and this is the hour to arise," says the Lord. "This is the hour to stir yourselves even as the mighty men of old. Lift your voices and your hearts up to my throne, for this is the day and the hour of supplication."

Then as the saints rose and started to pray – not with lip service but fervent heartfelt prayer from the heart – I saw another fire, with fierce white and orange living flames start to burn, the prayers of the Church in Britain. And although it, too, started in pockets, this was the most incredible fire in the way that it spread across the nation. It was so fierce that as it took on power, it seemed that nothing could stop its path. But the people who created the fire were fallen on their knees. And God said, "Penitent hearts," and I knew, somehow, that these praying saints were repenting on behalf of Britain for the sins of the nation and for the sins of omission of the church in Great Britain.

And these prayers gave the angels much strength. And the snare of the Lord fell like a net across the dark hidden places of the earth. And I saw the terrifying whirlwind of the Lord, like a fierce black whirlwind, literally chase some of the evil blue pockets down . . . the winnowing whirlwind of the Lord of Hosts.

The Lord said, "Bring Back My Glory"

Then the Lord showed me a large lion, and He said, "This lion represents the nation of Great Britain." And it was a shocking sight, for where the lion should have been filled out and sleek and gleaming, was almost a skeleton. And its mane was barely visible, and its coat was covered in mange, and its roar which should have shaken the nations in its power and in its ferocity was strangled and barely audible. And the Lord said, "This represents both the glory of this nation at present and the state of My church as a whole in Great Britain." And I saw in great letters the words: "THE GLORY HAS DEPARTED FROM THE LION, BUT THE GLORY OF THE LORD OF HOSTS SHALL RETURN AND THE LION SHALL ROAR AGAIN."

And the Lord said, "Bring back My glory. Bring back My glory that your nation may once more walk in the glory of its destiny, and the Church may show forth My glory." And the Lord showed me a huge, flourishing green tree that was planted in the European mainland. Its huge trunk seemed to be planted in Brussels, and the foliage had grown so dense that the tree's branches and foliage had grown over the English channel and covered Britain in a great dark shadow. And thousands of smaller offshoots and branches had taken deep root in Great Britain. And I saw the roots tangled and grown into London, and then through the British Isles up all the way to Scotland.

The Lord said, "These are the deep roots of secularism and humanism that have taken deep root in this nation. These are the roots that are eroding this nation's faith!" And I saw thousands upon thousands of people bowing in obedience to this tree, and the roots were tightly twisted around their ankles, but they seemed totally unaware of this, that they were bound. And so they rejected the faith of their fathers.

And I saw a great scoffing and a great decline in the traditions and the foundations of the past. And this mass of people was divided into two camps: the first huge mass of people whose ankles were bound by the gnarling roots of the green tree from Europe were younger and seemed more modern in their approach. And I saw written over their head UNBELIEF, CYNICISM, and HUMANISM. And the foliage and green leaves seemed to shadow their heads, and I sensed that they were being attacked at a cerebral level.

But the second group seemed to be those whose roots and foundations were from the established traditional denominations of Britain, yet they were just as affected as this first group. But I saw written over their heads PRIDE, SKEPTICISM, and CLOSED MINDEDNESS. And I sensed that the roots around their ankles had bound them in a different manner . . . that even if they heard the call of the Spirit in these days, the spiritual forces had them so bound that they could not move with the tide and the times of God. And I saw the green foliage literally cover and shadow their foreheads and eyes, and I saw the word "blinding."

"Humble Yourselves and Put Aside your Opinions and Press into Me"

And I said to the Lord, "Father, what does this mean?" And He said, "The spirits that led Europe into post Christian decline have invaded Great Britain over these past decades and have infiltrated and overshadowed the nation with the same humanism and paganism and secularism. And yet Britain is still so blinded by her roots and her foundations that she is still declaring herself a Christian nation," but the Lord says, "that she has been shackled by the enemy." And I said, "Lord, what can break the shackles?"

And the Lord spoke and said, "The prayers and fervent supplications of my saints in Great Britain. The repentance for the sins of commission and omission on behalf of the governments of Great Britain, on behalf of the people of Great Britain." Then I asked the Lord about the Church, and He showed me thousands of people all belonging to different denominations with divisions and literally multitudes of OPINIONS. And somehow it seemed that the people's opinions were all more important in their eyes than God's opinion, and I heard Him say, "Until their opinions become My opinion, the Church will continue to be divided among itself and be weak and underfed and lack the true POWER of GOD. Oh, yes," says the Lord. "There are many meetings, there are many committees, there are many opinions, opinions, but it is not the opinion and the thoughts of men's hearts that will change the destiny of Great Britain, but the opinion and the thoughts and intents of the word of the Living God. Humble yourselves . . . Humble yourselves and put aside your opinions and press into me, the Living God for a living Word." And the Lord said, "A humble and penitent heart I will not despise." And I saw the words written: DIVISIONS AND FACTIONS.

Then as people dropped to their knees -- all over Britain from every walk of life and denomination – the lion started to change, and He grew strong and sleek and his roar grew stronger. And I saw written in the spirit: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me." And as the people started to seek the face of the Lord, I saw the word COURAGE, and I knew that in the spirit realm that Great Britain had been endowed from the beginning of time with the mantle COURAGE, and the Lord said LIONHEART.

And God said Britain has yet to move into her end time destiny in the nations. And I saw again in great letters the words: "THE GLORY HAS DEPARTED FROM THE LION, BUT THE GLORY OF THE LORD OF HOSTS SHALL RETURN." And the lion's roar by now had gained strength.

And then the Lord said, "Manchester – Newcastle – then Birmingham – London – Edinburgh - Glasgow – Southampton – Bournemouth." And I heard Him say "Airports" – not airlines but airports – "Malls – shopping centres" – that He was urging the saints to pray a higher protection over these places and over these things. And I felt Him go back once again to around Manchester; again, I do not understand why. And then he started to speak of Great Britain's destiny . . .

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The Body, the Lion and the Medallion
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The Body of Christ is a living organism. It is alive and has eternal and resurrection life. This life does not fade or perish and is without spot or blemish.

It is a living body that has the blood of Jesus flowing and pumping through its heart, for it indeed is moved and positioned with the Heart of the Father. In its body the Heart of the Father appears in human form, but works and ministers with Godly intent. This body is touched with the Spirit and flow from God. It is moved in Him and living in Him.

Each part of the body is a living cell an unique and individual part, separate yet not apart, living yet not detached, joined and not disjointed from the head.

Through each individual cell the blood of Jesus continually flows, the flow of Gods very own blood, into His very own body. It stimulus is received from the beating heart of the Father. The whole body beats and pleads according to flow of the Fathers heart.

O how he is moved! His great heart empties to pour out the blood that is within the inner chambers of His heart. Oh! How it empties itself and is moved to fill up again with love and forgiveness and to swell up again to be engorged with yet more of His Sons blood. Until no more can be taken and is replete in its fullness and goodness . Another beat and is again pushed and expelled outward, cascading from chamber to chamber. His loved poured and forced out by the valves of the beat of His heart, emptying itself of all but love, flowing to each and every part of the body, both distant and close.

The heart of the Father, He has placed in the Body of His church. This heart is not only the heart of His Body, the heart of the Church…it is His own heart, and also the heart of the Lion. The heart of this Great Lion feeds of the feeling within the course and coursing of the lifeblood concerning this nation. As each cell and part becomes filled and alive under its flow, as each gives to it, its flow, it is triggered by yet another and how the vitality reaches and gives to its complete and perfect mobility.

Perfect and complete mobility to the loins and body of the Lion.

As the body of the Lion becomes awake, so does the Nation have its chance for Life, for its Lion Lord is stirred, not that He has been asleep. But this Nation has. The Lion wants this nation Britain to come alive indeed as this country once was and that it would wear once again the Crown that displayed all the Great Lions regality, demonstrating His Sovereignty with pride.

A nation boasting in the strength of its God.

Its royalty and regal ness comes from Him. Here he showed me a coin, or rather a medal, a medallion. This coin was in MINT condition. Its markings and definitions were clear and defined, its lustre was full and its etching and marking were fine. It was plain for all to see and laid out in fresh, in clear and NEW detail. Behold I do a NEW thing.

This coin, medallion seemed to impress upon me the difference between this NEW coin and the faded and dull, and worn hopes of the past. But once again, these old images and hopes were to be RENEWED by the vital and NEW images and lines marked out in the emblem of the coin.

On the face of the coin, was a Lion. Set and standing on all fours, its head raised square and crowned with a Crown. The detail was so precise, and pinpoint clear. The regality and savour of greatness, strength and uprightness was clear for all to see. His poise of its loins and great pads of His paws, legs astride and splayed was strong in every pose. He stands upon, above and in the glory of His nation. This country of Isles, this country of Britain he wishes to form United and to form once again Great. As He is One, so are we to be.

Medallion and coins are especially struck and minted to show and focus on the great deeds and accomplishment of a nation. This medallion HAS ALREADY been STRUCK, to COMMEMORATE and event of HISTORICAL PROPORTION. A final seal has been struck to show the sureness of its final position.

This event in Heaven has already in His mind occurred on earth. To show and encourage us, He has ALREADY struck a coin to COMMEMORATE its happening.

The figure of the Lion on the coin is not bowed down, not loaded or weighed down, not pushed aside for its weakness…but is alive and **bold,** bright and bristling with vigour with precise, fine meticulous detail, **this is the nature of The Lion Lord**. This image is an exact representation of His fullness and brightness, surpassed and identified in no other, other than the splendour of the original. This coin can’t be imitated or copied, or passed off as new, no counterfeit can stand and compare against it. As sure as the coin is, so too is the victory of it also sure and sound.

As in the days of this country it is as the Seal of the Commonwealth of Nations, the medal of honour, the medal of remembrance. This medal will be remembered forever. See NOW, it has not faded, it is still there in its ORIGINAL finery, its fullness and detail **is not marred by the passing of time or the forgetfulness of man**. A piece that is not to be a collector’s item but rather a remembrance of all that is good. Britain once again will rule by the waves of His Spirit and will become Great in its Lion.

The Blood Of Jesus

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The blood of Jesus:

- atones
- cleanses us
- sanctifies (redeems) us
- conquered satan then and now
- makes us one with the Father
- empowers us

Many people do want to repent and ask Jesus to come into their life, but they do **not** allow the blood of Jesus to cleanse and redeem them.
There is and there won't be unity apart from Him and apart from His blood. Likewise you cannot have your soul come 'home' without the blood!

If we go on pointing our fingers at the other, if we keep saying and/or thinking 'It's because of him or her that I am in this situation', 'The others have done wrong', 'I am just a victim. It's not my fault.', 'You Lord, You have…..' et cetera
If we think we can turn back to God by this mode of thinking, then we will remain under a veil of EVIL…..

This 'pointing' already commenced with Adam, who said to the Lord, after Eve had eaten of the apple: "YOU have given me this woman! "
Eve, on her turn, said: "The serpent has deceived me"….
Basically Adam blamed both the Lord and Eve. Eve shifted the blame to the serpent….
They both pointed away from themselves……and did not assume the responsibility for their deeds!!!!!

We're all born under this curse of the Fall of man, the root of which is PRIDE!
Each one of us has to go to God for themselves, with his/her own self, to be cleansed and redeemed him/herself…..**by the Blood! The precious Blood of Jesus!**
Not out of a victim attitude……Not out of an attitude that keeps pointing at the other……
LORD, I AM SINFUL!!!!!!!

He redeemed YOU! That's why the Lord's Prayer says: deliver US from evil …….
The cleansing operation of the Blood of Jesus continues day and night, 24/7…..It is the Blood that bought us and paid for our sins!
He, Jesus Christ, Yeshua, reconciles us with the Lord, with the Father!
But out of our own free will, **WE** must admit that we **OURSELVES** are sinful…..
Whether we are victim or perpetrator, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US is SINFUL and an enemy of GOD, APART FROM the Blood of Jesus!

It is He who has bought us free by paying for our sins!
Give **HIM** your sins, submit yourself to Him, totally, so that HE by His Spirit can lead you and point out your sins to you in a tender, loving way…..
Then repent of the sins He revealed to you, confess them aloud to Him. By so doing you literally bring your sins into the light!
Satan is the king of darkness, Jesus is the King of the Light!
A sin repented of, a sin brought into the light, is a sin forgiven! Satan does not have might or power over it anymore……
But so long as we confess our sins out of an attitude of victimization and the pointing of the finger at someone else and/or the circumstances…so long will the cleansing be covered by a veil of deception……
In order to become completely free, to really still and quiet your soul, **you will have to go through the eye of the needle!!!!**
The entrance to the full truth, to the heart of the Father is so narrow, so small that you have to drop and

release **EVERYTHING** in order to be able to go in…….Only **YOU** has to go through, you, **together with YOUR responsibility to ADMIT who YOU are without GOD!**

Right there, on that spot follows the **"remorseful repentance"**, the awareness deep down within of how deeply sinful you are, the knowing that YOU are the one who has to be cleansed by and in **HIS BLOOD!!!!**

Jesus is the Conciliator of our sins!
You have to admit YOUR sins. Then and only then will the secret of Jesus' words reveal itself:
To whom much is forgiven, the same loveth much!
In other words : If we ourselves come to the acknowledgment of our OWN state of being
(Who you are WITHOUT God, without the Holy Spirit) ……then it's not that difficult anymore to forgive the other!

COME TO ME!!! JUST YOU & ME!!!!
Nothing else, no one else but JESUS CHRIST! Only BY HIS BLOOD!
Surrender yourself!
* 2 For what the Lord has finished at the cross must be fulfilled in OUR hearts.
Amen!

SOURCES:
* 1 Andrew Murray's booklet 'The Blood of Jesus'
* 2 Quote: Ana Mendez – Ferrell

Bible:
Luke 7: 47
47 So I tell you that all her sins are forgiven, and that is why she has shown great love. But anyone who has been forgiven for only a little will show only a little love."

Genesis 3
12 "It was the woman you put here with me," the man said. "She gave me some of the fruit, and I ate it."
The Lord God then asked the woman, "What have you done?"
"The snake tricked me," she answered. "And I ate some of that fruit."

John 6: 53 Jesus answered:
I tell you for certain that you won't live unless you eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man. 54 But if you do eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will have eternal life, and I will raise you to life on the last day. 55 My flesh is the true food, and my blood is the true drink. 56 If you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you are one with me, and I am one with you.

Hebrews 10: 19 My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage to enter the most holy place 20 by a new way that leads to life! And this way takes us through the curtain that is Christ himself.
Romans 2: 5 But you are stubborn and refuse to turn to God. So you are making things even worse for yourselves on that day when he will show how angry he is and will judge the world with fairness. 6 God will reward each of us for what we have done.

How strong the enmity is between our flesh and the Blood of Jesus is proven by the fact that the Lord once sought to kill Moses!!!!!
Exodus 4: 24
Circumcision of the foreskin then, is for us here and now, circumcision of the heart!– being born of the Spirit! ..... The New Testament,/ the New Covenant: Through THE BLOOD of JESUS!!!!
Please read the whole passage in your Bible:

24 One night while Moses was in camp, the Lord was about to kill him. 25 But Zipporah o 4.25 Zipporah: The wife of Moses (see 2.16-21).circumcised her son with a flint knife. She touched his p 4.25 his: Either Moses or the boy.legs with the skin she had cut off and said, "My dear son, this *blood will protect you.” q 4.25 My dear son ... you: Or “My dear husband, you are a man of blood” (meaning Moses).26 So the Lord did not harm Moses. Then Zipporah said, “Yes, my dear, you are safe because of this circumcision.”*

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The Diamond!
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I saw two circles spinning round in opposite directions!
The one big circle turned around in the direction of evil (the own self)
The smaller circle cycled in the direction of God! (self denial)

We all sense that we have entered a different time frame. A new season is making itself known! Isaiah 43: 19!

But if you take a closer look then you will still see people running after big names and huge, impressive ministries.
It’s not that these big names and ministries are wrong in themselves, but the question is : is it God Who leads you to this meeting, to this ministry, or……. (you can fill it in for yourself) .

This morning I had someone pray over me, because I sensed that in me there was a cancerous tumour as well, a tumour that had me look up to big names….that is to say: in the wrong way.....

To make it more specific: Father has told us (Johan and I) that we have to open the gates of our house…..
The thing is that we do not live in a very roomy house. What’s more, we live quite a long way from the major cities….So you can imagine that we don’t talk about hundreds of visitors coming to our ‘open house’ meetings….
But nevertheless, we do experience God’s blessing, His Love and His Presence!
Still, when I read about meetings where more than 400 people get together, there was this nagging feeling of ‘We are so small, can we have an impact anyway? Compared to these big meetings, we do not amount to much, do we?’..... When people call for information about these open house evenings they keep asking: **HOW MANY PEOPLE** will come?
Well, for God every soul is a priceless treasure! To Him every soul counts!
But if Father has taught me one thing very clearly then it is this: do not point your finger at your neighbour, but start with YOURSELF!!!!

So I had a telephone conversation with someone who is very pure and honest in following God and just as honest in reacting.
I had this person pray over me and during this prayer I have released this cancerous tumour to God, this tumour of looking up to each other and to big meetings....
And believe me, this preoccupation with big names and numbers is rooted deeper in our heart than we may suspect!

This is the word that God gave:

“The cancerous tumour that has now been cut open, will lead to the death of your own flesh but to life in the Spirit!
The cells that hereby break loose will turn about sevenfold.
No longer will they bring death. Instead they will bring life!
Sevenfold abundance! “

When we put the knife into a cancerous tumour, the cells will be set loose to make their way to all parts of the body and it won’t be long before we die!

But the Lord is now telling us: ***If you allow the mighty hand of God to cut in your tumour, then it will bring forth life and not death. Indeed, it will bring death: death to your own flesh!***

The Lord spoke:

"People run and plan, but I AM the spinning wheel and with MY loom I will weave MY patterns!
The diamond that is being polished by ME is made up of one big stone: I AM
Around this big stone there are all kinds of small stones (ministries) and these on their turn have been polished and shaped into all kinds of different edges (people around it). One can see that the diamond glitters on all sides. At the same time it just depends on the way the light falls which colours will come to life!"

In other words, He determines when something has to illuminate. Everyone stands in his or her calling and everything is united by that one big stone….
YESHUA!

Everyone functions in his or her own colour, taste and aroma, because HE weaves the pattern and HE determines where, how, what and when…
During our prayer we were led to break this spirit that impresses us with Big Numbers, Names, Meetings, Buildings……
HE should be our First and our Last!
He holds our threads together in HIS hand and weaves a coat of many colours…..

the mantle of ELIJAH!

AMEN!

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The Root Of All Evil Pride
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(My soul finds its peace with the Lord!)

If we would have to summarize in one sentence the difference between God and satan, then we would arrive at the following definition :

God is full of Love, humble and He sets us free !
Satan is proud and he binds us!

Every one of us, without one exception, is born in sin.
Many people do not understand and are not aware of how deeply sinful and how far removed we are of what God asks of us in order to make it possible for His Son to break through in us…..
Fact is that the battle is being waged between these two poles :

Humility - self - denial versus Pride - self - promotion

Every soul on earth, whether believing or not believing, knows where he/she comes from!
The soul knows all too well that it has been created by the Maker, by God!
And this soul in us is restless. The soul is searching for GOD !
The unbelieving man tries to silence this disquiet by means of:

- owning stuff – buying and chasing nice things.
- addictions – smoking, sex, drugs, alcohol, gambling.
- driving up the standard in the search for kicks and challenges.
- belonging-identification (deriving one's identity from a group)

The believer who did make a choice to follow God, but didn't go for it for the full hundred percent, experiences this same kind of restlessness, some sort of a heartache. This believing person will then try to ease and alleviate this nagging pain by the feeling of belonging to a group. Thus this person comes to identify him/herself with a certain church or denomination and – preferably – with a leading figure in that group!
A somewhat more powerful soul will do the same, be it in reverse order, by seeking people and situations that heighten his/her prestige!
Both categories of people, both believing and unbelieving, strong (leaders) or weaker (followers) do not bring their soul to God, but seek to find rest APART from Him.
And the root of it all is: **PRIDE! Refusing to bow before GOD!**

In our time the Lord is bringing restoration to His Bride, His children.
Many wounded people are streaming out of the churches and congregations. They have lost the sense of who they are, they are not able to see their way out anymore, they are weary, knocked senseless and simply said deeply wounded!

There has been a pyramid culture in our groups, congregations and churches.
In the perception of this culture it was thus: On the top side were the leaders (all-knowing, unassailable and elevated), on the base there were these 'baby Christians' (they knew nothing, needed help in everything and in fact didn't amount to much)
These two groups leaned against each other. The system preserved itself!

If we take a close look at what is actually happening in such a culture, we come to the following conclusion:

A person who lacks self-esteem and doesn't love him/herself will always look for it in that other person….
In many cases we think that we love ourselves, while this love is often based on love for *the self we would like to be! (the self that looks like that other person)*
This kind of person finds his or her validation in a group, a leader, an elevated figure.
But the root, odd as it may seem is: **PRIDE!**
Basically, one is not contented with oneself!
People want to look like: Benny Hinn, Joyce Meyer, …or enter any other name that suits your situation
They join in partnership with big ministries of that sort. The Big names become their model, their idol…
And they do not seek it with GOD!

How can this be? What is it that makes this happen time and again?
It is the fact that man is, in a deeper way than he himself realizes, infected with the curse of the Fall of man:**….PRIDE….**
Satan wanted to be higher than God and it is this curse that is upon us that we do not wish to recognize. We rather feed this curse by seeking our refuge, our safety in groups and in other people from flesh and blood!
In doing this we only stray further away from God, meanwhile handing this wicked way down to the next generation.

Let's first have a closer look at the system:

1 We look for a congregation, for we want to belong to a certain group. To begin with, this first important step is often taken without consulting God and (therefore) out of wrong motives.
The main reason for searching out a congregation is not to serve God, but to belong somewhere….
At our entry we are warmly welcomed, there is attention and people listen to us. In short, the wounded soul finds itself accepted in an atmosphere of love!
Initially this process simmers on for a while and the person in search for GOD (the soul seeks his Maker) has a deepening sense of having found a home…and thus opens up itself more and more in an increasing measure of confidence….
Meanwhile the searching soul is gradually being broken down, for the atmosphere of loving care is bringing more to light than was already expected… The person finds out that he/she is even deeper wounded than he had/she had considered himself to be…..In simple terms: What takes place is not a building up of self-esteem, but a process of being stripped bare to the bone, leaving the person even smaller and more vulnerable, even more depending on…..(if you are familiar with this feeling you can probably fill in the name(s) for yourself)

But than, all of a sudden, it happens:
.2 - The congregation organizes a meeting (a prayer meeting, a party or some other get-together) to which only members are invited…….
Now the wounded, (GOD-)searching soul experiences a deep pain of rejection….. a deep crack in his/her feeling comes into being, for the “unity” is brutally disrupted by this exclusion……

Well anyway, such a first time, though hurtful, is not insurmountable.
A few months later however a similar incident occurs… Again this clear distinction between
MEMBERS and NONMEMBERS……
And the wounded soul (searching for his GOD, his MAKER) gives in and applies for membership!
For the demolition of the “home at last” feeling in the rift that one experiences is simply to much to bear……
The church, the group, the leader – slowly but surely usurps the place that only, rightfully belongs to GOD…..
The searching soul identifies itself with the person, the leader, for it deems itself of NO VALUE and thus wants to look like this elevated person!

What takes place is the following:
In no time a whole regiment of “tin soldiers” has been called to life!
They do not think for themselves and of themselves anymore, they swallow everything that’s being said whole and “all noses are pointed in the same direction”!
The odd thing is that a closer investigation will reveal that both the leader and the searching soul have problems with their self-esteem and that both do not allow their soul to find refuge with God!
The leader feeds his seeking soul with power, prestige and promotion.
The weaker searching soul nurtures itself with the stronger seeking soul…

The wounded, weaker soul (the follower) can allow this situation to go on for years… There will come a moment though that either the person himself will take the decision to leave the group or the decision will be taken for him by way of a schism.
The creepy thing is that the searching soul (the follower) is infected from both sides!

- On the one hand he/she is a victim that has been left utterly crushed, devoid of self-esteem.
- On the other hand the patterns of the system have been woven deeply and subtly in his/her character and mind.

Therefore, if the person in question does not first of all seek to be healed and delivered from this whole business, then two things may happen:

- He/she will look for the next group and leader and the situation will simply repeat itself!
- The person proceeds to start a group or a congregation himself. But, since the heart and spirit have not really been broken and crushed before God and nothing has really been healed and restored, the person will now carry on to become an exact copy of the leader and his/her rules… And now the person will put into practice the very thing that he/she has come to detest, the same wrongs that he/she had suffered him/herself…..

When someone has been beaten in his childhood and subsequently nothing is undertaken in order to heal these wounds (spiritually), then this person him/herself will grow up to beat someone else...
What we have taken in, what we learn, will sooner or later come out of us!
It is not surprising then that **the Lord says: bring your children up with MY Word!**
What's been instilled in the early years will one day come out!

There is a mechanism in us that makes that we can turn situations around.
After having been held hostage for a long period of time, a person who has been kidnapped, often keeps insisting for months after being released that his/her hostage takers have been good to him/her and that they were quite nice…..
People who have had to undergo lengthy intimate examinations in hospitals, during which they have lost the grip and control over themselves, sometimes say in retrospect: 'It almost felt as if I were in love with the doctor!'
It is a system of protection that helps us to come to terms with that which we cannot cope with in itself, that which crosses the boundaries of what is permissible for us. The whole thing is easier to accept within self-created circumstances than it is without any form of control….
It is some sort of survival mechanism (similar to our ability to switch off our emotions in extreme situations)

When we return to the point of the soul who recognizes his Maker, then we see that the person who sets out to feed his/her restlessness with God's living word rather than trying to ease this unhappy feeling, the nagging pain, the sometimes inexplicable unrest with shopping sprees, addictions and the like - that this person is beginning to learn and experience who he/she really is in Christ!
PRECIOUS!
God teaches us to be humble, to be who we really are, how to truly be free!
The book of Psalms paints this beautiful picture of our being like a weaned child with his mother, a child that has been fed, cared for and bathed, wonderfully resting at the heart of his mother…..utterly at peace and satisfied!
What deeper level of satisfaction can a human being wish for….?
All needs have been met!
- weaned = the appetite is satisfied. *Literally* with the mothermilk, *spiritually* with the Word.
- cared for = *literally* attention of the mother, *spiritually*: finding refuge and security in Him
- bathed = *literally* cleansed in water, *spiritually*: being baptized and submerged in Him, dying and being buried with Jesus, to rise up with Him in victory, cleansed by His blood!
- satisfied = *literally* rest, peace, contentment, *spiritually*: finally coming home with nothing else left that can charm us, having found REST…..nothing else can take us in anymore!!

God is restoring His body in our days.
This means that we have to face the reality that every one of us is suffering from the root called **PRIDE** !
The result of this root is that we are **NOT REALLY** seeking God, but are inclined to feed and nurture and ease our own self by going one of two directions in order to satisfy our need to belong (belonging identity): either we **GIVE POWER** to others or we take the other direction by wanting to be the **LEADER** ourselves, by wanting to **USURP** and exert **POWER**. But both ways are not led by God, not by His Love and humility!

The result of this is that we are straying off more and more from God and become even more wounded and lonely along the way.
BOWING! Bowing before God, dying to yourself, giving HIM all of your heart, there lies the answer!
THE BLOOD of Jesus – that's where our new life is being built upon!
This NEW life won't come to pass by building on bitterness, on wounds, on PRIDE!

A brother in the Lord had received a vision for me in which he saw me as a rooster with a fiery red cockscomb.
When a moment later I received a word from the Lord, namely **Psalm 57: 8** in some bibles **9**
"I WILL AWAKEN THE DAWN"
it became obvious to me what part of my calling is about. For the crowing rooster announces the

break of day!
After the first few times that the Lord deployed me in this part of my ministry, the complaints poured in and there was some heavy backbiting about my person!
One evening when I asked the Lord what it might be that made people come down on me in such a way, He gave me the following word and vision:

Vision:
I saw someone lying down in bed. Next to the bed there stood this “chamber pot”. Outside I saw a run with chickens and a rooster. At a certain moment the rooster started to crow.
Then the person stood up from his bed, took the chamber pot and threw its contents out of the window in the direction of the rooster!

God spoke into my heart:
"In olden days, when the farmers still needed the rooster to announce the daybreak, it might literally happen that the contents of the chamber pot werd thrown towards the rooster, just because the owners wanted to sleep on for another while!
You are being deployed by Me as a rooster – you have to stir awake the sleepers, but since people tend to prefer sleeping over waking up, they will throw their garbage in your direction!
They will want to turn out their chamber pot with the waste products of their own self over you!
In psychological terms this is called: “reflection” - ascribing that which is still in you (sins) to someone else!"

In addition I received a peculiar vision last week :
A circle with a dot in the middle.

Jesus symbolizes the dot.
We as His children stand on the outer edge of that circle.
As you can imagine, when you are on one side of the periphery of this circle and I stand on the opposite side, then we are both **FAR** from Jesus but also far from each other!

If every person on the periphery of the circle decides to walk towards the central dot, in the direction of Jesus, then we will come closer to HIM in the first place and **the natural consequence** is that **we are also getting closer to each other!**

But then I beheld the following:
The people held firmly on to each other, tightly connected hand in hand they walked towards Jesus, but what happened was deformation. That which happened in the first image – *everyone walking individually to Jesus and as a natural consequence forming one Body* – didn’t take place in the second picture, in which people held on to each other and merged into each other. In this second scene the circle changed into the form of an eye with a dot in the middle.

The Lord pointed out the following to me:
The eye stands for the all-seeing eye (**freemasonry**). The dot in the middle is **satan**.
And this whole symbol stands for **CONTROL !**
Unity and brotherhood APART form the precious blood of Yeshua!
These entwined people put their trust in each other and since our Lord is a jealous God, it is clear that we won’t end up with God in this manner. After all we are only fortifying each other in order to enlarge our own ego! And remember: building unity together is like building the tower of Babel! *
Hence this image of a circle transforming into an eye.

How do I get to You?
A traveller could ask: How can I get to Eurodisney?
We as residents of heaven should ask ourselves and Him: How do I get to You?

The answer: By laying down our pride! By bowing down before the Almighty!
By the BLOOD of Jesus, that cleanses, heals and delivers us and enables us to stand on our own feet and love ourselves in who we really are, **instead of loving ourselves in who we WOULD LIKE to be!**

This system (loving oneself in who one likes to be) is prevalent all around the world!
People often say things like: Where was God during World War Two?
Well, Hitler couldn't do anything without his followers! Do you get this: Dictators can't get anything done without followers!!!!
The same system is in effect here and now!
People who want to bring their souls to rest APART from God, seek their salvation in others, in groups, in control! In POWER !
And if then it so happens that a powerful strong soul arises, capable of making weaker souls follow, then we are at the start of something that might end up to be disastrous !!

For the creepy thing is that sects and other kinds of groups tend to strengthen their unicity, their unity and their power in pursuing something that should (in their opinion) be quite the opposite of them!

They are strong, *they* are beautiful, *they* have the TRUTH (without God) and the other (You can fill it in) is ugly, bad and representing the lie.

You complete the list:
- The Jew
- The gay person
- The ill, the not-so-perfect
- ….

BUT: God loves everyone! HE HATES SIN!

NOT BECAUSE He is a dictator, but His Loving Spirit, His Beauty cannot bear that there is darkness in His Body!

What happens in the minds of people when this thinking out of a group identity (belonging identity) takes place? At first the 'wrong ones' (whether a race or specific persons) are reduced to a number, to a nobody, in short to everything that no longer represents a human being, so as to prepare the brain for killing and destroying that certain 'something' ! The mental imprint of degrading qualifications makes it possible for the 'group members' to kill an other individual without feeling oneself a murderer!
Transforming a human into a number, a beast, a nobody, eventually numbs the senses of the one who sets out to kill such enemies of the group!
Even in faith communities it can happen that the one who no longer wishes to be silenced, the one who stands up against the group, is put under a ban and is **spiritually pronounced dead!**
No group member is allowed to speak to this person anymore or to to go vistit him/her, so in fact this person is henceforth considered to 'not exist any longer'!
Anyone who seeks to establish his/her self-esteem on another foundation than the Word of God, anyone who strives to boost his/her ego apart from the Blood of Jesus, runs the risk of falling prey to dictators and other power-mad persons!
We see how these people literally puff themselves up. They attain honour, prestige and they are so twisted in their self-image that they are prepared to do just ANYTHING for the group....
This battle is a spiritual one! Choose this day for JESUS!

Why is it so imperative that we turn around to GOD?!
In Him lies the unity! Thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus there is no difference anymore between:
- Man & Woman
- Greek & Jew
- Free & Bond

In Him we are one, in Him dwells the Truth, the Peace, the Freedom!
In Him lies our future!
Amen!

*** See the other articles on the Lion of Judah log!**
** FOOTNOTE
***The Lord asked of me, to share the following thing with all of you:

If we fill our spirit (soul and mind) with dirty and violent movies and books, than our soul will be polluted and we get used to all of this. Meaning: we will changes our thinking about all of these things, and except them as normal behavior! Let us fill ourselves with HIS living water!

The Lord is using leaders of course as a fact He is restoring the five fold ministry
But look what He is asking from all of us:

Helping Christian Leaders
1 Peter 5
1 Church leaders, g 5.1 Church leaders: Or “Elders” or “Presbyters” or “Priests.”I am writing to encourage you. I too am a leader, as well as a witness to Christ's suffering, and I will share in his glory when it is shown to us.
2 5.2 Jn 21.15Just as shepherds watch over their sheep, you must watch over everyone God has placed in your care. Do it willingly in order to please God, and not simply because you think you must. Let it be something you want to do, instead of something you do merely to make money. 3 Don't be bossy to those people who are in your care, but set an example for them. 4 Then when Christ the Chief Shepherd returns, you will be given a crown that will never lose its glory.
5 5.5 Pr 3.34 (LXX).All of you young people should obey your elders. In fact, everyone should be humble toward everyone else. The Scriptures say,

“God opposes proud people,
but he helps everyone
who is humble.”

6 5.6 Mt 23.12; Lk 14.11; 18.14.Be humble in the presence of God's mighty power, and he will honor you when the time comes. 7 5.7 Si 2.1God cares for you, so turn all your worries over to him.

Psalm 131
(A song by David for worship.)
131 Trust the Lord!
1 I am not conceited, Lord,
and I don't waste my time
on impossible schemes.
2 But I have learned to feel safe
and satisfied,
just like a young child
on its mother's lap.
3 People of Israel,
you must trust the Lord
now and forever.

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1 Corinthians 12: 27
27 Together you are the body of Christ. Each one of you is part of his body. 28 12.28 Eph 4.11.First, God chose some people to be apostles and prophets and teachers for the church. But he also chose some to work miracles or heal the sick or help others or be leaders or speak different kinds of languages

Ephesians 4: 11

11 Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, 12 so that his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong.

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The Bride of Christ

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Three specific times of intercession were conducted at the Lord's direction to help bring forth the bride of Christ in the earth in our generation. These meetings were held on the Day of Atonement 2004 in New York, on Passover 2005 in Kansas, and on the Feast of Trumpets 2005 in New York. I'm sure the Lord has used several other meetings to help pray and intercede to bring forth the bride in our generation, but these are the three in which I was privileged to participate. Here is my testimony and witness of these three meetings:

Day of Atonement 2004 - September 24-26; meetings at West Point Military Academy, in New York

The Day of Atonement is the holiest most solemn day of the Judeo-Christian calendar. It is a time of repentance and self-inspection on things and relationships that need to be reconciled and restored back to purity. Cleansing and covering for sin is the theme of this particular biblical holiday and also a focus for this particular gathering in New York. The Lord gave direction to Ken and Mary Stevenson to call this convocation at West Point Military Academy, which is the headquarters for training and educating the U.S. military officers.

We later learned that one of the reasons why the Lord had us meet at this Military Academy is because in the Spirit realm we were battling the principality of Leviathan, which is a control and manipulation spirit. This Leviathan principality has historically always had a stronghold in military mentalities where people will obey orders to their deaths. So we had to go right into a place where Leviathan was strong and overcome that dictatorship mentality, because the bride of Christ must not operate in this taskmaster overlord attitude.

Ephesians 6:12 shows the order for the demonic realm and "principalities" are listed as the highest level. The two highest level demonic principalities are Leviathan and Python. Leviathan was the main evil spirit the Lord was coming against at this convocation. The Python was the main principality the Lord dealt with at the Feast of Trumpets 2005 convocation, which will be discussed later in this article. Likewise, the two main angels that war with these principalities are Michael the "warring angel" against Leviathan and Gabriel the "messenger angel" against the lying deceiving tactics of Python. Leviathan comes with the fist of power and tries to manipulate through brute force or people abusing their authority in high positions. Python comes as an angel of light and tries to control through religion, lies and subtle manipulation.

Leviathan produces unrighteous selfish kings, and Python produces self righteous unholy priests. Revelation chapter 13 describes the full maturity of both Leviathan and Python. The "beast from the sea" is the Leviathan stronghold working itself out among the political kings of the earth, while "the beast from the earth" is the Python mentality working itself out among the religions and philosophies of man. For a complete study on the principalities of Python and Leviathan see Todd Bentley's writings on-line: (Python Spirit - http://www.etpv.org/2002/python.html -- Leviathan Spirit - http://www.etpv.org/2002/slevithn.html)

These two strongholds of Leviathan and Python have been able to sidetrack every move of God to date. But the Bride of Christ will not be hindered by these wrong mindsets (strongholds) that kill steal and destroy. Yes, they may pop up their ugly heads once in a while throughout the ranks of the bride body of Christ, but they will not be able to stop the bride of Christ from moving and doing the Lord's will in the earth and bringing the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdoms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Roy and Faith Sauzek from Kansas also attended this convocation and helped bring the understanding that we were to intercede for America. There was much weeping and strong prayer for God to have mercy on America and to cleanse our nation. The fourth major hurricane of the year (hurricane Jeanne) hit Florida during this convocation with the message that God is indeed sending a cleansing. Water is always poured out during the fall festivals of the Lord and it is very symbolic for the cleansing of the bride of Christ so that she can be *"without spot or wrinkle… holy and without blemish"* (Ephesians 5:27).

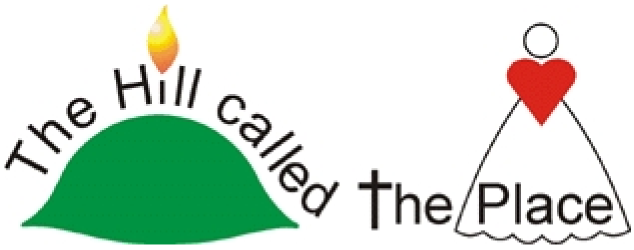
Passover 2005 - April 23-24; meetings at a barn in Wellington Kansas

Many Christians have been celebrating the Lord's Passover ever since His last supper which He had with the original twelve apostles before His crucifixion. However, in our generation the Lord is changing the Lord's supper on the Passover date to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb that will be celebrated throughout the coming millennium. Just like Jesus upgraded Moses' Passover to the Lord's Supper at His first coming, He is now upgrading it again to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb during His second coming (Rev. 19:7). This was the first Marriage Supper of the Lamb, and the Lord placed it on the hearts of Roy and Faith Sauzek to hold this first Marriage Supper of the Lamb in what used to be their meeting place in a barn in Wellington Kansas.

Roy's ministry focus for 12 years now has been teaching and writing concerning the spotless bride of Christ. It is not hard or difficult to be a part of the bride of Christ, but it does take obedience to what God requires in His word and walking by His Spirit. ALL people are welcome to be a part of the bride of Christ, but not everyone is willing to pay the price of obedience to stay in this bride body. The bride of Christ is a living, breathing organism sustained by God and not a man made institution where you can become a member by association.

There were only twelve of us at this first Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Ken and Mary Stevenson from New York participated and brought a word from Revelation 15:3-4 which is the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb, saying *"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You. For Your judgments have been manifested."*

One of the most exciting things that happened during this time was the release of some of the land that the Lord has been promising this group in Kansas to build an apostolic center for the bride of Christ. It is located on the hill God calls "The Place." For over 18 years this group has been receiving prophetic words and signs for "The Place" and this convocation seemed to really release some things in the natural to help this vision come to pass. For ongoing information on the hill called The Place, please go to the web-site: www.thehillcalledtheplace.net



The Lord gave me some understanding regarding the purpose of "The Place" ministry center in Kansas and this graphic above depicts that understanding. "Hills" in the bible are symbolic of governments and ruler ship. The hill in this graphic represents TRUTH and JUSTICE, which is why it has a flame on top. The hill in this graphic is also an army helmet because "the hill called the place" will be a command center for the Lord's army.

The bride is of course the bride of Christ. The bride represents the MERCY and GRACE of Christ which is why she has a heart on her because she is taking the Lord's mercy and grace to a world who needs His love. "The Place" is wedding talk in the bible and in Jewish weddings where the groom would prepare "a place" for his soon to be bride. Jesus said, *"If I go and prepare* ***a place*** *for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am there you may be also"* (John 14:3).

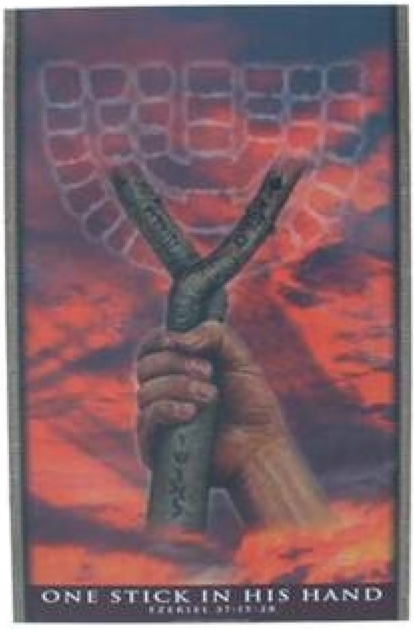
Finally, in the middle of this graphic between the two symbols of JUSTICE (the hill) and MERCY (the bride), is THE CROSS. The cross is the only place where the Lord's fire of justice and heart of mercy can meet. Psalm 85:10 says, *"Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and Peace have kissed."* It is the cross that is so very central to the work that is being established at the hill called the place, and it is the only thing that will be able to BALANCE out the army-like command center and the bride-like compassion for the world that Jesus died to save. Previous moves of God have always gravitated to one of these extremes or the other, but only the cross (death to self) is able to keep us on the right track. The wisdom of the cross is the power of God and the theme that runs throughout all of the writings on this website.

Feast of Trumpets 2005 - October 3-5; meetings at
The Castle in Wappingers Falls, New York

The Feast of Trumpets is one of the seven major feasts of the Lord, and it is the biblical time of the year when kings begin their official reign (regardless of the time during the year when they actually started ruling). Hence, the reason for the trumpets is to announce the coming of the king! Also, trumpets are always symbolic for a message. Anytime there is a trumpet in the book of Revelation it is because God is speaking a message. Likewise, there was a very clear trumpeted message the Lord spoke at this time, which was: HERE COMES THE BRIDE.

Roy and Faith Sauzek from Kansas also attended this convocation. Roy said that he had not been released by the Lord to talk publicly about the first Marriage Supper of the Lamb until this convocation. Likewise, today (October 13th 2005 - the Day of Atonement) is the first time the Lord has directed me to write publicaly about these three convocations. Ken and Mary Stevenson hosted this third convocation in the current place where Everlasting Covenant fellowship meets called "The Castle." Ken has a calling similar to that of king David in the bible. Roy has a calling similar to that of Moses who was a priest. God is calling forth the kings and priests in our day, and this convocation prophetically announced the coming forth of the kings and priests in the bride of Christ.

The Lord symbolically demonstrated this message by having Ken represent the Jew and Roy represent the Gentile. Ken, who teaches on the Jewish feasts and who may even have Jewish lineage, had the Israeli flag draped over his shoulders, while Roy had the American flag draped on his shoulders. Fran Beauchamps was shown in the Spirit that I was to have the Christian flag draped on my shoulders and stand between Ken and Roy representing intercession to bring about the "one new man" which is the bride of Christ made up of both Jew and Gentile. As I stood between them I read from Ephesians 2:11-18 part of which says, *"He Himself (Christ) is our peace, who has made both (Jew and Gentile) one… so as to create in Himself ONE NEW MAN from the two, thus making peace."*


ONE STICK IN HIS HAND
EZEKIEL 37:15-28

Ezekiel 37, which talks about the two sticks of Judah (Jews) and Ephraim (Christians) that become one stick in the Lord's hand, was another word brought forth by the Lord through several independent sources at this convocation. On the first day of the convocation, Ken spoke about Ezekiel 37. Two days later, Jane Greenstein came to a meeting without knowing the Ezekiel 37 words that had been shared. The Lord had told her to give us 4 stakes to plant around the "The Castle" property to claim it back for the kingdom of God. These stakes were Chinese chopsticks which were stuck together (i.e two sticks which were really one), and she wrote Ezekiel 37 on each stick. Another confirmation was two Ezekiel 37 posters (shown here), which I purchased 7 years ago, and the Lord had directed me to give one each to both Ken and Roy. A final confirmation came after this gathering, from a married couple who had lived out Ezekiel 37 in their marriage and experienced a time of intercession a week prior to this gathering over the two lost sticks that they held as memorials for their marriage.

During this convocation there was an earthquake in Israel that shook the fault line on the Mount of Olives. Also, there was an annular solar eclipse over the entire middle east on the same day as this earthquake on October 3rd 2005. With such an important message as the bride of Christ coming forth, there was no doubt that signs would follow. This date was also exactly 38.8 years (2,000 weeks or 14,000 days) from the capture of Jerusalem in 1967 when the Jews won the temple mount in battle but in unbelief gave it back to the Muslims. This is significant because the two other most important generations of unbelief were also 14,000 days in length: 1) There were exactly 14,000 days that the Israelites wandered in unbelief in the desert after receiving the Law, before entering the Promised Land. 2) There were exactly 14,000 days from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem until Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. Now, from 1967 to 2005 is the third generation time period of unbelief wilderness wanderings experienced by God's modern day people. But the exciting part, is that NOW is the time to enter into the "promised land" for those who will only believe like Joshua and Caleb!

It is now time for the bride of Christ to enter into the promises of God. It is also now time to trump the message that the bride of Christ does exist in the earth and that God is now bringing His bride together in His timing at His command and with His direction. NEW BEGINNINGS is part of the message of the Feast of Trumpets, and a definite part of what the Lord was saying at this convocation. The Lord is trumpeting the return of His son Jesus Christ to begin ruling the earth! However, Jesus is first returning through and to His bride. Ready or not, here comes the bride!

In his own hometown, Jesus stood up in the local synagogue and read from Isaiah 61:1-2 which says, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."* Then he closed the book and said, *"today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."* The religious people were so mad at Jesus for saying this that they tried to *"throw him down over the cliff"* (Luke 4:18-30).

Likewise, today the Lord, through His bride, is opening up that same chapter of Isaiah 61 and finishing the chapter from the middle of verse 2 where He left off 2,000 years ago. It says here that He is now coming for judgment. It says here that He is now fulfilling *"the day of vengeance of our God."* It says that His servants and priests and kings will now be honored and *"eat the riches of the Gentiles"* instead of being shamed and having to hide from the unrighteous authorities in the earth. I'm sure this truth will cause the religious people of our day to want to "throw us down over the cliff" as they did to Jesus. However, they were not successful then and they will not be successful now. May the bride of Christ come forth and fulfill her destiny in our generation! Here comes the bride.

The Beginning Of God's Fullness
Clay Sikes

2006 Will Birth The Beginning Of God's Fullness

Dec 4, 2005
"The Kingdom of God is forcefully advancing, and violent men take it by force."

2006 will offer the first blush of the fullness of God. Those who are touching the Kingdom will see God as they have never seen Him. Who are these men you ask? Those who have recognized that "violent men" are obedient men; men who hear and obey, men who seek God with all of their hearts, men who do not move lest they hear the Father, those who have learned "That of their own selves they can do nothing" (John 5:30). "Violent" in the above scripture denotes radical, which is a departure from the norm, in seeking, hearing, and obeying.

2006 will reveal many true Sons, who for the most part have been hidden for many years. Only those earmarked for "Sonship" will truly have a revelation of true Sons. They will not be recognized by their exploits, gifts, or even the miraculous, though there will be much of that to see – they will be recognized by the humility and character of God within them.

The next great move of God in the earth will be the Kingdom of God. This revelation will come through God's Sons (Those led of His Spirit – Romans 8:14) revealing God's government in their lives. They are about God's business God's way; and He in turn takes care of theirs because the greater (taking care of His business) always includes the lesser (Him taking care of their business).

Watch in 2006 as God's True Sons are revealed!

We Have Entered A New Spiritual Era
Clay Sikes

Nov 27, 2005
Dear List Members,

Though I have not written as much lately, it has not been for lack of things to share, but rather how to put recent experiences into meaningful testimony. I have not fallen off the face of the earth, but rather spent much of the past two months traveling. Much more is scheduled in the near future as we are beginning to accept ministry invitations all over the country. I have, for the most part, sat still for almost 15 years, but now feel God's nudge to move out. God has blessed us in a way financially to be able to travel and be away more. I will continue to write as the Spirit of God leads.

God has been speaking much to me recently, and to the greatest extent ever, revealing Himself in the physical realm.

Have you noticed a higher intensity in Spiritual matters? Have you noticed that faith is required in greater measure? Have you noticed the consequences of wrong decisions (function without unction) becoming greater? Have you heard God's loud 'silence?' Have you noticed greater physical evidence of God's hand? Have you noticed a greater level of God's authority operating in your life? Have you noticed unfamiliar territory and new terrain? Do you feel a bit uncomfortable in this new 'place?' Are you beginning to catch a glimpse of your real destiny?

If you can relate to some or all of the above questions, you will recognize the season we are now entering as God's governmental order (Isaiah 9:6-9) coming upon the earth - "May God's Kingdom come, and His will be done on earth" (Psalm 23). The result of this order is a transforming from the spiritual into the physical. The known presence, power, favor, and disfavor of God is finding its way into the earth in unprecedented ways, as the government of God, the Kingdom, is being established in our lives individually, and in the earth corporately.

Many are seeing the fulfillment of physical manifestation of God's promises in their life. As has affectionately and jokingly been stated, God has changed His last name from "GONNA" to "IS." Obedience seems now to produce immediate results, as does disobedience, and in some cases spiritual ignorance (Hosea 4:6). Just as obedience is releasing many positive things, conversely disobedience, and to some extent spiritual ignorance, producing negative situations. It is imperative to understand that these seemingly negative results are not 'punishment' but 'correction,' especially for those whose destiny is marked for this hour in which we live.

The consequences of moving under the unction of the Spirit seem now to produce spontaneous physical evidence, while things done apart from the Spirit also produce spontaneous physical evidence. We are late in the season and the consequences of error are more costly than ever.

"Those that are led by the Spirit of God ARE THE SONS OF GOD" (Romans 8:14). "The whole creation is groaning for the manifestation of God's Sons." Many are now coming in contact with "Those who are led..." and the result is a "sharpening." The Holy Ghost bomb that split the Church in many different directions is now causing the parts of the Body that are called to be joined, to join. There is a coming together as specific parts unite with specific purpose. As these parts form, they will join other formed parts, as ultimately the Body of Christ unites in one common purpose.

The true government of God is coming into the earth corporately and individually. All of God's government begins with SELF. As God's correction eventually brings our self-government into (complete) submission to the Holy Spirit, God graciously expands our boundaries. Often we have jumped dramatically ahead of God by trying to save the world before we saved our selves and our own families. The results have been catastrophic, again, not for our punishment but rather correction and training for what is to come.

Recognize the hour is which we now live and rule your life by the leading of the Holy Spirit, and as submission becomes greater so too will the boundaries of your sphere of influence.

Tap God’s Power Within You
Clay Sikes

Sep 3, 2005
Tap God's Power Within You
(A Call To The Remnant Body)

"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us" (I Corinthians 2:12). There are aspects of our being that cannot be understood lest our understanding come by the Spirit.

"The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned" (I Corinthians 2:14). God has "freely given us" His power, but only those who led by His Spirit (Romans 8:14) will ever utilize, or tap His power residing within.

This writing is more a personal testimony than a prophetic teaching, yet I sense prophetic relevance. I ask that you test its truth by the Spirit. I sense it is a timely word to the Body of Christ, as God desires more than ever to show Himself strong in the earth. This showing will come through His power being revealed through His Sons and Daughters.

God has shown me a shifting that is taking place with His own. He has been speaking much to me lately about transitioning from being productive (a producer) to being creative (a creator). God made us in His image. He said we would do even greater things than Jesus did. "Made in His image" means made like Him – He is the ultimate creator who made us to be creative. The whole creation groans to create – the ultimate will of the Father is the manifestation of His Sons.

Though we were made to create, we have become content to simply produce. As a businessman I often hear the term "producer," especially in the context of one's productive capabilities. "He is a producer," simply means that one has the ability to produce work.

As Christians, we tend to admire those who produce; we even place a premium on our own ability to produce work, or accomplish a task in a timely manner. There is nothing wrong with this, but I sense God is introducing something greater. The Holy Spirit seems to be challenging me to transition from "producer" to "creator." In the context of this teaching, a productive person is one who produces, while a creative person is one who creates. A productive person uses what is on hand, while a creative person makes something out of nothing. "Nothing" in this sense means no raw material to work with, but ironically means everything, in that God's spoken word to us is the substance upon which something is made from nothing.

Musicians, poets, writers, and artist know this phenomenon well - making something from nothing. Inspiration is the author of their works.

This new dimension is simply taking a God-given inspiration, acting on it, and seeing the supernatural hand of God produce it.

Many are receiving God-given inspiration, but fail to act on what they have heard. Past failures and mistakes, mental assent, and tradition from what Rick Joyner has termed "the tyranny of the familiar" are common stumbling blocks to our stepping into the next Spiritual realm while here on earth. Our own traditional thinking often locks God out, thus relegating us to a normal if not mundane life, void of a supernatural exciting life filled with creative power. "Greater is He who is in you…" (I John 4:4). Act on it!

God has a specific purpose in us acting on it! He desires to show Himself through us:

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to SHOW that this all-surpassing POWER is from God and not from us" (II Corinthians 4:7). The word POWER in verse seven means force, miraculous power, ability, abundance, strength, and mighty work. God created us to SHOW His all surpassing POWER.

We are even challenged in God's word to demonstrate His power.

"Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you – unless of course you fail the test?" (II Corinthians 13:5)

The greatest way to determine our own reality of "Christ is in us" is to ask the question, "Do I walk by faith?" If the true answer is 'yes,' we are primed to SHOW His POWER by simply acting on it. Here is where the rubber meets the road. We can only have faith for what we have heard God say (to us). If we are not yet hearing, we are not yet His (possessive). We may be on the way to the sheep pen but not yet in it. "His sheep hear His voice" (John 10:27).

In conclusion, there is one other element of this teaching of great importance. God's power is activated by God's anointing, and anointing has assigned arenas. We must move only in His assigned territory (II Corinthians 10:13). Past areas of anointing do not determine where today's anointing is. Moses hit the rock instead of speaking to it and kept himself from the promise land. It is important to carefully understand this paragraph to fully move toward releasing God's power in you, and into today's assigned arena for you.

I am touching areas in which I am seeing God's creative power released, while in other areas I can only produce. As I feel my way through this revelation I am convinced that His Power is tapped in certain areas of my life and untapped in others. I once heard an evangelist questioned as to why he did not teach the whole counsel of God. His wise answer was no doubt spoken from God's wisdom when he replied, " I don't have the whole counsel of God!"

Finding the areas in which God desires to release His creative power is paramount to tapping His power. Discover His design in you to understand the sphere of your assignment, and consequently your anointing. Those of some spiritual maturity already know their sphere; now it is simply a matter of recognizing that the most awesome force in the universe resides within you. Acknowledging God in you is your key to unleashing His power through you (Proverbs 3:6).

The Beginning of Sorrows and The Joy of The Lord
Ron McGatlin

There is a season of intense pain for a mother before a child is born. The pain may begin lightly and over a season of hours build until a moment of intense pain as the child is born. Then the pain gives way to the joy of a new born baby.

As it is in the natural so it is in the spiritual. The birth of a new era of great significance is upon the church and the world. Jesus spoke of this season.

*Mat 24:6-8,14: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, **but the end is not yet.** "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. And this **gospel of the kingdom** will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, **and then the end will come.***

The Greek word translated "end" in these verses is "telos". The primary meaning of telos is: *(to set out for a definite point or goal).* Clearly the sorrows are not the goal but only a beginning of a process leading to an end ("telos"). The goal will be achieved as the gospel of the kingdom is preached to all the world.

In the theology of the passing church age we preached the gospel of "salvation" or the gospel of being born again and generally believed it was the entire gospel. I can remember many years ago in Bible College, a wise professor stating to the class that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached in end times. He went on to say, "We do not now know what the gospel of the kingdom is at this time but in the end times it will be revealed." I found this very curious and like the others had no clue what the gospel of the kingdom might be. I sure didn't consider that it would reshape theology and wipe out some of our common doctrines regarding eschatology.

I feel so blessed to have lived in this transitional time and to be a part of proclaiming the revelation of the gospel of the kingdom to the world. God has uncovered the gospel of the kingdom to many during my lifetime. I believe there were men of God through all the ages since Jesus first preached the gospel of the kingdom, who could see through the veil and receive the gospel of the kingdom. But only in the past few decades has the cover been removed for a vast number of people to begin to see the gospel of the kingdom clearly.

We once thought the gospel of being born again was the goal - the end ("telos"). Jesus taught that this is the beginning not the end. Certainly the gospel of being born again is the beginning and urgently necessary part of the gospel. One cannot even see the kingdom of God without experiencing it.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The called out ones (the ekklesia) of God is pregnant with the gospel of the kingdom and is nearing the time of birth. The world is now beginning to experience the birth pangs of the kingdom of God on earth - the will of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Rom 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

As we draw nearer to the time of the kingdom of Christ coming forth into the world the birth pangs will become closer together. more rhythmic and more intense. The scale for measuring earthquakes may need to be increased as the shaking of everything that can be shaken increases. Social order, economic systems, governments, nations, the church world as well as the earth will be violently and painfully shaken as we approach the coming of the kingdom of God on earth replacing the false kingdoms of the enemy and empty kingdoms of mans intellectual invention. All that lifts itself against God and His Word will not stand.

The beauty of holiness will be shinning into the world as Christ is formed in a sold out dedicated generation of people who have nothing left to live for but God. A people so filled with the resurrection life of Jesus that there is no respect for the greed and immorality of the old world and religious systems.

Purity and holiness shall reign and the love of God shall fill the earth. The wide open heavens will pour out godly wisdom and the reality of the kingdom of heaven from heaven will be present on earth. Old Jerusalem shall become New Jerusalem and the "peace on earth good will toward man" that Jesus came to bring to earth will be fulfilled. His mission will not fail. Everything else will fail but God and His word shall not fail.

Like the birth of a baby, the earth will become a messy bloody place till the birth is done. Then God will wipe away the tears and joy shall fill the hearts of the Bride of Christ as she becomes fully obedient to her head - her husband, the King of the world. Jesus shall reign in His Body and Bride on earth. If we endure to the end (telos), we shall reign with Him as kings and priest.

Some have asked, when it the time of these things. Personally, I do not believe there is a chronologic time set for these things to be completed. God has desired to have a people on earth since the Garden of Eden. He has always been ready for mankind to become whom He designed them to be. It is man who has been given dominion on earth and who must become the people of God. The work of Christ and the Holy Spirit has fully prepared the way for the kingdom people to come forth in holiness. The time depends on God having a people who will sacrifice all and loose their live that Christ may fully live in his many membered Body on earth.

Jesus endured the cross for the joy set before Him.(Heb 12:2) We shall endure the sorrows for the joy of the Lord set before us. *Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! (Phil 4:4)*

Neh 8:10: Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. ***Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."***

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The Blanket Of Unbelief
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The god of this age has ***blinded*** *the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.* 2 Corinthians 4:4

For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the ***day*** *of* ***salvation*** *I helped you." [Isaiah 49:8] I tell you,* ***now*** *is the time of God's favor,* ***now*** *is the* ***day*** *of* ***salvation****.* 2 Corinthians 6:2

"These are the times that many have looked into. These are the days that are hastening forward to my soon return. These days are hastening forward because time is moving at a much higher rate. If something took five years before, now it will take but one. But I tell you that evil will increase as well. For the days will get darker and darker before the light that my Son's light is shone abroad. For there is a blanket of unbelief that has blinded many, but behold…I have given some the authority to tear this curtain off. "

(The Lord showed me a globe of the world and around the globe there was a cloth or curtain of some sort, that was covering much of the globe, so that those there could not see out.)

"The angel of darkness has blinded the truth to many, but his time is running out. The days are slowly running out. The time will come when it will be too late. Now is the acceptable day of salvation. Come to Me now before the days of destruction come. Behold….my horsemen come soon upon the earth. "

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The Prophetic Time Table Will Increase
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30 I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD . Joel 2

4 But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge." Daniel 12

“I tell you that great natural disasters are coming upon the earth. I tell you that Mt. Saint Helens will blow again. It’s smoky ash will fill the air for hundreds of miles around. There will be signs in the heavens and on the earth below. “

“Many prophecies speak of new developments that are coming. They say that man will delve into the secrets of the universe. I tell you that these things are true, but I also tell you that man has put himself up as his own god. I have said that in the last days that knowledge would increase. It is at a rapid rate of increase at the moment, but it will be part of man’s demise. “

“I have spoken and said that time will increase in these days. Indeed, these things are true. These things are true to the degree that the prophetic time table of events will be tilted on a balance scale. The clock will click, but its hands will move at a far more rapid rate. When you hear of rumors of other nations building up their nuclear arsenals, you will then see the events of these things happening at a far more rapid rate. “

“I am the God of the universe and I have a plan for every man and woman upon the earth. The days are short. Many will fall in this hour, but those who are close to Me will shine like the stars in the heavens.”

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The Birth Pangs Intensify

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Most people know that birth pangs intensify and become more frequent as the baby is about to be born. Some translations call this "the beginning of sorrows." And that is exactly what is happening around the world. News' stories suggest Hurricane Katrina was "a once in a lifetime" event. How many times in the last five years have we heard that something, usually a disaster, was "of Biblical proportions? Check out my "Signs in Nature" category to verify this, at the Web site.

There are three "watchmen" I highly respect. Bill Koenig (www.watch.org), John McTernan, (www.branchofdavid.org) and Avner Boskey (www.davidstent.org). Let me touch on some highlights, or are they lowlights?

Hurricane Katrina is America's tsunami though you might not know that unless you're watching Fox News. What you won't hear anywhere is that this week New Orleans was to observe "Southern Decadence Day with 100,000 homosexuals gathering there to commit unspeakable acts in public. Previous events were photographed and sent to the mayor and police officials but they did not care. They had their own lust: The $100,000,000 the event brings in.

Gambling casinos took a hit on the coast as this is where the eye of the storm hit.

And as America forced Israelis out of parts of their land, hurricane Katrina was building in the Atlantic. A Fox reporter said, "It must be an emotional experience (for Americans) to walk away from their homes and not ever live in them again." Same with those forced out in Israel. Israeli homes are being demolished as Gulf Coast homes are demolished.

This was America's greatest "evacuation." Now we have "refugees". Israelis were evacuated and many are refugees living in tents and refugee centers, thanks to America. The Israeli uprooting will affect their entire economy in that some of their finest produce which was exported is now left behind. America's economy could face a steep recession as oil processing refineries were damaged. Plan to see price increases within days. Will this bring our economy down? Major industries will be affected from food delivery, jet fuel, travel, insurance, and so much more with the "ripple effect" of skyrocketing gas prices.

Luke 21 talks about "the sea and the waves roaring" and "men's hearts failing them for fear." We must not stop there. It goes on to say, "When these things begin to happen, look up and know your redemption draws nigh. As Hal Lindsey and I shared the same platform in 2004, we both said, "He is at the door." The "birth pangs" can't get much more intense.

If you're in the area, please consider attending the conference with Hal Lindsey, Sept. 30 - Oct. 1. All details are under "CONFERENCES" at www.olivetreeviews.org. We'll talk about how prophecy signs have escalated in recent years. The Saturday afternoon program considers current deception in the church with other guests.

Everyone has a mantra today. Mine is this: You cannot understand world events without the proper interpretation of Bible prophecy. It's as simple as that.

Let us continue to pray for the "homeless" both in America and Israel. Millions have had their lives torn apart and our greatest contribution to them, other than physical needs, is prayer.

RADIO: I will cover this topic hour one this weekend, Labor Day weekend, with John McTernan, one of the most gifted "watchmen" I know. You can listen live at www.kkms.com if we're not in your town. It will be posted to "radio archives" 2-3 days later. We're live Saturdays 9 - 11 AM with a rebroadcast from 12 - 2 PM Sunday. We are heard in several cities. Check Web site for details. We headquarter out of AM980 KKMS, Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN.

Awaiting His return,
Jan Markell
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The Breaking Point

Mark Kaphaem

There is a breaking point.

This breaking point can be a door to major breakthroughs if we choose to go through it.

Where is this breaking point?

The apostle Peter found it. He found this breaking point when he had to face the failure of denying our Lord.

This breaking often comes at the point of our failure.

How did the Lord walk Peter through his failure.

He asked Peter if he loved Him.

Have you failed?

We all know it is easy to receive His love when we feel as though we are doing well.

How about when we have failed, or feel like a failure. Then it is not so easy. But this is the path we must choose and embrace everyday if we want to grow in Him. For walking on this path is where we learn to receive His love and where our love for Him begins to grow.

This is the path of brokenness. On the path of brokenness is where the will of the Father is formed within us.

Thy will not my will be done.

This can only be accomplished is us through love. His love for us and our love for Him.

Jesus said if you love me you will obey me. If you are not obeying Him, it's because we do not love Him. You can not work up this love on your own. You have to walk the path of brokenness and have it formed within you.

We walk the path with our failure in one hand and His love in the other. His love so outweighs our failure that the hand carrying the failure is raised to Him. As we raise our failure to Him He cleanses and forgives us. Now the hand that once carried our failure is filled with love for Him. However His love always out weighs our love so we always have one hand lifted to Him. Giving back as we are given to. This also is the only motive for ministering to others. The only way to give out of a pure heart.

It's not about us. Our goals, our lofty words, our expectations, how we see ourselves. We are just looking into a mirror dimly until love is formed in us. Love is formed in us as we choose a daily walk of brokenness. And it takes as long as it takes. :)

So, here is the path of recovery. The way to end the cycle of failure and pain.

Learn how to love.

How do we learn to love?

By allowing Jesus to love us. Especially when we do not feel like we are worthy of it.

BTW - He works through our brothers and sisters so we have to allow them to love us also. Even when they aren't very good at it yet. That's called humility. :)

Love you all,
Getting busted big time as I write this.
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Tabernacles

Bill Somers

> *Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *17 Which are a **shadow of things to come**; ….*

This is third in a series of articles on the major biblical feasts. It follows The Passover Pattern and A Few Looks at Pentecost; both posted earlier this year [2003].

We are going to cover the basic layout of the Feast of Tabernacles, and then focus on two major prophetic themes of this feast. They are The Revelation of Jesus Christ and End Time Revival and Harvest. Along the way, we will look at biblical events that took place during the feasts as partial fulfillment of their prophetic meaning. And we will examine the question: What exactly does it take to transform a believer into a totally obedient servant of the Lord?

The Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles has a double meaning. It is often used in a general way to denote the entire group of fall feasts. Specifically it refers to a 7-day period from Tishri 15-21. This is similar to how Passover is used to mean the group of spring feasts, but the actual Passover is just one day of those feasts.

Tabernacles Ordinances

Here is the portion of scripture that lays out the basic ordinances of the fall feasts, or Tabernacles.

> *Leviticus 23:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation.*
> *25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*
> *26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*
> *28 And ye shall do no **work** in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.*
> *29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.*
> *30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any **work** in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.*
> *31 Ye shall do no manner of **work**: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*
> *32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.*
> *33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the **feast of tabernacles** for seven days unto the LORD.*
> *35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.*
> *36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on **the eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile **work** therein.*
> *37 These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a*

> *sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:*
> *38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.*
> *39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on* ***the eighth day*** *shall be a sabbath.*
> *40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.*
> *41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.*
> *42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:*
> *43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.*
> *44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.*

The Jewish Calendar

The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar and each month begins on a day of the new moon. To even up the lunar calendar with our solar calendar, an extra month is added every 3 months or 7 times in 19 years according to Kevin Conner [*The Feasts of Israel* 1980 Bible Temple Pubs]. This is why Passover [and Easter], Jewish New Year and Tabernacles fall at different times of the year in our solar calendar. Passover comes in the first month of the Jewish religious calendar, named Aviv also known as [a.k.a.] Nisan. Tabernacles comes in the seventh month, named Tishri.

Here's a little chart of how the months run.

Solar Calendar	**Sacred Calendar**	**Civil Calendar**
March-April	Aviv or Nisan	Tishri
April-May	Iyyar	Heshvan
May-June	Sivan	Kieslev
June-July	Tammuz	Tebeth
July-August	Ab or Av	Shebat
August-September	Elul	Adar
September-October	Tishri	Aviv or Nisan
October-November	Heshvan	Iyyar
November-December	Kieslev	Sivan
December-January	Tebeth	Tammuz
January-February	Shebat	Ab or Av
February-March	Adar and Adar II	Elul and Elul II

In years where an extra month is added, the extra month comes at the end of the religious year. So in those years you have Adar I and Adar II. This means that there is a constant set of intervals between the Passover feasts and the Tabernacles feasts. And that Nisan is always the first month of the religious year, Tishri is always the seventh month of the religious year and the first month of the civil year.

If you think this is confusing, you're right.

I have found that many of the authorities, who are supposed to be experts on this stuff will give you differing dates for the feasts. [Authorities are like lawyers or economists, if you have three of them in the same room, you'll get 5 opinions.]

To make things more interesting, the Jewish calendar day changes at 6pm in the afternoon instead of at 12 midnight.

If you think this is confusing, you're really right.

The Layout of Passover

Here's an example going back to material from *The Passover Pattern*. Some authorities claim Passover falls on the 14th and some claim it falls on the 15th. The catch is that the day begins at 6pm in the Jewish calendar. So, it works like this.

On the 10th of Nisan, they take a lamb from the flock. It's inspected for 4 days.
On the 14th the lamb is killed and roasted, from 3 - 6pm.
At 6pm, the day changes to the 15th.
Then the lamb is eaten.
Also, on the 15th begins the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread. It runs for 7 days.
On the 16th is the feast of First Fruits.
The 16 is also the first day of the Counting of the Omer. This is where 50 days are counted off till Pentecost.

So as near as I can figure it out it works like this.

The 14th of Nisan or Aviv is called 'The preparation of the Passover'.

The 15th is called Passover and the beginning of Unleavened Bread.

The 16th is called First Fruits or day 1 of the Omer.

Day 1 of the Omer is the first day of the 50-day count leading to Pentecost a.k.a. Shavuot.

Pentecost falls on Sivan 6.

[Some authorities [Kevin Conner, in The Feasts of Israel, 1980] claim that First Fruits falls on the 18th as that is the day of Jesus resurrection. I use a Jewish Calendar Program that runs on Windows called Kaluach. You can down load it Here; it's about 400KB. This calendar shows day 1 of the Omer on the 16th, but it does not specify a day for First Fruits, [Bikkurim in Hebrew]. Eddie Chumney says, "Today, this festival is not observed in traditional Judaism." *The Seven Festivals Of The Messiah* Eddie Chumney http://www.hebroots.com]

Now here is the layout of the Fall Feasts a.k.a. Tabernacles.

Tabernacles Basics

1. Season of **Teshuvah**

   Meaning: A time of turning

   Dates: Elul 1 - Tishri 10

   Idea: This is a season of repenting in preparation for the High Holy days to come.
2. Feast of **Trumpets** a.k.a. Rosh Hashanah also **Yom Teruah**

   Meaning: Rosh Hashanah is Head of the Year, Yom Teruah is Day of the awakening blast [of the trumpet or shofar], a shout, or a War Cry.

   This is Jewish New Year, the first day of the civil year. In the religious calendar, it is the first day of the seventh month.

   Dates: Tishri 1

   Idea: Blow a Trumpet in Zion, a Call for Repentance
3. Days of Awe a.k.a. Yomim Noraim

   Meaning: Fearsome or awesome days

   Dates: Tishri 1 - 10

   Idea: A period of even more intense repentance. These are the High Holy Days.
4. Day of Atonement a.k.a. **Yom Kippur**

   Meaning: Day of atoning sacrifice.

   Dates: Tishri 10

   Idea: Getting Right with God
5. **Tabernacles** a.k.a. Succot [or Succoth]

   Meaning: Booths

   Dates: Tishri 15-21

   Idea: Preparing a Dwelling, Time of Great Joy, Harvest
6. **The Eighth Day** or **The Great Day** a.k.a. Shemini Atzeret

Meaning: The eighth assembly

Dates: Tishri 22

Idea: Even more great Joy.

Rosh Hashanah is how most secular Jews refer to The Feast Of Trumpets. But it is not called that in the bible. All that *Rosh Hashanah* means is head of the year. We call it Jewish new years. We celebrate new years on January 1, there is also Chinese new years, and so on. But The Feast Of Trumpets is not just another day to celebrate. Observant Jews and anyone who understands the feasts know it as Yom Teruah, the day of the shout or awakening blast.

Eddie Chumney points out the importance of the idea of awakening.

> The theme of awakening from sleep is used throughout the Bible. It is found in John (*Yochanan*) 11:11; Romans 13:11; Daniel 12:1-2; and Psalm (*Tehillim*) 78:65. In Isaiah 51:9 it is written, "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago..." (NAS). The arm of the Lord is used as a term for the Messiah in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 53:1. The word *arm* is the Hebrew word *zeroah*. During Passover (*Pesach*), a shankbone, known as the *zeroah*, is put on the plate. So, "awake" is a term or idiom for *Rosh HaShanah*. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 51:9 quoted earlier, the awakening is associated with the coming of the Messiah. (Eddie Chumney)

A Pattern in the Fall Feasts

OK lets look at the ideas behind each element here.
A Season Of Repenting
A Call For Repentance
Intense Repentance
Getting Right with God
Preparing a Dwelling, Time of Great Joy, Harvest

Do you see a pattern here? First of all, we see Repentance, Repentance and Repentance. That's a great thing, you can't overstress it. It's like those other repetitive slogans: Location, Location and Location; or Prioritize, Prioritize and Prioritize.

And then what does repentance produce? Getting right with God of course!

OK so what does Getting right with God result it? It results in a great many things, and they are expressed in a great variety of ways all through the bible. Here we see three mentioned.

Getting right with God brings great joy. There is just nothing comparable to the Joy of the Lord! He says The Joy of the Lord is my strength.

Preparing a Dwelling speaks of dwelling with God and Him dwelling with you. It's entering in and dwelling with Him, in his Rest and his Peace.

Consider now that Tabernacles is the seventh feast and comes in the seventh month. It is a High Holy Day and a Sabbath [Lev. 23:39]. Entering in and dwelling with Him, in his Rest as we said above speaks of the Sabbath rest. In the quotes from Leviticus you can see a continual emphasis on doing no work. This is a time when we must stop all striving, struggling and trying to do things in our own strength. A time to give up what we have on our agenda and get with God's agenda.

As the Sabbath is the seventh day, it corresponds to the seventh millennium in God's prophetic week. This is a clue that the final fulfillment of Tabernacles is in this seventh millennium.

Now tabernacles takes place during the time of fruit harvest. [Passover is at the barley harvest, and Pentecost is at the wheat harvest, so the idea of harvest is always an element of these feasts.]

Getting right with God brings a great harvest into his Kingdom. This is also part of the Joy.

From this, you should be able to see elements of one of our two main themes: End Time Revival and Harvest.

Alternate Names of the Feasts

The Feast of **Tabernacles** was also called
The Feast of **Ingathering**, because in took place in the season of harvest
The Feast of **The Seventh Month**, because in took place in the seventh month
The Feast of **Dedication**, because Solomon dedicated the temple at this time
The Feast of **The Open Book**, because people were taught the Law at this time
The Feast of **Illumination**, because the temple was illuminated at this time
The Feast of **The Outpouring Of The Waters**, because they had a water pouring ceremony at this time. Each of these titles is also prophetic.

Hanukah is also called *The Feast of Dedication* and this is another source of confusion. The bible speaks of Jesus in temple during the Feast of Dedication, John 10:22, and some writers take that to mean Hanukah. Since Hanukah is not one of the festivals mentioned by Moses, I tend to think that the incident refers to tabernacles.

Prophetic Types

Earlier we quoted Colossians chapter 2:

> *Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *17 Which are a* ***shadow of things to come****; . . .*

When the bible says something is a shadow, it means that it is an image or figure; it is a picture. It is a type and in effect, a prophecy of things to come. This is why we study the feasts, not so we can impress people with our knowledge of Jewish practices.

Here is another way of explaining it.

In 1991 Destiny Image published a book by Lou Berthleson *titled Holiness for these Awesome Days.* Here is what he says in chapter one about the prophetic nature of the Feasts of the Lord.

> Our study of patterns will begin with the feasts of the Lord as set forth in Leviticus 23. The Jews saw these as appointments with the Lord Jehovah. They called the festivals Miqra', or **rehearsals**.
>
> In First Thessalonians 5:1-5 Paul addresses mature Jews about the "appointed" time of Jesus' return. He referred to the festivals, Sabbaths and new moons that were the focus of the Jews' religious calendar.

> The word "times" in First Thessalonians 5:1-5 is Mowed, which is translated, "a specific appointment in time, a particular time or appointed season." The seven feasts of the Lord were given as appointments or rehearsals. They were designed by the Lord **to foretell the events that would surround the coming of His Son** and ever point to the proper attitudes requited of believers.

A Bigger Pattern

Lou Berthleson also mentions a certain pattern in the events of the first feast of tabernacles that links it with the patterns of Passover and Pentecost. This pattern is also prophetic, and relates to the coming of the Lord. Here it is in part:
Moses came down from the mountain with the second set of stone tables on the Day of Atonement.

Now the questions this raises are several. What is the significance of Moses returning exactly on the Day of Atonement? How does this connect with Passover and Pentecost?

How does this fit in with the pattern of the fall feasts mentioned above? What does it have to do with the Revelation of Jesus Christ? And what is the connection to the coming of the Lord?

First of all lets look at a brief summary of the events in Exodus.

In the Exodus, Moses led the people out of Egypt at **Passover**.

Then they journey to Mt. Sinai and receive the law at **Pentecost.**

The Lord gives Moses the stone tables. Then after Moses breaks the first set of stone tables, he ascends the mountain again. He comes down again after some time with the second set of stone tables. He instructs the people to begin gathering the materials to build the tabernacle. This happened on or about the time of **Tabernacles**.

The tabernacle is completed 6 months later on the first day of the first month, just in time for the celebration of the **Passover**.

So, we can see that Passover is the beginning and the end. All of the feasts point to Jesus, our Passover, and all are prophetic.

> *Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

Each of the feasts has been partly fulfilled by Jesus, in the past, and awaits a further fulfillment to come. We are starting to see a connection with our other main theme, the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

This also brings up one more question, how did Jesus partly fulfill the feast of tabernacles? We can see that he fulfilled Passover in his death and resurrection. And we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 is a fulfillment of Pentecost. But what did he do that fulfilled tabernacles? Don't let me forget to come back to this question.

123 Days.

Now we just said earlier that Moses came down from the mountain with the second set of stone tables on the Day of Atonement**.** But in our short summary, all we said was that it happened on or about the feast of tabernacles. How do we peg this to be exactly on the Day of Atonement? Psalm 90 speaks of numbering days, so we'll do just that.

> *Ps 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

We saw above that the day after Passover was the first of 50 days counting off till Pentecost. So, there is our connection between Passover and Pentecost. Using a handy dandy Jewish calendar we will find that from Pentecost to Trumpets is 113 days and to the Day of Atonement is 123 days

Moses Timetable

So, we need to look at Moses schedule after Israel received the Law on the first Pentecost. Part of it is found in Exodus, and part in Deuteronomy.

First of all, Moses goes up on the mountain for 40 days.

> *De 9:9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount* ***forty days*** *and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:*

Then he has to hurry back down the mountain to find the people have been worshipping a golden calf.

> *De 9:16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.*
> *17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.*

Moses repents before the Lord another 40 days.

> *De 9:18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first,* ***forty days*** *and forty nights:*

Then Moses takes and destroys the golden calf. [The order of these events is not perfectly clear.]

> *De 9:21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.*

Next Moses makes an ark and prepares two more tables of stone.

> *De 10:1 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.*

Moses spends another 40 days on the mountain.

> *Ex 34:28 And he was there with the LORD* ***forty days*** *and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.*

Finally, Moses comes back down.

> *De 10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.*

There are three periods of 40 days here, allowing a day for destroying the golden calf, a day to make the ark, and a day to prepare the second set of tables, we get 123 days. This places Moses return on the Day of Atonement. This is not a precise proof since we are estimating the extra three days, but it all works out very neatly making the third 40 day period line up exactly with the season of Teshuvah. He that has an ear will hear.

So, Moses returns from the mountain on the Day of Atonement. What does this signify? If we ask why did Moses return on that day, the answer would be to set in place a pattern that points to future events relating to the coming of the Lord.

Moses coming down from the mountain speaks of the Lord coming down from Heaven. We can see this in more depth by looking at more of the details.

What do we know about the Day of Atonement? Among other things, special sacrifices were made that day. It is the day of atoning sacrifice.

In the book of Hebrews, we find this description:

> *Heb 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.*
> *2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.*

> *3 And after **the second veil**, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;*
> *4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;*
> *5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.*
> *6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.*
> *7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:*

The *tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all* is what we know as the holy of holies. The high priest would enter there once every year. This was on the Day of Atonement.

This description from Hebrews harkens back to Leviticus 16 where the Lord is telling Moses about the high priest burning incense and sprinkling the blood.

> *Le 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it **within the vail**:*
> *13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:*
> *14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.*

This is the context of Luke 1:8-11 when Zacharias goes in to burn incense and meets the angel.

Now a key verse to understanding what happens here is Leviticus 16:2

> *Le 16:2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for **I will appear in the cloud** upon the mercy seat.*

This is telling us that on the Day of Atonement, when the High Priest enters the Holy of Holies, the Lord Appears to him, in the cloud on the mercy seat, right on the top of the ark of the covenant. So Moses coming down from the mountain on the Day of Atonement coincides with the Lord coming down to meet the high priest on that day.

This is the one day of the year that the Lord appears in the temple. You could say that the Lord reveals himself in the temple on that day. Then you start to see a little more connection with the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

That is only part of the significance of Moses return. To comprehend the rest of it, we need to look at what else Moses does and what happens as a result.

Remember that the first time that Moses disappeared for 40 days, the people got restless and went into rebellion and idolatry. Compare that to the second time Moses came down, what happened then?

For one thing, he manifested the Glory of God.

> *Ex 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*

Secondly, the people experienced a Fear of the Lord.

> *30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.*

Thirdly, He began to instruct the people.

> *Ex 35:1 And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should*

> *do them.*

In the very next verse, Moses emphasized the Sabbath rest of the Lord and called for holiness.

> *Ex 35:2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.*

Then in Exodus 35:4 and following he commands the people to gather the materials for construction of the tabernacle. And instead of the usual rebellion and murmuring, we find willing obedience.

> *Ex 35:21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made **willing**, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.*

The people are described as willing five times in Ex 35.

What is it that made them so willing? To put it another way, what does it take to transform a believer into a totally obedient servant? Consider the following:

> *Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*
> *32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:*
> *33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD**, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
> *34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for **they shall all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

This tells us of a new covenant that the Lord intends to make with his people. He will write his law in our hearts. And we shall all know Him. This is part of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Here is another description from Jeremiah 32.

> *Jer 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, **that they shall not depart** from me.*

Here we see that this new covenant will make it so that his people will not depart from him. Ezekiel explains it this way:

> *Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*
> *27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to **walk in my statutes**, and ye shall **keep my judgments**, and do them.*

The Lord is promising that he will cause us to obey him! This will certainly do the job of seeing us become totally willing and obedient. It means getting right with God and staying that way.

Willing And Obedient

So, when Moses finds the people willing and obedient what does that typify? Remember what Moses brought with him on his return. It was the second set of stone tables. Symbolically the first set of tables was the first covenant, and the second set of tables represents this second covenant.

So now, we see some more significance in Moses actions. Moses coming down from the mountain with the second set of tables is prophetic of the Lord coming to his people and establishing this second covenant that Jeremiah and Ezekiel wrote about. The new covenant is what makes us willing and obedient.

Are There Two Second Comings Of The Lord?

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter 19 depicts the Second Coming like this:

> *Re 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
> *12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

But in Hosea, we read that he will come to us as the latter rain!

> *Ho 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will he revive us: **in the third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.***

In Joel chapter 2 the same ideas is expressed.

> *Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the **latter rain in the first month**.*
>
> *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

So, we need to consider two comings of the Lord, one spiritual, and one physical or literal.

Hosea also tells us that this happens in the third day. Prophetically the third day is the third 1000-year period since Jesus first came and the 7th 1000-year period since Adam. This puts us in the seventh millennium or Sabbath Rest of the Lord. Earlier we said that tabernacles points to this seventh millennium.

So then, Moses return on the Day of Atonement is a prophetic picture of the spiritual coming of the Lord during the 7th millennium. Ezekiel 36:27 says *And I will put my spirit within you,* [this is a spiritual coming] *and cause you to **walk in my statutes**, and ye shall **keep my judgments**, and do them.* And this spiritual coming brings the new covenant with it. This is what it takes to make a believer become a totally willing and obedient servant.

Other places in the scripture tell about the people being willing. Notably Judges 5:1-5 and Psalm 110 which alludes to the third day as the Day of thy Power.

> *Ps 110:3 Thy people shall be **willing in the day of thy power**, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

Also compare Hosea 6:1-2 with this passage in Jeremiah 32, the same chapter we cited above concerning the new covenant.

> *Jer 32:42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have **promised** them.*

Earlier we said that our two themes are The Revelation of Jesus Christ and End Time Revival and Harvest. Well so far have we gotten two out of three. The coming of the Lord as the latter rain establishes the second covenant by putting his Spirit within us.

It brings the **Glory of God** to his people and creates the **Fear of the Lord** within them. This is nothing less than the **Revelation of Jesus Christ** and it is **End Time Revival**. Since we become totally obedient servants of our King Jesus, it is also the **Kingdom of God** in its fullness.

You can find other examples of how the Revelation of Jesus Christ transforms someone into a totally obedient servant, Isaiah 6 for example. The most notable of these is what happened to a man named Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus.

Harvest

Now what about harvest? What do Moses actions prophesy in the way of harvest?

Moses commanded the people to collect the materials for construction of the tabernacle. The work was finished and tabernacle was raised up on the first day of Nisan or Aviv. It was done in time for the Passover!

> *Ex 40:17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.*

And here we find our answer. Gathering the materials for the tabernacle represents the harvest. The Passover is the [physical] Second Coming of Jesus Christ! This means that Moses actions here are an allegory of God's entire end time plan.

Everything we have said about the feast of tabernacles relates to that end time plan.

God's Dwelling Place

So how does the gathering of the materials for the tabernacle tell us anything about harvest?

The **tabernacle** was to be God's dwelling place. Later a **temple** was built for God's dwelling place. David spoke of building him a **house** to dwell in. These three terms for God's dwelling all speak of the church, this is to be a spiritual dwelling, the house or family of God. [Note that the bible speaks of someone's family as being their house in many cases, as in house of Jacob, or house of Joseph.] There is also a connection between the idea of the house of God and the Body of Christ. They are ways of saying the same thing for a spirit can dwell in a body in the same manner as a man can live in a house.

> *Ac 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,*
>
> *1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

So ultimately, God is not going to dwell in a physical structure at all.

> *Re 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

The materials of the tabernacle or temple speak of men, the souls of men, which are to be harvested in these end times. Peter uses this analogy to speak of us as lively stones.

> *1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Being a lively stone means being a part of the spiritual temple. It is also to be a member of the family or part of the body. In Ephesians 2, these ideas are tied together.

> *Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*
> *20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*
> *21 In whom all the building* ***fitly framed*** *together* ***groweth*** *unto an holy temple in the Lord:*
> *22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

We see here in this passage a mention of being fellow citizens, which would mean citizens of the

Kingdom of God. Next mentioned is the household of God, so we are part of the family of God. Also, we are built into a habitation of God, a dwelling, through the Spirit, that is the second covenant, his spirit in us. We are built on the foundation where Jesus is the chief cornerstone. In him, the building is fitly framed. That is the building or body if you please is properly assembled. And the building or body, once properly assembled, grows into a holy temple. So, we are to be built into God's dwelling place.

There are two very important points to notice here. One, the building or body is **properly assembled** in Christ; the phrase *fitly framed* is also sometimes translated as *rightly joined*. Two, the building or body then **grows**.

The same idea is seen later in Ephesians 4.

> *Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
> *15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*
> *16 From whom the whole body **fitly joined** together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh **increase of the body** unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Here it speaks of **maturity** as growing up, that is growing up into Him, Christ, the Head of the Body. So that maturity is to be **in Christ**. Next, we see mentioned that the whole body is fitly joined to the head. And that this causes the body to increase or be built up.

Assembly And Growth

The two ideas here are **assembly and growth**. They relate very simple to our theme. Assembly is End Time Revival, and Growth is the Harvest.

In our case of Moses, we can see these two points clearly.

His coming down on the day of atonement and finding the people willing to hear the word of the Lord and obey speaks of End Time Revival, which means the proper **assembly** of The Body Of Christ. The gathering of the building materials then speaks of the **growth** of the body once it is properly assembled, in other words, the harvest.

An Illustration from Scripture

This can be seen illustrated in the story of the construction of Solomon's temple.

David had the desire to build a house or temple, but God only allowed him to gather some of the materials and plan for the building.

Solomon, Shelomoh in Hebrew, means peaceful. His name speaks of the time of peace or rest. The Sabbath rest or seventh day is when the actual assembly and completion of God's dwelling takes place. His dwelling is his rest or place of rest. Psalm 132 is a prayer for the Lord to come into his rest. This means to come and dwell in his resting-place. This resting-place is in his body, the church, once it is properly assembled.

> *Ps 132:8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*

When David passed on and Solomon came to rule speaks of this time of rest. And it was Solomon who built the temple, which is a type of the place of rest. Solomon used the materials David had gathered but also gathered 10 times as much besides that, which also went into the temple building.

Now look at the ideas of assembly and growth. Solomon assembled the materials David gathered, and then he added another 10 times more. Comparing this to the end time revival it implies that the Body Of Christ will experience at least a 10 times increase in growth during the harvest, once it is revived [properly assembled].

Let's take this illustration a little further. David's rule represents the church from the time of Jesus till now. Just as David gathered building materials, the church has had converts all this time. David never actually constructed the temple. In like manner the church has never been properly assembled, at least that part of it that is on the earth. When Solomon took over all he had was a lot of building materials laying all about in no particular order. This is like the church of today. We have millions of Christians all over the world who are not rightly connected or assembled into a body. In many cases, they are actually fighting each other. Solomon starts to build the temple and put all the materials at hand to use. Likewise the coming of the Lord as the latter rain will put things in order in his Church, and establish his kingdom.

A Recap

What we've seen here so far is this:

We saw that the basic pattern of Tabernacles could be summed up like this. Repentance, repentance, repentance, getting right with God; followed by *the dwelling place* and great joy in the harvest.

Then we analyzed Moses' actions at the first tabernacles. We can see that this basic pattern is contained in Moses' actions and that our two main themes are present also.

Moses spends a second 40 days on the mountain. This speaks of repentance.

Moses coming down on the Day of Atonement points to the coming of the Lord in the end times as the Latter Rain. This is The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Moses teaching the word of God to the people points to Jesus who is the word of God. This is The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Moses' arrival brings the Glory of God, The Fear of the Lord and makes the people willing to serve. This points to End Time Revival, or in other words, getting right with God, which is a direct result of The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Moses instructing the people to gather materials and raise up the tabernacle points to End Time Harvest.

Everything Moses did points to what Jesus is going to do in the end times. It is all the work of the Lord.

In Zechariah 4, we see this verse speaking about Zerubbabel. He is also a type of Jesus, so as you read this verse substitute the name of Jesus for Zerubbabel.

> *Zec 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*

This shows that the Lord begins the work and He is the one to finish it.

Partial Fulfillments Of Tabernacles

Like the other feasts the Lord established by Moses, Tabernacles has had several partial fulfillments. We're now going to look at a few.

Moses and the Open Book

In chapter 31 of Deuteronomy, there is a special mention of the Feast of Tabernacles and Moses actions at that time which relate to it as the Feast of the Open Book. The entire chapter covers this but the key elements are found here:

> *De 31:9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.*
> *10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,*
> *11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.*
> *12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:*
> *13 And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear*

> *the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.*

Solomon's Dedication of the Temple

When Solomon had completed the temple, it was dedicated during tabernacles. The Ark of the Covenant was brought from Mt. Zion where David had placed it and taken into the temple. The Ark of course symbolizes the presence of God. Once it was properly located, the Glory of God manifested as a cloud that filled the temple, much as the same glory cloud filled the tabernacle in Moses' day. This is a case of the symbol immediately followed by the reality.

> *1Ki 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.*
> *2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the **seventh month**.*
>
> *10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,*
> *11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for **the glory of the LORD** had filled the house of the LORD.*

Haggai's prophecies

In the Book of Haggai, the prophet's very name is prophetic. It means festive, feast, festival of Jehovah or born at the time of the festival. Haggai gives three prophecies, all having to do with the rebuilding of the temple, which he calls the House of the Lord.

All three prophecies are given on very specific dates. The first one comes on the first day of the sixth month, which is the start of Teshuvah, the season of repentance.

> *Hag 1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,*
> *2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.*
>
> *7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*
> *8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and **build the house**; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.*

The second prophecy of Haggai comes on the last day of tabernacles proper.

> *Hag 2:1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,*
> *2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,*
> *3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*
> *4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:*
> *5 **According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt**, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.*
> *6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;*
> *7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *9 **The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former**, saith the LORD of hosts: and **in this place will I give peace**, saith the LORD of hosts.*

The third prophecy was given on the day before Hanukah, and speaks of further blessings to come. Hanukah was not established at the time of Haggai and significance of the timing is unclear.

Nehemiah and the Open Book

In the book of Nehemiah, there is a partial fulfillment of tabernacles. It's found in verses 7:73 through 8:18. Here we read of a solemn gathering of the people that took place in the seventh month, the time of the fall feasts.

> *Ne 8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.*

Here in this verse are four things you should hear with spiritual ears. First, the people come into unity. Second the water gate speaks of the pouring out of the Spirit, Third, Ezra the scribe is a type of the Holy Spirit because a scribe is one who writes out the Law, and the Spirit is the one who inspired the writers of the bible. Fourth, the scribe brings the 'book of the law', this points to The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

This chapter goes on to describe how Ezra read from the book and taught the people to understand it's meaning. There are 10 or 12 references, depending on how you count them, which imply that the people received and understood the meaning of the word. This harkens back to the idea that Tabernacles is the Feast of the Open Book. And it also speaks of the opening of the seven-sealed scroll in Revelation. And of course opening the book that was sealed once again speaks of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Let's look at this in detail.

The Meaning Of The Scroll

Moses had a commission to tell the Israelites that God had sent him. 'Tell them I am that I am'. That I AM had sent him. He also had authority to pronounce judgments.

Jesus had the same commission to reveal the Nature of God to the people of God. And he had the authority to pronounce judgments.

In the End Times, it will be God's people in this role.

In Revelation 5, The Lamb who is worthy takes the scroll. Some claim that the scroll represents the decrees of God concerning the acts of judgment and redemption to occur in the last days. The seven seals represent the judgments and they are opened by Jesus, the Lamb, because he has the authority to initiate all the judgments to follow.

Other writers have claimed that the scroll is the 'title deed to planet earth' or a catalog of woe and sorrow.

Kevin Conner says:

> The opening of the Book in the Feast of Tabernacles is alluded to in the opening of the Seven-sealed Book in Revelation 5:1-5 and the opened little book in Revelation 10:1-11. The Book is God's Word, the Holy Bible, the Book of Redemption. [p. 92}

I too prefer to think of the scroll as representing the bible itself. The reasons for this are scriptural and provide a marvelous glimpse of the sheer genius of God in the construction of his word.

1. The Scroll is said to be written within and without or on the front and back side. Rev. 5:1

2. The stone tables of the Law given to Moses are said to be written on the front and back sides.

> *Ex 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.*

This identifies the scroll with the law, hence with the bible, and ultimately with the Word of God, Jesus. So, Moses coming down with the law is like the Holy Spirit coming to reveal Jesus.

3. Since part is on the back side, then clearly it's not all readily apparent. Some meaning is hidden. The sealed scroll clearly has only a part of the writing visible.

4. There are several references to books being sealed in the O T. [Isa 8:16, 29:11-12, and Dan 12:4] Daniel says they are sealed till the end. Here opening the scroll is the unsealing of the books.

5. Opening the seals means revealing hidden meaning in the Word. So opening the scroll is one of many illustrations of the key concept summarized in the opening verse of Revelation. The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

6. Jesus is the only one who can open the scroll. No man is worthy. This shows that God reveals himself. Man cannot learn of these things on his own.

7. Each seal that is opened produces a judgment, and this also speaks of the Revelation of Jesus Christ since as Ps 9:16 says "*The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth*: …."

So, the Lamb that was slain is Jesus Christ. The Scroll is Jesus Christ. Opening the Scroll is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The Judgments that come forth are the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And the book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The Bible is The Revelation of Jesus Christ. In other words, it's all about knowing God.

Since the Feast of Tabernacles points to the opening of the Book, we may expect that God will reveal hidden meanings in the bible during the End Time revival. In fact, that's what is prophesied in Daniel 12.

> *Da 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*
>
> *Da 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

Jesus' Fulfillments Of Tabernacles

In the gospel of John chapters 7, 8 and 9 all take place during tabernacles. The beginning of chapter 7 has a discussion with his brothers about going up to Jerusalem for the feast of tabernacles. He tells them to go but that he would not go up yet.

> *John 7:10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.*

Then in verse 14 Jesus suddenly shows up.

> *John 7:14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.*

Since this shows the Lord coming to the temple during the feast, it counts as a partial fulfillment of tabernacles.

Also it is a partial fulfillment of Malachi 3:1

> *Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and* ***the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple****, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Later on we read:

> *John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*
> *38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*
> *39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Here also is a partial fulfillment in which Jesus also reveals himself as the source of living water, and speaks of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. It ties in with tabernacles as The Feast of The Outpouring

Of The Waters. It's another case of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Also, note that this happened on the exact same day as Haggai's second prophecy.

On the very next day in John chapter 8 we see how Jesus duplicates the action of Moses coming down from the mountain and teaching the people. Note also that he came into the temple. This is another partial fulfillment of tabernacles.

> *John 8:1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.*
> *2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*

Later in that same chapter, we see Jesus revealing himself again as the light of the world. This ties in with tabernacles as the Feast of Illumination.

> *Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Acts Chapter 2

In the second chapter of Acts, the Holy Spirit comes upon the assembled group of disciples.

> *Ac 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place**.*
> *2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*
> *3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

This is generally regarded as the beginning of the church, the giving of the Spirit and the start of the New Covenant. This is partly true. It was a partial fulfillment for the building of the church, a partial fulfillment of the giving of the Holy Spirit, and a partial fulfillment of the New Covenant. These three ideas here are all roughly synonymous ways of looking at the same thing.

Verse 1 above says "they were all with one accord in one place." The idea here **is unity of the brethren**. So clearly, this is a also partial fulfilling of Psalms 133, which speaks of the **End Time Revival** in terms of the anointing coming upon the head and body of Aaron. It typifies the proper assembly of the head and body of Christ, for Jesus is our High Priest and in him is our place of unity. There we see the blessing come. That blessing is the Spirit, the presence and glory of God, life eternal. It is dwelling in the secret place of the most high as in Psalms 91, who is the way, the truth and the life.

> *Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded **the blessing**, even life for evermore.*

In The Last Days

We said the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 is a partial fulfillment. Peter in his sermon that day makes mention of the prophecy of Joel. He is telling the people that what they are experiencing that day is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.

> *Ac 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*
> *15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*
> *16 But this is that which was spoken by the **prophet Joel**;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;*

> *and they shall prophesy:*

This is a reference to Joel Chapter 2:28-29.

We know it's only a partial fulfillment because the rest of what Joel has to say there still awaits fulfillment in the last days. Look at verses 30-31.

> *Joel 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*
> *31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

A Measure of the Spirit

The description of the coming of the Holy Spirit *as cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them* also indicates a partial fulfillment. It shows that each one received a measure of the Spirit. The had a small flame rest on them. The complete fulfillment will be intensely greater. It will be the Spirit without measure.

> *Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

The Pickle Recipe

As we are looking at the baptism of the Holy Spirit, a good way to explain this comes from a word study on baptism.

Some time back I copied the following definitions from the On Line Bible program. This definition of baptism came with a very interesting word study that illustrates what God is about to do in the Church. There are two words closely related to baptism; Bapto and Baptizo.

> **baptizo** {bap-tid'-zo}
>
> 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
>
> 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
>
> **bapto** {bap'-to}
>
> 1) to dip, dip in, immerse
>
> 2) to dip into dye, to dye, colour
>
> Not to be confused with baptizo. The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.
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> When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. E.g. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle! Bible Study Magazine, James Montgomery Boice, May 1989.

The interesting idea here is that **union with Christ** is what He requires and when this is real, and not just a positive confession, there will come a real, permanent change in us. Like the vegetable is radically transformed, well so must we be transformed.

All the great moves of God in the past, including the book of Acts, have just been bapto's, temporary changes. The revivals of the past have had long term permanent effects of course but the awesome holiness, the irresistible power of the Lord has only lingered on for short periods.

Even this refreshing called the new wine or the river is just a bapto. A bapto is the ankle deep water of the river. the knee deep and waist deep, the chest deep water is still a bapto. At these levels, you can always get back out of the water. When it gets over your head, it's baptizo. See Ezekiel 47:1-5. When you can no longer go on your own way, it's baptizo. When you have to change from walking to swimming, never to go back it's baptizo. It's a permanent change. It's the kingdom of God come into your life and you entering into the kingdom. It's the manifesting of the sons of God.

Like the pickle is changed, we will take on the texture, the color, the taste and the aroma of the Lord God of Heaven. We will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. The world will forget what we were like before because they will see Jesus in us. That's what tabernacles is pointing us toward.

The Earnest of the Spirit

Another way to approach this partial fulfillment idea is to look at what the scriptures say about the Giving of the Spirit.

In Ephesians, it tells about being sealed by the Holy Spirit using the word *earnest*.

> *Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
> *14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*
>
> *Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Second Corinthians also mentions the earnest of the Spirit.

> *2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*
> *22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*
>
> *2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

So what is an *earnest*?

Strong's lexicon gives this definition:

> earnest - a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest.

In other words, an earnest is a down payment. It's only part of the payment. And the early church receiving this partial payment in Acts 2 means that it was a **partial fulfillment**.

The word for earnest is translated *pledge* in the Old Testament.

> *Ge 38:18 And he said, What* ***pledge*** *shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.*

Easton's bible dictionary says this:

> The Spirit is the earnest of the believer's destined inheritance (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14). The word thus rendered is the same as that rendered "pledge" in Gen. 38:17-20; "indeed, the Hebrew word has simply passed into the Greek and Latin languages, probably through commercial dealings with the Phoenicians, the great trading people of ancient days. Originally it meant no more than a pledge; but in common usage it came to denote that particular kind of pledge which is a part of the full price of an article paid in advance; and as it is joined with the figure of a seal when applied to the Spirit, it seems to be used by Paul in this specific sense." The Spirit's gracious presence and working in believers is a **foretaste** to them of the blessedness of heaven. God is graciously pleased to give not only pledges but foretastes of future blessedness.

Ephesians 1:14 describes the Holy Spirit as *the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.* As we are looking at the earnest meaning pledge or down payment, this tells us that the rest of the payment will come at the time of the redemption of the **purchased** possession. This is speaking of the redemption of the church by the full outpouring of the Spirit in the last days i.e. the End Times.

> *Ac 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed* ***the church of God****, which he hath* ***purchased*** *with his own blood.*

The Double Portion

Now back in Joel 2 it also makes reference to the latter rain, which comes in the first month. This speaks of the time of Tabernacles.

> *Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*

We saw something similar in Hosea

> *Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

And in the New Testament, James mentions the same thing.

> *Jas 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

Each one of these verses mentions the former and the latter rain coming at the same time. Now the former rain is the spring rain, and the latter rain is the fall rain. [or vice versa depending on whom you consult.] But to have them both at the same time is a logical impossibility. The Lord is using this as a clue to show that he is speaking of the Double Portion. Which is to say the end time outpouring of the Spirit is going to be extra special, extra ordinary. The double portion is the inheritance of the First Born, The Lord Jesus Christ and those who are in him.

Tabernacles points to the Latter Rain - The Revelation of Jesus Christ

We have had a lot to say about the Spiritual Second Coming as the Latter Rain. We're going to list the various ideas mentioned so far and look at what else the bible has to say about it.

First, we saw that the Spiritual Second Coming as the Latter Rain is part of The Revelation of Jesus Christ.
It includes Showing forth the Glory of God, and experiencing the Fear of the Lord. These are a natural consequence of the presence of God.
It entails revealing the meaning of the word of God.
Holiness comes with entering into the Rest of God, i.e. the Sabbath.
It is the New Covenant making the people willing and obedient.
It is the End Time Revival, The Day of God's Power, The Coming of the Kingdom, and the setting up of God's Eternal Dwelling Place.
The members of the Body of Christ will come to truly be in Christ, as they are properly assembled or rightly joined into His Body.
This is also the temple building becoming fitly framed.
God's people will all come to know him intimately as they enter into the Kingdom, Family and Household of the Lord.
It means the Spirit in us, leads us to maturity of the believer, because His Law will be written in our hearts and his Love will be set in our hearts.
It's the brethren living together in unity, under the outpouring of the Spirit.
It means being in the secret place of the most high, the place of peace that passes all understanding.

There Is More.

The Baptism of Fire

Earlier we looked at Malachi 3:1. Let's note what it says in verses 2 and 3.

> *Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for **he is like a refiner's fire**, and like fullers' soap:*
> *3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

Malachi here mentions being refined or **purified by fire**. The same idea is found in the gospels when John the Baptist speaks of Jesus.

> *Mt 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and **with fire**:*
> *12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*
>
> *Lu 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and **with fire**:*

The point here is that the baptism in the Holy Ghost is the earnest, the down payment. The Baptism of Fire is the payoff. It's what Jesus will use to purify the Church.

> *Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall **dwell with the devouring fire**? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?*
> *15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;*

Purifying the Church

> *Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*
> *27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Going Up To Zion

Psalm 24 touches on purifying the church, speaking of the church as the city set on a hill, Mt. Zion, The City Of The Great King.

> *Ps 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*
> *4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*
> *5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

The New Creation

Being In Christ is a great transformation. You become a new creature, carried by the spirit into the Kingdom of God.

> *2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
>
> *Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and*

> *of* ***the Spirit****, he cannot enter into the* ***kingdom of God****.*
>
> *Ro 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are* ***in Christ*** *Jesus, who* ***walk*** *not after the flesh, but* ***after the Spirit****.*
>
> *Ro 8:10 And* ***if Christ be in you****, the body is dead because of sin; but* ***the Spirit is life*** *because of righteousness.*

Race, Gender, And Status Are Eliminated In Christ

The new man leaves old things behind.

> *1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

When we come into unity, the differences between us will be seen as childish things, left behind by coming into maturity.

> *Ga 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for* ***ye are all one in Christ*** *Jesus.*
>
> *Ga 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but* ***a new creature****.*
>
> *Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*
> *24 And that ye put on* ***the new man****, which after God* ***is created in righteousness and true holiness****.*

The Love of God

Being In Christ means having his Spirit in us, and his love.

> 1Jo 4:16 And we have *known* and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
>
> *Ro 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the* ***Holy Ghost which is given unto us****.*
>
> *Ro 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is* ***in Christ*** *Jesus our Lord.*

The Mystery Of God And The Hope Of Glory

The coming of the Lord as the Latter Rain will reveal mysteries.

> *Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;*
> *26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*
> *27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the* ***glory of this mystery*** *among the Gentiles; which is* ***Christ in you****, the hope of glory:*

Partaking in the Divine Nature: Holiness

The Revelation of Jesus Christ means we will have a greatly increased knowledge of him and understanding of his ways. We shall see him as he is, and become as he is.

> *1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that****, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.***
>
> *Ro 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to* ***be conformed to the image of his Son****, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

> *2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

> *Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be **partakers of his holiness**.*

Glory and the Unity of the Brethren

Part of the blessing that comes with unity of the brethren is the Glory of God. Jesus prayed for this unity in John 17.

> *Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*
> *21 That **they all may be one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be **one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*
> *22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*
> *23 I in them, and thou in me, that **they may be made perfect in one**; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*
> *24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that **they may behold my glory**, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

> *2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass **the glory of the Lord**, are **changed into the same image** from glory to glory, even as **by the Spirit** of the Lord.*

Obedience to the Law in our Heart

In Psalm 40 we see a link between obedience to God's will and having his law in our hearts.

> *Ps 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*

The 176 verses in Psalm 119 are written from the viewpoint of the end time believer who is going through the baptism of fire.

Completions and Conclusion

We could go on and on exploring all the ins and outs of these themes. Another 20 pages of scripture quotes would still not cover everything the bible has to say about the Revelation of Jesus Christ and the End Time Revival. Hopefully we have shared enough to let you see the implications of the pattern established in the Feast of Tabernacles.

Moses actions at the first tabernacles led to completion of the tabernacle in time to allow a celebration of **Passover**. All of these features of the Latter Rain lead to Completion of The Spiritual Temple. This means completion of the Global Witness when the gospel is preached through all the world.

At some point the Great Harvest comes to an end, and the enemy has his day. This we can see in Revelation 13.

> *Re 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

This is another completion as it brings the fullness of the Gentiles with the number of martyrs being completed also.

It amounts to the destruction of the temple. But on that topic, Jesus had this to say:

> *Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*
> *20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?*
> *21 But he spake of the temple of his body.*

Prophetically he is speaking raising up the **Body of Christ**. This leads us back once again to the **Passover** and the Resurrection of the Saints.

The Building Site of the Temple

Francis Frangipane

The building of the house of the Lord involves more than finding help in our time of need. There are costs to attaining God's best. If we would have His greatest provisions, we must yield to Him our greatest loves.

Two Temples

The Scriptures refer to two types of temples: one, which was made of stone, which was built in Israel, and the other made of flesh, which is the church. The first temple, Solomon's, was built at a predetermined site which God selected. Even as the Lord carefully chose the building site for the temple of stone, so He is looking at the landscape of our hearts, seeking to make us His temple of flesh.

Two important events were instrumental in designating the temple site. These events developed over many years, but were nevertheless a composite of what we ourselves must become. The first is found in the life of Abraham.

The Lord brought Abraham to a place of spiritual fulfillment in his son, Isaac. But a time came when it was required of Abraham to choose between his love for God and his love for what God had given him. The Lord commanded Abraham to take his son to the land of Moriah. There Abraham was told to offer Isaac on the mountain of God's choosing.

"On the third day Abraham raised his eyes and saw the place from a distance. And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship and return to you'" (Gen 22:4-5). Please notice Abraham's last statement, "we will worship and return." We see here the perfection of faith in the atmosphere of worship. Abraham's *faith* told him they would both return, but it was his attitude of *worship* which enabled him to go up. The story is well-known. The angel of the Lord stopped Abraham, knife in hand, from taking Isaac's life. Yet, it was within the plan and purpose of God to require obedience of His servant. Abraham's love for God was tested and proven true.

Likewise, to qualify for the house of the Lord, the first attitude we must possess is a worshiping heart; we must be willing to give to God what we love the most. For pastors it may be surrendering personal dreams concerning their ministry or their churches. For intercessors it may be giving up their role of leadership in a local prayer group in order that those praying might be integrated into a larger corporate body.

In death every man ultimately surrenders all he owns to God. Those who are called to build Christ's house do so by surrendering even their highest loves and their very desire of fulfillment to the Almighty. It is a death not unlike the death of the flesh. Hope of human recovery is abandoned; the sense of trust abides alone in God. Abraham offered to God his greatest love, Isaac, who was the embodiment of his spiritual fulfillment. He laid all his dreams upon an altar he built with his own hands.

Abraham was willing to trust God to fulfill His promises, knowing that death is no barrier to the Almighty. So also, those whom God chooses as the building site of His house will give to God what they have loved the most. Within their yielding, worshiping hearts, He will build His House.

The Full Price

In the next scene we find David. He is standing upon a mountaintop overlooking Jerusalem; his sin has brought the Lord's displeasure upon the nation. In response to his repentance David is told to build an altar to the Lord on Ornan's threshing floor. The mountain upon which David is standing is Mount Moriah, the same place where, six centuries earlier, Abraham offered Isaac to God.

Although Ornan freely volunteered his oxen for the sacrifice and his ox yoke for the fire, David refused. He said, "For the full price you shall give it to me, that the plague may be restrained from the people...I will surely buy it for the full price; for I will not take what is yours for the Lord, or offer a burnt offering which costs me nothing" (I Chron 21:22-24).

In contrast to what has been typical of our American approach to God's call, here again we behold the nature of those in whom the house of the Lord is built. They are not looking for shortcuts in their service to God; they refuse to give that which is another's. Rather, these yielded souls pay the full price; refusing to offer the Lord that which costs them nothing.

Let me add this: On Mt. Moriah Abraham had a revelation of the nature of God. He called this place, which would ultimately become the site of Solomon's temple, "Jehovah-Jirah": *The Lord will provide.* From that time it was said, "In the mount of the Lord it will be provided" (Gen 22:14).

Many Christians wonder why, if "provider" is the nature of God, they receive so little response from Him? The answer is partly because the provisions of God are not given randomly or to support our selfish inclinations. Rather, *"in the mount of the Lord it will be provided."* In truth, the provisions of God are without limit to those who give their all to Him. For on the building site of the temple, where His house is built, there will be an abundance.

Lord Jesus, I desire to be fully given to You. Forgive me for offering costless sacrifices and borrowed gifts. Jesus, I want to pay the full price. Lord, I know the issue is not what I can do for You, but what You can make of me. I surrender my all to You. May the quality of my life be suitable for Your House. And grant me a heart of faith and worship to bring my Isaac to the altar. In Jesus' name, amen.

The Bulldozer

Terri Derocher

November 14th, 2005

It has been one month now since the day of Yom Kippur and it is time to record what I have been taught in this season. Some of you who have known this ministry over the years may recall the visitation of 2002 http://www.LovelettersfromHeaven.com (archive section). Do you remember me saying that for me the Lord speaks the loudest in this season? It’s true again. I receive new direction and vision at this time of the year (at least as long as the Lord continues to share with me in this way!) When I am directed to share it with you personally, I do. Many times we as intercessors are walking out corporate lives. The circumstances in our lives, the battles, the victories and the heartbreaks are often, but not necessarily always, corporate issues and when we pray accordingly and understand things from this perspective we get insight into how to pray, not only for ourselves, but for the body of Christ also. And remember, we are ALL called to intercession!

I returned two weeks ago from a time in Spearfish, S.D. where one of my younger sisters finished “going through” a trial by fire. Praise God she walks in the victory! Interestingly enough it was a kairos time for me also. I have walked through a new door and am walking now into new territory and I will never be the same again! During this two week period we visited this little church, which is seeking the Lord, not for what He can do for them or even each individual but to KNOW HIM. Each weekday we did what we needed to do and then this little church was opened for prayer and we looked forward to being able to go and sit in His presence. If you looked with your eyes instead of your heart you wouldn’t see much as each one sought the Lord. There was no speaker, no praise team, just a heavy presence of the Holy Spirit, God’s Ruach ha Kodesh. Something happened though as personal encounters with Jesus Christ changed and are changing our world. Each day was a wonder with rich lessons to absorb. One day I received this bull dozer vision (I will share later) as I asked the Lord to know Him more.

How often is it that we only go so far with God? Earlier in the first week I saw a picture. Jesus was in front of me and I followed Him up a mountain made of white, hard stone (white granite maybe). As we climbed this mountain, we left no tracks as we hiked up in the middle of a stream, which was flowing down this mountain. It was beautiful and there were beautiful things, flowers etc. all over and I really wanted to stop and just enjoy it all but felt admonished that I would lose sight of the Lord if I stopped as He wasn’t leaving any tracks. I stopped seeing this at this point. Perhaps ten minutes later I asked the Lord what was at the top of that mountain and I realized I HAD MADE A CHOICE to not go further in the Spirit. When I said I was sorry, I was right back in the hike and saw the top finally and realized it was a spring. It just bubbled up and went to all sorts of wonderful places….(I stopped because I was just so excited about what I had been shown. There was more I am so sure but this is as far as I went and yes I am sorry for not pressing in more.). I knew, in the natural……. if I wanted to know Jesus more, I needed to stay with Him. So as the week went on I was contending to linger with God. I believe one of the ways I grieve Him most is not following Him through and getting the full measure of what He is speaking to me. IS THIS TRUE FOR YOU ALSO? When I reread visions the Lord has spoken to me in the past and see the details, countries named etc. - yes I do see it could only come from Him…. but I also know in my heart that if I’d only lingered longer, which I know was His desire, what I shared could’ve been fuller, clearer. We must contend for this fullness of vision and direction for the body of Christ for these coming days but most of all for the heart of Jesus. We must stop breaking His heart.

All this is now to share this shattering bulldozer picture the Holy Spirit shared with me. It most likely will not be as painful for you as it was for me. Know though, that there is more for you than just reading this IF YOU WILL PRESS INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD AND BE WILLING TO LOOK AT WHAT HE WANTS TO SHOW YOU!

It began as I earnestly asked Jesus if I could know Him more. This wasn’t half-hearted and I knew when I asked it could be painful for me. Then it began…

He took me back into a safe, fun place in my childhood. I was swinging on my grand dad's swing. This big, ole swing was painted silver and was massive. Each pole was heavy metal with a diameter of about eight inches. It was over-sized compared to today's swing sets. It was perhaps twenty feet tall. Each swing was made of a huge heavy, wooden board and the rope, that held each swing, was so big around, that my little hands couldn't even wrap around the entire rope. It crossed my mind then that if one of these boards were to hit you in the head I am sure you would've been severely injured, if not killed. This was one of those visions where you are entirely there… with no escape as I had asked the Lord… whatever it takes. I don't know the technical terms for such a vision, but in 1998 I had a similar experience of being there and not in your obvious, natural surroundings ….

I am swinging in this swing, just loving it. I think I can touch the sky I am going so high. I see the bird nest and eggs I found on the ground, right beside it. It's the first time I've seen the remains of beautiful, blue egg shells. I remember my Grandma Ida being brought outside in her wheel chair to enjoy the day. She couldn't go out much and she was getting out into this beautiful day. She had Multiple Sclerosis and lived her life in three small rooms for the most part. Gramma Ida was JOY in my life. (I won't go into the beautiful details of the memories of her, but in this vision they were all there). I saw the huge strawberry patch in the yard where grand dad took me to pick strawberries and bring them into grandma. When we walked in I saw a toy bird on the top of the fridge which once set in motion seemed to be getting a perpetual drink. I enjoyed being in this kitchen again. I saw every curtain, heard every noise, soaked up every detail. This was a place I so loved and to be able to go there again was absolute joy. I warmed myself beside the stove in winter. I saw the beautiful living room door and the bear picture, and the fat, gravel-bag, old ash tray, the pale green radio, my grand dad's wood shop/porch. He was a carpenter. I smelled his pipe tobacco smell as you walked in the door. I saw the plum tree, the choke cherries, and the rhubarb and even was there again as we pulled up in the dark and grand dad had to show us how big the watermelon was he was trying to grow. He showed us with a flashlight in the dark. We all laughed as he showed us. It was high adventure. We walked in and out of the house again and again on the black cinder rock that formed the driveway. This went on and on with details I loved, things that meant so much to me.

This is one of the ways the Holy Spirit can speak to us. Some things can be felt but not explained with words. These memories were for me such a thing and when I needed to learn something my experiences are references that can be used. I guess I can more fully understand what it is I am being shown if I have some personal situation to refer to.

As this vision continued I saw funerals and I saw a wedding, both at my grandparent's church. I just didn't see the funerals but went through them again. I was sitting beside my Dad and saw his face close-up and understood his grief at the loss of his mom in a way the child (me) never could. I wanted to definitely stop and get out of this place at this point but it continued. I saw the same room again and again and it was like a vicious cycle of pain. I saw my aunt dressed as a bride, ducking down and hiding as my grand dad and I drove her up to the church. (I guess they dressed at home in those days). It was the same church again only this time a wedding.

Now I was back at the house and no one lived there anymore. We had to sort all their belongings. Dad and I sat at the kitchen table. I saw the relatives come and put little name tags on the stuff they wanted and heard the conversation as if at a distance as I was lost in the pain of loss….Then the bull dozer came and I saw the face of the man driving the bull dozer, just an innocent man doing his work. (I NEVER SAW THIS BULL DOZER IN THE NATURAL, AS A CHILD. The land was bulldozed though).

I THEN saw the bulldozer first rip out the swing set. I saw huge blobs of cement come out of the ground as it toppled over. I saw the strawberry patch and every bush being bulldozed under. I SAW the tree where the robins nest had been… bulldozed down. I saw the house and the plum tree bulldozed down. I saw mice and rats run when the house went down. Everything that was there was gone. I saw the man begin to work the land. He leveled it. He filled in the rotted cellar with sweet dirt. All the old boards and iron and every piece of junk was taken away as the ground was prepared for a new home to be put on the land. All that remained of their life there was the hole in the fence across the road where my dad used to climb through on his way to school….

THIS IS WHAT I THEN HEARD….” I AM bulldozing your life - the good and precious, - -the sad and the bad…ALL OF IT. If you really want to move with me, you must let go of all of it. I am doing the bulldozing. Do you really want to KNOW me? Then let go of all of it! Do not be grieved over what used occur in your fellowship/church/synogue meetings. Do not get lost in the pain of the loss! I have more. I have more. I have more!!!! You cling to these crumbs, when I have a banquet for you. I want to tell you more. (This is like thunder) I am not building on the rotted foundation of your preconceived ideas.

May the Holy Spirit bring revelation knowledge to you regarding the details of this vision. …..”It is time to stop playing on the swing. It feels like you are going somewhere, but you’re still in the same old place. It could even be dangerous. HEBREWS 6 This place once brought forth life (egg shells) but that time is past. Don’t be satisfied being crippled on a beautiful day…I will help you run the race to win! You can no longer warm yourself by this stove. It doesn’t exist! That bird was only pretending to drink; I give you living water! You walked on fire in this place (the cinder stone), even though you lived through it…you didn’t even know the half of it! You cannot build on a rotted foundation, it will not stand. Submit yourself to the pain of rebuilding on nothing but the foundation I have given you…the word of God. I will show you what a real carpenter can build! If you think you had fruit before watch and see what will grow NOW that you’ve let go of the past”!

The interpretation for the body of Christ… We must let go of all the patterns, the little pleasing ones and the painful rituals (weddings and funerals in the spiritual). We must go through the door and stay … if we really want to visit with Jesus. To be a friend, a real friend, you listen…You listen to what your friend wants to tell you. Jesus has invited us in and He wants to share His heart with us. We must press into Him…nuzzle our face in His chest…We must linger with Him. He has …the more… and we think we know…because of preconceived ideas…but we don’t know. We’ve just been feasting on crumbs

May the Lord Bless you with an increasing desire to KNOW HIM.

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A ministry of paintings, covered in scripture…for so is God’s word that goes forth from His mouth -

It will not return to Him unfulfilled but it will accomplish what He intends, and cause to succeed what He sent it to do. Isaiah 55:11

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The Battle Will Start
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Now the battle will start to rage. Now is the time for My people to go to war in the heavenlies. The battle is coming down to My people and they must fight. They must fight the good fight like never before. The enemy has come to steal, kill and destroy. Tell My people to listen very carefully for My voice and not let go of My promises no matter what goes on around about them.

All of heaven is groaning at this given time. The child is about ready to be birthed upon this earth. My church has been in labor for a long time and now is birthing time.

The Storm Has Come
Barbara Lynch

February 25, 11:35 AM

The storm has come and the rush hour has begun. It is perfect timing for all things to come to fruition. It is time for My true children to receive their rightful inheritance in My Kingdom in Heaven and on this earth. My children will no longer walk the mundane path, for I will exalt them into the seventh heaven and they shall walk in the supernatural from this hour forth. Get yourself prepared for this great exodus. For I am moving you into the supernatural realm and you shall see My Mighty Hand move wherever you go. Reformation is at hand. Exaltation time is at hand, it is even now at the door doing a great and mighty works for Me, the true living God. I am taking My children from everlasting to everlasting. The miracle realm will know precedence at this given time, for revelation knowledge will abound throughout the church and My children will surely walk in sign, wonders and miracles once again. The future looms bright for My children. Even at this given moment, I have given a mandate to My holy angels to cover this earth with My full Shekinah Glory and so shall it be, for I am not a man that I should lie. Be still and know that I am God and that I have brought myself into your midst to begin the mighty signs, wonders and miracles once again.

Reformation: A reforming or being reformed. Religious movement that resulted in establishing the

Protestant churches.

Exaltation: To fill with joy; pride; elate; To raise in status and dignity.

WHAT IS THE STORM AND WHAT IS THE RUSH HOUR?

The storm is the enemy storming the gates of heaven vying for My saints.
The rush hour is the coming of My Glory into My houses.

A Very Short Time
Barbara Lynch

February 26, 12:05 AM

My daughter, this is the last millennium before the return of My Son. Much must be accomplished in a very short period of time. I must have those who will surrender their all and all unto Me. I must have their eyes, ears, and mouth. They must go forth in My might and in My power conquering on all sides. Even now, little one, the earth is travailing to give birth to My Holy Spirit movement. The time for birth has been set and no one can stop the clock this time, for all things must occur on time. Great multitudes are standing in the valley of decision in America and there is no preacher to send to the multitudes. All want to go overseas, but no one wants to save the lost in America. America the land of the free and proud. Oh, My America, how I weep over you just as I did over Jerusalem. Jerusalem would not heed My voice either. Circumstances are occurring to cause the supernatural to take place in My body. All who will surrender and come forth at this given time shall be filled with My Supernatural powers. Time is running out and there is so much to accomplish. I am searching the hearts of all men, to find the ones that will remain faithful and true in the midst of the hottest battles hell has to throw at My church. My church shall come out victorious. I have spoken and so shall it be. I have promised and I am bringing My promises to pass. You just stand back and watch My salvation at work on all sides. Know that I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and I am the God of this church age also.

The Best Year of Your Life
Rick Joyner

As we begin this year with our study of Biblical prophecies of the last days, we have evidence of their fulfillment on every news station. The Lord said in Mark 13:8, "For nation will arise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs."

Certainly we are seeing nations rise against each other, as well as the earthquakes and famines. However, this is not the end, but rather "the beginning of birth pangs."

UNDERSTANDING WHAT MUST COME

Every mother knows that as the birth gets closer, the contractions or birth pangs become both intense and more frequent. Therefore, we can expect these things to increase as we get closer and closer to the end of this age. We are told in Hebrews 12:26-29:

"And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.'

"This expression, 'Yet once more,' denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

"Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."

As we proceed toward the end of this age, we can expect the shaking to increase until everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and everything that can be removed will be removed. However, we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken, which is why we are taking the time in this study to evaluate with each prophecy what our preparation should be in order for our lives to be established on that kingdom.

We will therefore consider the lessons of the recent earthquake and tsunamis, which are manifold and crucial for our times. We can also begin to see in them a pattern that can help us understand the timing of what is coming.

WHAT WE ARE ALL HERE FOR

The stress level of the world rose several degrees in 2004. It will continue to rise, but for those who are building their lives on the kingdom that "is not of this world," the peace level will correspondingly increase. In place of fear, Christians will experience more faith, hope, and love. This is the year of the joy of the Lord.

How can we feel joy when there is so much strife and suffering around us? We can if our lives are more in Christ and in the heavenly places than on the earth. The Lord is not sitting in the heavens wringing His hands, worrying about what is coming, and neither are those who are abiding in Him. More and more true Christians are going to stand out as a very different spirit than anyone else on the earth.

This does not mean we are callous toward the suffering. However, all of the suffering on earth is the result of the fall of mankind and our separation from God. The only remedy to the suffering is mankind's repentance and reconciliation with God. That is what we are here for -- to help the world be reconciled to God.

CALLED TO LIVE IN THE AGE TO COME -- NOW!

We should be thankful for the nations that are coming to the aid of the tsunami victims. This is the right and noble thing to do. However, we are coming into the time when no amount of human effort will be able to cope with what is happening. That is because we are coming to the time when all of creation will learn that we cannot live unless we are in harmony with God. What is coming will be far beyond human remedy, but God will come and save us. This is not the end -- it is the beginning! A new beginning for the whole earth!

Every birth is painful and messy. However, when the child is born, the joy is so great that the pain is quickly forgotten. King David perceived the Age of Grace a thousand years before it came, and lived in it then, thus becoming a prophecy of what was to come. We, too, are called to live in the age to come, now!

We are called to live by the powers of the age to come and grow in them. This must be our day by day pursuit. It must be our goal to be much closer to the Lord by the end of this year than we are now. We must grow in faith, love, joy, peace, and patience...we must also grow in the power to demonstrate these to the world that is going to be increasingly desperate for them.

RAPID SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND MORE MIRACLES THIS YEAR

This year will be a year for the most rapid spiritual growth that the church has experienced since its inception. We saw many great miracles last year just as we were promised, but we will see many more and much greater ones this year.

However, the reason we see miracles is because we need them. It will be worth it to get closer to the Lord and see His kingdom coming. Never forget that when we see these things happening, it is time to look up and rejoice because our redemption is drawing near!

"Do not fret because of evildoers, be not envious toward wrongdoers. For they will wither quickly like the grass and fade like the green herb.

"Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD; and He will give you the desires of your heart.

"Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He will do it. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light and your judgment as the noonday.

"Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes.

"Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; do not fret, it leads only to evildoing. For evildoers will be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord, they will inherit the land.

"Yet a little while and the wicked man will be no more; and you will look carefully for his place, and he will not be there. But the humble will inherit the land and will delight themselves in abundant prosperity." Psalm 37:1-11

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A New Order of Ministry
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This week, we will look at what I call a "new order of ministry" which is now being raised up, and is in many ways a return to the original order of ministry. This order is the most prevalent in Scripture and history by about 10 to 1 over what has become the most prevalent "concept" of what ministry is today.

To challenge our thinking about ministry, we need to consider that only a few of the heroes of the faith in the Bible were priests, or those that we would consider today to be in "full-time ministries." Very few were educated or otherwise prepared for the ministry. They arose from what we call "secular" professions or trades.

There is a widespread belief among Christians that to be really spiritual or to accomplish great things for God, we need to go to seminary and be in full-time-ministry as defined today. In fact, that was rarely the case for those who accomplished the greatest feats for the purposes of God, or who became the greatest teachers or prophets for God. The overwhelming majority of the great men and women of God were farmers, businessmen, military men, or government officials. These include: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, all of the judges, David, Daniel, Nehemiah, Esther, all but a couple of the prophets, all of the apostles, as well as the other notables of the New Testament.

Can you think of any from the tribe of Levi, which were the "full-time ministers" of the Old Testament that became one of the great heroes of the faith? In my search I have found only four after Aaron: Samuel, Zadok, Ezra, and Ezekiel. Even in the times of the Old Covenant, most of the great men and women of God came from normal trades and professions, not the professional priesthood. This is a trend which we see continuing under the New Covenant, and a trend which the Lord Jesus Himself established by the leaders that He chose. My point is that almost any trade or profession can be a better seminary for great Christian leadership than a seminary.

I am not trying to degrade or be unappreciative of the role that seminaries can play in the church. I do highly esteem what a seminary education can provide, even though I do not have one. They have a significant place in helping keep the church moored to sound biblical doctrine, and for research that can greatly edify the church, as well as seed the ministry with those who have an important perspective. However, few leaders who will do great things for the gospel have or will come from seminaries. Note that I did not say "any," but rather "few." There will be some, just as the four listed above from the Old Covenant accomplished extraordinary things. However, the great majority of Christian leaders will not come from a seminary background by God's design.

Why is this? The main reason is because Christianity and true Christian ministry is meant to be utterly practical, implemented, and exercised more in everyday life than in "temples." This is why Jesus did most of His works and most of His teaching in real, daily life settings. For this reason the Lord does not judge the quality of His church by how good the services are on Sunday, but on how good His people are on Monday. Christianity is not a group of rituals that we perform to appease God—it is a life lived in the character, power, and fellowship with God daily.

Seminaries which remain true to the faith and are devoted to helping to preserve the biblical faith can contribute much to Christianity. However, there may not be a seminary in existence that teaches some of the most important lessons that are needed for practical ministry, and it probably is not their place to do so. The primary way the Lord wants His people prepared for ministry is the way He prepared those He called through discipleship and practical experience.

For example, mobilizing, training, and equipping believers to live a life pleasing to God in these times is very similar to preparing soldiers for battle, which is why the Scriptures compares it to this. The Lord is called "the Lord of hosts" or "the Lord of armies" in Scripture more than ten times as much as any other title that He uses. The true Christian life is a battle against evil, and the weapons of our warfare have been given for the tearing down of the enemy's strongholds or fortresses. Therefore, the military can be a better seminary for preparing many Christian leaders for true Christian leadership than seminaries.

There are business aspects to modern ministry and the overseeing of churches, which can be as challenging as running any business or corporation. For this reason, experience in business can be one of the best seminaries for those who will build and lead churches. It is also true that business is a basic human transaction, and the Lord wants to be right in the middle of all human interaction.

Likewise, farmers can understand more about what it takes to produce a harvest than those who have never had to produce a real one. Therefore, farming can be a great seminary.

In 1982 I was told that some of the Lord's most important leaders in the last days were going to come out of professional sports. This is because sports is their seminary, and they are teaching things in their seminary that we do not teach in ours. As I sought understanding concerning this word, I was shown that it had to do mostly with teamwork, discipline, and focus on a specific task among team members.

That may sound simple, but true New Testament ministry is a team composed of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, as well as all of the other ministries given to the church. However, it is hard to find a church anywhere in the world that has a ministry that is a true team, like ministry was intended to be. As anyone in sports knows, a far less talented team that plays like a "team" will consistently defeat the most talented team that does not play in unity. This one thing may be the biggest reason for so many of the defeats that churches and ministries suffer. Team building may be the most important skill of all true leaders, which is very difficult to teach in any classroom.

Paul the apostle encouraged believers to be content in the condition in which they were called, which is related to being married or single, as well as being slaves or free. He also encouraged them that if they could improve their condition by getting married or by becoming free, to do it. However, this should not be done from discontentment. As far as the slavery issue, this would probably relate in modern terms to the way many people think of their job—slavery! They feel like slaves to their boss, to the industry, to needing a paycheck, etc. I believe Paul's counsel would be to be content in the state in which they are called. Paul also exhorted them to excel in service to their masters, especially those who were believers. We should do the same with our employers.

We should also consider that our job may be the most important seminary that we will ever attend, and that it was the Lord who sent us to that particular job. Our jobs can probably do more to prepare us for our true calling than any Bible school or seminary could. Just consider how the professions of the great men and women in Scripture related to their callings: King David was a shepherd, and God called him to shepherd His people, Israel. Peter was a fisherman, and the Lord called him to be a fisher of men. Paul the apostle was a tentmaker, and he was called to build the tabernacle of God. John was mending nets when called, and the Lord used his gospel to tie together the others, his Epistles to tie together the others, and the book of Revelation to tie together the entire Bible.

Learn all that you can from your job! Life is the true seminary. It is one in which we can continually be promoted, but we will only graduate from it at the end of our life's purpose, not in order to prepare for it.

The Call To Be In Christ

Daniel Black

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman (Farmer). Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.”
(John 15:1-8 KJV)

The Lord Jesus is calling His people to commune within Him. We are His people, and we desire to dwell within Him. I had so much fun, yet so much warfare in putting this teaching together. This is something the enemy does not want the Body of Christ to see in this age. In this teaching we are going to explore the idea of communing ‘within’ Christ and what it means to be ‘in’ Christ, the fruit we are to bear, and the call to be one in Him as He is one in the Father.

COMMUNION

“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. “ (1 Corinthians 10:16-17 KJV)

We all take communion. It is one of the great rituals of the Church that has been passed down since the last supper, yet is this really all communion truly is? Is there more to communing with the Lord than just remembering?

The word communion means: “Intercourse (which means silent communication or exchange from within), fellowship, participation, and union.” What a powerful word which is much more than simply remembering what our Lord and Christ went through. 1 Corinthians 10:17 states that we are one bread for we have partaken of the bread of Life through our communion with the Lord. What does this mean? Philippians 3:10-11 KJV eludes light into this mystery, “That I may **know** him, and the power of his resurrection, and the **fellowship** of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.” How powerful this truly is. Let’s study a few of these words meanings so that we may better understand communion within Christ.

The word ‘know’ means: “To perceive with certainty; to understand clearly; to have a clear and certain perception of truth, fact, or any thing that actually exists. To distinguish; as, to know one man from another. To be familiar. To acknowledge with due respect. To choose; to favor or take an interest in. To commit; to have.” There is so much here. Communion within Christ is to know Him. We are to favor, commit, be familiar, distinguish, perceive with certainty and understanding with clarity Christ. To be this intimately connected with Christ means that we must have a daily relationship with Him. To have there is power in knowing Christ so intimately. Intimacy is what opens the Heavens over our lives. We know the purpose of open heavens is for us to encounter the King of Glory and for the King of Glory to encounter us. Open heavens release to us favor, influence and authority over every situation in life that we come across. We see this in the life of Jesus. He lived under a constant open heaven. Why was this? How did Jesus do it? Why was He able to attain a consistent open Heaven? It tha t was because He was intimately connected with the Father, He was one within Him. Jesus understood that influence flows from intimacy and access to open heavens comes from being one within the Father.

We often use our next word of study, but do we truly understand what it means? The word fellowship means, “Companionship, familiar intercourse, Combination, partnership; joint interest, frequency of intercourse, communion, and intimate familiarity.” The truth that Paul states in 1 Corinthians 10 is revealed to our understanding in this one phrase from Philippians 3: “That I may **know** him, and the power of his resurrection, and the **fellowship** of his sufferings…" To know the fellowship of sufferings. We are one bread for we have partaken of the Bread of Life, we have come to know Christ so intimately that we know the power of His resurrection and fellowship within His sufferings. We are so familiar with Him that we can actually begin to have familiar intercourse with, have partnership with, and intimate familiarity with Christ's sufferings. By knowing and becoming one with Him, these sufferings become apart of us, and we become co-laborers with Christ in sharing with Him the cup of suffering that He partook of. But it does not simply stop with suffering. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 4:10-12 "Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you." We must fellowship within the Life and resurrection of Christ also. Paul told us that we might know the power of Christ's resurrection. The death and suffering of Christ is at work within us as we commune within Him, but His resurrection and life is also working within us. Isaiah 11:2 in the Message translation states that Christ is a "Life-Giving Spirit." We are one bread for we have partaken of the Bread of "Life"! Hallelujah!!!

THE CALL TO BE ONE IN HIM

"Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*." (John 14:8-14 KJV)

We see in this passage that Christ is one with the Father and the Spirit. Christ is in the Father and Spirit, and the Father is in Christ and the Spirit, and the Spirit is in the Father and Christ. We are called to live in Him as He lives in us and in the Father and the Father in Him. We know this, but are we willing to live in it?

John 17:20-24 KJV "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word… That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

We read this prayer from Jesus Himself that we all may be one; He is in the Father and the Father in Him, that we also may be one in Him: that the world may believe. We must become one in Him! To be one means that we are single in number, as one man, single by union, undivided, and single in kind. I am talking about unifying with Him. When a man marries a women it is said that they become one soul, the unifying of hearts. This is what happens when we accept the marriage ring of salvation in our hearts. We become one with Jesus, the Bridegroom. It is vital that we understand just as God is three in one, our relationship with God applies on three levels. We are the Father's children, the Son's Bride, and the Spirit's friends. We are talking about a Bridal level of union with God.

We read on in this passage of Scripture: "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world." God has called us into complete communion within Himself so that He may reveal to us His Glory so that we may partake and share of Himself. He gives us His Glory, Himself, His very essence and Being, joining us to Him, becoming apart of Him that we might be a light to the lost so they may once again be connected to the Glory of the Lord. Loving us as He is loved by the Father so we may love the world with the same love. He has also taken us to where He is seating us in Heavenly realms in Him

(Ephesians 2:6) that we may behold Him in true worship. Worship is the true passion for mission. This is why we go, for we are one with Him, and worship Him, that passion to love Him is why we have our desire to go out. Send us out Lord!!!

BEARING FRUIT

“As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.” (John 15:9-10 KJV)

John 15 tells us that if we abide, dwell, inhabit in Christ that we are to bear fruit. What sort of fruit are we to bear? What are we supposed to be developing within the Vine so that we are not separated and cast into fire? We must begin to develop the characteristics and attributes of Christ, for if we are one in Him, than we are to begin to look like Him. The characteristics and attributes of God look like love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). We must be careful to develop these within our lives, for Scripture tells us that if we do not become one with Him and exhibit His fruit in our lives we will be separated. Scripture does not tell us that once we are separated that we can come back, but tells us that we are thrown into the fire. I do not want to get into doctrinal arguments with this statement, for this is what Scripture tells us. You either are in Him, walking in the light, and are of Him, or you are not (see 1 John).

If we truly abide in Christ, and He in us, our love is complete. When we walk within Christ and the realm of the Kingdom, we walk in completeness. When we walk in completeness of spirit, soul, and body, we are able to pour completeness into others that are empty. This is why we must empty ourselves continually, so that we may be filled with the fullness of God. We are filled to be poured out. Broken bread and poured out wine. If we are in Christ and abiding within the Vine, than we are to bear fruit or attributes. So what sort of attributes follow those who are in Christ? the following is a list of Scriptures and fruits that are in those who are in Christ. It is not a comprehensive list, but one that will give you a basic understanding of this Kingdom principle.

Ø Romans 8:1 – Those in Christ have no condemnation.
Ø Romans 8:37 – Those in Christ are conquerors.
Ø 1 Corinthians 4:10 – Those in Christ are wise, made strong, and are honorable.
Ø 1 Corinthians 6:17 – Those in Christ are one with His Spirit.
Ø 2 Corinthians 1:21 – Those in Christ are firm.
Ø 2 Corinthians 2:14 – Those in Christ carry the fragrance of Christ and walk in triumph.
Ø 2 Corinthians 4:6 – Those in Christ shine with brightness.
Ø 2 Corinthians 5:17 – Those in Christ are made new creations.
Ø Galatians 2:4 – Those in Christ possess freedom.
Ø Galatians 5:6 – Those in Christ have the expression of true love.
Ø Ephesians 1:3 – Those in Christ are blessed in Heavenly realms.
Ø Ephesians 2:6 – Those in Christ are seated in Heavenly realms.
Ø Ephesians 2:10 – Those in Christ are created as His workmanship.
Ø Ephesians 3:6 – Those in Christ obtain son-ship and inheritance.
Ø 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – Those in Christ have the will of God.
Ø 2 Timothy 1:9 – Those in Christ obtain grace.
Ø 2 Timothy 2:1 – Those in Christ obtain strength through grace.
Ø Galatians 3:28 – Those in Christ are one.

ONE WITH THE BODY

I am going to make a bold statement: We cannot be one with Christ without being one with His body. Think about this very closely now. Jesus prayed that we would be one with Him, but that WE (the Church) WOULD BE ONE as He is one with the Father. We cannot say we love God and hate our brother. We are one in Him and one within each other. To be in communion with Christ the church must be unified and walk with communion with each other as Christ is with the Father. This is what Paul writes of when He says in Ephesians 4:3-7: “Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.“ We are one body, one in the Holy Spirit, serving one Lord, sharing one Faith in that Lord, baptized in the Holy Spirit and Fire. We are one with many different parts and jobs, for this reason the Lord gives each of us individually a special measure of Grace.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 KJV “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where *were* the body? But now *are they* many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that *part* which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

The Scripture is pretty plain and clear here. It is black and white. We cannot continuing to feud with each other! We are all one body with my different jobs. We should not be disunified, for as we do this we separate ourselves from Christ Himself. I do not care if the church up the street is as dry as dirt, they are still your brothers in Christ. Stop arguing, for in doing this, you separate yourself from the body and in doing so, you are separated from Christ. We cannot be one with Christ and not be one with His body.

THE FINAL CALL: LIVE IN CHRIST

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.”
(Colossians 2:6-7 KJV)

Let’s pray and ask God that we may become one with Him. Communing with His Glory eternally from this point on!

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The Courage To Stand

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"Hear, O my people, and I will warn you --
if you would but listen to me, O Israel!

You shall have no foreign god among you;
You shall not bow down to an alien god;
I AM the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt."
Psalms 81:8-10

#1 - Dream: The Courage To Stand, and the Eastern Prince
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I was walking on a sidewalk at a University or a College campus. A green expanse of lawn flanked both sides of the walkway. Ahead of me, I could see that my path was soon to intersect and cross with an adjacent sidewalk which was lying roughly perpendicular to mine (like an 'X') . As I was approaching the upcoming intersection, I saw two women, whom I knew were Christians and whom had been walking along the same path (sidewalk) that I was on, just ahead of me. These women were now at this intersection of the two paths, and they knelt down and bowed their faces towards the ground. I looked up and it was then that I saw who they had bowed down to. In that moment, my eyes briefly met his eyes.

The man was dark, stern and silent, with an arrogance and a pride about him. He was a foreign dignitary of some sort, or maybe a middle eastern prince. He was not alone, but he was escorted by an American dignitary. They were walking on the perpendicular path that would cross over my path just ahead. The reason for the American escort, was not so much to protect him, but rather to gain him special entrance, favor, or preference, that he could not have received here, as a foreigner, without the escort.

I recognized one of the Christian women who was now bowed down, and sadly, I knew in my heart the reason why these two Christian ladies had bowed -- because "*they didn't have the strength to fight*", to stand against opposition (and persecution).

1 Corinthians 16:13 - Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong.
As my path crossed over in front of the eastern prince, I firmly looked straight ahead and continued to walk, without bowing down or acknowledging him. I knew that my silent, but firm, defiance, could bring a retaliation to suffer. There was NO LAW about bowing down to the foreign prince, but IT WAS EXPECTED (like an unwritten code), and the one who did not honor him could expect to suffer a retaliation.

I then went home with an expectation of retaliation, but hoping to be overlooked. I heard a knock at the door. I opened the door to my sister telling me that she was going to move to Hawaii (we are originally from Hawaii), and did I want to go too? At first, it seemed like an opportunity to escape, but then I thought to myself “aren't the islands suppose to disappear into the seas?” (referring to the end time judgments, Rev. 16:20), which didn't appeal to me so I said “no”.

Interpretation of symbols used in the dream:

A - University/College campus represents a philosophy, a way of thinking, or a cultural pot. I think this one specifically refers to America.
B - Sidewalks represent the paths of life. In this case, it represented the Christian path and another path (a foreign god), and they were perpendicular paths (different, contrary).
C - The foreign prince represents a false god (or a man who represents the false prince and false

god). Not sure if this is a collective entity, or a person, or both.
D - The American dignitary/escort represents the American government or an American dignitary or ambassador. Not sure if this will be a collective entity, and/or a person or persons.
E – The crossing of the paths represents a conflict and a choice.
D - Bowing down represents honoring another prince and God. One that is not the True God. One who is not Jesus. Jesus alone is Emmanuel, meaning "God with us", God in flesh who dwelt among men.

As Jesus said, "***I AM The Way, The Truth, and The Life. No one comes to the Father [to God] except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him***." (John 14:6-7)

I interpret this dream to forewarn that there is coming a conflict between "The Way, The Truth, and The Life" (the way of Christ), and the way of compromise to another god, a foreign god, in America. It will require a choice for Christians in America, to choose whom they will honor as God, and each choice will come with a price and reward (one temporal, and the other eternal).

It will take courage, spiritual strength, and fortitude to not bow down to the pressure of "the prince”... and a foreign god. I believe that the dream warns of persecution (and not necessarily legal) of those who will not bow down. Therefore, we will need to have total trust and faith in Christ and in His love, and wear the hope of our salvation, in order to stand.

Matthew 24: 4-13
4 Jesus answered: "**Watch out that no one deceives you**.
5 For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.
7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.
8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.
9 "**Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me [Christ].**
10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other,
11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people.
12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold. [see also: Luke 6:20-36]
13 **but he who stands firm to the end will be saved**.

Phillipians 1:20-21
20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
Deuteronomy 31:6
Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

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The Course To The Other Side
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There have been contrary winds blowing against your life. It's as though you were in a ship and these winds have blown and pushed your ship of life off the course of your intended destination. Discouragement is flooding your ship, for you are overwhelmed knowing no matter what you do you cannot seem to get back on your original course. But there are some things you need to be aware of.

I saw God in the wind that was blowing your ship causing it to seemingly take a different route. Psalm 18:10 says, "He rides upon the wings of the wind." I saw God riding upon these winds that were seemingly against you. God was in these winds.

I saw the Lord in the water that was raging. He was sitting King upon the waves that were pushing your ship.

I saw God in the sails of your ship. His Glory radiating His approval! I saw God in your boat. Though you wondered where He was, He was right there still with you. The most significant thing I saw was that God was still inside of you. He had never left nor forsaken you. The One greater than everything else in the world was still on the inside of you.

The key to victory and peace I could see was that you must accept that this change of course is of God for a purpose. For I saw Him in every aspect of it. Not until you accept and release this to the Lord will you begin to find His perfect peace in the midst of the storm. As you do it will not matter what is happening around you. His peace will begin to rule in your heart.

The Lord spoke clearly these words, "We (meaning you and Himself) are going over to the other side ... to My destination and plan for your life. This is not the course or route that you would have chosen, but My ways are different from yours and My thoughts from yours. I am leading you by a way you have not known before, but I am the way. Psalm 77:19 "My way is in the sea and My path in the great waters and My footsteps are not known. I am taking you over to the other side!"

Everything I saw God in, He said He was going to change: "I am going to change the wind in due time. I am going to change the raging waves in due time. I am going to change the sails and rudder of your ship in due time by My guidance. Most important of all I am in the process of changing you on the inside more than anything else on the outside that is happening. Even more important than the destination or goals I have for you is your being changed and conformed into My image and likeness." In fact, I sensed that this was His desired destination for us.

Remember Paul's call to go to Rome to preach the Gospel and how the storm caused their shipwreck? They all landed on a certain island, some coming ashore holding onto broken pieces of boards off the ship. If you have to even grab hold of a piece of board off of your ship, I heard God say, "I'll even be in your board. Hold on to it. I'll be that close to you. We are going over to the other side!"

The Father reminded me of how His only Son came down and crossed over to the other side to the Father's destination to save you and me. It was a way that we would never have thought of but it was the Father's perfect plan or route. His only Son crossed over to the other side on just two limbs of a tree. Think it not strange if the way across for you seems unusual and different.

" I am using everything in your life to work together for your good and even what the enemy means for evil is not being wasted, but used for My Glory and best for your life!

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Angels In The Outfield
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"'THERE'S A 'CLOUD' OVER BASEBALL'... BUT I SEE ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD!"

The Baseball panel chairman has recently sadly spoken. "There is a cloud over baseball!" As I read these words I heard the Holy Ghost shouting... "Yes and Amen! There is a cleansing cloud of Glory that is descending upon the field of sports and a great humbling is coming to not only expose and cast down corruption but there will be a lifting up of 'base' things. Men and women who are truly broken as they are convicted of seeking strength and power from the use of steroids may qualify to become spiritual heroes and be inducted into Heaven's Hall of Fame! I will use the 'base' things of baseball to bring glory to My name!

"ANGELS IN THE OUTFIELD!"

I saw a vision of angels that were attending every baseball game and were assigned to catch every home run ball that was driven out of the ball park that was from a source of strength above the hitter's. When the angel would catch the homerun ball, the angel would toss it into the heavens as though it was being counted different up there than it was down here.

"I SAW THE BASES BEING COVERED!"

I saw men who were truly being broken and 'abased' being dealt with by the cloud of Glory as this cloud of truth and conviction began to touch them. Both men and women in other sports also were being strongly convicted and ashamed as an alarm went off through the other fields of sports. I heard the Father say... "I've got the bases covered! Those who break before me and repent, I will forgive and cover them with the blood of My Son. I am redeeming the field of sports! It will now begin to become a harvest field for my Glory! I will begin to use many of these men and women in other fields besides sports. I have a plan for them. Their present failures will launch them into other fields for my glory!"

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE - "ONE, TWO, THREE STRIKES!.... MAY BRING YOU HOME!"

When it doesn't make any sense down here, it does from up there! From God's point of view it seems when we strike out using our own strength or the strength from other sources besides Him we only then become qualified to be greatly used like never before. Babe Ruth was famous for hitting home runs but few people remember that he was known to strike out alot! If you keep swinging you are bound to hit something! But with God when we have two strikes against us, the grandstands of heaven are shouting to us to 'miss one more time'... so we know we can't do it! Striking out in life usually brings us to Him causing us to score big time as we run home to Him!

"I WILL NOW BRING MANY UP OUT OF THE 'DUGOUTS' TO DISPLAY MY POWER!"

I sense a 'Davidic' anointing coming upon the unknown, weak and the benchwarmers who have been waiting for the chance to be used mightily for God's Glory alone. These will be like David's followers who had nothing but God going for them and became mighty men. These will seemingly come from out of nowhere to fame and honor! They will be similar in the anointing that was upon David's mighty men.

"Adino the Eznite; lifted up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time! After him was Eleazer who arose and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary and his hand clave to the sword: and the Lord wrought a great victory that day and the people returned after him only to spoil! After him was Shammah. The Philistines were gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils and the people fled from the Philistines. But Shammah stood in the midst of the ground full of lentils and defended it and slew the Philistines.. and the Lord wrought a great victory!"

"When David grew thirsty in battle, three of his mighty men broke through the host of the Philistines and drew water out of the well of Bethlehen and took it and brought it to David to drink. David could not drink it knowing they had risked their own lives! Abishai lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them! Benaiah did many mighty acts. He slew two lionlike men of Moab. He went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day!"

"GODLY CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY WILL RELEASE A NEW ANOINTING UPON SPORTS... SETTING NEW WORLD RECORDS!"

As the glory cloud continues to descend upon sports and continues to cleanse and convict athletes, godly character and integrity will rise releasing a new anointing upon men and women setting new world records in many fields of sports. The Lord himself will command strength into them to show Himself strong on their behalf.

What a Redeemer!

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The Case For The Soul Of The USA

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All this week while praying for Terri Schiavo I could not help feeling that I needed to pray for the United States and not simply for Terri. When I read Dutch Sheets word sent out through the Elijah List yesterday the burden was confirmed and intensified and the words I had received were clarified.

At the beginning of this week I perceived in my spirit that this case is a door –the word “avenue of death comes continually to my mind- for entities which work against the nation to come in and unleash a wave of death in some way trying and controlling who will die. Because a decision has been made by the courts to literally kill a person because she cannot feed herself, and this decision involved from Florida State Court all the way up to the Supreme Court it means that the whole judicial system has made the decision to deny justice to “one of these little ones”. Since it also has involved, the White House and Capitol Hill, although with a positive stance on the side of President Bush and part of Congress it has become a national issue. Thus said I perceive in my spirit the warning of the Holy Spirit about the “avenue of death” ready to be opened when Terri dies.

I do not mean to be negative or to see demons where there are none; however I cannot help the thought that the shooting at the school a few days ago could have been the first fruits of this murderous action taken by the courts. I feel that because the courts have decided that an innocent person should die because she cannot express herself they have with that action also handed out authority to spiritual powers to take control and literally unleash a wave or waves of death over the nation.

We need to gather in the Spirit and pray as never before for the USA. The judges do not realize that their actions do not affect only the case they are deciding upon but also they can and will affect the whole of the nation by virtue of the authority invested in them, whether they like it or not by God Himself, for whether they recognize God or not we know that all authority has been given by God.

We have also the authority given by God along with the power to change courses of action and circumstances, and even to reverse adverse results by and through prayer. We Christians should realize the full implications of our prayers and also of our lack of prayers. God has bestowed upon the church the balance of power of the universe and she exercises this power through prayer. Whatever good thing from God happens in the nation it will when the church prays, and whatever bad things might happen in the nation it will because the church allows it by not praying. Not praying means simply to stand aside, praying means to take a stand.

There are many people praying, however we need more people and more time spent in prayer, for the soul of the nation is at stake. We need to pray more than ever. Pray for those in authority, that God would bring them to the realization of how their authority affects the nation as a whole, and that the Holy Spirit might show them the implications of their decisions. At this moment there is a huge struggle for the soul of the nation. We are not fighting against judges but against evil itself, “spiritual entities in the heavenly realms” that battle to take control of the nation. But the outcome will be determined not by demons or angels or by courts of men or kings; no, rather the outcome will be that which the church allows.

As Dutch Sheets says we need to pray for a miraculous intervention in the life of Terri; that in whatever way God intervenes the whole thing will be turned into a blessing. We need to do battle to prevent the “avenue of death” that satan is intent on building into the nation for his spirits of death to walk through. We need to pray to stop him from “walking up and down the earth” as he did when he attacked Job. Job did not have an intercessor, he cried out “oh that I had one to intercede for me” (free translation); we need to show that the USA do have not one but many who make intercession.

God can do something miraculous even if Terri dies; He can bring her back. Or He can preserve her alive in spite of having no food. He can as well cause her to cry out for water, or express her pain (death by hunger is not a smooth one because at some point there will be the pangs of hunger, and also the destruction of the stomach tissue which is very painful, think of a stomach ulcer only that in this case might take the whole stomach). He can cause her to speak out her wishes even in a few words before witnesses thus bringing those who did not care for her life into shame and hopefully into repentance.

We need to pray in repentance. The church needs to repent but not for the sins of others, rather first we need to repent for the sins of the church. If we follow the words of James “he who knows how to do good and does not do it sins” we can see how not praying can be a sin actually. Then we can pray effectively repenting for the sins of the nation, and taking a stand before the visible and invisible worlds telling God that we stand for Him and telling satan that we stand against him.

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The Coming Flood of Gods Power

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On the Sunday the 19th of June, a devastating flood hit the village of Helmsley in North Yorkshire. Helmsley is set in the north York moors, one of the most beautiful areas of England. The village and other villages around it where engulfed by a wave of mud and water over 3 feet high, the mud entered every house in the village and cause untold damage .

On the night of the 21st, the Lord gave me a vision or dream I really don’t know which. It was as if I was taken in the Spirit to see this vast devastation. I walked around viewing, looking at the terrible sight.

I asked The Lord "Why are you showing me this, what are you trying to tell me?

The Lord told me that the devastation that I saw was the result of the curse which Adam had placed upon the earth through obeying satan rather then God.

The Lord told me then that what happens on earth, is mirrored by what is happening in the spiritual realm. The Flood that I saw, was satan doing his best to ‘kill, steal and destroy’, but The Lord said that ‘He came to bring abundant life’.

The Lord told me that He is Going to send a full of Holy Ghost Power such as this world as never seen. That while the natural flood deposited mud in the houses, and made them unusable. The Lord was going to send a flood, which would clean up His House, The Church.

This flood was going to remove the mud, from The Church, that is the flesh, mans religion and carnal thinking. The coming Flood would prepare the Church to be the Bride of Christ, it would remove all the gross which man and satan had deposited in it over 2,000 years. God is going to present to himself a bride without spot or wrinkle.

In The flood that it North Yorkshire, the ground soaked up the rain, until the ground could take no more. The flood waters then rushed down the small rivers and streams, engulfing the villages.

The coming flood of Gods power, will be just like that, when the flood waters have purified, the Body of Christ, they will soak into the Body until it can take no more.

Then the flood will flow from the Church as rivers of life-giving water, until the whole earth is filled with

Gods power. This will be the great end-time revival which is prophesied in scripture.

Some scriptures:

Isaiah 59:19
19 So they will see the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the east: for he will come like a rushing stream, forced on by a wind of the Lord.

Joel 2:28
28 "It will happen afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; And your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.
29 And also on the servants and on the handmaids in those days, I will pour out my Spirit.

Ephesians 5:25-27
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Haggai 2:9
9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

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The Crash of Two Planes

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I had a dream early in the morning that I along with my co-workers were in the military in Houston, TX and that we were in some type of camp or military post. It looked like the kind of set up that was on the television show M.A.S.H. were there was a hospital tent, a cafeteria tent and a bedding tent, etc.

We were outside talking and I believed we were given guns and weapons. Some people were gathered in different groups or clicks and were talking "in there own little world".

Someone began to talk to me and as they were talking I looked up in the sky because I noticed a plane. Something about it was odd. It was low like it was going to land at an airport but it was staggering like a drunk person trying to walk. I told the lady that was talking to me that something was wrong with that plane and she said, "Nothings wrong, they are just landing."

I said, "There are no airports around here and secondly it is too low to land that way and to low to fly anywhere." And inside my spirit I felt as if that plane was going to crash. The dream began to move somehow into a slow motion dream. I was telling everyone to move and I began to run to take cover but some people were still talking and stayed were they were. Suddenly we were not in a military place anymore but in the middle of downtown next to a park or an open place that had grass. If anyone has ever been to Houston, they know that our landscaping goes from extremely tall buildings to parks and homes in a matter of seconds. So I was moving in slow motion trying to tell people to move but some were like "Nothing is going to happen, its fine."

Now I am looking at this plane like how can they say nothing is wrong when this plane is low to the ground and it should be high in the air flying. Plus I was kind of upset because no one was listening. Then all of a sudden, after I was trying to warn the people around, the slow motion of my dream turned into regular time and I saw that plane turn towards us, I began to move out of the way and the plane began to fly towards us and it hit the ground at a high speed. It was like, during the slow motion part there was a warning to give, those who did not listen were caught off guard when it crashed and even when it first hit the ground, they continued to talk until a big mushroom cloud eruptedly exploded from the plane crash site and then the dream began to move back into slow motion.

I saw the mushroom cloud expand towards the sky, it was so loud that it made no sound and then suddenly the radiation or dust, whatever the sides of the mushroom ball was, started to expand on the sides to cover all the land. It moved fast like a plague and I saw people still talking and uncovered got evaporated by the ash or whatever the sides of the mushroom cloud was. As I saw it move towards me I jumped up and supernaturally I was able to stay in the air for what seemed like 30 minutes to an hour as the cloud ran pass me. I was untouched. It was as if angels or something lifted me up or god let gravity not keep me down on the earth as this happened. I saw the whole city and then I gradually began to come back down to the ground from my jump. The city was gray where the mushroom cloud was and I looked to my left and right and the rest of the city was still green with a blue sky. That plane that crashed was red. And I also believe that I saw white on it as well, although I can not remember right off hand.

When I saw that both sides of the city were still in color I began to turn around to leave and go away I guess, to get away from what just happened. Immediately when I made an about face, there was a plane in the air, paused in gravity staring me in my face. The nose of the plane was in a downward motion and it was feet away from my face. It was as if I turned around and it was dangling from an invisible hand or string in the sky. I turned back around to where the first plane, the red plane had crashed, the site was still gray, people were dead in ashes. I turned as saw that on both sides of the site on the edges of the city of Houston that they were still green with blue skies and people were talking, having fun. And then I finally turned back around to face the second plane. I knew in my spirit what was going on now.

So I moved out of its way and stepped to the side. As I stepped to the side, the invisible hand or string that was holding the plane in the sky left. As I moved my body in slow motion to the side, that second plane ran fast to the ground and hit at the same site that the first plane hit. But this time, whatever was not killed or dead by the first red and white plane, was killed or dead instantly by the second plane. All I did was watch the plane smash into the ground at a deadly rate. I was not harmed. The second plane was yellow and orange with a brown like color I believe. But I do remember that the second plane's color was kind of loud and a different color that is hard to explain, but all three colors where there in one: yellow, orange, and brown.

Saints please pray for the meaning of this dream and the interpretation of the dream, the message, the colors, the plane crashes and the mushroom cloud. I believe that I do know more about this dream than I did at first as far as what God is trying to say to us. It does seem to me that this dream has a double meaning. 1) A spiritually warning to those who are sleeping on discerning the times and 2) a real time message or war and politics about America for the end times. Maybe the colors of the planes represent countries or governments like communism countries that will destroy America through terrorist or invasions like the other prophets have seen. Maybe the colors represent actual planes that will hit Houston and have bombs on them or terrorists on those planes. We have at least four different air ports, Hobby, Intercontinental, Ellington Flied, Clover field and I do believe that there is a field in Galveston. NASA is located down here as well.

Here is some more insight on my dream from Tim Rivers, a man that I met after posting this dream on www.etpv.org. He wrote to me before I got marriage so my maiden name Williams was on the e-mail. From posting my dreams on different websites, God brings people to me that help in understanding my dreams and to show us that we are not alone in our thinking, that there really is a remnant of end time believers out there.

Hello Ms. Williams,
What came to me as I read and prayed about your plane dream was the Islamic writing about the mothership. I do not know why. I had no way of knowing your past. I personally was unaware that such a teaching existed in regards to the mothership and even now can't tell you what it means. I merely felt led to send you the article no matter how weird it was. The Lord knew your past connections with the Nation of Islam so perhaps the interpretation is that they are involved or influence the attack.

After sending it I saw the colors listed as powers of nations but the article listed "black" while your dream listed orange. **So I do not believe the colors of the planes are nations.** There is no national flag listed as yellow, orange, and brown. The national Islamic religious flag-opposite of their national green and white flag with a moon and star is **red and white.** Colors could be representations for different people but there are really no "orange" people. **A red and white plane could be a medical plane like the Red Cross or a private oil business plane as several oil companies have red and white flags.** The people in the dream did not seem afraid of the low flying plane perhaps because they recognized them from local companies. So they could be a private planes. A small red and white plane was noted in Delaware as dropping something over a dam that was of concern because dams are not regulated as no fly zones. I don't know of a Texas business that may own planes of red and white or yellow, orange, and brown. Maybe in the shipping business? **So the two planes colors may be symbolic of the companies or business they are targeted to hit or are hijacked from.**
Planes in the word may be symbolic of eagles:

Hosea 8:1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee. 3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. 5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocence? 6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. 8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. 9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers. 10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes. 11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin. 12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing. 13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt. 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

Why Houston? The twin towers and the Pentagon were hit because they were symbolic of America's trade and political powers. So why two planes hitting near the same spot in Houston? **Because of biological or medical connections with the military symbolized by the Rice Village? Houston's name means a hill. Houston is well know for its oil, shipping, and medical advancements.**
In Christ
Tim Rivers

Then he further sent me a message saying that Southwest airplanes are orange, yellow and brown.
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1. Why Houston, Texas? Houston means : Hill town. From "Hugh"-intellectual...and "Tune" a settlement or village. The plane attacks the intellect, it is a spiritual battle. In your dream two hit Houston. Something about the medical/biological developments in Houston? Things are not what the seem-about cancer research? Well-known biomedical researcher to join Rice staff. Could be a military/medical connection. What was meant for good-could be used for evil. Rice Village... Condoleezza **Rice- Shipping and Oil.**
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Houston Business Journal
An award-winning biomedical researcher won't officially arrive on the Rice University campus until next year, but she's already making a local impact that's expected to bolster the university's links to the Texas Medical Center.
Rebecca Richards-Kort a pioneer in the development of non-invasive screening methods for cervical cancers and pre-cancers, will become the chair of Rice's Department of Bioengineering in Fall 2005 when she joins the faculty as the Stanley C. Moore Professor of Bioengineering.
She is currently the Cockrell Family Chair in Engineering and a Distinguished Teaching Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin.
"Dr. Richards-Kortum is a rising star and a dynamic leader," said C. Sidney Burrus, dean of Rice's George R. Brown School of Engineering. "Her cutting-edge research in laser spectroscopy, biophysics and diagnostic imaging is complementary with the work of several groups in our Department of Bioengineering, and her strong ties to the Texas Medical Center further Rice's goal of developing robust links between our bioengineering programs and those at research institutions throughout the Gulf Coast region."

Richards-Kortum is leading a University of Texas at Austin team that is part of a collaboration that recently received a five-year, $8 million grant from the National Cancer Institute to learn more about the genetics of cancer development and create new, inexpensive and accurate ways to diagnose cancer and monitor treatment of the disease.

Her UT team is collaborating with research teams from Houston's The University of Texas M. D. Andersen Cancer Center, the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, the University of Arizona and the British Columbia Cancer Agency.

The joint effort will develop miniature, disposable microscopes that doctors can use to rapidly diagnose tumor genotypes for lung, oral and cervical cancers -- which combined represent more than 20 percent of tumors and cancer deaths worldwide -- without conducting a biopsy.

The project involves identifying genetic and molecular signatures of the tumors and then developing contrast agents to bind to the tumor cells with those signatures. Once those markers are highlighted, doctors will be able to see the molecular changes that precede physical changes they look for in early detection. . . . "This is an incredibly exciting time to be joining Rice," said Richards-Kortum. "I'm looking forward to playing an active role in helping to shape future collaborations with the Texas Medical Center and continuing to develop premier educational and research programs in bioengineering."

A city of southeast Texas northwest of Galveston. Founded in 1836 and named for Sam Houston, it is a major **industrial, commercial, and financial hub**, the center of the U.S. aerospace industry, and a deep-water port connected with Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico by the **Houston Ship Channel.** Houston is also the largest city in Texas. Population: 2,000,000. **Shipping and Oil.**
Selah - Pause and consider

2. Why a military camp with a hospital tent? They come under the pretense of peace but bring utter destruction. Both as seen in the Holy Writ about end-times.

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Delusion falls upon the people during the end-times.

I saw the mushroom cloud expand towards the sky, it was so loud that it made no sound and then suddenly the radiation or dust, whatever the sides of the mushroom ball was, starting to expand on the sides to cover all the land. It moved fast like a plague and I saw people still talking and uncover get evaporated by the ash or whatever the sides of the mushroom cloud was. As I saw it move towards me I jumped up and supernaturally I was able to stay in the air for what seemed like 30 minutes to a hour as the cloud ran passed me. I was untouched. It was as if angels or something lifted me up or God let gravity not keep me down on the earth as this happened. I saw the whole city and then I gradually began to come back down to the ground from my jump. The city was gray where the mushroom cloud was and I looked to my left and right and the rest of the city was still green with a blue sky. That plane that crashed was red. And I also believe that I saw white on it as well, although I can not remember right off hand. When I saw that both sides of the city were still in color I began to turn around to leave and go away I guess, the get away from what just happened. Immediately when I made an about face, there was a plane in the air, paused in gravity staring me in my face.

3. You were translated before the plane crashed and destruction came upon the city.

As I moved my body in slow motion to the side, that second plane ran fast to the ground and hit at the same site that the first plane hit. But this time, whatever was not killed or dead by the first red and white plane, was killed or dead instantly by the second plane. All I did was watch the plane smash into the ground at a deadly rate. I was not harmed. The second plane was yellow and orange with a brown like color I believe. But I do remember that the second plane's color was kind of loud like and a different color that is hard to explain, but all three colors where there in one: yellow, orange, and brown.

4. Why 2 planes? The first plane did not destroy completely but was quickly followed by a second.

Saints please pray for the meaning of this dream and the interpretation of the dream, the message, the colors, the plane crashes and the mushroom cloud. I believe that I do know more about this dream than I did at first as far as what God is trying to say to us. It does seem to me that this dream has a double meaning. 1) A spiritually warning to those who are sleeping on discerning the times and 2) a real time message or war and politics about America for the end times. Maybe the colors of the planes represent countries or governments like communism countries that will destroy America through terrorist or invasions like the other prophets have seen.

The meaning of the two planes are one of judgment and of prophecy, they may represent countries that plan on attacking America.

How do those differ to you? Are you saying one plane is symbolic of judgment and the other of prophecy? the fist being the prophetic one-a plane thought to bring healing (the people were not afraid even though it was flying low-it was red and white perhaps recognized as bringing medical supplies but really brought plague while the second brought complete judgment?

Biblical prophecy returns again and again to the subject of the coming judgment. So I sent this from a teaching in the Nation of Islam:

17 There are five great powers of the nations of the earth. These five Powers are the Black, Brown, Yellow, Red and white. Of the four Original Powers, the Red is not an equal Power. The vision shows the four creatures being lifted up from the earth. When the wheel was lifted up, they were lifted up and when the wheel stood, they stood. This means that they waited upon the movement of the wheel.
18 In Ezekiel's vision concerning the wheel, he said that he heard the voice of one tell the other to take coals of fire and to scatter it over the cities; this means bombs. It could mean fire too, however. The Plane is to drop bombs which would automatically be timed to burrow quickly to a position of one mile below the surface of the earth where they are timed to explode.
19 Allah (God) taught me that these bombs are not to be dropped into water. They are to be dropped only on the cities. It will be the work of the wheel. The wheel is the power of the four creatures, namely the four colors of the Black man (Black, brown, yellow and red). The red Indian is to benefit also from the judgment of the world.

Why orange and not black? While the above is not biblical the colors of the two planes in your dream would seem to represent people or nations/world powers. So the article I sent was to show the difference. Your dream has the color orange. Just seemed to stand out. Also I did not know you wee involved with the Nation of Islam for 3 years I just felt led to send you the site/article perhaps because it means these things are coming leading to the second coming of our Lord.
The difference as we know the nation of Israel will play the significant part in the end-times. There is also spiritual Israel. America is made up of all nations and has influence around the world.
Looking unto Jesus,
Tim River

The Fall of America CHAPTER 58 The Mother Plane
1 The Mother Plane was made to destroy this world of evil and to show the wisdom and mighty power of the God Whom came to destroy an old world and set up a new world.
2 The nature of the new world is righteousness. The nature of the new world cannot be righteousness, as long as unrighteousness is in its midst.
6 There are planes in various nations today, but this is the mother of them all.
7 Why? Because this type of plane was used before the making of this world.
8 Why should God make such a sign of His power to destroy a nation? Because this is the final destruction of that people who have opposed God in His purpose and aims for Justice and Righteousness.
12 In the 1930's Canadian newspapers reported that they saw the wheel (Mother Plane). It came down out of the sky. They admitted that it looked like a great city, and that something came down from it; it appeared to be a tube, but the tube-like thing went back

16 The four creatures represents the four colors of the original people of the earth.
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20 We must remember that God comes to separate from the righteous that which is hindering the righteous from making progress and to destroy the effect of the poison of that which has opposed the righteous. The effect of the poison will be fully destroyed after the destruction of the source of the poison, which as poisoned the righteous.
21 It is like one being bitten by a rattlesnake. Quickly medication is administered in order to minimize the effect of the poison upon flesh and blood until a complete cure is effected; and the patient recuperates and is well again.
23 The disbeliever believes that which he sees present and not that which is prophesied to come. That is why he is the loser and takes the course to hell, because he disbelieves in that which is prophesied to come about a particular day.

Thank you Tim Rivers for showing and reminding me of this writing as well. Those were parts of the Nation of Islam's The Fall of America, written by Elijah Muhammad. The underlined parts are what were relevant to my dream and prophecy from the bible. It is amazing that other religions do have something to offer in the prophecy puzzle, but they are missing Jesus Christ.

The Cocoon

Judy Bauman

This vision was very vivid and played like a movie on a scroll in the right-hand corner of the room where I was sitting. This is what I saw:

There was a man who was distraught and weeping bitterly. He was bent down on one knee, naked, and his face was buried in his hands as he wept. In the air above him and to his right appeared a hand with a Bible in it. The man looked up in his broken state and he saw the hand offering him the Bible. With hope in his eyes, he reached up and took it. As he opened the Book, the words came off the pages like a thread and they began to wrap around the man. The Words encircled him until I couldn't see anything but a large white cocoon. The cocoon was very still for a period of time. Then it slowly began to rock back and forth, and soon there was more and more movement. I could tell there was a struggle going on inside of the cocoon. The cocoon began to split then suddenly it tore open. A huge butterfly adorned in stunning heavenly colors came out and quickly flew across the room and out my window! It was the most beautiful, vibrant butterfly I have ever seen. I looked back at the corner because I really wanted to see this again, but the scroll rolled up and disappeared.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

This vision speaks in two ways. First, in our broken state, the Lord's word has transforming power to change our lives.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God

Without God's word working to transform us, we are broken, naked, wretched, miserable, poor, blind and lost. It is when we dig for His gold in the Bible – when we invest time in study – that we become rich. *See Revelation 3:17, 18 and 2 Timothy 2:15*

We truly are 'worms' without the blood of Jesus covering our sins and the Word of God with its transforming power at work in our lives. The cocoon seems to be symbolic of dying in Christ and the butterfly represents being reborn of God. See Ephesians 2:10

Until we come to that broken place, we can never know how much we truly need God. When the Word of God is opened up to a broken heart, then the Lord can make miraculous changes in even the most miserable of souls. His Word will accomplish the purpose for which He sent it. *See Isaiah 55:10, 11.* I was strongly impressed that this man was incarcerated. However, we must consider the fact that any bondage to sin can be a prison sentence.

It takes time to make a transition into a life IN CHRIST, but the beauty of being a new creation is worth it. Remember too that it is important to allow the struggle that occurs on the inside. It is the struggle inside a cocoon that strengthens the wings of the butterfly, and without the struggle the butterfly could not take flight.

John 8:36 "Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

The second part of this vision that has stood out to me is 'the hand' that gives the Bible to the broken man. As we invest in other people's lives by handing them a Bible, we bring the transforming of God into their lives. We need to invest our own resources to get Bibles into the hands of those in desperate need of transformation.

Luke 12:34 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be."

It is worth noting that spiritual discernment was key in the 'hand' giving this man a Bible at the exact time of his desperation. I believe this hand was led by the Holy Spirit. May we be sensitive to God the Father's drawing of the lost to Himself and be ready to give what is needed when the fullness of time has come in that person's life.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you.
In Christ,
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The City of Refuge

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This is a day of pressing in and breaking through. As you have journeyed through the desert, I have brought you a refreshing drink of water in times of dryness. This is the season and the time to move towards your City of Refuge as I have shone My light on your pathway. Faithful are those who have journeyed and traveled and now stand at the front of the city gate.

I have set a place in order for you, a dwelling place. For you have prayed, persisted and endured the fullness of the cross to get to this very point where you stand right now. So do not ponder and stare at the city gates wondering, “Is there a blessing inside this fortified place or shall I look for another?” Do not allow procrastination to deposit doubt and unbelief in your heart, but be free to enter into the fullness of your salvation. Pull down all vain imaginations and know that there is freedom in entering into the city through the city gates.....

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Refining

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This is a season of perfecting. Your vision and pathway shall be refined. I declare that you are My precious ones called by My name. Therefore, go forth with my boldness to fulfill My plan and purpose for your life. The tests and trials you have endured have purged you and cleansed you to this point. I ask you now, to throw all of your personal desires into My melting pot and allow the heat to separate the spirit from the flesh.
It is My desire to give you the very best and I will sift through the dross of your life and pour back into you My empowered anointing. You will be equipped to move into the next stage and purpose of your call. Be encouraged and strengthened by the vision that is set before your eyes. A new light will shine forth and many will see the fullness of My Spirit within you. Go forth and help others to receive the marvelous light of My Son, Jesus.

Malachi 3:3
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold

and silver, that they may offer to the Lord an offering in righteousness.

Seeds of Saying-Harvest of Hands
Doug Patterson

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This is a day of increase, for a new breakthrough is coming upon you to see My word magnified in spirit and in grace. Within your heart there is a power source; a power to praise, prophecy, preach and proclaim that My Living Word is true. I have given My people the authority to overcome the obstacles of this world. Seed time and harvest belong to you. You have been faithful in your tithes and your offerings but you will now be sowing new seeds. They will have life and strength in them. It will be the Living Word of God coming from your mouth. These are my “seeds of saying,” for from your heart you will speak forth seeds of life. Believe in the multiplication of My word to grow in the ground in which it is planted. These seeds will grow in the hearts of people who are hungry and thirsty for the fullness of My Word. As you continue to pray for those you have spoken to, they will know of My unconditional love and mercy and they will experience My revelation in their lives.

After the “seeds of saying,” have completed a perfect work, prepare for the “harvest of hands”. Your hands extended will reap a multiplied harvest and embrace people with My love and compassion. For My Living Word has been sown with faith and received in faith, as I have commissioned each one of you to bring in a harvest of souls. You have the seeds of life within you and this is the day to sow them across the nations, for the harvest of souls belongs to Me.

Mark 4:13
And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? The sower sows the word.

John 4:35
…. Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

The Church Of The Lion

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A Prophetic Word For Africa

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Last weekend my husband and I traveled to the borders of the Kruger National Park, staying in out of the way places - Roosenkekaal, Lydenberg - whose names I knew were nudging at some old memory - but I couldn't quite put my finger on it. All weekend I knew that the Lord was trying to say something to me, but I could not get hold of it. As I was praying this morning it all fell neatly into place.

Years ago I was shown some old photographs taken in Roosenekal, which I had almost forgotten until now. The photos - taken around 1910 - were of lion hunters, who were sent to the area around Roosenekal to shoot the lions who were killing farmers' livestock. One of the pictures I remember particularly - it showed the proud lion hunters with 5 magnificent lions which they had shot. Hundreds of lions must have been destroyed during this period. Eventually the remaining lions driven East and confined by a fence in the Kruger Park.

When the pictures came pouring back into my memory I realised that the Lord was saying something to me about the church in Africa.

The lion symbolizes the Lord Jesus, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah; but in Africa the lion is a symbol of African strength. As the Lion, Jesus has been Lord and roamed free across whole African nations . From South Africa to the Sahara dessert in the North, Africa has been a Christian continent. The enemies who came against the church in Africa have lasted for a while - and then been defeated, the African church is now at its strongest in places where Islam has tried to take hold. From the evil of apartheid to the horror of ethnic cleansing again and again African people have risen up and overcome, turning to God in repentance, receiving renewal time after time.

But there is a new enemy in Africa. This time the enemy has come promising not war but peace. This enemy pulls down houses and says he will build better ones for the people - but he leaves them homeless and destitute. This enemy rolls out health care and education for the people - but he promises more than he delivers; he promises jobs; he promises that all can live in peace and prosperity in the land. His vision is materialism; his rallying cry is "development"; his sacred cattle are beginning to graze on the hills and the plains of Africa.

When the church of the Lion roars "there is no peace without Jesus", the enemy sends his hunters;

when the church of the Lion attacks the sacred cow of materialism he declares the Lion to be a danger; when the people of the Lion stand between the bulldozers and the shacks of the poor he is ready strike out at the Lion and his people. When the people of the Lion declare that disease can be stemmed only by righteous living he pooh-poohs the Lion and hands out condoms; an undeclared war is brewing - the enemy who comes with promised of development and visions of material prosperity will not baulk at destroying the people of the Lion - and those he can not he will drive Eastward and confine them so that they can no longer attack the sacred cows that promise a peace based on materialism

The church in Africa is facing a crisis, but she has not yet realised it. There will be persecution of those who speak out against this enemy - there will be martyrs. Some will be imprisoned, some will be exiled, some will be isolated as this enemy becomes stronger and his cattle multiply. The Lord is calling his church - you have had a time of peace, but now comes a time of war. Rise up and speak prophetically to your community, to your tribe, to your nation - the peace which this enemy promises is not peace. It is confusion; it is a loss of identity; it is slavery to materialism; it is the bondage of sin and excess. You can not serve two Masters. If the Lord is your Master it is time to reject the baited lure of wealth and material security for the true peace of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Lord is looking for those who will heed this warning. He will know them because they will give. They will honour him with their giving. Those who have wealth will give it; those who have property will open their doors to those who have nothing; those who have time will use it to bring the love and the comfort of the gospel to their communities; those who have resources will spend them in the service of the Gospel. But those who embrace the deception of this enemy will begin to withhold their time, talents and money from the church and their community as they embrace this false peace that is being offered them. Choose who you will serve! The Lord is calling his church to awake, arise and mobilize for a battle. He knows who are his - he is calling them.

The Canvas Of Your Life

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The Canvas Of Your Life

Do not forsake Me in the little gifts. I have lovingly placed each one of them in perfect order into your life. Whoosh, like a canvas in the sky, I paint every little detail. Always remember that within the complexities of life, there is nothing too complicated that My love cannot fix. If you are looking down, I will send you a penny for you to know you are sent. If you are looking up, I will give you a rainbow. Always, in every detail, I will reach you with the tiniest of details to paint your life with the color of My ever-loving kindness. I give you these little reminders to say that you are never alone, never forgotten, and always on My heart. Let Me paint your life with My color and beauty and let Me fill in all the details. I AM building My temple within you and have promised to raise you up.

1 Kings 6:37-38 NLT

The foundation of the LORD's Temple was laid in midspring of the fourth year of Solomon's reign. The entire building was completed in every detail by midautumn of the eleventh year of his reign. So it took seven years to build the Temple.

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To Stir Your Faith

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To Stir Your Faith

I love you My dear ones, stand strong in Me.
I hear you calling over wobbly knees.
Tis your faith that's tried in the fires of life,
Tis your faith that's wounded from surgery's knife.

Yes, the enemy intended destruction
As faith simmered or' the fires of reduction.
Persevered to pray for one another's faith,
It boiled down from the weakness of disgrace.

You felt tossed and turned from the trials of life.
Rolled over with the punches and laid down strife.
I kept you from burning as I stirred your pot,
While you waited on Me to cook the whole lot.

Yes, the soup was hot, much too hot to taste.
It cooled a bit, couldn't hurry its pace.
I AM the Master, the great Master Chef.
My work is perfect as you taste what's left.

To stretch and grow has been hard on you.
Sifting came and went through transition too.
The time is up and you're in a new place,
No more pain from remorse or disgrace.

It is I that moved from one place to another
As you held onto Me and prayed for each other.
You prayed for more faith, to be stable and set
You prayed to be cleansed and without regret.

I heard your prayers and you trusted in Me.
That I do all things well as you bowed your knee.
Keep on praying until your hearts are settled.
>From all that was tossed and turned disheveled.

Your prayers are multiplied for many in despair.
They know not their Father and how much I care. .
Your time has been multiplied over and again.
You have broken through ground and you will mend.

Their pain is much worse than you can imagine.
What you have tasted is just a small fraction.
Thank you for your sacrifices of real love
As you've clung to Me and sought Me from above.

You've stayed in synch and rolled with the punches,
Your faith did not fall as you followed your hunches.
Now your circle is over and yes it is up.
You can taste new soup and enjoy the sup.

Isa 28:23-29 NLT
Listen to me; listen as I plead! Does a farmer always plow and never sow? Is he forever cultivating the soil and never planting it? Does he not finally plant his seeds for dill, cumin, wheat, barley, and spelt, each in its own section of his land? The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. He doesn't thresh all his crops the same way. A heavy sledge is never used on dill; rather, it is beaten with a light stick. A threshing wheel is never rolled on cumin; instead, it is beaten softly with a flail. Bread grain is easily crushed, so he doesn't keep on pounding it. He threshes it under the wheels of a cart, but he doesn't pulverize it. The LORD Almighty is a wonderful teacher, and he gives the farmer great wisdom.

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Training Behind The Scenes
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Training Behind The Scenes
Behind the scenes, in secret training places, I have been raising many for leadership. I grant them wisdom and understanding to discern the scenes of humanity from the side lines, regarding control, religion and agendas. I give this wisdom to clearly candle hearts so My trainees might pray according to My will. As they offer the things they see in loving prayer, with fearful hearts lest they too fall into the same plight, they embrace this training to apply to their own lives. This is My preparation for their own futures, for I weave every circumstance of their lives into preparatory Words for another day.

By witnessing humanity without judging them, they are given eyes, ears and hearts to accurately discern issues which do not line up with My desires. I reveal these things so they will learn by observing the successes as well as the failings of those who walk before them. I give the failings they witness as loud signs for their own preparation. In My mercy, I train them second hand so they need not learn the same lessons through the school of hard knocks. Instead, I give them these silent lessons to listen, learn and grow, lest they fall into the same mistakes. In the same manner, the successes they witness will foster the hope and courage that will bring them along into their own future calling. Loved ones, listen to wisdom that is planted in your heart as you see behind the scenes.

Prov 4:11-12 NLT
I will teach you wisdom's ways and lead you in straight paths. If you live a life guided by wisdom , you won't limp or stumble as you run.

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When You Get Off Track
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WHEN YOU GET OFF TRACK
Beloved there are times when you get hit by distraction, or even broad-sided by the enemy and you lose your spiritual position and direction. Pray that I will bring you back into your resting place in Me. As you lean against My heart beat, I shall bring things back into focus and clarity for you. Always remember to return to the last confirmed Words I gave you. These are your memorial stones or pillars of faith. Ask Me to bring the reality of them back to you and watch Me restore your sight back to where you were before this temporary fog of circumstances distracted you.

Deut 11:18-21 NKJV
"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth.

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The Coming Persecution Of The Remnant

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Background

For nearly a year now I have been aware that persecution of the remnant Bride of Christ will not only come from the Antichrist and his minions, but from our brothers and sisters in the church. In fact when the true Apostles and Prophets are released in the near future, they will be persecuted, however the Lord will use this persecution to refine His Prophets and Apostles even more, and cause them to walk in the high and holy hills with Him!

You ask how is this possible. Beloveds when the Son of God came was it not they of the Temple that cried crucify him? Was it not they that accused him of casting out spirits by Beelzebub? Does the Word not say we will suffer persecution as He did?

Joh 19:6 When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for I find no fault in him.

Matthew 12:24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

While seeking the Lord's face recently on the coming persecution, I heard Naboth and Sanballet.

Naboth Killed For The Vineyard By Jezebel

1Kings 21:6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard.21:7 **And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.**

Who is the scarlet attired woman that rides the beast of mystery Babylon, but Jezebel herself, the spirit of control, a false prophet and mother of spiritual harlotries and whoredoms, and weak and easily led astray and manipulated Ahabs followed her (some of those who are still not hearing to come out of her). This false holy spirit has coveted the Lord's vineyard for centuries and indeed governs much of what is rightfully the Lord's vineyard today!

Revelation 17:3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.17:4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

1 Kings 21:8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. 21:9 And she wrote in the

letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, **and set Naboth on high among the people**: 21:12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.

At first Jezebel will send flattering lips to set you up on high among the people; to set the chosen up for a fall, for pride cometh before a fall.

21:13 **And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him**, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king.

When this does not work, the spirit of Jezebel will send out the false prophets of Baal against those who are calling people out of the Babylonian systems of the church and accuse them of blasphemy (also will rail accusations of being a false prophet for the Jezebel spirit will nearly always accuse you of that which she is walking in).

Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died. 21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. 21:15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, **which he refused to give thee for money**: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

Those who do not bow to the spirit of mammon (in the Babylonian church system) will be in danger of being "stoned" by the very ones they seek to deliver from this Babylonian system. In fact many of the chosen are being called to lay down everything pertaining to Egypt/Babylon at this time.

21:16 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.21:18 Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. 21:19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying**, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.**

The dogs licked the blood of Jezebel at Jezreel, after Jehu had her cast out of her lofty window by two eunuchs; those who are not subject to her lustful ways; pride of life and lusts of the flesh, and her painted face (a sign of her carnal lustfulness but also of spiritual masks). We are to ask the Lord for the anointing of Jehu to cast down Jezebel. He didn't allow her to speak but had her cast down.

2Ki 9:30 **And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard *of it*; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.** 9:31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* Zimri peace, who slew his master? 9:32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? **And there looked out to him two *or* three eunuchs.** 9:33 And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot. 29:34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for she *is* a king's daughter. 9:35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of *her* hands.

2Kings 9:21 And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, **and they went out against Jehu,** and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite.

9:25 Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him; 9:26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the *plat of ground, according to the word of the LORD. (*plat also means slippery places)

Those who continue to rise up against the Jehus will be judged by the Lord Himself, He will avenge the blood of His prophets. I have for some weeks been having an open vision of the ground opening up and people disappearing alive into the earth.

Numbers 16:33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.

Spirit of rebellion - Sanballat

Nehemiah 2:10 When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.

Not all will be pleased with the new move of the Lord to restore His church.

Nehemiah 2:19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?

The true remnant will be accused of being in rebellion to the Lord, for the new move of the Lord will not be by the might or of the power of man, but by His Spirit, and this will upset the "apple cart" of the religious leaders. Their insecurity of being the leader appointed by man (or self) and being supplanted by the true leading of the Holy Spirit through His Apostles and Prophets, will cause loss of position and possibly of the financial support that they enjoyed in the past.

Nehemiah 4:1 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews.

Nehemiah 4:7 But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,

Nehemiah 6:1 Now it came to pass when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) 6:2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief.

Those who are called to build the walls and to repair the breaches of the church will come up against great wroth. The spirit of rebellion- Sanballat, walks with the spirit of pride - Leviathan who, as discussed before, is one of the manifestations of Lucifer who wanted to be like the Most High God and rebelled.

The true remnant will also come against the spirits of religion (even in born again churches, who have been taken captive although they are unaware of it) and spirits of spiritual pride. There are hardly more foul spirits than the spirits of spiritual pride and the religious spirit, which have the mask of righteousness but are as a whited sepulcher, full of the unclean

things.

As a side note, many have been deeply wounded and have left the church because of these spirits operating there. A place of healing and safety has been a place of even deeper wounding and captivity (religious bondage) this is going to change, either in the existing churches (if they are willing to humble themselves) and/or in new ministries and houses of refuge the Lord is bringing about. These ministries and houses of refuge will be places of healing- emotional and physical and prayer where the anointing will be so powerful that all will know that it is a work of the Lord and man will be hidden.

Pray that the spirit of religion and spiritual pride does not take the chosen captive and a work of the Lord "dies" as has occurred with previous revivals where man has thought it prudent to control when ministries got large! We have to remain dead to self and trust the Lord's guidance and leading in all things.

The End Of The Matter

Neh 6:15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth *day* of *the month* Elul, in fifty and two days.
6:16 **And it came to pass, that when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that *were* about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.**

The Lord will have a Church with all walls and breaches restored and therefore a Bride without spot or blemish to go forth and restore all things beneath His Feet and for His Glory to be made known throughout the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Amen and amen!

The Crash

A Dream by Nancy Gaitan
Interpretation by Bill Somers

[Originally written July 2000]

First the dream Nancy Gaitan

I had a dream in which I was riding in an "old" car, there was an older man driving, and an older woman sitting next to him in the front seat. I

was sitting in the back seat looking around. We were on a dirt road going up the north side of a mountain (in the dream the mountain was a mountain here called Konocti).

I looked out of the window and on my left, I saw a large commercial plane. It was painted Red, White, and Blue (this part I believe is significant to the larger picture, as we live in a small rural community where there is not an airport for commercial airlines to land here). It seemed to be circling and getting lower and lower, all of a sudden I realized, the plane was going to CRASH into the side of the mountain! It was right over our heads now and I said to the older man who was traveling very slowly, to HURRY UP, and get out of there! All of a sudden the plane crashed into the side of the mountain. It was a very terrible crash.

Suddenly I was no longer in the old car, but on a bicycle by myself trying to get away, when I noticed a large group of people milling around the crash site. There were some news crews, TV people, cameras etc. They were all hanging around the crash. I then started peddling as fast as I could to get as FAR AWAY from the crash as I could, when all of a sudden I looked behind me to the mountain where the plane had crashed, and there was a HUGE fiery explosion, that went miles into the air!! I said "Oh God, all of those people!! I then started peddling frantically knowing I had to get to higher ground, and put as much space as possible between myself and the explosion. The dream then ended.

A couple of items from the dream occurred to us. The commercial plane being painted Red, White, and Blue, would seem to signify America. The news media being present at the crash. We wondered if there might be a financial crash coming on the horizon? The older car and people she could relate to some things she has been praying about, but wonders if they also have a larger significance. Anyway, please pray, and would appreciate any insight the Lord would give, especially for prayer and intercession.

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Interpretation – Bill Somers

The dreamer represents the prophetic element of the present church. While two old people driving the car, represent the present church leadership. They are in the drivers and navigators seats, and in control of things. The fresh young prophetic people are represented by the rider stuck away in the back, suppressed and ignored.

They are pursuing the things of God as best as they know how. This is shown in that they are driving up the north side of the mountain. [Let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. . . . Mt. Zion on the side of the north.]

The other detail here is that it’s a dirt road, one that is not well traveled. This shows that not many are truly seeking the kingdom even in this day.

The prophetic person can clearly see that the plane is going to crash, but the others cannot.

The prophetic dreamer attempts to warn the driver of the crash, that time is short. The Plane is right over their heads at this point. [Come out of her my people.}

The plane crash of the USA, obviously, is an economic crash as suggested by the fact that it is a commercial plane, not a military one.

Other details speak as well. The plane in going in circles, lower and lower. This shows that the USA has lost it course and is on a downward spiral morally.

Also as the mountain represents the things of God, the USA crashing into the mountain indicates a conflict between the course that the USA is on and the things of God.

The fact that after wards the dreamer in on a bicycle shows two things. A. After the crash, automotive transportation will be out of the picture [a result of economic collapse]. B, so will the old order in the church [a result of the great shaking].

The crash attracts much attention and commotion, but the prophetic person knows enough to flee the following judgment, whose description could well be that of a nuclear explosion, with it's mushroom cloud going miles into the air. This is signifying the judgment of nuclear war to follow the economic crash.

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End Time Prophetic Vision

The Crosses Return

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A Dream within a Dream: The Crosses Return
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Recently, I have felt prompted to release specific dreams and visions from when I first committed my life to the Lord. The night I had this dream I had talked with my brother on the phone. He told me that he had a dream the night before that he was standing in a huge open field at night and could see many stars, but he knew there was something else there. My brother said he asked the Lord what it was He was trying to show him, but he couldn't see it. He reported awaking from that dream disappointed. Before I went to sleep that evening, I asked the Lord if He would show me what He was trying to show my brother.

July 14, 1997

I dreamed that I was traveling with a group of people. It seemed to me that we were a ministry team and we knew each other very well in the dream, but when I awoke I had no idea who they were. In the dream, I was exhausted and I asked the person we were visiting if I could take a nap in the back room. I went back to lie down and soon was in a deep sleep.

While I took this nap, I began to dream. (So it was a dream within a dream) As with my brother, I was standing in a huge open field and the night sky was full with stars. I looked up and saw one star that looked very bright and was twinkling in a dynamic manner. I carefully watched it and noticed that it was getting larger. I really was concentrating on this star trying to fathom and comprehend what the Lord was showing me. Then I realized the star appeared to be getting larger because it was actually moving closer to the earth. It got to be so radiant that I could hardly look at it. As it came nearer to me, I realized it was not a star at all, but an extremely bright and luminous gold cross.

One reason it flickered was because it was rotating on its axis. I could see there was something wrapped around it, but I couldn't tell what it was at first. Then I realized the only reason I could gaze at the cross at all was because it had grape leaves draped over it. It reminded me of South Dakota Gold. The grape leaves kept me from being blinded by the intense brilliance of the cross. The other reason it flickered really brightly at times was that as it was coming towards the earth, it also seemed to be growing larger and then getting smaller. Even though it was a considerable distance from me, as it came closer, I could see that it split from being just one cross, to three crosses, and then to seven crosses! The One Cross was always in the center. The crosses on the right side went behind the center cross and the crosses on the left side went in front of it in a straight line. They then moved in the opposite direction outwardly. This is how the three became seven crosses, and then they became three crosses again, then back into the One Cross. The whole time they were each spinning on their own axis. The crosses moved in this fashion the entire time they approached the earth. They each had grape leaves draped over them and I could see the stars in the background. It was a magnificent sight!

When I woke up from the ‘nap’ I went in and told my missionary friends about this dream. They each in turn shared with me what they thought the dream meant. Then I awoke from the dream.

I do believe the simplest interpretation of this dream is that Christ is returning to the earth. Even though the crosses were still far off, I could see their approach and felt the urgency of teaching the Gospel before Jesus’ return.

Here are some other thoughts in interpreting this dream:

God Almighty is symbolized in the One Cross representing Unity and Primacy as the All Sufficient One. God is All-Powerful and Supreme. He is *The* Way, *The* Truth, *The* Life and none come to the Father but through Christ. The cross is symbolic of the method used to slay the Lamb of God.

The Three Crosses reflect God’s divine completeness and perfection. Three represents the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is omnipresent, omniscience, and omnipotent. He completes all time in the past, present and future; though He is not subject to time. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; Peter, James, and John. Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days, and he was a foreshadowing of Christ rising from the dead in divine perfection on the third day. Jesus validated Jonah’s testimony in Matthew 12:40 and again in 16:4. It also states in 1 John 5:7-8, “For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three who bear witness on the earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood. These agree as one.”

The Seven Crosses denote spiritual perfection found in the Seven Spirits before his throne, and signify He is coming in fullness, strength and perfect power. The Seven Spirits are the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Might, the Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord. This is the sevenfold anointing of the Messiah. The Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world, the Lion of the tribe of Judah is the only One who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals. Having seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He alone is worthy to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing! Amen! These are the sevenfold ascriptions to Christ. See Isaiah 11:2 and Revelations 1:4; 4:5, 5:1-14.

He is the Vine and we are the branches. Grape leaves bring nourishment to the fruit of the vine. Grapes are the fruit which Jesus used in proclamation of the new covenant. We drink from the cup in remembrance of what Christ did for the remission of our sins. The grapes also represent Jesus’ first miracle and the fruit of the Spirit. More practically in this dream, the grape leaves were used to veil the brilliance of God, so that I could see His return is near. The crosses were draped and shielded from full view to keep from blinding me. We know in part and prophecy in part. We know not when He will return, only the Father knows (Mark 13:32). We are to be doing our part, but only in obedience, in carrying out the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. We are to be aware that He is coming back as He promised He would do; however, we must also understand that He is slow in His return, as He doesn’t desire anyone to perish. See 2 Peter 3:1-18. We are each responsible to be about our

Father's business until Christ's return. The key is to walk in obedience and wisdom. Even Jesus had to wait and grow up before He could walk fully in His ministry.

The 'dream within a dream' seems to be symbolic of going deeper for revelation. In this part of the dream I was so exhausted. To this day I remember how tired my body felt as I asked the host if I could take a nap and how deeply I was sleeping. This brings to mind when Jesus said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9. This also reminds me of when Jesus told His disciples after an exhausting night of fishing to let out the nets and get ready for a haul. Deep calls unto deep! See Luke 5:4-10 and Psalm 42:7

In this dream the Lord revealed His grace in a potent way. For me to ask God to show me something - and for Him to do it - was an amazing example of His love and grace. I just realized that I had been serving Christ for about five months when I had this dream, and it is interesting to me, as 5 is the number of Grace! All glory and honor to our God!

Another thing that I now see that I had not seen before is the significance of the date of this dream. July 14th or 7/14 is relevant to the Scripture that has been an essential word for our day found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land." For another dream and interpretation concerning the importance of seeking God's face you may click on http://etpv.org/2004/wmshf.html

If you feel you have something to add to this interpretation, please feel free to write me. When my friends shared their interpretations the Lord taught me how to sense when He is in the interpretation. Remember, Joseph was careful to teach us that interpretations of dreams belong to God. Also there is safety in the multitude of counselors. See Genesis 40:8 and Proverbs 11:14.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus Christ,
Judy

The Crystal Eagle

Debbi Carlson

Nov 23, 2005

The Crystal Eagle Dream

A dear friend of mine, Anita Hester, called me recently to share a dream that she heard told on October 30th at The Advocate Center in Birmingham, AL. We both knew that this was a call to intercede for our President and that the body of Christ must be alerted to pray.

I was able to contact the dreamer, Deborah Talley, who has given me permission to share it. Here is the dream:

The Crystal Eagle Dream

10-29-05

"As I was sleeping, I began to dream that I was standing in a school lobby that I didn't recognize. The only article of furniture that was in this lobby was a tall, lighted, glass trophy case that was completely empty.

I walked over to the case and a man in a dress suite appeared inside the case and I realized that it was our President, George W. Bush. All of a sudden, Pres. Bush turned into a huge, extraordinarily beautiful crystal eagle with its wings uplifted, as in flight. I was mesmerized at its crystalline beauty and was a little undecided as to whether it was crystal or ice. But, the sparkling brilliance was something to remember.

Just as quickly as the President had become the eagle, the eagle then began to melt like ice into a tremendous, brown bear that was roaring. I was drawn closer to the bear because I sensed something unusual about it. As I drew nearer, I saw tears starting to fall from its eyes. I felt a terrible sadness. It was then that I awoke from this dream."

Deborah Talley

Interpretation

This is the interpretation given to Anita Hester:

"God has called our president to be a crystal clear prophetic voice for this nation, but the enemy wants to destroy and defeat him and have him as a trophy in his case."

Obviously, this dream is a call to intercession for our Commander in Chief. God has revealed His plan for our President as well as the enemy's plan for him. God has said that if two of us agree as touching anything, it shall be done for us! So let's pray and agree that our President will rise up and be that CRYSTAL CLEAR PROPHETIC VOICE, and that the enemy will NOT be able to silence or destroy him. This can only be accomplished through fervent intercession of the righteous!

Prayer:
Father, first of all we thank You for revealing Your plans to us so that we can get into agreement with You, and also for revealing the plan of the enemy so that we can cancel it.

So Lord, we ask that You would protect President Bush, protect his very life, his voice, his spirit, his destiny. Post and strengthen Your angels around him. Open his eyes that he might see, and his ears that he would hear what You are saying to him and what You want to speak through him. Speak loud and clear to him in ways that he will be able to hear You over and above the counsel of the wicked.

We cut off the deception and lies of the wicked one and cancel the assignments he had planned against G. W. Bush to destroy him and even his plans to destroy this nation. We thank You that G. W. Bush stands in the counsel of the Lord and that he heeds and obeys Your Voice regardless of the opinion of others.

Give President Bush boldness to speak forth that which You have spoken to him. Surround him with godly counsel, speak to him through Your word, through Your prophets, through dreams, and through visions. Anoint his ears to hear You clearly, reveal TRUTH to him and show him what to do with that revelation.

Give him a clear mind and a discerning heart Lord; turn it totally toward Your plans and purposes for this nation and for Israel.

God bless America and President G. W. Bush.

Blessings,
Debbi Carlson

The Cry, The Call and The Convergence

Melissa Campbell

I attended a conference entitled, “Convergence,” last weekend in Monroeville, PA, that hosted Whirlwind Ministries, led by Jeff and Barbara Knight, and Roger and Sue Mitchell from England. On Friday night of the conference during worship, I sensed the presence of angelic activity, looked in the spirit and saw a vision of a very large and "mighty" man sitting above me and to my right facing the west. I could only see him from maybe the chest down. He wore a white garment, and I knew he represented truth and light. As I watched I saw him very calmly and deliberately put on some type of leather sandals/boots, tie them around his ankles and lower legs, and then stand. I had the impression it was either an angel or the Lord, and that He was getting ready for war. He was ready to move, and come to our aid.

When I went home and prayed about this, I found this scripture:

Psalm 12:5-7

"Because of the oppression of the afflicted and the groaning of the poor, I will now rise up,” says the Lord. "I will put in a safe place the one who longs for it."

The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in an earthen furnace, purified seven times.

I have been pondering this vision and scripture, and this morning as I was waking, I had a vision. The LORD and I were together walking among souls that were crying out, but I could hear no voices. It was as if they were not yet born. I was frustrated because I felt the desperation of these souls, and I knew the LORD had a purpose for my being there, but I did not know what I was to do. Although I saw no division, I knew these souls represented three groups of people, one of which I had the sense included aborted babies and the lives of those that have been snuffed out by the enemy, with no chance to fulfill their destinies here on the earth.

As I began to pray about this, I believe the LORD showed me that the other two groups crying out represent both the lost and the manifest sons of God longing to be birthed. As I continued to meditate on this word, I wrote the following, which I submit for your discernment:

PART I -- The Cry

Lost souls are crying out.
My children are crying out.
Listen to the sound of those crying out to be born!
Hear their cries! Hear my shout!
They’re coming out! They’re coming out!
They will not die, but be born.

They were lost but now are found.
They were stuck there in the ground,
Of the earth, lying there, crying out to live.
“Live! Live! Live!” I say,
“Sons of God, come forth!”
Out of the grave of death and decay.
Out from the ground of earth.

I hear the wail of your voices.
I hear the sound of your cries and moans.
No longer will you be oppressed and ruined
No more will the enemy gloat
There is hope for you. I’ve declared it.

Now I will arise and visit the earth.

My streams of abundance flow.
Let My grace and mercy show,
I am the answer to your lament.
Flow. Flow. Flow.
Living waters go!
Burst out like a dam overflowing.
Break forth into the earth with my glory.
Satisfy the weak and moaning
Saturate the land with life.

My people will not perish, but live!
My children will know the arm that comforts them
Is not too short to save.
I am mighty in strength and zeal.
I will not leave you in the dust of Sheol.
Be lifted up out of your graves.
Don't be afraid to touch the sky.

The men of the world will no longer blaspheme me,
And my people will not be ashamed.
No longer will they say I have forgotten and forsaken.
I am rising up to take the land.
My justice shall run like a river.
All those who look to me shall be saved.

Get ready for battle.
Get ready for war.
Can you hear the cries of my children yet to be born?
Listen!
It's time for war.
It's time for war.

I have led you among them.
You have felt their desperation.
I will hear their cries no more!
They shall come forth!
It's time to enter in to my labor
And let Me push these sons to birth.

My sons!
Wake up! Wake up! I'm calling you out.
Come up from the grave of fear and doubt.
It's time for your birth! It's time for your birth!
The seed of my Word has been planted deep.
Now the earth quakes.
I'm sending my angels to war and reap
You shall arise and leave the earth.

Part II -- The Call

There is a breaking.
Can you feel my shaking?
The whole earth groans to see
My creation.

Can you bear it?
I said, “Can you bear it?”
Will you labor with me?
Will you push?
Will you cry out?
Will you bear down with my resolve?
To see captivity set free?

The nations cry out in pain.
Do you hear them?
Look!
All around me their tears fall like rain.
Do you feel what I feel?
The seas roar, and will not be contained.
How long must we travail?
How long must we labor for this birth?

Now, I am calling it forth!
It will come suddenly,
Like the dawn
Piercing the darkest of nights,
With the brightest of lights,
The Son.
There will be amazing joy!
Great shouts of delight
Will break out of those who have mourned.

Selah.

Yes. There is a solution.
I have conquered. I have risen.
And I am getting ready to clean up this mess.
But listen!
There is no resolution
Until first, you seek my wisdom
And learn to labor in my rest.

I have called you to Selah
That uncomfortable place
Of bending and shaking;
Where the barriers of the earth are breaking,
And to admit to not knowing
Is passing the test.

Part III -- The Convergence

Will you dare to bear this?
Can you enter into my presence?
Cry out for great endurance,
And surrender every weakness,
To my strength?

Deep calls unto deep,
Under the roar of my waterfalls.
Will you enter in?
Will you be bold and brave, and bow down,
Will you seek the burning fire of my face?

Come into the darkness that surrounds me,
Open your eyes and you will see
How sound is stretched
To the point of breaking
And emerges as colorful beams of light.

It's metamorphosis!
Where your flesh shatters and fades away
And something new emerges.
A glorious substance is released,
The beauty of holiness,
As death yields itself to life.

It's convergence!
Where heaven kisses earth
And ignites a holy passion,
A terrifying explosion,
That streaks across the sky like lightning.
What happens when good and evil collide?
Evil has to die.

It's a place of waiting,
So unbearable
So uncomfortable,
But of never hesitating
To push forward to the fulfillment
Of the promises inside.

The pain,
It can be excruciating at times,
Because your flesh just doesn't want to die.
But the joy, O the Joy!
That you are anticipating.
He will pull you through to the other side.

This is a violent place.
There is no room for passivity or cowardice,
Only the promise of sufficient grace
To lift you up to stand the test.
Come humbly. Come boldly.
Through the veil of Jesus' flesh.
He is the One who has broken out before you.
In Him you will find My rest.

Lift up your heads you ancient gates.
Swing wide the doors with violent faith.
Come! Welcome the King and give Him praise.
I say there is a multitude coming into my house.
I will bring them in and send them out.
See! My glory covers the earth!

"Now," I say, "My children, be born!"
"Now," I say, "My sons, come forth!"

One who breaks open [the way] will advance before them they will break out, pass through the gate, and leave by it. Their King will pass through before them, the Lord as their leader. ~ Micah 2:13

The Lord advances like a warrior; He stirs up His zeal like a soldier. He shouts, He roars aloud, He prevails over His enemies. "I have kept silent from ages past; I have been quiet and restrained Myself. [But now,] I will groan like a woman in labor, gasping breathlessly. ~ Isaiah 42:13,14

And if children, also heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ--seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us. For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility--not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it--in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage of corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. And not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits--we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. Now in this hope we were saved, yet hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patience. ~Romans 8:17-25

His voice shook the earth at that time, but now He has promised, Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also heaven. Now this expression, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what can be shaken--that is, created things--so that what is not shaken might remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us hold on to grace. By it, we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire. ~ Hebrews 12:26-29

For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord's glory, as the waters cover the sea. ~ Habakkuk 2:14

Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, you gates! Rise up, ancient doors! Then the King of glory will come in. Who is He, this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah
~ Psalm 24:7-10

The Church That Jesus Is Building

Don Nori

Just as I had suspected, the last entry brought some interesting responses from my readers. For those who had not read it, here it is as I copied it in blue below:

CHURCH AS WE KNOW IT IS OVER

As we begin 2005, the Church is at a major crossroads in her multi-millennial sojourn through time upon this earth. She has some very big decisions to make. But most of us are not aware of the change that is in the Wind. For church, as we know it, is over.

The church, (the one being built by Jesus, not this monstrosity of a system we incorrectly call the Church), will move on with the gentle sound of His voice. The Church He is building will not need an earthquake, a hurricane, or pixie dust floating in the air to get her attention. His sheep hear His voice and follow Him because they follow His voice. This will be a big test of who we really are and whose kingdom we are really building. If it is His Kingdom, we will leap at the sound of His voice and go where he leads us. If we are building the counterfeit, we will not be so inclined to move very quickly. For there is much to lose and much to risk in responding to Him whilst building anything of our own.

The charismatics, the Pentecostals and the revivalists are all crowding at the river Jordan. The Holy Spirit is urging, calling, leading them to cross, but few have the faith to cross because few have the faith to risk what they have built. Maybe that is the problem...we have built it and it is OURS. We must protect what is ours at all costs, even at the cost of moving on with the Lord. It is always so easy to camp along the river rather than risk the dangers of fording the rapids, even when you have the voice of the Lord drawing you on..

So we invent, discover and imagine all kinds of histrionics to keep everyone satisfied where they are... on the wrong side of the river. We go around the things He has shown us again and again. We devise newer and more complicated ways of saying and doing the things we have know for years. Oh, we will occasionally look longingly across the river, wondering if there really is more over there, but the safety is always here. Few will admit that we have lost the faith, the daring and the adventure of our earlier days. Although denominationalism is anathema to us, we gather around the same things and build the same walls and defend our position with the same conviction and piety as all those who have gone before us.

But those who do not cross the river do not change the world. It is true, they do not rock the boat, but they do not see anything new, experience anything deeper than what has been "felt and telt" many, many times and for many, many years.

God does not talk in circles. He has a definite destination in mind and He fully intends to have a people that will be willing to be lead to the deepest reservoirs of Hid love and the very fullness of His Life.

Church as we know it is over. He is about wrestle control of His own church from the carnal hands of insecure, angry, controlling and legalistic men and women, build His own church, just as He promised He would.

Church as we know it is passing away. The thing we have called church is but a dim shadow of the life-giving, empowering wholeness of that for which Jesus died, rather, rose from the dead to lavish upon mere mortal men.

We have asked for wealth when He wanted to give us nations. We focused on our healing when He wanted to make us healers. We have searched for mercy and compassion when He had called us to carry those same treasures to a dying world. We are self-examining when He wants us to be pouring ourselves out so others can find Him.

There is no doubt. The self-centered, need-oriented, program-driven, growth-addicted destiny-snatching, dream-killing counterfeit is about to be replaced by His church; a company of loosely connected people held together only by the bonds of love. This people is the Christ-centered, Kingdom-declaring, light-shining heart throb of God Himself. His people hear His voice and respond with joy and anticipation, not fear and uncertainty. They are a devil-ignoring, life-giving, God-honoring group of worshipers whose greatest fulfillment in life is to be called to His service by the gentle sound of His voice.

This church understands that the hands Jesus will stretch out to heal will be her hands. They know they are His hug, His smile, His encouraging word and the world's only hope of glory.

The solution is clear...You are the church that Jesus Himself, is building!

There were some important questions, though, that can only begin to be addressed as we continue our sojourn on this earth. One thing is certain, Jesus is looking for a submitted people through whom He can do His work on this planet. These people are submitted to Him and Him alone.

I know, I know, this raises a lot of serious red flags for some. The old system that we have been used to for many years is not going to give way so easily. But this old system is not what Jesus is doing in the earth. I know there are millions of true believers in the system. I know God hears their prayers and responds to them in gentle and loving ways. But it not His church. This system we have built is kept alive by the effort of man and the rules man has made to keep Christians under control. The church He is building is the church that is submitted to Him and does His bidding. These people hear His voice and are about the business of the Father, not the kingdom of man or his religion.

This church has little to do with where we meet. The church can gather in a sanctuary, a storefront, living room, or in a tent on a field. It is not about where we meet but Who we meet with and our willingness to allow Him to rule and reign in the hearts of men and women.

The church has little to do with how we meet. Shall we meet in a circle or an arc shaped seating arrangement or shall we sit on the floor? Shall we meet on Sundays, Wednesdays or Thursdays? Shall we wear suits, long dresses or t-shirts and jeans? What is He really interested in anyway? He is interested in hearts that are open and ready for Him. He is waiting for ears that are eager to be taught by His Spirit and who love to worship. His people live and breathe His Presence and express His love in genuine, no-strings-attached ways that really minister to the needy whether or not that ministry brings the needy into the building.

His people trust the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of man. His people know that the Holy Spirit strives with all men just as He strives with them personally. The church Jesus is building sows seed everywhere even when they do not open their mouth. Their mere presence shines His love and draws the masses to His manifest Presence. The Holy Spirit is big enough to do what He is called to do if we just let Him.

It is a liberating and empowering moment when you realize that you are not in this alone. The church, the Kingdom, the saving of the world is not solely dependant upon you. Everywhere you go, you automatically sow seeds of His love. You have no idea of the power of your smile, your kind word or your hug. Your understanding, your compassion, your helping hand all minister in ways many cannot imagine. The Evangelicals needs to pass out a tract and get a phone number to feel like they have done their job. The Pentecostals/Charismatics have to prophesy over someone or lay hands on them in some fashion in order to feel that they have done the right thing. But Jesus just loved on everyone!

Now let me tell you that I pray and prophesy over many, many people, but I am certain God is leading me. Nonetheless, I minister to thousands more just by letting Jesus love the world through me. The Holy Spirit does the rest. We just need to repent of our judgment, condemnation and lack of mercy so the Lord can minister all these and more to everyone around us.

Listen, this church He is building is an awesome church. He does not need our help or suggestions, He only needs us to get out of the way so He can do whatsoever He wants to do for us, in us, to us and most importantly, through us.

WHERE IS THE CHURCH THAT JESUS IS BUILDING?

You Are the Church

There are many stories of the "average" believer's search for the church that Jesus is building. Of course, in reality, there are no "average" Christians. We are all part of the great Melchizedek of God. We are all members of the Priesthood of the Believer and dwell within the veil of the Most Holy Place. The Most Holy Place is the "Yes" of God, where all respond to Him, all call upon His mercy and all hear the sound of His Voice. In this realm, He has the pre-eminence, He has the dream and He builds His own people after the fashion of His own will. In this realm, the only Kingdom being built is His Kingdom and the only church being constructed is the one He is building within you and I.

But don't we all say we believe that the church is the people, not the building? It is an important part of the doctrine of most Christian churches. Yet, it is also true that we do not have that experience in the real world. It is almost as though there is a difference between what we believe and what we experience every day.

Those days are mercifully gone for more and more people. More and more people are dissatisfied with bland doctrine and powerless principles. They are tired with the disconnect with what is taught and what is really believed by those who are supposed to be leading us to this City made without hands whose builder and maker is God.

The re-connect is discovering who we really are and Who really dwells within. We need to be looking within to find the church He is building. His tender mercy and grace gently builds us into a holy habitation for His manifest Presence. Now if we truly believe that, everything changes. The focus is on Him, not on a building, an organization or a ministry. If it be true that we are the place of His Presence, the church is truly us, plain and simple. Buildings can come and go. They serve only as long as the church needs them.

Remember, the Kingdom comes without signs to be observed. It is within. The Kingdom is constructed within us, not around us. If you can see it, it is not the Kingdom.

The focus of life and ministry, from the perspective of the One who is building the church, is the preparation, discipleship and release of the church into the dream He has dreamed for all her members. The flow of people through the process of discipleship, training and release should be a predictable as those who go through a university. They come to us to go. They come to us to be sent to the four corners of the world, either as preachers or politicians, teachers or technicians, prophets or physicians, entertainers or entrepreneurs, missionaries or military. Our 'church system' tunnel vision has kept the best God has given to us trapped in a weak and legalistic religion far from their Lord and the destiny He has for them. The world has suffered greatly, being robbed of those who could make the greatest impact. The Melchizedek of God is for the whole world, not the church. Jesus, Who the first priest after the order of Melchizedek, was sent to the world for its redemption, not to the church.

The Melchizedek of God is not the clergy as the church system currently defines it. It is not the five-fold ministry as most Pentecostals define it. It is not the generals or the nameless and the faceless that neo-charismatics embrace. The great Melchizedek of God are believers with names, faces, ministries callings and gifts that God recognizes and sets in the world for the purposes of His Kingdom. They are not placed in a church for the benefit of man. When God calls someone to the side of another to share vision and purpose, it is for the purpose of God in their spiritual kinship and mutual fellowship.

The church comes together to encourage, bless, pray, prepare and cover one another as they are led by the Holy Spirit. But they never gather to control them, condemn them or bleed them of their talents, their time or their tithe.

This church is free to be swept to who-knows-where by the power of the Holy Spirit. Their accountability is among them, not over them. Their power comes from within, not from another and their future is dependant on their obedience to the Lord, not to a man.

Where is the church that Jesus is building? Check out Psalm 84:1. "How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts!" Who do you think that the Prophet-King David saw when he wrote this most precious verse?

He saw you and I!!

Eph 4:14 As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; Eph 4:15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

SEEING THE CHURCH THAT JESUS IS BUILDING

It is becoming more clear each day that there is something afoot in the Spirit realm. Every time God moves, there are radical changes. When there is not the response from the hearts of man, the move of God is short lived. He moves in hearts that are open and willing to agree with what He is doing.

That is why there are two kinds of revival. The first will bring people to repentance from sin and open their hearts to the purposes of God for their lives. But the second is completely different. The second form of revival turns the world upside down for the believer. It challenges believers to see things in ways they have never seen them before. The true sojourn of the believer through time is marked by when God visits us and causes us to change in remarkable ways. Our movement through time is energized by the willingness we have to say 'yes' to the things God is revealing to us by the Spirit.

For years, I have held my heart from new things as I heard over and over again, "There is nothing new under the sun." I was always afraid to say 'yes' to Him in fear that saying 'yes' would somehow confess that I thought there WERE new things. I was taught that only heretics saw new things. "Everything that needs to be revealed has been revealed in Jesus." This kind of instruction made me fearful to wonder if there was anything new.

Nonetheless, my heart yearned to explore the things unseen and to experience the Lord in realms that only angels have touched. Every time I read the Word, my heart leaped at the possibilities He seemed to hold open to those who follow Him and trust in Him. When I would pray, I would often have the sense that I was in direct conversation with Him as I heard, deep in my heart, words that seemed to be in direct response to the prayer I had just prayed. In short, everything in me screamed for a greater reality that was told was non-existent, hence, un-available.

Then I heard myself pray a prayer in utter frustration that set me free. "Lord, there may not be anything new under the sun, but there are many things that I do not know. There are many things that are new to me and I want to discover them." I defied the theology of the times. I stood against the traditions of the elders. I fought the fear that had ensnared me. It felt so good! I was finally praying my heart's passion. I was finally responding to the desire that burned in me day and night. With that new prayer came new hope. I now saw the hope that was trapped within. It was a motivating, exhilarating force that gave me confidence that I would most assuredly come into the dream God had for me. I had experienced revival within the privacy of my own heart! It was not a revival away from sin, it was a revival that gave me the courage and faith to go deeper in my experience with Him. This experience was about to change everything about me. After all, when we repent from sin, we see a change in our outward actions. When we experience revival of revelation, it also changes our actions. It changes the way we think, the way we pray, the way we look at our future, the way we look at God and most certainly the way we look at church.

For now, church is not somewhere I go, it is who I am. Now, I am not a layman who is needed only to attend, work and tithe to build the kingdom of man. I am a priest of the Presence, part of the Holy Nation of God, the great Melchizedek who ministers perpetually within the veil of the Most Holy Place. Now, I realize that what I think, what I hear, what I hope and dream really is important. It is important to God, to me and it is important to the entire Holy Nation of God in the earth. Among these people, there is no envy, no strife, no vying for position or power, no jealous ambition. I am directed by Him and according to the dream He has dreamed for me. No man can hasten it and no man can steal it from me. I am in His hands and I flow according to His timetable. Man's part has become moot. The more I am resisted, the more He works on my behalf to accomplish His will. There is no need for revenge, anger or trickery. I am resting in Him, who has my future secure in His master plan.

I think it is sometimes easier to repent from sin that it is to experience a revelation that revives and changes the way we see everything around us. When we see Him, we are compelled to change just as completely as we are compelled to change when we repent from sin.

Who will see the things He is revealing to the church? Who will be willing to allow Him to dismantle things built by the fleshy sweat of man so the holy thing built by God Himself can function in the earth as He intended?

Who will step aside and allow Him to build His own church the way He wants it to be built? Who will recognize the Melchizedek of God, the Royal Priesthood, the Holy Nation? Who will allow the Lord to do what He wants with His own, even when it means he will not be the center, the first, the most powerful? Who will release the folk around them to hear, see and experience the Lord in the same way they claim to see, hear and experience Him?

The cat is out of the bag.

He will build His own church. He will do it through us or He will do it in spite of us. But He will do it, of that we can be certain.

The Church Without The Spirit

Samuel Chadwick

The Church is the Body of Christ, and the Spirit is the Spirit of Christ. He fills the Body, directs its movements, controls its members, inspires its wisdom, supplies its strength. He guides into truth, sanctifies its agents, and empowers for witnessing. The Spirit has never abdicated His authority nor relegated His power.

Neither Pope nor Parliament, neither Conference nor Council is supreme in the Church of Christ. The Church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doomed to failure. A ministry that is College-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles. The Church that multiplies committees and neglects prayer may be fussy, noisy, enterprising, but it labours in vain and spends its strength for naught.

It is possible to excel in mechanics and fail in dynamic. There is a superabundance of machinery; what is wanting is power. To run an organization needs no God. Man can supply the energy, enterprise, and enthusiasm for things human. The real work of a Church depends upon the power of the Spirit.

The Presence of the Spirit is vital and central to the work of the Church. Nothing else avails. Apart from Him, wisdom becomes folly, and strength weakness. The Church is called to be a “spiritual house” and a holy priesthood. Only spiritual people can be its “living stones,” and only the Spirit-filled its priests.

The Church always fails at the point of self-confidence. When the Church is run on the same lines as a circus, there may be crowds, but there is no Shekinah. That is why prayer is the test of faith and the secret of power. The Spirit of God travails in the prayer-life of the soul. Miracles are the direct work of His power, and without miracles the Church cannot live. The carnal can argue, but it is the Spirit of God that convicts. Education can civilize, but it is being born of the Spirit that saves.

The energy of the flesh can run bazaars, organize amusements, and raise millions; but it is the presence of the Holy Spirit that makes a Temple of the Living God. The root-trouble of the present distress is that the Church has more faith in the world and in the flesh than in the Holy Ghost, and things will get no better till we get back to His realized presence and power. The breath of the four winds would turn death into life and dry bones into mighty armies, but it only comes by PRAYER!

Truly Check Your Hearts Before Me
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{Years ago I asked the Lord to show me my spirit before Him, He showed me a diamond with a few dark smudges. Through great fires that diamond is now bright and pure (and I pray it remains so, by His grace). Please sit before the Lord and ask Him to show you how your spirit appears before Him, that you may be refined into His image and be the bearer of the fruits of the Spirit}

The righteous, who have been proven in the fires of refining, will be lifted up from the miry clay pit, where they have been for a long season. Do not cry or mourn your losses for a greater work has been wrought in your spirit man than even you can perceive. You have been made vessels of honor, who will not turn to the right or the left, no matter what comes against you.

I need these fiery warriors to stand in the forefront of My army, to bring down strongholds, to bring true righteousness to My house. For in My house will no longer be allowed fornicators, adulterers, and deceitful ones: walking in mixture. Those who lord it over My sheep and those who feed false doctrines to My sheep.

All things are soon coming to fruition, the just will be separated from the unjust, light and dark will be clearly seen. Darkness and light will not be able to abide together any longer.

Seek My face and enquire of Me of what camp you are of, darkness or light, or in a mixture of light and darkness*. Do not be deceived any longer, I the Lord sit now as a Judge of My Church. You have either come through the fires as whole, vessels of honor, or you have left you first love for Me. You have grown closer to My image or you have left the narrow path.

Do not be deceived, I will not be mocked, check your hearts before Me and see whether you are wholly in the light. Perversity, pride, manipulation and lust in all its forms will no longer be allowed in My house.

The bell tolls for those who do not seek Me now with their whole heart. The bell tolls for those whose heart is not pure before Me. The clock is ticking, time is coming to an end, therefore, before I come as a thief in the night, TRULY CHECK YOUR HEARTS BEFORE ME.

Jer 6:26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. 6:27 I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. 6:28 They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: *they are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters. 6:29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. 6:30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

Jer 8:4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? 8:5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 8:6 I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

* WALKING IN MIXTURE: partly operating through the Holy Spirit and partly operating from your soulish realm or partly operating in the Holy Spirit with a mixture of counterfeit spirits i.e. the spirit of control and manipulation, Jezebel (who is the false holy spirit and is a counterfeit anointing) and/or the spirit of Leviathan, the spirit of pride that twists the Word of God and its meaning to suit ones own doctrine or to cut another. Does your ministry to others bring LIFE or condemnation, LIBERTY or religious control?

The Day Of Visitation
Sandy Warner

Jul 25, 2005
THE DAY OF VISITATION
When I AM about to visit a region I send forth My servants to prepare My coming. They prepare the spiritual climate by declaring My Word into the atmosphere and preparing hearts to receive. My servants are in essence saying, "Prepare for your day of visitation!" Their proclamations change the heavens above and releases things below. When I move upon a region, it is to visit them and to release upon them a great deliverance. Why am I telling you this? This is a warning, loved ones, - that your day of visitation is nigh at hand. Be ready!

Luke 10:1 AMP
Now after this the Lord chose and appointed seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come (visit).

Matt 3:1-3 NLT
In those days John the Baptist began preaching in the Judean wilderness. His message was, "Turn from your sins and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near." Isaiah had spoken of John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness: 'Prepare a pathway for the Lord's coming! Make a straight road for him!' "

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Don’t Doubt Your Metron
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DON'T DOUBT YOUR METRON
The enemy has been pushing you lately with intimidation, because we are moving forward and taking ground. It is intimidation to make you question your metron, which is your sphere or measure of authority and influence in the spirit realm. Just remember that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. You get clobbered by backlash if you doubt, because you need to speak, then stand. So the question is not whether you are outside your metron, but whether you know if it IS your metron. Find My places of confirmation and establishing of favor and you shall know your metron.

2 Cor 10:15-18 AMP
We do not boast therefore, beyond our proper limit, over other men's labors, but we have the hope and confident expectation that as your faith continues to grow, our field among you may be greatly enlarged, still within the limits of our commission, So that [we may even] preach the Gospel in lands [lying] beyond you, without making a boast of work already done in another [man's] sphere of activity [before we came on the scene]. However, let him who boasts and glories boast and glory in the Lord. [Jer 9:24.] For [it is] not [the man] who praises and commends himself who is approved and accepted, but [it is the person] whom the Lord accredits and commends.

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Friends Are Forever
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FRIENDS ARE FOREVER
To know your story and walk with you
Is such a gift, such a blessing too.
How much you have overcome this day
To have walked your path in faithful ways.

I hear your heart as you have trusted God.
Such courage to walk in feet well shod.
I see you overcoming each day,
Distractions that cause your soul to sway.

I see you start your days with such tears,
Leaning on Him, putting away your fears.
Scattered, broken pieces of your past
You cling to Him for only what lasts.

He is your Source, He is your means,
To find your path, on Him you lean.
To pray with you and support your stand
Is an honor and a gift, never a demand.

You have given me more than you know.
Of courage and strength to face the foe.
Your life is a light to all that do see
His good purpose and power in thee.

I thank My God for You, His good gift.
In your own prayers, the angels are swift.
How blessed I am to have walked with you.
Into your future, His hope brand new.

Thank you for sharing your life with me.
That I might see the work of God in thee.
To see Him move and see Him walk
To hear His voice and hear Him talk.

You, my friend, are His precious treasure.
You are His gift, beyond great measure.
You see it not through your brokeness.
But you shine on earth as His dear touch.

I am glad there are no good-byes in heaven.
No sin, no evil, nothing is leavened.
Tears and sorrow are remembered never.
As we rejoice that friends are forever.

James 2:23-24 NKJV
And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.

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The Simple Fact
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The Simple Fact
How often I see you wrestle and struggle over what you hear, - whether it is My voice or the enemy's voice! Dear ones, the more you are launched into the supernatural, the greater will be the issues of discernment. You want miraculous signs, but discernment only gets more complicated, not less. My people are growing up past the milk and into strong meat. Greater and greater portions will come your way and you will be exposed to many supernatural things in these last days. If possible, even the elect shall be deceived. Remember this, I gave you one pure role model: Jesus Christ, My Son. And I gave you 2 commandments: love Me and love others. So in the end, how will you know My voice from all others? The fact is you will not be able to separate yourself from My voice, because My voice is love. Discerning the enemy's voice is easy. Just ask yourself, "Does what I heard reflect love?" It is that simple.

Rom 8:37-39 AMP
Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Theater Dream and Warning

Mike Tucker

10/2004 *While sleeping I heard a knock at a door. I was dreaming. I walked to the door and opened it up, gleefully expecting my Lord Jesus to be there. He was there dressed in white and while walking into the room He said, "I have several things to show you" and He directed me to take a seat. When I turned around we were in a small theater and I took a seat at the front. A movie screen was at the front and images began to appear:*

The first scene I saw was the Eiffel Tower being cut in half by an airplane.

The second scene displayed the words, '8,000,000 Deaths'. I wondered to myself what does this mean? Jesus answered to my inner pondering, 'Abu attack'. He then said my shofar was sounded weakly. I asked what did it sound like? Then I heard the sound of a muffled pathetic trumpet. The sound was closer to a bad kazoo than a mighty warning blast. The Lord then said the deaths would be on my head if I did not take this event higher.

I woke up and the scripture concerning the warning to a watchman immediately came to mind, Ezekiel 33:6, 'But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand.'. My heart was broken for having fumbled this warning. This was the first time the Lord had ever warned me in such a heavy manner that my carrying of His word had fallen terribly short. I began deeply praying over this warning and interceding before the Lord God. Where I had asked others to intercede, I had done little myself until this point. Over the course of the day it came into my spirit to take the Abu attack dream (see below) and send it to the Homeland Security office as a national security threat. After this the Lord spoke in my spirit, 'It is sufficient.' I believe this terrible event will be put back or at least the blow will be significantly softened.

Regarding the Eiffel Tower scene, on 12/13/03 I heard the words, 'The Eiffel Tower will fall' while I was asleep. The above scene is the second time this word has come. I believe there will be a literal fall of this Paris landmark (unlike symbolic falls I have seen of the Statue of Liberty representing the end of America's form of licentious freedom). Please note the Eiffel Tower fall and the Abu attack are two separate events.

Major U.S. Explosion (Abu attack reposted)

05/2004 I dreamed the following:

I saw a woman talking on a phone. She was wearing pearls around her neck and a Southern style sun-dress. While she was looking out the window, an explosion went off in the distance. Her eyes were filled with terror at what she saw then her skin quickly melted and peeled away from her face (I could not bear to see more of this dream scene, somehow I was able to close my eyes).

Then I was taken to where the bomb went off. I stood next to the actual bomb and saw it sputter once (as if it might not go off) but then it fully exploded and formed a thin but high mushroom cloud. All around it, oil refineries and huge storage tanks went up in the explosion and added to the explosion.

Then I was taken to a warehouse at a port loading dock. I saw several cargo boxes being loaded at different times. In them, I was made to know that the parts of the above bomb were contained and concealed. And this is how it entered into our land.

Then the visual part of the dream ended, but this name was spoken three times with increasing volume and intensity, "Abu Muwahbe... ABU Mu-wah- be... ***ABU MU-WAH-BE",*** *and the last name was clearly pronounced syllable upon syllable.* Then I woke up.

Meaning: I believe the bomb was in fact a nuclear device placed near a major oil installation. The mushroom cloud and great care taken to smuggle the bomb in suggests it was not conventional. The woman was clearly in Southern attire and suggests that a Southern port city with oil refineries is the intended target.

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The Day Draws Close
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The day draws close, are you prepared? Have you done what you should have done? Or are you waiting for another sign or prophecy?

Time will soon be no more, for the select few; who chose the Lord over all things here below. Many think they are prepared and ready to leave; only they are greatly deceived and will stay a while longer.

The time is past for many already, their fate is sealed. For others, their time to choose draws to an end. Play time is over and reality will scare many to death. The living will wish they were dead.

It is all coming to pass soon, no time to make plans. Each person will soon meet God in ways they never thought were real or could be real; but it is so. The dead in Christ are thankful to have crossed over before.

What is real? What is a lie? Is this from God or Satan? Many will not be able to discern since living so close to the world. Yes the day will dawn, that very day that the watchers have sought to see. How fast is the blink of an eye? Before a second passes, you will be there.

My Spirit Roars
Dave Wikle

Sep 18, 2005
My Spirit roars within, something is up for sure. Can others feel this or am I alone sensing this? Not a fearful thing but something really big. Earth shattering for sure!

Many will miss the greatest thing this Earth ever experienced. Messiah came the first time and the elect and wise missed it. They were against Him and put up the $$$$$$ to kill Him. The fullness of redemption draws near and most are busy.

Busy with the affairs down here below, too busy to care. Not looking or watching for the greatest event there ever was. Caring about work, play, bills, and how the grass looks. I better water it or feed it, does it need mowed again?

The days of our lives move swiftly and much is left undone. The Lord speaks, but we are too busy and He will understand. Lost are the precious items He would have us to do. The widow down the street needs food, her food stamps will do.

Many are the things that could have been done, if only I had more time. Yes, time is the problem; the days are not long enough. He will understand He is a good God with a lot of mercy. Not today Lord, the shopping must be done and there is a sale.

The day comes quickly and is almost here, my spirit roars. To stand before the Lord and give an account I shall surely do. May I not fail Him in these last days to do all He asks me to do. Repenting for past failures and missed opportunities to work for Him.

The Decision Has Been Made

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ISA 26:9 My soul yearns for you in the night; in the morning my spirit longs for you. When your judgments come upon the earth, the people of the world learn righteousness.

JER 1:16 I will pronounce my judgments on my people because of their wickedness in forsaking me, in burning incense to other gods and in worshiping what their hands have made.

“The countdown is beginning…The countdown is beginning in heaven for my judgments upon the earth. They are beginning to be spoken in heaven. It is very much like the countdown is said before a rocket takes off. After the rocket hits its destination then you will know what took place. Some think that these judgments can be stopped. I tell you that they have been decreed. Many have prayed that these things would not come. I have heard the cases that have been presented to Me, but the decision will be carried out. “

(I saw what appeared to be a courtroom in heaven. God the Father was seated behind a great desk and some had come forward to present their cases to Him. However, I saw a gavel that a judge would use, and I watched as it came down upon the desk several times pronouncing the decision that He had made.)

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Many Have Fallen Into Slumber

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> *RO 13:11 And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12]*

> *The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13] Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. [14] Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

"The time is coming for most of this earth to go through judgment. For my judgment is about to fall upon this earth. For my plans will be carried out. I tell you that much of this earth has fallen into sin. My angels are set at various places around the world. They are there to carry out my plans for that given area. Now, the time is rapidly approaching for these things to be carried out. I tell you that many will be lost during the coming years. Many will fall into various forms of sin. Many will fall prey to evil spirits. "

"Behold, it is not as it seems. "

(The Lord showed me a vision of a velvet curtain. The curtain was being pulled back and there was a stage behind it. Here on the stage were several beds with people sleeping on them. I noticed each person as they lay comfortably in their beds. Some would turn their heads and were then lulled to sleep. Nothing would seem to awaken them from their slumber. A dense cloud came and it encircled around the people who were sleeping. It was so thick that nothing else could be seen because of it. It was as if the cloud was their world.)

"This cloud represents how much of the world has been lulled to sleep. They don’t recognize the signs of the world around them. They are oblivious to the events of the world that are taking place around them. These things that will come will take many by surprise. Will you be ready?"

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The Dispute
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> *John 16:*
> *16 A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father.*
> *17 Then said some of his disciples among themselves, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father?*
> *18 They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith.*
> *19 Now Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto them, Do ye enquire among yourselves of that I said, A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me?*
> *20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.*
> *21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.*
> *22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

This short section of John 16 mentions how the disciples disputed over the Lords words. And How the Lord came to settle the dispute, giving them an answer that seems to completely change the subject.

We are going to look at this passage in depth and find several lessons here that can enhance our end time prophetic vision.

Double Fulfillment

What he told them in verse 16 is a case of double fulfillment of prophecy.

The first time it is fulfilled is by his death and resurrection. At his death and burial, they no longer see him, and mourn greatly. He returns from ascending to his father and appears to them again. Then they forget their sadness, rejoicing to see him again.

The second fulfillment begins when he ascends to the father again after 40 days. It concludes with his return in these end times.

The dispute is a picture of what happens in his absence.

Look carefully at what Jesus says in verse 16. It can be broken down into three phrases:

> *A little while, and ye shall not see me*
> *and again, a little while, and ye shall see me*
> *because I go to the Father.*

Now look carefully at verse 17. Notice that his disciples quote these three phrases exactly, word for word. Yet in verse 18 they say "*we cannot tell what he saith."*

The dispute is an illustration of the history of the Church

We have had the Word of God available to us in many translations. We have concordances, word studies, lexical aids, volumes of commentaries and historical data to help us. Yet we are unable to agree on what it says and on what it means.

The written word is contrasted with the spoken word. They knew what he said [past tense] but could not agree on what he says [saith, present tense].

So it is with us. We know what the Bible says, but continually argue about what it means. You may at times hear someone begin his remarks with something like "The Bible clearly teaches ….' Prepare yourself to take it with a grain of salt. In spite of all the great things about the bible, clarity is not one of them. I've never heard anyone admit this, especially to a non believer. But lets face it. The bible is unclear on many things. In fact, the bible is deliberately written to be vague, confusing, and open to multiple interpretations. It is full of parables, contradictions, inscrutable proverbs, riddles, dark sayings, and complex structures. It is chock full of symbolism, numeric clues, types, shadows, allegories and mind boggling passages that constantly change subject and point of view. It has numerous mysterious passing references; it's constantly quoting other parts of itself producing volumes of cross references; many actions and events make no sense and it has a great amount of stuff that seems totally useless. It often raises more questions than it answers Yet it tells us that all scripture is given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and is profitable to us. So all of it has meaning and purpose, but unless the Spirit gives you some light on a passage of scripture, it's just the dead letter of the law. The letter kills but the Spirit brings life. This is because the Word is spirit and must be understood by the help of the Spirit.

God wrote out his word is such a way that to understand it we constantly have to go to Him to seek explanation. We are continually faced with the choice between the tree of knowledge and the tree of life. The written word is the tree of knowledge, the spoken [by the Spirit] word is the tree of life. Choose life.

I once heard a minister say he didn't need faith any more because he knew what the word said. All he had to do was go by what it said in the bible. That sounds great but we seldom agree on what it says in the bible! Perhaps he forgot that it says without faith, it's impossible to please God! Faith comes by hearing, hearing by the word of God. That is spiritual hearing. Let he that has ears to hear, hear what the Spirit is saying!

The action of the scene is an illustration of the point made.

Now the dispute is specifically about the return of the lord, which is the greatest dispute in the church.

The action of the scene shows the return of the lord, when He said to them, why do you dispute among yourselves. This indicates that for a short interval he was not among them, and then rejoined them to find them in the dispute. And it is a dispute that only He can settle. As a picture of the Church today, it shows a very interesting point. If we are disputing among ourselves, it means Jesus is not with us! Because only He can settle the dispute. And He will settle it when he comes for he says he will put all things in order when he comes.

This is not to contradict His word that says I will never leave you or forsake you.

> *… and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:20*

> *… for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Hebrews 13:5*

It only means that He is not with us in full measure.

Consider how he was with Joshua as Captain of the Host.

> *And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
> *And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*
> *And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so. Josh 5:13-15*

We can apply this to today's church. Note that Joshua asks: *Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?* The answer he gets is not what he expected. The question is a either/or type question. The answer is NO!

Does it make any sense for Joshua to ask a soldier in his own army 'whose side are you on?' Does it make any sense for this soldier to be hanging around the camp with his sword drawn? But as we discover, the man is the Angel of the Lord; the man is the Lord! When Joshua heard his voice he knows who it is, and worships.

" …as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come." This is saying the Lord has come to his people to take charge of the battle. It points to the second coming of Jesus, the spiritual coming, not the physical. It's saying when the Lord comes to us, as the latter rain for example, it's not to take one side or the other in our petty doctrinal disputes. When He comes to us, He is coming to **Take Charge**. He's coming to **Take Over**!

What is the point of the drawn sword? The sword speaks of the word, in this case the word of judgment. We see the angel of the Lord with sword drawn in his hand in the story of Balaam. Once Balaam realizes who it is, he worship as Joshua does. We also see it when David sees the angel at the threshing floor of Ornan. Here the context makes it clear **that the drawn sword speaks of the Lord's judgments being carried out.**

This tells us that He will come to us in a time when we can see His Judgments being carried out. For we know that Judgment must begin at the House of God.

Now lets look at the second fulfillment of verse 16 above. Jesus' answer to the disciples request for clarification seemingly doesn't clarify anything.

> *20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.*
> *21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.*
> *22 And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.*

Just as Joshua didn't get an expected answer to his 'either/or' question, neither did they.

But what he is saying here is telling us what will accompany his return. Weeping, lamentation, sorrow and travail will be our part. This will be from the Judgments Of God being carried out. And the Judgments come first to the house of God.

But then comes the comparison to a woman in childbirth. This speaks of the woman in Revelation 12 giving birth to a manchild.

Once the judgments are over, a new kingdom will be birthed into the earth.

> *Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: ….*

He will reveal Himself to us and we will know him, worship him and rejoice as we're clothed in His righteousness. This is the Sabbath of Rest, and the peace that passes understanding. **This Is The Day The Lord Has Made**.

Tear Drops Mercy Drops
Marie-France McDowell Smith

I, the Lord, TODAY give you strength and courage.
I cover you with My Wings, see Me High and Lifted Up, See Me, my train filling the temple of your heart.
See how I care for you, as no other.

See how I guard your every step, every word and every thought that is fully and completely surrendered to Me and Me alone. Come, beloved, See Me. As you See your Lord, let your heart record, remember and restore completely, allow Me to leave my fragrance in your life, and Be lifted to another level of intimacy with Me, like never before....

I will hold you, hold you, hold you...as you, My Chosen Ones, My Loved Ones, weep before Me, let the tears flow, let them flow, I am your Lord, I AM your God, I AM your Abba, ...cleansing tears of forgiveness, healing tears of restoration, powerful tears of Joy, tears that I find so precious that I store in a bottle, your every tear drop... your every sorrow drop, your every injury drop, your every sacrifice drop, as the drops of My blood fell to the ground as I chose to obey the Father's will.

Come, let us take time together, return to me, repent, release and rest in Our Secret Place in My Heart, lean upon my chest, I will stoke you hair and comfort you My Precious Sons and Daughters, Come, Come To Me, to another plateau, another level of My Love....I wish to open your heart, open your very soul, and for My Glory open your vocal chords that My Son and Daughters may declare and sing forevermore a NEW SONG, My song of Joy, My Song of Victory, know that My mercies endure forever.

Your Abba

> *Joel 2:17*
> *Let the Priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the alter, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?*

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The Dissolution of American Independence
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The morning of October 12, 2005, I was lying in bed around 11am and my husband was working on some music on his equipment. I was half sleep and half awake, deciding if I should go back to sleep when I turned over to my other side and just decided to lay there a little bit longer. I heard my husband go into the bathroom and while he was in there I suddenly could not move my eyes. I was awake but was in an open vision. In the vision I saw the American Declaration of Independence. I saw the words on the scroll like document and the original signatures. My eyes saw word from word as it scrolled down the entire document until the last signature. Then the words, written in black ink suddenly started to turn red like blood. Each letter, one by one until all of the words were in red and then a hole began to appear towards the bottom of the document with an outer ring around it like burned paper, then the fiery hole began to grow and evaporated the paper and continued to grow outwards towards the rest of the document. Then the vision went away and I was able to move.

I told my husband what at happened and we discussed the meaning of the vision as this: that God's judgments on America will begin small compared to those that are coming and will continue to grow bigger until America is destroyed. The small judgments, disasters, terrorist attacks, that we have been getting are big in our eyes because they have never happened on our soil, there are big to us, at least on the scale that they are occurring now. However, these big events are nothing compared to those that will shake our foundations until no justice, no peace, no law or independence is left in America. The vision represented the dissolution of American independence and the destruction of America. We know that this is accurate according to biblical prophecy because America is symbolized both in the physical and the bible as the nation with the eagle. We see that the lion as a country is England and that the lion with the eagle's wings are the kingdoms of the west and Europe. However, those eagle's wings are plucked off and no longer discussed in biblical prophecy after that. Something must take place in which the eagle's wings are plucked off and destroyed. And this was what my vision represented, it was the same as Daniel foresaw which is starting to come to pass today.

(Daniel 7:1-18) In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters. (2) Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. (3) And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. (4) ***The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.*** (5) And behold another beast, a second, like to a ***bear***, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. (6) After this I beheld, and lo another, like a ***leopard***, which had upon the back of it ***four wings of a***

fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. (7) After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns… (12) ***As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time***… (16) I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things. (17) ***These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.*** (18) But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Other prophets have seen America shaken as well. You can read their testimonies and words everywhere on the internet, books, even websites that I am post on. In addition to seeing America shaken, the good thing is that they have also seen the great revealing of God's remnant, which will leave the love of the world and the traditions of the church, denominations and doctrines of men, in order to serve God 100%.

We are in the last days and if Christ is coming back soon, we as his people need to be ready. Notice I did not saw church but God's people. God has also shown many prophets and preachers that half of those who call themselves church and go to church and preach God's word are not saved and do not belong to him. Many so called professed Christians say this teaching is not scriptural, but this is exactly why the scriptures say:

(Matthew 7:18-23) A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. (19) Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (20) Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (21**) Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven**; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. (22) **Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy name cast out demons, and by thy name do many mighty works?** (23) And then will I profess unto them, **I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**

Many modern day preachers who have been preaching prosperity and other things have heard from God to change what they are preaching to repentance because this was shown to them. They have testified that God revealed to them that He will no longer give out great portions of witnessing power and that He will refrain the Holy Spirit little by little because the church has not been taking God seriously and have let corrupt things, fleshly and worldly guidelines enter the church. God has said that there will be so great a want for Him because people will began to search out God that those are the ones who will receive His power, only those who want it.

Therefore, not only are we to be ready and watchful for Christ, all of those who do His will, hear His voice and want His power, but when God gives us these dreams, visions and messages, we are to warn the people, both sinners to come to repentance and the body of God so that we whom shine the light of Christ can be the light in a world of darkness when these things come to pass. If the Church, its members do not hear the words of the prophets, they are left blind and will lead the blind off the cliff. This is happening now. But those who hear the Shepard's voice are His sleep because they believe and listen to His voice and are prepared. Please be prepared and pray to God in this matter for more grace and mercy for our land.

(2 Chronicles 7:14) If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

We know that it is only a matter of time before these things occur as they are happening now, but pray that the true church, those remnant from the world will raise up soon to lead the church in the most glorious era that has ever been on earth. For the scriptures say:

(Romans 8:18-19, 22-23) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God... 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 And not only they, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

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P.S. If anyone has any other dreams or visions or messages of this same matter, please email me. I would love to see what God has been revealing to the saints.

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The Drought Of False Idols

Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:12

Inherent within the condition
Of your thoughts regarding love
Was the desire to control
That which you set your heart upon.
You staked out claims
Which established boundaries
Impossible for others to cross.
They were your cherished lines in the sand
In order to keep at hand
The subjects of your affection
As you gave no thought to the will of a holy God.

When focus is established
Outside the desires of the living God
Then the adverse winds of affliction
Are sure to breathe upon
All that you hold onto
As evidence of submitted love.
And if the winds should ever quiet
Then your heart may have time to resolve
The reality that you have been wandering
In a wasteland completely unmarked
Causing your journey’s quest to come to an end
Just as the rider when forced to disembark.

If you find strength to remain standing
Turn and pursue heaven’s inheritance of eternal worth
For God who looks down from heaven
Is a sure help to those who walk upon the earth
He will send healing that will move like a river
Upon the bonds that have marked your life
Bringing deliverance from captivity
Giving sight where once you were blind
To the purpose of His mercy
With hope to live each day inspired by faith
In confidence that God is ever present
To reveal truth to still the fear brought about by the night.

> *“And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.” Revelation 16:12*
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> *“And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.” Genesis 2:9-10*
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> *“And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria.*

> *And the fourth river is Euphrates." Genesis 2:14*
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> *"In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates." Genesis 15:17-18*

"And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord." (Isaiah 59:20) When the wise men from the east came to Jerusalem to stand before Herod the king, they asked him if he knew "where is he that is born King of the Jews." A star had appeared in the sky, which God used as a sign to lead the wise men, unto Jerusalem to worship the "King of the Jews." According to the wise men's understanding of the habitat of a king, they thought it appropriate to seek help from the king who held reign over the people within the region of Zion in trying to locate the Christ.

It was a "King" the wise men were looking for, so in seeking His location, they sought out a man who walked with kings. Yet, Jesus Christ, God's beloved Son, would not begin His ascent into Zion living in the luxury of kings who ruled in that day; nor would He grow up to be a powerful ruler who stood within the city, where the great river Euphrates ran as a boundary that marked the land promised to the tribes of Israel; nor would He lead as a warrior full of years, strengthened by age, ready to wield a sword in battle against those who refused to listen and obey the Lord of all creation. Instead, Jesus Christ would make His first appearance within the gates of Zion as a babe, born in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the child of a man and woman of humble and excellent moral stature. And Jesus Christ would end His days within the boundaries of Zion with being crucified upon a cross, after being bruised and beaten, mocked and cursed.

Jesus Christ would be born in the "City of David, which is Zion," in the region from which God had promised the tribes of Israel would come forth the "Deliverer" who would take away the sins of the people. And while He lived out His life amongst those who looked for salvation to come out of Zion, to set the captives free from their bondage, Jesus Christ would be known as a man who did not wield a sword made of iron against another. Even during the days when He was cursed and accused by others who sought to end His life, Jesus Christ did not retreat to the sword as a way of deliverance from out of suffering, nor did He turn to others and demand that they take up the sword in His defense.

When the day arrived that Jesus Christ was to take His last breath, many men's thoughts remained focused upon the great River Euphrates as a secure boundary that marked out the perimeter of Zion, as the land promised to the heirs of God, in which God would show forth His mercy and His glory. As men stood before Jesus mocking and cursing the "King of the Jews," as His life came to a cruel end to satisfy their demands, many within Jerusalem continued to look forward to the promised day, when God would establish His kingdom within the boundaries of Zion, so that God's heirs, the tribes of Israel, would be delivered from all their sorrows. And as Jesus Christ spoke the words: "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do", many men's hearts continued to hope that soon God would send the Messiah who, in His mercy, would establish Zion with righteousness, so that His deliverance, would become an everlasting sign to the nations which would then declare the majesty of the Lord.

> *"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." 1 Peter 2:6*

The Israelites, who had looked to the river Euphrates as a boundary to mark out the land of Zion, did not perceive that the One they had crucified on the cross, could be the corner stone upon which God's eternal kingdom of righteousness would be built. They could not understand that God would build up a holy habitation, which was made up of people redeemed from the curse that sin had brought about, which is death, would be created through the precious blood of Christ. They could not perceive that, through Jesus Christ, God would extend the boundaries of Zion to include all those whose faith was placed in Jesus Christ. They could not conceive of God creating a kingdom without end, whose boundaries had been extended beyond the physical realm of the land of Zion, and which would welcome both Jews and Gentiles to come before God in praise and thanksgiving.

> *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:12-14*

Those who considered Jesus Christ a blasphemer did not understand what God had purposed through His beloved Son. They could not understand that, through Jesus Christ, a new covenant would be established that would cause the old covenant to be rolled up as a scroll in hand of God. The old covenant, which was ready to “vanish away”, was to be replaced by the new covenant that declared people were heirs of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Those who demanded Jesus to be crucified, did not understand that through the new covenant, God would extend the boundaries of Zion, so that both Jews and Gentiles would be welcomed to enter through the gates of the New Jerusalem.

But a day would soon arrive when mankind would understand the inheritance that was theirs according to the purposes of the new covenant. They would understand through the new covenant, that both Jews and Gentiles were welcomed to enter through the gates of the “city of the living God,” which is built upon the foundational stone, who is Jesus Christ.

The heavenly Jerusalem, which “is the mother of us all,” (Galatians 4:26), would be the domain of those born again of the Spirit. The heavenly Jerusalem, which welcomed both Jews and Gentiles to enter her gates with rejoicing, would be appreciated by those who had received God’s kingdom authority upon their hearts and minds, through receiving the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Those of the Spirit, who have had God’s kingdom rule and authority established upon their hearts, will understand that God’s mercy and grace, love and peace are found within the boundaries of the realm and region of the heavenly Jerusalem.

God had appointed a day when Christ would enter into heaven, to appear in the presence of God for mankind. And it would be the precious blood of Christ (the spotless Lamb) that was sprinkled upon the heavenly altar. It would be only His precious blood that God considered worthy of making atonement for the sins of mankind. It was the blood of Christ that established the new covenant between God and mankind. And it was the new covenant established upon the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ that caused God to open wide the temple doors in heaven, and to pour out His Spirit upon all that stands within the four corners of creation. Now if anyone should turn toward Jesus Christ in sincere faith, they are invited to drink deeply from the river of life that flows from God’s heavenly temple and partake of eternal life.

> *“Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22*

Though in times past Gentiles were aliens from the “commonwealth of Israel”, now through the atoning blood of Christ, which was shed and sprinkled upon the heavenly altar, a new way has been prepared for both Jews and Gentiles to “come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.” Those who have had God’s kingdom of righteousness established upon their hearts, will appreciate that Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant, which speaks of “better things than that of Abel.” Now, both Jews and Gentiles, who have drunk deeply from the river of life, are built up together as a holy habitation of God, to show forth the goodness and mercy of God.

At one time in a person’s life they may have been in submission to “Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children”, so that they looked to the law and its ordinances in hope of being in right standing with God. But when made alive unto God through faith in Jesus Christ, they will come to understand that the blood of Christ, which was shed upon the heavenly altar, made a way for them to receive the inheritance that is theirs. They will come to appreciate that through the terms and conditions of the new covenant the inheritance is theirs to receive through faith in Jesus Christ.

Those who have partaken of God's Spirit, so that they have become "lively stones" within the city of the New Jerusalem, have partaken of the river of life that flows in abundance from God's throne room in heaven. They have drunk deeply of the river of life, so that they are built up as a holy habitation of God upon the earth, so that God's kingdom rule and authority established within their lives, influences the way they interact with others. When someone drinks deeply of the Spirit, God will help them grow up into maturity. They will gain understanding of the mind of Christ, so that they know the destructiveness of harboring resentment, anger and jealousy towards others. For those who drink deeply of the river of life, they will grow up into the knowledge of God's mercy and grace, love and forgiveness, so that they exhibit the goodness of God; and God will use them to help others know of His abundant love. God's kingdom of righteousness continues to advance upon the earth as His Word is heard and received.

Those who drink deeply of the river of life, so that God's kingdom rule and authority is firmly established upon their hearts, may describe their first experiences of being led of the Spirit as taking a step into a river that moves as a cool, refreshing stream up to their ankles. In this experience, they may find that seeking God through prayer, and His Word, will cause the shackles of unbelief, which held them in bondage to sin, death and self, are loosed, so they are encouraged to receive all that God has purposed for them. Others may compare their experience, of living according to the leading of the Spirit, to stepping into a river that has risen up to their knees so that they are encouraged to kneel down and drink deeply of that which God has provided for them. From this position, humility may overtake them, so that the longsuffering love that Christ has toward them will influence them to put aside any idols that have led them away from the beauty of God's holiness.

Others may come to a point in their relationship with God, where they compare being led of the Spirit to encountering a river that is so deep that it is impossible to cross over to the other side without the water rising above their heads. They may understand from this experience that they are being awakened to understand, in a greater measure, God's love toward them, which God uses to wash away the impediments of sin, fear and doubt that weighed heavy upon their hearts. And from this experience they may find that God has been establishing upon their minds the knowledge that He is ever present with them, to lead them day by day, so that they cease from leaning upon their own understanding, which discounted the power of God.

> *"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." Ephesians 5:1-6*

It is written within the Word, that those who love the Lord are not to sin. Yet the Word also proclaims that if they should sin, then they can have confidence before God, knowing that Jesus Christ stands as a faithful advocate on their behalf. Jesus Christ, who became a propitiation for their sins, does not condone sin; but they can trust that He is their ever faithful help in times when sin gains a foothold within their lives. Jesus Christ stands ready to help overcome the destructive behavior that sin brings about in His people's lives, as they look to Him, and call upon His holy name. Remembering the suffering that sin has brought into their lives, and experiencing the peace of being released from the destructive nature of sin, will give people confidence to quickly turn to God in times of need. Through experiencing God's work upon their lives, people will gain greater confidence that He who came to set the captives free from sin, death and self, will be faithful to help them overcome all areas that bring suffering into their lives, as they call upon His holy name.

It is through seeking God’s Word, and calling out to Jesus Christ in sincere faith, that a person is filled with the Holy Spirit. Then God’s kingdom authority and righteousness is established upon their hearts, to help them overcome the destructive nature of sin. It is through being filled with the Holy Spirit, that a person becomes a habitation of God’s righteousness, so that they no longer desire to go outside the boundaries of God’s holiness and partake of the goods, which are ideas and beliefs, offered by others who deny and discount the goodness of God. It is through creating a living stone in the kingdom of God, that God builds up unto Himself a generation of people who show forth His goodness and mercy to those who stand outside the city gates of His heavenly kingdom rule and reign.

Here are two examples of misunderstanding God’s goodness. If someone outright denies that Jesus is the Christ, who died and rose again, whose blood purged the heavens establishing a new covenant between God and man, causing God’s Spirit of holiness to be released from His temple on high, so that those who call on the name of Christ in sincerity, are born again of the Spirit, then they will have no understanding of the importance of living holy unto God. They will have no understanding of the consequences of sin; or perhaps they will even discount that what God calls sin, is in truth actions and activities that are harmful and destructive to their lives. Another person may believe that they can engage in sin, justify these activities, and even inwardly discount or ridicule the seriousness of what God calls sin; yet with this same mindset, such person may believe that God will grant them entrance into His kingdom of righteousness, which is realized through receiving the Holy Spirit. Yet, God speaks, to the one who continues onward with this mindset, the words; “I never knew you.” A person with this mindset will not receive God’s eternal blessings from heaven.

In both of these examples the people are walking in a spiritual wasteland, unable to read the markers that God places on His highway of holiness. They are unable to comprehend that the mighty river flows from God’s throne room in heaven and releases blessings into the lives of those who call out to Christ, with a sincere heart. They do not have eyes to see that many are enjoying the blessings of partaking of the river of life. To them, from their barren spiritual perspective, the river has dried up. They will not see nor partake of the riches found in Christ. There will be no immersion into the waters released from heaven, no walking within the boundaries established according to the New Jerusalem, which is the mother of all those born again of the Spirit, and no kingdom authority upon their hearts to cast off doubt, discouragement, hatred, revenge, jealousy, and beliefs that cause them to believe that their lives are of no value.

Those who walk within a spiritual wasteland will naturally look to men, who deny the authority of Christ, for insight regarding their lives. They will herald these men as kings, exalting them as the harbingers of truth, believing they bear messages that will bring purpose and worth into their lives. Yet, these men are false prophets if they deny in their hearts that Jesus is the Christ. If they speak words that proclaim there is any other way to find connectedness with the world around them, outside of Christ, then they bring a message of death to those who listen.

When a person’s heart is void of the knowledge of God’s love, and they look out upon the world barren of the purposes of God, then will their souls be prepared to receive the message spoken by false messengers who deny that Jesus is the Christ. Then will their hearts be vulnerable to receive the words spoken by those who proclaim to have truth that brings light and revelation to their darkened lives. These false messengers proclaim to have truth that is as enlightening as the sun that rises from the east, which will bring purpose into the lives of others. They proclaim to bear tidings of good news, all the while denying what Christ has accomplished for mankind.

Men who exalt their ideas as revelation, yet deny that Jesus is the Christ, gladly accept others living in submission to their authority. In fact, they may find great satisfaction in lording their authority over others. They may even justify using other people for their own personal gain, all the while having no concern for the mental well being of those who sit under their authority. And for those who walk in a spiritual wasteland, they may believe that this is the way that mankind was meant to live, and has always lived. However, there may come a day when they grow tired of being in bondage to the influences and ideas of another, who has no concern for their well being. Nevertheless, since so many others seem to be going in the same direction, they may think it is pointless to go against the flow. They may actually continue to hold out hope that, in the spiritual wasteland that they live in, there may actually be found healing waters to refresh their souls.

And according to the Word of truth, they are correct. But the first step they must take is toward Jesus Christ. For a person to escape their spiritual wasteland, where the boundaries of God's love, holiness, mercy and truth are not in evidence, and have dried up from their point of view, they must look to Jesus Christ, in sincerity. In Him is the way and the truth to a life of filled with abundant riches. As someone continues to seek Him, so that they continuously experience God's love and mercy upon their lives, they may find that one day they are flowing over with the goodness of God, so that they spill out onto others the love that they have found in Christ.

> *"Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: but the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness." Isaiah 5:13-16*
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> *"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:37-39*

The Devastation of Locusts
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The Book Of Joel

Verses 1-3 Being an American, I can only speak for this nation specifically - certainly the whole body of Christ-world wide is forever under attack - scripture is clear regarding the spiritual battle we face as Christians. However, has there ever been a time in American history when the proliferation of humanism, selfishness and greed been so overwhelming? We have become victims of the prosperity that God meant to be a blessing. Just like the children of Israel - we cry out in times of adversity, but in times of plenty we wander and flirt with other gods - worshipping the created instead of the Creator.

Regardless of what the humanist scholars want us to believe - God gave birth to America. He gave her life to BE LIFE and LIGHT. All the earth is His - temporarily in the power of darkness - but His Desire is for His people to have a "safe" place - a land in which they can prosper and grow and shine as a light to the nations. Unfortunately, the "American Church" has almost lost this physical land single-handedly to spiritual powers of darkness which drive lost and hungry hearts to destruction.

Let us, once again, listen to God's Heart and tell it to the next generation.

Verse 4: "What the gnawing locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust has left, the creeping locust has eaten; and what the creeping locust has left, the stripping locust has eaten."

Locusts are representative in scripture of evil spirits. It begins in each individual heart until it has destroyed the whole Body of Christ. There are the gnawing spirits - those temptations, accusations and insecurities that gnaw at our souls - a constant, steady gnawing at the fabric of our hearts.

Following, are the swarming locusts - because once we have given place to the pain of the constant gnawing we are suddenly surrounded by the conviction of their power over us. Fears, doubts and confusion begin to cloud our vision - swarms of locust have been known to block the sun.

If that were not enough, the creeping lies follow the swarm - we think the worst is over but once again that slow, deliberate pain, temptation, fear, or doubt is back again-coming so quietly you believe that this is really from within yourself-not an attack from the outside - it is who you are. It is bigger than you can resist.

The last to come are the stripping locust leaving our souls bare and wounded, open to infection and disease. Our focus is then on self preservation and covering our own nakedness - or convincing others that this sin too, is a spiritual truth. Actually we have been stripped of the vision and protection of God's Heart and Hand - stripped of every promise, every shred of hope - every possibility of faith in God's Word for victory and holiness in our everyday lives.

Verse 5: "Awake, drunkard, and weep; and wail, all you wine drinkers, on account of the sweet wine that is cut off from your mouth." With all that is happening in our midst - many more of us then we care to believe exist - are so focused on our own ministry -we have closed ourselves behind our own walls and become drunk on our own wine. Focus is blurred and we are unaware of what is happening all around us "in the world". We have become a private party, an exclusive club where any "not like us" is not welcome - not even if they are starving to death. Heaven knows we don't have time now to get out all the bulletins and go to all the meetings - how will we find the time to help them get their lives straightened out?!" "Those other ministries? We have the truth - we don't need them - we are strong enough on our own!" I Corinthians 12:21, "And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." (vs.27) "Now you are Christ's Body, and individually members of it." What would you really think if you saw a man walking down the street hitting himself in the head, cutting off his fingers, and poking himself in the eye? I doubt you would say, "Now there's the life for me!!" Yet, the Body of Christ wounds itself. There are many churches, many ministries - do not complain because one emphasizes one truth and another finds comfort in another - all make up the Body of Christ and work the fields that are white for harvest. The sacrificial death and Blood of Christ is the truth that will bring freedom - it is that same blood that must flow through each individual part. It is the highest Truth, all else will fade in the Light of His Coming.

Verse 6, 7: God's Heart is crying out,- "A nation has invaded My land, mighty and without number; it's teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the fangs of a lioness. It has made My vine a waste, and my fig tree splinters. It has stripped them bare and cast them away; their branches have become white." God's Vine on the earth - made up of fruit bearing branches - is Christ and the Church as Jesus explains in John 15, "I am the Vine-you are the branches". In Joel 1 God cries out that His vine is wasted and His fig tree (a scriptural picture of Israel) is splintered. Why, because an earthly NATION lies in waste? - no, the church first - but then the nation.

Verses 8-20

"Wail like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth." As a virgin bride waiting with joyful expectation for the love of her life cries out inconsolably when he is taken away - so should those who have waited as the Bride of Christ-keeping themselves unstained by the world - cry out. The wheat offering - the bread of life - the wine of His Presence is cut off from the House of the Lord. As Daniel repented for ALL of Israel - even though he was a righteous man - so should we - be humble enough to repent and ask the Lord to reveal to us any sin that has so entangled and deceived us that we do not recognize it in ourselves. "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." I John 1:8

The fields around us are ruined - they are no longer harvested but have gone to weed and thistle. The whole land mourns - for that which truly sustains life - is ruined and dried up. Fresh oil - that precious outpouring of the Holy Spirit will not come.

We have reason to be ashamed - we have been unwise stewards of our farm land, our vineyards and our harvests. There is no "pomegranate" - a scriptural picture of a joyful and fruitful tree, or life - we need to stop laughing at "being baptized in lemon juice" and weep for God to restore the joyful, fruitful life. There is no palm tree - no uprightness and faithfulness in the land. A life of "holiness unto the Lord" has been blurred by the "swarms of locusts" and we have begun to look like the world around us. barren and empty. There is no apple tree - no nourishment that is refreshing and sweet.

"Indeed, rejoicing dries up from the sons of men." (vs.12)

What can be done? Call a fast - gird ourselves with sackcloth - have no concern for the outward dressings of our lives - and repent with true, broken hearted cries because the grain and the new wine is being withheld. (vs. 13)

Is it really all that bad? Our cities lay waste with crime and disease. Unbelief and a culture of death has become the standard of life around us. The foundations of our "safe land" - the land of blessing given to us by Creator God is being destroyed and eaten by the locusts that first destroyed the hope of our own souls - one by one, body part by body part.

CALL A FAST!! The Lord will not stand by forever. The Day of the Lord is very near-will He come with judgment because of the sins He finds, or mercy for repentance?

Does the Church deserve JUDGMENT? Look at the fruit of its existence in this nation.

The last few decades have revealed much sin and hypocrisy in our lives. There was a time when the word of a Christian was considered honorable, life was a gift from God to be honored and protected, and good was good and evil was wrong. Now Christianity is ridiculed due to our own duplicity, life is dispensable (90% of women coming to Crisis Pregnancy wanting to terminate their fetuses are "Christians" and active in church), and we are running pell mell into the prophetic word that good is evil and evil good. That prophetic word of the last days refers to the unbeliever-not the believer!! -

unless he is one of the "elect" who is led astray.(Matt. 24:24) The world may - but the church may not. Christ, our role model remained holy in an unholy world and so must we. LOVING THE LOST, FINDING OUR MOST COMMON GROUND WITH THEM AND LOVING THEM TO HEALTH AND WHOLENESS IS WORLDS APART FROM BECOMING LIKE THEM.

Verse 17 says the "seeds" shrivel under their clods. Why does a seed shrivel? - for lack of water. There is a famine in our individual lives for the prominence of the Word of God. We cannot listen to God's Word from the pulpit, then walk out and leave it behind - but that is what has happened. THE SEEDS ARE SHRIVELING UNDER THE CLODS!! WE MUST TAKE THE WATER TO THE FIELDS!!! THE FIELDS DON'T COME TO THE WATER!!!

The storehouses are so desolate barns are no longer needed. As in Europe, where the once great cathedrals were storehouses of the Word of God are now hotels and restaurants - so churches here are being sold for lack of attendance and converted for other use.

Doesn't that register a cry in our hearts? The grain is dried up - the beasts groan - herds of cattle wander aimlessly because there is no pasture for them. The flocks of sheep suffer. The water brooks have dried up - and fire has devoured the dry land.

CHAPTER TWO "Blow a trumpet in Zion!!" Let the voice of the prophet be heard loud and clear. Let the prophet sound the alarm that brings trembling to a once easy living people. There is a tremendous darkness coming to this nation as rogue judges are a law unto themselves and the strategies of the enemy cloaked in intellectual thought and political correctness become laws that are destroying the foundations of our Constitution. The same Constitution birthed in prayer to God for His Help.

Benjamin Franklin stood in the assembly of men attempting to form this new nation and said, "Mr. Chairman, has it ever occurred to you and the men of this convention that we who are trying to project a Nation into the fellowship of the nations of earth have been very irreverent and short-sighted that we have never asked for help and guidance from the God of Nations? I move you, sir, that some God fearing man among us be called upon to implead the Throne of Divine Grace that we who are trying to form and build a new-made Nation may be given the conscious fellowship and leadership of Almighty God."

Patrick Henry in a speech given in 1776 spoke this revealing declaration: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

John Quincy Adams, the sixth President of the United States wrote, "The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: it connected in our indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

We recognize with John Adams, "We have no government armed with the power capable of contending with human passions (that are) unbridled by morality and true religion." That warning has come to pass in 2005.

George Washington wrote these words in his journal, "Eternal and everlasting God, direct my thoughts, words and work. Wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb and purge my heart by the Holy Spirit. Daily, frame me more and more in the likeness of Thy Son, Jesus Christ...Bless, O Lord, the whole race of mankind and let the world be filled with the knowledge of Thy Son, Jesus Christ."

Can God's blessing be on a nation because of the faithful fruitfulness of His people? Yes. Can it be removed due to their unfaithfulness? Thomas Jefferson expressed that very concern, "God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." Yes, and we have been found wanting.

"BLOW A TRUMPET IN ZION!" It is not necessary to blow a trumpet any other place BUT IN ZION!!! LET THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THEIR SINS EXPOSED AND REPENT - maybe He will have mercy.

Verse 12-17: "Yet even now" declared the Lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, weeping, and mourning; and rend your heart and not your garments." Now return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness, and relenting of evil. Who knows whether He will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, even a grain offering and a libation for the Lord your God? Blow a trumpet in Zion, consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and the nursing infants. Let the bridegroom come out of his room and the bride out of her bridal chamber. Let the priests, the Lord's ministers, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, "SPARE THY PEOPLE, O LORD, AND DO NOT MAKE THINE INHERITANCE A REPROACH, A BYWORD AMONG THE NATIONS. WHY SHOULD THEY AMONG THE PEOPLES SAY, WHERE IS THEIR GOD?"

Verses 18-32 hold the promise, "Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, and will have pity on His people. And the Lord will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied in full with them; and I will never again make you a reproach among the nations." THIS IS THE PROMISE OF REVIVAL! We have seen glimpses and received "tastes" of revival in Pensacola and Azuza Street - but this is a revival of proportions we have not seen. God says He will make it a double blessing -" the early rain for your vindication - the early and the latter rain as before. The threshing floors will be full of grain and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil. Then I WILL MAKE UP TO YOU FOR THE YEARS THAT THE SWARMING LOCUST HAS EATEN, THE CREEPING LOCUST, THE STRIPPING LOCUST, AND THE GNAWING LOCUST! You shall have plenty to eat and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you; then My people will never be put to shame. Thus you will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord you God and there is no other; and My people will never be put to shame."

This nation will not be safe from destruction until the hearts of its people are freed by the Love of God. They will not learn of it except the people of God become holy as He is holy then show love and mercy, praying instead of cursing. God holds us responsible to be good stewards of Godly legislation and its laws and lawmakers, but we must also remember - men's laws without God's Love and Justice make hearts hard, only the active Presence of God as represented in the Body of Christ will melt them.

Now the words we have long waited for will come to pass, "I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind, and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

Chapter 3 God is calling all to repentance and the knowledge that He is Lord of all - when His people are walking in the Light of His Truth - so that the world might SEE the truth and choose - He will bring judgment to all evil practices. What are we waiting for? How many times must we circle the mountain - each pass becoming more dangerous and difficult? Must we lose the nation and home God has given us and become a people living under godless tyranny before we "Awake and Weep!!" ?(Joel 1:5)

Does God's Presence have anything to do with a physical nation? - Every bit as much as the presence of evil destroys a nation. "Righteousness makes a nation great, but sin degrades any people." Proverbs 14:34

Mark down these words and make it clear. In this day the Lord your God is calling you to repentance and brokenness over the sins of this nation. We will not have "forever" to do so - but only the time allotted us. This nation can once again be the "light on a hill" that Creator God intends - but the time to turn it from destruction is almost over. God have mercy on us and forgive us.

On April 6, the Lord spoke to me regarding this nation. His directive was to the Body of Christ - begin living as the Body of Christ in the earth or He would take His Presence from this nation and put it in a nation we would not have expected. The following news release came shortly after-interesting coincidence. We have NO time to lose, but as we pray for continued revival in the Ukraine we must pray for an outpouring of repentance and faith in America - such as we have never seen.

Ukrainian Christians Rejoice at Appointment of Born-Again Believer as New Prime Minister-- "Our Government Has Come to the Conclusion That Ukraine Can Never Rise on Her Feet Until She Bows Down Her Knees Before the Almighty God." by Teresa Neumann : Apr 18, 2005 : The Embassy of the Blessed Kingdom of God for All Nations http://www.godembassy.org/en/news/news_fr.php?showdetail=561

On February 3, 2005 President Yuschenko listed his agenda for Ukraine, in which he took a clear and unprecedented stand against corruption. Sunday Adelaja, pastor of the Embassy of the Blessed Kingdom of God for All Nations, Europe's largest church in Kyiv, wrote an encouraging report about recent developments in Ukraine:

For the first time in the history of Ukraine, instead of only holding the official Inauguration with the elite members of parliament behind closed doors, the President also invited the entire country to join him for a second public Inauguration and Oath of Office on Independence Square. Our church took advantage of this moment and several thousands of our members stood among the citizens of Ukraine to congratulate our new President.

Following the Inauguration on Sunday, January 23, the President's work day began on Monday morning, January 24. Because of his Christian faith, he insisted on starting his day with public prayer and blessing, joined together with the heads of Ukrainian Christian denominations, including Baptist, Catholic, Charismatic, etc. This is a totally new thing for our nation. Remember, Ukraine is a former communist society.

The President chose Yulia Timoshenko, a woman, as Prime Minister. She is not simply the most popular politician in parliament, she is a born-again, spirit-filled believer, though this is not a public knowledge. The most interesting event took place when the Prime Minister took her Oath of Office on February 3, 2005 as President Yuschenko listed his agenda for the country. What shocked the whole country were his words, acknowledging what a responsibility his role carries before the people, and committing himself to the honor of carrying his promises out. His words are as follows:

a) My government will NOT STEAL!!! I know it is a fantasy in Ukraine to hear this, but I assure you that this government will not steal anything from the public. I take full responsibility for my government's actions. b) My government will never give or receive bribes! I demand this standard from every member of this government and I say right now, that if anyone is caught giving or taking a bribe, he will suffer the full penalty of the law. I also would like to say that if you catch any member of this government in bribery or theft, it is your responsibility, as citizens, to please report the situation to me, that I might take immediate action. c) To the Parliament, I want you to know that we will never use money to shift lobby votes! That practice has ended, as of today! I demand that the principle of openness, transparency and uprightness filter throughout every department and cabinet. No decision should be taken in secret. Everything must be done openly and in public view.

In Ukraine, what President Yushenko said is basically unheard-of. No leader has ever spoken so clearly or with so much determination to fight bribery and corruption.

When the Prime Minister came to the stand she made one simple point "Our government has come to the conclusion that Ukraine can never rise on her feet until she bows down her knees before the Almighty God."

This takes us back to Monday when the President started his work day. After the prayer and blessing, the President took his wife and children a few steps closer to the altar, and bowed down on their knees, bringing the nation before the Lord. This is an unprecedented act in this part of the world and all the media and priests could do was stand in awe, and shock at what was happening.

The biggest surprise to parliament was when the Prime Minister presented her 6-point program to the people. Everyone expected figures and calculations, but instead received a Biblical concept of national transformation:

a) Faith (in God, nation and individual citizens) b) Justice (to build an upright society) c) Harmony (between citizens and leaders) d) Security (of individual people, national interests and properties) e) Life (abundant life in every sphere through social programs) f) World Relations (that Ukraine would integrate itself as a European nation cultivating good relations with other countries including Russia and the European Union)

After Yulia Timoshenko's program was announced, the Ministers were named. We as believers couldn't help but laugh at this point because of who was placed at the head of the SBU (Ukrainian KGB), Alexander Turshinov. This man, a believer, grew up in a Baptist family during the communist regime and the top assignment of the KGB at that time was to destroy religion and faith, Baptist and Evangelicals in particular. Now, the head of this dreaded organization is a man who believes in the very thing they tried to destroy. Yes, God has a sense of humor! The Bible says in Psalm 2:4 "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision".

Other new ministerial appointments interesting to Christians are the positions held by the Minister of Culture: a born-again Catholic lady (in a very good relationship with our church); and the Personal Advisor to the President: Leonid Chernovetskiy (a member of our church). Everyone can testify that the new governmental appointments are highly disciplined, honest and are people of high integrity.

Some of the very first bills passed by the cabinet were to return stolen properties back to the citizens and the country.

In conclusion, we know that the changes taking place here in Ukraine are born from above and they are proving to be both encouraging and highly delightful! May you rejoice with us as we keep believing God for total transformation. Nothing is impossible for the Lord!

The Days Of Restoration
Bill Burns

Marsha Burns October 7, 2005: *Isaiah 59:19b "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him."* My warriors, My bride, I have called and equipped you to be overcomers ... and, yes, more than conquerors. I have established you in the kingdom to be victorious over every work of the enemy against you. Refuse to succumb to the devil's schemes and devices against you. Rise up in the authority I have given you and press through to absolute victory. You take the first step by faith, and My warring angels will join you in battle. Victory is assured, says the Lord!

Bill Burns
October 6, 2005: I am the Lord of the breakthrough, and I am breaking you out of bondages that the enemy has established around you. I will bring you into the glory of liberty. Take hope and renew yourself in covenant, for I will perform My Word. All the promises are yes and amen. That which has been spoken will indeed take place and be performed by My hand.

Marsha Burns
October 6, 2005: I speak to those who have ascribed to My Spirit what you have been doing by the power of your own flesh. I am bringing a dividing line and clarity so that you will know absolutely the difference between flesh and Spirit. There will no longer be any gray areas; the clarity that I bring will be black and white -- there will be a clear distinction and no longer any question as to who is directing your activities, yourself or My Spirit, says the Lord. Your yes will be yes and your no will be no. Yield completely to this process of developing discernment.

Marsha Burns
October 5, 2005: Beloved, stir yourself and wake up. I have called you to watch in this hour. Now is the time to be done with spiritual dullness and complacency. You must strive to have a single focus and to be about the Father's business. Refuse to be drawn away from My purposes by diversions and distractions. Rise up in the Spirit to a new level of discernment and faithfulness, for blessed is the one whose Master finds doing His will when He comes. Behold, I come quickly, says the Lord.

October 4, 2005: October is a month for watching. Take your position on the wall and watch. Watch for the signs that will confirm to you and bear witness of the new season. Indeed, I have brought you into this time of blessing. Watch for Satan's schemes, for he will attempt to distract you so that you miss the signs, which are the seal to your spirit that I am doing what I said I would do. I will bring you into the power and blessing of My covenant, says the Lord.

The Lord told me that there is coming a later harvest and October is a time for seed-planting, and He confirmed that to me this past week. Often He confirms things to me through rocks. I received a chunk of silver ore and a slab that has gold in it, and I believe that the Lord brought those to me and said, "The silver is mine and the gold is mine. You do not have to worry about the coming season. Deposit yourself in a position of faith and do not allow fear to rule and reign. Put away fear and establish your harvest through the sowing of your seed, and you will be surprised at how I prosper you through these times when others around you will not prosper."

Marsha Burns
October 4, 2005: Trust Me, says the Lord. Cast your cares upon Me, for I will perfect those things that concern you. If you will take a position of rest in your soul and watch, you will be amazed at the supernatural way your problems will be resolved. But, you must put aside all fear, doubt and unbelief and completely trust Me. Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.

October 3, 2005: These are the days of the restoration of all things. I shall teach you how to hear My sound, the sound that comes from heaven. I will teach you to experience it and allow it to refresh you. I will show you how to abide in My light and how to be aware of the light that is coming from down from the Father of Lights. You will experience the flashing rays that come from My hand. I will renew you and cause you to experience My voice as I speak in the still small voice. I have come to teach you how to experience heaven. These are the days of the meeting together of earth and heaven. I say to you, if you are to receive the fullness of restoration and walk in the power of the age to come, you must learn to experience My touch and know the leading and guiding of My Spirit, for you are being prepared for the age to come. Hear My voice and obey, for the blessings belong to you as you say, "Yes and amen."

Marsha Burns
October 3, 2005: I had a vision of a crystal goblet with water in it, and I saw someone's finger rubbing the rim of the glass to make a beautiful clear sound, and I heard the Lord say, "This is like My pure vessels, filled with My Holy Spirit. They produce a clear sound." Then, that vision transformed into members of the Body of Christ standing in a circle, shoulder to shoulder. They were in one accord and filled with the Spirit. And, the Lord said, "This same sound is the anointing produced by the unity of My people." Then, from that circle I saw an open heaven where our prayers ascended to the throne of God as rays of pure light, and the Lord was listening to every heart in the prayer of agreement and unity, which produced the sound of corporate anointing. 2 *Chronicles 6:40 "Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be open and let Your ears be attentive to the prayer made in this place."*

Marsha Burns
September 30, 2005: I speak to those who have settled into complacency and spiritual slumber. Rise up and establish My kingdom in your sphere of influence. I call you forth as participants and not just bystanders. Refuse to settle into the status quo or become content with your current state of being. Shake yourselves awake, and prepare to move forward. Allow Me to heal the wounds of devastation that have come as a result of separations and loss. I will indeed turn your sorrow to joy, says the Lord. You can do nothing to change the past, but you can yield to the work of My Spirit to bring transformation in every area of life. *Romans 13:11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.*

Marsha Burns
September 29, 2005: It will take perseverance to push through the hindrances that you have now encountered. Refuse to get frustrated or discouraged with lack of progress. You must quiet your soul in order to correctly discern the situation. Seek Me for wisdom and guidance, says the Lord, and I will show you the way. Be still and know that I am God. *Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

Marsha Burns
September 28, 2005: You, My people, have been under severe attack from the enemy. Yet in many cases you have looked to circumstances and flesh and blood to find the source of the problem. Put yourself in remembrance that your battle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers of darkness. Rise up in the spirit and stand against these attacks using the weapons that you have been given. Turn back the battle and gain the victory, says the Lord. *Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Marsha Burns
September 27, 2005: I have heard your prayers, and My ears have been attentive to your cries, says the Lord. Watch and be amazed at how quickly and easily I bring resolution to current dilemmas. That which has brought great consternation and confusion will suddenly dissolve. If you will quiet your soul and wait for My wisdom, that which has the potential to be disastrous can be dispersed without incident. Now is the time when you should quietly wait for My answers to difficult questions before you take action. *Isaiah 40:31 But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

Only Believe

Bill Burns

September 26, 2005: Have you seen this, My people? What a marvelous thing it is -- I sit upon the heavenly throne and send to you the rain, the anointing of this time, that you might become that which has been spoken of and prophesied. If you will believe, you shall receive. Only believe. Step forward from the past. Set your eyes upon your Lord; set your face like flint and move to the goal of the high calling in Christ Jesus. You will become the kings of the earth that will bring glory to Me. You are living in the days of restitution. I am bringing restoration to My people that you might see beyond the veil to understand your calling and purposes in Me, for I am raising up a royal generation. The kings of the earth shall now come forth and do what destiny requires. Arise and go. Arise and believe. Arise and receive, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns
September 26, 2005: Many are feeling isolated. Beloved, when you feel separated from one another or from Me, know that there are three things that bring separation -- sin, offense, and self-hatred. But, you can do something about those things. You can repent and turn from sin; you can release those who have hurt you and forgive them; you can forgive yourself and receive My forgiveness, says the Lord. Some of you, My people, are suffering in silence and burdened under the weight of condemnation. I say, you must take authority over the flesh and the devil to gain the victory.

Have I not admonished you to leave the past behind? That does not only mean the far-distant past, but also includes the events of this day, even up until this moment. I say to you, let go of all offense and injury, and prepare to move forward in My will and purposes. Refuse to allow past events to be a stumbling block, which prevents your victory. Rise up and lay hold of My kingdom by the Spirit, says the Lord.
To the many who have been in church bodies who came very close to losing faith, I say, I have kept you even through those times. You would have lost hope if you had not seen the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. I still have you in the palm of My hand, says the Lord; I have hidden you in the cleft of the Rock, and I will bring you through even these dry times. I will bring you forth in great power and great glory because you have trusted in Me and not in man. For that I honor you.

Marsha Burns
September 23, 2005: Be on the lookout for misunderstandings. Either you will misunderstand or be misunderstood. Either way presumption springs forth from a carnal reaction. Maintain clarity by not allowing your emotions to lead the way in relationships or conversation. Refuse to allow yourself to get out of control. Be quick to be forgive and grant mercy in abundance to both yourself and others as you rise above the flesh and walk in the Spirit, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns
September 22, 2005: Beloved, refuse to become overwhelmed with the demands on your time, energy, and resources. Trust Me to stretch your time and to give you the strength and wisdom to negotiate the obstacles you face. I am for you and with you, and I have not and will not forsake you., says the Lord. Be strong and resolute. *Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

Marsha Burns
September 21, 2005: Prepare to move forward from the place where you stalled out, but you will first have to arise from the ash heap of discouragement, disappointment, and self-pity. For, this mindset has blinded your spiritual eyes, and you can no longer see opportunities and possibilities for your future. So, I say, arise and shake off the dust of past failures, says the Lord. Look up with hope and expectation. Look through the eyes of faith. *Psalms 27:13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.*

Marsha Burns
September 20, 2005: Be strong and courageous, and be established in your faith in Me. Your faith is about to be tested again, but know that every test will make you stronger and better able to withstand and overcome the devices of the enemy. You are well able to overcome! *I Peter 1:6-9 "In this you*

greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith——the salvation of your souls.

Listen To My Voice
Bill Burns

September 19, 2005: Listen to My voice, My children, for I say to you that many of you have allowed the enemy to wear you out through you circumstances because you have forgotten the art of resting in My presence. You have refused to become a worshiper. I say, if you will open your mouth and open your heart and worship Me you shall be renewed continually, and you shall be reminded of who you are in Me and who I am in you, and you shall not grow weary. You will be like the eagle, I say; spread your wings, for he does not become weary, but he allows the wind of My Spirit to carry him far above the trials of this earth, far above the tragedies of this earth, far above the turmoil of this earth even, and he brings himself to Me with wings outspread. Into the heavenlies he soars and in the heavenlies he receives. Then, his youth is renewed. Let your youth be renewed likewise, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns
September 19, 2005: Be deliberate in receiving strength and healing to your body and soul. Refuse to allow the enemy to keep you bound and victimized. Now is the time of release from all grief and mourning that have kept you from being absolutely and completely free. Perfect liberty is still the order of the day. *Isaiah 58:5-6 "Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? Is this not the fast that I have chosen: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke?"*

The Light Of Revelation
Bill Burns

September 12, 2005: Come. Come again, My children, for the day is not over. The night is far spent, but the day is the light before you. The light of revelation that will be given to you this day shall bring you up and enable you to walk in heavenly places. It shall lift you above the things of the world and cause you to experience heaven's glory. Yes, even now, says the Lord. I will reveal My ways to My people; I intend to bless My people. I will bring you beyond the curse and into the joy of My kingdom, for in that place, says the Lord, you will understand the meaning of being changed from glory to glory, from faith to faith and from victory to victory. Come -- drink the cup that I give to you. The cup of new wine, the wine of My joy and peace. I shall indeed reveal Myself to you, and all of heaven shall glory in the fact that you have given yourself to Me wholly and absolutely.

Marsha Burns
September 12, 2005: The spirit of the anti-christ has targeted certain individuals and is operating through them in the Body of Christ. This spirit first established itself in the guise of unbelief, which became disgust and disdain, and now is manifesting through cynicism. I say to you who have allowed this presence in your life, you are separated from Me, says the Lord. But, I call you back to Myself. Change your mind and set your will against this evil force, and return to that place of sweet communion with Me. I want you to know that cynicism releases a curse against the your brothers and sisters, which not only separates you from Me, but separates you from My Body. You are indeed alone and without joy. Return to Me!

September 13, 2005: The enemy wants to get you off course by causing you to make mountains out of molehills. This is no time to lose your eternal perspective. Yes, your circumstances will require attention, but you must refuse to allow your problems to become bigger than they really are. Take a deep breath, do what you can for the moment, and wait for the intensity of the storm to pass. Stay quiet and keep your emotions under control, and you will find that some of the things that worry you will take care of themselves. What you see currently as disastrous will not be as threatening or scary if you will just wait before taking any action. Take courage, says the Lord.

September 14, 2005: Brace yourself for rejection, for it will certainly come. Do not be surprised when persecution arises, and do not take it personally. Those who are against you are against Me, says the Lord. But, I also admonish you to be diligent to refrain from rejecting others, for whatever you sow you will reap. Rather, love one another as I have loved you, and be at peace as much as is possible with you.
2 Timothy 3:12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

September 15, 2005: Beloved, don't panic. This too shall pass. Have I not told you that I will hide you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand? Run to Me and take shelter, says the Lord.
Psalm 91:
1He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."
3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.
4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.
5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,
6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

September 16, 2005: You have been ravaged by things that have been beyond your control, yet now is the time for you to be healed. You can do nothing about the things that have devastated and overwhelmed you except to allow Me to wipe the tears from your eyes and bring healing to your soul, says the Lord. Prepare to leave the past behind once and for all and move forward to rebuild the ruins, for certainly you are entering a season of rebuilding that which has become desolate. Trust Me to bring order out of chaos. *Hosea 6:1 Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.*

The Day Of The Greatest Awakening

Danny Steyne

> *"You showed favor to Your land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes... You forgave the iniquity of Your people and covered all their sins...You set aside all Your wrath and turned from Your fierce anger! Restore... revive... awaken us again, O God our Savior, and put away Your displeasure toward us... so that Your people may rejoice in you? Show us Your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. I will listen; You promise peace to Your people -- but let them not return to folly. Your salvation is near those who fear him, that Your Glory may dwell in our land. Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. You will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before You and prepares the way for Your steps."*
> *~Psalms 85*

The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful **wind** tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, **but the LORD was not in the wind**. After the wind there was an **earthquake**, **but the LORD was not in the earthquake**. After the earthquake came a **fire**, **but the LORD was not in the fire**. And **after the fire came a gentle whisper**. ... and a voice said to him, **"What are you doing here?"** *(1 Kings 19:11-13)*

Awakening comes at times when it seems that the church is at it's lowest ebb. The power of revival is realized that within a very short period of time, the impact of revival reverberates through every aspect of culture. The King is visiting His people, and His presence is found everywhere. In ever-growing concentric circles, revival claims hearts, lives, churches, communities, cities, regions, and eventually nations. It is this desire to see the presence of the Lord in every area and walk of life that stirs God's people. It seems that it is during those periods of time that the world actually is faced with the reality of Jesus, the cross, and the resurrection. It is during those seasons that the world becomes "still and know*s* that He is God!"
I venture to say that the heart cry of most of the church is to see the day when literally thousands of people are swept into the Kingdom of God. It is our desire to see the Church be what Jesus said it would be, "the light of the world", when this deep, dark godlessness in society is strangled by the Glory of the Church.
Storms, fires, earthquakes, tsunamis, tragedy, crisis, and devastation have always been the place where the Healing Grace of God meets the brokenness of man...
If the 1st Great Awakening were to happen today... 50 million would be saved...
If the 2nd Great Awakening were to happen today... 100 million would be saved....
If the 3rd Great Awakening 121 million out of our population of 300 million ... would be saved...

The evidence of a true Awakening is that it is rare for a person to not have encountered the Power of God! Welcome to the Greatest Awakening!
That day is upon us. The Day of The Greatest Awakening... the giant is about to wake up... and we are a part of this most awesome move of God in the History of Mankind!

The Davids Of The Hour

Heidi Cummins

I am raising up my David's in this hour,- I have been preparing them, steadying them, rooting them in Me. They are like steel. No, they are like titanium. They will not only use the sling-shot effectively, but these that I am raising up, will also cut off the heads of Goliath in the land. Sharply and decisively. They are indestructible, unaware of the fray around them. They do what they are supposed to do. What they have been born to do. Nothing can stop them.

Many consider them violent. They care not what people think of them. They only do what their Father asks them to do. They are fearless. They are "lightening- rods" in the Hand of the Lord. They are a prized possession. They cannot be stopped. They devour all that is in their path.

Woe to those that try and oppose them. Those that oppose them are annihilated without mercy. They are hated with the most perfect hatred. They are hated for their single-minded devotion to the Lord. But they are steadfast. They are not moved. Who can withstand their assault?

They trample on their enemies. They are successful in all they have been called to do. They are given the Spirit without limits. Who can stand before them? Who can oppose them? They are victorious and mighty. They have been prepared for the hour at hand. They are deadly in their accuracy.

Tremble in the presence of the Holy ones. Tremble in the presence of the Lord. Does not His Word come to pass as it is written? All that has been written will come to pass. Look and see the Holy ones who stand on the mountain of the Lord. They are coming. The Davids of the hour.

-Heidi Cummins 11-19-05

The Day Of The Latter Rain

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This is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I am preparing My bride in a mighty way that she might be ready to move in spite of the interference in the spirit realm because of the doctrines of man, the legalism, the pride of man, and all the other that spiritual leaders have given into. I am not pleased with the way things have and will continue in My house. Every one is out to make a buck, and by using My word as the means to bring it in, and this is an abomination to Me.

If My people would humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from the wickedness and abomination, then I will be faithful to heal the land. My people who are called by My name need to take a stand, and walk in the holy conviction of the Lord upon their hearts. Don't give into fear of man, but with the right heart, move out in My Spirit in worship, and in praise, and in obedience to My perfect will as I show you.

Yes, watch your heart that you don't give into rebellion, but just take a holy stand in the congregation of the saints, by moving by the leading of My Spirit. How do you know if you don't step out if I truly will be accepted or not. If those in leadership have the right heart and are truly seeking My will, then I will be able to set them free from the deception of the enemy. If their hearts aren't right, then I don't want you to sit under a delusion, or you will be coming out sounding the same way justifying compromise and the sinful ways of the flesh.

Yes, this is the day of My latter rain outpouring, and I will use My bride who has been purged by My fire, who have taken a stand for truth and holiness, and did not give into fear of man. How can My people who are called by My name take a stand for holiness and example for truth in the world eyes if they can't stand in the congregation of the saints of God. Yes, there are wolves in sheep's clothing, but there are also My people who have been led astray. They have been so hungry for My love and truth and acceptance, that they have given into a counterfeit way of being accepted through the leadership of those who have not walked in truth.

Open up your eyes and cry out, and I will lead you out and enable you to join up with those with the same heart as yours. ....those who are seeking true worship, and the manna that will bring encouragement, and the strength, and the grace to enable them to grow. Cry out and I will lead you out to feast at My table, to rest by streams of Living Water, and to be able to voice what I AM saying in their hearts. Yes, many are hungry for freedom, for truth, for light and are seeking My face. And I assure you that the truth will truly set them free!

The Doorway To The Father

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Dec 17, 2004 - I was taken into a vision. I felt like I was standing in the middle of the nation. It seemed as though I was in a massive courtroom where God sat as judge. It was very unusual to experience God in this way.

Then, in front of me, I saw a white door with a peephole in it and the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "Go to the door and look through the peep hole."

I went to the door and, as I leaned forward to look through it, a great warmth and safety came over me. I noticed this so keenly because in the "courtroom" I had felt cold and alone. As I looked through the peephole, I saw my heavenly Father. Light was everywhere, beauty was everywhere, and it felt like home to see my Father. This was the God that I knew.

I then became aware that the door that I was standing at was Jesus Himself and that the peephole was the hole in His hand where the nail had pierced it when He hung on the cross. He was standing in front of me and had wrapped His arm around me and covered my eyes with His hand. This was the warmth and safety I had experienced when I went to the door in the courtroom.

As I realized that this was Jesus, I understood in a moment what He was showing me. The lost only experience God as judge because you must come into sonship to know Him as Father.

Jesus is the door to the Father and we must come through Him to enter into sonship. I felt as though I was being placed as doorkeeper in the nation. I saw myself going out and inviting the lost and the broken and the sick to come to the door of Christ and to view the beauty and safety of God as their Father. If they could only get a glimpse of Him through this peephole, then surely they would go through the door of sonship and find God as their Father and Christ as their Savior.

I believe that God is asking us to invite the lost and to invite the spiritual orphans to come to the door and to know God as Father, rather then as judge. In the end, when we all stand before Him. . . we will either stand before Him as God our Father or God our Judge.

It felt as though the time for decision is so close at hand, and we are the keepers of the door and the holder of the keys to usher the lost and orphans through this door. There is a great sense on me that we are receiving a great anointing for life evangelism.

We will see, as we go through our days, divine appointments and opportunities to speak a word of life to someone who is ripe for harvest, and it will lead them to the door of Christ and they will pass through Him. We will hold the keys to kairos moments for the lost. The lost will suddenly be found and, in a moment, a lifetime of defeat and loneliness will turn into victory and sonship.

We are being given "keys of life" to the "door of life". . . the "suddenlies" that have been upon the church are about to come upon the lost!

Psalm 84:10 "For a day in your courts is better then a thousand elsewhere. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, then to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

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Third Day Warfare

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In Judges 19, 20 and 21 the Lord gives us the story of the War against Benjamin. There are certain end time lessons here especially in chapter 20 where the battles actually take place.

One of them is about how the Lord in his wisdom will keep certain things secret till the proper time for their revelation. Another is about the last days battles and how the martyrdom of the saints enables the final victory over the enemy.

The battle lasts 3 days. On the first day, when Israel sought the Lord, he told them to go up and attack Benjamin at the town of Gibeah. They were thrown back with heavy losses. On the second day, the Lord told them to go up and they suffered heavy losses again.

On the third day after much weeping and fasting, the Lord tells them *Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand*. [Judges 20:28] So they go into battle and practically wipe out the entire tribe of Benjamin.

Now from reading this account, it’s clear that the Lord’s battle plan was to let the enemy think that he was winning, and then trick him into an ambush. This required a certain amount of troops to be sacrificed. But if you send your troops into battle knowing that they are going to lose, the will not fight well if at all. In fact they might just head for the hills and just not show up to fight. So if the battle plan were revealed at the beginning, it would simply not have worked.

Likewise, in our lives, the Lord wants us to move in faith and trust. We are to be like Abraham, the father of faith, who went out, not knowing where he was going; but he was trusting God to get him there. If we were to know our immediate future, our behavior would change and we would miss what God has for us in the end.

End Time Application

The end time application here comes when you note that the victory comes on the Third Day. This is a prophetic clue, showing there is a double meaning to this lesson from scripture. The Third Day is the Third day of prophecy. It’s often called ‘that day’ or the ‘Day of the Lord’ and other such names. The first two days are the two thousand years since Jesus came in the flesh. The third day is the millennium, equivalent to the seventh day of creation and the seventh day of God’s week.

Points to note:

- The victory does not come immediately at the beginning of the third day.
- God does not reveal his plans or promise victory till the third day.
- Deep repentance and prayer is needed before God reveals all this.
- A sacrifice of troops is still necessary and the troops are quite willing to make it on the third day.
- The ambush from behind speaks of the Second Coming.

The warfare on the third day forms a parable of the end times. Many writers are aware that the third day is when God will bring things to a close and fulfill the remaining prophecies, yet they expect that all these things will come to pass immediately after we enter the third day. On the other hand many prophets are telling us that we have already entered the third day. So how to reconcile these ideas.

The story of the third day's battle against Benjamin provides us an illustration of how it happens as a process. In Jewish time keeping the change from one day to the next does not come at 12 midnight. It comes at 6 PM. The day begins at evening, 6 PM and runs through the night to the following morning and up to 6 Pm again, when a new day begins. So in the story here lets see how it happened.

> *Judges 20:25-28*
> *25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the* ***second*** *day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the sword.*
> *26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.*
> *27 And the children of Israel enquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days,*
> *28 And Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up; for to morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.*

On the second day, Israel was once again trounced by Benjamin. Then they go up to seek the Lord. They are seen weeping, fasting and offering sacrifices till evening. Then at evening, the third day commences! And the Lord reveals the plan and gives the promise of victory.

In the terms of our parable, Israel is typical of the Church, and the first two days are speaking of the 2 thousand years of the 'church age'. At the end of that time, judgment begins at the house of the Lord and the church is brought to a place of deep repentance [weeping] and worship [sacrifices]. The part where the Lord speaks and reveals the plan and gives the promise of victory represents the **Revelation of Jesus Christ**. This is the beginning of the end time events in the Book of Revelation.

In the third day of warfare, the men of Israel know that their part is to go up to battle and pretend to loose, as before. And that some of them will have to deliberately give their lives to do this. This speaks of the willingness of the church to obey the word of the Lord unquestioningly in the end times. Psalm 110 speaks of this as the Day of His Power.

> *Psalms 110:3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

This is also seen as the day of power in Revelation 12. This is where we read of God's people being willing to lay down their lives and die the martyr's death.

> *Revelation 12:10-11*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the* ***power*** *of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

The Contemporary English translation says it like this:

> *Revelation 12:11 Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God. They were willing to give up their lives.*

Here in vs. 30-31 is a description of Israel going up to battle. The word up is used several times in the text. This gives an impression that they were facing an uphill battle all along.

> *Judges 20:30-31*
> *30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times.*
> *31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, and kill, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel.*

But before this happened, Israel has ambushers stationed around Gibeah.

> *Judges 20:29 And Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah.*

Then as Israel is retreating down the highway, the ambushers attack the city from behind and above.

> *Judges 20:37 And the liers in wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword.*

The town of Gibeah is behind and above the battle area. This speaks of the high places of the earth.

> *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in **high places**.*

These liers in wait or ambushers speak of the armies of Heaven, the saints and angels who will accompany the Lord Jesus Christ as he returns to fight the last battles. The first thing The Lord does is to execute judgment on the High places, where the rulers of wickedness have their seats.

> *Micah 1:3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the **high places** of the earth.*
>
> *Amos 4:13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the **high places** of the earth, The LORD, The God of hosts, is his name.*

Then after Gibeah is destroyed, the ambushers come down and hit Benjamin from behind and above. This speaks of the Lord and the armies of heaven continuing on after treading on the High Places to the final battles on the earth.

> *Judges 20:39-40*
> *39 And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle.*
> *40 But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven.*

The related passages in Revelation include these:

> *Revelation 16:16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.*
>
> *Revelation 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
>
> *Revelation 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

Now earlier we said the martyrdom of the saints enables the final victory over the enemy. Just how is this?

We see the people willing to sacrifice their lives. The children of Israel in Judges and the end time saints in Revelation. In Judges, their sacrifice is what makes the ambush work. What about in Revelation?

Well here the climax is not an ambush but the Second Coming of the Lord. We read about this in Jude for instance where the reason for the Second Coming is to execute judgments.

> *Jude 1:14-15*
> *14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*
> *15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

In Second Thessalonians we read of Him coming to take vengeance.

> *2 Thessalonians 1:7-8*
> *7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,*
> *8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

And in Revelation 19 we see that he is avenging the blood of the martyrs.

> *Revelation 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.*

These are those who gave their lives for the Gospel. We see them crying for vengeance in Revelation 6.

> *Revelation 6:9-10*
> *9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*

The Key to how the martyrdom of the saints enables the final victory is found in Romans 12, where we see that God uses the patience of the saints to open the way for his vengeance.

> *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

This hearkens back to Romans 12: 1

> *Romans 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Here the Lord is asking us to offer our lives as a living sacrifice to that it will 'give place to wrath' as mentioned in vs. 19. This is what makes the vengeance and the final victory possible. And so we note in closing the words of Psalm 116.

> *Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

Summary

The two major lessons we are bringing out here are these.

First it is often necessary for the Lord to keep certain things secret from us, both for our own good, and because this secrecy is part of his plans.

Second the battle against Benjamin forms a parable or allegory of the end times and how the martyrdom of the saints enables the final victory over the enemy.

This Day WE Fight!

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Winds of adversity are before you. Many more "shakings" are coming. I am working in the midst of these violent times. Yes, you need to pray and war as never before. Pray that confusion would be dismantled. Pray that my spirit would brood over those who will come to know me through the adverse times that are coming. You are truly in a new season and my people need to be on their faces crying out for mercy, truth and justice! It is time to war Beloved Ones! This is no time to fear, but take up courage and battle with the direction of my Spirit.....

This Day WE Fight!

I am currently reading a book, "This Day We Fight", by Francis Fragipane. It's been life changing for me. How many of us pray and plead for God to move, to change circumstances in our lives? For years we pray and fast, and God's in that. He uses those times to bring forth perseverance of faith, to bring forth and forge His Godly character in us. But, Beloved we are in a new day, the Days of, "This Day We Fight!" Francis in his book speaks of breaking the bondage of a "passive spirit!" As I have read this something new has arisen from my spirit man.......a fight that I didn't even know was laying dormant in my spirit man.....

On a personal note:

My husband sustained a back injury in 1997 that left him 100% disabled! We have been warring and praying for his healing since then. Every time anyone prays for him, including me, the pain worsens. This week as I was praying for him the Lord showed me a vision. In the vision I saw the gate that we are standing at. And in the midst of the opening of the gate I saw a demon, it looked like a Sumo Wrestler?? The demon was short, stout, and filled the entire opening of the gate way. Then the Lord took me to the other side of the gate. On the other side of the gate, was the "promised land", and on the ground lay gold, jewels, and beautiful ancient stones. They just laid there on the ground. I remember leaning over and just picking up a hand full and letting them sift and fall through my fingers, all the time thinking these are just laying here for anyone, For who so ever!

This is what I sensed....

We stand at the gate.

The Lord wants us to cross over, more than we want to. There stands before us a struggle. We must wrestle for our future, our destiny.... Now I asked the Lord about wrestling with the Suma Wrestler...? and the Lord said this, "It's not your responsibility to wrestle with him, your job is to walk in "obedience", that is the warfare....and "worship". As you worship it will take you above the battle. I will fight the enemy, I will subdue the enemy and bind him. You walk in obedience, you worship me, and you "pray" with boldness before my throne. Even if things worsen for a season, pray like you already have the prize! Pray like your already are on the other side in the promise land walking in the new."

We must walk through these personal struggles to walk in greater authority in the Kingdom of God. These personal struggles place us in the boxing ring of life. They cause us to be pushed in the corner, and you either shrink down into a heap in the corner of the ring, or you stand up fighting, and saying, "I am not taking any more of this! And I am fighting for what's rightfully mine. The word of God says it, and I am using the word against my adversary, the devil!!!" It is the day to fight. Persevere to the end of this thing....

God wants to give you greater authority!

The greater the battle the greater the prize!!! John Paul Jackson shares in one of his books about the great trials he's had in his life. He had died several times and the Lord brought him back to life. He asked the Lord why his tests were so hard! The Lord replied back to him, "John Paul, Itty bitty test, itty bitty man of God, great big test, great big man of God." Doesn't that put things in to perspective!

God wants to give us His best. Embrace the test, learn from it, gain wisdom from it. Overcome from it, fight for it, don't give up. No never ever give up, don't ever give up....., no never!

As I was warring this week an anointing fell upon me and these words came forth.....The Lord of host says...."It is time to get fed up, from being beat up, and rise up.... as mighty warriors! Passage is being granted to go through the gates....The gates of authority, the gates of provision, the gates that have held us in the past, passing through the gates of past failures, the gates of grace, the gates of love, the gates of the Lord!!!"

Possessing The Global Territory!

You see Beloved what we are learning on a personal level is teaching us to war for the big enchilada! The world! The Lord is closing all doors of access on a personal level and teaching us to go in to and possess the "Global Territory!" That is why the battle is so intense on the personal level. The enemy knows if you get it right at home, nothing will stop you from possessing the harvest fields....God wants to give us the nations. "The people", they are the treasure. They are the land to possess. As things intensify with adversity, and trials, the hearts of the nations will be softened. Our personal testimonies will strengthen the faith of the unbelievers!!! Its time to rise up Beloved. Its time to, "Get fed up, from being beat up, and rise up..... as a mighty warrior!!!"

Walk in obedience! Be a person of violent praise! (Praising God in spite of what you see with your natural eyes!) Pray, pray and pray again! Use God's word against the enemy. Don't listen to him, listen to what the Bible says. It says we are to walk in wholeness, healing, and that God wants his best for you and I. Believe it. It is the truth, the way, and life to you and I....

Be encouraged this day! I don't know where your at, but God does, and he violently cares for you. Pick up your sword today and fight! The enemy is weakening, the battle is raging, the violent praisers will take the heavens by force! Rise up in your calling, rise up in your warfare mantel. Rise up and take dominion....it is yours for the taking!!! Yes, This Day We Fight!!!

"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand,.....This honor have all the Saints." Psalms 149: 6 and 9B....

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The Epistle To The Manchild

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> *Revelation 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

I have recently noticed some features of the epistles to the Thessalonians which seemed very special. Research into word meanings brought out the following information.

Thessalonians are the people of Thessalonica, today known as Salonika.
Thessalonica was named after a Greek princess named *Thessalonike*.
And *Thessalonike* means **victory** in Thessaly, she was named in honor of a victory in Thessaly. I didn't find any further information on the meaning of Thessaly. But the important part here is the word *nike* meaning victory. At that point the Lord spoke to me, saying 'message to the victors.' So the epistles to the Thessalonians are a 'message to the victors.' We are going to look at just how this is.

Recall the old song lyric, *We've been made more that conquerors, overcomers in this life, we've been made victorious through the blood of Jesus Christ*.

These definitions from Strongs' may help us see the relationships between these words. They are all roughly synonymous.

Nike *victory*
nee'-kay
Apparently a primary word; conquest (abstractly), that is, (figuratively) the means of success: - victory.

Nikao *overcometh*
nik-ah'-o
From G3529; to subdue (literally or figuratively): - conquer, overcome, prevail, get the victory.

Hupernikao *conquerors*
hoop-er-nik-ah'-o
From G5228 and G3528; to vanquish beyond, that is, gain a decisive victory: - more than conquer.

Here in first John there is a reference to overcoming.

> *1 John 5:4-5*
> *4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*
> *5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?*

Now we are going to take a look at a few points and make some spiritual interpretations. Here are the opening sections of the two letters.

> *1 Thessalonians 1:1-6*
> *1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
> *2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;*
> *3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;*
> *4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.*
> *5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*
> *6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:*

> *2 Thessalonians 1:1-5*
> *1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:*
> *2 Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
> *3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;*
> *4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:*
> *5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:*

The first couple verses of each of the two letters are nearly the same. It mentions three authors, Paul, Silvanus and Timotheous which indicates that this is the full trinity of the Godhead speaking here.

Next note how it mentions that the Thessalonians are *in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.* This is an important point if you consider Jesus prayer in John 17.

> *John 17:21-23*
> *21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art* ***in me, and I in thee****, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*
> *22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*
> *23* ***I in them, and thou in me****, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

Here Jesus is praying that his disciples would be in him and in the Father, verse 21. And he also mentions that the Father is in him and he is in the disciples. So this description of them speaks of a fulfillment of Jesus prayer in John 17. The same thought is echoed in 2 Thessalonians 1:12.

> *2 Thessalonians 1:12 That the name* [nature, character and authority] *of our Lord Jesus*

> *Christ may be* ***glorified in you, and ye in him****, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Note also that Jesus' prayer includes the phrase *that they may be made perfect.* This speaks of perfect obedience the way Jesus was made perfect. Note also the idea of glory mentioned in John 17:23 quoted above and here in Hebrews 2.

> *Hebrews 2:10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing* ***many sons unto glory****, to make the captain of their salvation* ***perfect*** *through sufferings.*

The question of obedience is also touched upon in *2 Thessalonians 3:3-4*

> *2 Thessalonians 3:3-4*
> *3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.*
> *4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.*

Both salutations pronounce Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Now understand that Grace, is the Spirit of Grace i.e. the Holy Spirit. And also Peace speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our peace. So God is saying here that He is granting them Grace in the person of the Holy Spirit and Peace in the person of Jesus.

Verse 3 in both passages mentions several traits of the Thessalonians which are fruits of the Spirit. These naturally follow from a full, end time outpouring of the Spirit. Faith, Charity, Patience, Enduring persecution and tribulation, are mentioned.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 says *Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God*. This tells us the Thessalonians are Chosen, the elect.

Then verse 5 adds *our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in* ***power***. This is another clue to what's going on here. As First Corinthians mentions this about the Kingdom of God.

> *1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in* ***power****.*

It should be apparent that God is saying they are **chosen** and have been given an entrance into the **Kingdom**. Note also that verse 6 mentions the joy of the Holy Ghost, which is an aspect of the Kingdom as this verse from Romans tells us.

> *Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

Verse 6 also mentions that *ye became followers of us*. Compare that to what it says in Revelation 14 about the overcomers.

> *Revelation 14:4 …. These are they which* ***follow the Lamb*** *whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*

2 Thessalonians 1:5 also mentions the Kingdom of God as does this next quote which speaks of the calling into the **kingdom and glory**. And we note that these Thessalonians had understanding of The Word from verse 13, knowing that it is not just a historical record or an inspired word, but the very word of God.

> *1 Thessalonians 2:11-13*
> *11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,*
> *12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his **kingdom and glory**.*
> *13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, **the word of God**, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Summary

Looking at the letters to the Thessalonians through spiritual eyes shows us many traits they have in common with the Manchild of Revelation 12 and the 144 thousands of Revelation 14. And we conclude that the Lord is using the Thessalonians as a type of this Manchild in His Word. And it means the letters to the Thessalonians are letters to the Manchild. They are a message to the victors.

> *Revelation 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*

And most importantly there is a direct connection between the coming forth of the manchild and the coming of the kingdom of God, as you can read farther down in Revelation 12.

> *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the **kingdom of our God**, and the **power** of his Christ: ….*

The Emerging Church

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I believe this: In this critical hour in earth's history, the Holy Spirit of God is leading those "who have an ear" into a new dimension of revelation and glory. Any return to the status quo, business-as-usual church experience will sound the death-knell to the full desire of the Spirit of God.

I'm convinced that God is raising up a NEW VOICE, a NEW FACE and a NEW HEART in the earth. I read an article on a recent flight that stated that Great Britain reports less than 2% church attendance. Something is gravely wrong when the land that felt the footsteps of Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, Wigglesworth and others has deteriorated into the state it currently languishes in. In America, the echo of Azusa Street has faded into oblivion. The times of Jonathon Edwards have become merely historic and not dynamic. Aimee Semple McPherson, John G. Lake, Oral Roberts, all shook the land, but are now represented by so little. Those who are seeking to plumb the depths of God's Spirit and His well of wisdom must look beyond former personalities and movements for direction and understanding. What God is doing is BEYOND. God told Daniel to "seal up the prophecy" because it would require a future generation to understand. There is a new generation which has risen with understanding, and those who will hear "what the Spirit says to the churches" must listen intently.

As I watched the faces of young leaders at a staff meeting in a world-renowned church recently my heart ached to just get up and shout to them,

"You can change your nation! Get up! Get full of God! Get His Power and His Resource and His Word and His Wisdom and His Enablement and storm the nations with His love and grace and mercy!!!!!!!!!!

I love the men and women God has raised up in the past generation. God has uniquely placed and is using them in this hour. Could it be though that God wants to use the former generation to provide strength and stability, while developing an entirely new generation and new concept of changing the earth? I believe something significant is contained in the Darlene Zscech song, "Touching Heaven, Changing Earth." Greater concern on "touching heaven" will produce a changed earth. The focus has been on doing "things." Developing programs, producing strategies has caused the church to focus on the "doing." God is looking for those who will concentrate on "being." If our concerns should turn from the next ministry emphasis to an emphasis on heaven, on worshipping, loving, and hearing God, and on building deep, spiritual relationships with others in the Body of Christ, the resulting transformations in our own lives would have a powerful impact on the earth!

We've got to touch heaven! We've got to become more connected with heaven than we are connected with a denomination or church! Until our supreme connection is with heaven, all our best attempts to change our world will fall flat.

This is where the heart of ministry will derive from in the coming days - from men and women who have sought the face of God and who have found relationship with one another through which the very essence of Jesus may be seen by the world.

The emerging church cannot be as churches have been, or we will no longer have a reason to exist. Let God lead into the deep, into uncharted waters, into latitudes no one has explored.

This is FLESH and BLOOD and not ORGANIZATION and BUILDINGS.

God is building something far more substantive than an organization or a building. He's building His church. It was good to be in staff meeting and to observe the "machinery" of a great church. Let us REFUSE to imitate yesterday's anointing and discover fresh anointing for today.

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The Emerging Elisha Generation

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The Last Journey Of Elijah And Elisha

For the past several months I have been meditating on The Elisha Generation -- the generation of believers who walk in the double anointing. Having co-authored the book on *Elijah's Revolution* with Lou Engle and then composed *The Coming Prophetic Revolution*, I am now building on those teachings and reaching forward into what comes next. The following are some thoughts on the emerging Elisha Generation.

Let's consider the quest of Elisha to obtain all he could from the Lord and also through the human agency of his relationship with Elijah. As recorded in II Kings 2, this journey eventually took Elisha from Gilgal to Bethel to Jericho, and finally to the Jordan. Each of these four stations prophetically represented strategic events in Israel's pilgrimage. But the encounters at these four locations also became a test to see if Elisha would settle for the best of the past or if he would cross over as a new generation pioneer into territory that had not yet been possessed as an inheritance.
Let's look at these four locations and see what they represent.
A. Gilgal is the place where Israel set up its base camp before subduing and possessing Canaan, under the leadership of Joshua. But, first, all the men had to be circumcised (Joshua 5:2-3). Circumcision is an outward sign of a covenant people (Genesis 17:9-14; Romans 2:29; Colossians 2:11). To be enabled to walk out your prophetic purpose for the next generation, one must be "cut in the flesh." This symbolically represents the **work of the Cross in the disciple's life**. Gilgal means "to roll back" or "the reproach has been rolled away."

B. Bethel was named by Jacob after the Genesis 28:19 experience where the Gate of Heaven was opened up and the angels descended and ascended. **The manifested presence of God appeared** and the place was called The House of God.
The Holy Spirit wants to take us from the place of the removal of the flesh to the House of God where His presence dwells. But don't camp there -- there is more! Elijah tells Elisha to stay at Bethel. This became another test of hunger and desperation for Elisha and an opportunity to cross over into more territory.

C. Jericho is a fragrant place founded by God where the dividing walls come down. Many want to stay simply at the House of His presence but don't capture a city-taking mindset. Elijah tests Elisha by telling him to stay at Bethel. Most of us would love that assignment. But we must see that there is more than just having a house of renewal -- **we must take cities for God**.

D. Jordan means to subdue or to take down an enemy. The river Jordan was a historic geographic marker that separated the promise being in the future to the promise being acted out today. Elisha had to move past Jericho and cross the Jordan if he was to come into the fullness of his inheritance for his generation. The **promise of multiplication comes on the other side of the river!**

DOING THE DOUBLE -- A LOOK AT THE MINISTRY OF ELISHA

According to II Kings 2:9-14, Elisha asked for a double portion and received the prophetic mantle that fell from Elijah. The scriptures record 7 miracles that Elijah was used to accomplish. There are 14 recorded miracles from the life of Elisha. Elijah had one raised from the dead -- Elisha is known for two! Look with me at 8 of the miracles Elisha accomplished and let's interpret them as a prophetic parable in light of an entire Elisha Generation arising.

1) II Kings 4:1-7 -- Multiplication of Oil into Empty Vessels

Prophetic evangelism outside the house will be the mark of this generation. Go find empty vessels and fill them. Let the oil flow!

2) II Kings 4:8-17 -- Barren, Prominent Women Released and Productive

Women released into prominent positions bearing fruit for the Kingdom is the portion for this generation. The barren body of Christ shall be healed and bring forth many sons and daughters.

3) II Kings 4:32-37 -- Stretching Oneself so that Life is Restored into the Body

We will be laid down lovers and stretch ourselves out for the Body of Christ and breathe new life into her. The dead body shall arise!

4) II Kings 4:38-41 -- End of the Poisoned Food Line

Instead of going to church and receiving doubt-filled, poisoned food -- the poisoned food line will end and health will be restored.

5) II Kings 6:1-7 -- Restoring Lost Axe Heads

Former anointings will be restored as we return to our cutting edge. Waves of God's presence will restore all the best of the past and usher in a new era where God's house is expanded.

6) II Kings 6:15-17 -- Opening of Eyes to be Able to See into the Spirit World

The prophetic will be used to release the seer grace upon others. Spiritual eyes will be opened and new insights into victorious spiritual warfare will be released.

7) II Kings 13:14-19 -- Hands Put on Kings Hands for Wartime Strategies

The Elisha Generation will lay hands on the hands of governmental leaders and impart strategies for end-time activities. Prophets will impact leaders in the market place and secular government -- not just the church.

8) II Kings 13:20-21 -- The Dead Raised from Bones of the Past

The Elisha Generation is built on relational mentoring in the anointing. But they must also aim at leaving a "lineage and a legacy" where the impact of the Supernatural is left behind.

THE HINGE FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT

Is there a key that enables one generation to go farther than its predecessor? Is there a key found in the life of Elijah and Elisha? What is the hinge that allows the door to swing open instead of shut?

Elisha's cry for the double portion was not just for himself but for his entire generation. He knew that it would take more of God's grace and power to impact his generation. Consider these things Elisha did:

1) He served in another's sphere
2) He passed the tests presented and picked up his own cross
3) He saw in the Spirit
4) He lifted a cry
5) He understood honor
6) He had a revelation of fatherhood
7) He received his inheritance and acted it out!

Elisha cried out, ***"My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!"*** Herein lays a great key! Elisha asked for, received, and accomplished the "double." How? He had a double revelation of fatherhood. He saw Elijah -- his forerunner -- as a father in the Spirit and honored him in such a manner. I believe he also saw that God was his Father and thus could walk in profound authority out of this secure relationship. He had nothing to prove -- he was his Father's son!

THE GREAT WORKS GENERATION

A generation that is placed upon the shoulders of the fathers and mothers who have gone before them, and a generation of believing believers who walk in security of identity of the Fatherhood of God, will be the Greater Works Generation that Jesus declared was coming. **John 14:12** declares, ***"And greater works then these shall you do; because I go to the Father."***

It is time for authentic Fathers and Mothers in the Word and Spirit to arise and invest their lives into the next generation. They are those who are genuine veterans of the ways of God and pioneers who have blazed a trail for others. It is time for the Greater Works Generation to arise -- who know the Father, who magnify the Son, and who live in the Spirit. Let the Elisha Generation come forth for Jesus Christ's sake! *Amen and Amen!*

FROM THE DESK OF JAMES W. GOLL

I am now working diligently on the book *God Encounters* co-authored with Michal Ann. This will be a follow up to *The Seer* and complement some of our Study Guides. My 15th Study Guide, called *The Nature of God*, will be out soon as well. So keep these projects in your prayers!

On another front, I have completed the first phase of passive immune therapy and continue with a comprehensive approach to treatment. Your gracious prayer and financial support is appreciated during this season of recovery from lymphoma cancer. A special Mercy Assistance Fund has been set up with this in mind. Periodic Health and Prayer Updates are posted on our web site as well. We value you and are so pleased to have an army of believing believers standing with us!

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A Word for 2005
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With the dawn of each New Year, I am both thankful and amazed at the ongoing expansion of collective revelation that is available to the Body of Christ, through words shared abroad and from many different streams. It is then as we piece-together the various words forthcoming, that we stand to gain tremendous insight into what is transpiring about us.

I Corinthians 12:13 reminds us that "…by *one Spirit* we were all baptized…and have been made to drink into *one Spirit*." As well, Ephesians 4:16 reminds us that "…from the *whole body*, joined and knit together by what *every joint* supplies…by which *every joint* does its share, causes the growth of the body…"

In light of my thoughts thus far, it is in the Spirit of Ephesians 4:16 that I wish to offer you a word I feel the Holy Spirit has given me for the Body of Christ at large, for 2005.

As I pen the thoughts that follow, Gigi and I are deeply grieved, saddened and shocked by the enormity of the carnage in south Asia following the Tsunamis of December 26. Without question accordingly, there are deeply significant spiritual implications of what has transpired herein. I have reserved and contained commentary on this disaster, to an article I penned on October 2, 2004, which was a prophetic precursor inspired by dreams of Tsunamis sometime prior. The article was entitled accordingly, *Tsunami*.

Though I have largely contained my thoughts relative to the Tsunamis, to my article of October 2, 2004, I will yet offer that I believe this disaster is an unquestionable prelude to unprecedented revival throughout Indonesia, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The natural mind would surely reel at such a comment. To think that God Himself would first allow for such devastation, and secondly, use such devastation to ultimately spark revival, is preposterous. However, upon my last observation, God still prefers not to confine his trans-finite ways to *finite thinking*. Isaiah 55:8 reads accordingly: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord."

Mel Tari, an Evangelist to Indonesia, released a book in the mid-1970s entitled: *Like A Mighty Wind*. The book chronicled a sweeping revival in Indonesia, which, if I recall correctly, encompassed primarily a period between the mid-1950s thru the late-1960s. To date this book is one of the most powerful accounts of revival that I have read. It reads like the Book of Acts—*on espresso*. Having read the book in 1982, I was certain for some unexplainable reason, that this account but chronicled a birth pang in Indonesia, and that one day during my lifetime, Indonesia would be once again set ablaze with *outrageous* revival. I do believe that in very short order, we will witness this blaze ensue—despite the surrealistic carnage we are viewing presently on many news networks following the Tsunamis of December 26, 2004.

I have long believed, and with very strong conviction, that significant natural occurrences and natural disasters quite often represent a symbolic prelude to significant spiritual activity. Though my personal conclusion is largely rooted in the patterns I have witnessed and personally experienced over a 24-year period, my conclusion is substantiated in scripture. I Corinthians 15:46 reads accordingly: "The spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual." In this context, what follows is what I believe to be the Holy Spirit's answer to my recent prayer for a specific word for the Body of Christ in 2005.

Alaska has in decades past, represented many prophetic preludes to significant spiritual activity in this nation, and abroad. In my *Tsunami* article, I offered reference to significant natural events occurring many decades ago, which I believe ultimately fueled the Charismatic Renewal, which began in the 1960's. Over the past 10 years or so, Juneau Alaska namely, has been experiencing a most unusual bout with Bald Eagles. In fact, not far from Juneau, on Kodiak Island alone, an estimated 3,000 or more Bald Eagles currently make their home. Several recent Naturalist and Wildlife journals have also documented a very sharp upturn in the Bald Eagle population, which is making a substantial comeback following near extinction of not more than a few decades ago. The year 2004 alone represented an unusual acceleration in the multiplication of this magnificent bird.

The Bald Eagle has become an icon within the prophetic community—a phrase or label that inadequately denotes what is actually the Lord's restoration of the prophetic ministry to the Church. In simple terms, Prophets are the eyes of the Body of Christ. In like manner, Bald Eagles are the eyes of the animal kingdom. Bald Eagles can reach speeds upwards of 200 mph in a vertical dive. They also have vision that is 8 times more acute than human beings. For example, they can spot a fish at a distance of *2 miles*.

(My growing fascination with the Bald Eagle began with an encounter with one, on 09/09/99, in the mountains of northeastern North Carolina. I will reserve commentary on that experience for another article).

Over a period of several years, the Bald Eagle has presented a most unusual problem for Juneau Alaska and the Greater Juneau region. The eagles ongoing build nests within radio transmitter, transformer and power line towers, as well as power sources that control telephone lines. Very often the eagles will meet with electrocution when touching a given power line. This often results in substantial power outages throughout Juneau and Kodiak Island. The general activity levels of the eagles cause other eagle-induced power outages as they go about their "housekeeping" activities within their enormous nests.

In the closing weeks of December 2004, and as I prayed for a specific word for the Body of Christ at large, I was vividly reminded of the unusual problem occurring in Juneau due to the strong presence of the Bald Eagles. As I was reminded of such, I was also given what I believe to be a prophetic analogy, which follows.

The immediate problem presented by the power outages in Juneau, is that all electronic activity suddenly comes to a *screeching halt*. Imagine then for a moment, what this looks like in the context of an average home. Suddenly one cannot carry on a conversation on the phone. Suddenly one cannot even carry on a conversation on a ce*ll phone* that is tower-based. Suddenly one cannot view television. Suddenly one cannot access the Internet. Suddenly one cannot listen to their hi-fi stereo. And suddenly, one finds ones' self sitting in silence, often times--in the dark.

The average American lifestyle is grossly permeated by technological gadgetry and undue reliance therein. As well, the noises generated by such, to include noise and associated activity levels generated by our reliance upon automobiles, largely consumes our daily lives. We Americans are strongly influenced by audio/visual technological and subsequent *sensory overload*. This influence has unduly and gradually yet very subtly infiltrated the lives of the average American Christian. In fact, we feel quite uncomfortable when we cannot simultaneously watch television, listen to our MP3 players and access the Internet—*at the same time*. Though I stand to incur sharp rebuttal with this comment, I strongly believe that the proposition and subsequent diagnosis of "ADD" (Attention Deficit Disorder) is very often not more than the psychological conditioning which comes about by being raised in a society that is consumed in a reliance upon audiovisual and technological gadgetry. As a pastor, I have observed attention-span patterns within congregations over several years. I have found that on the average, most people who claim and/or adopt the ADD diagnosis shift their focus approximately every 7 minutes. The vast majority of these "shifters" are men. Would you care to know how often, on the average, a commercial is aired on television? *Every seven minutes*.

Physiologically speaking, men are more visually stimulated than are women. Visual reliance, captivation and ultimate addiction therefore to television and Internet activity is most prevalent in men.

As one who has personally extended pastoral care and counseling for 24 years at this point, to include more than average exposure to formal education in the field of counseling psychology and psychiatry, to include as well a thorough familiarity with the DSM-IV; I have discerned some very subtle and alarming patterns within the medical community and associated pharmaceutical industry. It is my belief that various agencies conspire to produce new psychological and psychiatric diagnoses, *to fuel the industry*. As evidence of this pattern, I have personally witnessed countless numbers of people nearly rejoice at the introduction of a new psychological diagnosis and subsequent entry into the DSM-IV. For *"Finally, I have found a diagnosis that describes just what I have!"* This diagnosis and new psych-industry buzzword quickly becomes the central focus of a persons' identity. They then use the new identity very proudly, much like some sort of earned honor. Moreover, since their insurance largely covers the associated new medications, they begin consuming the medication at the same rate they might consume *M&M's*. They happily receive the new psychiatric diagnosis and allow the associated medication to became a part of their lives—indefinitely. In fact, they are often told that they must take the medication—*indefinitely*. I believe that psychiatric medications dull and distort ones' spiritual antennae. I also believe that psychiatric medications, when deemed necessary, should only serve as a bridge over figurative troubled waters. Once the patient then makes it to the other side of the bridge, the reliance upon such medication should be forsaken, as often times waiting on the other side of that bridge is the *Holy Spirit*—ready to administer a transformation of the mind and emotions. **I will state for the record that I believe there are some understandable and authentic medical exceptions to this rule.** However by and large, the industry is heavily laden with such erroneous dependencies.

As many of you may recall within the exceptionally prophetically relevant movie *The Matrix*, "Neo" agreed to attend a critical meeting with "Morpheus." Neo was initially propelled to meet with Morpheus in response to a gnawing and restless feeling deep within his soul, that there was much more going on in the world about him than that which constituted his personal daily experience. He had a nagging feeling that he was living within a vain and repetitious bubble of life, which resulted in an empty void of purpose and fulfillment in his life. When he finally met Morpheus, Morpheus offered Neo the option of taking "the Red pill," or "the Blue pill." Irrespective of the application of the respective colors within the movie, blue is a prophetic symbol of *revelation*. One of the pills offered to Neo would open his mind to shocking, startling, and terribly painful yet vital—*truth*. The other pill, should Neo have chosen such, would completely erase Neo's memory of ever having met with Morpheus. Neo would then live the remainder of his life running on a figurative and constant wheel within a hamster's cage of a lifestyle, and attempting to ignore the deep gnawing in his soul, which told him there was something much greater to life than his present existence. Neo ultimately chose the pill that opened the door of profound revelation of who he was, and the horrendous war being waged around him.

As I take the helm of this word and steer it back to our charted course, I wish to prompt you to return again to the mental image of the Alaskans in Juneau, who, within the course of but a few seconds, have gone from a flurry of sensory overload and activity, and into sudden silence and stillness. This picture, I believe, is that of a very specific call to the Body of Christ in 2005, to renew the practice of intimate one-on-one time with the Lord, and once again learn to recognize His "still, small voice" in the midst of utter and total chaos.

Every calendar year within the life of the Believer, in a general sense can be considered another year of preparation. However, within the context of 2005, I believe that the specific element of preparation being imparted is that of the renewed discipline of daily, secret, quite, intimate and intense times of complete stillness and silence before the Lord—in our figurative prayer closets, and that with absolutely no distractions of any kind. This discipline by the way, is not to be confused with the discipline of Worship, which I believe should often entail extravagant release of emotion and celebration before the Lord.

As you may recall, in I Kings 19:11-12, God visits and imparts revelation to Elijah. However, He does so in an unexpected way, and in a way that if demonstrated in our day, would *also* be unexpected--some 2000
years later. This excerpt of scripture reads as follows: "'Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire **a still small voice**."

It is the "**still small voice**" of the Holy Spirit beckoning each of us in this hour, that will speak peace, mental and emotional stability, rest, focus and resolve to us in the midst of what is now an hour of world chaos, not unlike that described on the mountain on which Elijah stood, just prior to the "still small voice." And it is critical, at this very moment, to begin re-cultivating a portion of each day, for the express purpose of sitting before the Lord, in silence and stillness, that we might hear the *still small voice*, and in so doing receive vital, daily and personal sustenance, affirmation and instruction for our lives. We can no longer afford to be governed by the sensory chaos about us, and by secondhand revelation from those who are truly contending for daily interaction with the *still small voice of God*. We must begin to hear this voice for ourselves, *daily*.

Over the past few years, and with an increasing sense of urgency, especially in light of the addition of the catastrophic events of December 26, 2004 in south Asia, I am personally convinced beyond any doubt that we are very near the End of the Age as described in Luke 21:8-26, which reads: "Take heed that you not be deceived…The time has drawn near…when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately…Nation will rise against nation…**there will be great earthquakes in various places**, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven…When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near…There will be signs…on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, **the sea and the waves roaring**; **men's hearts failing them from fear**…"

One obviously does not have to be a student of Eschatology to recognize the timely relevance of the aforementioned excerpt of scripture.

Luke 21:8-26 is but one of several excerpts of scripture that prophecy an all-consuming fear that will plague mankind as End-Times events unfold. In this context, and with reference to previous commentary on the current erroneous practices within the psychiatric community; does "Generalized Anxiety Disorder" ring a bell? GAD is simply another word for the "fear" that has been prophesied that will plague the unsaved. It is already being sown among us. In addition, if we are not careful as members of the Americanized Church; as we continue to allow pop-psychology to infiltrate our churches, we too will fall-prey to the collective diagnosis of Generalized Anxiety Disorder.

As Jesus came very near to the end of his earthbound life, and as the agony in his awareness of his fast approaching execution began to bare-down on his mind and emotions, he removed Himself from all outward activity and retreated to the Mount of Olives, also called the Garden of Gethsemane. Luke 22:41 reads "…He was withdrawn from them [His disciples] about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed…" This practice of Jesus' is a profound model for what should be our resolve to press-in to a renewed devotion to time alone with the Lord—*daily*. Olive branches have long symbolized peace. And in the same way that Jesus withdrew Himself on the Mount of Olives to pray, we too can find the "peace that surpasses all understanding" (Phil. 4:6-7), even in the midst of world chaos, as we enter our figurative prayer closets. We simply *cannot* afford to compromise in this area of our lives any longer. We must have *daily* moments of complete stillness and silence, that we can hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us—*personally*.

The thoughts and emotions that weighed heavily upon Jesus as He approached His final hours before his crucifixion were not unlike what is known in the military as "The Fog of War." The Fog of War is the confusion that invariably ensues in the heat of battle. As a former Navy sailor who has "faced the elephant" (a phrase coined in the Vietnam war, to denote those who've experienced combat first hand) I can tell you that confusion, as the result of gruesome sights, deafening noises and impending danger, does create a tremendous "fog" of psychological and emotional confusion. However the promise in Philippians 4:7 stands true—*through the fog*: "…By prayer…the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds…"

Throughout scripture, the very early morning hours of the day appear to be the common focus of major and pivotal figures with respect to time alone with God. Consider another excerpt which bares example to Jesus' practice: "And in the **early morning,** while it was still dark, He [Jesus] arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there (Mark 1:35). And even long before the earthly life of Jesus, this pattern of early morning prayer was gracefully modeled by King David: "My voice You shall hear **in the morning**, O Lord; **in the morning** I will direct it to you, and I will look up" (Psalm 5:3).

I have often likened the practice and the experience of early morning prayer and quiet-time as that symbolic of climbing a mountain—coming closer to the face of God with each step. In this light I can think of no more colorful representation of this process than that represented in Moses as he regularly ascended Mount Sinai to seek the face of God: "…Be ready by **morning**, and come up **in the morning** to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me on the top of the mountain (Exodus 34:2). Later in this chapter we observe the result of Moses' time with God: …It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai…that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him" (Exodus 34:29).

Moses' encounter is also a profound representation of the purist form of ministry we can engage in within our lifetimes—the very *ministry unto the Lord*. And once we have served Him in this way, within the context of a given day, everything else that transpires within the course of the day as it unfolds bares His trademarks and semblance ("his [Moses] face shone").

It is my belief that the vast majority of personal prophecies we receive are *conditional*. By this, I mean that we must meet a certain condition in order to see these prophecies fulfilled in our lives. At the very core of these conditions is that of hearing the voice of the Lord, for ourselves, each day, with respect to what it is we must do to lay the groundwork for the fulfillment of such prophecies over our lives. As we ascend the figurative mountain of prayer, as did Moses, and that *each day*, our ministries will begin to unfold before us in such ways that will be so natural that we will only recognize the fulfillment of such as we look back in retrospect.

Framed and behind glass, on the wall next to the doorway in my bedroom, is a reminder that plagues me with conviction each time I find myself rushing passed it—early in the morning. It is an excerpt from one of many books I have read of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German theologian who was martyred for his faith in Nazi Germany. This excerpt reads as follows:

"The entire day receives order and discipline when it acquires unity. This unity must be sought and found in morning prayer. It is confirmed in work. The morning prayer determines the day. Squandered time of which we are ashamed, temptations to which we

succumb, weaknesses and lack of courage in work, disorganization and lack of discipline in our thoughts and in our conversation with other men [and women] all have their origin most often in the neglect of morning prayer."

Bonhoeffer was obviously onto something, as despite his horrendous suffering in Nazi Germany, every photo that I have see of him includes a smile that radiates "the peace that surpasses all understanding." That peace is awaiting you and I—in our prayer closets.

Many within the readership of this article are called very pointedly to prophetic ministry, above and beyond other areas of ministry and gifting you are involved in. You are Watchmen on The Walls. As such, you are charged with regular and extended periods on the figurative wall, that you can see the fast approach of events that affect the fortress in which you have been assigned (your respective church or ministry). The precious saints that constitute your church or ministry are dependent upon your eyes to see what is approaching the camp. That wall is calling, friends. And the watch most often occurs very early in the morning, late at night, *or both*.

I wish to close my thoughts by alluding to a phrase that a very important friend in my life once used in conversation with me, the phrase it this: "Rock Star Pastor." Our decidedly Americanized brand of Christianity (my country) has largely generated the Rock Star Pastor mentality. This to say that we have grown mega-churches that are centered around one charismatic, photogenic and very animated individual who feeds an enormous flock. The most mature among we Believers are still prone to human frailties. One of the ongoing frailties that is also an integral part of these Rock Star Pastors, is the source and medium upon which they receive personal affirmation. In the past 18 months, two national surveys that I am aware of sought to determine the average time each day that a pastor spends in prayer. Both surveys revealed identical results. The average time in personal prayer that an American pastor spends each day is *five minutes*.

As we scurry about in a state of sensory-overload, stress and pressure from one day to the next, it is not possible to hear the *still small voice of the Lord* adequately, if we are devoting but *five minutes* each to prayer. This is not enough time to receive the personal affirmation we need to confidently face the pressures of each day. With this void in our lives, we therefore default to seeking affirmation from those in our midst. This is where the Rock Star Pastor finds his/her sustenance—through the overwhelming praise and accolades that can be electrifying in larger audiences. This dynamic can be addictive. It can then subtly begin to govern the Pastors' medium of sustenance. And what began as a humble and daily diet of romance with the Savior, has grown out of control and into an unhealthy romance with fame and fortune—the Rock Star Pastor mentality.

Understand that I believe there are many mega-churches who are being led by men and women of God who do in fact spend their early mornings on figurative Mt. Sinai and the Mount of Olives. However, for each one that is healthy and sound, there are two that are not. And those that are not, among other things, cultivate an undue dependence upon themselves within their congregations. We should not be dependent upon any one human being for our daily revelation. This is *our responsibility*. We need leadership and we must submit to leaders in authority over us, however we must dig our own personal wells of revelation, if we are to survive the times that are suddenly upon us.

The number Five is a number that is figurative and symbolic of Grace. I therefore believe that the year 2005 holds for us a very special and specific element of Grace, which will enable us to be prepared for what unfolds in 2006. Six is a number that is figurative and symbolic of Man. I there believe, and have believed for some time, that the year 2006 holds the potential for an epic demonstration of Man's utter and total failure in attempting to manage world order. I have long believed that 2006 holds the potential for a catastrophic blow to the American economy. It is my prayer that this potential with be thwarted through intercession. Seven is a number that is figurative and symbolic of Completion. I therefore believe that 2007 will hold the fulfillment of a substantial event within of God's master plan, which will be the completion of very specific and significant prophesies in scripture. Eight is the number that is figurative and symbolic of New Beginnings. I therefore believe that in 2008, those who have endured and have stayed the course will see a new level of Signs, Wonders and the Anointing of God that will defy the imagination.

The Bald Eagles in Juneau Alaska are telling us something, loved ones. The Spirit of Prophecy Himself is calling us to a lifestyle of daily intimacy with Him in 2005. As such, I am convinced that He is imparting a heightened sensitivity to excesses in exposure to common and daily media such as televisions, cell phones, the Internet, MP3 players and car radios. I believe that if you have not begun to experience this gentle nudging within your spirit, you will very soon, as 2005 unfolds. You will find yourself developing an aversion to excessive exposure to audio/visual media. And you will also more so hear a still small voice, calling in the distance, beckoning and wooing you to Him, that He may in turn love you, heal you, equip you and affirm you as His son or daughter, each day, that you can greet each day with the focus and resolve of the noble warrior that He has called you to be.

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The Emperor Has No Clothes On!

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I would like to share with you an open vision the Lord gave me, which is a prophetic parable of the state of the church today. The setting is that of a charming 18th century village in Victorian England.

In the vision, I saw that the village had experienced a powerful outpouring of the Spirit, but the fire had been slowly and ever-so-subtly allowed to flicker out, opening the way for religious spirits of witchcraft and manipulation to move in and destroy its destiny.

I watch in horror as an enormous red dragon moves through the village undetected as strange fire and poisonous sulfur erupts from her gapping mouth. Her leathery scales rub abrasively, tearing and bruising all those who come in contact with her.

Pregnant with vile offspring, she lays her gruesome eggs of manipulation, self-promotion, and politics throughout the village. As I continue to watch, dark fiendish figures burst forth from her eggs, seeping into every residence open to her deception and flattery.

Their victim's eyes become dim and their tongues forked as they take on the characteristics of their unseen enemy. A veil of darkness covers the hearts and minds of many in the small community.

A Prophetic Warning!

Standing their watch on the ancient walls, prophetic intercessors recognize the raging dragon and her children and sound their trumpets in alarm. "Strange fire is being released into our midst. The fire of Holy Spirit is being put out!" The Emperor and his counselors turn deaf ears to the Watchmen and ignore their call for repentance and prayer.

Guarding their stance, they retort, "After all, our village has been known for the outpouring of the Spirit."

To reinforce the faith of the people, they decree a festive celebration to take place the following month. The whole village eagerly prepares for the extravaganza.

Allowed to continue her work, the dragon and her offspring infiltrate even further, cloaking their deeds behind the busy activities taking place and spew forth even more of their evil venom.

The Grand Procession!

The next scene materializes as the day arrives. Look! The Emperor and his counselors are pompously marching down the middle of town with dancers, musicians, and singers following. Cheering crowds gather. The loud speakers announce how beautifully the Emperor is dressed and how the anointing sparkles like dazzling diamonds. The people look on with awe and reverence.

As the procession moves through the throngs, the Emperor's counselors draw near to whisper their sage advice, "The anointing is growing like never before. Look how popular you are. The peasants love you."

"Oh yes," another whispers, "They do love you. Have you noticed how the treasury has increased? And look how the people are dancing in the streets to the new wine and music. After all, we have the most anointed musicians and dancers in the nation."

"You, O' Emperor, are covered in a glorious mantle --- the likes of which others only dream of! Surely we are at the beginning of great things."

Childlike Faith

In the distant crowd, a child's voice can be heard above the din, "Mommy! Daddy! The Emperor has no clothes on. He's naked!"

Moving quickly, the counselors bark out orders, "Silence that child!"

But the child will not be still, "Can't you see Mommy? Can't anyone see it?"

The truth spoken with childlike faith results in gleaming angelic swords being drawn, readied for battle. The watchmen have been crying out day and night for reinforcements. Quickly, angelic hosts circumcise hearts and open the eyes of the crowd bowing low to the Emperor.

They gasp, "He's naked! The Emperor is naked! Where's the anointing? I thought the mantle of God's government was upon him. What happened?"

The Emperor's ears are finally opened to hear in the Spirit the sounds of war, as swords clash and the hosts of Heaven wage war against the dragon and her children. Spinning around to face his advisors, the Emperor charges them, "You lied to me! Why is it that I hear the truth from a child -- instead of you?"

Do Not Remove Your Spirit From Me

Hot tears fall from the eyes of the Father, melt the Emperor's heart and open his spiritual eyes. "I have no covering. The anointing has left. I am naked!"

Looking over the crowd lining the narrow, winding streets, he begins to make out the horde of dark spirits invading his village. The once powerful and anointed man falls helplessly onto his face, "I'm a dead man, the village is destroyed. Oh God, what have I done? How did I become so blind? Do not remove your Spirit from me. I can't live without You."

Fear and panic hits the crowd as the dragon becomes visible for all to see. They scatter in all directions searching for a safe place to hide. Some die in this dark, barren place, once called the "City of the Lord."

Sword of Repentance

Above City Hall stands a huge angel exclaiming, "When we brought the Ark of the Lord and His Presence to this village, we also brought the First Sword. It passed over your hearts to bring repentance and reawaken First Love. His consuming fire came to break off all that hindered love and you were glad and rejoiced."

Sword of Judgment

"Now a Second Sword is passing over the village, a Sword of Judgment. The Word tested those of you who received the heaviest and most beautiful prophetic words. Many of your hearts were revealed in pride and self-promotion, which opened the doorway for strange fire to fall on the altars of your hearts."

I watched as the Angel passed the Second Sword over the people. Those who fell on their faces in humility and repentance before the Living God were not touched. Those who stood tall in pride and opposition to God unknowingly called forth the dragon and brought devastation to themselves and their children.

Finally, the Angel declares, "This village was called not only to be His servant, but also His bride; to become a prophetic womb, impregnated by His Spirit and bring forth His Manifest Presence to the nations of the earth."

"There's always a contesting and heavy spiritual warfare where the dragon rages to abort the things of the Spirit realm in the earth. Birthing is bloody, but also a tremendous privilege. There's a "Price behind the Anointing."

Behind Closed Doors

Confusion increases as the war rages and secret meetings behind closed doors continue. Fighting and jealousy over positions begins to blind and deceive once valiant warriors. The dragon plants her malevolent eggs of pride and elitism in the minds of the rebellious. They go off like grenades in explosions of anger and rage.

The Bridegroom sadly watches as the fire goes out on His altar and His precious Spirit is delegated to the back room. The angels bow down as He weeps over the city and the Father declares, "The fragrance of My Son has left."

Meanwhile, the counselors are busy trying to defend their position and rationalize away the fears of the Emperor, while the dragon destroys more lives and ministries. Disease and death spread throughout the ravished city as the dragon moves in for the ultimate kill. People become numb to their pain and slowly ... ever-so-slowly they move into denial. Hot tears flow from the Emperor's eyes onto the blood-soaked battlefield.

Watchmen Beware!

The dragon has sent out a death warrant for each of the watchmen. If his henchmen cannot take their lives, they silence their voices and gorge out their 'seeing' eyes. The seers leave one by one. Many slip away silently in the dark of the night desperately asking God where to go next, but due to the devastation, there are no city gates open to them and they are left hiding in the wilderness. Those left behind watch as yet another one is driven away. One by one, the ax falls and heads roll.

False Reports and Fear of Man

The loud speakers broadcast false reports of how the seers are being sent to a new work in another state or nation. Everything is covered with flattery and deception. It seems that broken hearts and torn covenants are all that's left.

Fear of the tremendous power of the Emperor and his counselors to destroy their future ministries has silenced those remaining. No one talks, control and order is the rule of the day and barrenness is the high price they pay for respectability.

Helplessly, I look on, as this terrible war in the spirit continues. Many of the people are not even aware it is destroying their city. The altar of their hearts becomes colder and colder as the Presence of God lifts.

Finally, Holy Spirit is pushed out of the sanctuary and the dragon and her children spread like a deadly plague. The heavens are angry and grieved as the war continues to wage and disease and death take their premature toll on the Bride.

Only the consuming fire of God will ignite passion and hunger for Jesus so we can wage war effectively. Without the Spirit, how can we hope to hear the Commander and Chief give us His strategies for the war over each of our communities and cities?

Loyal to a Movement or to God

So who is wrong? The Emperor? The counselors? The people? All of the above! The Emperor is guilty of compromise and control, the counselors for flattery and lies and the people for idolizing a man or a movement. They became loyal to a false kingdom, rather than the Lord of Lords and Kings of Kings. Some of the seers stirred the prophetic wars and became power hungry to get the Emperor's favor and drive out other seers so they could gain control of the hearts of the leaders and the people.

Respectability Versus Anointing!

Has the fire gone out on the altar of your heart? Do you have the revelation and strategies of warfare to oust the dragon and her children from your midst? Are you flattering the ears of the Emperor to win position and favor? Are you on your face in repentance and humility before the Second Sword passes over your city?

Has God brought the prophets in for a season to test your heart? Are you willing to let your city be the womb of the Spirit to birth forth the prophetic and apostolic to the world? Or, will your altar grow colder and colder? Respectability versus anointing!

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The Earth Is the Lord’s

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Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.

Ephesians 1:3-11

May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm.

Even as (in His love) He chose us (actually picked us out for Himself as His Own) In Christ before the foundation of the World, that we should be holy (consecrated and set apart for Him) blameless in His sight, even above reproach, before Him in Love. For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent)

So that we might be to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which He so freely bestowed on us in the beloved.

In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor. Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding practical insight and prudence.

Making known to us the mystery (secret) of His will (of His plan, of His purpose). (And it is this) in accordance with His good pleasure (His merciful intention) which He had previously purposed and set forth in Him.

He planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them in Christ, both things in Heaven and things on the earth.

In Him we also were made God’s heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His (Own) will.

God has the hairs of everyone’s head numbered. He knows everything bout everyone and still loves us.

God made the earth and put everything in its place. He has people in their locations in this world for His purposes.

I Chronicles 28::11-13

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and the earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and Yours it is to be exalted as Head over all.

Both riches and honor come from You, and You reign over all. In Your hands are power and might; In Your hands it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Now therefore, our God we thank You and praise Your glorious name and those attributes which that name denotes.

Isaiah 45:22-25

Look to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I Am God, and there is no other.

I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness and shall not return, that unto ME every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall swear (allegiance)

Only in the Lord shall one say, I have righteousness (salvation and victory) and strength to achieve. To Him shall all come who were incensed against Him, and they shall be ashamed.

In the Lord shall all the offspring of Israel be justified (enjoy righteousness, salvation, and victory) and shall glory.

Ephesians 2:17

And He came and preached the glad tidings of peace to you who were afar off and peace to those who were near.

Hebrews 10:17-22

He then goes on to say, And their sins and their law-breaking I will remember no more.

Now where there is absolute remission (forgiveness an cancellation of the penalty) of these (sins and law-breaking), there is no longer any offering made to atone for sin.

Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom and confidence to enter into the (Holy of) Holies (by the power and virtue) in the blood of Jesus,

By this fresh (new) and living way which He initiated and dedicated and opened for us through the veil of the Holy of Holies, that is through His flesh.

Since we have such a great and wonderful and noble Priest (Who rules) over the house of God,

Let us come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water.

Now I want to say that when I was praying I heard the words wind and water. Speaking of the weather that we will have throughout this year.

Stay in prayer about this.

Remember all that it takes is one person praying to change the course of the entire world. If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed….

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Ten Days To Decree Ten Months Of Victory

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This is a year that we must have a victory mentality. If we allow the Lord to develop a mind for victory we will enter into victory. When God is saying, **VICTORY** -- victory is the attitude we must embrace. Victory means final and complete supremacy in battle or war or a specific military engagement ending in triumph.

Victory can also mean success in any contest or struggle involving the defeat of an opponent or the overcoming of obstacles. It is now time to move past the obstacles that would prevent you from succeeding in what God is asking you to do! I believe what defeats us most is a spirit of defeat or failure. This is usually linked to our generations or some situation that we did not excel in. Satan seems to take this opportunity to put a mantle of reproach on us and a mind of fear instead of power. Stop now and declare VICTORY 10 times out loud.

One of the defining moments in history occurred when a massive earthquake shook Southeast Asia creating a tsunami that redefined the earth's rotation axis. During that time I was reading through the Bible and read Genesis 8:5-6:

And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month. In the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen. So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. This scripture illuminated and literally seemed to leap from the page. I then heard the Lord say:

I am preparing 10 months of victory for My people. If they will develop a mind for victory, they will go from victory to victory. Just as the waters decreased that had overcome the earth, I will cause the waters that have been attempting to overcome My people to decrease. They will find themselves standing on solid ground with clear vision. Set your eyes on the top of the mountain and watch your vision develop over the next 10 months. At the end of this letter you will find 10 declarations that you need to make. This will be our 10-Day focus this month: 10 DAYS TO DECREE 10 MONTHS OF VICTORY!

Psalm 100:4: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. Because I am disciplining myself to praise no matter the circumstance, I am in an incredible window of revelation. I am praying the same for each of you. I lead prayer on Tuesday mornings at Glory of Zion. We pray for our nation and the Body of Christ.

This last Tuesday I came with a clear directive of change. The Lord had awakened me at 3AM by saying:

You are entering a battle this next week that you have not seen before. Position yourself on the wall so that you can control the enemy at the gates. Hell is positioning itself at the gates. Be ready to win the battle at the gates. Circle your wagons and fully circle the day (2-22) in intercession. Governments will shift. Establish faith in the earth this day and go from victory to victory throughout the year.

Raise the shield of faith and bring Heaven's will into place in the earth. Declare an atmospheric shift to occur. Watch with Me while I make an atmospheric shift in this coming week. Win the atmosphere of each watch to see faith established. War for everything that has been in your heart!

There will be a supernatural release of grace over your past mistakes. Where the enemy has taken advantage, he will begin to lose his grip! I will begin to 'clean house'. I will be removing certain things that have cluttered your thinking. I will be opening up and expanding your spirit to receive an inflow of

My Spirit. I will be causing the river of your womb to contract and begin to flow in a new way. This will produce a change of course in your lives. I will rearrange your mind and thought processes. I am changing the order of My troops so the armies of Heaven and My armies in the earth can win the war at the gates.

There are sounds and moves in the night which I will produce. Grab the instruments and tambourines and hear the sounds of the watch. Dance the dance of victory. Plunder the spoils of the enemy's camp. Become a secret weapon in My hand. I will develop a mindset in you that will cause you to advance from victory to victory. Receive the authority to command streets, cities, peoples and nations to change. I AM doing new things to realign nations. Hang on - breakthrough is coming! Stand firm - the morning is breaking.

This is a day that I would have you use Esther as your model. Put on your Esther garment of favor and find your place in the watch. If you will put on an Esther garment of favor you will overturn edicts written for destruction. You will break down oppressions that are set against My Spirit. You will release judgments that are executed through high praises. You will have revelation that will be a sharp, two-edged sword.

This Esther garment will also reposition the government and remove false counselors and position true counselors in place. This garment will cause My people to become alert, positioned and released for war. Wear your Esther garment and you will bring a fear of Me among My enemies so that they are afraid to war with you.

(Read Esther 9 and gain your "further request" so that your enemies do not rise again in the next generation. Read the story of Athaliah in II Kings 11.)

I am changing the vineyard around you, even the grapes you have grown in the past. Now there will be a change within them and they will produce a different taste and a different wine. I must bring new revelation down and surround My people now. I must lead My people in a new way to open My armory for them. This is a time when I am beginning to release new assignments that require new weapons. Begin to receive My leading and you will gain the weapons that will take you into the victory for the future.

I am smoothing out rocks in your past--rocks that you have not even been able to walk on in the past. Allow My river to rise up. Allow My revelation to flow from your inner belly. Those rocks that have been hardened and those places that have been jagged will begin to be smooth.

I have oil within you that I am pressing. Do not resist the pressing that you are going through at this time for it will produce an oil that will run forth for the anointing that is necessary to break the yoke. I am pressing that anointing now. Allow that pressing to occur so that the anointing will break you through into this place that I am calling you.

There is a release coming through My people. My people are not even aware of what I can pour through them. Stir it up and let it flow so that I can pour out of you. For I am testing My people over wisdom this hour. And if you intend to gain the authority at the gates I am calling you to in this hour, then you must allow wisdom to arise and revelation to flow. This is a different day and I am moving with you in a different way, and I am putting you into wars that you have not been in. Allow that which is deep within you to flow out.

There are tongues in My people - diverse tongues that will release the river of revelation from heavenly places this hour. Allow a diversity of tongues to arise so I can begin to illuminate My Word and release faith in the earth. This is a time of flowing out, bubbling up and running over. I am causing a new course and I am causing the bed of the river to change at this time. Release the strength and power that has been harnessed within you so the river will take its course this hour.

I am moving my troops into an order that they have never been moved into before. This will be the holy array for this age. I am beginning to position them in a way that they have not been positioned. Many will begin to re-align themselves behind those that I raise up for this hour. Submission will be the important factor for the hour. How you stand and where you stand and where you are submitted is important. Who you stand with is important during this hour. For My Issachar tribe knows who to align with for victory for the future. For I am changing the order of how the troops have stood in the past, and now they will be able to stand and resist ancient enemies.

During the night the enemy has positioned himself at the gates to prevent you from moving through. But I am raising up a people who know how to go into secret places to gain revelation to cause the enemy to retreat. DO NOT, DO NOT think you are in any defensive move at this time. For even the mistakes of the past I am going to rectify quickly in My Body. I will accelerate freedom in My people for a season. I will begin to position My people to press the enemy. This will be a season that the enemy will overplay his hand. This is not a season for him to have an upper hand, but this is a season for My people to stand and gain the spoils the enemy has held through your past mistakes.

You will go through a time of feeling boxed in. You will think, 'Oh my, I have been surrounded. Where is this place that I am? This place is dark, I feel overshadowed!' But this is the shadow of the Lord. This is My abiding place! I am bringing you into an inner place that you have never been before. You must come into this place that seems dark and void. In the midst of the void I will appear and I will release to you that which you have not understood before. Secret knowledge and mysteries will be released that you will carry this hour in the earth realm.

Step into that place and do not fear this hour that the Ancient of Days is releasing wisdom for you to gain victory. I will show you the future plan for increase. I will cause you to begin to position the elements of the plan together. You will move in a fluid motion to gather and assemble what is needed for your victory. I must release a prophetic anointing that has been resident in My people. Open your mouth - begin to prophesy! For the enemy has positioned himself at your gate, but through the prophetic anointing on My people he must release his hold. I am positioning you so the enemy will not have authority at the gates.

In these war times, everything that is in your heart that you are warring for is yours for the taking. Decree a decree and watch Me break forth. I am calling you into a war that is now shifting from the heavens to the earth realm. I am going to cause you to see what the enemy has been holding back at the gate. I am going to release you in a new way from a spirit of fear and timidity that has caused confusion to surround you. I am going to start multiplying you in a new way. I am going to start giving you an authority in a new way. I am looking for faith action in the earth realm.

Don't look back. Let go! I am going to clean house! You are going to be letting go of some things and grabbing hold of some other things. You are going to be rearranging your mind. Some of you will end up in places you didn't think you were supposed to be. And you are going to say, 'I am not in the right place.' And I will remind you that I am going to change the order of my troops and that repositioning is a major part of this change. You are entering a victory season and will win the war at the gates.

There are sounds in the night that I am releasing. I am calling the musicians to hear these sounds. For I am moving in the night with sounds of victory. These are sounds that will cause the gaps that have been wide to begin to be filled and rebuilt. My people will produce a sound that will remove the enemy from the gap. Things that have never come together will come together.

There are numerous instruments that will begin to resound. My musicians will even begin to diversify on what they play and how they play. For I will remove perfection and performance from My people and replace the void with the power of My symphonic Spirit. Begin to leave an instrument by your bed. Grab that instrument and release the sounds in the night. I am producing sounds that will be produced through you.

Moving from Victory to Victory over the Next 10 Months

Here are some decrees and **victory points** for you to use throughout the year. Do not let the enemy push you back this year. Do not let your head be overtaken by the waters of circumstance around you. Catch the waves of change and let them carry you into a whole new place -- physically as well as spiritually:

Day 1 -- Declare Victory Month 1: This is a time of sanctification. Set yourself apart and develop a mind for victory. Break the power of besetting sins. Come into a new order. Beware of the enemy's strategy to block you. I see the enemy devising a plan at the gate to stop our entry way. BUT GOD is preparing your victory. This is a time to allow the Spirit to reorder your vision.

Day 2 -- Declare Victory Month 2: This is a month to seed. What you tithe will blossom. There is a grace for your offerings to multiply 30, 60 and 100 fold. This is a month to gain victory through giving and break the curse of God robbing. (I will be sending you an article on **The War to Gain Victory over Poverty.**) What you seed in the second month will begin to produce great fruit. Break a three year cycle of debt and declare that your past financial defeats will reverse and begin to multiply seven fold.

Day 3 -- Declare Victory Month 3: Set aside a Purim time in your life and celebrate. The power of celebration will break through all barriers. This is a major month of change. This will be a month of travail. However, travail with joy, to bring forth. Also, declare a reversal over visions that were aborted.

Day 4 -- Declare Victory Month 4: This is a month of breaking old cycles. Ask God for signs, wonders and miracles that will intervene in old cyclical structures of your life. Make a list of old cycles that need to break. Be secure in timing. If you praised last month, then you can be set in God's perfect timing this month. This is a month to declare that everything in your past be repaired and restored so your future can be unlocked. Look up and see the window of Heaven that is opening over you. This is a month that you will gain victory in strategic warfare. Do not be afraid of ascending in worship. Find times to fast during this month. This is a time to experience God's glory. Ask God to open your eyes so you can see His glory.

Day 5 -- Declare Victory Month 5: This is a month to go to war with legalistic structures. Declare a shift in the laws that Satan has illegally positioned. You will be presented with a Mt. Sinai journey this month. Do not go around Mt. Sinai again. Begin to shout that you are going up to Zion! Ask for the Spirit of revelation and wisdom. God will pour this upon you through the window of Heaven. We must shift certain laws during this time frame or else they will create a greater bondage over the next 40 years in this nation. Ask the Lord to take the lid off of evangelical structures. Declare a great move of revival.

Day 6 -- Declare Victory Month 6: Leave old structures behind. You can easily fall into idolatry or enter into an agreement with something in your past that could lead to idolatry. Find your new place of worship. Decree that you will have victory over idolatry. This is a month to overcome anger. Cut old past losses that are linked with bitterness and move on. Be absorbed in praise. This is a month to really analyze your connections and covering. Be sure you are submitted properly. Idolatry will create a setback in your inheritance. Numbers 14 is a key passage to understand. This is the month that a new level of supply begins to be unlocked. Watch for new provisional strategies in the earth realm.

Day 7 -- Declare Victory Month 7: This is the month to gain victory completely in your thought processes. Allow the Lord to draw out old desires. He will remove some and activate others. Your thought life can be revolutionized during this time. This could be your hardest month of war. Stick close to the Lord and develop a prayer shield around you. This is a month for a new level of discernment to be released. Stay in the Word and pray in the spirit. The Lord will uncover some key issues related to the blood of Jesus, the glory, and physical healing. If you will celebrate this month, you will break through the **blood barrier** of old thought processes. This will produce a victory mentality for the rest of the year. Death strategies and assignments will break. You can have victory and see healing of the mind during this month. No longer do you have to be hung between two opinions. Break doublemindedness.

Day 8 -- Declare Victory Month 8: This is a month to seek the King. Do not be afraid to seek the King. Bring your faults, failures and everything about you into the Throne Room. This will be a month to push forward quickly through intersections. Memorize Psalms 127 and 121. He will make Himself available in night seasons through dreams and visions. He will be very near those who seek Him while He is near. Expect abundant grace and mercy to be poured out. Changes will culminate!

Day 9 -- Declare Victory Month 9: Those who have remained strong and faithful can expect to prosper in a new way. Receive a new measure of strength. This is a month of reaping what we have sown. Ask God for mercy and receive grace. This is a month that our words become very important.

Day 10 -- Declare Victory Month 10: Your testimony shall overcome the enemy's plan. Watch for victorious testimonies to break forth in the Body of Christ. The enemy will raise a standard against our testimony, BUT GOD will come in like a flood. Faith will explode and create an atmosphere where things that could not happen will happen. Stop! Shout prophetically, **VICTORY** ten times. Embrace all the change that God brings into your life and go from victory to victory all year!

(Note: These 10 months are not linked with the Roman calendar. They are linked with the spiritual timing that the Lord has for your life upon your declaration of victory for this year.)

The Electric Outlet

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A Warning to the Church:
The Electric Outlet
A Vision

In the front of an empty church between the two front pews, and in front of the communion table, dangled an electrical outlet. It was suspended in the air from 1” thick, gray, flexible conduit. The wire came into the top right side of the electrical box and exited the bottom left side.

A man’s hand with an extension cord in it appeared and he tried to plug it into the outlet. The outlet only twisted and turned away from him. He tried this over and over again with no success. Unsuccessful, he finally went away frustrated.

I asked the Lord what this meant. As I prayed, the scene replayed in my mind. I noticed that the outlet was not affixed. It just dangled there in mid-air. It was not firmly framed into the structure of the church. Because it was not anchored, when pressure was applied to push the cord into the outlet, it could only twist and turn. There wasn’t enough stability to allow the person to plug in their extension cord.

I believe what the Lord was showing me was that the Outlet was representative of the Holy Spirit. The man was representative of a believer trying to get plugged into God’s power and authority, and to gain a greater understanding of His ways. The Holy Spirit was in the front and near the communion table, but He wasn’t given a fixed place. He was not anchored in the church. It points to the reason some churches are empty and not experiencing growth is because the Holy Spirit of God is not given a firm foundation to which people can plug into and get charged up. So they leave.

Unless the Holy Spirit is given a secured place in the church to love, save, guide, teach, build, confirm, comfort, empower, fill, speak, renew, bear witness, convict, sanctify, anoint, correct, heal, counsel, rebuke, send, and give joy to the believers - that church will not be permitted to experience lasting growth. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. Amen.
2 Co 3:17; John 14-16

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The Error of Balaam

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"These men revile things they do not understand, and things which they know by instinct. woe to them, for they have gone the way of Cain and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam and perished in the rebellion of Korah" (Jude 10,11). The three fallen leaders: Cain, Korah and Balaam are antithetical to true New Testament leadership.

Cain offered sacrifice next to his brother Abel, being a type and kind of priest. Abel's offering was acceptable, Cain's was rejected. The way of Cain is the way of man centred, man tainted priestly office. The true office stands in the order of Mechizadek.

Korah was "among the leading men", a chief and lord among his brethren. His rebellion was against leadership, against the judge and king God had chosen - Moses. The rebellion of Korah was set against true New Testament leadership, the apostolic order.

Balaam was a prophet in Samaria, next to Israel. The way of Balaam was to prostitute his gift for financial reward. Money and prophecy do not mix. It is best to keep the issue of fee for service well away from the activity of prophecy. The dictionary definition of sooth saying is, "the practice of divination for money". We are all familiar with Balaam, "The elders of Moab took with them a fee for divination and they came to Balaam and told them what Balak had requested" (Num 22:7). Balaam sold out his prophetic gift for cash. Sadly that is happening a lot these days.

The teaching of Balaam

What is the result of pursuing defiled forms of leadership? Ezekiel says, "disaster will come upon disaster and rumor will be added to rumor; then they will seek a vision from the prophet (but there will be none), the law will be lost from the priest and counsel lost from the elders" (Ezek. 7:26). The holder of the law will not understand the word of God, the keeper of wise counsel will not have any advice and the manager of revelation will be deaf and blind. The prophet will have no vision.

Sadly for Balaam, the revelation was flowing thick and fast - 90% of the things he said came to pass. But God does not weigh a prophet by his accuracy, he weighs him by character, and by whom he is leading the people to worship. Therein lies the teaching of Balaam.

"I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things offered to idols and to commit acts of immorality" (Rev. 2:14).

To bring down the people of Israel, Balaam resorted to teaching. He trained the enemy how to bring the people of God down, by employing God against the people. God was bound, by is own word, to curse the people if they intermarried, or if they offered to idols. So it was in the New Testament when the people brought themselves out from under the blood of Christ, and back under the law. By trying to fulfil even one aspect of it, they were condemned to fulfil the whole lot.

Divining for money

Money and leadership do not mix. I believe we live in the days spoken of prophetically by Micah, "Your heads judge for a bribe, your priests teach for pay and your prophets divine for money" (Micah 3:11). Our heads, our apostolic leadership, our governors and leaders judge for a bribe. Our pastors, priests and pulpiteers will not teach without pay - a wage. Our prophets in many places charge for their time, slot people into sessions for prophecy and charge fees for their conferences. It may not be fee for divination - openly, but fee for prophecy, fee for ministry, fee for speaking, fee for teaching is quite common.

Simon had carved out for himself quite a ministry. He was wowing the crowds with his display of power and astonishing feats. He was operating by power other than divine, it was magic power, occult power (Acts 8:11,12). Simon the sorcerer is our NT example of a man so enamoured with the power of the Holy Spirit that he sought to buy it at the peril of his own soul. Keep in mind that you do not have to receive money to have received payment. Payment can come in sexual gratification, glorification, honour, respect or many other forms.

Restrained madness

"These. never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children; forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet" (2 Peter 2:14-16).

There is more said in the NT of Balaam than of Jezebel, Principalities or even witchcraft. Yet we give this mater so little attention. Prophecy in the New Testament is administered without fee. It is given without charge because it is freely received, by grace. The prophet must be careful to stay within the bounds of his call and gift - not trying to pastor the people, nor apostle them. But the final blow is delivered by Peter - the unrestrained prophet had to be rebuked by a donkey.

Why an animal? Because he had isolated himself. There was no companion to correct him. He lived in isolation, he was a law unto himself. He received no correction, he was not on team. That made him implicitly unsafe. The New Testament model is clear - prophets run in teams, either with other prophets (Acts 11:27) or with teachers (Acts 13:1) or with apostles (Acts 15:40).

Teamwork is the saving grace for the prophetic gift. But we need to be careful who our team members are. Balaam was approached by Balak. This was a satanic union, based in favouritism and finances. Balaam had all the wrong reasons for partnership. He would have been better of in relationship with Moses, Joshua and the people of Israel.

The End Of The Age Is Upon You

Stephen Hanson

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1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Col. 3:1-3

4 The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 6 And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete. 2 Co. 10: 4-6

"I tell you that the end of the age is upon you. For everything is racing towards that day. Life as you know it will be changing. In other cultures people have known about these things. But man looks to the stars, and other forms, to believe in. You have known about the stock market crash that took place in the earlier part of the last century. I tell you that things in the financial world will take place even worse than that. "

(The Lord showed me a picture of a scene with pyramids and then a Native American one with teepees. I believe that the point here is that even in other cultures and beliefs, one can find that the end of the world is mentioned as an event that will soon come. It is not that we embrace the beliefs of these other cultures, but that we can see that even in their religious systems, the end of the world is mentioned.)

"There is a great gap that is widening in the religious institutions. There is a great gap between those who serve Me for money and those who truly serve Me. Many profit from the word of God in this hour. They have wrongly used their money as a way of gaining assets. Truly, they will be brought down."

"The great war is upon you; it is the war that takes place in your hearts and minds. For in your hearts and minds is where the real battle is fought. What is your heart and mind thinking about in this hour? For what you think about is what you become. "

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The Famine And The Destruction
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There are strong indications now that we are entering a serious time of shortages or famine. There has been a warning ahead of time issued for the body of Christ that we are coming into a season of fearful times.

I can sense that we are about to see some fearful and violent days ahead.

No one should be unprepared for the days just ahead of us.

Prayer is the only way to prepare for this time.

Not digging a hole in the ground and stocking up on food and water.

Not buying weapons and ammunition.

The one and only thing that will get us through this time is fervent prayer.

The Word of the Lord tells us that everything will be shaken. But there is one thing that cannot be shaken.

That is the faith founded and secured on the Rock (Jesus).

The kingdoms of this world and ways of doing things by mans method is designed to fail.

The kingdom of God is designed to last eternally.

Everything will be stronger and will have greater destruction on the negative side. On the Lord’s side, Everything will be greater and stronger also.

Nothing but prayer, not money or a certain places to go will help us now.

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Man Shall Not Live By Bread Alone!
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Jesus said that man shall not live (be upheld and sustained) by bread alone, but by every word That (comes forth) proceeds out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:8-9
When satan was tempting Jesus, He told Jesus that the all the kingdoms of this world were his to do as he pleased. He said to Jesus “all these things all taken together I will give You if you fall down (prostrate Yourself) before me and do homage and worship me.

Then Jesus said to him, Be gone, satan! For it is written, you shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone shall you serve.

Matthew 28:18
When Jesus had completed and finished the requirements of our salvation,
He proclaimed (announced) “all authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

Jesus now is Lord and Ruler and Supreme Head over all the kingdoms of

Heaven and earth.

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Luke 10:22
All things have been given over into My power by My Father; (Jesus said)

Luke 10:19
Now Jesus has translated or accepted us into the kingdom of God and has proclaimed to us:

“Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and physical and mental strength and ability over all the power that the enemy possesses: and nothing shall by any means or in any way harm you.
No weapon formed against you will prosper or be effective against you.

When the enemy comes in, like a flood the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him.

Mark 1:15
The kingdom of God is at hand.

Luke 17:21
Nor will people say, Look! Here (it is)! Or, See, (it is) there! For behold, The Kingdom of God is within you.

John 14:23
Jesus answered, if a person (really) loves Me, he will keep My word (obey My teaching); and My Father will love Him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

Romans 14:17
After all the kingdom of God is not a matter of getting the food and drink that one likes, but instead it is righteousness (that state which makes a person acceptable to God) and (heart) peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

This kingdom is in the eternal realm. But you can operate in the eternal and the physical realm by faith.

Faith works above the natural and physical laws.

Hebrews 12:22
But rather you have come to Mount Zion, even the to the city of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of Angels in festal gathering.

Colossians 1:27, 29 2:3,9-10,14-16
To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within and among you, the Hope of (realizing the) glory.
For this I labor (unto weariness), striving with all the superhuman energy which He so mightily enkindles and works within me.
In Him all the treasures of (divine) wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God) and all the riches of spiritual) knowledge and enlightenment are stored up and lie hidden.
For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).
And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ
You too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).
In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a spiritual (spiritual) circumcision (performed by) Christ by stripping off the body o the flesh (the whole corrupt, carnal nature with its passions and lusts),
Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal

decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us), This note with its regulations, decrees, and demands, He sea aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to His cross.

God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the Cross).
Therefore let no one sit in judgment on you in matters of food and drink , or with regard to a feast day or a New Moon or a Sabbath.

There is no retrial. We have been judged in Christ Jesus.

God imported the final judgment of our sins to one point in time.

The record is clean and the case is forever settled.

Jesus died once for all.

Romans 8:1
Therefore there is now no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live an walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.
For the new law of the Spirit of life (Which is in Christ Jesus (the law of our new being and being made righteous, our spiritual life as new creatures) has freed me from the law of sin and of death.

John 14:26
But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in Name (Authority) (in My place to represent Me and act on My behalf), He will teach you all things, and He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

John 6:37
All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me, will come to Me; and the One who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out (I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me).

John 10:28-29
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. (To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed). And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all (else) and no one is able to snatch (them) out of the Father’s hand.

Acts 1:8
But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

The Holy Spirit brings the Godhead into our lives in Christ.

Luke 6:37-38
Judge not (neither pronouncing judgment nor subjecting to censure), do not condemn and pronounce guilty, ; acquit and forgive and release (give up resentment, let it drop) and you will not be condemned and pronounced guilty, you will be acquitted and forgiven and released.

Give and (gifts) will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into (the pouch formed by (the bosom (of your robe and used as a bag). For with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others), it will be measured back to you.

Matthew 10:8
Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons, Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.

Because we are in Christ Jesus, there is no separation between us and Him.

Nothing is held back.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

He is 100 percent honest and pure. He is 100 percent faithful and true.

We have 100 percent access into the Father's throne room to tell Him our concerns and fellowship with Him. We have 100 percent access into the spiritual realm or the Kingdom of God.

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Faith Beyond Boundaries of Time and Distance

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Because we have now been translated into the kingdom of God, of Light and of Unlimited ability and power, our faith is not restricted by time and space.

We are now citizens of Heaven and of the kingdom of heaven. We now live in the unlimited eternal ream of God. Time does not exist in the heavenly eternal realm. It is just eternity.

God is everywhere and He lives in the past, present and future. He is omnipresent.

Time does not hinder faith. Distance does not exist in faith.

When Jesus spoke to sickness and things, there was an instant manifestation of what He said.

When they were in the boat on the Sea, Jesus spoke to a storm and instantly it stopped. When He and Peter finished walking on the water, instantly the boat was at the other side of the sea.

When we speak in the authority and righteousness of Jesus, there will be an instant manifestation of what we say.

Instant healings and instant miracles just happen. Decree a thing and it shall be established.

Speak those things that be not as though they were already manifested.

The kingdom of God is at hand right now.

The Apostles were doing miracles and healing the sick everywhere they traveled. Jesus said, these works and even greater works than these you shall do.

John 1:16

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift.

We operate in the kingdom of God now. If this is true, and it is, then we are not subject to the boundaries of time and distance. We are not limited to the realm of the five senses. The Kingdom of God is inhabited by those that have been made righteous in Christ Jesus and made to be accepted into the beloved family of GOD through the finished work of the cross of Jesus.

The righteousness of Christ has been imputed to us.

Jesus said that if you have the faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can speak to a mountain and if you don’t doubt, but believe, you will have what you say.

When God declared Abraham to be righteous, Abraham was told to speak those things that be not as though they were. God taught Abraham the way that the righteous are suppose to talk.

He had to talk God’s kind of talk, because he was now righteous so was the Seed of Abraham..

You are a new creature, recreated in Christ Jesus living in an unlimited realm of unlimited power and faith. You have eternal life and abundant life. You have power over all the power of the enemy. The presence of God is a constantly flowing, unstoppable, dynamic, tangible, life giving, resurrecting, healing, lifting and illuminating, creative, and powerful factor into this kingdom that we live in.

This abundant life is what Jesus gave to the new creatures, the born again believer that have given their all to Him.

The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus is the Head of the Body of Christ.

We are not lacking anything except the knowledge of who we are and what we have.

Luke 12:32

Do not be seized with alarm and struck with fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom!

Luke 17:5-6

The apostles said to the Lord, increase our faith (that trust and confidence that spring from our belief in God),

And the Lord answered, if you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even so small like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.

Luke 8:54-55

And grasping her hand He called, saying, Child arise (from the sleep of death)!

And her spirit returned (from death), and she arose immediately; and He directed that she should be given something to eat.

Luke 18:41-43

What do you want Me to do for you? He said, Lord, let me receive my sight!

And Jesus said to him, Receive your sight! Your faith (your trust and confidence that spring from your faith in God) has healed you,

And instantly he received his sight and began to follow Jesus, recognizing, praising, and honoring God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

You may accidentally eat or drink something deadly, but it shall not hurt you.

Jesus said, “All things are possible to those that believe”

Your faith is equal to the power of the one that you believe in.

Ephesians 1:17-23

For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him.

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set apart ones).

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His Own right hand in the heavenly places.

Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named (above every title that can be conferred), not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church),

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself).

You can raise the dead, heal the sick, cast out devils, and operate in the authority of Jesus.

This is the life you were meant to live. The Word of God says that Christ lives in you and you live in Christ. There is nothing between us. Nothing is held back from us.

Don't look at your own righteousness. Look at the Lord's finished work. It is His righteousness that is now ours as well.

The Apostle Peter walked on the water. He was not limited by the natural laws of gravity. He changed his focus from Jesus to the natural realm. He changed his focus from the unlimited spiritual realm of faith to the limited realm of the five senses.

A man that said to Jesus I know authority, because I am a man of authority.

When I say to one person “come“, he comes, when I say to another “go”, he goes. And he said to Jesus, just speak the Word and the healing will happen.

Your word cannot be revoked or stopped.

When a king makes a decree, the word goes out and is established as a law and the citizens must comply with the decree.

Lift up the Lord Jesus in the power and authority of the Holy Ghost.

There is great power present with you to be a witness.

Ephesians 2:4-7

But God-so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for) it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One), He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in His kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's Own handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, (born anew) that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and mad ready for us to live.

The just, those that are made righteous are to live by faith.

I Corinthians 6:17

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

I John 3:1-2

We are sons of God right now.

As HE IS, so are we in this world.

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Sins Forgiven and Forgotten
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Jesus died for Mr. Moon, Krishna, The Pope, The Mormons, The atheist, agnostics, The Hindus, The Nation of Islam, kkk members, nazis groups, The Muslim,

satan worshipers and the sins of all men. Hitler had salvation offered to him also, whether he accepted it of not.

Christianity is more than one of the religions. Christians are not just religious people.

We are Christ-like. We are born of His Spirit and given His authority and righteousness.

I Peter 1:19,23

But you were purchased with the precious blood of Christ the Messiah, like that of a sacrificial lamb without blemish or spot.

You have been regenerated (born again) (re- "gene"-rated), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

II Corinthians 5:17, 19, 21

Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ the Messiah he is a new creature altogether;

The old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! The old spirit in us has died. The Spirit of Christ brought to us His new life.

It was God personally present in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting and holding against men their trespasses but canceling them and committing to us the message of reconciliation of the restoration to favor.

For our sake He made Christ virtually to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become, made (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness.)

II Corinthians 6:16

What agreement can there be between a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and I will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 1:2-3

But in these last of these days He has spoken to us in (the person of a) Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time (He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order).

He is the sole expression of the glory of God (The Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine), and He is the perfect imprint of and very image of (God's) nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His Mighty Word of Power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished or cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on High.

Colossians 2:9-10, 13-15

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity, the Godhead, continues to dwell in bodily form giving complete expression of the divine nature.

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority o every angelic principality and power.

And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal natural), (God) brought to life together with Christ, having freely forgiven us all our transgressions, having cancelled an blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This note with its regulations, decrees, and demands He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to His cross.

God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the Cross).

Isaiah 41:10-13

Fear not there is nothing to fear, for I Am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I Am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes I will hold you up and retain you with My victorious right hand of rightness and justice.

Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded;

they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

You shall seek those who contend with you but shall not find them; they who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all.

For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I Am the Lord, Who says to you, fear not; I will help you!

Isaiah 53:3-6

He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, A Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains (of punishment), yet we ignorantly considered Him stricken, smitten and afflicted by God (as if with leprosy),

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement (needful to obtain) peace and well-being for us was upon Him, with the stripes (that wounded) Him we are healed and made whole.

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 54:17

But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This (peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition) is the heritage of the servants of the Lord (those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me (this is that which I impart to them as their justification, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:34

And they will no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying know the Lord, for they will all know Me (recognize, understand, and be acquainted with Me), from the least to the greatest, says the Lord.

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will seriously remember their sin no more.

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by the cleansing bath of the new birth regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He poured out so richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their sins, deeds of unrighteousness no more.

Ephesians 2:5-10

Even when we were dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace His favor and mercy which you did not deserve that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with

Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in His kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through your faith.

And this salvation is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving), but it is the gift of God.

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself).

For we are God's (own) handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, born anew that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live.

John 5:24

I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words (who listens to My message) and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment, (does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation), but he has already passed over out of death into life.

Galatians 3:26

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

Galatians 4:6-7

And because you really are His Sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts , crying, Abba (Father)! Father!

Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then (it follows that you are) an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Ephesians 2:19

Therefore, you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's (Own) household.

I Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, God's Own purchased special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Once you were not a people (at all), but now you are God's people; once you were unpitied but now you are pitied and have received mercy.

I Thessalonians 5:24

Faithful is He Who is calling you (to Himself) and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it (fulfill His call) by hallowing and keeping you).

Ephesians 4:5-6

There is One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

One God and Father of us all, Who is above all (Sovereign over all), pervading all and living in us all.

Jeremiah 29:11-12

For I know the thoughts and plans for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you.

Romans 8:1, 14-17

Therefore there is now no condemnation, no adjudging guilty of wrong, for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For the Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (the Spirit producing sonship) in (the bliss of) which we cry , Abba (Father)! Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus) testifies together with our own spirit, (assuring us) that we are the children of God.

And if we are (His) children, then we are (His) heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. Fellow heirs means: one for Jesus and one for me, one for Jesus and one for me ….

Romans 8:31-39

What then shall we say to all of this? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?

He Who did not withhold or spare even His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect (when it is) God Who justifies (that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?

Who is there to condemn us? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?

Who shall ever separate us from Christ’s love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword? Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain, surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:11-13

The scripture says, no man who believes in Him (who adheres to, relies on, trusts in Him) will ever be put to shame or be disappointed.

The Lord is Lord over all of us and He generously bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him in faith.

For everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord (invoking Him as Lord) will be saved.

Hebrews 9:12

He went once for all into the Holy of Holies of Heaven, not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves by which to make reconciliation between God and man, but by His Own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).

Hebrews 10:14,17

For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made Holy.

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more .

Philippians 4:13

I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me (I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.

Hebrews 8:12

For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more.

II Corinthians 2:14

But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph (as trophies of Christ's victory) and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere.

I John 3:1-2

See what an incredible quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should be (permitted to) be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

Beloved we are even here and now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be (hereafter), but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He really is.

John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world , but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He who believes in Him (who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him) is not judged (he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation-he incurs no damnation);

but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already (he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence) because he has not believed in and trusted in the

Name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ’s name).

Acts 17:28

For in Him we live and move and have our being: as even some of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

John 14:12-14

I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name as presenting all that I AM, so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you) whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I AM).

Colossians 3:17

And whatever you do (no matter what it is) in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in (dependence upon) His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

John 3:16

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world He (even) gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whosoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

God wanted the salvation He provided for us to be perfect and complete, so God Himself made us perfectly accepted, justified, loved, and redeemed. God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to Himself.

John 6:37

All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out (I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me).

Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus approached and breaking the silence, said to them, all authority (all power of rule) in heaven and earth has been given to Me.

Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Authority (Name) of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I Am with you all the days (perpetually , uniformly, and on every occasion), to the very close and consummation of the age. (Amen) so be it.

God is 100 percent honest, 100 percent pure, perfectly trustworthy, 100 percent faithful and true. There is no deception or falsity or misleading in Him.

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

God has given us His righteousness. He imputed righteousness to us. He bestowed it upon us. We are righteous in God’s sight.

Matthew 7:1-2

Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves.

For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned. And in accordance with the measure you (use to) deal out to others, it will be dealt out to again to you.

Matthew 7:12

So then, whatever you desire that others would to and for you, even so do also to and for them, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

I Peter 4:10-11

As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as (befits) good trustees of God's many sided grace (faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor).

Whoever speaks, (let him do it as one who utters) oracles of God; whoever renders service, (let him dot it) as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).

I Peter 5:1-4

I warn and counsel the elders among you (the pastors and spiritual guides of the church) as a fellow elder and as an eyewitness (called to testify) of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a sharer in the glory (the honor and splendor) that is to be revealed (disclosed, unfolded):

Tend (nurture, guard, guide, and fold) the flock of God that is (your responsibility), not by coercion or constraint, but willingly; not dishonorably motivated by the advantages and profits (belonging to the office, but eagerly and cheerfully;

Not domineering (as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons) over those in your charge, but being examples (patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation.

And then when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will win the conqueror's crown of glory.

God says do not judge men that are made in His image and likeness.

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Traveling First Class
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"'chariot Wheels' Being Ordered To Assist In Urgent Mission Transportation! . . . Many May Be Traveling 'First Class' In The Spirit!" Acts 8:39, 40
by Bill Yount

With the increase of international disasters beginning to take place around the world, I sense there will be urgent missions where individuals will need to get to countries swiftly. These missions will not be dependent upon the future unstable conditions of the airline transportation systems. God is always one step ahead when it comes to spreading the gospel and going into all the world.

In the Spirit, I heard an order of "chariot wheels" being called into the throne room for the last-day method of transportation for emergency mission work around the world. I sense that time will be a critical factor in getting God's people from one place to the next to minister in times of disaster. God will use angels to intervene in many cases, but to actually lift up the full standard against the flood of the enemy along with national catastrophes, He will be sending His people "first class," speedily!

In the book of Acts 8:39, 40, it says:
"And when they [Philip and the eunuch] were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea." (KJV)

I have heard testimonies where some believers have been praying for a nation and all of a sudden in the Spirit they were caught away and found themselves in that nation ministering to people. Some through dreams, visions, and some as though their own body was there! I truly believe we are living in an hour that we really need to take the limits off of God and say, "Here am I, Lord; send me any way you want to!"
We are soon to discover that "it is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord" . . . in more ways than we realize!

SPIRITUAL "CHARIOTS OF FIRE"

It's interesting that the army tanks of Israel are called "Chariots of Fire"!

While in Israel, I have seen a demonstration of these tanks on the move. These tanks are able to shoot forth fire out of the end of their cannons into their enemies. Also, they can shoot forth smoke to hide themselves from the enemy, when needed. These tanks are believed to be the most powerful artillery in the world.

I sense the Lord will transport many in spiritual "Chariots of Fire" into enemy territory where people are being held captive by the enemy and natural disasters.
These Chariots will be equipped with the Fire of God and the smoke of His Glory Cloud! They will be used to rescue many from death as their ministers, as flames of fire, preach to thousands with the fire of God on their lips -- as they are hidden from the enemy and disaster by the smoke of His Glory!

"ANGELIC AIR AND GROUND TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS"

As the earth seems to be going more and more out of control and increases its groaning through earthquakes and bizarre weather patterns, angels will be given charge over God's people in their going out and coming in, as they are being escorted on secret missions. When everything appears to be out of control, God will still be sitting upon the circle of the earth in total control of spreading the gospel! Angels will control air and ground traffic transportation for the missions of God's people.

As many travel and minister in these spiritual "Chariots of Fire," the borders of their mantles will, at times, touch down upon whole nations and regions to redeem and bring forth revival out of chaos!

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The Fiery Cataclysm Of A Spiritual Reformation
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The Fire Sent Through The Instrument Of Heaven's Refining Furnace, Changes Or "Flexes" The Very Atmosphere Of A Spiritual Reformation.

Its Blaze Is Lit To Be A Cleansing Fire**.** A fire is intended and brought to exist in order to bring life. So does a spiritual revolution! Fire devastates, so does a Cross-focused revolution.

The Fire Of The Lord Does Not Allow Itself To Be Captured And Controlled.

A spiritual revolution lies in God's hands. A revival fire must be tended to and guarded from abuse.

Man must take his hands off of its development, yet stay with it to guard it and fan its flames and keep the embers red hot.

The Environment Of A Spiritual Revolution Brings Questioning And The Testing Of Man's Secret Ambitions.

It brings out his best and separates out and exposes his worst. A spiritual revolution is like a refiners fire, it cleanses, it sheds light, and it brings integrity and blending. It restores and brings to the fore front everlasting, indestructible qualities.

> *"You listen when anyone in Israel truly feels sorry and sincerely prays with arms lifted toward your temple. You know what is in everyone's heart. So from your home in heaven answer their prayers, according to the way they live and what is in their hearts. "1 Kings 8:38-39*

A Heaven Kindled Reformation Fire Is Like Hell To The Stubborn And Ego Driven

and it certainly brands the love of God into every devoted character. It is without a doubt the condition that occurs when within us there is a personal "re-form-ation" of the softened and melted heart established for the sake of the softening and melting of others hearts.

> *"He will sit and judge like a refiner of silver, watching closely as the dross is burned away. He will purify the Levites, refining them like gold or silver, so that they may once again offer acceptable sacrifices to the LORD." Malachi 3:3 (NLT)*

A Fresh And Reformational Move Of God Needs A Man Or A Woman To Stand In The Midst Of All That Is Fracturing And Crumbling!

A revolution of the Spirit will take a people, purified from a need to be "publicly validated" or honored…. to get underway.

Moves Of God Are Remembered And Recorded In The Earth By Its Men And Women, Those Who Dare To Stand In The Place Or Gap Of Change.

Those who will not allow the fresh waters of promise from heaven to be muddied with platitudes; religious buzz words, or glitzy advertisements! Reformation and revolution of the Spirit come God's way, according to God's point of view and purpose, but they begin in a man's heart where God does His deepest of works!

> *"I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it." Ezekiel 22:30*

A Man Or Woman In Harmony With The Heart Of The Lord And Ruler Of The Ever Increasing Kingdom!

Set apart to be poured out and spent by heavenly measure! A man or woman who understand the dynamic and hell fearing power of humility, and embraces a rank entirely adjusted according to the Lord's own measure of allowed rule and influence.

> *"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his house, and he will minister before my anointed one always." 1 Samuel 2:35 (NIV)*

A Reformation Or Spiritual Revolution Will Occur If Such A Man Or Woman Is Trained Through The Weathering Of Life's Storms To Stand, And To Stand Unyielding.

A revolution and new found freshness for heavenly devotion will be ushered in where the people of the Lord are brought back to a holy awe over the price to be paid in prayer and personal sacrifice on every level with a willingness to pay the price for the costly advance to occur!

> *"Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:23-26*

The World Sees Strength In The Action Man Takes To Achieve Personal Success And "Notches On His Belt".

In The Heart Of Those Bound To Spiritual Revolution, It Is Known That Strength Lies In Quietness Of Purpose And In An Intended Strategy Of Relinquishing Power In Order To Be "Em-Powered."

May We Be Found In This Hour Of Extremes And Shaking To Be Men And Women Who Value The Treasure Of A Life Trained And Prepared In The God Ordained Caves Of Weeping And Solitude.

Out Of These "Clefts In The Rock" Will Emerge A Company Of Saints With The Smell Of Heaven's Fire Still On Their Garments Of Praise.

Look For The Fruit Of Mercy In Their Hearts And The Countenance Of A Blessed Peace Upon Their Faces These Are The Sons And Daughters Of The Spiritual Revolution.

> *"They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted." Isaiah 62:12*

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The Fiery Furnace
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"Remember how the Lord your God led you ALL THE WAY in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep His commands." Deut. 8:2

"But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10

When My wilderness people, My faithful ones stood up and said NO and were determined to go all the way with Christ, you figured correctly that you would be thrown into the fiery furnace. However, the heat has been much hotter than you had ever imagined it would be, nevertheless, what I did with Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego, I will also do for those who have allowed the affliction in the furnace.

You have suffered greatly, as you continue to "do right." My Son was the supreme example of suffering wrong in well-doing, for though He was My Son, yet by His suffering He learned obedience ... For the key is Obedience... You have felt the heavy weight of your cross, and at times you begged for My help, tears flowing for days, even weeks on end. You tried reading the Word, you tried speaking scriptures. You felt that I had forsaken you, thinking what did you do to bring such agony and despair? For some of you, your finances have dried up, and you are in severe financial straits. For some, health is an issue, pain being your constant companion, you need healing.

You read the accounts in My word of Job's testing and in the end what I did for him. You read of Joseph, sold by his own brothers and attaining to the heights of power. You have read of Daniel, who had such faith, he "slept" in a den of raving lions. Of Esther, who was willing to sacrifice herself for her people. You have read about them all, but still your pain is overwhelming. You say, yes but those were bible saints, My Beloved, they were men and women, just like you.

You have found yourself in a place where you think there is no way out, there is nothing that 'you' can do ... but AH, MY BELOVED, this is where I want you, for you will know that it is ONLY "your God" who is able to deliver you. But even in the midst of all this pain, I have been enabling you to begin to see the world through the loving eyes of Jesus.

My wilderness people have determined to lay hold of Christ at all cost, going on with Him - and 'with that decision' -they placed themselves in the hands of the Potter.

I called you into the wilderness, but I also said "There is a Price!" And you have paid a "high" price for the anointing I have for you. You have had to die daily, to your fears, to your control, to religion, to your reputation, - a multitude of deaths in choosing to be a true disciple of Mine. My chosen vessels going through the crushing by the Potter's hands. The clay being molded and remolded.

When I took you from the wheel and put you on the shelf, everything "appeared" to go wrong. You felt that I wasn't there and you asked "Where are You, Lord?" So much about the wilderness, you don't comprehend. You feel alone, you once had your family and friends in support of your decision, now they don't understand. You say: "is it me, did I hear wrong, did I make a mistake, did You really choose me Lord?" AH, My children, even the greatest, My Son, had to go through the wilderness testing.

You have now learned that it doesn't matter what man may think - or - have need of his approval, only your relationship with Me is what matters.

FINALLY... FINALLY... you say "If I have to stay in this wilderness forever, I will" for it's only Me that you want or need. NOW, BELOVED, NOW, I will take you out of the wilderness. And your heart races in excitement and anticipation and you say "Let's go, I am ready!" But to your dismay, you see what's coming next - "the firing."

Now you are in the "kiln" and you are not alone, for it's here that the impurities are taken out of My vessels - bitterness, resentment, anger, jealousy, competition, as the fire continues to get hotter and hotter. The persecutions come - family, friends, job and even the church. But after you get out of here, you are not finished yet and you wait, once more, for the final step - "the glazing"...

It is here, you are afraid to step out in anything for fear of judgment. Now, I begin to poke and prod, do you settle for what you have or do you want more of Me and to finish the process? Your excitement surfaces again. Now the separation begins. I apply the glaze, and you enter "The White Hot Glory Fire", where "ALL that Can be stripped WILL be stripped." It is here, where the coal will be placed to your lips and I bestow anointings, healings, gifts and from this whole process of death comes "resurrection." A resurrection to move in the authority that comes from the anointing. Sending you into the world to reflect My Glory.

What I have started, I will finish. In the wilderness, you heard My promises and somehow - and sometimes you wondered how - you stuck it out, waiting for the manifestation. Even at this time, your GOD is still in control though everything else in your life isn't. You have come to realize that you never did have a view of "My plan" for your life, until I took you into the wilderness - and you now realize it is not your humanness that will allow you to overcome, it's My Godliness.

While in the wilderness, you have truly learned how to lean on Jesus, never to be without hope, love or strength for He has become your strength. You know, the truth of My Love, and that I Am a God who is JUST. I AM the "ultimate power and authority" and you can be positive that I "WILL" use them.

You are part of an elite group. While you have been going through the fiery furnace, you had two choices: you could quit OR you could go on to Spiritual Maturity. You have been noticing the subtle changes that came along the way, changes in you that you never thought possible.

You pressed into your God and the people that know their God will be strong and carry out great exploits. I AM a faithful God, and I require you to be faithful and walk humbly with Your God. Your heart cries out for the injustices you see around you and in the world. But haven't I said that I have overcome the world?

I AM a God of justice, hating injustice, and I will use you as My instruments to seek justice and rescue the oppressed and you will be empowered to do so - reaching out to a hurting, abused and dying world.

I say to My wilderness people, My Remnant, My chosen ones - you are walking out of the furnace, without the smell of smoke upon you, led by the fourth man for I am more real and more powerful than "any" force on the face of this earth. And I am with you all the time, 'right on time.'

{"When God permits His children to go through the furnace, He keeps His eye on the clock and His hand on the thermostat." Warren Wiersbe, bible teacher/preacher.} My Brothers and Sisters - "His eye is on the clock"

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure.

For if you do these things, you will never fail. (NIV) 2. Peter 1,10

The Fall Feasts

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The Fall Feasts -- Prophetic Picture Of The End Times

Fall is in the air, and if you live in the northern hemisphere, you cannot help but sense nature's supernatural excitement as creation prepares to shift gears from summer to winter. The fields surrounding our home are heavy with crops, and the combines are bringing in the harvest across the plains. The end of one season accents the beginning of another, just like the death of one vision gives rise to the next.

The coming weeks will usher us into the time of the Fall Feasts of the Lord. Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles are stacked closely together in a span of 22 intense days, painting the prophetic drama of the end of the age. And since our God and Father has chosen to reveal His nature and administration through His creation, it would be well for His people to listen to what the Spirit is saying at the changing of the seasons, understand the agricultural cycle of the biblical year, and align our lives, cleanse our families, and prepare ourselves for His work.

In God's history of salvation, first came Passover in the spring of the year, announcing Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection redeeming His own people from slavery. Then came Pentecost, the summer Feast, signifying the outpouring of the Spirit and the beginning of the harvest as heaven kisses earth. Lastly, Tabernacles in the fall of the year points toward the grand finale of the age, with its trauma, shakings, and ultimate victory.

Of the seven feasts that God's children are commanded to keep, these last three --Trumpets, Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles -- are meant to prepare us for the end of the age. As their prophetic message weaves, from the blowing of the trumpets to the final celebration in the booths, the Holy Spirit indicates the recurring cycles of the end times.

Trumpets

"Speak to the sons of Israel, saying, 'in the seventh month on the first of the month, you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.'" **-- Leviticus 23:24**
The blowing of the trumpets is the sounding of an alarm. It's not unlike the eerie sound of a siren cutting through the still air with its startling and disturbing shriek. Whether a call to arms or to a solemn assembly, when the biblical Israelites heard the trumpet blast -- they came to immediate attention! In the same way, the Feast of Trumpets is not meant to comfort or console us. Rather, it is a wake-up call -- a strong elbow in our ribs designed to irritate us into motion and action.

As we move deeper into the times of the end, we will experience more disturbing trumpet blasts and troubling wake-up calls. What will seem like a disaster to some, will become a life-saving alarm for others who were awakened out of their spiritual stupor, having their ears opened to hear what the Spirit is saying.

Day of Atonement

***"On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the Lord."* -- Leviticus 23:27**
Ten days following the Trumpets' blast, the nation of Israel came to a complete and unnatural standstill. Of all of Israel's annual fasts and feasts, none is as dreadful and grave as the Day of Atonement. We know, in retrospect, that it was a good day, a day of sprinkling clean blood in the Holy of Holies to atone for the nation's sins for one more year, but the biblical Israelites couldn't afford to be as charismatically casual about that day as we often are.

For them, it was a day of dreadful expectation, fasting, humbling, and waiting, looking anxiously toward the tent of meeting with longing eyes. Has the high priest been successful in his annual atoning mission? Or has he been killed for somehow transgressing God's holiness in the Holy Place? The issue of sin and its fatal consequences was heavy upon everyone's heart, knowing that that day's ministry would determine their fate for one more year.

The Day of Atonement is about a terrible conviction of sin and about a humbling of one's soul, desperately longing for God's atoning sacrifice. All eyes are fixed upon the High Priest, who is working redemption behind the thick veils. Is His sacrifice acceptable? Are we redeemed? Such heart-felt contrition is the result of the Trumpets' wake-up call, shaking the superficial tranquility of our lives.

Tabernacles

***"On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths for seven days to the Lord. For seven days you shall present an offering by fire… On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the Lord..."* -- Leviticus 23:34-36**
Tabernacles is the last, longest, and happiest of all of God's Feasts. Celebrating the end of summer, the fullness of the harvest, and the conclusion of the annual prophetic cycle, all of Israel is reclining and dining in festive booths for eight joyful days. It is the closing stage of their labors and the grand finale of their hopes and expectations, and the barns are full. Tabernacles is the final, joyful, and victorious harvest celebration.

The Cycles of the End

These three are the cycles of the end of the age: alarm, conviction, and harvest. The Fall Feasts warn us of these intensifying contractions, as creation travails in the birth pains of Messiah. These three cycles will continue to visit the earth in recurring and intensifying cycles. Whether it will be wars, economic meltdowns, natural disasters, or social upheaval, the trumpets will continue to call for our attention.

And as contrition and conviction mount in search of real rescue and atonement, a wonderful harvest shall be gathered, again and again, among those who hear the sound of God walking in the garden in the cool of the evening calling, "Adam, where are you?"

The testimony of the Fall Feasts is one of warning, endurance, repentance, valor and victory, not of denial or escape. The entire body of scripture and the Messiah's nature consistently point toward the path of endurance, sacrifice, and victory through suffering.

In a vision 26 years ago, we witnessed and experienced the promised "catching up of the saints to be with the Lord" as, we believe, it will occur (though we have no idea when this will be, certainly much endurance and suffering will take place in the body of Messiah between now and then). This fantastic event, as we understand and expect it to be, will take place dramatically and spectacularly at the very end of this present age as one dispensation gives way to the next at the coming of the Lord.

In other words, God's people would be wise to observe or learn from the Fall Feasts of the Lord in the Spirit, learn their prophetic implications, act in accordance with the lessons of the feasts, and prepare for the relentless cycles of the end. The Trumpets' alarms -- leading to Atonement's conviction of sin -- will produce Tabernacles' harvests again and again, as we draw near to the end.

> *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*
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> *Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, 'Peace and safety!' then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.*
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> *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober." -- I Thessalonians 4:16-5:6*

Be blessed as you keep the Feasts.

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The Father's Heart Beat

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GOD LIKES PUZZLES

"We love because he first loved us." I John 4:19

One evening this week, our youngest son Samuel and I were spending some time together just before his bedtime. We were working together on a jigsaw puzzle when Samuel said, "God likes puzzles; He made the whole world like a great big puzzle." Samuel went on to explain that our Minister had visited the children at school assembly and had told them this.

I smiled at Samuel as we continued with the puzzle. It delighted me that he had been paying attention to the Minister and had thought about the message that had been shared. I replied, "I think I know why God likes puzzles Samuel . . . it's because He's the only one who knows how everything works and how to put us all together." We laughed out loud and continued with the puzzle.

Samuel often says things that cause me to think deeply on the Lord and His ways. This comment was no exception. It made me think of the wonder of our God, who is the Father of Lights and from whom every good and perfect gift flows. The Lord has made us in so many diverse ways and yet by His Spirit he calls us to unity, peace, and love.

Even when there are things in life that puzzle us, God is ever present with His compassion, grace, and wisdom. On reflecting on these simple thoughts I was reminded of a vision some years ago. I pray it is a blessing to you all today. I pray that today we would fully embrace the truth of our identity in Christ.
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VISION -- THE FATHER'S HEART BEAT

A number of years ago I was lifted up in the Spirit and Jesus began working on my ears. He removed a small black object from my inner ear. I asked Jesus what this was and He replied, "These are lies that have been spoken into your life." He then removed the object, which released healing from the effects of these lies and this enabled me to hear Him with greater clarity.

AN EAR TO HEAR

The Lord then attached a small earphone to my ear. It looked fairly high-tech! I was impressed! He plugged the end of the lead of the earphone into His chest. I laughed out loud because I could hear His heart beat! The Lord laughed, too, most probably at my child-like giggles. It was delightful to hear His heartbeat so clearly.

HIS HEARTBEAT IS HIS VOICE

The Lord then instructed me to open my mouth. As I carefully responded to His instructions, I began to speak and a glorious Light emanated from my mouth. **The more intently I listened to His heartbeat, the greater the intensity of Truth that came out of my mouth. In the same way, the church today will speak with absolute authority and clarity if she will only listen to her Father's heart.**

"I WILL COME WHEN YOU CALL"

The vision changed and I saw a little girl playing hide and seek with her father. She had her eyes closed, but was listening intently for his footfall. He came to his daughter, sat down with her, then lifted her onto his knee. She immediately yielded to his tender embrace and cuddled into him. She looked earnestly into his face, keen to hear her father's words. He said, "Sweetheart, you don't have to play hide and seek to find me -- I will come when you call."

I was struck by the simple picture of a small child in her father's arms and of the powerful reality that similarly, God our Father really does want us to spend time with him. It's not a game, although it is delightful, and it isn't a burden for Father to respond to His children. He loves it when we call His name! He longs for us to draw near and receive His embrace.

THE FATHER'S LOVE

The little girl smiled at her father and he gazed lovingly at her. She rested her head on his chest, and I was able to hear the same heartbeat I had a moment before. I felt peace and the tenderness and depth of Father's love washed over me in a new measure. I received deeper understanding of God's awesome and absolute care and protection of His children.

Peace saturated my being.

The Father's heartbeat is still ringing in my ear . . .
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The Fruit Of Faithfulness

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Fruit Grows on Trees, Not on Small Plants -- a Word About the Fruit of Faithfulness

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The fruit of the Spirit is "faithfulness" (Galatians 5:22). The characteristics of the Spirit are called "fruit" because it must be cultivated and grown. It takes faithfulness, which is demonstrated by endurance, for any of the fruit to be grown. But how is faithfulness grown? This is important for us to understand if we are going to bear any fruit.

Fruit grows on trees, not small plants. A small plant may sprout and produce vegetables in a single season, but a fruit tree takes years to develop before it will bear fruit. This is why we are told it takes "faith and patience" (Hebrews 6:12) to inherit the promises. One reason why there is so little true fruit of the Spirit in the body of Christ today is because of the lack of faithfulness; faithfulness is demonstrated by endurance over time until fruit is produced.

I hear many complaints about how pastors and leaders tend to interpret faithfulness as how committed people are to their own vision. This may be true, but this is not necessarily wrong. In fact, to be faithful to someone else's vision is crucial for developing the maturity in Christians so that they too can bear fruit.

Know Your Own Purpose & Destiny

For many years, I have championed the need for people to know their own purpose and have their own vision, but this vision, if it is real, must fit together with a corporate vision. Also, the more significant the calling that we have, the longer and more difficult the time of serving someone else's vision will usually be before He will free us to pursue our own vision.

This is because we are the branches, and He is the vine. A branch cannot bear fruit without abiding in the vine, so His life must flow through us. We receive His life by grace, and we are told plainly that "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6 NKJV). It takes humility to serve someone else's vision. Without humility, we cannot expect His grace.

The greater the purpose that you have, the more difficult you can expect your call to serve someone else's vision to be. Because King David was called to not only be a king but to establish a throne that the Scriptures say even the Lord Jesus sits upon (see II Samuel 7:12-16), the greatest level of humility and faithfulness was required of David. He had to remain faithful to serve a king who not only had drifted from the will of God but began to oppose the Lord, killing his priests and even trying to kill David. However, David remained faithful to Saul even after Saul died.

It is an amazing thing to see how King David rewarded those who honored Saul by recovering his body and giving him a proper burial, but he went even further than this. It was the practice of kings who ascended a throne in those times to kill all of the offspring of any potential rivals. King David did the opposite and actually honored Saul's offspring, even allowing them to eat at honored positions at his own table. David remained faithful to Saul, even when Saul became unfaithful. By this, King David became one of the greatest examples of godly faithfulness in the Scriptures.

Of course, one who exceeds even David in faithfulness is the Lord Himself. He has remained faithful to man, even through all of the unfaithfulness and opposition of man. As the primary work that the Lord is doing in us is to conform us to His image, we can therefore expect to be called on to remain faithful to those who have been unfaithful to us. How many of us, knowing that our best friends were all going to deny us and betray us that very night, deserting us when we needed them the most, would still desire to have one more meal with them and even wash their feet to demonstrate our commitment to them?

Conforming to His Image

If we react to those who disappoint us or are unfaithful to us, then we are still immature. Everything that the Lord allows in our life is for the purpose of conforming us to His image, and if we want this to happen, we can expect to have to go through the same things that He did.

Paul the apostle prayed to be conformed to the image of the Lord's death (see Philippians 3:10), and his prayer was answered. He died with all of his unfaithful friends having likewise scattered from him, and most of the churches he had given his life to serving had already gone into apostasy. Paul probably died wondering if he had really accomplished anything through his life of sacrifice, but true sacrifice has a power to bear fruit that actually cannot be destroyed.
Paul had probably forgotten long ago about the few letters he had written from prison. But because Paul lived for the eternal instead of the temporary, there was an eternal quality to those letters that made it impossible for them to be destroyed. Those few letters with eternity in their hearts are probably still bearing more fruit for eternal life than all of the efforts of all who are in ministry today. But would they have been remembered if Paul had not been so faithful, even to the end, even unto death? Probably not.

We must resolve that our own faithfulness will not be determined by what others do. We must resolve to remain faithful, simply because it is the right thing to do. Even if it looks as if we will be alone and we cannot see any fruit from it, it is still the right thing to do.

Of course, the ultimate test of faithfulness would probably be in relation to a spouse. But is this not what the Lord Himself is daily going through with His bride? How many of you would have liked to have heard from your fiancé on your wedding day, "Darling, I am going to be totally faithful to you 364 days a year. I only want one day a year to mess around."
***"You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." --* James 4:4**

What's Your Focus?

How many of His people have not devoted themselves more to being joined to this world and successful in the world than being joined to Him? Is this true of us? Then we, too, are being unfaithful to the One who in all of creation deserves our faithfulness the most.

If you have a question about whether this is you or not, ask this question: what do you spend most of your time on, and what has most of your attention? Are you more focused on how to get ahead in your job or profession, making more money, or acquiring the things of this world more than knowing the Lord, getting closer to Him, and doing His will? If so, then at the very least you have lost your first love, and you are in spiritual adultery with the world.

It is also possible to be more devoted to our church or our ministry than to the Lord Himself. As ministers, we are called to be the friend of the Bridegroom who is helping to prepare the bride for

Him, but how many in ministry are really just using the bride to serve themselves and their own ambition? Isn't this the most profane of all unfaithfulness?
In this way, we are not only unfaithful ourselves, but we are seeking to have the very bride of Christ joined more to us than to Him! By this, we are committing adultery with God's own wife!

This is a trap that causes many in ministry to fall, and this may well deserve the worst judgment on that day. What husband would want a wife that was so busy serving him that she had no time for him? What husband would want a wife that loved her job or her house more than she loved him? This, too, is an issue of faithfulness.

Many of us in ministry are disappointed at the lack of faithfulness of the people to our vision, when we ourselves are basically being unfaithful to the Lord, and the people can see it. They will ultimately be as faithful to us as they can see that we are faithful to Him.

Why do we so easily desert Him for that which has no true satisfaction? For the last three years, Jack Deere and I have scheduled an around-the-world ministry trip each summer to try to serve as many countries as we could in the few weeks that we have.
Each year, Jack is usually in the middle of some study that we spend time talking about, while sharing dozens of hours in airports and on airplanes. This year, Jack found a study on "happiness." The findings of this study were not only very interesting, but they were quite surprising. The study revealed that the amount of material possessions, or the lack of them, actually had no real bearing on a person's happiness.

Materialism is a Trap and a Deception

I pondered this quite a bit on that trip, especially in Africa, where it seemed the majority of the population had so little. Then, as if to emphasize this, while we were in Johannesburg, South Africa, my wife and daughters visited the famous township of Soweto. They had a wonderful guide who took them to Nelson Mandela's house and to the other historic sites of this shanty town where the revolution in South Africa had begun.
The guide was showing them the typical house, which usually had two rooms. One room was the kitchen where there was an open fire and where all of the children usually slept. A friend, who was on the tour, remarked how sorry he was for them to have to grow up in these conditions. The guide was surprised by this comment, saying that they should not be sorry for this because they had a very happy family, and the memories of his childhood were not of deprivation, but of all the good times they had together.

I grew up in a very unhappy family, with difficult and confusing problems, one of which was continued and serious financial stress. Because of that, I have been driven to do better for my own family. However, three times we have had to move from "dream homes" to much smaller and more difficult conditions, and every time I have witnessed the barometer of our family's happiness go up instead of down, and often quite dramatically.

Our over-devotion to materialism is a trap and a deception that is robbing us of true life. So, how is it that we could be more faithful to that vision than to the Son of God? It is a righteous thing to want to provide well for your family, but we must guard against this becoming an idol that eclipses our devotion to the Lord. When it does, the fruit will be bad for ourselves and those we are providing for.

We were all created to have fellowship with God, and there is never going to be anything else more interesting or fulfilling than this. The main thing in our life is to keep the main thing -- the main thing. How is it that we are so easily distracted from this? Unfaithfulness.

All True Ministry is Servanthood

The Lord develops faithfulness in us in many ways. One primary way is by having us devote ourselves to the visions and purposes of others. This is what all true ministry is: servanthood. This is quite a lost art in ministry today, but it **will be recovered.** When it is, we will discover that there is really nothing as fulfilling as serving the Lord and helping others succeed in their purpose. It is hard for the immature to see this, but this is actually the path for us to succeed in our own purpose.

Paul the apostle lamented that there were many teachers but not many fathers (see I Corinthians 4:15). That is true. A true father will get far more satisfaction from seeing his children succeed than even from his own success. This is why the true measure of an authentic New Testament ministry is for one to reproduce their ministry in others and have them succeed. If it was the nature of God to empty Himself of all of His glory and to lower Himself to become a man to serve the very ones who had rejected Him, then, we who were made in His image will also do this.

So, if the Lord requires the immature to go through a time of serving someone else's vision before letting them pursue their own, and if we are on the true path of true ministry, then our main devotion will not be to get others to support our vision as much as being devoted to helping those entrusted to our care to be prepared and released into their own purpose.
True ministry is never just faithfulness to our own vision, but serving others. In the Lord, that is the only way to fulfill our own vision: by serving Him and serving His people -- servanthood. True faithfulness to the Lord is just as He stated in Matthew 16:24-26:

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?'"

Faithfulness to a Corporate Vision

Faithfulness to someone else requires the laying aside of our own self-centeredness, even the fulfilling of "our ministry," and giving ourselves to the purpose of another. The Lord has made us so that this is the only way we can truly find our own purpose and fulfillment. There is no greater bondage than self-centeredness and no greater freedom than being the Lord's slave. However, the truly faithful will remain steadfast when it becomes hard, regardless of how much time it takes. True faithfulness will see the job through to completion.

Every leader learns fast that it is quite easy to get people motivated to start a job, but there will not be many left to see it through the hard work to completion. The resurrected Lord told five hundred people to go back to Jerusalem to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit, but after just twelve days there were only one hundred twenty still there. The Lord knew this would happen, and He often causes things to take longer than we would like to thin out the crowds, getting rid of the unfaithful because anything of true significance must be built on faithful people. This is why He requires that we not only have faith but also patience to inherit the promises.

True Christian maturity requires that we learn faithfulness to a corporate vision, something that originated in the heart of someone else, which may or may not be the main thing on our heart, but this is needed before we can expect others to be committed to our vision. Few visions and purposes of the Lord can be accomplished by just one person, so it does require a joining together of others to accomplish them. However, the basis of our faithfulness must be to the Lord Himself above all other things, keeping Him as our first love. That is the basis of all true faithfulness.

One of the primary areas that demonstrates faithfulness is in our financial giving. Most Christians even have a knee-jerk negative reaction to this, but it is true and biblical. This is the reason why the Lord Himself was watching those who were giving in the temple. Jesus, being the true representative of the Father, demonstrated by this that this was something important to the Father. This is because where a person's treasure is, there will their heart be also.

When I was once inquiring of the Lord about how to know who to add to our staff for a position, the Lord said that I should look at his record of giving to see if his heart was really with us. Since then, I have concluded that this probably is truly the best barometer of a person's faithfulness. If their hearts really are with the Lord, they will put their treasures into His work. If their hearts are with you in what you are doing for Him, they will invest there. If they will not put their treasures there, then you can be sure their hearts are not really there either.

The very thought of this will cause a strong reaction in some, but those are the ones that you do not want to count on because they are the ones who will demand the most and give the least. When difficulties come, they will be the first to become disgruntled and the fastest to desert. In my observations, this has been true every time. Money is usually the ultimate idol -- what we put our trust in above the Lord, and where we put our treasure, this will be where our hearts really are. That's why if we are true shepherds, we have a basic responsibility to teach financial faithfulness to those entrusted to our care.

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The Fruit Of Iniquity

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Iniquity: Moral turpitude, wickedness, a grossly immoral act, sin

I am relentless in the pursuit of my beloved. Nothing can stay my hand and nothing can hold me back. I am not a dog that you can keep at bay with a stick! I AM the great and terrible God, mighty in power and flawless in all my ways.

Men have thought that they could make it without me. They thought they could discard all of their morals and pursue whatever pleasure or goal they desired. They are about to find out how very wrong they are and how vain and foolish their thinking has been. Without ME, man is not wise but foolish.

A fool will get a fool’s reward and a vain man will get a vain man’s reward.
True and lasting rewards come through service to me, your God and King.*

Man has been pursuing the wrong things and barking up the wrong trees. If you are not pursuing the right game what will you end up with in the end? Instead of chasing after ME, most of mankind has been chasing after skunks! Don’t you know what happens if you corner or capture a skunk? So why do you still insist on chasing after them?

The smell is already overpowering. The whole earth is defiled with this smell. It is an offense to my nostrils and it should be an offense to yours!

Man is pursuing one thing and I AM pursuing another. The two do not meet or intersect in any way, shape or form. The “formless” is soon to take form. *The greatest clashing of WILLS in the history of the world is on the horizon.** It is NOT FAR OFF in some distant hazy future as many think or teach.*

As it was in the days of Noah, so again man thinks he can pursue his fleshly delights and not suffer any consequences for his behavior. I say otherwise. This is not why I created man or what I created him for. Man is supposed to be pursuing ME, but how few actually do so! So the pendulum has begun to swing its final swings. As it does so, disaster will follow upon disaster. The plans you have made to do things your way, (while rejecting me), will unravel as if a loose ball of yarn were tossed through the air.

Man thinks he can do exactly as he pleases, but I will have the last laugh. [*Psalm*2]

You have rejected my Love. You have rejected and defiled or destroyed the many gifts I have given to you. My hand will be moving, but if you do not know me, you will not recognize that it is my hand at work.

You think you can mock my Word, ignore my Word, reject it or turn it inside out and upside down for your own benefit. Such is not the case and never has been.

WAR is coming, so great a WAR that people will faint and swoon away. This is a WAR of money (economics). This is a WAR of attrition and massive bloodshed. This is a WAR where your food supplies will fail. This is a WAR where greed, avarice and venom now hidden from sight will overflow.

Run to me while you still can, for the days are short and Armageddon is approaching.

Who has paid attention to the clock? Who has faithfully delved into my Word? The foolish will be in great distress as calamity follows upon calamity. Since you rejected me, now I will reject you. I AM coming to establish MY kingdom and you can not stop me. The foolish choices you have made will play themselves out to the fullest, for your fruit is all ripe now. It is ready to be picked or fall down around you.

Are you ready for what lies ahead? For most of you I say "NO"! – You have asked for what lies ahead, but you are certainly not ready to receive it. You thought I was a myth. You are about to find out differently when you have eaten of the fruit you chose to produce. [*Rom. 6:18-23*]***

Your Jesus

**Prob. 26:10 The great God that formed all things both rewardeth the fool, and rewardeth transgressors. [KJ]*

Rev. 22:12   Behold, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

***Author's comment: I understood this gigantic "clashing of wills" to be a reference to the battle of Armageddon.*

****Isa. 3:10-11   Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given to him.*

Jer. 17:9-10   The heart is stubborn above all things; who can understand it? I the Lord search the heart and try the reins, and give every man according to his ways and according to the fruits of his doings.

Matt. 12:33   Either produce like a good tree with good fruits, or produce like a bad tree with bad fruits; for a tree is known by its fruits.

Eze. 18:30-32   Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn away from all your transgressions, so that your sins may not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the iniquities which you have committed; and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit, so that you may not die, O house of Israel.
For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies, says the Lord God; wherefore repent and live.

The Fires of God
John St. John

And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him
In a flame of fire
Out of the midst of a bush:
And he looked, and behold, the bush
Burned with fire,
And the bush was not consumed.

Exodus 3:2

2 But *who* may abide the day of his coming?
And *who* shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like
A refiner's fire,
And like fullers' soap:
3 And he shall sit as a refiner
and purifier of silver:
and he shall *purify* the sons of Levi,
and *purge them* as gold and silver,
that they *may* offer unto the Lord
an offering in righteousness.

Malachi 3:2, 3

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write;
These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes
Like unto a flame of fire….

Revelation 2:18

I counsel thee to *buy* of me gold
Tried in the fire,
That thou *mayest* be rich….

Revelation 3:18

And He Appeared Unto Me as Fire

I, John St. John, was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day at 11:22 AM this day (12/12/2004), for I had determined to *stir up* the gift which had lain too long dormant within me. My experience before the Lord in the holy of holies lasted for 48 minutes, and as I prayed earnestly 'with the tongues of angels,' the following teaching was implanted in my heart – for my mind was unfruitful before the fires of God. The time and the timing were exact and perfect (as it is so often between the Lord and me), so I know *the message* is also timely and perfect. But it is *only* meant for the true sons of the Spirit who are *hearing* the call to arise from their pigsties and to *purge themselves* of its stench before again seeking the narrow road to their Father's house. None other have the ears with which to hear, and neither do they feel the necessity to *buy* the eye salve which they so desperately need. And this is from Him whose eyes are like *a flame of fire*, for He alone sees through the many excuses 'the many' make as they harden their hearts to the call of God. 'Many are called; few are chosen.'

The Fiery Message

Even in the midst of the heavenly fire, the God of 'decency and order' is able to reveal His divine *order* in His chosen vessels – His appointed *messengers* of the fiery Word from above. As I burned in the purifying fires at the altar of God and His words and images flashed through my soul, even then did a sense of peace and order fill my being – so when the experience before heaven was ended, all that He had shown me fell into its proper place.

The first time God uses the word 'fire' in His Word is found in Genesis 19:24:

Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah
Brimstone and fire
From the Lord out of heaven….

The last time the word is used (to a similar end) is found in Revelation 21:8:

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable,
And murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers,
And idolaters, and *all liars,*
Shall have their part in
The lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:
Which is the second death.

Christ taught that it will be just like the days of Sodom and Gomorrah in our day – and so it is. 'The many' who are too fearful to serve God in the truth, the unbelieving 'believers' of today, the abominable children of disobedience, the murderers who do not love the brethren, the whoremongers who chase after the world and its false religion, the sorcerers who love to hear the words of their false prophets, the idolaters who make 'images' of their effete, doe-eyed Jesus – and *all the liars* who have come 'in His name' to twist the Word of God to their own destruction: *These* are the latter-day children of Sodom who shall all be consumed in the fires of His wrath.

The first and last (alpha and omega) fires of God are the physical, tangible fires of *judgment and destruction.* But there is another fire He has prepared from the beginning, and this fire is heavenly and spiritual in nature – and it is a fire of *purging and deliverance!* It is the *heavenly* fire that was impressed upon me today, so this message is concentrated on the true sons of God and their fire of deliverance – for 'the many' cannot hear of *either* fire, as their unbelieving hearts have waxed too cold to hear of fire.

The second time the word is used is found in Genesis 22:6 & 7 and is *a shadow and type* of the testing, purging fires of God.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering,
And laid it upon Isaac his son;
and he took the fire in his hand,
and a knife;
and they went both of them together.
7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father,
and said, My father:

and he said, Here am I, my son.
And he said,
Behold the fire and the wood:
But where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

Not only does the fire of Abraham (the father) foreshadow the death and resurrection of Christ, but it also foreshadows the same fire (and the knife of circumcision) which *must* also come to *all* the sons of God whom He chastens, purges and sets free from the flesh and the world. Just as John 3:16 tells of the laying down of the life of Christ for His chosen, so also does *1st John 3:16* reflect the fact that this very love and sacrifice must also be made by *His* sons. But if they do not so love the brethren and are not willing to lay down their own lives at the altar of God, then they prove themselves to be bastards rather than heirs.

The NT immediately speaks of *both* kinds of fire, and the power therein is amplified by the three verses in Matthew 3 (which are also reflective of Exodus 3, Leviticus 3, Numbers 3, Daniel 3, Nahum 3, Zephaniah 3, Zechariah 3, Malachi 3, Luke 3, I Corinthians 3, James 3, 2 Peter 3 and Revelation 3 – all of which speak of His fire). Herein we see plainly the description of both kinds of fire: One for the destruction of the tares and the second for the salvation of the wheat.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto *the root* of the trees:
therefore *every* tree which bringeth not forth good fruit
is hewn down,
and cast into the fire. (The fire of judgment)
11 I indeed baptize you with water *unto repentance:*
but he that cometh after me is mightier than I,
whose shoes I am not worthy to bear:
he shall baptize *you* (the good trees)
with the Holy Ghost,
and with fire: (The fire of deliverance)
12 Whose fan is in his hand,
and he will thoroughly *purge* his floor,
and gather his wheat into the garner;
but he will burn up the chaff
with unquenchable fire. (The fire of judgment)

So we plainly see that there are two kinds of His fire and there are two kinds of 'believers'. As usual with the Lord, there are *three levels or stages* to nearly everything He does – and these levels or stages serve as His witnesses to His work in the earth. The three stages (or levels of being) we encounter at this point are as such: 1) a baptism of water, 2) a baptism of the Holy Spirit and 3) and baptism of fire.

1) Water. This is meant for the man who is first *called* by the messengers of God, and it has a point and purpose: To bring the man *to repentance* so he can indeed *prepare the way* of the Lord in his life. When one goes under the water, it signifies a washing away of not only his sins, but all his previous life and all of his claims to it. He is to be *bought* with a price, redeemed and *set free* from the sins of the flesh, the love of this world and the deceptions of its religions. It is a time when a man is *supposed* to have his heart circumcised, but of course none of what I teach here is being done today – and the way for the Lord to actually come into one's heart and life is really not *prepared* at all. It is *the tares* who have corrupted the way of the Lord and have hindered others from entering through their false, easy gospels which never require any cost to the one being so baptized.
2) Spirit. Mere man can baptize in water, but only the Lord can baptize in the Holy Spirit. The

receiving of the Spirit (along with tongues, gifts and callings) is *an earnest or sign* that such a man has also been made ready and *chosen* to leave his old life and follow the Lord. *This Spirit* cannot be received by the world, so most of them have fallen under the influence of deceiving spirits who mock the things of God and, therefore, they cannot bear the fruit of the Spirit – and neither can they bear His truth. Paul warned of 'another spirit' (along with another Jesus and another gospel), and *this* is the spirit they are of, though they know it not. But the true Holy Spirit from heaven is one who leads *the chosen* into *all* truth and endues them with the power from above to actually know, follow and obey the Lord – something that is entirely missing from 'the called.' '*Many* are called; *few* are chosen.'

3) Fire. This final baptism of God is almost unknown today, but as Malachi has promised, it is soon to come to one and all who bear the name of Christ. It is this very baptism of fire which will *divide* the sheep from the goats, and when the fruitful wheat is finally *justified* before God – then shall the tares be known also. This is the fire of testing, for God tests His work before accepting it. The merely 'called' shall all fail the test, but the 'chosen' shall all pass it: Some 100-fold, some 60 and some 30. The heirs of the kingdom meekly and happily submit to the chastening of the Father, but the bastards of mere religion flee from it at all cost.

There are also three stages found within the baptism of fire as well:

1) Stage I. When a man of God 'comes to himself' and wakes up from sleeping with the pigs, he knows in his heart he needs a purging from His Father. It is when he, like Isaac before him, lays himself down upon the altar of God and begs for the knife of circumcision and the fires of sacrifice that the Lord finally comes to him in earnest and *prepares him* to meet his God. But it is *the whole burnt offering* which God requires if a man is to be accepted and counted worthy to be an heir of Christ, and this is actually the *reasonable service* one owes God in return for His own dear sacrifice. (Romans 12:1 & 2)
2) Stage II. After a chosen servant of God has finally come into the baptism of fire and has 'surrendered his all' to God, then he has become as a new wineskin and is sent back into his life to walk a new way: One of the Spirit and not of the flesh any longer. It is during this 'born-again' stage that the new creation formed in Christ Jesus runs into so many trials and tribulations which the old man never encountered or even knew existed. Herein is where God deals with him as an heir rather than a bastard-in-waiting, and all his so-called brethren begin to reject him outright – for those who are of the flesh *always* persecute those who are of the Spirit. These are the fiery trials of which Peter spoke so plainly and they are to be *expected* as one truly becomes a 'partaker of Christ's sufferings.' But again, this walk of the narrow way is unknown to those who are 'yet carnal' in their understanding, for they think these trials to be 'a strange thing' which they avoid with every step they take. They are the people-pleasers who look so good to other carnal men, and they are the very ones who *cannot* please God in their present condition.
3) Stage III. Just before the tribulation of Malachi 4, chapter three of the same book tells of a spiritual coming of the Lord 'to His temple' (us!). The final stage of the baptism of fire is yet to come – but *soon* to come. The Lord will come to His own to test, purge and purify them *before* the tribulation begins. This will be the penultimate test, and the ultimate test will be hot on its heels. Malachi tells us that *the righteous* that are tested are those who *serve* the Lord and *the wicked* in His temple are simply those who will *not* serve Him. He also tells us that *the righteous* shall be *spared* during the coming tribulation, and also that *all the proud* (the wicked) shall be *burned with fire* and become mere stubble.

All who have not submitted themselves to stages one and two *will* be tested anyway, but their refusal to know and serve God (rather than man) will bring *the fire of destruction* upon them – but those who have gladly submitted to the first two baptisms of fire will *also* pass the final test and they shall be *spared* the wrath of God which shall come against all harlots and adulterers with God. Malachi says that all those who *feared the Lord* (and His fiery judgments) are also those who spoke amongst themselves (in Spirit and truth) concerning the things of God, and of them the Lord testifies: 'And they shall be *mine,* saith the Lord of hosts, *in that day when I make up my jewels*.' And, to add insult to injury, these precious jewels of God will also be the ones chosen to *tread down* the wicked amongst His people: The very ones who now mock 'the few' who actually *believe* His report!

In Conclusion

From the opening book of Genesis to the closing book of Revelation, we have seen that God does indeed use His fire as He tests His work – *His strange work*. He calls the very Word of God itself a hammer and a fire, for it is sent *to destroy* the words and works of mere men whose tongues are a fire of iniquity as they attempt to 'fight fire with fire' by *twisting* the Word of God into pleasant little teachings for the tares. As He has said of them from ancient times:

Behold, all ye that kindle a fire,
That compass yourselves about with sparks:
Walk in the light of *your fire*,
And in the sparks that *ye* have kindled.
This shall ye have of mine hand;
Ye shall lie down in sorrow.

Isaiah 50:11

There are two kinds of 'believers' in the world today and two kinds of fire: One for each of them. The heavenly, testing fire of God is *now* being sent out to those who will bear it and bear the fruit of the wheat – and the physical, judging fire of God that is being *reserved* for the tares. The true sheep of His pasture will come, as Isaac, *willingly* to the altar of God and surrender their worthless lives in the hope of resurrection – but the goats will continue blindly eating everything in sight until they see a great fire in the sky: One which shall consume them utterly. Either way, *God is going to receive His sacrifice and the honor due Him*, but the goats are totally oblivious to their fate.

The last OT words of Malachi 3 presage the opening words of John the Baptist in Matthew 3, for it is the same Spirit and the same baptism of fire which is required of one and all – *one way or another!* The fires of God shall test one and all, whether for good or for evil, *and not one soul shall escape it* – even though their deceitful hearts (the fire within) and their lying doctrines (the sparks without) deny it entirely. But 'let God be true, though all men be liars' – for it shall *surely* come to pass.

The Word of God requires a man to *examine himself* to see whether or not he *really is* in Christ or not. The only true examination is by the Word of God, for the *heart* which always 'believes' is more deceitful than anyone seems to believe today. So let each man *examine himself* by the true light from the fires of God and *discover* where they really stand – but *not* by the fires and sparks which issue from within. For how can a man bear witness of himself, especially when it is *only the Spirit and the Word of God* which are able to peer into man's deepest caverns and 'rightly divide' the heart and its hidden motives?

Have you *indeed* been baptized in water *through repentance?* Have you come unto the altar of God (see Romans 12:1 & 2) and had *the whole offering* burned in the fires of God? (If so, then, like Jacob after wrestling with the Lord, you will no longer be able to walk in the old way – but you will be leaning on the Staff as His rod chastens and hastens your new walk.) And, finally, *are you ready for the final baptism of fire which is soon to come?* If so, then I long for your friendship and fellowship – and so does the Lord. But if not, do you at least perceive that *the time is at hand to 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord'?* It is my most fervent hope that either case may be so with you, for these are those who 'spoke often' about the fear of the Lord and the mysteries of God – and they are *His special jewels* which must soon be displayed. May we find ourselves 'strung together' like pearls – for this is indeed a pearl of *great* price!

Malachi, the last messenger of the OT, prophesied about the coming fires of God which must come *just before* the end of the age. The spiritual baptism of fire will *liberate and set free* the sons of God, and it *must* come before the fires of the tribulation – for those who pass through the first fire shall not endure the second.

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven;
and *all the proud,* yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:
and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts,
that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

2 But *unto you* that fear my name
shall the Sun of righteousness arise
with *healing* in his wings;
and ye shall *go forth*,
and grow up (skip about) as calves of the stall.

Malachi 4:1, 2

John the Baptist fulfilled the *first* reference to the return of Elijah, but the *final* appearance of the spirit of the great prophet shall come *just before the tribulation* with his final message to the world:

5 Behold, I *will* (like it or not!) send you Elijah the prophet
before the coming of the great and dreadful
day of the Lord:
6 And he shall turn the heart of *the fathers* (not Mom!)
to the children, and the heart of the children
to their fathers, (not Mom!),
lest I come and smite the earth
with a curse.

Malachi 4:5, 6

Unless the men of God redeem themselves and restore themselves as the head and ruler of their own households, one and all shall be smitten with the curse of God: The very fires of tribulation and judgment from Almighty God. But unless they come *first* to the baptism of the *heavenly* fire, then they will be entirely *unable* to either serve God or rule their own households – just as they stand today 'miserable and naked' before the Lord who has commanded such of them. If a man cannot put his own soul in order, then how can he put his own household – or the house of God – in order? God's order comes down from God to Christ, from Christ to man, and from the man to the woman. Any man (or woman) who fails to seek the way and the order of God shall be just as cursed as were Adam and Eve, for the curse of the tribulation shall be a mirror image of the first curse upon them at the garden of Eden – only this time their judgment and curse shall be eternal and without repentance.

Of course no one today really *believes* God will again send the spirit of Elijah, and they *especially* do not believe he will come in the same Spirit, the same power and with the same unyielding message – but they are 'all alike' wrong again! It shall be God's final warning to mankind, but it will once again fall upon mostly deaf ears. And the prophet himself shall be roundly hated by all, for isn't it *always* so? But they *will* receive another in his name, for the false prophet of Revelation will *also* call down *fire from* *heaven* – and all the 'signs and wonders' crowd will believe and follow *him* instead of the true prophets of God.

But just as the false prophet will try to mimic the works of Elijah, just so shall the true prophets of God call down a fire from heaven – but it will be *the fire of testing for the sons of God* which they shall summon, and the time for it is now! For unless *this fire* falls first, there shall be none to save – for the new wine *cannot* be put into the old wineskins of today.

If there be any man who would join me in the holy place and seek this fire for themselves and for the sons of God who *must* arise from their slumber at the hour of darkness, then may it be so. But if not, then the task of calling for this heavenly, purging fire of God shall fall upon me alone. If you will not join me in the fire, then I ask that you pray for me at least – for who can bear such a burden alone?

I, John St. John, do hereby solemnly attest to the truth of my experience before the fires of God and to the word He has given me. May you bear witness as well….

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The Fullness of Grace

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I will pour out my Spirit upon you and you shall prophesy. I am speaking about the nations. They shall swim in my glory. Yea these are the days of awakening. Let your river flow forth freely. Remove the obstacles and let the river flow forth freely for its revival time.

Many are they that are called but few are chosen. I have chosen you. Prophesy and it would come to pass. For this are the days of my awakening when I will take my people to the next level of their lives. I am awakening their history, I am awakening their lives. I am bringing revival to all the people of the world but those who will hear would have to be humble.

Be bold to declare all that I have to say. Stay on your mission for my oil have I given you in double folds. Therefore enhance the gift of prophecy by speaking forth the words of prophesy more. More and more for your fullness is tied to your prophecy. What you are saying about your self with your mouth. Therefore move to the next level by prophesying. Say good things for good things to come to pass.

Enhance my people with the gift. Move them to the next level. As you prophesy you cause a ' STIR IN THEIR HEARTS. A STIR THAT CAN NEVER BE ERASED. A STIR OF A LIFETIME`.

Come to me all of you and I will give you life. Many are they that are comforted by thier past but you havent seen nothing for I would do new things saith the Lord of Host. I would multiply your harvest and you would move to the next level. I would enhance your gift but you have to be humble. Always pray for this prophecy to flow forth freely. Freely i have given. Freely share. Dont share for money. for I am your money. I am what you earn when you seek me. I AM YOUR EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD, YOUR INHERITANCE AND PORTION IN CHRIST JESUS. I would pay you in hundred folds for what you sow and your prophecy would come to pass .

Learn to press more into me. When you see me your fullness would come. See me with the eyes of faith and you will change. You shall be enlarged and you will never be the same. Give and it would be given to you. Learn to share my anointing by anointing those who are in need with my word and Spirit. Give them of your fulness and I would fill you more and more till you overflow. Awesome glory is what you shall have. Abundant glory. THEREFORE GET READY FOR I AM TELLING YOU THE RAIN IS ABOUT TO FALL. LIKE NEVER BEFORE MY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE THIRSTY AND THEY WILL DRINK OF MY SPIRIT TILL THEY ARE THIRSTY NO MORE. TILL I QUENCH THEIR THIRST I WOULD NOT STOP POURING MY OIL INTO THEM. I would teach them of my will so that they be full in their spirit with wisdom, understanding and knowledge. GET READY FOR MY SEVEN SPIRITS. FOR THEY SHALLL BE IN ACTION IN THESE LAST DAYS. AS I BLOW MY SPIRIT UPON THE EAST, WEST, NORTH AND SOUTH OF YOUR NATIONS. I WOULD BREATHE. I WOULD SAY WHAT HAVE NOT COME TO PASS. YOU WOULD HEAR AND SAY THEM FOR I AM ABOUT TO DO A NEW THING SAITH THE LORD OF HOST.

The Faith Of Jesus

Ron Wood

Peter and John were headed to an afternoon prayer meeting. A routine, ordinary, scheduled event on the church calendar, called "the hour of prayer." Today, another person would intersect their daily routine, a man lame from birth, laid alongside their path to beg for alms. Providentially, he was about to become the victim of a drive-by blessing. That was the moment when God's aggressive grace intervened.

Suddenly, faith was interjected, words were spoken, action was taken, and an ordinary day became an extraordinary event as a deeply-felt human need was immediately met by God's mercy toward mankind and His anger against the devil's deeds. When faith responded to the Spirit's discernment, God's power went to ground. Today, this same Holy Spirit is here in us and among us. By the Holy Spirit's gifts (or *charismata*) we get to do the same stuff Jesus did when we practice prayer and exercise faith. How does it happen? Only one way: *by the faith that comes from Jesus* (Acts 3:16).

John, the contemplative, was accompanied by his opposite in nature, Peter, the impulsive. They were the "odd couple" of apostolic partners. Before Pentecost, they didn't even seem to like each other, perhaps were even jealous of each other. As different as night and day, a lover and a fighter, one doomed to die in a Roman arena, the other to cross heaven's threshold from a ripe old age. Peter the preacher at Pentecost, and John the seer of Revelation. What did they have in common? They had both been mentored by Jesus. They had both been empowered by Holy Spirit baptism. And they had begun praying together in a grace-matrix that was firing up the furnace of an apostolic factory.

But today they were merely walking side by side to a prayer meeting, another ordinary day in the life of two plain disciples, another day of routine faithfulness. But unknown to them, they had crossed the threshold into kingdom-of-God possibilities. The presence of God had reached critical mass in their lives. The chain-reaction of the Holy Spirit's anointing had built up to a red-hot level of glowing glory and was about to irradiate a crippled man in a burst of manifest mercy. This is what happens when prayers crescendo.

Years ago when I helped develop gifts of the Spirit in a local church, first prophetic gifts and later healing gifts, the Lord showed me that it was right for us to meet and pray and stir one another up. He said, *"I will forever conceal in isolation what I will freely reveal in fellowship."* We need to light each other's fire and stir up each other's gifts. The old Pentecostal saints called it "tarrying." Like hot coals pushed into a burning heap, we intensify one another's flame when we stick tight to seek God together. Then, out of that fire of burning holy oil, the activated anointing, we can turn from worship to warfare, and together we can do damage to the devil's work and deliver people in Jesus' name.

We multiply our power when we team up for Jesus. Peter and John, Paul and Silas, the divine pattern is two by two: a couple with God in the Garden, animals into the Ark with Noah, pairs out the door to heal the sick (Luke 10:1). How much good can happen when two believers walk in the will of God together? What is the possibility when two people start a divinely-directed spiritual offensive, and then continue praying together over time, keeping up their assault on hell's gates, not stopping until something happens?

There is simply no limit to what God will do when two or three pray with hearts and voices united in anointed faith (Matthew 18:18-20). I especially hear the Spirit calling men to this alert today. *Listen up: Go get a prayer-partner! Act valiantly in battle!*

Peter spotted the lame man. Something caught his attention. Something in his spirit stirred. He didn't look with the eyes of pity, but looked at the potential for a miracle. He saw a divine opening, a flash of what *could be*. It required an instant response or it would easily slip by like a closing sliding door. Obey your heart or your head? Do what the Spirit says or stick with common sense? In only a moment, a pregnant pause while eternity peers down, a glimpse of the powers of the age to come, a tiny crack in the curtain of time; a mere split second in which heaven draws near, or… maybe not?

He saw the Holy Spirit brooding over the man. He saw the man no longer resigned to disease but rising up in hope for wholeness. Out of his seeing by the Spirit what could be, Peter opened his mouth and spoke words by faith that stirred a response of faith. Peter said what he heard so that he could see what he'd said. God's Spirit agreed with the words of faith and the man became well. Can you picture it? Does it thrill you? Can you put yourself in his place? Can you see his wife when he *walked* home that day?

The lame man only expected money, but Peter instead gave him something money can't buy: his health. Peter said, "Such as I have give I thee." And the command of faith came, "In the name of Jesus, *walk!"* Words spoken with faith's authority released the power to receive from God. Faith acted upon resulted in an affectation of faith, a work of faith. Words have power when the Holy Spirit is in them. Our words uncover what we carry inside. Our words are containers that can push grace from God into another's needy life.

Whereas in one moment the lame man had only faith to beg for money, in the next moment, faith for healing was given him by a man sent from God. One man who had seen a resurrection, who had spent time praying, gave away a gift of grace to another man who had never taken a normal step in his life and had seen only lameness and limitations.

When the lame man was dramatically healed in a public way, it stirred up the city to react. The stage was set for a powerful Christ-honoring sermon to be proclaimed outside the sanctuary in the dirty streets. Miracles are still God's advertisement for the gospel. We often assume signs and wonders only occur for missionaries in poverty-stricken countries, but that's wrong. Apostles may work wonders, but so do ordinary saints who know Jesus. If we pray, if we get full of God, if we have boldness to speak, miracles also happen here, next door, today. We are carriers of God's infectious kingdom, a kingdom of power and mercy, and we know that with God speaking, *nothing is impossible!*

The Fullness of Joy
Ron McGatlin

Psa 16:11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

One of the serious problems among people today is a condition called depression. This condition is like a cancer of the soul. Once it gets into the mind it attacks mental functions, emotional well being and erodes the will. It is also can have serious adverse effect on the body as it lowers the immune system and opens the door for other diseases to take hold in the body. The lack of joy is the "way of death".

Depression attacks church people as well as those in the world. Only one group of people are completely immune to this life stealing condition, THOSE WHO ABIDE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. The sure cure for all depression is real joy and the fullness of joy is overwhelming in the manifest presence of God. It is not possible to go into the manifest presence of God and not experience the joy of the Lord. Abiding in the joy of His manifest presence is the "way of life".

Acts 2:28 ***You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.***

Many experiences of life attempt to steal our joy. Changing circumstances and situations can spawn fear and anger - worry, strife and resentment can replace the joy of the Lord in our lives. Rejection from those we have loved and cared about - the frustration of being miss understood in our efforts to do good - loosing our place of employment where we have sought diligently to serve and many other life situations can be used to steal our joy.

Even the changes that God is bringing to lead His people into a different way of church from that which is familiar to us can be very difficult if we are not abiding in the fullness of joy in the presence of God. Many are in danger of not making it through the difficulties of future changes without the strength of the fullness of the joy of the Lord filling their souls. To victoriously come through the severe changes ahead of us today we must have the joy of the Lord. We must abide in His manifest presence.

Neh 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. ***Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."***

We must not only be able to experience the Holy Spirit coming upon us and moving within us we must be able to go through the veil into the spiritual realm of the very presence of the Father. We must be transported into the place of His presence and experience the consuming love of our Heavenly Father. Here, He will pour the oil of the liquid fire of His love into us until it fills us and flows from us. There is no greater joy - no greater pleasures than experiencing the transportation of our spirit into His and becoming one with God.

We may have sought to have joy in many ways. Pleasure seeking is a consuming reality in the western world today. Much of our time, effort and money is spent in seeking experiences of pleasure. Whether you consider any specific form of "pleasure seeking" to be sin or noble activities, none will give lasting joy to the soul. People are left to endlessly search for more to bring the desired level of pleasure. Even church related activities will not bring lasting joy unless they truly lead to our transportation into the very presence of God.

After all other pleasurable experiences are over there will be a let down and a return of movement toward depression. Further weakness results as the strength of the Joy of the Lord is not with us and we are prone to succumb to temptations and eventually depression opens us to sickness and diseases.

The joy of the Lord in His presence is not optional. As we truly abide in Him and He in us we remain in His presence - we are saturated in His love and become faithful, humble and obedient to His every Word and desire. In our weakness of self, created by the magnitude of His passionate love for us we become as He is in the world. We become strong and very courageous in the fullness of joy and pleasures evermore. We "do not love our lives to the death" and no matter what our earthly circumstance may be we can be at perfect peace. Someone has said "joy is peace in motion".

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Seeing God Moving In The Affairs of Man

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God is intervening upon the earth in the affairs of man. Modern REFORMATION began in the 1500s with the return of some revealed light into a time of great spiritual darkness. Hundreds of years later RESTORATION of the power gifts of God through the Holy Spirit moved us toward REVIVAL and RENEWAL which have in turn moved us into intimate passionate relationship with the Father in His LOVE. Experiencing the love of God in His manifest presence is moving us into real holiness.

2 Cor 6:16-18 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ***"I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."*** *Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be* ***My sons and daughters,*** *Says the LORD Almighty."*

The fire of His passionate love is changing us into humble sons and daughters captivated in His love. Prisoners by choice, never again wanting to be apart from His all consuming love. Experiencing brokenness through His manifested presence of great love is bringing us into purity and real holiness. (Joel 2)

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

The hand of God continues to move us as He is drawing a people who will draw near to Him in holiness. He is forming us into a people who will lift Jesus higher as Lord and King - Savior and Master of the world. A people proclaiming the victory of Jesus over all the enemies of God and the world. A pure hearted generation of sons and daughters who love God above their own lives. A humble people who value spiritual life and worshiping God above all else.

1 Pet 5:5: " Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

The hand of God is moving people from "lukewarm" to "on fire" through revival and renewal. People are changing from seeing how much they can get away with and still make it, to seeing how close they can live in His presence and how pure and holy they can become in His love. Changing form only positional righteousness to practical righteousness.

Heb 1:7-8: And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire." But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom.

As His people are being changed, church is changing. A season of fresh reformation is upon the church. The church is not the church as it was. The church as it has been exist less and less while from the stump of the old a beautiful and pure church of sincere dedicated sold out lovers of God is growing into reality.

Not everyone is seeing the hand of God in the changes coming forth. Habits and traditions are in jeopardy as the hand of God is reforming His church into something different than the church of the past and into something much more like the church of the first century, only more glorious.

God is reforming His church as He reforms His people and the world will be impacted as the church experiences this current "next reformation" season. The church that Jesus is building is destined to impact the world with the reality of kingdom of God living replacing the principalities of the evil one and the strongholds of religious "isms".

This is not about criticizing the church. This is not at all about creating new institutions or structures of church. It is not about adding another denomination with an improved set of teachings. Nor is it about improving the existing denominational institutions and their doctrines.

It is as a fresh new plant growing from the seed of all that God has brought to the church in the past. As the new seedling grows forth it must like all other seeds break out and cast of the old shell that contained it and had kept it safe. It sprouts new roots and grows a new stalk and leaves and eventually produces the fruit of the new plant growing forth with fresh new life.

John 12:24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

The old must pass away for the new seedling to grow forth. There is no resurrection nor resurrection life until something dies. The seed of God, Jesus, was sown into the world and experienced death on the cross that new resurrection life would come forth as a new "plant" in the earth. Jesus returned in resurrection life in the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower those who make room in their heart for resurrection life to abide. Those who will die to their self life that Jesus may live in them. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. John (11:25)

Jesus is a Jew and participated in the old shell of the Jewish religious structure of sacrifices and rituals. The Old Testament contained Jesus and was the shell from which the seed of the new plant ,Jesus, came forth. The old shell was broken at the cross and the New Testament came forth at the resurrection. Jesus is the resurrection and the life.

Col 2:17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

Heb 10:1: For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect.

In the season known as the dark ages the church drifted back into the old shell and restructured itself after some of the old patterns and for the most part lost the glory of the indwelling Holy Spirit and empowerment of Christ abiding in all His people.

Even in the protestant age of the early reformation much of the old shell was carried forward and for the most part the church remained powerless. Instead of Christ ruling through the indwelling Holy Spirit hierarchies of men replaced the resurrection life of Christ, the true head, with organizations and structures of religious forms and teachings. The Old Testament shell of separation between clergy and laity was brought forward into the church. Even in the reformation of the 16th century the Body of Christ was divided into clergy and laity and most of the potential of the church was lost.

We yet remain affected by the old shell. The next reformation is a breaking out as the church of Jesus (the called out and set apart ones) comes forth in resurrection life power. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is raising up the Body of Christ to become the glorious Bride of Christ.

God's plan has always been to have a people who are all priests and kings. Glory to God! We are now on the move in that direction. Yes, it is frightening at times to break out of the old shell and yes, it is potentially hazardous but God will have His people ruling and reigning with Him in miraculous empowerment of Christ within changing the hearts of the people that will change the kingdoms of this world into the kingdoms of our God. Christ will present the kingdoms back to the Father. Christ in you is the hope of glory. (Col.2 27) (Rev 11:15)

The Following Months

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Vision:

I saw a "cut out" of the US, lying flat, "sandwiched" between two pieces of plastic wrap. The wrap was sealed at the ends. Then, I saw a forefinger lift the top layer of plastic wrap, breaking the seal at the edge in a small place. Over and over I saw that finger lift the edge of the top layer of plastic wrap at various places on the edges of the "cut out" of the US. Where the edge of the wrap was lifted, it left an opening between the layers. Those were places where the country was not covered by the wrap.

A hand became visible which the finger was attached to. The finger was pointing at the cut out of the US. Not at any particular place, but just pointing here and there. Then it moved to an edge and pulled the wrap back. Afterward, the hand opened, and moved away.

Then, as if watching some sort of fast flashes of places, I saw several things. First in a forest, I saw people in lean to type structures made out of wood and material (sheet?). The people were destitute, looked hopeless. There was something cooking over a fire. Suddenly, I was in city streets, perfectly good buildings were deserted. People were in doorways, leaning out windows, or aimlessly walking. I did not see any businesses or traffic. Just concrete and buildings. Some children were clutching dolls. Some were playing with a ball in the street.

Again, I saw this in quick "flashes".

I asked G-d what all this was.

The plastic wrap represented the covering G-d has on the US. The finger separating the edges of plastic over the "cut out" of the US was from Him, allowing places for adversities to come to the US. The appearance of the hand represented His Hand, removing the cover from protecting a large area then putting His Hand back over it before withdrawing. When I asked when, how long, I did not get an answer, but it just "feels" like 5-6 months.

While people have been saying Katrina was G-d's judgement on New Orleans for sins, He showed me a different view. New Orleans' sins are no more than any other city in the US. It's location would affect the whole nation in many ways. In His mercy, G-d saved more people than man realizes. New Orleans reveals the heart of this nation.

The heart of this nation has become hardened to G-d and opened to the ways of man. Instead of people, we count appearance to be important. Instead of souls, we count money to be important. Instead of homes, we count technology and buildings as important.

We flaunt our sins. We have lost our modesty. No longer do we feel shame. We openly wave it in front of all to see. We no longer share His love without condition. Instead, we have pride, and religion, and callousness, and rebellion, and fear of hardship. We have become lazy and lukewarm. This is not the worldly people G-d is primarily addressing. It is the CHURCH.

What happened in New Orleans gave us, as a nation, opportunity to repent. Instead we yelled at our leaders. Indeed our leaders have made poor decisions regarding blessing Israel. Our leaders are acting according to the heart expressed of the Church. People in our nation acted to rescue the poor and disabled. We gave and continue to give to the needs of those in this tragedy. We see it as an enemy to subdue and overcome. We no longer realize when we need to repent, bow down, and acknowledge our inability in ourselves. Our nation openly scoffs unchallenged at there being only one way to G-d. Our nation no longer recognizes G-d as G-d. Instead, any name we call Him by is acceptable, as long as we don't make anyone angry. We fear proclaiming truth.

The Church clings to the warm fuzzy words of encouragement. These put us equal to G-d, declaring He has given us power to the point that we proclaim we have power that is His alone. Yet we do not realize we are declaring ourselves to be able to do that which is attributed to the Lordship of G-d and His Son, Jesus. We don't want to be uncomfortable. We are special. We should not have lack, or be in need.

We want the birthright of the firstborn without the responsibility of the care of our siblings. We desire to be only Children due to our selfishness. We see ourselves as Abel, when instead we are as Cain.

Our rebellion is that as of Babel, in that WE will build, and WE will ignore warnings. Instead, WE will be brought down to our knees by G-d.

When I ask the Lord about the people in the forest and in the city, He directed me to Revelation 3:16 - 19 CJB

"So, because you are lukewarm, neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of my mouth! For you keep saying, 'I am rich, I have gotten rich. I don't need a thing!' You don't know that you are the one who is wretched, pitiable, poor, blind and naked! My advice to you is to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eyesalve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see. As for me, I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; so exert yourselves, and turn from your sins!"

We are children in need of discipline and the care of our Heavenly Father. We are those in the forest and in the city...equally in need.

G-d loves His Church, (the people who believe in Him and His Son). He is a healthy Father, and He corrects those He loves. He has against us much that He has against the Church in Laodacea. The Church not only has lost it's love for Jesus; we've lost the passion (not lust) for Him.

Religious pride will rise up in many at these words of rebuke and correction. Many will ignore, and be as the Pharisees. Jesus/Yeshua will still walk with the repentant who see their need, just as He did when He walked this earth in physical form.

The plastic being pulled back, and then God's hand covering it after a small time, represents a greater susceptibility to exposure to the enemy.

The following months will bring us trials to endure. It will reveal the result of that which we have sown. How we handle the challenges ahead of us in the following months will determine the extent of that exposure. If we repent for our sins, see our need, and humble ourselves before G-d, He will help us through the trials ahead. Our priorities will not be structures. Our priorities will once again be the poor, the disabled, the widowed, the orphan, the sick, feeding the hungry, and taking in the homeless. The one true G-d will be the only One we will speak of when we say "G-d". We will know our need of His Only Son, Jesus/Yeshua. We will be thankful, and we will be humble, and we will not judge by appearance.

He is making us to be in His likeness....
Amen

The Fruit Of Love

Howard Morgan

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For many Christians the Jewish people and the Jewish roots of their faith are concepts that range from irrelevant and unimportant to dangerous and heretical. Centuries of non-biblical doctrines and actions have erected a barrier between the church and the Jewish people. This barrier can be thought of as a huge wall of thick semi-transparent glass that only permits dim light to pass through and results in distorted vision. This distortion is caused by those unbiblical doctrines and actions which effect the mental perceptions and heart attitude of those who seek to view the other side. The barrier does however allow many negative ideas, thoughts and feelings to emerge in the hearts of both Christians and Jews, as they consider distorted views of each other and how they are to relate to each other. This "wall of distortion" causes Christians to see the Jewish people and/or the nation of Israel in ways that are contrary to Scripture. It has historically allowed the Church to maintain relationships with the Jewish people that can at best be described as "tolerant," (i.e. "Let's just leave them alone") and at worst as "persecutorial," (i.e. "Kill the Jews!")

This "wall of distortion" affects individuals by causing them to create negative ideas about how to relate to those being viewed. Historically the Christian view of the Jews was distorted by doctrines of demons that taught that the Jews were "Christ killers" and therefore "under the curse of God," and as a result were "cast away." If the distortion is removed by a proper understanding of the plan of God as revealed in the Scriptures, which always brings forth the Biblical fruit of Love, then all negative thoughts and feelings will be erased and replaced by the fruit that love bears. Seeing the Jewish people through the "clear glass" of the Scriptural plan of God will bring forth the fruits of love, support and authentic testimony of the Messiah to the Jewish people.

God is looking for believers who will allow the "wall of distortion" to be destroyed in their own life and be replaced with a "bridge of relationship." The church has a message, and a mandate to proclaim this message to all people, including the Jewish people (Matt. 28:19-20).

Historically however, it has been the church that has largely built the walls of distortion, even though they had the scriptural mandate to be "ministers of reconciliation" (2Cor.5:18). It is therefore incumbent upon the Church, and not the Jewish people, to start the process of bridge building. Christians must begin to actively tear down the "wall of distortion" and build this "bridge of relationship."

Because the Church has a mandate to proclaim the "Good News of the Messiah" to the Jewish people, we must be very careful to make sure that the message that we are proclaiming is in fact the "faith that was once committed to the saints" (Jude 1:3). We must make very sure that what we are proclaiming is the Truth of God and not religious or "Christian" tradition. If we are honest students of the bible and church history, we will see where much tradition has been added to the scriptures, and where church doctrines have supplanted the doctrines of "the faith." How can we testify to the Jewish people about their own messiah and the New Covenant Judaism that He instituted, if our message to them is "convert to gentile Christianity." We must see where and how the Jewish message from the God of Israel about the Jewish messiah, originally proclaimed by Jewish apostles and prophets, became a "gentile Christianity" that lost it's inherent "Jewishness." As the church departed from this "faith that was once delivered to the saints," she lost her place as the "pillar and support of the truth" (1Tim. 3:15) because she began to proclaim a message that was no longer based on the revelation of the Hebrew Scriptures. In place of this true revelation, an amalgam of Biblical doctrines and human philosophies were proclaimed that created a new religion in the earth that has come to be known as "Christianity." To many people, "Christianity" is a religion whose focus is upon services held in a "church" building, where there is an inherent separation between the "clergy" and the "laity." The congregation observes a service, listens to a sermon, places a donation in the offering, and returns again next week for more of the same. The fruit of this "religion" has often been hatred and bloodshed as any reading of "Church" history will clearly show.

As we turn our attention to the Jewish roots of the Christian Faith, or shall we more accurately say the "faith of the Messiah, "we are placing ourselves in a position where we can become open to discovering more and more about the true "faith that was once delivered to the saints." This is a challenging and exciting prospect because it places all of us in a position to re-evaluate our beliefs and the "realities" of our faith for our every day life. Learning about "our Jewish roots" will not spiritually profit us very much if the things we learn are merely academic concepts that adorn our doctrinal bookshelves. The truths that we learn, and are challenged to apply, should deepen our personal walk and relationship with the Lord. This is a major reason for the publication of this newsletter, and I believe, for the Lord's emphasis on restoring an understanding of the Jewish roots of our faith. Another major reason for this emphasis is so that we, as representatives of the kingdom of god, would be fully equipped and enabled to testify of the realities of Messiah Jesus to the Jewish people.

Before we can discuss our Jewish roots, we must have an understanding about truth, in order to know why the Jewish roots of our faith are important. If the church is going to be the "pillar and support of the truth" that she is called to be, she must know the whole truth of her message. As we study the scriptures, we find some interesting diagnostic tests that the Lord has given us so that we can examine ourselves to make sure that we are really in "the faith" (2Cor. 13:5). I believe that the first and perhaps most important diagnostic test we have is the test of love. Do our personal beliefs, church doctrines, scriptural interpretations, traditions and practices bear the fruits of love? Do these cause us to be more and more conformed to the image presented to us in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8? "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Love is the hallmark of the Spirit of God. You cannot say that you have the Spirit of God within you if you do not manifest the fruit of love. The Apostle John wrote, "Beloved let us love one another for love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is Love" (1 John 4:7-8). Romans 8: 29 teaches us that God is continually working with us to conform us more and more to the image of His son. The image of Jesus that we are being conformed to is defined by the attributes of love described in 1 Cor. 13. Do our beliefs, doctrines, practices and traditions cause our hearts to grow cold or even become closed? Does our "religion" cause us to love more, or less? Does it open our hearts or close them? Does it give us "justifications and spiritual rationalizations" for compromises to our love, so that we harden our hearts toward those who interpret the scriptures differently? Individual believers, local churches and even entire denominations will allow their love for each other to grow cold because of doctrinal differences. The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 13:2 that "if you have all knowledge so that you understand all mysteries but have not love you are nothing." The Greek word for nothing here is oudeis, and is the same word that Jesus used in Matthew 13 to describe someone who has lost his saltiness and is "good for nothing except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men." We must stop and consider the profound implications of this verse. The issue of Love is central to "the faith once delivered to the saints." We cannot say that we are true believers or disciples of this "faith" if we are not moving and growing in love! Please dear reader consider these thoughts. Is your "doctrinal correctness" more important to you than your love? Do you have any kind of "spiritual smugness" because of your doctrinal positions that is causing your love for those who disagree to grow cold? If the answer to these, or similar questions that the Holy Spirit may be asking you right now is yes, then be zealous and repent! (Rev. 3:19).

The scriptures teach us to endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit (our love) until we come to the unity of the faith (Eph. 4:3&13). When Jesus returns and "opens up the Scriptures" (Luke 24:32) then, and only then, will we all have the same correct doctrines. Until then, the challenge is in allowing the Holy Spirit to enlarge our hearts to bring forth more and more fruits of love in our lives (John 15:1-2, Gal 5:22).

As we consider the Jewish roots of the Christian faith, we must continually remain keenly aware of the centrality of love to this "faith once delivered to the saints." When we move away from love, we are moving away from god, no matter how right we think our doctrines are. The testimony of the church is

Love. when we do not have love we are no longer in "the faith." far too many Christians, churches and denominations have let their love grow cold as subtle demonic strategies have worked to cause "doctrinal correctness" and non-Biblical external codes of conduct to become more important than the Biblical standard of Love.

As the church returns to her biblical and therefore Hebraic or Jewish roots, and allows the truths of the Bible to be her standard, she will find herself facing the issue of the Jewish people and the fact that the church has failed to love them, even as she has failed to love her own. The issue of the Jewish roots of the Christian faith will force us to face this issue of love and many other issues. The way we respond to these issues will determine our faithfulness as servants of the Lord

God has placed this emphasis on Love because it is the realm in which he operates. Love is the atmosphere that allows God to manifest himself. Faith, which brings answers to prayer, works by love (Gal. 5:6). Praise, which brings the presence of God (Psa. 22:3) is the fruit of our love for the Lord. Where Jesus is loved and where His love is allowed to flow, there He will manifest Himself. It is this manifestation of the Love and power of God that is at the heart of God's desire to restore the Church to her Jewish roots and to the Jewish people. God longs for the Jewish people to see the Church as He has called her to be: a world-wide community of redeemed people who love God, each other, and all men; a people who "know their God and do exploits" (Dan.11:32); a community of faith and power where the demonstration of the Holy Spirit is common place.

Restoring the Church to her Jewish roots is but one step toward this glorious end. This is the step that takes us back to the Bible and "the faith once delivered to the saints." Discovering our Jewish roots takes us to a place where we can examine all of our "doctrines and traditions" and rid ourselves of those that have come from men (or Satan) and do not bear the fruit of Love. As the Church around the world becomes more and more conformed to her Biblical standard, and sees in the Scriptures God's strategy for her testimony to Israel, she can turn to the Jewish people and declare, " We are partaking in a Jewish faith, your Messiah has filled us with His love, His power is demonstrated in our lives. Oh Israel, your Messiah is wonderful, come to Him."

Discovering our Jewish roots and understanding the Hebraic heritage of the Church is the first step in re-orienting the Church to her Biblical relationship with the Jewish people. If the Lord Jesus cannot return to reign until the Jewish people call Him back (Matt. 23:39), and the testimony to them of Jesus being the Messiah comes only from the Church, then the Church must have a proper Biblical orientation and relationship to the Jewish people. She must repent for her past hatred and persecution of the Jewish people and begin to demonstrate the true faith from which she was originally birthed.

As we understand this plan, we must also understand that the overriding reality that will demonstrate to the Jewish people that Jesus is the Messiah, is the LOVE that is demonstrated in the Church. I recently observed a small incident that confirmed this in my heart. At a Jewish believer's birthday celebration, an unsaved wealthy Jewish relative told her this, "My money has not brought me friends, but your faith has brought you people who love you." The love she observed caused an envy to rise up within her. She was provoked to Jealousy (Rom.11:11,14). May God so work in the whole church of the Lord Jesus that our love for each other and for the Jewish people would provoke them to Jealousy.

The Fire Of My Love

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The Fire Of My Love
(End Time Admonition)

Frequent purging as you go through the fiery flames of My love doesn't mean that you have missed the mark or that you do not have what it takes to come to the place of victory, but it does mean that I have turned up the fire because I am doing a quick work, and that time is running out.

Yes, I am in the process of preparing My bride, and I need a pure vessel that I can work through. For I will be moving with My power against the enemy in the way of complete defeat and devastation, and there is no time to have My people tripped up with areas of pride or presumption. Everyone that is called into My army must be a vessel that is well trained to avoid the pitfalls of the enemy. For pride cannot be the banner that she waves but to have a heart that is pure and spotless before Me.

I am the keeper of the house, and everyone that is a part of My sure foundation has been tried and tested through the fire of My love and has been proven that this vessel will stand up through any type of storm without crumbling in defeat. I know those who are called by My name, and I know those who are pure and those who are a counterfeit. Only the fire will prove the metal that they are made of....those that are of the highest quality of tempering.

Examine your hearts and know if you are able to stand the heat and if not, then prepare yourself further in My love by communing with Me and in My word by trusting Me. You have what it takes so that you can stand, but many don't know it in their heart so they shy away from My heat. Yes, many try to escape My constant attempts to purge the dross and anything that could stand in My way. Yes, many run to the arm of the flesh for help which just hinders My work. For if you would only stand faithful, then I could finish the work that I've started without any hindrances.

For this is the time and the hour that I must pour out My power and against the enemy. Yes, I must wipe away the forces that try to hinder Me bringing in My harvest, but I know those that I gave My life for, and I know those who will answer Me when I call, and I know those who will not. For when My people get in the place they need to be in worshiping Me, then I will release My heart cry, and I will repel the forces of darkness away from the lost. And I will usher in My end time harvest.

Yes, I am waiting on you, My glorious ones. Yes, I am waiting upon My lights of glory. And as you come closer to Me, you will burn brightly as the noon day sun. And My glory will blind the enemy. For you have gone through the fire of My love, and you have proven faithful. And together we will reign a mighty army. Yes, today is the day, and now is the hour.

The Feast Of Tabernacles - A Key For Today

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From every quarter right now there is dissatisfaction with Western Christianity and what it has become. ALL of us are searching for something that will take us out of the spiritual 'rut' that the church seems to be in - into REAL Christianity the like of which we have never seen. So many are yearning and searching for this thing. -Something that goes beyond just a temporary "revival" and ACTUALLY REMAINS WITH US. -A permanent state of being. -Becoming the glorious Body of Christ in the earth as she is truly meant to be.

I was praying last night and God reminded me of the Feast of Tabernacles. This is the Feast that represents God Himself coming down and "TABERNACLING" with His people. -Actually living and abiding with the corporate Body - his full holy presence residing with us.

There were three major Feasts that the Israelites observed. The first two - Passover and Pentecost - have been literally fulfilled in the days of the New Testament. A number of teachers say that 'Tabernacles' is the one that is yet to be fulfilled - and perhaps this is what we are all sensing in our spirit. -A yearning for God to come down - not just temporarily as with many past Revivals - but actually remaining and 'tabernacling' with us - in all His glory.

So what is the pathway to seeing this occur? Well, I cannot see that it is any different from the way in which God has ALWAYS come down amongst His people. The first prerequisite is that the Bride "makes herself ready". There must be a purifying of the robes, a total cleansing of the hands and heart. This is why deep dealing with SIN and deep REPENTANCE have been at the heart of every major move of God. Before He can come down and dwell with us, there must be a corporate 'Body' that has been prepared and purified to receive Him. Sin must be rooted out. Pride and vain imaginings must be brought down. Thus the 'Repentance' preachers - the "John the Baptists" must first come to prepare the way of the Lord. These preachers must be allowed to do their work or there will be no glory to follow.

Secondly, there must be a great crying to God to come and dwell amongst us - to 'Tabernacle' with us - to display His glory and bring His holy presence down. -A rending of hearts and a desperate crying to God.

Both of these things have been spoken about on this List many times before. They are the keys to the next Awakening - and possibly to the true fulfillment of "Tabernacles" itself. We must have deep repentance and a great crying to God to "come down" and glorify Himself amongst His people.

Below is a discussion of the type of 'Repentance' preachers that God has always raised up when He wants to move in a new way. Since we have our "John the Baptist" Conference coming up - which is all about 'calling forth' these kinds of preachers - I felt it was appropriate to talk about this now. But it has to go beyond this too. I truly believe that what God really wants is to 'Tabernacle' - to dwell with His people - and display His glory to the world. And this type of preaching is just one of the steps toward that.

"JOHN the Baptist’s DOWN the AGES -Preparing the way for a Visitation:

It is a well-known fact that in past Awakenings, the preachers were often led to preach searchingly and fearlessly on "sin, righteousness and judgment". There is a very good reason for this: Jesus had specifically stated that the Holy Spirit would CONVICT of these very things - "sin, righteousness and judgment"! (Jn 16:8). Welsh Revivalist Humphrey Jones once urged a young preacher: "...to preach with severity and conviction; aiming continually at the conscience; charging the people with their sins to their very face; having no regard for men's good or bad opinions; and avoiding the exhibition of self during the delivery of your sermon."

These men would wield God's word under a mighty anointing, not as some kind of blunt weapon to bludgeon people with, but rather as an incisive, precision instrument, a "sharp, two-edged sword", piercing deep into men's hearts, exposing hidden sins, motives and desires, and bringing Godly sorrow and deep repentance. What these preachers were looking for was a "broken heart and a contrite spirit". As with Peter on the day of Pentecost, they preached with a view to seeing men 'cut to the heart', for only then could they be sure that the resulting repentance would be truly deep and truly lasting.

This has almost always been the character of true Revival preaching, from the days of the apostles right down to the present. In the book of Acts we read of Paul's fearless preaching to governor Felix: "And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come, FELIX TREMBLED..." (Acts 24:25). And likewise we hear the martyr Stephen: "`You stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do you'..." (Acts 7:51-53). There are many further examples of this kind of preaching throughout the New Testament (in the ministries of Jesus and John the Baptist, for instance).

As one writer has noted, "fearless" preaching of this kind seems calculated to produce either deep conviction or "the bitterest animosity" (often both!) The old Revivalists were men of enormous Godly authority, and they used God's word as a sword to 'lay siege' to the strongholds of sin, compromise and religion that were binding His people. This was never 'comfortable' preaching (for "sin, righteousness and judgment" are not comfortable subjects). However, these men well knew that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Pr 9:10). And they preached it as such.

The whole point was to see the Body cleansed and purified - to prepare them for a visitation of the Lord.

As Martin Luther said: "I was born to fight devils and factions. It is my business to remove obstructions, to cut down thorns, to fill up quagmires, and to open and make straight paths. But if I must have some failing let me rather speak the truth with too great severity than once to act the hypocrite and conceal the truth." And the great Revivalist Charles Finney said of one typ- ical meeting: "The Spirit of God came upon me with such power that it was like opening a battery upon them. For more than an hour, and perhaps for an hour and a half, the word of God came through me to them in a manner that I could see was carrying all before it. It was a fire and a hammer breaking the rock, and as a sword that was piercing to the dividing asunder of soul and spir- it. I saw that a general conviction was spreading over the whole congregation. Many of them could not hold up their heads."

These "John the Baptists" often preached under such an incredible anointing that the house would be literally full of the wailing cries and sobs of those stricken by God's Spirit. One eyewitness wrote of Savonarola's preaching that it caused "such terror and alarm, such sobbing and tears that people passed through the streets without speaking, more dead than alive"! Some modern Christians, totally unused to this kind of preaching, might say that such an emphasis on "sin, righteousness and judgement" is way over the top. However, in circumstances such as those found in today's church, this kind of preaching is EXACTLY what is needed. This is why God has so often seen fit to raise up and employ this kind of preaching in conditions very similar to today.

These preachers were so full of God's presence, so saturated with His glory, so endued with power from on high, that Revival literally followed them wherever they went. They would never have dared to preach the way they did without this anointing (for 'the letter kills but the Spirit gives life'). But how exactly did they obtain such a mighty anointing? Well, as most of the old records show, it was largely through agonizing, prevailing PRAYER that they had broken through into this realm of real 'Revival' power in their ministry.

May the "John the Baptists" of the next Great Awakening be found urgently - before the sun sets over the Western church. Their job is to see the Body prepared and purified for her day of visitation. -This is step number one, and it MUST HAPPEN. I believe this is truly God's priority.

God bless you all.

Kindest regards in Christ,

Andrew Strom.

The Fallen Pillars of Babylon
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 16:18-19

It has been said by those considered wise
Truth can not stand
Upon the injustice of a lie
Just as mercy will not flourish
If hatred lingers too long by its side
Important to salvation
Is to quickly change adverse situations
So that upon the heartstrings
A song of discord's frustration
Is not allowed to arise.
It is in looking to Jesus Christ
And knowing that in God's holy sight
You have received undeserved favor
As a gift from the holy Savior
In this you will realize abundant life.

The end of misery's
Unmerciful bind
That wills to quench the fires
Of every child of "light"
Will be known as they
Call out to Christ
Having received God's divine favor
His Spirit of truth, His holy nature
God has made a way of escape
From sorrow's depths that seem so great
For the "rock" that is greater than all
Is a solid foundation
That will uphold God's children so they do not fall.

Purposed in Christ
Is life divine
Purposed through God
Is His gift of love
As the world passes away
Those who stand with Christ
Know eternal life is just a breath a way
Through out eternity
They can rejoice
Having found favor
In the eyes of the blessed King.

> *"And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." Revelation 16:18-19*
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> *"And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered*

> *and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you." Isaiah 21:9-10*

God purposed that, at the appointed time, His chosen One, Jesus Christ, would come to the inhabitants of the earth, to extend His hand of grace and to establish them in His righteousness. From the foundation of the world it was ordained that Jesus Christ would establish God's government without end, where mercy reigned and people understood the beauty of holiness through partaking of God's Spirit. Even before Adam and Eve partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God had determined that His beloved Son would one day deliver mankind from out of the realm and region of spiritual darkness, where they stumbled in unbelief, as blind people unaware of His goodness toward them.

At God's appointed time, the One chosen to open the eyes of those blind to God's goodness, mercy and longsuffering toward them would walk the earth, speaking of the reality of God's kingdom that was soon to be made available and taken hold of by those of faith. From the foundation of the world, Jesus Christ had been purposed of God to provide a way, for mankind to walk with God, filled of His Spirit of truth and holiness, so that life took on a value and worth previously unknown.

God chose His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to provide mankind with the gift of salvation from out of the realm of darkness, through having faith in what He had accomplished upon the cross. God chose that mankind would experience His great love toward them, as they looked toward the One, purposed from the foundation of the world, and received God's Spirit of holiness, which would flood the hearts and minds of mankind with the knowledge of God's perfect will toward them. God chose from the foundation of the world, that His voice would shake loose the control of all unrighteous spirits that tormented the souls of mankind, through the power of the Holy Spirit, received through faith in Jesus Christ.

God chose a way of deliverance from out of the realm of spiritual captivity, where destructive thoughts torment the souls of mankind, through looking toward Jesus Christ. He chose that, through partaking of His Spirit of holiness, mankind would value their adoption into His eternal family as heirs worthy of salvation, sons and daughters of the King of righteousness. It is Christ who was chosen to redeem mankind from out of the realm of darkness, the realm of existence where mankind is blind to the goodness of God, and it is through faith in Christ, the One predestined to restore that which was lost in the garden, that mankind will once again experience the beauty of holiness.

From the foundation of the world, before man first appeared upon the earth, God knew the desires that would one day control mankind's thoughts and actions, and He knew what it would take to deliver them from out of the unrighteous suffering of their own vain imaginations. God in His infinite wisdom had predetermined, long before the day that Adam and Eve first walked in the garden, and long before they partook of the tree of good and evil, so that their thoughts became darkened to the perfect will of the Father, that Jesus Christ's perfect sacrifice would restore the relationship that existed between God and man.

> *"And being found in fashion a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth." Philippians 2:8-10*

God purposed from the foundation of the world, that the kingdom of heaven would be made available to mankind, through Christ's obedience unto death, "even the death of the cross." God's heavenly Spirit has now been made available to mankind because of what Christ has accomplished on the cross. Because of Christ's obedience, God's Word proclaims that all things of heaven, all things in the earth, and all things under the earth now bow before Christ. There is nothing known to mankind, no place in heaven, on earth or things under the earth, that has not been made subject to the glory that has been released from heaven due to Christ's perfect obedience unto death.

All things now bow, not only before God the creator of heaven and earth, but also before Jesus Christ, whose perfect sacrifice was chosen of God to bring forth God's glory from His heavenly throne room on high. Because the blood of Christ was purposed to purge not the pattern of heavenly things, but the heaven's themselves, God had determined that upon Christ's perfect sacrifice, He would open wide the floodgates of His heavenly temple, allowing His glory to be released from on high. Upon the opening of the floodgates of God's heavenly temple, God's glory was released into all of existence; so that all that stands within the heavens, the earth and under the earth now bows down in honor of Jesus Christ. All creation now declares the goodness of God's glory, released from His throne room on high.

God chose and purposed that upon Christ's obedience unto death, that all things in heaven, on earth and beneath the earth would be made new, as they were flooded with the glory of God's Spirit released from His throne room on high. Because of what was purposed through Christ, all of creation, which includes the uttermost realm of heaven, the innermost and lower parts of the earth, now stands within the realm of God's glory. All of creation has experienced the impact of what God predestined and purposed through Christ.

Though God's glory fills all of creation, many people remain as blind men, unable to see and appreciate what God has accomplished for mankind. They dwell in the realm of their own vain imaginations which deny the majesty of Christ; they remain in darkness. Though God's kingdom of righteousness exists for mankind through belief, where the glory that fills all creation is made known to those filled of God's Spirit, there remains a kingdom whose dominion and reign is founded upon the darkness of unbelief. In this realm mankind continues to exalt their own self-centered thoughts above the Lord. Yet, God proclaims that theirs is a kingdom that has fallen. There is nothing within this realm of existence that stands for or represents His truth, glory or majesty. The kingdom of darkness is a kingdom that has fallen in the eyes of God. It does not represent anything of eternal value, nor does it provide spiritual insight into truths that will prosper the soul of mankind. It is the place that God declares is only fit for wild beasts to roam, as they look for prey they can kill and destroy.

Only fallen mankind, those who remain as the first Adam, having not partaken of God's life transforming Holy Spirit, will accept what is offered to them by others whose words and actions do not portray the goodness of God. Yet, when a person turns toward Jesus in sincerity, the One purposed to bring the eternal purposes of God into their lives, then will their spiritual eyes be opened to see the glory that fills all of creation. Then will the influence of others who make up the fallen city, the kingdom of darkness, lose power to influence their lives. Then will their spiritual eyes be opened to see that the kingdom of darkness is nothing more than a fallen city that lies amongst the ruins of its own rebellious attitudes, offering nothing of eternal significance to prosper the souls of mankind.

When God's Spirit floods the heart of a person, then they will no longer be as the first man, Adam, who fell from his position before God; instead they will be as the second Adam, who is Christ. Then will they seek to live as heirs of salvation, deserving of God's inheritance of eternal life, having been raised up onto righteousness through the power of the Holy Spirit. Their desire will be to seek God and His Word for instruction and purpose in life. When filled of the Spirit, so that they are able to appreciate the glory that fills all of creation, they will begin to forsake the realm of the fallen city of darkness, because the wares offered by that fallen city will begin to lose attractiveness. Having tasted of the goodness of God, they will no longer seek out ideas and activities that feed the lusts of the carnal nature. They will no longer live like the beasts of the earth, uninfluenced of God's holiness, desirous of partaking of unrighteous fruit.

> *"And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is*

> *near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged." Isaiah 13:19-22*

Ancient Babylon was once a great city, where the Israelites, who had compromised in obeying God's commandments, were held in captivity for 70 years. Babylon was an empire that was advanced in the area of sciences, aesthetics (concern for beauty) and paganism (where nature was seen as representing gods). The Babylonian empire was known throughout the centuries for their power, materialism, cruelty and devotion to the pursuit of sensual pleasure. There were many cities that made up the Babylonian empire. There were also many outlying cities that were united to Babylon because they shared the same beliefs. Idol worshipping was encouraged by the kings who ruled Babylon. The kings of Babylon looked to the heavens, the earth, and the lower part of the earth in developing their sciences, their beliefs regarding paganism (where nature was seen as representing gods) and their sense of aesthetics (concern for beauty).

The Babylonians believed that it was within these three parts of creation, the heavens, the earth and beneath the earth, that there existed gods who spoke words of instruction, wisdom and insight into spiritual matters. This belief formed and shaped their culture and society. They looked to the gods to help them establish a governmental system over the people. The people of Babylon regarded their city as the "good city," they also referred to their city as the "Garden of Eden."

The true prophets of God prophesied of the destruction and downfall of Ancient Babylon. Isaiah prophesied (Isaiah 13:17-22) that the Medes would overpower the idolatrous kingdom of Babylon. In the year 539 B.C., Isaiah's prophecy came to pass as the Medes did, in fact, overpower the Babylonian empire. When the Babylonian empire fell, the Israelite captives were set free.

Within the natural realm of mankind's existence is found the truth of mankind's spiritual condition. The spirit that fills a person's life will be what control's their thoughts, influencing their actions. If filled of God's Spirit, they will desire to worship Him alone and give all honor unto His holy name. It is the power of God's Spirit of Holiness that will reveal the depths of the Word to influence their thoughts and actions. Those who have not received God's Holy Spirit, are said to be filled and controlled by the spirit of the world, meaning they are influenced by the desires, thoughts and actions of the world which denies what Christ has accomplished for mankind. Those influenced by the "spirit" of the world, will be led according to desires that express the nature of the kingdom of darkness, the city of unbelief that has fallen into a state of total disrepair, where nothing of eternal significance will be offered.

Through being taken up in the spirit, being shown visions, and hearing God's voice, Apostle John was given insight into many matters regarding the impact of what type of spirit controlled a persons life. When God impressed upon Apostle John's thoughts that Babylon had come up in remembrance before Him, the full consequences was made known of the spirit of rebellion that directed the actions of those who made up Babylon. He was shown that their spiritual condition, which controlled their thoughts and actions, had been judged of God and found guilty of not expressing His nature, desire or purposes for mankind. According to God's perfect judgment, they were to receive "the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath." To be judged guilty of God is to not experience the mercy of God, it is to not find purpose in this life, it is to not walk under the protective hand of God, and it is to be denied eternal life. It is to remain in a fallen position before God.

Yet, it is important to realize that the judgment God passed upon those who made up the natural Babylon, is the same judgment that He passes upon anyone who lives their lives influenced of the same spirit of Babylon today. Just as those who made up the natural Babylonian empire fell to their ruin, as the true prophets of God had prophesied, so too will anyone led of a Babylonian spirit, where they look apart from God for purpose in life, fall into a position of spiritual ruin. When the spirit of Babylon rises up, then so too does the Spirit of God's holiness rise up, through a people prepared to declare that within this realm of thinking no truth or wisdom will be found to prosper the souls of mankind.

Spiritually, the people of Babylon were involved with paganism, idolatry, materialism, lust, and the worship of many gods. Their spiritual condition involved their being influenced by understandings that had their origin in the realm of darkness, which is unbelief in the One true God. Though Babylon no longer exists as an empire of great might in the natural realm, in the spiritual realm, there are many people who have the same spirit controlling their lives today as those of ancient Babylon. There are many who look away from the One true God, and place their faith in gods that they believe exist in heaven, in earth, and beneath the earth for insight and wisdom. They place their hope in idols made of silver and gold, believing that in them they will find purpose and worth for their souls.

The spiritual condition that formed the thoughts, actions and intentions of those who made up the empire of Babylon were offensive in the eyes of God. This type of Babylonian spiritual thinking and behavior is still offensive to God. He proclaims that He alone is the One true God, and that mankind is to exalt no other gods before Him. He also proclaims that mankind is not to worship idols. Idolatry is a behavior that depicts the Babylonian mentality, but is also prominent in people today who dwell within the realm and region of darkness, the realm of unbelief where God is not honored nor sought after.

As Jesus Christ died upon the cross, the voice of God could be heard trumpeting words that shook the heavens and the earth. His voice proclaimed that which had been ordained from the foundation of the world, had come to pass. The death of Jesus Christ would signify that all things in heaven and earth were being made new, because it would be the blood of Christ that would purge the heavens, causing God to release His glory out onto all creation. The true “Light” of the world would now establish God’s righteousness upon the earth, according to grace. A way was being made possible for mankind to be found righteous before God, through faith in Jesus Christ, so that they would be filled of God’s righteousness found in the Holy Spirit.

When a person is filled of God’s Holy Spirit, then the spirit of Babylon, which caused the person to look to the heavens, the earth, and things beneath the earth for purpose, will fall from a position of power and influence in their lives. All things will now, be subject and judged according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The spiritual realm of Babylon that influences the lives of mankind has been judged according to the righteousness of Christ, and found to be guilty of not reflecting His purposes for mankind. The voice of God still thunders though out all of creation, proclaiming to those who have ears to hear, that Jesus Christ has fulfilled that which was purposed of God. God’s voice proclaims that Jesus Christ has come to set the prisoners free from their captivity to the spirit of Babylon, which promotes truths that do not represent God’s purposes for mankind.

When Apostle John was shown the “great city” Babylon, as it was divided into three parts, he was given insight into the spiritual condition that influenced the thoughts and actions of the Babylonians. The Babylonians looked to the heavens, the earth and things beneath the earth in developing the three pillars of their society, which was found in their sciences, their involvement in paganism (where nature was seen as representing gods) and their sense of aesthetics (concern for beauty). The Babylonians’ spiritual attitude caused them to believe that in their study of science, aesthetics and paganism that they would find truths to satisfy the desires of their souls. Yet the dependency on its three pillars, the sciences, aesthetics and paganism, could not continue to uphold the Babylonian empire. When it fell, then its influence on the surrounding cities fell as well. Babylon’s pillars were built up by looking to the three parts (uttermost, innermost and lower) of God’s creation. What caused them to be prosperous as an empire – for a time - was directly related to seeking guidance from the gods within these three parts of God’s creation.

Babylonians looked toward the heavens, to the earth and to things beneath the earth, in seeking guidance for building up the Babylonian empire, which was representative of the spiritual condition of those who lived in ancient Babylonian. This same spiritual condition still influences the lives of people today. It is the spirit of Babylon that causes people to look apart from God as they exalt nature, idols, materialism and false gods to a position where God should be.

Yet, for those who stand in the realm and region of spiritual Babylon, where mankind’s spirits are influenced of the same thoughts as those of natural Babylon, so that death continuously casts shadows of doubt and gloom upon their thoughts, this information will not be of any significant worth. It is only when the Spirit of God floods their lives, so that the Babylonian spirit is shaken loose from it position of influence over their lives, causing it to fall from a position of influence upon their life, that they will begin to understand what God has accomplished for them through His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Everything in heaven and earth now bows before the Lord, Jesus Christ, in submission to His authority. There is nowhere mankind can go apart from Christ and hope to find insight into truths that will prosper their souls, nor beauty that will bring joy to their hearts. There is nowhere mankind can look, nowhere in heaven, on earth, or beneath the earth, where they will not find evidence of what Jesus Christ has accomplished for mankind. His glory now fills all of creation.

God has judged Babylon and found that the understandings, teachings and actions of this spiritual mindset represents nothing of the resurrection life and power that He has made available for mankind, through Jesus Christ. May mankind be awakened by the voice of God, so that the cup of God's wrath is taken from out of their hand. May the spirit of Babylon be shaken lose from its stronghold upon their lives. May they be found filled of the goodness of God, so that eternally they are inspired to sing forth the praises of the One, purposed of God from the foundation of the world, to deliver them from out of the realm of darkness, into the "Light" of His mercy and grace.

> *"And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:24-29*

The Fish Tank

Pam Clark

Personal From Pam - Help With A Dream

I had a dream last night about a fish tank. In the dream, the front of the fish tank looked fine and I saw gold fish swimming around. But as I looked at the back of the tank, I saw a crack and water was starting to seep out.

I was concerned so I looked for some gel or tape to stop the leaking. The water level was lower from the back view. Then I was in a fellowship group, which went back and forth from a home group setting to a church setting and the spirit of deception was being discussed and we were asking each other if we could recognize it when it came.

We discussed the different forms it came in, and some talked about it being "a giant" and others saw it more as a "socialization" and most felt pretty confident that they understood it but then a fear came on all of us, that we did not know this spirit well enough at all.

I was back at the fish tank with friends trying to figure out how to repair it and noticed that water had leaked out onto the floor and fish were swimming around on the floor, about ankle deep, but amazingly they were okay and many were very pretty. (humility in the low places?) But I knew they needed to be back in the tank and not common in the dirt and rocks on the floor because they were "display fish" and I feared they could get hurt on the ground with peoples' kicking feet.

I knew for the glass to press together right, I needed more water, so I went to a rock pile to find a bucket (the only place I knew to find one) but could not find a good one that would hold water.

I also had a sense that water or rain was coming and was going to fill the whole place up. I personally think the fish in the fish tank could be about the the "display" that leadership are as examples, but that God was also going to pour down His water on all of us.

And last night another friend of mine had this dream:

Dream: 5/19/05

Group of people in a large old cathedral type church. It had huge, high vaulted ceiling. The people had back packs and their belongings with them. They were hanging out toward the back of the church.

They were praising, God, a little bit. I saw this huge, tall, thin, giant up at the front of the church. He was as tall as the ceiling was high. I saw him suddenly walk out from the church.

When he left everyone moved to the front. Their back packs came off. I leaped into the air and began flying all over the place. People were freely worshipping the Lord. When I finally came down from flying, a man who was somewhat portly, his feet were bare, and they were swollen, who was sitting up at the front of the church. Up on the step to altar. His back faced away from the altar. Said to me. Have you had them pray for you to cast that demon of flying out? I said, that's not a demon. That's freedom!

Interpretation: The baggage that was hindering the saints from truly praising God, were being kept on by this principality. He only allowed minute amounts of praise to go up. His job was to keep the saints oppressed and waited down.

Great news! He's left the church!!!!!!! Let's praise Him!!! Now is the time to FLY!

Be supernaturally abundantly blessed in all God sets you to do today. Cherie Sheridan (TCSheridan@wmconnect.com)

I think the dreams are related. I dream some but not that much and I don't want to get too off track since I know dreams come frequently for many and this is not a dream interpretation list. But I am interested in any feedback some of you may have.

Please don't send in a bunch of dreams unless it's really related to this because with this large number on the List, I don't have the time or intention to post them or interpret them. I am struggling with this one, to interpret it! Smile... Thank you for understanding that.

I feel like the Lord is saying that our foundation is not all it should be yet, there are some cracks, and what seems okay in some ways, fully is not, but that He will work with us and He is protecting us and He will fill us. And that we are all still dealing with the spirit of deception. If you get something else, let me know!

SOME DREAM RESPONSES - Part 1

Hi Pam, the fish in this tank represents those in ministry, those who are really in the front lines, always in the forefront. They became so involved in their own images because they want people to see them and their ministries, a huge crack started to appear because of this and the HOLY SPIRIT WATER leaks out, precious people decided not to support these churches anymore they do not get any nourishment the water leaks out. The fish you saw are souls without a safe place to go, it is people who got hurt in churches. This is what I felt the LORD pressed upon me. There are so much deceit in many churches these days that alot of people do not know where to go anymore. Love, N.

Very interesting you should say that about the foundation and the cracks. A couple weeks ago at our home church I was talking a bit about the BLOOD and elementary principles. I made mention that we are not to rebuild the foundation but that the foundation of the building has to be checked periodically to make sure that nothing has cracked it or needs repairing.

I believe the better we KNOW God the more easily we will recognize deception. This is my personal view...I do think we have to be very careful to stay in God's balance. He wants us to be aware of the enemies devices but I think as we stay close to Him (Psalm 91 and others) then I believe He will show us what's happening.

When I read the word "display fish" I was struck with how so many ministers and ministries are great displays but not always of God. I believe He shows up in to those who are hungry but I am sensing more and more that people think of certain ministries as the men or women leading them and are no longer looking beyond their display to see Jesus. So I have sensed for quite a while that the Holy Spirit is leaving those places. Men have been happy to be the center of attention and not realized it. (Being truly humble is not easy and I may get there someday so I'm trying not to judge)

I sense that the glass doesn't represent the man made institution of church. Since the rain was coming and there was going to be a lot of water (Holy Spirit) I sense it's God taking care of His Called Out Ones and bringing them into a place of fullness in His Spirit and into the areas He really means for them to be. Blessings. P.S.

Reply to your dream. It also could mean that fish could represent people that you may be concerned about. That the circumstances they are in you are concerned about. You are not able to help them but the fact they were out of the fishtank and seemingly in a dangerous place in the path of peoples feet but at the same time they are safe. You were not able to restore the tank. No bucket to hold the water but water was supplied for them to swim in.

You felt it was going to rain would have been provision for continual water for them to swim in. Perhaps your website ministry you are helping people, you are struggling now (per your previous statements) and know your ministry is a help to others and you don't know how you can continue needing financial help yourself. Just as God has provided water for the fish to survive their place of shelter being destroyed. He will take care of those fish, you do not need to worry about them and neither do "you" need to worry.

The water and rain coming is provision for those that were out of place. God himself will provide for them and keep them safe. Its not your place this time. God will do it. Hope this helps, V.G.

Pam, once again thank you for sharing... The fish tank is a container for viewing (and pleasure) only. It has no other function. The tank represents the church. We are the fish. There is a crack in the church and the water (the Holy Spirit) is seeping out. Deception is in the church as to how the church should function. We are not there to be a social organization, etc. And we don't recognize deception in the church because we have been contained by it. It is significant that you went to the "rock" which was the only place you KNEW where to go for a bucket.

But there weren't any good ones. This is significant. You knew where to go, the ONLY place to go (good for you!!!). But you couldn't find a bucket, another container. God is not going to do things the way we think they should be done. You sensed that rain was coming (an outpouring of His Spirit). We cannot contain what God is doing. And the fish were alright. They were not contained and more water was coming so they are going to be okay. They are free!!! (See the next dream.)

And the Holy Spirit will not be contained by display fish, SMALL fish that just look pretty. That is not what the church is called to be. We are going to have to go where it is dirty. I think your reaction in the dream shows more about your heart. You want to help. You want to save. You don't want the fish to get kicked or walked on. You don't want them to be in the dirt. You want to care for them. But God is saying you can't, dear sister. He is giving you peace that the fish are going to be okay. He is giving you warning as to what He is about to do. He will not be contained. The church will not be contained. We will no longer be just on display. How precious you are. The Holy Spirit is breaking open through all that contains it. Praise God!!! Always, your sister in Christ, G. H.

Dear Pam, The fish tank dream is what I am writing you about. The front looked okay and there is a "front" that is what people see in the Body of Christ that is a deception. There are those who are infiltrated into the leadership of the Body, and they are in the places they are to take the people off track, and displace the leaders that God has wanted. But, the break is behind the scenes, out of obvious sight, and most people do not see it. There is deception that involves supernatural and revelatory phenomena that have fooled even those who are in leadership. They are in league with the imposters unknowingly and are getting attacked and displaced, knocked clear out of the water and place they are supposed to be.

As for the second dream, the woman immediately believed that the flying was of God without so much as stopping to discern where the power to fly came from. The man sitting at the front represents those that have seen the infiltration and are under so much attack, and whenever they say anything, they are ignored. They are weary from the road they have been on and his feet were swollen, and he was very tired. He was sitting at the front with his back to the altar, indicating that he is a leader in the church.

There is clear evidence that there are some in the Body that are imposters, that look really good, and are not. If you want to know a dream one of our intercessors in our church just had in relationship to this, I will send it to you, but I don't want to overburden you if you are getting a lot of feedback.

The fish were okay on the floor because of the grace and mercy of God to keep them in spite of them being temporarily displaced. God is giving many dreams and words to try to get the message over to the Body that there is deception that is not being recognized, and that people are easily accepting signs and wonders as all being from the Lord, and there is a mixture that is designed to draw people to get into league with the imposters. I am talking about knowing imposters, not someone ignorant of what they are doing. I hope this gives you some insight. Blessings to you in your continued ministry, G.B.

Pam, For what my it may be worth, here is my "gut response", what first came to mind, regarding your dream. The fish tank is the artificial structure we culturally and traditionally call "church". The "church" looked fine from the front, but the crack was at the back of the tank where it couldn't be seen. I see this crack as being from God in order to release the fish who merely "on display". God didn't make fish to swim in tanks. He made them to swim in streams, lakes, rivers and oceans. They weren't in their intended environments, nor where they carrying out their intended functions. The water on the ground was deep enough to sustain the fish that had left the tank, and it was enough to allow them to swim freely as they were made to swim.

The rock pile is the traditional religious thinking of the day. Though rocks are a valuable and durable building material, these were lying there in disarray. Just as there was no bucket to be found that could hold water, so the traditional teachings of organized "church" do not hold the Water of God's Word.

You said, "I also had a sense that water or rain was coming and was going to fill the whole place up." The Holy Spirit is going to pour God's Truth out on everyone soon, making the "fish tank" not only unnecessary, but revealing it to be a prison that keeps the fish from going where they were made to go and doing what they were made to do.

Currently, I am one of those fish who has escaped from the back of the tank. Having tasted the freedom to serve and worship God without the restraints of the fish tank, I have no desire to return. Yes the "people's kicking feet" have hit me more than a few times, but I am uninjured, Swimming outside the tank has made me stronger than ever, and with the artificial constraints of the fish tank removed, I am able to fulfill my Kingdom assignments with great freedom.

Just "thinking out loud", W.H.

Hi Pam, To give some input on the dream. If you link this to the prophesy by Bill Yount - Ichabod has been removed from the church. When the church was facing Ichabod, they had gone to sleep or had a spirit of religion ruling. With this out of the picture, the story is different. The people move to the front and are ready to worship. They can trust that they will be around a long time so they can put their back packs down. A.R.

This really seems to have triggered some people. For one person it was really a personal message to her. I am glad I posted it as I was hesitant about it.

MORE DREAM RESPONSES - PART 2

My sense for dream #1 is that as people in the church we are as fish in a tank. Separate tanks. The tank has a crack in it and the water is leaking out. The anointing is getting pretty slim for us to swim around in. The pail to fix it could not be found.

Some fish are finding themselves out of the tank where the feeding of the whole school had been taking place. Outside of the tank it feels like we are not obeying the Word which commands us to fellowship together. After a while it can become dry and dusty; pretty uncomfortable for a fish. Finding ourselves outside of the tank causes us to have greater need to be able to survive on our own. We have to feed ourselves to stay alive or starve to death. We press in to the Source more and more. This is where the beauty comes from.

Rain is coming to fill the whole place up. We do not have to find our way back to the fish tank. The whole world is becoming a big fish tank and the Holy Spirit will be showing up everywhere. Not just in the fish tank.

Can you imagine the few in a cup now finding themselves in a lake barely recognizing anything or anyone. This sets up all kinds of dynamics: who do we ask for directions, who checks our credentials, who gives the orders, who runs the place, who doles out the permissions, who arranges the chairs in straight lines

All that comes to me here is that there were four in the fire. Where did the fourth come from?
Blessings, P.E.

I do believe that the broke glass is the man man institution of the church. But only that. Man has not followed closely to God's principles in the church. God is now building His work the way He means it to be and what isn't of Him is going to go. Even the display fish in His mercy and love are being taken care of so they can truly come into the fullness of Him. P.

Pam: This is very easy. The fish tank represents the Church as we know it today. The fish in the tank are the Christians. The Glass Fish Tank is telling me that the Church is in full view of the World and are being watched and they the fish are swimming around not knowing what to do and not realizing that there is a crack in the bowl (Church) and disaster is about to over take the Church unless they find away to fix the crack.

You were looking in at the Church and seeing the fish swimming around. Of course they were beautiful because they were Christians but danger is lurking as the bowl will break and they will be thrown down to the ground yet they will survive until the time of refreshing that will come.

The rain or the Latter Rain will come and refresh and revive the Saints. The Church is at a cross roads right now and it is time that we either start fishing for men or just continue swimming around in cunfusion. Jesus called all of us to be Fishers of Men and most of us are not doing our calling. We are in the midst of all the Financial things the clothes the money and all of the things of Egypt rather than the promised land which is confusion to the Body of Christ.

Too many Churches are concerned about the buildings, the schools they have and all of the things that keep us from our calling They raise money for buildings, schools, halfway houses but how much do they raise for winning souls and how often do you hear them preach about our callings as soul winners. We who have the prophetic callings will have to pay unless we began to speak the word of life about the conditions that exist in the Church. We must warn the Body of Christ that we are under a magnifying glass right now and the World is watching to see what we will do. Be broken down or become stronger and stand up to the World. W.P.

[This response shows you why a list like this can minister. - Pam]

Thank you for the privilege of commenting on your dream.

Where I live, people in the Body who gather at the community hall are not open to tongues, dreams, visions, deliverance, laying on of hands or body ministry one to another in any way. The Bible is 115% of their time together. They spend time sharing it with one another and give scripture references to validate the teaching from many, many, many sources. They consider 5% personal application at the end sufficient. Any more than that would be out of order. They stack up the stacking chairs, sweep the floor, and go home to Sunday dinner in the oven. One Sunday a month they stay a bit later for coffee and cookies.

To say this is to say that anything 'spiritual' is blocked from happening and is suspect. A giant is in charge. The same people are in place and fill the few positions established. The same people have done the music for years.

Where are the Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ who long to give the Holy Spirit liberty who live in the local area? It is usually 'chance' visitors wearing backpacks who the Holy Spirit directs to that service because they are visiting in the area by boat who show up and stay at the back while those in charge look after the program at the front. The summer visitors, either boaters, or Christians visiting one of 3 conferences centers, tend to influence the numbers during the summer months. Backpack is a perfect identifier. In our situation those backpackers could also represent the young people in leadership attending three camps here where there is only one service to attend on a Sunday.

If the program was ever moved over to give the Holy Spirit room, unknown visitors which I see as the radical youth I am expecting to show up any minute, would simply enter into the worship they are familiar with. Leaping and jumping and praising God. . . . suggesting they are not Christians is exactly what would happen. Demons. I thought you said we didn't have to be concerned about that? Just get enough of the Word into you and God will take care of that. Bare swollen feet are and indication that something in the man's walk is being hindered. P.E.

Pam, I know that the "fish" are the members of the church. The water is the anointing and the tank is a display case which is the modern day "church ministry". From the front or should I say "outside" everything looks to be ok but the back or should I say backbone of the church is cracked and the anointing at first was leaking out then it was coming out in larger amounts. The fish swimming on the floor are those that are anointed still (still in the water) but to the display case or "church" I would say they have the title of being "fallen" or backslidden per say.

They are still beautiful because that is just what they are saved, anointed and awesome but not within the confines or four walls of the church. You could not find a bucket or figure out how to return the fish until that "crack" is fixed. You could not find a "good" one to hold the water because the search for a truly, God led, Spirit filled church these days is a hard task for some. Rain to me always symbolizes a refreshing, refilling and re-anointing for lack of a better word.

The second dream does relate to the first in that that tall figure is the principality of "control" which is horrible prevalent and running rampant throughout the ministry these days as well. The members press on in spite of and manage to get out short spurts of praise but desire to be set free from the controlling ways of some ministries under the guise of being "God sent and led". The short portly man actually sounds to me as a manifestation of laziness....Flying does symbolize the need and want to be free in the true Spirit of the Lord. May I also add that these dreams to me seem to focus more upon leadership's errors of control than membership. Hope it helps, J.

Dear Pam, This seems like your life, and ministry. It gives a true picture of your ministry at present. The Lord is showing you that the fish tank is the Church. The fish inside are the saints, including those who you minister to. The crack is where sin has got in. Also, the Lord shows you that the fish have enough water- which is the Holy Ghost. He shows you at the end that you are going to help heal the Church just before the great end time revival. That is what the Lord showed me. R.D.

Interpretation: The fish tank relates to the church. The leak is God-breathed and God-ordained. He wants His living water outside the confines of what we call "church". That way, the power of God and His marvelous presence will impact more than just those who have named His name. There's a spirit of entertainment in much of what happens today during our gatherings together unto Him. The man-made bucket and anything man-made will NOT hold the living water. I don't think we'll ever find anything good that's man-made to hold His living water. The sense that you had that the rain is going to come and fill the whole place is "spot on". Everything is about to change. "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert..." The waters are coming and every thing will change...

The 2nd dream: The tall thin giant is tradition [Matthew 15:6]. Itâ€™s about to walk out because it will no longer be able to control what He is doing in the church, so it will move outside to control whatâ€™s happening there. Or that is how it will appear. "...where the Spirit of the Lord is, THERE IS LIBERTY." [2 Cor 3:17] The portly man is the same controlling spirit who left but has now manifest in a different form and who attributes the freedom and liberty we have in Him to the demonic. But he too will walk out or be ignored. The backpacks are excess baggage. In the days immediately ahead, we will only need Him. [Mat 10:7-10) "And as you go, preach, saying, â€˜The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. Provide neither gold nor silver nor copper in your money belts, nor bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food." Kindest regards in Christ, J.K.

I want to start by saying this is a very quick interpretation. You can decide to take it or leave spiritually and I won't be offended. At my first impression,after reading both dreams,I felt these dreams had to do with falling or failing leadership due to deception. You knew the fish were endangered being on the ground because we know people who fall in the eyes of man usually do get kicked. You were trying to repair the breach so you went to the rock pile.

As I read that,a song came to my mind. Here it is: "When everything else fails,I can go to the Rock, When troubles around me,I can go to the Rock." God is showing you to go to Him in this time of trouble. The problem is too big for you and your friends to solve in your own selves. It will take God to repair the breach. Bless are the peacemaker though. You are called to bring together people together and repair the breach.

The fact that the leak is in the back is something else because it is a hinder spot which means a blind spot. It could be a major ministry is failing due to some hidden sins. They are the frontline but they are hiding something in back that is causing it to lose the anointing it once had. A.P.

In Reply To The Fish tank Dream: I Feel God is showing us to what's its worth that alot of believers have been kept from Serving God with walls like a fish tank keeping them from using their Full function as God Wants Us to. As satan has given believers Fear, Confusion, But God is going to remove these walls so the Church will be So Much More Powerful as One, To Reach Out and Touch The Lost and many will be Saved through this. A.G.

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your dream is very inspiring, and i feel led to say a confirmation of what i see GOD doing as a whole...gold as the first color i saw shared is in regard to revelation and insight from GOD, divine revelation.... the water being at different levels from different viewpoints, is because of different levels of perspective.....there are those whose sight is here, in the natural, others who are in the heavenlies, and yet others who see through GOD'S EYES.. when looking from the natural viewpoint, everything looks fine, even beautiful, but, when you begin to soar upward, you begin to see from a higher vantage point, by HOLY GHOST, you are taken "behind the scene" where you can now see that something is amiss....and compassion begins to fuel your desire to "fix" the problem...so, you go to the rock, the only place where we can find what is needed.....to find that the "buckets" are not any good at all for what your purpose......me thinks this is very relevant, and this is where it ties into the other dream...

The "church" has had for such a long time, a reverence, and covering type of relationship with GOD: they that are put in leadership roles, for the most part, preachers, reverends, pope, bishops, ect.{depending on the denomination}, have been mediators between people and GOD........fist of all, this is wrong, we have ONE MEDIATOR, WHO DIED ONCE FOR ALL: YESHUA, JESUS, THE CHRIST, THE MESSIAH. second, it has been upheld by the ones who should have been refusing the lie, and i am not talking about the ones who chose to be "preachers" because "it was a good choice of how to make a living" ....i am talking about the ones who were called and chosen....they began in true humility, but have not remained so, instead of teaching others to turn to GOD for themselves, as a personal, living relationship, they have tried to stand in the gap for them, making themselves to be not intercessors, but trying to be more than the vessels they were called to be, placing themselves over the flock of GOD'S people, and not one of them.......

Yes, there is a form of respect that one should give the person whom GOD has chosen to be HIS VESSEL, but that person should never play the game of stepping into the lie that they were ever anything more than HIS VESSEL...ALL PRAISE AND GLORY BELONGS TO GOD!!!!!!!!!!!! now, as i said earlier, this is where the two begin to come together.......the fish are out of the tank, and the giant is exiting the building.....the water is ankle high.... GOD has spoken in HIS WORD that the time was coming when we would all know HIM for ourselves.....now, we have all the responsibility to seek GOD for ourselves, with all our being, and there has been a preparation of time that we are just passing now, into a new beginning, a new level and a new anointing is being poured out so that the endtime harvest, and GOD'S perfect will being done on earth, even as it is in Heaven.

Ooooooo, please forgive me, i truly am not trying to preach here...i just have this awesome responsibility to get it out...that the full understanding come forth....as i said earlier, HOLY GHOST has changed me, and my life is no longer my own, but HIS, and it is hard to get all that i am feeling and seeing in this form of communication.... we have stepped into a time of such magnitude of abundant grace and mercy, and GOD IS THE ONE DOING THIS.....IT IS NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY HOLY SPIRIT....and most people have no idea of the time of such awesome things HE is in the process of revealing and manifesting that the only thing that can be said is:"GOD DID IT!!!!!!!!!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!!!!!!!!!!" and the only response is:"HALLELUJAH!!!!!!!!!!!! i thank YOU, GOD, i thank YOU, LORD, FATHER, JESUS, HOLY SPIRIT, i thank YOU!!!!!!!!!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!!!!!!!!!!" i am led to say this, Pam, Beloved of ALMIGHTY EL SHADDAI, that HE IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE, HIS WORD IS LIFE, AND ALL HE HAS SPOKEN you are about to see suddenly, and so much so that you are going to pinch yourself and say:"am i dreaming? is this real? can somebody please tell me if i am dreaming?" that is the day we are living in right now, this is the day of GOD DID IT!!!!!!!!!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!!!!!!!!!! i apologize for not finishing the dream interp, but i have done what HE wanted, and so i have nothing else to say...praise GOD ALONE, for HE ALONE IS WORTHY OF ALL our praise!!!!!!!!!!!! HALLELUJAH!!!!!!!!!!!! O.T.

Hi Pam, I am one of your subscribers and receive the TWM newsletters. Your message here is very confirming for me, so much so i needed to write you and tell you so. Deception is so very strong right now and I think it's been around for along time in the Body of Christ, but it is growing stronger and stronger. I am finding myself struggling with it more and more. Staying alert, awake, and always vigil is the order of the day! Thank you for sharing this dream, it blessed me! Your sister in Christ, J

Hi Pam: Fish represent prosperity, wealth and regeneration. I am not a dream interpretor but I know that the fish tank is also like unto the United States, as all eyes are upon the Super Power each and everyday. Each and every moment, in fact. There is a lot going on in the American political world behind the scenes. I don't like politics but like it or not, those in control influence our lives to some degree and only the Revelation of Jesus Christ gives us Power to rise above all this . [notes about our

USA political situation edited out for brevity] The fact is that the American economy is being mismanaged . People will go through some hard times and many already are, as we both know.

The fish are still swimming on your floor and surviving, still looking beautiful, even though they were out of the tank. God will take care of his children, no matter what the situation . I am one who is out of the tank and God is causing me to prosper, both spiritually and financially . It is not in $US Dollars but it is prosperity. Of course, this is just my feedback. FYI. Take care and many blessings from the Lord to you and to your ministry. In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, G.M.

FROM PAM: This is an awesome early (fast) response. I am sure more will come in later. We can certainly learn from this! Thank you for your kind and helpful responses. It's helped me! We will keep looking for JESUS and HIS way of doing things! Dreams are just some of the Spiritual gifts and tools that God gives us to win the Spiritual war. If we don't use them and get skilled, we lose. We need the balance and we need the gifts and we need to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!

The Foundation The Building The Capstone

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The longer I am allowed the privilege of serving Him, the more sensitive I am to how I do so. My years of ministry has taught me that what I sow that I reap. I am concerned about my work being tried; 1Cor. 3:10-15. Life's choices have consequences. With that in mind, I have readdressed my ministry to be as certain as possible that I am "building" the way God wants me to. When I step back from my ministry, I should see Jesus, top to bottom. He must be the foundation, the building and the capstone.

Now foundations can be funny things. I once knew a man who put a second floor porch on his house and he did so by placing concrete blocks at the bottom and using them as foundations or footings for the porch. There they were, right on the ground with these sticks of lumber jutting up from them. Surely you know what happened. With the first rain, the blocks sunk into the mud and the porch took to leaning. It had to come down.

Everybody could see the weakness in that foundation. Ironic, that we don't see that our foundations are sometimes as shaky. Today's apostles must be about restoring the foundations of the body. Nehemiah saw the ruins and inspected the foundations of the walls before he undertook to rebuild. If the foundations were not in good repair, he would have had to see to it Neh. 3:11-15.

We can detect what is built by what is said and done by the people. They reveal what foundation is in them. The foundation determines how high the building rises. The foundation bears the whole. Just listen to members of a congregation talk and in due time you will find out the foundation. All kinds of foundations have been laid, including prophetic ones and Baptist ones and charismatic ones and word ones and so on. When their words and counterpart actions appear, we see what is built into the believer. What is built in also rises up.

Did you ever peer through a peephole at a construction site and watch the excavators dig deep down into the bowels of the earth? Amazing isn't it how far down they would go before they would go up. The foundation was being laid. Interesting, the foundation can't be viewed like the building can. I mean you can only see so much of the foundation after building starts to rise, but you can see all of the building.

The same is true with us. There is a hidden part where God works to form Christ. The hidden man of the heart must have Christ built into it. Then that life will come up and out.

How does Christ become the foundation? When He becomes all in all. When He is the Reason. When we can say, "for me to live is Christ", Phil 1:21, we are on our way. When nothing else can compete and gain advantage in my life, Christ is becoming the foundation and the "building". It is not that I can prophecy. I can prophecy because He lives in me by the Spirit of Christ. That is what is important. Christ's life is appearing, like a building rising up out of the depths, Col. 3:4.

The foundation and the building are not separate, they are one and the same. What I am rooted in produces the life that grows from it. This "building' then becomes the dwelling of God. He lives in this very structure. We don't build for ourselves. We build for Him. We dwell together with Him. The more we build Him, the more He moves in. It is not about us improving for our benefit, it is all about Him. Sure we benefit, but it is in addition to the whole deal.

This is a corporate and personal truth. The body corporate grows at the rate of the body individual. Every individual is like a building block making up the whole. We don't live for ourselves alone. If we think in terms of how I can get better without thinking of improving for the glory of our Lord, we will never be what God wants. We will only live in selfishness and self-serving. The wrong edifice is going up. Burn it up! Let's set a match to it now and start over.

Today's apostles have a Nehemiah task before them. Nehemiah's anointing will come on them as they seek God for it. Their " building " must be about Christ. The same passion Nehemiah had to restore the walls of Jerusalem must overtake the men and women of today. I pray this is being transmitted to all of the five -fold ministries. Pastors, teachers, evangelists and prophets all should share some part of this truth and have it incorporated into their ministry thrust.

From the foundation, to the body to the top, it is all Jesus. He is the capstone. The capstone is the top stone of an edifice in architecture. It represents the crowning achievement. Jesus is that. What is rejected of men becomes the highest and most elegant, Mat. 21:24. The top stone is the crown of glory of the building. Everything that is being built reaches up towards the top like a new shoot coming up from the earth. It was made to ascend. It must achieve its' determined height.

Likewise, the holy building which we are must rise to meet its' predetermined goal and be crowned with glory and honor. It is all of Him and by Him and for Him. Church is about the business of Christ who must be all in all.

What is in your mind today about what it is you do for the Lord, or I should say with the Lord? Are you about building a successful church or ministry or a successful Christian life? If it doesn't conclude with Christ as the capstone of all, then I ask you, what are you doing anyway? Do you want men to see you or what you have done? Then you have your reward. Do you want men and women to hear you and what you have to say? Then you have your reward. If on the other hand you live for Christ then you will want Him to exceed you and for Him to be glorified in all you do. He is not part of the work. He is the whole work. You will think like John the Baptist, and say, "He must increase". In our decrease, we must forget ourselves.

To Finish The Course

Bill Yount

"I Am Imparting a 'Abraham Lincoln' and Daniel Boone' anointing upon my people to 'Perservere' and 'Pioneer'...To Finish The Course!"

Recently on my way to a meeting in Somerset, PA, I saw a billboard with a picture of Abraham Lincoln on it. Beside this huge picture were written the words... "Failed, Failed, Failed,,, and then perservered. Pass it on!"

Two weeks later I ministered at a meeting in Morgantown, PA. They put me up in a Bed and Breakfast farmhouse named 'Lincoln-Boone' Bed and Breakfast. One of the original owners of the house in 1820 was James Lincoln, the great uncle of Abraham Lincoln. As I talked to the owner she explained that Abraham Lincoln's great grandfather married Anna Boone, the cousin of Daniel Boone who was born just down the road in Reading, PA. Daniel Boone was destined to become a man of the wild, an explorer of unmapped spaces. He was laid to rest in Missoure on a bluff above a river and town on a "high, far-seeing place" like the ones he always climbed to see the land beyond..." She showed me the original deeds of the home kept preserved with Abraham Lincoln's great grandfather's signature written on it with Anna Boone's also.

I knew by staying in this house was a great confirmation of what the Lord wanted to speak and impart to the Body of Christ in that region and beyond. I actually slept next to the Lincoln room that night and sensed the atmospheric anointing that was coming through the walls, floors and ceilings of this ancient landmark. There is something I cannot get away from that God is confirming in my recent travels. I sense God wants to release and impart this hour an 'Abraham Lincoln' and 'Daniel Boone' anointing into the Body of Christ. An anointing to 'persevere' and 'pioneer'... an anointing to finish what God is calling us to do!

Apostle Paul said, "I have run the race, I have fought the good fight of faith and I have finished the course the Lord laid out for me!" I sense there are many who know called has called them to do something. Maybe it's a writing project, a ministry or shaking the world for Christ! You have started out with God but somehow it's been difficult to utterly impossible for you to seemingly finish what He has called you to do. God wants to release and impart this anointing to you to not only 'perservere' but to 'pioneer', breaking into new territory where you haven't thought was possible to go before! You are going to go as far as God goes with this impartation!

THIS 'PERSEVERING' ANOINTING WILL ENABLE YOU TO BREAK THROUGH AND BREAK OUT

AS THAT 'PIONEERING' SPIRIT KICKS IN TO BREAK UP NEW TERRITORY AND FRONTIERS WHERE ONLY GOD KNOWS WHERE YOU ARE GOING!

So new and fresh that the enemy has no clue where God is taking you. He will literally lose track of your address for you will be hidden in the glory of His presence.

I sense many are so discouraged that you feel you can no longer even stand up at this point. But I would like for you to stand up one more time to receive from the Lord. I sense the Lord knows we can't go on any further. We have tried and many feel that they maybe have never heard God after all. You have gone as far as you can go. But I hear the Lord saying.. "I will take over from here!"

As an act of faith would you take one 'last' stand as Abraham Lincoln did after many failures and discouragements. A 'one more time' getting back up that took him through to become a great president of the United States.

One last stand like Daniel Boone himself took and became famous for pioneering and discovering what was beyond himself into the unknown where God knows everything.

Would you be willing to ask God to help make you willing? Would you stand up right now where you are and raise your hands to heaven to receive what only God can give and do for us?

"Father, you are the author and finisher of our faith. We corporately and individually come to you to receive this 'Lincoln-Boone' anointing and impartation to 'perservere' and 'pioneer' to finish the course you have laid out before us."

"We receive it by faith and believe You for it... And we will pass it on!"

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The Gospel According To Ruth

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No this is not to announce that there has been a new manuscript found in a cave somewhere called *The Gospel Of Ruth*. But it does make for a catchy title doesn't it? Normally I use software versions of the Bible on my computer. As I was preparing this article, I got into one of my printed bibles for some reason, and found something unusual. It was the Zondervan Hebrew Greek Study bible, edited by Spiros Zodhiates. Now Zondervan had made a typesetting error on the first page of the book of Ruth. Instead of calling it the book of Ruth they called it The Gospel According To Ruth. So I feel that this is the title the Lord would have me use here.

I have been planning to do an article on Ruth for some time. With developments in the Middle East lately, I have been led to write about Israel and The Church. With so much anti - Israel and anti - Jewish sentiment coming out, the church needs an attitude adjustment. Hopefully these articles will set out the proper attitude that should be displayed by the church. First was the long study on replacement theology, Israel - Replacement or Restoration?. And then we wrote about Joshua and the battle of Armageddon, Joshua's Big Battle. This will be the third in this series.

So what should the church's attitude be?
We must be willing to lay down our lives for our brethren.

Introduction

There are two main points to bring out. First is that Naomi and Ruth are types of Israel and the Church. This is, of course, considering them as separate groups. And we are talking about the Church as she is supposed to be, a friend to Israel, in the end times.

Second is that Ruth's actions on behalf of Naomi are a picture of the actions and accomplishments of the church in the end times. Ruth does for Naomi what Naomi could not do for herself. That is to provide an heir and enable her to receive an inheritance. Likewise, the Church will do for Israel what she is unable to do on her own. And this is to inherit the promise God made to the fathers, the promise of the Gospel. Hence: The Gospel According To Ruth.

Several writers have note this comparison between Naomi and Ruth and Israel and the Church. Christine Beadsworth is one, see: A Release Of Righteous Judgments. Also see: Shemology by Barbara Di Gilio.

The Setting

Ruth is a gentile, a widow of a Jew and Naomi is her Jewish mother-in-law. She is from Moab where Naomi and her family have stayed for some years. In the passage of time, Naomi's husband and two sons all die and she is left with two daughters-in-law. Naomi decides to return to her home in Bethlehem but urges her daughters-in-law to stay behind in Moab. Here is Ruth's famous confession whereby she identifies with Naomi, her homeland, Israel and her God, Jehovah. Note that in verse 17 that she makes an oath unto death.

> *Ruth 1:16-17*
> *16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:*
> *17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more*

> *also, if ought but death part thee and me.*

Ruth's attitude is friendship, devotion and service to Naomi. The name 'Ruth' means *friendship* or *friend*, and that is just what she is to Naomi. Naomi means *pleasant* or '*my delight'* and can easily speak of Israel, the pleasant land.

> *Numbers 14:8 If the LORD* ***delight*** *in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.*

Naomi's attitude is somewhat sour, however, after her time spent in Moab. She has this to say:

> *Ruth 1:20 And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara [bitter]: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.*

Her problem is not just that she is a widow, but that she has no heir. Both her sons have died while in Moab, and there is no one to claim the inheritance of her dead husband, Elimelech. *Moab* by the way, means *of the father*, *who is my father* or *seed of the father*. *Elimelech*, is a combination of two words. *Eli* which is God and *melech* which means king. So Elimelech is translated, God is King or God is my King. It could easily mean *the God/King* or even *the kingdom of God*!

By the end of the story, her fortunes are reversed through Ruth's marriage to Boaz.

> *Ruth 4:9-10*
> *9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi.*
> *10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.*

> *Ruth 4:17 And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is* ***a son born to Naomi****; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.*

You can see there are two issues that Boaz is resolving here. One is the inheritance from Elimelech, and the other is raising up the heir. These two are closely related. It's interesting that Pharez and Judah are mentioned here. It helps form part of the allegory.

> *Ruth 4:12 And let thy house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.*

Judah had two sons who died without an heir. This meant that there would have been no heir to the tribe of Judah, no King of the Jews! Judah eventually laid with his daughter in law and produced the heir, Pharez. Allegorically the first two sons who died, speak of the first two kingdoms of Judah, one which was destroyed by Babylon and the second destroyed by Rome. It took the seed of the father, [Moab], the seed of the father, Judah, to come and produce the heir.

This bears a loose correspondence to the two sons of Naomi who died without heir. They also represent the two kingdoms of Judah who would have inherited from Elimelech.

To produce the heir is described as 'to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance'. For purposes of the allegory, the name of the dead is Jesus. HE is the God/King who died. He had no heir in the flesh.

> *Isaiah 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and* ***who shall declare his***

> ***generation**? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.*

His spiritual inheritance is his people, all whom the father has given him. As Ruth gives birth to a son, so the church will give birth to the man-child. This is the end time church or company of saints who will bring in the end time harvest. This is raising up the Name of Jesus upon all those who are to be saved!

The attitude of Israel and the attitude of the Church.
There is a major problem with this analogy when looking at Israel and the church today. That is the history of conflict and persecution of the Jews by the church. Also the continued resistance of the Jews to the Gospel remains their historic stumbling block. The Jews are the hardest people of all to reach with the Gospel message. The bible points this out clearly in Romans 11. Today's Jews are enemies of the Gospel!

> *Romans 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are **enemies** for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

So what should the church's attitude be?
We must be willing to lay down our lives for our brethren.

Look closely at Romans 11:28 above. Notice it says they are enemies **for your sakes**. And they are **beloved for the fathers' sakes.** We need to be in an attitude of friendship, devotion and service regardless of what their attitude toward us or toward the gospel is. They are to become our brethren in the end. The same goes for any unsaved people.

> *Romans 11:30-31*
> *30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:*
> *31 Even so have these also now not believed, that **through your mercy** they also may obtain mercy.*

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In Romans 15 there is a mention of the poor saints at Jerusalem. This is a double reference to the Christians in the time of Paul and the Jews of today. And it expresses a debt that we, the church, owe to the Jews.

> *Rom 15 . Romans 15:26-27*
> *26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.*
> *27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.*

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> *1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

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> *Romans 12:1I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

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> *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance** is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

The Heir of Elimelech
As Ruth enables Naomi to inherit all that was Elimelech's, the church will enable Israel to inherit the Kingdom of God [salvation]. We can show that Israel is to be saved at the Second Coming of Christ. The church's role is then, to **enable the Second Coming of Christ**. She does this by bringing in the end time harvest. This is the fullness of the Gentiles. The end time gentile church overcomes their adversary by dying the martyrs death which is *giving place to wrath*. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written!

The Second Coming
Now lets take a look at the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. We're going to string some pearls here, or connect the dots if you will.

In 2 Thessalonians we find mention that he comes to take vengeance.

> *2 Thessalonians 1:6-8*
> *6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;*
> *7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,*
> *8 In flaming fire taking **vengeance** on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Every eye shall see him.

> *Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*
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> *Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

We can see that when every eye sees him that this includes the Jews. Romans 11 tells us about a blindness upon the Jews.

> *Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

This must mean that, when the Lord returns, this blindness will be gone, and the fullness of the Gentiles will be complete.

Revelation 6 tells us that the Lord's vengeance waits for a fulfillment of all those that should still be killed. In other words, he will not return till this happens. This is the fullness of the gentiles.

> *Revelation 6:9-11*
> *9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and* ***avenge our blood*** *on them that dwell on the earth?*
> *11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be* ***fulfilled****.*

Revelation 12 speaks of the man child coming forth, this corresponds to Ruth giving birth.

> *Revelation 12:1-2*
> *1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*
> *2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.*

Revelation 14 describes them as fully obedient followers of Christ.

> *Revelation 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.*

These preach the gospel to the ends of the earth and bring the end time harvest in. Finally they lay down their lives after ‘finishing the course.’

Side note
I realize that other writers may not view the man child or the 144 thousand symbolically as I have done here. There are other possible correct interpretations that you can come up with since we are dealing with patterns and figurative language. Secondly this part of the typology is not essential to the main line of argument here. All you need to see is that Ruth giving birth to a son compares to the woman birthing a man child. And that this in turn relates to the kingdom of God in the end times. It’s the end time saints, whoever they are, that are given the grace to finish the task, and enable the second coming of the Lord.

The Overcomers

> *Revelation 12:10-11*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives* ***unto the death****.*

Revelation 12 shows how they overcome the accuser. By dying the martyrs death they give place to, or make room for, wrath.
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> *Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto* [make room for] *wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*

> *Romans 11:25-26*
> *25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the*

> *Gentiles be come in.*
> *26* ***And so all Israel shall be saved****: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

Summary
The story of Ruth and Naomi forms an allegory of the church and Israel. Ruth is a type of the Church, the gentiles who are grafted into the Promises given to Israel. She is a friend and supporter of her mother-in-law Naomi. Naomi is the widow of Elimelech, a type of Jesus. Her sons have died and so there is no heir of Elimelech. Naomi cannot inherit from Elimelech nor raise up an heir. Israel cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor *raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance*. This is because they rejected their messiah at the first coming and remain enemies of the gospel, blinded still today.

Ruth encounters Boaz, another type of Jesus, who is kinsman / redeemer of both Ruth and Naomi. This encounter speaks of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Their union produces a male heir who is considered the heir of Naomi and Elimelech. This speaks of the end time church, who receives **The Revelation Of Jesus Christ.** This is represented by the woman in Revelation 12 giving birth to the man child. This then is instrumental in preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth; and bringing in the fullness of the Gentiles. When the full number of the gentile church are martyred, the Lord comes again to take his long awaited vengeance. He removes the blindness from his people Israel, as a whole, and they can then inherit the Kingdom of God.

So what should the church’s attitude be?
We must be willing to lay down our lives for our brethren.
And that’s The Gospel According To Ruth. Amen.

The Gate
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If you don't gather in the harvest with me, you scatter it. (Matthew 12:30)

Vision (part 1): A gate I saw a gate with built into it this mechanism of an old-fashioned revolving door.…. By way of this device each person could enter in from his or her own place…. In fact each individual took his own 'private gate' in order to enter in through THE Gate…

Explanation: The Gate stands for the heart chamber of the Father. Up till now everyone entered the gate of the Lord on his own. Communities, churches, denominations, all went in apart from the others … *The mechanism* signifies our own structures, such as 'seven steps to deliverance/healing' and the like. Every one of us fostered his/her own sweet little 'pet idols' – apart from the Word, apart from the faith in Jesus!

Vision (part 2): The mechanism removed…

As I looked on I watched Jesus set out to the gate with solid steps to radically remove the mechanism. And gone it was! It had become an open Gate!

Explanation: >From now on people only can enter in TOGETHER. Those who refuse to go in in unity with a brother and sister from another group simply won't be able to enter in at all… Going in through this solid open gate stands for trusting the Lord and Him ALONE, trusting His Word and His Word ALONE (He IS the Word), His Word that heals and delivers us, His Word that cleanses our conscience and renews our mind… No more fragmentation of the Word, no more 'pet gods' apart from Him! He is EVERYTHING we need and it is His heart's desires to be our all in all!

Word of the Lord: I Am who I Am… For too long have I witnessed how My people, *My* people, tore itself asunder, splitting up itself in separate units, one from the other…

Each traveled one's own path, with one's own individual 'know-how's', manuals and outlines... Without any guidance from Above…..

I have watched and seen how people acted as if they needed structures, doctrines, books and keys in order to get to the place of restoration….

Because of this practice many of My children have completely lost The Way, reducing themselves to mechanical robots, that step by step are drifting away from the purity of My Gospel… I Am suffices! I Am is enough for all of you! I Am heals, delivers, restores…..IN ME lies the way, THE WAY… I will sift and root out; I will remove whatever it is that has not been ordained by Me …. Open up yourself and yield to My Hand, that will take out and remove from My children all that which didn't originate in Me… I want to BE… I desire to be you're all in all….Lay down all that which didn't come from Me… I do not heal exclusively via a list of seven specific steps.. I do not deliver by way of a fixed set of rules, keys and regulations…. I Am Spirit… The Spirit blows where it wills… You can hear the sound but you do not know where it comes from…

8 Only God's Spirit gives new life. The Spirit is like the wind that blows wherever it wants to. You can hear the wind, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. (John 3:8)

Love ME above all other things! Don't break and split up My powerful Word! It is in ME that you will find the food and drink that is wholesome for your soul, that will nurture and satisfy it unto the marrow of you bones…In ME! I am going to separate the tares from the wheat, the clean from the unclean, the pure from the blemished, the real from the fake and counterfeit… The choice is yours!!!

Serving Him by serving you, Catharina Schouten

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Let The Walls Come Down!
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I tell you as YOUR Father, let your walls come down!
Yes, let your walls come down!
I Am Spirit and I want My Spirit to flow and go everywhere I want to be…..
My ways are not your ways and I will sore even above your thoughts and your prayers to restore MY body!

Build on the one true fundament JESUS CHRIST!
Did I not say that there were no needy persons among them? (Acts 4:34)

If you give ME the space so I can work through you, if you allow ME to build, cast down and rebuild, than soon MY Body will arise as a perfect Bride!

Not one of you will have a need; I will protect you and give you all that you need,
but you are the ones who must break down every barrier.
Let your walls come down!

Whether you see each other or even if you are still hidden from each other because of MY will & plan, I command you love each other.
Do not be bitter anymore and do not think only about yourselves, but let the book of Acts relive!
I will lead and guide you and I will help you. I tell you soon there will be great signs and wonders that will follow you…
Give to Me your programs, your structures and yes even yourselves completely!
The world needs to see MY body, feel MY love and hear MY voice.

Are you willing to give ME the space to do it MY way?
Can you trust ME completely?
Can you fall into MY mighty arms?
I Am that I Am and I Myself will make MY Bride!
Just serving Him, by serving you!
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The Great Awakening
Mike Edds

A great hunger for repentance, seeking God, seeking holiness and seeking truth has exploded within the 'Joseph Generation'.

They have studied, researched and sought out the Old Wells of revival. They intensely hunger for God to do it again! They cry out, "Just one more time, oh Lord!" Programs, politics, personalities, manipulation, and plans in the church sicken them.

THEY MUST HAVE GOD! They MUST be in His presence! They are meeting in the homes, in the fields, in the woods, in their prayer closets and any place that they can totally seek His face.

Their despair has turned into an all-consuming hunger that says, "Give me God or let me die." GOD HAS HEARD! He is about to reopen the old wells of revival, He is picking up the fallen mantles and placing them on men and women, and He is about to do a new thing!

Every Awakening has incurred the wrath and persecution of man. When the Presence and holiness of God confronts mankind, they must make a decision for or against Him. When they choose to reject Him, they lash out and fight against His messengers. In the mid-1700s, the Baptist in Colonial Virginia were beaten, imprisoned, and killed for preaching the Gospel. The Methodist circuit riders were jailed, tarred and feathered, beaten, abused and martyred for the message of God.

The reason there is little persecution against the Church in America today is that there is so little of the Presence and Message of God to confront mankind. The world has heard how to get rich, how to prosper, how to have self-esteem, and to feel good. They have not heard the message, "Repent or perish." They have not heard the anointed Word of God that demands a decision.

Be forewarned, The Final Great Awakening will usher in a wave of persecution against the true Church of God. Old Wells of Revival are on the threshold of being reopened. Fallen Mantles of ministry are being picked up. New Fountains are rumbling beneath the surface and about to burst forth. Frank Bartleman (chronicler of the Azusa Awakening) once said, "To understand what God is going to do, we must understand what He once did." The most incredible move of God will suddenly explode upon the scene.

Judgment and a great shaking are coming to the land and to the church. Persecution of the Isaacs and Josephs, the true saints of God will occur. However, they will be covered with such zeal and boldness, they will be like the Fathers of old: "And they loved not their lives even unto death." (Rev 12:11)

God will harvest a holy remnant from this generation. He will have a church that is without spot or wrinkle, a pure bride for His Son. Be encouraged. Lift up your heads. Your God has come! "The King has need of thee!"

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The Great Change

Rick Joyner

More than two decades ago, the Lord spoke to me and some of my friends that the cross would become popular again. This will be the time when the church truly crosses over and begins to possess its Promised Land. We have come to that time. Therefore, we can expect the focus of what the Spirit is saying to the churches to become more and more centered on the cross.

The cross is the power of God, and those who want to walk in His power in their daily lives will learn to take up their crosses daily. Those who do this will become free from all of the yokes of this present evil age, and they will walk in a greater freedom and boldness than has been seen on the earth on such a scale for nearly two thousand years.

The Scriptures we have studied indicate that baptism represents our commitment to lay down our lives and to no longer live for ourselves but for Him. In the Biblical, prophetic model laid out by the Scriptures however, we see two different baptisms. One is the Red Sea and the other is represented by the Jordan River. A major difference between these is that we see the Israelites did not go to the Red Sea baptism willingly. Basically, the Lord had to trick them into it as we read in Exodus 13:17-18 and 14:1-4.

"Now it came about when Pharaoh let the people go that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, 'Lest the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt.'

"Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea . . . (Exodus 13:17-18)

"Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea . . . For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in." Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.' And they did so." (Exodus 14:1-4) NASB

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RED SEA AND JORDAN RIVER BAPTISMS

The only way the Lord could get Israel to partake of the Red Sea baptism was to corner them into it. As we look back on most of the trials that have been used to fashion our lives, we will probably have to confess the same thing -- we did not choose the trials, but were cornered into them so that the only way out was to die to self. The Lord is gracious to align our circumstances so there is absolutely no way out but to lay down our lives and conform to the image of His death.

During this time, the Lord usually fixes it so the enemy is chasing us, and to retreat would only mean that we end up on the end of his lancers. This is when we learn that the two most powerful beings in the universe are both trying to kill us! One of them is going to get the job done, and we have to choose which one it will be. However, we have no choice but to die, which is actually grace from the Lord.

The Jordan River baptism will be different. The more mature and those who have grown in faith do not have to be tricked or trapped into their baptism -- they willingly choose to take up their crosses. The mature do not run from the cross, but to it.

Another basic difference between these two baptisms is that in the Red Sea baptism the enemy was chasing Israel, and he was destroyed because the people entered into their baptism. The second baptism represented by the Jordan River begins our pursuit of the enemy.

FROM BEING PURSUED TO IN PURSUIT

This change in the baptism will mark a very basic shift in vision and purpose of the church in our time.

This difference is what we can expect the church to transition to over the next few years. We will no longer just react to the attacks of the enemy, but we will pursue and aggressively attack his strongholds.

FROM INDIVIDUAL-THINKING TO NATIONAL-THINKING

Therefore, there are many powerful and important lessons that we must learn from the Biblical, prophetic models of what is now taking place, which is the purpose of this study. As we proceed, let us also keep in mind the differences between the Biblical, prophetic models of Scripture and the present realities. An example is the Biblical model Israel that was to utterly destroy the nations that were in their land. However, we are not called to destroy the nations, but save them by destroying the evil that has them in bondage. The nations themselves are our inheritance in the Lord.

The Great Commission was to make disciples of all nations, not just individuals. We also see that when the Lord returns, He is going to divide the nations into sheep and goats, not just individuals. Currently being decided are which nations will be "sheep" and which will be "goats." This, of course, does not mean we are to abandon the gospel of salvation. Nations will be changed by saving and teaching individuals the ways of the Lord. However, we must begin to develop national and international strategies that will impact nations with the gospel, not just a few individuals.

This will, to a large degree, be a major shift in our missionary thinking and strategies, which has actually been happening in some groups over the last two decades or more.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!

We need to understand some differences in where the church is now and where it was in the first century. There are many foundational things that will never change and will always be a basic part of the church's vision and purpose, but there are also some differences at the end of the age. Just as Joshua instructed Israel in Joshua 3:4:

"However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." (NASB)

Those who follow the Ark, which represents the Lord, will be going a different way by "about 2,000" years than where the church has gone before. Many are the same, but many are not, and we need to understand the differences.

Before the end of this age can come, the gospel of the kingdom must be preached. This has not yet been done. Until now we have preached the gospel of salvation, which is basically to get out of Egypt. This is essential and it will continue to be the banner of the cross that we march under, always preaching the gospel of individual salvation, but we will also begin to preach the gospel of the kingdom -- the kingdom of God is at hand! The King is coming, and He is coming to take over. He is sending us before Him to prepare His way.

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The Greatest Church

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The one-man priesthood:

The church took on the one-man priesthood and now is entrenched in the one-man priest & peon stance in the church. The whole church is based on one man, and goes as he goes.

If that one man is good the church will grow, if not it goes down hill. The church grows not by new converts, but by the shifting of people from one church to another.

The peons are allowed to sing and give money. Really they are demanded to give money with the Priest demanding the tithe to be paid. No matter that Jesus, the 12 disciples, and Paul were not required to pay the tithe. The tithe is an agricultural based tax on agriculture products only and is paid in kind. If you raise sheep then you pay in sheep. If you do not raise an agricultural product then you pay no tithe. The new covenant is based on giving as the Lord has blessed you; with the poor, widow, and orphan being on the fore-front of our giving.

Churches across the land are having problems because of this reason. It is time for the peons to arise and shake themselves free of this un-Godly bondage. The Bible plainly states that we believers are all priests and kings unto our God. We are all equal. We are all ministers!

Some believers spend their entire Christian life in a pew. They never minister or are allowed to be used in the Kingdom in any way. They job is to sit and to keep the $$$ coming in.

Then there is the super-one-man priest in the land who rises above the other one-man priests. His building is bigger and grander and his salary is so much greater. He is on TV and is so great. His peons are so much smaller due to his greatness. It all stinks!

The church of the New Testament was to be an example. Oh how we have all lost sight of this. The greatest church in God's eye just might be a home church where all come together as one. All can minister, pray, and share.

Home Church
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Home Church:

Have any of you ever tried a home church? Over the course of our Christian life, we have done this 2 different times and both of them were the greatest part of our life. We would meet whenever we could. There was no structure to the timing of the meetings. Someone would call around and ask if tonight was OK, then we all would jump and make the meeting happen. There were about 4 or 5 families involved.

The one home church would usually start with a full meal about 5:00P.M. then we would relax and have fun for a while. Later on in the evening, after our children got tired, we would come together. We would do whatever, again, no structure. We would usually worship for an hour or so. Then we all would share what God was doing in our lives or telling us. There might be a short Bible teaching.

Then we would lay hands on each other and pray for everybody. We would all pray for one person, each person could pray whatever the Lord impressed them to pray. This would last for hours.

We would end with a common communion with the bread and the cup. The meeting usually lasted till midnight or later. One meeting lasted till the sun came up. That was one wild meeting. We were all drunk in the spirit. You felt like you weighted 1000 pounds. The presence of the Lord was very heavy.

The experience was great. We were all one. There was no one-man priest and peon stuff at all. We all could share, pray, teach, or whatever. We would go wherever the Lord impressed us to go. Someone special might be holding a meeting in some city; we would all go and have a ball.

Healings, miracles, and answered pray was at an all time high in our lives; very exciting. You would never know who would share what from God. God showed up in all of us. From the meekest to the boldest, all were equal and received from God messages and words for each other.

The experience was the closest thing I have ever seen that matched the 1st church experience in Acts.

The Glorious Inheritance in Suffering
Don Walker

"The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him." (Rom. 8:16-17)

Suffering is a very tough subject, yet one we are all called to face at some point in our lives. The problem of pain has spawned reams of material by Christian authors, from St. Augustine to C.S. Lewis.

In Romans 8, Paul encourages his fellow believers to persevere in their suffering. This would have meant a great deal coming from Paul because he knew what it was like to suffer. He had been beaten, stoned, thrown in prison, shipwrecked, rejected by his people. He knew hunger and thirst, exhaustion and poverty. He suffered some kind of thorn in his flesh, which might have been a painful illness or disability. Because he was a man who knew suffering in a personal way, each of us can find great encouragement by his letter.

What is suffering? Suffering is quite simply: *What I don't like*. That's all. It may be physical suffering or it may be mental/emotional suffering, but it is suffering because I don't like it. If I liked it, it really wouldn't be suffering. I don't like suffering because it is suffering. But the Bible tells us that suffering is a necessary quality, and you can't have "glory" without it.

If suffering is the means by which God brings us into His glory, we must ask the next question: *What is God's glory*? I have heard people talk all my Christian life about the glory of God, and that God wants to manifest His glory in His people. But when the question is asked: *What does the manifested glory of God look like*? You generally get a blank stare. The reason being, we have made the "Glory of God" a far more abstract idea than the Bible shows it to be.

In Exodus 33:18, Moses asks to see God's glory. God says to Moses, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the Lord; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion. But He said 'You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!" Then the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by Me, and you shall stand there on the rock; and it will come about, while My glory is passing by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by. Then I will take My hand away and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen' (Exodus 33:19-23).

In Exodus 34 this comes to pass, and we are told in verse 6 a very interesting thing that gives us a *particular* understanding of God's glory. "Then the Lord passed in front of him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate, and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished . . . ' (Exodus 34:6-7). Here we have God's description of Himself, by His listing seven characteristics:

1. Compassionate
2. Gracious
3. Slow to anger

4. Lovingkindness
5. Truth
6. Forgiveness
7. Justice

God revealed His glory in His character. It's not all that mystical. And if the Church is to manifest God's glory this is what it will manifest - these seven characteristics. Manifesting God's glory is not about lightning coming off the tips of our fingers. It is about reflecting the character of God. When Paul tells us in Romans 3:23 that, "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," what is it that he is referring to? He is declaring that we have failed to rise to the standard of these seven characteristics that reveal God's nature.

For us as believers, that "glory" has already been given to us by Christ through the Holy Spirit (John 17:22), but we, both corporately and individually, often fail to manifest that glory. As Paul tells us, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels" (II Cor. 4:7). But like the "vessels" carried by Gideon's 300, they had to be broken for the light contained inside to shine forth. This is where suffering comes in. Suffering is a means by which God "breaks the vessel," so that His glory might be revealed, if we respond to it in a proper way. Paul Billheimer, in his book *Don't Waste Your Sorrows: A Study in Sainthood and Suffering*, makes this statement, "No one ever becomes a saint without suffering because suffering, properly accepted, is the pathway to glory."

Peter, I believe speaks to this very thing in his first epistle, when he states, "Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you" (I Peter 4:12-14). Peter, later in this same epistle, speaks of himself as a "witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed" (I Peter 5:1).

In Romans 8:18 Paul says, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us." (NAS uses "to" rather than "in.") Second Corinthians 4:17 states: "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison." Second Timothy 2:12 says, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him." Why is this important? Because according to Romans 5:3-5 suffering results in godly character and character is a prerequisite for rulership. Since there is no character development without suffering, suffering is a necessary preparation for rulership.

May God enable us to embrace suffering that the character of Christ (God's glory) might be revealed in us.

The Great Overhaul Of The Church Part 3

Mary Lindow

FORERUNNERS IN HIDDEN NESS - FORERUNNERS IN TRAINING

There have been a lot of article writers and prophetic people who have been stirred up by the Spirit of God to revisit the life of John the Baptist, and they have been impressed deeply by the following scripture verse.

"For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make his paths straight."
~ Matthew 3:3

The Spirit of God had already prophesied ages beforehand through Isaiah that there would be a forerunner before the actual public entry of Jesus the Christ. When John became visible as a forerunner declaring that the Kingdom of God was at hand… he also became an irritant and was an annoyance to the rulers of the day.

And so…it is no wonder that the Lord has again been shouting for a while now, that there are forerunners sent to declare that we must make straight paths in our lives, our businesses, our relationships, our worship, our finances…our hearts.

As this has been occurring and many voices are lovingly but firmly warning that the Lord is near, ready to reveal Himself in Kingdom Glory and freshness, so have the dwellers of darkness ratcheted up their agenda and ugliness.

Political tempests are brewing and spewing out all sorts of accusations, filibustering and finger pointing in record volumes! And it is going to get more sinister and confusing in the days ahead.

DESSERT IN THE DESERT

One thing that John the Baptist learned from an early age was that the desert wilderness was not a place of punishment or doomed loneliness. It was a place of rich solitude and disciplined waiting.

The Lord has had many of His forerunners in a place of desert dwelling now for what might seem like a long season. These individuals are people who simply have been brought again to a place of childlike trust and believing.

The clarity of the heavens shine so much more brightly out in a quiet remote place, away from the artificial lights of busyness and peopled settings.

John started in the hidden desert wilderness as a child and grew in spirit out there. He was being trained, prepared, and honed for a day when he would be sent with a burning message. He would also lose his life for it.
"And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel." Luke 1:80

"THE CHURCH, WHICH IS MARRIED TO THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE, WILL BE A WIDOW IN THE NEXT." - Dean Inge

This is a sobering wake-up call to a slumbering Church rampant with sensuality and worldly compromise. The Lord is not going to have people put on sackcloth and not wash their hair or cut it in order to get the attention of the people in this day and age! John was actually only wearing and doing what he had been living most of his life among the people of a unique sect of worshippers.

The Lord is infiltrating regions, cities, nations, government, the arts…you name it - with His people who are prepared to live the truth and let the radiant life of His presence begin to turn the devastated and confused towards that light. He is also going to usher sincere believers into a fresh encounter with the Living God by inspiring a renewed hunger for holy living.

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES......DRIVING OUT THE SLEAZE

Insomuch as anyone pushes you nearer to God, they are your truest friend.

Also - Anyone, who pushes you to partake of worldly sentiments, is your greatest enemy.

We are being positioned for a battle of the ages. A battle against the child-like Heart towards God, and worldly sophistication and self-gratification. In the days not too far ahead, there is going to be such light shining into the earth that things that have been hidden in darkness and whispered in closets, will be exposed and stripped of all cloaks and schemes.

Christians who have been gently tapped on the shoulder by the Spirit of God to adjust their lifestyles and help the widows and orphans, the broken and heartbroken - are now going to have somewhat of a "blaring horn" in their ears warning them that spiritual deafness and obedience are not options in the Kingdom!

The sleaze in the church is at an all time high when you can see as much cleavage on a Sunday morning or at a women's conference as there is on a questionable sitcom on the TV ! The churched males have a tough time not sinning when they look at all of the bodies hanging out of blouses and low rise pants. And …men…you can avert your eyes and stay away from the sports illustrated swimsuit editions in honor of the King. Remember. Character is what you are in the dark. When no one else can see what you are thinking and doing. But The Light of the Kingdom will expose it! It must.

GIFTED PROPHETS - AND - CHARACTER ISSUES

Somehow the Body of Christ who lays claim to the powerful working of the Holy Spirit, forgets a very serious tool in knowing what is something the Lord would have them listen to.
It's called discernment. Its called judging fruit. There is a lot of flash going on out there in the name of the prophetic and it is probably in part…originally somehow ignited by the Lord. But…when a prophet - male or female, needs to have limousines drive them to meetings, 5000 dollar suits, plastic surgeries and body lifts in order to "present the word" in modern times…something has gotten off a straight path.

The Lord is going to let the hidden lives of people in His Body who claim that they speak for Him be brutally scrutinized if they do not adjust the level of pompousness and self-pampering soon. It doesn't matter if what is spoken is accurate in the Spirit. The gifts are the Gifts! But the vessel they flow out of is FLESH and needs accountability and above
all…humility of lifestyle.

As long as the bride of Christ feeds itself on the personalities of the day, Instead of spending time in the hidden place of God's presence...it will be fleeced and entertained by the present age of what is happening. It will also have lost the simplicity and sweetness of hearing from the Spirit of God face to face.
Prophets are not supposed to be popular and groovy or exclusive! They are to be reflections of the King Himself. Think about what Jesus looks and acts like right now, and then - compare that to what is going on in the average prophetic circles.

PLEASANT - VILLE?

People have remained the same soulically since the fall of Adam and Eve. We have just become more sophisticated in the way we sin! And. WHOA! When God begins to put His finger into the hidden little crevasses of our selfishness and places of what we feel are "deserved rights"….wow

can the true character and religious justification scream!
Good old Jeremiah saw the same thing occurring that we are steeped in right now!
"To whom can I speak and give warning? Who will listen to me? Their ears are closed so they cannot hear. The word of the LORD is offensive to them; they find no PLEASURE in it. " Jeremiah 6:10

As long as the prophet, the teacher, the evangelist, etc. is "pleasant" in their deliveries and provide a level of intensity to the presentation, we are fine! It's all about the presentation and how it makes us feel! But oh when the message does not bring pleasure to the soul, and it is allowed to strip us naked in front of God... we rage at the idea that anyone dare tell "us" that our goodness and intelligence are grounds for being treated with velvet gloves!

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"And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore (overhaul) you and make you strong, firm and committed." ~ 1 Peter 5:10

We have all heard about the re-possessing of an automobile or a home, and understand that this occurs when something is being taken back, re- possessed - because the terms of payment were not met.

So in a similar way, the church at large is being "re-po-ed"...in the sense of repossession or re-po-sition!

REPOSITIONED FOR WHAT?

We have been hearing the words shifting, shaking, re-aligning, reformation, and so on… for over three to four years now. God is sending a clear warning shot across the bow of the "church ship" which is now finding itself in uncharted waters. I think that if we were all totally honest about it, we could even say that we feel like there have been times we have all been one of the members of the famous Gilligan's Island tour group, simply looking for a pleasant experience on the USS Minnow, only to find ourselves on a strange island rather than returning from a three hour tour!

THE WEATHER IS GETTING ROUGH!

Amazingly, the theme song for Gilligan's Island had a verse in it that goes like this:

The weather started getting rough, The tiny ship was tossed, If not for the courage of the fearless crew, The Minnow would be lost!

IS THE CHURCH LOST AT SEA?

It might appear that we are in a place of great turbulence and with all of the earthly calamities that are roaring in unrelenting waves, we might feel that the place we used to run to for security is also in a major crisis of sorts! The storms are raging literally with hurricanes termed as, "biblical in proportion" by many media reporters!

Local church establishments are inundated with traumatized people from not just hurricanes! Utility bills are predicted to rise anywhere from 70 to 90% over the winter due to the "Oil" shortage. Major corporations are laying people off from long-term jobs. Inflation is on the rise, but cost of living salary adjustments are...disappearing! The Bird Flu is being dramatized and claimed as potentially "pandemic!" And we haven't even touched the issues of homicides, child kidnapping, and the rise in pornography and abuse issues!

THE AMAZING SHRINKING CHURCH WALLET

As people of church affiliations of all expression feel the pinch in their wallets begin to irritate and hamper their lifestyles, the church is going to experience a major tremor. YES. TREMOR! What was once applauded as an " Ambitious visionary advancement" into greater influence, will soon become a burdensome weight to those who presumed that God was into the "Marketing and Merchandising" wave of luxuriously pampering the bride of Christ! Sort of like the story of the Princess and the Pea. No matter how many mattresses were stacked one upon the other, the pouting and over indulged princess could still feel the irritating little pea resting underneath all of them.

THE COMFORTER VERSES THE CONVICTOR

Somehow. The Holy Spirit has been diluted into some esoteric, floaty, glitter duster who simply drops heaps of goodies on fat little sheep, never warning them about over indulgence, sluggishness or sloth! Let's look at what the Lord himself said to us about the Holy Spirit….and the roles He plays.

COMFORTER But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will guide you into the whole, full Truth. For He will not speak His own message on His own endorsement; but He will tell whatever He hears from the Father. He will give the message that has been given to Him, and He will make known and declare to you the things that will happen in the future. John 16:13

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WHEN THE BENEVOLENT GET TIRED OF GENEROSITY

Already, the coffers of Earthquake Aid, Hurricane Aid, Tsunami Aid, 9/11 Aid have been fed into the enormous gaping black hole of need. And... for a while people will pull together to make heroic attempts to bring a fix to the problems all of these catastrophic events churn up.

But! Ask folks to give continually, and sacrificially and then…you will see a real reason for the need of the laser cutting conviction of the Holy Spirit!

If we who call ourselves believers and followers of Jesus lean upon either our own personal wealth and blessings as a place of safety or…if we lean upon the wealth of others if we have little ourselves…thinking that either of these things are acceptable…we will continue to have the shaking and convicting of the Holy Spirit "ROCK OUR WORLDS!" YES! Both in a planetary way and in our own little "spheres of influence" until we awaken to the reality that we are to see our lack of trusting, leaning, relying, and holding on to Jesus as SIN!

IN GOD WE TRUST?

When we trust in self implied or planned securities and rely on them, or when we hold on to a hope that the wealthy among us might be our source and answer to needs unmet…we have wandered very far away from the shores of safety in Christ!

Human beings and yes… "CHRISTIAN" human beings can become very protective of their "assets" if they are not in a place of brokenness and listening to God's plan for them to share "honestly" with others, without contempt for their lowly place and genuine neediness. One needs to only look at the story of Lazarus and the rich man to know how cruel the worldly and corrupt folks of wealth treat their fellow brethren. But also…let us not forget Annanias and Sapphirah whom were supposed believers… who lied to their brothers and sisters, the Apostles and above all, the Holy Spirit about their self-protecting and devious plan!

THIS FULLY ADDRESSED THE SETTING THEN AND ALSO RIGHT NOW IN THE ERA THAT THE CHURCH IS IN!

When those who have substantial blessing and abundance start turning to "selective" blindness when they see another family member in the Body needing assistance to be sent into mission locations to care for the devastated or to train a new emerging generation into truth and instructed direction, and simply continue to say things like; "God bless you, I will pray for you, Be at peace!" …God does not Himself…turn a blind eye to their darkened eye of soul.

HE SEES THE WICKED HEART OF THE LOVERS OF "SELF PRESERVATION AND GRATIFICATION"

And

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I as sure you, most seriously I tell you, that you shall weep and grieve, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. John 16:20

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SO WHAT IS A DARKENED SOUL?

This word darkened looked up from a Thesaurus says it means; murky, gloomy or dimly lit. Not a pretty picture!

And yet! How we wrestle and roil inside that soul of ours when someone sees or Divinely discerns the places in our souls that still love the things of the world, its lures, and it’s ability to satisfy the need for power and prestige!

We are dealing with the same spiritual problem of the disease of “The darkened soul of mankind” from the very beginning of time. It is still brewing away like a fresh pot of coffee, churning out an aroma that is most pleasant and enticing.

We have been warned, prophesied to, evangelized, challenged, read the “best of the best” articles and books on the subject….but…still many of the masses who claim to be followers of Christ, even now… live with one foot in the World and…one foot in the Word.

MERCHANDISING THE KINGDOM

For some reason, there has always been the issue of who is the greatest in the kingdom and, how can we get there too…the quickest and most painless way.

There is no amount of money, talent or suave personal skill available to acquire a place of honor in the Kingdom of God. You just might want to re- read the story of the Rich young ruler again. He had a great heart, had lived a pure and honorable life. But…to give up all of his earthy wealth and comforts to go on a journey to unknown places and people with Jesus…was…. PAINFUL to the soul!

To be a Partaker of the Kingdom it is not suppose to be a club or social gathering for those elite enough to join. And yet! Listen to the plague of assertions from many claiming that the more they have to help build the kingdom…the better it will be. We need to give our best offering, our image, and polish, all their very best in order to be attractive to those who need to gain entry into this place of belonging and elitism!

THE CHURCH HAS “AFFLUENCE- ZA”

Oh! How our little fleshy feelings get all miffed and testy when the Lord puts His Fiery finger of conviction into our personally formed golden calf of idol worship! We as believers have been hearing the warnings to; be honest, to walk in humility, to not starve the apostles, the prophets, the pastors, who labor among us.

THE PROBLEM OF “SELECTIVE HEARING” HAS BECOME A TIGHTLY WOUND TIME BOMB IN THIS TIME OF SHAKING THAT THE BODY IS IN!

The Lord has succinctly spoken about the matter of loving the lures of this world …and yet that old darkened and willful soul seems to passively attempt to push away the message and…warning!

“Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For everything in the world— the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does —comes not from the Father but from the world.

The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” 1 John 2 15-17

LOVE THE WORLD? HATE GOD! A PAINFUL TRUTH!

We are in a time where just like Lot and his family in the Old Testament and Ananias and Sapphira in the New Testament, had MAJOR choices to make, so must we… … make a choice.

They were believers. They had seen extraordinary signs and wonders. They had lived in gross abundance and blessing… and yet…craved more.

Somehow they thought that their social and financial wealth and influence gave them special rights to avoid the judgment of withholding all of their heart from God. They had had so much ease and blessing that they began to dread parting with it when the Lord began to ask them to watch over the needs of His people. To freely assist and aid in the advancement of leading the desolate of spirit …into truth.

From the Very beginning of his land of choice selection, Lot had a greedy interest in gaining all he could quickly…even if it was coming out of a corrupt place. In the end, he lost his stuff...and his wife-couldn’t stand to not look back just one more time at all she once “had and was” instead of obeying the commands of God to not look upon the sin of the past again.

Ananias and Sapphira thought that they could lie to the Holy Spirit and look good and receive honor in the Kingdom without paying the price of integrity and honoring their commitment to share so that no one among them lacked.

THE EMERGING JOSEPH COMPANY

In the midst of much argument over how the Lord has prospered some and yet why not others, as well as the flashy and “fleshy” selling of the 5 fold anointing through cheesy appeals, promises of instant blessing and a chance to even have a private prayer time with one of God’s “shining stars” if you give a large sum… there are those who are truly Encouragers.

Yep! Joseph means Son of Encouragement or…encourager. These individuals have themselves suffered loss, have been at times unjustly censored and relationally executed by those who have been jealous of a “spiritual something” that radiates out of the humility of soul the Joseph heart walks in.

Again Joseph in the Old Testament and Joseph in the new…were both canvases of truth the Lord painted His Kingdom principles upon and spoke through.

When the time of great need arose and the time of great harvest…these men knew the heart of why God had blessed them so much. They knew what the Kingdom was! It had a tangible-ness that transcended all of the self gorging and pampering that a "World Lover" craves!

“After all the kingdom of God is not a matter of getting the food and drink one likes, but instead it is uprightness- that state which makes a person acceptable to God and heart peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” Romans 14:17

THE HEART OF HUMILITY - THE HAND OF HELP… …THE HOUR OF HARVEST

“We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. -- Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador

Oh the need for generous giving and meeting the need of those now being prepared to be sent into harvest fields now heavy and ripe!

A rare and broken - even “shattered” breed of apostolic Men and Women, teams of them, prophetic voices with evangelism and fire in their mouths- are crying out for The Father to move on the hearts of those who have been blessed with abundance to rise up and shake off the darkness of their souls to see the potential of shared harvesting!

Just as the wealthy should never ever dictate to the servants of God, “how to” or “when to” or “where to” flow in the abundance of heavenly exhortations and anointing, neither should the five fold offices beg, or perform in order to be able to acquire financial substance to “send them” into the earth.

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He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

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FORERUNNERS IN HIDDENNESS FORERUNNERS IN TRAINING

There have been a lot of article writers and prophetic people who have been stirred up by the Spirit of God to revisit the life of John the Baptist, and they have been impressed deeply by the following scripture verse.

“For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make his paths straight.” ~ Matthew 3:3

The Spirit of God had already prophesied ages beforehand through Isaiah that there would be a forerunner before the actual public entry of Jesus the Christ. When John became visible as a forerunner declaring that the Kingdom of God was at hand… he also became an irritant and was an annoyance to the rulers of the day.

And so…it is no wonder that the Lord has again been shouting for a while now, that there are forerunners sent to declare that we must make straight paths in our lives, our businesses, our relationships, our worship, our finances…our hearts.

As this has been occurring and many voices are lovingly but firmly warning that the Lord is near, ready to reveal Himself in Kingdom Glory and freshness, so have the dwellers of darkness ratcheted up their agenda and ugliness.

Political tempests are brewing and spewing out all sorts of accusations, filibustering and finger pointing in record volumes! And it is going to get more sinister and confusing in the days ahead.

DESSERT IN THE DESERT

One thing that John the Baptist learned from an early age was that the desert wilderness was not a place of punishment or doomed loneliness. It was a place of rich solitude and disciplined waiting.

The Lord has had many of His forerunners in a place of desert dwelling now for what might seem like a long season. These individuals are people who simply have been brought again to a place of childlike trust and believing.

The clarity of the heavens shine so much more brightly out in a quiet remote place, away from the artificial lights of busyness and peopled settings.

John started in the hidden desert wilderness as a child and grew in spirit out there. He was being trained, prepared, and honed for a day when he would be sent with a burning message. He would also lose his life for it.

“And the child grew and became strong in spirit; and he lived in the desert until he appeared publicly to Israel.” Luke 1:80

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This is a sobering wake-up call to a slumbering Church rampant with sensuality and worldly compromise.

The Lord is not going to have people put on sackcloth and not wash their hair or cut it in order to get the attention of the people in this day and age! John was actually only wearing and doing what he had been living most of his life among the people of a unique sect of worshippers.

The Lord is infiltrating regions, cities, nations, government, the arts…you name it - with His people who are prepared to live the truth and let the radiant life of His presence begin to turn the devastated and confused towards that light. He is also going to Usher sincere believers into a fresh encounter with the Living God by inspiring a renewed hunger for holy living.

BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES... ...DRIVING OUT THE SLEAZE

Insomuch as anyone pushes you nearer to God, they are your truest friend. Also - Anyone, who pushes you to partake of worldly sentiments, is your greatest enemy.

We are being positioned for a battle of the ages. A battle against the child-like Heart towards God, and worldly sophistication and self-gratification.

In the days not too far ahead, there is going to be such light shining into the earth that things that have been hidden in darkness and whispered in closets, will be exposed and stripped of all cloaks and schemes.

Christians who have been gently tapped on the shoulder by the Spirit of God to adjust their lifestyles and help the widows and orphans, the broken and heartbroken - are now going to have somewhat of a “blaring horn” in their ears warning them that spiritual deafness and obedience are not options in the Kingdom!

The sleaze in the church is at an all time high when you can see as much cleavage on a Sunday morning or at a women’s conference as there is on a questionable sitcom on the TV! The churched males have a tough time not sinning when they look at all of the bodies hanging out of blouses and low rise pants. And …men…you can avert your eyes and stay away from the sports illustrated swimsuit editions in honor of the King. Remember. Character is what you are in the dark. When no one else can see what you are thinking and doing. But The Light of the Kingdom will expose it! It must.

GIFTED PROPHETS - AND - CHARACTER ISSUES

Somehow the Body of Christ who lays claim to the powerful working of the Holy Spirit, forgets a very serious tool in knowing what is something the Lord would have them listen to. It’s called discernment. Its called judging fruit.

There is a lot of flash going on out there in the name of the prophetic and it is probably in part…originally somehow ignited by the Lord. But…when a prophet - male or female, needs to have limousines drive them to meetings, 5000 dollar suits, plastic surgeries and body lifts in order to “present the word” in modern times…something has gotten off a straight path.

The Lord is going to let the hidden lives of people in His Body who claim that they speak for Him be brutally scrutinized if they do not adjust the level of pompousness and self-pampering soon. It doesn't matter if what is spoken is accurate in the Spirit. The gifts are the Gifts! But the vessel they flow out of is FLESH and needs accountability and above all…humility of lifestyle.

As long as the bride of Christ feeds itself on the personalities of the day, Instead of spending time in the hidden place of God's presence...it will be fleeced and entertained by the present age of what is happening. It will also have lost the simplicity and sweetness of hearing from the Spirit of God face to face.

Prophets are not supposed to be popular and groovy or exclusive! They are to be reflections of the King Himself. Think about what Jesus looks and acts like right now, and then - compare that to what is going on in the average prophetic circles.

PLEASANT - VILLE?

People have remained the same soulically since the fall of Adam and Eve. We have just become more sophisticated in the way we sin! And. WHOA! When God begins to put His finger into the hidden little crevasses of our selfishness and places of what we feel are "deserved rights"….wow can the true character and religious justification scream!

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...THEN WITH YOUR MIND.

I say this because if not discerned and embraced by the spirit first…the soul will immediately defend itself and bluster and spit in shock that anyone might imply that is has the stated problem!

"ARROGANCE IS A DISEASE THAT MAKES EVERYONE SICK...
... EXCEPT THE ONE WHO HAS IT!"

It is really rather amazing that any of us are ever really useful the Lord when we begin to examine the "secret sins" that are active in our lives, sometimes in our ministries, and in the way the bride of the King has presented herself.

IN THIS MODERN AGE OF, "IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU BABY"…
…ARROGANCE IS ALMOST APPLAUDED AS A SUPER TALENT TO SUCCESS! Politicians boast of their greatness to lead, TV personalities shred other individuals on live Programs and, sadly, many who have claimed to be "servants" of the Lord have competed, slandered, and have positioned themselves as "the most recent cutting edge" in ministry! Little people…get out of the way!

REMEMBER! EVEN THE DISCIPLE PETER HAD TO DEAL WITH THIS ISSUE! He presumed to tell the Lord what would never happen in His ministry! The actual crucifixion!

EVEN THE RICH YOUNG RULER, WHO APPEARED TO BE A GENTEEL AND HONORING INDIVIDUAL WAS ARROGANT enough to think that he could travel with Jesus and gain further stature without having to lay down all of his own well -earned endowments!

He actually thought that having obeyed the commandments since he was a small child and being good would be the way to keep his wealth and cushy lifestyle! This is the subtle disease of arrogance! He didn't think he had it! In fact…he might have thought that his financial settings would endear him to Jesus and the twelve disciples because he could provide a more comfortable lifestyle for all of them while they ministered.

Oh! He went away sad, but not broken. He was sad that he had to choose between his rich and public securities and…a humble life with Jesus. Matthew (19)

LISTEN TO WHAT THE LORD PROPHESIED TO US IN ISAIAH ABOUT THE VERY SAME ISSUE.

And the word of One will go forth, "Cast up, cast up (to throw something away from yourself, usually with force) Prepare the way! Take up the stumbling block out of the way of the spiritual return of My people."

For this is what The High and Almighty One has to say—He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy:

"I dwell in the high and holy place, but I also dwell with him who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit, to revive, to reawaken the spirit of the humble and to reinstate the heart of the thoroughly broken bruised with sorrow for their sin. Isaiah 57:14-15

HERE ARE SOME THESAURUS AND DICTIONARY DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WORD ARROGANCE:

ARROGANCE:
The act or habit of making uncalled-for claims in an overbearing manner; that species of pride which consists in exorbitant claims of rank, dignity, estimation, or power, or which exalts the worth or importance of the person to an undue degree; proud contempt of others; lordliness; haughtiness

ARROGANT:
High-handed, disdainful, haughty, high-and-mighty, insolent, lordly, overbearing, condescending, superior example:

RELATED WORDS: domineering, bossy, dictatorial; exaggerated, false, highfalutin, assumed, ostentatious

IDIOM: too big for one's britches

IF WE ARE OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD WE ARE TO BE HUMBLE and fully aware of our need for daily brokenness and a deep daily need for re-consecration of our reasons to follow Jesus.

THOSE WHO CLAIM TO BE THE CHILDREN OF GOD ARE TO REFLECT HUMILITY.

IN REGARD TO SATAN'S KINGDOM,
HE IS SAID TO BE A 'KING OVER ALL THE CHILDREN OF PRIDE.'

Proverbs 21
24Mockers are proud and haughty; they act with boundless arrogance.

WE CAN NOT ARROGANTLY ASSUME THAT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN USED MIGHTILY FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN SIGNS AND WONDERS, PROPHETIC UTTERANCES, SPEAKING TO MULTITUDES, OR HAVE WRITTEN A BOOK, THAT WE HAVE A SPECIAL RIGHT TO BE HONORED OR A RIGHT TO HAVE OTHERS "LISTEN UP" AND HEAR WHAT WE HAVE TO IMPART!

WE MUST DECREASE, AND HE …THE ONE…
THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS NO ARROGANCE…MUST INCREASE.

LOOK! NOBODY'S TEACHINGS OR PRACTICES ARE BEYOND BIBLICAL JUDGMENT — ESPECIALLY INFLUENTIAL LEADERS. Biblically, authority and accountability go hand in hand (e.g., Luke 12:48). The greater the responsibility one holds, the greater the accountability one has before God and His people.

TEACHERS SHOULD BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL NOT TO MISLEAD ANY BELIEVER, for their calling carries with it a strict judgment (James 3:1). They should therefore be grateful when sincere Christians take the time to question them about the teaching and yes, even possibly bring correction to correct whatever unsound doctrine they may be preaching. And should the criticisms be groundless they should respond in the manner prearranged by Scripture: to correct misguided doctrinal opposition with GENTLE instruction (2 Tim. 2:25).

THERE IS OF COURSE ANOTHER SIDE TO THIS ISSUE:

CRITICISM OFTEN CAN BE SINFUL, leading to rebellion and unnecessary division. Christians should respect the leaders that God has given them (Heb. 13:17). Theirs is the task of assisting the church in its spiritual growth and doctrinal understanding (Eph. 4:11-16). At the same time believers should be aware that false teachers will arise among the Christian fold (Acts 20:28; 2 Pet. 2:1). This makes it very important for us to test all things by Scripture, as the Bereans were highly praised for doing when they examined the words of the apostle Paul (Acts 17:11)

PRAY THIS SIMPLE PRAYER WITH ME WON'T YOU?
"Lord, help all of us as your servants to keep the subtle disease of arrogance and it's influences, far from us. Teach us oh precious king how to model apostolic mercy, pastoral humility, and open repentance before those whom we instruct and serve in your kingdom." AMEN

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The Great Rebellion and The Mystery of Christ

Mike Tucker

[1]Before Man there was harmony in all of Creation. An immaculate song was continually sung and all the Sons of God were in tune. The morning stars sang together and the lights of Heaven did their dance in perfect timing, one with another and another across the grand expanse. The Great Mind of the God Family was one in tranquility and glory.

[2]One day the Angels gathered before the Great Throne of The Father of Lights. He had a lowly but wonderful new creature to reveal. This creature would be called Man. It pleased the Father to bestow upon the Angels that they would steward Man unto his destiny. That from Man would come One to rule and reign with Father, even over the Angels themselves.

[3]Now at this time, Lucifer, the anointed cherub whom covers, became bitter at this new chapter of Father’s timeless book. For Lucifer was Chief of the Angels and he was abundant in glory and gifts. And because of the abundance of his possessions and trade (you give me something I give you something) he could not bear that another of Father’s expressions should rise above his place. So Lucifer began to stir the Angels and sow doubt and pride amongst them. He especially pursued those Angels whom had arcane powers and celestial authority over the stars where the chosen planet would be home to Man. Eventually one third of the Angels conspired to rebel against Father’s new chapter for Creation.

[4]So the Angelic exodus came and they abandoned their posts and their light no longer shined in Heaven. Their light became darkness and they were called the Fallen. They closed themselves off and were also cast off from the Great Mind and Spirit of the God Family. At first there was considerable excitement and uncertainty amongst the Fallen. They formed a new collective, a new body, and gave their life and their minds to this new mind. They became adversaries; thus they were called by a new name for a name declares the nature of a thing. This body became Satan and Lucifer was its head and was Satan too. And from his beginning, Satan was a murderer and a liar.

[5]Satan began in much power. These Fallen knew greater power than ever before because they leaped beyond the everlasting tempo of the heavenly dance and spun more furiously round and round. They also sang a new song of prideful boasts which resonated across the new mind of Satan. They reveled. Though they began in power, they failed to realize it could not be forever sustained because the Life and Mind of Father was cutoff from them and their time could now be calculated.

[6]Satan repeatedly threw stumbling blocks before Man and he fell many times. Satan continued His case before Father to prove that Man was not worthy to rule over the Angels. But Father knew this before the beginning. And though Man was originally bestowed with authority over self and Earth, Man was not the final creation. As Man repeatedly fell, Satan felt vindicated and became ever more self-willed and ultimately self-deceived.

[7]Through the prophets came word of the One. But Father only revealed what was needed at the appointed time. All the Angels, from the demons to the Great Lights of Heaven, yearned to know of the mystery unfolding before them because it was their destiny as well. Then the Word came upon the Earth and He was the One. And the Word came in the form of a man and in the tongues of men He was called Jesus Christ.

[8]Jesus was the first fruit of those who would become of Him. Jesus was and is the Head of Christ and He is Christ. In spite of Satan’s collective knowledge and endless search of the scriptures, he did not perceive what Christ would come to be, so he crucified this Jesus in order to thwart the ascension of Man. But it was not a man who was to ascend, it was Christ who would descend and ascend. Satan did not foresee how he came to help open the door to Christ by killing Jesus. It pleased the Father to allow His only begotten Son to be crucified and resurrected so that all who were granted to come to Him should have eternal Life. The Body of Christ was now open to all who would hold fast their belief, that they should be One with the Father: One Body, One Spirit, One Life and One Mind. For God is

One and the demons shudder for what they cast off. This is the Temple and City of God, His abode.

[9]Satan's time was closing and the frenzy of their dance could not forever endure. So Satan pressed ever harder on Man and those that would come into the Christ Mind and Spirit. But the more he pressed the more Christ was made manifest. And being cutoff and increasingly distant from the Power and Life of Father, Satan gorged on the hearts of men where God had strung the silver cord of Life. During the time of Man, Satan sowed lust, pride, greed, hate and all forms of ungodliness amongst men that he might reap the same from the field of Man and be sustained. But to those who entered by the narrow gate and died daily, Satan had no part with them. Thus Christ was also reaped by Heaven.

[10]Now Earth shall also benefit from Christ. Though Earth has been cursed since the days of Adam, Earth is to be restored at the filling up of Christ. For in all of Creation, from the countless stars to the innumerable planets, Earth was privileged to receive the Father's only begotten Son. And from Earth would come Christ and unto all the life throughout the stars and countless worlds, this Christ would be salvation to all. Thus Creation anxiously waits for the revealing of the Sons of God. When the City of God, a magnificent golden-jeweled pyramid, is fixed upon the Earth like a shining crown, this marks the Great Restoration and the Kingdom of Heaven will no longer suffer violence.

[11]All things shall be restored and in finer measure. The first will pass that the second may be established and this is fulfilled in Christ. The great dance of Heaven shall resume in finer glory and a new song shall ring out across the grand expanse. The stars will again be in tune and perfect harmony. Creation will rejoice throughout eternity.

[12]The body of Satan revealed themselves through the spoken Word of God and are destined for eternal fire because they abdicated, warred and betrayed themselves as unworthy. The Body of Christ shall reveal themselves through the spoken Word of God because Father granted them King Jesus and by His Spirit they held fast. Thus the Body of Christ is destined for eternal Life and shall reign with Him forever and ever. Before the beginning, this was the Father's Mystery of Christ.

Scripture per paragraph to consider (NASU/ASV underlines from author):

[1]Job 38:4 & 7, 'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?...When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of God shouted for joy?'

Isaiah 40:26, 'Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars , The one who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His might and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.'

Psalms 148:3, '…Praise Him, all stars of light!'

Revelation 1:20, 'As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches…'

Psalms 87:7, 'They that sing as well as they that dance (shall say), all my fountains are in thee.'

Psalms 147:4, 'He counts the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.'

Job 23:13, 'But He is in One (Mind), and who can turn Him?...'

[2]James 1:17, 'Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, …'

Hebrews 2:6-7, 'WHAT IS MAN, THAT YOU REMEMBER HIM? OR THE SON OF MAN, THAT YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIM? YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN THE ANGELS ;'

Psalms 91:11, 'He will give His angels charge concerning you, To guard you in all your ways.'

Matthew 18:10, ‘See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.’

Hebrews 1:14, ‘Are they not all ministering spirits, sent out to render service for the sake of those who will inherit salvation?’

Acts 7:53, ‘you who received the law as ordained by angels , and yet did not keep it.’

Hebrews 1:6, ‘And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."’

I Corinthians 6:3, ‘Do you not know that we will judge angels?...’

[3] Ezekiel 28:13-17, ‘Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, (so that) thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub , from the midst of the stones of fire. Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee.’

Ephesians 2:2, ‘in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air , of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.’

Revelation 12:3-4, ‘Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.‘

[4] Jude 1:6-7, ‘And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day’

Isaiah 14:12-14, ‘How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.'

Daniel 4:16 "Let his mind be changed from that of a man and let a beast's mind be given to him…’

Genesis 32:28, ‘He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel ; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." ‘

Luke 10:17-18, ‘The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.’

Job 1:6-7, ‘Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it."’

John 8:44, ‘You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.'

[5] Revelation 20:2, 'And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan…'

Psalms10:3, 'For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire…'

Daniel 7:8, 'While I was contemplating the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were pulled out by the roots before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth uttering great boasts.'

II Corinthians 10:17, 'But HE WHO BOASTS IS TO BOAST IN THE LORD.'

Job 4:18, 'He puts no trust even in His servants; And against His angels He charges error.'

John 14:30, 'I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;'

[6] Matthew 16:23, 'But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Revelation 12:10, '…for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.'

Genesis 1:26, 'Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."'

I Corinthians 1:18-19, 'For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, " I WILL DESTROY THE WISDOM OF THE WISE , AND THE CLEVERNESS OF THE CLEVER I WILL SET ASIDE." '

[7] Matthew 26:56 "But all this has taken place to fulfill the Scriptures of the prophets…"

Luke 24:44, 'Now He said to them, " These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."'

Daniel 12:4, 'But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.'

I Peter 1:11-12, 'seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow… have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things into which angels long to look. '

Mark 13:32, 'But of that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.'

John 1:14, 'And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.'

[8] I Corinthians 15:23, 'But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits , after that those who are Christ's at His coming,'

James 1:18, ‘In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.’

Ephesians 4:15-16, ‘but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Romans 10:6-7, ‘But the righteousness based on faith speaks as follows: "DO NOT SAY IN YOUR HEART, 'WHO WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'WHO WILL DESCEND INTO THE ABYSS?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." ‘

Isaiah 53:10, ‘But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering,’

John 17:21, ‘that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.’

James 2:19, ‘You believe that God is one . You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.’

Hebrews 12:22, ‘But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels’

I Corinthians 3:16, ‘Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?’

[9] Revelation 12:12, ‘…Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time ."

I Corinthians 2:16, ‘…But we have the mind of Christ .’

Philippians 1:27, ‘Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;’

Ecclesiastes 12:6-7, ‘Remember Him before the silver cord is broken …then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.’

Matthew 13:39, ‘and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels’

Matthew 7:13-14, ‘Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.’

Luke 9:23, ‘And He was saying to them all, " If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me."’

Mark 13:27, ‘And then He will send forth the angels , and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of heaven.’

[10] Genesis 3:17, ‘…Cursed is the ground because of you;…’

John 3:16, ‘For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.’

Mark 16:15, ‘And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation ."’

Romans 8:19-22, ‘For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now.’

Colossians 1:15-20, ‘He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation . For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.’

Revelation 21:10-21 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God. Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper. It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall. The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal. And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements. The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

Matthew 11:12, ‘From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence , and violent men take it by force.’

[11]Matthew 17:11, ‘And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things; ‘

Hebrews 10:9, ‘then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second .’

II Corinthians 3:18, ‘But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory , just as from the Lord, the Spirit.’

Isaiah 44:22-23, ‘I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud And your sins like a heavy mist.
Return to Me, for I have redeemed you. Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it!...’

[12]I John 3:10, ‘By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother. ‘

Hebrews 4:12-13, ‘For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.‘

Matthew 25:41, '… Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;'

Judge 5:20, 'The stars fought from heaven, From their courses they fought against Sisera.'

Revelation 12:7-8, 'And there was war in heaven , Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.'

Acts 26:18, 'to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

Revelation 5:10, '"You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." '

Revelation 20:6, 'Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.'

Revelation 22:5, 'And there will no longer be any night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.'

John 8:51, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.'

Daniel 12:2-3, 'Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.'

I Corinthians 15:41-43, 'There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory.'

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Osama Will Soon Be Captured
Mike Tucker

On 06/06/2005 a word of the Spirit was spoken in me while sleeping. This was the word, 'Osama will soon be captured'.

This is the second of only two words I have ever received concerning Osama Bin Laden. Below is the first word:

Osama Alive

During the Tora Bora bombing campaign and hunt for Osama Bin Laden in late 2001 and early 2002 much news was put out to the effect that Osama must be dead. I too logically assumed that he must be dead because no notorious leader would go silent for so long while his fanatical followers were dieing and on the run. Surely he would put out some kind of world-wide message to rally his forces I reasoned. Since he had not, I presumed he was dead. The Lord corrected me on this:

03/2002 I received the following dream: *Osama Bin Laden had a turban on and green-camo fatigue* *jacket. I saw his face and he had a peculiar smile on it. Behind him was a pole with a wire running across the top, a mud brick hut, and an unusual low lying cleft in a rocky hillside that looked like a cave mouth. I knew he was alive then.*

Saddam Captured

I would like to point out that nearly two years ago I was given a dream about Saddam's capture as well:

09-09-03 *I dreamed I saw Saddam Hussein captured. Before they captured him, he was wearing women's clothing with a veil.*

Saddam Hussein was reported captured on 12-14-03. The women's clothes in the dream suggest that this is how he hid himself at times.

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The Great Change

Rick Joyner

More than two decades ago, the Lord spoke to me and some of my friends that the cross would become popular again. This will be the time when the church truly crosses over and begins to possess its Promised Land. We have come to that time. Therefore, we can expect the focus of what the Spirit is saying to the churches to become more and more centered on the cross.

The cross is the power of God, and those who want to walk in His power in their daily lives will learn to take up their crosses daily. Those who do this will become free from all of the yokes of this present evil age, and they will walk in a greater freedom and boldness than has been seen on the earth on such a scale for nearly two thousand years.

The Scriptures we have studied indicate that baptism represents our commitment to lay down our lives and to no longer live for ourselves but for Him. In the Biblical, prophetic model laid out by the Scriptures however, we see two different baptisms. One is the Red Sea and the other is represented by the Jordan River. A major difference between these is that we see the Israelites did not go to the Red Sea baptism willingly. Basically, the Lord had to trick them into it as we read in Exodus 13:17-18 and 14:1-4.

"Now it came about when Pharaoh let the people go that God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, 'Lest the people change their minds when they see war, and they return to Egypt.'

"Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea . . . (Exodus 13:17-18)

"Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 'Tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea . . . For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, "They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in." Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.' And they did so." (Exodus 14:1-4) NASB

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE RED SEA AND JORDAN RIVER BAPTISMS

The only way the Lord could get Israel to partake of the Red Sea baptism was to corner them into it. As we look back on most of the trials that have been used to fashion our lives, we will probably have to confess the same thing -- we did not choose the trials, but were cornered into them so that the only way out was to die to self. The Lord is gracious to align our circumstances so there is absolutely no way out but to lay down our lives and conform to the image of His death.

During this time, the Lord usually fixes it so the enemy is chasing us, and to retreat would only mean that we end up on the end of his lancers. This is when we learn that the two most powerful beings in the universe are both trying to kill us! One of them is going to get the job done, and we have to choose which one it will be. However, we have no choice but to die, which is actually grace from the Lord.

The Jordan River baptism will be different. The more mature and those who have grown in faith do not have to be tricked or trapped into their baptism -- they willingly choose to take up their crosses. The mature do not run from the cross, but to it.

Another basic difference between these two baptisms is that in the Red Sea baptism the enemy was chasing Israel, and he was destroyed because the people entered into their baptism. The second baptism represented by the Jordan River begins our pursuit of the enemy.

FROM BEING PURSUED TO IN PURSUIT

This change in the baptism will mark a very basic shift in vision and purpose of the church in our time. This difference is what we can expect the church to transition to over the next few years. We will no longer just react to the attacks of the enemy, but we will pursue and aggressively attack his strongholds.

FROM INDIVIDUAL-THINKING TO NATIONAL-THINKING

Therefore, there are many powerful and important lessons that we must learn from the Biblical, prophetic models of what is now taking place, which is the purpose of this study. As we proceed, let us also keep in mind the differences between the Biblical, prophetic models of Scripture and the present realities. An example is the Biblical model Israel that was to utterly destroy the nations that were in their land. However, we are not called to destroy the nations, but save them by destroying the evil that has them in bondage. The nations themselves are our inheritance in the Lord.

The Great Commission was to make disciples of all nations, not just individuals. We also see that when the Lord returns, He is going to divide the nations into sheep and goats, not just individuals. Currently being decided are which nations will be "sheep" and which will be "goats." This, of course, does not mean we are to abandon the gospel of salvation. Nations will be changed by saving and teaching individuals the ways of the Lord. However, we must begin to develop national and international strategies that will impact nations with the gospel, not just a few individuals.

This will, to a large degree, be a major shift in our missionary thinking and strategies, which has actually been happening in some groups over the last two decades or more.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!

We need to understand some differences in where the church is now and where it was in the first century. There are many foundational things that will never change and will always be a basic part of the church's vision and purpose, but there are also some differences at the end of the age. Just as Joshua instructed Israel in Joshua 3:4:

"However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before." (NASB)

Those who follow the Ark, which represents the Lord, will be going a different way by "about 2,000" years than where the church has gone before. Many are the same, but many are not, and we need to understand the differences.

Before the end of this age can come, the gospel of the kingdom must be preached. This has not yet been done. Until now we have preached the gospel of salvation, which is basically to get out of Egypt. This is essential and it will continue to be the banner of the cross that we march under, always preaching the gospel of individual salvation, but we will also begin to preach the gospel of the kingdom -- the kingdom of God is at hand! The King is coming, and He is coming to take over. He is sending us before Him to prepare His way.

The Prevailing Heart

Rick Joyner

As we have read, the Israelites did not go willingly in the baptism represented by the crossing of the Red Sea. The Lord basically had to trick them into it, giving them no other alternative because of the enemy that pursued them. However, the baptism represented by the crossing of the Jordan was a voluntary one and would begin the pursuit of their enemies to drive them from their land. This was not just because the circumstances had changed, but because the people had changed during their long sojourn in the wilderness.

The Church has, likewise, seemingly wandered in the wilderness for nearly two thousand years. Like Israel's trek through the wilderness, this time was not wasted. A great transformation has been taking place in the people. It was one thing to get the people out of Egypt, but it took much longer to get the Egypt out of the people.
Likewise, there are people who may have seemingly been drifting through life rather aimlessly, but God has been doing a deep work in their hearts. This time has not been wasted. They are prepared for the great challenges ahead, which will prepare the way for the coming of the kingdom of God.

WHAT THE CHANGE LOOKS LIKE

The change comes from a life that was composed of being chased and harassed by the devil, and the deep dealings of God in our own hearts, to the mentality of a conqueror. This does not mean we are now perfect. The conquest ahead will help to continue the work on our character, but there will be a great difference in the conflict -- instead of battling the enemies within who have kept us in bondage, we will begin battling the ones without who are keeping others in bondage.

We must never forget that our conquest is not the greedy pursuit of personal gain and advancement, but our treasure is the liberation of souls that are now in the bondage of darkness. Our purpose is to see the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ set the captives free. We are called as true freedom fighters. Our success in this life will be counted by the release of the captives that the devil has had in bondage to do his will.

We can now expect a big change to begin to take place in the Church from just seeking to be set free ourselves, to setting the nations free. On the other side of the Jordan, Israel may not have looked different on the outside from the group who had left Egypt, but on the inside they were very different. They were no longer just recently released slaves -- they were conquerors! Right now, by appearances, the Church may not look very different than it has for many centuries, but it is! We are no longer just recently released slaves -- we are warriors with the greatest cause, preparing for the greatest battle!

THERE IS A NEW BREED OF MINISTRY ARISING

I hear about ten negative comments to every encouraging word about the Church today. However, this is coming from those who do not have eyes to see. In 1960 it was estimated that 30 million people had been empowered by the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Today we are approaching one billion! Many of the greatest pastors, teachers, and evangelists in the history of the Church are alive today.
There is an emerging prophetic ministry that is rising to the true biblical standards of that calling with the kind of prophetic gifts which are beginning to rival anything seen in the Old Testament, and will undoubtedly exceed them. There is a new breed of ministry arising that will walk in true apostolic stature, authority, and wisdom.

After every great move of God since the beginning of the Reformation over five hundred years ago, there was a lull before the next one. However, each new move of God would exceed the limits of the previous one by a considerable margin. The much maligned Charismatic Movement actually resulted in more salvations, more churches being planted, more missions being birthed, and more missionaries being sent out than possibly all of the previous moves of God combined!

There has been a seeming lull since the peak of that movement, at least in the West. But the one that is now building is truly going to be something to behold. It may well be the one that the prophets and righteous men of old all desired to see, and have been waiting for as members of the great cloud of witnesses.

PUT ON YOUR "GAME FACE"

I have been asked to speak to a few NFL teams just before their games. The intensity of the focus on their faces was like nothing I have ever seen. In 1990, I was speaking to the Denver Broncos before an important Monday night game with their rivals, the Kansas City Chiefs. The Lord drew my attention to their "game faces." He then said to me, "When you see that kind of focus on My people, the time is at hand."

Since that night I have looked for this focus on the faces of God's people everywhere I go. For years it seemed that in most churches they were more like kids in detention hall after school than a rising, conquering army. However, in the last four years I have begun to see the increasing focus and intensity that I know means the great advance is now close.

When you see those football teams just before a game, you think that if they are not released on their foe very soon they will begin to hurt each other! That is actually what sometimes happens in churches. When we build people up and then do not release them on the enemy, their intensity is released as frustration on other believers. This is the cause of many church splits and other devastating problems. It is now time for us to engage the enemy! We need church builders, and this is a job that some will always need to be occupied doing, but it is now time to turn our attention away from just building up ourselves to building the kingdom.

FIGHTING COMPLACENCY

This is not at all to imply that the work in us is finished. However, much of the deep inner workings that we need can only come from the battles we are called to fight with the enemy. The worst enemy of Christianity is complacency, or as the Lord put it, lukewarmness. This is the greatest delusion and deception of all. How could anyone truly know the Lord, the Consuming Fire, and not be on fire? That is why His true messengers are "flames of fire."

Lukewarmness is not possible unless the delusions from the cares and worries of this world have choked out the seed of His Word in us. There is nothing that can shake someone out of complacency like war. If there is ever a greater focus than seen on a professional football team before a game, it will be on the faces of soldiers before a battle.

King David, one of the greatest souls to ever walk the earth and one of the greatest pursuers of God of all time, stayed at home during the time "when kings go out to battle," (see II Samuel 11:1) and fell into adultery which opened the door for some of the worst problems of his life.

When it is time to fight and we do not fight, we are almost certain to be overcome and defeated by the enemy in some way. It is now the time when we must go on the offensive and start looking to missions that do not just selfishly build our own church, but will begin to take territory for the kingdom of God. If we will do this, our churches would grow and become much stronger than they are now.

Human beings were created with a need for adventure. There is no greater adventure in this life than the true Christian life. Youth especially need adventure, and if they are not captured by missions in some form they are very likely to be captured by the spirit of the world.

"TAKE THE LAND THAT IS RIGHTFULLY OURS -- TOGETHER!"

There is nothing more boring than religion. C.S. Lewis once remarked that one definition of hell was to sit in an endless church service without the presence of God. Such services are one of the great devices of the devil to recapture and imprison believers. We must bust out of the prison of the four walls of the church! We must start to use the divinely powerful weapons that we have been given to engage the enemy and start taking the land that is rightfully ours!

Any church that is not actively engaged in missions will wither away, if not physically, at least spiritually. However, we do not just want to be engaged in missions, but in our mission. We need to be sent out by the Lord and led by Him. We need specific goals for our missions so that we can measure the progress, success, or failure of them. We need to define the Promised Land that we are crossing over to conquer.

Before crossing the Jordan, the Promised Land was divided up between the tribes of Israel. They were all to fight together and to keep fighting until all of the tribes had possessed their land. We need to do the same. Over the last few years, there have been gatherings of some of the great leaders of our time from many different movements. From these gatherings, councils have been forming and divine strategies illuminated. They are still very much in their formative stages, but there is an unquestioned and remarkable anointing on them. There is no question that an unprecedented advance of the gospel is at hand. It may yet be a few years in unfolding in all of its power, but it is undoubtedly at hand.

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The Great Storm Coming To America

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I dreamed I was at the ocean, and a sudden storm came. I saw a big cargo ship starting to tear away from the dock. So I ran to save it. I jumped aboard just as it broke away and out to sea. It had no pilot house but the controls were there. The storm was so bad the bow of the ship went under with each wave. Then things got worse, the sky and the rain and the waves were roaring! Of biblical proportion, then it grew black I couldn't see but I could feel the controls of the ship. Then I came threw the storm and I could see again, I looked out to sea and the sea was muddy from the waves that beat the ocean floor. All I could say was "God you are so awesome" because I knew only the lord could create such a storm so powerful.

I continued up the coast line, when I saw a strange thing right at the seas edge. It was all concrete. It looked like a dry dock with some underground fallout shelter at its back wall, with two doors. Now by all natural law, this place should have bin flooded by the sea. But God was holding back the sea from flooding it. then two Christians came out who were hiding under ground and told me were they wanted me to dry dock this cargo ship. End of dream.

Its clear God with all his power will protect his children. Even though a Great Storm is coming to America. But what storm? I feel this one.

(Nuclear attack)
I was in bed asleep, I dreamed/heard a radio broadcast? It was not visual but audio. I heard a lady on the radio. She was saying a US coastal city had just been nuked. Then she started naming other coastal city's that were nuked, she named Coastal cities all along all along the west coast from Alaska to southern California. I was counting and remembering the cities, but it startled me awake. I sat up in bed this startled me again because I could still heir the lady naming off coastal cities. I have "no Radio" in my room. Then the lady on the radio just slowly faded off, still naming off Coastal city's that had got nuked. This startled me so much I forgot the number and names of the cities. But they were all coastal cities, several of them!!!

(Note)
It is interesting to know, that the Russian cold war plan, was that in the event that America attacked Russia. that Russian military was to launch a nuclear counter strike against all US coastal city's, then send high altitude air burst nukes over the rest of America, EMP nukes to knock out all electric and telecommunications. Now if Russia was to strike first, like Russia and china does in my dreams, then who's to say they wouldn't use this same plan? I feel it's important enough to say considering the dreams the lord has been given me lately.

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The Great Wave And The Tower

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Last night, I dreamed a very vivid and important warning dream. In the dream, it was a setting that was placed in an island region. I was on a beach with many people and was walking along the shore.

In various scenes, we did normal things, like wading, walking in the waves, and talking.

After a few scenes, I was talking to a young island man. He was showing me a tower type dwelling that he had built. It was standing out on the reef. He said that he lived in it. I asked him why he lived out in the tower structure on the reef, and not on the island like the others. He said because of the wave.

He began to tell me of warnings of a huge wave that he had been getting for a long time. He had dreamed of it previously, and it was a very black wave that was hundreds of feet high, it seemed. He told people, but no one listened, so he quietly moved out to the reef.

I looked at it, and it was like a tall rickety bamboo or wooden pole type structure, with very long legs. At the top was a room that he slept in at night. It was like I could see it from close up, even though we were still far away from it, while we talked. It was a simple wood room that he had placed some things in, and he slept there in the evenings and went out the island during the day.

I was dubious that it would hold up under any wave, much less a big one. But he said that it was stronger than it looked and that God had showed him how to build it, and it would stand. The wood was strong.

I then had a sense of danger, and had a vision of huge waves coming towards the island. So I told the man, and we looked and they were coming.

The man told me to follow him. So I began to follow him under a cement underpass of sorts and climbed over some structures and went around a water way and some bushes. As we went, I noticed that no one else was even paying much attention, but went about things normally. We kept moving towards the shore and the reef, from the island.

After a while, some people tried to follow us, but were prevented by the brushy terrain, and then they started trying to repent, but could not. They tried to promise to serve God, but they could not follow us somehow.

I saw a jetty or pier of sorts that stuck out into the water, with several levels to it, and there were people lying all over it on the second level that had no legs and arms. They were just trunks. They did not want to be moved, when I warned them as we passed by them in our haste, but one lady said that she was comfortable there. I don't know why they were all that way.

Other people were moving about on the other levels. Some had noticed the waves coming. Some were trying to get into homemade rafts and float out into the waters to ride out the waves. Some were trying to run and soon people were panicked, and people began to run inland on the island.

The first of the waves hit and much was lost, but we kept going. At one point, during the wave hitting us, I was sucked down into the water, in a whirlpool type of thing, and was feeling the weight and pressure of the undertow of the ocean, and was afraid that I was not going to be able to make it back to the surface. But in my state, I began to realise that I could breathe while in the long skinny eddy. It seemed that it was a type of protection instead of a death threat. I was not afraid after I realised that I could breathe.

Then, I was out and again climbing outwards over the reef towards this tall skinny room on stilts. We reached the structure and climbed up and got inside. It was a small simple room and it was made entirely of boards and sticks.

I then saw in a vision this even bigger wave coming at the room. It was a great black wave. Like none men had ever seen before. It hit the structure and some of the boards began to come loose and separate, but the room did not fall apart. It did hold, even though some water came in. We did not perish in the wave, but it stood on its tall skinny legs through it all.

End of dream.

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Notes:

I must say, that over the years, I have had numerous tidal wave dreams and visions. I have seen many huge ones and many destructive ones and many that were coming on the horizon, and always in them, I am running and warning people of it's coming...

This is one of the few times that I have been in the wave activity and experienced it's fierceness. This is also the only time that the Lord showed me a principle of His within the dream, that I participated in, within the dream. This shows the seriousness of absolute obedience to the Lord's instructions, no matter what we think of things. Things are not always as they seem to be, and if we trust our own judgments, we will perish ourselves. We must trust and follow the Lord.

The only place to be is in the center of His Will. He has a place for His People, whether it is right in the path of a storm or in the wilderness. He is God. He is our Shelter and it is IN HIM, that we will be safe. We will not fear, nor be dismayed, for we are His.

There are many spiritual tidal waves coming and many natural ones in the days to come.

Many earth changing events will be played out, as we come to the end, but through it all, we have a covenant keeping God, that walks with His Own through it all.

-Susan

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Do Not Get Caught Up In The Signs Of My Coming
Susan Cummings

Do not get caught up in the signs of My Coming. Disentangle yourself from the cares and the weights that others put upon you. Do not be concerned for the changes that will take place, for I have already told you what would come in My Word. You already have the facts before you.

What you need is to get before Me, and allow Me to prepare you for those changes. So many of My

Children are running to and fro, racing to find the latest fact, when they cannot see beyond their own limitations. Men will never figure out all that I will do, no matter how much they run, how much they inquire, or how much they dig. The only place to be is before Me.

I am moving in the earth. The earth is responding to My movings. Men are running and seeking to find out why the earth travails, and do not have sense to realize that it is Me moving in the earth. I am the God of all things. I created everything, and use all things for My Purposes. Men have defiled My Creation through sin, rebelliousness, and negligence, and now Creation travails to be released from it’s bondages.

I have warned My people to come to Me. I have done all that I am going to do to warn the generations. I have warned enough, and still many will not receive Me. So the shakings will show forth more of what I am doing. Justice responds to injustice. The seeds have come to fruition and will reap after their own kind. The reaping season has already begun.

The separation will continue till Mine are thoroughly purged and removed. All that is not Mine will be given to it’s master. For the reaping is overtaking the sowing and what is not Holy is now remaining unclean. The shifting is only the beginning of the travails. The travails have only begun, and men already run. What will you do when I fully come?

The shifts must take place for the complete separation to be fulfilled. That which is destined for the Throne is ascending, and that which is destined for the pit is descending. Each after it’s own course. Natural events show forth what I am doing in the Spirit. Those who have eyes to see, will see. Those who have rejected the Truth, will not.

Do not get caught up in the Signs of My Coming. But be found in My House. Be found with oil in your lamp and found watching at My Gates. Be found faithful until the end.

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The Graveyard Of Regret

Bill Burns

October 17, 2005

I saw a demon spirit come in during the preaching. He came in as a dark mist close to the ground and hid under a jacket. He took a position of opposition to the message being preached. I was going to bind him and make him leave, but the Lord told me to wait and watch. He stood by the drum and created his pressure against the work of God. He would thump the drum and point at people in the congregation. This demon spirit created a vibration against each one he pointed at. And, the pressure of his influence caused each person to get up and walk into the valley of death in the spirit realm. In that place, you would go to a place where you had erected a grave stone. These grave stones had many different names written on them. Some were labeled "my peace"; some were labeled "my joy"; some were labeled "broken relationship"; some were labeled "hard circumstances." One of the biggest monuments was labeled "rejection." Each person took flowers to place at these grave stones, and you were weeping and lamenting with great sorrow at what had occurred or what had been lost. In some cases it was the death of a dream and in other cases it was a prophetic word that had not yet been fulfilled. And, the Lord said, "You need to let My people know that they need to turn those grave stones over and never again lay flowers of lamentation, sorrow, and woe upon them, and when they do so, they are being moved by the power of death." That death is preventing you from coming forth into what God has prepared for you and keeping you from His anointing in this season. If you continue in sorrow, the devil can lock you into that place. That valley becomes a valley of dead bones. You cannot go there any more because to do so will perpetuate whatever situation is depicted by the monument. Purpose in your heart to not go there again.

October 18, 2005: I say to you, the place of dining is not just a place of eating, but a place of receiving that which I have given to you. For, the power of My Spirit comes like a dove to rest upon the psalmists and prophets. Indeed the remnant church will be prophetic, and those that seek Me with all of their hearts shall receive that which I have saved. The best wine has been saved for last, and I am pouring out the wine of My revelation upon the hearts of My chosen ones in these days that they may drink fully at My table and eat sumptuously in My presence. They shall arise and fulfill their commission. I will find a company of people who walk in faith, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns

October 21, 2005: Face your difficulties with courage and boldness, and refuse to become a victim of the enemy's tactics. But, remember that your war is not with flesh and blood. Be careful to discern your own short-comings, and do not shift blame in any situation. *Matthew 7:3 "And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye?"* I will vindicate you if you will take full responsibility for your own actions and forgive others, says the Lord. *Ephesians 6:12 "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

October 20, 2005: Take your position on your spiritual wall and watch for the enemy to attack in areas that you are quite familiar with. It is the devil's strategy to activate old areas of difficulty and failure. It is vital that you take the time to recognize the point of assault and refuse to allow emotional reactions to take over. Do not react to your circumstances in fear, discouragement, disappointment or self-hatred. Remain calm. No matter how vehement the onslaught, resist the temptation to get self-focused and overwhelmed with your circumstances or current situation. Fight the good fight. Victory is assured. *1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Marsha Burns

October 19, 2005: Be alert and be strong. When in doubt about your next course of action, ask for wisdom, and I will give it to you liberally. And, do not be afraid of what you might have to face or deal with. I will not forsake you or leave you to your own devices when things get tough. I will not let you down when you lean on Me and trust Me, says the Lord. Your faith is always rewarded. Therefore,

keep the faith without wavering, and I will certainly bring you through to victory.
Marsha Burns

October 18, 2005: Beloved, when you feel like you are out of step and surrounded with chaos and confusion, take the time necessary to clear the spiritual atmosphere of demonic activity. You do not have to suffer the indignation perpetuated by these powers of darkness. Quiet your soul, and seek to arise to the light of My presence and glory. Let My peace subdue the enemy and all of his tactics, and put him under your feet, says the Lord. *Romans 16:20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

Marsha Burns

October 17, 2005: As you break away from the past you will discover that you are breaking through the things that have hindered your progress. To the degree that you release yourself from past rejections, disappointments and failures, to that same degree will you be propelled into the freedom of the new season. *Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.*

Bill Burns

October 10, 2005: I had a vision of a pool of blood. It was a small pool of blood, but I saw the Holy Spirit begin to move on it like He hovered over the waters in the beginning. And, the pool of blood began to expand. The Lord said to me, "Do you know what you are seeing?" I said, "Maybe, but I'm not sure." You know when God asks you a question like that it is because He wants to show you more than you already know. And, the Lord said, "I want you to begin to pray for an expansion of the revelation of the power of the blood and the blood covenant so that My people can live in the fullness of what I have given them. There is tremendous power in the covenant."

The Lord says, "As you prosper in the word, so shall you prosper in the land. As you prosper in prayer, so shall you prosper in the land. As you prosper in spirit, so shall you receive the double portion and prosper exceedingly abundantly above all that you could think or ask. As children of promise and heirs of all that I have, I will distribute My wealth as I see fit. I shall distribute among the faithful and to those who prosper in the things of the Spirit. But, also you will prosper in the earth, for in the days ahead you will need what I give to you, My chosen ones, those who walk in covenant with Me and those who are faithful to meet the conditions of covenant. It shall be given to you pressed down, shaken together, and running over. All that you need you will obtain in order to do that which I have set you to do."

Marsha Burns

October 14, 2005: I have revealed some things for you to watch for and expect, but this is no time to shout it from the roof tops. I trust you to hold these things in the secrecy of your own heart for a time. I have given you this insight by way of preparation and intercession, says the Lord. I am teaching you to learn when to speak and when to remain silent in obedience to the leading of My Spirit. This lesson will be very valuable to you also in the days ahead. *Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to keep silence, and a time to speak.*

October 13, 2005: Do not despair because of your seeming lack of direction. Trust Me to bring you through the maze of confusion and the fog of uncertainty. I have gone before you to prepare the way for you, but you must wait a little moment and be patient until it is time for you to continue on.

Certainly, I will give clear direction and precise wisdom as I guide your steps. Do not be afraid or lapse into a state of disappointment and depression, for I am indeed with you. I am your ever present help in times of trouble, says the Lord. Keep the faith! *Proverbs 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.*

October 12, 2005:

Matthew 25:
1 ¶ "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,
4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'
7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
8 "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9 "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'
10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'
12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

Beloved, do you have oil in your lamps? I want you to take this parable personally. You are My lamps, and the oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit, says the Lord. You are the light of the world. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit to keep your light shining. Today is the day to wake up spiritually and to be filled again so that your light will shine brightly. You live in perilous times, and you must always be prepared.

October 11, 2005: Take time to seek My face, says the Lord, for there are things that you have had difficulty in understanding as though being shrouded in darkness. But, I say, darkness shall become as noonday and that which has been hidden will suddenly be revealed. What you could not understand in the natural realm will become perfectly clear in the spirit realm and will light the path ahead of you in ways that are nothing short of miraculous. You must come to Me, however, for these things to be revealed with clarity. Come. I wait for you.

October 10, 2005: I am moving through your difficult circumstances in a way that will cause you and those around you to give glory to the Father. You will look back at this time and see that even though it was painful in many ways, the miraculous work of the Spirit was laced through it all. Do not forget that all things work together for good because of your love for Me and because you have been called according to My purposes, says the Lord. (Romans 8:28) Do not despair or be discouraged, for these are excellent opportunities to see the mighty hand of God working in your life.

Take Heed To My Spirit

Susan Cummings

Began at 5:40 am 12-11-05

My Children,

I have told you that things would change and new things would begin. I say to you, that the Mysteries are now to be revealed and are also now to be unfolded as you walk with Me.

The time is far past for seeking My Face, for now those who should have come, will no longer have the Grace to ascend. For the door to the deeper truths being available to all in the closing season, has begun to close. The purging and the refining that was necessary for the containment and functioning in the greater revelations has ended in it's season. All this I have told you.

Now comes the demonstration of the Word that you allowed to be formed within you. The hidden Truths will now be brought forth in the vessels that were made ready. Great will be the persecution of the greater works, but great will be the demonstration from heaven through the Precious Seed and amongst those who believe.

Know that I have gathered you, and that I have prepared you. I have made all things ready. My Hand will rest upon you in greater measures, even this night. For the hour is passing and even time itself is changing. And the dimensions of My Word within you is now activating. You are experiencing the power of transformation, the process of My Resurrection Power, as it flows within you and now through you. For My Word is alive.

As My Word brings life to those who embrace it, and to those who embrace it, so will My Eternal Word bring you more fully into My Purposes for you. But those who reject Me as I now come with demonstration of My Truths, the Word itself will judge them, and their fate will be sealed by their choice.

All things are changing- yet few understand the Transition

All things are passing away- yet few see the Truth

All things are being fulfilled- yet few believe My written Word

All things are Mine- yet few will receive Me, as I AM

Take heed to My Spirit, as I move then you also will move. As I speak, then you also will speak. As I release the Mysteries to My Vessels, so you also will partake of the Hidden Manna, and then you will feed My Sheep. Hold back no longer, but be strong and fear not. Great is the reward to those who are Blood bought, and who deny Me not.

Ages have come and ages have gone upon the earth, and each of them I have wrought My Work. Even amongst men who mocked and ridiculed, but I say, it is finished. I have done all of My preparations for this hour. I am now bringing forth the Change and now comes forth My Demonstrations.

Wave upon wave will I now release. Demonstration upon demonstration will be seen, before all who did not believe. For the hearts of men will pass through My Sieve. As this final Age comes to an end and I will gather Mine unto Me.

Great Mysteries hidden from the beginning will now begin to unfold before men as they now come face to face with their rebellions. Hearts will break and be rent as they behold Me, the God they rejected, will move before them.

Also, each unfolding that comes forth, will also cause natural reactions as well. The earth will further travail and shake, for the power of My Word will increase with each revelation that comes. For My Word upholds all things, and judges all things. All that is fallen in nature and all that has been dimmed by the separation from Truth, will now come face to face with My Light, and great will be the reaction between the darkness and the Light.

Prepare yourselves. Stand firm and fear not. All is well and is not the end yet. It is only the demonstration. But many will cry out that it is the end. Yet I am only shaking the heavens and the earth and the hearts of men. What will they do when My Glory fully descends?

Yet, I am coming, and have indeed already come. But few noticed the transition that took place, and I will even bring greater transformation amongst the coming destructions. It has already begun.

You have known, for I have showed you

You have prepared, for I have purged you

You have stood, for I have tested you

You will bring forth, for I have filled you

It is time to reveal the unfolding Word of Mine. The operation and function will be seen in the midst of the changes, for the transition is complete, and the boundaries are set. Yet, the greatest waves will come, one upon the other, as I gather and release, and set up My Kingdom in the hearts of men.

My Kingdom is within you, and so much more. There are even more parts yet to explore. I will bring them forth, and you will know Me even more. For My Word will unfold within you, upon you, and through you, as I open the revelations reserved for this Hour. For great will be the demonstration that will come from the birthing forth.

Take heed to My Spirit, and do not waver. For greater shakings upon the earth will I bring as I deal with the sin and the hardened hearts of men. But upon you, will My Fire greatly descend and you will be carried upon My Winds. For I have fashioned you to now be sent. To you, the veil is fully rent, and to walk in the revelation and demonstration of My Word, and to reap My Harvest and My Judgments. For My Sword will judge all things and Life and death will follow each choice.

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You Are To No Longer Stand Your Ground
Susan Cummings

You are to no longer stand your ground, but you are to fully stand upon My Ground.

It is time to cross over and to stand completely rooted, and grounded upon Me.

No longer can you continue to walk in your own ways and thinking, and making your own decisions. You must abandon your stance and your opinions, and lay them down. You cannot serve your own self, and continue to walk with Me.

It is time to draw the line, and choose which side you will stand upon.

Where your heart is, that is where your god is.

Do not think that I cannot see the things that you rely upon in your hearts, and I know the security, pleasure and satisfaction that it brings to you. These things will deny Me, and will cause you to walk further away from Me, if you do not look deeply into this and see the root. All gods will be exposed for what they are, even the idols in your own heart will be laid bare.

Come out from among them!

Place your feet upon My solid rock, My People. I will have no other gods before Me, and there will be no areas in your hearts and lives that are not totally given to Me, if you choose to walk with Me.

Total commitment to Me is required and is given. For I will sup with those who sup with Me, and give Myself freely to those who give themselves freely to Me. My Covenant is with those who love Me and fear Me, and who withhold nothing from Me.

All ground that is not Mine, will fall before Me, for I AM. Including your heart and paths.

Take heed and see where your path leads.

For I am coming and searching out amongst the Lampstands, and many will be removed in this hour.

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The Horsemen Are Coming

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The Lord told me to sit down and write.

I can hear galloping hooves coming towards me. They are pounding furiously into the ground and the earth is shaking. I hear the Lord saying, "The Horsemen are Coming! The Horsemen are Coming!"

I looked up and saw the Army of the Lord coming towards me, mounted on horses bold and fierce, ready for battle.

I asked the Lord, "What does this mean?"

"Come and see. Come and see, for you will know the sight and taste of battle in the days ahead.

For there is much change coming to this nation and this world, for it is time.

For, they are not ready for it. Many would rather stay in the past and only dream of the "Glorious Days Ahead".

But I say to you, "The Glorious Days Ahead" will not come forth without fight or struggle.

For even now, I divide the ranks of men. Even now, I am separating sheep from goats. Do you not see it in the earthly realm? Do you not see and sense the upheaval and dissention among men? Do you not see the dissatisfaction?

For without dissatisfaction they would not be ready for change. Without dissatisfaction they would continue to cling to the world and not desire things of Me. Only by being unhappy with yourselves are you willing to open the doors to change.

There stands three doors before you.

Door #1. This door is gray and has cobwebs around it. It has mementos on it that remind you of wonderful memories from the past. This door is the Past. Do you want to continue to go back to the past and live in it? If so, go. This is your choice. Live in it. But don’t come forth into My Glory.

Door #2. This door is beautiful to behold. It is covered with a finish that seems to change color every time I look at it. Each time it is more appealing than the last time I looked at it. This door speaks of luxury and the world. There are items that hang around the door and they too, change to things more appealing every time I look at it. The door is enticing me to open it, to stay where I am. This door is the Present. It is now. And the Lord said, "Are you happy with yourself now, your lifestyle, friends, those things around you, your job? Are you satisfied in "living the good life"? If so, stay here, do not seek change, but stay lukewarm in your relationship with Me.

Door #3. Or is it door number three that you will choose, the door of change? This is the door of struggling, battling, and birthing. Yes, this door has blood on it. It isn’t pretty or comfortable. Be careful as you open it, for it is filled with challenge. It is filled with things for you to overcome. For each person it is different. Is this the door that you choose? For this door will open you to change, to intrigue, to things you may not want, where you will have to make greater decisions - some for life or death - not only for you, but for others, also.

Is this the door you choose? For this is not an easy door to come through. This means that you accept that I may turn your life upside down and inside out in the next week, day, or minute. This means that you are willing to trust Me with your life. This means you are open to My change and whatever I want for you - not necessarily what you want, but always what **I** want. Are you ready for this challenge?

Are you ready to reach up to the door handle and turn the knob? For through this door is a greater and more intimate relationship with Me. Through this door you will enter into the fire of My purging. Through this door you will enter into new gifts and revelation of My spirit. Are you ready for this door? Are you ready **and** do you want everything that it has for you **and** are you willing to go through everything that you will need to go through to get to where **I** want you to go? I didn’t say, where you may want to go, I said where **I** want you to go.

If this is the door you choose, then mount up on the white horse that is in line. For he is waiting for a rider that is willing to be obedient to Me, no matter what. He is ready for the battle and he is true to My wants and desires. Mount up and come through door number three that we may become as one. That people will look at you and see Me. Come forth into My Glory and the passion and fire that I have made you for. That you will be one who will battle to bring forth change and My glory into the earth realm. Mount up and Come!

Thanatopsis A Meditation On Death

Becky McLendon

Thanatopsis: A Meditation On "Death"

“Who can understand such a God—the God who wrote the three–billion letter software code in the DNA molecule of every human cell?” Herbert Vander Lugt.

Apparently the governments of this earth’s geo-political system have been so blinded by the so-called “justice” of man that they cannot understand “such a God.” I think upon the symbol for “justice”—She holds a scale in balance and wears a blindfold. In the sense of a human justice without the infinite wisdom of God it is impossible not to “take sides.” The highest courts of this land have proven that this week. They based their decision not on what is RIGHT but on what is right in their own eyes, which, according to the Word they have rejected, spells DESTRUCTION.

Man has taken that awesome molecule of DNA which makes up human life and ruled on the side of DEATH, beginning with every bloody war fought for selfish reasons, for financial gain, or political power; moving on to aborting the unborn and now letting the infirm and the invalid die.

Our constitution guarantees us the right to LIFE, but the courts now give us the “right to die,” which we can see, has now become a right to murder whom we decide does not need to “live.” People we don’t agree with? Babies? The infirm and the invalid? The mentally off person? The elderly? The Jew? The Christian? Where does it end? The same people who push for the “right to die” lament the death of animals, and cry over seals, snail darters and whales. Some think hunting is cruel as is commercial or even sport fishing. Yet people have the “right to die” and man has the “right to decide” who has the right to die.

God says there is a way that seems right to a man, in his own eyes, but in the end it spells destruction. “He who trusts in His own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.” Proverbs 28:26.

How long will humankind teeter on the brink of destruction before God rules on the side of that destruction?

Now, to you in other nations who would sit in judgment of the USA and our “bad President” and our “evil nation”: consider the blind judgment carried out by your own “bad leaders” and your own “evil nation,” for wicked men who follow the way that seemeth right in their own eyes occupy every geographical land mass on this planet! All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory and His perfect holiness, if they are following in the way that seemeth right in their own eyes rather than THE Way, the Truth and the Life. The “man of lawlessness” is no respecter of persons. His fellowship extends to EVERY tribe, tongue and nation throughout all generations. We are all under a veil of BLIND stupidity and will be until 2 Chronicles 7:14 becomes part of our life’s blood.

“If My people which are called by My Name shall humble themselves, pray and seek My face and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN shall I hear from heaven. THEN shall I forgive their sins and THEN shall I heal their land.”

“Thus saith the Lord, Consider your ways.” Hag. 1:7

God will have a people who say *”I will speak of your testimonies also before Kings and shall not be ashamed.”* Ps. 119:46

This people will rise up in Christ-likeness and this earth will witness the joining of His Head to His Body. The Governor of governments, the Name that is named above all names, the King, before whom all the kings will bow will be established forever and….

“There shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it.”
Rev. 22:3

So be it God is not mocked, for whatsoever you sow, so shall you reap.

He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justice, to love kindness, And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Amen and Aman.

Becky

The Horsemen Are Waiting

Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

A Word from the Lord received 5/21/05

Do not be alarmed nor disrupted by the changes that are about to take place in your life as well as the lives of many around you and in the world.

For even as you have called forth change, the winds of heaven have been blowing greatly; and even as they have been blowing greatly in the heavenlies, so are they about to on earth.

For know, that in the days ahead, that the end times have come and, even though many have prepared, there are many more that are unprepared. For I say to you that judgment is coming. Therefore, be careful to not judge others, for you too will be judged in the same way (Matt. 7: 1-3).

Look for storms of cataclysmic sizes, geologic changes in the earth, and death and destruction to come in for a short time. I have said for a short time, yes, because it will take these things to wake people up. Yes, I am a God of mercy, and it is for this reason that I am allowing these things to happen rather than total death and destruction, as I did to Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19:13, 24-25), or in the days of the great flood of Noah (Gen. 7:19-23). For yes, even during those times, I saved My remnant, and it is for the remnant that this message is for.

For it is for My remnant that I have chosen to show mercy. For there are many who are part of that group who have not yet awakened to My call. There are many in that group who have had a web cast over them by the enemy that has dulled their senses. Many of them have been bitten by the spider and poisoned by its bite, that they have become hurt, bitter, and hold unforgiveness towards those I love. The bitterness has caused a veil to come down over their eyes that they have not chosen to remove. For they would rather walk in self-pity, self-righteousness, self-destruction, self-hatred, and selfishness, than to walk fully in My ways of truth, righteousness, and love of mankind.

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! WAKE UP! For I, your God, have called you to WAKE UP to the wiles of the enemy, that you will not be caught sleeping or unaware anymore!

WAKE UP before the earth begins to shake greatly of the days ahead. WAKE UP before you hear My voice cry out in the heavenlies.

For I am grieved that it has come to this. I am grieved that many have turned their backs on Me and chosen the ways of the world and selfishness rather than My ways.

WAKE UP and be ready. WAKE UP and be prepared. WAKE UP and know that I am God. WAKE UP and know that those who have stood in truth and righteousness and love will continue to stand.

Those who have not are on shaky ground and will continue to be until they choose. For the doors are open, and they must choose which door they want to reside in - Door #1, Door #2, or Door #3. The Horsemen are sitting and waiting for others to join them, for there are yet horses without riders.

It is a time of decision and also a time of sorrow and great happiness. For it is also a time of great harvest. For out of sorrow can come great joy or great despair. Will you, My remnant, be prepared? Will you be ready to help, to serve, to lose your life to Me, so that all parts of your flesh might be lost, so that I might use you for My Glory? Will you be ready?

If you choose to be ready, then call forth change. CALL FORTH CHANGE! For I am ready to work on your behalf, and on My behalf for My Kingdom to come forth in the earth realm.

Mount up, and COME FORTH INTO CHANGE! COME FORTH INTO MY GLORY!

Time Has Been Bought

Mike Tucker

2-8-05 *Dream: I saw a large clock face laying flat. The clock face was like a gigantic stone wheel with notches on the perimeter. In its middle was like a large landscape. The time on the clock moved backwards a few minutes.*

Later in the day I was led to begin interceding again for the US and the Body. During these prayer times I was specifically led to pray for President Bush. While praying for him the Lord spoke in my heart, ‘Release the Spirit of Wisdom over him’ and as He said this I saw one of Bush’s eyes closed shut (yes you can still see with one eye but you lose depth perception). After speaking the release the Lord showed me a picture of both his eyes wide open. While finishing prayers for Bush, the Lord so clearly spoke in my heart, ‘Time has been bought’.

I know deep in my heart, if the not for the Body, the US would have been overrun years ago. Yes there is still great sin piling up, but the Lord’s eyes is on the completion of His Bride. That which was imminent is stayed a little while longer for the sake of the Body. Let those who are in the valley of decision come quickly while time permits. Let those who are preparing continue.

Bid the Pope farewell

2-3-05 *Dream: I saw a large stained glass window before me. Old Latin words were sealed into it. I was reading the words fluidly but my soul did not comprehend. Then when I finished reading, the Lord spoke, ‘Bid the Pope farewell’.*

At this time it has not been disclosed to me if Pope John Paul II will pass away or simply step down. But this event is a significant marker for the end times. I encourage the Body to read the prophecies of St. Malachy. He was an extraordinary prophet in the 12th century and he prophesied about all the remaining Popes to come until the very end. Each Pope was given a specific marker to identify them. According to his prophecies, there are only two popes remaining (after John Paul II). The last Pope will go through the great tribulation.

2-9-05 While pondering about the above words the Lord spoke in my heart, ‘Time has been put back, but everything is on schedule.’

They Have Belied The Lord

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Among cardinal virtues of Christianity is hope faith and charity, with charity holding the highest position.

I love to think on things that give me reason to hope for better times, better life and desirable destiny. I did not always hold this perception but reading scriptures brought me to realise that that is God’s preference for His child. (See Phil 4:8 …*Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise* NLT)

Consequently, I am bothered when I have to constantly write on matters whose positive attributes may not be too obvious.

Paul reminds us that …*no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby* Heb 12:11. By God’s own design, I am called to correct, to redefine and to realign! I envision times when believers will exemplify maturity, understanding and integrity, having a public image that relays the Person of Christ Jesus in true light. That is why I write my kind of articles. I wish I didn’t have to, but then that is the ministry I have received, and I am not disobedient to my heavenly vision.

Different Levels Of Revelation

The problem with church is not so much a question of ignorance. No, Christians are knowledgeable people. To accept salvation is a good measure of understanding. But knowledge comes in different levels of revelation and that often occasions conflict among believers. It is a quarrel from suspicious observers who think someone is not telling the truth because different ministries seem to relay different images of the same thing.

Picture a group of people looking at a mountain from different vantage points. Now ask them to report what they see to another group that is far removed from the scene. Some of those who receive the reports have their own ideas on what a mountain should look like. They could have heard stories from others or even viewed the alps from certain angles. Might there be a disagreement? Would that necessarily imply that someone is lying?

A mountain is not a one sided image. Nor does it have one item to display. From vegetation to bare rock, hills and valleys, the mountain is a display of many different things. If someone should describe it by talking about vegetation, such one would not be wrong as he would be inexhaustive. But then, many factors will always prevent a single source from being exhaustive in any given matter.

That necessitates search for needed information wherever it may be found. Gravity of need will often determine the seeker’s sources of information and its no wonder that some see scanty bits and pieces as masteries. The seeker may not have been propelled by a life-and-death situation. It is okay to pride in what one has acquired but that should never deter further exploration. Matters of salvation are eternal and I would like to encourage everyone to attach the seriousness they call for.

“The Lord Told Me”

If one statement has been misused in Christendom, I nominate the phrase, “the Lord told me” as first in that line. It is difficult to decode the speaker’s meaning and even more when others are supposed to respond to ambiguous messages. It causes confusion and irritation and often leads people to cynical attitudes in divine matters.

Is that because the Lord never speaks, is not supposed to speak or cannot speak to a person? Firstly, God is a good wise Father who constantly speaks to His children. Says Jesus “…*don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom*.” Luke 12:32 (NLT). One to whom a Kingdom is being bestowed is in constant communication for updates and so on. It is thus encouraging when believers maintain attitudes of expectancy to hear from their heavenly Father.

God Is Not The Author Of Confusion

My attention is drawn on the subject of covenants. Covenant lies at the very core of the Kingdom of God. Salvation is all about covenant. Apart from God’s covenant mediated by His Son Jesus Christ, we would have no basis of relating with the divine. Now covenants are two sided and always involve two parties or more.

In simple terms, covenants are promises and agreements between parties. When we enter into agreements with our brethren, God becomes witness to those agreements. Scripture states, *Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him* Mal 3:16 (NLT).

Jesus warned believers not to swear about anything but to conduct themselves in truth. (Please study Matthew 5:33-37 and James 5:12). To extract vows from believers hoping to compel them to keep their word or tell the truth which they otherwise would not is to misunderstand who a believer is supposed to be. If it is not within a person to keep his word, a vow cannot make him do it. But often, believers go right ahead to make vows, break them, and then claim to have received instructions from the Lord that contravene sealed promises. That is the height of hypocrisy. God cares about the person whose promise is broken. That is why He spoke to Joseph about Mary’s pregnancy. That is why He spoke to both Cornelius and Peter. That is why you must talk it over with the person with whom you have entered into agreement to ensure that its cancellation is an amicable deal. Don’t just call off agreements and expect the other party to run along. They won’t, and you will be held responsible for all the hurt your actions will have inflicted on them.

Jeremiah and the Babylonian Exile

For many years, God warned Israel about impending exile if they didn’t change their ways. However, the people didn’t want to change although they couldn’t ignore Jeremiah’s prophecies. Their corrupt minds had to find a way of defeating Jeremiah’s solemn warnings. They made their own kinds of prophets who told them the lies they loved to hear. Their prophets told them that God so loved Israel that He would under no circumstance deliver them into captivity.

In that situation Jeremiah wrote thus, …*the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the Lord. They have belied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them. Wherefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this* *people wood, and it shall devour them.* Jer 5:11-13.

How the Christian world today compares with this scenario! Most of the messages that are preached across the globe aim at making God's people feel good about themselves regardless of how they conduct their salvation. There exists a natural God-given sense of remorse in every Christian's heart about sin. But this is constantly under attack as people are encouraged to feel good, to forgive themselves and to appreciate their blood-bought right as sons of God without dealing with the sins in their lives.

I would rather a Christian that forever grieves over his sins than a self-righteous fool that forever rejoices in false confidence. True happiness comes from forgiveness of sins (Psl 32) and that makes it impossible for a true believer to feel comfortable without making restitution for offences committed. By restitution I don't mean penance or any form of payment for sin. I wish to emphasise the need to ask for forgiveness from God and those we have wronged. Without that, no matter who says it doesn't matter, and regardless of who teaches that we are forgiven for all past, present and future sins, Christians will not feel nice about themselves. Feelings don't just happen; they are results of events round about one's life.

But it is more dangerous than it seems. Refusal to repent of obvious sins results in hardness of heart. Hardening of heart is responsible for callousness that kills all sense of remorse leaving unfeeling 'Christians' who can commit any kind of evil and smile about it. Be sure those are not the kinds of people you are imitating because they have already seared their consciences in their efforts to belie the Lord. Love God enough to know what His will is for all your life.

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In partnership with God for divine purposes,

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President, **Partners in Travail Gospel Network (PIT–GN)** Nairobi, Kenya. If this article blesses you, please forward it to someone else. Alterations not allowed. Direct your responses to the address above. "…*I travail in birth again until Christ is formed in you*…" Gal 4:19

Running to Eli
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Three times in a row God called young Samuel. The young boy ran to Eli each time saying, "here am I for you called me!"

Samuel did not know any better. All his life, he had served at the temple. Eli was the CEO at that temple and things were fashioned to the high priest's liking. One man's voice was synonymous with authority –Eli's. Whenever you heard it, you ran to respond. So had Samuel learnt and so was he disciplined to do.

We all have learnt to run in certain directions whenever God speaks. Unfortunately, those we run to are not always as honest to direct us to God or induct us on requisite etiquette in responding to the King or Kings. Either they don't know any better or are too malicious to conceptualise a situation that would give others direct access to the voice from on high. Some have ceased to enjoy that privilege in their spiritual lives and are too envious to become bridges by which others could access it. They feel threatened and they act it out.

Men of substance

I must confess that I have never been able to watch a Benny Hinn 'Today is Your Day' programme without a tightening of the throat and tears forming in my eyes. There is something about this man's ministry that cannot be ignored, for God's mark is evidently in it. So are Reinhard Bonnke and a few others.

To glorify men is not my object. What I would like you to see is how the named ministers emphasise Christ Jesus rather than theological arguments. By the way, Jesus is the theme of the gospel, not theology, not men's sins and shortcomings or even human potential! Jesus Christ is the theme of the gospel. He **doesn't** have a solution to every human difficulty as often erroneously supposed; He **is** the solution Himself. His very presence in a person provides the means to deal with any situation that arises. But not all of life's situations have solutions; in some, God's grace to go through them is what we require.

Ministers are not called to manufacture solutions for people's needs but rather to point them to Him Who is the Answer –Jesus Christ. A minister's effectiveness is not in the power displayed through his ministry but in his ability to make Jesus as visible and as accessible to all! A minister who purposely fails to direct people to Jesus will inadvertently create dependants who will wear him out with their many needs. But that is not always an accidental occurrence.

Saved to serve

I am informed that the two silver S's on the lapels of the white uniforms of the Salvation Army represent their 'Saved To Serve' motto. However one looks at it, it is important to remember that God has a purpose in saving us other than to take us to heaven. God has work that needs our contribution on this side of eternity. That may explain why we are not immediately caught up into heaven upon embracing salvation. But the question remains 'what is our individual part in God's work on earth and how do we identify it

Some think that growing wealthy like ancient Job is the goal. It isn't; however wealthy a believer may grow, there will always be a sinner to rival or outdo that level. The same applies to education, fame and other sophistication of life. The world cannot believe in Jesus on account of standards that sinners can themselves beat. Until Pharaoh's magicians couldn't replicate Moses' miracles, they continued to view him as one of their own.

So what is the unique Christian quality that God may use to call the world to Himself? Before I explain that point, I will tell you a story.

A God Who Is Able To Do More Than We Can Ask Or Think! (Eph 3:20)

Something divine happened on Friday 6th May 2005. Of cause something divine happens all the time but media cameras are not always as alert to it as happened that weekend. Amid political haemorrhage on constitutional review in Kenya, the story managed to curve itself a sizeable niche on the front pages of the dailies and television headlines.

A mother dog foraging for food in Ngong forest, Nairobi stumbled on a bundle wrapped in a dirty tattered pair of shorts. She carried it away urgently, dodging every curious person in its path. But the bundle invited curious onlookers as it contained something that emitted wails reminiscent of a human infant's. However, as the dog scurried away to a place they knew not where, the onlookers did not go after it nor try to establish whether indeed a human baby was the day's catch for a stray mongrel.

At around noonday, a peasant's children heard cries of a baby in their compound but could not tell where it was coming from. They alerted their mother and together with her, two boys frantically searched. Tacked protectively between puppy and mother dog lay a tiny baby girl finding security and warmth from carnivorous animals who would have made her their prey had they so chosen.

Kenyatta National Hospital came alive as lungful wails announced the sweet little angel's determination to live. Doctors and nurses swung into action with urgency that is rare to find in that giant medical facility. Of cause the child wasn't well at all, having spent, as it was supposed, two days in the forest. Running a high fever, cold and dehydrated and with tiny white maggots invading her exposed navel and genitalia, only one word could explain why she was still alive –miracle!

Outpouring Of Public Emotion

The public ran amok in the direction of Eli, so to speak. "What is the meaning of this?" Answers came, prompt and weird. "A dog with newborn pappies is loaded with 'motherly instincts'." That should explain why a lone rover couldn't tear an infant to pieces in the dreaded Ngong jungles whose mention evokes horrifying memories of unresolved political murders. About surviving the cold, "well, a baby's surface area is not big enough to be greatly affected by severe temperatures." Kenyans may not see miracles in such things; not long ago a lioness in the sprawling Masai Mara Game Reserve twice tried to adopt an orphaned baby oryx, whose mother she probably had mauled apart!

Never mind the outbursts. Gifts also poured in, to baby and to dog. The family that owned the dog was almost forgotten until they pleaded for mercy too. They had watched as their nameless but now famous 'Mkombozi' (deliverer) was washed, shampooed, de-wormed, treated to mouth-watering pieces of choice beef, operated on to prevent future conception … while they went to bed without a descent meal. I marvelled that the exhibited 'dog motherly instincts' didn't make the experts want to conserve such rare species of a hound.

Offers of adoption rolled into media houses but not to the relevant channels. The infant, whom the nurses christened Angel, was finally going places. At one point it was one step away from death, perhaps abandoned by a mother whose life challenges couldn't let her keep it. In the next instant, offers of its adoption were coming from as far as Korea!

'Mkombozi' too was needed in America and someone was offering about $ 700 for her! But her owner, a peasant housewife, would not hear a thing of it. Not because she had any sentimental attachment to the dog, but because in her own words, "$ 700 is peanuts!" She was schooled by her own 'Eli' who told her that Americans pay any price for anything they wish to have. Welcome to the world of mindsets that Dr Robert H Shuller calls 'locked-in-thinking!'

How Do You Interpret Things?

The God of Elijah sent a raven to feed the prophet with choice meat and loaves of bread for each of the days he spent hiding in a cave by the brook Cedron. Had the bird of prey dropped the meal only once, one would have said that it fell from the beak by accident. But for a raven to bring flesh to a man day-after-day morning and evening is another matter altogether! Now that is the God that scripture describes as …*the same yesterday, today, and forever*! Heb 13:8. What He did for Elijah, He did also for baby Angel using another carnivorous beast –a hungry hound in Ngong forest! He did it also in Moses, Israel's archenemy –Pharaoh nourished their deliverer in his own palace!

The man of the house in ‘Mkombozi’s’ homestead did not have a job. Perhaps because he did not have anybody to speak for him before an employer. Like the paralytic at the Pool of Siloam, he had no man to dip him in at the stirring of the waters. But who would have thought that a dirty, flea-infested nameless mongrel would one day solicit the mercy of an entire nation for the need of his master? Barely two days into the story, the man was having to choose which job to take among many offers. There is not a gate to any homestead’, as a proverb in my vernacular states, ‘that God is unaware of’ (*Ngai ndari thome atoi*).

Are you at the brink of desperation? Look up and see a limitless sky made by the infinite God! Look around and see a vast world with unlimited resources. God is more than willing to open them up for your wellbeing! Stop running in familiar directions that don’t work for you. Neither let people with locked-in mentalities define the parameters of your opportunities! Let God open your **faith eyes**, as Hagar’s, to see your watering well in the midst of a scotching desert. Release your threatened baby into the hands of the never failing God as did Jecobed with her ‘no-ordinary child’, Moses. God is mindful of His children’s needs! Can they **trust** Him to do the impossible?

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In partnership with God for divine purposes,

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President, **Partners in Travail Gospel Network (PIT–GN)** Nairobi, Kenya. If this article blesses you, please forward it to someone else. Alterations not allowed. Direct your responses to the address above. “…*I travail in birth again until Christ is formed in you…*” Gal 4:19

The Blessing

Jim Goll

The Blessing is More Powerful!

I was given a dream revealing to me the power of declaring His blessings. Light was being released over people and cities as they proclaimed the blessing of God's Word. People began to be healed without anyone touching them as darkness was displaced by light. I had this dream repeatedly and I knew it dealt with the power of proclaiming God's blessing. Yes, the power of the blessing is more powerful than the power of the curse!
Defining Our Terms

From Webster's Dictionary:

To Bless: To invoke divine favor on, to bestow happiness, prosperity or good things of all kinds; to make a pronouncement holy; to consecrate, to glorify for the benefits received, to extol for Excellencies.

A Blessing: A prayer or solemn wish imploring happiness upon another; a benediction or blessing; the act of pronouncing a benediction or blessing; that which promotes prosperity and welfare . . .

From the Hebrew Language:

To Bless: Barak – To kneel by implication to bless God as an act of adoration, to praise, salute, thanks . . . a posture of reverence . . .

A Blessing: Berakah – Benediction (an act of invoking a blessing).

The Nature of the Blessing

Pronounced audibly (can be written as well)
Continue on in time – generation to generation
Usually are not just individual, but family oriented

The following definition is true concerning the nature of both curses and blessings.
A word spoken with some particular form of spiritual power and authority for good or evil that sets in motion something that will probably go on from generation to generation. (By Derek Prince)

Examples of Generational Blessings from

Scripture

From God Directly to Abraham:
Read Genesis 12:2, 3

From Melchizedek in Behalf of God:
Read Genesis 14:18 – 20
Transfer of the Generational Blessing:
Read Genesis 25: 9 – 11
Stolen Birthright by Jacob from Esau:
Read Genesis 27:27 – 29
Patriarchal Blessing from Israel to the 12 Tribes:
Read Genesis 49:28

Five Steps to Invoke the Blessing

According to Gary Smalley and John Trent as stated in their excellent book The Blessing – there are five clear steps to invoking a Blessing!

Meaningful Touch
Touch imparts and releases life, warmth, compassion and blessing.

A Spoken Word
After meaningful touch comes a word of loving affirmation.

Attaching High Value to the One Being Blessed
Esteem, give honor, and value to another. Declare Life!

Picturing a Special Future
Envision God's destiny for individuals, churches and cities. Impart hope!

An Active Commitment
Empower others with a practical commitment. Get behind them!

Seven Areas of Blessings We Can Each Tap

Into!

Biblical Promises
Search out God's promises for your life in His Word! The Bible is full of "blessing" with you in mind! Exercise faith and declare your Biblical Promises.

Family Genealogy
Ask the Lord for help as you redemptively look at your family history. What is the family blessing that you are to call forth and pass on?

Ethnic Background
What is your ethnic background? Call for the redemptive gift of God for each tribe and honor the Lord with the gifts He has generationally bestowed!

Church Promises

What is your church background? Call forth the “fire” of John Wesley; the purity of the Quakers; the power of the Pentecostals; the evangelical anointing of the Baptist; the prayer of the Moravians, etc.

Geographic Region – City, State, Nation
What did the founding fathers of your city or state declare and write about your region? What is the redemptive purpose of your city? Were there previous revivals? Call the blessings into being once again!

The Meaning of Your Name
What does your name mean? Why did your parents give you that name? Call forth the characteristics and prophetic purposes of your name.

Personal Prophetic Words
Have there been any gifts of the Spirit vocalized over your life? What has God spoken over you and your family? What promises has the Holy Spirit spoken to you? What blessing does God have waiting for you to fulfill?

Proclaim His Word Over Your Life!

From Numbers 6:24 – 27
The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.

From Psalms 103:1 – 5
Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; who pardons all your iniquities; who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit; who crowns you with loving-kindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like an eagle.

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The Gap That Separates Some
Stephen Hanson

March 28, 2005
And besides all this, between us and you a great ***chasm*** *has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' Luke 16:26*

"I tell you that the day you are now living in will turn into night. I tell you that your nation will be invaded. There will be many that will prophesy that bright days are ahead. I tell you that there are many that are "men pleasers" in this hour. Who is that man or woman who would truly speak for Me?

I tell you that this nation will be split right down the middle. A line is drawn in the sand. I tell you it will be as a great chasm."

(Here the Lord showed me a huge chasm and there was a cliff on the far side and another one on the side close to me. The gap that separated the two cliffs must have been about a mile in distance.)

"This chasm will separate those who truly know what is going to be happening in this hour. This gap will grow wider and wider. I tell you that the days are hastening forward to the time when the anti-christ figure will be revealed. I tell you that it will be but a few months more than a year when this happens. Many think that my time table is pushed into the distant future. I tell you that those who believe this are on the further cliff. There will be earthquakes that come, but this great (earthquake) chasm that I speak of is much greater. "

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The Cup Of My Wrath
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1 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat what is before you, eat this scroll; then go and speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth, and he gave me the scroll to eat.

3 Then he said to me, "Son of man, eat this scroll I am giving you and fill your stomach with it." So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth. ***Ezekiel 3***

[*The Cup of God's Wrath*] This is what the LORD , the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from my hand this cup filled with the wine of my wrath and make all the nations to whom I send you **drink** it. Jer. 25:15

“I tell you that the year 2006 will be the year that will begin the end of the world. For it will mark the time that the anti-christ comes upon the scene. I tell you that there are many that disbelieve this, but when the year opens up they will see new developments of the truth of this. Where have all the “true seekers” gone? Where have they gone that would sit plainly at my feet? “

(The Lord showed me a ladder and I began to climb up it. It was set against a tall cliff of some sort. I climbed it as it went up higher and higher. Then I stood upon a cliff and I was all alone. The sky was dark and cloudy. Then out of the midst of this, a large hand came and reached down to me and beckoned for me to come. I was then in a large room and the Lord gave me a chalice to drink from. I didn’t want to because it seemed to contain vile and dirty things in it. He told me that I needed to drink it if I was to speak His judgments. Finally I decided to drink it. Inside of the cup were all kinds of strange things like bugs and snakes. I thought to my self, ‘surely this was not to be drunk.‘ After I drank it then I saw a scroll that was off to my left. As I looked at the scroll, suddenly from the inside of the scroll came several horses that were running towards me. I asked the Lord why I needed to drink of the cup, and He said:

“You needed to drink of this cup to know of what form my judgments are to come. There are many that think that they can just drink of my beautiful cup. These are those that think that there are just beautiful days ahead. “

“I have called some of you to drink of this cup to prepare those who would listen to you. “

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The Heavenly Elixir

Don Milam

MATT 9:17 "Nor do men put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out, and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

Over the last 25 years I have been involved in many discussions about wineskins. I have also read many books on the subject in my own search to understand biblical patterns for building the church. Men that I have been associated with over the years have all been interested in the pursuit of the restoration of biblical wineskins.

The purpose of this blog is not to discuss the nature of biblical wineskins. The real issue with which we should be concerned is this – where is the wine that is to be poured into the wineskin? The wineskin's only purpose is to contain and preserve wine. We spend so much time trying to create beautiful wineskins that, in the process, we forget our search should be for that heavenly elixir that is poured into the wineskin. What value is all of our carefully crafted wineskins if we have no precious wine to pour into those skins? It is the wine that validates the skin. The wineskin has no value in itself without the sweet wine flowing from heaven's vats.

Joel 2:19 And the Lord will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I am going to send you grain, new wine, and oil, And you will be satisfied in full with them; And I will never again make you a reproach among the nations.

The wine of God is heaven's mixture, not man's, and when received has powerful results. When a person is drunk with wine we say that they are under the influence. Their consciousness has been altered from their normal restrictions and they say things they would not normally say and do things they would not normally do. The wine of God is a divine influencer. When it is drunk at full strength, it makes men and women lose consciousness -- of themselves. They are released from the control of others and come under heaven's sway. Their actions come into a new synchronization with the heavenly will and their words begin to flow in harmony with heaven's sound.

The wine of heaven is a spiritual stimulus, an inspiring intoxicant, and an exhilarating elixir. It has the capacity to create significant change in the life of the imbiber and its influence will eventually be felt by all around them. As the wine of the Spirit saturates the soul of man, a spiritual reaction of mystical proportion takes place initiating a transformation in his deepest being. If this new work is properly tended it will eventually manifest itself in the character of one's life and the content of one's message.

If this, indeed, is true, then it is clear that we must rediscover this heavenly elixir and be quick to rid the Church of the poor substitute that has been served up to us for centuries. Poor substitutes will never truly satisfy our thirsty souls.

The prophet Zechariah gives us a clue to the life-giving ingredients that compose the wine of God and they are clearly revealed in the life of the early Church.

ZEC 4:6 Then he answered and said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord of hosts."

1. The word of the Lord
2. The Spirit of the Lord

ACT 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the Word of God with boldness.

EPH 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

The Scriptures clearly indicate the substantive nature of this spiritual stimulus. It is a mystical union of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. The WORD and the SPIRIT combine, forming a dynamic of spiritual energy with the latent capability of changing the heart of man, as well as the surrounding culture.

The Spirit brings to us the Presence of God. When Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure, He told them that when He left them to go be with the Father He would send the Spirit. The Paraclete, the Alongside One would be the constant presence of God with them, for the Spirit would be within them. Father's Spirit would be an empowering presence that would enable them to speak things they had never learned and do things outside their human capabilities. The Spirit would be the secret to doing the Father's work empowering broken vessels to manifest the glory of God in their own broken condition.

The Word brings to us the Thoughts of God. The Word is the visible expression of the thoughts of God. No man knows the thoughts of God but when the Word is spoken, man knows Father's intentions. The Apostle John recorded that no man has seen God at any time but the One Who was in the secret, intimate places of God. He has come and exegeted Him, explained Him to us. He is the Word—the full and accurate expression of God. In the midst of the multitude of words within the Body of Christ, we have lost the presence of the Word. The Bible is not that Word although it reveals the Word as Jesus taught us. It is clear that Christ is the Word of God and it is Christ Who brings to us a revelation of the true God. He comes to remove all distortions of the image of God that have been created by men. He also comes to unfold to us Father's mind and heart and to expose our own will which stands in contradistinction to Father's will. He is the source of apostolic truth and the substance of apostolic teaching. Somewhere along the way many apostolic ministries took a wrong turn.

If the Church is to ever fulfill her destiny and return to her original glory she must once again drink from the cup of the pure wine of God. She must rediscover what is the true essence of the Gospel. Any other substitute will only guarantee that the Church will continue to remain irrelevant and inept, remaining the continued focus of the world's scorn. We are living in a time when men and women can no longer be fooled by the wine produced in the vats of the minds of men. They long to drink from the sweet ambrosia of heaven's cup and will accept no sour substitutes.

Mark of Cain

by Bill Somers

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In Marvin Byers work, The Final Victory, The Year 2000. he makes a prophetic point that **the end is like the beginning**.

And since Jesus declares in Revelation that He is the Beginning and the End, the beginning must be the same as the end. Since He Is the beginning and the end, and since He changes not, they must be the same.

While this is not a universal principle, it does apply to the Word of God, which is what Jesus is. His name is called the Word of God.

When it comes to understanding the Word of God, you'll find that events and patterns set out in the beginning are repeated in the end. Genesis is the book of beginning; Revelation is the book of ending. Trying to understand the end without knowing the beginning is futile. Yet so many students of the prophetic spend most of their efforts in Revelation.

There are many patterns, types and shadows that begin in Genesis and have fulfillment in Revelation. One of these that I have noticed is to do with the Mark of Cain and the Mark of the Beast.

The Mark of Cain is a type or foreshadowing of the Mark of the Beast.

The Story of Cain and Abel is the story of the beginning of religion. Revelation in the story of the end of religion.
In the Story of Cain and Abel, one pleased God, and one was cursed by God.
Abel's blood cried out for vengeance and Cain suffered that vengeance, eternal banishment..
In revelation, the blood of the saints cries out for vengeance. That vengeance comes with the Return of the Lord. And the eternal banishment of the lost.
Cain was of those who thought to serve God, Abel to obey Him.
The religion of Cain was a sacrifice from the fruit of the earth, which God had cursed. Abel offered a blood sacrifice.
The first murder was a religious murder, the first religion produced a martyr and a murderer.
The end time religions will be the murderers against the martyrs.
Cain's religion has a confrontation with Abel's and God gives favor to Abel. After losing out in this confrontation Cain rises up to smite Abel; and Abel does not resist. Cain is the religious, Able the remnant.
As Cain lost out in comparison when the Lord favored Abel, so the end time church will be favored by being able or allowed to show forth resurrection power. Resurrection power, the unmistakable miracle, is one thing the enemy forces cannot abide because it destroys the fear of death that keeps men in bondage. So that they will then likewise rise up and smite the church after it's triumphs. And then our blood will also cry out for vengeance.
That there will be such triumphs is foreshadowed in several passages.
Jesus three trips around Israel, ministering to the multitudes, before he went to the cross.
Paul made three great missionary trips before going to Jerusalem and ultimately to his death in Rome.
Elisha told the king to strike the arrows on the ground. He struck thrice and stopped. Hence Israel was to have three victories over Syria and then be overcome.
I believe that the end time church will experience three great waves of world evangelization, tremendous victories over powers of darkness. Then it will be overcome.

God has declared the end from the beginning.

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Bill Somers Prophetic Vision

Three Enemies
Chip Brogden

"Anyone wanting to walk in My footsteps must deny Self, take up the cross daily, and then follow after Me" (Luke 9:23).

Some feel they are victorious because they have long ago given up the outward sins of the flesh. They do not drink or cheat on their spouse. They go to church and live a good life. Are they not victorious? Perhaps - but the true test is not their outward deportment but their inward mastery. Before they served satan, and now they say they "serve" God, but in whose power do they serve Him? Do they serve Him in Spirit and Truth, or in flesh and blood? Often they do not serve God or satan, they serve Self. This explains why "church people" are often found to be self-righteous. Their holiness consists of outward things - do not eat, do not touch, do not wear, do not say, do not go, etc. It is a religion which consists of doing or not doing to be seen and approved of men, while the weightier matters - pride, greed, jealousy, ambition, etc. - are covered up. Such is a holiness which comes from Self, and not from Christ; hence, "self"-righteousness is not the same as Christ-righteousness.

God's answer to the problem of Self is the Cross. The Blood takes care of sin, but the Cross takes care of the sinner. The Blood cleanses me from sin, and keeps me from sinning; the cross executes Self so that I no longer desire to sin. By removing the sinner, the problem of sin is eliminated. If I have died to Self then I have died to everything. It is one thing to put away Sin; it is quite another thing to put away Self. Both are necessary in order to overcome.

When You Pray
Chip Brogden

http://www.watchman.net/articles/pray.html

"But when you pray, enter into your closet, and after you have shut the door, pray to your Father in secret; and your Father, Who sees what is done secretly, will reward you openly" (Matthew 6:6).

It does not matter whether your prayer closet is a literal closet or not. The issue is the sort of prayer that is offered, whether it is done to be seen of men or if it is done to be seen of God. If we are praying to the Lord for the Lord's sake then we will want to keep holy things holy, private things private, and sacred things sacred. We will not easily repeat to others the intimate details of these encounters with God. It would seem almost sacrilegious to do so.

Is prayer and worship a lifestyle, or is it an event? If it is an event, if most of our praying is done once a week when we gather together, then we will be lacking spiritually. We will sense this lack when we try to flip a switch and become spiritual enough to pray. But our corporate prayers have their basis in our secret prayers. The real value is not what is seen outwardly, but what we are inwardly, beneath the surface, as we minister to the Lord in secret.

The Place

Maria Magruder

In these last times, God is raising up an army of Believers that will not settle for second best in their lives. Those that will not settle for anything less, but the divine power of God in their lives. Believers that actually believe the Word of God, and have great understanding and wisdom to perform the Word of God, by the Holy Spirit in demonstration and power. God is raising up an army of His champions, that will rule and reign over everything that is to be submitted to God.

Things in these last times are being accelerated and increased. The things of God are being performed quickly, and there is a corporate anointing and blessing that is for every believer, as God desires to see all His people walking and living in success and victory.

Recently I had a vision. In this vision I was standing before the Lord, and I began to speak to Him. I began to say, “Lord with all you have given me to do…” and before I could finish what I was going to say the Lord pointed at me with His finger, and spoke back to me, “Maria, I’m giving you a troop”. The Lord had answered my request before I could even finish speaking, as I knew in the vision that in my heart I was going to say the following, “Lord with all you have given me to do, I need a troop”, and here before I could even get that out of my mouth in the vision, the Lord responds with the answer. At the time I didn’t fully understand what had happened, until the Holy Spirit took me later that evening to Isaiah 65:24

“It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer, and while they are still speaking I will hear.”

The Taylor translation says it this way:

“I will answer them before they even call to Me. While they are still talking to Me about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers.”

Matt 6:8-9
*For your Father knows the **things** you have need of **before** you ask Him.*

This is an example of stepping into acceleration and performance. We are stepping into a whole new threshold of the things of the Spirit where the immediate happens in our lives. The Word of God today is being revealed in greater realms than ever before, which produces an open door into the supernatural things of God and an entrance that brings light and life to us. God has already answered all our prayers. Prayers that we haven’t even prayed yet, however we still need to pray! But God has already prepared every answer, every solution and prepared every provision that we could ever need beforehand. We just need to receive revelation of what has already been prepared for us, and how to tap into heaven for what has been prepared for us to manifest in our lives.

We can only walk in the level of victory and success, of the amount of revelation we have of God and His ways. His word says that “My people perish for a lack of vision” and that word vision means “revelation”. So when we find areas in our life that we have failed at in the past, we can usually look back and see where we lacked a revelation of God’s Word and how to implement it. The more revelation we have by the breathing on the word by the Holy Spirit, the more God results and performance we will see manifest in our lives.

When the Church comes to believe the word of God concerning all of heaven being available to us, and all things belong to us and all things have been prepared for us, we will see a great arising of the army of God like never before, that knows how to get things done in the natural and in the spirit quickly, marching in authority given to us by Christ, and the gates of hell will not be able to prevail against it.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a *living hope* *through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away,* *reserved in heaven for you,* *who are kept by the power of God through faith* *for salvation* *ready to* *be revealed in the last time.*

First of all, lets address this "living hope". This is not the worlds "hope". The worlds hope is "maybe it will happen" or "someday it might come to pass" or a "wishing". This is not Godly hope. The living hope has life. This hope is the earnest expectation of the glory. The glory contains EVERYTHING that God has **prepared** for you for this present time and the future! So this hope EXPECTS, to see the glory manifest. This hope "expects" it doesn't "wish". Wishing is the worlds hope and we are not of this world.

We also read that there are "things" reserved in heaven for us, that are kept by the power of God FOR salvation that are READY for us NOW. These "things" are tied into salvation, as there are "things" that accompany salvation. *Heb 6:9 "But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes,* ***things that accompany salvation****…"*

According to this verse in 1st Peter, "…*reserved in heaven for you"* there are "things" that are to be revealed in the "last times", which we are certainly in now. Most people will interpret this verse as "someday in heaven", but what we have to remember is although our home is on earth right now, all of heaven is available to us.

The word says that whatever we bind on earth is bound in heaven and whatever we loose on earth is loosed in heaven. Right there, is an open door to all of heaven. Anything that you need loosed from heaven is yours. Anything that you need bound from heaven is yours and you have authority over it. The word says "whatever", not "some things". Not only do we have the power to bind and loose in heaven, but Christ has already seated us in heavenly places with Him, that we would operate in the same power and authority He did and does now, as the word says, "*So as He is, so are we now in this present world".*

Back to what 1st Peter says:

*"…reserved in heaven for you**, who are kept by the power of God through faith* *for salvation* *ready (now) to* *be revealed in the last time. "*

So there have been hidden "things" in the past concerning salvation, which are NOW ready to be revealed. Salvation as we already know, or many of us know is more than just a ticket to eternal life. Salvation is a ticket to LIFE, whether here on earth or in eternity. Salvation comes from the greek word "sozo" which means to deliver, to protect, to heal, to provide. So with salvation comes everything that a person needs now. Healing and deliverance is for now, provision and protection is for now. When one comes into salvation, they step into an acceleration of all that God has prepared for them before time was. What has been prepared for the Believer? All things. All things have been prepared beforehand that one may need or even desire by the Spirit. There are things that are ready to be revealed NOW. They have been reserved in heaven for these last times and are now being revealed that all of heaven is available to every Believer. Jesus prayed in Matt 6:10-11:

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"

This verse alone tells us that God wants what's in heaven to be available on earth. Is it God's will in heaven for there to be sickness? Disease? Lack? Sorrow? Poverty? No! You will not find any of these things in heaven; therefore it is God's will on earth for healing, deliverance and provision/abundance. In order to know what is available to us form heaven we MUST know God's will. Do we ever find sickness just every now and then in heaven? No! Therefore its never God's will for one to be physically, mentally or spiritually sick. There is no sometimes God heals and sometimes He doesn't. It's the same thing with abundance and provision. Do we ever find God in heaven needing to re-po a mansion or file for bankruptcy? No! Therefore its not God's will to find ourselves in those positions of debt and lack. But how many of us have been sick at one time or another? And how many of us are in debt? How many of us have found ourselves in situations that left us in lack and "not enough"? I would venture to say there isn't one of us who hasn't experienced some of these things, but it doesn't change the Truth that all of heaven's provision is available to us, and has been prepared for us since before time. As the word says we need to KNOW the things that have been freely given to us by God.

1 Cor 2:6-16 However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But as it is written:

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

*10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, **that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.***

The man who has not received the Spirit of God cannot even comprehend or have any understanding of what God has prepared for those who love God. But the man, who has received the Spirit of God and not rejected Him, has understanding and knowledge that there are "things" God has prepared for those who love him, and "things" that have been freely given to us. Things that "accompany salvation", that have been prepared beforetime for us.

So, what "things" have been freely given to us??? Everything! **All things**. Anything you need is already been prepared and given unto you. Every promise in the Word of healing, finances, deliverance, spiritual gifts, has already been prepared is available to you from heaven and heaven is IN you.

*2nd Peter 1:3 "as His divine power has given to us **ALL THINGS**, that pertain to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

All things have been given to us that pertain to this life, now. If we are partaking of the divine nature, does the divine nature have delay? Or does the divine nature have all things available now? The divine nature supplies everything the earth needs, could it be possible it will supply all things that you need? As a Believer you are part of the divine nature as you have become a new creation in Christ. The divine nature dwells in you. Does the divine nature need to say, "wait, its going to take time to work up a miracle for you? No! Its already prepared in glory. Everything that you could possibly need NOW has been created beforehand just for you!

Vs. 11 says for so an entrance (open door) will be supplied to you ABUNDANTLY into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Other trans says: into the eternal realm.

When you choose to believe and know that God's divine power has given you ALL THINGS that pertain to your life, that its all provided for already, that's when an un-limited entrance is open unto you into heaven's realm and all of heaven is available to you.

This means when your circumstances tells you there isn't enough and contradict God's word, circumstances that contradict what His great and precious promises say, that contradict His un-limited supply- that you make the decision that you have escaped the lack of the world, and you make God's word that ultimate authority in your life, and you speak out what God has already provided for you in faith.

Abraham had an opportunity to speak what looked like the end of him, or speak his destiny. He had a great and precious promise from God, that God would multiply him and make his descendants like the sand of the sea.

Gen 22

Vs. 5 "…stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship and WE will come back to you."

Abraham had already made a choice that God is not a liar, that His word is truth and un-shakable, that if He said He was going to do something, that He would follow through. Abe made a choice that the word of God is the ultimate authority in His life, even though God was telling him to kill what had been promised. Abe made a decision in his heart that even though he may have to slay his only son that God will raise him back up again, and they will come back. And he says to his son, "God will provide a lamb" – He speaks out his faith and confession.

Then God shows up and says, "don't do it Abe" and he finds a ram caught in the thicket. The ram was already prepared for Abe, just like your ram in the thicket has been prepared for you!

Gen 22:13-14
*14 And Abraham called the name of the **place** , The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided." NKJV*

Gen 22:14 And Abraham called the name of that place **Jehovah-jireh***: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. KJV*

Jehovah Jirah is not a name…it's a PLACE! Jesus said, "*I go to prepare a place for you"* When Jesus said "it is finished" on the cross that place for you and I was complete and made available to us.

Eph 4:9-10 "Now this, He ascended-what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens that He might fill/prepare ***all things."***

It's the place where all of heaven is available to you. It's the place where all things are prepared and made ready to you, because they accompany salvation. It's the place where all things are freely given to those who love God. It the place of un-limited supply and performance of the glory, the glory being anything you need.

God before time ever was has gone before you to prepare all that you would ever need.

Vs. 4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the ***PLACE afar off****.*

Your Jehovah Jirah **place** of provision may seem afar off to you, but it has already been prepared for you, and is ready and available for you now. It was afar off for Abe, because he was before the prophesied time, we are IN the prophesied time of Christ!

Eph 2:12-13 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 ***But***

now *in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

We have been deceived in thinking what has been prepared for us is “far off”. It has in-doctrinated us throughout our whole life. The devil has kept us from our inheritance on this earth, and what belongs to us. Its time to throw off those lies and become true believers of what God has said for our lives, our families, our business’ and our ministries, and step into the NOW covenant, the NOW God, the NOW performance, the NOW God results, that bring life and life more abundantly.

All things belong to Christ, and Christ dwells in us, therefore all of heaven is available to us, from within us, as we sit in heavenly places. Christ has prepared a place for us, we are seated in HEAVENLY PLACES NOW!!!

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The Shape of Things to Come

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> *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)*
>
> *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: (Ephesians 1:10)*

Let me spell it out right at the beginning. The shape of things to come is triangular.
OK, what things are we talking about? Really only one thing, but one depicted and described in many ways; the church. I have long seen that several of the metaphors used in scripture for the church have a triangle shape. The most obvious one is 'the mountain of the lord'. Others are less clear.

Lately the Lord has been showing me that practically all of the ways he uses to describe the church have a triangular aspect of some sort, depending on your point of view. In this article we will briefly touch on most of them. First, we will cite some pertinent verses. Then we'll see how they are triangular in shape. Then lastly we will look at their relation to the kingdom.

The Mountain

> . . . Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; . . . . (Isaiah 2:3)

Now this one should be pretty obvious, mountain has a peak in the center and sloping sides all around. From the side it is clearly a triangle.

The Holy Hill Mount Zion

> *Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. (Psalms 2:6)*
>
> *Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. (Zechariah 8:3)*

And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (Revelation 14:1)

> *A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. (Psalms 133:1-3)*
>
> *Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it. (Zechariah 4:7)*

These are key scriptures relating the Mountain of the Lord and the Holy Hill, Mount Zion

The Body of the High Priest

> *It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; (Psalms 133:2)*

Here we see the High Priest described as having skirted garments. These correspond to the sloping mountain sides. Psalm 133 compares the image of the mountain with the image of the High Priest. Both are triangular images.

The Body of Christ

> *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (Romans 12:5)*

> *For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (Ephesians 5:30)*

> *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; (Hebrews 3:1)*

In this case, we see that the image of the body of Christ takes on a triangular shape, since Christ Jesus is spoken of as our High Priest. [In Psalm 133, Aaron acts as a type of Christ.]

The Stone becoming a Great Mountain

> *Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth. (Daniel 2:35)*

> *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. Isa 9:7*

Here the stone is the Lord. He breaks the nations and scatters the pieces. Then they are replaced by his ever expanding mountain.

The Bride

> *For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*
> *This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5:31-32)*

Here we ask you to visualize a bride dressed in her long flowing gown and compare the picture to that of the High Priest in his skirted robes.

The Ship

> *And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. (Matthew 8:20)*

> *And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him*

> *And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. (Matthew 8:23-24)*

The ship is the church, his place of rest. The place he can lay his head. Here we can see that a ship has a high mast in the center with sails and ropes sloping down from the top. Another triangle.

A place to lay the head, a resting place.

> *For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation*
>
> *This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. (Psalms 132:13-14)*

Here the resting place is the triangular Mount Zion.

The Army of God

> *Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 2:3)*
>
> *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (2 Timothy 2:4)*

Now how does an army resemble a triangle? Not in any physical view that I can think of. However in the abstract it does because the chain of command and the table of organization depict a flow of authority starting at the top with the commander in chief and down thru the general staff, the generals, colonels and so on to the rank and file foot soldiers.

The Flock of Sheep

> *I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. (John 10:14)*
>
> *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (John 10:27)*

For this image we ask you to take a short helicopter ride and observe a shepherd leading his flock out into the pasture. As we look down on the we see that He is at the head, followed by the lead sheep and the rest of them fan out behind him, like the wake behind a ship at sea. Triangular once more.

The Family of God

> *According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love*
> *Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*
> *To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. (Ephesians 1:4-6)*

Guess what shape you find in a diagram of a family tree?

The Eagles Wings

> *As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: (Deuteronomy 32:11)*

> *He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. (Psalms 91:4)*

Here the image is of the Lord protecting his people as an eagle shelters her young. The wings spread out to either side give this a triangular shape.

The Fig Tree, The Olive Tree etc.

> *He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. (Luke 13:6)*
> *Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you. (Haggai 2:19)*

> *For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? (Romans 11:24)*

> *To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. (Isaiah 61:3)*

Quite often, the Lord speaks of his people in terms of trees. [I see men as trees, walking.] The figure of the fig tree and to a lesser extent the olive tree are very important. We can see some triangularity in the shape of a tree as well.

Metaphor of the vineyard

> *Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:*
> *And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, ... (Isaiah 5:1-2)*

This description of a vineyard resembles that of a city. There is a high point, the tower in the center, and walls, fences and hedges on either side. It could resemble a triangle seen from a short ways away.

Metaphor of the land of Israel

> *Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. (Ezra 1:3)*

Whenever you go to Jerusalem, according to biblical prose, you go **up to Jerusalem.** From there you can go east and **down** to Jordan, or west and go **down** to the sea [Joppa]. So here we find another triangular image.

The City

> *Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. (Genesis 22:4)*

> *For he* [Abraham] *looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Heb 11:10*

> *Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King. (Psalms 48:2)*

When you view a city from a distance you notice the tallest buildings in the center and shorter and shorter ones trailing off to either side. This forms a triangle.

New Jerusalem

> *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (Revelation 21:2)*

> *And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.*

> *And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, (Revelation 21:9-10)*

In this passage the bride is seen as synonymous with the Holy City.

The Tabernacle

> *A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? (Psalms 15:1)*

> *For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock. (Psalms 27:5)*
> *In Salem also is his tabernacle, and his dwelling place in Zion. (Psalms 76:2)*

> *We will go into his tabernacles: we will worship at his footstool. (Psalms 132:7)*

> *And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness. (Isaiah 16:5)*

> *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. (Revelation 21:3)*

So what is a tabernacle? It's a tent. And tents have tent poles sticking up in the middle and shorter poles on the sides and ropes going down to the earth tied to tent pegs driven into the ground. Once again we see a triangular shape.

The Dwelling Place, House or Temple

> *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God*
> *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone*
> *In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord*
> *In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. (Ephesians*

> *2:19-22)*

> *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

> *Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. (1 Peter 2:5-6)*

Houses and temples commonly have pointed roofs giving them a triangular aspect. The only way you can get a chief cornerstone is by having one corner at the top. Hence you have a pyramid, which is also triangular in shape.

The Pyramid

> *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)*

As the church is a spiritual building, it is built from the top down instead of from the bottom up. At the top we find the Cap Stone, Head Stone or Chief Corner Stone, Jesus. The church must be built on the Lordship of Jesus.

The Action

We see the triangle shape in all these examples of the Church. In certain ones we see some action too. We see an image of something being placed at the top of the triangle.
In Psalm 2 we see the King set upon the Holy Hill

In Zechariah 4, we see the headstone brought forth on the Mountain
In Revelation 14 we see the Lamb standing on the Mountain
In Psalm 133 we see the anointing ointment on the head and the dew on the mountain, both flowing downwards.
In Matthew 8 we see mention of a place to lay the head; and the Lord sleeping in the ship.

All of these instances speak of the same thing. Laying the headstone on the temple is laying the head on the body. The temple is the resting place of the Lord; and the body is the place of rest for the Head. The Lord is the head!

In Psalm 132, David speaking [as a type of Christ] says he will **have no rest** till he builds a dwelling place for God.

> *Surely I will not come into the tabernacle of my house, nor go up into my bed*
> *I will not give sleep to mine eyes, or slumber to mine eyelids*
> *Until I find out a place for the LORD, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. (Psalms 132:3-5)*

And then the Lord responds to his servant identifying the resting place as Mount Zion [a type of the Church].

> *For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation*
> *This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it. (Psalms 132:13-14)*

We often speak of the church as the body of Christ or as the House of God. According to these examples the construction of the House [temple] doesn't begin till the foundation is laid. Likewise, the assembly and following growth of the body doesn't begin till the head comes to its resting place. Ephesians 2:21 speaks of t*he building fitly framed together* **growing** into a *holy temple*
David never actually built the temple. All he could do is gather the materials. The actual construction didn't begin till after his death, that is after he [a type of Messiah] went to his resting place.

The Timing

So when does all this take place? In the End times at the beginning of the third day.
Psalm 2 indicates it will be a time when all the world turns against God's people.

Revelation 14 shows it taking place during events foretold in the book of Revelation, especially when his followers will go wherever he leads.
Zechariah 4 speaks of the mountain becoming a plain [humbled], making a place for the headstone to rest.
Psalm 133 shows it's when brothers come to dwell together in unity.
Matthew 8 tells us it's when The Lord enters his place of rest, his disciples follow him and great storms arise outside.

> *. . . and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)*

Summary

How can we claim that the church is not yet built or the body not assembled? Well clearly the members or parts are not yet in their proper place doing their intended functions. Now this is seen just by observing the state of the church. All we have today is a collection of building materials or body parts waiting to be put in place.
But some may say that we are not to trust in what we see but in what the bible says about the church. This is a common place approach. Many preach and teach things that are seen in the Word but not seen in practice. To the outsider this will look like foolishness, hypocrisy or just plain stupidity.
In general we have lots of scripture that describe how we in the church are supposed to be, yet [except once in a while] we are not that way. This body of scripture is usually present in tense, but only occasionally present in our experience.

For example: If the Holy Spirit is supposed to lead us into all truth, how is it that all these people who claim to have the Holy Ghost can never agree among themselves? Because the scripture is not yet fulfilled.

So when will it be fulfilled? When all the rest of this happens.

> *Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)*

But what I'm suggesting is our problem lies in the literal approach to biblical interpretation. We think we're supposed to have it all, when all we really have is the down payment. The steak is on the grill but all we have so far is a whiff of the aroma.
What we really have is a body of scripture that is prophetic. It is present tense but really points to the future. It is describing how the church is supposed to be and how Christians are supposed to act.

But that's not how we are, it's how we will become when all this takes place; when we are revived or redeemed. It is unfulfilled prophetic scripture, but we normally don't realize that. It has been sealed till the time of the end.

Here is an example of one of those scriptures that are present tense but are actually unfulfilled prophecy.

> *But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels*
> *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. (Hebrews 12:22-24)*

And another example:

> *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (1 Peter 2:9)*

The Kingdom of God

Here's a very brief definition: The Kingdom of God is wherever God is King.
Guess what shape you will find in a diagram of the Kingdom? The triangle. The Kingdom of God is just another name for the Church!
The building of the church is the beginning of the kingdom of God, on earth. And the growth of the church is the spread of the kingdom. [As in the Stone becoming a Great Mountain.]

> *And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*
>
> *Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. (Luke 17:21)*

If the body is not assembled till the head comes to its resting place, and if the temple construction doesn't start till the foundation is laid, when do you think the kingdom comes? When the King is set in place on the Holy Hill [Psalm 2]

> > *And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: . . . . (Revelation 12:10)*

So now how would you define the Kingdom of God?
Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost, that's another triangle.

> > *Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*
> > *Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.* (Psalms 132:8-9)

> *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 14:17)*

As I write this, in the summer of 2000, we are in the beginning of the third day. We read reports and prophecies that the manchild has come forth and the apostles are being gathered and that judgment is imminent. Get ready to look up for our redemption is coming. God has started to fulfill this word and confirm his covenant.
The Kingdom comes when the King comes The Kingdom comes where the King comes. That is when the King comes to his resting place in the midst of his people.

> *In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.*
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> *The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.*
> *I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.*
> *Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.*
> *At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a*

praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD. (Zephaniah 3:16-20)

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. (John 3:5-8)

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The Harvest and The Tithe

by Bill Somers

Sometime in the early 90's an email correspondent got me involved in a discussion of Calvinism, hyper Calvinism etc. One of the issues as I recall was the effect of Jesus work of atonement on the cross. Or in other words, did Jesus die for all mankind or not? And is Jesus work of atonement, that paid the price for our sin, sufficient for our salvation? Or is there something man must do to be saved?

If Jesus died for all, and if his death is sufficient for salvation, then all would be saved, the thinking goes. If his death is not sufficient and man is required to do something extra, then salvation is by works! Now we know that this cannot be! So we are led to believe that Jesus did not die for all, only for the Elect. Hence, 'predestinationism', the idea that only those who are predestined will be saved, and 'irresistable' grace, the idea that the predestined ones will be saved whether they want to be or not. From there it is a short hop to thinking that there are some people who just aren't meant to be saved. And then we start to close down our evangelistic efforts!

Now without really getting deep into this, let me make just a couple comments.

This is a great example of applying man's wisdom to God's word. You get led into a theological Black Hole! There is a 'principle' of bible study called the law of paradoxical truth, and this is an example of it. Jesus died for all, yet all do not get saved.

Several years later, the Lord showed me a portion of scripture that said the same things in figurative terms.

> *And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:* Luke 17:12
> *And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,...* Luke 17:15
> *And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?* Luke 17:17

The village represents the world; His entering into it represents His first coming, the incarnation. As leprosy is a type of sin, we see that Jesus' cleansing the lepers speaks of His dying for our sin, yet only 1 out of the 10 came to him. This is a way of saying Jesus died for all, yet only 1 out of 10 are saved.

This is God's tithe.

> *And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S: it is holy unto the LORD* Le 27:30.
> *And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD*. Le 27:32

In terms of prophetic typology, the tithe of the land, the tithe of the fruit, and the tithe of the flock all represent the tithe of mankind. These verses speak of holiness and separation unto the Lord. The rod is the shepherds rod showing that He judges this tithe to be acceptable in his sight.

I take this to mean that the Lord will take ten percent of human population throughout all history. That is of all the people who ever lived or are living today, ten percent will be saved.

According to Rick Joyner, speaking on the Harvest, the Lord intends to take well over 10 percent of the worlds population in this end time harvest.

According to the testimony of Howard Pittman, today's rate of salvation is two and one half percent. [Howard had a death and resurrection experience, in the 80's, in which he was shown many things in the spirit, one of these is the small number of those who get saved compared to those who die in any given time period.]

This rate of two and 1/2 percent must have been far lower in earlier periods of history. In ancient times and in the dark ages, the rate must have been far lower. This leads me to believe that most of this tithe that will be saved will be saved in these last days and the rate will approach near to 20 percent. This will make up for the many centuries when the rate was far less that 10 percent. Don't forget, the world population was also far lower then. Only in this century have we seen a vast growth in world population. Some say that there are more people alive now than have ever lived. So God is taking almost all of His tithe from the world population at the end of the 20th century.

There is no way the Church in its present condition can deal with such a harvest. But I am confident that the Lord will not leave the Church in its present condition. The Church He is looking for includes those about to be harvested and we know He intends to *"present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."* Ephesians 5:27

> *This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.* Ps 118:23

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The Hourglass Is Flipped and Pouring

Cyndee Pillow

April 6, 2005

I sat in an office the other day for a long time waiting for MY TIME TO ARRIVE TO BE CALLED IN. As I sat there WAITING and WATCHING for SUCH A LONG TIME, my EYES BEGAN TO WONDER around the room. I was LOOKING for SOMETHING to do to PASS the TIME.

On a desk sat an hourglass fitted into a holder. This would allow a person to use one finger to flip it over and start the POURING of the SAND. I flipped the hourglass intending to watch until the sand all poured through. As I WAS WATCHING, I grew bored. I LOOKED AWAY to FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO DO. I picked up a magazine, and THINKING I HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO LOOK AWAY for just a minute, I read a very short article. To MY SURPRISE, when I LOOKED UP AGAIN, I HAD MISSED IT!

The SANDS OF TIME HAD RUN OUT when I WASN'T EXPECTING IT! I MISSED IT BECAUSE MY EYES WERE DIVERTED AND LOOKING IN ANOTHER PLACE.

I had intended to watch until the sand sifted away, but I grew tired of waiting and watching, and when my eyes were diverted, it happened.

I missed it!

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the sun of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, WATCH."
Mark 13:32-37

The Hourglass is flipped and pouring and will run out sooner than we think.

Watch!

In Jesus,
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Material I send out, belongs to the LORD. Feel free to pass it along or print it out, as long as there are no word changes.
Thank you,

"The Third Day" in Prophecy

by Bill Somers

There is a special significance to the term 'third day' as it is used in scripture. This phrase is found 67 times in the Bible. I find that in most cases it has a spiritual or allegorical meaning related to end time prophecy.

First Principles

To see this you have to understand several basic ideas: God's week, the last days and the first principles of the oracles of God. Hebrews chapter 5 makes reference to *"the first principles of the oracles of God"*, saying in effect that to be skillful in understanding the Word, you must know these first principles. The writer of Hebrews does not directly state these principles. He does indicate two levels of understanding. The unskillful is compared to a babe taking milk, the skillful, to one of full age who partakes of strong meat. This is to contrast the immature with the mature and the natural with the spiritual. The deep things of God are spiritual, and must be discerned by the spirit. That is the word is to be understood in its spiritual meaning. Therefore there is potentially a spiritual meaning to the term 'third day'. Another key principle is found is 1st Corinthians. *"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."* 1 Cor. 10:11. Briefly, this tells us that there is an 'end-time' application to be found throughout scripture. Specifically, it tells us that this term 'third day' might be understood in the context of the end times.

God's Week

Now what is God's week and what does it have to do with the end times? Simply put, God's week is the notion that God's timeline since the creation of Adam, is divided into seven, one thousand year periods. See Ps. 90:4 and 2nd Pet. 3:8. Each of these one thousand year periods can correspond to a day in a week. Thus from Adam to Abraham are two 'days', from Abraham to Jesus are two 'days', from Jesus till now are two 'days', and the coming millennium will be the last 'day'. It will be the seventh or Sabbath day of God's week.

The Last Days

Now the term 'last days' or 'latter days' is sometimes taken to mean the time period from the day of Pentecost till today; that is the so-called 'church age'. Sometimes it can mean the interval just before the second coming of the Lord. Looking at the first definition, you can see that the last days would then mean the last three days of God's week. And that the third day would be the last day. That is to say, when we are speaking in context of the last days, the 'third day' is the millennium! Thus the 'third day' is the 'seventh day'. To confirm this you can find several references in scripture that link the 'third day' with the 'seventh day'. For example: *"He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean."* (Num 19:12 KJV) See also Num. 19:19 and 31:19. **Our conclusion** then is that references to the third day in scripture will very often have a prophetic meaning that speaks of the millennium.

Examples

How about some examples. *"And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai."* (Ex. 19:11 KJV) The end time interpretation of this is that it refers to the second coming when 'every eye shall see him'.

"After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." (Hosea 6:2 KJV) The end time interpretation of this is that it refers to the resurrection, when the dead in Christ shall be raised up.

"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And

both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage." (John 2:1-2 KJV) This can be seen as a reference to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Note that the bridegroom and bride are not mentioned or named but that Jesus and his disciples, the church, are. Here is another reference using 'third day'.

"Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off." (Gen 22:4 KJV) What can this possibly have to do with the end times? If you check this verse in context, you will see that the place referred to is Mt. Moriah. This is where he was to sacrifice his son Isaac. It is the site that the Temple would be built on; and it thereby refers to Jerusalem, the holy city, also. Now consider this verse from Hebrews, speaking of Abraham. *"For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."* (Heb 11:10 KJV) This could easily remind one of the passage in Revelations where John sees the Holy City 'afar off'. *"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* (Rev 21:2 KJV) This certainly is "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Now lets look at what Jesus has to say on this subject: *"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad."* (John 8:56 KJV) In this passage, the phrase 'my day' could mean the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, or it could mean the Lord's Day, or the Day of the Lord. So what was it that Abraham saw by faith? He saw the City of God and the Day of the Lord. And this is exactly what John the revelator sees by vision, for he begins his vision telling us *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, ..."* (Rev 1:10 KJV) Which day is the Lord's day? The Day of the Lord. Which day is that? The third day! Abraham, by his obedience, acting in faith, went to sacrifice his son Isaac. This action would ultimately result in God's final victory in the Book of Revelation. So to say *"Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off."* has prophetic meaning. He lifted up his eyes means he saw prophetically the day of the Lord and the New Jerusalem! Here he is a type of God the Father, who saw the end before the beginning, when He sacrificed His son, Jesus.

Let's look back at a verse we quoted earlier. *"He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean."* (Num 19:12 KJV) Consider not only how this links the third day with the seventh day, but the ideas of cleanliness and purification. These speak of sanctification or holiness. Now recall what the law says about the seventh day: *"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."* (Ex. 20:8 KJV) What this tells us is that this coming day must be a day of holiness for the church. She must become a *"holy city, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."* Earlier we mentioned that God sees the end from the beginning. You can find this principle right in the very beginning of the bible. *"And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."* (Gen 2:3 KJV)

Conclusion

In conclusion, the 'third day', is a reference, in many passages, not necessarily all, to the end times. It means the third thousand year period since the birth of Jesus. It is the prophetic Sabbath. The Lords day and the Day of the Lord. It is the millennium where: *"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."* (Rev 20:6 KJV) *"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."* (Ps. 118:24 KJV)

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Thirst

Phyllis Popovich

November 23, 2005

"As the deer panteth for the water…" (Ps. 42:1)

Beloved, are you athirst for the things of God? Or, have you allowed the cares of this world to choke out My Word? Do you not know that the "things" your soul craves can only be satisfied by My Word?

The deer leaps from mountain top to mountain top, taking time only to graze in the valleys. He becomes spent, in need of refreshing…athirst for streams of cool, clear, water with which to quench his thirst. As the Psalmist said: "My heart panteth, my strength faileth me; as for the light of mine eyes, it is also gone from me." (Ps. 38:10)

The light of your eyes may have grown dim, so you can no longer see clearly the path you are to travel. Beloved, you have traveled long and hard on this journey of life, and at times you are exhausted…in need of sustenance and springs of living water for your thirsty soul. Set yourself apart now to gather new strength and power from My Word. Allow your heart to pant after the water brooks, even as the deer did. (See Ps. 42:1) Drink deeply of the fountain of life. For, how can you know the next course to take without direction from My Word? Through meditation on My Word, you will gain strength to mount up to greater heights.

Bask in My presence and feast on My promises. You will discover that "…out of your innermost being shall flow rivers of living water" (See John 7:38), which you can then impart to other travelers athirst for righteousness, peace, and joy.

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The Hurricane Katrina Aftermath Prophetic Vision

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August 30, 2005

My prayers go out to all those who have lost loved ones and are affected by Hurricane Katrina. Yesterday August 29, 2005, I was in prayer seeking God's Face for the meaning of the Katrina Hurricane Disaster. I listened to some News Media as the Hurricane hit The Gulf Coast area and some News Reporters were saying that the apocalyptic disaster that was expected had not happed and that New Orleans had been spared a catastrophe. The Lord then spoke to me in a small still voice and said, "they are lying, New Orleans has not be spared". A heavy burden lay upon me yesterday August 29, 2005 that disaster had hit New Orleans and I knew then something was wrong with the News Reports. The Lord had me pray for the elect down in the Gulf Coast Area.

As I was waiting on the evening hours on August 29, 2005, The Lord gave me a vision where I was taken down to New Orleans and into a huge Church building that looked like the superdome but much smaller. The building was torn apart by the hurricane and the walls and roof torn apart and destroyed. All the expensive Church property was totally destroyed. I met the Pastor of the Church who was salvaging for some reason clothing in the destroyed Church wreckage.

He told me, "The Lord has sent this wind because of the Church in Louisiana. He has specifically sent this wind to tear us apart. We are torn apart, we have nothing left. The Lord who has torn us apart will heal us. The Lord sent His wind to tear us down and leave us with nothing and we torn down. The Lord has torn us apart and He will heal us."

The Pastor continued with the mumblings out of sorrow those same words, " He has torn us apart, He will heal us", as he picked rags of clothes from the destroyed church as this was the only valuables he could salvage. After this I remembered the scripture…

Hosea 6:1-3
[1] Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. [2] After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. [3] Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

After this vision, I thought to myself that the vision was just speaking only prophetically in a futuristic sense because the reports were that no serious damage had been done in New Orleans. The Lord then reminded me again that disaster was happening despite what the media reported. The Lord said to me, “the City will Flood”.

I pray that Christians in America will allow The Lord to speak to their hearts through this disaster and that we shall not harden our hearts to the dealings of The Lord with us. He has torn us and will continue to do so with more disasters but He has promised to heal us if we shall return to Him in Humility and cry out to Him for Salvation. More Natural disasters loom for the West Coast and great humbling are coming to the way of the West Coast.

The Lord God Himself is orchestrating this, He will tare this nation apart but to those who will return to Him, He will be gracious and merciful to heal. The message is a warning to The American Church not to sleep but awake and return to her First Love with Jesus Christ; the times of great trials are upon America and will increase greatly that the hearts of America’s Princes will fail.

This is a time to totally give our selves to Love The Lord. It is a time to love our neighbours as we love our selves. Send a prayer and give to those in need affected by these disasters, let The Lord lead you and remember He who gives to the poor lends to The Lord.

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The Hour of Change is Now Coming

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This day the Lord has awoken me to this message... Open the scroll and eat of my truth this day daughter...and Hosea's truths were for you this day !!....It is from Hosea 4 and 5 that I am to speak this message to the house of Israel, by the word of the Lord.

I am about to turn the priesthood of Ichabod over and the honor of my house shall be restored unto my chosen priests.

They will not play the part of the prostitute any longer and I will consume with fire the lineage of the false.. the family of the rotted root and the disdain of the earth are being relieved of this murderous hold over my household of faith now.....

The times are mine saith the Lord....do not sit upon a throne that is not set for you any longer you haughty and deceptive ones...who call yourself the heirs of the earth that I created, or my spokesman.

You will not win the prize for your murders...for pouring liquor upon the bosom of my people and plundering their treasures.

Think not that your works will not follow you and find you out... for the acts of your hands will chase after you and overtake you and expose the rotting flesh upon your bones......

Stand for your day of judgment is upon you...and I the Lord of the heavens will consume you with the fires of my redeeming nature for your folly over the nations.

I let only the power of my forgiveness flow over those that will walk into it and for all that choose to ignore my prophets and my spokesman, I will now expose their entrails to the birds of the air......

Run, but you will not hide any longer....for my words will pursue you to the uttermost parts of the earth.

I am coming with a fiery blast to purge my creation and set the captives free over this land. It is my day saith the Lord.....and I will restore to my faithful house the place of dignity, of strength and of my pasture to plant a new ; to sustain life, to build my kingdom....

Walk ye into the fires of my justice now....walk into my house of praise now, walk into my place of safety now, for the power of my hand will hold you a new to moor you to the anchor of the faith......

The best is yet to come....saith the Lord of heaven.. as I set my season of redemption now upon my own.!!

Watch as I turn over the nations and bring down from high places the idols and treacheries of the evil ones as I set my own in heavenly roles for this new Hour....Seek to be in only my place for you now. For my ear has heard your cries and my heart is with those that bow to me and me alone !!!

Seek Your place now...I hold it out to you if you will only run unto me....!!

The Hollow Of His Hand
Hollie Moody

(May 1, 2005)

Isaiah 40:12 ~~ "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?"

In a vision, I saw a large, cupped hand. It was a right hand, not a left hand. In my spirit, I sensed that this hand was the hand of the Lord. This large, cupped hand was held out over the face of the entire earth.

"Look into My hand," I heard a voice (the Lord's voice) instruct me.

In the vision, I found myself crawling slowly and carefully up the large hand until I reached the top of the hand. I looked down into the palm of this hand. To my surprise, I saw that the Lord's hand contained multitudes of people.

"Go down and join these people," the Lord said to me.

I began to lower myself carefully into the palm of the Lord, but slipped. I landed in the palm of the Lord with all the others. I began to glance around at all the people who were around me. Some of the people were very calm, and were resting and at peace in the palm of the Lord. But I saw other people who appeared confused, upset and frightened about where they were.

Some of the people who were confused about where they were, were attempting to climb up the inside of the hand of the Lord. But they kept slipping as I had done, and would only fall back down into the palm of the Lord. These people were getting more and more confused, and more and more frightened.

Then, a shadow fell inside the Lord's palm. With everyone else, I quickly glanced upwards to see what was causing the shadow. I was surprised to see that the Lord had raised His left hand to place it over and above His right hand.

The people who were already confused and frightened, became even more so when the Lord cupped His left hand over His right hand. They began to cry out and were in great distress.

The rest of the people in the palm of the Lord continued to remain calm and at peace.

Then, the sounds of a great storm came to the ears of all of us who were in the palm of the Lord. The sound of the storm was originating from the east. Even though the Lord had cupped His left hand over His right hand, rain was drenching those of us at the bottom of the palm of His right hand.

As the storm continued to rage, all of us in the Lord's right hand huddled close together. Even though we were all getting wet from the storm, we knew we were being protected by God's other hand from the full force and fury of the storm.

Finally, the sound of the storm abated. As some of the people began to once again attempt to climb up the inside of the Lord's hand, I heard the Lord exclaim, "Prepare yourselves; for it is not over yet! Remain in My hand and You will be saved. Fear not, for I am a refuge for all who trust in Me.

"As I have poured out My fury and indignation upon one area of the earth, even so will I pour out My judgment upon other areas of the earth that have forsaken My laws and judgments. For I am a just and righteous God; without partiality. As My judgment has struck in one nation, so will it strike in other wicked nations who have forsaken to follow My ways and My counsel."

Then, another storm struck. One storm after the other struck in an almost seemingly unending succession. During these storms, other people continued to drop into the palm of the Lord's hand. They were of every nationality and race. They joined those of us at the bottom of the Lord's hand, and sought and found shelter with us.

What seemed a very long time later, the sounds of the storms ceased. Suddenly, bright light shone into the shadowed recesses of the Lord's palm. Those of us in the bottom of the palm of the Lord glanced upwards. We saw that the Lord had removed His left hand from sheltering those of us cupped within His right hand.

Then, slowly and carefully, the Lord stretched out His right hand so that it was held out flat. Those of us who had been huddling in the palm of the Lord, were now able to stand upright. As we gazed out upon the earth, we were amazed and stricken at the devastation that met our eyes.

Whole areas of the earth had been destroyed.

"Before each time of My judgment upon a particular area of the earth," I heard the Lord say, "I will raise up My prophets to proclaim that judgment. I will give warning both to the righteous and to the unrighteous. Whether the people will hear, or whether they will not hear; I will not allow My judgments to fall without warning. I will no longer wink at sinful and unrighteous nations. I have given warning beforehand so that when it comes to pass, all may remember and believe."

(Psalm 46)

In Him, Hollie L. Moody

The Heart Of Intercession Is A Heart Of Martyrdom
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Note by Priscilla Van Sutphin

PLEASE READ THIS ONE CAREFULLY and CONTEMPLATIVELY! This is MOST precious truth unto salvation and healing from the enemy of death, and fear of death. Years ago when married, my husband had a dream that we were called to go quickly to Russia. And we never came back he said. Out of my spirit came " TO LIVE IS CHRIST, To die is GAIN !" It did not come from my thoughts, but from my spirit man. I had a dream years ago of being beheaded in a dry and arid sandy place as my son was watching the blade of a guillotine come down on my head. Each time I go overseas, I am aware it's possible I could not return. I know that ONLY when it is HIS time for me to go, will He take me home. Until then, I am in His hands. Then I will be in His arms..:).
PTL !
Witness in the following verse means martyr !
NT:3143
KJV - take to record, testify.
martus (mar'-toos); of uncertain affinity; a witness (literally [judicially] or figuratively [genitive case]); by analogy, a "martyr": KJV - martyr, record, witness. (Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. Copyright © 1994, 2003 Biblesoft, Inc. and International Bible Translators, Inc.)

The Heart Of Intercession Is A Heart Of Martyrdom
Luz C Cintron

Dear Sister,

Remember how I said in the explanation of The Intercessor, that part of the ministry of Intercession as standing in the gap was to absorb part of the wrath of God part of His judgment? I said that I was not clear about how that was but a sense of truth called me into that mystery. I think I have seen a little further into that.

Since yesterday the Lord has been speaking to me about the heart of martyrdom. The early church's heart was one of a martyr. Even though not all of them died as martyrs, all of them lived as one. Mary's lifestyle was the lifestyle of a martyr. He showed me, that the reason why she was able to say "Be it unto me!" was because all in her life has already been surrendered and decisions in her life were only the embracing of His will. She had no decisions except to say "Amen!" and that is all she does when Gabriel speaks to her.

I feel that the problem I have, and many like me in the west, is that we know too much and live too little. The Gospel costs us almost nothing and grace is not a clear concept, instead of the reality it should be, to empower us into obedience and obedience into death is very distorted and difficult to understand because of our lifestyle (meaning my lifestyle). We all are dying, (believers and nonbelievers as well) what matters is how we do it. He brought unto me the scripture of Genesis 4:10

"And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. "

All blood that is spilled cries from the ground to the Lord. Because life, which was the gift of God, proceeding from Him, given into Adam's nostrils in the very breath of God, is in the blood, when it is spilled it cries unto Him. Life is a very holy thing unto Him, but that is another subject.

Here I saw that the blood spilled cries unto Him in His very presence. When Christ died one of His last words was "Forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing!"

Many people say that because the Jews cried that the blood of Christ were upon themselves and their descendants that they had cursed themselves and that was the reason for which anti-Semitism and extermination of their race had followed them. I don't think so. The enemy has tried extermination long before Christ was born. The book of Genesis (Cain and Abel), Exodus, Esther and every book of the old testament for that purpose, proves it. But I am beginning to see something here. Sometime ago I wrote an article on this in which I said that there was a correlation of the sufferings of Christ and the sufferings of Israel.

In the sufferings of Christ we were saved, in the sufferings of Israel all the nations are blessed. (Rom 11:15 "For if the casting away of them [be] the reconciling of the world, what [shall] the receiving [of them be], but life from the dead? ") That the day was coming in which they would recognize Him and identify with Him because they have suffered alike to bring the will of the Father to earth.

When Christ died He cried and I believe that if He was dying for the sins of mankind, and He was in absolute obedience giving His last drop of blood, I believe that the heart of the Father was not only moved but apprehended by the Son, and that as He was dying for the sins of the world it is impossible that the Father would have any other response to His petition than "You got it!" I can not picture the Father saying, "Yes, well, OK, you are dying for the sins of mankind and I will forgive all mankind, but regarding these Jews they need to learn their lesson, and I will hold their collective little feet to the fire until they come to their senses."

Christ was absorbing Gods wrath in Himself that we would not have to. He was the first to show the heart of martyrdom to its fullest expression. The intercessor has a call into martyrdom. We can't pray from the periphery, we are called to stand in the gap. We need to live in such surrender that every act is an act of death unto self and yielding unto Life, that is Christ our Way, Truth and Life, to become an open door to His will and ministry. We are given to see His heart for a nation, a matter, a people, a time, and then we are offered to pour ourselves as He did. John said in 1 John 4:17.

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

The boldness of Christ was shown in the cross, in the face of His enemies, that He did not yield to the wisdom from below, but even then, He remained quoting the scriptures and before dying He asked boldly the total and complete forgiveness of His executioners. That is boldness. When we see the heart of God in a matter then we receive with it the vision to ask boldly but it will remain empty words if we speak only from knowledge, as one who quotes scriptures and promises. The life of the intercessor makes a difference because it is a life that is already pouring itself unto death so that others may live. It is a life molded into His image to become as He is to this world. Is a life that knows its ending and its purpose, to give itself as He gave Himself. The glory of the intercessor is the sharing of the crown of thorns that He bore for us, the bearing of the shame of the cross in our lives, its rejection and even its death, crucified in our self with Him that we may live not for ourselves but for those He came to save.

The church was edified in the blood of the martyrs because their blood cried out constantly not a cry of vengeance but a cry of mercy as Christ did. Mercy and Judgment are the two sides of the coin of the righteousness of God. There can be no mercy without judgment, and there is no righteous judgment without mercy. Only in God these two are balanced and perfectly bonded completing each other to reflect His glory. We do not know of this balance because we do not know perfect love that cast out fear.

I suspect that is the reason why John speaks of a boldness when he wrote that scripture. It is the boldness of Love, Perfect Love, that is Christ. These are things that can not be discerned in the natural for they pertain to the wisdom from above. Such was the wisdom with which Christ armed Himself to dispossess and uproot, rulers, principalities and the powers of the air at the cross where He exhibited them defeated.

I believe that as the time nears of His return, the bride will be given a revival of the heart of martyrdom. Total consecration demands it. It is not only how we live. We need to understand that surrender is not complete if we do not lose the fear of death. Because our deaths are a holy thing unto the Father. Psalm 116:15

"Precious in the sight of the LORD [is] the death of his saints. "

We need to offer Him not only to live for Him as He may chose us to live but to use of our death to glorify Himself too. It is not enough that we live to glorify Him we must be willing to surrender our way of dying as well, that He may chose the way in which we are to die so that His name receive the most glory.

For months it has been the cry of the Spirit within that He does not allow my life to be in vain. For years fear kept me from meaning the timid prayer that started to rise in me, to give Him not only my life but also my death, to make a difference and to use, as He would see fit. Oh, I prayed in fear and in weakness but lately it has been becoming a cry almost a need to see it come to pass. Perfect love cast out fear, I have been so fearful of this. To surrender not only my life and death, but also the life and death of my children is not an easy thing.

After many years I have come to understand that all of our lives are lost if they are not surrendered in such a way. We shall die anyway, we must then travail in prayer that our lives and our deaths, be used by Him to make a difference. It is only death. For years the thought of beheading and the wondering of what it would be to see my own body detached from my head, how it would feel, how long can the brain live without oxygen? Scary isn't it? Or the fires, how would it feel to be burn alive or to see these things done in my loved ones. Then I am starting to understand, that is just the door. It will not last long. Like giving birth the first time, it is scary but then when the right time approaches it becomes something we long for and the pain is just something that announces the new life emerging from within. It is His glory.

"Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, [saying], I have both glorified [it], and will glorify [it] again." John12:27-28

The ministry of Intercession in the Bride of Christ is about to be renewed to reflect the glory of the Son of God. It will also be invested with power from above as Christ was, when we, united to our head in heaven, cry with His voice at once:

"But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! " Luke 12:50

That is love, that is travail, that is effective intercession. It is done and He did it. From then on, all that is left for us to do, is to become doors to His heart, to effect the will of the Father among us by following Him in His grace.

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Little Love Song
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All of them are gone.
Not a single friend.
The north winds are colder than usual ministering strength. So I give You thanks.

All of them are gone
only You remain.
Their void is the shadow
that defines your light
their absence companion
that shows where You are.
Bless those that have blessed me by wounding my heart love was never sweeter peace never so bright.

My beloved refuge
How would I have known
that there is a faithful
heart that loves me so
if they had not left me?
So I give You thanks.

The death of the winter
speaks of other deaths
but none is so dearly
behold as a friend
as the one who leads me
right into Your door,
calling me to lay down
in the tomb You laid.
So I give you thanks

Where ever I wonder
in thoughts of despair
the cross leads me surely
to your sweet embrace
my eyes seek out Yours
where I long to be
where death turns to life
and loss into gain
pain goes into sweetness
despair into hope
loneliness to solitude
can I want for more?

So I give you thanks.

So I give you thanks
from your wounded side
my refuge and stronghold
your wounding provides
I thank you for being
so given to me
for standing and knocking
and for coming in,

Coming in to rescue
coming in to hold
coming in to show me
love above all love.
I behold your patience
and your faithfulness
and I thank You Jesus
for this simple pain
that reveals my weakness
to unveil Your strength.

So I give you thanks.
Thank you my old friend!

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The River
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Swim

"Do not put out the Spirit's fire." 1 Thessalonians 5:19

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy. When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. Two or three prophets should speak …. Be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." 1 Corinthians 14

"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good … the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in different kinds of tongues, interpretation. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines. In the church God has appointed first of all apostles, prophets, teachers, workers of miracles, gifts of healing, those able to help others, administrators, speakers of tongues …. But eagerly desire the greater gifts." 1 Corinthians 12

"Another one bites the dust" Queen

And so I stood outside the wooden water mill. The land was dry – and I think that the River was piling up – a short way upstream – ready for some kind of onslaught. The tidal wave was absolutely massive – that tidal wave was so beautiful and loving and mighty – and that gorgeous green/blue colour – that I thirsted to run back and dive into its heart again *smile*. There may have been a small trickle of a stream where I was – but not really enough to power the wheel. I feel that there was some sort of activity deep underground also – a rumbling.

Inside the Mill – some of the children were treading the wheel under the whips and stares of the guards. Bleeding, malnourished, dirty, scared, lost, imprisoned and lonely. This was not a particular church – as such – but more of a certain "system" of church. And my heart was here – feeling their pain – as well as being in the River and at the Mountain-top.

There was a wolf guarding a massive strong-room of Treasure and gemstones near the entrance. I think the treasures were people's Kingdom destinies.

"Where you walk – the River is not really welcome, Tim. It is strictly controlled, and they do not really trust those who claim to love it. They will separate you from your greatest treasures and keep them in the strong room. They will put you to work on a treadmill that should be powered by the River – or just leave you to rot in a corner. They also fear that if people see the wheel not turning they will leave. This is a dangerous place – potentially – but as long as your heart is in the Heights – you will walk here safely – and come and go as a free man. There may be River churches coming in your land – that I haven't shown you yet – so do not fear that you are alone."

"Lord – those children down in the dungeons below? … And He just closed His eyes and sighed –

and touched my heart …. *you know.*

And I knew just to wait in this Mill – and pray – and watch – and give people cups of water as I could – and spread some of the love of the River. Then I had an idea – and started to go to the treasure room – and take a Jewel – go to a person and say things like; “Friend, here is your jewel that the guardians didn’t see in you – I think the Lord is saying that you were created to be an evangelist, or a seer, or a healer , teacher, intercessor, watchman etc.…… there are visions and tongues and burdens and discernment within you … here … see?.“

I hope that some jewels were ingested and began to glow in their hearts. One guy knocked my offering to the ground – and proudly showing me a large factory where he worked – “No! – your foolish jewels and rivers – this is where I work – after all we all work for the factory Owner anyway. ….” I did not want to see his factory, “Give me a break! Too much pollution and waste ….”

I picked it up from the dust – and it seemed to have become a large teardrop – or a flower. Another lost Destiny. *“Plant it outside in this garden, Tim. … it is good for you to here – these are your own people. And many of My Bridal company are among the slaves and also amongst the leaders.”*

I needed to learn how much was activity for me – and how much was observation and intercession. I sent a lot of fresh bread down to those in the dungeons – and the underground river seemed to be rising from beneath – and blessing them first. They loved it.

I was taken to a linked dream to this. I dive into the swimming pool of Prophetic training – and am carried across the surface very rapidly by an angel in red. *I advanced you fast because I needed you fast – and I brought you the best teachers to lead you across.* The staff evaluate me – and lead me on to the second pool.

A lovely deep swimming pool – empty of people, calm and very inviting. Somehow the depth was also fearful. The pool was inside a leisure centre or college. Students were lined up neatly at desks – very smartly dressed and studious. Studying – and watching the Pool. There was a pulpit to the side of them – but they were not facing the pulpit – they were eagerly and thirstily watching the swimming pool.

The staff had sprung a surprise 15 minute lecture for me to give on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit … but then they rushed me away before I could preach. Outside to a very bright white Lighthouse.

I wanted to strip down to bathing shorts – and mine were red – smile at the students – and dive in – and then invite them to lose their respectable suits and join me …. Come play! But somehow the timing was not quite right …. And the Water was not always there …. When I got closer all the water had drained out of the plug hole. We could have injured ourselves. But when I looked from a distance the Pool was definitely full of water. Yet I was sure this was no mirage …. And somewhere else kids were playing in the Pool. Hard to explain this part!

A serious and well trained student carefully changed – into blue shorts – and indicated that I watch him. He carefully lowered himself into the empty pool – and began to dance with me to some music. *“You wear Kingdom Warfare and the Blood and the Fire (red) …. When you come to the Holy Spirit pool you must be gentle and innocent and dance like a child again. Wear blue for this – clothe yourself in the music and gentle Love of Heaven – and coax in the Dove – say how much you need Him and His coolness – you can’t approach this pool like one of the Battles you’ve been in …. or to show off … the Water flees you if you just dive in full of self-confidence – even though what you seek is scriptural. “* And I think that the water began to flow in and to join with us – and to gently rise and to teach me how to swim like a little child again. Mostly I think that I sat on the edge – dangling in my feet and crying because of the dry pool – or thinking that I had better join the students first. “Oh Jesus – I have so much to learn – what happened to all my joy and simplicity? *I am growing you up. … and down …. *smile* ….* That’s deep, Lord ….. sorry for the pun …. *No, that’s the whole point – we used to laugh and joke together remember? Don’t be afraid – because you are protected by*

Wisdom and the fear (awesome respect) of the Lord.”

And I saw a little church. First they were severely pruned. Many of the humble or abused slaves who knew they should remain began to come forth as gold – and the Son of Righteousness began to rise upon them with healing in His wings. And they removed the pews and the pulpit – to form the chairs into a circle. And they asked Jesus to come into their midst. And He did – teaching them as they pursued humility, holiness and first love – and showing them their individual destinies. And then they were all lying on the floor under the surgery of the Holy Spirit. And when they sat in their circle – more and more Living Streams flowed out of their innermost beings to form a communal pool in the centre.

They still had leaders, and fathers, and shepherds, but they would walk around the circle – laying their hands on the shoulders and praying for the people, “I’m sorry for what the false shepherds did to you – I minister healing to you now – I release you into your destiny and your gift – and we all support you as you seek to discover and practice it.” And they would take turns to jump in and activate a Gift and minister to the group. And later there was much excitement and music – and sharing Jesus together as a family – who knew each other well – and were continually strengthened by each other’s gifts.

When a newcomer, backslider or unsaved person enters – the family embrace him and her – saying – “Thank you Lord! We have prayed that you would come – you are a treasure to us sent by Jesus! Do you realise the gift – the destiny that burns over your life? We shall teach it to you until you have grown enough to teach us.”

Three Battles
Timothy Cook

Three visions - which seem timely folks .... bless and guide us Lord!

Bedouin

I was praying about the recent Islamic words – and went into vision with the Lord. I saw the large scimitar of Islam poised over the Cross.

At first the scimitar seemed to hack the rough wooden Cross to pieces – and it became many tiny little white crosses – which hopped around in panic – and then went underground …. Or were they seeds? I said to the Lord, “Please no! not for Britain … *I just wanted to get your attention … watch.”*

As **we** (the intercessors) prayed – the scimitar seemed to become smaller – and could only hack at the Cross ineffectually. I saw a Bedouin – wrapped in a white turban – and he clashed with me – but it seemed that when I met violence with violence, my staff of authority broke – when it met the scimitar. I knew that I’d done something wrong. (we won’t win this through a legal or government battle possibly?)

So I backed up to the Cross – with no weapons left. The Bedouin came at me – with his scimitar leveled at my chest. I think that he had green eyes. I knew I had to just stand there and let him run me through – which he did. His scimitar went through me and embedded itself in the Cross behind my back.

And the Blood of Jesus dissolved his blade – it became water. And Jesus stood behind the man – placed His hands on his shoulder – and was revealed to him. The Bedouin was weeping and fell to his knees when he saw Jesus. …. he said, “Yes, O Lord – I see! I will not touch Britain – it belongs to Jesus.”

And I was in Mecca I think - in a mosque. The people were bowing down on their prayer mats. Jesus and the angels were walking around the mosque - gently lifting people to their feet - giving them a smile - and beginning to dance with them.

Harry Potter

I walked into God's Temple. He had been calling me into this vision for a while, "sorry for my tardiness Father." I had been given a golden spear – it had sweeping jagged edges towards the tip. The massive Hall was in total darkness – though I could hear voices, and sense a lot of activity around.

Immediately in front of me someone had torn up some of the floor stones to make a hole. Some young children were playing with a wasps nest. I stood on the nest – and walked over the hole – praying for the children. We rebuilt the floor. Someone smoked the wasps to sleep. Jesus sat with the children and told them Kingdom stories. He shone, and became more attractive to them than the wasps. A little girl was sat cross-legged on an ornate pedestal of imagination – reading a book, but kept looking at Jesus longingly. Finally she leaped down and joined the group – smiling with joy at Jesus' face. He took them up to a playground in His realm. *"My Kingdom will come to My children Tim – even the very young will play.* I have prayed for this Lord, we just need to show how attractive and exciting You are, and release them into the playground of the Spirit." I tapped the stones with a staff I had been given. A large snake made up of flies or wasps came up from below and came at me – it was swallowed by the staff. *"The planned occult invasion will not touch My kids. I will use their inspired imagination to lead them into MY Kingdom"* said Jesus. Before I left I touched the spear to heal the stones – electricity sparked around them - killing the nest.

Freemasons

I walked over to the clan of the Freemasons. They had melted the stone floor into a series of black hills and valleys. A man with a strange buzzing spirit (like an insect with many legs) behind him was almost gliding around in a square formation. I heard *"cockatrice."* He would climb a pulpit and preach to his dutiful queue of followers – occasionally cracking a whip. "Not sure what to do here, Lord. *Just observe, we'll come back later."* Later I think the spirit was swallowed up by a green serpent from below (New Age – or something else – something good?)

The leader seemed to give up - and without his powers - sit on the floor with his head in his hands. The followers then ran around in a panic - everything was falling apart - they were leaderless - and drifted back into the world.

The Throneroom

Tim Cook

I had been in spiritual pain for a long time over the nation. Then I was before the Throne – and felt a sudden wave of peace and release from God about the London issue. The peace spread right to the centre of my belly – which had been churning for months.

"Because of the intercession of the righteous before the Throne, there will be no earthquake on the whole of London – as a sign of God's protection and promise." *I saw Big Ben collapse.* ***"This is a sign that Kingdom timing is in God's hands"*** *I saw a gaping hole in the side of the Houses of Parliament – which may have been the deep corruption at it's heart.*

> "God has judged this government that was so ready to sell His people into slavery, and to pollute their land with unrighteous laws. This judgment will be redemptive. Time has stood still, and reversed for this nation – it shall now flow backwards towards its age of youth, innocence and glory. These two buildings will be rebuilt as a message of hope; a sign that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ has come to Britain. And healing will flow from the Cross, and from the Throne – living and pure waters, to wash away the filth of the nation. And the true prophets will weep with joy, and they will weep the very tears of my crucified Son, because of My great love for Britain. These tears will heal the prophets, shepherds and watchmen – who have been wounded for the Kingdom of Heaven – because the true shepherds have indeed chosen to be crucified with Me to stand in the gap for this nation. And times of refreshing will come in the desert of this century, where my church had almost perished, but she leaned on her Beloved there, and was wooed out into freedom by her King."

I had often seen a fish over southern England – it was small – and was attacked by a large pike (the wicked spiritual powers of the age). But because the small fish was hooked to a large sleeping trout – it retreated into the mouth of the trout. The large trout awoke and chased, then eventually destroyed the pike. I think the trout represents the Kingdom of Christ. It almost seemed that the small fish (the righteous of Britain?) had been used as bait to lure the pike into God's trap!

Dover

I had a dream of the white cliffs of southern England. The waves of the sea were absolutely huge, and a wonderful deep green/blue colour. I didn't fear them as much as find them exhilarating, as I flew and swooped over the whole area. I felt a wave of holiness coming from America. At the top of the cliffs was a white hotel and a lighthouse, a community of seers and prophets, and within dwelled an ancient wisdom of this land. I think it is Sharon Stone who writes about Dover being the High Place of Britain – the spiritual gateway.

I was in prayer for England with a seer friend in London, and I saw again these white cliffs. A beast (*the* Beast?) was trying to invade England, but as we prayed the cliffs seemed to get whiter and higher to bar his way. The lighthouse beamed down to identify and blind him – and call warriors into action against it.

However – the southeast and the Thames estuary seemed to be a poisonous swamp. Having worn the caustic and filthy mantle of repentance for the nations sins – I think that I was given an arrow – or rocket – of holy water – to fire like a mortar into the centre of this swamp. As we prayed an ancient iron fence (boundary line) rose up and was revealed – with flashing beacons all along it. Restore the ancient boundaries – and let righteousness reign within our borders!

The thrones – and the river

I saw a vast amphitheatre in Heaven – made up of thrones. I sat in mine. Some were occupied, most were empty or dark I think. There were sceptres of power or intercession prepared. The whole scene was very dim – maybe it had been great once – and I was sure it would be again.

I wore a mantle of intercession and repentance for godly marriages, and godly parenthood. These thrones I felt should be occupied by husbands and fathers – priests of Christ in their homes. Very few thrones were occupied – some men were there but seemed asleep – or broken through grief and inadequacy – like me. Very few lights were shining. There were countless broken sceptres of divorce and orphan spirits.

Jesus said, "Even though your family is broken, I want you to sit here, wear the protective robes of fatherhood, and hold this sceptre. It will shine a blessing on your children, but you need to remain here and hold it up. Be encouraged – this is a Kingdom commission." I promised to try – even though at the time all the odds seemed against me. When I gave up – the beam of light faded – I had temporarily abdicated my role spiritually as father through deep discouragement. When I prayed – "Jesus you be their father through me, help me" – the light burned again. It shone down into the darkness below – and *nothing* could interfere with its protection and prophetic blessing around my children. Lord, please rebuild the godly family unit in Britain – let these thrones shine again.

The next day, as I was praying this again, beams of light began to shoot out from my sceptre and illuminate others. People began standing up, or arriving at their thrones. I think that both men *and* women had decided to become true priests of their homes and families. New sceptres and robes were activated until it was clean and like daylight in the arena! Even though actions in the third Heaven *can* take years to accomplish on earth, I was still overjoyed!

Whilst on the subject of intercession; Jesus took me into a vision of a very large and powerful river. I knew I had to fight my way through it, walking upstream against the current – which was very powerful. There were things in the river which I realised I had fought against my whole life – and these were like sinful trends or pollution within the nation itself. I was walking against things like divorce, lust, anger, rage, bullying and fear of bullying, resentment, weariness, sadness, grief, depression, mental agony and oppression, poisons of the blood, skin and lungs such as high cholesterol, chemical food additives, air pollution and ozone depletion, frustration, claustrophobia, singleness, aloneness, loneliness, idolatry of e.g. entertainments, ambition, doubt, unbelief, disappointment and unemployment.

Near the source of the river was a tunnel mouth – like a mouth of hell. It was spewing all of these things – and much more (crime, violence, alcoholism, drug abuse, pornography, rape, murder, abortion, child abuse, homosexuality, adultery, or false religious gods) – into Britain's people. In the atmosphere this became like a cloud of darkness and whirlwinds through the soul of the nation.

I felt that I could stand at the source and start to pray about closing this gateway with Jesus, because of my own struggles and wounds in life – planting the Cross here. Rick Joyner writes that it is in the very areas we have been wounded, that we can heal others, following the same principle that by the stripes of Jesus we are healed. The gate started to be bricked up – if more and more intercessors that pursued purity in their own life were also with Jesus on this – then the gate could be completely sealed and our national river would be clean again. The Holy Spirit had to shine a light on hidden areas of all people, and cause repentance, healing and forgiveness to flow. So the church had to stand in the gap, and the country would then need to see repentance at leadership level. See the prophetic "Light or Darkness over Europe" by John Mulinde.

I was kneeling in the Hall of Destiny again, and before the Throne also. When I agreed to stand in the gap – even to be crucified with Christ – a great peace began to flow, and then the rivers of living water. In John Mulinde's vision – a light begins to pierce the darkness from southern Britain. Amen! I was actually surprised when I saw the end of the vision; the gateway was totally bricked up with clean, white bricks, and the river was then fed by a beautiful clean waterfall from above. I was sure that this had happened (or would happen) because enough of the intercessors had stood in the gap.

> Oh my precious children, my sons and daughters in Britain – how you have poured out your hearts to me for my word to come. You've asked for the gifts of my Holy Spirit in the church again, you've asked that my Kingdom come to your land, and as a loving Father I delight to give my little children the good gifts they ask for. In my House are many mansions. My Kingdom is here and now, for you my elect and the angels are winnowing the wheat from the tares, and putting a mark on the foreheads of those who grieve and mourn over the sins of the nation. And how deeply you have grieved for your people, my beloved, but let my tender arms comfort you today. Come up! Rise up like eagles! Fight through the atmosphere and come home! These visions of your spirit are more real than the earth you walk on, have I not said that the Kingdom is within you?! Come aside – give me your time, silence all distractions, and commune with me personally in the Secret Place. There I will reveal to you the secrets of the Kingdom. Reach for the stars – reach for your destinies! The Kingdom of Heaven is within you my beloved.

Precision evangelism

I had been in prayer for Morecambe (the town where I live) for a few weeks, for those thousands of souls who are lost and have not heard of Jesus Christ. My heart was crying out – Lord what can I do to advance your Kingdom here? Why can't the church today move in the same power as the book of Acts?

I was invited back into the Treasury, and was to speak with a man, seated with books in his hands. I don't know whether he was the angel of Morecambe or not. He seemed troubled or burdened, but looked at me and lifted a large black book;

The book was dark and cloudy, and chained, and my enemies (some demons) were mocking and gloating over it like a treasured possession. They called it the book of death, in mockery of course of the Book of Life. It contained all the names of the people who were living and dying in their sins in this town, without knowing Jesus.

The man showed me a very small, green and clean book. The Lord said**,**

> "These are the names of people who are ready to hear the gospel in this town and to be harvested into the Kingdom of Life, and need to be found by an evangelist soon. The Holy Spirit will prepare people to hear about God, so there is a constant harvest of "ripe" wheat coming into season. Angels can go ahead and prepare these people to receive you – so there's a whole team working in sympathy with the Trinity – this is what's coming – true power evangelism! Heaven wants to release to the church the actual names, addresses or locations of people who are ready, but this will require advanced clarity of vision and discernment, and close partnership between the prophets and evangelists – then a real heart commitment by the local church to carefully disciple them into the full gospel and awareness of their spiritual destinies."

I felt that the mind of Jesus envisioned small *outreach* groups – to befriend the poor, friendless and outcast, give them Bibles, begin Bible studies and prayer times, and to accompany them to church. They would get healed and saved themselves, and then the cell group would focus on praying for their families. And so the Kingdom grows!

I was given the number of people currently ready, but then had to ask God about training me in the advanced clarity of vision – because I really wanted it. He said, "This gift is much needed, but it comes with a cost – a price to be paid, or a sacrifice by each person. Will you pay it?" I said yes provisionally

– afraid of what the cost might be – then totally committed myself to this next level in my journey. The sacrifice will vary from person; increased purity, more time with God or in the Word, tithing, giving up TV or another hobby, or possibly a commitment between 2 or 3 intercessors to pray together for this. Back at my "jewel-scape", I embraced the large diamond of improved vision. Here I was given a small brighter diamond to eat, and wear.

Meanwhile I was taken back to see the sad man from the Treasury. He was now in the Throne room – writhing in flames before the Judgment Seat. I realised this was no angel, but a pastor who had recently passed away. Saved, yes, but reviewing his past life with Jesus – which we must all do - he had to confront the realisation that although he had fed and sown into his flock, he had not taught them to sow *themselves* into those people outside the church who were hungry for the gospel. Then he read the names of all those people who had been ready and *desperate* for some love, but had not been shown Christ by the inward-looking local church.

I was of course repenting myself for my own lack of evangelism, and asking the Lord again to be led to the right people, *with* the power and courage to heal and share the gospel. Recently, though, I have felt God say that this is not necessarily my mantle, but that I am to pray for those who *are* called into this.

Save the children

> *"See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse." Malachi 4:5-6*

I think that the enemy has managed to seriously damage the godly family unit in this land, and lock away and compartmentalise despairing and sick people in friendless homes. I was lying before God, sharing both the agony and thoughts of Jesus. I saw a time when angels would be given permission to appear in homes where child abuse or domestic violence was occurring. Their mission would be primarily to halt all child abuse throughout the nation. Then they would help to educate the parents, and connect them with solid local Christians. It is possible that God's agenda would then move on to eradicate totally abortion, divorce, addiction, and other spiritual diseases. Entire households would be saved, and revival would be here.

Through

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THROUGH
On April 29th while reading a teaching by Johnny Enlow entitled, *You Have Not Passed This Way Before*, I had a quick vision. Given the fresh 'bread' found in his article, I found this vision like frosting on the cake. You can read it in its entirety at: http://www.injesus.com/Groups/ViewMessage.cfm?MessageId=PB006Z4S&UCD=jbk

Vision: I was talking to a person standing in front of me. The Lord was standing behind me. I became transparent. The Lord reached His hands THROUGH me and lovingly embraced the person. He then pulled the person THROUGH me and to Himself. End

Now while I thought it was interesting, it happened so quickly it hadn't really occurred to me that I had just had a vision. As I continued to read the article, there was a word that jumped out at me. The word was all in caps and it was the word, THROUGH. It stunned me for a second as I thought about what I had just seen. This is what the sentence declared:

"We have so limited the Holy One of Israel and we will be astounded at what He does THROUGH us in these last days."

The sense I got from the Lord about this vision was that I, being representative of the Body of Christ, was talking to an unbeliever. It seems clear the Father wants us, as His Body, to be transparent so that He can draw the lost to Himself. We live and move and have our being IN Jesus. Being IN Christ and doing things THROUGH Him is how we fulfill the call to be His ambassadors to make His appeal and carry out the great commission given to us each. Our commission is found in Matthew 28:18-20:

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. *19* Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *20* teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

It also paints a clear picture of John 14:6 **Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except THROUGH Me." NKJV** (Emphasis mine)

It is my desire to exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, fully pleasing Him. I pray that you would be fruitful in every good work and increasing in knowledge and all wisdom and spiritual understanding of God. May you walk worthy of Christ who called you into His own kingdom and glory. He has anointed you to be His ambassador. Jesus is making His plea to the lost THROUGH you so that they may be reconciled to God the Father THROUGH God the Son. Jesus taught that we do this by walking in His grace and truth THROUGH Him, for He is the Spirit of truth. It is knowing the truth and walking in the truth that sets us free. First gird up your loins with the belt of truth, continue to dress in God's armor, and walk in the truth of God's Word. Please see Ephesians 6:10-18 and John chapters 14-17 for further insight. A deeper study of the word THROUGH will thoroughly bless you. Remember that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

Grace and peace,
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The Holy Spirit And The Fountain Of Healing

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One night, as Don and I started praying, the Lord began to show me a beautiful vision; it was like a painting coming out of Heaven. I saw painted in the clouds, rays of blue and purple and from out of it came forth the Holy Spirit's chariot with angels and white horses. He was riding down from heaven on a river and the blues and the purples mingled with the spray of the water and the clouds.

I realized how different this chariot scene was in contrast from the one I saw over Washington D.C. That one was red and orange and deep bronze as He rode on flames of fire. Then the Holy Spirit was in the drivers seat and with fierce determination he called forth his prophets to do battle.

This scene was totally different. The Spirit of the Lord was riding upon a river. He was seated inside the chariot and his countenance was full of peace and gentleness and tender mercy. I looked down below and saw that the river that the chariot was riding on, was springing forth from a beautiful fountain on earth. There were voices of songs coming forth from it.

The chariot of the Lord with his train of angels, it was almost like they sailed down the river, which came to a stop by a fountain. It was from here the river began out of hearts of worship. The ornate chariot was ivory and gold and the horses were pure white with golden hooves and diamond blue eyes. The team came to rest next to the fountain. It was like glass, so beautiful with many tiers – it was a fountain of tears in the natural and in the spirit. And there were not mermaids of the fountain, but the worshippers of the Lord – his maidens.

I thought, when the Lord would come, he would be ministering, but this was his place of peace. The horses grazed and even the angels were at rest. These were the gentle still waters of the Great Shepherd. It was a time for the Marys of Bethany to sit at his feet and wash his feet with the tears that sprang forth from the fountain.

And then they were given golden ladles blessed by the Lord from the hands of the angels and instructed to dip them into the waters of tears. As they did the tears became oil and perfume – anointing oil. Many people had gathered wanting to be near and touch the Spirit of the Lord. The worshippers dipped the ladles into the fountain and poured upon the peoples' heads the anointing birthed from the tears as we sang of our Lord. And then the healings began: healings of house and home and family; healings of the physical, the spiritual, the financial well being. And the people received and did not go away sad, but full of peace and the love of the Lord.

The House That's Built To Last

James W. Goll

A Firm Foundation from the Words of Jesus

> *"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell -- and great was its fall."* Matthew 7:24-27 NASB

The Jealousy of God was Manifested in an Apostolic Dream

During a time of rest, I received a very vivid dream that was apostolic in content and nature. In this revelatory encounter, the atmosphere was permeated with the presence of the "jealousy of God." I was taken to a construction site where the foundation of a house was being prepared.

Two angels came and stood at the front of each corner of the property, overseeing the approaching construction. The ground was rocky and the earth was crying out for a deep, strong, firm foundation to be laid, as there had been many shakings and earthquakes in the region over the years.

Very deep trenches were dug and cement trucks then appeared on the scene to pour the foundation. The first layer of cement was poured and I watched as it "set up to dry." Writing in script appeared on the front right foundation stating, *"Jesus Christ -- The Messiah of the Jew and the Gentile."* As I continued to watch, script appeared on the left front stating, *"Apostles and Prophets -- Fathers and Mothers of the Ages."*

The Pouring of the Foundation Continued

The cement trucks pulled up again and another pouring proceeded as I continued to watch in the Spirit. Script appeared again on the second layer of foundation as it began to set up. On the front right corner the words *"Humility"* emerged, and on the left *"Integrity"* manifested. The scene repeated a third time with a phrase surfacing to the top of the freshly poured cement -- *"Intimate Worship from a Pure Heart."*

I was now keenly aware that this was no ordinary house that was about to be built. It was an *Apostolic House for the Glory of God in the End Times*. Another cement truck came and unloaded its quick drying substance. Once again, words appeared, *"God's Heart for the Poor and the Desperate."* As soon as these words rose to the top another phrase popped forth into view -- *"God's Healing*

Presence." The foundation now appeared to be complete as a demonstration of the "power of God" was established for the foundation of the House.

Awakened with a Word

Suddenly, so it seemed, I was awakened from out of this detailed dream as a voice from the Lord spoke to me. I was awakened with a word from the angels that were overseeing the construction of the house.

With the presence of the "jealousy of God," I clearly heard, "This is the House that is Built to Last." I laid there marveling on the wisdom that permeated this God Encounter.

How Is Your House Built?

In these Last Days, the Holy Spirit is sending help to make sure that the foundation of each of our personal lives is strong, secure, and "built to last." This is true, as well, for the corporate dwelling place of God -- the church -- the body of Christ. Is Jesus the cornerstone of your life? Is your house established upon the revelation, lifestyle, and truths of the apostles and prophets -- the fathers and mothers of the faith throughout the church ages? Are you maintaining a life of integrity and humility with a heart filled with pure worship?

Are you asking the Lord to restore the ancient foundation of God's heart for the poor and the desperate? Are you seeking the Lord for a greater release of His healing presence to demonstrate His love and mercy? Since having this dream, I am asking myself and the Lord these questions.

So, now I ask you the same questions the "jealousy of God" has been asking me. How is your house built? When the winds, rains, and storms that Jesus spoke about come, ***"Is your house built to last?"***

Let us acquire wisdom from the Lord and build our house so that it will stand firm as a testimony of His greatness! The storms of life will come. Will your house stand? Let the House that is Built to Last come forth for the Glory of God!
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Thunderous Applause
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Tonight in prayer, I took a stand of faith concerning a particular thing, and I knew that it was a true stand of faith, not hope, and not wishful thinking. I immediately heard the phrase “thunderous applause”, and saw in vision a myriad of angels applauding. Here is what the Lord is saying about this:

I want My children to know that every time they take a stand of faith based on My Word, a true stand that won’t be moved, the angels come to attention and applaud. It is a thing of amazement to them, because you see, they are not able to operate in this thing called faith. They operate in obedience, but it is an obedience that is not of choice. Faith is something that they know of only through seeing it at work in My children. It is a wonder to them to see someone who has a will of their own, who could choose to obey or not, who could choose to believe or not, **CHOOSE** to believe Me and to operate in faith out of choice.

Most of My children really do not understand what a wonderful thing it is to have the ability to choose – to choose between Me and the evil one, to choose between good and evil actions, to choose between love and hate. I have given **PEOPLE** this ability to choose. Angels no longer have that choice. They are locked in to a much earlier choice. But you, **PEOPLE**, are not locked in – at least not yet. That time will come, and for some it will be a “locking in” of great joy, but for others it will be a “locking in” of terror and dread.

I desire My people, those who have made the choice to serve Me, and who have chosen the Lordship of My Son over their lives, to reach out to those who are still choosing the path of destruction. Reach out to them with My good news – the good news that My Son, Jesus the Savior, made the most important choice of all time. He **CHOSE** to lay down His life as a sacrifice for **THEIR** sins. He **CHOSE** to die in their place. He **CHOSE** to suffer in hell in their place. He **CHOSE** to operate in faith, yes, **IN FAITH**, that I would indeed raise Him back to life on the third day, that He might forever live with Me – and rule and reign over earth.

Yes, He also had to operate in **FAITH** just like you do. He did not walk on earth as God, but as man, making choices every day – choices to **BELIEVE** My Word and to operate in faith. He chose to turn aside from the voice of My enemy, Satan, and to trust My Word, to believe what it said, and to follow it through. He did not come as a baby with full understanding of Who He was. He learned that by hearing and reading My Word, by listening to My Spirit, and by experiencing the results of His faith. Successful faith builds more faith. His knowledge of Who He was and what He was to do in this earth, grew as He heeded both My written and My spoken (to His spirit) Word. It ultimately resulted in the world’s greatest stand of faith ever – His faith that I would keep My Word to Him as written in the Psalms**, and raise Him from the dead. He had to trust Me for that.

So how much do **YOU**, my child, trust Me? Will you begin to truly take your stands of faith and make disciples of all nations? Will you take your stand that I will stretch forth My hand to heal in Jesus’ Name? Will you take your stand that My love and power is greater than the power of the enemy? Will you take your stand of faith that I will **NEVER** leave you or forsake you – so why should you worry about anything?

You – **MY CHILDREN** – are to be reflections of My Son on the earth. You are to sound like Him, act like Him, and love like Him. You are to be “little Christs” – that’s what “Christians” **ARE** – on this earth. Take your stand of faith in My Word, and trust Me to “deliver the goods” when you speak and act in obedience to My rhema , My Word that I have **QUICKENED** and made alive to **YOU**, individually. I

AM talking to you every day, both through My written Word and through My Spirit, the Holy Spirit, who lives in you. Listen, receive, choose to trust Me, and then act in faith, and there will be more and more thunderous applause in the spirit realm from those who cannot have the joy of such faith. They just see My joy, and they rejoice with Me. Teach them well, My children, teach them well – take your stands of faith each and every day. **I WILL NOT FAIL YOU!!!**

*****Ps 16:8-10***
8 I have set the LORD continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
9 Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely.
10 For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay.
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I Am Gathering Up All Of My Strays
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This morning during prayer time, the Lord spoke this word to Me:

I am gathering up **all** of My strays. I am gathering up every single one of them, **those who love Me**. They love Me but they have never felt a **PART**. They have never felt like they **BELONGED**. They have never found their **PLACE**. Some of them were **PUT** out of their place. Some of them were cast aside because people thought they were strange or different. Some of them had so much to go through that when they came out, they were **so**, **SO** fanatic that others couldn't accept them. Some of them were so quiet that others thought they had nothing at all, when they had the depths of Me.

I am gathering up **EVERY ONE** of My strays. I am gathering them in to the **CENTER** of My will. I am gathering them in to where they will never, never doubt again that they are **DOING** what I want them to do, that they are **BEING** who I want them to be, that they are **SAYING** what I want them to say. They will never have room to doubt again, because I'm gathering them in to the center of My will. And when they get there, and they will, they'll know it. They will know it with every fiber of their being, and they will be so **JOYFUL**. They will sing and they will shout and they will clap, and many people will think they're even crazier than they were before, but they won't **CARE** this time, because they'll know they're in the center of My will.

And then, I'm not done, because I continue to gather them – closer, and closer and closer to My heart. I am pulling them in to My love in a way they never, ever realized they could experience it. I'm pulling them in. I am pulling them in. I AM PULLING THEM IN. **I AM PULLING THEM IN. I AM PULLING THEM IN! I AM PULLING THEM IN**, and then, **I'VE GOT 'EM!** They're Mine – completely. We're One. We're One. We're One.

The Hush Before The Approaching Storm

Stephen Hanson

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For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-if that were possible. Matthew 24:24

This is what the LORD Almighty says: "Look! Disaster is spreading from nation to nation; a mighty storm is rising from the ends of the earth." Jeremiah 25:32

"There is a hush upon the land. It is the calm before the storm. It is the light before the darkness. For I tell you that these next few months and years mark the beginning of the end. What will you do to prepare for them? Will you read ancient books of history? Will you dig out prophecies from the past? Will you speculate and decipher exactly when the end will come? Or will you merely sit at my feet and listen to Me? Can you hear the hush before the approaching storm? Does a bird in the forest know when danger is coming? I tell you that nature is more aware of these things then man is."

"Have you things in your life that need to be cleaned up? Are there relationships that are broken and need to be repaired? It would be good to get these things taken care of. For brother will war against brother, and sister will wage war against sister when the times get tough. It is best to get your house in order. Consider what is most important and don't argue about trivial things. You all fall short, so judge not according to appearances. Find how you can give water to a man who is dying of thirst. "

"Know that each man is responsible for the words that he has spoken. But even so, I look upon the heart and not the misgivings of man. Who will be ready to stand before Me on judgment day? Who can say, 'Here I am a man without sin?' I tell you look to your own hearts and not to the hearts of others. "

"Will you be strong when the man of perdition comes upon the scene? For he will deceive many and even the elect. I tell you that this man will come upon the scene. He will take power over many. I tell you that he will come out of a country that few have considered. I tell you that he will take peace from the earth. I tell you that these days are not far off. They are not in the distant future. Who will bow for his leadership? My hand is extended for you to come to Me. You will see these things during the next year begin to take place. "

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Where Have The Elijahs And The Jeremiahs Gone

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For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their ***itching ears*** *want to hear. 2 Timothy 4:2-4*

The messenger ***who*** *had gone to summon Micaiah said to him, "Look, as one man the other* ***prophets*** *are predicting success for the king. Let your word agree with theirs, and* ***speak*** *favorably." 1 Kings 22:12-14*

“I am the God of this world and I say that the time will come when men will choose between life and death. I tell you that men’s hearts will fail them for what is coming. I tell you that these days that are coming are some of the most crucial times in history. Do not pretend to know exactly when I will return, however of the times and seasons it will be clear to you. Woe to those who teach things that are contrary about Me. Woe to those who draw attention to themselves rather than to Me. Woe to those who say that there are bright days ahead. Many in this hour are looking to teachers who would give them what they want. They have itching ears. I tell you that those who are true to Me will stand in my counsel daily. They will hear what I have to say and they will share it uncompromisingly.

Where have all the true prophets gone? Where are those who need not to be popular? Where are they and where have they gone to? Will they come to Me and spread the word? Will they speak and not be afraid to speak? Will they not be ashamed of the gospel? I tell you that I am looking very closely at many of the ministries in this hour. Those ministries, particularly the prophetic ones, will be removed if they continue to be compromising with what they have to say. I will not continue to put up with this. Do you think that just because someone has a name and they are popular that they are right? I can choose anyone to speak for Me. Where have the Elijahs and the Jeremiahs gone? “

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True Heart Worship

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I am calling My children into true heart worship, worship like you have never known it before. I tell you truly, My beloved, you have not experienced Me until you have experienced true heart worship. This is a place of holy union. This is a place of sweet communion. This is a place where our hearts not only touch, they meld together as one, in a unique and beautiful way. I'm telling you – I'm calling you into true heart worship. And I will lead you, I'll guide you, I'll take you by the hand, and you will not stray from this path. We are bent on arriving. We WILL arrive at this place. It's My heart to take you to this place. I know it is your heart to travel to this place, and this occurrence WILL shine forth. It will shine forth, I tell you truly, it will shine forth, because this, this is the culmination of MUCH that I've wanted. This is the culmination of what I planned from the beginning. So be of good cheer. Rejoice in the fact that you are entering in to a place that can only be called true heart worship. Where oneness is real, we're united. You will know a tender compassion from My heart to your heart like you've never experienced. This is something that you will experience. This is something that you will have NO DOUBT WHATSOEVER about. This is something that I have planned, and this is something that WILL occur.

Sweetness And Variety

Mary Clark

Now is the hour! Now is the time for you to step into the arena of your Beloved. Let Me tell you, beloved, there is much sweet variety in this place. There is much of interest. I am eager for you to take that step of faith into all that I have planned for you. Come! Taste and see that the Lord God Almighty is good – He is the sweetest, and He has an endless variety for those who will forsake the ways of the world and follow Him into this place of wonder.

I want to tell you, beloved, that a sequence of events is on the way. During this time, you will draw closer into the arms of your Beloved. You will know My plans are definite, because you will see the unfolding of these magnificent events. You will find yourself prospering in Me in ways you never dreamed.

I am the Mighty Savior. I gave My life that you might walk in this final hour in great strength and power. I want you to know that the surges of power that are coming your way will open avenues of hope for you.

I am doing away with the old, beloved, and opening the new for your enjoyment. The old ways of doing things are now obsolete. You may wonder about My methods, but you will be MOST pleased with the results that those methods bring. So rise up strong in the Beloved. Perform on My behalf and know with a certainty that your God has taken you into a new era of faith.

I tell you truly, beloved: The time is right. The time is here. Step into the wonder of the coming hour, knowing that I have planned for you to see, hear, taste, and smell the most extraordinary. The old ways are obsolete. The new ways are coming just as surely as I live. And live I do, beloved! I live mightily in those who have surrendered to Me. Surrender is sweet when it is to the One Who is good – good through and through.

So mark My words, and know that there is great power and strength coming to one who will follow the Beloved with a willing heart – a heart willing to see change and willing to walk in that change.

I am telling you that change is certainly on the way. It is on the way, beloved, and with it is coming a sequence of events that will startle those of the world, but My beloved will view them as one BIG party after the other – one BIG birthday party where you will see new beginnings take shape in your life – new beginning that will last for all eternity.

I am eager for you to come into this new place of wonder in Me. It is a place sweet with My presence. So get ready to taste the goodness of your God, and to know with a certainty that My timing has hit the mark – the mark of a new beginning – a mark of out with the old and in with the new – a mark of wonder and blessings. Yes! That is what this new season is all about – wonders and blessings. Get ready to attend the biggest party EVER, and know when the time comes to blow out the candles that it will be done by My Spirit, beloved. Yes! This final quest will be done by My Spirit and My Spirit only, says the Lord God Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth!!!

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Transformation is a Process

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Transformation is a process and not an event. An event can birth the insight to begin a process of transformation, by applying the revelation to our life daily. It seems as though there is so much information swirling around our minds that we never fully engage it as applied principles in our lives. To add to the information overload experience, we are impacted by a world where the speed of life itself is continuing to accelerate. The speed of life can tear down relationships and divert the purposeful course of even the elect of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The procession of life in a high tech, turbulent society can numb us of reality and greatly disrupt our relationship and purposes in Him. New strategies, formulas and methods that are suppose to give us that edge to becoming who we need to be surface almost daily. We spend so much time pursuing the newest approaches and movements only to find them bringing us more ideas and well, more information we will never have the time, opportunity or discipline to apply.

It is as if we are tossed back and forth between this movement and that method and this revelation and that next prophetic word. It brings us to a state of frenzy that zaps the peace, the joy and sadly enough, even the purpose for which we are still abiding here upon this earth. We have the ABC spiritual movement and the XYZ conference and oh yes, Preacher So-&-So will be in town this weekend teaching this and that. We have the Purpose Driven Life, The Purpose Driven Church, and yet we are not even sure who is driving or where we are going. It is a full time job just trying to keep up with the latest and the greatest of whatever we feel we need in our lives and ministry. We are so involved with the programs, that the people become secondary to the method.

I hope you hear what I am trying to say. I am so thankful for much of what has been given to the church in recent years; there have been some great teachers and material to help us. Do you suppose it is possible that we have too much of the stuff that is suppose to help us with the "Real Thing", that we have missed the "Real Thing? We have had many events that have attracted large audiences and yet studies continue to show that after a very short while, much of the fruit that was apparently attained at the event did not always bear the lasting fruit we had hoped for. Because we as a church are still needing to be disciples of Jesus Christ daily ourselves, we are not prepared to raise the new Christians because we ourselves have not been raised or discipled. We have either not been weaned of milk, or have continuously gone after the dessert and passed by the meat of the Word altogether.

I heard it said that a disciple is a disciplined learner. That is a great description of a disciple as long as He is listening and obeying first and foremost our Father God through the Holy Spirit. I continue to pray for me, my family, and all those the Lord may have us lead, to live a life in the image of our Savior Jesus Christ. That means that any revelation and truth I have learned and not committed to put into practice in my life is wasted material and fruitless. But you might say that, "the Word of God never comes back void". I would say, "You are correct it will not come back void, as I will be accountable for how I obeyed that which the Lord had spoken.

This is to a great extent why life is a process and never an event. If I never took another step towards the life of Christ after my initial confession of Jesus Christ as my Lord, my life would be fruitless. We have witnessed many that have said that at one point in their life, they had answered a call to the altar to receive Jesus. Repentance may not have ever taken place, but that altar call felt good. So their claim to being saved was an isolated event that never connected to the Promise nor the process that can only come through repentance. So after years of continued bondage and spiritual death, they cannot understand why that event did not change them. This is not the power of the gospel of Jesus

Christ that I know. Are we preaching the wrong gospel at times?

1 Corinthians 4:19-21 (The Message)
19But I'll be there sooner than you think, God willing, and then we'll see if they're full of anything but hot air. 20God's Way is not a matter of mere talk; it's an empowered life.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (NIV)
7But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

So it seems that those filled with hot air and those that have a hard time dying to self, may not be able to reveal the power of God in and through their lives. This again is a process and not a one time event. I love remembering some of the immaturity in even the disciples of the New Testament. They were with Jesus every day for 3 years and although Pentecost had not delivered the precious Holy Spirit in their lives the presence of the living God was amongst them daily. It is encouraging and such a blessing to have understood through the word of God the many crucibles and processes each of them had gone through to prepare them for their destinies.

One of the things I hear the Lord telling many around the world is to keep things simple. The gospel is a very powerful and yet simple message that even an unlearned youth can understand and receive. We sometimes make the word of God too complicated and feel that only certain scholars can really interpret it. I remember a day when religious leaders felt that way and decided that the common people should not even read it. They even put it into a language few could even understand. We have gotten beyond that church, or have we? We run here and we run there looking for someone to tell us truth and yet ignore His very presence of Truth that lives within us.

We must realize that as we live out our Christianity to the fullest, there is a battle and there is a cost in the midst of joy and peace unspeakable. We become very religious at times in our lives and most of us do not even see it. The devil is not stupid, as he just needs to add enough "Tilt" to our lives to keep us from standing or walking as Kingdom citizens of the Most High God. His goal is to have us interpret what we see as truth either too far beyond truth or not far enough towards it, or slightly to the left or right of the mark in the balance of truth.

If 100 pounds of meat mixed with 3 ounces of arsenic is all that was needed to kill those who ate of it, the devil would not use one more ounce. He adds just enough poison, delusion or religion to keep us on the path of self, wrongful focus or death. That is why it is so important to live and move and have our being in Him and Him alone and that is our process. As we process more of God, more of His word and more of His life in and through us, then we become channels of His power and light to the world. If we become dead in the process to self, then more of His life can be poured out through us.

So what is the process? In simplicity, it is more of Him and less of us. It is more of His will and continuing to be less and less of our will. It is to be more obedient to His word with passionate resolve to forsake our own ways, thoughts and desires. If we look at these impurities and sinful habits and nature in each of us as weeds, we begin through the Holy Spirit to remove these weeds from our lives. This is a lifetime process of weeding out that which is impure and feeding in to us all that is pure from God. We will continue the weed and feed process as there is no permanent weed killer except physical death itself.

My friend and mentor Dennis Peacocke always will drive the point home that "practice makes permanent". I had always heard that practice makes perfect, but that does not hold up if that which we practice is not in alignment with perfect truth and obedience to our Lord. We need His wisdom and guidance to help us to quit practicing habitual patterns that are contrary to spiritual health and growth. So if practice makes permanent, we must follow after and practice the life and principles of The Perfect One, Christ Himself. And finally, our body is not our own anymore but His, purchased at a great price and sealed with His blood.

Slow and steady wins the race! It is an eternal progression to being conformed to the likeness of our Savior. We might as well get on board now, for tomorrow may be too late. Paul ran the race. He was compelled to travel on his missionary journeys to spread the gospel of Christ with incredible adversity. He was compelled to raise up leaders throughout the various churches he started and visited. He was compelled to write, to preach and encourage others day after day--slowly but steadily he ran the race.

Finally, he tells us that he kept the faith! Keeping the faith surely isn't all that hard is it? Or is it?

Paul kept the faith during the tough times, times when faith is challenged. It's easy to keep the faith during the good times, when all is going well and challenges are few and far between. But when the storms of life crash against your faith, and instead of filling your sails the wind destroys your sails, faith is challenged. Many will forfeit their faith due to the challenges of life, especially those who have not traded their worry for faith!

Worry is the enemy of faith. So many Christians hide in churches hoping they will never be challenged beyond their comfort zone, hiding behind religious works refusing to hear or accept the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

"The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful" (Matthew 13:22).

Paul did not play it safe. To use words like "fight", "ran" and "kept the faith" certainly shows us what we too must face as we step out of our comfort zones into God's courageous zone!

Paul didn't need to rely upon the newest trends and methods for his successful approach in spreading the Good News! "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power" (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

And so beloved, let us begin or continue to live in the process of dying so that we may truly live. This the type of life worth dying for and it is a life worth living for, ever seeking the development of our lives in the image of Christ Jesus our Lord…..Amen!
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This Is A Tested People

Ron Powell

November 11, 2005

Mic 3:5
This is what the Lord says to you false prophets: "You are leading my people astray! You promise peace for those who give you food, but you declare war on anyone who refuses to pay you.
Mic 3:6
Now the night will close around you, cutting off all your visions. Darkness will cover you, making it impossible for you to predict the future. The sun will set for you prophets, and your day will come to an end. (NLT)

My Children,

I have seen the error of those who prophesy for money and those who cause My people to err, those who cause My people to continue in sin and who strengthen the arms of the wicked.

Yet, shall I cut off the vision of such men and the sun will set for them and their days shall come to an end, says the Lord.

Have faith in God, My Children! You are not alone in the earth!

I have always had a remnant, a holy people in the earth.

They are not the proud, the self-centered, or the polished, they are those who are considered lame in comparison to the noble and mighty apostate church.

This is a tested people; those who like you, have been in the fires of trial; these include the unknowns, the outcasts of all denominations, and those who raise their voices against corruption in God's house.

These are My people, a people whose hearts beat as one, a people so led by My Spirit that they would be called outcasts by the apostate church.

As it is written: ' I will assemble the lame, and gather the outcasts, even those whom I have afflicted. I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcasts a strong nation, and I will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on and forever.' (Micah 4:6,7)

Yes, these are My repentant, those who have risen above worldliness and aspire to heaven."

Yes, this is a heavenly minded people, weary of lightness and compromise. A people who yearn for holiness in God's house.

Therefore, I will cause the apostate to be removed from his place, from the midst of My people, says the Lord.

These shall be gathered together of men for the burning.

But as for you My Children, Cast thy burden upon Me, and I will sustain thee: I will never suffer the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22)

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This is Love

Julie Volby

November 5, 2005

It is on my heart to share the following prophetic word given to me by the Lord on March 18, 2003. It has not been until now that the Lord would allow me to begin to release these things. In this current season, I sense very strongly that many of the Scriptures, dreams, visions, prophetic words, and revelation that the Lord has been providing to those in the Secret Place over the past years are beginning to come to pass BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT. This exponential increase is due to kairos time (eternity) rapidly overtaking chronos time (earth time). In this hour, we must understand that God does not judge between right and wrong (Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil), but instead brings a separation of that which produces life and that which produces death (Tree of Life). I submit this word for your testing and discernment.

In Christ, Julie

March 18, 2003
Prophecy

This is Love.
That I gave My only Son to die on the Cross for your sins.
That the Third Day He rose from the dead.
That I would allow My people to go through trials and tribulations to build their character.
That I would send My people into the wilderness to test their faith.
That the American people would lose all that they have and find Me.
This is Love.

My motivation is love. Mankind does not understand My love. It can only be spiritually discerned. There is a false love that comes from acceptance and comfort in material things or those things that are seen. This is not love. I AM LOVE. There is no fear in love, for perfect love casts out fear. I came that men might have life and have it more abundantly. It is My will that none should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Remember My motivation is love. Love is patient, love is kind, it does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not easily angered, it does not keep a record of wrongs. This is not the law the U.S. is walking in. She is walking in her own strength and a willful understanding of the law. My ways are not your ways. My thoughts are high above yours.

I have prepared you, My people, for such a time as this. You will see many lives saved. I will use you for My glory and My Kingdom shall have no end. Pay no heed to the false doctrine of security in earthly pleasures. This is a lie from the pit of unbelief. Instead, look to Me for your sustenance and strength.

Many things I have told you are about to unfold. You have been faithful with little; you will be faithful with much. No man knows the day or hour of My coming. Try as he may, man cannot decipher My mysteries with his own understanding. I AM.

Woe to those who come in My Name preaching another Gospel. It would be better for them to have a millstone tied around their neck and be thrown into the sea, than to lead one of My little ones astray. I will allow many things to come to pass to fulfill My purposes. This Nation shall reap what she sows. I desire to see My people unite. I desire to hear them cry to Me in one accord. Where are My Watchmen? Where are the Intercessors? Where are My people? Many continue to get drunk on the ways of the world. Do they not understand that the things of this world have no heavenly value?

I would have them to know instead that the currency of heaven is FAITH, FAITH, FAITH. Will I come and find FAITH on the earth? The winds of change are here. They blow where they will. Always remember that I AM. Call upon me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know. I AM.

Luke 18:1-8 -1 *Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,* ***2*** *saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man.* ***3*** *Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.'* ***4*** *And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man,* ***5*** *yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "* ***6*** *Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said.* ***7*** *And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?* ***8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"***

John 3;5-7 - 5 *Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.* ***6*** *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.* ***7*** *Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'* ***8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."***

Time To Come

Julie Volby

It Is Time To Come – A Call To Exodus

December 9, 2005

Matthew 11:28 - Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

Revelation 22:17 – The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take of the water of life freely.

It is time to LEAVE WITHOUT FEAR or LIVE WITHOUT FEAR.

IN ORDER TO COME TO HIM, WE MUST BE WILLING TO LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND.

John 5:39-40 – 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

The only way to COME TO HIM is to come by FAITH.

Hebrews 11:1 – Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

The idea to Exodus or leave has been a recurring theme throughout my life, but more importantly is evidenced throughout the Scriptures.

Leave Comforts of Home to Pursue Dreams * Leave Old Patterns to Become New/True Identity * Leave Unjust, Unhealthy, Abusive Situations/Environments to Enter into Healthy and Thriving Environments * Leave Rebellion to Live Obedient Life to God * Leave Trusting in Self, Others, or Things to Come to know His Faithfulness * Leave Slavery and Bondage Systems to be Released and Set Free * Leave Mediocrity and Lukewarmness to Come into the Refining Fire of His Love * Leave what is Comfortable and Known for Change and Growth in Him * Leave Grieving and Sorrow to Experience Joy in the Lord * Leave Hopelessness to Find that He is the Answer * Leave Anxiety and Fear to be Surrounded by Peace * Leave the End of a Chapter to Begin a New Book * Leave Harassment and Discrimination to Find Edification and Strength * Leave Serving a Type and Shadow to Becoming One with the Fulfillment of It * Leave Broken Promises and Unmet Expectations to Find Yes and Amen in the Promises of God * Leave Accusation and Blame to a Life of Accountability to the Word of God * Leave Grave Clothes to Put on Royal Robes * Leave Destructive Patterns to Build and Plant in the Newness of Life * Leave Despair and Find Hope that Anchors the Soul * Leave Lies and Enter into the Truth * Leave Barrenness to Become Fruitful * Leave Lust to Find Fulfillment in Him * Leave Enabling Others to Speaking the Truth in Love * Leave Abandonment and Fear to Find His Comfort and Protection * Leave Egypt to Move to the Promised Land * Leave Guilt and Shame to Find Righteousness in Christ * Leave Speaking Death and Destruction to Speaking Abundant Life * Leave Walking in Another's Shadow to Become One Who Casts a Shadow of Miracles * Leave Doing to Just Being * Leave Sadness and Find Gladness in the Lord * Leave Chaos to Experience Stillness in Him * Leave Want and Lack to Find He is All You Need * Leave Hording to Cheerful Giving * Leave the Tomb to Share the Good News * Leave Self-Focused Deception to Christ Centered Reality * Leave Childish Behaviors and Come into Maturity * Leave Drought and Dryness and Enter into the River of Life * Leave Can't Do to Can Do All Things in Christ * Leave Regretting Yesterday or Fretting about Tomorrow and Start Living in Today * Leave the Prison of Unforgiveness to Experience Liberty in His Forgiveness * Leave Presumption to Grow in Patience * Leave the Boat to Walk on Water * Leave Filthy Rags to Wear Robes of Salvation and Righteousness * Leave the Shallow Waters and Dive into the Depths of Him * Leave Mystery Babylon to Enter into New Jerusalem * Leave Rejection to Receive Full Acceptance in Him * Leave Defeat to Be More Than a Conqueror * Leave Passivity to Become Confident and Bold * Leave Striving to Enter into His Finished Work * Leave Hatred to Experience Mercy * Leave a Life of Taking to One of Giving * Leave Lofty and Haughty Mindsets to Find Humility and Meekness * Leave Brokenness to Find Healing and Restoration * Leave Complaining to Thankfulness and Praise * Leave Counterfeit and Compromise to Seek and Find the Truth * Leave Deadness of the Letter to Living the Spirit Filled Life * Leave Perversity to Come into Holiness and Purity * Leave Expectations of Others and Condemnation to Find Grace in the Eyes of God * Leave Dead Ends to Come to Open Doors * Leave Bitterness to Taste His Sweetness * Leave the Tail to Be the Head * Leave Darkness to Come into His Light * Leave Religiosity to Fly Free in the Spirit * Leave Heaviness/Depression to Put on Garments of Praise * Leave Arm of the Flesh to Rest in Him * Leave Situations Marked for Judgment for Place of Righteousness, Justice, and Peace * Leave Past Behind to Fulfill Destiny in Christ * Leave Prison for King's Call to the Palace * Leave All You Know to Follow Him * Leave Idolatry and Unbelief to Walk by Faith and Not by Sight * Leave Self-Identity to Find Identity in Christ * Leave Old Mindsets and Own Understanding to Trust in Him * Leave that which Fades Away and Enter into the Eternal * Leave Death to Come to Resurrection Life * Leave Seeing in Part to Knowing He is ALL IN ALL

While in many instances, the Lord would keep us in trying situations to build our character, grow, mature and strengthen us, there also comes a time when the season changes and a window of time opens (appointed time) for us to leave and move forward by faith in God alone. Many times the Lord would cause us to be placed in situations in which the CHOICE we must make is very clear and the path very narrow. Though He opens the door, we are given the choice to go out by it. This is seen in the prison experience of Paul and Silas in Acts 16. At midnight, or the time of transition from the past into the new day, they were found praying and singing hymns to God, while the other prisoners listened. SUDDENLY there was a GREAT EARTHQUAKE. This SHOOK the foundations of the prison and IMMEDIATELY ALL the DOORS were OPENED and EVERYONE'S CHAINS were LOOSED! It was at that point or appointed time that each prisoner had the choice of being set free by the power of God.

All testing and trial allowed by God is meant for us to become victorious, not to destroy us. Many view the idea of leaving or fleeing a situation as one of fear. However, there are many cases and situations in which that very thing…FEAR…keeps us from leaving or fleeing from a place we view as comfortable, safe and one that we can control or at least know what to expect. Some may misunderstand our departure as one of fear, but to remain in a position of slavery to the flesh and its systems, is to enable or condone others to remain in that mindset as well.

What would have happened if Moses would have not had the courage to leave the comforts of Pharaoh's Palace to find his true identity? What would have happened to God's people if Moses did not confront Pharaoh and lead the EXODUS (going out or departure) out of the bondage of Egypt? What would have happened if Moses would have stopped at the Red Sea and not trusted in God to make a way where there seemed to be no way? We are called to experience ALL of the freedom Christ purchased on the Cross for us by walking a Resurrected Life filled with FAITH, rooted and grounded in HIS LOVE.

1 John 4:18 -19 – 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. 19 We love Him because He first loved us.

Hebrews 11:23-29 – 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command. 24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasure of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. 28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea, as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

When the time comes to move forward, we must move in wisdom and not by our own understanding.

James 1:5-7 – 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

Proverbs 3:5-6 – 5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

The willingness to submit to God's changes begin WITHIN the HEART and many times entail an outward expression of faith that goes with it. Though we may not know where He is taking us, God has promised to care for our every need.

Hebrews 11:8-10 – 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he dwelt in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; 10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

I sense in my spirit that many in this hour are being called upon in the Spirit to leave all that they know behind to pursue Him in fullness. This is not a call to run away from suffering, tribulation or trial, but to instead go THROUGH IT with Him as He makes a way of escape. Then upon safely crossing over, we are called to LEAVE the past behind and not make the mistake of looking back as Lot's wife did, which resulted in a preserved, but dead end, or making Lot's mistake of falling back into fear, which resulted in compromise and a drunken stupor.

This is the hour of GREAT CHANGE upon the earth. We must move in wisdom when we hear the Trumpet resounding within our own hearts.

Psalm 95:6-8 – 6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7 For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice: 8 "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers tested Me, though they saw My work."

You will know when the time is ripe for you. And when it is time to let go of the old, my prayer is that you would go out with great courage, hope and joy in the Lord. Fear not!

IT IS TIME!

LET THE MODERN DAY EXODUS BEGIN IN YOU!

A December to Remember
Julie Volby

December 1, 2005

It is on my heart to send this article out once again (with some updates). I sense that the truths it contains have been personally maturing within us in this last year and that many things are soon to be personally harvested. However, I sense that the full Corporate manifestation is yet to be seen as things continue to rapidly unfold on the world stage. In any case, I believe this article is again a 'NOW' word for this season we have just entered into.

Today, I sensed very strongly a major 'shift' in the Spirit and it seems as though hope is being restored on many levels. I sense that 2006 will be a year of uncovering those things that have been hidden deep within the heart of man. We will see much Light and unfortunately witness much darkness. It is my prayer that we remain hidden in the Secret Place of the Lord until the appointed time in which we shall appear with Him in glory. May His wisdom guide you, His peace surround you, and His love consume you as we move into the manifestation of promises fulfilled.

In Christ, Julie

A December to Remember
Julie Volby

December 1, 2004

While worshipping with a friend on 11/29/04, the Lord gave me a vision and spoke a prophetic word regarding the month of December. I believe that what was revealed was not only for my friend and I, but was a Corporate message that is to be shared with those who have ears to hear and eyes to see Him. This writing is given as an encouragement for those who have remained hidden deep within the earth, waiting on the Lord for His perfect time of release. It seems the time has now come and the Lord would provide us with wisdom and understanding as we step out fully into the Light of the New Day or the Third Day.

The Lord said that this would be a “December to Remember”. He did not give a lot of details, but did give a vision that was released through prophetic song. In the vision I saw the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. The Lord revealed to me that what most could not see was that the Babe was wrapped in an unseen blanket of God’s everlasting love and clothed in His glory. It was His love that was surrounding, protecting and keeping the Babe warm.

As we enter into the season of Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights, I believe there is a profound significance in relation to kairos or the appointed time overtaking the chronos time. This festival lasts eight days, eight being the number of restoration, and commemorates the miraculous supply of oil that lit the menorah. Perhaps during this time a miraculous supply of heavenly oil, which we know as the Holy Spirit, will flow in and through the Body of Christ to bring restoration to His temple and upon the earth.

As I continued to ponder what the Lord was trying to say through the vision, it became clear that the fullness of time for the birth of the Manchild of destiny is here.

Luke 2:7 *- And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

The Greek word describing Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes is sparganoo. It means to wrap (in cloth) to bind a newborn infant in strips of long cloth, a normal act of childcare for warmth and security. I believe that just as Jesus came into the world and was wrapped in swaddling cloths, so the Father would desire us to see that we too are wrapped in layers of His love and glory. It is His presence, wrapped around us, that provides the warmth and security we need to live. Those who are wrapped in Him have died to their carnal nature through identification with Jesus’ Finished work on the Cross and their lives are now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is their life appears, they shall also appear with Him in glory (see Colossians 3:3-4).

As we remember how Jesus first came to the earth, we are also reminded that He did not come in the way that many thought He would. He was not only wrapped in swaddling cloths, but His life was clothed in humility. He came in the humblest of circumstances, where one might least expect, in a lowly stable in the midst of some animals. Jesus, the firstborn of many brethren, was also the Light of the world who humbly came ‘hidden’ in a body of flesh. As Zion is giving birth, it seems that perhaps the King of Glory has once again hidden Himself within a humbled people that have been set aside for such as time as this.

I believe that this December to Remember marks not only a season of Divine release, but also one of Divine judgment or separation. For those that are being released in this season, many have been marked as forerunners and have already passed through the Lord's purifying fires of judgment. But for those that have yet to pass through or are passing through, the shaking will only increase.

So, what will this impending season of judgment look like? Many look for the day that all evil men will be slain or killed. They wait for justice to be served to those who have committed unforgivable acts. For many this is what judgment is all about. Yet, those who know the Word of God know that judgment does not start in the world, but in the House of God first. Many believe that surely God will judge His own people first. They seem to have no excuse, especially those mesmerized and serving the religious church system. Surely, they will be judged first! However, if you are waiting for fire and brimstone to strike the organized church, I am afraid that you may still be looking in the wrong place.

Many know what I am talking about when I say that the shaking has already begun. However, it has not necessarily begun within a church building, but instead has begun within individual Christians who make up the true Church or Bride of Christ. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 6 that our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in us and that we are not our own. Based on this, I believe it is safe to say that the House of God that is coming under judgment begins personally, which inevitably flows Corporately as His Spirit unifies us as One in Christ.

Hebrews 12:25-29 *- 25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also the heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those tings that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

If you think God rocked your world when you first placed faith in Jesus Christ, that is not all He had in store for you. God wasn't planning only to shake your earth, but also your heavens. The shaking that is spoken of in these verses is a shaking of every work of the flesh that has been borne out of the carnal thought life or Adamic nature. The Word tells us that we already have the mind of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 2:16), but it is through the power of God's Word that our minds are renewed to see Him as He is and to learn to walk according to the Spirit, rather than according to the flesh. It is the Truth that sets us free. Those thoughts and actions that have been borne of the flesh life must be shaken, so only that which is of God remains. This is part of the purification process of the Bride of Christ. She must pass through the fiery passion of God's love. He must increase within us until He is everything and we must decrease until we (our carnality) are nothing. This is the process in which Christ within us the hope of glory will be revealed!

If you are going through a great shaking in any area of your life such as relationships in the home or work, health, finances, emotionally stability, broken dreams, broken promises, or the like I encourage you to recall these words.

1 Peter 4:12-17 *- 12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God, and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?*

The Lord would say to those that are suffering to, "Look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draweth nigh." Do not focus on your problems, but instead on the answer to every problem. His Name is JESUS, who is One with the Father, and He holds the answer to everything. Escape the pit of self-pity, unbelief and doubt by using all of the energy you once spent worrying to instead worship and praise the King of kings and Lord of lords!

It is through partaking in Christ's sufferings that He is moving us from glory to glory and faith to faith. Now is the time to invest all of your heavenly currency, which is FAITH, into the storehouse or treasury of God. Let us not be double-minded and suppose that we will receive anything if we are not placing our faith in God alone. But let us instead see a double portion of His power and presence manifested in our lives by trusting in Him to see us through! I guarantee the best investment you can ever make is to place your faith in God alone, who is more than able to supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The Lord recently took me through my own personal season of Divine judgment. Many believe judgment is a bad thing, but for those who know their righteousness comes from Christ alone, judgment is God's mercy. The things that transpired can best be described as a whirlwind. It took me by surprise and was not at all what I expected. It came very quickly and very forcefully. There was nothing I could do to control it. It quickly became clear that there were certain areas of my life that had not been fully turned over to God. So, the whirlwind came and blew my little preconceived world apart.

During that 'whirlwind' season, I had a vision of a mound of dirt. I believe the dirt represented the carnal nature or earth, as man was made of the dust of the earth. The mound I saw could be considered a prison, a cave or even a tomb. It was a place where all man-made ideas, presumption, and hope in any work of the flesh had sat and eventually died. It was there that I realized that no work of the flesh or self could have any part in what God had promised. The dreams of destiny had died and I died (my own understanding) with them. Even my idea of how God would resurrect these dreams was completely wrong.

In His perfect time and way, He sent the whirlwind of judgment to blow the tomb of my carnal reasoning or veil of flesh away completely. He used the whirlwind to separate the pure from the vile. In the vision I saw that, as the dust was taken away by the whirlwind, what remained was a beautiful red stone. It was not in its raw form as one might expect a newly uncovered gem to be, but it was already perfectly cut in the shape that would reflect the most light in order to display its inner beauty the most. It was already buffed, polished and shined. It was ready to be placed in the King's crown. This jewel is spoken of in Malachi 3.

Malachi 3:16-18 *- 16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.*

It is in this season of Divine release that God will reveal these jewels that He has been carefully preparing and has kept hidden under the earth or veil of flesh. They have passed through the Refiner's fire, and have been cut, polished and shined. They are vessels of honor, meet for the Master's use, prepared for every good work. They are now being positioned or set in the King's crown to be displayed for the world to see. Just as in Malachi 3:16, the Lord has looked upon the pages of His book of remembrance and knows these are those who fear Him and meditate on His name. They are called by His name and are His alone.

So, where's the judgment in all of this? We have talked about God shaking our world up and sending the whirlwind, but how can that be judgment? I believe the idea of judgment can also be seen in Jesus parable of the wheat and the tares.

Matthew 13:24-26 *- 24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while he slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared."*

He continued to say that the wheat and tares were allowed to grow together until the time of harvest. Jesus later explains the parable to His disciples.

Matthew 13:37-40 *- 37 He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age."*

It is clear from these verses that the end of the age is not only a time of harvest, but also a time of separation.

I believe the only way to truly understand what is happening Corporately is to understand it personally first. I believe the primary seed is the Word of God or the incorruptible Seed of Christ that has been planted deep within our hearts by His own hand. He waters and nurtures the Seed through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit. He warms the fertile ground of our hearts or the field made of the dust of the earth with His love. These good seeds produce wheat or the offspring of righteousness also known as the sons of the kingdom. They in turn reproduce more wheat or good seeds. This circle of life is the fulfillment of God's initial command to be fruitful and multiply as given to man in Genesis 1:28. The wheat, or those things birthed through faith in God's Word, is gathered into God's barn or storehouse.

In contrast, the tares are those things borne out of the flesh. The deceiver comes when we are spiritually 'sleeping' or not keeping watch. It is while our eyes are not on the Lord that the enemy takes opportunity to try to plant his lies in our minds and what is harvested is a work of the flesh, also known as sin. James explains this clearly in the following verses.

James 1:13-15 *- 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, '13 I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

Here we see that the offspring of deception and carnal desire is sin, which ultimately results in death. Thankfully, God's grace is sufficient and He has made a way to escape death. That way is the Cross of Jesus Christ! Paul explains this in Romans 6.

Romans 6:6-9 *- 6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.*

It is in the time of judgment or harvest that the wheat and the tares are separated. The tares, or those things borne out of our flesh life, are harvested. It is at 'the end of the age' or the end of our flesh life that these tares are gathered together and bound into bundles. They are then thrown into the fiery furnace to be burned. All the wood, hay and stubble of our Adamic nature are consumed in the fire of God's passionate love for a Bride pure and without spot.

It would seem that the appointed time has come for judgment to take place in a global way as the Lord prepares to reveal the sons of God that creation itself has been groaning and laboring with birth pangs together until now. They have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb and have safely passed through the Baptism of Fire. They have undergone the great tribulation of the crucifixion of the self-life or Adamic nature and have not been found wanting. The wheat and the tares have been separated in their lives. The tares or works borne of the flesh have been taken away and burned up, while the wheat or fruit of God's righteousness that remains is kept. That which cannot be shaken is gathered into the storehouse of the Son of Man or the heart of God.

The choice is ours to make. Will we choose to try to save our flesh lives or will we lose our lives to gain His? In this December to Remember let us "Remember Lots wife". She looked back upon her flesh life in Sodom and Gomorrah and her mortal life ceased. Let us instead choose to move forward in this critical hour and CHOOSE LIFE or eternal life, which is a faith filled life lived in Oneness with the Father! I must warn you that this may entail a separation from those things that have in past seasons been comfortable and familiar. One cannot serve two masters. Each one will come to a point when he or she must choose this day whom they will serve and not turn back in unbelief or regret at what once was.

What about judgment? Perhaps you are wondering if I am ever going to get to the part about the unbelievers being judged? Surely there must be some justice that needs to be served to them! If you are waiting for the world to be judged, you don't have to wait long. Jesus explained in John 12:31 when this judgment would take place. He said, "NOW is the judgment of this world; NOW the ruler of this world will be cast out." So, when will judgment take place? NOW! The ruler of this carnal world is the Adamic nature or self. The only power Satan and his demonic hordes have is the power the flesh life gives him to operate. His authority was completely stripped at the Cross and his only weapon is deception! Public enemy number one is not Satan, but instead the carnal/self nature of a man or woman who does not know Christ or has not fully submitted to His rule and reign in his or her life.

The truth is that those who do not know the Lord are already walking around condemned. They are the walking dead, who have yet to be born again. Therefore, to pronounce fire and brimstone upon them will have little affect, except to perhaps scare them into believing that they are bound for hell, which they may already be experiencing a measure of as they walk the earth. In Romans 2 Paul warns those who judge others that whatever they judge another in they condemn themselves. Let us not despise the riches of God's goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, and remember that it is God's goodness that leads us to repentance. We must be humble and remember that we are justified by faith in what God has ALREADY accomplished for us on our behalf. Our justification and righteousness come from God alone, as the just shall live by faith.

The way that judgment will fall upon the corruption of man's systems will be through a people who have already passed through the refining fire of God's judgment or separation. These are a people who are no longer governed by the law, but who have learned what it means to walk in God's love, which is the fulfillment of the law. They are a Corporate Body that is empowered by the Holy Spirit to walk in the FULLNESS OF THE GOSPEL, who is Jesus Christ. They are the Firstfruits Company who have died to self and it is no longer they that live, but Christ who lives in and through them.

Even Enoch prophesied of this coming judgment.

Jude 14-15 - *14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

In this season of release this Army will begin to walk in the full power and manifest presence of the Lord. They will bring judgment upon the religious system in what is considered the Church on earth today. Not only will the Babylonian system be torn down in the organized Church by the manifest presence of God WITHIN this people or holy nation, but this order of corruption will also begin to crumble in all world systems. All works of the flesh will come tumbling down at the revelation of CHRIST IN US the hope of glory, rather than the hope for His glory to fill buildings made by human hands or flesh based programs or man-made systems.

This Company has moved past a desire for visitation and have become a habitation of the Holy

Spirit. While there is no room at the Inn of Carnality for Jesus to lay His head, He and His Father have made Their home within the hearts of those who truly love the Lord. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, They are seated on the throne of these hearts ruling and reigning over all the earth of these earthen vessels, which are now meet for the Master's use.

The time of harvest is also the time of restoration. It is through this Firstfruits or Manchild Company that many will come to know God's love and forgiveness. Multitudes will leave of the Valley of Decision and step through the gates into the Kingdom of God. No flesh can stand in God's presence. Therefore, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Divine Order will be re-established within the earth. But we must remember that this happens one life at a time.

So how are we to move as we are released into this season of Divine destiny? I believe Isaiah has God's answer for us.

Isaiah 52:12 *- For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*

Just what is your rear guard? It is God's glory!

Isaiah 58:8 *– Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.*

I believe these two verses are parallel and that it is our righteousness, who is Jesus Christ, that has already gone before us to pave the way because He is the way! The Hebrew word for rear guard or rearward is the word 'asap'. It means to store, gather, harvest, bring in, collect, or assemble. It is clear that is it GOD'S GLORY that will bring in or gather the end time harvest that generations have waited to see. No work of the flesh will be allowed in this move of God. It will be His light so shining through us before men, that they will see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven! This sure sounds like a no sweat or priesthood ministry to me. The good news is that it is!

One last thing that the Lord desires for us to remember about the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger is His position. Jesus' position was a state of complete rest and trust in God. The Babe lay peacefully in a manger, not doing His own work, but depending fully on His Father for everything. This rest is spoken of in Hebrews.

Hebrews 4:9-10 *– 9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.*

If Jesus, who was fully God and fully man, was found in a manger resting after being birthed, how much more do we need to follow His lead and rest in Him as He releases us into our destinies? This is the type of childlike faith the heart of God is after in this appointed season. It is the Sabbath rest that is also spoken of in Isaiah.

Isaiah 58:13-14 *- 13 If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

In this 'December to Remember' we have many things to remember. I pray that each one of you will remember first and foremost how Jesus humbly came to earth to pay the price for your sin on the Cross out of His everlasting love for you. Remember how on the Third Day He rose again in victory, which is the victory you were destined to experience daily in a life lived fully by abiding in Him. Remember all of the trials and tribulations that He has brought you through to mature and strengthen you. Remember how He has never given you more than you can handle through Him. He has never failed you and never will. He has promised to protect, provide, comfort, guide, teach, nourish, strengthen, heal, forgive, restore and fulfill you. The only thing He asks for is your faith. I pray that unlike the rebellious Israelites in Psalm 78, that you may set your hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments. These commandments are to love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength and to love one another. By obeying this, the rest of the law is fulfilled.

May this be a December to Remember for each one of you! May your hearts swell with the joy of your salvation who is JESUS! To God be the glory! Hallelujah!

That I May Know Him

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That I may know him

Our quest in these days should be to know God and to know him more intimately. Just like Paul who said that I may know him we Christians should desire to know more of God each day. I believe God is set and ready to reveal himself to us as we draw closer to him paying the price of seeking him in prayer and of walking in his Spirit.

One of the mysteries God would like to reveal to the body in these times is that of the Godhead. A lot of people don’t know God and they get irritated on hearing that God is three in one - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The scriptures say in John 1:1 that Jesus is God and we know that even though he is the son of God he is also 100% God though he is also 100% man. The Father is accepted by all Christians to be God but not all will testify to the fact that Jesus is also God. I think it is a mystery to such people and it will continue to be one until they draw closer to the Lord. People have thought that the Father holds the same position as the Son but scriptures point to the fact that the father is greater than him though they have equal power and authority (Jesus said - All power in heaven and earth as being given to me) . Jesus calls him his father and his God and this statement of Jesus could make one wonder if Jesus is really God. The truth is that he is. Just like my human body and my human spirit are one and both bear the same name though my spirit is greater so it is with the Godhead. They are one but the father is greater than the Son. He had been from the beginning and would forever be. Joseph had the same power with the pharaoh but in seat pharaoh was greater so it is with the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit is considered to be less than Jesus but the bible says Jesus is the child of the Holy Spirit. What would you consider to be the meaning of this ? Anyway, the Holy Spirit is God and the truth remains that they all have equal power and authority but the Spirit always takes a humble position and he is often called the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of the Father because he represents them even though they are always together. Wherever the Son is, the father and Spirit are present and wherever the Spirit is, the Father and the Son are present as well. The only time the 3 got separated was when Jesus carried the sins of the world. The Father and the Spirit left him because they are of a purer set of eyes than that which could behold iniquity yet they did the work of redemption together.

These statements could make someone wants to know more of God. To him it could be like what have I been taught before? This truly is the work of a revelation handed over by the Spirit of God. It could make us to wanna yearn for more of God and as we yearn and steadfastly behold his face its my prayer that we get to see the Godhead more clearly. Amen

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Self Examination

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Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. 2 Corinthians 13:5

We've got to examine ourselves. Are you in the faith or are you out of it? You got to know. For the days of trials are coming. If you've got no root then you will fall by the wayside.

For some the days of trials have already come and they are already shaken by the wind. I sensed that the red horse has been sent to some quarters to take away peace from them. The love of many have since grown cold and there is bitterness everywhere and lack of trust.

A lot of Christians have a superficial character. They allow their emotions to ride them and control them. They are moved by their needs instead of the Spirit of God.

Some have refused to give to the Lord's anointed and some speak against the Lord and his anointed and his works.

Lets examine ourselves well. Are we controlled by what we see, hear or feel? Do you allow your physical senses to control your life? If you are having problems with this area, I'd advice you to visit the cross daily thereby dying to selfish lusts and desires and all canal things, feeding on the word and praying in tongues or as led by the Spirit.

God wants us perfectly whole not sick and partial in our approach to godliness. He is talking about contentment now. Godliness with contentment is great gain. Lets be content always. Always abiding in thanksgiving. Shalom.

The Mystery of Giving
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Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in my house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts if I will not open unto you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it - Malachi 3:10

There is a big mystery behind giving so much so that only those who understand it can tap into its benefits. Some unbelievers know this and have tapped into the benefits for seed, time and harvest shall not cease.
Somebody said - giving is living. Another said - the liberal soul shall be made fat. You will find out that they both said the same thing ' cos when you give you increase and whether you like it or not - everything alive is living. God said when you give your tithes and offerings he opens the windows of heaven and pours you an unlimited blessing. That blessing could be an idea that will give birth to millions of dollars. It could be some other thing but it would be immeasurable and invaluable. Therefore give and it would be given back to you.

The grace is available all we need to do is to sow a seed. You know why many pastors ask people to give? Its so that people (including the givers) can be blessed.

God said you should bring your tithes and offerings into his house so that there can be meat in his house. Have you ever wondered what that meat is? Its the word of life (God) coupled with his joy. When you stop giving God stops communing with you daily. His joy is absent from the house and the people are not happy. But when you give God opens the doors of heaven for his blessings. You get the fullness of the Spirit and you get all your needs met. God's joy imparts strength for daily living. Giving is living my brother. Its true my sister. All you need to do is give, If you want to increase. Plant a seed and get your needs met. Release what you have for the overflow. Remember seed time and harvest do not cease. Its time to give brethren. Its time for the overflow of heaven to flow to you and I.

The Seven Spirits of God
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I recall God telling me that in 2005 he would reveal his manifold wisdom to men and just to confirm that word God has been revealing different sides of himself through me to men. He has revealed faith, patience, peace etc. and in continuation of his revelation he has informed me to share with you on his seven Spirits.

Its my delight and pleasure to do this. It gives me joy and it confirms my call. I know a lot of people don't know some things about God. Some time ago I heard a father in the Lord preach error about the trinity and at another I heard his equal preach an error about the seven Spirits. I believe God is sending me to correct this errors. in this message I'd be correcting the latter.

The seven Spirits are the Spirits of wisdom, knowledge, counsel, might, power, fear of the Lord and understanding. 6 of them are written in Isaiah 11: 2-3. Selah

The End of Times
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...Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is...watch ye therefore for ye know not when the master of the house cometh.
- Matthew 13:5-37
Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: let not your heart be troubled neither let it be afraid
- John 14:27
These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world
- John 16:33
Watch and Pray

Christians from all over the world are called upon to be more watchful and prayerful these days. The hurricane Katrina took us all by surprise and you know several Christians were killed. We all know this ain't God's perfect will. We have to be more prayers. There is a call to intercede more for our fellow Christians and for the nations. Lets pray. Lets be watchful. Even for our own salvation for no man knoweth when the trumpet would sound.

Receive Peace

If you are troubled you are called upon to receive the Lord's peace. Stay upon his word. Be careful about nothing. Let your requests be made known to God. Thank him and his peace would flood your soul.

Be of good cheer

Cheer up America. Your God still lives. He wouldn't leave you alone. He's still on the throne. ' In God we trust` should still be lifted high. Let the banner up. Let it fly. God would not abandon USA. To all Christians he says - be of good cheer. I have overcome the world

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Overflowing with Grace
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The grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared to all men. - Titus 2:16
I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh - Joel 2:28

Mere looking at these verses you will know that God's grace is available to all men and to all of us. Recently the Lord reminded me of his overflowing grace and I want to share this revelation with you.

Somebody said - giving is living. Another said - the liberal soul shall be made fat. You will find out that they both said the same thing ' cos when you give you increase and whether you like it or not - everything alive is living. God said when you give your tithes and offerings he opens the windows of heaven and pours you an unlimited blessing. That blessing could be an idea that will give birth to millions of dollars. It could be some other thing but it would be immeasurable and invaluable. Therefore give and it would be given back to you.

The grace is available. All we need to do is to receive. The grace is available. All we need to do is to sow a seed. You know why many pastors ask people to give? Its so that people (including the givers) can be blessed.

God said you should bring your tithes and offerings into his house so that there can be meat in his house. Have you ever wondered what that meat is? Its the word of life (God) coupled with his joy. When you stop giving God stops communing with you daily. His joy is absent from the house and the people are not happy. But when you give God opens the doors of heaven for his blessings. You get the fullness of the Spirit and you get all your needs met. God's joy imparts strength for daily living. Giving is living my brother. Its true my sister. All you need to do is give, If you want to increase. Plant a seed and get your needs met. Release what you have for the overflow. Remember seed time and harvest do not cease. Its time to give brethren. Its time for the overflow of heaven to flow to you and I.

Deliverance from false hopes
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I believe a lot of Christians are presently bound by false hopes and beliefs and I believe the Lord wants them to be delivered from these false hopes. We have all been deceived at one time or the other and if you can recount your experience could have been like this: You thought you were healed but you found out you were not. You believed the prophet but the promise did not manifest. You thought you were going to have an A but you got a B. You thought God was going to it to do that way but he did not. You had prayed for this and that but you never got them. You were deceived over and over again. Its been cycles and cycles of heart breaks and delusion. You believed but your expectations were cut short.

Yea, all of went through all of that you but we are still on the move and that's the basic. Keep trusting despite your heart breaks and your broken expectations.

Keep moving saith the Lord for your promise would come through. I would begin to hasten everything I have said concerning you. I would make sure they come. For I said it and I would bring it to pass. Keep moving with the faith of the Lord.

There are physical/natural laws and there are spiritual laws. Lets learn to apply both types of laws well so we don't get heart broken. There are promises but there are also conditions to fulfill before God brings the promises to pass. Lets balance up our walk with God by blending the two types of laws well, aligning ourselves with his perfect will and we will never be deceived or heart broken again. Selah.

Keep Moving
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Keep moving brother. Keep moving sister. I don't want to know what problem you are facing. Just keep moving for you are coming out of it soon. If you cannot fly, run. If you cannot run, walk. If you cannot walk, crawl. Just make sure you are on the move.

You may have been stopped several times but just keep moving. The problem would soon be over.

The bible says in Rom.8:37 - Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ that strengthens us. You are more than conquerors. Therefore cheer up!

The God of Longsuffering
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Do you know how patient God could be towards you? Do you know that he could wait for as long 969 years just for a set of people to repent? That's exactly what happened before he sent the flood in the days of Noah and I would explain what I mean:

Before Noah was born God had already told Enoch his great -grandfather of what he was going to do. He was going to send down the flood but he wanted people to be saved so he gave them almost a thousand years to turn and also sent Noah the preacher to them. The almost one thousand years was the life of a single man called Methuselah. God already had a plan and so he asked Enoch his faithful servant who walked with him to name him - Methuselah, a name that describes Gods longsuffering and the latter judgment of his wrath (the flood).

It may surprise to note that shortly after Methuselah died God sent the flood. His life demonstrated the longsuffering of God towards a sinner. Methuselah witnessed the first 600 years of Noah. He died when Noah was 600 years old. He lived very long. He even outlived his own first son, Lamech. Surely he lived very long and became the oldest man ever to have lived on the surface of the earth. Why did he live so long someone may ask? It was because he was born to show the patience, enduring grace & mercy and the longsuffering of Almighty God towards us.

Indeed Enoch and his son were special. Enoch who lived 365 years is a symbol of time (365 is a symbol of time), perfection & immortality and his son a symbol of long life and endurance. Selah.

Patience

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You have to be patient my children. Patience is a gift you all must covet. Without it my promises for you cannot be manifested. When you wait on me I bring my promises to pass. Patience is waiting. Patience is believing. Believing that what I say would come to pass. In your patience possess ye your souls the scriptures say. So hold on. Hold on to what you have. Do not let go. Cast not away your confidence which has a great recompense. Hold on to what the Spirit says. I the Lord would be by your side to bring to pass what I have promised you. I would watch over my words to fulfill them. I will repay them that wait with honour. So wait my sons as I bring my promise to pass

The Issue of Blindness

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Jesus spoke in parables, and brought most of His famous teachings in a veiled fashion. He later took time to explain these mysteries to His closer companions. He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand'" (Luke 8:10).

He purposely hid things from those who were not seeking. Those who thought they knew, would walk away nodding in affirmation, but knowing nothing. However some weeks later, Jesus was taking a boat trip across the sea with His 12 disciples. He had recently said to them, "You know the secrets of the Kingdom," but when they began to ask Him about the miracle of feeding the 5000, He was incredulous!

"Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember?" He quipped (Mark 8:17,18). The enlightened ones did not know how to use the keys. Sure, they had revelation, but they had no understanding of it. They could see something, but had no way of interpreting it. They were half seeing, or half blind.

So Jesus had to address this very serious spiritual malady - hardness of heart, spiritual blindness. It is a kind of stupor that descends upon all disciples at one time or another. Thinking we are "touching heaven, changing earth," but really our efforts are locked away inside the four walls of our church building!

I have a friend who was the senior pastor of a large and prosperous congregation. He had a radio program, had written books and did much itinerant speaking. The local assembly had over a thousand people. They were really "reaching the city". But one Sunday morning, he decided to go to a local restaurant, instead of his own church.

What a shock, the place was packed! 400 people who didn't even know he was in their city, who didn't care about the Christian "sub culture" he represented. He wept. His hard heart was broken, his self-importance was deflated. Having his vision reset, he decided to seek the counsel of God for his city. He had been looking at things outwardly - focusing on the blessing, the manifestation of the Spirit, the gifts and finally came to see the city - the region - the sin.

Look at things outwardly

It comes from taking a shallow view of things, only going skin deep. Take heart! Samuel the prophet went to the house of Jesse looking for a king. His heart told him what a "king" should look like. His prophetic insight was working keenly. He was looking, but did not find the king among his sons. So he called for the youngest, David. He missed the king. He said, "Is that it? Is this all you have to offer?" But God corrected him - he was not "seeing" correctly. "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

It's all "surface stuff". God is calling for us to clear the wells of revelation, and dig deeper. He is asking us to join wisdom and revelation together, to have insight AND discernment.

Of Jesus it is said, "His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear" (Isa 11:3). Jesus gave us a living demonstration of how to walk with God. We can judge by the Spirit - and sense what is true and real.

Blind prophets.

Such blindness is anathema to the prophetic. The danger runs deep if we allow this situation to continue. If we allow a focus on "anointing" and "wonders" over a focus on character, conduct and holiness we will fail or worse, we will fall.

One nationally recognised prophet some years ago spoke to a certain church in Dallas Fort Worth, TX. He said that, "Within a year this fledgling congregation will be the key and cornerstone of revival". It was running 500-1,000 (depending on how you counted it) and he boldly proclaimed "It will soon reach 3,000". Today? The church is no longer there. It fell apart. Did he miss God? Has he turned false? I don't think so. I think he was seeing anointing, and potential, but never addressed the deeper issues stopping up the well.

In another case, a nationally recognised prophetess was speaking in California. The church was a cutting edge, pumping place. She laid hands on the pastor, and proclaimed, "This man is a prototype, exactly the kind of leader God is raising up in this nation, a man to be followed and copied". To her chagrin, three weeks later his homosexual lifestyle was uncovered. He had been intimate with many of the male staff in his church. Oh Dear! What's going on here? Blindness, at least partial blindness.

I am not calling this man or woman false. I don't think they fell into the Ezekiel 14 trap (prophesying to the idols in men's hearts). I think they fell into the very same trap the disciples did. They could "see", but they weren't perceiving. They saw potential, but not the character flaws. They were feeling something in the Spirit, but could not grasp, or did not try to see the depth of things related to it.

Perhaps this is why Paul prayed for the Ephesian Christians to have both "wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" (Eph. 1:17). Revelation alone is not enough - we need wisdom, or discernment to apply it. Without it, we are really running blind. We might feel out way through things, but our senses are not fully awake.

Blind folds off!

Some years ago I had a vision of a large group of men and women standing on an open field. Their faces were to the wind, their hair streamed out behind them. Their cloaks and robes fluttered behind them. I could tell they were prophets. But then my view swung around in front of them, and I was shocked to see that many of them were blindfolded. What was worse, there was a massive storm coming, and they could not see it. I believe this is actually a picture of modern day prophetic ministry. It is in a sad state. There is much "seeing" but little perceiving. There is much "revelation" but little discernment.

"Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one committed to me, blind like the servant of the LORD? You have seen many things, but have paid no attention; your ears are open, but you hear nothing" (Isa. 42:18-20). We can reach a very sad state sometimes. What an indictment on us all. Prophetic ministry is fraught with the danger of becoming blind.

Otherwise. deception cometh

I recently returned from Ghana, where one can meet any number of "prophets" It is all the rage there now. It is no longer in vogue to be called a pastor, nor profitable to be an apostle. Better offerings are given to the prophet. I read front page headlines of prophetic words given, which have failed to come to pass. There are conferences every week in Accra, where you can pay for a prophetic word. In fact they will probably prophecy to you about giving (to them). This is a whole level deeper than the last examples. It is actually turning good into evil and righteousness into usury. The cycle declines, the road leads downward and destruction is its end:

"Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who lead my people astray. it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without revelation. The sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them; the seers shall be disgraced, and the diviners put to shame; they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer from God" (Micah 3:5-7). The end result of harness of heart, without repentance, without turning is total darkness, yes even deception.

Turning around, turning aside

Moses was doing his daily pastoral duty, when one day he "turned aside to see". He caught a glimpse of something extra-ordinary, out of the norm, amazing. A burning bush that was not consumed by the fire. He had a revelation (saw a sight), but then he added obedience, and turned aside to see. Thank God he did.

Moses feared God, and he desired to see the truth. Remember, Jesus has given us the keys to the kingdom. He has given us the revelation. However, He is asking us, as He asked His disciples, "Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember?" (Mark 8:17,18).

Seeking the council of God

The psalmist said, "They believed His words; they sang His praise. But they soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel" (Psa. 106:12,13). The circus of church can be a consuming affair at times, and we stumble along without God's counsel.

Brethren, let us not harden our hearts. We must humble ourselves and cry out to God for mercy. It does not take much to come back to God - just a penitent heart. Even to the wayward prophets of Israel God could say, "But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings" (Jer. 23:22).

That word "council" is chawd in the Hebrew. It is the same word used by David in Psalm 25, "secret counsel belongs to those who fear Him" (vs 14). Fear of the Lord, not fear of man. Not even a desire to be of benefit to people, or produce a prophecy, or come up with the latest and greatest.

Let us not be a generation of prophetic people standing on the field with blindfolds on. Let us come to our senses, repent, fear God and seek Him for both wisdom AND revelation!

The Importance of Relationships
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Many things that we call relationships are nothing more than convenience. We have hirelings, employees, running mates, partners but few become real relationships. Relationships are the bond which grows as we walk together, talk together and also dwell together. What holds people together in ministry? There are at least three things.

1. It takes agreement

Amos asks, "Can two walk together unless they are in agreement?" (Amos 3:3). It takes agreement, it takes a common vision. They must agree to walk together. What do they agree on? They must agree on the destination, they must agree on the issues that bring them together.

2. It takes peace

It is not just a common vision, and agreement. David shows us this. "The men of Benjamin and Judah came to David at the stronghold. And David went out to meet them and answered them and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me." (1 Chr. 12:16). It also takes peace. Shalom is blessing given by God when two dwell in unity. (Psalm 133:1-3).

3. It takes honour

The third element is honour. To walk together and stay together, there needs to be an honouring of one another. Abishai was honoured more than all the others, and as a result he became the leader of the Three, and the head of the army (1 Chr. 11:21).

Every relationship will be tried and tested.

David had many people around his life. He had counsellors, advisors, captains and chiefs. His family came with him to Adullam, his mighty men followed him through to Ziklag. But in Psalm 38:11 he laments, "My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, and my relatives stand afar off". There are times when we are down, when things have turned against us and are not going our way. Do we have "fair weather" friends? People who only abide when it goes well with us - then they are not real friends. Does your plague, do your wounds drive them away?

True friends stand by you through thick and thin, and if you are wounded, they will bring the balm of healing to you. How troublesome it is when all flee us in our time of trouble.

"Many good things are found in bad places"

You can find many treasures behind enemy lines. When David was thirsty and hungry he had some very faithful friends. They heard him cry for water, they broke through enemy lines and pursued water for David (1 Chr. 11:17). They risked their lives for him. These are true friends, who will risk something for you, who will endure pain on your behalf. There is no reward for them, except to see you happy.

"All good things will be tested by fire"

Every good thing that you find, every good relationship will be tested by circumstances and fire. Jesus is a wise master builder, and He tells us we are going to see testing (1 Cor. 3:11). Not every relationship is going to stand the test of time. Some will be burned away, and you will need to let them go.

God builds in three ways.

Rick Godwin has made this statement, "God will build revelationally, God will build relationally and God will build generationally".

It takes a revelation to bring people together, especially if they meet when you are down, or "plagued". It took a revelation to call Nathaniel to Jesus. Jonathan had a revelation that David would be the next king and he would not. Even two people courting will be "struck" by one another and fall in love. They will have their eyes opened, and see the beauty and cherish each other.

God will build relationally. The only things that are going to last are built on love, not convenience; on commitment not on want or need. Love expresses itself through relationships. These cannot last except with love (1 Cor. 13).

God will build generationally. Anything that has lasting value is carried forward through generations. Sonship is central to the way things will carry on. God is called the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God builds in three kinds of relationships

There are three kinds of relationship that last.

1. Covenant

Covenant is central to the way God relates to His people. He is a covenant keeping God. These are expressed in marriage, in friendship, and in business.

2. Sonship

Sonship positions you to receive inheritance, as long as you remain submitted to the will of your father. Sons are not like hirelings, they will not run away when hard times come.

3. Kingdom

God sends kingdom relationships. The issue of being sent is central to kingdom relationships. Apostles are sent ones, prophets are sent ones. God is going to send you divinely appointed men and women. He may also send you strategically into other people's lives. Be watching for kingdom connections!

Conclusion

Relationships are key to survival in ministry. But not everyone who calls themselves "friend" will stay when the going gets tough. It takes three things to come together, and to stay together: agreement, peace and respect. Every relationship will be tested by fire. Trial, sickness and stress will test people's faithfulness. God builds revelationally, relationally and generationally. He builds into three kinds of relationships: covenant, sonship and kingdom relationships.

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The Idolatry Of The Heart
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Luke 16:14-16
Now the Pharisees, the separatists and religious exclusivists, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing and sneering outright, turning up their noses at Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves, making yourselves appear to be righteous in the sight and presence of men, but God intimately and experiential knows your hearts, the core of who you really are; for that which is highly esteemed, elevated in honor and influence and dignified among men is detestable and idolatry in the sight and presence of God." (*My literal transliteration)*

I have read and studied the Bible for over twenty years and not once did these verses leap off the page at me as they did tonight in discussion over dinner with some friends. We had just finished our meal and my friend alluded to this passage quoting a portion of it to me. I asked him where it was and promptly pulled out my dagger (the small smuggler-sized version of Scripture I can fit in my purse, opposed to the large study Bible I use at home known as my sword). There it was in bold red print staring me and anyone who cared to read it in the face.

When I got home, being a linguist at heart, I pulled out my Greek helps and this already pointed passage took on an edge that cut to the core of the modern day idolatry in our Western form of Christianity. And to the idolatry that creeps at times silently into the corners of our own hearts. Our culture is steeped in it. Our marketplace systems exploit it. Everyday it hits us from a thousand angles with a myriad of voices calling out to the deepest longings in our hearts to honor the things men honor and seek to be esteemed by the systems men promote.

May I invite you on a journey to take a deep look at this passage and its application personally and corporately? I warn you this journey may not be pleasant and it will not be comfortable. It may expose hidden idolatry of the heart that must be taken to the cross and repented of. This journey may call us to die to things of our culture and comforts we hold dear. But we journey together. Can you commit with me that ANYTHING, tangible or intangible, that separates us from Jesus MUST be taken to the cross and crucified? The cost of hanging on to those things incomparably exceeds the price of letting them go.

THE CROWD
The context of these bold verses is Jesus teaching on stewardship, money and the riches of the Kingdom. It was this teaching of faithfulness in stewarding what you have been given, the religious in-crowd was sneering at. And it was to this crowd that Jesus' response was aimed. The Pharisees were exclusivists and separatists. They were the spiritual elite, an in-crowd unto themselves. They loved money, titles, prestige and the praise of men. It is interesting to me a root associated with the word used for Pharisee means to separate, scatter, wound, and sting. Spiritual elitism of any form has no place in God's Kingdom and results in wounding and scattering His people who encounter it.

Jesus responded to their jeers and sneers by striking the heart of the matter which was a matter of their hearts: idolatry. Beneath all the perfectly phrased prayers, the long titles and lists of spiritual accomplishments, the carefully cultivated images; at the core of who they were beat hearts festering with idolatry. God saw through their show to the reality behind the act. What was honorable to men reeked in His Presence. Their outward shows of righteousness could not fool God who intimately and experientially knew who they were and what they worshiped.

Beloved, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but religious elitism is alive and well, even thriving in some of our churches today. We have places where leaders are placed on platforms and made to be untouchable icons of success. In some parts of Christendom, those that know how to acquire the right look, talk the right talk and present the right spiritual pedigree are ushered into virtually impenetrable circles of relationship that shun those perceived with lesser qualifications. I have seen the operations of such first hand.

In some ways these spiritual cliques more resemble the relational dynamics of junior high that the Kingdom of God. Do you remember that popular crowd that most everyone aspired to be a part of and loved by or at least hated by, as long as they weren't invisible? It is fundamental cry of the human heart to be seen. To be loved is wonderful. To be hated is not so wonderful, but is usually infinitely better than invisibility or being systematically ignored. Not to be recognized at all is a relational solitary confinement that starves the soul.

We were created for relationship, first with God and second with one another. The religious systems of man that foster a spiritual in-crowd stand in stark opposition to the heart of God and the ways of His Kingdom. They betray the image of the One they claim to represent by presenting a model of Him as other than who He is. Not one soul, not one person is EVER invisible to Jesus. Every single one of our hairs is numbered by Him. And He calls us to become a family that includes and welcome not excludes and ignores. We do not tolerate sin. But we love the person who is startlingly imperfect enough to commit it. And we invite them to join us on a journey with Jesus to deeper wholeness, greater freedom and growing maturity.

Jesus' harshest words recorded were to the Pharisees and spiritual cliques of His day. He has not changed. His harshest words still are. It is a simple fact beloved that you become like that which worship. The Pharisees for all their religious sounding talk and pious prayers were not worshiping God. Not fundamentally at least. They worshiped power, prestige, position and praise and fell into the trap of believing their own press. They allowed themselves to be placed on pedestals and over time began to believe they belonged there. They did not resemble or even recognize God because it was not Him they were truly worshiping. Their actions and character betrayed the emptiness of their words.

Leaders this is sobering stuff for us, especially for those of us who are growing in influence and name recognition. All of us in our flesh have certain predispositions to Pharisee-like temptations. Who DOESN'T like to be recognized and considered important? Who doesn't like to be part of a close-knit group of relationships and have their own running crowd? Who among us would say being honored doesn't feel pretty darn good?

In my early years, I was set on pedestals in many ways by those around me. I have learned the hard way pedestals are just plain dangerous. They set you apart and make you other-- they might even make you someone's idol. A pedestal is a lonely and precarious place to stand and OH so easy to fall off of. I have also learned the only safe way to deal with pedestals is to systematically jump off them and ruthlessly destroy them through authenticity, reality and at times in-your-face honesty. Avoiding pedestals also demands us to be aware enough to always point folks to Jesus and not to ourselves. Leaders we may be gifted, anointed and appointed for a certain call but we just are not "all that". Shall we get over ourselves and start pointing even more boldly past our gifts and understandings to the One Who so graciously entrusted them to us?

We give the Pharisees a bad rap, but honestly their failings were no different than many of ours could be if we embraced religion and operated out of our flesh. So why was Jesus so much harder on the Pharisees if their failings were common to man? I believe He was as hard as He was on them, because they wrongly claimed to speak for and represent Him. In so grossly misrepresenting Him and following after the idolatry of their own hearts, they effectively not only refused to enter the Kingdom of God, they barred and locked the way for those around them as well.

Since God intimately and experientially knows our hearts, the very core of who we are, shall we ask Him to show us in any way we have embraced the idolatry of the Pharisees? Jesus longs to reveal any hidden idolatry of our hearts to us so that which is false intimacy in our lives can be exposed, renounced and repented from allowing us to come into TRUE intimacy with Him.

THE QUESTION

…that which is highly esteemed, elevated in honor and influence and dignified among men is detestable and idolatry in the sight and presence of God…

This line certainly begs the question: SO what IS highly esteemed, elevated in honor and influence and dignified among men? May I propose a few ideas? Some of these were the same things that became idols in the hearts of the Pharisees. Some of these idols were openly worshiped culturally and had temples with religious orders of their own built in their names. Other idols found their temples simply in the hearts of those that served them.

POWER, POSITION & PRESTIGE: Man honors position, prestige and reputation. The Pharisees sought after the best seats at the table and the places of prominence and recognition in their social spheres. I have been in a number of churches where this is a driving force behind decisions and relational dynamics. Instead of climbing the corporate ladder, members vied for coveted positions on the favored pew or places of relational influence. The in-crowds in these places were alive and thriving. The saddest thing was so much of this was dressed up in religious jargon of "armor-bearers" and "personal intercessors," I very much doubt the people involved had any idea of what they were doing or how it potentially affected those around them, let alone their own relationships with the Lord.

In many places today, you are revered if you are in the graces of certain well-known commodities in the Kingdom. Some people's identities seem to be more associated with the ministries they serve in or run with than their relationship with Jesus. You are considered to have "arrived" (where I am not sure) if a select-elect few know your name. We have created a superstar subculture in the Body of Christ that idolizes fame, ministry, power and the perks that go with it. It is idolatry pure and simple and it MUST be addressed.

Jesus' response was direct. He who is the greatest among you-- let him be your servant. God's Kingdom is not concerned superstars but servant leaders who follow in the footsteps of their Savior. Take the lowest position and be invited higher. And you don't have a reputation. You died. Your only reputation is His reputation and He was despised, hated and crucified. Jesus didn't win any popularity contests in His day. Why do we think if follow Him our paths will lead to popular acclaim when His led to the cross?

One of my favorite poems of all times was written by a man named Gerhard Tersteegen. He clearly understood the call to the cross was to come and die, not come and dine. I quote it to myself almost daily. As he wrote, may we be reminded once more:

Across the will of nature
Leads on the path of God;
Not where the flesh delighteth
The feet of Jesus trod.
O bliss to leave behind us
The fetters of the slave,
To leave ourselves behind us,
The grave-clothes and the grave!

We follow in His footsteps;
What if our feet be torn?
Where He has marked the pathway
All hail the briar and thorn!
Scarce seen, scarce heard, unreckoned,
Despised, defamed, unknown,
Or heard but by our singing,
On, children! ever on!

***DESTINY*: Isa 65:11** But you who forsake the LORD, Who forget My holy mountain, Who set a table for Fortune, And who fill cups with mixed wine for Destiny…

I realize I am about to tread on some sacred ground here. Many of our ministries and churches talk about destiny, A LOT. I do understand what is largely intended but I must disagree with the terminology. It is so broadly used and accepted, I fight against using it myself. I sometimes have to catch myself in mid-sentence. So why am I so opposed to what many would consider an issue of semantics? Words have meaning and we need to be using biblical verbiage or we are in danger of promoting unbiblical concepts. This is exactly what I am concerned is happening even when we have best intentions otherwise.

My first objection is Destiny was an idol from ancient times even mentioned in the Bible by name and in modern times is still worshipped under different guises. In many places finding ones "destiny in Christ" has eclipsed knowing Jesus Christ Himself. That makes destiny an idol. Destiny is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "the seemingly inevitable succession of events one has no control over, one's fate". Embracing the concept of destiny is often a fraction away from slipping into a Christianized version of fatalism. Then mix in a slightly skewed understanding of the purpose of the prophetic gifting and you get a recipe for serious deception.

What is the biblical concept that commonly gets referred to as destiny or Calling? There are twenty-two types of callings in Scripture. And it is evident by the progression of when they are introduced biblically the calling of WHO you are or identity is foundational to every other context of calling we commonly term destiny. IF WE WILL BE WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE, WE WILL DO WHAT WE ARE CALLED TO DO.

Destiny also has within it an inherent focus on doing instead of being… that our destiny is something we do instead of who we are. Calling unlike destiny has no inevitability about it whatsoever. It is wholly contingent on choice and moment by moment obedience to Jesus. No prophetic word or promise concerning calling from the Lord is guaranteed. It hinges on our acceptance and then from the place of His grace in the context of relationship with Him, our daily walk of obeying His words each step of the way. The concept of calling is worlds away from destiny biblically. Destiny also has subtle undertones that it is somehow about us and might happen apart from the Lord. It's just ***our*** destiny after all. Calling however is initiated by God, is embraced only in relationship with Him and is fulfilled expressly from the place of His grace and the position our submission and obedience to His Word.

SUCCESS: So what's wrong with success? Well nothing-- unless of course it defines the gospel that you present. And then there is the slight discrepancy between our view of success and God's view of success. Other than that, not a thing… well unless you worship it and let it define your worth and identity.

The church in America has largely embraced the gospel of success that placates sin and crucifies nothing. More sermons are presented on giving church members yet another tool for their tool case to make them more successful, have better relationships, be happier, healthier, richer, thinner, more fashionable, more respectable, get that promotion, marry Mr. or Mrs. right and live the American dream. May I ask a technical question? Where in all of this grooming for success is the cross that bids us come and die?

No, not the Nerf-like cross that doesn't have the power even scrape us, but the cross of the Gospel that has the power to kill our affections and sensibilities, even our aspirations and agendas and most certainly our flesh. The ultimate success looked at the time like the ultimate failure. The ultimate success came at the price of death. Where is the Gospel that calls us to lay down our rights, pick up our cross and follow a crucified Savior on a path that may mean we see no treasure on earth, we may be ridiculed and thought to be failures, we may even be required to love not our lives unto death? Where is THAT cross and that Gospel that says success is nothing less and nothing other than running our race to run into our Savior's arms and see Him smile as He says, "WELL DONE, good and faithful servant?"

Victory is not about our circumstances. Success is not about our accolades. Some of the men and women we herald as giants of the faith, if we met them in our modern day context we would despise them as abysmal failures. Where brother is your faith? Your clothes are worn. Your car is falling apart. You have no stable income except from mending tents. You have published no bestsellers and no one is clamoring at your door to speak at conferences. You can't even seem to have a consistent decent meal and you are always getting trouble with the authorities. Hey Paul, why don't you just truck yourself on to the next town and leave us alone?

No, victory is not about our circumstances. The greatest victory of all time, so great in fact it forever split time as we know it, began on the darkest day the world had ever seen. The second the enemy thought he had won, death's keys no longer belonged to him. For in the place of seeming defeat, Jesus vanquished hell, death and the grave and rendered them powerless. Victory is about what happens IN us in the midst of our circumstances and how we choose to respond the Lord even in the face of hell itself.

I have been physically assaulted overseas by a local pastor who hated women and foreigners... I've been kicked out, blackballed, walked through shootouts, had to foot all my own bills, drank unfiltered water in the slums of S Asia for a year and almost died because of it with over a 106 F fever. No shipwrecks yet, only being stranded for several days in airports. But I am beginning to sympathize with Paul just a hair. I told Jesus 8 years ago I wanted to see genuine revival come to my generation and He asked me if I would be willing to pay the price. I didn't know really what that was but I was desperate enough I said yes and now despite knowing way more of the heartache and at times the hardship-- I can honestly say I would not trade one bit of it and I know Jesus so much better for what He has allowed me to walk through. And in knowing Him and choosing His ways beloved, THAT is victory and success.

MAMMON: We actually hear a lot about this one so I'll keep it brief. We have a culture that is built on materialism and merchandising. The great quest to gain a bigger house, a better car and to fill them both with more stuff seems part and parcel to the American dream. There are times I too have been rightly accused for doing more than my fair share to stimulate the local economy. We are so inundated with the cry for MORE, it can be at times deafening.

I do not believe there is anything wrong with having nice things or even desiring them, as long as it is kept in check with Kingdom priorities and submitted to the cross. Do you own your possession or do they own you? That simple… We are stewards of what we have been given and it ultimately belongs to the same One we belong to: Jesus Christ. We are not our own and neither is our bank account or the sum total of that which we call ours.

PLEASURE: We live in what can be often a "pleasure-crazy kingdom". We have no further to look than the next commercial on TV or ad in the paper. Our society promotes pleasure of all forms. Why? Because we're worth it... The revelers in the ancient world held orgies to Bacchus and Dionysus and we in our modern civilization hold keg parties and watch porno. Now of course no self-respecting Christian would be caught even outwardly contemplating such sin. But statistics are clear that such revelry has infiltrated the church and captured a whole contingent of prisoners to pleasure in our midst.

But does it go farther? Does it get potentially even more insidious? I believe it may. What about spiritual orgies? No I am not talking about the cultic kind. I am talking about believers that have gotten addicted to manifestations and feeling the next rush of what they interpret to be the Holy Spirit moving in the service. Sometimes it IS the Holy Spirit and I love feeling His Presence more than I can convey, but folks not everything that is "spiritual" even in church is the Holy Spirit. We MUST be discerning. Many have been drugged into a spiritual stupor by emotional and experiential highs in the place of at times manipulative worship techniques and hype. They are left to run from conference to conference and speaker to speaker to get their next fix. This is NO way live life. This is NOT the abundant life Jesus promises. This is bondage, not freedom.

I am in no way negating the genuine experiences with the Lord which are life-changing and at times intensely emotional. And I'm the first to sign up for a good conference. But if you are addicted to a feeling you get and feel bereft of God without it, some questions need to be asked. There is absolute pleasure in God's Presence. In fact, nothing is like knowing His pleasure and the pleasures of knowing Him. But our relationship with Jesus should not built on feelings and experiences alone. These must be balanced and evaluated by His Word and knowing the reality of His character beyond emotion and experiential gauges. Our relationship is built on truth and grows through obedience, whether that obedience feels pleasurable at the moment or not.

WAR*:* Like so many of our predecessors before us, we too in our culture tend to worship war. Not overtly but this pension is often expressed in subtle ways through entertainment choices, sports and even some of our understandings of prayer and intercession. I want to clarify that being a warrior spiritually is a wonderful thing-- as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus, our hearts submitted to Him and our worship where it belongs.

I have been in many places though, that instead of delighting in Jesus, they seem to delight in spiritual warfare. Ps 68:30b says "He has scattered the peoples who delight in, incline to, desire and take pleasure in war." Time and again I have watched those who get fascinated with figuring out principalities out of the place of curiosity and not genuine leading of the Holy Spirit, get scattered. We MUST only enter into the battles the Lord chooses for us and then even in the middle of warfare keep our eyes focused on Him. We are to understand our enemy and not be ignorant of him but our focus no matter HOW fierce the battle is to remain on the Author and Finisher of our faith.

STATE: Lastly in some circles we worship our state. This is a delicate subject in some ways with some fine lines in operation. Let me be the first to say that I am about as patriotic as they come. I am grateful for our freedoms and opportunities. I am thankful for the leadership currently in office. I am encouraged by our heritage. I believe we do have a call as a nation. But the USA has the potential as never before to fall ever further away from her biblical heritage in the choices that are made or not made in the next few years.

And the bottom line is as followers of Jesus; our citizenship is in His Kingdom. Our allegiance is to His dreams not the American dream and to His values, not those of our culture around us. When our culture's values clash with biblical, Kingdom values, we are to be a counter-culture not a sub-culture. And we as a nation have a deeply rooted pride in our chosen-ness that must be dealt with by godly humility. We are not immune. I believe the outcome of this nation largely rests in the hands of God's people and the choices we choose to make. We are especially not immune when instead of waking up with the wake up call of 911, we opened our eyes, rolled over and hit the snooze!

It is time for God's people to awake: in prayer, in discipleship, in obedience, in standing against the tide of our times to in love bring His Kingdom. We may have some challenging times ahead as a nation. But beloved, *the tide must turn*. God is willing to do whatever it takes to turn our hearts back to Him.

THE CALL: ARE THERE ANY JOSIAHS IN THE HOUSE?

I would be remiss in writing an article like this without including a clear call to respond in repentance and returning to the Lord in the places we have embraced any idolatry in our hearts. This article is not to condemn. It is to in the power of the Holy Spirit bring conviction that brings us to a change in the way we think that produces a change in the way we live. In our day as never before we need a generation who will confront the idolatry of their culture and the religious systems of their day and choose God's ways over the ways and systems of man. We need a generation who will choose to honor God and choose the honor of God over that of their culture. We need a generation of Josiah's.

Josiah was the only king in either Israel or Judah that effectively dealt with the idolatry of his day. He restored the Word of God to the land and God's covenant to His people. His name means "Jehovah supports and heals, given of the Lord, the fire of the Lord." God is raising up a Josiah generation supported by His arm, healed and made whole by His hand, given for such a time as this and filled and flooded with His fire.

The kingly mantle Josiah wore is being transferred and this generation is being commissioned from childhood to move in God's authority and do what is right in His eyes. He is restoring His Word to this generation with purity and revelation. Josiah humbled himself and wept at the state of God's people. Where beloved are our tears for the state of the church in our land?

It is time to remove from God's house all the things, even unto mindsets and attitudes, dedicated to Baal and Asherah: those things dedicated to possession and control and set aside to honor the idols of our culture. Kingdoms are about to collide in our midst. That which was dedicated to the enemy will be burned in the place of obscurity. Then the ashes will be taken to the Bethels (the place where Israel initially made a golden calf and fell into idolatry), the entrances and gateways where idolatry and strongholds were originally established in the land, prophetically declaring destruction to the roots and foundations of idolatrous worship and false intimacy.

It is time to address the spirit of prostitution that has crept in and polluted God's people. No longer will we be allowed to run after other loves or seek satisfaction at the hands of the flesh or the world while pretending faithfulness to God. As a generation, we are called to desecrate the high places throughout the land through radical obedience, outpoured worship and broken-hearted repentance. We are called to break down the shrines built at the gates and governments of our cities and states.

See that before the restoration of God's order and Presence could be established in Judah, there had to be a revolution against the pollution and idolatry that held them in bondage for almost 600 years. This day God is calling us to join the Josiah generation and revolt against the enemy's schemes and high places, desecrate his entry points and purify the inheritance He has given us in this land.

Josiahs arise!!! It is time to revolt against the darkness. It is time to live what we pray in radical repentance, desperate dependence, holy hunger and absolute obedience to the Lord. We have been commissioned for a revolution that brings Kingdom reformation. So are there any Josiahs in the house? Are there any willing to confront the idolatry of our culture and our places of worship? Are there those willing to stand to see God's ways restored to our nation and His Kingdom come; His will be done here in our midst, as it is heaven? Let the revolution begin and let it begin in us. Selah.

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Time of Transition
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Many are in walking through places of transition. Many are simply in a place, a layover, a waiting room, or on a stepping stone, waiting for the next step to appear before them. You may be in a place that is difficult, trying, sometimes confusing, sometimes doubting, sometimes questioning, sometimes wondering what you are doing, where you are, what the purpose is, why you are there and where you are going next.

Moving forward requires a change, change is not easy. Change requires faith. Allowing God to work through you and within you while you are waiting is essential, so that you will trained, prepared and/or ready when it is time to be launched forward. It is even more challenging when we move forward ahead of HIS perfect timing and find out we really weren't ready to move at all.

Also, one must be willing to let go of the past so that one can move forward in fullness. Many of us hold on to the past and carry it with us and never being able to fully appreciate where we are or where we are going with so much baggage weighing us down. Never being able to get to that predestined place because the weight of the past has caused us to slow down or fall down. In order to go to the next level or next place we must let go, so we can move forward, and push on.

Places of transition are times of testing, they are faith builders, they are times of needing to trust more, talk less, listen intently, watch closely, pray harder and stand more firmly than in the past. The past is the bridge, the present is the stepping stone and the leap is the transition from here to there. There... is the place that He has for you. A new season, a new path in the journey of Life in Him, a new friend, a new church, a new beginning. Whatever it may be, we must trust that God knows and has wonderful plans for our lives. Things that end or doors that have closed just mean there is something new waiting, an open window of opportunity, a door to another chapter of your life.

Times of transition are difficult because they may require you to wait, trust, stand, and learn to be content until it is time to move forward. Sometimes there are certain things that will push you to where you should be, so that you will be in the perfect will of God and not just the permissive will of God. Frustration can reveal many things if you will watch what it is trying to say to you. If you are willing to accept what is being placed before you even when it is most hard to do so , you will find that God will help you and guide you through.

Being humble enough to admit mistakes and wrong decisions are necessary so we can get to where we are suppose to be. When we fall into mud we don't just flop around in it we get up and wash off and continue on, Right? God is merciful, gracious and loving. He cleanses us over and over again. He picks us up into His loving arms ever so gently and puts us back on our feet. We could never get to where we are suppose to be if we don't recognize where we are just isn't right. Its okay to say, this isn't it. Thought it was but its not. Move on!! That in itself is all a part of humility working in us. That is a good thing as humbling as it may be to admit. No need to justify it or defend it , just shake it off and move forward.

Pride can keep us down and hold us back from smoothly moving through the transition we are in. These obstacles must be removed so that there might be a quick transition and one that will be fruitful in HiM and not just eventful in our lives.

If you are in a place of transition, trust in the One who has the plan for your Life. Jesus Christ already knows where HE is bringing you. It is a decision though, if you are wanting the permissive place where HE allows you to go because He loves you and will guide you and use you there, or you can go to His perfect will, the place where you know in the depth of your very being that without a doubt, or without question you are at peace and rest in Him. All that matters is your relationship with Him. When that is perfected you can be at peace anywhere. As we grow closer and closer to the Lord we will find that His will for us is truly to be at rest in Him as we walk in Him through life. He came that we might have Life abundantly. That we should know of unspeakable joy in Him, even in the most trying times. Find the place where simplicity is, peace in our Lord, rest in our Father and contentment with where you are while you are in transition.

Make your transition with grace, wisdom and peace in the Lord.

Where you were determined where you are and
where you are is leading you to where you are going.

Love and Abundant blessings in Jesus Christ, Jeannette Rodgers

Joel 2:19- I AM sending you NEW WINE, OIL, and GRAIN... Enough to satisfy you FULLY.

Joel 3:18-And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth out of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

An Easterly Wind
Jeannette Rodgers

October 16, 2005

Hosea 13:15
...even though he thrives among his brothers, An east wind from the Lord will come, blowing in from the desert; his spring will fail and his well dry up. His storehouse will be plundered of all its treasures.

Hosea 10:1-2
1 Israel empties his vine; He brings forth fruit for himself. According to the multitude of his fruit He has increased the altars; According to the bounty of his land They have embellished his sacred pillars. 2

Their heart is divided; Now they are held guilty. He will break down their altars; He will ruin their sacred pillars.

A strong and mighty gust of Easterly Wind is about to start blowing through the land. A mighty wind, a rushing wind, is making Way. Yes, I say loose those things which have caused oppression and depression; loose those things that have caused division; loose those things that have distracted you from seeing and hearing clearly; loose the greed; loose the self sufficient attitudes; loose the self defense sarcasm; loose the arrogance for power; restrain from fighting for fame; Much must be removed and loosed in order that you might move in grace and peace in this hour. For when much is given, much is required.

The unsettling in your spirit and the confusion in your mind and the discontentment in your heart is the frustration that I will use for Good to move you .For your mind cannot comprehend what I have in store. For you have thought with your mind that if you let go you will have to trust more, relinquish control, or appear weak. Humility will be required at this time. Humble yourself and I will lift you up.

This East Wind will come rushing in and will push things into place and remove those things that have clogged the plumb line.

Hold fast, stand firm and know that I AM God. I AM able.

This Wind will align things into position that are according to My plans and not those plans that "seem right" in your eyes. Traditions, rituals, hypocrisy, pride, envy, jealousy, and idols will be blown away by this Easterly Wind.

You will have to let go, you will have to let go, Trust in Me with ALL of your heart and lean not on YOUR own understanding. Those things being removed are meant for good for I love you with an everlasting Love, and give you peace that will surpass all understanding.

Time Is Running Out

Barbara Lynch

October 30, 2003, 4:03 am

This is not the time to be running to and fro looking for advice from others. This is the time to stay focused upon My face and to sit at My feet, knowing that I have all that you have need of and that I will supply all that you need to know and understand at this given time in your walk with Me. I am a faithful and a just God and I am taking care of My peoples that are called by My name.

Many false witnesses are running to and fro and speaking thus saith the Lord, and they have not been sent by Me, but they are on their own timetables and they have their own agendas. All will soon see and know that I am a true and loving Father, that only wants what is best for His children.

Time is running out for My people. They must come into the inner circle of My arms and they must sit at My feet for instruction, or they will be swept away by the false and will never understand the true. Many false prophets have arisen upon the scene and they will shake the nations with what is not of Me, saith the Lord. Discernment is much needed at this given time and great wisdom is demanded of My peoples.

Job knew My voice, but there were times when he wondered just exactly what was going on around about him. Come under the protection of My Holy Mountain and you shall not be deceived nor will you be led astray with every wind and doctrine.

My people, truth must be sent forth and only My prophets can send the truth forth. My prophets, hear what I am saying at this given hour and understand the complete importance of what I am saying. I am requiring a time of fasting and prayer from each of My prophets at this given time. It is as you fast and pray, that you will hear the true voice of the Father and have discernment for this end time display of My hands at work in this unholy nation.

Rejoice before Me, and come bearing gifts of fasting and prayer and see what I will reveal unto your very hearts and eyes. For great visions will I give unto My peoples and great understanding of My Holy Word.

Spots. Do not allow any spots nor blemishes appear upon your most holy garments, but come before Me rejoicing, knowing that I am about to pour out the very core of My heart to My prophets and they will know all things pertaining to My end time word.

The glow of My Holy Wisdom will be evident upon My peoples and all will know that you have set at My feet as Moses did. Have I not been saying that you would see Me face to face? Have I not said that as I was for Moses, so I will be for you? I am becoming the Great I Am, to all those that will pay the price with **fasting and prayer**. Your heart will reveal yourself to you. Pay no attention to the voices of discord around about you, but stay focused upon My voice and My direction at this given time.

Holiness shall prevail in My chosen vessels at this given time. Knowing what is ahead will be apparent to all that hear My servant's voices. Seek not the wisdom of this world, but stayed focused on the wisdom from above. For it is from above that all wisdom will fall.

What is it that you are looking for? That is the question that I am sending forth for all to hear at this given hour. Is it a reed shaken by the wind? Or is it the truth that will come forth from My Holy Servants? **Matthew 11:7**. This is the day and this is the hour of Holy Redemption in the land and I am sending forth the harvesters at this given time. Many will find themselves on the road and many will find themselves with a change of authority and position. Be still and know that I am God and be still and hear the still small voice that will lead, guide and direct at this given time in My Kingdom. For I am giving Kingdom authority to My chosen vessels and they shall see truth restored to the House of the Lord. Truth shall prevail and many souls will be brought into the Kingdom, for this is the day of the harvest of lost and dying souls. The harvest truly is ripe unto salvation, and many have been waiting for this day and this hour. Seek not your own ways, but continue to seek My ways saith the Lord, for I am about to do a great and mighty works upon this land and all will soon see the I am in control of the heavens and the earth.

Barbara Lynch
October 30, 2003, 3:46 am

As you wait upon Me in the wee hours of the morning, I will share My heart of discomfort with you. My heart is heavy with the anticipation of what is coming upon My people in America and I am grieved because all of this could have been avoided, if only My people who are called by My name would have fasted and prayed as I commanded them to do, but to no avail. They were too busy with their own little meetings and to wrapped up in their own little worlds to give Me the time that I so desired to fellowship with them.

Truth is being shed abroad in this country and My truth shall be seen throughout the continent of America. Faith will arise within My people and they shall seek My face as never before. They shall see the rise and fall of a Mighty nation. They shall know what it is to sit in the comforts of their homes only to be uprooted and thrown into a state of frenzy as they try to escape My hand of wrath. The pleasures of this world will grow strangely dim and My people will run to the shelter of the Almighty once again and this time they shall stay under the shadow of the Almighty.

Who shall believe My report? Who shall stand upon the Holy Mountain and proclaim My judgments upon an unholy nation? My prophets will believe and My prophets will be sent forth to proclaim My word in Holiness and in My strength and in My power. Fire shall proceed out of their mouths and great signs and wonders will appear all around them. They shall see nation rise against nation and they shall see the Mighty fall, for this is My judgment upon this unholy nation.

Circumstances are about to change around about My Holy Ones! They shall come into the throne room of grace and receive My Grace in great abundance. They shall perceive My call upon their lives and they shall come running into My Holy Arms. For Holiness is where I am at. I am not in the facade of this world religion. I am in My Throne room of Holiness ministering salvation to My true prophets that have set at My feet and listened for My voice and have gone forth prepared and equipped to deliver salvation unto My people. Circumstances are about to change, as I have spoken many years ago. All those who have been warned and did not heed My warnings, will undergo a drastic change in their lives and they will stand amazed at the wonder of what I have done, and in the knowledge that they have missed the very best that I had for their lives. Listen intently to My voice little ones and do not stir from your place of worship until you hear My words of instruction; for this is a time of an unholy war that will ravage all those that did not have discernment of the times.

Barbara Lynch
October 15, 2005, 2:38 PM

I felt very troubled all day and could not pray away the heaviness. Finally I just sat down at my computer and said: (What is this Lord?)

Hurricane! Another hurricane is on the way and this one will do much destruction to the land. Watchman be on the wall and heed My voice at every turn. Much, much destruction is coming across this land and I need My watchmen in place on their walls. Be at the place of listening at all times. I am truly with you and I will cause you to abide under the shadow of the Almighty. This is destruction time for this nation and also My Body. Please little ones, run to the shelter of the rock and stay there.

Barbara Lynch
October 18, 2005, 6:13 AM

The main stream is full of defilement and I must cut off the heads to preserve the body. I am a just and true God and I must bring My axe down upon My houses, if the world is going to be able to trust Me. The defilement in the church has run rampant for far to long now. I must take action upon those in Leadership positions, whether they like it or not. I have sent My Grace ahead of Me for them to repent, but not so. Why would the world want to come into pollution? They live in pollution in the world. They are looking for security, some sense of peace and conformity. They don’t need more confusion.

I drew the line in the sand two years ago and I have been working on My leaders since that time, but to no avail. Now judgment has come to the house of the Lord. Jeremiah saw the judgment and he lamented and cried out to Me, but the peoples would not change. You are living in the same hour.

Then the Father told me to go and read: Jeremiah chapter 10

Time Is Shorter Than People Think

Judy Curmi

10-15-2005

You are my child and you belong to me. The world is not your home; heaven is. You are here on assignment for a short period of time, but time is shorter than people think! Very few are paying attention to the Signs of the Times. They are still in denial because they have not yet been personally effected.

You are to keep your eyes on me and follow me. Don’t get tripped up by all of the messages bombarding you from the world. No one has any idea what is truly going on. All of man’s lofty ideas and brilliant schemes are worthless and useless. They will all come tumbling down - soon.

You are to march to the beat of a different drummer. Soon the noise from the earth and on your television screens will reach a cacophonous* pitch as I shake and shake.

All of this was prophesied in MY Word, but many individuals, even in my body, are in denial. Instead they are preaching and prophesying peace, safety and prosperity! How surprised they will be when the idols they have built to replace MY Word tumble to the ground!

I will not be mocked. I AM still in control I can not be manipulated and I can not be told what to do. Just the reverse is true. *You are to pick up your cross and follow and obey ME.*

Those who do not follow and obey me will stumble badly in the days ahead. The idols they have concocted to please themselves will not save them. Nor will my children be "snatched away" until I say so, and I do not set my timetables to please men! [*2 Thess. 4:13 to 5:11*]

I will have a glorious church and I will have a glorious bride. My church is not going down to defeat. My bride is not going to be half-baked, having one foot in the world and one foot in my kingdom. She will recognize me. She will be willing to give her life for me, as I was willing to give my life for her.

The trumpet has sounded. Now the final act begins in earnest. The sheep and the goats will be separated. The fire will fall. There will be great favor for my beloved and great tribulation for the world. I will pull out all the stops in this, THE FINAL ACT.

HOLD ON. GET READY, FOR THE LION IS PREPARING TO ROAR
UNTIL BOTH THE EARTH AND THE HEAVENS SHAKE!**

Your Jesus

*Cacophonous: Having a harsh, unpleasant sound, discordant, jarring

When I received this sentence I saw a barnyard scene in which an intruder had entered. All of the animals and poultry were "sounding the alarm" with braying, bellowing, quacking, clucking, honking, barking and many other animal sounds. It was bedlam.

**Heb. 12:25-29 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised saying; "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which can not be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom, which can not be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. [_NKJ_]

Matt. 24:29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. [_NKJ_]

Mark 13:21-27 "Then if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, He is there!" do not believe it. For false Christ’s and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things before hand.

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of the earth to the farthest part of heaven." [_NKJ_]

This Is The Beginning
Stephen Hanson

Sept. 3, 2005

8 All these are the beginning of birth pains. Matt. 24

3 First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."2 Peter 3

(The devastation that has hit the coastline of New Orleans and Mississippi, has been devastating and beyond belief to many of us. I know that all of this is still fresh in our hearts and minds. It is a time of unbelievable suffering and loss through all of this. In some ways, I almost hesitate to send out messages like this, but I must be obedient. I believe that more is yet to come. We pray for the many who have been through this, but at the same time, we must prepare for what lies ahead. Many have asked, “How should I prepare?” Seek the Lord and get your house in order, and He will let you know what you should be doing.)

“I tell you that Katrina is one of many other disasters that will hit the United States. The devastation that has hit this area has cost many lives and has caused the loss of much property, but I tell you that even greater damage will come. For my judgments have begun. You will see people without food and water in even more increasing numbers. “

(The Lord showed me a scene of two large figures who held a huge net in their hands. It had been draped over a huge 3-D map of the United States. Then I saw each of them carefully roll the net up and take it off of the surface of the entire area of the United States.)

“Woe to those who say that their sin is far from Me. Woe to those who say that these days are not pointing to my soon return. I tell you that warning after warning has been given. I am not a God that gets pleasure out of the destruction of many. But when the sins of many have reached the magnitude that they have, then there are consequences that will follow. “

“I tell you people, care for those who are in need. Reach out to the many who have been without shelter during this time. But be ye prepared for the coming trials that are coming upon this earth.”

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Look Not At The Factions
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Look Not At The Factions, But Look At Me”

Aug. 24, 2005 evening,

(I have seen lately how many groups have set-up their own agendas in such a way that anyone who does not totally agree with them that they are then false in one way or another. We all perhaps know of these things and have been either involved or have heard about them. When we pull a particular part of scripture out of context then our belief system follows it. We must be very careful that we somehow find a balance within God’s word and don’t become islands unto ourselves pointing our fingers at those who don't share some of our same "out-of-context" beliefs. This becomes even more important and sometimes tragic, when groups of people follow our teachings or prophecies that speak of a strict adherence to something which we have been given freedom in Christ not to follow with such regiment. Let us be careful how we adopt such views. Let us know how to properly use the word of God, and how to also "hear properly" from the spirit.)

1You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? 3Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? Gal. 3

5For when we were controlled by the sinful nature,[a] the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. 6But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. Rom. 7:5-7

12What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul"; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas[a]"; still another, "I follow Christ."

13Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized into[b] the name of Paul? 14I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, I Co. 12

"I tell you that I am in the midst of my people in this hour. I am working ALL things according to my purpose and plan. The troubles that many of you have been facing are building up an eternal purpose. Everything has an eternal purpose. If my people would see the end results of these trials upon the earth then they would know more of their purposes."

"I tell you that you have heard of wars and rumors of wars, but a great war has been building within my body. For indeed, a great Civil War is coming. There will be Christians divided among many issues. This is one of the great tragedies of this time. I have longed dearly that my body would be as one, but I have seen it splintered into many factions. Many pull my word out of context. Some find a part of text from my word and make an entire treatise on it. There are some things to be found in these treatises, but what happens is that entire denominations and schools of thought are created this way; and then other parts of my word are ignored and become less important to them. Have you studied to show yourself as a worthy expositor of my word? What portion of my word is your favorite? Then what have you found that you have ignored? Are you so caught-up in my word that you have ignored my still small voice? Have you been following the letter of the law and not the spirit thereof? Have you been like some who have taught a strict adherence to the Sabbath? My people, where have these notions come from? Are you following the law or are you following grace? Are you in the old covenant or are you in the new covenant? You blind Pharisees, who has bewitched you? I tell you, woe to those apostles and prophets who teach these things. For you have led my sheep astray. You are responsible for the errors of your teachings. You are responsible for the errors of your "supposed prophecies from Me." I say, woe to those who have pointed their fingers at other ministries, for I am the judge and not you. You who have said these things, have misled thousands. But I tell you, that those who have truly stood in my courts will be given a mandate to speak forth my word in truth. "

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Speak Forth The Word
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Who Would Arise On The Third Day And Speak Forth The Word Of The Lord

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matthew 12:40

[16] There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: [17] haughty eyes,
a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, [18] a heart that devises wicked schemes,
feet that are quick to rush into evil, [18] a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, [19] a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers. Proverbs 6:18-20

But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and ***quarrels*** *about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.* Titus 3:9

"Be about my business, my people, for the days are short. Watch out for the dogs, those who would attempt to rip apart my word. You will know them by their fruit. Their tree is full of unhealthy things. They pretend to know my word but it is far from them. These are those who want to debate and argue all day long. They have their own groups and places where they meet together. I tell you that I am against them. My people, I have said in my word that it is good not to get into controversial matters, and some love to 'stir-up things.'"

"I have said before that a great civil war is coming. I tell you that it has begun. But it is not the north against the south. It involves those who are truly speaking for Me against those who are wayward. I tell you that there are some who say that they know my word; they speak it from the rooftops. But I tell you that there is a famine in the land, a famine for hearing the true word of the Lord. Many seek after signs and wonders, but I tell you that the only sign that will be given unto them is the sign of Jonah. For he came preaching repentance. The people did come to Me, but later on I came to destroy the land. But I also tell you that Jonah was in the belly of the whale for three days. On the third day he was spit out. On the third day my Son also arose. Who would arise on the third day and speak forth the word of the Lord? "

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This Is A Time Of Transition

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This is the day of great gain for those who have trusted Me to move on their behalf. Go with the flow. I am opening doors of opportunity, lining things up with My perfect plan, bringing all things into divine order.

Watch and you will see how I move in your midst to take down the high places and raise up the low, how I topple the kingdoms of men and implement My kingdom in the hearts and lives of the people. Watch to see Me gain footing in secular society, how I make changes. This is the time of transition, out of the old and into the new. Everything that can be shaken is being shaken, everything not rooted in Me is being uprooted. Rejoice and do not flinch in times of trial. I will come through for you.

I will birth forth My purposes. I will make sure the callings of the Elect. I will bring in the lost and reap a harvest for My kingdom. I will accomplish those things I promised. I will bring a reward to the faithful, the full measure of My Spirit released to those who have stood firm in the call.

Do not waver. Do not side-step issues, but trust that I will deal with those things that loom up as mountains. Didn't I say that I would grant to you the desires of your heart? Didn't I say that I would move in an unprecedented way to bring things into right order? Well, expect to see things move into place.

Go Into All The World And Make Disciples

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Concentrate on what has been laid out before you. Move forward in the blessing being released to an upright generation. Go forth in the call to evangelize the lost, to bring a harvest into the kingdom of the Lord.

Go forth in the power and admonition of the Lord. Proclaim His ways and do not back down to opposition, for surely the enemy would seek to nullify the ministry of Christ, the work of the Lord ordained for this day and hour. Press in to the promises and do not give up believing for their fulfillment. Do not regard them as ineffective, for surely they shall come to pass and you will marvel at the accuracy with which they are fulfilled.

Wisdom is part and parcel of what I am releasing to you in this day. Wisdom shall guide you, for I am sending you out among thieves and violators into places of darkness to bring the light. And who shall ordain you, you ask? I shall ordain you. I shall instruct you. I shall give you leadership and guidance. I shall carry you and you shall rejoice, for I am covering you with My blood, and pouring out upon you the oil of joy. Joy shall lead you out and righteousness shall be your rear-guard.

I am breaking apart the cisterns of men, wells made to hold back the flow of My Spirit to keep it contained so it cannot flow forth with freedom. I am breaking up the water basins excavated to hold the anointing back. And I am dismantling hierarchies to let My river of life flow forth into the highways and byways, into houses, into streets, into public places, no more reserved only for the "elite."

No More!, says the Lord. No more shall My blessing be held back by power-hungry men. No more will I stand by and watch a generation perish because a religious few refuse to release what I have released to them. I am breaking the bottles of new wine and it shall flow freely into the streets, and every household of the Earth shall be blessed by the Father's love, and every household shall come into full knowledge of Christ. Every household shall experience the presence and power of the Lord.

So, take it to the streets. Go where I send you and release the blessing far and wide over households, over communities, over whole cities, over regions till the whole Earth is filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Go, I say, into all the world and make disciples of men, women and children, teaching them to observe all I taught and did, and the God of peace shall be with you. I command you to go, and I commission you to go, so do not shrink back from the call, but move forward in it, for it surely is to all nations.

I Will Thrust You Forward
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Grow. You will grow in the mandate, in the calling. You shall stretch until you are able to reach far and wide. I will broaden your perspective. Though you view things through narrow sites, I will broaden your view. I will bring you into the free flow of My river. I will bask you in My presence and present you to the world a changed person, one who shines forth the radiance of Christ.

I have not forgotten you. I will once again put you into places where I will use you to bring down the high places. I am even now opening doors, ready to walk you through them and into those places. I have not removed the gifts and the giftings from you. You will once again mount up with wings as the eagle and I shall bring you into a place where you shall hear and you shall see things in the realm of the Spirit. I will thrust you forward.

Though you have been side-tracked, I will get you back on track. I will open doors for you to walk forward and into revelation of what I am doing in this day. I am quickening your sights and you shall be on target once again. I will move you on and into circles where I will use you to bring order.

Many mock because they believe you a fool and walking in darkness, but I have revealed the truth to you and you shall go on proclaiming the truth and they shall stand in awe as they watch you emerge as a spokesman in their midst. For I have not slighted you. I have not led you on a wild goose chase and down a road that was off track. I allowed you to move out in other areas, yet My hand was upon you and never once did I leave you. It was a time for you to grow in depth, to put down roots, to be influential in your community. But now is the time of your rising and I shall raise you up to great heights. And I shall take you out of hiding. You shall flourish in the call to evangelize.

I shall thrust you out to the nations and you shall walk through and into full-scale ministry. Those who mocked you will stand in awe, for their hearts were hardened against you and they denied you access in their midst. But the tide is turning and I am putting you into a position from which you shall influence kings. This is the calling I have put upon the lives of those who have been willing to give up all to follow Me into the harvest fields. You will go into places of darkness and perform My will, taking back all the enemy has stolen. Watch Me move you on and into the call. Watch Me take down barriers that have held you back. Nothing is able to prevent My plan from going forth, for I plan to move My Own into positions of great authority in this day and they shall shine forth the glory of the Lord.

Break forth in the direction I am leading you. Go forward in the mandate. I am opening doors before you and pushing you forth and into the ministry. Do not look at those around you. Do not consider their views. They are without understanding, without revelation. Focus on Me and I will give to you the desires of your heart. I will move you on and into the free flow of My Spirit. Revelation after revelation shall be yours, so be confident that I have, indeed, called you to prophesy to the nations. I have called you to be a light burning brightly, a light to the lost and erring.

I will give you My heart. I will give you those things you need to move forward and I will remove every hindrance.

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Saul's Kingdom Has Been Smitten And David Has Arisen To Take His Place

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Distant places, that is where I am taking you. You will be sent by your Heavenly Father into the places I have ordained for you and you shall be blessed abundantly, beyond all you could think or imagine.

Yes, the kingdom of Saul is about to fall, and with it, those who refuse to surrender their preconceived ways to My lordship.

Pick up the pen once again and prophesy to the nations, for I am calling out those who have ears to hear, to hear the new sound. I am turning up the volume, and yes, the message will be made clear. I have ordained David to be king. I have ordained an overturning of the order of Saul and the establishment of the Davidic order in your midst. You ask, what is this referring to? It is referring to the old covenant being replaced with the new. All those things rooted in the old will be plucked up, for I am doing a thorough cleansing and I will announce with a trumpet, the call to come out of the traditions of men and to enter into divine authority.

All the high places are coming down. All Saul's barricades are collapsing. No longer will the church of Jesus Christ be bound up by the laws and rituals of the Pharisees. No longer will the old have precedence. I will destroy every pedestal and every platform designated to man and I will come with a turbulent thunderhead to rain down a release of the prophets to call forth the new and to tear down the old. So sound the trumpet and let forth a loud cry, the cry of war, for today I have declared war upon the unsuspecting. Today I have ushered in a bulwark that will not be defeated. I have stormed through the smoke screen and torn down the altars erected to men. And I shall come with even more fervor in the coming days to shake loose what is still standing.

Yes, I have declared war on the armies of Saul. I shall smite them and destroy arsenal aimed at My Elect, My chosen ones. You will surely see that I shall no longer tolerate abuse heaved at My loved ones, those of Mine who are covered by My blood. You will see Me remove every trace of a kingdom steeped in the religion of men. I will tear down every high place and raise up the low, for the way will be made straight for the coming of the Lord.

Yes, this is a forerunner anointing that I am releasing, and My forerunners will run with passion to displace the jurisdiction of the old order. They shall run and not get weary. They shall walk and not faint, for I shall strengthen them with great strength, and I shall nurture them with the bread of life, with life in Me. This is the promise to all who will heed the call, that I shall make the way straight and you shall enter into the way everlasting.

Be ready to run. Be ready to carry this message far and wide, for I am sending My warriors forth, and I am dispensing My word to multitudes who will run with the word to every corner of the Earth. And this is the message they shall carry, that Saul's kingdom has been smitten and David has arisen to take his place.

Rejoice, for your king has come and the kingdom of the Son has been released. Proclaim this message to a new radical generation who will hear the sound of the trumpet and respond.

The Jordan Crossing and the Fighting Heart

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The church now stands on the brink of one of the most important advances in history. It is an advance that must take place. If the church continues to wander in the wilderness, it will only wither away. We are called to be sojourners, but not nomads. Sojourners travel to a destination, while nomads just wander. We are coming to the destination that the entire church age has been preparing us for and now we must cross over.

It is true that some of the greatest revivals and spiritual advances in the history of the church have been taking place over the last two decades. In some of these cases, whole regions are being transformed and whole nations are being impacted. Even though these are all a part of a historic beginning, many of these have been more sporadic than systematic. They have accomplished much and given great encouragement to the body of Christ, but are just the forerunners of what is to come. In modern military terms, they have been like the special forces that have been dropped behind enemy lines before the main assault is to begin. It is now time for the main assault.

A Great Wave Has Come

I wrote in 1987 about a coming spiritual advance which would be so great that many would consider it the harvest that is the end of the age. However, it was not the final harvest, but simply the reaping and preparing of those who would be the laborers for the harvest that truly would be the end of this age. A great wave has come, but an even greater one will follow. It has not yet broken upon the world, but the signs point to it being very near.

When Israel crossed the Jordan River, the first thing they faced was possibly the most powerful, fortified stronghold of all. Jericho seemed impregnable to the entire known world. How would this band of drifters ever conquer Jericho? In every way it was impossible for Israel, but everything since their departure from Egypt had been impossible too. They were now accustomed to doing the impossible. They knew they were dependent on God for the victory, that they had to have a miracle, and so do we. What is coming is far beyond human ingenuity to accomplish.

The conquest of the Promised Land was a combination of the people fighting and the Lord fighting for them. He wanted them to be involved, and they had to have Him involved. It was a partnership, which is the case with every move of God. Those who want God to do everything never accomplish anything, and those who try to do everything themselves always fail. It takes knowledge of the Lord's ways, wisdom, and understanding to walk the fine line of being yoked with the Lord.

Only the wise and mature will walk this narrow way. Just as Israel drifted from this fine line at times and experienced some defeats, we are foolish and immature if we think we are so wise as not to do the same occasionally. However, like Israel we must resolve to learn from every mistake; keep pressing ahead, and not let the mistakes stop us like they have many revivals, awakenings, renewals, and advances in the past.

Facing a Stronger Enemy

Even with the great multitude that the church has now become, what we are facing is still bigger, stronger, and more strongly entrenched than what we can overcome with our numbers or our wisdom. We are facing supernatural strongholds that have had millenniums to sink their roots deeper and deeper into the hearts of men. This is a spiritual battle that will take a remarkable unity and obedience of God's people just as it did when Israel faced Jericho. It is going to take the supernatural power of God to prevail. It will therefore take great faith in Him to proceed. That is the point.

The crossing of the Jordan River when it was overflowing all of its banks was meant to begin unifying the tribes of Israel in a much greater way than they had ever known before. Their advance began with a great supernatural demonstration from God. They could not have even entered into the land without the Lord. However, He required that they step into the water before He performed the miracle. Our part is, at His directive, to step forward into impossible circumstances.

Likewise, as we have covered, the Jordan River was another emphasis of the baptism to which we are called. Our immersion in the coming re-emphasis of the cross and the crucified life is going to bring an unprecedented unity to the church and dependency on God. After their crossing, two events were required that were intended to seal their unity and commitment to obedience. What were they?

Monuments for the Coming Generation

First, Joshua was commanded to have the priests take twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan River and build a monument that would continually remind all of Israel of their crossing of the Jordan, as we read in **Joshua 4:19-24:**

Now the people came up from the Jordan on the tenth of the first month and camped at Gilgal on the eastern edge of Jericho. And those twelve stones which they had taken from the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal.

And he said to the sons of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What are these stones?' then you shall inform your children, saying, 'Israel crossed this Jordan on dry ground.' For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the Lord your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed; that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, so that you may fear the Lord your God forever."

This was a crucial deed for Israel. First, it would forever remind them that it was not their wisdom or strength that had enabled them to cross the Jordan, but that the Lord, by His strength, had enabled them to cross over "on dry ground" while the river of death was overflowing all of its banks. Such monuments are important for the generations to come who did not personally witness the things that their forefathers did.

Many movements have not had the wisdom to build monuments concerning what the Lord had done for them, and they withered away after a generation or two. Others came to trouble because they stayed at the monument and began to worship it. Again, there is a ditch on either side of the path of life that we can fall into. Even so, the building of a monument for the right reason is not only the right thing to do, but an important thing to do. It is righteous to always think of the generations to come and to build bridges for them that will keep leading them to the Lord.

All of God's People, Not Just Our Tribe

The second reason this was important because it reminded all of Israel that there were twelve stones representing twelve tribes. Regardless of which tribe they were a part, they were all a part of one nation. Just as the high priest had to wear the stones of all of the tribes on his breastplate or on his heart, if we are going to walk in the high calling of God we must keep all of God's people on our heart, not just our tribe.

This is not to negate the fact that there were tribes, all of which were called to have their own territory and purpose. However, they needed to be continually reminded that they were all a part of one great nation that has a common purpose as well. We in the body of Christ also need this constant reminder. It is great to appreciate our movement or denomination with different visions and purposes, but we must never lose sight of the fact that we are all members of one body with an overall vision and purpose to which we must never lose our devotion.

Before Joshua let the priests leave the Jordan, he made sure that this monument was built. I have found that unity is not something which just happens, but we have to work at it, make it an issue, focus on it, and keep bringing it up. One of the things that we started doing the first year we planted our church in Charlotte was to close down all meetings and services for the month of July and encourage our people to visit other churches in the city. This helped to give them a vision for what God is doing in His whole body, not just our little part. We also told them if they find a place where they fit better than with us, be free to stay, letting the Holy Spirit place them in the body where it pleases Him.

Of course, the first week of August we really do not have any idea who will be coming back, but to date there have always been far more than there were at the end of June. Some leave and find a place that they fit better than with us, and we are happy for this. We will miss them, but we feel this is helping to build the whole body, and by sending them out this way we can have fruit that grows in other fields.

Walking in the Highest Purpose of God

We want to walk in the highest purpose of God that we can, and to do this we must, like the high priest, keep the stones of all of the tribes of God's people on our hearts. The unity of His people was mainly what the Lord prayed about the last night He was on this earth as a man. If you knew tonight was your last night on this earth, do you think your prayers would be focused on what were truly the deepest matters of your heart? I think this prayer reveals the heart of God more than any other teaching He gave. If we are going to be in unity with Him, we will have this same heart for the unity of His people.

Any part of the body that grows without regard to the rest of the body is a cancer. We do not want to be a cancer, but a blessing to the whole body. What we do each July has now become something of a monument. It has been an astonishing thing to many other pastors, causing some to want to get to know us better. It has been extremely intimidating and threatening to those who are overly possessive and controlling with their people, causing them to make harsh accusations about us. We cannot help that. We are doing what we do out of obedience, and it is unquestionably good for us and others. We have been able to help a number of other congregations grow by sending them some very good people.

We really do believe that we are all one body in Christ, and those who go to another part where they fit better helps to bring us closer to the whole body. We have also found that those who stay although they really do not fit will cause far more problems than if they would have left and found where they fit better. No church can be all things to all people, and those who try will inevitably become so shallow that they become weaker with growth, not stronger.

We do not necessarily recommend to anyone else what we do in July, but it does work for us. It is remarkable how much zeal for the Lord the people seem to come back with each August. This obvious new energy always helps to start a significant spiritual advance for us every autumn. We also know that many of the new people who join us each fall come because they hear of the liberty, but even more important than this is that the Holy Spirit is going to be where there is liberty, as we read in **II Corinthians 3:17. "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."** Also, the Lord made a remarkable promise for those who come into unity, as we read in **Matthew 18:19-20:**

"Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst."

The Greek word that is translated "agree" here is sumphoneo, which literally means "to be harmonious" or "in one accord." It is speaking of unity. The power of unity is if just two of us have unity we can ask "anything" and the Father will do it. That is the kind of power that we are going to need for the battles ahead. That is why it is important for us to take the time to build whatever monuments will continually remind us of our unity in Him

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The Liberty of Death
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The Crossing: The Liberty of Death

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The world now stands at one of the greatest watershed points of human history. The next few years will be more crammed with destiny and purpose than most will be able to keep up with. For those who serve the Lord, it will be an opportunity to accomplish and witness some of the greatest exploits ever done in His name.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once commented that the great tragedy of Rip Van Winkle was not that he slept for twenty years, but that he slept through a great revolution. A great spiritual revolution has already begun, but many are still asleep. It is time to awaken and open our eyes to see.

The End of the Age

Every parent has probably heard the words, "Are we there yet?" Likewise, one of the great questions of the age, which has probably been asked by every believer, has been whether we are really at the end of the age yet. Though there may have been some signs that seemed to identify this period with every generation, the one great biblical prophecy that never did fit before has been the re-establishment of the State of Israel. This is an irrefutable sign that does, without question, mark the general period of the end of this age and the coming of the kingdom.

The establishment of the modern State of Israel has set a timetable, and though it is obvious that the end-time clock is now ticking, some of the most important prophecies are yet to be fulfilled. Even so, it now seems that the stage is being set in an unprecedented way for these to come to pass as well. So what is our part? Are we supposed to be packing our bags so we can get raptured out of here? Or does the Church have a part to play in what is to come -- maybe even the most important part?

I have a great appreciation for the part that Israel and the Jewish people play in the closing of this age and the opening of the next. I am grieved that so much of the Church has embraced "replacement theology" which supplants Israel's part in this and applies it all to the Church. However, I have just as much grief for the theology that replaces the Church's part and gives it all to Israel. Their purposes are actually unified at the end, the emergence of "one new man," as the apostle Paul proclaimed it **(see Ephesians 2:15)**.

It will take great humility for either the Church or Israel to see the purpose of the other. However, God gives His grace to the humble. The grace for us to accomplish our purpose at the end will need to be the greatest in which the Church or Israel has ever walked. Therefore, we will also need some of the greatest humility that we have ever walked in so that we can receive God's grace.

Just as King David perceived the "Age of Grace" a thousand years before it came, and lived in it then, and by this became a prophecy of what was to come, we, too, are called to live in the age to come -- now! We are called to live by the powers of the age to come and grow in them. We have no alternative but to become much closer to the Lord by the end of this year than we are now. We must grow in faith, love, joy, peace, patience . . . We must also grow in the power to demonstrate these to the world, which is going to be increasingly desperate for them.

The Great Sign

The greatest sign of the end of the age will be the Church becoming what she was created to be, while walking in all she is called to walk in. She will become a bride worthy of the King, without spot or wrinkle, passionately in love with the Lord, and full of love for one another. She will likewise walk in unprecedented power, doing the works that the Lord did and even greater ones just as He promised **(see John 14:12)**. When we see the Church becoming like the Lord, and doing the works that He did, then the end will truly be near.

This year will be a year for some of the most rapid spiritual growth that the Church has experienced since the beginning. We saw many great miracles in past years, but we are about to see much greater ones. However, the reason we see miracles is because we need them. Even so, it will be worth it to get closer to the Lord and to see His kingdom coming. Never forget that when we see these things happening, it is the time to look up and rejoice because our redemption is drawing near!

The recent earthquake and tsunamis that struck so many countries in the Indian Ocean are taxing the whole world's relief efforts. In the loss of human lives, it will go down as one of the worst natural disasters in human history. These disasters and the others which will be coming do have prophetic significance that we need to understand and are highlighted in a crucial prophecy for our times in **Joshua 3:3-4, 14-17**:

"'When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.'

"So it came about when the people set out from their tents to cross the Jordan with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, and when those who carried the ark came into the Jordan, and the feet of the priests carrying the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest), that the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those which were flowing down toward the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. So the people crossed opposite Jericho.

"And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan."

In Scripture, the Jordan River often represents death, which is why both Jesus and John the Baptist baptized there. The Jordan River also empties into the Dead Sea. There was a reason why the Lord commanded the ark of the covenant to be carried across the Jordan "about 2,000 cubits" ahead of the rest of the people. The ark represents Jesus and the cubits represent years. This was a prophetic statement that the Lord would pass through death to His Promised Land "about" 2,000 years before the rest of His people.

The Lord said that **"...the harvest is the end of the age..." (Matthew 13:39)**, and we read in **Joshua 3:15** that **"...the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest..."** This speaks of how death will be overflowing all of its banks all of the days of the harvest, which is the end of the age. Because of this we can expect such natural and human disasters to increase during the coming times.

As all of the Lord Jesus' own prophecies concerning these times make very clear, we are coming to the greatest times of trouble the world has ever known. However, the good news is, if we have built our lives on the kingdom which cannot be shaken, we will not only survive what is coming, but we will be building in the midst of it. This is actually the time when the Church is going to cross over and begin to possess its Promised Land. Even so, death will be all around us, overflowing "all of its banks." For this reason we must learn to keep functioning and pressing ahead, even when a thousand fall on one side and ten thousand on the other.

In **Joshua 3:16** we are told that the waters of the Jordan **"…were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam…"** This could have been translated that the waters of the Jordan "were rolled back all the way to Adam." It was no accident that this little town was named "Adam," just as there are no accidents at all in Scripture. This was a prophecy that when God's people begin to pass through this baptism in the Jordan, we will begin possessing all of the promises of God that we are called to inherit, and death will be rolled back all the way to Adam! This means that all of the death that was the consequence of the Fall will be reversed. The purpose of the coming kingdom is to reverse and restore the whole earth from all of the consequences of the fall of man.

For now we must prepare ourselves for increasing great natural and manmade disasters as we get closer to the end of this age. We will need to learn to cope with death all around us and keep on pressing ahead. Just as no general can be successful if he is overly concerned about casualties, we, too, will have to learn to cope with death. We will even have to send forth missions and missionaries who we know will not return, not being overly given to grieving or mourning the dead, in order to save the living from an even greater, eternal disaster.

Israel's inheritance was the land, and they dispossessed the people who were on it. Our inheritance, which is also the Lord's, is the people. Even though the Jordan will be overflowing its banks and death will be all around us, the power of His indestructible life will be flowing through us to reap the greatest harvest that the world has ever known. We must not sleep or be distracted while the treasure of the earth is ripe for reaping.

Victory Over Death

Baptism is a ritual performed to emphasize an important spiritual reality. One of the great and tragic mistakes of historic Christianity since the third century has been to substitute rituals for the realities that they represented. The ritual of baptism was meant to convey the commitment on the part of the one baptized -- that they would die to themselves to live to Christ. After the third century, one could be baptized in place of living the crucified life, removing the life and power of the cross from the church.

You can dunk someone in the water all day and not have them partake of the death, or resurrection, of Jesus. There is nothing magical about the water. The power is in the crucified life. The baptism is performed as a commitment to live the crucified life in order that we might also be resurrected with Christ as we read in **Romans 6:4-5:**

"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

"For if we have become UNITED with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection." (Emphasis mine)

We must note here that in this text there is no mention of water! This is not speaking of water baptism, but of what water baptism represents -- the crucified life. As Paul further conveyed in **Romans 6:5: "For if we become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection."**

What did the Lord mean when He stated the following? **"I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:49-50)** Was the baptism that was distressing Him simply immersion in water? Of course not. He was referring to His impending crucifixion. That crucifixion is also the meaning of our baptism.

Jesus was likewise referring to the baptism into His crucifixion when James and John asked to be seated on His right and left in the kingdom. He said, **"You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink of the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (Mark 10:38).**

It is a basic spiritual principle that death is the path to life in Christ. We are called to live now by the power and authority of the resurrected life of Christ, but by its very definition one cannot experience a resurrection without first experiencing a death. To be baptized with His baptism is to be conformed to the purpose of His death, the laying down of our own lives for the sake of others.

When the Church reduced the truth of the crucified life to a mere ritual, this robbed the Lord of our consecration, the Church of its salvation, and stole from the world the power of the gospel. There are many Scriptures that make the meaning of this very clear. The following are just a few of them, which I encourage you to read carefully as their importance is literally life and death:

"For if we died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him…" (II Timothy 2:11-12).

"The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him" (Romans 8:16-17).

"That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His

sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead" (Philippians 3:10-11).

"For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake" (Philippians 1:29).

"Therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering" (II Thessalonians 1:4-5).

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh" (II Corinthians 4:8-11).

The Lord made it clear in His Word, if we are to partake of His life we must also partake of His death **"…that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him…" (II Corinthians 5:15).** Any other teaching is a false gospel and an enemy of the cross. Death separates the things that are natural from the things that are spiritual. Again, to have a resurrection there must first be a death. If we want to walk in the resurrection life of Jesus daily, we must be willing to lay down our lives for Him daily. As the Lord Jesus Himself testified:

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

That the Lord intended our baptism to be the daily reality of a crucified life there can be no question. Such a life that dies to itself and its own selfish interests is the most free and powerful life of all. This is what the Lord will give to us in exchange for our life -- the greatest freedom and power to do good that we can know.

The Liberty of Death

Because Israel had to cross the Jordan River to enter their Promised Land, this also speaks of how we must enter into the baptism of the cross before we can attain the promises. This is where the Church has now come. We are at a crossing. If we will enter into the true baptism, the crucified life, which means that we live each day for Him and not just ourselves, we will start to possess all of the promises of God for His people.

We must also keep in mind that death is the greatest liberation that we can ever know. The devil uses fear to bind just as the Lord uses faith in the truth to set people free. What does a dead man fear? If we are dead to this world, there is nothing the world can do to us. It is impossible for a dead man to have fears of failure, fears of rejection, or even fear of the dark. To the degree that any fear still has its grip on us is only in relation to the degree that we have failed to go to the cross. The cross will set us free!

A dead man does not lust, covet, feel anger, seek revenge, or even feel lonely. There is no freedom that we can ever have greater than that which comes from dying to this world so as to be alive to Christ. This is what Israel learned from their first baptism -- the crossing of the Red Sea, as we read in **I Corinthians 10:1-2:**

"For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea."

When Israel entered into this baptism in the Red Sea, it resulted in the destruction of the enemies that had kept them in bondage for so long. As Pharaoh and his army were a biblical model of Satan and his hordes who seek to keep God's people in bondage, we see that baptism is the one place where they cannot follow us and will result in their destruction. When Israel entered into that baptism, they were to never see those enemies again. Many of the things that have bound us for so long will likewise be destroyed when we enter the true baptism -- the crucified life.

The Second Baptism

So does the Jordan River represent a second baptism? In a sense it does, though this is not to imply that there needs to be a second ritual of baptism. It reveals how we must go back to the basics and review and recommit to them before we cross over and start possessing our Promised Land.

Deuteronomy means "a second law," and the Book of Deuteronomy was the result of Moses reviewing everything for Israel that was required of them before they crossed over to possess their land. We need this review now. We also need to recommit to the baptism to which we are called to follow the Lord.

After Israel's baptism in the Red Sea, they went through many things during their journey through the wilderness which matured and taught them the ways of the Lord. As we read I Corinthians 11, the church has been going through a similar journey. Now that we are about to cross our Jordan River, we, too, can expect a time of reviewing the basics first.

For this reason the Church can again expect an emphasis of the cross. There is a baptism when we leave Egypt and a baptism when we enter the Promised Land. This is a message that the cross is both the beginning and the end of our journey. The cross sets us free from the world (Egypt) and is the door to entering into our inheritance in Christ.

The wise are forever mindful that the cross is everything. However, the cross does not just represent death -- it is the door to resurrection life, which is represented by the Promised Land.

The Great Change

More than two decades ago, the Lord spoke to me and some of my friends that the cross would be popular again, which would be the time when the Church truly crosses over and begins to possess its Promised Land. We have come to that time. The focus of the advancing Church will become more and more centered on the cross.

There are a couple of basic differences in these two baptisms that we need to understand. As we read in **Exodus 13:17-18** and **14:1-4**, Israel did not willingly go through the Red Sea. They basically had to be tricked and cornered into it so that they did not really have a choice.

As we look back on most of the trials that have been used to fashion our lives, we will probably have to confess the same thing -- we did not choose the trials, but were cornered into them so that the only way out was to die to self. The Lord is gracious to align our circumstances, and there is absolutely no way out but to lay down our lives and conform to the image of His death.

In the Jordan River baptism, the people were anxious to go through it to get to their Promised Land. Likewise, the Church is going to willingly embrace the cross again for the sake of walking in her purpose. The mature and those who have now grown in faith do not have to be tricked or trapped into their baptism -- they willingly choose to take up their crosses. The mature do not run from the cross, but to it.

Another basic difference between these two baptisms is that in the Red Sea baptism the enemy was chasing Israel and was destroyed because the people entered into their baptism. The second baptism represented by the Jordan River begins our pursuit of the enemy, to drive him out of our land. Once we cross our Jordan River, we are going to go from being attacked by the enemy to being the attackers of his strongholds.

Our Inheritance

There are many powerful and important lessons that we must therefore learn from the biblical, prophetic models concerning what is now taking place. However, just as no map can perfectly match the territory it represents, biblical models are just that -- models from which we can derive important guidance, but are not intended to perfectly match the reality. For this reason, we do need to keep in mind the differences between the biblical, prophetic models of Scripture and the realities they represent. For example, in the biblical model, Israel was to utterly destroy the nations that were in their land. However, we are not called to destroy the nations, but save them by destroying the evil that has them in bondage. The nations themselves are a part of our inheritance in the Lord.

The Great Commission was to make disciples of all nations, not just individuals. When the Lord returns, He is going to divide the nations into sheep and goats, not just individuals. It is being decided right now which nations will be "sheep" and which will be "goats." This, of course, does not at all mean we are to abandon the gospel of salvation. Nations will be changed by saving and teaching individuals the ways of the Lord. However, we must begin to develop national and international strategies which will impact nations with the gospel, not just individuals.

There are also some differences in where the Church is now and where it was in the first century that we need to understand. There are many foundational things that will never change and will always be a basic part of the Church's vision and purpose. But there are also some differences at the end of the age. Just as Joshua instructed Israel in **Joshua 3:4:**

"However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."

Those who follow the ark, which represents the Lord, by "about 2,000" years, will be going a different way than the Church has gone before. Many things are the same, but many are not and we need to understand the differences.

Before the end of this age can come, the gospel of the kingdom must be preached. This has not yet been done. Until now we have basically preached the gospel of salvation, which is how to get out of Egypt. This is essential and it will continue to be the banner of the cross that we march under, always preaching the gospel of individual salvation, but we must also begin to preach the gospel of the kingdom. The kingdom of God is at hand! The King is coming and He is coming to take over. He is sending us before Him to prepare His way.

The Prevailing Heart

As we discussed, in the baptism represented by the Red Sea crossing, the Israelites did not go willingly. Basically, the Lord had to give them no alternative because of the enemy who pursued them. However, the baptism represented by the crossing of the Jordan was a voluntary one and would begin their pursuit to drive their enemies from their land. This was not just because the circumstances had changed, but the people had also changed during their long sojourn in the wilderness.

The Church has likewise seemingly wandered in the wilderness for nearly two thousand years. Like Israel's trek through their wilderness, this time was not wasted. A great transformation has been taking place in the people. It was one thing to get the people out of Egypt, but it took much longer to get the Egypt out of them. Likewise, there are people who may have apparently just been drifting through life rather aimlessly, but God has been doing a deep work in their hearts, and this time has not been wasted. They are a people prepared for the great challenges ahead that will prepare the way for the coming of the kingdom of God.

The change comes from a life seemingly composed of being chased and harassed by the devil and deep dealings of God in our own hearts, to the mentality of a conqueror. This does not mean we are now perfect, and the conquest ahead will help to continue the work on our character, but there will be a great difference in the conflict. Instead of battling the enemies within, who have kept us in bondage, we will begin battling the ones without, who are keeping others in bondage.

We must never forget that our conquest is not the greedy pursuit of personal gain and advancement, but our treasure is the liberation of souls that are now in the bondage of darkness. Our purpose is to see the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ set the captives free. We are called as true freedom fighters. Our success in this life will be counted by the release of the captives the devil has had in bondage to do his will.

Expect a Big Change!

So we can now expect a big change to begin to take place in the Church from just seeking to be set free ourselves, to setting the nations free. On the other side of the Jordan, Israel may not have looked very different from the group who had left Egypt, but on the inside they were very different. They were no longer just recently released slaves -- they were conquerors! Right now, by appearances, the Church may not look very different than it has for many centuries -- but it is! We are no longer just recently released slaves -- we are warriors with the greatest cause, preparing for the greatest battle!

I have been asked to speak to a few NFL teams just before their games. The intensity of the focus on their faces was like nothing I had ever seen. In 1990, I was speaking to the Denver Broncos before an important Monday night game with their rivals, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Lord drew my attention to their "game faces." He then said to me, "When you see that kind of focus on My people, the time is at hand."

Since that night I have looked for this focus on the faces of God's people everywhere I go. For years it seemed in most churches they were more like kids in detention hall after school than a rising, conquering army. However, in the last four years I have begun to see the increasing focus and intensity, which I know means the great advance is now close. The day is not far off when Christians will be as focused and intense about their place in the body of Christ as any professional athlete is about his or her profession.

When you see those football teams just before a game, you think that if they are not released on their foe very soon they will begin to hurt each other! That is actually what sometimes happens in churches. When we build people up and then do not release them on the enemy, their intensity is released as frustration on other believers. This is the cause of many church splits and other devastating problems. It is now time for us to engage the enemy! We need church builders, and this is a job that some will always need to be occupied with. However, it is now time to turn our attention away from just building up ourselves to building the kingdom.

The Enemy of Complacency

The worst enemy of Christianity is complacency, or as the Lord put it, lukewarmness. This is the greatest delusion and deception of all. How could anyone truly know the Lord, the Consuming Fire, and not be on fire? This is why His true messengers are "flames of fire." Lukewarmness is not possible unless the delusions of the cares and worries of this world have choked out the seed of His Word in us. There is nothing that can shake someone out of complacency like war. If there is ever a greater focus than seen on a professional football team before a game, it will be on the faces of soldiers before a battle.

When King David, one of the greatest souls to ever walk the earth and one of the greatest pursuers of God of all time, stayed at home during the time "when kings go out to battle" (see II Samuel 11:1), he fell into adultery and opened the door for some of the worst problems of his life. When it is time to fight and we do not fight, we are almost certain to be overcome and defeated by the enemy in some way. It is now the time when we must go on the offensive and start looking to missions that do not just selfishly build our own church, but will begin to take territory for the kingdom of God. If we will do this, our churches grow and become much stronger than they are now.

Human beings were created with a need for adventure. There is no greater adventure in this life than the true Christian life. Youth especially need adventure, and if they are not captured by missions in some form, they are very likely to be captured by the spirit of the world.

There is nothing more boring than religion. C.S. Lewis once remarked that one definition of hell was to sit in an endless church service without the presence of God. Such services are from hell. It is time to bust out of the four-walled prison of present church life and begin our conquest. We must start to use the divinely powerful weapons that we have been given to engage the enemy and start taking the land that is rightfully ours.

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The Jezebel Spirit And The Confrontation At Mount Carmel

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In talking about the spirit of Elijah, many times we say, "We are going to come against a spirit of Jezebel, and we are going to bind it and render it powerless." But, how do you confront and deal with the Jezebel spirit?

The Clashing of Two Spirits

What the Lord started to show me is that there is a clashing of two major spirits: the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of satan. These two kingdoms are coming together in hand-to-hand combat. So what we are coming against is a Jezebel spirit, which is a powerful spirit that comes to destroy the prophets and abort the newborn. If it cannot abort a "baby in the womb," then it will try to abort the baby's calling and destiny. A demonic spirit cloaks, chokes out, strangles, and destroys lives, destiny, calling, and birthright.

In talking about the Elijah anointing, we know that he was one who heard the voice of God. Are you able to legislate in the heavens? What comes against a Jezebel spirit is having a real relationship with Holy Spirit!!!

Heaven Kissing Earth with Power

In **Acts 2**, 120 people waited in the Upper Room. The wind, the fire, and the person Holy Spirit came, and they all began to speak in other tongues. But was it just something where they only got 5-10 words in tongues? No! The government of Heaven broke in, and it birthed the church. It was a miracle of languages.

Peter's Power

Then they ran out, and Peter moved with an authentic, apostolic anointing. When he preached the Word of God, the power of Heaven and the government of God was behind him, and a breaker anointing was released so that 3,000 people were saved! It broke through and brought radical salvations and healings.

Elijah's Confrontation

When Elijah cried out, he started to confront the demonic spirits through the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, asking for that covenant of the Lord Jesus to be there. The heavens literally opened up, and fire came down from Heaven.

What God Wants from Us

The Lord wants to bring us to a place where we are not just locked into closed churches, but where we are able to go outside the walls of the church and be able to impact our society. He wants us to be able to move with a breaker anointing, as carriers of resurrection life, and have people get saved, healed, and delivered. Then we will have words of counsel and words of wisdom where we are able to legislate from the heavens.

Do You Really Know Holy Spirit?

To be able to do that, we must have an intimate relationship with Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is not just tongues; Holy Spirit is not just a phenomenon of a wind and fire. He is a person! When Jesus died and went to the right hand of the Father, it was so that Holy Spirit would come and bring the Kingdom and the fire of the Lord to earth.

Elijah lived a life that moved in Kingdom power. He was a man, but when he spoke, God backed him up. Let me ask you, "Does God back you up? Or do your words just dribble down your chin?"

Where Do You Stand?

Do you see any signs and wonders? Do you see anybody healed? Are people hungry to get your wisdom and revelation because you hear from God? Do you have an intimacy with God, and do people come to you because you are a messenger of the Lord?

Is your church so cloistered, so social, and so seeker-friendly that you don't have any cutting-edge wisdom? When you are not moving in revelation and you are not able to move and shift things (not only over your families and neighbors, but over entire cities, then you move into a place of not being able to impact your society).

Who is Jezebel?

In talking about the spirit of Jezebel, you must understand that Jezebel is an international principality that devastates nations and multitudes of sons and daughters. It is a demonic power. It is not female or male--it is a spirit.

It is not just that Jezebel confronted Elijah, but this principality, this Jezebel spirit, confronted the God of Elijah. You see, there is a war going on right now, and the war is for our passion. The same power that comes against the passion and heart of God today, also came against Elijah and the people of God. It is passion versus passion; it is fire versus fire. What is going to grab the passions of these hearts?

The Confrontation at Mount Carmel

If you want to have the spirit of Elijah, then let's talk about Mount Carmel. Where is your Mount Carmel? Where is the place where the altar is torn down in your family?

You cry out that you want to be an Elijah, but how does it come down where it is real for where you are? It is not a place where you suddenly arrive one day; it is that place where we must daily wrestle it out and work through the ups and downs, 24/7, as you keep seeking the Lord with all of your heart. In the midst of our life, we have friends whose altars are torn down. They have been invaded with the Jezebel spirit; they have been invaded with demonic powers that have torn down the covenant relationship that God is intending for them.

A Call to Holiness

How do you rebuild the altar? Part of rebuilding is that you have to be a man or a woman that is clean before God. In other words, if you are going to confront people about their sexual perversion, pornography, eye gates that are constantly seeing violence, and areas where they are constantly being infiltrated by the dark things of our society, then you must be clean in those areas yourself. How can you confront that in other people's lives if it operates in your own life?

Do you have common ground with the enemy in any area of your life? You can have **NO** common ground with the enemy, you know! There needs to be a call to holiness. There needs to be something in you that presses into the face of Jesus, **no. . . matter. . . what!**

God's Search Light is Needed

There needs to be something in you that asks, *"Lord, where there are areas of darkness in my life, where there is compromise in my life, where there are broken areas from unforgiveness and bitterness or cynical attitudes in my life, I want you to bring your fire upon the altar of my life. Where the altar of my spirit is broken down, I want you to heal me up."*

Many walk in defeat because there are places in their lives where the enemy has legal access because of known sin(s), compromise, idolatry, disobedience, disloyalty, or spiritual adultery.

Two Things are Needed

First of all, in being able to move with an Elijah anointing, you need to be able to say, *"Ok Lord, here I am! There are areas that are broken down. Most of all, I need you as my Lord and Savior. Then I'm asking you to start to reveal areas of brokenness and areas of compromise in my life."*

Secondly, you might want to get healed up and restored. As you start to get healed up, then you will have more mercy for those who are broken because you see your own brokenness.

There is something in you that says, *"No, I know what it is like to be broken, but I know a God who can heal me in the midst of my pain! Since He can heal me, and He can heal the altars and the areas of my own brokenness, then I know that He can also heal others where they are hurting, where people have abused them and where they have been betrayed."*

You see, if you get healed from different forms of abuse -- emotional abuse, physical abuse, verbal abuse, and even religious abuse (where you shut your heart down from God), then you will start to get healed up in these areas of violation. You will also start to get living stones of God's promises, His destiny, and His calling rebuilt inside of your spirit.

Then you can cry out and say, *"God, send fresh fire! I want to be a burning man. I want to be a burning woman. I want to be full of holy passion. I do not want be one with a shriveled up heart. I want to be one who is fully alive, fully passionate and not compromising with any perversion -- but passionate with a clean heart, so I can fully love as You love!"*

What I believe the Lord is saying is, "Why not respond to this call right now as you read this article? Let's make this a Mount Carmel, but first, let's look at your own heart."

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The Judgment of Babylon and Jezebel

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Just recently I sensed the Lord speaking against Jezebel. Not too long after that, a friend of mine came out with a prophetic word warning Gods people to come out of her and that was a confirmation to me. I `d love to share more on the judgment of jezebel and also talk on the judgment of Babylon. The bible says thus concerning Jezebel:

> *...thou sufferest the woman Jezebel which calleth herself a prophetess to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed unto idols and I gave her space to repent of her fornication and she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts.- Rev.2:20-23*

And I know that she will indeed be judged in this last days. In the previous prophecies shared there were some words concerning Babylon and I want you to see that -

> Come out of her. She is Babylon, the spirit of fools. God is calling for an holy separation. I am bringing judgment on the earth - saith the Lord. I am calling my servants with a pure heart to draw near. Do not involve yourself in the mess that is going on. People are spoiling God's name on the altar of truth. They are blaspheming and saying God said when he didn't even say a word.
> These are the days of judgment. I am judging mount Zion. The mount shall be cleansed. I am raising a standard. I am building my house in purity. I am setting the standards. I am reforming my people. My people shall be cleansed of their idolatry. In their hearts there are many idols. They are vivacious to the things of this world but I am changing all that. I want them to be deadened, cleansed and purified. I am putting my house in order. I'd do what I would do and my house would be a better place.

And God says all this would happen - **for Babylon shall be destroyed. A city without habitation she shall be and Zion would gain her freedom. Amen**.

Time of Judgment

From the book of Revelations we would see that he judgment of Babylon starts after the seven seals have been opened. It starts about the time when the mystery of God is finished.
Babylon and Jezebel has attacked the church so much but they shall be destroyed.

Refuge in times of trouble

I believe the only way we can save ourselves from the tribulation to come is by drawing nearer to GOD. When we walk in love towards God and man. God keeps us from danger. The only way out of Babylon and jezebel is drawing nearer to God - saying, thinking and acting what the word says for that's the only way out we get empowered and covered against the onslaught of the enemies. Selah.

The Joseph Process

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My precious and beautiful church, I want to enlighten many of you on the process that is taking place within My church today. It is the Joseph Process. It is a process that I am bringing about within My body.

Firstly, as I did with Joseph, I planted the seed of truth within him, and I planted the vision within him of what I had called him too. So it is with many of you, I have planted this seed of My heart and vision within you. I have shown you a part of what is to come. I have placed part of My passion within you, and have showed you, the destiny I have for you. There are those of you waiting on the manifestation and understanding of this piece to the puzzle, but to you I say, wait on Me.

Be very careful with whom you share the seed of My heart that I have given many of you. For lack of wisdom and great zeal, will lead many of you to share with those who will not rejoice with you, but will turn and try to crush that which I have given each of you. So be discerning and continue to seek Me for with whom to share.

For after I have planted the vision, then comes the preparation. The time of preparation is hard. The training is Me equipping you to do the task which I have called each of you to do. As with Joseph's brothers they turned against him and betrayed him, I used this circumstance to teach Joseph great lessons and prepare him for what was to come. So it is with many of you. Many of you have been hurt, and betrayed by those close to you. Those that you call brother. Those that you call brother have denied the vision that I have given you, and have sold you short. Continually telling you that you are not called to the great destiny that I have placed within you and continue to speak containment over you. Know that I am using the circumstances around you to bring about My Glory and teach you, and prepare you for a greater manifestation of the seed of My vision that I have placed within you.

Many of you feel you are at the bottom of a well, and cannot get out, but I speak to you now, and tell you, I am with you. I am not at the top of the well, or outside the well. I am sitting with you in the midst of the well. For was Joseph alone in the well? Surely not. I was with Him.

In the well, I am teaching many of you My heart. Teaching you greater lessons of intimacy with Me. Teaching you to walk to the beat of My heart. Teaching you to die to self, and carry your cross. I am teaching many of you, that it is all about Me, and My Kingdom. I am establishing a greater level of intimacy with Me, within many of you, as you draw close to Me in this time. Do not despise the well, but embrace this time in the well, and rejoice for I am with you.

A time of promotion will come to many of you. Many of you are now about to take the next step into a step of great promotion and favour. Beware of pride. Do not allow pride to take your eyes off Me, but seek Me. Seek Me, and remember your days of training. For you are always being trained by Me, and a new level of training is coming to those of you who are about to step onto the battlefield.

I am gifting many of you with My favour and influence. Many of you will see My Glory come upon you, and you will have great favour with men. I am now placing many of you in positions of great influence. In these places you will see great things, and you will see Me move mightily in and through you. As I placed Joseph in a great position of influence, so am I doing the same with many of you. Remember in this place to remain with your head on My chest. Do not move from this place, for without the deep intimacy with Me, nothing else matters. Everything flows out of intimacy with Me.

As Joseph was a dreamer, so My church dream My dreams. Allow Me to place My dreams and visions within you. Be prepared to surrender everything to Me and allow Me to have My way in each of you.

Be encouraged by the process knowing that at each step, you are growing closer to your Lord, and going deeper in knowing who I am. I love each of you very much. Know that I have great plans for each of you, and no matter where you are at in the process, I am with you. I am your life. I am your all. I am your Salvation. I am your Beloved.

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The Joy Of Remaining

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"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."--John 15:4

I have often read this verse and repeatedly asked the Lord to teach me how to 'remain'. Without fail, it seems as though 'remaining' has been one of the greatest challenges in my busy life. The swirl of daily life often finds me squirming rather than remaining.

In my pursuit of learning to remain, I have become so hungry to see true spiritual fruit manifested in my life. In this hour it seems to be the cry of the church as well, especially in the west, that we would come out of our bareness and begin to manifest the rich, powerful, beautiful fruit that we are called to bear.

Our cries have been to go beyond all our talk and begin to demonstrate the transforming kingdom of power (see 1 Cor. 4:20). But the only way to bearing such desperately needed fruit is through remaining.

Partnership With Heaven

In 1 Peter 2:9 we are reminded that we are a "chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." This is our inheritance.

We are citizens of heaven, royalty, children of the kingdom, chosen by God to bear fruit on the earth. The church is called to demonstrate supernatural love, healing, provision, council, wisdom, etc. to a desperately needy world. We live in an hour where partnership with heaven is absolutely necessary so that the gospel of power can be demonstrated on the earth.

It is the very heart of the Father to see His children walking in the fullness of Christ--so that we can "declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light". Signs and Wonders are one type of fruit that we have the joyful privilege of bearing as we remain in Him. "And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." -- Mark 16:17-18

As we remain in intimacy with Christ and stand in the faith of who He is--this type of fruit should naturally flow from our lives. The supernatural becomes natural for those who are hidden and remaining in the Source of all power.

A Vision of Hope

I want to share a vision that the Lord gave me because I believe it is an invitation for us all: In the vision I saw myself standing next to a beautiful lake. It was in the early hours of the morning--the sun had not yet come up and a hazy mist glided over the water.

I could see the Lord standing on the other side of the lake. He was so pleasant and full of peace. I asked him why He was here at the lake so early in the morning, and He responded by saying that it was at this time that all the deer came to the drinking hole. I felt such peace there. I knew in my spirit that the water represented the word, and it was in the early hours that the Lord loves to feed his precious flock.

I knelt down at the waters edge and cupped my hands scooping the sweet water to my mouth. I could feel the water seep deep into every part of my being and I felt so refreshed. Next, I began to splash water on my face and as I washed my face, I felt cleansed and renewed. The Lord smiled at me from across the lake, and then to my amazement He began to walk on the water.

He walked all the way until he reached the middle of the lake. From that place, He began to speak to me--He said, "You know, there are many who have faith that if they drink My water (word) they will be refreshed and their thirst will be satisfied. Also, there are many who have faith that if they wash themselves with My water (My word) they will be cleansed and renewed. But-- there are only a very few who actually have faith.... to walk on the water."

As He spoke of walking on the water, I immediately understood that by standing on the word (the water) the supernatural becomes possible. He then beckoned me to come my half of the way and meet Him in the middle of the lake. I laughed a little bit as I tapped my barefoot in the water. I said, "Lord...I don't know how to walk on the water...look...my foot is all wet."

He told me to forget about my circumstances and to just focus on Him. In obedience, I locked my eyes onto His eyes and began to look deeply into who He is. He then asked me, "What do you see?" I was overwhelmed with waves of His kindness and beauty. Within an instant it was as though I became totally lost in the attributes of His character. As I focused on Him, I forgot about myself and began to speak out what I saw in this man so beautiful and holy.

Full of passion, I began to declare-- "You are holy!" "You are beautiful!" You are faithful!" "You are merciful!" "You are sovereign!" "You are not a God that you would lie!" "You are righteous!" etc... Each declaration I made was full of confidence, because as I gazed into His eyes I was overwhelmed with such perfect assurance in His divine nature.

The more I saw of Him, the more I forgot about myself and all my fears and doubts and inabilities. I became absolutely lost in His perfect nature and my heart was filled with love and peace. Every time I declared something of His character, I took a step closer to Him.

The first few steps were a little tricky and it was tempting to look down at my feet--but I knew the slightest distraction would have me sinking. As I got closer to Him, I could feel faith arising in my heart and each step became easier. My heart was so yearning to be near Him, that I could have cared less that I was walking on water.

Once I reached him I threw my arms around Him and just embraced Him. As I did this we instantly began to sink. Shocked and unsure of what was happening I began to flail around in the water. Jesus was so full of peace. He said, "Just hold on to me, we're going under"

I had no desire to go under the water, but I trusted Him and wanted to be near Him. We slowly began to sink deeper, deeper, deeper-- to a very deep place. It was so quiet and His presence was so strong. Although the water saturated every part of me, I was amazed that I could breathe under the water. I felt like I was hidden in the depths of His heart--consumed with peace and the fear of the Lord. It was in this place that He spoke to me and told me that this is the place where revelation is birthed.

I then understood that for those who are willing to get out of the way and lose themselves in who He is; for those who are willing to meet Him in the middle of the lake on His terms; for those who want nothing more than to just be near Him, for those there awaits an invitation into the depths of His heart--the place of intimacy and revelation. This is where we remain; this is where fruit is cultivated in our lives.

You see, as believers we are all called to walk on the water. Walking on the water represents doing supernatural acts that are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Signs and wonders are part of our inheritance as Kingdom children. "For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power" -- 1 Corinthians 4:20

If we focus on the supernatural act, we'll fall short every time. But when our focus is Jesus alone, we can never fall short and the impossible becomes accomplished. We are living in a day where the church will no longer be shamed with her bareness of power. Our generation will truly see a demonstration of power from on high. Signs and wonders will follow those who believe, and it is the very desire of God to see His Kingdom manifested on the earth. As the floodgates of heaven are bulging--ready to be poured out, we are left to make a choice.

Will we be content with just drinking and washing in the word, or will we be ones who walk on the water? For if we are to walk on the water--we must lose ourselves in the beauty of who He is. This is where we are to remain--we remain in Him, in His character, in His nature, in His promises and in His glorious beauty; where the focus is not on us, our gifting, our callings, or our inadequacies-- but simply and wholly on Him.

We must be ones who choose Him--ones who are more impressed with who He is, than in the signs and wonders He will perform. As we fix our eyes and hearts on the absoluteness of His character--we will see even greater miracles than Jesus saw. Our joy is in the remaining, that is what we were created for. The supernatural fruit that follows is for the joy and glory of the Father. As He is lifted up in this fashion, all men will be drawn unto Him.

Thy Kingdom Come
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I woke up at the middle of the night; it was past 1 a.m. South African time, and I had on my mind an American song I learnt in a church I belonged to in Lagos, Nigeria, back in 1990. The song has a line that goes like this, “I’m gonna meet my loving Jesus”. I immediately knew that the spirit was telling me that the long-awaited great move of God is about to commence.

Matt. 6:10—*Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.*

Until now, I used to believe that the Church, as it is now, is the kingdom of God on earth. Many Christians also hold to this belief, with the understanding that the kingdom of God got established on earth on the Pentecost day of Acts 2. However, I have also been checked by the fact that the Lord’s Prayer is still prayed in its entirety; we still pray to God for His kingdom to come. Eschatologists have related the prayer to the physical coming of Christ. Pre-trib rapture followers therefore believe that Christ could any moment snatch up His kingdom that has existed on earth for a very long time.

Closely associated with “Thy kingdom come” is “Thy will be done on earth”. The two of them should be fulfilled simultaneously, but we do not see exactly that on earth today. The general confession I hear among Christians is that no one, no church, is perfect. Is that a confession of “as it is in heaven”?

Why did Jesus ask us to pray for the coming of the kingdom of God? It is because a certain condition must be fulfilled. What is the condition? It is none other than the spiritual condition of the descendants of Israelites of old.

Acts 1:6-8—*So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"* [7]*He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.* [8]*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

The kingdom of God will be restored to Israel at a time the Father has set by His own authority; Jesus never said “no more Israel of old, the Church has replaced Israel”, as some people teach today. So, what has been delaying the establishment of God’s kingdom on earth? It is this: Is God able to select 12,000 men from each tribe of Israel, men that seriously commit their lives to Jesus Christ? (Rev 7:4) Some people have written that Anglo-Saxons are the lost tribes of Israel. If the theory is true, was it not easier to find 12,000 serious Christians from every tribe of Israel among them in centuries gone by than today?

Acts 11:1-6,11-12,25-31—[1]*I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.* [2]*God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel:* [3]*"Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"?* [4]*And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.* [5]*So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace.* [6]*And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace*

As for those who teach that the Church has replaced Israel, Rev. 7:4 says that this time around God has reserved 144,000 Israelites (mostly from the so-called lost tribes), which is by far greater than the 7,000 He reserved in the time of Elijah. Rom 11:5 says that there is a remnant of Israelites chosen by grace.

Rom 11:11-12,15—[11]*Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious.* [12]*But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!* [15]*For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?*

The kingdom of God would have commenced after the resurrection of Christ, but for the unbelief of the Jews. God then handed the gospel over to the Gentiles. In the two millennia the Gentiles have been in charge of the gospel, we all know how they have fared. We all still look back to the early Church, when Jews were in charge. In Rom 11:15 we see a prophecy that says that when the descendants of Israelites of old take full charge of the gospel again, great things will happen in the Church.

Rom 11:25-27—[25]*I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.* [26]*And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:*
"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. [7]*And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."*

The deliverer will come from Zion, that is, Israel of old, and not from any other place. It is obvious that the deliverer meant here is Christ. Is it referring to a future coming or to His first advent? In order to answer this question, we need to see what the coming will accomplish; “turn godlessness away from Jacob”. Has that happened yet? No. Some people prophesy that when U.S.A. has been incapacitated by natural disasters or enemy attack, a coalition of Israel’s enemies will attack her, and this will force her to accept Jesus as their Messiah. These people forget that if a people forget God when they think that all is well with them, when disaster strikes, if they call on God, God will not respond (Pro 1:25-27; Jer 11:11). Another school of thought believe that Israelis will repent when they see the pierced hands of Jesus as He descends to earth during His second coming. Unfortunately, by that time all the ungodly would probably have received the mark of the Beast, Israelites and Gentiles alike; repentance would be too late.

Turning of godlessness away from Jacob will happen before or during the great tribulation. Jacob does not mean only the present nation of Israel; Jacob is much more than the present Israel. It then means that the deliverer will come to do this great work before or during the great tribulation. How is this going to be?

Dan 2:44-45—[44] *"In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever.* [45] *This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.*
"The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and the interpretation is trustworthy.

The kingdom of God will be established at a time when the kingdoms of men represented in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream of Daniel 2 are all present. That happens in this end time. How will it happen? A Rock cut out of a Mountain, but not by human hands, will appear on the scene. Back in 1997, my personal ministry reached a new level one day the Spirit forged for me a connection between Dan 2:45 and John 1:1. After the connection, I could rephrase John 1:1 as follows:

In the beginning was the Rock, and the Rock was with (integral part of) the Mountain, and the Rock was of the same stuff as the Mountain.

Of course the Rock is Christ. He came to the world with the primary objective to perform a seven-year ministry that would establish the kingdom of God on earth. At the middle of the seven years He shed His blood as a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of humanity. Unfortunately, Israel was not ready for Messiah’s work, so He went back to heaven, and sent the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to operate His Church until Israel becomes ready for His ministry. The remaining three and half years of ministry will be completed by the Messiah when Israel becomes ready.

Before continuing with the ministry of Christ, which will finally lead to the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth, it may be necessary to address the subject of “Trinity”, since what has been said about the Rock and the Mountain is obviously in the realm of Trinity doctrine, and any believer in the doctrine will definitely feel agitated. I have mentioned the Mountain (Father) and the Rock (Son), where is the Holy Spirit in this description? Well, the Holy Spirit is the life, or breath, or blood, of God (John 3:8, 20:22).

John 5:26—*For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.*

The Son is an exact image of the Father (Col 1:15) in that the Son was brought out of the Father (the same make-up as the Father) and the Father granted Him to have the same Spirit as Himself. You see, there are different kinds of spirits; the human spirit is different from the spirit of animals, and from the Spirit of God. The Son has the same spirit as the Father. Even an ordinary human being who receives the Spirit of God by grace is accounted to be a son of God. Please note that Christ is not human; but He can dwell in a human body.

Heb 10:5—*Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;*

Christ dwells in a human body that is prepared for Him. It is now proper to get back to the ministry of Christ; the remaining three and half years.

The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob (Rom 11:26). In His first advent, Christ came from Israel and focused all His attention on turning godlessness away from Israel. Unfortunately, Israel was not ready. When He comes for the final phase of His ministry, He will once again come from Zion and His first objective will be to turn godlessness away from Zion. During His first advent, there was no body suitable for Christ to dwell in (Rom 3:10-12), so God prepared an Adam in the womb of a virgin, for Christ to dwell in him. This Adam was subjected to intense test, to prove him, and he passed the test. That Adam is one with Christ forever. Incidentally, in the latter three and half years of Christ’s ministry, we will not see the Adam Jesus Christ. God will make ready 144,000 Jews for Christ to dwell in. Can the one Christ who dwelt in one man during His first ministry now dwell in 144,000 men? Yes, the Rock is an express image of the Mountain. He can bring stones out of Himself, just like the Mountain brought the Rock out of Himself.

1 Pet 2:4-5—[4]*As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—* [5]*you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

The blood of Jesus qualified mankind to receive the life or Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit prepares a human being to become worthy to host Christ. Whereas the Holy Spirit is the spirit of Christ, He is not Christ. God can empower a human being through the Holy Spirit, to the extent that the person begins to do great miracles, but it is a different matter when Christ Himself dwells inside of a man. The person literarily becomes like God. In this end time we will witness 144,000 people with the capability that Jesus of Nazareth had (John 14:12). Those who talk about Trinity will have a problem on their hands because they may not know whether to begin to say that it is now thousands of persons in one God.

Luke 1:35—*The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.*

Eph 3:16-17—[16]*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,* [17]*so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

During Christ’s first advent, the Holy Spirit prepared an Israelite virgin and enabled her to host Christ in her body. In the next advent, the Holy Spirit will prepare 144,000 Israelites and make them suitable to host Christ in their bodies.

The gospel was initially carried by Israelites. Through unbelief they lost it and God gave it to the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit comes through believing the gospel and it has been that only the Gentile believers with few Israelites receive the Holy Spirit. The fact that Christ must appear in Israel and that Israel is not qualified to host Christ due to absence of the Holy Spirit caused by not believing the gospel has continued to delay the second advent of Christ. Rom 11:25 says that Israel experienced a hardening of heart so that the full number of the Gentiles may come into the Church. God has also made it such that the Israelites must now depend upon the kindness of the Gentiles in order to receive back the gospel. The Gentiles must preach to Israelites in order for them to believe, and receive the Holy Spirit, so that the Holy Spirit will eventually get them ready to host Christ. When finally the Israelites begin to host Christ, the Gentiles will in turn be greatly blessed by their end-time ministry. The Christian ministry of the Gentiles will take a new turn due to the great revelations that will issue out of the mouth of Christ through the Israelites.

The difference between the ministry of the Gentiles and that of the Israelites at the end time is that the Gentiles have a ministry that is empowered by the Holy Spirit only; whereas the Israelites will have both the Holy Spirit and the indwelling Christ. The much-respected early Church had the firstfruits of the Spirit (Rom 8:23), but they eagerly awaited their adoption as sons, which happens when one is indwelt by Christ. The 144,000 Israelites will have the firstfruits of Christ. Like the early Church, the Gentiles will be indwelt by Christ in the spirit world, after the rapture (2 Tim 4:8; 1 John 3:2).

Rev 14:1-4—[1]*Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.* [2]*And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.* [3]*And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.* [4]*These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.*

Some ministers of gospel who understand the role of Israelites in the end-time program of God have been making rounds to the nation of Israel, preaching the gospel. Unfortunately, Israelites in the diaspora are even more important. Incidentally, the most critically important set of Israelites are ignored because of the color of their skin. I mean the Israelites in Africa. Yet, there are strong prophetic indications that the Israelites in Africa will play some dominant role. Recently I stumbled on the website of the Messianic Jews in South Africa (**http://home.telkomsa.net/signsoftheend/Pp%20Page25%20Prelude%20to%20Great%20Tribulation.htm**) and read some interesting things. In particular, with regard to end-time condition of the Israelites, they quoted Zeph 3:10:

Zeph 3:10—*From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, my scattered people, will bring me offerings.*

The web page of Messianic Jews in South Africa, which link is indicated above, indicates that here the Bible refers to Jews that were scattered beyond the river of Ethiopia (not Ethiopian Jews). They then hold the opinion that it refers to Jews in South Africa. Were any Jews scattered down to South Africa during the great dispersion of Bible times? Was it not in recent times that some Jews migrated to South Africa? Of course the South African Messianic Jews can only see white Israelites in Africa and no more. But God will soon shock those who reason along the color of the skin.

As I wrote in a previous article that was posted on ETPV, I learnt from my friends that some white evangelists that featured in Christian conferences that are annually held in the southern Nigerian city of Port Harcourt proclaimed over some years that the world was waiting for Nigeria. In one of the conferences one evangelist said that he saw the map of Africa in the hand of God like a gun. Nigeria was the trigger of the gun and South Africa was the barrel. God told him that apartheid blocked the barrel of the gun of world revival. For years they prayed for apartheid to go, and apartheid eventually went due to a prophetic word that was delivered to the then South African president by a prominent British minister. I personally heard the then South African president on VOA say, “Power greater than man has made us to hand over power…” The minister who spoke in Nigeria wondered why it was now a problem for the trigger of the prophetic gun to pull.

If you get the map of Africa and turn it in such a way that it becomes like a gun in your hand, with South Africa as the barrel, you will find that your finger will press on south-eastern Nigeria, or Biafra. That is the place where the Israelites referred to by Zeph 3:10 dwell. The annual Christian conference being organized in the city of Port Harcourt by white missionaries apparently is aimed at helping to pull the prophetic trigger, because Port Harcourt lies in the area of the trigger of the prophetic gun. Unfortunately, what is required in order to pull the trigger is much more than annual Christian conferences. Biafra is at the centre of the end-time ministry of Israelites. The same Biafra was battered by British and American foreign policy in the late 1960s. Britain supplied weapons and even officers to the Nigerian troops when Biafra fought for self-determination. The Biafrans were crushed and battered. Since then they have been relegated to frustration and marginalization in Nigeria. Today, resources derived from Biafra are used to sponsor thousands of Muslim pilgrims to Saudi Arabia on annual pilgrimage. With what resources will Biafrans carry out end-time ministry?

In 2002 I came across some information, an article written by a Biafran, but which surprisingly the Spirit made me to understand was authentic. This article had it that some Jews found out that the name of the ship that carried Jonah (the end-time evangelist) is Nigeria. (The purported Jewish discovery is not impossible, given the various Bible codes that now exist.) Just as the ship that carried Jonah was in serious trouble, in the same way the Nigerian nation has been bedeviled with insolvable problems, notwithstanding the oil revenue. The article has it that God Himself will eventually spew Biafra out of Nigeria. Then Biafra will be able to perform its God-assigned role in the end time. Even now, developments in Nigeria are gradually leading towards what was written in that article. Christians are encouraged to pray about the information being released in this article in order to know how they may properly pray "Thy kingdom come."

It is now well-known that the end-time revival will commence this year. On April 9th one prophetess (**http://www.ft111.com/p0000013.htm**) released a prophetic word that seems to indicate that the month of May is the starting time. I began to think that it could be on Pentecost day, which I understood to be on May 15. I then went to seek for any information on the Internet in connection with this year's Pentecost day, only to find out that May 15 is the so-called Christian Pentecost that was fixed due to pagan Easter that did not fall into the Passover week this year. I then discovered that the real or Jewish Pentecost will take place in June. It was in the confusion generated by this discovery that I woke up one night with the song about meeting my loving Jesus on my mind. I then realized that Christ will restart His ministry in the day on Jewish calendar in which he rose from the dead. That is the Feast of Firstfruits. I expect something to happen as from May 1st.

Look at a prophetic word released by Dr. Ronald Powell (**http://ft111.com/powell.htm**) on April 28th:

I am releasing power from on high, and those born of My Spirit shall walk as Jesus walked and do the works Jesus did…

I wish to implore that any person who has clearer information than what I presented in this article should please make the information available to me.

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The King Is Going To War

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The King is going to war. He has an army that he is going to lead. The world has proclaimed this army as unfit and misfits, but I the Great God say differently, for the world does not understand me at all. They do not understand how I think and they do not understand how I act. They do not understand my righteous judgments because so many of their judgments are unrighteous and defiled.

My army will not be mighty in numbers, but it will be mighty in supernatural power and strength. It will be made up of those who have learned to look to me as the source of their wisdom and strength, instead of man.

To these ones I extend my scepter. To these ones I myself will place a mighty sword in their hands. This sword is encrusted with gold and jewels, but it is so heavy that they will not be able to lift it in their own strength. It is only when the two of us are gripping the handle together that they will be able to lift this sword.

This army will be made up of my beloved, my bride to be. She will be as awesome as an army with banners. * She will be beautiful and terrible to behold. She will be mine totally and completely, and I will be hers.

Come closer, my bride. I am calling you now into my private chambers. I wish for you to begin to know me very, very well. The end draws near and your unveiling (that of my mighty army) is at the world's doorstep now.

I will silence the mockers and the scoffers, for you are my best-kept secret and your hour is at hand. This is the hour when I will unveil my power and my glory through you, my beautiful bride.**

Yes, I will call you Beulah,*** my wife, for you are going to set the world on fire. I once said, how I wish the fire was already started,*4 but I say you will see it now, for my people will be flames of fire, dwelling in the earth and yet dwelling in my mighty Presence.

Your Jesus

***Song 6:4 O my love, you are as beautiful as Tirzah, lovely as Jerusalem, awesome as an army with banners!* [*NKJ*]

Song 6:10 Who is she who looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, awesome as an army with banners? [*NKJ*]

** John 14:12-13 Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in me shall do the works which I do; and even greater than these things shall he do, because I am going to my Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do it for you, so that the Father may be glorified through the Son.

***Isa. 62:1-5 For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns.

The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord will name. You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah,[1] *and your land Beulah*[2]*; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married.*

For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you; And as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. [*NKJ*]

[1] Literally *My Delight Is in Her*

Literally *Married*

*4 Luke 12:49-53 I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!

Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. For from now on five in one house will be divided; three against two and two against three. Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in law-against her mother-in-law. [*NKJ*]

The Kingdom Of God And The Return Of The Lord

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> *Dan 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.*

Bible myths: commonly taught statements or assumptions that are not taught or supported by Holy Scripture.

Examples
The Bible never says there were three wise men who came to worship Jesus.

The Bible never says Mount Calvary was a mountain.

The Bible never says ‘God helps those who help themselves.’

There are many other examples that could be given. For now I want to concentrate on this one.

The Bible never says that Jesus sets up his kingdom [with Jerusalem as the capitol] after he returns.

Sometime back I did an article on Revival Redemption and Return of the Lord.
[http://www.etpv.org/2009/rrnrotl.html]

In my opening remarks I said:

> Let me start out by upsetting some peoples theology. God is not coming back so he can set up his Kingdom here on earth, he is setting up his Kingdom here on earth so he can come back.

Then I went into great detail to show why this is so. For now I just want to point to the scripture from Daniel 2 above as a secondary proof.

Notice where this verse from Daniel says 'in the days of those kings' It indicates that Jesus Kingdom comes into being, and then destroys the others. Which are represented by the 10 toes of the great image and also the ten horns of the beast.

The erroneous view is that Jesus destroys the other kingdoms and then sets up his after his return. Here is shows us that these things happen during the end times or so called tribulation period. All of this is to take place before his visible return as the white horse rider.

Preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

In the times past, the good news of the Gospel, was a promise of the coming Kingdom. It will soon be preached somewhat differently. It will be the announcement of the Kingdom. Not that the Kingdom is coming, but that the Kingdom is here. In other words Our God Reigns.

> *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
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> *Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

One last example:

The Bible never says that the Holy Spirit will always agree with the ultimate authority of the written Word of God. Instead the ultimate authority of Holy Spirit is given to help us understand the written Word of God.

The Kingdom Of God Is Calling For Change

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I have a lot of people on my travels ask me, "What is God going to do in this hour?"
I say that He is making a sudden appearance to His bride! As I was on the plane to Phoenix one day, God brought me to this scripture:
Acts 1:3- *"He showed himself and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the* ***kingdom of God****."*

Christ is making sudden appearances in this hour! Giving "convincing proof" that He is alive! Why is Christ making sudden appearances? To reveal the message of the kingdom of God. We have been so excited about "winning souls" that we forgot what Christ said to the church.

Mark 13:10- "And the gospel must first be preached to all nations."

A Prophetic Shifting Must Take Place

We are called to disciple the nations! The message of the kingdom of God goes beyond the single and reaches the multitude. The prophetic movement is making a shift from personal prophecy to prophesying over the nations of the earth. We must start thinking like Jesus. His goal was to preach the Kingdom and save the nations.

God Speaks A Second Time To Jonah and the Church

Jonah 3:1- Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: [2] "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

God spoke to Jonah a "kingdom message". This message was to prophetically speak and impart an awakening to a whole city. There is a changing in the atmosphere in the body of Christ calling a second time to turn the "world" upside down! The 12 apostles flooded the earth with the message of the kingdom of God following with it signs, wonders and miracles the first time. The message of the kingdom is calling a second time to affect cities, states and nations. It can only come through a violent people that have a vision for affecting the world. It is the violent that takes it by forth! We must move from having a street ministry to having an international ministry mentality if we are to make a difference for the gospel of Christ. We need to change our perspective of how we minister the gospel.

Having An Ear to Hear

He is showing Himself to those who have an ear to hear and an eye to see the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and Christ so He can reign!
My prayer is that through His "appearances," we will see "convincing proofs" that the Kingdom of God is truly at hand.

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The Kingdom Of Joy Is Coming To The Church

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"The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and JOY!" Romans 14:17

God is beginning to pour out His joy on the Church in an amazing way, and we will experience a new level of joy in Him! And with the release of His joy, we will truly celebrate the Lord like never before. As we do, blind eyes will see, the lame will walk, and dead bones will rise and dance -- in the spiritual and the natural. We will not only experience physical healings, but as we rejoice in God, we will see our spiritual eyes open to see God in a brand new way! We will truly walk with Him, hand in hand, as we have "fun with Jesus." We will see that which was dead jump for joy!

Instead of just walking in a manner worthy of the calling we have received (Ephesians 4:1), we will jump and dance in a manner that is truly worthy of Jesus!

A TRUCK-LOAD OF JOY!

As we begin to cast off our old assumptions of who God is and throw off the deadness of religious traditionalism, we will begin to enjoy, have fun with, and celebrate God like never before. Jesus said to be sober, but He did not say to be depressed. And God is now releasing a heavenly truckload of His joy to His people.

Joy in God goes hand in hand with faith in Him (Romans 15:13). They are Siamese twins! If we believe in God, then we will automatically rejoice, because who could help but rejoice when we see Him in His beauty! Joy is the evidence of our faith! "The joy of the Lord is our strength (Nehemiah 8:10)" and that joy will protect us from the fiery darts of the enemy. Don't let the enemy take your joy from you with his weapons of worry and fear; defend your joy and it will become your strength!

HE'S WORTH CELEBRATING

Hey, let's have a celebration for Him this year that towers over any celebration the world has ever seen; with wild praise and reckless abandonment of "who we are", let's throw ourselves into the arms of our wonderful Father. No one else could get us to dance in the true freedom we can dance with in Him, but Him. He is worth jumping for!

Do you love Him? I know you do. So, let's rejoice.

I know we have trials and problems, but they lose their relevance when we celebrate our Jesus. When we put our arm in His arm and walk with Him, laughing and sharing joy with each other in true friendship, our troubles seem so distant.

Having fun with Jesus can seem sacrilegious to some. They may become offended by that concept, but it is that offense, the offense of seeing God through old religious mind sets and assumptions of who He is, that needs to be cast off. Not only cast off, but danced on!

We will never walk in the completeness of our relationship with Him, as His Bride, until we celebrate our Beloved and what He's done for us with reckless abandon and radical praise -- until we dance like King David danced. He knew how to celebrate God! Without a care for his personal dignity or position, he danced in radical praise of God's presence coming back to the children of God (2 Samuel 6:14). May we do the same. We need to get our eyes off of ourselves and on to Him, because He is worthy!

THE POWER OF JOY!

A dear friend of mine who attended our Speaking Life meetings was so full of the joy of the Lord, she jumped for joy when she praised God (and she praised God a lot), so we started calling her jumping Joni! But a while back her jumping stopped because her husband died, and no matter how much she tried, she could not get her joy back.

She was heavy with grief. But after about a year with this heaviness on her, stealing her joy, she fought back. During a time of ministry, we had her physically shake off the grief that had overtaken her. She fought her way back to joy and was determined to jump again. Well, she started jumping and she has not stopped yet. Praise God for JOY!

WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR US?

Oh, beloved, what hasn't He done for us? Has He given you breath to breathe, a heart to feel, and a spirit that will live with Him for eternity?

I believe this "joy" issue will be what divides the tares from the wheat; the proof that we have His Spirit will be indeed be seen in our JOY (Galatians 5:22). I believe we are only truly righteous if we have joy! If we celebrate daily what God has done for us, indeed, that is the highest form of righteousness!

IT'S JESUS-TIME!

Hey Church, get happy! You are marrying Jesus! He is the Groom of all grooms and the Best Man at every wedding, and He is yours! That is indeed a reason to get happy and throw yourself into radical praise of our Lord and King.

He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords, another good reason to celebrate!!!

He won a great victory at Calvary. He took the keys of hell away from Satan and made a way for us to live with Him for eternity. Have we ever celebrated that? We need to have a victory party! Think about it: Jesus robbed Satan, beat Him to a pulp, and rose up as Champion for our sake. . . THAT IS SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!!!

Precious Saints, lets take a holy holiday from worry, stress, and grief, and declare this "Jesus-time!" It's His party, and oh, what a reason He is to rejoice. He loves us so much!

LET THE EARTH PROCLAIM HIM

>From shore to shore may we praise Him and proclaim loudly what our God has done. May we celebrate the gift of Jesus the Christ, our Victor and Champion! Let everything that has breath PRAISE GOD! Let us come to Him with praise and joy (Psalm 150:6 & Psalm 95:2)!

***"The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and JOY!"* Romans 14:17**

Oh Father, let Your Kingdom come. . . let Your will be done on this earth just as it is in heaven. May we, Your Bride, receive Your kingdom of Joy with open arms and respond with explosions of radical praise. May we rejoice in our Maker and be glad in YOU. Let us praise you with dancing because of Your great delight in us. Let us rejoice in honor of YOU!

In Jesus' mighty name, Amen!

"Shout for JOY to the Lord, all the earth.
"Worship the Lord with GLADNESS; come before Him with JOYFUL songs.
"Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with PRAISE; give thanks to Him and PRAISE His name.
***"For THE LORD IS GOOD and HIS LOVE endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."* Psalm 100**

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The Key of Knowledge

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> *Lu 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*
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> *Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ….*

In Jesus' time the people known as lawyers were the experts on the Mosaic Law. This article will take a quick look at the *lawyers* of today. Not the experts in civil or criminal law, but the experts on the Bible. We will see what the Key of Knowledge is and exactly how today's experts have taken it away from great numbers of believers in today's churches.

Literalism Is The Problem

A great number of bible scholars and teachers tell us that the proper way to understand the bible is through consistent literal interpretation. This is expressed as The Law of Literal Interpretation. This law says:

> Always interpret scripture literally wherever possible.
> **"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."**

Now what's most unusual about this is that there is never any scriptural justification offered for adopting this principle. You will find many reasons offered, and all of them sound logical, but no bible verses. It's not so much what they are telling us to do, but what this law is telling us not to do? It's telling us not to seek; **seek no other sense**. That is not to seek any further than the literal meaning of scripture. But what does the bible say? It says just the opposite. It tells us to seek, long, hard and diligently. We must seek after wisdom with a passion.

Scriptures on Seeking

> *Pr 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;*
> *2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*
> *3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*
> *4 If thou **seekest** her as silver, and **searchest** for her as for hid treasures;*
> *5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*
> *6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*
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> *Mt 7:7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*
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> *Lu 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

> *Ps 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I* ***seek*** *after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to* ***enquire*** *in his temple.*
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> *Isa 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,* ***Ask*** *me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*
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> *Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*
>
> *Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

The Key of Knowledge

It's a simple matter to under stand what all these scriptures are getting at. We could write several more pages analyzing these verses, but it's pretty plain what they mean. The **Key of Knowledge is to seek for it.** But here we are being told by supposed experts **not to seek** after wisdom and knowledge. And this is exactly how the Law of literal interpretation takes away the Key of Knowledge, by teaching us not to seek for it. So the 'lawyers' who teach literalism today are just like the ones in Jesus' day. They don't acquire any knowledge themselves, and they hinder those who would.

> *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and* ***of Christ;***
> ***In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge****.* Colossians 2:2-3

Hidden in Christ [who is the Word of God] are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. This means deep revelation, rich understanding and mature insight await those who seek into the Word after it. The Bible says to seek after it. Literalism says 'don't bother looking', the literal meaning is all there is.

> *1Co 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

So keep on seeking.

Two Kinds Of Ministry

Mike Forest

The lives of David and Saul are in contrast to one another and represent two types of ministry. One is of God and the other is of man. God hoveringly chose David to be king of Israel, while Saul was the people's choice for king. The people did not want to be ruled by God through the prophet Samuel, so they begged and pleaded for an earthly king. God gave them the desires of their heart. He gave them a man that was head and shoulders above all other men. The problem is that Saul did not have the inner heart preparation that was necessary for him to lead the children of Israel. He was a man with a title, a position, but without the dealings of the Lord in his life.

Today, much of the ministry within the church is based on position and title, and credentials have become more important than the actual inward work within the man. Jesus said that we would know them by their fruits. Today, we have changed that saying to "we will know them by their titles and degrees." What is it that God is looking for in a man? Is it ability? Is it a high IQ, charisma or speaking ability? If this is what God is looking for then certainly Jesus made a poor choice when he chose the 12 men that He would give the keys to the kingdom of heaven to.

God does not look at any of those outward things that man looks at in choosing those that will represent Him in ministry, but God is looking at the heart of the man. David was a man after God's own heart. He was a man that the Lord had built His character into on the hills of Israel as he was tending his sheep and ministering to the Lord. The Lord chose David to be king because he had the heart of the king. One of the basic differences between David and Saul was that the former was more concerned with God's interests and purposes than his own well being, while Saul was primarily concerned with self promotion and with what benefits he could reap from his position.

Because the people chose Saul, the people ruled Saul, and Saul feared the people more than he feared the Lord. Whenever the people choose the spiritual leaders in the church, then they are at the mercy of the people. The people voted them in and they can be voted out just as easily. The result of this kind of leadership is compromise and weakness.

True spiritual authority can only be given by God. It is the measure of Christ within a leader that gives him spiritual authority. The man that has true spiritual authority is taking his marching orders from God. He is a man that fears God more than he fears the people.

True spiritual ministry is ministry that is under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is ministry that is not of the letter but of the Spirit, and the chief characteristic of this type of ministry is life. Where there is life there is growth, and true spiritual ministry builds up and edifies the Body of Christ. True spiritual ministry always points people to the Head to receive whatever they need. There is only one sure foundation that the Church can be built on and that is Jesus Christ who is the chief cornerstone.

True spiritual ministry is ministry before God in the inward court. All true ministry begins with God. All true ministry starts with ministry to the Lord in the inner court and then proceeds to minister to the people in the outer court.

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister to me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God". (Ezekiel 44:15).

God has called all of His children to be kings and priests before Him. The highest calling of God for his people is to come near to Him to minister to Him. The priests of God are not a select few, but the whole house of God is called to be priests. This is why the enemy is working overtime to devalue the true calling of every child of God. The highest calling of God is not to be a pastor of a church or a great leader that is seen and recognized by man, but the highest calling in the Church is that of an intercessor. To stand before God offering up spiritual sacrifices whose incense ascends unto Him as a sweet smelling savor, is the highest calling.

The Saul type ministry will do everything to seek promotion and good standing in the eyes of man, but the heart of David is to minister to the Lord in the secret place. Every believer has been called to minister to the Lord, to enter into God's presence by the precious blood of the Lamb, and to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. In the end the believer will be rewarded for those works that were done for the Lord and by the Lord. When we are in true fellowship with the Lord, the life that is in the vine will be ministered through us. God is not only looking at the work that is done for Him, but He is also concerned with the source of the power behind our work. Is it the Spirit or the natural life of man that is the energizing force behind our work? Every thing that the Spirit does through a man will bring forth fruit unto God. Everything that man does apart from the Spirit, while maybe looking good outwardly, will be dead inwardly. Only the true ministry of the Spirit can produce life. The flesh profits nothing.

The Kudu And The Priestess

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Prov 16.9 says "a man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps" I have been memorising and meditating on this chapter this week - but I didn't really expect that the Lord would bring it into such sharp focus ...

My husband is working outside Johannesburg, we agreed that I would drive up and join him for the weekend. He is staying on a farm in the middle of nowhere - a lovely, quiet, intimate retreat. So I was driving at dusk along a deserted African bush road when a huge buck (locally called a kudu) leapt into the road in front of my car. There was no time to think, no possibility of avoiding collision, in a split second the huge animal smashed into the windscreen, wrecked the roof and landed dead behind the car. Having brought the car under control I discovered that by a miracle I only had a few minor glass cuts, and there was no damage to the vehicles' engine. Though it had no windows and a crumpled roof - the car was drivable. No mobile phone reception, not a person in sight in any direction, not a good place to allow shock to take over! The best option was to try to limp into the nearest small town, which I reckoned to be about 40 kms away. An uncomfortable 40 km drive with the question "why would God ...????" competing for my attention.

I made it to town - as I drove the wrecked vehicle up the main street people turned to stare! Some time in 2002 I had stayed in a guest house in that town, and headed straight for the place I knew. The relief arriving at the gate was immense. The owners let me in - and their kindness was overwhelming. My husband was phoned and set off to join me at once, but he was several hours away. I washed off the blood and the grime of the accident, and found I was the only guest - the guest house was closed for the weekend, and had only admitted me because of my plight!

My hosts sat with me on the veranda - all the usual questions - what do you do? I told them - part time business person, part time in Christian ministry. And then the floodgates opened. "We can talk to you" they told me "because you are a priestess" ! First time I was ever called that, but I was in no mood to sort out the theology! Truth was beginning to seep into my brain - my state of shock was going to have to take a back seat to their needs.

My hostess' husband committed suicide last year, leaving her almost destitute and devastated by the question "Was it my fault?' Desperate, she took a job as manageress of the guest house. My host's wife died shortly after she started work - and he plunged into depression - his wife had been the love of his life, he does not wish to continue to live without her. Thrown together in grief they found themselves sinking in a morass of ad hoc decisions that intensified their pain. Yet in all this the guest house had to remain open - it was their livelihood - and guests had to be entertained, not regaled with problems. And then I came along - the only guest - and a "priestess" They knew nothing of prophecy, had no idea that I was reading mail as we talked. Guilt and pain peeled off them, I talked about the love of God, his mercy, his healing, his acceptance, how the best laid plans will come apart - but God is still directing our steps. Just as he directed my steps to them on this night of nights when they had no other guests to distract them. Pain turned to repentance - at breakfast she told me "I prayed last night, for the first time in a long time" He said "Please continue to pray for me" Are they healed? No. But they have a road map - they know that God is on their side, and how their healing is going to happen. What does it matter if they have no idea they received prophecy? If they touched Jesus, that is enough to transform them.

If God loved the world enough to send his son is it possible that he loved these two people enough to send a kudu? It took a kudu to change my plans and direct my steps to them, just as I am beginning to get a glimpse of the depth of compassion for people that rages in the heart of God. He longs to present people with an expression of his love, a taste of his goodness; he wants them to be overwhelmed by his kindness, to wash off the dust and grime of natural life and discover the unparalleled possibilities of life in God. And who does he choose to impart this treasure to others? Ordinary people like us - who have had the privilege of walking with him. He will direct our steps to the most important work of all - telling people he loves how much he loves them. I give him permission to do that - even if, on this occasion, my insurance company may be a bit annoyed about the bill

The Kingdom United

Dave Hood

Many may say that we are not a United Kingdom, but a divided nation. One only has to look at the troubles in Northern Ireland, the separate and devolved assemblies of Scotland and Wales. Its animosity stretching back centuries for all to observe. In fact Ireland, Scotland and Wales are Celtic nations, yet England rules supreme. Even geographically the boundaries remain. Hadrian’s Wall separates Scotland from England and Offa's Dyke separates England from Wales. Even Northern Ireland is separated by water and indeed the whole of Ireland is separated from itself.

A few years back, whilst attending the first Braveheart Conference in Edinburgh, I believed the Lord said something to me. “Just as Hadrian’s Wall separates England from Scotland and Offa’s Dyke separates England from Wales (physically)”, “so am I uniting them spiritually”.

I then had a picture of England, Scotland and Wales joined to one another, with the Dyke and wall removed. There were not 3 separate entities, but one. Later the Lord said to me “I am doing a work amongst the Celtic nations”. For the first time I understood that Ireland had its place with Wales and Scotland, it to, was a Celtic nation.

He then reminded me of the myth of the giant who built a causeway from the North East tip of Ireland to the South western tip of Scotland. “He said in the same way that I am joining Wales and Scotland to England; I am crossing the divide between Ireland and Scotland and joining them to Wales and each other”. I could see part of Gods plan. He was taking them over on dry ground.

The miracle here is that England is not a Celtic nation, but He will join them to these British nations for his purpose and glory. England is far more akin to Europe. Yet he will make Britain United and Great to transport and transfer his greatness and the unity to Europe and France as a nation.

England blood stock is inherited from the European stock. So at the same time He unites England to Wales, Scotland and Ireland, He also seeks to unite and reattach England, with is Celtic unity residing within it to the European stock. Behold I do a new thing.

When Jesus said in Luke, go ye unto all nations, I believe he was saying, go unto all ethnic groups. The Celts can be seen as an Ethnic group and so can the Anglo Saxons.

Dave Hood

True Love
Don Walker

Love that's pure hopes all things
Believes all things, won't pull no strings
Won't sneak up into your room, tall, dark and handsome
Capture your soul and hold it for ransom. (Bob Dylan)

There are probably fewer words in the modern English language that have been more distorted, misused, abused and overused than the word "love." As a consequence the word love has lost its meaning. This is not only true within the current culture, it is also true within the evangelical church.

Love is Biblically depicted, as the greatest of Christian virtues. Paul, in his introduction to his treatise on the subject in I Corinthians 13, refers to love as "the most excellent way." He concludes with the statement: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Jesus says that love is the distinguishing mark of all of His disciples (John 13:35). In addition, we are commanded to love one another as He has loved us. John tells us that the possession of true love is a means of determining if we are actually in the faith. He says, "Anyone who does not love remains in death" (I John 3:14).

The Apostle Paul affirms the supremacy of love when he makes the declaration that "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Rom. 13:10). If this is the case, then the way of love is inextricably tied to the revelation of God's Law. This seems to have escaped the notice of most Christians today. I am afraid that we have wandered from a Biblical definition of love into a worldly, humanistic, sentimental concept of "love."

This worldly concept of love revolves around man and self. It has replaced the love of God for the love of self. It is therefore not concerned about what is required by God, and is only concerned with what pleases man and his desires. It refuses to address the issue of sin and its consequences. It finds correction, rebuke and admonishment to be "unloving." It has reduced the concept of "loving your neighbor" to showing tolerance and acceptance to whatever ungodly practices your neighbor chooses to engage in. This concept of love is completely self-absorbed and self –seeking, in contrast to true love (I Cor. 13:4-5). This is what Bob Mumford referred to as "sloppy agape."

True love, by Biblical definition, must first be directed toward God. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matt. 22:37-38). He tells us, "this is first and greatest commandment." The second is to "love your neighbor as yourself" (vs. 39). This order is essential, and confirmed by the order of the Ten Commandments. First we have our obligations to God, then we have our obligations to our fellow man.

If our first obligation is to love God, it is exceedingly important that we know what that means. Is my love for God shown through my "excitement" about the Lord? Is it shown through my theological knowledge? Is it shown by my involvement in church activities? All of these things are good, and they should be a result of our love toward God. But there is only one right answer scripturally. Jesus stated the matter plainly, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). I John 5:3 says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments."

To love God is to love and obey His word – His law – His commandments. In other words, love is lawfulness. Such a thought seems contradictory to our worldly concept of "love," which reveals our unbiblical thinking on this matter.

David understood the relationship between God's law and demonstrating genuine love for God. Note

David's words in Psalm 119:

"Oh, how I love your law" (vs. 7).

"I reach out my hands for your commandments, which I love…" (vs. 48).

Should this not be true of us under the New Covenant?

What does it mean to "love your neighbor" in the way Jesus commanded us? What does genuine love look like? First of all, I cannot show true love to my neighbor without first loving God. For this reason, the unregenerate are unable to truly love their neighbor, because they do not love God. Paul says that it is possible to give all one has to the poor and even sacrifice his life, but have not love.

How do we know that we love our brothers and sisters in Christ? John says, "By this we know we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments" (I John 5:2). Once again, we find the "C" word. It's inescapable. In order to love my brother, I must obey the commandments of God, as opposed to obeying my own corrupt ideas, as to what determines love.

Love compels me to turn my brothers away from error, when I see them wandering away from the truth (Matt. 18:15; James 5:19). Likewise, I must not reject my brother's love when correction comes my way. Of course most of us have heard that it is "unloving" to correct, and it certainly is not loving to point out error in practice or theology. The noted Bible scholar, A.W. Pink made this observation: "Brotherly love is a holy thing, and not a fleshly sentiment or a loose indifference as to the path we are treading. The exercise of love is to be in strict conformity to the revealed will of God." To love my brother is to have his highest good at heart; to encourage him in the path of righteousness and bring him into remembrance of God's Word.

In regards to children, parents are not to withhold discipline. Proverbs states, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him" (Prov. 13:24). The worldly concept of "love" rebels against this idea of discipline and protests that this is not love, but "child abuse." Yet, God's wisdom has revealed to our deceitful hearts the true path of love. God says, "Punish him with the rod, and save his soul from hell" (Prov. 23:14).

Our modern concept of "love" involves simply accepting people and whatever "lifestyle" i.e. sins; they choose. To say, that certain behavior is wrong, is viewed as "judgmental" and "unloving." We are told "to make people feel good about themselves," lest we damage their "self esteem." Unfortunately, such sentiment is far too common among believers. True love, on the other hand, is not concerned with gratifying his brother, but reminds him, with patience and kindness, of his God's holy requirements. Love does not pamper our selfish, sinful, wicked hearts. Love confronts and encourages us to walk in God's ways.

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The Lament of a Watchman

David Weber

Fallen, fallen is the virgin church that came forth from the side of the Son 2000 years ago. She has become deserted in her own land; her leaders are without vision and are unable to lift God's people up to the spiritual heights for which they are called. Prophets are sent to her so that the people might be fed with strong meat, and this so that they might be strong to climb to new spiritual heights, but the one who runs with the truth is despised and they hate the one who reproves them because of their erroneous doctrines.

Oh Christians, hearken unto this word; all but a remnant of the church has become a home for demons and a haunt for every wicked and detestable thing; backbiting and division, gossip and slander, arrogance and pride is the fruit that most bear, and the teachings of men and religious dogma is their only daily fare.

Soon, those who march a thousand strong shall have only a hundred left who truly walk with God among them. Those who have a hundred will have only ten. Those who shall walk and talk with the Lord will be only those who seek after HIM and HIM alone. Seek the Lord and LIVE people; do not seek after Bethel or Gilgal, First Methodist this, or Second Baptist that! All of those things; all of those institutions of men will surely go into exile for they are destined to be reduced to absolutely nothing! Soon, our God shall sweep through those religious prison houses of men with a fire that will not be quenched until all of the religious wood, hay, and stubble is thoroughly consumed, and in many of those houses ... there shall be absolutely nothing left! The religious strongholds and fortified cities built by men in the Lord's Name shall soon be brought to utter and absolute ruin!

No longer shall justice be turned into bitterness in the Lord's house! No longer shall righteousness be cast to the ground! No longer shall the poor be trampled under foot and forced to tithe to men who desire to build their stone mansions! Those who have forced God's people to give of the fruit of their labor to build the kingdoms of man will surely see the beautiful and lush vineyards that they have planted ... but they will not drink of the wine. No, there shall be wailing in all of those vineyards when the Lord passes through their midst in holy fire and judgment.

I hear many people calling unto the Lord in this day; praying that the Day of the Lord soon come. But why do they long so for that Day to come? Most of them are not prepared for that Day! For many, that Day will be a Day of darkness and not a Day of light! In that Day, many will cry out to escape the lion only to meet with the bear! In that Day, many will rest on a wall only to be bitten by a snake!

Oh, if only we could know how much the Lord hates most of our religious feasts and assemblies! We bring to Him burnt offerings and grain offerings and fellowship offerings and we think that that is pleasing to Him, but are we willing to give Him that which He desires the most - a sacrificed life; a life of absolute and total abandonment to Him through the fellowship of Christ's sufferings? That is the only thing that will prepare one for the Day of the Lord beloved. Let us do away with the noise of all the religious songs for they are utterly worthless!! The Lord will not listen to the sound of the harps and guitars of man's soulish banquets any longer! Men strum on their instruments like David and drink of the Babylonian wine by the bowlful but do they grieve over the ruin of Joseph? Do they care if those who are truly pursuing holiness and self-sacrifice unto the Lord are cast from their assemblies and thrown into a pit? No they don't, but the Lord will raise up those despised ones in due season, for they are called to a place of great authority. But for the others, they will be sent into exile ... where their soulish feasting and complacent lounging will end.

Oh dear people, if you are hearing the Lord's voice to come out from the harlot systems of man then you had better obey Him. The day is nigh and at hand when He shall strike the tops of the pillars of those religious houses and the thresholds will shake! Those systems which He abhors but has tolerated for a long season shall soon be brought down upon the heads of those who refuse to leave them. The eyes of the Lord are surely now upon the sinful kingdoms of men, and He will soon destroy those kingdoms and abolish them from the face of the earth. But He will not totally destroy the house of His people. No, for He has a plan of restoration and rebuilding after He has torn down.

In that Day which is coming beloved, the Lord will restore the Tabernacle of David; a corporate manifestation of an earthen tent filled with the fullness and glory of the Son. These are those who shall possess the remnant of Edom and bring all of the nations of the earth to worship at the feet of the Lord!

The days are coming beloved ones, when the harvest in the earth will be so bountiful that the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter will be overtaken by the one treading grapes! New wine is going to drip from the mountains and will flow from the hills, and then the Lord will even bring back the exiled peoples to rebuild the ruined cities according to His plan and as directed by His Spirit. Then the people of the Lord will plant vineyards and drink of the wine, and then they will make gardens and eat of the fruit! Then the Church; the Lord's ECCLESIA will be planted in a good and plentiful land where He will bless them, and prosper them, and nurture them, and they will never again be uprooted from that place ... never again.

The Lampstand

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John 8:12
Once more Jesus addressed the crowd. He said, I am the Light of the world. He who follows Me will not be walking in the dark, but will have Light which is Life.

I want you to know, beloved, that the Light of the world has never flickered for a moment. My light has shone brightly since eons past and it will continue. I want you to regard this wonderful Light – this Light that you cannot fully comprehend – as a most prized wonder sent to your heart.

In the days to come, this light will take on a new sheen in the lives of My dear child. Yes, I am filling you with that wonderful oil of My Spirit in such a way that you will shine forth My glory in a most pronounced fashion. Look forward to this, beloved, and know that this is more equipping that is coming by My hand to your heart. It is certainly beneficial, and it will bring you much pleasure deep within your heart – this oil of equipping that will enable you to shine forth the glory of your God.

I am the Light of the world. I am the true Light. All light as you know it has an artificial sheen to it, but I am the real thing. I am the true Light. I am the Light from above that shines forth My goodness into any heart that welcomes Me. Welcome My light with open arms, beloved. Welcome all that it brings to you. It will shine in many directions, offering you the opportunity to grow stronger in Me. It will shine on things that you regard as well-kept secrets, and it will shine on things that you regard as holy unto Me. No matter which way it shines, beloved, it is pointing out the mysteries of My love for you. It is offering you the opportunity to grow stronger, relinquishing all that is a hindrance, and it will shine on those things that I wish to purify for My service. I am a God Who leaves no stone unturned when I am at work in a heart.

Look forward to the brightness of My light taking on a new glow within your heart. Look forward to a warmth in your heart that you have never experienced. Get quiet before Me, asking Me to refill you daily with My wonderful oil. This will enable that flame to take on new life within your heart.

I am so eager for My light to reveal the real Me to the world. I am so eager for My dear ones to step into My fancy, and know the wonder of My heart – the wonder of serving Me from a totally new vantage point.

I am at work, beloved. Never doubt it. Never doubt your Master's plan. It is certainly unfolding, taking on new life within every heart that will let it. Be filled! Be filled today. Be filled tomorrow with that wonder-working oil of My Spirit. Know My divine will for you. Walk in it with swift, easy steps. For I have a plan for YOU. It is a good plan – a wondrous plan. My light plays a major role. It will certainly shine forth as the noonday sun, and when it does, the world will see the bright light of My glory emanating from you, My beloved.

You will glow with the wonder of My love. My light will shine forth, offering new hope to those who will draw near, and you, beloved, will know a new wonder about your God deep within. You will know about a wonder that you will extol to the highest heaven. And I will be glad – so glad – that finally this wonderful light – this wonderful revelation – has shone forth from the hearts of My children, enabling them to walk in a new season – a bright new season of everlasting hope!!!

The High Priest and The Sacrifice

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Hebrews 7:27 He has no day by day necessity, as (do each of the other) high priest to offer sacrifice first of all for his own personal sins and then for those of the people; because He (met all the requirements) once for all when He brought Himself (as a sacrifice) which He offered up.

I want to explain something to you, beloved. I want you to know that I did all, I am all – I am the all-sufficient One. I am your All in All. I want to set the record straight. Many think that My work is not a complete work. Many think that I am not working in this day, bringing forth the desires of My heart for My children. Many think that the living God has not and will not show Himself mighty on behalf of His chosen. I am here to tell you today, beloved, that I did all for My beloved. My work is intensifying in the lives of those who will let Me work in them – those who have given Me access to their hearts. Yes, My wonderful work does go on, but I accomplished once and for all the ultimate of sacrifices when I died on that tree. I accomplished an exemplary work for My dear, chosen beloved, and that work is alive today – it is working today to bring forth My most masterful plan.

I want you to know that a season of wonder is coming for those who believe – a season too wonderful for words – too high for your imaginations. And when this season takes shape in your lives, beloved, you will think that it is forever spring – forever the season of aliveness and wonder, as it permeates your heart, offering you new hope – new-found hope in the ability of your God.

I know, I know that I do a lot of talking. But, beloved, I have a lot to say – a lot to tell you. I am not manufacturing these words, they are already alive – they are already truth. So rest in the knowledge that your God has seen fit to offer the ultimate sacrifice for His beloved. He gave His life that you might walk in this unprecedented hour. He gave His life as the ultimate sacrifice that you might know the wonder of belonging to Him. He gave His life that you might walk in newness of life on earth.

Get ready for a major undertaking to come your way, and when it does, know this: This major undertaking that I have prepared and qualified you to walk in is all a part of the package. It is all a part of what I purchased for you as I hung on that tree. And with it is coming more than your heart can imagine. With it is coming the hour of success for which My beloved church has longed. That is a part of this wonderful package – this ultimate sacrifice – also, beloved.

Yes, and remember: There is more where this major undertaking is coming from than you ever thought could be in the offing. Yes, the words that your Beloved is speaking – these words that are alive with truth and spoken with much emotion – is to tell you – to let you know NOW – of the wonder that is soon to be presented by the One Who gave Himself as the ultimate sacrifice that you might walk in this fine hour, totally devoted to Me, and totally mesmerized by the gift that I am presenting to you, My beloved, at this most appropriate hour – this hour that I foreordained, and that I am happy – so happy – to see coming to pass!!!

The Lord At Your Side

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THE LORD AT YOUR SIDE

Fear thou not for I AM with thee. Be not dismayed for I AM thy God. I will strengthen thee. Yes, I will help thee. I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.

Do not measure your faith by how well things are going for you, for I AM strengthening you by what I allow you to go through. Yes, it shows that you have great faith by the intensity or the severity of your trials at this point. For many are going through the fire and say that I am turning up the flames even more, but it shows how much that I can trust you by how much I allow you to go through.

So draw near, My holy ones, and fret not, for I do love you and want you to be ready for what is ahead. Yes, My children, I want you to be prepared to the max, for the battle rages, and the enemy is coming on stronger, yet I AM right by your side giving you all that you need to succeed in the fight. Yes, I have given you My name and My authority enabling you to pull down every stronghold set up by the enemy of your soul. I have given you My very own weapons of warfare and My armor to wear in the fight. I have given you the power of My Blood able to extinguish every weapon the enemy hurls at you. But most of all I have given you My love enabling you to repel all the powers of the evil one.

Yes, My love is My greatest force, and don't allow the enemy to rob you of it this day. Do not allow offense, bitterness, or unforgivingness to defile you for this is where you will greatly fall short, for great faith works by the love you allow to flow forth. So I admonish you this day to do an inner heart check. Make sure you do not have anger suppressed towards anyone that I gave My life for. Make sure you have not developed bitterness in your heart for those things I've allowed you to go through, for all things work together for your good if your heart is right towards Me.

So measure the intensity or the severity of your trials at this point, and you will see the level of trust I have in you. Do not fret that you don't have what it takes to make it through to the end. Keep your eyes upon Me and My promises, and most of all, keep your heart pure, not tainted with any form of offense towards Me or My children. Walk uprightly and give your life a sacrifice holy and acceptable unto Me. I love you and admonish you so that you will not fall short in any way. For this is the day of salvation. This is the day to count the cost and not retreat in any way. Rise up and take the land. Be aggressive in the fight and not try only to cover your own back. Fight for your brother, for I said that if you pray for others, then I will heal your own. For My ways are higher than those of man, and love is the only way that you can overcome your foe.

Be assured that I AM with you and that I keep My word. No matter what you see or feel I AM faithful. Keep your sword and shield at hand. Keep My word fresh in your heart, and do not dwell on your circumstances. Be ready for My great outpouring. Do not lose vision. Refresh yourself in My presence, and rest in My secret place often, and rise up, My mighty army. Rise up!

The Lord Breathes On Them

Karen Francis

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Vision..."The Lord Breaths On Them"

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While in a time of worship before the Lord, I saw a vision of a church full of people, all of which were standing. I then saw to the East of them, the face of the Lord. It was very clear to see, because the size of His face was very large. I watched as the Lord blew on the people, which caused a very powerful windstorm (East wind).

This wind stirred up all the hidden dirt and garbage that was in their midst. The dirt and garbage was being blown out of the church, along with many people that were doing all they could to keep from being blown away, but the Wind was too powerful for them. There was debris flying everywhere and some of it was trying to attach itself or cling to many of those standing, but some managed to throw it off of themselves by force.

When the storm ceased, I noticed that only a small amount of people remained standing. The church was now cleansed and those that remained standing were the remaining remnant after the storm.

Prov. 10:27 says, "When the whirlwind passes by, the wicked is no more, But the righteous has an everlasting foundation."

Then a very soft wind began to blow over those that remained standing. I looked to see where this wind was coming from and seen that it came from a pair of huge wings behind the Lord who was now to the West (Westwind) of them. The large wings were flapping slowly and causing this soft gentle wind to blow upon them, which was bringing healing to each one.

Mal. 4:2 "But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves"

I continued to watch as this soft wind blew upon them and then noticed that the people now had wings. The wind from the Wings of the Lord continued to gently blow upon those standing and as it did, their wings began to expand. Some of the wings of the people were damaged and some were wet (weighed them down), which made them unable to fly. As this wind continually blew over each one, their damaged wings were being healed and those that were wet, dried.

This Wind then began to flow through them, coming out of their mouths, nose, ears, etc. They were just standing there being totally healed, refreshed and strengthened as the Wind blew over them and throughout their body. The Wings of the Lord stopped and the wind ceased.

Again, I seen the Lord breath upon them. As His breath blew over them, the people spread their wings and the Wind lifted them up. The Wind was carrying each one of them to different directions all over the World. There was only a small number of people going, which reminded me of Gideon's army of 300. I knew as they soared off with the Wind, that the Lord alone would receive all the Glory, because it was ALL by His power and leading alone.

East wind: Dry, desolate, judgment West wind: Restoration

All For His Glory,
Karen Francis

* Not seeking a reputation among men, but to be known in the spirit realm *

Transformational Living
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Feb 11th, 2005
The Lord said, “transformational living”.
Phil 3:10-12 AMP [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him

[that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]

11 That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body]. 12 Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own.

“ My River of Life is flowing down with My fiery love. This River is not like any other River. It looses a torrent of adversity and tests, yet helps remove all the FLESH LIFE in My beloveds. I am building up My army ! But an army is not built through easiness of living. An army must practice PRAISE in the midst of torments and trials in order to overcome ! This is so you don’t react like others, nor with complaining like those in the wilderness, but that you RUN TO ME, the Author and Giver of Life. And you lay your life down at the cross. The CROSS releases LIFE giving Resurrection power!

Rom 5:3-6 AMP

3 Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance. 4 And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation. 5 Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. 6 While we were yet in weakness [powerless to help ourselves], at the fitting time Christ died for (in behalf of) the ungodly.

If the troubles were those you could overcome on your own, they would not build FAITH. You would move out in presumptive self sufficiency and solve them yourselves. But when they are beyond your solving, then you MUST rely on ME - Depend on ME. This dependence is important in an army. They must look to the leader for directions. You CANNOT be independent of ME in your thinking when you are in MY army ! You must obey and follow orders.

How can you follow orders if you stop up your ears and are too busy or have your own plan ?

Faith that pleases me is enduring faith. Faith that WALKS through. Faith that holds on if even by your fingernails you do it ! Do not berate yourself for anything. This is how the enemy gets you misdirected to look at your own failings. Thank ME for your failings and give ME PRAISE even when you fail. That is especially the time that you need to come and let me heal your heart. The enemy would have you beat yourself up and criticize yourself.

But MY GRACE is sufficient for you in ALL things. Even your weaknesses !

Even your failures ! Even your inconsistencies in faithfulness ! My GRACE covers it all, just as MY BLOOD covers ALL of you.

NOTHING can separate you from My love. If your heart fails you in wrong motivations. Thank Me that I am helping you to overcome these weaknesses.

Do not focus on your failure and dwell there. That is what the enemy WANTS you to do. For then you get your eyes OFF ME. I AM your RESOURCE for all you need. I give you the overcoming power to resist the enemy, and to overcome all odds. I will walk you through anything and My goal is ALWAYS for your best interest. Like a good FATHER, I love to give gifts to My children and with overcoming each hurdle, more GRACE and glory is poured into you. So do not fall to self condemnation for to do that is to fall into the hands of a RELIGIOUS spirit ! It separates you from trusting in GRACE alone.

My yoke is easy and My burden is LIGHT ! I am YOUR KING and MASTER.

Look to Me, and WAIT on Me for all your directions. Each day has it’s own problems. So step by step I am leading you. I am overcoming in MANY the predisposition to stray from GRACE. It is not by your trying to do better that you overcome. It is ONLY MY GRACE that maintains your walk, and maintains your joy, and peace , and only by MY PRESENCE that you receive all you need to get through. Do not fall into guilt or condemnation. As you yield to self condemnation, then the temptation comes to condemn others as well. I would have you to be quick to listen and slow to speak. Ask for a guard to your mouth. Stop and ask ME, before you speak about anyone else.

Remove the plank from your own eye before talking about what is in someone else’s eye. Avoid criticizing anyone else OR yourself ! CUT OFF THE ACCUSER ! Ask for MY GRACE to fill you at that very moment that the temptation comes ! Bring every thought captive. Give the grace to others that you want for yourself.”

Abba

John 13:34-35 NKJV   A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Long Journey Will Come To An End

Stephen Hanson

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This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." Eph. 4:8

"I tell you, my people, many of them, have walked long in the wilderness. I tell you that their long journeys are coming to an end. Their series of one trial after another will be lessening. I say these things because judgment has first begun with the household of God. After all of these trials are done then judgment will begin to fall more severely upon the earth. "

(The Lord showed me a scene with a Santa Claus figure driving a sleigh. He was encircling the sky and was whipping his reindeer speedily.)

"This season has been falsely labeled the season of giving gifts. I have come to give gifts to men. Seek Me with all your hearts, for the gifts that I give unto men are for the building-up of the body of Christ. I also tell you that those things that I've given unto you will be multiplied over ten times ten. For the journey's end you will need all the things that I've given unto you. You will be satisfied by the brook of my Spirit, and you will be sustained. "

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The Land Must Be Purged

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JOEL 1:6 A nation has invaded my land, powerful and without number; it has the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness.

ISA 25:4 You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. For the breath of the ruthless is like a storm driving against a wall.

“I tell you that the winds continue to blow upon the land. I tell you that there are difficult days ahead for those who live in the United States. I tell you that this nation will face many things in the days ahead. There is a strategy at work that would bring desolation to the people. I tell you that my people will not be left desolate, but they need to know that difficult days are ahead. I tell you that China and Russia will join forces. For they have no intentions of following out the plans for world peace. When will peace come? Is true peace to be found in a government system? I tell you…..there is no peace to be found apart from Me. Peace will come after the land has been laid desolate. These are difficult things to understand, but how else can the land be purged? “

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The Leprosy Of Greed

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"Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, 'My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him. 'Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever. Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow. (2Kings 5:20, 27)

We wrote an article entitled "A Cinderella Story" earlier in the year that received a lot of heart-warming feedback. We tend to be drawn toward stories and events that have happy and joyful endings. (I know that I do. Behind closed doors, I am a "easy crier" for movies with adversity that end happily ever after.) The brief glimpse we have of Gehazi's life is not so much talked about or publicized in that it had such a tragic and sad ending. The story of Gehazi is about a man that began with so much potential and promise. He had the honor of walking beside a wonderful and godly spiritual father, along with experiencing the ministry example and integrity of Elisha.. However, Gehazi was a man who left a natural and spiritual leprosy as a legacy to his family and friends. The leprosy that had once plagued Naaman would now scar and ruin the life and ministry of Gehazi that once seemed so promising.

Gehazi began his ministry as a servant or assistant to the prophet Elisha. The Bible seems to indicate that things started out well. It even seemed as we begin reading in 2 Kings 4 that Gehazi was a model servant and minister. Elisha included Gehazi in much of his ministry and it looked as if the mantle might one day pass to this seemingly obedient partner in ministry. But by the time we get to chapter 5, something goes terribly wrong and Gehazi is "externally" marked with something that had lain "internally" hidden in his heart. What had manifested externally was the "LEPROSY OF GREED" and the love of money by an individual who was called to serve in prophetic ministry.

As one who ministered prophetically, Elisha refused to take a reward of money for the ministering of God's Word and healing power. Gehazi, on the other hand, could not resist the easy opportunity and temptation of playing on Naaman's emotions and wealth. In verse 20 we read that Gehazi said to himself, "As the Lord lives, I will run after Naaman and take something from him." Like Gehazi, we are seeing "ministers" wrongly chasing after people through the medium of television and radio for money in the "Name of the Lord." Likewise, they are void of so much as a guilty conscience as they plan their sermons (marketing schemes) to prey on the emotions and wallets of the saints who are in need themselves of finances and the touch and healing power of God.

I can imagine that Gehazi had witnessed the entire event unfold before him, and knew that Naaman had come prepared to pay a handsome price for his healing. Gehazi could not stomach the fact that Naaman was heading back to his native Syria (a pagan land) loaded with silver and gold. So what, if the ministry of Gehazi preached a little "twist" to the truth and exaggerated the real needs and purpose of the ministry to "twist" Naaman's arm.

What it boiled down to was Gehazi's lust for a little more of the world's riches and what it had to offer. I can imagine that Gehazi convinced himself that it was "God's MONEY" and God needed the money to support "His" work and ministry through the "man of God." Many justify and rationalize this argument today. Jesus clearly teaches us in Matthew 25:31- 46 that our "PERSONAL" giving to those who are hungry, thirsty, unclothed, sick and in chains is the barometer of our faith and love for Him. Not only are the believers giving their hard earned money to the "money changers" in the temple, many are likewise in their spiritual laziness giving their money for someone else to be an extension of Christ's love and compassion. Maybe this is the underlying reason why the church has desired to "pay" someone else full-time — to feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison, so they don't have to.

I do not know all of the reasons why many ministerial leaders have had to continually manipulate and beg for more and more money from the saints. However, I do know that its abuse is being exposed by the Lord and it will reap the same awesome severity if the church continues to turn a blind eye and hide this leprous blemish as we approach our wedding date. On Sky Angel, I witness ministries and station owners promoting 3 and 4 "give-a-thons" a year with the same motivational speakers to make you feel guilty for not giving. Many even go so far as to blame your financial situation on your lack of "seed sowing" — as if we could "buy" God's favor and blessing in the first place. This is a blatant misrepresentation of God's Word of a PROMISED provision for those who serve Him and call upon His name. For crying out loud, even Jerry Lewis only does one telethon per year! It seems that these ministries preach a message that they fail to believe themselves. If the tithe, offering, and sowing of money is the key to bring you financial wealth and prosperity, then why do THEY have to come back week after week, month after month, and ask YOU for more? The church needs to honestly consider and answer this question.

Beloved, the popular and often preached "robbing God of tithes and offerings" verse in the book of Malachi is not about money as much as it is our heart for the kingdom and presence of God. (Example — The rich young ruler) The Hebraic word for "offerings" should be rendered "heave offering" which is an offering of grain and an expression of obedience and worship to God. The word "tithe" in Hebrew is "maasrah" meaning, "a tenth." Malachi 3:8-10 continues: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food (The Hebrew word for "food" should be translated "prey.") in My house. "Ministers" have completely taken this verse out of context and have twisted it for the purposes of making money. Some may say, Danny, that's your interpretation of these verses. My response is, "keep reading the passage." It has everything to do with supplying the food needs of others and nothing to do with money. In other words, "show me the money!" I am all for supporting ministries and most importantly the needs of others that the Lord has brought across the path of my life. It is the twisting of scripture for the purposes of manipulating people to give that has caused us to err. Quite frankly, it is witchcraft.

"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And which one of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span? And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith? For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:26-34 condensed)

So why would God give leprosy to a man and his descendants for this action? Why did God consider this sin to be so grievous and serious that He imposed a life of leprosy upon Gehazi?

God took Gehazi's action very seriously because the testimony and Word of the Lord was manipulated and directly affected other people. Gehazi's manipulation for money DEFILED the Lord's precious and free gift of grace. The "works of man" will always defile the "work of the Lord." Not only that, but Gehazi defiled the trust of Elisha, the Lord's servant. Gehazi did what many are doing behind pulpits and upon platforms today — The distorting and twisting of God's Word for monetary gain and the building of personal ministries and kingdoms. We need to understand what had transpired here. Gehazi's action not only disgraced the testimony of the Lord in Israel, it would also discredit the testimony of God's grace in a foreign land that desperately needed the truth of God's unconditional love, healing and provision. (Naaman was from Syria and held a tremendous amount of influence there.) As "Christians," our actions and words paint a picture of Christ for the world to behold. I am embarrassed by most of what I see the gift of "Christian" media portraying to the world. Gehazi's SIN of manipulation and misrepresentation of God's Word was very serious and it bore tremendous consequences in his life.

First, Gehazi defiled the Lord's work in lying about his ministry and his TRUE needs. He told Naaman that two other prophets had come to Elisha unexpectedly from the back country and were poor — in need of money, food and clothing. Nothing could have been further from the truth. It was all made up, but yet sounded believable because it had to do with the "REAL" Lord's work. It seems that the church is an easy bunch to fall for a good heart-breaking story. It is a sin for today's ministers to live in million dollar homes and own private jets at the expense of the saints and then continue to plead for your money. If ministries can justify buying 20-30 million dollar corporate jets for the purpose of frequent travel and ministry, it would seem to me that a failure to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the presenting of believers mature in Christ is seriously lacking in leadership today. It would seem that building the ministries and the kingdom of God in others has been neglected in place of personal kingdom building. If you have $20.00 in the bank today, you have more than 75% of the people in the world. What an insult and slap in the face the American church must be to the rest of the world. What have we evolved into from the first century disciples that walked with our Lord Jesus Christ?

I am involved in the international marketplace and I am bi-vocational. (I support my own ministry to serve Christ.) I can honestly say from first hand experience that the world laughs at the deplorable nakedness of greed and the lack of faith that constitutes much of today's western church. They mock our pleading and begging for money and have greater discernment in recognizing man-made kingdom building than many in the church itself. I am appalled that on internetministry sites, people are constantly sending out newsletters "begging" for money or trying to sell me something as I attempt to navigate to the actual message. Even more appalling is that the majority of it is within "prophetic ministry groups." This is not our calling and is an embarrassment to our prophetic heritage.

I understand the reality that it takes money to get things done in the real world. I am not oblivious to that. However, as a PROPHETIC movement, we are slowly heading down the road of "INSTITUTIONALISM" that has corrupted the church and our Hebraic heritage. The prophet and prophetess of God should be self-supporting and reliant upon the Lord and not those to whom they have been called to bring His Word. (If you're honest, there is a certain line that many will not cross when the congregation or listeners are paying their light bill. How could you possibly be a true and complete prophetic voice in this bondage?) Any other area in life would consider this to be a blatant conflict of interest.

Paul, as a model of godly prophetic ministry, could say with a clear conscience that he ministered the Word of God without burden to anybody. (See 2 Corinthians 11 & 12) It needs to be this way, but can we say this is the case in today's church structure and prophetic ministry? Well, of course not. The church, along with much of the prophetic movement, has become an institution rather than a living and reproducing organism. Institutions need buildings and mammon to survive. Living organisms need intimate relationships and a HOST to survive.

For the sake of balance and practicality, we need to understand that Paul DID have needs and the Bible states that the brethren came from Macedonia to meet his needs in Corinth. As believers, we need to cheerfully give to those who are ministering the gospel to the unsaved. As I stated earlier, we need to give financially to support harmony within the local fellowships in which we participate. This is Biblical and meeting the real needs of each another. However, the money given by the deacon board or the visits by the pastor to others are not going to answer for YOU as you stand before Christ and give account of your life. I believe people are begging for our money because they know we are too spiritually lazy to do anything with it anyway. It's much too convenient to go to the temple courtyard and buy a sacrificial lamb, than to raise one ourselves.

In 1 Timothy 6, we read that "people who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." The love of money, especially in prophetic ministry, defiles the Lord's work and leads to spiritual leprosy. If we are honest with ourselves, the two greatest downfalls within Christian ministry reflect or mirror the spirit of the world — the love of money and sexual sins. These two sins have tarnished our heritage as the church and the model of respect that the lost are searching for.

Gehazi also dishonored the Lord's true servant. He lied about Elisha. In lying to Naaman about the "prophets in need," Gehazi literally put words into the prophet's mouth. Likewise, those who are twisting God's Word and the gift of ministry are putting words in God's mouth. Putting words into the mouth of Elisha certainly made the story more credible and believable, but the story defiled and slandered the true servant of the Lord. This is a serious sin in the eyes of God. The reason of which is because the world and unsaved have a tendency to lump the hypocrisy andabuse of a minority into the sum total of all.

Gehazi's sin is also serious because it defiles the Gospel of the "good news." God's good news is that salvation and healing are a FREE gift to all who believe in Jesus Christ's atoning work on the cross. By taking money through deception, Gehazi distorted the good news that God's forgiveness and healing are free.

I am certain that upon Naaman's arrival in Syria, the good news of Naaman's healing became very apparent. The underlying tragedy is that the people would soon find out that the life-saving healing and ministry of the PROPHET came with a cost of only 300 pounds of silver. What a deal!

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Three Levels Of Grace
Susan Cummings

The Lord began to speak to me last week about the date 5-05-05.

He had previously given me a small quiz one day as I was traveling. He asked me what is greater than grace? I thought, well, the Blood.
He said great grace. He then asked me, what is greater than great grace? I said, I don't know. He said, amazing grace.

He then began to speak to me about the Three levels of Grace.

5- Grace
5- Great Grace
5- Amazing Grace

He then said to me, that we would begin to walk in the third level of Grace, because the changes to come, would warrant the necessity of it. We would not only know His grace but would have to stand within it, and it would be His Amazing Grace that would bring us forth. That 5-05-05 was the changing mark in time, that would signal the greater things that would break forth in the earth, and we, His People, would begin to walk in a greater level of authority, but also of opposition. But His Amazing Grace, would go before us, if we would embrace God in all things.

Few will embrace the Amazing Grace, as it is the most costly and the most glorious at the same time.

The Song named, Amazing Grace tells us a lot about the days ahead.

The highest level of Grace is utilized during the highest level of need. That is why the lord has been speaking to us, and preparing us to stand IN Him, and to be conformed to His Image. It is time to enter in, and begin to walk in His Grace daily, and know His Miraculous Hand upon you.

-Susan Cummings
5-8-05
9:50 pm

http://groups.msn.com/CummingsFamilyAdventures
http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords

The Urn In The Wilderness- Part 2
Susan Cummings

Friday, while in the office praying, the Lord brought me into a profound prophetic experience that I will share below.

I was walking back and forth in the office and the Lord began to open up the experience and I began to see that I was walking on a platform or a vast area that was spread out before me. It was in the heavens, suspended somehow. Upon this platform or expanse, were rows and rows of fiery chariots. They all were different, and some were different colors, and sizes, and each was lined up behind the other. But they all were of fire.

In another line next to the chariots, were people lined up as well. They were lined up as far as you could see. There were men, women, and children in the line. The chariot would move towards the edge of the platform, and the person would also, and then would enter the fiery chariot and it would take off out of the expanse in the heavens.

I am in the line amongst the people. Several are ahead of me, as I watch each one move forward and climb into their designated fiery chariot. It finally came to my turn. I stepped forwards, and looked, and my fiery chariot was a large, coach of sorts. The coach had an angelic driver on top of it, that held the reins of the fiery horses that drove it. He had on a black coat and hat, and was very awesome. He had eyes of fire too. The door opened for me to get into the coach. So I did.

Inside the coach is pure white lights that emanate from the entire interior. It looked like the entire interior is one big diamond from within. It glittered all over. It was very bright inside. A man was sitting opposite from me inside, and he had fiery blue eyes. He had a leather strap that went across his chest and fell to the side of his outfit. He looked at me. Instantly, I am taken before the Throne.

Then, I am again in my prayer room at the office. I walk over and lie face down on the carpet, and await the Lord. I again, go into another prophetic experience:

I see myself lying face down on the floor. I see myself rising up higher and higher through the ceiling, into the heavens. I arrive at a place somewhere in heaven, and it is a vast wheat field. There were very tall grasses and the heads of the grains were full. The wheat was gently swaying in the breeze that was blowing. It was beautiful.

As I watched the wheat field, a fire began to erupt and spread across the field. The wind increased and fanned the fire all across the field. I was alarmed, and cried out. The whole field became ablaze with this wild fire. The fire eventually overtook the entire field and covered it.

I watched in dismay, and the Lord then spoke, and said, “It is necessary to release the heads of wheat and the jewels within.”

Then, I looked, and I see that the heads of wheat indeed are still standing under the fires that roared over the fields. They are not destroyed after all, but the wind had caused them to burst forth and the grain heads broke forth, and began to shine forth as jewels under the fire. They each seemed to wave and shine forth with God’s Glory.

The Lord then said to me, “The full birth cannot come to the whole body without My Fire and My Wind. Even though the fires will burn and the winds will blow, those planted by Me will stand, and will break forth fully, in this hour of travail.”

“Indeed, the fields are ripe unto harvest, but few discern my true fields, and what I am birthing. Few have prepared themselves for the fires and the winds. Those who prepared will burn with My Glory in the fields of the world and will show forth My Will.”

Then, as I looked, the winds blew harder and the fires roared and the jewels began to fly off of the heads of grain, as the wind lifted them up and it carried them upon the currents of air over the fields. Soon, some lowered down, and here and there, they began to form clusters as they did. Clusters of Jewels began to form all over, and soon they all joined together, as the wind drove them to their places.

Slowly the clusters formed over time, into the Urn in the Wilderness. It stood in the area, shining with each jewel in it's place. This time, the Urn lifted up, and was suddenly before the Throne.

I am standing before the Throne now, and the Urn is before the Throne. The Heavenly Hosts are standing around the Urn. They gazed at the workmanship of the Lord and stood in awe. The Lord then nodded, and took the Urn into His hands and stood.

He held it and it glowed with His Glory. Then he reached up, and threw it to the earth below. As he did this, It ignited and exploded into millions of fiery rain drops and it rained fire upon the earth. Then the thunder sounded and the lightning flashed.

-Susan Cummings
5-13-05
1:00 pm

Then, after contemplating this visionary experience, I was sitting in the office again, and the phone rang. Pastor George Marin, from Grace Christian Church, called me. He said the Lord told him to call me. He asked me, “What is the Lord saying?”

So, I proceeded to share with him the above experiences and he then gave me some scripture that the Lord had just given to him after 7 days of prayer were completed, before he called.

Psalms 20
2 Sam 10:7-12

The phone call ended at 1:10 pm

-Susan

The Lusts Of Islam
Danny Korakas

Islam The Lust For Money
Danny Korakas

Apr 24, 2005
As Muhammad set his sights on conquering Medina, the most vulnerable of the three Jewish communities was the Banu Qainuqa. Unlike the other two, it lacked land to call its own. Most of its people were artisans, laborers, or soldiers for hire. A complex situation arose in that the "governor" of Medina was in debt to the Jewish tribe and swore a defense alliance to them. It was during this defense pact that Muhammad abruptly demanded that the Jewish Qainuga recognize him as "The prophet of god." The Qainuga refused and warned Muhammad not rest or rely on his victory at Badr as a means for their surrender and submission. The Jewish tribe stated that "A war with the Qainuga would not be another Badr." Muhammad withdrew and the Qainuga praised themself on calling his bluff. (Notice that the Qainuga did not praise the God of Israel but relied and took pride in their strength). They would later reap the consequence of this act of arrogance amd self-sufficiency.

The Qainuga would soon be left to their own devises apart from God. They misjudged their "enemy" and failed to see the danger both (spiritually and naturally) that they were about to enter. Just a matter of days later, a young Jewish boy was accused of lifting the skirt of a Muslim woman. Of course, her Muslim relatives killed the young boy without a trail of witnesses. In the midst of the malady, the relative was killed and this gave Muhammad the excuse that he was waiting for. Muhammad invaded the Jewish Qainuga at the head of his army. The Qainuga withdrew to a nearby fortress and appealed to the governor (chieftain) for his pledged aid. Amazingly, the chieftain attacked Muhammad by his breastplate protection and threatened his life. "Let me go, wretch" shouted Muhammad. However, Muhammad knew that he was not yet powerful enough to challenge the old order of Medina. As a "compromise" Muhammad stated that the Qainuga should be deported, with their goods and weapons left as Muslim spoils of war.

This was nothing in comparison to a Muslim hundred man raiding party that was organized by a former "Christian" slave (Zayd) who would serve as Muhammad's secretary. The old Meccan caravan route to Syria had know become extremely dangerous. (We see the same dangerous travel issues today due to Muslim or Islamic initiatives and violence). Almost every war of violence, genocide and hatred over the face of the earth toady has Muslim or Islamic roots. An enormous expedition loaded with silver and other luxury's decided to take a back road toward modern Iraq to avoid Muslim raiders. The word had leaked and was intercepted by Muslim spies in Medina, and Zayd's raiding party easily overpowered the caravan and hired escorts. Zayd's men returned with 800 pieces of silver for each man and of course Muhammad demanded 20,000 pieces for his household. We will see this pattern as we continue in this Islamic series. What a sharp contrast to the giving, sacrifice, and love of Jesus Christ.

The message was becoming clear...Islam was not only easy on the flesh, it also paid very well to those who would adhere to its doctrine.

A delegation from Mecca (sensing Muslim desires of conquest for their lands)sought out Jewish help in an all attack on the Muslim rear guard if it were to approach. Muhammad's plan was simple for conquest of the Meccan lands -- Sow distrust between the Meccan's and the local Jewish clans. Another Jewish community, (Banu Qurayza) demanded that the Meccan's provide hostages as security and the Meccan's commitment to win the battle. If the battle was lost – the Meccans would simply return to the city. On the other hand, the Jews would lose everything. The Meccans balked at this and the resulting situation would fall into Muhammad's hand. Distrust was now prevalent and no Jewish attack would take place. Disease and discord broke out in the Meccan camp and the Arab Bedouin tribes began pulling out. Muhammad was now considered invincible to the Arab peoples of Mecca.

Muhammad stated that he sought the angel "Gabriel" on how to deal with the Banu Qurayza, Medina's last Jewish community. The answer from this so-called angel was clear. Muhammad dealt with the Jews with such barbaric butchery, that it would permanently sever any lasting Islamic-Jewish relations up to the present day.

Islam - The Lust For Power.
Danny Korakas

Apr 25, 2005

The besieged Jews faced three terrible choices: Embrace Islam, which would betray the God of Israel. They could essentially slaughter their families and fight to the death. Or break the Sabbath with a surprise attack...

We read in the last article that Muhammad said that he heard from an angel named "Gabriel" as to what to do concerning the Jewish – Banu Qurayza. The Qurayza barricaded themselves within their fortress a few miles from their settlement. As Muhammad's army approached the fortress, Jewish arrows came raining down upon them. Some Muslims were killed by large millstones that were thrown over the retaining walls. However, the situation seemed bleak and the Jews sensed their futile position. The three choices listed above would not be chosen. Instead, the Qurayza appealed to the Aus clan or tribe, whom they had previously saved from destruction. The Aus chief realized the dire situation and said to Jews, "To surrender was to perish under the Muslim code of conduct...they should fight to the death."

The Qurayza would reject this as well and surrender twenty-five days later, on condition that their fate would fall into the hands of the Aus. Muhammad agreed under one condition – that their request not be made by the local Aus chief, but by the grand chief of the entire Aus confederation. Ironically, this man was known to be a merciless and a hater of the Jews. Imagine that! The grand chief arrived at the Qurayza stronghold with the local allies pleading for the sparing of the Jewish people and their homes. All along the Muslim army was eyeing up the vast booty within the fortress and the Jewish women. As we stated in the first Islamic series (Those who are new subscribers can visit our archives which details the period leading up to this event) rape was allowed by Muhammad "the prophet of god" as a reward for victorious warfare. Muhammad himself had already set his eye on a beautiful Jewish "girl" named Reihana, aged seventeen.

Muhammad, desiring his warped sense of reward said, "Proceed with your judgement." "My judgement," stated the old chieftain, "is that the men shall be put to death, the women and children sold into slavery, and the spoil divided among the Muslim army. Wails of agony and pain resonated from the fortress. Muhammad gestured silence with his hand. This he stated, was "the judgement of god."

The God of Israel. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, says in His Word that He is "LOVE." The Lord could have chosen to refer to Himself through anything and everything in the universe that painted a picture of supreme power. But He stated to all of humanity in His splendor that the essence of His being is "LOVE." Only two covenants exist under the sun and shine upon mankind – The New Covenant through the shed blood of Jesus Christ (Yeshua) for the remission of sins and the covenant of marriage. Both of these commitments were instituted by God and are the foundation of abundant life. These two covenants reveal the intimate nature of a caring and loving God.

Neither of these covenants and commitments are embraced in their purity through Muslim doctrine. Quite the opposite is true. Muslims have rejected Christ and worship a dogmatic and revengeful god with no certainty of eternal life and intimate relationship with their Creator. As we will continue to see and read, the Muslim foundation laid by Muhammad, has degraded women to a standard reserved for common livestock. Islam would grow through hundreds of battles that promoted the lust for pillage, power, and the incessant rape of innocent women and children. These attributes were the mind of Muhammad and the roots of Islam.

Islam - The Lust For Blood
Danny Korakas

Apr 26, 2005

So all of the Jewish (Qurayza) were force marched into Medina and penned into an area like cattle. We clearly see this anti-christ - anti semitic manifestation all through history. From the captivity in Egypt to the camps and enclosed ghettos of Nazi Germany – The strategy and result has been the same toward God's chosen people. The Qurayza men prayed throughout the night, encouraging one another to remain steadfast in faith. (I personally believe that this posture represents many of us today. We "call upon" the Lord in our time of tragedy and need, but fail to "call upon" Him in simply desiring His presence and company.)

The men reasoned that Muhammad could not possibly behead some 800 men. But as the night passed and daylight approached, a Muslim soldier led away half a dozen of them, then returned for another half dozen, then another, and another... Even as the remaining men saw their numbers dwindle, they could not believe that all of their kinsmen had been killed. However, this was very much the case. Each group was made to kneel by a deep trench (Again, we have witnessed this within our living generations and is eerily familiar) dug the night before across the town square. As their heads were severed, their bodies were pushed into the pit.

The order of business would continue for the Muslims as they placed their attention on the booty and the women. Over 1500 swords, 1000 lances, 300 coats of armor, 500 shields, flocks of livestock, gold and silver vessels, along with jewelry and 1000 women. The traditional one-fifth of all booty went to Muhammad. Included in his exorbitant share was the lovely Reihana. Muhammad proposed marriage to Reihana as soon as her husband, brothers and father had been executed for the Muslim cause. In a stand of faith and commitment to her God, Reihana refused to marry Muhammad, but was forced to be in his concubine. I believe the Lord took Reihana as she died just four years later.

Only one woman would be put to death. She admitted to having been one who had crushed a Muslim attacker with a millstone thrown over the wall of the fortress. She met her death fearless and with a smile, a smile that would haunt A'isha (Muhammad's primary wife that he consummated in marriage when she was just nine years old!) the rest of her life. (This statement was recorded by the confession of A'isha herself later in her life).

The mass murder of the Banu Qurayza would destroy any possible relationships between the Judaism and Islam. Muhammad's lust for blood and domination stands in stark contrast to the ministries of God's "prophets", both yesteryear and today. It also stands in stark contrast and opposition to the ministry, Words, and actions of Yeshua – Jesus Christ. To recognize Muhammad by his fruit, is to recognize a "false prophet" who indulged in incessant rape of women and cold-blooded murder. The Bible says "that a man is known by his fruit." In studying the life of Muhammad and the foundations of

Islam, I have failed to find one trace of good fruit. I fail to see true and sacrificing love, eternal joy, lasting peace, loving kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Most "prophets" today do not want to confront such an issue as Islam. However, the true prophet will confront this anti-christ spirit. Why? Because it is leading, literally, millions of people through the gates of hell and numerous hundreds in just the short time that you have read this article.

Muslims have excused and justified Muhammad's actions and massacres as being in perfect accord with the Bible and Jewish conduct. They have quoted Deut. 20:12-14: "When the Lord thy God hath delivered it into thy hands, thou shalt smite every male therein with the edge of the sword: but the women and little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, thou shalt take unto thyself." The difference is clear and must be understood. This was pronounced only after an offer of peace and God's Word was rejected. No such offer was made to the Banu Qurayza.

W. Muir states (The Life of Muhammad from Original Sources) "The indiscriminate slaughter of eight hundred men, and the subjugation of the whole tribe to slavery, cannot be recognized otherwise than as an act of monstrous cruelty."

If God were to send another prophet, would he send a man like Muhammad?

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit." (Matthew 12:33)

Islam - The Lust For Land
Danny Korakas

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The fate of the Jews in the Arabian peninsula was settled in the summer of 628. Muhammad had succeeded in bringing Mecca into a long term truce and turned his attention toward the town of Khaybar – a Jewish settlement about 100 miles north of Medina. Khaybar was a place of refuge for many Jews who had escaped previous Muslim acts of brutality and conquest. Muhammad reasoned that Khaybars elimination (extermination) would solve the Jewish problem (Their refusal to submit Muhammad and Islam). Similar to Medina, Khaybar was rich in agriculture and prosperous. However, another similarity to Medina existed – The Jewish tribes or clans were divided, occupying separate fortresses or strongholds upon steep cliffs. Interestingly, these tribes would rely on allies such as the Christian Ghassen to the north.

Muhammad's campaign would start with an often used tactic as a prelude to conquest – a number of strategic assassinations. The siege would begin with only 1600 Muslim soldiers, but a string of events would soon bring victory to the Muslim raiders. All seven Jewish fortresses bolted their gates and prepared for the siege. Muhammad circled and took each one in turn. Sadly, not one tribe came out to help the other. (I believe that we can see and understand a parallel concerning ourselves as the church). History states that there were Jewish traitors (just as there is in the church today) who helped the Muslims because of their own lust for money and what the present world has to offer. One showed the Muslims a hidden cache of siege equipment, something the Arabs had scarcely seen before and would now have in their possession to reproduce for further destruction. (Likewise, we can see a parallel in our day as well). Another traitor revealed the source of an underground spring to one of the fortresses. The Muslims blocked it, forcing the defenders to surrender.

One fortress remained that seemed impregnable – The al-Kamus fortress and citadel of the Banu al-Nadir tribe. The Banu al-Nadir were previously expelled by the Muslims from Medina. Remembering the siege in Medina, the Jews stormed out into the field with their skilled archers. (The Banu al-Nadir were the most highly skilled archers on the Arabian peninsula). Bravely, they repelled the repeated Muslim attacks. But it would only be a matter of time before the Banu al-Nadir would be forced to capitulate. Once again, they were allowed to roam the desert under the condition that they surrendered everything in their possession including weapons, land, and wealth of any kind.

The wealth seemed slight or meager to the Muslims who remembered their wealth of colorful fabrics, jewels, and gold they had fled Medina with. The Jewish chief denied that there was more until Muhammad had him tortured in the form of an isolated fire kindled upon his chest. Needless to say, the rest was seized and the chief along with a cousin was decapitated. Within weeks, the strongholds of Khaybar fell to the Muslims. From this moment, the Jewish presence in the Arabian peninsula would cease to have any significance. Within two short decades, both Judaism and Christianity would be prohibited on the Arabian peninsula.

The wealth and booty taken from Khaybar would far exceed that taken from Medina. Muhammad associated this as a reward for faith in Allah. Needless to say, the opportunity of theft and plunder would play a central role in future conquests and Islamic fundamentalism. From this time, the Muslims prized the ownership of slaves and had many in their possession. Once again, Muhammad took for himself one-fifth of all the plunder. But it goes even father...Muhammad received over one half of all the Jewish lands. (The same anti-christ spirit has always attempted to destroy the Jews through the stealing of their land. The enemy understands that it is difficult for a people or nation to hold together both naturally and spiritually without their land.) The Native American has suffered the same fate as the Jews. The robbing of their lands has hindered their spiritual and natural well-being as a distinct people of anointed power, and identity. I will prophesy and declare that a tremendous spiritual reviving is coming to Native Americans. It will not be superficial and rest upon the surface. It will be a deep outpouring of the Lord's Spirit in drawing to the forefront a native prophetic voice of leadership. They know the Ancient of Days and the proper means of warfare, for they know the enemies of this land that most are ignorant and blind to. Lord, so let it be.

Muhammad would go on to divide the other lands to his army. As usual, Muhammad spotted an especially beautiful "girl." At his victory banquet, the seventeen year old Safiyah who had been widowed in the battle was presented. Muhammad would consummate the marriage that very night. It seems that the amount of wives that the Quran states that a man may have did not apply to the "prophet" who received and wrote it.

If this by chance reaches your hands and you are a Muslim, I plead with you to reason and stand for truth. Would God (The Creator of life and all that is true) send such a man? Would a true holy man live with such blatant hypocrisy and blood upon his hands? Would a prophet of God condone the incessant rape of women and children as reward for the brutality of war? Would he consummate a marriage through sexual intercourse with a nine year old girl? Would a true prophet sent from God torture his fellow man and God's creation?

While we were yet sinners, God sent His only begotten Son who died a horrible death on a cross and suffered for our sake. He took our place as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. Jesus was not forced to die for us. The Bible says that, "He willingly laid His life down for you." The realness of Jesus and the experience of His love and presence is as simple of just asking Him to come into your life. The love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ or the brutality and hypocrisy of Muhammad? The choice is ETERNALLY yours.

Islam - The Lust For The Flesh
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Dear friends,

This will be our last article in the Islamic series. These five articles were in conjunction with five others that we posted several months ago. I thank you for your patience in receiving five e mails in five days. We normally send 2 articles per week. However, I sensed an urgency to send these out daily. Look, if touches one soul who is bound in Islam for Christ, in this I will greatly and "eternally" rejoice. Please believe with me. I stated in these articles that many within the prophetic umbrella will not address Islam. Personally, as a prophetic voice (One who speaks the heart of God) how could I not have a passion for souls? Is this not the heart of God? As a matter of fact, how can we all as believers not have passion for souls? Islam has been one of the greatest tools in the hands of Satan in building and over-populating the kingdom of hell. Its time to arise and get off our assinine and confront this spirit of eternal damnation with the truth and love of God. dk

It would be Muhammad Himself who would institute and confirm the Muslim rules of morality and conduct toward women – both freeborn and captured (enslaved). In 626 in a battle against native Bedouin tribes, Muhammad would reveal the true condition of his heart in the actions of his army toward the women who were captured. In a raid (razzias) against the Banu al-Mastalik, the booty was great and substantial. The Muslim raiders stole thousands of camels, sheep, goats, and 200 women.

One of Muhammad's men later recalled "that they were lusting after women, and chastity had become too hard for us." The question is how Muhammad would respond to this and similar desires of his followers? His men were desiring and proposing the raping of these 200 women to satisfy their fleshly desires and were looking to Muhammad for an answer. The "prophet" ruled that his men could force immediate intercourse upon the female captives. The next question of his followers was, "should they practice coitus interruptus to help prevent pregnancy?" Muhammad stated that the precaution was not necessary. During the battle with the Banu al-Mustalik, the Muslim historian Bukari states in volume 9, book 93, number 506, quoting from eye-witnesses that the men were wanting to have intercourse with the captive women without impregnating them. Therefore, they asked Muhammad for his direction. Muhammad said, "It is better that you should not do it, for Allah has written whom he is going to create till the day of resurrection." I hope that this will give you insight into the gross perversion and warped mind of the founder of Islam. It is disgusting and yet heart-breaking that so many have embraced the doctrine, teachings, and actions of a man whom the modern world would have relegated to a prison or institution.

I understand that abuses and the raping of women have tragically occurred in many instances throughout history by many nations and people groups. However, my purpose in revealing these truths is that the foundational doctrine of Christianity has deemed rape and forced prostitution as a capital offense of morality and human conduct. The act of rape is incomprehensible to a civilized society. Sadly, millions across the planet are adhering to a faith that acquired its growth through conquest, plunder (robbery) and the continual abuse (rape)of women.

Muhammad claimed that he received the revelations of the Koran through an angel named Gabriel. Through the instruction of Gabriel, Muhammad decreed that Muslim men could have as many as four wives. In the Koran, Sura 4:3 states, "marry such women as seem good to you, two and three and four; but if you fear that you will not do justice, then (marry) only one or what your hand right hands possess." Along with this, a Muslim man can divorce his wife by simply stating, "I divorce thee" with no rights given to the women. In this event, she has no claim to property or financial support...Only the amount of her families original dowry.

The Koran states that a Muslim man can marry a captured slave if he wished. However, if she bore him a child, he could not sell her and she would become free if he were to die. On the other hand, a female prisoner could be sold, abandoned, given to another and even killed at the whim of a man for no reason...All of this was found acceptable to the founder of Islam. Again, what is amazing, is that Muhammad had a dozen or so wives and broke or rebelled against what he supposedly received as the "word of god."

First hand accounts and historians have documented that Muslim warriors commonly raped on the very battlefield that a war would be raging within view of their husbands and fathers. Muhammad authorized this as a display of dominance. The Arab general Khalid once forced himself upon a young maiden as another battle wore to a close, ordering her father while he was on top of her, "Man, give me your daughter!"

My dear Muslim friends, God loves you and is calling you to a personal relationship. He desires to place His love, hope, and mind within you. All He asking, is for you to receive Him into your life. You must know in the depth of your heart that something is missing and incomplete. You know the truth concerning the foundation of your beliefs. Let today be the day that you truly experience the love and forgiveness of a creator who passionately loves you...So much, that He was willing to die for you. Let today be the day that you begin to truly LIVE and enjoy the abundant life through Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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The Lion Of Judah Is On The Prowl

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For some time I have been having impressions and visions of the coming wave of God. After Sunday and the seventy foot tall wave hitting a cruise ship heading for New York, I believe it's time to share what the Lord has been showing me.

First of all, the main impression I get is that this will be a wave that will be marked by Holy Spirit Power. To illustrate this I would like to share a vision I had.

I saw a huge conference center with three sections. Right behind the middle section was a huge wave suspended in the air. The speakers on the stage were calling out for all in the middle section to prepare because the wave was about to hit. Just then the wave came crashing down on top of them. Of the thousands of people in the section, after the wave passed, only ten were left standing. Those ten were riding the wave in the Spirit. After allowing them some good riding time they asked those ten to pray for the others who were knocked down by the wave. Then they called out to the section on the left. The wave hit again, only this time the results were much better. Thirty people were left standing after the wave passed. As they were riding the wave in the Spirit you could see the excitement on their faces and their smiles were radiant. They sent someone over with a microphone to interview one of those who was riding the wave. They asked her how she was able to ride the wave when so many others failed. Her answer was simple. She said she did not do anything. She just surrendered to the wave and the wave lifted her up. Out of this vision I gleaned a few points about this wave.

Those who try to lift themselves up in this wave will find themselves under a lot of water sucking for air and crying out for daylight. There they will learn their desperateness for the things of God and helplessness to do any of it on their own. You have to surrender to the this wave and allow the wave to lift you up. Not the other way around.

The second point is that you do not tell this wave where to go. You do not direct this wave, this wave directs you. Those who try to control this wave will also find themselves sucking for air and crying out for daylight. To ride this wave you must learn to be led, to follow, to ride on it's momentum not your own. You will not want to get to far out in front of this wave. You want to be right on the cusp and allow the wave to push you forward. For I heard the Lord say this is a wave that will move people and take them places. This is not just a wave to play in. Play is good and there has been much healing and freedom in recent years playing in the waves of the Spirit. This wave is not for play. This is a violent wave, a wave for warfare and to bring the body into maturity.

I also felt the Lord say that this wave will ride on the sea. This is not a wave that will be closed behind four walls. This wave will take the church into battle. It is time to take the fight to the enemy and this wave will go wherever the enemy has a stronghold.

I also believe this wave will restore to the church a healthy awe and fear of the Lord God Most High. The Holy one who reigns in Power. I remember hearing of a conference where the Holiness of the Lord fell and people were trying to get under the carpeting. I believe those days are returning. We serve an awesome God.

This past Sunday I was in Cincinnati at the Passion & Fire worship Center. I was praying with the intercessors before the morning service. As we were praying I saw in the Spirit a huge Lion pushing forth waves with His paw. As the waves went forth they had the feeling of a bowling ball heading down the alley for a strike. I knew this was the mighty Lion of Judah and that He was sending forth these waves with power and precision. The next morning when I heard of the seventy foot wave that hit the cruise ship, I could not help to think of this as a wake up call to the body of Christ.

There is a wave of awesome power coming to the church and it is being directed by the Lion of the tribe of Judah. This is not a wave to trifle with. This is a wave to be obeyed. And the call coming to the body is to sound the trumpet and prepare for battle. For The Lion of Judah is on the prowl.

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The Law Of Kingdom Concealment
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“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field…” **Mat 13:44**

The laws of the Kingdom of God are contrary to the ways of men.

Hidden from the casual seeker, the Kingdom is not superficial to be stumbled upon. It does not lie on the surface and is not obvious – it is “like a treasure *hidden* in the field”. It is in fact, concealed, obscured from our natural perceptions.

Christ the King – the Rock of Offence

This fact flavors the whole coming of Christ the King in his first advent. The promised Messiah did not come as the anticipated warrior-King delivering Israel from Roman tyranny. To the contrary, born in obscurity he came as a humble Nazarene, the son of Joseph riding on a donkey. Thus, Nathaniel’s rhetorical appellation of the Christ, “Can any good thing come from Nazareth?” (Jn 1:46). Defying human expectation of an earthly kingdom he became a stumbling stone – the rock of offence (Rom 9:32, 33).

Even after association with him as his closest intimates, throughout his earthly ministry, the disciples still misunderstood the Kingdom. After the resurrection and despite forty days of Jesus speaking concerning the Kingdom of God, nursing hopes of a worldly kingdom, they could still ask, "Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

They still perceived the Kingdom in terms of external criteria, particularly social and political ones. However, while the Kingdom will manifest through external signs, which I will discuss in a moment, it is primarily an inner and hidden reality. It is therefore, not discernible to the natural senses or cognitive abilities.

An Invisible Kingdom

Jesus underlined this when he said,

"…God's kingdom isn't something you can see. There is no use saying, 'Look! Here it is' or 'Look! There it is.' God's kingdom is here among you (or, ‘within you’)." Lk 17:20, 21

Whether the original text refers to Christ standing ‘among’ them or being present ‘within’ them is a moot point. Either way, the Kingdom was present through the presence of Christ. Christ, whether incarnate or indwelling, is only so by the Spirit. The Kingdom is, therefore, only present in its fullness when Christ dwells amongst men by the Spirit.

There is only one explicit New Testament descriptor of the Kingdom of God:

“…for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.” (Rom 14:17)
Here we learn that the Kingdom is not only experiential but that it is ‘in the Holy Spirit’.

His presence is supernatural and, therefore, cannot be detected by natural observation.

As Paul declared,

"… the natural man is not able to take in the things of the Spirit of God: for they seem foolish to him, and he is not able to have knowledge of them, because such knowledge comes only through the Spirit." 1 Cor 2:14 (BBE)

Therefore, the first and primary sign of the Kingdom is invisible. It is Christ 'in us' the hope of glory (Col 1:27). This is personal and experiential.

No one will be able to say, "Look, here it is!" or "There it is!" No external or natural criteria will assist in locating the Kingdom. It will not be found by looking at the outward – at the crowds, the leader, or the success. Nor will it be located in any particular structure, group, or event. Neither will it be found in political presence, community impact, or social transformation. We make a mistake to equate the Kingdom with any of these. This is not to deny that they may occur through its presence, but they are not the Kingdom. Nor are they the primary signs of the Kingdom.

The nature of Jesus' Kingdom is revolutionary, completely defying every human expectation of worldly influence and power. He declared,

"My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." (Jn 18:36 NASB)

With our contemporary quest for church growth, on one hand, and social transformation on the other, this lesson is crucial to the integrity of our high call in Christ Jesus. If we are desirous of pursuing Christ alone, we must not confuse that call with any lesser thing. If we do, it will be easy to trade the Kingdom for a fast track – for visible results and perceived success – for numbers or community impact. The scary thing is that God may give us our desires, but with it 'leanness of soul' (Ps 106:15).

Signs of the Kingdom

Flowing from the supernatural presence of Christ, the primary signs of the Kingdom are the preaching of the Gospel (Mtt 4:23; Lk 4:18), healings and miracles (Mtt 4:23; Lk 7:22), deliverance (Mtt 12:28), the new birth (Jn 3:3; Acts 26:18; Rom 14:17), Christ-likeness (Col 1:27, 28), and suffering (Acts 14:22; 1 Pet 2:21; 2 Tim 2:12).

Consequently, the Kingdom advances in the earth not through campaigns of moral, political, or social reformation, nor even church growth, but through the primary sign of its presence – Christ dwelling in the hearts of men. As individual hearts yield one by one to the regenerating power of the Spirit the Kingdom will increase and eventually accelerate to the transformation of whole cities and nations. Nation building and social transformation will only flow to the degree individual hearts are transformed. We can be confident, however, that the river of God's Spirit will continue to flow in revival to the ultimate healing of the nations (see Rev 22:1-2).

The More Excellent Way

However, not all the signs of the Kingdom are equal. Remember, like the Corinthians, we may experience the supernatural but still be called upwards to the 'more excellent way' (1Cor 12:31). As necessary as they are, even some of the supernatural signs of the Kingdom (the gifts and operations of the Spirit) can sometimes distract from the main play – from the Giver himself. As the descendants of Greek culture the West is prone to the Corinthian distraction with gifts and 'super-apostles' – with charisma and personality – "looking only on the surface of things" and "taking pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart" (2 Cor 10:7; 5:12).

Nevertheless, through the din of competing voices, through the madding crowd of false values and shimmering images, there is another sound being heard. And it is the sound of heaven – of deep calling to deep – of the heart of God calling to the hearts of men – and of our hearts burning within us: "When You said, 'Seek My face,' my heart said to You, 'Your face, O LORD, I shall seek.'" (Ps 27:8).

This is a call upward to the 'more excellent way' – it is the 'high calling of God in Christ Jesus' (Phil 3:14). Others may, but you may not. As Paul said, "Everything is allowable, but not everything is profitable. Everything is allowable, but everything does not build others up." (1 Cor 10:23 Weymouth). It is not the way of reputation and success in the systems of men, but the high road of *agape* – of love without hooks – of self-giving and perfect obedience to the Father. It is the love-slave who when given his freedom returns abandoning all for love of the master, having his ear pierced against the doorpost (see Ex 21:16). This is the question: has my ear been pierced by the high calling of God? Have I truly heard what the Spirit is saying to the church in this hour? Moreover, am I willing to abandon my way, my ministry, and my gifts for the 'more excellent way'?

The 'more excellent way' is the way of *selfless love.* This is what Paul is referring to when he says, "… three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13). There are three realms in God – faith and hope are the first two, but our goal is the third – love. Faith and hope relate to the gifts and callings of God, but love to who he is. This is a realm of complete abandonment, of being filled with the God who is *agape* and who fills all in all (1 Jn 4:8; Eph 1:23).

When we attain this realm, the 'perfect' (mature) will have come. All else will lose its currency (1 Cor 13:10). When we discover and walk in this new way our ministry, our impact in the community, our churches, endeavours and successes will seem as mere chaff. We will count all things as loss by comparison.

This call to maturity (1 Cor 13:11) – to *agape* is, in fact, the way of the Cross – the way of *selfless abandon* – of Mary who chose the 'better part', sitting at Jesus' feet. It is the way of the 'Great Commandment' over the 'Great Commission', of devotion over production, and of intimacy over activity. It is the Shulamite being lost in her beloved – in the realisation that, "I am my beloved's, and that his desire is for me." (S of S 7:10). It is all about him.

Our identity is no longer tethered to task or title. It is in our union with him. We are no longer authenticated by the work of our hands – by our ministry or success, but only by the Father.

This 'more excellent way' is foolishness to men, but the wisdom of God for the mature. It is concealed from the wise and spiritually prideful:

"Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;

but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;

the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;

but just as it is written,

'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of

man, all that god has prepared for those who love him.'

For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God."

1 Cor 2:6-10 (NASB)

There is another way – an alternative to the ways of men in the church. However, it is not accessible to all. The secrets of the Kingdom are revealed to some but hidden from others: "You have been given knowledge about the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but it hasn't been given to them." (Mtt 13:11).

It is revealed by the Spirit only to the humble of heart,

"At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, 'I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.'"

Lk 10:21 (NASB)

If we are to see the fullness of the Kingdom there is no alternative. We must humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, yielding those things we hold dearest: our reputations and ministries, our abilities and successes – in fact, our very motivation for living.

It is time to align ourselves exclusively with the one who made himself of no reputation and embrace "the more excellent way".

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The Lightning Of The Lord
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As we approach the first phase of Israel's scheduled withdrawal from covenant land promised to her by God, I have very serious concerns for America, especially in light of recent prophetic warnings received pertaining to some serious judgments and cataclysmic wake up calls during the latter half of 2005 if we continue on our current path. August appears to be a crucial month in interceding for America, continuing through Rosh Hashanah (early October), up until the anniversary of the 9.3 Sumatra quake on December 26. I personally believe that by 12/26/05, a line will have been drawn in the sand, and by 2006 America will begin to reap the harvest of what she has sown into God's covenant land of Israel. There is still time to change the course we have taken in endorsing the creation of a Palestinian terrorist state within the biblical borders of territories promised to Abraham as an eternal inheritance, but our time is short.

In my last report, I published a vision received on 6/14/05 of the Lord standing above California, having a look of grave concern on his face, and the number '8' was impressed upon my mind. This vision was immediately followed by large quakes in California and Alaska (7.0 and 6.8). Data received from this vision (highlighting '8') and other prophetic words dealing with seismic judgments in California, Alaska and the U.S. West Coast, seem to indicate not only the magnitude of a potential quake this year if we continue on our current course, but also a specific time frame in which we need to be on high alert and in a time of focused prayer. It is not by coincidence that '8' is also the month Israel is scheduled to enter into the first phase of abandoning the covenant land restored to her in 1967 under U.S. pressure. Between now and the anniversary of the Great Sumatra quake on December 26, I believe that a line will be drawn in the sand – if wake up calls continue during this period of time, it indicates that little or no progress has been made. But if wake up calls cease in the immediate months ahead, it is an indication that something positive has transpired behind the scenes, which although may not be apparent on the surface, will be brought to light in God's perfect timing. Do not be too quick to judge President Bush, but pray for him according to the pattern in Psalm 21; bless him, and do not curse him, for there is still time to amend the situation and begin laying the foundations to reverse oversights and miscalculations in the 'Roadmap', and bless the Palestinian people without rewarding terrorism with a Palestinian State within sovereign Israeli land. The borders of Israel have been laid by God, not man, and anyone who touches those borders – including Jerusalem and the Temple Mount – will have to answer to God himself. The lightning of God is poised to strike America, and the moment of decision has come. Which way will we turn by the end of the year? Will the lightning of God strike our enemies because we have blessed Israel, or will the lightning of God strike America in judgment, making our land tremble at the terrible presence of the Lord? Need multitudes perish in a great quake before we finally get the message? The time of decision is now at hand!

Blessings,
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The Lord's Prayer
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"Our Father, Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name."

I want to tell you something, beloved. When you come to Me with your heart held high in worship to Me, it thrills My heart. It satisfies something deep within. It makes Me want to scoop you up in My arms of love and embrace you with an everlasting hug. Yes, that is how I feel when I hear you address Me as Father, and praise My name. It absolutely thrills My heart!

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

Yes, beloved. Pray that My kingdom will come and My will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven. These are words worth saying. These are words that you will delight in seeing unfold as your Beloved presents Himself to the masses in the near future. I am a God Who delights in hearing My dear ones pray My will. I delight in knowing that your heart's desires lines up with My heart's desires. You, My beloved, are going to see things unfold before your very eyes that will delight you. So keep on praying those words. Keep on looking expectantly for My return, and for My will to shine forth in your lives and across the world brightly.

"Give us this day or daily bread."

Yes, beloved, I will supply you the bread that you need to sustain you in this life. I will give you the physical bread and the spiritual bread that you so desire. I have never denied My own that bread that He desired to eat, whether it was for his livelihood or for the essence of My presence. I am a God Who supplies well. I withhold no good gift from My beloved. You may rely on having the Bread of life supply you with all that you need in this life and in the life to come. So be it. Again, I say, "So be it!"

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."

Beloved, beloved, I want you to be free from the encumbrances of unforgiveness. I want you to know the true joy of your Lord. Step out of that shell of unforgiveness, and into My forgiveness – into My joy and peace – true heart contentment. I am a God Who delights in one who will lay aside his unforgiveness and receive from Me the pleasure – the sweet, rich pleasure – of My company. For that is how we can commune, one on one, when you are free of the encumbrances of unforgiveness.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

Did I not tell you that I would guide you in all truth? Did I not declare to you that I would never leave you or forsake you? I did, and I mean those words. They are just as true today as they were when I spoke them to My disciples. So hear the word of the living God. Receive My truth. Bow down to Me with devoted hearts of worship, and know that My plan is to bless you, moving you forward, closer to My heart – to a place where you will know My will for you and walk in it with joy and peace.

I want you to know, beloved, that I gave this prayer to My devoted disciples, and I give it to you today for the same reason. I want you to know My heart. I want you to know all that My heart contains. And what does My heart contain for you? It contains untold blessings. It contains all the love a heart could hold. It contains guidance in the direction of My waiting arms of love. Yes, My heart contains much – much more than any heart could desire, and I want it all for you, beloved. I want it all for you.

So look on this prayer as a loving gift from your Father, and know that every word contains guidance to that place in Me where you will receive a wealth of blessings, and the love of your God that will thrill and excite you – thrill and excite you, sending you catapulting into that place of freedom and delight that is found in knowing Me – in knowing My heart and resting in the divine arms of the living God – your very own true and loving Savior.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. AMEN."

Yes, beloved, My kingdom is forever, My power never wanes, and My glory is everlasting, supplying every willing heart with the sweet fragrance of the Beloved. So know, dear one, that the One Whom you serve is a God Who has been and will be around for a long, long time – all eternity. Know that it delights My heart to draw you into this eternal realm where you will know Me, My power, and My glory.

I am delighted to introduce you to the essence of My love in a most phenomenal way. I am delighted to show you the depths of My love and the wonder of it from a very interesting vantage point. That is where I am taking you, dear child – close, still closer, into the heart of your God.

I want you to know that it delights Me to present this feast that I have prepared for those who have chosen to serve Me unswervingly. It delights Me to draw you closer into the bosom of My love. In spite of anything the enemy could do, we should be having our happy reunion soon. So prepare your heart, dear one, to climb higher into that realm of divine hope that I have so aptly provided, and know with each rung of the ladder that you climb you are entering into a new hour of hope – new hope in the provided victory of the living God, your Beloved, your Savior – the One Who looks on you with adoring eyes and desires to draw you close into this new hour of love made real to every willing heart.

Oh, yes, those who comply with My wishes will not be disappointed. They will know the power and the glory of the living God, for they will be abiding in My kingdom of love and light – in that place created for you to know the will of your God, and rest in the presence of His love forever, beloved – forever and ever!!!

I want to make a few comments, I believe the whole church needs to repent, the leaders included, because the congregation patterns itself after the Pastor and the leaders. We ALL need to repent for one thing or another, but we need to be on our faces before God if we want revival. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is where we need to be, the Lord would rather have people repent than bring judgment, the choice is ours. Judgment begins at the house of God, so how ought we be living? He said SEEK
MY FACE.
Love,
sis. Shanna

2Ch 7:14 if my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The Latter Rain Shall Be Poured Out

Kenneth Hagin

Kenneth E. Hagin Winter Bible Seminar - Tulsa, OK February 18, 2003

On February 18, 2003, the Lord gave the Body of Christ a glimpse into the future through the following prophecy, delivered by Rev. Kenneth E. Hagin during the annual Winter Bible Seminar in Tulsa, OK.

Many are concerned about the future and they wonder what will happen. Will darkness overtake, or will the light shine bright? Yea, saith the Lord of hosts, remember that you're in My hands. And remember that I know the future better than you know the past—and all is well! I will alert you concerning that which will affect you. I will show you the way to go, and you'll walk in it and be blessed. Above all the people of the world, upon the earth, you shall be blessed.

For thou art My people, and My people shall rule and reign. And the blessings of God will fall upon them. The latter rain shall be poured out. Yea, upon nations that are now barren and void. But the rain will be poured out. The seed will be planted. The harvest will come. The glory of God will shine upon the earth. And they of the world will walk on in the way in which they've walked! And the darkness shall overtake them.

But ye shall walk in the light! The entrance of His Words giveth light! Walk according to the Word. Walk in the Word. Walk in the Spirit. And the power shall rest upon you. And the glory of God shall be seen upon your face! Many shall turn to the Lord. Great days, great times, great blessings are ahead. So rejoice and be glad. Many are concerned about things that have happened, the terror that has taken hold of the hearts of many. Many are concerned about war. Many are concerned about the future. Darkness seems to be developing. Dark clouds are on the horizon of time.

But, yea, saith the Lord of hosts, walk not by what you see with the physical eye. But walk according to what My Word says. Walk according to what the Holy Ghost is saying unto you! For He's speaking unto many hearts. And they walk on in the natural and pay no attention to their heart. He's speaking to many spirits! They walk on in the realm of the mental, thinking their own thoughts, planning their own way.

But, yea, saith the Lord of hosts, listen to what the Spirit is saying to your heart, to your spirit. And what He said to you, act upon it! Act upon it! Act like it's so! Rejoice and be glad. In the face of adversity. In the face of seemingly natural defeat! Because you have inside information, information inside the Word, information given by the Spirit. And it shall all come to pass. Amen. We pride ourselves in being a Word church and Word people. And right and good. For it is true, saith the Lord, you are a Word people.

But do not forget that you're also a Holy Ghost people—spiritual. Yes, the Word goes forth. But again and again, the Spirit has endeavored to move in your midst and you've ignored Him, and you've kept quiet. Some have yielded temporarily to the Spirit. For the Spirit seeketh to manifest Himself. He'll manifest Himself in revelation, revealing unto you through the word of knowledge, the word of wisdom, the discerning of spirits. And He's endeavored to speak! For He does speak unto His people by the Holy Spirit. By tongues and interpretation, by prophecy. And many have held back and would not speak out. And by so doing have quenched the Spirit, and have not only quenched the Spirit, but have grieved the Spirit.

Yea, listen to what the Spirit is saying. For there will be an outpouring of the Holy Ghost in these latter days. The latter rain—the early rain and the latter rain to gather in the fruit of the earth which He is waiting to receive before He comes again. Yea, it's coming! And this year, the year of 2003, is a year of preparation. It's a year of separation! There will be those who will separate themselves from you, and walk in their own way, carry out their own plan, and have no power, and no glory, and no Spirit. But a deadness shall overtake them.

But there shall be those who will respond in fullness and will say, "Yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, I've missed it in times past. I've even been disobedient. Forgive me." And remember that He forgives. Remember that there is mercy. Remember that it is stated, "Let us come boldly to the Throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need." And so there's mercy and there's grace. And so pick up and go forward and learn. Learn the ways of the Spirit. Study! Meditate! There shall be a restoration! There is a restoration in progress at the moment. A restoration! A restoration, spiritually speaking, when there shall be restored a full manifestation of the Spirit. . . and He's endeavored to divide the manifestations unto many who sit here, and you have not responded.

Be not afraid. Yes, man is human and very often man misses it—misinterpreted, missed just [exactly] what He's saying. But do not let those things deter you, but let them be a learning experience. Yes! Yes! This is the time of restoration. And there is coming a restoration in the world, in the natural realm. Restoration of marriages. Restoration of those who have been out of fellowship one with another....

Many are out of fellowship! But get into fellowship. Get into fellowship with one another. And get into one accord in praising and worshipping God. And the glory shall come in a way that you've never seen it before. So this year 2003 is a year of preparation. It's a year of not only preparation, but it's a year of restoration. And 2003 will be glorious; it'll build and build one upon another, so to speak. But it will not all be glorious. Yes, God's blessings are always glorious. But remember Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. And that wilderness experience was not all glorious until the end.

And so there will come to some who sit here a time that'll not seem so glorious. Tears [weeping], oh yeah, tears shall be shed. Grief shall be endured. But joy cometh in the morning. And so in many ways, 2003 is a year of opportunity—a year of restoration, a year of rebuilding.

But 2004, what about 2004? 2004 will be a year for more. More power, more glory, more manifestation, more saved, more filled with the Spirit, more healed! 2004 will be a year for more.

What about 2005? Will time last or will it cease? 2005—oh my! A year of judgment. Judgment. If we judge ourselves, we'll not be judged. But when we are judged, we're turned over to Satan for the destruction of the flesh so that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. There'll be judgment in the individual realm. There'll be judgment in the family realm. There'll be judgment on the national level. A day of sternness. A day of discipline. A day of correction.

But the end of the year will be glorious. Amends shall be made. Many shall judge themselves. Nations will turn to God. And it'll end in a glorious manner.

Now what about 2006? There is no way to tell it! Oh Lord, oh my! How do you describe it? And that's just the beginning. Yeah, when I say "beginning," I'm talking about what happens just at the beginning of the year! And it'll grow in intensity....it will be a glorious year. It will be a year of heaven on earth! But the end will be [even] more glorious than the beginning.

So rejoice and be glad. The enemy is a defeated foe! Jesus has triumphed. Victory belongs to everyone. No one should come up empty-handed, but everyone should walk in full victory, commanding and demanding their rights and privileges in Christ Jesus . . . demanding nothing of the Father—He's the One who made the provision. But demanding of the devil, who is endeavoring to thwart the plan of God, who is endeavoring to keep it from coming to pass. But it will all come to pass. It will all come to pass at last. And the Holy Spirit has spoken unto a number of ministers here tonight. And He's spoken to you in times past. He's told you exactly what to do. You have not done it yet!

And you wonder why He withholds certain things. You wonder why it's tough, or the way seems rough. Go ahead, listen to what the Holy Ghost is saying. Make your church not only a Word church, but a Holy Ghost church. Put the Word first always. Move in the Holy Ghost in line with the Word. And the glory shall be made manifest. The glory shall even be seen by many. And the blessings of the Lord will flow like a mighty river. Thank You, Lord Jesus.

The Lord Who Sees

Luz Cintron

There has been a long timeline of events that has extended too far. I hear "Disregard". Personal and collective. Indifference through disregard that is fear. Survival according to the wisdom from below. We seem to have forgotten that "He Sees" because we fear to see. Last night the Lord spoke to me about a cleansing He is about to do. A cleansing even from childhood of all that has been allowed to remain that does not belong. Under the Spotlight, bright spotlight for even the filthiest of the hidden things. All of it, things done and things endured, will be dealt with. This is not about judgment but about restoration. We are not the ones judged but the ones rescued. The one that is judge in our redemption is another.

Things we place in denial are not gone. From their places they hinder and torment us like Amalekites in our rearguard placed to kill, steal and destroy. Its time they go and fear release its captives. In our darkness He is light! Because there is an increase ordained His vessels are to be cleansed in order to be made able withhold His glory. Do not be troubled it is your day of glory.

He is the Lord Who Sees!

The Maelstrom Of A New Year

Chad Taylor

The Maelstrom Of A New Year & Where Do We Go From Here?
by Chad Taylor

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "While women weep as they do now I'll fight! While little children go hungry as they do now I'll fight! While men go to prison, in and out, in and out I'll fight! I'll fight to the very end!" - General William Booth - Founder of the Salvation Army

Many thought the entrance into a new millennium Jan. 2000 was a spiritual leap into the future but it doesn't hold a candle to the magnitude of what we face in 2005. The earth itself has already declared this year as historical. Every pattern and tide is pointing toward massive change and inevitable glory. It's best described in Isa. 60:2 -

"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you..."

Tragedy and catastrophe are hinges on the door of His glory. They are the backdrop for His power and might to be revealed. They create a divine vacuum for His presence and it is His desire to fill it. What does the maelstrom of the new year show us? Unprecedented harvest and revival. As many souls the enemy swallowed up in those fateful hours a hundred-fold will surely come to know the Lord Jesus Christ in the forthcoming years. It has opened the grave and released Jesus into the hearts of men. Look at the parallel in this same kind of occurrence, Matt 28:2-4 -

"Suddenly there was a great earthquake, because an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint..."

This catastrophe in the East has opened the grave of that region and a Lazarus generation shall emerge. The seeds of the slain will produce a harvest beyond our human comprehension and open doors of ministry that have stood closed for centuries. The human displacement is nothing compared to the spiritual displacement as principalities, powers and wickedness in high places have fallen. This awesome change in spiritual hierarchy has created massive doors of missions and ministry. The crosshairs of God's grace and power are aimed to the East and He will now unleash His glory.

This great earthly shaking is only a mirror to the spiritual shaking that will occur waking the church from its slumber and then sending her out. A great move of God is always underlined by great moments in history and landmark events that drastically change our world. The early missionary movement in the book of Acts was emphasized by a natural and supernatural shaking that propelled the church past the dire circumstances that faced them. The backdrop of tragedy and death only added fuel to the fire of revival. These modern day apocalyptic events will not only turn the unsaved to Jesus it will move the Church into position to receive them.

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness..." (Acts 4:31)

The Matchstick

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The vision of the lighted Matchstick.

I believe that the Lord showed me a tiny flame, about the size you get on a matchstick.

The room had been pitch black only moments before lighting the match, yet the minute it was lit it had complete authority over the darkness of that room. No matter how big that room was, and no matter how consuming the darkness seemed to be, there was evidence of something going on from the very moment that tiny flame was lit! The darkness could do nothing against it, and it had to flee. Things that were hidden in the room suddenly came to light, there was clearer vision, and a clearer pathway to follow without falling over the obstacles.

Have you ever lit a flame and not seen it have an effect, of course not, and shouldn't it follow that if we carry the light of Christ within us no matter how small we may feel then we have the same effect upon the darkness of the enemy. Did you know that we bring a piercing blinding light of Christ that shatters the darkness, and a warmth that melts the coldest heart the moment that we enable the lord by faith in Him to ignite us in the darkest place.

We all feel small and insignificant at times, but we have the life force, the very essence of the saviour dwelling by His Holy Spirit within us.

We are carriers of the light and life of Christ! How can we fail if Jesus is for us who can be against us!

when the enemy tries to intimidate we simply don't have to listen, instead we shine our light upon the word of God and illuminate it firing it straight back at the enemy. These words of light and life penetrate the darkest moments bringing healing, "by His stripes you are healed". Restoration into your life, "Therefore there is no condemnation for those in Jesus Christ". We speak out courageously and with boldness knowing that these words are as powerful as those that brought the world and everything within it into existence, we can rely and depend upon them. They carry the supreme authority of God within them and we carry these words within us to destroy the enemy in the darkest hours of our lives!

When we have revelation of the word of God its fascinating, Gods word never returns void, and always accomplishes that which it set out to do, when by faith we see and call into being those things that we do not yet see with our eyes, but see with the eyes of Faith all things are possible they really are!

Greater is Him that is in me than Him that is in the world, whether it be intimidation, or fear. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, in the amplified version it says 'who infuses himself in me!. Have you ever tried to take the tea out of the water once its infused into it you can’t, there is no separation point that will take place, and so it is when the Lord infuses Himself by His Spirit into us, we bear the mark and impression of the one who carries all authority in the world.

Take heart, when you aim arrows of light at the enemy he has to flee, he cannot match up to or stand the word of God, it’s life to us and death to the enemy. So be encouraged, Jesus in you is great, no matter how you feel. So don’t worry small isn't so bad after all, it helps to build up our confidence in the

Lord, it helps to build a relationship of trust and faith and love when our relationship in Him is intimate.

Spend time with him and get to know his ways his truths the words of life and light.. The power source for the light lives within you every day, so SWITCH ON and brighten up someone’s day.

As you aim the word at the enemy every day you will see changes, things that were unbearable and so heavy you thought you would crumple under the pressure become no problem, as the lord sorts them out one by one. The atmosphere in your home, in your children, at work and your day to day living becomes more of a blessing than a chore!

I now pass on the match to light the flame for you, are you ready to be ignited by the Holy Spirit

A Vessel Of Anointing

Heather Butler

This is an account of two dreams one night after the other that have spurred us to run on into the nations. I pray that the release of these dreams will spur you on into that next wave of the lord. Blessings Heather.

Dream 1. I dreamt that I was in a temple, there were empty vessels lining the marble floor. I could see that each alabaster jar was a person, each one empty and ready to be filled. I heard the lord speak and say " I am about to pour myself in" I recognised one of the empty vessels, it was a young man called John who was one of the youth in our church. I woke up.

I prayed about the dream and asked the lord if this was Him, I believe He gave me a verse in Luke 3 which says "He who comes after me will baptise you with Spirit and with fire. I was also given verses from Ezekiel 47.

I had arranged to go to a womens aglow meeting that evening, and had asked the lord what I should do about the dreams I had had. It was evident from the moment that the meeting began that the Lord was speaking to me, Jean Bosworth said "The lord is ready to fill the white hot empty vessels with his fire" she then began to speak about stepping out into the deep deep things of God!

I could hardly contain my excitement, I couldnt see the fullness of what was about to happen, but could see that this was the workings of the Holy Spirit. Jean smiled at me and gave me a candle, on it was written "he who comes after me will baptize you with Spirit and with Fire" I told her about the dream and she said, "the Lord gave you Luke 4 and Ezekiel 47 didn't He" I was so amazed I could hardly speak.

John the young man phoned me that evening, I had tried to get in touch with him earlier that day to tell him that I dreamed about him but he had not been at home. His conversation started like this. "Hi there Hev, mom said you phoned, I’m glad you did, last night I was praying and asked the lord If he would empty me of everything that gets in the way of His will for my life, and I asked Him if he would pour his Holy spirit into me"!

This young man has such a call on his life that its incredible, since this dream, he has been out to speak in Africa, and has been into America, and India, wherever he goes people are touched by that charisma about him.

The Second Dream Is About The Life Boat Man.

2. I heard the boons go off, and watched as a lone lifeboat man ran to man the boats. A storm was raging, it was the most ferocious seas I had ever seen, the wind was howling, and the rain was beating down upon 30ft waves. I remember thinking 'what, only one life boat man, he cant do this

alone,' so I ran along the promenade after Him. Suddenly I missed my footing and fell into the sea! I was coughing and spluttering, and began to panic, I opened my eyes and realised that I was hundreds of yards from the beach. The wind and the waves were billowing all around me, and the rain lashed at my face. I suddenly realised that I wasn't drowning, in fact I was on my back coursing through the huge waves like a ships rudder cutting through the waves which were opening either side of me. Foolishly I decided to flip over onto my front and try to swim back to the shore, but, the moment I did I began to slip under the water and drown. I knew I had to turn back over onto my back to stay alive, and just go with the flow! As I lay on my back cutting through the high seas I looked behind me and noticed that the sea ran into a huge river, on either side of the river were trees, huge roots were sticking up out of the river on either side, and I realised that if I could just go with the flow and down the fast flowing river I could catch hold of a root and pull myself out of the water. As I thought this I was standing on the banks of the river, with a three stranded cord in my hand! I was now looking at the biggest waves I had ever seen, and couldn't believe that I had come out of the storm alive. I was so excited that I ran into the towns and the villages, clutching my three stranded chord, waving it at people as I ran shouting "look at the three stranded chord that saved my life" and I proceeded to tell those who were curious to hear How the lord had saved my life. I woke up from the dream.

Time to Run with the Horses.

September 2004.
Word given for Kentucky and the Nations.
It says in the word of God that if we cannot keep up with men, how can we run with horses. As I was praying this is what I saw, and I speak it as a prophetic declaration over Kentucky and the nations in the name of Jesus.

I see an open heaven, a rolling back of the heavens as the lord gets ready to release his fire from heaven.

This fire will consume those who have cried out who are hungry and thirsty, although it is a costly fire it is greater than gold, as the dross is burned away I see what could have been devastation turn into the most fruitful place.

I entered in and saw men on white horses protecting the harvest, standing watch to protect this yield.

I watched as a whirlwind came and whipped up the fire and planted it in neighbouring towns, a funnel of fire swept from Kentucky across the nation, keeping the enemy at bay, and releasing the annointing of the glory of God.

The enemy wants to kill you, and the father needs you to die so that he can live in you.

The men on the white horses are without fear, they have been tested by the fire, consumed by its flames, they know what is expected of them to run with the Spirit of the lord wherever he will lead.

There are those who have not yet learned to run with the horses, those who fear change and challenge, but the lord says to them do not be afraid, as I was with your forefathers so I will be with you, stop looking at what has gone before, I am doing a new thing, I have opened the doorways of heaven to pour out my heart upon this place, to lavish my bride with every good thing, but first comes the fire.

Will you run with the fire of God in your bones, will you allow me to consume your every thought, take your thoughts and ambitions, strip you of everything that you are and replace your thoughts and ambitions with my perfect will for you. Will you run with me, stand with me even unto death. Come, I call you come. prepare the way I am soon to come.
That still small voice.

Many over the years have cried out, "oh lord send the fire" and when the lord sent the fire they very nearly missed it! because it didn't come in the package that they expected it to.

I believe that when we cry out for fire two things will happen, firstly there will be a cleansing purifying fire that comes, that is painful and all consuming.

The way you handle this consuming fire, will determine how you look when you come out of it! Will you be a pure shining vessel ready for the lord to fill.

A suddenly of God is waiting to hit each of us, but there are requirements to being filled with this Holy Fire, this fire kills, and in the wrong hands can wreak havoc and chaos, but in the right hands can bring illumination, warmth, and light to those who are struggling in this world.

When you have come through this consuming fire, when you have allowed it to touch every area of your life rendering you to ashes, then and only then will new life spring forth. To many this time is horrifying, just like a blaze in the forest, it strips the trees bare, and many fall into piles of ashes, but, when the rain comes, rising from the ashes you will see new growth, not like before, but more prolific, so fruitful.

You know when you are in the presence of someone who has been touched by this fire, they are not self seeking or religious, they are not seekers after fame or money, there only purpose in life is to live for the Father, to live a life like Jesus did, the way he spoke, the way he dealt with people, the way loved each person with such compassion. These are the world changers, the ones who trust in there God, who know that he will never forsake or leave them. The ones who lead the blind out of the darkest of places and into the light.

Lets just for a moment examine the word about Running with the Horses, and see what this could mean for you.

1. I see an open heaven. This simply means that the Fathers heart has been moved, that He has heard the cry of the heart, he has seen the preparation and the cost to those who have humbled themselves before Him in Prayer, and He is releasing of Himself an anointing, a move of the Spirit to enable those who have cried out for His help.

The Tent Of The Lords Meeting
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This song was given to me at the same time as I had a vision about the tent of the lords meeting. I believe it is now time to release this over the nation. This word and song is documented, and was given as a word of prophesy over our nation, and over Anglesey North Wales. Below is the vision, and the song for the nations.

The Vision.

I was woken during the early hours of the morning June 27th 1996. I had been interceding for our nation at the time, and I believe that what I am to share with you now was a vision of the Lord concerning our Island.

I saw a large beacon type structure, around it were seven struts of wood, on top was a flame. There were ropes running from this structure out into the towns, villages, and nations.

I asked the lord “what is this” A bivouac was the reply, I thought I had heard wrong and crossed out the word and put beacon! The Holy Spirit said “no, it’s a bivouac”

I later found out that a bivouac is two things it’s the overnight encampment of the watchman tent, but also a Celtic celebration tent!

I asked, “Lord if this is a tent what are the seven struts of wood around it and why is there a flame on the top, and what are the ropes for?”

I was shown that the struts were seven churches around the Island coming together in unity. The flame on the top was evidence of what was going on inside the tent, it was combustible, as people came together to praise to worship to pray. It was incredible the most powerful thing I have even seen.

The ropes are the forerunners, those that take up this call, and run with it into the place where they live and also into the nations.

The bible passage I was given was from Isaiah 54.

Please read the whole chapter, It’s amazing, and incorporates much within it that has been shown to us over the years. Please read the amplified version if you can.

The lord also gave me a song to sing out over the land which is really beautiful, and more recently a song called ‘The Sound of Wales’
Much of this call has been hidden for those 9 yrs, many of you know me to be a woman of Prayer, and a woman with a heart for Israel.

The vision about the setting up of a house of prayer and prayer network was broadcast via the God Channel network. In 1996, and is documented. We have sat and waited for the birthing of this project for 9yrs. I have waited on the lord for the right time to implement this venture on the Island,(and I believe in other towns cities and nations of the world) and know through prayer and another dream that now is the right time.

Future plans and the next step concerning the vision will be to set up a house of prayer 24/7 on the Island, a place which will be open for people to come into and be prayed for and a place for people to come and pray together with Christians from other denominations. This will take commitment from the churches involved around the Island on a rota basis, and people will need to be trained, we have a package for this. (but that’s for a much later date).

Also I am in touch with prayer partners nation wide who are praying about the infrastructure for this and timing, and also others who have set up Houses of Prayer in the nations in Israel and in America. I received a very welcome word from a visiting speaker just before going into Kentucky in May, he said “The Lord hasn’t forgotten about the setting up of a house of prayer on the Island” ! Only one other Pastor knew about this word that was given to me by Ken Gott and Don Pitman all those years ago in Sunderland.

The light of Christ.

The light of Christ shines brightly across this barren land
The Father whispers words of love this nations in my hands
I’ll wipe the teardrops from your eyes
And replace them with songs of Joy
My breath will breath new life in you
Revival my children is nigh.

The oil of my lamp burns brightly across this barren land

Lost but not forsaken this nations in my hands
The light of Christ so piercing it makes the darkness flee
Know where to turn know where to run
except to come to me.

Repentance and forgiveness will be brought before my throne
I'll gather all who call to me and make them all my own,
And through the blood of Jesus I'll restore that taken from me
Bringing healing and forgiveness
Like you have never seen.

Revival will roll upon your shores crystal waters will flow free,
I'll sweep across this land for which I've waited patiently
I'll gather you again in love I'll set the captives free
From the chains of sin that bind them
Allowing the blind man to see.

Hallelujah sing praises to the king,
Great Britain forgiven for everything
Fill our lives with your love and your fire
Fill our hearts with desire for you
Hallelujah sing praises to the king
On the winds of the spirit new life he brings
Fill our hearts with your love and your fire,
Fill our hearts with desire for you
Show us Jesus how to pray this through
All the glory belongs to you.

The More Excellent Way
Ron McGatlin

1 Cor 12:29-31: Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

The more excellent way is a diverse Body of Christ connected and working together by LOVE.

Not all but some are apostles. Some are prophets. Some are teachers. Some do work miracles. Some do speak in tongues. Some do interpret.

Do all preach fiery repentance that leaves the floor covered with weeping and wailing bodies? Do all always emphasize the gospel of being born again? Do all preach the full gospel of the kingdom that Jesus preached? Do all always preach Holy Spirit baptism. Do all preach soaking in His presence and demonstrate it? Do all preach His rest and entering it? Do all shout and shake? Do all fall down overcome in the Spirit? Do all see spiritual visions? Do all dream spiritual dreams? Not all but some do.

God does all of these ministries and more through His people and by His Spirit. At various times and in various people according to His will and the availability of the person.

"Well we don't do this or that in my church and I will never do this or that!" Maybe it is not your part to do or be this or that. The important thing is to do and be the part God has made you to become and to fully love and connect to those who have other parts.

You may never be able to understand some of the other parts of what God is doing. We only truly have the revelation of truth that He has given us. It is our intellectual pursuit of the tree of knowledge that establishes traditions of men and causes us to believe we have the only correct understanding of the Scripture. We have so little knowledge and intellectual understanding of God and all He is and Has done and is doing that our wisest is silly and foolish compared to God. (1 Cor 1:25-31)

Again, we only truly have the truth He reveals to us by His Spirit. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit we can function in knowledge and wisdom beyond anything we have in the natural.

Only one substance can bring all the vast diversity of the Body into unity. Only the love of God overwhelming men's understanding with the reality of godly humility and wisdom can bring order and function to the Body of Christ.

Father is calling to His immature children to grow up and mature in His love. God desires to relate to us intimately and heal all of our misconceptions and deformed parts - to conform us to the image of Christ in His presence. Abiding in Him we become like Him. Father is grieved by older children that should be mature yet are still crying out against one another like small children in the market place. (Luke 7:32)

Thank you Father that you are raising up a people who will trust and serve you without regard to their own lives. A people of your presence healed of all that would cause them to need to do it their own way. Father, we thank you for the abundance of your love flowing through us forming the Spirit of Christ within us. We choose to no longer live but are crucified with Christ and filled with His resurrection life. We praise you and honor your Holy Name. Amen

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The Mustard Gardens Of Babylon

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> *Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. 1 Samuel 10:25*

Our title is a takeoff from the noted Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. We are going to look at the teaching on the mustard seed in the Gospel of Matthew and note some comparisons with the origin of Babylon.

In Matthew 13, the Lord is teaching about the Kingdom of God or Kingdom of Heaven in a series of parables. The first one is the famous parable of the sower, found in verses 3 to 23.

> *Matthew 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;*

Now in verse 4 we read this.

> *Matthew 13:4 And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and* ***the fowls*** *came and devoured them up:*

And the explanation is given in verse 19, showing that the fowls represent the wicked one. Similar teachings are found in the other gospels. In Mark 4:15 he is identified as Satan and in Luke 8:12 as the Devil.

> *Matthew 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh* ***the wicked one****, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.*

Farther along, we find the parable of the mustard seed.

> *Matthew 13:31-32*
> *31 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:*
> *32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.*

There are a couple odd features about the Kingdom as Mustard Tree parable. One is that mustard grows along the ground. Here is some info about mustard I found on the internet.

> **Mustard Growth Characteristics**
> Mustard seedlings emerge rapidly but tend to grow slowly after emergence. Under favorable moisture and temperature conditions, the ground will be covered in four or five weeks.
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> Five weeks after emergence, the plant will begin to bud. At this stage, the crop will appear rather uneven. A week to 10 days later the plant will develop into full yellow bloom and the stand will appear more even. Good moisture supplies favor a long blossoming period, and longer blooming periods result in higher yield potential. Full-grown plants vary in height from 30 to 45 inches, depending on type, variety and environmental conditions.
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So if mustard grows mainly along the ground, and only fully mature plants become bushes, 45 inches tall at the max, it's odd to see it described as a great tree. And the second odd feature is that the fowls of the air nesting in this tree were just previously identified as the devil in the parable of the sower! This is not such a favorable picture now it it? So how is it that the kingdom of heaven becomes a hangout for the devil?

One answer that has been proposed is that the mustard plant is a model of the church. In this view, the church is intended to spread throughout all the world, just as the mustard plant is to spread out along the ground. But when the church becomes corrupted or backslidden it takes on a vertical structure. This is a perversion of the intended growth pattern of the church. Instead of spreading out from house to house, as in Acts 4 it begins to follow the way of the world.

> *Acts 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

So the mustard seed parable is not meant as a *definition of the kingdom* but a description of what can and does happen as the kingdom is coming into being. This can be seen in the story of the wheat and tares as well. A man sowed seed, but the enemy came along and sowed tares.

As for a definition of the Kingdom, I tend to think of it in terms of the Disciples Prayer, thy kingdom come, thy will be done. This would mean, that where the Father's will is done, the kingdom has come. Or The Kingdom of God is wherever God is King. Also from John 3 you can see that entering the Kingdom requires being led by the Spirit.

The Origins Of Religion are found in Babylon

Now lets compare this to the origins of Babylon. After the flood, the Lord commanded the people to go forth and replenish the earth. His intent was for the tribes that would be descended from Noah to spread over the face of the earth.

> *Genesis 9:1 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.*

In Genesis 11 we see that the people had another idea, one contrary to the Lord's wishes.

> *Genesis 11:1-4*
> *1 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.*
> *2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.*
> *3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.*
> *4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*

Instead of scattering over the whole earth, they wanted to stop and build a city, and a tower that might reach unto heaven. This is the essence of religion, man's efforts to reach heaven by his own efforts. It required that they establish an organization with a vertical structure, a hierarchy. The urge to make a name for themselves is the essence of denominationalism. That is the tendency to form denominations. Here is a good definition.

> **Denomination** noun
> 1.A large group of religious congregations united under a **common faith and name** and organized under a **single administrative and legal hierarchy**.
> 2.One of a series of kinds, values, or sizes, as in a system of currency or weights.
> 3.A name or designation, especially for a class or group.
> It comes from the word *denominate*, which means to give a name to; designate. This comes from the Latin *nomen*, which means *name*).] *Excerpted from The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language*

The Lord's reaction to this is to introduce a confusion factor to frustrate mans efforts here.

> *Genesis 11:7-9*
> *7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.*
> *8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.*
> *9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.*

Here are a couple more definitions.

> **Babel, [Strong’s: H894]**
> לבב
> bâbel
> *baw-bel'*
> From H1101; *confusion*; *Babel* (that is, Babylon), including Babylonia and the Babylonian empire: - Babel, Babylon. [Strong’s]
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> **Babylon**
> The Greek form of BABEL; Semitic form Babilu, meaning “The Gate of God.” In the Assyrian tablets it means “The city of the dispersion of the tribes.” [Easton’s Bible Dictionary]

So you can see that Babel, which originally meant the *Gate of God*, came to mean *confusion*. This is saying that man’s efforts to reach God by his own effort, which is self-righteousness, only leads to confusion. [This applies to any religion or ideology, not just the Judeo-Christians.] So while God had directed the people one way, an enemy came and brought in the spirit of religion.

The Parallel

This forms quite an interesting parallel with the mustard seed parable. When mustard is growing across the ground as it does normally, you can’t tell when one plant stops and the next one begins. They all look the same. But if you have a mustard tree here and there, they are clearly different and distinct. So it is in the history of the church. Once it stopped spreading over the earth, from house to house, denominations were formed. And these denominations had many differences even wars among themselves.

Another feature of the mustard seed parable is that the fowls built nests in the tree branches. This speaks of demonic strongholds and doctrines of demons, or confusion, becoming mixed into the church teachings.

The mustard seed parable then is a picture of the spirit of Babylon at work in the church. And the ‘mustard tree’ has much in common with the ‘fig tree’, as a symbol of the law of sin and death which is the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

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The Mud And Mire

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The Pit, the Mud and Mire, the Desperation and My Deliverance

> *"I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a Rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:1-3*

My Beloved Faithful Ones, you have been in a desperate situation and a desperate time, tasting the mire and the desperation that My faithful ones have been and are living in and even many have lived in for most of their lives. For many now you have been in a
pit so deep for years now that surely there is no way out but I say unto you, there is no pit so deep that your Lord is not deeper still. For many you say, it's as a living hell and your soul is screaming for relief from the pain and disappointment of it all. When you decided to walk this walk that was chosen, you did not expect to experience just "how wonderful and how awful" it could be at the same time. You experience both pain and the glorious presence of God. Yes, you have suffered, and still are suffering much loss and experienced much tragedy --- BUT --- you are now finding that you can enter into the "depths of God" that only those who have suffered know about.

I see My hurting daughters. I see and hear your cries and anguish of what happened in your childhood and adulthood. I know of how many of you have suffered in the "torture chambers of abuse." I see the healings that are needed. I see ALL that you are going through. I see My daughters who hesitate to even share what has been happening to you for you are filled with the shame and the stigma that many calling themselves My own would place upon you. Therefore, you retreat, sadly many retreating into an isolation even from the very ones who I have sent to help you and to stand with you. Desperation, you have tasted total desperation in ways you never dreamed possible. Beloved, you are not alone, think of infertile Hannah and what I did in her desperate situation Think of the outcast Rehab. Think of the unwed AND pregnant Tamar.. ponder about Tamar, what a glorious blessing I bestowed upon her! Think of the grieving sisters, Mary and Martha. Think of Esther. Think of all the hurting and desperate women in My Word and see again the wonderful blessings and deliverance that I brought to each of them.

My faithful sons and daughters...suffering, suffering for things that have happened to you, even from the ordinary everyday situations of life AS WELL AS the terrible "traumas" that have afflicted you. My Son, also suffered and when crucified, He went into the deepest pit, of the deepest mud and mire in order that you would know that He suffers not only WITH you but For you! As I brought deliverance to My Son from that pit, so I will bring deliverance to you.

Suffering, My Beloved sons and daughters, I see it all! I see the desire to give up - of the feeling of going under. You have tasted what My Faithful Ones have been going through, those who have said "here am I, send me." You have experienced what many
are living under and through this I have been equipping you to minister to those - they are the downcast. Just as My Son took on the sins of the world, so you, My Beloved, so you have tasted and taken on desperation and as you have experienced the desperation, so you will experience My deliverance of this desperate situation. All that you have gone through, this is your testimony and it will enable you to minister to those I will send you to, others who will be brought out of the pit, the mud and the mire and the desperation.

If you could see the whole picture as I do, you would see that My hand has been in your situation the entire time. You have wondered how you have made it this far, know how, My Beloved, it's because of Me in you and with you and My hand of protection upon you.

I have called you, continue in obedience and faith. Have I forgotten you? Did I forget My Son? You are a joint heir, therefore, I cannot forget the ones I have chosen. Be strong and courageous for you will possess the land and all it's riches. The enemy is defeated, you will take back all that he has stolen from you and more. I have declared it! You are the victor though My Son. Be ready, be expectant for I will be sending you out to help all of My hurting ones around the world and they will know that 'you know' what they have been going through and they will be lifted out of the pit, out of the mud and mire and desperation by your Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus.

The Ministry of Death

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All today the Lord has been confirming the call to death to self in what I've been reading. Then tonight He said " Ministry of death".

Ps 102:19-21 AMP For He looked down from the height of His sanctuary, from heaven did the Lord behold the earth, 20 To hear the sighing and groaning of the prisoner, to loose those who are appointed to death, 21 So that men may declare the name of the Lord in Zion and His praise in Jerusalem.

2 Cor 4:5-12 AMP
5 For what we preach is not ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves [merely] as your servants (slaves) for Jesus' sake.
6 For God Who said, Let light shine out of darkness, has shone in our hearts so as [to beam forth] the Light for the illumination of the knowledge of the majesty and glory of God [as it is manifest in the Person and is revealed] in the face of Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [Gen 1:3.]
7 However, we possess this precious treasure [the divine Light of the Gospel] in [frail, human] vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.
8 We are hedged in (pressed) on every side [troubled and oppressed in every way], but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair;
9 We are pursued (persecuted and hard driven), but not deserted [to stand alone]; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed;
10 Always carrying about in the body the liability and exposure to the same putting to death that the Lord Jesus suffered, so that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be shown forth by and in our bodies.
11 For we who live are constantly [experiencing] being handed over to death for Jesus' sake, that the [resurrection] life of Jesus also may be evidenced through our flesh which is liable to death. 12 Thus death is actively at work in us, but [it is in order that our] life [may be actively at work] in you.

" Many of you have cried out to have the ability to do miracles and to raise the dead ! And I am about to release those miracles more and more. The one who is willing to go all the way with Christ is the one to whom much is given. When much is given, much is required. Hence many have been going through the dying process. Dying to self that is ! Dying to the OLD MAN.
And learning to live with ME - Learning to trust in ME fully – learning to lay down your lives for the sake of others. This is a lost paradigm in some circles of My church. But it is about to be revived.

You need the wisdom to walk in MY WAYS. That means you MUST die…the grain that dies and falls to the ground will bear much seed for harvesting.
I am separating I have said. I am separating you from everything that comes before ME. I am breaking down all idolatry to man and his ways.
I am tearing away from you the fleshly nature. I am delivering you from ALL evil…if you are willing. I don't force anyone. I answer your prayers for release. I answer your heart that wants to be like ME.

If you want to bring life, then you must decrease to the point of death to self, so I can be brought forth in you, and in others. I will do it, if you are just willing. You can't DO it yourself anyway. Apart from ME, you can do nothing. Your will must be conformed to MY will. That means you must die to all you will, and live for what I WILL. Are you willing to pay the cost for apostleship ? There are many who say they are, but in their hearts cannot."

1 John 3:20 AMP Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].

"If you are just willing, then I will make your heart and will, and mind conform to MY heart, will and mind. But you must be willing of your own volition. The groaning of your heart is the dying that is within it. There is a dying I am bringing you to, so that you will LIVE abundantly and without perplexsion, without striving and self centeredness. I have promised you abundant life and I am bringing it about as you yield yourselves to ME.
Don't grow weary in the lessons for I am here for you and desire that you live out the fullness of the call on your lives. And in this hour it is necessity to be content with the things that you have – earthly things, and the things of this world will die away, but the LIFE you have in ME will NEVER DIE. I
AM perfect. And in ME, you are made perfect - ONLY in ME ! You will NEVER reach perfection through striving. You will never reach perfection through others. It is only through communion and union with ME that all will be accomplished.

I AM everlasting love and kindness. I AM the Way the TRUTH and the LIFE. It is only through ME, that you can have all you need to get through this life. No amount of striving to please Me will do it. Without HOLINESS no one will see God says My Word. The way of holiness, the narrow path is through ME. I AM the WAY. Come away with ME and find your true life in ME."

Rom 8:13 NKJV For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Rom 8:37-39 NKJV For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Cor 1:9-11 NKJV Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,

2 Cor 2:15-16 NKJV For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

2 Cor 6:9-12 AMP [We are treated] as unknown and ignored [by the world], and [yet we are] well-known and recognized [by God and His people]; as dying, and yet here we are alive; as chastened by suffering and [yet] not killed; 10 As grieved and mourning, yet [we are] always rejoicing; as poor [ourselves, yet] bestowing riches on many; as having nothing, and [yet in reality] possessing all things. 11 Our mouth is open to you, Corinthians [we are hiding nothing, keeping nothing back], and our heart is expanded wide [for you]! [Isa 60:5; Ezek 33:22.] 12 There is no lack of room for you in [our hearts], but you lack room in your own affections [for us].

Zech 11:8-12 AMP
8 And I cut off the three shepherds [the civil authorities, the priests, and the prophets] in one month, for I was weary and impatient with them, and they also loathed me. [Jer 2:8,26; 18:18.]
9 So I [Zechariah] said, I will not be your shepherd. What is to die, let it die, and what is to be destroyed, let it be destroyed; and let the survivors devour one another's flesh.
10 And I took my staff, Beauty or Grace, and broke it in pieces to show that I was annulling the covenant or agreement which I had made with all the peoples [not to molest them].

11 So the covenant was annulled on that day, and thus the most wretched of the flock and the traffickers in the sheep who were watching me knew (recognized and understood) that it was truly the word of the Lord.
12 And I said to them, If it seems just and right to you, give me my wages; but if not, withhold them. So they weighed out for my price thirty pieces of silver.

Col 1:24-29 NKJV Sacrificial Service for Christ
I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, 25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,
Col 1:24 AMP [Even] now I rejoice in the midst of my sufferings on your behalf. And in my own person I am making up whatever is still lacking and remains to be completed [on our part] of Christ's afflictions, for the sake of His body, which is the church.
Col 1:24 Darby Now, I rejoice in sufferings for you, and I fill up that which is behind of the tribulations of Christ in my flesh, for his body, which is the assembly;

1 Peter 3:18-19 NKJV Christ's Suffering and Ours
For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, 19 by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

1 John 3:14-15 NKJV We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

James 5:20 NKJV let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Heb 9:15 NKJV And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Heb 9:16-17 NKJV The Mediator's Death Necessary
For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

2 Tim 1:10-11 NKJV but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

Col 3:5-7 NKJV Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

Phil 3:9-11 NKJV that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.
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The Midnight Hour
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A friend Judy Peloquin wrote and said this week she keeps hearing midnight over and over again. And as I asked the Lord if He wanted to say something…He spoke:

“The midnight hour” so I looked up scriptures and asked Him what He wanted to say about it…

“The Bridegroom awakens at the midnight hour looking for His bride. Why the midnight hour ? Because at last He is called to finish the robe for His bride. He will clothe here in righteousness and bedeck her with jewels, making her the jewels in His crown. She will shine before all those who look upon her, and they will be jealous, who refused to come in to the chambers to be adorned. Those who were too busy, those who were too wanton for the things of this world will be amazed at what I will do. The nations will bow down before the display of My precious bride, as I put the finishing touches on her and display her to the world.

Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts ? Are they not the bride of My Son who learn to soar in the heavenlies, who have come to the chambers of their King and have been clothed with gold of ophir and perfumed with the finest oils ? I have prepared a wonderful surprise for My beloveds that no one can take from them. I alone am LORD and I ALONE know all they have been through for the sake of My name. I will do all My heart purposes to do, and the nations will bow down, and all those who hated you for My name’s sake will bow down and know that I have loved you !

The King of Kings is about to display His glory as never before. He is longing for His bride to see all He wants her to see. Come into My chambers He is calling to you, that you may behold My glory and receive My love. I am delighted by you, and I will grant you like I did Esther, whatever you wish in your heart of hearts that is one with My heart. I see many struggling and striving, but I have called you to REST in Me. I am eager to perform My mighty act ! I am eager to see My Son arise.

Remember that I told you, that when My glory comes, with it comes judgment ! It will break your heart to see the shaking that comes, but you will also see great miracles, great salvations, great glory all over the earth.

Do not neglect your time with me. For when this awakening comes, will come a great tsunami of peoples into the church. Fear will tempt you. You will feel overwhelmed by the numbers. PREPARE your hearts for HARVEST.

In harvest you must separate the grain from the shaft, you must clean the fruits and vegetables so they are edible. Everyone who is willing will receive all they need to help in this harvest. All members of the body will be necessary. There is no need for competition and no room for jealousy in the KINGDOM. Cleanse your hearts NOW from all unworthy suspicions towards brothers and sisters. Do not be caught pointing the finger. Remove the log from your own eyes, and you will be able to see more clearly, the measure of GRACE and COMPASSION I HAVE FOR ALL WHO ARE WILLING TO COME TO ME.

Let ME do the judging. Be conduits of My love and you will see great miracles. Miracles come through MY compassion, from being united to MY heart and MY love for the one you see before you. Ask ME, and I will show you all you need to know. I will give you the compassion if you ask for it.

You have but to ask for anything you need, as I AM THE RESOURCE of all you need.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

BY THIS ALL MEN WILL KNOW YOU BELONG TO ME.”

Ruth 3:8-9 NKJV Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. 9 And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative."

Isa 61:10-11 NKJV I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Mal 3:17 NKJV "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

Zech 9:16 NKJV
The LORD their God will save them in that day, as the flock of His people.

For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land —

17 For how great is its goodness and how great its beauty! Grain shall make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.

Isa 60:8 NKJV "Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their roosts?

Ps 68:13 NKJV Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

Ps 119:62 NKJV At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments.

Hag 2:6-9 NKJV "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

Matt 25:6-10 NKJV "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Mark 13:35-37 NKJV Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming — in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning — 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Luke 11:5-13 AMP And He said to them, Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and will say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves [of bread], 6 For a friend of mine who is on a journey has just come, and I have nothing to put before him; 7 And he from within will answer, Do not disturb me; the door is now closed, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and supply you [with anything] ? 8 I tell you, although he will not get up and supply him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his shameless persistence and insistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 9 So I say to you, Ask and keep on asking and it shall be given you; seek and keep on seeking and you shall find; knock and keep on knocking and the door shall be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks and keeps on asking receives; and he who seeks and keeps on seeking finds; and to him who knocks and keeps on knocking, the door shall be opened.

11 What father among you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

13 If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts [gifts that are to their advantage] to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!

Ex 11:4-6 NKJV Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; 5 and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. 6 Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.

The Minister Of Defense

Conrad Lampan

I had a dream yesterday night, with very unusual contents. It was one of those dreams that are so strange that you think there should be a hidden meaning to it. I want to share it with you and also to share the interpretation the Lord gave me.

I was somewhere in the West Coast with some friends discussing some news that have come a few hours ago. The news was that I had been chosen to be the Minister of Defense of the present administration.

In the dream I was excited but even more than excited I was frightened, almost freaking out, and a lot of questions kept coming on why, what. It was a rather highly unlikely situation. Although in the past I was involved in politics in my own country that was way back in the past, so this seemed to be simply a unrelated even weird dream, most especially being in a foreign country.

However, I was asking questions to my friends and to myself. This position would mean that I need to communicate in a very special fluent way and being hearing impaired I was not able to. This was one of the questions. Then another was how I can be the Minister of Defense of the nation if I am a foreigner? Someone has made a mistake here.

Moreover, I am a preacher now, not a politician or not even qualified as a defense advisor or the like, so even in my dream I was aware that there was something out of picture, as things like this simply cannot happen.

When I thought about it and somewhat accepted it as a fact, still in the dream, I asked myself another question: what can I offer? Looking at all what I explained above, there was not much that I could really offer the administration. So the final question was actually "why me?"

I accepted the position, and was getting ready to go not knowing what was going to happen and how I was going to cope with it all.

Then I woke up.

I had been thinking about this dream and praying for revelation all morning until a moment ago when God suddenly shouted out:

THE CHURCH IS THE REAL MINISTER OF DEFENSE OF THE NATIONS.
I tuned up my ears to hear all that He was saying, and here it is, I will try to convey it as succinctly and clearly as I can:

THE UNLIKELY
God always uses unlikely people to fulfill His purposes. And He says that the real defense of the nations does not lie within the scope of human strategies but rather in the "unlikelies" of His supernatural power. He says, just get ready because you are the one who He will use.

THE RESPONSIBLE

The Church IS responsible for the defense of our nations. We are responsible for what we let happen when we do not take our position as "ministers of defense". However, this is not to be achieved by lobbying physical capitols, but rather by lobbying and literally storming the heavenlies in first place!

THE AVAILABLE

What I can offer, anyway? The Lord is saying "you have much to offer, you have the actual defense of the nations in your hands because you can use My power". We do have much more to offer than we could ever imagine.

The Pastor responsible for the first crusades that lead to the revival in Argentina was asked what they did to have such a revival and he replied simply "we made ourselves available to God. God is telling you today, it is not your power; it is your availability and My power.

THE DESPISED

God says that He is going to use those who have been despised. In fact this is not new, as we already read in the Word that "he uses the despised of the world, what is not to put to shame what be". And who have been the despised in our nations? They are the native peoples, and the foreigners, immigrants that have been either misused or mistreated or both. You could add to the list a few: the poor, the disabled, the no names.

THE OUTCAST

Above all there stands the big despised: the Church itself. The nation has despised the Church, but in the end it is the Church that will stand up and out offering the only possible help: the power of God! The nation that has "cast out" God, and has despised and marginalized the Church will come to the Church for help. Amidst of troubles it will be like when Israel was about to leave Egypt "There was darkness in all the land of Egypt...but in the houses of the Israelites there was light"

THE OUTCOME

In my dream I did not have the end of the picture, as I did not see the outcome of it all. But I can see in the Spirit the outcome of the Church taking its position as Minister of Defense of the nation: "If My people, upon whom My Name is called, shall humble . . . I will hear, I will forgive, and I will heal their nation".

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The Measure Of Maturity

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It has been my experience that too many of us, as Christians, have been confused about love. We have assumed that attaining the look of love was the same reality as actually being transformed into a loving person. I'm not saying that we have consciously planned on being shallow or noncommital, but that somehow we have settled on the cosmetic instead of the real.

We have developed an "altar" ego, a look for church that lasts, at best, just a few minutes longer than the church service itself. All we have really accomplished is to perfect the art of acting like Christians.

I think we have yet to learn to consistently walk according to the standards of Christ's love. I hear how quick some are to speak about the flaws of those they supposedly love, and I wonder, what kind of love demeans an individual behind their back? When I witness unloving words from a Christian's mouth, I am reminded that we have much to learn about Jesus and what it means to follow Him.

David prayed, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer" (Ps 19:14).

Our words are the by-product of our meditations. Whatever is brooding in our hearts will eventually ascend to our lips. If we have unforgiveness prowling within, our conversations will be barbed with negative comments; even in moments of light-hearted banter, if we are harboring bitterness, it will slice through our speech. Jesus taught that "the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart" (Matt 12:34). We cannot fix our words without first fixing our hearts.

When the Lord judges us for our words, it is because He is seeking to purify our hearts. True, the heart is deceitful above all things and it is difficult to know our own iniquity. Yet if we simply pause and listen to how many of our words are without love, we can track them back to the real problem: loveless hearts.

A New Anointing

Christians are in the fire of God. The Holy Spirit is purging the church from negative chatter. A fresh anointing is at hand where God's people shall speak with the character necessary to represent Him. What the Lord told the prophet Jeremiah He is speaking also to us:

"Therefore, thus says the LORD, 'If you return, then I will restore you -- before Me you will stand; and if you extract the precious from the worthless, You will become My spokesman'" (Jer 15:19).

Let us pray that as God exposes our lack of love a time will soon come when we will pray with credibility: "You have tried my heart; You have visited me by night; You have tested me and You find nothing; I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress" (Ps 17:3).

Do we see this? God judges the quality of our entire lives by the soundness and substance of our words. Thus Jesus warned, "But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment" (Matt 12:36). Let us consider Christ's warning soberly. He continued, "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matt 12:37). James adds, "Judgment will be merciless to him who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13). I have a holy fear in my heart concerning these warnings. I know that if I am merciless toward others, God will be merciless toward me.

Character Counts

Sometimes I think we try to mask our critical attitude by calling it "discernment." The fact is, most of what manifests in our discussions about others is simply judging after the flesh. If we truly love an individual, we will be as loving in their absence as we are in their presence.

Jesus said His disciples would be known by their love. Paul said that the love of Christ is supposed to control us, which means it is the nature and discipline of love that keeps us from joining in verbal attacks or even subtle criticisms. You see, it takes character to avoid being sucked into gossip and criticisms. There is a high road we can take. It starts with prayer, it extends to grace, it is slow to speak, it approaches an individual with a meek heart, it talks privately with the person; it is forgiving when wronged and patient with the spiritually immature.

Of course, if someone is involved with criminal activity or seriously endangering others through their sin, we must love the greater community and take steps to protect the innocent. There is a time to discipline or even publicly expose sin (Matt 18:15-17), but it's after we exhaust other means of correction -- and even then, our motive should communicate our hope of redemption and not allow our disclosure to become a smokescreen for revenge. In all things, love must guide our words.

Child's Eye-View of Love

Recently my youngest daughter, Eden, sent me a list of quotes that came from little children. Each child was asked to describe what love meant to them. Their answers were, at times, quite intriguing. One in particular, from a four year old boy named Billy, has stuck with me. He said, "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."

That thought seems to say it all: "When someone loves you . . . your name is safe in their mouth." Behold this clarity of vision as love is defined by a little child. When we truly walk in Christ's love, those around us will be safe -- and others will see the love of Christ that controls us.

Beloved, to walk in covering love is to show ourselves truly acquainted with Christ. Let us ask God, "Father, show me my heart. Is Your love ruling, even in the unseen areas of my life? Are the names of others safe in my mouth?"

The Marriage of the Word and the Spirit

Shawn Bolz

Martin Luther and the Wittenberg Door

I had a vision of a hand with a hammer in it. With violence in its strokes, the hand was nailing a paper to a large door. I looked at the paper and heard a loud noise that sounded like an explosion that shook the entire heavens.

As I was observing this scene, I remembered Martin Luther nailing his thesis to the Church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31st in the early 1500's. These 95 theses carried the theme that we are not justified by the Church but by faith, and that we all had the God-given authority to have our own relationship with God. The main fruit of this was that Martin Luther was able to print the Bible for every one to have the opportunity of reading it; the common people were empowered to read the logos Word for themselves.

Since the early church, never had the entire world changed so much. It was not revival of God's people or a few saved in one church; all of society began to change as people were able to understand who they are to God. It was a reformation of identity and the protestant Church came out of this incredible dynamic. It affected art, music, science, business, politics, and, of course, the Church. Nothing went unaffected by the great revelation of God being poured out.

A Thesis is Again Being Nailed to the Door of Every Church

I saw a paper being nailed to a door in my vision, just like the one Martin Luther nailed to the door in Wittenberg, but this one, although similar, was different. If Martin Luther's read in theme like this: "All people shall have access to the Bible; to have their own identity in God through reading His Word and no one, not even a priest, can get in the way of this . . . " Then this new thesis was themed with a similar message but about the Spirit: "All people shall have access to the Spirit of God; to have their own identity in relationship to Heaven by hearing the voice of God, and no one can interfere with this spiritual heritage . . . "

This paper I saw was the release of the Spirit of Revelation to the common person on the earth. It was like Joel saw in Joel 2:28, with the Spirit of God released on all flesh. This is available to our generation; a relationship to heaven and Jesus. As God empowers His people with a Spirit of Revelation to have the Logos and the Rhema, there is again going to be a change in all society that transpires.

The Marriage of the Word and the Spirit

I believe what a well-known prophet prophesied in 1989 about this end-time mandate is essential to understand now. He prophesied that God is going to restore the Rhema word so there will again be a marriage between the Logos and the Rhema. Furthermore, it is going to bring the greatest revival the world has ever seen. The enemy would love for us to disregard or forget these powerful declarations prophesied in light of the difficulties experienced by several high profile prophetic people. However, we need to hear this message more now than ever.

A Divine Frustration

There is a disinterest and even frustration in people's hearts towards the prophetic ministry right now. We have had several accusations against our own ministry on a level we have not had in years. One day, while asking the Lord about this, He spoke to me and said, "The reason why these letters and communications are being spread and have found such a broad audience is because there is a root of disappointment in My people towards prophetic ministry and its ministers. I am allowing frustration within people's hearts so that they will be hungry to have their own life of revelation and not exalt ministries to do it for them. I am a jealous God and I will not let the main source of their revelation be from a man, no matter how much I love that ministry."

God wants each one of us to have a prophetic journey and a life of revelation birthed from His heart. This does not negate the need for the prophetic ministry but enhances it. We need prophets, but we can not live out of an unhealthy desire for them to replace our need for our own revelation. The way that most of the church treats the prophetic right now is not a function of relationship with the Kingdom; but instead we are allowing a few prophetic ministries to hold a position that God wants to be common in the body of Christ . . . that all of His people will have revelation and therefore prophesy.

God is Judging the Prophetic Ministry on the Earth

God is presently judging ministries of revelation, not because He is upset with us, but because he wants to make us better. It is His kindness not to leave us where we are. It's easy to get discouraged when we see many are being disciplined, but if you see God's heart of love, you will not feel like the sky is falling but that His heart is more present. Jesus longs for a corporate people who will cry out on earth with revelation of His heart and Word. He loves the prophetic ministry and is calling it higher. The fruit of this will far outweigh the discouragement some feel in the process.

The Modern Day Printing Press

In Martin Luther's day the printing press was inspired by God in technology to spread the Word quickly. The Bible was given into the hands of every human who wanted it, and many other books were quickly distributed which caused world wide change as the Logos was given back to the body.

In our day God has invented the internet, television, radio, and movies. He has a goal for each one of these mediums to be used as broadcasters of His Rhema and Logos words. He allowed these inventions so He can get glory from them. Many Christians protest these very powerful communication networks because they are frustrated with the materials being put out by them. Nevertheless, the most powerful protests will be when we overtake them because we have such revelation of Jesus that we begin to use them to broadcast His name all of over the earth with fresh manna from heaven. This is our portion.

Do You Want a Visitation?

Has your heart come to a place where you don't want another prophetic word from someone else? Have you come to the place that you just long to see Jesus and hear from Him yourself? Do you want a visitation of Him alone? This is mature hunger, and it's being given all over the world right now.

In **John 17**, Jesus cries out to God: **"Father, I want them to be with me where I am! I want them to see My Glory."**

He wants you to be with Him, to know Him intimately and to hear His voice. In this most powerful prayer of the Bible, He expresses His longing for you to know Him with full knowledge and full understanding that can only come through the Spirit and the Word being married.

Whenever your heart groans to encounter Him, remember this: He wants it more than you do. Will God deny Himself?

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The Moment of Time We're In

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Today, while praying and pondering the natural disasters the United States is experiencing, I heard thunder, and I saw an enormous angel with a sword and a ruler (to measure with). He was very ominous. I saw Him go to New Orleans, then Galveston, and then to Houston. He cast the ruler into each city.
Next, He went to Southern California and cast the ruler down. The ruler seemed to cover a region, rather than a city. The angel then went north and cast a ruler over Northern California. Next, He went up to northern Oregon and Washington and cast the ruler to the ground. Once again, this seemed like a region rather then a specific city.

I asked the Lord what was happening, and He showed me Joshua 5:13-15. In this passage, Joshua was about to lead the children of Israel into battle to destroy Jericho. Joshua looked up and saw a man opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand.
Joshua asked Him "Are You for us or for our adversaries?" He replied, "No, but as Commander of the Lord, I have now come."

Joshua's response was two fold:
1. He fell down (humbled himself) and worshipped.
2. He asked, "What does the Lord say to his servant?" (willingness to hear God).
Although Jericho was to be completely destroyed, one woman's response in acknowledging the Lord and what He was doing, not only saved her, it also saved all those who aligned themselves with her in a place of designated protection. She (Rahab) hung a red cord (representative of the blood of Jesus Christ) out her window. When destruction came to the city, she and all those who were with her were spared because of the red cord.

What an amazing picture this is of God's mercy, protection, and provision to those of faith, and even to those who align themselves with the righteous.

Next, the Lord showed me the ruler the Angel had cast down and Malachi 3:18:
"Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between the one that serves God and one who does not serve Him."
The ruler that the Angel cast down seemed to release events, situations, and truth that will make it very

clear who is for the Lord and who is not. Malachi 4:1-6 is both sobering and comforting. It speaks of *"The day of the Lord that will burn like an oven. And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day that is coming shall burn them up."*

But on the other hand, at the same time that judgment is occurring, Malachi 4:2 is an awesome promise to those who fear the Lord:
1. The Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings (Wholeness)
2. They shall go out (liberty)
3. Grow fat like a stall fed calf (provision)
4. They shall trample the wicked (effective authority and power)

The following verses in Malachi 4 are a wonderful guarantee for those who are hearers and doers of the Word of the Lord. The Spirit of Elijah, the prophet, will be sent BEFORE the great and dreadful day of the Lord. This is a promise of a fantastic release of reconciliation, as well as a mandate to BE RECONCILED, lest the Lord come and strike the earth with a curse.

Though we are facing almost unbelievable times, there is a 'ROCK SOLID PROMISE' of great blessing for those who are on the side of the Lord. He is calling us to faith, repentance, and expectation of the promise and the power and the protection of His blood. . . to us and to those we are interceding for.

Let us remember Rehab, believe and obey, and "HANG THE RED CORD OUT OF OUR WINDOW, FOR OURSELVES, AND FOR THOSE WHO WE ARE PRAYING FOR!"

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The Message of Zephaniah

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The trumpet of the Lord is sounding even louder. Where spiritual discernment abounds in the spiritual ears of those who inquire of the Lord, the message He gives is resoundingly clear; the day of His wrath is soon approaching. God's day is at hand; and there are many who are not listening to the warning given. This day is soon to come upon us; a day in which God will greatly intervene in human affairs. Sin must clearly be punished or God wouldn't be just. Secure and careless people will be dealt with. They are secure in the sense that they say in their heart, the Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil; that is, they deny both his administration of rewards and punishments. But in the day of the Lord's judgment, it will become clear that those who perish, will fall a sacrifice to Divine justice for breaking God's law, and because they have no interest by faith in the Christ Jesus' atoning sacrifice.

This day of the Lord is very near; it is a day of God's wrath, wrath to the utmost. It will be a day of trouble and distress to sinners and hypocrites who profess to know God and yet in their hearts serve Satan. It is not be wise for them to try the patience of God. What is a man profited if he gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? And what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Let us flee from the wrath to come, and choose the good part that shall never be taken from us; then we shall be prepared for every event; nothing shall separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

There is also a warning to the nations who have rejected God, that have no desire toward Him, is not desirous of his favor and grace, and has no mind to repent and reform. On the day of God's coming wrath He will justly say, Depart from me. However it is not God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to the saving knowledge of God through Christ Jesus. He is saying to the elect church, "Seek the Lord all ye meek of the earth which have wrought his judgment, seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be that you shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger (Zeph. 2:3)."

To those who would inquire of the Lord and turn to Him with a repentant heart, they are the ones that are ever humble and dependant on Him; not trusting in themselves or their possessions; and He has promised to save them from this day. They will be hidden safely in Him on the day of His wrath. God has said that He will restore their fortunes (Zeph. 2:7), eliminate their enemies (Zeph. 3:8), increase their territory (Zeph. 1:13; 2:7,9) give them peace (Zeph. 3:12) bring them salvation (Zeph. 3:14-20).

God's people will be righteous in our treatment of one another, loving one another as we truly love God, and are drawn to Him by that love in Christ Jesus.

We know what God's decree will bring against impenitent sinners, therefore it highly concerns all to repent in the accepted time. How careful should we all be to seek peace with God, before the Holy Spirit withdraws from us, or ceases to strive with us; before the day of grace is over, or our lives; before our everlasting state is determined! Let the poor, despised, and afflicted, seek the Lord, and seek to understand and keep his commandments better, that they may be more humbled for their sins. The foremost hope of deliverance from national judgments rests on the hinges of prayer.

Remember, God is full of gentleness (Zeph. 2:7, 3:17), joy (Zeph. 3:17), and grace (Zeph. 3:9-20), but He is also a God of justice (Zeph. 1:8,9; Zeph. 1:15, 18).

We must trust God to work out His plan in these coming days, and:

Seek Him through a close and intimate relationship with Him. Truly know Him as the Father He is to the righteous in Christ Jesus. (Zeph. 2:3) Be meek and humble in heart and die to selfish desires. (Zeph. 2:3b) Simply stand, and wait on the Lord to carry out His restoration of righteousness through justice, and be sure that you are among the righteous. (Zeph. 3:8) Pray and intercede for the elect of God continuously.

The Most Startling Development in World History

Jim Rutz

WORLDNETDAILY - by Jim Rutz - May 24, 2005 - As I was leaving New Delhi in 2003, I called an Indian friend, Rodrick Gilbert, who leads a network of house churches with 26,000 former Hindus.

"Rod," I said, "I have a little credibility problem in the United States when I teach people about resurrections. Could you send somebody over to my hotel who has come back from the dead? I'd like to take a few snapshots."

Rod graciously brought someone over himself 7-year-old Arjun Janki Dass, along with his mother Mina, and Savitri, the lady who prayed him back to life.

Arjun died at age 5. The gist of his story:
At six o'clock on an April evening in 2001, Arjun was accidentally electrocuted by 220-volt wires touching his head.

His parents took him to a medical clinic where they worked on his body for two hours without success. They tried CPR, electroshock paddles, adrenaline shots all the usual. But they couldn't get him off flatline. So the doctor charged them 5,000 rupees (about $110) and told them to call an undertaker.

But they didn't. Instead they called Rod at the nearby Deliverance Church. He then called upon Savitri, one of his staff members.

Savitri brought two other Christians to Arjun's home, and the five of them began praying over the dead body about 10:00 p.m. They prayed their hearts out for six hours with pleading and tears. Then, at 4:00 a.m. the next morning, Arjun snapped back to life with no brain damage, no physical problems.

Today, he's a normal 9-year-old kid except for two nasty scar lines behind his left ear where the wire hit.

The most shocking aspect of the growing turn of the world toward Christ is this: People are coming back from death after being prayed for by ordinary folks like you and me. To be specific, my newest book, "MEGASHIFT: Igniting Spiritual Power," documents resurrections in 52 countries, mostly in the last 15 to 20 years. And these are not the well-known, "near-death" experiences where someone on an operating-room table passes out and goes down a long tunnel toward a light. These are stone-dead corpses.

The lockdown of the common man has come to an abrupt end. Many of the limitations your ancestors endured for centuries are now fading into the bleak and brutal past. The resurrections are only the most obvious evidence of a megashift in the functioning of eager-hearted believers whom the book of Revelation calls "overcomers."

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The Mouth Speaks The Heart’s Condition

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Revelation 16:13

When wandering in a spiritual wasteland
Where living streams run dry
No sustaining sustenance
To quench the desire burning deep inside
Don’t waste time considering
A journey to the other side
To encroach upon unknown mysteries
Where knowledge walks with pride
And where stories of self preservation
Ring out loud but don’t sound right.

The hour could be declaring a salvation
Far beyond the strength of man’s might
Where you realize the definition of liberation
Is a truth that exists within the Light.

Promises are easy
When no one holds you account
Rules can change daily
When dependent on the attitude of the crowd
What may be heralded as truth on Sunday
May on Monday be cast down
And if you grow too tired to follow
You may find yourself back on the same old mount
Positioned in the middle of a spiritual wasteland
Marked by yesterday’s troubled doubts.

Is today the day of your reckoning
Where you lay your accounts down
And accept the Lord’s saving grace
So He can establish you on solid ground.

The words of men are many
Reason demands to speak its will
But when a cause has risen
Will the effect lead you to sorrow’s hill?
Or will reason’s voice present itself
As truth spoken from the Saviors mouth
Where understanding is given
To remove the cruel bondage of doubt.

> *“And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.” Revelation 16:13*

> *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error." 1 John 4:1-6*

"*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service*." (Romans 12:1) It is reasonable that a person, would desire to live honorably and sincerely unto God, who has been awakened to righteousness found in Christ. It is reasonable that if a person has placed their faith in Christ, that they would have some understanding of God's Word that proclaims they are "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ" so that they are inspired to live holy unto God.

It is reasonable that a person to whom Jesus Christ has come would be inspired of truths that reflect the Lord's mercy and love. They have been born again of the Holy Spirit, so that God's kingdom authority without, now reigns upon their heart and mind. It is also reasonable that a person - who understands that they stand under heavens, that have purged and made new by the blood of Christ - would be inspired of God's message of grace that is now trumpeted throughout creation.

But what is reasonable for a person, who has found their identity in Christ, will be foolishness to someone else who denies that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. A person, who rejects any possibility of a relationship with God, through faith in Jesus Christ, is walking in a spiritual wasteland; they are unable to see the markers of God's holiness that God has established upon the earth, found in His Word. To a person who denies the possibility of partaking of the river of life, where God's Spirit is released from His throne room in heaven - which will cause a person to experience the power of God's love toward them - will live their lives as the first Adam, in bondage to sin, death and self. They will find it natural to exalt their own opinions above the power and authority of God. And if they continue to deny that Jesus is God's beloved Son, they will live out their lives looking to the opinions and ideas of mankind, and not God, to satisfy the desires of their carnal, Adamic nature.

> *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Romans 8:5-7*

Those who are "after the flesh" are those who have no understanding of a spiritual relationship with a holy God. They live according to desires that are not under the influence of a forgiving, merciful, and loving God. When someone lives in submission to the desires of the flesh, they are said to be carnally minded. Because their lives are not influenced by the Holy Spirit, they live dependent entirely upon the earthly realm. Those who deny that God has a purpose and plan for their lives, feast on understandings that they believe to be true, yet which do not reflect the nature of a holy God, to satisfy the appetite of their carnal nature.

To be "carnally minded is death" because this type of mindset looks away from God for an identity in life. A person who has a carnal mindset, who denies Christ, has no understanding of the purpose of God's love toward them. Though each person is born with the natural, Adamic, carnal mindset, each person has also received a spirit, God's breath of life, which is able to respond to God. If a person continues onward in their life, denying the value of a relationship with God, then their spirit will look to other sources, which will influence the thoughts and actions of their body and soul.

In seeking an identity in life, if a person's spirit is not influenced by the Holy Spirit, they will look to other sources outside of God, which will rule and reign over their emotions, opinions, desires and understandings. When a person lives out their life without the influence of the Holy Spirit, they remained in the realm where the Adamic, carnal nature reigns. In this realm of existence, it will be natural for a person to exalt their own ideas, and opinions above God. All of creation declares God's glory, but when a person discounts this truth, then their spirit - which influences their soul (heart and mind) in the way they will interpret their surroundings, their past and future, their purpose for existence - will continue to roam the earth, seeking out ideas, and the opinions of others, so that they can experience some sense of identity in their life.

> *"There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one." Acts 5:16*

The blood of Christ - which purged the heavens so that God opened wide His temple doors and released His Spirit upon the earth - has made it possible that whosoever should believe in His Son, will receive the Holy Spirit. A person filled of God's "Holy" Spirit, now stands before God, covered in the righteousness of Christ, made holy in the sight of God because of what Christ has accomplished for them. The pollutions of the world, the thoughts and opinions that deny the power and authority of the living God, will be cast down from a position of influence within the person's life as they experience the power of God's love realized in the Holy Spirit. When filled of the Holy Spirit, a person's spirit, soul and body are placed under the divine authority of God. When a person's spirit is influenced by the Holy Spirit, unbelief's power will lose control over their thoughts, so that the Word reveals an understanding of who they were created to be in Christ.

Thoughts, ideas, and opinions aligned with unbelief will be cast off of a person's heart and mind, as the Word and the Spirit reveal to them the beauty of God's holiness, kindness, mercy and love. When their spirit is in submission unto the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ, they will be given spiritual eyesight to see the world around them through God's eyes of mercy. The Holy Spirit is able to bring into submission the spirit, soul and body of a person, so that they are able to escape the pollutions of this world, which are unclean thoughts and opinions in the sight of God. When a person is filled of the Holy Spirit, then their spirit, soul and body are cleansed by the blood of Christ, so that they stand righteous in God's sight; but when a person denies that Jesus is the Christ, so that they do not receive the Holy Spirit, then their spirit, soul and body will remain unclean in the sight of God.

A person's spirit influences their body and soul, just as the body and soul will influence their spirit. When a person's spirit is not under the influence of the Holy Spirit, then they are sure to be influenced by "unclean" spirits (a person's spirit that influences the soul, but is not under the influence of the Holy Spirit) that shape the opinions of others. It is when a person is adorned in the righteousness of Christ, having received the Holy Spirit, that they are renewed and made clean in the sight of God. Then the desire to partake of unclean, unwholesome understandings that would deny that Jesus is God's beloved Son, will lose influence over their lives. But if the Holy Spirit has no influence in a person's life, so that they remain captive to unwholesome thoughts and ideas that cater to the lusts of the carnal, Adamic nature, then their spirit (which influences their body and soul) will remain "unclean." Through faith in Jesus Christ, a person will receive the Holy Spirit, so that the unclean becomes clean, in the sight of God.

When a person is immersed into the living waters that flow from God's throne room on high, they will be washed clean in the holiness of God's love. When filled of the Spirit, then their spirit, which influences their body and soul, will be renewed, so that a person will be encouraged to take their thoughts captive to the Word of God, having confidence that God will lead them unto all truth. Though a person was an idolater, adulterer, thief, covetous, or a drunkard, when washed in the living waters of God's Holy Spirit, they will be sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" when a person, who through faith in Jesus Christ, receives God's Holy Spirit.

> *"And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading troughs." Exodus 8:3*

Because the early Egyptians existed in the middle of the desert, they knew that without the Nile they would have perished. To the Egyptian, the Nile River gave them life. The Nile River was of such significant importance to the Egyptians, that from this natural life force would arise their greatest and most powerful god, who was given the name Hapi. The Egyptians also saw that when the Nile River rose, that the frog population increased. They assumed this force of nature, (the rise of the Nile River and the increased frog population), to be incarnate in the frogs. Because the Egyptians saw that there were many frogs, all appearing from the Nile, they associated the frog with fertility (life) and resurrection. Heqet would become the frog goddess. She became the goddess of childbirth, creation and grain germination. She was depicted as a frog, or a woman with the head of a frog.

When God spoke to Moses, and told him to say unto Pharaoh, "Let my people go, that they may serve me," God also said, that if Pharaoh refused, that He would cause the river to bring "forth frogs abundantly." When God told Moses to tell Aaron to call forth an over abundance of frogs to rise from the river, which would cover the land of Egypt, the Egyptians would become eye witnesses to the power of the living God, the God of Israel.

The frogs, which symbolized life and resurrection, became the reality of their sorrow. For the Egyptians, an over abundance of frogs made it impossible for them to live out their daily lives. What was supposed to bring life would instead bring destruction, and perhaps death, because their lives were interrupted in such an extreme measure. Through Moses, God showed Himself to be the one true God, who ruled over the forces of nature. God proved to the Egyptians that He was greater than the many gods that they worshipped.

> *"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet." Revelation 16:13*

Moving forward from Moses and the Egyptians to the time of Apostle John, when he walked in visions on the island of Patmos, we read that he saw "spirits like frogs" come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and of the false prophet. John had partaken of the Holy Spirit. As a blessed partaker of God's kingdom of righteousness, he would be chosen of God to receive a revelation that revealed God's involvement with mankind and the spiritual condition of the lives of mankind. He would, through the visions, share with others truths and understandings of the power of God's Spirit, which influences all of life, and how God intervenes in the lives of mankind.

Through the Apostle John's visions, revelation was given regarding how the spiritual condition of a person's relationship with God affected their interaction with the world around them. In some instances, John would be shown visions to describe how the Spirit inspired and encouraged those who loved the Lord with all their heart. He was given revelation to see how the Word and the Spirit influenced, encouraged, refined and edified a person's life. At other times, John would be given visions that would show the torment and torture of souls who denied that Jesus was the Son of God.

Through the visions, John saw spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon (Satan, the ruler of darkness, which is the realm of unbelief), out of the mouth of the beast (the carnal, Adamic, fleshly nature, that exalts self above God) and of the false prophet (those who proclaim there is peace outside of a personal relationship with God, who even deny the "Lord that bought them"). Through John's vision, God reveals the spiritual condition of the heart of those speakers, and the intent behind the words spoken.

> *"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man." Matthew 15:18-20*

Jesus Christ proclaimed that what a person believed in, is what would be the beliefs that person spoke. It was the condition of a person's heart that defiled a person. If a person was filled of the Spirit, then God's love shed abroad upon their heart would then influence the words they spoke. But if a person's spirit was not under the influence of the Holy Spirit, then the words they spoke would reflect this truth. The words a person speaks reveals the spiritual condition of their heart. If a person's spirit is not influenced of the Holy Spirit, then it will be natural for them to speak words that reflect the carnal, Adamic nature. This is what will defile a person's soul; when their spirit is not under the influence of the Holy Spirit, then their spirit seeks out an identity apart from God.

When we read of John's vision where he sees "spirits like frogs" proceeding out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet, we are being given insight into important truths. Because of who is speaking, we can understand that the words spoken do not reflect the words of the Father, Son or Holy Spirit. The dragon, the beast and the false prophet all stand opposed to the will of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They will always speak words that do not reflect the holiness, mercy and love of God. The "spirits like frogs" reveal the spiritual condition in the heart of the one speaking. For from out of the heart the mouth speaks, and in this instance, the one who is speaking has no fellowship with the living God.

To the ancient Egyptians the frogs represented life and resurrection. The frogs in John's vision represent the same basic concept, that there is a way to obtain life and resurrection. In this instance, the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet proclaim there is a way to obtain life and resurrection apart from God. The dragon (ruler of darkness, which is the realm of unbelief), the beast (carnal, Adamic, fleshly nature) and the false prophet (who proclaims there is peace apart from God and even denies that Jesus is the Christ) only speak words that are opposed to the Word of God. If they say there is a way to obtain life and resurrection apart from God, then according to God's Word, we know that they speak falsely.

The words a person speaks reveal the spiritual condition of their heart. Anyone who says there is life and resurrection apart from faith in Jesus Christ is speaking from the same spiritual realm as the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet. To believe that there is life and resurrection apart from faith in Jesus Christ is to stand in the same spiritual realm as the ancient Egyptians, who believed life and resurrection were from their gods, who represented forces of nature.

Any person, who speaks words that proclaim there is life and resurrection apart from faith in Christ, is speaking words that belong in the realm of unbelief in a holy God. The spiritual condition of their heart is led of the flesh; and they will find it natural to seek out ideas that will cater to the lusts of their carnal nature. Any person who says that there is life and resurrection apart from faith in God's beloved Son, is not likely to feel any condemnation for exalting their ideas, which they profess will give life and inspiration to others, but which are given for the sole purpose of seeking money or their own glory.

God is very clear in proclaiming that there is no other way to obtain eternal life, than through faith in

Jesus Christ. If any person professes they have obtained an understanding that will bring about life and resurrection, apart from faith in Christ, then according to God’s Word, they speak falsely. Their words are unclean because their words are not under the influence of the Holy Spirit, and do not reflect the purpose of what God accomplished through Jesus Christ. They walk with a heart defiled, not influenced of the Holy Spirit, so even though they promise abundant life to another, they will themselves remain in the realm of sorrow and grief where unbelief holds reign.

Jesus Christ proclaims that the words He speaks are “Spirit, and they are life.” The words of Jesus Christ will bring life, eternal life to the hearer, when through faith they believe and receive the Holy Spirit. Those who hear the words of Jesus Christ but do not believe will continue to abide in darkness, blind to the love and mercy of God. They will not be partaker’s of eternal life, realized in the Holy Spirit. The words a person speaks can bring about life or those words can bring about death; there is power in the words we speak. May God bless His children with an abundance of great mercy, so that they are encouraged to look to Him, and to speak words that will impart eternal, spiritual life to those around them.

> *“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us: for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.” 1 John 2:18-22*

The Mountain States

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"The mountain states of America shall serve as a fault line in the Spirit and in the natural. These states will be a region of very rapid spiritual and prophetic movement. I am birthing a new thing in this region as I strategically use my people to declare the greatness and glory of God" says the Lord.

"New Mexico shall be a state of new beginnings and unusual signs and wonders. There will be close encounters of the God-kind in out of the way places. New Mexico will also be known as a 'David's Army' state. Those who do not seem to fit elsewhere in the body will be made into an undefeated and faithful army for the Lord. The harvest shall be abundant in the days ahead, especially amongst the Hispanic and Native American population. Supernatural encounters shall also become common place in many unlikely places. Old missions shall be revived in days to come."

"Colorado shall be taken to new heights in the Glory of God. I will cause an avalanche of my power to overtake the enemy in this region. Denver shall be host to a sustained move of God that will flow out of the walls of the church and into the streets. An end-time reformation and revival shall spread from here to other regions of the nation. Strongholds of the occult and New Age are going to be torn down. Colorado shall be a place known for the High Praises of God. A generation of no compromise and no retreat will rise up and take new territory for the Kingdom in these days. There is also a new spring coming forth in Colorado Springs. It is time for many different streams and organizations to begin to come together in unity."

"Utah shall shake with the power of God. There is a shifting of the earth that will begin to rumble under Salt Lake in days ahead. Mormon steeples will fall and the fire of God and the shaking of the Holy Spirit shall purge temples of deception. I am going to release a light of revelation that will set the captives free in this region. Places of perversion will become places of purity. I am restoring my name and my glory in the midst of people who have said that they were gods. The Lord is beginning to rise up reformers in the midst of Utah."

"Montana is an open heaven and pure atmosphere state. The Lord is rising up forerunners here with the anointing of John the Baptist. There are many prophetic people in hiding in Montana but the Lord is calling them forth. I see many people coming to their mountain-of-change experience in this state. New natural resources will be discovered within the Rockies of Montana in the next decade."

"Wyoming shall be a place of spiritual pioneers and deliverers. The voice of the Lord will go forth from the mountains and the prairies of Wyoming. This shall also be a place of refreshing for many who dwell here. There will be a notable population and real estate boom in the next 4 years. Wyoming will serve as a womb for many nameless, faceless prophets and apostles to come."

"Idaho will be the place where hidden treasures are revealed. Many people of influence will retreat and hide here as well. The Lord shall use the body of Christ in this state to be a habitation for many who are anointed like Cyrus. (Isaiah 45)

Authors note: As stated in an earlier message, the Lord has given me instructions to prophesy concerning the destiny of every state. This, by no means, exhausts what the Lord is saying over each state and region. It does, however, provide a glimpse into the heart and mind of God for each state, for different regions, and for our country.

If you are interested, you can view other prophetic words to other states in the message archives.

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To My Weary Bride
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Beloved,

I desire to talk with you...I desire to give you great comfort and rest in this hour for there is a storm coming upon the horizon. Many of you are already weary because of the storms that have hit you broadside... It's time to come and tuck yourself under my wing of comfort and rest....this place of "complete peace", it is in me, it is my "Shalom-Peace".

(Shalom means in Hebrew: safe, well, happy, welfare, health, prosperity, peace, favor, perfect: such as to be at peace. A place of "wholeness".)

Comfort, Oh Comfort My People...

I have come to comfort you, I have come to speak life in to you....., Oh yes Beloved, There are seasons where I long for you to run after me. But, this is the season I am chasing after you! I am drawing you, compelling you to come and dine in my presence. I have promised you the new, and the new is coming. The new in your personal life and new in ministry. New favor is coming, new opportunities, the new is before you.

Come into my garden....

You have stepped over the threshold, through the gate in to a very large and beautiful garden with me. Oh the wild fern grows next to my streams of living water. There is a swing in the garden, it hangs from your favorite tree. There is a cobble stone walk way that winds around my garden. The lilies they stand next to the walk way and they omit a beautiful fragrance every time you come near. I have captured your heart in my garden and I show you my love and devotion as we come together to share love in this intimate place. You will know greater depths of my love. I will increase my "love anointing" upon you. You please me, your "walk", pleases me so Beloved. I have come to you, I have brought you in to my chambers. I am here with you. I am so pleased with your faithfulness. I am pleased with what we have accomplished together in prayer, your obedience to come beside me and pray my heart...oh how it has pleased me so...

My Love Song To You...

Beloved, I have rescued you out of the deepest darkness, as a damsel in distress, I have come to you my bride. I have fought for you and know one else can have you, I am the only one, for truly I am the lover of your soul. Oh yes, Many things have tried to steal you away, but I say to you Beloved, This day you are mine. There is no other, I am your Beloved one, your Lord!

Spend intimate times with me, out of our intimacy will be birthed the new. New wine, new intimacy and the gift of faith. Yes, faith will arise and touch your heart in a new way....a mighty war cry will be heard across the land, but it is out of this new place of intimacy that this shall arise. So come before me. I am waiting for you.... I ask you to come in to my chambers it is a time for greater favor and grace. My scepter is extended to you...Beloved. Come before me, there is a refreshing I yearn to give you.

My chambers are of velvet, and satins of fine purples and royal blues. My bed is of a silken fragrance, and great peace comes upon my bride as she rests in my arms. Her pleasant fragrance.... I long to know. Time is near, and I shall come for her, and give her a place of permanent rest in my heavenly throne.

The purple in the sky is a sign... for my new wine is coming....wine of joy, shalom peace, no striving in this place, such a peace... a releasing of new sensitivity coming. Greater depths of intercession being released. The birth of this intercession will be in a place of joy and peace....my yoke is easy Beloved...not burdensome...

Your loving Lord and Bridegroom...

Isa 40: 1-2 "Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to (my Beloved's) Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

Isa 40: 28 "Your name inserted", "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth, He will not grow tired or weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Song of Solomon 2:8-14 "The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; He is looking through the windows, Gazing through the lattice. My beloved spoke, and said to me; Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past. The rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; And the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth her green figs, And the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away!" "O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, In the secret places of the cliff, Let me see your face, Let me hear your voice; For your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely."

Dear Ones:

As I waited upon the Lord this week I sensed an overwhelming sense that he really wanted to bring "comfort", to His people. Out of this place, was birthed, "The Love Song of the Lord", ... I pray that you enter in to the secret place of the most high. That he draws you in to his chambers, and that as you hear him and see him peering through the lattice of your hearts that you will let him in. He is a fearsome God, but not to be afraid of. He is a holy fire, but never leaves the smell of smoke upon his Beloved One's. He is truly the lover of our souls. You will never find another who will love and cherish you more than he!

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The Narrow And Constricted Way
Sandy Warner

Apr 22, 2005
THE NARROW AND CONSTRICTED WAY
You remind Me of the precious donkey I rode into Jerusalem. I watch you carefully plodding along the high, narrow and constrained mountain trails. Your gait shall always be sure-footed and easy as you are waiting upon Me in the Tabernacle of My presence. I see the power of the mantle of holiness blanketing your shoulders. I also see your saddle bags stuffed full of My good promises and My daily Word loaded with benefits.

The mountains in your life, those that were too difficult to cross on your own, I am joining you to split them to half their size. The power that will accomplish this is walking in My mantle of holiness. Dear one, go forth with My message. Tell them to lay down their personal agendas and also hold the line of My holy standard.

This is a story with a happy ending. Even as your saddle bags are loaded with good gifts, all the odds are stacked in your favor. Yes, the way has been constrained and I AM compelling you forward, but My help is all you need. I AM thoroughly equipping you for My good work.

John 12:14-15 NKJV
Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

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Keep Flushing
Sandy Warner

Apr 20, 2005

KEEP FLUSHING
There are times when the demonic takes on a campaign to aggressively bombard your thought life over and over and over again. Beloved, stand in the power of My might, in My Name and with the blood of Jesus. You may feel that your resistance is getting nowhere, but trust Me - that when the pressure is the strongest, this is also the sign of a climax for your breakthrough. Even as you grow weary, so does the powers behind the demonic also wear down. They spend themselves for an all out frontal attack, hoping you will grow hopeless and give in. But I have given you the power to stand and resist in My Name. So with each and every thought that does not measure up to My Word, send it captive to My cross to obey Me. Flush it out and away from you and do not stop flushing. Even though it will take some time, you will find your peace once again, I promise. Don't give up!

2 Cor 10:4-6 NKJV
For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

Phil 4:8 AMP

For the rest, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of reverence and is honorable and seemly, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely and lovable, whatever is kind and winsome and gracious, if there is any virtue and excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on and weigh and take account of these things [fix your minds on them].

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Truth Will Settle Your Conscience
Sandy Warner

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Truth Will Settle Your Conscience
When to speak and when to be silent,
Needs My wisdom when among the violent.
For the enemy seeks to accuse your hearts.
Remain faithful to My Word, do not depart.

As you remain in the place I've put you,
I will weave the loose ends and mend you too.
In time, you will see My Truth in clarity,
Of what measures up to My image in thee.

Your conscience being weak will accuse you too much.
Your liberty to taste, wrestles in the touch.
So wait on Me to release your freedom.
I will settle issues and their outcome.

My Truth will quicken your conscience alive
To release the lies of demonic contrive.
Let not your heart condemn you for love,
To love is pure, My design from above.

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin,
To partake without such you will not win.
To separate the dross from My pure Truth,
Will release your walk above the uncouth.

I mature your conscience as you grow in faith.
Step by step Truth releases you unscathed.
Rest in the process and grow in virtue.
I will grant you My peace in all that you do.

Listen to that important gage inside.
It goes up and down as you learn to abide.
It's My peace that helps you grow in measure,
As you yield to Me all that you treasure.

To step outside your boundary or metron,
Ahead of Me is unsafe like a pawn.

The enemy seeks to move you forward
Outside your measure of trust in My Word.

I will go before you and stretch your border.
You will know the way as I put Truth in order.
Listen for My cues of quickened candor.
They will punch your heart with drawing for more.

Yes, continue to listen for My voice.
I will help you to make the righteous choice.
I will speak through everything in your life,
If you but listen as you rest without strife.

I will open your ears to hear the details,
And punch with relevance, hammered with nails.
Each cue will establish and stretch your border,
As I confirm and plant with life-giving mortar.

Connect My Words from the common sums.
Tiny Words connected enlarge eardrums.
To hear the common denominators,
Increases your measure of land to explore.

Step by step your conscience will find freedom.
Great joy you'll discover in My kingdom.
Wait upon Me to build what's lacked in thee,
And soon increased boundary will be history.

And those treasures you gave to Me to hold,
Will become My glory as history unfolds.
Your fast from touch will have taken its course,
While you waited upon Me to know your Source.

I impart good gifts for you to partake.
I will open your eyes and draw you awake.
Your choice to fast, seeking faith to sustain,
Your boundaries for freedom will become gain.

My child, I know your heart, I know it's pure.
All that you have held, is so very dear.
But you must know your own heart that's true.
So fast right now and I will buy you new shoes.

Your feet are growing, if that be possible!
The expanse of your metron must be stable.
Always remember My peace is your gage.
My peace will keep you in your maturing age.

Listen to Wisdom, He is at your door.
He will draw your heart always wanting more.
I have planted a gift within your life.
You have yet to know the depth of its knife.

It separates and cuts the Truth from the lie,

Regardless if your soul accepts or denies.
Your soul and mind wrestle with your spirit,
When you approach the Truth and come near it.

As your conscience grows through faith in measure,
You will embrace the Truth of My purest treasure.
I have bestowed upon you My finest wealth.
It's My great favor because you've denied self.

Rom 2:15-16 NLT
They demonstrate that God's law is written within them, for their own consciences either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right. The day will surely come when God, by Jesus Christ, will judge everyone's secret life. This is my message.

1 John 3:19-23 NKJV
And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him. For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

Acts 24:16 NKJV
This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

Titus 1:15 NKJV
To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

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The New Civil Rights Movement

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The New Civil Rights Movement--Living the Dream

On October 24, 2005, Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights movement in America, passed into glory. This voice of justice was a forerunner for a cause that is about to hit its second wave of importance and freedom in America.

In January of 2001, God spoke to me audibly as I watched a pastor on television who was addressing civil rights. The voice of God spoke during this time and said: "The issue of civil rights is one of the most precious issues in my heart." I never knew the depth of Jesus' heart on it until I again read His prayer in J**ohn 17:21**: ***"that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."***

He was speaking about this issue because this is something that He is going to invest Himself into throughout our nation. He wants to bring his virtue to empower great changes in the days ahead.

The Civil Rights Mantle Is Coming Upon Many In a Generation

As Rosa Parks passed away, I saw a mantle of authority that she wore begin to fall to the earth, knowing that a generation is called to rise up and grab hold of it. She sparked the civil rights movement through her simple act of defying an unrighteous act towards her and her race, and the nation exploded into debate, rage, sympathy, identification, pride, and love, all over this one woman's bold act. That was just her beginning; just think about how awesome her life ended as she continued to be a trumpet of freedom for future generations.

It is no longer about black and white anymore in America, but every type of culture is at risk to be persecuted if there is not a deeper level of Kingdom value placed in the hearts of America. Some of this value is going to be birthed through further persecution that will be brought up into the public eye, but God is looking for Prophetic Civil Rights leaders who speak with wisdom and understanding (insert "those") whose very lives are a bridge from one race and culture to another.

Nation Against Nation

Just like it says in **Matthew 24:7**: ***"Nation will rise up against nation. . . "***

Jesus prophesied about the (omit "the") nations rising up against nations, but this isn't just in the context of wars from one whole country to another; it is also a prophecy about one culture or ethnic group rising up against another within the same nation. God wants to give the keys of racial unity to a new breed of civil rights champions. He is about to release the next wave of righteousness on behalf of the racial issues.

I AM THE DREAM!

There is a fire on this generation participating with the civil rights. And they are not only going to declare justice, but they are going to look at the dreams dreamt by Martin Luther King and boldly declare, **"I AM THE DREAM!"**

Then we will have our next installment of dreamers who are exponentially more bold in their visions of what the future will hold for every tongue and tribe of people in this country. Martin Luther King and other great leaders in his generation caught the thief that was trying to divide and plunder, but Proverbs says when you catch the thief, he has to pay back seven times what he stole. I believe there is a generation who is about to enter into a manifold blessing from which the previous generation paved the way for.

The Black Culture of America Has An Opportunity to LIVE THE DREAM!

There are times of blessings coming specifically for the black culture of America, even in the day of adversity, but it is also much broader then this. I heard the Lord say, "Some of the African Americans are about to live the dream that Martin Luther King prophesied so many years ago." Even more, He spoke, "Some of the greatest pictures of unification between races will happen in this generation, between white and black people. I will put unity on display; especially in efforts that My people partner with My agenda!"

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The New Reformation

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Its Spirit & Structure

Part 1 of 2

> *"…until a time of reformation"*
> Heb 9:10

Part 1 of this teaching will explore the *spirit* of the New Reformation and Part 2 the *structure*.

Christ's coming triggered a 'reformation', inaugurating a new order.

The letter to the Hebrews is a transitional and therefore reformational book. Using both comparison and contrast, it shows the superiority of the new over the old, calling the believing Hebrews into complete transition. With a foot in both camps, they were caught in the external requirements of the old, despite having put their faith in Christ in the new.

The Greek word 'reformation' in our text (Hebrews 9:10) is *'diorthosis'*, meaning *'a making straight, a rectification, correction'*. But what was the nature of this 'reformation' – what was it rectifying or correcting?

The "Appointed Time"

The answer to this will provide the DNA of every future reformation. Beginning with Christ's first coming there have been various 'times of reformation' in the history of the church.

The word for 'time' in our text is *'kairos',* which is *qualitative* time, referring to a critical moment, which may not recur, in which certain events and actions must occur. It therefore carries with it a sense of urgency and destiny. This is in contrast to *'chronos',* referring to *quantitative* time, to its general flow.

'Kairos' moments are 'appointed times' in history:

You will arise and have compassion on Zion; For it is time to be gracious to her, For the ***appointed time*** has come.
Surely Your servants find pleasure in her stones And feel pity for her dust.
So the nations will fear the name of the LORD And all the kings of the earth Your glory.
For the LORD has built up Zion; He has appeared in His glory.

Psa 102:13-16

They are times of restoration, rebuilding, and increased revelation of God's glory.

They are also prophetically foreshadowed, demanding great patience until their time arrives:

"For the vision is yet for the ***appointed time***; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay.

Hab 2:3

Prophets and seers, having seen the vision of an 'appointed time' are called to wait for God in the face of delays and disappointments. A prophetic delay tests the prophet, reducing them and ensuring the fulfilment is of God.

Even so, once the window arrives they demand response. God has appointed ‘times of reformation’ – moments of destiny, calling forth a ‘rectification and correction’. Jesus came bringing a correction to the old order, setting the pattern for every future reformation.

Like the Hebrews of the first century this is a transitional generation. In my estimation the period 1950-2025 approximates a new hinge in history – one on which a re-formed and restored Christianity swings, which having been reached will fill the earth with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord. We are again in a season of radical reformation, an ‘appointed time’, when root issues are being unearthed and a new obedience is being call forth. A time when every plant that the Father has not planted will be plucked up, and when the spirit of Elijah will be crying out in the wilderness, “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

Continuities & Discontinuities

The *‘kairos’* moment unequivocally brings a sword and not peace (see Mtt 10:34). While the transition to a new order reflects both *continuities* and *discontinuities*, the latter far outweigh the former. The scribe of the kingdom draws out things both old and new (see Mtt 13:52), but the movement is inexorably toward the new. Jesus put it plainly,

"No one sews a patch of unshrunk (new) cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.”

Mark 2:21

While there is continuity in terms of *‘chronos’* (the general flow of history), there is discontinuity in terms of *‘kairos’* (the moment of destiny). The new, in that moment, inevitably separates from and supersedes the old.

A Fundamental Flaw – the Basis of the Reformation

It flies in the face of tradition and the established order. However, why is this? Because of a fundamental flaw demanding rectification. This is germane to every reformation.

Until this flaw is recognised our best attempts at developing new wineskins will only produce hybrid and bastardised versions of the true. This is tragically the case in much of the contemporary church, including the ‘emerging church’ and the ‘new apostolic movement’. Like the Hebrew believers we have a foot in both camps. We want the new, like Jonathan, but cannot make the break from Saul’s house, his values and mindsets, to pursue David in the wilderness. This phenomenon surfaced in the tension between the mainstream Reformers such as Luther and Calvin and the radical arm of the Reformation (the Anabaptists), but more of that in Part 2. Therefore, we fall short, ultimately proving to be spiritually impotent. We unwittingly pour old wine into new wineskins.

But what is the old wine?

The Leaven of the Pharisees

Jesus, in bringing the ‘rectification’ to the old order, consistently warned about the ‘leaven of the Pharisees’ (see Mt 16:6, 11; Mk 8:15; Lk 12:1). This is the foundational flaw of the old order, both then and now.

The old wine is the leaven of the Pharisees, and their teaching:

“Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the ***teaching*** of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”

Mat 16:12 NASB

But what did the Pharisees teach? The ‘traditions of men’.

For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the ***traditions of the elders***;

and when they come from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.)

The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the ***tradition of the elders***, but eat their bread with impure hands?"

And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE ***PRECEPTS OF MEN***.'

"Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the ***tradition of men***."

Mar 7:3-8 NASB

So, what are these traditions and teachings?

The ‘Rules of the Flesh’

According to our headquarters text (Heb 9:10) the old consists of the ‘rules of the flesh’. It was these that required ‘rectification’. They are the “tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world” (Col 2:8). These, in terms of Judaism, related to certain external ritual protocols but for us today can refer to any emphasis on ‘external protocols’. How does this work?

The Pharisees’ emphasis on externals became a religious system and stronghold of which Jesus warned, describing it as ‘leaven’. It is therefore insidious and subtle in its workings. These influences are not out in the open, they are not obvious to the naked eye. Even so, as leaven, it is ultimately all-encompassing, infiltrating and influencing the whole person or group.

When this dynamic is active the ‘rules of the flesh’ gradually overtake the “commandment of God”, replacing the “law of the Spirit of life” (Rom 8:2) with human rules. Despite operating in the church of God, in reality they are the ‘principles of this world’.

Humanly derived rules of membership to the group take over. These can be written or unwritten requirements – certain measurements of success, knowing the right people, having the right sized church, or a certain worship style, having the appearance of success or celebrity. It might be whether you pay tithes or attend certain meetings and support the church programme. For every group there are certain ‘shibboleths’ or protocols for entry. In essence, they become a worldly value system based on outward appearance. As the Lord said to Samuel, “Man looks at the outward, but God looks at the heart” (1 Sam 16:7).

The Leaven of Pride & Reputation

Now, what is the active agent of this leaven? Pride. The core disease of pride is revealed in our desire for reputation – for being well thought of and accepted by men. We consequently wear masks to build an image, to present to those around us a face of popularity – of success and spirituality. It is what Jesus called hypocrisy, which is by definition *acting*, or *playing a part.*

“… ‘Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is ***hypocrisy***.

‘But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.’”

Luk 12:1-2 NASB

"So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, ***so that they may be honored by men***. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.”

Mat 6:2 NASB

"When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners ***so that they may be seen by men***. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. “

Mat 6:5 NASB

"Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance ***so that they will be noticed by men*** when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

Mat 6:16 NASB

It is significant that all the activities Jesus described were spiritual: giving to the poor, prayer, and fasting. Nevertheless, they were done to be “noticed by men”, to build a reputation.

This is the animating spirit behind Babylon:

“They said, ‘Come, let us build for ourselves a city, and a tower whose top will reach into heaven, and ***let us make for ourselves a name***, otherwise we will be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.’”

Gen 11:4 NASB

The Driving Force Behind Ministry

Therefore, the leaven of the Pharisees is very often the driving force behind seemingly spiritual activity – planting and building churches, growing our movements and ministries, evangelising, pastoring, and even feeding the poor. Beneath all the activity lies a hidden desire to build a reputation, “a name for ourselves”.

It is what the writer to the Hebrews calls “dead works” (Heb 6:1). Remember, the believing Hebrews were caught between the old and the new. With one foot in the new order they were still operating out of works-righteousness, which is always rooted in self, in self-effort and self-promotion. Any righteousness derived from ourselves, through our activity, even in ministry, is self-righteousness and therefore Pharisaic.

The Stronghold of Ministry

This is the substance of a stronghold. In military terms, a stronghold or fortress is constructed for self-defence. According to Paul, our own “reasonings” (Gr *logismos* – computations) are mental building blocks thrown up to establish a high place (see 2 Cor 10:1-5). But what kind of reasonings? Those that defend us – our practices, performance, perspectives, or position. Any argument of self-justification is symptomatic of a stronghold and is at heart the spirit of anti-Christ. *“Anti-Christ”* literally means ‘in the place of Christ’. Self-justification inevitably stands in the place of Christ’s justification, which comes only by faith, not by works. This explains why the Pharisaic spirit is so antagonistic to the spirit of Christ and so given to activity. It drives the religious machine and builds towers to heaven. It can possess to whatever degree individuals, churches, movements, and religious organisations. Lying at the root of this religious stronghold is a deep unresolved spirit of independence, pride, and rebellion.

According to Paul though, “the weapons of our warfare are mighty to the pulling down of strongholds” (2 Cor 10:4). But what are these weapons? In the context of Paul’s statement they are the weapons of the cross – of brokenness and humility. The Corinthians, and more particularly the super-apostles (2 Cor 11:5, 13), were boasting among themselves and “comparing themselves with themselves” (2 Cor 10:12). They were saying that Paul was “unimpressive in person and that his speaking amounted to nothing” (2 Cor 10:10). They, like us, had received “another spirit” (2 Cor 11:4), “boasting as the world does” (2 Cor 11:18), self-promoting and exploiting the people (2 Cor 11:20). Like passive smokers, they had imbibed a false value system from the surrounding culture and were operating according to the “elementary principles of this world”.

Consequently, Paul operating in the opposite spirit, boasted only of his sufferings and weaknesses (2 Cor 11:21-30).

The Spirit of the New Reformation

This is the *spirit of the new reformation.* It comes from a “broken and contrite heart” which God will never despise (Psa 51:17). He looks to the person or group with this spirit and dwells with them (Isa 57:15; 66:2).

So what is the message to the transitional generation between two orders? For the Hebrew believers, stepping into the new order cried out for the ‘rectification’ of the old. This demanded a heart-rending transaction – “repentance from dead works” (Heb 6:1).

For us, this demands recognition of our congenital rebellion against God and the deep spirit of pride driving our activity. It is time to strip away the religious cloak and expose our hearts to the light. Without this, we will continue to build religious towers to heaven, creating meaningless reputations for our churches, movements, and ministries, inviting the displeasure of God.

The new reformation is first a reformation of the heart. Only then will God release us to re-form structures.

Now is the ‘appointed time’ – it is time to turn from our dead works – from our worldly value systems and put our faith in God.

Part 2of 2

> *"…until a time of reformation" Heb 9:10*

In Part 1, we saw that the new reformation demands a heart-rectification.

Before we can attempt any reformation of structures our spirit must be clean. Only by turning from dead works – from every humanly derived activity – from our innate rebellion and independence – will we be released by God into the reformation of structures.

Without this deep work of the Spirit we will only replicate the past. The rivers of reformation only ever flow from the deep wells of regeneration. For this reason Jesus refers to the final rectification and revolution of His kingdom as "the regeneration" (see Mtt 19:28).

Having established the deeply personal heart-foundation of reformation let us move from the individual to the corporate – from the new wine of the processed heart to the wineskin of corporate life.

Like the Reformation of the 1500's the new reformation will be triggered through the revelation of truth.

However, the unfolding of truth in its restoration is progressive – *"The path of the just is as a shining light shining more and more to the perfect day". Jesus explained that, "Man doesn't live by bread alone, but by every word that is proceeding from the mouth of God" (Mt 4:4).* The verb "proceeding" is present tense. There is always a 'present and proceeding' word for every generation. Martin Luther received it concerning 'justification by faith', John Wesley 'holiness', and the Pentecostals the 'baptism of the Holy Spirit'. But what is the word for this generation? God give us an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today!

Priest, Prophet, & King

As the consummate and final word of God, Jesus is revealed in three dimensions: as Priest, Prophet, and King.

He showed Himself in the historic Reformation as our 'Great High Priest', resulting in the recovery of 'justification by faith', the 'priesthood of the believer', 'water baptism'; and two centuries later through Wesley, 'sanctification'. The ascension-gift ministries restored in this time were that of the teacher, pastor, and evangelist.

In the revivals of the 20th Century, particularly in the mid-century outpourings, Christ was revealed as 'Prophet', resulting in the recovery of 'the laying on of hands' and the ascension-gift ministry of the prophet.

And now, in the coming outpouring Christ will be revealed as 'King'. Through this last great outpouring of the Spirit the ascension-gift ministry of the apostle will be restored hand-in-glove with 'resurrection life and eternal judgment'. The body of Christ will finally come to maturity – to the "full measure of the stature of Christ" (see Eph 4:11-13 & Heb 6:1-3).
Parenthetically, I might add that the restoration of the ascension-gift ministries has only been in measure. We view them very much through 1,900 years of tradition and Greek worldview. Their fullness awaits that time when Christ, who is the "Apostle and High Priest of our calling", reveals himself in full measure to the church. At that time He will release mature apostleship as pivotal to the full emergence of the other ascension-gift ministries.

The Crux of the Current Reformation

The *spiritual* unveiling of Christ as Priest triggered revolutionary structural reformation, likewise the revelation of Christ as King. Christ revealed as Priest cut off the human priesthood at the knees, and so the revelation of Christ as King will cut off the human kingship at the neck.

This is the crux of the current reformation.

Through the prophet God protests, *"They set up kings without my consent; they choose princes without my approval…" (Hos 8:4).* This is alluding to 's rejection of Samuel for a king. They had relinquished the Priesthood to Aaron but now they went the next step, tragically relinquishing the Kingship to Saul. The old covenant church (ancient Israel) had been called out from the nations to be corporately a "kingdom of priests" (Ex 19:5-6) – to be God's vice-regents spreading the knowledge of the glory of the Lord throughout the earth by a personal and intimate knowledge of the true God. But now through her rebellion and rejection of this knowledge of God she sold her calling, losing it to a separate caste of kings and priests.

As a type this foreshadowed the greatest miss-development in the entire new covenant church's history – her relinquishing of the 'royal priesthood' (1 Pet 2:9) to a separate caste of kings and priests – the clergy – and therefore, to human control. The second and third centuries saw the rise of the 'monarchical bishop'. As did ancient , the church effectively declared, "Give us a king like all the other nations" (1 Sam 8:5). Rejecting the Samuels, the men of the Spirit (apostles and prophets), they were replaced with a human office – the 'monarchical bishop', the direct equivalent of 'senior minister' (pastor) in today's church. Authority gradually shifted from a relational and spiritual base to a hierarchical and organisational one, plunging the church into progressive idolatry and spiritual decline.

Confusion between Secular & Spiritual Authority

This was accelerated by state patronage of the church under Constantine and subsequent emperors. The pagan role of the Emperor as high priest, as Pontifex Maximus, was used to legitimise his interference in the church. The lines between secular and spiritual authority became completely blurred as the Emperor presided over church affairs and bishops acquired civil jurisdiction. Spiritual authority was effectively replaced by hierarchical authority.

The teaching of Jesus on this issue was ignored resulting in confusion between secular and spiritual authority. They are two completely different kinds of authority relating to two separate spheres. Jesus taught this when He said,
"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant" Mtt 20:25-26; also Mk 10:42-43

One is 'secular' relating to the civil/business sphere (the Gentiles) and the other is 'spiritual' relating to the house of God (it is not this way among you). The former is organisational and hierarchical (lord it over you), the latter is relational and spiritual (greatest shall be your servant).

The former is upheld by the "sword of the magistrate", by legal, organisational, and ultimately coercive means (eg police, courts, laws, rules, constitutions etc) and the latter by the "sword of truth and love" (the word of God and conscience only). The former is reflected, for example, in the employer/employee relationship requiring obedience to a position of authority. This does not imply that the person who occupies the position may not be a good or kind employer. If so, they are merely functioning as a 'benevolent despot'.

And so the same applies in traditional church authority. There are many fine men and women of God who occupy traditional positions of authority, whether they are called pastor, apostle, bishop, superintendent etc. The descriptor of the 'position' is not so much the issue, although it is when it becomes a title – a proper-noun rather than an adjective (i.e. 'Apostle Bill' instead of 'Bill the apostle', or 'Bill is apostolic'). The issue, however, is that we unconsciously view the ministry described as a 'position' rather than an anointing. And once we do this it is accompanied with an official authority and title. This is despite Jesus' clear teaching that we were not to carry honorific titles: "But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.

Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.
Do not be called leaders; for One is your Leader, that is, Christ." Mtt 23:8-10 NASB

The contemporary 'apostolic movement' is falling foul of Jesus' teaching at this point. Its fondness for titles (e.g. 'Apostle Bill', or 'Pastor Jack') is only symptomatic of a deeper Constantinian and non-reformational view of authority. Without distinguishing between spiritual and secular authority it will only replicate history – more control, abuse and spiritual confusion.

The root problem was not fully addressed by the Reformation. Despite the recovery at an individual level of the 'priesthood of the believer', at a corporate level priests were merely replaced by pastors. A 'protestant priesthood' with official powers was the inevitable result of the reformer's refusal to distinguish between spiritual and secular authority. The confusion between the two legitimised the Inquisition prior to the Reformation, and the drowning of Anabaptists by the thousands under the watchful eye of the Reformer's during it. In both cases the church (whether Protestant or Catholic) self-consciously used the secular/civil arm.

Because of the Constantinian confusion of authorities great abuse was perpetrated on the people of God. To transfer the same concept of authority from pastors to apostles, often under the term 'covering', is to miss the heart of the reformation. It only serves to perpetuate the historic problem of a human intermediary between Christ and His congregation. And as such it can only be defined as 'anti-

Christ' which by definition means 'to be in the place of Christ'. This is a serious indictment on the current 'apostolic movement' and more broadly on both traditional and contemporary church structures. To take the place of Christ over God's inheritance is to invite the displeasure of God.

In the light of the above miss-development, the revelation of the 'priesthood of the believer', and new covenant freedom it demands repentance and rectification. The fear of the Lord is about to fall on the church. Many leaders will see the error of their ways and turn to the Lord.

The Two Streams

There are two streams apparent in the current reformation. One flows on the surface and the other in the depths.

The former, flowing on the surface is more visible, but prone to contamination. It pursues a profile and is more accommodating to man's ways and methods usually appealing to the cognitive. It is usually identifiable with particular men or movements.

The latter is hidden, flowing underground and is free from contamination. It is deep calling to deep. It pursues a deep spirituality and doesn't seek a public profile or man's recognition – it does not yield to man's ways or methods. It is more intuitive pursuing the ways of the Spirit. It is impossible to identify this stream with any particular man or movement.

The surface stream was seen in the mainstream Reformers such as Luther, Zwingli, and Calvin. They were given great profile which allowed the Reformation to survive and indeed spread in the face of great opposition. However, this profile led Luther to trade his earlier call for freedom for the patronage and protection of the German princes. The stream was contaminated. Secular and spiritual authority was again mixed and the Reformation retarded.

However, the underground stream refused to compromise on this very point. What has been commonly recognised as the 'medieval underground', a broad-based faceless movement of dissent and spiritual renewal dating back 1,000 years, surfaced almost contemporaneously with Luther. They became known during the Reformation as the Anabaptists. So named for their commitment to rebaptism coming out of the revelation that the church (ecclesia) are the 'called out ones' – a 'gathered community' distinct from the unbelieving one.

This was in stark contrast to Christendom – a prevailing monolithic system consisting of an unholy alliance between secular and spiritual authorities. Entry to this system was by physical birth and infant baptism. One was simply born into Christendom. To be re-baptised as a believing adult was therefore viewed as a declaration of war on the old system and was deeply subversive – both socially and politically. From Constantine onwards Christianity, as the state religion, had been politically used as social cement.

This prophetic posture of the underground in rebaptism, separating secular and spiritual spheres, paved the way for the separation of church and state and the religious freedom now enjoyed in the and most Western nations.

The Ultimatum

However, the ultimatum is this: if the underground stream does not take the reformation to the next level by redefining the nature and function of authority within the church even the religious freedoms that have already been won out in the state will be lost. In fact, the state will either revert to Christendom where Christianity, as a de-facto state religion, is used as social cement or to occult paganism for the same reason. To whom much is given much is required.

We have the separation of church and state. But it is now time for the separation of secular and spiritual styles of leadership within the church – for the exorcism of hierarchical and indeed 'Gentilic' authority from the house of God.

Pastors and leaders now is the time to humble ourselves and seek the Lord. He will not share His glory with another.

It is time to relinquish what belongs only to Him.

For a fuller treatment of leadership structures refer to the author's book, 'Snakes in the Temple : Unmasking Idolatry in Today's Church', see ch. 9 'Idolatry & Human Leadership'.

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The Nature of Hypocrisy

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Matt 7:3-5 NKJV And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Merriam Webster: hypocrite **:** a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion

“ I want to talk to you tonight about the nature of hypocrisy. You’ve heard it is written, a little leaven leavens the whole lump. What this means is that just a little sin, allows in more sin, till the whole soul is spoiled. One thing leads to another. Pride is at the root of hypocrisy. The person who forgets that he too is a sinner, who thinks somehow he has obtained a righteousness apart from ME, is one who is walking in pride. He cannot see anymore his own sin. He is too busy evaluating the sins of others to see his own. He considers himself better than all those around him.

Remember the publican and the Pharisee? Who was the more righteous? Was it not the one who realized he was with sin? Much of My church has bought into a false identity. They think they have to be perfect when there is only ONE WHO is perfect. In trying to attain righteousness by their own efforts they have abandoned GRACE. And when you abandon grace, then you come under the law, and the curse of the law. This is where trouble begins, because then the enemy has a foothold to leaven the whole lump. Shame then comes and tries to COVER over what is reality. Pretense then comes to cover and act as if everything is ok when it isn’t. Less and less time is spent with ME, and more time doing things and being busy with other things. There is a vicious cycle to pride and shame and pretense.

Pretty soon, there is a blindness then that sets in and you become immune to your own sin. Judging comes and pointing of the finger at the sins of others.
Put away the pointing of the finger My children. Do not give in to the accuser of the brethren. For when you accuse and retail facts about others that are not from Me, but from your own heart and what you have seen, without taking that to prayer with ME, then you are moving into dangerous territory.

You who are wanting freedom from religion, ask for death to flesh. Admit your faults to one another and pray for one another, that there would be no room for pretense and shame to get a foothold. I don’t want you walking in
Self condemnation either or false humility. Do not berate yourself for the mistakes you make. PRAISE ME IN ALL THINGS. Praise Me, that I am helping you to overcome…even when you don’t feel it. Do not allow the enemy a place to accuse you. When you confess your sins to ME, then I am Faithful and just to forgive you. So why do you walk around like a worm? YOU ARE THE CHILD OF THE KING! You are not to belittle yourselves. You are not to walk in false guilt and condemnation. Condemnation is a symptom of religion. I do not condemn you. When you let self condemnation in, then it keeps you open also to condemn others, for if you’re free to condemn yourself, why not everyone else? So put away all the self accusation! Confess your sins daily and put away all the guilt and condemnation of the enemy. It doesn’t help you become more holy, but only masks true religion.
It exchanges it for a façade.

You don’t understand My grace if you are still self condemning. You need to understand the POWER OF THE CROSS. The cross is central to GRACE. Grace is not only mercy, but my power to overcome. Ask for it in time of need, remember? Ask for grace to help. Ask for the power to

overcome.
GRACE is about that also. No, you don’t deserve My grace. You don’t deserve My love. But that is why I came. I came to bring LIFE and to RESTORE relationship. If it is so easily stolen, then where is the power of the cross? Think about it! Do you think My blood is so weak, so useless, that it is not enough to forgive anything you do out of immaturity and lack of complete sanctification?

The nature of humility is to recognize that you cannot do anything by yourself apart from My grace! That is why the publican was more pleasing to ME. He knew his sins and acknowledged them. The Publican was blind to his own sins. He was acting, even before ME! That is really blind you know.
For the one who thinks I don’t see is truly blind inside and out. They are forgetful of My power and My heart of love. So often the thing that causes you to embrace shame is that you don’t really believe how much I LOVE YOU!
You don’t really believe that I desire your company, that I desire to spend time with you – that I love you unconditionally! NO CONDITIONS is what it means to love unconditionally. No matter what, I LOVE YOU! The one who walks in pride has not a clue to the depth of the power of My love.

Who are you oh man to judge another? I AM the only TRUE JUDGE. LET ME be the one to say what to do or not to do. Let ME tell you if this one is someone to pray for or to ignore. Let ME be the one to give you discernment. And do not spread around the sins of another. Do not open your mouth about anyone to spread rumors or even truths that are personal.
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR. Would you want someone doing that to you?
Then lay down your life for a friend, and cover their sins with PRAYER.
Do not admonish another if you are doing the same thing. Do not hide your sins for the enemy is looking for an excuse to accuse you before ME. Open up to someone and allow ME to heal those areas of pain and hurt. Allow me to sanctify your soul – to touch you with My glory! I LOVE YOU and want you to be ready to receive the fullness of My love and glory that I want so to pour out in you. Your heart will ache when you see the reactions of those walking in darkness to My glory! You will then weep and cry. So instead of finger pointing now…PRAY and fast. Keep your hearts TENDER and free from judging and bitterness. Honor one another and love one another with a pure heart. Ask ME for that love you need. I AM your Resource.

And do not look down your nose at the wickedness of the lost! I came not to condemn the world, but to save it. I am calling you to be My ambassadors. But if you disdain what I love, how is the love of GOD in you? Pray for the lost, and you will have authority to witness to them.”

NT:5272 hupokrisis (hoop-ok'-ree-sis); from NT:5271; acting under a feigned part, i.e. (figuratively) deceit ("hypocrisy"): KJV - condemnation, dissimulation, hypocrisy.

NT:5271 hupokrinomai (hoop-ok-rin'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:5259 and NT:2919; to decide (speak or act) under a false part, i.e. (figuratively) dissemble (pretend): KJV - feign.
NT:5259 hupo (hoop-o'); a primary preposition; under, i.e. (with the genitive case) of place (beneath), or with verbs (the agency or means, through); (with the accusative case) of place (whither [underneath] or where [below] or time (when [at]): KJV - among, by, from, in, of, under, with. In comp. it retains the same general applications, especially of inferior position or condition, and specifically, covertly or moderately.
NT:2919 krino (kree'-no); properly, to distinguish, i.e. decide (mentally or judicially); by implication, to try, condemn, punish: KJV - avenge, conclude, condemn, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the) law, ordain, call in question, sentence to, think.

NT:5273 hupokrites (hoop-ok-ree-tace'); from NT:5271; an actor under an assumed character (stage-player), i.e. (figuratively) a dissembler ("hypocrite"): KJV - hypocrite.

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HEBREW – hypocrite

OT:2611 chaneph (khaw-nafe'); from OT:2610; soiled (i.e. with sin), impious:
KJV - hypocrite (-ical).

OT:2610 chaneph (khaw-nafe'); a primitive root; to soil, especially in a moral sense: KJV - corrupt, defile, greatly, pollute, profane.

Job 8:13-15 NKJV So are the paths of all who forget God; And the hope of the hypocrite shall perish, 14 Whose confidence shall be cut off, And whose trust is a spider's web. 15 He leans on his house, but it does not stand. He holds it fast, but it does not endure.

Job 17:8-9 NKJV Upright men are astonished at this, And the innocent stirs himself up against the hypocrite. 9 Yet the righteous will hold to his way,
And he who has clean hands will be stronger and stronger.

Job 20:5 NKJV That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?

Job 27:8-9 NKJV For what is the hope of the hypocrite, Though he may gain much, If God takes away his life? 9 Will God hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?

Prov 11:9 NKJV The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor,
But through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.

Isa 9:17 NKJV Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men, Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, And every mouth speaks folly. For all this His anger is not turned away, But His hand is stretched out still.

Luke 13:15-17 NKJV The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 16 So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound — think of it — for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Gal 2:13 NKJV And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy.

Abundance of Me
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Just before I sat down with the Lord, I went outside to stick an envelope in the mailboxes and forgot to take my keys, but locked the door. It took till now to get someone to let me in.
The Lord spoke, “abundance of ME”….then,
“I have an abundance of Me to give to you. I am not slack concerning My promises. Awakening is near and he who has ears hear - for I am coming like a MIGHTY RUSHING WIND once again. I will shake the heavens and the earth, and I will turn all who will to the Desire of All Nations! Do you hear the sound of the abundance of rain?

Havoc is coming upon the earth. His horse thunders across the earth to cause confusion and to distract you away from what is most important. Remember when this awakening begins to keep your thoughts on ME. For great turmoil, confusion, and insanity will be with him to stupefy and try to paralyze those who come to ME. Even as I loose My glory will another rise to try to take away the focus to himself, mimicking and causing signs and wonders as well.

But know this, that those who are truly IN ME, will be safe from all that confusion and insanity. Stay close My beloveds to Your King during these times so that what is in the world will not overcome you. Come to me now while I may be found. Come and commune with ME. REST in ME so that when all these things come about, you will be grounded firmly in My love.
As I loose My Spirit in awakening world wide, you will be catapulted into what I've planned for you since the beginning of time. Each has his own role to play in what is coming about. Do not look at how important someone else is. Do not be given to comparison with others. EACH PERSON is needed and valuable to the Kingdom. Just ask ME what is your role, and do that to the best of your ability.

Again, I tell you, refrain from looking at what is on another's plate. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Ask to be filled with My love and to be one with MY HEART, so that you may walk in the fullness of what I have for you. I am blowing on My garden and I will blow away all the clutter, all the strongholds, so that My bride is arrayed in the fullness of My love and all that I desire for her to have in Me.

Startling miracles are coming as you reach out and help others who are confused by the circumstances of life. Healing anointing will flow even in the children to such a degree as to amaze those who are outside of My love! I will use whomever I will to bring many to ME in this hour. Do not be afraid My beloveds. I AM WITH YOU. And I will be with you until the end. Grow in dependence on ME. Keep in close communion with ME. Submit your lives to ME so that I can be glorified in all you say and do. Step by step, you will
See amazing things in this hour! Keep your eyes fixed on ME. I will take my stand on the earth!"

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Ps 42:7-11 NIV
7 Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. 8 By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me — a prayer to the God of my life. 9 I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?" 10 My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Ps 93:4-5 NIV Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea — the LORD on high is mighty. 5 Your statutes stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

Jonah 2:1-3 NIV From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. 2 He said: "In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. 3 You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me.

I heard the Lord say "Breaker, Breaker!" and He had me look up scriptures, then said,

"A BREAKER anointing is coming to My church. And in order for those who are going to move in it to understand it and use it, first they have to go THROUGH it and see that I AM the BREAKER. That no matter what happens I will see you through. For then with the comfort they are comforted with, and the power they are delivered with from the circumstances, can they then go forth to use this and take authority for the lives of others. And they will know from experience, not just from head knowledge, that I AM THE RESOURCE for all you need, and no weapon formed against you will prosper.

They will understand what it is to stand even when you have lost all energy and motivation to stand. They will know how to lie still in MY ARMS and ALLOW ME to fight for them, and bring them through! They will know how to FULLY TRUST ME for all their needs! Many of you are like Jonah now, up to your neck and head in troubles and circumstances coming against you, and you've fallen sometimes to condemnation from yourself and others, and guilt, and self accusation. BUT it is not something you did. IT IS TRAINING! IT IS WARFARE. I've shown you in the Word, even Paul was opposed by Satan when he wanted to go to Asia, so there were times when he couldn't do what he was called to do at that moment, but it was delayed. That's because sometimes you have no idea of ALL the circumstances going on in the world, but I DO. I know all things. I do what is best for you and especially for the development of your character. I am making you my strong horse in battle!

The GLORY of the Lord will be your rear guard, and the GLORY will be seen upon you! I will sanctify My beloveds and break every chain of bondage to the enemy so that you will walk in holiness and truth. You will become the living flames of fire I want you to be. You will walk and not faint. You will not grow weary in doing good. You will follow where I lead, and you will make disciples of all men. I will send you out to the streets and the highways and byways to gather in the harvest of all harvests. And there will be JOY in your heart as you see My delight in you and bring you to the place of great LOVE and healing. You will be like the trees that bear fruit every month
And whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. You will not wear out, for you will walk with ME and have communion and union with ME the rest of your days and your days will be full, while other times you just rest and seek My FACE. Your delight will be in ME and you will KNOW MY PRESENCE as Enoch did.

YOU WILL NOT BE AFRAID after I do my might work in you. You will go forth with singing and dancing. You will rejoice and give me glory as you go forth in harvesting souls and demonstrating My love to the nations. I will be with you. I will walk with you and talk with you at greater levels of revelation than anything you've known. Do not be afraid. I will have My stand in the earth!"

Zech 10:3-12 NKJV "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, The house of Judah, and will make them as His royal horse in the battle. 4 From him comes the cornerstone, From him the tent peg, From him the battle bow, From him every ruler together. 5 They shall be like mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

6 "I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph.
I will bring them back, Because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I had not cast them aside; For I am the LORD their God, And I will hear them. 7 Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes, their children shall see it and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. 8 I will whistle for them and gather them, For I will redeem them; And they shall increase as they once increased.

9 "I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, and they shall return. 10 I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no more room is found for them. 11 He shall pass through the sea with affliction, And strike the waves of the sea: All the depths of the River shall dry up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart.
12 "So I will strengthen them in the LORD, and they shall walk up and down in His name, "Says the LORD.

Volunteers
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Ps 110 NKJV Announcement of the Messiah's Reign
(Matt 22:44; Acts 2:34,35) A Psalm of David -
1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." 2 The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! 3 Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. 4 The LORD has sworn and will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." 5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. 6 He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. 7 He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

The Lord spoke to me “volunteers” and the above scripture came to mind…
What do You want to say Father?…

“ I am looking for volunteers for the day of My power is at hand. I am looking for the hearts who will turn to ME. I am looking for those who will not take the glory for themselves, but will caste down their crowns at My feet and worship ME. I am looking for the soul who will accept my love into his or her heart with JOY and eagerness. For I am EAGER to do My great work and I am longing for union with My bride!

I am so desirous to shower you with my gifts, and favor. I am so desirous to have a bride who will bow to My will in her life and who will do what I WANT, and not just what you want. I am weeping with desire for a bride who loves ME, above all the things of this earth, above all the other people of this earth, above all she could have in this earth. I am looking, and I am looking, and I see so many caught up in the ways of the world. I want to do something to draw you to my side and say to you…WILL YOU BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY I LOVE YOU? WILL YOU BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY, I HAVE YOUR BEST IN MIND? Will you take on this mantle of being a nobody, of being of no reputation? Will you be like My SON? Will you honor me and not just your own opinions? Will you come away with ME, just because you are excited like a bride to spend time with your Bridegroom?

I want to hold you in my arms and speak tenderly to you. But so many are refusing to spend time with me. You dart off and run away and reject my advances. You think that doing all these other things is more important than time with ME. But I tell you that time with ME is NEVER wasted. It is ok to waste your life on ME. For when you come to ME, you get LIFE. I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. And there is no other way to get what I have to give you, than to come into my presence.

I am going to bypass some of the barriers to My love and presence, and I am going to startle you with My advances. THEN you will know, that I truly love you. I am the Good Shepherd. I leave the 99 to go and reach out to the one who is far away, and wandering! I am so in love with you! I cannot stand separation from the ones I love! I am longing to set you free. I AM
rending the heavens and I WILL come down. I will surprise you with My love!
I want you to draw honey from the Rock. I want you to move and have your being in ME. You are going to know FREEDOM as never before. CRY OUT for that freedom. It is coming. I AM COMING. I WILL set you free from all that has entangled you of this world, the flesh and the devil!

In a flood of many waters, I will protect you! I will surround you with songs of deliverance. I AM the KING of KINGS and the LORD of LORDS. NOTHING is impossible with ME! NOTHING! NOTHING shall separate you from My love! Only believe! I have the best dinner prepared for My beloveds. I have a feast on the lees. I have a sumptuous affair I am inviting you to…and I will surprise you over and over with My love.

Ps 32:6-7 NKJV For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters
They shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Isa 25:6- NKJV And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

10 For on this mountain the hand of the LORD will rest, and Moab shall be trampled down under Him, as straw is trampled down for the refuse heap. 11 And He will spread out His hands in their midst as a swimmer reaches out to swim, and He will bring down their pride together with the trickery of their hands. 12 The fortress of the high fort of your walls He will bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, down to the dust.

The Next Wave

Paul Davies

The following Revelation was received by Paul Davies in Jan 2005. As with all prophetic words, these must be weighed and tested with a spirit of humility and repentance. Where Bible passages are referred to, the interpretations given are not intended to be seen as ***the*** *interpretation of the passage, but as God speaking to his people's current situation by giving an interpretation.*

In a series of World events at Christmas 2004 the Lord began to speak to me about the coming Harvest – and particularly the Next Wave of the Holy Spirit.
(http://users.chariot.net.au/~pdavies/nextwave.htm)

On Christmas Day we were in the Grampian Mountains, Victoria, staying in a Caravan Park. Ten minutes up the hill at McKenzie Falls a tragedy occurred which affected me greatly. The man in the Cabin next to us told of his visit to the Falls, where 4 people had drowned that day. He was coming down the steep stairs as they heard the screams and yelling. Over the next few days the details emerged on the News. A family group of around 50 Pakistani Muslims had gone to the Falls. A twelve-year-old girl had slipped on the wet rocks and fallen into deep water, about 2m from shore. Instead of throwing or passing something to her, 4 of her relatives jumped into the water to “help”.

None of them could swim!

Only a 17-year-old sister survived, being resuscitated on the shore by a stranger. The girl, her father and two uncles drowned. This affected me quite a bit, as in my job as a teacher I train teenagers in Swimming and Lifesaving in our Adventure Ed. course. I actually felt guilty for not having visited the Falls (instead of having Christmas dinner with my extended family), because I would have been able to save someone.

I “knew” God was saying something.

The very Next Day came tragedy #2 – the Tsunami which killed at least 250,000 people in South East Asia. This event dominated the News for over three weeks, and has led to a lot of confusion in the church about judgement and whether God was responsible.

The third tragedy was a week later, when visiting the grandparents at Warrnambool, Victoria. We took the children swimming at Stingray Bay on Friday, a sand spit along the breakwater between two small islands, which at low tide forms a great sheltered beach. Saturday, we drove home to Adelaide. Sunday, 4 people drowned at Stingray Bay. They were trying to wade across to one of the islands as the tide was coming in (Why? Beats me). A freak wave came and swept 4 people into the sea.

I was a little nervous about going to VacSwim the next week.

Then the Lord began to put it all together. Ten years ago Next October (2005) I was asking Him about the “receding tide” of the Wave that brought in the River, or the Toronto Blessing. I saw people in ministry looking at their feet and saying: “Where is the depth we saw?” (maturity), “Why is the tide receding?” “We thought this would last.” The vision zoomed out till the people were tiny, and I could now see a massive tidal wave poised to fall on them, which was drawing the water into itself. Then the wave fell vertically, cut the sand from beneath their feet, and they went from paddling depth to out-of-depth in seconds. I was reminded: “Suddenly the Lord your God will come into His temple.”

The Lord told me: The Next Wave will be as far beyond Toronto as Toronto was beyond the former.

So, when I saw the Sth East Asian Wave I began asking the Lord what was happening. He replied:

THE WAVE IS COMING! TIME IS SHORT TO BE TRAINED (to get ready)**.**

The Lord did not initiate this wave – Satan did! The enemy knows what God is about to do, and always responds by attempting to kill off the potential harvest. When God sends judgment, few survive (Noah, Sodom). God rescued many by miracles. He definitely uses the enemy’s plans for His own purposes, as some have pointed out in this circumstance (eg Aceh), but He is about to send revival to Sth East Asia.

Unlike the Pakistanis, we need to be able to survive when the depth suddenly increases. We need to learn to “swim”. Time is short! Maybe October will be “it”. At the moment, we don’t have the “lifeboats” (structures/leaders) in the church to rescue the people the Lord’s Wave will sweep in.

We need to encourage one another to be ready, and train as many as we can ourselves. Stockpile resources. Start classes. Seek the Lord for His divine strategies, so that we are not found wanting when the Wave hits.

Blessings,

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The Church Of Tomorrow

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"We want to get back to real 'New Testament' Christianity." But what exactly does that look like?

This is an important topic - and something I have pondered a great deal over the years. What exactly would the 'New Testament Church' look like if it was translated into a modern western city?

To get started, I want you to forget about today's church just for a moment - with all her obvious problems and contradictions, and picture something quite different. I want you to imagine that you are still living in the same city, in the same year, but you are right in the middle of a 'Book of Acts'-type scenario. Somehow everything has changed.

For some reason, all of the Spirit-filled Christians in your city have left their Denominations and divisions behind. They have truly begun to fulfill the prayer of Jesus - "That they all may be ONE". They now hold huge gatherings all over the city - right out in the open. And as well as these united gatherings, on most streets there is now a house-meeting, where all the Spirit-filled believers from that street gather together, eating and sharing and having communion, etc. (ie. A "NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH"). The power of God flowing in these house-meetings is amazing. Many healings and miracles are occurring. The 'gifts' flow freely every day.

It seems also that many of the church buildings and cathedrals have simply been abandoned. No longer do Christians want to hide themselves away behind "four walls". They want to gather out where the people are - presenting Jesus to the whole world. They want to be truly "one body". There is no way that any of their old buildings could contain the crowds, anyhow.

And the men whom God has raised up to lead this vast movement do not seem much like the 'Reverends' or even the 'televangelists' of old. In fact, quite a few of them have never even been to Bible College, and they seem to be very plain, ordinary people from humble backgrounds. But what an anointing! It is very clear to everyone that these 'apostles and prophets' (as they are known) have spent many years in prayer and brokenness before God - drawing closer and closer to Him. When they speak, the very fear of the Lord seems to come down, and many people repent deeply of their sins. Demons are cast out and the blind and crippled are made whole. -These kinds of things are happening all the time. The whole city is just in awe of what is going on, and thousands upon thousands are being saved. Even the newspapers and television are full of it.

As soon as someone repents they are immediately baptized in water and hands are laid on them for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. -This is expected from day one! And it is also expected that every Christian has a gift and calling from God - and that they should be encouraged to move forward and fulfill their calling. No longer is there a distinction made between those who are "ministers" and those who are merely 'laity'. Now it is expected that EVERYONE is a minister of the Lord! (However, there are 'elders' - ie. older Christians to guide things).

Some of the bishops and pastors from several denominations have actually denounced this great move of God very strongly. They say it is "deception" and warn their people to stay away. (-Every Revival in history has been accused of this - usually by religious leaders). But to be honest, it is so obvious to most people that God is the one behind it all, that very few take these men seriously. The Spirit of God is sweeping all before Him. The glory of the Lord has come.

One of the reasons that these leaders are so upset is that a lot of the Christians' GIVING now does not go to church buildings, but rather to the POOR. In fact, God has spoken to many people to start supporting widows and orphans overseas, etc. They also give generously to anyone in their midst who is in need. Many even sell their own possessions in order to do this.

The huge over-riding theme of this great movement is LOVE. "Behold how they love one another" is the catch-cry of many who watch this 'new church' in action. And everyone is given to MUCH PRAYER.

And so, gathering "as one" in the outdoors and breaking bread from house to house, they eat together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord adds to their number daily those who are being saved.

Can This REALLY HAPPEN?

The above description is taken straight out of the Book of Acts - as applied to today. Everything in the above paragraphs is put there to give you an idea of what it would be like to live in the Jerusalem church at the start of Acts. -And it was like that for YEARS. Imagine the impact of such a church on the world around it! God is wanting to do this again. And He wants to use ordinary people like you and me to help bring it to pass.

I am convinced that we are NOT supposed to treat the early church as a "special case". It was given to us as an 'example'. It is what the "normal" church should be like all the time! And yet we have fallen so far below this standard. Only in times of Revival do we approach it again for a time. But I believe it is supposed to be "normal" for the church to be like this - day in and day out. This is the way that Jesus always wanted us to be.

However, one thing is clear. It will take a great "SHAKING" for us to get anywhere close to the above description today. You have to be aware that in order to get there from here, a whole lot of 'hierarchies' and church boards and careers and titles and positions would be on the line. And a lot of men simply don't want to lose those things. It doesn't matter to them whether it is Truth or not. If it affects their reputation, their position or their organization, they will oppose it with everything they have.

Sadly it is very difficult to see a "smooth" transition to this kind of Christianity. I believe we are in for a shaky ride. But I certainly believe that it is on God's agenda. And like the Great Reformation before it, I believe He will do WHATEVER IT TAKES in order to get us there.

Here's to true 'NEW TESTAMENT' Christianity, my friends - the kind that Jesus and the apostles actually invented in the beginning.

Let us settle for nothing less - WHATEVER IT TAKES. -by Andrew Strom.

Times Of Glory

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Times of Glory: 2005 And On

Times of Glory are coming. Waves of Divine Supernatural interventions are ahead. God's Glory is going to fill the earth in a scene that never happened before. His Glory will be reflected as powerful as HE is.

The reflection of His Glory will be manifested in a wide range of Divine interventions.

"The God of Glory thunders" (Psalm 29:3).

In our pre-set minds, there are some limited figures of reflection of God's Glory. We only see one side of the coin. In 2005, we will see so clear His Waves of glory in all reflections. His Glory will be so vivid, so decisive. His Glory will bring things into ends with no time to waste. It's season of Acceleration.

Good news for the Church

The Lord is stretching His Hand to you to reveal to you and through you an unprecedented wave of divine encounters like never heard or seen. It's season of Acceleration.

Quick answers for long waiting prayers,
waves of healings (physical & inner),
floods of deliverance and freeing the captured,
showers of release,
doubles of anointings,
repeated (daily) heavenly visitations,
Signs and Wonders,
Visions and Dreams,
words of knowledge,
words of wisdom,
heavenly discernment,
abundant Grace.

What was taking long to happen will be achieved in short. What was happening rarely will be the every day experience.
The encounters of few will be the testimony of many children of God. What was taking years or months will be seen in days. For God's Glory.

Love and intimacy is the road for His Glory, Faith is the key, Praise and Worship is the atmosphere of

His Splendor.

For the nations of the world, God's encounters of reflecting His Glory will cover the earth.

"....And I will gain Glory through Pharoh and all his army....will know that I AM the Lord when I gain Glory through Pharoh." (Exodus 14:17,18).

Even the nature will have its share in reflecting His Glory.

"The voice of the Lord is over waters; the God of Glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is Powerful; the voice of the Lord is Majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars; the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon...
The voice of the Lord strikes with flashes of lightening.
The voice of the Lord shakes the desert; the Lord shakes the desert of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks and strips the forests bare,
And in His temple all cry " Glory ".
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord is enthroned as KING forever.
The Lord gives STRENGTH to His people; the Lord bless His people with peace."
(Psalm 29:3-11).

The Lord will come close to the Land and show His Glory. He will show His Glory in and through the church in to the peoples and the nations.

It's a time of Glory,
It's a season of Acceleration.

Let Jesus be glorified,

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The Origin Of Racism

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A prophetic utterance from the Lord, October 9, 2004

"And, yes, white men have that 'black dot' or self-deception—big time—and ever wear it as a badge of honor...in many things, not the least of which are in the matters of race relation and race: and particularly so concerning the black race.

Nowhere have I ordained that one race of men and women should be superior to another race of women and men, for all races as we know them today have their roots and origins in sin. For with Noah began I race, and continued it with his sons until at the tower of Babel, when I scattered the sons of men over the face of the whole earth, saith the Lord.

And, yes, the sons of Japheth by which I populated the isles of the Gentiles[1], have carried this ‘black dot of self-deception’ to the far corners of the earth, thinking of themselves more highly than they ought to think, because from Acts 10:6-10, when I prevented the Apostle Paul from taking the gospel to Asia but in my Divine providence determined that it should go to Europe, I also caused them to become the recipient depository of my Word, of my gospel, to carry it to the ends of the earth—which they have done—but which they have gotten lifted up on pride in thinking that they themselves were such and such, and such-a-much, not realizing that it was the ‘entrance of my Word[2]’ which lighted the channels of the sea, and prospered their way.

These same sons of Japheth, which have become the Caucasian race—white people, if you will—when through such servants of mine as Martin Luther, I was able to get my Word into the dark ages of Europe and its barbarous living conditions, and, when my Word began to prosper the white European in the financial realm, they again through pride sought to lift themselves above me, and prosper themselves without me, in the enslaving of the black African (who was without my Word), solely for commercial purposes, greed, and the love of money; and then to rationalize and justify their wickedness, that this debauchery was both necessary and appropriate to ‘save the black heathen souls,’ whereas in truth, it was their souls in need of salvation, because of my Word already at work on their consciences that had been seared[3] with the hot iron of greed, licentiousness, lasciviousness and sex.

Herein lies the origin of racism*, of the rape of a continent, of the slaughter or enslavement of well over 50,000,000 black Africans, and of the cruelest kind of commercial debauchery for money and for sport, far exceeding the sport of Nero in Rome—rapes, burnings, constant terror, torture of every kind, mutilations, castrations, maimings, daily scourgings, brandings, and lifestyle terrorism—all because the Word of God, my Word was working in their consciences seared with the hot iron of licentiousness lust, in their refusing to walk in my laws of love toward the black Africans, and then their having the audacity to use my Word to rationalize and justify the whole sordid mess.* ***African slavery is in my eyes a Christian institution****, for in every land it touched, all the “heathen” knew “the Christians are coming” in to preach one gospel, but to practice another, saith the Lord.”*

Judgment Shall Begin At the House of God

"It is far past time that 'judgment shall begin at the house of God[4],' saith the Lord. **That judgment is recorded in the 5th Chapter of James, verses one through eight**, and beginning with the United States of America, it will fall on the descendants of the sons of Japheth wherever they have taken this race-based economic slavery throughout the entire world, for it is still true that 'the sun never sets on the British Empire.'

Although it was the Portuguese, the Spanish, and the Dutch that pioneered the African slave trade to a world new for them, but which I created for my glory, saith the Lord, it was the British that became the most efficient at it, and the Americans that went the furthest in use of my Word to justify the evil imaginations of their own hearts. The earthly depository of the throne of David until the return of my Son, and the primary carriers of my gospel to the islands of the sea—the best I've got for good each became the worst that I've had to contend with in the business of African slavery. 'Black dots' of hypocrisy—big time!"

What Happens To America Is In the Hands of the Church

*"**So, I have recorded the judgment for African slavery in my Word, in the fifth Chapter of James. What happens to America is not up to me, but is in the hands of my Church**. What happens in England, in Holland, in Spain and in Portugal is not up to me, but is in the hands of my Church. What happens in Australia is not up to me, but is up to my Church, for although the issue there is not African slavery, the same British 'black dot' exists there with the Aborigine people."*

Only South Africa Can Be Spared the Judgment of James 5

*"**Only South Africa is in the position to be spared the judgment of James 5**, although she is far from where she needs to be, she is on the right track, saith the Lord. Although she was forced to, she nevertheless had the wisdom to make the major structural changes in her government to allow me into that nation, **and that's who I'll use to preach my gospel to all the world for a witness of the second coming of my Son**."*

[For the much that the Lord has spoken to me on the subject of slavery over the past several years: please visit www.whattimeitis.org and click first on the *Voice of the Lord* link, and then the *Judgments of James 5, Slavery, and God's Call to the US* link; see also the *Judgments of James 5* link on the home page.]

It Is Not God Who Will Destroy America

*"No, as I told my servant Oral Roberts in the vision I gave him of a judgment, that I will stay my hand from hitting New York City in 2005, that '**I will not destroy America, for I have a covenant with her**, and she has been the primary carrier and financier of most of the gospel that's being preached around the world.' **I will not destroy America, but the curse of James 5 will, saith the Lord, if my preachers—my white sons and daughters of the gospel—don't begin to preach with fire in their bellies the gospel of repentance for the sin of slavery—**which won't be hard to do, once the decision is made that I am requiring this of my Church—**and to preach with the same intensity that America's future prosperity is wholly dependent on payment of the bill for***

slavery the way I count money*, and not for the chump change that you will want to offer blacks, saith the Lord.”*

The Prayers of Millions of Slaves Are Still In God’s Face Daily

*“African slaves were never taught my Word. They were given just enough to hopefully keep them thinking about the ‘sweet by-in-by’ rather than the ‘nasty now,’ and to attempt to address the constant fear daily of slave revolts (or as my son, Walter, calls them ‘freedom strikes’), but millions of black slaves over hundreds of years got just enough of me, saith the Lord, to be able to cry out to me with a loud voice, “****How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood of them that dwell on the earth[5]****?”*

What most of my Church does not even begin to appreciate is that ***recorded in heaven with me is every prayer in faith that has ever been prayed****, and death in the natural does not cause them to go out of existence. I also have in my halls of tears every tear that has ever been cried in desperation or in longing for me to move on one’s behalf, and that these tears when poured out will reveal with words written what precipitated the cry, and then they are returned to the bottle[6], and again stored—forever.*

These prayers and those tears of slaves are in my face daily, and I will avenge them speedily upon the earth, saith the Lord*.* ***What happens now is not up to me, but up to you, saith the Lord****, for I have said in my Word to ‘Occupy till I come[7].’ I have sent a prophet into the land with a message of repentance, and not of judgment. If you hear him, you will be hearing me on this issue, saith he Lord, for he truly knows just where I am coming from on this issue, saith the Lord of Hosts.*

My Church was silent in Nazi Germany, and judgment came on the Jews first for rejecting my Son—really, for the curse on their nation uttered by the Jewish people themselves[8]—and then on Germany itself at the close of World II. ***The curse that I have written in James 5:1-8 fell on America during the Civil War. Six hundred thirty thousand lives were lost, one hundred thousand more in the North than in the South—all because my Church had kept silent for two hundred and fifty years about the incompatibility of slavery with the law of love****.*

The curse of James 5 returned on September 11, 2001 in the attack and fall of the World Trade Center twin towers, which I recorded in my Word would occur 700 years before the birth of Jesus by the prophet Isaiah, Chapter 30, verse 25*.*

This curse for un-repented sin—a particular kind of sin: slavery—will return in 2005*, but because ‘My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge9,’* ***I will stay its force this once****, and it will hang over New York City for a time: blood, fire and vapor of smoke…in fulfillment of Acts 2:19, and then will be disbursed across America and throughout the world—to every place where other of my sons have either carried or caused to go this race-based economic Christian slavery subsidized by a silent Church.”*

For God’s Word To Fail Would Destroy Both Him and Us

“For me to cancel the curse written would cause my Word to fail, and that would destroy both

***me and you**. So, be clear of my love for you, for each of you, and for this nation that I created and with which I am in covenant. I will perform all that I have promised and oh, so much, so much more, saith the Lord. But, I am requiring of America an individual, corporate, national and evangelical repentance, so that we may get to the real business, and that is the second coming of my Son.*

***Will America survive and prosper? It is out of my hands, saith the Lord, for I have given that power unto each of you, saith the Lord.**"*

[1][1][1] *Genesis 10:5,* [2] *Psalm 119:130,* [3] *1 Timothy 4:2,* [4] *1 Peter 4:17,* [5] *Revelation 5:10,* [6] *Psalm 56:8,* [7] *Luke 19:13,* [8] *Matthew 27:25,* [9] *Hosea 4:6*

A further prophetic utterance from the Lord, October 11, 2004

Question: How could America exist and not be used in the end time preaching, and what about the division of the wealth in South Africa?

Answer: "Leave the division of the wealth issue up to me, saith the Lord. I know the heart of your question, and I have a plan, and it shall be accomplished, saith the Lord. As to how could America exist and not be used, you're right, I cannot destroy her, or more accurately, allow her to be destroyed, because you're here, saith the Lord. ***But, she will be too broke to fund the preaching of anything if she doesn't repent.*** *For like the Church at Ephesus, I will put out her light of revelation and allow the darkness of sin to engulf her over this issue of slavery, and it will be just about all her preachers can do or will be able to do, saith the Lord, is to barely stay afloat, saith God. I know that sounds impossible, but none of you are looking at the things I clearly see, if America turns her back again on me over slavery, saith the Lord."*

Though Out Of Sight, Is Not Out Of Reach

Miq Miles

My dearest child,
That which you asked of me, though out of sight, is NOT out of reach!
Rest in Me. I AM able -when you are weak I AM strong, for this can only
come through the power of My strength, stop relying on the arm of flesh.
Let Me ask you:" what you tried to accomplish in your own power and
strength, did it work?"
No, it can only work once you realize this.
You can't but I AM able!
I need you to trust Me with your whole heart to handle this. I AM able!
Then, STAND my child, and behold My deliverance.
Again I declare:" that which you so earnestly seek is out of sight for the
moment;
but NOT out of reach.
The only condition - put on My armour and then STAND,... STAND and behold My
deliverance.
Be it done to you according to My Word. I AM for you so who can be against
you, what can man do unto you? I will fight for you only when you are
prepared to trust Me enough to know that I AM able to do this, yes, without
your help. Put your trust on Me, I AM able!
I require you to STAND and not fight. For I AM with you to deliver you and
to bring you to still waters where you will find peace, beyond all
understanding.
Re position yourself today as you decide to stop fighting and struggling in
your own strength and STAND knowing that I AM arising from My resting place
and I AM doing mighty miracles on your behalf.
I AM able.
Your Heavenly Father.

Eph 3:20-21 Now to HIM WHO IS ABLE to do exceeding abundantly above all that
we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,
to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, forever.
Amen. "

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To Provoke Them To Jealousy

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> *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21*

The phrase quoted in our title above comes from The Book of Romans. The *them* spoken of here are Israel, the Jews, unbelieving Jews.

> *Romans 11:11-14*
> *11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles,* ***for to provoke them to jealousy****.*
> *12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?*
> *13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:*
> *14 If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.*

I have long had a problem understanding the purpose of provoking them to jealousy. I really can’t recall any testimonies of people getting saved because they were provoked to jealousy. Neither does the present state of the church, for the most part, contain anything to make the Jews the least bit jealous.

Most Jews today are atheists! Except for the ultra orthodox, they do not even believe in God, and do not consider the scriptures to be the Word of God. Rather for them, Judaism is a matter of culture and tradition. Even so, there are many being saved these days as the Spirit of God is drawing them to himself. The ultra orthodox have some advantage here as they actually do believe in the God of Israel and study his word believing it is truly divinely inspired. If secular Jews were taught their bible and read it for themselves, we might see many more come to the Lord.

In her article *State Of Affairs* Rimona Frank discusses their attitude toward the bible, called in Hebrew *The Tanach.*

> Up until sometime in the 19th century, Jews by and large, in all of their places of dispersion, had been practicing (orthodox) Judaism. One fact which may be stated about Judaism's attitude toward the Tanach, is that it is only secondary to the "Oral Law", which is a compilation of commentaries on the Tanach with added rulings, laws, parables and stories that, in turn, are interpreted some more and supplemented by further rabbinical writings. Thus, this massive literary body is revered and taught in religious circles more than the Tanach, this being especially so since the explicit instructions contained therein are also useful vis a vis daily conduct, as well as religious practices. At the same time, these complex directives can exempt one from having to seek YHVH and His Spirit for guidance, and what's more they also demand expertise that only rabbinical authorities can render. This makes the orthodox person dependent on rabbis and teachers more than on the Holy One Blessed Be He. For many centuries this was basically what the Jewish nation relied on, as do religious Jews all over today. The Tanach gets their attention mostly by way of the weekly reading of the Torah portions ("parasha" singular – "parashot" or "parshiot" - plural), and the short passages from the Prophets ("haftara" – singular, "haftarot" – plural), that are read in the synagogue.

So your typical Jew couldn't care less what the Christian Church does or does not do. Yet we are often told that it's the Church's job to provoke the Jews to jealousy. Some have said that the church will not operate in her full apostolic calling till she is able to provoke the Jews to jealous. This seems to point to an end time context, naturally. It may be that only the end time church will be able to succeed in such provoking. Or that when the church comes into her end time anointing, that very fact will be enough to provoke the Jews to jealousy. Let's look at this more closely.

If the Lord's ultimate aim is the salvation of natural Israel, what has jealousy got to do with it. It seems to me that the main issue is spiritual blindness. This is mentioned in the following passage.

> *Romans 11:25-32*
> *25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*
> *26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*
> *27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*
> *28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*
> *29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.*
> *30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:*
> *31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.*
> *32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.*

This same blindness is seen in 2 Corinthians 3:12-17 where the Lord makes it clear that it has to do with not being able to understand the scriptures.

> *2 Corinthians 3:12-17*
> *12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:*
> *13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*
> *16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*
> *17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

In Luke we can find a perfect illustration of this blindness in action.

> *Luke 18:31-34*
> *31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.*
> *32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:*
> *33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.*
> *34 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.*

Here the Lord is telling them plainly what is about to happen. They were not able to understand any of it because it was ‘hidden from them.’ This shows the Jews unable to understand the Word of God. And in this case the blindness was specific to a most crucial event; that Messiah would have to die. 1 Corinthians 1:23 speaks of this blindness as a stumbling block.

> *1 Corinthians 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*

In Luke 24 we see an illustration of blindness being removed, at least for the two men involved, as the Lord reveals to them how the scriptures spoke of him.

> *Luke 24:25-27*
> *25 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:*
> *26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?*
> *27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

Here the Lord himself removes the blindness and teaches them the meaning of the scriptures. As long as the blindness remains, the scriptures remain a closed and sealed book.

Now considering Romans 11:11 where it says *through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles*, it’s easy to jump to the conclusion that this blindness came upon the Jews after they rejected the Messiah and had him crucified. However the passage in Luke 18 illustrates blindness upon the Jews before the crucifixion. And the text goes on to make reference to prophecies given much earlier. They are in Psalms 69 and Isaiah 29 among other places.

> *Psalms 69:21-28*
> *21 They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*
> *22 Let their table become a snare before them: and that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.*
> *23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; and make their loins continually to shake.*
> *24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, and let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.*
> *25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.*
> *26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; and they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.*
> *27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity: and let them not come into thy righteousness.*
> *28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous.*

> *Isaiah 29:10-12*
> *10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.*
> *11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:*
> *12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.*

There is even a passage from Moses that says the same thing.

> *Deuteronomy 29:4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.*

This blindness did not come because they rejected the Messiah, it came much earlier. It was there all along to ensure that they would reject the Messiah. We often lament the fact that they rejected the Messiah, but what would have happened if they had accepted him instead?

Briefly they would not have crucified him, and the penalty for sin would not have been paid. There would be no fulfillment of Passover and no salvation for all mankind! So clearly, this is something that had to happen.

In Micah 5 where the birthplace of Jesus is spoken of, the very next verse speaks of their fall. It is saying he will give them up. This will be till the end time, when All Israel will be saved.

> *Micah 5:2-3*
> *2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*
> *3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.*

We see that word *therefore* in verse 3 above. This is telling us that God planed for Messiah to come forth out of Bethlehem. And that he would become the ruler of Israel. Therefore he had to give them up to spiritual blindness, or the plan would not work. But it is also saying that he gives them up, not permanently, but only till such and such a time.

So it’s not quite correct to say that Israel’s acceptance of Jesus as her Messiah depends on her being provoked to jealousy by a predominantly gentile church.
Israel’s acceptance of Jesus as her Messiah will come with the removing of the blindness, and that will come after the *fulness of the Gentiles be come in* [whatever that might mean].

We see this removing of the blindness prophesied in Zechariah 12.

> *Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.*

Removing the blindness causes all Israel to be saved. Provoking them to jealousy is an other matter. If you look at Romans 11:14, the word emulation is used. In the original Greek, the word is the same as that translated *jealousy* in verse 11. It can also be translated rivalry. Here it is again.

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> *11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, **for to provoke them to jealousy**.*
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Now it seems to be saying here that salvation is come to the Gentiles to provoke them [Israel] to jealousy that he might save **some of them**. Removing the blindness has the effect of saving **all of**

them, as mentioned in verses 25 and 26.

Now consider that the fall of Israel, which is the spiritual blindness, is to bring salvation to the Gentiles. This as we see is something that had to happen, and it's mentioned way back in Deuteronomy. It had to happen because it's purpose is to fulfill the Covenant the Lord made with Abraham in Genesis 12.

> *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. Genesis 12:1-3*

We tend to focus on the part of the promise that Israel will have the land. The very land that is being fought over in the middle east these days. Joshua and the children of Israel entered the **Promised Land** by crossing over Jordan. *Jordan* speaks of death. God's people will enter into the Kingdom of God by means of death to self. This should be our clue that the **Promised Land** is no less than the **Kingdom of God**. So in the promise made to Abraham, possessing the land, though important is only secondary. The most important part here is the very last clause: *and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.* This is the promise that Salvation would come to the Gentiles. But not just the Gentiles but all nations, including Israel.

This promise, is the promise of a new covenant and is called the gospel in Galatians 3:8

> *And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. Galatians 3:8*

Now look at Romans 11:27 and 28.

> *For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. Romans 11:27-28*

Note that the words Covenant and Gospel are both used here.

Also consider that the salvation here spoken of is that which is ready to be revealed in the last days as mentioned in Peter.

> *Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:5*

And compare the language in Romans 11:11 with 11:14. one says Salvation provokes and the other says I provoke. And who is the chief Apostle to the Gentiles save the Lord himself? If we have an end time context here, then it can't be strictly referring to Paul. He is just the scribe here. We are reading the words of Jesus. He will provoke some and He will save some, at the first. Then in the end, all Israel will be saved.

To back up the idea that we have an end time context here, let's look at the opening passage of Romans.

> *Romans 1:1-8*
> *1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,*
> *2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)*

> *3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;*
> *4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:*
> *5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*
> *6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:*
> *7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
> *8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*

Note that the gospel is mentioned in verse one and that verse two tells us that the gospel is part of the promise to the fathers. That is the covenant. We can saw this spelled out in Galatians 3:8 quoted above.

Then in verse 5 it mentions obedience. That is obedience to the faith among all nations, which include, according to verse 6 those whom this letter is addressed to, the called of Jesus Christ. Verse 7 says they are beloved by God and called to be saints. In verse 8 we see that their faith is spoke of through all the world. So we are looking at a people from the nations [Gentiles] who are obedient to the faith and have a world wide reputation for that faith.

So who are these ‘Romans’? In other words who does this description given in Romans fit. Is it the early church, today’s church or the end time church? If you answer the early church, that is only because they are a type of the end time church. Today’s church seems to fit the description of the foolish Galatians. If you answer the end time church, you are starting to catch on. Certain passages of Romans only make sense when applied to the end time church. This means that they are still waiting to be fulfilled in the end times. So these Romans are Gentiles to whom Salvation has come. *Jesus* is *Yeshua* in Hebrew and *Yeshua* means *Salvation*!

The Revelation of Jesus Christ is the *salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.* It can be seen in another form in Hosea 6.

> *Hosea 6:1-3*
> *1 'Come, and let us return unto the LORD; for He hath torn, and He will heal us, He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will He revive us, on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His presence.*
> *3 And let us know, eagerly strive to know the LORD, His going forth is sure as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.'*

Looking back to Romans 11:11 when it says salvation is come to the Gentiles, there is a double meaning. In the historical sense, it means that salvation is made possible for the Gentiles, through the fall of the Jews. This is because they rejected their Messiah and had him killed. This was God’s intention all along.

In the end time sense, it means that Salvation, in the person of the Lord has actually come to the Gentiles in the form of the latter rain which is the last days outpouring of the spirit. Now this will be an event so awesome and great that it will provoke some them to jealousy and many of these will be saved. One reason is that it will be clear that the promise made to Abraham, the blessing of Psalm 133, is being poured out on the Gentiles! And that the Lord’s covenant is being fulfilled for the Gentiles, not the Jews. Then they may well say:

> *'The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.' Jeremiah 8:20*

Yet the ultimate end of this all is still the removal of the blindness for the whole house of Israel.

> *For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen. Romans 11:32-36*

Once the blindness is removed, Israel will be able to see and to truly behold:

> *Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. Psalms 133:1-3*

Tower Of Refuge

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I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress;
my God, in Him I will trust.

(Psalm 91:2)

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It was a gray day. I was with a group of men and women as we hurried toward a high-rise glass enclosed round tower type building. It stood out by itself in the wide, open landscape. We were alarmed, sensing an approaching attack. When we arrived at the building we quickly ran inside. Everything was completely white: doors, ceilings, walls, and floors. The place was immaculate. Other people were already there. They were moving about urgently as we joined them. I do not recall seeing any one particular object inside the building. It's almost as if it was void of furnishings, yet everyone moved about with determined focus and total order.

In the midst of all the *"busy-ness"* I saw a man partly exposed as he quietly sat on a toilet commode in the center of an enormous interior room. I watched him for a few moments while he sat as still as a statue yet keeping his eyes firmly focused at something ahead of him.

I once again focused on all the hasty movements by everyone. At one point, the ceiling suddenly opened up. A few women peered through the opening from the floor above. A mattress appeared on the floor wrapped in white sheets and covered with a white blanket. It was quickly pulled up while several women helped to steady it from below.

Suddenly, I was suspended outside in mid-air at an altitude of about 2,000 feet as I watched a WW2 vintage single nose propeller aircraft *(similar to the English Spitfire single engine fighter plane)* dive toward the building while approaching from the left. It began firing at the building as it made a close pass directly overhead. The aircraft went out a short distance and returned, once again firing at the building.

Suddenly again, I was back inside the building. Everyone was either crouching down on the floor against walls, or huddled in room corners. No one made a sound. The only sounds heard were of the attacking fighter plane and its continued approaches and firing at the building. Interestingly, no windows shattered. They remained intact. During the fighter plane's passes, I remained crouched by a wall. At one point, the aircraft's strafing *ju-s-s-st missed me!* As I crouched down by the wall, I clearly saw the fighter plane's machine gun "bullets" bounce from the wall, *landing right by me*. The fighter plane's unceasing attacks lasted for quite a while. Yet, there were no yells, screams, or hysteria. Everyone remained quiet and crouched without moving. The interesting thing that stood out so vividly was the lack of panic among the people.

After the aircraft finally left, everyone began to move about again. There were no injuries. I saw a group of women open a door. I quickly ran over and followed them into a type of "narrow" closet. The narrow *(which seemed more like a corridor approximately five feet wide)* and deep, deep closet's walls were completely white. It was bright in the "closet corridor." We sang as we entered.

Next, I once again stood in the middle of the enormous interior room. I saw the single blue toilet commode sitting right in the center of the room unoccupied. I walked toward it, and without hesitation I sat on the commode. *END*

[**NOTE:** Bolded, capped, and underlined emphases in the NKJV scriptures are mine. I encourage the reader to read this document with a Bible in hand.]

INTERPRETATION

The glass enclosed high-rise building symbolizes the transparency of the Tower of Refuge, Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Ps. 46:1 Ps. 141:8). The white immaculate environment inside represents Him as the holy dwelling place in which His Church abides (Jn. 15:4, 5) while also hiding in Him (Ps. 119:114) and in His shadow (Ps. 91:1 — Ps. 63:7). The people in the building represent the five-fold ministry:

>> *And He Himself gave* [appointed and anointed] *some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,* ***for the EQUIPPING*** **[providing; furnishing; supplying]** ***of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ*** (Eph. 4:11, 12).

The man sitting on the commode symbolically represents a member of the five-fold ministry in deep prayer as he *purges* himself of sin that needs to be confessed to Lord Jesus (Rom. 6:12-18).

The white mattress bed hoisted up represents the infirmities within these Saints' lives and their spiritual needs that are being lifted up to Lord Jesus through prayer by members within the five-fold ministry.

My outdoor mid-air suspension allowed me to observe the approaching attack the servants of God were coming under. The firing aircraft can portray a dual symbolism:

1. *"…spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places"* (Eph. 6:12), portraying Satan's demonic presence in the air through his evil spirits. His fiery attack against God's servants is an ongoing and unceasing effort to hinder God's work and His Word from going forth in the power and might of His Holy Spirit, *OR*

2. spiritually confused and spiritually uninformed ministries within the Church of Lord Jesus. These are spiritually blind, dogmatic *(rigid, inflexible, unbending)* and misguided ministries / members within Lord Jesus' Church ***who do not WALK nor OPERATE in the Spirit of the Lord***. (Lk. 11:13) Because ***they do not KNOW or STUDY the Word of God with the help of Holy Spirit*** but operate in their flesh with carnal understanding (1Cor 3:1-3), their slandering (Pr. 10:18 — 2Tim. 3:3) and worldly inspired attacks continue against the anointed servants of God. The anointing upon God's *called* servants will only increase as the Spirit of the Lord continues to burst forth in greater power achieving God's plans and purposes in the Church and throughout the world through His five-fold ministry servants for *HIS* glory.

>> *Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are* **done in the *meekness of WISDOM***. *But if you have BITTER ENVY and SELF-SEEKING in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. FOR WHERE ENVY AND SELF-SEEKING EXIST, CONFUSION AND EVERY EVIL THING WILL BE THERE* (Jas. 3:13-16).

The blazing aircraft symbolizes the fast paced, highly visible persecuting attacks the anointed servants of God will increasingly be afflicted with through "higher" *(Satanic)* authorities in the spiritual realm as well as authorities in the Church. (Ps. 91:5, 7 — Ps. 23:5 — Acts 9:1-5)

>> *"Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven,* ***for so they*** **[priests, scribes, O.T. Saints]** ***persecuted the prophets who were before you"*** (Mat. 5:11, 12).

These Saints' lack of fear or hysteria reveals Holy Spirit's *sanctified* anointing, Word filled hearts, empowered faith, and steadfast faithfulness in the hearts of God's *TRUE and CALLED* servants as they *persevere and ENDURE* to the end.

>> You therefore must ENDURE hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles **[COMPROMISES]** ***himself with the affairs of this life,*** *that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. … This is a faithful saying: for* ***if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we ENDURE, we shall also reign with Him.*** *... Be diligent to* ***PRESENT YOURSELF APPROVED TO GOD, A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.*** *… And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility* ***correcting those who are in opposition****, if God perhaps will grant them* [the quarrelsome and foolish] *repentance, so that they may know the truth, and* ***THAT THEY MAY COME TO THEIR SENSES AND ESCAPE THE SNARE OF THE DEVIL****, having been taken captive by him to do his will* (2Tim. 2:3-5, 11-12; 15; 24-26).

>> *And on some have compassion, making a distinction;* ***but others SAVE WITH FEAR, PULLING THEM OUT OF THE FIRE*** **[through the Word]*, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh*** (Jude 22, 23).

>> ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE **[spiritually mature],** ***THOROUGHLY EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK*** (2Tim. 3:16, 17).

The narrow closet symbolizes the prayer closet where God's Saints enter to spend time with Him. Here, the Saints assembled to pray corporately for protection, peace, stronger faith, greater anointing, wisdom and strength to *persevere and ENDURE* the persecution they now find themselves under. (Ps. 121 — Ps. 145:18 Mt. 7:13, 14 — Phil. 3:3, 13, 14)

My sitting on the blue commode *symbolically reveals* a servant of Lord Jesus humbly searching her heart before Him as helped by Holy Spirit *(symbolized by color "blue")* Who surfaces any possible remnant hidden sin in the heart. He helps the Saint of God receive revelation of hidden sin, then acknowledge it to Lord Jesus, repent *(purge oneself)* of the sin, and receive forgiveness and cleansing by the Blood of the Lamb. (1Jn. 1:9, 7 Phil. 4:6, 7) The Church is to be found in an attitude of spiritual vigilance through prayer at Lord Jesus' appearing in the clouds to call us Home (1Cor. 15:51-53 — 1Thes. 4:13-18). — [See RAPTURE PREPAREDNESS, http://www.etpv.org/2003/rprep.html, for further understanding of "commode purging" symbolism.]

COMMENTARY

This dream was given to me in the morning hours of December 7. This is the anniversary date (1941) of the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor. The aircraft represents a ministry, and symbolically, a stronger approaching *RESISTANCE* (*attack)* is on the way upon the five-fold ministry servants of God in Ephesians 4:11, 12.

These servants know that *now* is the time to be totally surrendered to Holy Spirit's control and His anointing. We are to be deeply immersed in prayer and in the Word as never before as we spiritually witness and *ENDURE* increased persecutions—*RESISTANCE*— by some in the Church of Lord Jesus worldwide, and also discern the fast pace toward the end of this age (Matthew 24). The imminent Rapture of the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth is almost upon us, and we who are *called* into the five-fold ministry have the sure Word of God:

>> *"Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or RESIST* (Lk. 21:14, 15).

>> *You sitffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always RESIST the Holy Spirit* (Acts 7:51).

>> *Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For* ***there is no authority except from God****, and the authorities that exist are appointed* [called] *by God. Therefore whoever RESISTS the ordinance* [the Word] *of God, and* ***those who RESIST will bring judgment on themselves*** (Rom. 13:1, 2).

>> *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: … For men will be lovers of themselves … unloving, unforgiving, SLANDERERS …* ***having a form of godliness*** **[professed Christians]** ***but denying its power****. And from such people turn away!* (2Tim. 3:1, 2, 3, 5)

Therefore, let us pray one for another that Lord Jesus' strength and increased faith will find us empowered to STAND:

>> *For we do not wrestle* [war] *against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to WITHSTAND in the evil day, and having done all, to STAND. STAND therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and have shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the* ***FIERY DARTS*** *of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is THE WORD OF GOD* (Eph. 6:12-17).

>> *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God* (2Cor. 10:3-5).

>> ***Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord.*** *See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.* ***You also be patient. Establish your hearts, FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD IS AT HAND*** (Jas. 5:7 8).

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Tragedy Of Tsunami

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The Tragedy of Tsunami, the King of Glory, and the Power of the Priesthood

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

Here is what the Lord of Harvest revealed to me through the tragedy of Tsunami:

Since the first of the year, my spirit has been bowed very low because of the tragedy of tsunami.

On New Year's Eve, I flipped the channels to see how the world would celebrate in light of the very recent and horrifying tragedy. There are no words to describe the depths of my dismay when I saw the whole world celebrating with drunken revelings when such a tragedy as over 100,000 people being swallowed up by the voracious appetite of tsunami had occurred not even a week before.

I have literally been in spiritual shock. In that spiritually arrested state, I could not call a prophecy up from the depths of my inner being that keeps ever poised toward the Lord, nor could I have called one down from heaven in a time of turning my face upward toward Him, no matter how much it would have been in my heart to do so, nor how much I would have desired to join in the chorus of prophetic voices addressing the issue.

I have simply been too spiritually numb and literally struck dumb, and it's taking me till this 3rd week in January to feel even a little bit of a release to now share the things the Lord has been speaking to me since that time.

Every celebration on New Year's Eve world-wide should have been marked by three things:

1. great thanksgiving to God that the breath of life was still in our nostrils
2. repentance in sack-cloth and ashes
3. and for the servants of God, a deep inward "coming to terms" with hearing some very hard words from God.

And it's that third item that I wish to address in this article:

There is a present word of God in the earth coming forth to shake religious foundations to the core in order that the message of reconciliation might go forth and set people free from the bondages of those things that hold them captive to judgments against which there is no release apart from the knowledge and mercy of Almighty God.

The whole world witnessed the flood-tides of tsunami spawned by an earthquake that shook the foundations, and so unsettled things under the seas that the
flood waters were released out of the inhabitant to do their great damage. But water always cleanses as it sweeps things away. The earth has been cleansed in a measure from paganism and idol worship because of the tsunami. It's easy to watch from thousands of miles away and receive revelations of why God allowed such a thing to happen, or debate the "God or the devil" question.

However, the Spirit is going to drive it home to many that it would do the church great service to acknowledge that when natural events happen, there are parallels in the Spirit realm, and we best seek the Lord to understand what He is doing in the Church in the realm of the Spirit.

I would say there's going to be a wholesale shaking of the foundations laid in religious flesh (spiritual earth-quakes) till the spiritual landscape is so re-arranged and the waters of the Spirit of life are going to wash out those things so that God's people can build afresh and anew, and on right foundations .

Only then can the gospel of the kingdom be preached with power and demonstration. Relentless waters of the power and glory of God are coming to sweep away everything preventing the glorious truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ from being proclaimed and preached in this earth with the power and authority given to the saints in His Name!! Joe's Bar and Grill down on the corner may be **A** problem, but it's not **THE** problem.

The problem is a powerless church operating in a present context which binds up the waters of life from truly flowing **because it has refused to release the authority of the believer to operate in the power of the priesthood.** Such truth flies in the face of religious dogma and reason. But, there is a shaking in the earth whereby we are going to see the release, and it's through even this violent shaking by way of such tragedies that we have recently witnessed that God's people are going to rise up, and refuse religious bondages that keep God's kingdom from being manifested in the earth. When you can take your rightful authority in God to remit sins, you open up the way for the glory of God to manifest in the lives of people!

It's one thing to note how that tragedy will always give people time pause and reflect on their need for God, going to church, greater spirituality, and more of an intent to "live right". These things were a subject covered on every broadcast and cable news station following the events of 911. However, what is the message to the servants of the Lord already successfully doing those things? The message is one of getting a higher perspective, and coming up into a new dimension in the Spirit. It's not just "church life " and "body life" as usual.

It's learning to walk life out in a whole new realm of spiritual authority where the King of Glory is manifesting in and through your life, and if it means submitting to the dealings and shakings of God that upsets religious flesh, then in Jesus Name, let it be so!!! The joyful end result is that true redemption is drawing nigh!!!

While God is talking to the heathen by harnessing the elements (wind, water, fire and earth) as vehicles of His judgments, He is also talking to His people, and here is what He is saying:

LOOK UP, and LIFT UP YOUR HEADS.

25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;
26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
27 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. Luke 21:20-28

Beloved, it's a time for God's people to have a gaze fixed upward upon Him, and our heads lifted up. It's interesting to note that there is only one
other portion of scripture where the scripture commands people to "lift up your heads." It's in Psalm 24:

Psalms 24:7 ¶Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
Psalms 24:9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Why is God saying to "lift up your heads"?? It's so the King of glory can come in!!

My dear friend, with every natural disaster that occurs to shake up lives and nations, I submit to you that God is reminding you to LOOK UP because it's YOUR HOUR in which the KING OF GLORY is surely to come in!!! The only hope for yourself as well as those in this world who will be given ears to hear is CHRIST IN YOU, the HOPE OF GLORY!! (Ref. Colossians 1:27)

We are not going to see the gospel of the kingdom preached in demonstration and power in this earth until it's done in the context of the presence of the King of Glory operating in and through the lives of

His people.

Beloved, I am convinced that the message of reconciliation IS the message of this King of Glory, and Jesus clearly laid it out to His disciples in John 20:21-23 when He imparted to them this **power of the priesthood** . The "power of the priesthood" is not the right of the select clergy of some certain denomination laying historical claim to it, and holding "confessional" sessions. EVERY BELIEVER is a priest unto God, and has been given the right in the Name of Jesus to stand in that stead through the power of the Christ within!!

Even RIGHT NOW, you have the scriptural right to knock on your neighbor's door, look them square in the eye, and tell them that their sins are remitted, and they are forgiven!! The choice that person makes as to how they will work out their own salvation with fear and trembling after you've declared to them the message of reconciliation is between them and God. But believe me, if you've told that neighbor their sins are remitted, those sins are GONE, and they are clean before God!! There is now NOTHING standing between their soul and the Saviour! They are now reconciled to God!

The religious system of man does not want God's people to recognize their authority to remit sins. When was the last time you sat in your church and heard the preacher preach on John 20:23, the words in red below:

John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.
22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:
23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained. John 2o:21-23.

No, you won't be hearing that message in the local church, but I will tell you the Spirit of God is saying if HIS PEOPLE are going to be operating in HIS MIND with the manifestation of the King of Glory within, they are going to have to recognize their kingdom right to remit sins in order to lay the groundwork for the gospel of the kingdom to be manifested in the earth!!

When God's people begin to get revelation that in the time of tragedy and trouble we are summoned by the Holy Ghost to advance upward into a position of greater authority to work **in conjunction** with His judgments in the earth, there will be massive in-gatherings of the harvest!!

My dearest friend, I am going to tell you what I am NOT looking for: I'm not salivating to hear about the location of the next tsunami, or earthquake, or tornado, or mudslide, or hurricane, or avalanche so I can receive accolades that I've got a good and true prophetic gift operating in my life. The cry of my heart is to be so close to the Lord that I know these things, so that if God desires to place me in position to speak a message of reconciliation, and invoke the power of the priesthood, I will be in the RIGHT PLACE at the RIGHT TIME!!

If God were to tell me He's fed up with the diabolical manifestation of homosexuality in San Francisco, and intends to allow the whirlwinds of a tornado to rip through that city in the month of March, I'd get on my face before God NOW to ask Him for the money for a plane ticket, and a mighty anointing to go to that city and BOLDLY ANNOUNCE to the inhabitants of San Francisco that their sins are forgiven, that they can be free, and then believe God for a "gospel of the kingdom release" of mighty delivering and cleansing power to wipe that scourge of homosexuality out of the lives of those people, and out of that city all together!

Every day now, my mailbox is flooded with prophetic words about where the next tsunami is about to occur. My friend, if you are getting those words, and believe they are from God, then you need to get on your face before God to ask Him if you're supposed to GO and ANNOUNCE THE COMING KINGDOM before God Almighty shows up in His dread fury through the elements!! You just MIGHT prevent the judgments of God, but if this situation is too far gone in the mind of God, know this: You will save a multitude from hell by declaring the remission of sins, and proclaiming reconciliation!!

I know you are waiting to read words in this article like "**repentance**" and "**decision**". It's further down in the article, Part 2. Be patient.

After the tsunami, I heard an anointed man of God on TBN declaring boldly to all that you cannot persecute Christians and violate God's anointed servants, and think that God will forever turn a blind eye toward it, and never release His judgments. The man was mighty in His authority to speak up for the Name of the Lord in avenging the people of God. I wish he would have gone a step further: I wish he would have looked into the camera and said this:

In Jesus Name, your sins are remitted!! I declare unto you that your sins are forgiven, and you are set free from the powers of darkness so that you can receive with meekness the ingrafted word that is able to save your soul (the ongoing renewal and sanctification of the mind, will, and emotions)!!

Hell would have been shaken to it's core, and scores of humanity would have been released from the kingdom of darkness! Preparation would have been laid for healing and deliverance to come to those souls so distraught and distressed and in agony because of loss and destruction that had come to them! Why do I believe such a thing? **Because I believe what Jesus said in John 20:23!! Here it is from the Amplified Bible:**

[23][Now having received the Holy Spirit, and beingled and directed by Him] if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained. John 20:23, Amplified.

Beloved, while man has to "clean up" the mess in the natural, God's people **get to** (that means it's a privilege....... you don't HAVE to, you GET TO) "clean up"
the spiritual devastation to people's lives!! Oh, how WONDERFULLY REDEMPTIVE are all the judgments of God!!!

The message of reconciliation through the power of the priesthood is the FIRST ADVANCE into the harvest! It then can be followed up
with anointed men and woman of God who can teach the people to live holy lives, making decisions to LIVE for God, and follow on to know and serve the
Lord. Before the fish were cleaned, they needed to be caught!

By the Spirit, I am seeing massive crusades full of heathens clad in garments of paganism, emoting out of every pore every evil spawned of hell, and THEN men and women and boys and girls full of the Holy Ghost going through the crowds, and commanding the demons to leave, and the captives to be set free, and their sins to be remitted in the name of Jesus!! It's not just going to be the big-name preacher standing on the platform preaching under the power of God! EVERY BELIEVER is a priest unto God, and has the power of the priesthood!!

I see the transformations from darkness to light be every bit as evident and awesome as it was when that demon- possessed lunatic who ran up and down naked in the tombs came face to face with Jesus. He was then found clothed and in his right mind because Jesus took authority over those demons, and cast them out. The light of God filled that man's soul. The people of that day wanted Jesus OUT of there because they could not stand the manifestation of the power of God! But it was TOO LATE. The VINE had already spread into their village, and there was no stopping it!! (Ref. Luke Chapter 8.)

Beloved, if you're nervous at the manifestation of God's power, it's time to find out what spirit you are of. You can cry out for souls and for people to make decisions for Christ to your heart's content, but we're in the time when the gospel that will be most effective in reaching the world IS the gospel of the kingdom!! It's not the gospel of filling out decision cards, or shaking the preacher's hand. It's not the gospel of "every head being bowed, and every eye being closed so you can slip up your hand when no one's looking because you're too ashamed to acknowledge Jesus and how He gave His life for you with everyone looking". I'm not suggesting the end of those things, but those things are not what Jesus calls the "gospel of the kingdom."

It's the **gospel of the kingdom** that Jesus said would be preached in all the world for a witness before the end comes. (Matthew 24:14.) The gospel of the kingdom has signs following them that believe. It's the gospel that heals the sick, raises the dead, opens the doors of the prison houses, and sets captive free. It opens deaf ears, and blind eyes, and looses the tongue of the dumb, and causes the lame to leap as the hart!

This gospel of the kingdom is preached to the poor, binds up the broken hearted, sets at liberty them that are bruised.......(hmm........that sounds like a gospel that we need to see preached more in our churches!! I've certainly needed to be set free from a few bruises in my time!!) It's the gospel that preaches **the acceptable year of the Lord.** What is the "acceptable year of the Lord"?? That's another article, but it's the 50th year when every slave is set free, and every man is released from his debts, and gets a fresh start in life, brand new, as if the past never happened! That's what is ACCEPTABLE to God: for people, and you and me to be FREE from every bondage the enemy would place upon our lives!!

And this gospel of the kingdom is the SAME gospel where God's people have power to forgive sins because JESUS gave His people authority to do so!! We feel we have been given much authority to pray for the sick, and to heal the sick, and the afflicted, but if we say we also have authority to forgive sins, it's as if we have touched a sacred cow of some 4 or 6 point "plan of salvation", and the bottom of Christendom will fall out, and that in very short order. Jesus made NO difference between forgiving sins, and healing the sick. The same God who gives authority to do one, gives authority to do the other!!

Matthew 9:2 And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
Matthew 9:5 For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?
Mark 2:5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.
Mark 2:9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?
Luke 5:23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. James 5:15

I believe that kingdom authority is going to release the ministry or reconciliation, and the Lord is literally going to raise up men and woman of God who are going to **run ahead of His judgments to proclaim His Name and the remission of sins.** The ministry of reconciliation will release souls that are held captive by sin and uncleanness so that when the judgments of God come, many who would have been lost will instead fall into one of two categories:

1. There will be those who are washed and cleaned and spotless in the blood of the Lamb because **God's people took their rightful place of priestly authority in remitting sins.** Had this happened prior to the tsunami, many who had never heard the gospel would have been ready to meet their Maker.

2. OR the Lord will number them among those He is preserving in the earth for a time yet appointed to die, or a time in the latter days when He shall stand on the earth, and rule and reign from Zion!! God always preserves a people in the midst of His judgments!

When you **"run ahead of God's judgments",** (as I was speaking of in my little illustration in Part One of this article about San Francisco) you're going to be alerted in your spirit where to go with a word from God **and a priestly anointing to remit sins** before God gets there!! Jonah was one called to run ahead of the judgments of God. Had Jonah been tenderhearted toward the people, he might have partaken of that anointing, but he was a proud prophet, and wanted to see God's judgment to confirm his prophetic gift more than he wanted to see the people in repentance and change of heart. Praise

God, the Lord over-rode that proud prophet syndrome in Jonah, and sovereignly moved by conviction in the hearts of the inhabitants of Nineveh so that they came to repentance.

I know that many years ago, the Lord put the nation of Sri Lanka on my heart. I didn't think of it as a burden, but there was simply a marked interest that I knew was from the Spirit of God. I began to research it online a bit. At that time, it was not in the news for any reason, but simply "a knowing" that the Lord quickened that country to me, and I pondered it much. Had I a better- developed "hearing ear", I may have heard the Lord tell me to go to that country to start remitting some sins.

But I had neither the ear, nor the confidence in the anointing in my life, nor the faith for the money to make such a trip, nor the prophetic savvy to know at that time that I was so impressed with that country because the Spirit within me knew the devastation that would be coming to that little country. For someone else it might have been Indonesia, or Thailand. For me, it was Sri Lanka.

If you've got a burden for souls, don't just picture yourself begging and pleading with one person to come to Jesus, and accept Him as their Saviour. Instead ask the Lord to add to you a rising up into a place of authority where you are even declaring to nations that Jesus paid the price for their sins, and you've come in His Name to inform them that they are forgiven, and that God is NOT imputing their trespasses against them! You've FREELY receive of His grace. You are FREELY allowed to give it!! You don't need to beg or cajole people into the kingdom!! You just need to declare the truth of God's Word that they are forgiven, and very freely so because Jesus paid the price in response to the heart of His Father who was not willing that ANY should perish!!

What about decisions, and repentance and those things? Am I circumventing the message of repentance?? Absolutely not!! I simply am believing that when we speak the word of reconciliation to people that the searchlight of God will go on in their souls, and repentance is not going to be a religious emotional act, but a call will come within to depart from the works of iniquity to serve the Lord with a renewed and pure conscience. Repentance means to change the mind, and go in a different direction. Notice that Jesus breathed on the disciples and they received the Holy Ghost, and in that context the Lord told them that they would have power to remit or retain sins. I believe that same Holy Ghost impartation will be transmitted to instigate the ongoing works of conviction and repentance!!

(Before I get bombarded with mail that I am preaching "ultimate reconciliation", I am not. However, I am preaching that there is Ultimate Victory in the Lord Jesus Christ!! There were only two in the garden for whom the Lord made coats to cover their nakedness with the skins of animals, thus signifying the shedding of blood for the remission of sins. It was Adam and Eve. The Lord did not make a covering for the wicked serpent. He was not included in the plan of salvation, however, all the other members of the garden were. The same God that can forgive and cover the sins of two, can forgive the sins of a whole nation if He desires to do so!! The Bible says that He can save by many, or He can save by few!! 1 Samuel 14:6)

I am seeing by the Spirit of God that He is raising up a people who have a confidence in their authority in Him to know they can release the kingdom into the
lives of people through PROCLAMATION! It's the difference between asking someone if they wish to be free, and declaring to them that because of the
supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ they ARE free!!

¶How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Isaiah 52: 7.

Beloved, God's judgments are appearing in the earth, and I want it to be very clearly understood that I have the deepest respect for those who preach the gospel through warnings and pleadings with people to repent. The prophet Isaiah, under the unction of the Holy Ghost said, "Cry aloud and spare not......."
The prophets are called to get into the watchtower, and issue warnings when danger is coming, and it doesn't matter if it's an overflowing scourge from hell, or
a manifestation of the wrath of Almighty God. God's Word will never return unto Him void!!

However, I am going to submit to you something that I fully believe is from the Lord. I prophesied a word a couple of years ago entitled,

Thinking Differently in A Season of Change, and I believe this flows along with what was presented in that word.

I truly believe that because of the lateness of the hour, and the fact that God's judgments in the earth are going to be tumbling out one on top of the
other, God's people MUST recognize that the new wine of the kingdom is going to be released from new wine bottles, or wineskins. Preaching the
remission of sins with the authority of actually DOING IT, and not leaving it up to "decision processes" is the NEW WINESKIN in the church that will hold the key to the power and glory of God being preached and proclaimed to multitudes!

It makes me spiritually heartsick to see that people believe the "new wineskin" means instead of singing the old hymns of the church, or the lively choruses of Zion, or the Psalms set to music, it means the saints are to boogie and jive to heavy metal music and rap with "saved" words. All that is doing is imitating the world.
That certainly is NOT a "new wineskin!" In fact, that's very much the OLD wineskin as you should have become a NEW CREATURE in Christ Jesus departing from the love and desire for the OLD SOUND to get a NEW SONG!!

I believe the NEW wine skin in the word of God are things so clearly defined in scripture as the **believer's rights and commodities in the kingdom** that we've never experienced in the measure that God desires for us because the Pharisaical, religious mindset has been too busy saying that the old ways and methods are better, and because we have been lacking in true revelation into these things. It's a great study to simply go through the gospels and pick up on things that Jesus did and said that upset the Pharisees. That will give you a clue.

Both Matthew 9 and Luke 5 give an account of the parable of the new wine being placed into new wine bottles. Read these chapters paying careful attention to your context.

14 ¶Then came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?
15 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.
16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse.
17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. Matthew 9:14-17.

The question was presented to Jesus concerning a very noble and religious thing to do: Fasting. His response to them was that as long as the bridegroom was with them, they could not fast. Who is this bridegroom to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and ESPECIALLY those that love His appearing, but that KING OF GLORY whom I declared at the beginning of this article will COME IN, when we TURN OUR FACES TO HIM, and LIFT UP OUR HEADS that HE MIGHT COME IN!! (Again, review Psalm 24, and Luke 21:28)

When God's judgments are in the earth, the KING OF GLORY is COMING INTO HIS PEOPLE who have hearts to discern His presence and His coming!

Some will continue with the old wineskins, never realizing that the glory of the Lord IS HERE because they have been so caught up in their religious ways they've never LOOKED UP to SEE JESUS!! . They will continue in old ways and methods, but to that one who has LOOKED UP, and LIFTED UP HIS HEAD, there is going to be a completely different order in how God uses that one to advance His reconciliation and redemption in the earth!

Don't let the religious crowd make you feel guilty that you've got new wine flowing from a NEW wineskin!!

And in closing, I declare that God's people are FREE to rise up in a John 20:23 anointing to lay the groundwork for the advancing message of the Gospel of
the Kingdom!!

Now, I am going to ask you a question that is going to cause every religious fiber in your being to convulse. The religious earthquake in your soul will probably hit the Number 9 on your religious Richter scale. I know it certainly is on mine!! But, I am going to ask it anyway because I believe I have the authority of God's word to do so, though I don't have the boldness to highlight it or put in caps because, you see, what I am saying is even causing tremors in my own spirit. Oh how those "tsunami waters of life need to come and wash away all fear and dread of the religious system and old ways so that we can rise to walk in newness of life, and HIS ways which are so far above our own!!

Have you forgiven anyone's sins lately?

Always in the Love of Jesus,

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Herald of His Kingdom

Thoughts On The Season

Susan Cummings

Many people have contacted me concerning the events taking place, and what we are to be doing, and what God is doing in our midst.

I have been formulating some thoughts for you all, as to some of the things the Lord has shown me. I pray these will also bring further illumination to you as well, as we walk out our destinies.

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Matthew 25

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins
1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming;[a] go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour[b] in which the Son of Man is coming.

In this season, the Lord has been calling to His People to draw near to Him, to be cleansed and refined and purified. He has been dealing with us and challenging us to change. He has given us many years to do so, but this generation has slept on, like the virgins. We are a sleeping generational church. We have not tended to our lamps nor sought to be full of the life, light, and presence of God from within. We have little oil.

What you see happening in the natural also mirrors what God is doing in the Spiritual.

He is after the hearts of men. He is after the oil. He is after His Presence being fully formed and ignited within them.

What just got hit the most in our country? The oil.

What is needed the greatest in this midnight hour in the church? The Oil.

The criers are riding throughout the lands, crying, prepare ye the way of the Lord! But few listen, and most turn over and go back to sleep.

The few that have prepared in this sleeping generation, have done so, and they cannot give to others, as each person is responsible for their own personal intimacy with Christ. Each must go out and purchase or pay the price of refining and purification and change, to obtain their own relationship. For most, the price of carrying our cross daily, is too high, and they settle in for compromise and comfort.

The Lord has also brought a breaking and a rending and a division of those who are His and those who are not. In every area, we see the separation beginning and increasing. Between families, friends, workers, and peoples. God will have a holy people who are fully given to Him. All that is not of Him is being exposed, judged, and dealt with.

This breaking open and rending is redemptive if we embrace Him in it. The Lord said to me many times, that he must break open the heart of America to get to the heart, for it was crusted over and hardened. He must rend it asunder to lance it, and open the sin, so He can bring healing.

The Lord also told me while ministering in NY recently, that we are more concerned with our W and E borders and either the security of our coasts, than we are watching the heartland. We are vulnerable, and the greatest damage will occur in the heartland, for we do not guard our heart. We also are more concerned about our image and might than our state of being. We compromise and lose our purity and eternal inheritance for a temporary morsel of carnal food.

This is seen as a natural event and a spiritual one.

The natural one being shown as the coming earthquake that will divide America down the middle, of which I have seen in dreams and visions 3 times now. The last time was the most terrifying and profound encounter. A literal breaking open to expose the heart will come if we don’t repent and return to the Lord. If God can’t get our attention, He will get louder.

The spiritual type as being the division and separation of the church, Namely, those who are truly His heart, mind and soul from those who say they are His, but their hearts are far from Him. God wants heart relationship and not lip service anymore. He is dividing the sheep from the sheep. The Remnant from the apostate church systems of men.

He will deal with both.

We are at the midnight hour. What will we be found with?

The events are only a wake up call so far. We haven’t even begun to see the shaking of the heavens and the earth. Yet, the scriptures plainly tell us that men will not repent and their hearts will turn colder and harder, and they will curse God rather than turn to Him.

So, the earth will travail, the heavens will be altered, and we will walk through it all with our Lord, till He chooses the timing to bring us home.

The natural shows us what the Father is doing, if we have eyes to see.

Katrina means Purity. God desires Holiness in His House.

He is dealing with sin. He is breaking it open and fully disclosing it, and dealing with it head on. No more will we get by with our sins, big or little, for all is sin. All needs to be cleansed and atoned for. None of us are exempt. Let us seek God.

Just as the coastal states have been hit hard and the worldliness and blatant degradation issue addressed. So it will also hit the church and many will fall also because of this same issue. The Church looks like the world, acts like the world, and there is no distinction of difference.

That will change. We will separate, and be clean and pure, and be holy and be full of His Truth and Light and Love or we will be utterly dark and lost without Him. Its our choice.

Our self sufficiency, independence, greed, and pride have caused us to love ourselves, our images, our works and accomplishments, and our positions. We have lost our first love and have gone after another. We have committed idolatry in this nation and serve many things.

We lust after power and control. But we deny the Lord. Our independence and strength is now being tested and our pride dealt with. We will be bound to the gods that we serve. We will be given over to that which we love the most. We will either embrace the Truth and have illuminated minds and hearts full of His Light, or we will become fully reprobate and darkened. We will not stand in the days to come, apart from our utter returning to the Lord.

Lots of Images, and lots of Truth.

Hopefully we learn from our mistakes and we change and draw close to the Lord.

The days ahead will see greater shakings and chaos as the hearts of men are laid bare and they are dealt with, and choices are made.

May we humble ourselves and seek God, and make the right choices.

May we find ourselves awake and full of Oil.

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Stand By Me
Susan Cummings

Stand by Me
Do not run to look and see
For I told you that I would bring
All things into their final places

Such as it has been seen and done
Is nothing compared to what will now run
For I showed you all that is to come
And now many look and fear and run

Stop, and stand firm next to Me!
Do not give way even to your curiosity
For the hearts of men will harden even more
As I burn down all the erected doors

Be settled firmly in your minds
Leave all your fears and thoughts behind
Take up My Word and let it deeply in
Or you cannot rise above the earthly din

Keep your hearts fixed upon Me
Trust not in your flesh to support thee
For I AM all that you will hold dear
As you walk out the latter part of this year

Never before has the seas roared as they now will
Even still, the hearts of men will grow dim more
As they cannot go after their earthly prizes
Shaken and brought down to show their demises

What is fixed and firmly planted will stand
Take heed where you stand lest ye also fall
For the waves will become even a greater wall
As the towers of men topple and fall

Great is the sea's and the earth's travail
As the fullness comes now to a greater fruition
Lands will indeed change, but the peoples will only rage
As they behold the closing of the Current Age

I told you in My Word that it is to come
I gave you My Plan so that you could stand
Be seated and settled now, next to Me

As I work My Work, dealing with the hearts of men

You have the keys that will show men the way
Take what I have placed within you and go your way
For I Am with you until the end
Shining My Light of Truth through women and men

Across the lands and the seas will you go
Directed by My Spirit through the bloody flow
Reaching to My lost ones who cry out to see the light
Taking them up into their heavenly flight

Stand By Me
Look upon Me and see
For what I will now bring
As the earth shakes and rings

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The Darkness At Noonday
Susan Cummings

The Vision below takes place at my office while sitting at my desk.

As I am sitting here, I begin to see myself standing in a place of complete darkness. There is no light around anywhere. It seems like it was day and then it was night. There was no gradual darkening, just a sudden change.

I don’t feel any fear or even any anxiousness at the change, only the peace of the Lord. I know that I am in Him, and He has brought me here for a reason, so I wait for the Lord to show me what He wants me to see.

The darkness is total and it seems almost like a solid mass around me, and it does not have a beginning or an ending point, as you would expect if you drove into it or walked into it, as it is just there.

As I stand there, I also notice that there is no sounds. No sounds of life or wind, or air, or anything. It is like a vacuum. It is like a place of total isolation, kind of like being in a dark sound proof room. This must be what the absence of Gods Presence is like, I thought to myself.

"You are correct", the Lord then said to me. I knew the Lord was standing beside me, even though I could not see Him. "The darkness is the absence of My Presence and My Light, and it is the place of total separation from the Truth."

"When people reject Me, they embrace what they love. The darkness becomes their abode and their portion. It is a place of total spiritual poverty and no illumination. When the Truth is rejected, and men choose to believe a lie, then they give themselves over to a reprobate mind and the darkness then becomes complete."

"The famine of My Word has begun to greatly increase now, even amongst My House, for even those of My House are being tested and tried, and what they give their hearts to, will be what they will be bound to."

"My corporate church has lost their first love, and have given their hearts to many things, and have denied Me the reins of their lives. They want their own ways and to walk their own direction, and have strayed from the Truth. They do not love the Light, and have not applied the Word to their lives, and have given themselves over to the darkness. For they are not lovers of the Truth."

"What you see before you is the famine of the Word and the complete falling away of those who say they love Me, but deny Me, and who will not embrace Me. The darkness is real and they wander around in the light of day bound in total darkness. They hear, but do not perceive the Truth."

"They can read the Word and will not understand it, but it will be closed and be as a wall before them. They will see, but do not have eyes to see what I am doing, and they grope around looking for answers but they will never find them, for they rejected Me and My Word in their lives. They loved their pleasures more than My Holiness."

"The darkness is also fear. Those who do not know Me and walk in My Love, will walk in fear and be bound by it. The opposite of absolute faith is absolute fear. I have repeatedly commanded My people to come to Me, to know Me, to fully and completely trust in Me, and to have faith in Me. But they continually stray away from Me, and feed upon everything that comes along, and are now filled with mixture, darkness, and do not have My Truth fully formed and established within them."

"I have been forming Myself within Mine, and have been purging them and preparing them to stand in this hour. But even amongst Mine own, many have chosen to attack, tear down, and come against what I am building. They forever resist the Truth and the Spirit of Grace that has been given for this hour. When My Grace is finally rejected, there is only wrath afterwards."

"Mine will abide in Me, and walk in total darkness and not be affected. They will not fear, nor be dismayed, nor want for anything, for I AM their portion. When you abide in Me, then you are as I AM. Do not grieve, for My Word has warned men for generations of the coming darkness and the famine. But few applied My Word and allowed me to change them. Men think it will not come, or happen to them, or that it is only a Truth and not a reality. Now, it is too late, for it is already done. Those who are Mine, will walk fully in the light as I am in the Light. For they loved me more than themselves."

"What is meant for slaughter is given to the slaughter."

"What is meant for the darkness, now will abide in it’s place."

"What is meant for the destroyer is already in it’s hand."

"What is meant for the storm is already in it, for few paid heed."

"What is Mine, is Mine, and will remain in Me."

"The spiritual darkness is complete and few see it, for it is still day in the earth, but it will soon be fully night and then no man will work."

"The darkness will work it’s work, and it will be given all that is not Mine. I am fully disclosing the darkness and the light. I am showing all men what both looks like, so no man will have an excuse and say to Me that they didn’t know or that they were taken unawares or were deceived, for all men will know."

"Both darkness and light will be seen and understood, and both will be inhabited and both will continue till the end, as I bring My House into it’s place."

Until then, the final race continues, and men will rise and fall, and nations will roar and the earth convulse as the darkness swallows it’s due."

"You are to stand in the darkness and show forth My Light. For nations are coming to the light, and the knowledge of Me will be shown, and men will choose, and determine their eternal destiny. The books are open, and many are writing their names in the books. Some to eternal damnation and some to eternal life. This is the Hour of Truth, and all men will stand in their places."

"Do not waver, but stand firm, and know that even in the darkness, you abide in Me. Do not look at the waves, the winds, or the storms, but remain fully abiding in Me, and know that you walk out your destiny in Me. Give no place to fear that will rule the masses, but yield to My Spirit, and follow Me. For I have given you My Truth, to light your path. Go to all who will gather, and speak the Truth to them, and show them the way to Me. For some will cleanse their garments through the dark hours ahead, as they see the Light and choose to come out of the darkness. Many will not. But you must continue on, and leave the men to Me, just walk forth knowing that I Am in the midst of all things."

"The Fear of the Lord will keep you in the Truth. Never allow the fear of men to divert you, but fear God more than men, and lead them on and through the storm. For it has only just begun, and the full force has yet to come. I have warned Mine to remain in Me, and now the Truth is plain to see, for all that are looking for Me, will find Me, even in the trials of fire to yet come."

"My Glory will illuminate you, fill you, and flow forth from you into the darkness, as you obey Me. Guard your heart and walk humbly in the earth, for it labors to fully give birth, and great will be the rending that will come. But you have all that you need with you, and so, walk on."

I stood there, allowing His Voice to flow through Me, strengthening me, and bringing me closer to Him. There is so much happening in the earth and in the heavens, and it pulls on you, and drains you at times. But we must come aside and be refreshed and strengthened and listen to our Lord. So, I await in the darkness, in Him.

He is our portion and refuge in the storms and our Standard in the midst.

Let us walk in the light, while there is light to work, and reach out to those who grope in the darkness at the noon hour. Let us press on to the mark and the high calling in Christ, and be found faithful in the end.

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The Path To Victory

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I want you crucified and always crucified for that is the only way through which I can lead you. I have created that path for you and its in me. That path is called sacrifice and its only on it I can lead you and guide you to your destiny.

I am Jesus, the author and finisher of your faith. Look to me and be strong. Look to me and run the race before you patiently seeing the great cloud of witnesses that encompass you. I have ran the race before and they all have also ran it before. Therefore be still and know that victory is ahead of you. I have given you the record. Therefore put on the confidence and know that victory is sure. In all you go through remember that I have given you all things ...(2 Peter 1:3) ...and this is the record (1 John 3:11) ...and this is the confidence (1John 3:14) ... and this is the victory (1 John 5:4)

The Pope As A Sign Of The Endtimes

Lishan Desta

Is there anything God wants us to learn from the life and mission of Pope John Paul II? I believe, in the following regards, the life of this great man of God can be taken as a sign for this age and times.

1. John Paul II traveled the world to reach out the masses of humanity with the word of God; he determinedly preached and taught the moral statutes of the Word of God. Like Elijah, he untiringly worked to restore the ruined altar of God in the world which has been destroyed by the forces of modernity. Like John the Baptist he was the apostle of repentance, calling the world back to God. His passion to see God's morality and eternal truth restored in the world is with few parallels in recent world history (Malachi 4:4-6; Luke 1:76-77).

2. As Elijah and John the Baptist and the other prophets did in their days, John Paul II stood up against the powerful and the mighty to challenge them to rule and behave as God wants them to do. He openly championed the dignity and the image of God in every human person. He clearly showed that everyone is precious in the eyes of God, and that the ordinary man has a God-given right to life, freedom and property which authorities cannot trample upon (2 Sam. 27- 36; 2 Kgs. 20). God used this Pope in a unique way in the bringing down of the throne of wickedness – communism. He was also fearless to castigate the dehumanizing aspects of unbridled capitalism (1 Kgs 18:18; Jerm 22: 13-16; Luke 3:1-22).

3. Though the Pope championed the cause of the poor and the disfranchised; however, he refused to accept the idea that the problem of the poor will be solved through Liberation Theology. In this regard, he eschewed the mixing of Marxist ideology with Christianity. On the other hand, he preached the sufficiency of Christ in addressing the spiritual as well as the social and political problems of the world. The Pope effectively resisted the program of some priests to put the need of the people over and above the eternal truth of the Lord (Rev. 2:6). Hence, the Pope was used of God to cleanse the church and the priests from dangerous the virulent pathology of Marxism, etc., that threatened to afflict the Body of Christ.

4. In a very unique way God used this Pope to reach to the young people of the world. This is also in line with what the Lord prophesied about the Endtime Elijah saying, he will restore the hearts of the young to the fathers', and those of the fathers' to the children (Malachi 4:6). For example, the last words spoken by the Pope underline this particular mission of his life. Apparently, addressing the youth who were amassed under his window praying and chanting for his healing, he sent this message, '*I have been looking for you; now you have come to me. Thank you*.' God foresaw a generation gap opening in the Endtime, that will take the young adrift from the faith and devotion that has been the older generations'. Therefore, the Lord promised to send someone who will be used of Him to heal this rift. The Pope to a great extent has been used of God to fulfill this role. To this end, for example, the Pope instituted the yearly, World Youth Day.

5. John Paul II led a life worthy of a prophet of God. Reputedly he spent hours and hours prostrated

on the floor of his chapel in intercession. He led a very simple and ascetic life, eschewing material pursuits and pride. He was meek and humble in his demeanor (Mark 1: 6-8). He immensely cared about the poor, the suffering and the disfranchised of this world (Lam. 2:11). Typifying the action of Christ to forgive those who crucified Him, this Pope also forgave the man who attempted to kill him in 1981. This Pope was not also afraid to ask for forgiveness even when the sin was not his, but that of his church or Christendom in general. He reached out across cultural and religious divides to bring reconciliation and understanding with Christians. For example, he asked the Jews and God for forgiveness for the anti-Semitism the Jews have suffered down the centuries at the hands of Christians. This had an immense implication for Christian – Jewish relationship and understanding.

6. One of the great signs of a prophet, or any great man of God, is the mark of Christ's suffering the man is asked to bear in his body by the Lord. This is what the Apostles call the sign of the 'fellowship of His suffering' by which Christ fulfills the mission of the cross further in the life of the world (Col. 1: 24, Phil. 3:8-11, 1 Pet 4:12-13). To such prophetic suffering God has called John Paul II ever since his childhood. He knew bereavement; he knew sorrow and pain; he knew sickness and brokenness. But most importantly, he understood the meaning of his cross, the loss of family me members, the hate and persecution of Nazis and Communists, of pain and sickness His Lord asked him to bear such a cross, and he carried his cross with dignity and thanked God for that (2 Cor. 12:6-10).

7. Last year by this time God used the Catholic-made movie, Mel Gibson's 'The Passion of the Christ' to reach the whole world with the Gospel, with the atonement price paid for our sins by the Lord. This year again the Lord used a Catholic, the life of the dying Pope, to enter almost every home in the whole world to preach the Gospel truth. It is very hard to assume another time as this one occasion where the Lord preached the Gospel truth – in its spiritual, moral as well as its social-political implications – to the whole world through and including the secular media. Who knows this man of God 'killed' more enemies of the truth of God than he did while he was alive (Judges 15:30; Phil 1:18)?

What will follow once the Lord gave this sign of the prophet Elijah through His great servant, Pope John Paul II? Most likely the Pope was that prophetic figure sent into the moral wilderness of the world in these last days calling the people back to God. He like John the Baptist is man sent of God to prepare the hearts of world for the soon to be coming of the Messiah (Mark 1: 2-3; Luke 26-33).

The Prophet Cries

Robin Paisley

The Prophet Cries, the Wolves Rejoice and the Owl Sings High from the Tree."
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The prophet cries
The wolves rejoice
The owl sings high from the tree

I was given to rest upon our Father's chest, his voice was in my ear, ever so gently he began to whisper, "the time is near, tell my people, the time is here."

The church inlaid by wood, the church covered in bark, the church whose walls are thick in protection of that which is built of man; its kindling is ready for fire. Do you not see, do you not hear that Christ indwelling in thee, is not made of the things of the earth that man's hands have welded in pride but made of that which is holy, holy, holy as the cherubim cried; our Father speaks, 'SET MY PEOPLE FREE.'

If thou wilt not hear God's voice in thy ear, but continue to run with ravishing wolves than a wolf shall ye be; thou wilt become what thou has eaten.

If thou wilt not see God's Kingdom come but continue building upon sand, than so shall the waters cover thee and make ye part of the sea.

The cry of the prophet is gone through out the land but the leaders have turned away; men appointed by God himself have turned wicked in their pursuit of wealth and have led many, many astray.

Do you not see, do you not hear that Christ indwelling in thee; has made habitation in a company of people that will set his people free.

If thou wilt tarry on high while excavating the deep; thou wilt run with horses fashioned by the King, while others lie awake but sleep.

If thou wilt but stand upon the rock looking over the sea and sound the alarm through out the land, than thou wilt but become like flint and a wall in my castle will thou be.

The wolves are rejoicing, in the pack they do gather the weak, the sick, the old and the young, like sheep led to the slaughter in blindness, territory not theirs is overcome.

The owl doth sing the song of the night as he travels to places unknown to man, to gather but treasures, the hordes of delight; oh the second realm does one see.

Be very wise in your choice of meat for the owl is roaming the night as the wolves do travel in packs; they are seeking to feed those who are but in shallow waters, seemingly to the deep things of Christ. But to their own delight doth drowning occur in man's ways and prideful life, the soul in bondage in self is Sheol in the making.

The prophet doth cry.

"And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run.

This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming--it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.

Look at that man, bloated by self-importance--full of himself but soul-empty. But the person in right standing before God through loyal and steady believing is fully alive, really alive."

Habakkuk 2:2-4

The Power Of Agreement
Sandy Warner

Mar 2, 2005
THE POWER OF AGREEMENT
When you are sifted in your relationships, the enemy has tried to bring division and strife for a specific purpose. I AM leading My people into a unity on a massive level never before experienced. This unity brings multiplied increase for breakthrough against the kingdom of darkness and towards collecting your rewards and loot.

The power of agreement I AM leading My own into is built upon faith and love. This is a sold out faith that I AM Sovereign in all things and a love that is willing to lay down your lives for your brethren. With such passion behind unity, there is no end to the power of agreement.

Matt 18:18-20 NKJV
"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

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Faith To Wait For The Glorious Visitation
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Faith To Wait For The Glorious Visitation
You have gone through a washing, a cleansing of your soul when in a mighty whoosh, I sent My waters to cleanse your striving. I also brought Wisdom to your door where I gave you Myself in disguise. Yes I wounded you with wisdom that I might lance the malady within your soul and bring it up for a thorough washing. Am I not the One Who wounds, tears, then binds up the broken heart and heals once again? Yes this is strong meat, more than you bargained for in your faith of a sugar Daddy God. Trust that I know exactly what you need for abundant health. As you see the light of My truth, and open the door, it will release your promises of face to face visitation.

Dear One, do not grow hopeless when My face is withheld from you. This holding back is only a pause, a temporary place that will bring deeper wells of passion and anointing into your life. I know that you long for our communion to be complete, that we might share the cup. Now hold on as I have forged your armor of faith like blue steel, to mount up and stand, pressing past the oppression. When I return to your door, will I find faith?

Allow this temporary restraint to dig down deep into the wells of your soul and spirit. This will bring your passionate responses to My Presence into deeper wells and yearnings. My passion within you shall never die. It's My anointing, My power, My glorious cry. I light your fire. And stir your coals. Allow My fire to penetrate the layers of your heart as You wait for Me. Have courage little one, your reward is coming. When I knock on your door, your faith will explode as I grant your vision of promise and we shall have our glorious visitation.

Hos 6:1-3 KJV
Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

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Learn To Give Without Strife
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LEARN TO GIVE WITHOUT STRIFE
Dear ones, when I send you with My message, your only assignment is to deliver the Word and then back off and let Me do the convincing. It is not your job to play Holy Spirit. To step beyond the boundaries of your assignment is to fall into a downward spiral that results in striving and debate. This does not represent Me or My message. Such behavior represents the Pharisees and wolves who are blind and lost in their own mind-sets. They defend their opinions in frank and bold speech. They point the finger silhouetting their own wounds and know not the wisdom of their God.

When I serve My Word, it is as a humble and lowly servant. If I, being Lord, am gentle and lowly of heart, how much more should you? Listen to the word give. It means to bestow, grant, offer, present, donate, furnish, impart. When I give it is served on a platter of choice. I do not force Myself on the non-teachable. As you come into synch with My purposes and with one another, you will learn that giving through My Presence and through My Spirit will result in pure, sweet peace.

2 Tim 2:23-26 NLT
Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. The Lord's servants must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone. They must be able to teach effectively and be patient with difficult people. They should gently teach those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people's hearts, and they will believe the truth. Then they will come to their senses and escape from the Devil's trap. For they have been held captive by him to do whatever he wants.

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The Harvest From Letting Go
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The Harvest From Letting Go

As you let go of the ones you've loved
And gave them to Me to keep from above,
It released My hand to continue My molding,
As you released to Me whom you were holding.

Your prayers and your words have taken root.
They empowered the journey to find their loot.
Their path was prepared along the way,
For a destined future and brighter day.

Letting go of the treasures you've held so dear,
I know it hurt and I know your tears.
You gave them roots and gave them wings
That they might fly with hearts that sing.

This is the hope in the power to let go:
That My will is manifest, and you may know,
That since you set your loved ones free,
That when they return it was meant to be.

Phil 4:1 NLT
Dear brothers and sisters, I love you and long to see you, for you are my joy and the reward for my work. So please stay true to the Lord, my dear friends.

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The Power Of A Transcendent Life

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There are a great many books written today about developing our spiritual gifts or discovering our purpose, most of them are absolutely worthy of our attention. Recognizing our gifts and being trained to serve God in our individual calling is part of doing His will. Yet, there is a deeper, more essential goal -- an objective that is ultimately far more valuable both to God and ourselves. I am talking about the genuine quest to possess the likeness of Christ.

We marvel at the life of Paul. Here was a man who wrote Scriptures, who led many thousands to Christ; he founded churches and was proficient in all the spiritual gifts. Yet, what compelled him forward in life was not his calling, but his passion to be like Christ. He articulates this profoundly in Phil 3:10. He wrote,

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

My concern is that, over the years, I have seen far too many people who devoted themselves to perfecting their gifts or ministry, but neglected the deeper quest of conformity to Christ. To seek spiritual fulfillment from "our ministry" or "gifting" is to walk a path that actually leads away from the fulfillment.

Let me reinforce this point about the nature of our calling: my calling is not the core element of my destiny. A person's calling is a combination of divine preparation and a present assignment. A calling often unfolds or even changes throughout the seasons of life. As important as our calling is, the core of our destiny is not rooted in what I do for God, but in the conformity of my heart to Christ's. Christlikeness is my destiny. God may use my calling to perfect Christlikeness, but the purpose of my existence is to become like Jesus. Spiritual gifts and ministry assignments are only passengers in the car as I journey toward the fullness of Christ.

Predestined to be Conformed

Speaking of destiny, Paul wrote, "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren" (Rom 8:29). Do we see this? We are "predestined to become conformed" to God's Son. When the New Testament speaks of destiny, it is almost always in the context of becoming Christlike. A "calling" or task may be to serve as a pastor or teacher or a housewife or in the marketplace, but regardless of my outward responsibilities, my *core destiny* -- the reality that continues unfolding within me regardless of outward circumstances -- is to embrace a life "conformed to the image of [God's] Son."

You see, our destiny is not what we do for God, but who we become to Him. As we reach for Christlikeness, our love for God becomes richer, our witness to sinners more powerful, and our secret life holy. As we seek conformity to Jesus, we discover that all our spiritual desires are rooted and nourished by conformity to Him.

Apart from Him, we may think we are doing great or important things, yet Christ tells us "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up" (see John 15:1-8). With Christ, however, even in the midst of conflicts, trials and temptations we manifest "the life of Jesus . . . in our mortal flesh" (2 Cor 4:8). This, indeed, is the transcendent life of God.

The Gifts and Callings
It is to our shame in the west that many of our seminaries do not focus on becoming Christlike, but rather devote themselves primarily to theology and hermeneutics. Obviously, we need correct biblical knowledge, but even more do we need conformity to Christ. Even in our churches we labor to see people released in "their gifts," and may we never stop! But let us not neglect the more foundational work of seeing Christlikeness structured into the congregational attitude.

Paul taught that the gifts and calling of God were "without repentance" (Rom 11:29 KJV). The apostle was writing about Israel and the irrevocable place she has in God's future, yet the principle of which he speaks is true for us as well: God's calling on our lives, and His gifts, remain living realities independent of our state of heart. The gifts and calling of God exist "without repentance."

A pastor can still preach and even inspire the congregation, though he is living in serious sin. His "calling" is not dependent upon the current state of his righteousness. A worship leader that commits adultery Saturday night still may stir a congregation Sunday morning because his gift still works "without repentance" of his sin. The evangelist that weeps as he saves souls, even after he spent the night drunk, thinks that God has excused his lawlessness. Yet, even while the Holy Spirit is working through the minister's gifts, the man himself is in grave danger. For after he has preached to others, he himself might be disqualified (see 1 Cor 9:27). We have all seen gifts and callings remain functional even though individuals led double lives, with hearts that were trapped in sin.

The fact that the gifts and calling of God operate somewhat independent of our character tell us that God will use imperfect people. But we still must beware. A day may come when we look to our gifts or ministry and plead, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?" But Christ will not have it. Instead, He will utter those most terrible words, "I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness" (Matt 7:21-22).

You see, our gifts are necessary and understanding our calling is vital. Yet, attaining the nature of Christ is our destiny.

Beloved, as we approach the end of the age, a new priority is coming to God's people: the summing up of "all things in Christ" (see Eph 1:9-10). Both our gifts and our calling must serve our destiny, which is to reveal the nature of Christ. The focus that brings meaning and fulfillment is that which works to conform us inwardly to Christ. Our lives are to become "a fragrance of Christ to God" (2 Cor 2:15). Yes, the path to Christlikeness is the way to transcendent life of God.

There is a Mysterious Drowsiness to Overcome

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Perhaps we need to be shaken from our slumber to possess the promises of God! Amazingly, in spite of all the signs, wonders, and warnings announcing that we are truly in the last days, Jesus also said there is a mysterious drowsiness that we have to overcome. Indeed, immediately after highlighting the various evidences of the end (see Matthew 24), He compares the church to virgins who "all got drowsy and began to sleep" (Matthew 25:5).

Virgins sleeping at the end of the age: This seems incomprehensible with all the signs in the heavens and wonders upon the earth, not to mention the increasing presence of Christ. Yet this phenomenon is something we each battle: the tendency to become spiritually drowsy and lose our focus as we wait for the Lord's return.

There is a subtle activity of the enemy that dulls our perception and seduces our zeal. Our vision takes a backseat to other less important aspects of life. From the beginning, the voice of Satan has had this lulling effect on mankind. Eve's excuse for disobedience was, "The serpent hath caused me to forget" (Genesis 3:13 YLT).

This sense of spiritual forgetfulness, of drowsiness, is the cloud of blindness that we each must discern and overcome. It was in regard to this that the Holy Spirit spoke to my heart through the following dream.

"For Dreams to Come True"

There was a temple standing in an open field. My view of the temple was from its side, about 200 yards away. I could not see its front, yet it must have been completely open because great light flashed out from the inside; it pulsed like lightning, yet was solid like sunlight. The block of light issued straight out and I knew this light was the glory of God.

The temple was so close, I knew that with a little effort I could enter the glory of God. His Holy presence was clearly within my reach. There were also others directly in front of me that I recognized as people from church. Everyone seemed very busy. And while the temple and its light were visible and readily accessible to all, every head was bent downward and turned away from the light; each was occupied with other things.

I heard one voice say, "I have to do laundry." Another said, "I have to go to work." I could see people reading newspapers, watching televisions, and eating. I was sure everyone could see the light if they wanted to -- even more sure that we all knew His glory was near.

There were even a few people reading the Bible and praying, but everyone maintained the downward distance of their gaze; each had a barrier of some kind between themselves and the place of God's presence. No one, in fact, seemed capable of standing up, turning, and walking into the very near glory of God.

As I watched, suddenly my wife lifted her head and beheld the temple in the field. She stood and walked without pausing toward the open front. As she drew closer to the light, a garment of glory formed and thickened around her; the closer she went, the more dense the light surrounding her became until she stepped in front of the temple and turned completely toward the face of God.

Oh! How jealous I felt. My wife had entered the glory of God before me! At the same time I realized that there was nothing stopping me from approaching God's presence -- nothing except the pile of things to do and responsibilities that, in truth, ruled my life more than the voice of God.

Pushing the weight of these pressures from me, I determined to rise and enter the temple myself. But, to my great regret, in my dream as I rose up, I suddenly woke up!

The longing and disappointment within me seemed unbearable. I had been so close to entering God's presence. How I wanted to enter the temple and be swallowed up in His glory! I cried, "Lord, why did You let me wake up?"

Instantly, the word of the Lord responded to my cry. He said, "I will not have My servant's life fulfilled by a dream. If you want your dream to come true, you have to wake up."

Breaking Passivity; Setting Priorities

Beloved, today, God is awakening us to the reality of His presence. The promises God gives us in the Scriptures must become more to us than a dream-like reality only reserved for the hereafter. Moses frequented the glory of God! Israel's 70 elders ate and drank in God's resplendent glory (Exodus 24). Jesus unveiled God's glory on the Mount of Transfiguration! Paul says that we all can behold the glory of God and be transformed by it (II Corinthians 3).

For this reason, the Scripture says, "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you" (Ephesians 5:14). If we truly want Christ to "shine" upon us, we must arise from the distractions that entomb us in lethargy and spiritual darkness.

Right at this moment, the presence of the Living God is near enough to hear the whisper of your heart. But if we want our dream of standing in the presence of God to come true, we must wake up.

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The Power Of God Unto Salvation
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The Gospel Is The Power Of God Unto Salvation

Romans 1:16
For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Be Shamed, but not Ashamed
Last week I focused on the first words of Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel." I tried to make plain that there is a difference between being shamed for the gospel and being ashamed of the gospel. If you are a faithful Christian, you will be shamed for the gospel. That is, you will be the target of shaming behavior. But there is a very good reason why you do not have to be ashamed when that happens.

I compared Paul's reason with Jesus' reason for not being ashamed when they were shamed for the gospel. Hebrews 12:2 says, "For the joy set before Him [Jesus] endured the cross, despising the shame." The shaming behavior against Jesus was as ugly and cruel and demeaning as it gets. But instead of letting the shame eat him up, or make him ashamed, or turn him into someone as weak and ugly as his shamers, he fixed his heart on the joy set before him. In other words, the assured triumph of his death and resurrection to save sinners and vindicate his righteousness and bring him home to God kept him from being ashamed or disobedient. When he was tempted to feel ashamed, he focused his mind on the joy set before him. He endured short-term pain because of long-term gain.

And Paul was like that. He said, "I am not ashamed of the gospel," – I am not ashamed of the message and the reality of Christ crucified for sinners and raised with power and saving all who trust in him. Why not? Because "[the gospel] is the power of God for [unto] salvation to everyone who believes." This is the same way that Jesus overcame feelings of shame when he was shamed for the gospel. Jesus looked to the joyful triumph of his cross and resurrection; Paul looked to the joyful triumph of the gospel in eternal salvation.

We do not avoid feelings of shame by altering the gospel to make it popular and inoffensive (see I Corinthians 1:18). We avoid feelings of shame by remembering that the gospel is going to be vindicated in the end. We remind ourselves that the gospel alone brings forgiven sinners to final, everlasting joy. Nothing in the world can do this except the gospel of Jesus Christ. Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam – they do not have a Savior who can solve the problem of separation from a holy God through sin, and offer sinners hope by grace and not works. Only one message saves sinners and brings them safely into the presence of God – the gospel of Jesus Christ. It alone is the power of God unto salvation.

Therefore, Paul would say – Jesus himself would say – suffer, yes. Be misunderstood, yes. Be shamed, yes. But do not be ashamed. Because the message of God's saving work in Christ is the only final triumphant message in the world. Short-term pain. Long-term gain. For the joy set before you, for the salvation that only the gospel can gain, take up your cross, follow Jesus and despise the shame.

The Gospel Is the Power of God unto Salvation
Now today I want to dwell on the words, "for it [the gospel] is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes." And I will take up only one question: What is this salvation that the gospel so powerfully brings about? We will see in answering this how our faith relates to the gospel in bringing about our salvation.

There are other crucial questions, especially the question of how the gospel becomes the power to save. But that is the point of verse 17, which we will plan to take up on August 9. "The gospel . . . is the power of God unto salvation . . . for [= because] in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith" – that's why the gospel is the power of God to salvation.

So the question today is: What is this salvation that the gospel so powerfully brings about? "The gospel is the power of God for [unto] salvation." Does this mean, "The gospel is the power of God to win converts"? Now I do think that is true, but I don't think that is what this statement means.

The reason I think it is true that the gospel converts people – brings them to faith and repentance – is because Romans 10:17 says, "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." And 1 Peter 1:23-25 says, "You have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. . . . And this is the word which was preached to you." So it is true that we are born of God and converted by means of hearing the powerful word of God, the gospel.

And it's true that this conversion is called "salvation" in the New Testament. For example, Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." So conversion to Christ by faith is called "being saved." If you are a believer in Christ this morning, you "have been saved." The book of Romans should be precious beyond words to you, because, like no other book in the Bible, it unfolds for you what has already happened in God's saving you – your election, your predestination, your calling, your justification, your sanctification, and the obedience of faith. These are all part of the salvation that is already true of you through faith.

The Final Triumph of the Gospel

But what is the salvation that Paul has in mind in Romans 1:16 when he says, "For [the gospel] is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes"? I think he has in mind not primarily the first event of conversion, but primarily the final triumph of the gospel in bringing believers to eternal safety and joy in the presence of a holy and glorious God. There are four reasons why I think this is what he means. Looking at these reasons is the best way to unpack the meaning of the verse.

1. The power of the gospel is what frees us from being ashamed of the gospel

The first reason is that the power of the gospel to bring about salvation is what frees us from being ashamed of the gospel. "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation." But if this meant only that the gospel has the power to make converts, why would that solve the shame problem? Lots of religions make converts. Lots of different religious and secular movements win people over to their faith. When Paul said that the gospel has such a powerful effect that you don't have to be ashamed of it, did he simply mean that it does what other religions do: win converts? I don't think so.

Jesus triumphed over shame by looking at the future joy that was set before him as he died. I think this is what Paul, as well, has in mind in Romans 1:16. You don't have to be ashamed of the gospel because it doesn't just make converts; it saves those converts utterly. It brings them to final safety and ever-increasing joy in the presence of a glorious and holy God forever and ever. This is what makes us bold with the gospel – not that it can make converts; any religion can do that – but that it is the only truth in the world that can really save people forever and bring them to everlasting joy with God.

2. "Salvation" is future-oriented elsewhere in Paul and the New Testament

The second reason I think "salvation" in verse 16 refers to the final triumph of the gospel in bringing believers to eternal safety and joy in the presence of a holy and glorious God, is that the phrase "for salvation" or "unto salvation" has this future-oriented meaning elsewhere in Paul and other New Testament writers.

For example, in 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Paul says, "God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth." Now here, salvation is not just what happens at conversion, which leads to sanctification, but salvation is what comes later "through sanctification," and is in the future. In other words, salvation is the future triumph that brings the saint into God's presence with everlasting joy.

Or again, in 2 Corinthians 7:10, Paul speaks to Christians who are already converted and saved, but need fresh repentance for their sins: "The sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, unto salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death." Here again "unto salvation" refers not to conversion, but to the final, future state of safety and joy in the presence of God. (See also 2 Timothy 3:15.)

Similarly, Hebrews 9:28 says, "Christ . . . will appear a second time for salvation . . . to those who eagerly await Him." This final, complete salvation happens at the Second Coming. 1 Peter 1:5 says, "[Believers] are protected by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." This salvation is "ready to be revealed in the last time." It is not conversion. It is the last great work of God to rescue us and bring us to safety and joy in his presence forever.

In Romans 5:9-10, Paul talks about this future salvation as rescue from the final wrath of God: "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood [that's the present reality of salvation!], we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son [here again is the present reality of salvation!], much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." In other words, the full experience of salvation, in Paul's thinking, is still future. Romans 13:11: "Salvation is nearer to us than when we believed."

So when Paul says in Romans 1:16 that "[the gospel] is the power of God unto salvation," I take him to mean that the gospel is the only message in the world that powerfully can bring a person not just to conversion, but to everlasting safety and joy in the presence of a holy and glorious God.

3. Ongoing belief is the condition for this salvation

The third reason I think "salvation" in Romans 1:16 is the final triumph of the gospel in bringing believers to eternal safety and joy in the presence of a holy and glorious God is that ongoing belief is the condition for this salvation. Notice that verse 16 does not say, "The gospel . . . is the power of God to bring about faith and salvation." It says, "The gospel is the power of God for [unto] salvation to everyone who is believing [present tense in Greek, signifying continuous action]." In other words, Paul's point here is not that the power of the gospel creates faith, but that, for those who have faith, the gospel brings about salvation. So the point is not that the gospel is the power for conversion to faith; the point is that the gospel is the power to bring about future salvation through a life of faith.

The tense of the verb "believe" here is crucial. It signifies ongoing action, not just the first act of faith when you were converted: "The gospel . . . is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who is believing" – who goes on believing. It's the same as 1 Corinthians 15:1-2 where Paul says, "I preached to you [the gospel], which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are being saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain." Faith that does not persevere is a vain and empty faith – what James calls "dead faith" (James 2:17, 26).

So the point of Romans 1:16 is that you don't have to be ashamed of the gospel, because it is the only truth in the world which, if you go on banking on it day after day, will triumph over every obstacle and bring you to eternal safety and joy in the presence of a holy and glorious God.

4. Paul says the gospel is for believers, not just unbelievers

The last reason I think this is what "salvation" means in verse 16 is that the verse is given as the reason Paul wants to preach the gospel to believers (not just unbelievers). We've seen this, but look again. In verse 15 Paul says, "I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome." He is eager to preach the gospel to "you" – you believers – not just unbelievers. Then he gives the reason: "because I am not ashamed of it, because it is the power of God unto salvation to all such believers."

So I conclude that the reason Paul is not ashamed of the gospel is that it is the only truth in all the world that will not let you down when you give your life to it in faith. It will bring you all the way through temptation and persecution and death and judgment into eternal safety and ever-increasing joy in the presence of a holy and glorious God. All the other "gospels" in the world that win so many converts will fail you in the end. Only one saves from the final wrath of God and leads to fullness of joy in his presence and pleasures at his right hand forever. Therefore, there is no need to be ashamed of it, no matter what others say or do. And O how eager we should be to speak this gospel to believer and unbeliever alike.

Do You Feed on the Gospel Day by Day?

I close with one huge implication of what I have said. Do you feed your faith day by day with the promises of this triumphant gospel? Do you, as a believer, go to the gospel day by day and savor its power in verses like Romans 8:32, "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" The gospel is the good news that God gave us his Son, so as to obtain for us everything that would be good for us. Therefore the gospel is the power that gives us victory over temptation to despair and to pride and to greed and to lust. The gospel alone can triumph over every obstacle and bring us to eternal joy. Whatever it costs, stand in it, hold it fast, believe on it, feed on it, savor it, count it more precious than silver or gold. The gospel will save you. And it alone.

I love to tell the story; for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story,
'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.

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The Power Of My Name
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…a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty ***army comes****, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come.* Joel 2:2

Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed **great exploits**. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. *2 Samuel 23:20*

No one is like you, O LORD; you are great, and your **name** is mighty in **power**. *Jeremiah 10:6*

“Tell them that it is not my will that anyone would perish, but the time is short and it may become too late for those who want to come to Me. “

“From a distant land hordes of an army are coming. They are coming to wage war with the people of the United States. They are joining forces and they are in league with other people. What will you do, oh proud people of the United States? Will you be prepared or will you be taken by surprise? For they will come to take you by force. For these are the days that many have looked into. These are the days that are leading up to my soon return. “

“I tell you that I am against the proud, but I am with the lowly of heart. I tell you that many will fall prey to evil spirits in this time. False prophets and teachers will abound. The love of many will wax cold, but to those who know Me, I will give them the power to resist these things. They will do great exploits and they will be filled with the measure of the power of my name. For in the power of my name you can do great things. For in it you will find everything that you need.“

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I Will Come And Destroy The Wicked
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Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return. Destruction has been decreed, overwhelming and righteous. *Isaiah 10:22*

"I tell you that this earth has gone through many changes over the course of its creation, but over the next few years it will be changed for good. Woe to those who live on the coastlines for there will be an earthquake not like man has known. For it will split asunder the coastline of California. For a wall of water will separate it. Gone will be all the luxurious homes. Gone will be the movie industry. In the space of about an hour or so, all of this will occur. "

"Woe to those who live in New York City. For you have faced one onslaught, but the next one coming will be your devastation. You will be invaded by an outside force. The electrical system and the communication network will be down. There will be no way to communicate with those around you. But I will provide a way out. You will be warned ahead of time. Some will listen and others will not. "

"I tell you, beware of those who live in the southern tip of Florida, for yours is to be met by sudden and swift destruction. "

"You may say, 'Why will these things come?' I tell you that your nation has reached the peak of its sinfulness. I do not glory in wiping out man because of these things, but the stench of these things has gone on and on. You will ask, 'When will things happen?--within the space of three to four years, the destruction will begin.' But I also tell you that places of safety will be established. For I will always provide a way out for those who will trust Me. "

"I do not want you to live in fear because of these things but to be prepared for what lies ahead. In its time, these things will come to pass."

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The Purpose Of The Hour

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Revelation 15:7-8

Of all things get understanding
To the purpose of the hour
Let thoughts of grace
Be your escape
From seduction’s enticing power
In wisdom there is honor
In mercy there is faith
To gain the strength of perfect love
Found in God’s beloved Son
Whose loving arms will keep you safe
Within salvations heavenly gates.

He who has eyes to see
The glory of God’s majesty
Is wisdom’s precious child
Holy, merciful and mild
Having been conceived
In the knowledge
Of the mighty King
Then fed with manna from above
Will grow up bearing gifts
Worthy of God’s abundant love.

Of all things gain understanding
Through faith in the risen Lord
Who puts within man’s outstretched hands
Keys to open wide heaven’s door
So that wisdom bears witness
To the riches of God’s eternal reward
Men are clothed in righteousness
Empowered to walk in one accord
So that they gladly sing
Praise to God’s holy name
Who redeems, renews and restores.

> *“And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth forever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.” Revelation 15:7-8*
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> *“When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the Lord will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from the storm and from rain.” Isaiah 4:4-6*

According to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the cords of God's heavenly habitation have been lengthened, the curtains stretched forth, and the stakes strengthened so that God's heavenly temple is able to receive both Jew and Gentile. The blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ, has prepared a way for all of mankind to enter into God's holy chambers and partake of God's heavenly riches, found in the Holy Spirit. The old has passed away and all things have been made new, through Jesus Christ's obedience toward the Father. God's relationship with the tribes of Israel, according to God's divine first covenant, which was a foreshadow of better things to come, has now taken on greater depth, width, height and length, according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

The precious blood of Jesus Christ is a sacrifice that has made absolute atonement for mankind's sin. Because of Adam's transgression in the garden, sin and its punishment, which is death, was passed down from generation to generation. For the tribes of Israel to stand acceptable before God, God commanded that a high priest offer a sacrifice of the blood of bulls and goats. But the sacrifice of bulls and goats could not continually make any man acceptable in God's sight, so yearly God required the high priest to make atonement for the "errors of the people". But when Jesus Christ, the great High Priest, ordained of God unto righteousness, shed His blood upon the cross, God proclaimed: "It is finished." The precious blood of Christ made an end of all things that are aligned with the ordinances, rituals and sacrifices of the first covenant.

As it was appointed for all men to die because of sin that entered the world through Adam, so it is appointed for those who look to Jesus Christ in sincere faith to gain eternal life, through the Holy Spirit. Because the blood of Christ is the purposed fulfillment of what God required in order for mankind to stand acceptable in His sight, His blood was shed, not to uphold the pattern of heavenly things, which are aligned with the first covenant, but to purify the heavens themselves, so that a new covenant was established in heaven, which testified of God's love and authority toward men who stood upon earth.

Within the heavens, God sits upon His throne over all of creation, determining judgment according to a new governmental order, which is established upon the atoning work of the blood of Christ. According to God's perfect judgment, which bears the testimony of Jesus Christ, God had determined it was time to open wide the floodgates of heaven, so that the earth would be filled with His glory. God prepared a way for those who look to Jesus Christ in sincere faith to partake of the living waters (the Holy Spirit) that flow from His throneroom in heaven, so that His kingdom rule, reign and authority could be established upon the hearts of men. God's glory now fills the earth, but wisdom declares that only those who have eyes to see, will be able to comprehend and appreciate this truth. Until a man's eyes have been touched by the healing hand of Jesus Christ, he will remain as a blind man, who cannot see and appreciate God's glory that has been released from God's throneroom on high.

> *"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:22-24*

Through God's perfect plan of redemption, based upon the atoning work of the blood of Christ, God no longer looks upon mankind according to the law, but according to faith in His beloved Son, in determining judgment. Men who seek after righteousness, which is found in Christ, shall pass from death unto life. Though all men are born as Adam bearing the penalty of sin, which is death, when their hearts seek after Jesus Christ, they shall be born again of God's eternal Spirit, which has been released from God's throneroom on high. God breathes eternal life unto the souls of mortal men who seek after righteousness found in Jesus Christ. The soul of a man is united unto God, through the Spirit, so that a man can proclaim: "I was once blind, but now I am able to see God's goodness toward me."

All of creation now bears witness to the glory of God. All things in heaven and on earth now testify of the blood that was shed in order to redeem man from the punishment of sin, which is death, so that men may live in honor unto God, through faith in Jesus Christ. Men, whose eyes have been anointed to see the glory of God, will give all praise unto the Lord for His mercy and longsuffering toward them.

The wounds they received in the night, while walking upon a path of unrighteousness, which caused misery to take hold of their souls, will be healed by the Physician's gentle touch. They will no longer stand naked before the Father, because their faith has caused God to place upon their shoulder's robes of righteousness, which reflect the Lord's glory and majesty.

> *"Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength: and in thy favor our horn shall be exalted." Psalm 89:14-17*

Justice and judgment are now given unto the Son in determining who shall partake of God's glory that has been released from His throneroom on high. God no longer determines justice and judgment according to the first testament, with its carnal ordinances, but according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, who is the testimony of God's perfect plan of redemption. Justice and judgment are now founded upon the better promises of a new covenant, which bears testimony to what God has accomplished through Jesus Christ.

No man can deceive God as to the true condition of his heart. A man who professes to others that Jesus Christ is Lord, yet his heart continually exalts self, or idols far above God's holy name, cannot expect to partake of God's glory that has been released from His throneroom on high. He cannot expect to understand the meaning of mysteries foretold of prophets long ago. He cannot expect to have the great physician heal his wounds while walking in the darkness of unbelief. The Word may have been heard, but without it taking root in his life, through sincerely seeking the Lord, Jesus Christ, so that no idols are exalted above God's holy name, he will find that the mysteries of God's Word, will be sealed shut unto his understanding.

For a man to partake of the riches of the Spirit, where peace, love, mercy and joy are released in abundance within the man's life, the Lord must see that his heart is sincere toward Jesus Christ. A man who is judged worthy of receiving the riches found in the Holy Spirit, may suffer for a season, as the Adamic nature is crucified by the holiness of God's Spirit moving upon his every thought and emotion, but in due time the man whose faith is toward the Lord, shall be strengthened so that he is able to go out with peace and contentment, knowing that all things have been used of God to prosper his soul.

The beast in Revelation 15:7, who is one of four beasts, who stood outside God's temple on high, giving unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, is the same beast spoken of earlier in Revelation 4:6-9, who is full of eyes "before and behind", and "within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."

Under the new covenant, God determines judgment according to a man's faith in Jesus Christ, and not according to outward adherence to laws and rituals aligned with the first covenant. It is then significant to note that it is the beast, who is one of four mentioned in Revelation 4:6-9, who is full of eyes before and behind, and within, who gives unto the seven angels (seven, representing perfection, completion, and rest) vials full of the wrath of God. In God's use of the beast full of eyes before and behind and within, reveals God's ability to see what is transpiring before Him beyond a superficial perspective. He has the power and ability to see and comprehend the motive behind a man's actions as He looks directly upon thoughts that exist within a man's heart and mind.

God is able to see all that takes place within the physical boundaries of mankind's conception of a limitless universe, and at the same time He is able to look upon the thoughts and intents of a man's heart and mind. Because God is able to look upon a man's heart and mind, no man can stand before Jesus Christ, and proclaim that His judgment is in error. No man can refute God's judgment if God should say: "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" even though the man may proclaim he: "prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?" (Matthew 7:21-23)

> *"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a*

> *wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27*

These words were spoken before Jesus Christ ascended on high, purging the heavens with His precious blood, so that God opened wide the temple gates and poured out the riches of His heavenly kingdom upon men. Though Jesus Christ spoke that the kingdom was at hand, until He ascended on high, those He spoke to would not understand the great mystery of these words. Yet, His words were soon to become a reality that men partook of, as God opened wide the heavenly gates releasing the glory of heaven upon men.

Those whose hearts continually seek to exalt self above seeking after the righteousness of God, are judged unworthy of partaking of the riches released from God's throneroom. Jesus compared these people to a foolish man who built his house upon sand. Perhaps these people never understood, because they denied the Lord access to their hearts, through seeking after idols that abound within the darkness, that God judged them unworthy of His kingdom. Perhaps they never understood, because they tried to establish purpose and security in life according to truths, understandings, events, and things that have no eternal value that Jesus Christ denied them access to the riches found in the Holy Spirit. But because they did not understand that God judged them unworthy of partaking of His spiritual blessings, does not make God an unfair judge.

But if a man should call out to the Lord words such as: "Jesus, dear Savior, Blessed Son of God" the Lord will be faithful to establish this man within His kingdom, as He releases His Holy Spirit within his life. Jesus would compare this man, to a man who has built his house upon the rock (who is Christ). Jesus proclaimed that to stand with faith toward His holy name, is to stand upon a solid foundation of truth that cannot be shaken.

Though events that run contrary to a man's understanding of comfort should arise upon the earth, a man whose heart is toward the Lord shall stand secure in the knowledge of God's great love toward him. This man will not fall into the grave of despair, grieved of life, but will continue to be lifted up by the hand of God, whose desire is toward him. This man shall be blessed with wisdom that is only obtained through faith in Jesus Christ. He will be used of God, to help others stand secure in the knowledge of God's great love toward them.

> *"But now I must go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." John 16:5-11*

No man could enter the Lord's temple on high until God's perfect judgment, aligned with the righteousness of Jesus Christ, was established in heaven, which was then established upon the earth, within the lives of men, as God opened wide His heavenly gates and released His Spirit of holiness. God is holy, in Him is no darkness at all. And when the Lord's holiness, His heavenly Spirit, was released from heaven upon the world covered in darkness, the darkness comprehended it not. "Men loved the darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

Jesus Christ proclaimed to His listeners that He must go away so that the Comforter would come unto them. Unless Jesus Christ ascended on high, purging the heavens with His precious blood, the Holy Spirit, God's Comforter to those who seek the righteousness of Jesus Christ, would not be released from heavens throneroom. To those who seek after the righteousness of Jesus Christ, God's Holy Spirit brings comfort to their souls. Though for a season, God's Spirit purges their conscience of dependence upon unrighteous works, in due time, their hearts will be strengthened by the knowledge of God’s love toward them, so that they are able to rejoice in the day of their salvation.

When God released His Spirit of holiness from on high, the prince of darkness was judged according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and was found guilty, in that he did not express the heart and nature of the Lord. The prince of this world, Satan, is the prince of darkness, in whom is no truth of the righteousness of God found. As in God there is no darkness, so it is that in Satan is found no light. The prince of darkness will always remain hidden in darkness, speaking lies and accusation against the goodness of God.

Those who give honor unto the prince of darkness, refusing God’s hand of salvation according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, will not experience the supernatural blessings that are found in the Holy Spirit. They will be left wallowing in their sins. There will be no healing balm for the wounds received in darkness, from the very one they give all honor unto. And as God’s Spirit of holiness judges the prince of darkness guilty of representing all that is contrary to the goodness and purpose of Jesus Christ, so will those who align themselves with darkness be judged. They will not partake of God’s love. They will not partake of the abundant riches found in the Holy Spirit. They will continue to war against the Lamb of God, not understanding the destruction they bring upon their souls.

But to those who hear God’s voice calling to them, as the Word of God is spoken by holy men sent of God, so they turn from the darkness to the Light of God, Jesus Christ, to them will God’s judgment against sin and the sin nature be seen as holy, perfect in all its ways. God’s holy temple is now ready to receive men who have partaken of the Light; men whose souls have been joined in union to God, through the Holy Spirit. Judgment has been established upon the earth according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ. May all men seek to understand the beauty of the “Light”, so that they may proclaim: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.”

> *“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Corinthians 4:3-6*

The Plight Of The Perplexed

Cheree Bartlett

There was a God I used to know-one in whom I was very comfortable. But one day that all changed and I found myself not in the paradise of religious bliss but in the severe heat of desert scarcity. The God I had come to know took on a new face and he became more difficult to identify in the well-known biblical verses cited for solutions to my ailment. In the beginning I looked to my regular church and other mainstream Christian communications for answers and some were good for shedding some light at that time; however, as time went on I searched other avenues and found other works which better addressed my dilemma. Still the onus of understanding this new face of God and where he is leading me rest squarely upon my shoulders.

Recently, I attended the services of my regular church. I left feeling a bit confused because when I would again look at the message in the light of my life it did not fit. It later occurred to me that my life was not conforming to the usual modern day Christian paradigm due to it acquiring a biblical cast of the historic kind. I will try to explain what I mean, but my words may prove inadequate. When usually we are taught from the bible from our pastors or others we are taught from a perspective of how does this scripture apply or help me in my life. Or we are taught from a position designed to get the congregation to respond in a certain way whether its tithes and offerings or some other agenda. The focus is usually on us and always about us. It's mostly what God wants to do for us—expand our potential or fulfill our dreams prosper us etc. It is not my argument that God doesn't do these things for the saints, but if it has been the principle focus of a ministry, it is insufficient to address the situation when one's life is running counter to this perspective. As Christians we are usually divorced from the historic movements of God for his divine plan and it's understandable why we would be. There are a lot of distractions even of a spiritual kind which prevent us from observing our faith in a historic context which goes beyond how much I can get out of this life. We become so preoccupied with life and religious doings that we do not perceive a historic shift and moment building up. And herein lies the problem for someone or people who are called to be a part of divine history. When your life goes topsy turvy in an unprecedented not your run of the mill trial sort of way, conventional bible study and thirty minute sermons will not explain it all.

When I speak of historic context I am referring to God's use of people at certain historic junctures for the progression and eventual culmination of his redemptive plan for mankind. Since the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden, God has been strategically working out his plan for the amelioration of that broken relationship through the course of human history. From Noah all the way to the apostolic beginnings of the early church we see God engineering and intervening in human history to accomplish his purpose. To illustrate, Joseph the next to youngest son of Jacob had a dream which he related to his other brothers. Due to his fractious relationship with them, they sold him to the Ishmaelites , (which was better than their previous plan to kill him) who in turn took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar captain of the guard.

Most regular church attendees and bible devotees are familiar with this story. They know that Joseph is shown favor in Potiphar's house, falsely accused, imprisoned and eventually released based on his interpreting Pharoah's dreams. He is then promoted and in a position to help his brothers when a famine hits the land. There are many principles which can be derived from Joseph's story, but the one which may not be so obvious and perhaps rarely spoken of is the subtlety of God's movement to accomplish what he told Abraham about his descendant's being enslaved in a country not their own for four hundred years. To be more succinct, although much can be gleaned from Joseph's ordeal, the overarching consideration is that God used Joseph and the messy relationship with his brothers to pave another step in his historic plans. And in his use of Joseph God let him first suffer enslavement and then imprisonment while being a slave. I don't think it presumptuous to assert that Joseph was bewildered on occasion during his ordeal, and may have wondered how he went from being a favorite son, to having a dream to being enslaved. It was only once he was free and the famine as foretold came upon the land and he was reunited with his family, that he realized God's intention—that God sent him ahead of his family to preserve for them a remnant on earth and to save their lives by a great deliverance. *Exodus* 45:7.

It is interesting to note that Joseph equated his enslavement with God sending him ahead. I thought it a strange way for God to send someone. Why not just have him take a less circuitous route. Why all the pain and drama? It seems all historic sending is accompanied by some measure of suffering, pain and even death. While the focus of Joseph's story is usually on his character and handling of his ordeal, in the quiet backdrop is God initiating and engineering human events at pivotal moments for his divine purpose. For it should be observed that it is God who initiated the famine which propelled Joseph's family to leave Canaan and seek grain in Egypt. See *Exodus* 41: 28.

This is the pattern of all God's working in human history. Through the rise and fall of nations and empires and the buzz of human activity, God will interject himself into human affairs, not in some overt flashy way, but just under the radar when it's time to add another stone to his divine road. Another example is the Lord Jesus. There was no great announcement to the religious establishment of his arrival. He didn't drop out the sky as a full grown man, but came as a baby and only a few people were privy to the knowledge of his arrival. In the midst of his birth life carried on as usual and would continue as such into his adulthood until he fulfilled his destiny as God's cap stone in his divine road. After Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection the apostle's and the early church would be the organism integral in God's stone paving work for the next crucial juncture in history, namely the return of Jesus and the establishment of his kingdom.

However, here is where the wheel falls off the wagon for modern Christianity. I believe that once Christianity became formalized we either ceased to see ourselves in the context of God's historic plans or somewhere along the way we lost that perspective of being a part of God's historic interventions so that now we have this complete book called the bible in which we read stories about people but haven't understood ourselves as continuing the overall story which God is penning. The central point to realize is that in these last days, although a great amount of time has passed since the apostles first spoke of them, the day and time eventually comes when God will set things in motion for the next paving of the historic road, and as God usually does it will involve the use of someone or in this case a body of believers. It will not be obvious to the world or the religious establishment and life will seemingly go on, but for some of us it is the receding of the God we use to know and the introduction of the God who is wholly biblical yet entirely unfamiliar because of the historic context of the moment.

Although I did not originally have this view, it would be odd for God to wrap up this age with the church no where in sight as some believe. It would run counter to his employment of men to further his divine purposes just as in times past. In his examination of the prophetic call Art Katz writes, "It is the distinctive privilege of the church as it is with prophets to see the continuing influences that issue from the past and profoundly affect the present and the ultimate future. They see the continuum, the unbroken span of past, present and future as few see it. Regrettably, the church more or less does not have this context. It does not see itself in the broad perspective of God, nor in the eternal purposes of

God and therefore, everything suffers loss." (paraphrase)

If the church generally has lost God's broad perspective, the individuals who find themselves thrust into that perspective equally find themselves perplexed by the unsettling events of their lives. I being one of those individuals write this article as much for my family as for others. I would like to tell my family and friends that I know where my life is headed but I do not. I used to have concrete plans and ideas for my life of which vocational issues and financial hardship was not a part. I know they may wonder what is wrong with me and would like to see whatever dreams they have for me fulfilled. I feel the heat of my predicament everyday and the humiliation on more than one occasion. I confess that I do not know when my view will clear as it is more than little challenging to understand how God works in actuality as opposed to just theoretically. T. Austin Sparks expresses my sentiments well when he writes:

If God were dealing with us as sinners, that is, if He were dealing with us because of certain personal sins and personal faults we could quite clearly understand that; but when he is dealing with us in relation to divine purpose, as His servants, His dealings with us go far beyond our understanding. We are taken out into a realm where we do not understand what the Lord is doing with us, and why the Lord takes certain courses with us. We are out of our depth, we are altogether baffled and we are compelled , that is if we are going on with God to believe that God knows what He is doing…(The Ministry of Elijah).

To my family I say "thank you" for your support in spite of perhaps not understanding where I am or what's going on with me. In and of myself I have longed for the surety of foot in my direction and whereabouts and desire to be able to supply you with an explanation of my situation. I am learning gradually and I believe the Lord will clean the murky glasses of my view. Until then your patience is appreciated and your prayers ever more desired. May God bless you more with a revelation of himself in these days, in these times.

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The Pope's Passing

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A True Saint
The passing of Pope John Paul II is a major event because we have all lost one of the most remarkable leaders of our time. I am not a papist and do not believe that any man on earth should be called "the head of the church," which is the rightful place of Christ alone. However, I do not doubt that John Paul II was a man of God that all Christians should be thankful for and should rightly mourn. It was not his title but his character that caused him to transcend the Roman Catholic Church and become a leader who blessed and advanced the whole church, and, indeed, the cause of Christianity itself. He was one of the greatest leaders of our time, and will be sorely missed.

I have said for years that John Paul II prophetically pulled the string that began the unraveling of Communism. He stood for freedom and human dignity with a resolve like few others. He also stood for life, without compromise, against the atrocity of abortion. Also, in one of his very last statements, he called on America to count as dear the life of Terri Schiavo.

Pope John Paul II Clung to the Cross

John Paul II also took the remarkable and unprecedented step of apologizing for the Catholic Church's persecution of Protestants and Jews, as well as its historic role in oppressing other people groups. This was done with unquestioned sincerity, as it could have caused major political and legal problems for the church, but he did it because it was true and the right thing to do. Instead of opening the door to problems, this raised the world's esteem for and trust in John Paul II, the Catholic Church, and, indeed, even Christianity itself.

Pope John Paul loved the Holy Spirit, and in an article which we printed in our *Morning Star Journal*, he encouraged all Catholics to seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It was during his tenure that more than 100 million Catholics became Charismatics and were born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Pope John Paul II clung to the cross and tried to pray without ceasing.

Reaching Across the Barriers

I have been accused of being a papist and of being anti-Catholic. I am neither. I have fundamental problems with some Catholic doctrines, which I see as being in clear and basic conflict with Scriptures, but this is because I am for my Catholic brothers and sisters, not against them. I have Catholic friends whose intimacy with Christ I envy. I do not hesitate to disagree with them on certain doctrines and practices, but I also love them dearly and have been richly blessed by their friendship and faith in the Lord. I loved and admired Pope John Paul II. He was one of the greatest men of God of our time.

If you feel the same way, consider honoring him by reaching across some barriers the way that he did. Send condolences to the Catholic Churches in your area for the loss of their shepherd, while expressing appreciation for all that he did for the whole church, and indeed the world.

The Preparation Of The Bride

Maurice Sklar

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Dear Friends,
During the past few weeks the Lord has led me to intercede for the nations. The world has experienced numerous disasters and tragedies and continues to do so. There is no question that we are living in the final days before the return of our Messiah, Jesus. This prophecy was given to me a few weeks ago, and I was reluctant to release it because it is so strong. But the Lord has compelled me to do so. I want to say emphatically that I believe that it is conditional. If we will pray and intercede, perhaps, many of these calamities can be averted and/or postponed.

I pray that as you read this, that you will keep an open mind and receive the main message: We must be ready for the Lord's return. We must return to our first love and live a pure and consecrated life if we are to be pleasing to Him when He appears.

May the Lord purify our hearts so we can be a part of His wonderful and beautiful Bride!

Amen.

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write… I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew (vomit) thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white rainment that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

(Revelation 3:14-22)

As I was reading and meditating on this scripture, the Lord said to me:

"I am sending my refining fire into the church. I am separating My bride from the Laodicean church of today. I am preparing her. I am purifying her. She will be without spot and without blemish. I will return for her in the midnight hour. Only those that are watching and praying; only those who are embracing the message of the cross and holiness; only those that walk in the power of My spirit in moment by moment obedience; only those who are overcomers will be a part of My bride.

Most of those in the church will not be ready for Me when I come for My bride. Many think they are saved, but they are not at all. They are serving pleasures, lusts, and are in love with themselves. They are consumed with this present world and its' selfish ways. They are in love with money, success, and covet fame, position and power. They do not want to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Me. They refuse to forsake all. Therefore, they will not be ready and will be left behind to face the great judgments that are about to come upon the world. Warn those that are lukewarm and have left their first love for Me, that if they do not repent, I will vomit them from My body.

I am preparing My bride. This is her hour of glory! I am purifying her. I am adorning her with My crowns and My jewels and My beautiful gowns. She shall be without spot or blemish. She will be dressed in My robes of righteousness – pure, clean and white. Who will come to Me and buy from Me what they so desperately need? It still is not too late. Repent, and return to Me with all of your hearts, so that you do not perish with this evil world.

I am sending a mighty army from mainland China along the old silk trade routes and into the unreached nations that have been called the 10/40 window. When they finally reach Jerusalem, THEN KNOW that the wedding day is upon you. Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh. I will then come in the clouds and meet you in the air! But, the remaining nations must still hear my gospel of grace. This will be the final and greatest harvest that the world has ever seen.

Many hundreds of millions are waiting to hear the good news in China, in India, and in the other Buddhist and Muslim dominated regions of Asia, the near east and the middle east, as well as the poorest of nations in Africa and central and South America, as well as the hundreds of islands in the oceans of the earth. I am shifting my focus to them. But you, O church of America and the West have prostituted yourself at every opportunity before every high place and idol shrine. You have substituted religion for My Presence. You shall surely perish when the fullness of My wrath comes upon Babylon. You shall be utterly burned with fire. You have heard and received the fullness of My love and grace, America. Still, you spit in My face and harden your hearts and refuse to turn back to Me.

Europe, you rejected Me and through Me out. For hundreds of years you provoked Me to wrath. You despised My people Israel and slaughtered them in a rage that reached to heaven after robbing the Jewish people and throwing them out of nation after nation. You did this all in My Name!! How can you escape the wrath to come?! You cannot. Therefore, you shall receive and drink the fullness of My cup of wrath. Prepare to meet your God, O Europe! Europe, you shall receive the King that you desire to worship instead of Me. He is soon to come forth. When you receive his mark, you will be eternally damned.

O Babylon, You drove My people from their homes in Gaza, and then started upon Judea and Samaria in Israel. Therefore, I will drive you from your homes in direct proportion, of 10,000 to 1, as you have seen in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Gulf Coast. There will follow two more judgments – one in a major city of Europe and one in the Arab nations in the middle east before the end of this year.

I will shake California in a warning, and then there shall finally come the earthquake that I have mercifully withheld for so many years. Millions shall perish in the ensuing floods and the west coast of America shall be removed and fall into the ocean. Boston shall experience a major attack upon a great school that once preached My gospel in ages past but has left the faith of their fathers – never to return again. It will never be rebuilt again. There shall be 5 terrorist attacks that will hit America in ever increasing destruction upon the major cities. Before the end of 2007, a nuclear "dirty bomb" will blow up in a major city in the south of America.

New York City will receive 3 major judgments before the end of 2008. Each one will be more devastating than the last. One will shake the entire financial world and cripple the once invincible financial power of America. Millions will lose everything in a moment. It will make the crash of the stock market in 1929 look like a little thing in comparison. America will no longer be the financial leader of the world. Another judgment will destroy a major stadium during a sports event. Yet another explosion will destroy nearly an entire Borough of New York. But for the sake of the Jewish people in New York, I will supernaturally spare them. After this, I will cause the largest aliyah (return) of My people (the Jewish people) from New York (and other regions throughout the developed world to Israel) in all of history. But only after the entire financial system that they are dependant on collapses will they all return to the land that I have promised them.

Tokyo, Japan. Hong Kong, China. Johannesburg, South Africa. Calcutta, India. Sidney, Australia. Chicago, Illinois. Los Angeles, California. Paris, France and many other cities will experience major catastrophes in the next five years. Millions upon millions will perish. The aids epidemic will devastate the population in Africa to half of its' present size in the next 4 years. Many other incurable diseases, famine, drought and starvation will soon devastate the under-developed nations of the world in a way that has never occurred before. North Korea will launch a sudden nuclear attack and then be completely destroyed. Only the prayers of South Korea can stop it. Pakistan will become a leading center for world terrorism and will experience a nuclear attack, also.

Israel is soon to once again send their planes and blow up the nuclear "plants" of Iran. Syria will soon collapse economically and be replaced by a fanatical Islamic government. A major coordinated Al Qaeda terrorist attack will blow up many historic places in Europe that were once bastions of true Christian faith, worship, art and music.

If America does not stand up now and defend Israel instead of forcing Israel from their land, we will continue to face the devastating consequences here. At the rate of 10,000 to 1, we will continue to face destruction of our homes and communities. For every Jewish soul that is touched – I will require 10,000 souls in America to account for it.

This is but a fraction of what is soon to come if there is not repentance and turning back to Me.

I will shake all the nations, and then after each disaster, I will pour out My grace and bring in a mighty harvest of souls for My kingdom. As birth contractions happen with a pregnant woman, so will these events happen ever faster and greater. Each one will be more devastating than the last one, and each one will come closer and closer together. Haven't I said exactly this in My Word? Each disaster will judge and smash an idol that is worshipped by the world system of Babylon. I will then show Myself as the one true God over them all.

I will judge Hollywood and the entire movie industry for the millions upon millions of souls that they seduced and sent to hell. I will judge the news media and the television industry. I will judge the music industry. I will overturn the whole music industry in such a way that they can never pollute the world ever again. I will judge the internet pornography industry. Whole internet computer systems will be permanently shut down. I will judge the abortionists and their supporters. I will judge and reverse the Supreme Court. For a short time they shall change the laws to fear and honor Me.

There is coming a revival of morality and religion in America as a result of these calamities, but it will be a false one for the most part. God will become popular in the culture, but not the Bible and My name (Jesus). It will be a false gospel message. Not many will truly be born again. Only a remnant in My church will truly stay in right relationship to Me. When you see me take Billy Graham and Oral Roberts home, you will know that America and the West have received their last call. As I said in My Word, unless the Father would shorten these days, even the elect would not be saved. The deception of "Christian religion" will grow so great, that it will be nearly impossible to recognize the true prophets and teachers from the false ones.

Counterfeit miracles and false "signs and wonders" will come and deceive many. Churches will preach a "success and personal achievement" gospel. Even false healing meetings will come and actually produce real miracles, but they will not bring the people to Me. The preaching of My supreme Lordship, the cross, My blood, holiness, and the fear of the Lord will become more and more rare, even more than it has become during the last 35 years.

Nevertheless, I have supernaturally preserved and kept My bride pure and faithful to Me. I will continue to do so. Most of My bride is in mainland China now. Many are in Asia, and Korea and India and Brazil and Russia and Kenya and Nigeria and throughout Africa. Most of My bride is hidden away in their prayer closets and have been persecuted and driven out of the churches by abusive pastors and false prophets, ministry leaders, and oppressive government leaders.

Many are in prison. Some are daily dying of starvation and disease. Most of My bride has been beaten and left by the side of the road by the religious 'wolves in sheep's clothing'. They have been forgotten by the blinding greed of those hoarding their money and riches. Only the Good Samaritans can even spot them and see them. The rest are blinded. Only a few really love My bride the way that I do.

My bride is being purified through the fire of many trials of afflictions and persecutions at this present hour. Those that walk in My love and embrace the cross are being separated and persecuted by the Laodicean church. Those that are truly anointed and bringing the pure Word from My throne are being thrown out of the pulpits of the land and off of 'Christian Television' in favor of the confession of the Laodicean church: 'I am rich, I am increased with goods and have need of nothing. I am healed. I am blessed.' Really???? Are you???? It doesn't look that way from My throne in heaven!

Beware of any teaching that is selfish and appeals to your lusts and feeds the love of money in your lives. THAT teaching does not come from heaven. That is not My voice. My blessings come through seeking first the Kingdom and My righteousness, not from heaping riches upon yourself while the rest of the world starves to death and dies and goes to hell because of your selfishness and greed. You will see when you stand before Me what the TRUE RICHES are. The souls of the lost are the jewels in the crown of My bride.

My worshippers and musicians, artists and those that carry special anointings have been almost systematically removed from ministries and church leaders in favor of what is popular and can bring in the most money and please the people. This is an abomination in My sight.

Watch and pray that you may be accounted worthy to escape the things that are coming upon this earth. Receive My grace through the refining fire of the Holy Spirit so that you can be a part of that beautiful lady and bride. I am preparing her! It still isn't too late! Join with her and take up your cross and deny yourselves and follow Me.

That is how to be TRULY blessed and healed and delivered and fulfilled in life! That is the only way that My gift of eternal life can shine into the darkness of the world around you"

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty…Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (1 Corinthians 6:17-18, 7:1) "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her (Babylon), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Revelation 18:4)

Love in Our Messiah,
Maurice Sklar

The Proper Response in a Storm

Don Walker

Several times in the Gospels it appears that Jesus left His disciples "on their own" without any immediate visible assistance from Himself. One of these times is recorded Matthew 14:22-33 and Mark 6:45-52. On this occasion, Jesus sent His disciples straight into a storm, while He went away to pray. Both Matthew and Mark record that Jesus was quite direct about it and "compelled" (KJV) them to go. The Greek term here means "to force." Once out in the middle of the sea, a storm arose, so that their boat was "battered (Greek word meaning "tormented") by the waves."

Let us stop here and ponder a couple of questions: Where did the storm come from? Who sent the storm?

The Bible teaches that Jesus is the supreme Ruler of the world, we are told that "all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things , and in Him all things hold together" (Col. 1:15-17). Hebrews 1:3 states that He "sustains all things by His powerful word." In Psalm 147, we are told that it is God who "covers the sky with clouds, He supplies the earth with rain . . . He stirs up His breezes and the waters flow." The Scriptures show us that God is in control of the wind and the water. I believe that Jesus wanted His disciples to learn the lesson of "storms." Storms, of all kinds, should not make us afraid – because "storms" are sent by the Lord while He prays for His people (Heb. 7:25). Nothing touches your life unless it passes through the Hand of God.

Later, around 3:00 a.m., Jesus went out to meet the boat – walking on the water! He cried out to His disciples "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." He had sent the storm, not to frighten them, but to teach them about His nature, goodness, and power.

With his usual impulsiveness, Peter responded by asking to walk on the water out to Jesus. Jesus responds to Peter with one word: "Come." I believe that the lesson Jesus was teaching through this is that *faith runs toward Christ in a storm, not from Him*. As long as Peter kept his eyes on Jesus he was able to walk on the water, in the midst of the storm.

But the miracles were not over. Once Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the storm stopped. Why? Because it's job was finished. The purpose of the storm's existence was to teach the disciples about Christ's power, as soon as that had been accomplished, there was no longer a reason for the storm. The storm lasts until its mission is accomplished. Jesus was teaching His disciples that not only did He have the power to "conquer" the elements, but that, whether the elements are "conquered" or not, He is in control. It is here that Matthew records that those who were in the boat worshipped Him saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God" (Matt. 14:33).

If we pay attention, storms can enable us to recognize Christ's power and learn to trust Him. In the midst of the storm Christ is calling to us to trust in Him. He is sovereign over the storms, and He sends them to display His goodness and power. Along with Job, we should confess that blessing and calamity alike come from God (Job 1:20-21; 2:10), and the crucial point is not that we can see what God is totally up to, but that "He knows the way that I take, when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

What should be our response in the midst of a storm? We should run to Him, trust Him, imitate Him, and keep our eyes fixed on Him (Heb. 12:2). Look at Jesus, not the "storm." As the Scripture tells us; "The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you" (Ps. 9:9-10).

The Prophetic Blade
Danny Korakas

Pt 1

As we move into the summer months, I have sensed very strongly that the benefits of a heavenly "information highway" is available for this season. I believe that greater clarity and precision within the prophetic voice is beginning to come forth through those who have truly repented from the past abuse or even neglect of the prophetic calling and ministry. We are all guilty to some degree and have needed the confrontation that has come through far too "few" individuals who are willing to forsake the approval and affirmation of man to proclaim truth before God. Although I may not agree on everything these prophetic voices are declaring, I can certainly agree with their mandate to confront the works, greed, and insecurity of the flesh that has corrupted the prophetic movement in our generation and has rendered it virtually powerless and irrelevant. Whether we want to face it or not, today's prophetic ministry is a bunch of prophetic people speaking prophetic lingo to a bunch of other prophetic minded people. We (the church) and the lost need prophetic words that address the heart of God for humanity in a way that is applicable to everybody in their everyday life.

There is simply too much man-made clutter, religious litter, and pot-holes of irrelevancy along the heavenly information highway for us to "move" in Spirit and purposes of God with direction and precision. I can remember growing up in the 1960's and watching the tears of the Indian chief as cars would drive by tossing debris at his feet with a backdrop of chimneys and a smog filled sky. Sadly, humanity was numbed and blind to their natural landscape until a voice began proclaiming for people to look around themselves and notice the natural quagmire that they were living in and passing to the next generation. I believe we can clearly see the spiritual parallel as well.

A prophetic voice is once again arising that is sounding the alarm…They are proclaiming that people honestly look around themselves and notice the spiritual quagmire that they are living in and passing to the next generation. Come on man, we must stop looking through rose-colored glasses at our corporate condition. What spiritual "environment" or ecology are we really living in? Is the spiritual landscape and environment clear and pure with precision and direction? Or, is it cluttered and polluted with religion? Is our present Sunday morning routine the best we can offer humanity and the next generation? Beloved, one of the primary functions of prophetic ministry is to bring directional clarity and focus back into the church.

I realize that as one small part of a greater body, I can only offer and prophesy in part concerning the fullness of God's purposes. This is why it is essential that we honor the value of one another and understand that we can only grow as a whole and healthy body when each part does or supplies its share. With that said, the Lord has given me in this summer season some words of clarity and direction that I hope and pray will be a benefit to you and the life of the church.

THE GOLDEN YEARS

The first miracle of Christ was turning the water into wine. This is a wonderful picture of the Lord saving the best or "seasoned" wine for the last. Our elder citizens within the church and even in the world have been shelved and the wisdom they have gained through the hills and valleys of a long life has not been partaken of. The blessing of our elders holds an even more dynamic anointing and impartation than Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (For they not only possess a lifetime of insight, but the Spirit of God as well within them through a better covenant) However, we have not sought the best wine of those in their "latter" days and the church along with humanity has suffered in our youthful arrogance and independence.

The church's greatest day and a "golden" opportunity is upon it. Literally millions of souls hinge upon this understanding and ultimate choice that the church must take. Not only has the church become an institution, but we have institutionalized the elderly in nursing homes that more closely resemble prisons behind the mask of a "care center." Our grandest citizens in their golden years are locked within a building that is NOT their home and told when they will eat, sleep, and leave. I realize that there are dementia and mental issues in some instances. But the institutionalization of who should be our most honored is a travesty, disgusting, and utterly selfish by a self absorbed generation. Many are perceived to have mental issues when it is no more than the result of the sickening environment they are forced to live in. Hopelessness, uselessness and despair to regression should be expected.

The church must arise and realize that these millions of precious souls are most likely the closest to their eternal destination. Heaven and Hell hang in the balance every day within the confines of nursing homes. The silver lining around the dark cloud of institutionalized living is that these millions of precious souls are within arms reach of the church to share with them the love of Christ. I have walked into numerous nursing homes where the majority of its "boarders" had not seen a family member except a few times in the course of an entire year. Sadly, many others had gone years only to see a few brief moments of an understaffed and underpaid care worker each day. I have had many of these precious people grab onto my shirt and plead and desperately cry for me not to leave them. For Christ's sake, where is the church? The great harvest field is white before our very eyes in every town.

The federal government is trying to hide from the public a dilemma that it does not know how to solve concerning the elderly. We are having trouble supporting the growing senior population today with housing and medical care. Medicare and Medicaid will continue to be depleted as the elderly population begins to outnumber the tax payer population. The burden will be tremendous based on the current system and model of institutionalized "care." If we cannot adequately meet and care today for the needs of what should be our most honored citizens as they move through their golden years; what will we do in just 15 years when the over 65 population will double by 100%? What about in just 45 short years when the over 65 population grows by a staggering 400%? By 2050, those over 85 and the closest to their eternal destiny will grow sharply as the baby-boomer generation draws to a close. In 1995 there was 3.6 million Americans over 85. In 2050, it will rise to 18.2 million. Who will shelter, care, visit and feed the "least of these?" Will it be the government with literally millions passing through the gates of hell? Or, will the church seize one of its greatest opportunities for salvation and revival?

Like Jesus, it is time that we break out the best and "aged" wine for the last.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

As being a part of one of the most technically advanced companies in the world, I see and understand clearly the direction that employment and manufacturing will continue to transition. Due to a tide of tremendous greed in the last two generations, labor will continue to be exported to appease the stock-holder for greater profits. Technology will continue to progress and robotics and automation will continue to perform jobs with greater speed and efficiency. If you were to walk into a factory 20 years ago, you would witness hundreds or even thousands of people making a decent wage and living. Today, in the same factory, you will find robotics and machinery with a hand full of technicians to operate them. Technology is not bad for those who understand and find wisdom. The church's children and young adults who are not college material need to be ready and prepared to operate, repair, and understand the technology of tomorrow. Some of the greatest evangelist and revivalist the church has known will arise out of the technical maintenance sector to bring hope to the common man in times of tremendous unemployment and need.

Pensions will continue to dissipate as companies will hold more people on retirement than actually working. The numbers simply do not add up and it is now beginning to surface. Taxes will increase as fewer people will be supporting a growing retirement population. Our current economic and financial structure is built upon the forecast of greater earnings to justify investment. In other words, the economies of the west are hostage to the stock market. The question is how long will companies be able to make a greater profit than the year before? A billion dollar profit by a company today must make a million more the following year to receive a favored investment status – This can only be sustained for so long and this pressure will be more and more passed to the work force affecting the quality of life for many. If the church is crying for money now to "survive." What will it do tomorrow? How much debt will the church be held hostage to the "system." How much will it compromise to hold on to its assets?

The days of ministries pleading and begging for money is drawing to a close. It is the Lord's desire that we prosper and exercise wisdom in supplying for ourselves concerning the financing of His calling upon our lives. The Lord has "designed" us for a purpose. He has "called" us to fulfill His purpose. He has already "given" us the skill and gifts to finance His purpose. And He desires to "affirm" His calling and purpose (your ministry) in our lives. However, it seems that the church operates exactly the opposite. We wait on "man" or a pastor to tell us our spiritual purpose and ministry. We desire and seek the ordination of man to validate and send us. We plead from one another for money and we gauge our spiritual success on the affirmation of man.

I believe a prophetic call is sounding forth for the church to prepare and seek wisdom in the future employment of our young people (future) and the practical support of each other as believers as we transition into change both naturally and spiritually. The days ahead will come and with them will come ever increasing darkness and deception. Beloved, this is not the time to stick our head in the sand and pretend that the Bible is not clear on this...It is! This is our greatest hour and the souls of literal billions hinge upon our living a life worthy of Christ dying for. This is truly our dress rehearsal for eternity and we must begin to corporately get our house in order.

If there is one thing that the prophetic revival has failed to address, it has been: "keeping the main thing – the main thing." The salvation of souls should always be the primary concern of the corporate church. These are not my words but the command and commission of Christ. Our love for the salvation of others will require a greater focus and "lifestyle" from each of us. It is truly a reflection of our relationship and intimacy with the Father. The Lord is calling us into preparation and focus to be in a position and posture to meet the shelter, clothing, and food needs of millions upon millions as the days continue to darken. Matthew 25 is a terrible judgment of not providing for those in need. It is hard to fulfill this commission of Christ if we have nothing ourselves.

TERRORISTS OF POVERTY

Contrary to our great investment of lives and resources, terrorism will continue to grow and have its roots in Islam. It is no surprise to the discerning person that Islam is the fasting growing religion in the world for one reason – It feeds upon the poor of the world. The greatest promoter of terrorism is not the sheiks and mullahs of the world, it is the daily looking into the face of POVERTY. Although I disagree a great deal with many European viewpoints, I am thankful that many over there are beginning to recognize poverty as their greatest adversary and key to defeating terrorism.

As we move toward the return of Christ and as the antichrist spirit grows stronger, the church must address the issues of poverty in our own backyard and in third world countries. I have been in the same congregation with people who were losing their homes and having their lights shut off. Although the church had money in the bank, these needy people were "judged" unworthy because they did not tithe or attend as much as they should. This is sin and will be "judged" by God. The Bible does not say that the man laying injured by the side of the road was a tither, church attender, or even saved.

PT. 2

In our last article (Prophetic Blade Pt. 1) we stated that a "spiritual information highway" was releasing words of direction and purpose for those who are willing to move upon it. Like highways in the natural, signposts and markers must be recognized and obeyed for the traveler to get his or her destination in a safe, accurate, and timely manner. Also, the speed in which we travel will determine whether we are moving with the Spirit of God or prone to an accident through presumption and reckless behaviors. I would like to continue and share what I believe the Lord would speak to His people in this season as we seek a greater sense of application from the prophetic ministry to our everyday lives.

RECKLESS BEHAVIORS

Most of us have become accustomed to the "preacher" proclaiming the "promises of God" for those who would simply, "sow, tithe, believe by faith, speak it into existence, stand upon the Word...You get the picture. There is tremendous value to all of these actions and they are biblical. However, if a born again believer has health issues and they smoke cigarettes or have terrible eating habits; why should healing take place in the midst of open rebellion to the Lords' temple (our body)? The "man or women of God" cannot promise anyone anything who is moving through life recklessly and in rebellion.

The Lord desires that we live a long and prosperous life. He also desires that we walk in supernatural healing and health – both naturally and spiritually. The truth is that we must acknowledge the sin of reckless and addictive behaviors that corrupt and destroy the bodies that we are to steward well. If we cannot control the appetites of the flesh, then we certainly cannot steward the greater gifts of the Spirit. Many in this season are wondering why their individual lives and personal ministries are not moving or accelerating. The answer may be that these individuals have failed to exercise discipline over their own bodies and lives. Thus, how can we expect the Lord to give us authority or to exercise disciplined ministry in the life of another if we are not disciplined ourself? Beloved, we can only give and impart what we truly have.

We are the "body" of Christ (corporately) and the "temple" of God's Spirit (individually). The Lord is summoning us to care, nurture, and steward it well. Our physical and sexual appetites need to line up with God's Word for a long and prosperous life that exudes with the anointing and favor of God.

HIDDEN ADULTERY AND FORNICATION

The Lord has spoken clearly to me that masturbation is griping and holding many of the men within the church in bondage. The guilt associated with masturbation is one of the primary sins that has prohibited and paralyzed the church to change and impact the world around it. How can we with a clear conscience continue to lift our hands to Lord that were used to sin against our own bodies the day before? The Bible says "that there is no greater sin than one who sins against his own body." (See 1 Corinthians 6:13-20) I believe that many have read this and have pondered that murder or robbery should certainly warrant this distinction. The seriousness of masturbation is that it sexually sins against one's own body and creates a demonic based soul tie.

When a man and a woman pronounce their wedding vows, they are not in covenant relationship before God as husband and wife until the marriage vow is consummated sexually. It is at this point that a man and a woman become "one flesh." Likewise, sex outside of marriage creates a demonic based soul tie upon sexual intercourse with the participants becoming "one flesh." In other words, all of the rebellion, rejection, and whatever else had led to this reckless behavior had suddenly been transferred or exchanged from one partner to the other. All of his junk and all of her junk had just compounded upon their already insecure and spiritually unprotected state. (The same holds true in homosexual relationships) It is no mistake that teens who engage in premarital sex have chronic depression and are most likely to commit suicide. Why? The answer is clear: These young people cannot handle the compounding and transferring of another person's baggage and ungodly or demonic issues.

Masturbation creates the same "spiritual" soul ties. The escapism of masturbation becomes so real that a demonic based soul tie is made with the person of the photograph or movie. It is the same scenario – All of the demonic bondage of the pornographic actor(ess) has suddenly become "one flesh" with the sexual recipient. This is why the bondage of pornography continues to tighten its grip upon an individual...As the new pornographic material (individual) is partaken, so are the new demonic influences associated with them.

Our Lord is a compassionate and loving Father. It is His desire to see and help us move in victory and anointing. He can easily heal you of pornographic addiction. Look, I have been there myself at a point in my life. If the Lord will heal and deliver me, He will certainly heal you and give you the strength to overcome. So much depends on the men (and women) of the church coming clean with this. I cannot stress enough the spiritual weakness that has manifested in the church through this hidden sin. Our eyes, nose, mouth, ears, digestive and sexual openings are the gates to our soul. What we allow through these gates dictates who we become (for the good and the bad). A reliable survey was conducted that stated that 70% of pastors and upwards of 80% of the church's men were in the grip of masturbation. The Lord is clear on this – We must get our NATURAL house in order for the SPIRITUAL house to fulfill its purpose.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? He who has CLEAN HANDS..."

THE GAMBLER

A couple months ago I was picking up something at the convenience store and could not help but hear a man talking about leading worship at his fellowship while purchasing a bunch of lottery tickets. I am sure that many have excused this as nothing that God would be concerned about. Many have probably rationalized that their purchases were helping the local school system. Beloved "playing" the lottery is gambling with God's resources and is a stench to His nostrils.

First of all, Why are you playing the lottery? Is it to get rich quick? Is it to get you out of poverty? Why are you in poverty? God states in His Word that He would provide all of your shelter, clothing, and food needs if you are obedient to His ways. Are you? The Bible says that a lazy and disobedient man or woman will suffer hunger and want. I am sickened at watching hundreds of people (many who are poor or in poverty) spending their last dollar on a lottery ticket for the hope of winning more money only to be left with nothing.

Gambling in any form is a "reckless" and unappreciative stewardship of the Lord's resources. Many continue to witness their livelihood deteriorating at the expense of the state sponsored lotteries and gambling casinos. As believers in Jesus Christ, we set a pitiful example in our desire to gamble with God's provision. The Bible says that "it is impossible to please God without faith." The church's growing willingness to involve herself in gambling is a sign of a faithless and undiscerning generation that moves in self indulgence and compromise. For Christ's sake, if the world sees us gambling our provision, what kind of God and Father will they think we have? One who has promised NOT to meet our every need for everyday life? The witness of the church is not so much the words that we speak, but the life of faith in God's power that we live.

"Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

Sadly, I have heard of numerous "churches" that have now gladly received the "gift" of a lottery winning. This is a disgrace to the church that bears the name of Jesus Christ. We need to begin to get our financial house in order and make fruitful and wise investments with what the Lord has entrusted to us. The man with the five talents "invested" it wisely – He did not gamble it. The spiritual information highway that I have referred to in the last two articles is a divine portal of heavenly information designed for our well-being and prosperity. It is not a name it and claim it formula steeped in presumption. Nor, is it a man centered sow and tithe formula built upon manipulation. It is a direct word from the Lord and His design and desire for your life. It is a VOICE of reason clarity in a season of confusion and haze. Devine employment direction and areas of investment are available to us as sons and daughters of God. It is His desire that we partake of the fruit of the land. However, it is not going to come through the recklessness and unhealthy stewardship of our body, relationships, and resources.

The summer season of growth and prosperity is upon us. It will first and foremost require a willingness to listen to voice of the Lord. In other words, what do really expect in life concerning God's promises and provision if you do not spend time with Him. Standing upon God's Word requires being in right "standing" with God. Being in right standing with God is not founded upon your works. It is desiring what God desires most from us – A RELATIONSHIP.

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The Great Pretenders
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It is amazing how much popularity and money that the entertainment business generates. Whether it is the big screen, television, or DVD rentals, both Christian and non-Christian alike "invest" much of their time and money in this form of entertainment. Just as amazing is the fact that most of it is make believe. It is the "make believers" whom the world and a great part of church has set apart and set on a pedestal as celebrities and icons of our culture.

The skill of "acting" has become a profitable endeavor for both reward and award. Our society has heaped praise and trophies upon those who are professional pretenders. Sadly, some of the greatest actors and pretenders are not in the Hollywood hills, but within the city that is to be set upon a hill -- The church.

Hypocrisy or pretension has its origins in the root of idolatry. The church attending actor(ess) is desperately seeking the approval and affirmation of man rather than God as his or her primary source of meaning and direction.

Needless to say, the idolization of man is idolatry in its basic form because it places humanity on par with the Lord in giving meaning and direction to life. Worse yet, many of these individuals have been walking in man-centered idolatry for so long that they are led to believe that they are "something" that they are really not or doing something that they are not to do.

Without the healing touch of God to liberate us into transparency and truth, the "actor" will come to a point of believing their own warped natural and spiritual viewpoints. The element and proof of spiritual truth in our life can be summed up by asking ourselves two simple questions: "Does my public life (the life that I "present" to others) reflect my private life? Does my spiritual life line up with God's Word?

Much of what I witness in the church meeting, broadcast and gathering is on par with a Broadway production worthy of an Academy Award. The western church has become a tonic of entertainment that satisfies the flesh and multitudes have been indoctrinated with the belief that all men and women who speak on behalf of God are ordained by God. And of course, "Don't touch the Lord's anointed."

This could not be farther from the truth and this verse has become perverted from its original language and meaning to justify control and silence objectors. (We must remember, that ALL believers are filled with the Spirit of God. Thus, I would say that qualifies ALL believers as being anointed in some aspect of the Christian life).

We see a clear picture of this in Numbers 16 where Abiram, Dathan, and Korah took on the authority of a true minister of the Lord and we read that most within the congregation followed them! The sin of

Korah is what stands out as a signpost to many who have been trying to repair this old and torn wineskin we call the church.

Korah was a Levite by birth and a true minister called by the Lord. Likewise, we have the same birthright as believers in Christ. The difference with Korah and what we need to understand is that he sought to usurp the position and function of the high priest.

The prophetic insight for today is clear: The true church is the tabernacle or temple of the Lord's Spirit and presence. The Bible states that the Spirit of God dwells within us individually as well as corporately. Within the temple, the Holy of Holies is not so much a place as it is the Shekinah or weighty presence of God which manifests beyond time and place.

The Holy of Holies represents the Spirit of God and also represents our spirit-man created in God's image. The Holy of Holies represents the attributes of God's glory and power. It is through the glory and resurrection power of God that our spirit-man is revived and renewed. The glory and power of God should radiate through our corporate lives as the church built of living stones. The Holy Place represents our renewed mind or soul.

It is within the holy place that "conscience" choices and sacrifices are made that reflect our true relationship with God and one another. It is within the Holy Place of our lives that the sacrifices of TRUTH must be held over the escapism, rationalization, and desires of the flesh that the world and the worldly church offer. (This is where Korah, Abiram, and Dathan began to fall).

The Outer Court is a reflection of our physical bodies and an area where both the desires of world, and the desire for God are within sight and arms reach. The Outer Court is both the place of defeat and glorious victories. It all hinges upon what direction we are looking when temptation and truth draws near.

Most of us know that the present religious system, whether traditional or spirit-filled is a distorted caricature of what Christ left us. The time has come and the Lord is desiring a church and bride that is built upon the truth of His Word. A church, whose leadership is about giving and not begging and manipulating. A leadership who will truly begin trusting the Lord for their resources and not man.

Look, if the Lord is not providing for your ministry, then its time to get a real job and support it yourself. Paul would single-handedly turn the known world on its ear without begging for money to support his ministry. This allowed him to bring an uncompromising message of truth. Why? Because there was not a conflict of interest in bringing the radical truth to those who were paying his light bill.

It is ridiculous to pay someone to visit people at the hospital, pray for people, bring the Word, and minister the good news -- we should all be doing this without excuse as the proof of being born again believers.

The only way that I can justify paying a minister full-time, is one who willingly desires to equip others to become greater than themselves in serving the Lord and humanity. (Jesus desired that we would do greater works than Him.) All others are acting or pretending to be leaders and have been ordained by the auspices of man.

The "pastor" who fails to equip others in doing everything that he or she does (Like Jesus) is burdened with control and insecurity. What is the function of the TRUE church? It is that true leaders become true servants and equip the saints for the work of ministry and encourage their spiritual destinies. Yes, and that includes bringing the Word on Sunday mornings. To listen to one man preach 50 weeks out of year is a blatant sin and injustice to God's people.

Rather than taking an interest in the vision of the congregation, today's religious leadership desires the congregation fulfill their vision. This is completely backwards from the TRUTH. Rather than continued growth and dynamic, the current religious system promotes a hierarchal structure and spiritual dependency. The Bible gives us the blueprint for ministry finances and it does not require an academy award performance, spiritual manipulation, and a worldly telethon.

Sadly, we have come to point of rationalizing this "money changing" as normal and acceptable in the church. A prophetic portrait comes in view in looking at the death sentence that was passed upon these three men as they chose to take the place of "high priest" in the presence of God and minister to His people. In the New and better covenant; Jesus Christ alone is our high priest.

The true church and ministers of the Lord are those who make disciples of Christ rather than taking the place of Christ in the lives of others. In today's modern church, many have created disciples of themselves -- The Word comes through "their" teaching. The healing comes through "their" hands. The abundant life and prosperity comes through the tithing and offering into "their" ministry. Spiritual promotion and growth comes through obedience to "their" vision.

Thus the emphasis of what "man" can do becomes the barometer of spiritual affirmation rather than simple obedience to Christ and His Word. I have stated in previous articles that "the highest form of worship is simple obedience to God's Word and voice."

Isn't this what it all boils down to? To go into all of the world and create disciples of Jesus, the following fruit will be produced: We will teach and encourage all believers who are willing to share and preach the Word, and provide them a platform. We will send out equipped believers to lay hands on the sick and pray for those in need. We will encourage an interest in each others vision, spiritual gifts and talents and cheerfully give to their success. This sounds like the ministry of Christ and the model that He gave us for the church.

The system of man-centered religion led to the downfall of Korah and his followers. It is interesting that out of these three men, two were not even Levites, yet were "ministering" before the Lord and His people. We can conclude that two thirds of the ministers present at this service were NOT ordained by the Lord.

Whether we want to believe it or not, there are those who are ordained by God and those who are ordained by man. Somehow, we have been brainwashed into believing that all men and women who are "ordained" or went to some school and received a piece a paper to hang on the wall are ministers. Beloved, God does not validate "titles." He validates and affirms "function." We are all ministers of reconciliation and no person is head or above another.

The "Korite" doctrine that has made its way back into assembly of God's people manifests in itself in the focus and support of a counterfeit temple (Church). The Old Testament Temple was a type and shadow of the finished work of Christ. It would be a people redeemed by His blood that would become a living temple and dwelling place of the Lord's Spirit and presence.

The New Testament temple is you and me. The Korite doctrine focuses and spends its resources and energy on the preservation of the present religious system. If today's present "leaders" were truly led and ordained by God, then I believe we would witness a whole lot of change and shaking going on.

The Bible states in Matthew 25:31-46 that our resources, focus and energy should be meeting the needs of each other as God's people. As a matter of fact, the Bible goes on to say that we will be judged by how we meet these needs. However, it seems that much of our focus has been conditioned to turn to the supporting and sowing into the ordained of man for the purpose of reaping both earthly and eternal blessing rather than simply meeting the needs of those who cross our path in life.

The spirit of Constantine and the leadership model of today is drawing to a close.It will be the "servants" who will arise with a heart to restore the church back into the hands of the Lord and her original meaning and function. For too long we have "played" church and performed our way into irrelevance to a world that is searching for something real. Those who are in the present church system, know in the core of their heart the frustration and the sense that something is incomplete and unfulfilling.

The spiritual loneliness and irrelevancy that many are experiencing in the church is the failure ofothers to take an interest in their vision. We can blame many things for this. However, we must take the blame ourselves. We have created an environment that spiritual validation and calling is recognized and "released" by the "leadership." Maybe its time we start encouraging and releasing one another. Better yet, let's start taking an interest in one another. This is the TRUE church...

The Provisioners

Chad Taylor

I Heard The Lord Say Today, "Open Up The Supply Lines And The Provisioners Will Come!"

pro·vision·er: n : a supplier of victuals or supplies to an army...

We met today in the thick humid air of Southwest, GA. and I heard the Lord say, "OPEN UP THE SUPPLY LINES AND THE PROVISIONERS WILL COME!" A provisioner as I later found out at dictionary.com was a supplier to the army during battle. This is a strategic prophetic statement that we must declare over Ochlocknee, GA. and beyond. I believe the Lord made this statement as it relates to the team coming from Haverhill, MA. as released in our previous report, "THE YANKEES ARE COMING!" last month.

A team from "The Edge of The Jordan Cafe" will be leaving Massachusetts this Monday July 4th (how ironic?) and driving with trucks and trailer to Ochlocknee to help us rebuild the pool house and bathrooms to the public pool we have take possession of. Amazing that the laborers have to come from New England because the workers are so few here? We have literally been at a complete standstill because of the lack of workers and have been forced to simply stand our ground and occupy. The reality as it was in Jesus' day is the believers are many but the ones willing to get in the trenches and bleed are very few. By and large we have become so preoccupied with self and religious activities that often disguise themselves as good works, we are no longer effective in expanding God's true Kingdom. We have become a charismatic machine that spins it's prophetic wheels and really goes nowhere...

Our cities remain desolate and still not rebuilt as we parade to the next event. But thank God He is raising up deliverer's and builders that will do the work of 20 and the walls of the city will be restored! Like Ezra and Nehemiah they will face down the resistance and criticisms and forge ahead to finish what they have started. Be of good cheer the Lord will give us the Kingdom! I want to decree a challenge to the "provisioners" or those able to "open up the supply line". I believe one interpretation of this word is that there are certain individuals that have the "POWER" to open of the windows of Heaven and release a blessing that the frontlines will not be able to even contain. They have the power in their willingness to give that will break the stubborn resistance that has held places like Ochlocknee, GA. hostage for decades. Their offering will break the back of poverty and release a river of provision to finish the work at hand.

The provisioners will open up the supply line by their radical obedience to give! This is truly a profound word that we must pray through and release. Will you do this with me? Also those that are "provisioners" and suppliers to the army of God in position to take these cities will you be obedient to release what God has given you? First you must break the gravity of what can be seen and begin to see the invisible and only then will you have the faith to release the provision needed without fear. Millions of souls and the future of a generation literally hangs in the balances of obedience; on one side fear and the lack of courage to release and on the other hand self-sacrifice and vision that will see the outcome and rend the veil of the temporal and reach into the future of our cities and land.

I pray that this very day provisioners are raised up out of the ashes of previous disappointment and let downs to give into our campaign here in Ochlocknee, GA. What a shame that they will travel 1500 miles on their own means and we can not have the ability to help them once they arrive? We need a supply NOW to meet the needs of this public pool and the team that arrives Wed. July 6th. We need to rent a back hoe and heavy machinery to clear the land and the other tools needed to make this possible. We need food and water and other necessities to feed and care for the workers coming. Not to mention our basic needs as a ministry to function and accommodate the army that is being raised up around us to possess this land. The last three months has been a literal miracle of survival as "provisioners" from around the world have helped us hold this ground from being robbed and pillaged by the enemy. We must have more to finish the fight.

This Proverb applies to this message, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do it. Say not to your neighbor, "Go, and come back later, and tomorrow I will give it; when you have it by you..." Proverbs 3:27-28. You that have the "power" to release the supply lines please respond now. Go to this link and use the options presented to give today and advance the Kingdom of God exponentially. The team from New England leaves Monday July 1st please pray for their provision in coming and their safety.

Yours for Him, Chad Taylor

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The Prodigal Son
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Fresh Oil Releases
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Greetings in the glorious Name of Jesus

Last month we looked at Joseph being released from the prison of preparation and receiving a robe and a signet ring, being given authority to rule in Egypt. This month I want to discuss another man who received a robe and a signet ring – the prodigal son! His story on the surface seems far-removed from Joseph's but there are intriguing similarities.

In Luke 15 we find the prodigal son demanding his share of the Father's substance. It is interesting that at this point, he was not intending to leave. Only once he had received the wealth, he decided to go into a far country and waste his inheritance.

Luk 15:12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

We all have a measured portion of that which is our Heavenly Father's. It is set aside for us until His appointed time of release when we reach a state of maturity. This son knew his rights as a son but wanted them released to him before he was ready to handle the responsibility. There is something about receiving our inheritance before the appointed time that causes us to become completely self-absorbed and squander the precious deposit. According to the Word, the elder brother also received his portion at this time but we learn later, he did not make use of it at all. The one is as bad as the other; a son who serves himself and wastes the riches deposited in him and the son who has no revelation of his sonship and only sees himself as a servant, thus burying the talents apportioned him.

Joseph also was wasteful with the deposit of revelation given him, casting his pearls before brothers who did not perceive the meaning of the garment his father had given him. He also spoke of 'I, I, I' and 'me, me, me'; impressed with the greatness of what God was going to do through him. Both Joseph and the prodigal son ended up in a type of prison.

The difference between them was Joseph fled from the advances of the seducing spirit but ended up in prison anyway. The prodigal son deliberately indulged himself and kept company with harlots and ended up trapped in the pigsty. In a sense, looking in, one would say he deserved to end up in the pigsty. The elder brother would definitely say so from his position in the ranks of his father's servants.

We find it so easy to identify with Joseph, waiting faithfully for release. We don't feel much in common with the prodigal; oh yes, we know other prodigals and have shaken our heads at their flirting with the world and its ways. Yet we do not realize that the 'far country' this son went to, is not a physical location but a spiritual one. It is possible to sit in the pew every Sunday and yet your heart is in a 'far country' fellowshipping with seducing and unclean spirits. How is this possible?

It comes insidiously, through the deceptive veil of pride and selfcenteredness. It happened in the same way to satan when he was the covering cherub. He looked at himself and the beauty with which God had equipped him and decided he was worthy of more honor than he was receiving at present. He wanted promotion – after all, he was greatly gifted.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Both the prison and the pigsty are designed to rid us of all pride and self-worship.
Spiritual ambition is a subtle trap. After all, it is our inheritance, isn't it? What is the harm in having it right when we want it? Simply put, it is because our hearts are not ready to handle it. Our value system is different to God's and until His tailor-made prison has worked His character into us, we are not ready for the robe and the signet ring. The Israelites in the wilderness were not satisfied with the daily manna; they lusted after meat and eventually God gave them what they nagged for but He sent leanness into their souls. The prodigal son wanted what was his and ended up with leanness in his soul.

Luk 15:14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Interestingly, the famine only started when he had depleted his resources. The external circumstances began to mirror his internal state. He had left home feeling rich and invincible. He kept company with those who were only too eager to help him squander his inheritance; and the blindness that pride bestowed on him prevented him from seeing his true state and the nature of those who whispered in friendly tones in his ear. In fact, when he began to be in want, the Bible tells us that he then joined himself to a citizen of that country. This Hebrew word for 'joined' also means 'cleave'. This was not just an acquaintance but an intimate relationship. He was going further into bondage, now there was a yoking together male-to-male picturing a perverse alliance with an unclean homosexual spirit and this brought slavery as he was sent to feed the pigs belonging to this principality. How tragic that a son of the Father can be brought to this place within, eating pig's food (doctrines of demons) and yet still unaware of his true spiritual state.

It is shocking to contemplate that people could be in this condition *inside* the four walls of the church. Yet in Revelation 3:17, we find the prodigal-son-company being addressed by God;

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Here is our Father describing the true state of this lukewarm church as He waits for their return from the pigsty. They are like the Emperor in 'the emperor's new clothes', who believes he is wearing a glorious garment when in reality, he is parading down the streets naked…Once again, pride has caused blindness to their true state.

You see, Beloved, I believe it has to do with our value system as the Church of Jesus Christ. This church had money and possessions and therefore felt they stood in a place of blessing and favor. However, God does not see as man sees. Man looks on the outward appearance, God looks on the heart. Although outwardly wealthy, these people were inwardly poverty-stricken; much the same as the prodigal son when he left to a far country. The church has largely taken her inheritance and squandered it on herself and wasteful living.

We hear much in these days about entering into the Promised Land and receiving the fullness of our inheritance but sadly there is great emphasis on houses, lands and material wealth, prestige and position. We do not understand that in God's value system, gold is not a treasure. In fact, the streets of the heavenly Jerusalem are paved with it. In other words, it should be under our feet, not up on a pedestal. If we are looking forward to a great inflow of wealth into our bank accounts, then we are not ready for our inheritance to be released to us. I believe the reason God has yet to release considerable finance to the Church is because our heart has been corrupted by money and we have served two masters. There are few He can trust with stewardship of finance for the Kingdom because we, as the Church, have not been faithful in little. We want to be like the church of Acts but it is no good selling houses and lands and laying the money at the feet of those who call themselves 'apostles' if they are only going to use it to pay for better carpets and fancier sound systems. We declare that God is going to release the treasures of darkness and the hidden riches of secret places to us but we don't understand that what is treasure to man is not treasure to God. In fact, Jesus explains God's value-system clearly just before the passage about the prodigal son. He tells about the lost sheep and the woman who lost one of ten coins and then explains:

Luk 15:10 Likewise I say to you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Souls are God's treasure, His riches. People are what the Father measures as valuable and worth investing in. One person is more valuable than all the money in the world to God. That is why you are Christ's inheritance spoken of in Ephesians:

Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what is the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Beloved, you are Christ's inheritance and He is yours. If you are looking for a huge release of finance as your inheritance, you are not thinking with the mindset of heaven. A deeper and deeper revelation of Jesus manifested within you is what heaven has stored up for you. The priests had no natural inheritance, God was their portion:

Deu 18:2 Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brothers. Jehovah is their inheritance, as He has said to them.

This does not mean that God does not provide finance for the extension of His kingdom; the silver and the gold are all His but if we have a wrong understanding of what true riches are, then we wait for the wrong ship to come in! In Luke 12, we find another man wanting the inheritance divided with his brother

Luk 12:13 And one of the company said to Him, Master, speak to my brother to divide the inheritance with me. And He said to him, Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you? And He said to them, Watch and keep yourselves from covetousness. For a man's life is not in the abundance of the things which he possesses.

Right here Jesus begins to address the issue of inheritance and correct this man's wrong focus. He speaks about seeking first the kingdom of God and righteousness and then says:

Luk 12:33 Sell what you have and give alms. Make for yourselves purses which do not become old, an unfailing treasure in Heaven, where no thief comes nor moth corrupts. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

He is dealing with what is considered treasure on earth and what is treasure in Heaven. Jesus did not die to secure bank-fuls of money for His followers; He died to reconcile the world to the Father. That was considered a treasure worth dying for!

When we begin to understand that the treasures of darkness promised to us are the kind of people Jesus enjoyed mixing with, those who are still in the kingdom of darkness, in prisons of addiction and idolatry and sin of every kind, then our hearts will not seek earthly wealth and comfort. We will begin to rearrange our priorities and instead of pouring money into buildings and luxurious trappings and self-indulgent programs, we will invest and release finance to reach the poor and the down-trodden and the outcast. These are God's treasures waiting to be mined out of the earth. Money is only a tool in the hands of a wise steward.

I stand amazed at the awesome wisdom of the Father in allowing His sons to go on the journey into the far country because it is here they discover the difference between true and false riches. When the prodigal son's resources ran out, his friends were nowhere to be found and finally, when he came to a place of desperate hunger, he came to himself and thought of His father's house and the way even servants were treated there. People were considered valuable in the father's house and all their needs met, no matter what their position. There was a different value system in the Father's house.

Beloved, if we have focused on the wrong things as treasures, we will come to a place of extreme hunger, where nothing satisfies us any more. We can be sitting in services week after week but all will taste like dry husks and the hunger inside will go unquenched. What our deepest soul needs is to be fed with the food that satisfied Jesus. He said, " my food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and complete it."

The sin of the prodigal son was self-centeredness. He thought his inheritance was about himself, for his own pleasure and comfort. Sadly, the church in large measure has thought the same. We have eaten of His Word, been drunk in the Spirit and yet still we remain within the four walls of the building. We are guilty of 'I, I, I' and 'me, me, me' and do not realize we are of a different spirit to Jesus, who laid down His life to reconcile the world to Himself. This is why God counsels the Church in Rev 3:17 to buy from Him true gold, white garments (righteous deeds) and salve to heal their vision. We feel we are His Bride, arrayed in beautiful garments; we don't realize we are dressed in rags, poverty-stricken and blind to our true state. We need to come to ourselves, like the prodigal son and realize what we hold in our hands are husks and that we are in the pigsty that self-centeredness and self-indulgence has brought us to. When our vision is restored, we will realize that the true riches are lying outside in a broken world, waiting for us to come and dig them out.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

The interesting thing is that when the prodigal son came to his senses, realized where he had been sitting and in humility returned to his father's house, the fatted calf was slaughtered for him. When we, as the true sons of God return in our hearts to our Father's house, run according to our Father's value-system, there will be some holy cows slaughtered! Mindsets and ways of doing things that have been carefully nurtured for years, will be thrown out. Isn't it interesting that it was the killing of the fatted calf that so upset the elder brother! He represents those moving in a religious spirit, with no revelation of the rights and priviledges of sonship, entrenched in religious mindsets and labouring outside the house. He had a poverty of spirit within although outwardly he was doing all the right religious things. He had no understanding of his father's heart toward him. He was under a spirit of slavery instead of a spirit of sonship through which we cry 'Abba, Father'. He could not receive the robe and the ring because he valued the fatted calf more than his own brother. The Pharisees were angry when Jesus put to death their 'fatted calf' of the Sabbath by healing people on that day. Let us not value our religious mindsets more than we value the repentant sinner. In the coming days, the Lord is going to bring in the poor and the lame and the social outcast, Let us not respond as the Pharisees did, muttering about rules and regulations and holding our noses at the smell. God is only giving out robes and rings and delegating spiritual authority to those who are humble and mourn over their sinful state, know they are poor in spirit and have Heaven's currency system branded on their hearts. One cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear and one cannot make garments for the Bride of Christ out of Babylon's silks and the satins of religion! Jesus described the prodigal-son-company as they returned to their Father:

Mat 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

In the coming days, as the Lord cleans up His church according to Malachi 3 (refiner's fire and fuller's soap) there is coming a clear separation between the wheat and the tares. As natural disasters multiply across the earth, the true Bride of Jesus Christ will begin to rise out of the darkness, clothed in white linen with the glory of God upon her. Just watching what has happened after the flooding in New Orleans, we can see the hand of God sweeping away the denominational barriers between believers as God’s people go in and pour out the love of God to devastated people in a multitude of ways. This is just the beginning of a huge change in the focus of the Church, away from herself and her programs and her comfort towards the lost and the brokenhearted, God’s jewels waiting to be found. God is beginning to employ the shaking in the natural to cause a shaking in the spiritual and take the scales of the eyes of His Body, to see as Heaven sees, to measure as Heaven measures. He is using the spotlight of Heaven to highlight His priorities and He is going to change hearts of stone into hearts of flesh as He pours His compassion into us for the recovering of His inheritance, the true wealth of the earth, precious oaks-of-righteousness-to-be.

Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.

Lift your eyes, Church, and look at your spiritual sons and daughters. They are coming in buses and on foot from New Orleans and every place of flooding, earthquake or devastation; they have lost all and are brokenhearted. They need to know the love of the Father. Among them are prodigals who wandered far from God’s call on their lives, hiding in brothels and bars . You will not judge them because you too, wandered into the far country of self-indulgence and squandered your portion. It is God’s kindness that leads people to repentance and takes scales off their eyes. He wants them to experience His heart of compassion through you. Can you look past the matted hair, the smell, the rags and see with the Father’s eyes one of His jewels? Can you throw away the dry husks and leave the pigsty of self-worship and smash the altars to mammon in your life? If so, then you are ready to receive the robe and the ring that marks you as a true son. You are ready to be trusted with Heaven’s resources. You can be released into the fullness of your inheritance.

Psa 2:8 Ask of Me, and I shall give the nations for Your inheritance; and the uttermost parts of the earth for Your possession.

The Present Truth

Becky McLendon

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the ***present truth****.* 2 Peter 1:12

Carnal energy cannot walk with God. It cannot keep up with the Lord. When it comes to energy, all He needs is a few loaves and fishes. When it comes to wine, all He needs is a little water. When it comes to understanding, all He needs is a listening heart that is eager to hear Him. Man's wisdom has never understood His word. The carnal ear has never heard his voice. Only those with a heart after God will ever understand God's words or His ways.

Our prayer is take us to your generation, and He will. And He is doing it. He has a plan, and there is an order, and a time. There is a glory that belongs to Jesus and a glory that belongs to the bride. Oh to be what He is saying now. This is the reward of the ashes. This is the beauty they will always know. This is what remains after all of US is burned away. What He has said in the past is not our light. It is what He is saying right now. We are in the now in Jesus. We are in the today with Jesus. Being absent from the flesh (carnal) is being present with the lord; we are present with the lord this day. Present truth is "what is god saying today?" He preaches to ears that have been made ready to hear.

These denominations are like riding a bus. People find one going their way and as far as they want to go. The easy way is just to die in all that foolishness. One that hears adds life to what they have. Broken cisterns remain, dead and lifeless. But we cannot bring the carnal mind into this. The carnal mind cannot reason with the lord. He says come let us reason together, but this is by revelation only. It is not by man's reasoning that he says this... The carnal mindset says that means lets all study together and discuss things from our minds but it is not from his heart. When we talk to carnal people it is not reasoning with the Lord. So when we come together as believer to believer, we ask, "what is the lord saying? What is present truth?" Revelation is what the lord is saying now. To live in the spirit is to live in present revelation, that belongs to us this is walking in the light. Present truth is how we live now. Present truth revelation endures the contradiction of sinner teachers every day. Revelation is being in his blood stream.

When we add to what the Lord has given we are trying to help the carnal understand. The carnal will never understand, so why do we add to what he says? When we are interested in numbers and a "successful" program, that is what we do. A people living in sin, could hear the lord preaching through some one, yet could not partake because they have no understanding. A preacher living in sin does not and cannot feed from the Lord's Table. Denominational sin, has done away with the Lord's Table and substituted it for a piece of ecclesiastical furniture with "in remembrance of me" engraved on it. The lord took the cup and blessed it and said this is my blood which is shed for thee...take and drink ye all of it. Unworthy preachers are going through the motions of a "communion service" and giving the "cup" to unworthy recipients. It's the cup of death.........and they are drinking death. What they have is a "form" of godliness when they do "communion". Religion is always dealing with symbols, but never the real. To religionists, symbols are the means to the end, but never the revelation. For that matter written words in the bible are made up of symbols (letters)...it all needs the spirit of the lord. But the glory has departed these things.

Sin entertains and gathers crowds, and churches need more room for sinners. It is sin that gathers. He said, “they gather but not by me.” Religionists get caught up in do-good activities, offering free clothes and free food. They shout: “we have free food whether you want Jesus or not! We will feed your "being anxious" over what to wear and eat. You don't have to trust Jesus...we will supply your needs instead. And then maybe you will want to join the church and add to our numbers. We will teach you in our doctrines and include you in the “sacraments of the church.” Little do they know that, woe, woe the lord's table is not for bastards. Instead of calling a church to a fast, they are being called to free food**.** So many of these churches are now "seeker friendly".... Appealing to the sinner...having programs that sinners will feel "comfortable" in. Many are also gearing their whole program towards teenagers (generation x) and leaving out the mature people and shutting them off. That ear that goes to church for entertainment cannot hear what the lord is saying. They crucify the lord afresh daily**.** They go to "hear the music" and hopefully get a good "word”.... But they don't want to hear what brings life to them. They are "faithful attendees" and take "communion' regularly. But they do not eat the bread that jesus gives, nor do they drink his cup, the blood which is life.

Jesus is saying follow thou Me. What Jesus is saying now is our communion. His cup is one of holiness**.** Those who worship devils cannot drink the cup of holiness. Jesus has said his word does not return to him void, and that it will accomplish that for which it was sent. When his word returns, we go to him with it. Revelation our way to God is going with the word the word is like a bus it takes us to the father**.** We carry His revealed word in our fleshly bodies back to Him as we run in to Him.

Revelation Will Declare His Generation
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Acts 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

"His LIFE was taken from the earth" would mean DEATH was left on the earth until someone who can declare His generation, bringing LIFE back into the earth is sent. LIFE here is not BIOS, which is this “physical” life. The word used in this verse is ZOE, which means: the state of one who is possessed of vitality or is animate. ZOE is absolute fullness of life, both essential and ethical, which belongs to God, and through him both to the hypostatic "logos" and to Christ in whom the "logos" put on human nature WORD MADE FLESH! It is a life real and genuine, a life active and vigorous, devoted to God, blessed, in the portion even in this world of those who put their trust in Christ, but after the resurrection to be consummated by new accessions (among them a more perfect body), and to last for ever

Not long ago the Lord awakened me with the phrase: go to the land of quick healing. Then He said “Gaza Strip”…Acts 826 makes mention of Philip being told to “arise and go toward the south . . .to GAZA, which is desert.” This is where he found the eunuch reading a passage of scripture. What followed brought “quick healing” in Gaza, because Jesus WAS PREACHED. HIS GENERATION WAS DECLARED.

Acts 8:26 *And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.*

32 *The place of the scripture which he (the eunuch) read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:* ***33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life***

is taken from the earth. 34 *And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?* ***35*** *Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture,* ***and preached unto him Jesus.***

Those that study men's teachings all the time, and have great titles and degrees will never declare his generation. They can never bring life into the earth. Jesus will bring His LIFE back into the earth in His chosen ones! We shall declare His generation!

DECLARE means to lead or carry a narration through to the end; to set forth, recount, relate in full, describe. It is a preaching of Jesus to those who have ears to hear. GENERATION means that which has been begotten, men of the same stock, a family, especially a group of men very like each other in endowments, pursuits, character. Now remember, when we say MEN here we are referring to humans. So HIS generation has been begotten of the Son as HE was begotten of the Father. His generation is of the same stock, the same "gene pool" a new creation family. We are IN HIM, IN HIS NAME, HIS CHARACTER. We are His generation.

So JESUS is the "father" of this generation that we are to declare, men (saints) who have gone before us, and saints who are NOW and saints yet to be!!! THE ELECTION is HIS GENERATION. He preaches TO this generation OF this generation!! WOW the generation of the HEARING and Understanding of REVELATION given by Him in the ANOINTING. THIS BRINGS LIFE to the earth. Philip was sent to Gaza to preach JESUS to an Ethiopian eunuch who would then preach JESUS in his land! We will be sent many places to preach Jesus to the hearing ones, so that THEY can preach Jesus in their land.

Look at what Jesus said in Luke 4:18: The *Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*

When the very Lord says this through us, he is declaring then his generation in us. To declare his generation we lay aside all helps and studies and let him fully take our place. The words I speak are not mine. His generation life, speaks, as he speaks. Those that declare his generation are those that have gotten out of his way. His life does not need our help. It is Jesus only flowing out from us. His generation declares, "if you have seen me you have seen Jesus."

"My ministry" boasting will be abolished and not found in this generation. The" my ministry" crucifies Jesus every day the dead and the blind build churches on the "my ministries." They have laws and by-laws to save "my ministries," And the Lord's generation slips out away from them. They are called backsliders and even worse by the wise and prudent who remain in the "my ministry" kingdom. But the truth is: his generation will be the only ones that can hear.

In John 17: Jesus interceded for his generation!! It was not for unbelievers but for his generation that he foreknew! He foreknew those who would be declared and then go forth declaring his name in the earth.

His powerful foreknowledge knows who his generation is, and he will show them to us. We will be sent to declare his generation to his generation! His generation is an anointing. His generation anointing will declare his generation. His generation anointing is and has been our teacher. It is the whole seven spirits of god. His generation is a one-generation people no matter what their ages are. No matter what their race or gender is: neither Greek nor Jew; male nor female. It is one generation.

The generation anointing has made us one generation; this revelation is pouring life into us -- life being brought back to the earth. This is revelation that you can feel making you alive. Is he ever laying his head upon the earth now! Thank you Jesus. This revelation just gets more powerful: my body is going to know about this. Yours will too.

With us it is revelation, but if you get three or four together who are into “my ministry,” they try to get it into bible study, debate and discussion and eventually build their ministry upon it, build church houses upon it and finally make a denomination out of it. They tried to do it on the mount of transfiguration, and Jesus said no! Some things are not for them to know. A mountain has been given to us: a mountain of transfiguration! And we know not to build a shrine upon it and call it our ministry.

Romans 8:11 *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

He is giving us power to go way into his kingdom. So deeper and deeper, we run further in. There is a special anointed place to me in New Brunswick, Canada. The name of the town is “Shediac.” When I learned the meaning of that name, I realized why it was so anointed to me. It means, “run further in!” Being a coastal town, that would make sense in the natural to run further in to dry land when storms approach. But in the spiritual, we are to run further in to His deep calling and the anointing of revelation to get sheltered from the lashing waves of stormy seas.

When we have run IN to God, revelation comes OUT of God and IN to us! Then and only then shall we have something for the nations! We will have His present word.

Amen and Amen

Becky

The Rains Are Coming

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October 24, 2005

Today in Manila, while packing my bags and preparing to depart for Los Angeles, I was taken in the Spirit above the United States and saw much angelic activity over the atmosphere of North America. As the winds began to stir across the land, and leaves from trees began to shake, a downpour of rain suddenly began to descend upon the earth. In California, I saw eagles gathering from every direction. As the majestic birds began to arrive in California from different parts of the world, the wet ground began to shake violently and fruit began to fall off the trees. A trumpet was sounded to gather the Lord's harvest across the land which was being transformed by God's presence. As the ground began to shake, a large boulder fell off a high mountain, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me that, "The boulder represents the strongman over California which is about to fall, which will impact the entire continent of North America. The change in the atmosphere which begins in California this fall will move like a mighty wind across the land, releasing a downpour of healing from America to the ends of the earth".

On October 11, I returned to the Philippines from Australia, spending one night in Manila before flying to the Visayas in the Central Philippines. On that night, I was awakened by a dream of a terrible plane crash in the Visayas, in which I was among only three survivors. The dream was very vivid, and I remember every detail of being rescued while trying to stay afloat in the Pacific Ocean. The following morning I alerted our intercessors to begin praying for all our domestic airlines in the Philippines. That afternoon I boarded my flight for the Visayas as scheduled. Thirty-minutes after take-off, we lost one of our two engines, and dropped 10,000 feet within a matter of seconds. At the last minute, our engine was revived and we were able to gain altitude before crashing into the sea. There was no plane crash, no casualties, just 110 passengers who suddenly got a crash-course in prophetic intercession! This experience is a good example of why prophetic teams normally do not run away from disaster, but run right into the heart of it, because they understand God's heart that not even one person would perish. This October and November, we are sending prophetic teams into California and Sumatra, right into the heart of areas we have been warned are on the verge of judgment, believing for a total turn-a-round and the beginnings of reformation which will release rivers of grace and showers of healing across the entire world.

I had such a wonderful trip to Western Australia, this year has been moving by so quick, like lightning. My special thanks to Jocelyn Lane, who orchestrated our ministry itinerary for Perth, Australia. Also, thank you Pastor Gordon and Sue Vockins, what a pleasure it was to minister at your beautiful African fellowship. My special thanks also to Pastor James and Madeline Yan, for allowing me to minister to your anointed Chinese fellowship in the heart of downtown Perth, and thank you David & Juliette Haddy, what a powerful Messianic meeting we had on Rosh Hashanah! There is not room enough to personally thank all the ministers involved in the Australian mission, but thank you so much everyone! What a blessings and honor to be a small part of what God is doing in your nation. The prophetic word we received for Perth, briefly, is that God's covering is on Western Australia to use the region as a place of refuge in the future, especially as China, Indonesia and some of the other regions north of Australia begin to violently shake as we approach the second coming of Jesus Christ. Australia will be used a lighthouse to the region, sending in ships with food and aid, assistance, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am preparing to depart on 10/27/05 for California, and will be extremely busy now through Christmas in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Lately, I have gotten very little writing accomplished because of our busy ministry schedule. Please be patient if you have been trying to contact us, whereas my three secretaries have been very busy (me, myself and I). Please pray for my strength and health over the next several months, and also for our support base, that God would send us partners to help funds these missions. During the last week, our ministry income has been exactly one-hundred dollars. We need not only regular monthly financial partners, but also regular intercessors, especially over the next two months as we travel into some difficult areas in this part of the world. Please stand with us in agreement that ASIA SHALL BE SAVED!

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The Resurrection And The Life
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Jesus' Blueprint For Resurrecting Shattered Lives, Hopes And Dreams
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I Am -- The Resurrection And The Life

***"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"* John 11:25,26 NIV**

When Jesus says, "I Am," it is of tremendous significance. Just a few examples include, "I am the bread of life" in John 6:35; "I am the light of the world" in John 9:5; "I am the Alpha and the Omega," in Revelation 1:17; "Before Abraham was born, I am," in John 8:58; " I am gentle and humble in heart," in Matthew 11:29; and, "I am the gate for the sheep," in John 10:7.
The Lord makes provision both physically and spiritually for those who hunger and thirst; for those who are oppressed and in darkness; for those who question his eternal presence, power, and knowledge; for those who are anxious about the future; for the tired and weary, or whose hearts ache with loss. We are made complete in Christ. In all that we are not, Jesus is our All-Sufficient One, the Great I Am.

JESUS WEPT

"When Jesus saw her (Mary) weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

"'Come and see, Lord,' they replied. Jesus wept.
***"Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'"* John 11:33-37 NIV**

Once again, the Scriptures remind us of the depth of Jesus' compassion as He wept over the death of Lazarus, the sorrow of the sisters, and the other mourners. Jesus weeps with those who weep. Likewise, He rejoices with those who are filled with joy. The Lord is not malevolent towards us in our misery. He responds in compassion to our tears and releases miracles onto the earth, with the power to heal and totally transform lives.

Jesus could previously have gone to Lazarus and prevented his death, but He did not. Instead, as the resurrection King of Glory, Jesus was about to demonstrate to Martha, Mary, Lazarus, and all the onlookers that He is not only able to heal us in life, He is also able to completely heal us in death!
He is the Resurrection and the Life and, when we walk with Him, the power and penalty of death and sin is broken. Child of God, death has no hold on you! Sin has lost its power and penalty through the blood of Jesus! Jesus is the Cure. He provides completely for us in every way, caring so much about us that He gave His life for us.

JESUS' BLUEPRINT FOR RESURRECTING SHATTERED LIVES, HOPES AND DREAMS

"Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 'Take away the stone,' he said.
"'But Lord,' said Martha, the sister of the dead man, 'by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.'
"Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

"So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'
"When he said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.
"Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'" **John 11:38-44 NIV**

1. TAKE AWAY THE OBSTACLES THAT KEEP YOU FROM JESUS

"TAKE AWAY THE STONE." **verse 39 NIV (emphasis mine)**
Jesus wants to remove every obstacle that would stop us from hearing His voice and responding to His call on our lives.

Devastation has a din; catastrophe and confusion release a cacophonous sound that pounds weary hearts and ears and clamors for attention to drown out the life-giving voice of God.
"Father, by Your Spirit, we ask that You remove all the things that would hold us back from responding to the loving voice of Jesus."

2. UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THE SMELL!

"But Lord . . . by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there for four days . . . " **verse 39 NIV**

Martha is concerned that the Lord will be overcome with the smell of rotting flesh within the burial cave. Jesus is not concerned with the smell, because He is much more concerned with our hearts than He is with our circumstances.
He will go to any lengths to reach us and comfort us in our affliction and save us from our sin. Such is Jesus' compassion as He reaches out to us in His magnificent love. There is no hellhole that can hold or intimidate Jesus, for the Lord has literally gone to hell and back to release grace into our lives.
We must not allow difficult or even "impossible" situations to bully and/or control us, for nothing is impossible to God. He will not abandon us.
"Father, help us to know the width and length and height and depth of Your incomparable love that we might yield our lives completely to Your healing touch."

3. ONLY BELIEVE

"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" **Verse 40 NIV**

The Lord wants us to exercise faith to believe He is speaking to each of us personally, to revive the dreams and desires of our hearts.
When our hearts have been broken it is often difficult to trust again. In grace, the Lord asks that we choose to trust Him and give Him our pain. When the Lord takes us by the hand, He leads and guides our footsteps into resurrection glory.
"Father, help us to trust You completely. We will not allow pain to become an idol in our lives. We give You the first place in our hearts."

4. TURN YOUR FACE TO FATHER AND SEE JESUS

"So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.'" **Verses 41,42 NIV**

We mustn't focus on circumstances. Rather, we should be like Jesus: turning our faces to Father, as

we look towards heaven [and not earth] for our miracle!
All of Jesus' actions and divinely inspired efforts are for our benefit and for God's glory. There are so many things that clamor for our attention and affections in life, but it's important that we put all distractions and preoccupations aside and concentrate on Christ.
"Father, by your Spirit, help us to choose Jesus first and foremost in our day-to-day affairs. We turn to You in humility and in faith, and seek Your face."

5. LISTEN FOR YOUR WORD!

***"LAZARUS, COME OUT!"* Verse 43 NIV (emphasis mine)**

Jesus had a specific word for Lazarus that spoke to His spirit and released resurrection anointing from heaven onto the earth. Jesus made a way where it seemed there was no way.
Father's provision came in the powerful voice of Jesus Christ. With authority, the proclamation by the Prince of Peace raised the dead man Lazarus to life.
Similarly, the Lord's words hold power and authority in our lives today. We simply need to learn (or re-learn) how to listen when Jesus speaks His sovereign word to us. The Lord longs to bring hope where there is no hope, and restoration and revival through His saving grace, to YOU. There is nothing and no one beyond His saving grace. Jesus is the Way. The Scriptures are life to us.
"Father, give us ears to hear your Resurrection Words of Life and to respond to them with surrendered hearts."

6. RESPOND TO CHRIST

***"The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face."* verse 44a NIV**

Lazarus responded to Christ's command. The Lord told him to "come out," and Lazarus did exactly what Jesus told him to do. The result was breathtaking.
To each and every believer, Jesus has a perfect word that will bring transformation at the deepest place. Lazarus' resurrection profoundly affected his life, that of his family, and also the whole community. Many were saved because of his miracle. What a word of holy hope to us today, that we might affect our neighborhoods in like manner!
"Father, we ask that as we share Your love, and experience Your miracle-working power in our lives, that we would be used by You to transform our families and communities for Your glory."

7. TAKE OFF THE GRAVE CLOTHES AND THE BURIAL CLOTH

***"Jesus said to them, 'Take off the grave clothes and let him go.'"* Verse 44b NIV**

God wants us to see things with His perspective. Jesus instructed helpers to assist Lazarus to remove the grave clothes and burial cloth from his face.
We cannot see if our vision is clouded, nor can we pursue God's call on our lives if we are spiritually restricted by past conflicts, anxieties, doubts, or disappointments. There are times when we need a little bit of help to re-focus on God and concentrate on His word for our situation. At such times we may need the help of another human being to lift our weary heads. What joy to reach out selflessly in God's love to another.

The Lord wants us to take off the grave clothes -- all of the things that would keep us from a life rich and full in Christ. Perhaps for some this is old ways, old habits, or perhaps it is a fresh wound or the loss of a loved one, a sickness or a disappointment. Perhaps for others it is self-condemning lies or a false burden of shame? Whatever the grave clothes, they belong in the grave and not on a child of God.

"Lord, help us to remove every hindrance to the fullness of life in the Spirit."

"NOT SOMEHOW, BUT VICTORIOUSLY"

Christ calls us to believe His Word of Knowledge for our lives. He calls us to faith, to believe that He is the God of miracles.
In our whispered prayers, he wants us to know that Father always hears. He says to us, "In nothing be anxious."
When my mum died a number of years ago, a friend sent me a card that said, "The Lord will bring you through this, not just somehow, but victoriously." Those words lifted my spirit to a new place of faith. Jesus doesn't live in vague promises of "somehow." He is the Resurrection King of Life that says, "I will carry you victoriously above your situations and trials, despite and because of your frailty and your smallness." There is not one ounce of meanness in Jesus. His love is extravagant, abundant, and uplifting. He is beautiful in every situation.

A TIME OF OPENING

Lazarus' community was impacted in a mighty way by his resurrection by Jesus. Many came to salvation through one life changed. God wants us to live daily in the reality of His peace and joy. God is opening up new Kingdom opportunities and windows of grace. He is opening portals of glory to release His miracle anointing. He is opening His heart and His Word to us and is pouring out an anointing to pray to and praise Him in untold measure.
The Lord is lavishing blessing from the abundance of His heart. We have access to the treasury of heaven -- the presence of Jesus -- in our every breath and heartbeat. God waits to receive our petitions, and loves us unconditionally, desiring to provide for our every need.
"Holy Spirit, help us to open our hearts afresh to Jesus today. I pray for resurrection anointing to be released in mighty power upon every person who reads this article. May you, Lord Jesus, have the last word in our lives. For your Names' sake. Amen."

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Traveling Tumble-stones

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I would like to share with you some prophetic insights found in the account where David slew Goliath. There is a glorious picture of what God is doing in this day hidden in its folds.

> *1Sa 17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.*

Jesus, born of the House of David is also taking His staff, or rod, in His hand at this time. The church under Saul's leadership is in camp, trembling on hearing the threats of this giant. Goliath represents the Babylonian religious system under the control of the religious spirit that has kept the church of Jesus Christ bound in fear in their tents, unable, to a very great extent, to fulfill the great commission. This great army of God has meetings about fulfilling what Jesus said. They form committees to discuss what Jesus said but fear keeps them from stepping out. How glorious that in this day, the Lord is raising up a corporate Body of the House of David; like David they will be worshippers in Spirit and in truth and they will say;

> *"who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? "*

The Lord is about to rule from Zion:

> *Psa 110:2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath*.

There is a holy set-apart people arising, who will offer themselves willingly, saying, "here am I, Lord. Send me!" and through their laid-down lives the Lord will strike many principalities over the nations. Out of Zion God is sending forth His missiles, those in whom the Word spoken over them has become flesh and their lives speak a righteous word because of holiness. The womb of the morning is the Lord of Hosts' shepherd's bag. I see the Lord at this time selecting smooth stones out of the brook. These stones have been tumbled, refined and prepared in His brook of living water. The Hebrew word for 'brook' means 'winter torrent, narrow valley, mine shaft'. This place where they have been prepared has not been a gentle trickling stream. They have been turned upside-down and ground against other stones very painfully. The force of the water refining them has at times seemed too much to bear. At times they have lost complete sense of direction and perspective as the water has relentlessly pounded them. Yet the Lord has not let up in His preparation process. There have been those living stones who have fled the powerful torrent of refining and sought gentle waters at the edge of the river but others have said, "not my will but Thine be done. Have Your way with me, Lord no matter the cost" and the water has removed from them every sharp place and polished the surface of their heart, bringing out the beauty hidden inside for all to see. The root of the word for 'brook' means ' to inherit, to bequeath'. This winter torrent is the place of inheritance where you have been prepared to possess that which the Lord has bequeathed to you. This narrow way you have chosen to walk is the path that leads you to your portion of divine inheritance. This dark mine shaft you have been in is the place from which the Lord selects His jewels:

> *Malachi 3:16(Amp) Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the Lord and thought on His Name. And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be My jewels…*

The word for ‘bag’ in 1 Samuel 17:40 means ‘something prepared, artillery, instrument, jewel, vessel, weapon’. This shepherd’s bag is the storage place of His chosen vessels and weapons of war. The Lord of Hosts is selecting tumble-stones who have endured the polishing and refining of preparation to His satisfaction and He is placing them in His scrip, or ‘travelling pouch’, because he is on the move and about to do something. No-one has taken too much notice of these stones all jumbled together in the fastest place of the river of Life but according to the book of remembrance which has been written, He is choosing some for a purpose ordained before the foundation of the world. It has been a hidden work of preparation but the time of openly displaying is upon us.

> *Isaiah 49:2 He hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand hath He hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in His quiver hath He hid me*

This quiver that contains the polished arrows is the same as the bag that contains His weapons of war. The word for ‘polished’ means ‘ to refine or purify’. The arrow has been repeatedly polished in the hand of the Lord of Hosts in order to make it fast and accurate in reaching its destination and striking a death blow to the enemy.

David chose five stones. Five is the number of grace and favor. These stones selected will walk with the favor of God openly displayed upon them. There will not be a literal five living stones as it only took one well-aimed stone to kill Goliath. This stone represents a corporate man after the pattern of the One born of the House of David, who was made manifest to destroy the works of the evil one. All over the earth, God’s polished stones are being taken from their place of refining and stored in God’s traveling pouch, ready for the moment of unleashing on their target. The time of preparation is over and the Lord is about to put you in His sling and twirl you round and round and release you to your assignment against the enemy. You will strike the forehead of Goliath, representing the mindsets of the religious spirit, and bring him down.

The word ‘stone’ comes from the Hebrew, word “eben’ which is translated ‘stone, plummet, weight’. The dictionary defines ‘plummet’ as:

PLUM'MET, n. [See Plumb.]
1. A long piece of lead attached to a line, used in sounding the depth of water.
2. An instrument used by carpenters, masons, &c. in adjusting erections to a perpendicular line, and with a square, to determine a horizontal line. It consists of a piece of lead fastened to a line.

Jesus is building His church according to Heaven’s perpendicular or standard of righteousness and these living stones will be measuring instruments to correct the construction of the Church of Jesus Christ according to the standard of the Carpenter of Heaven, Jesus. They will be sent or thrust, out of the Lord’s sling into the harvest field to build the Body of Jesus. A door of opportunity is opening along with many adversaries; but let this not discourage you. As you are placed in that sling and swung around in your Beloved’s embrace, he will deal with every enemy arrayed against you:

> *1 Sam 25:29 Yet a man is risen to pursue you and to seek thy soul: but your soul shall be bound up in a living bundle with the Lord your God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall He sling out as out of the center of a sling*

There is a tremendous centrifugal force generated by being swung round in a circular fashion; something which scientists have employed to good use in separating particles out of liquids. In the same way, anything that stands against you in your life will be separated from you and slung out of your life as you are bound in this bundle with your Bridegroom. Even the enemy that you have prayed against for so long without an answer manifesting, will, in this season, be removed. The Hebrew word for ‘bundle’ in the above verse can also be translated ‘ a kernel, the least grain, a small stone’. This is the grain of wheat that has fallen to the ground and died so that it can bring forth a rich harvest. This is the small stone, Peter, whom the Lord will use to build His church founded on the revelation of Jesus

Christ and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. As you remain in intimacy with the Lord, your eyes upon His face, those enemies you wrestle with will be dealt with and you will be propelled with heaven's momentum towards your target. Victory is sure.

When David killed Goliath and cut off his head, it brought about an amazing change in the army of Israel:

> *1Sa 17:52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.*

Suddenly they received fresh courage to route the enemy and completely crush them. In the same way, as the Lord sends out His living stone or many-membered weapon of war to bring down the Babylonian religious system with one Heavenly blow, the rest of the Body will be infused with power and might to finish off all the enemy host arrayed against them. The men of Israel pursued the philistines to the gates of Ekron, which means 'eradication'. The enemy fell down and was destroyed by the way to Shaaraim, which means 'double gates'. These are the double open doors that are coming to the Body of Christ in the coming season. The enemy has previously blocked the way and we have not been able to enter through them but the Lord of Hosts is about to give us victory over that which has stood in the way, blocking entrance to our destinies.

> *1Sa 17:55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. And the king said, Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.*

Saul had no idea who David was. The Lord will be using those who are unknown in the coming season and it will cause the established leadership of the Church to say, " who on earth is this?" The word 'stripling' means ' to veil from sight, to conceal'. These that the Lord releases in the coming season are the ones who have been veiled and hidden from the present leadership of God's people. They will appear young and inexperienced and people will scorn their appearance but they are God's grains of wheat that have fallen to the ground and died to the opinions and praise of men. They will bring forth a rich harvest and victory for the whole Church.

So be encouraged, living stones who have been churned up in your Father's refining process. The grinding and polishing have been for a purpose and your time of removal from the place of preparation is upon you. Remain yielded to your Beloved and lay your head upon His breast as you rest in His embrace. The power of the Lord of Host's strong right arm will propel you to your assignment in His perfect split-second timing. The secret of success is remaining in that living bundle, you in Him and He in you and His glory shall be seen upon you.

Reading The Bible Between The Lines

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> *Jeremiah 30:2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.*

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As a young schoolboy, I was puzzled by our reading teacher telling us to learn to read between the lines. Being a true Genius, as I was at the time; I concluded this was mere nonsense since there clearly is nothing but empty space between the lines. So much for the ways of the literal minded. It would have helped if the reading teacher had presented some good examples of this. Perhaps old teach didn't really have a clue either.

What I want to do in this essay is present some examples of what the Lord has shown me about reading between the lines of the Holy Bible. Some of this has to do with multiple meanings, some with typology, and some related to hearing the voice of the author behind the pen of the scribe.

So what does it mean to read between the lines, as the world understands it? Here are a couple citations from reference works.

read between the lines
To perceive or detect an obscure or unexpressed meaning

> http://www.thefreedictionary.com/read+between+the+lines

read between the lines
to deduce something that is not made explicit (informal)

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interpret (verb)

explain, clarify, account for, elucidate (formal), make clear, shed light on, illuminate; construe, understand, read, take, take to mean, infer, ***read between the lines***, deduce; translate, decode, decipher, unravel, figure out

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Let me make it clear at the start that I follow the 'dictation theory' of biblical inspiration and inerrancy. This means that the bible was dictated by the Holy Spirit directly to the scribes, just like it says in the quote from Jeremiah above. There are many scriptures that support this view. The inerrancy part means that the written word in the original languages contains exactly what God intended it to contain. So if you think you have found an error, anomaly, or contradiction in the text of the bible, which you cannot resolve by comparing translations with the original text, then it is something God put there deliberately. And you can only resolve the issue by seeking Him for understanding.

Blind Bartimaeus

Here is a case where someone thought they found a contradiction.

> *Mark 10:46 And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side*

> *begging.*
>
> *Luke 18:35 And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:*

There is a story told by a well known healing evangelist about a minister who thought these two verses above revealed a contradiction in the bible. In Mark, Bartimaeus cries out to Jesus as he is leaving Jericho, but in Luke he cries out to Jesus as he is coming into Jericho. This minister, according to the story was so crushed by finding what he thought was a contradiction, that he left the ministry and backslid. The evangelist relating this commented that if he had sought the Holy Spirit about the matter he would have learned that Bartimaeus cried out to Jesus the entire time he was passing through Jericho, from one end to the other. Bartimaeus was persistent in prayer and Jesus healed him. The two verses are not contradictory at all.

Reading Between The Lines Shows Authorship
Let's look at the opening of The Gospel of Luke for one illustration.

> *Luke 1:1-4*
> *1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,*
> *2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;*
> *3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,*
> *4 That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed.*

I want to focus on verse 3 here and see what lessons there may be.

Several dictionaries I checked tell me that *Theophilus* means *friend of God*, one says the name means *loved of God*. All of the dictionaries and commentaries view the word as a proper noun or name of an individual, in part because of the phrase *most excellent* is understood to be addressing someone of rank or status. *Theo* here means God and *philus* is related to *phileo* meaning love. We have similar words in English derived from Greek such as Francophile which means lover of France or the French. *Philosophy* means love of knowledge, which is *Sophia* in Greek. The name could easily mean lover of God as well as loved by God. So another possible interpretation, reading between the lines is that the writer is addressing the reader as *most excellent lover of God*.

Take a look at the language in the first part of verse 3. The writer describes himself as *having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first.* Look at this literally. Is Luke here claiming to have **perfect** understanding? Is this understanding of **all** things? Does it go back to the **very first**? Is this literal or is this an example of exaggeration? The term for that is hyperbole. That's where we get our word hype. It can't be literal unless this writer is the Holy Spirit speaking to us through Luke, the human vessel he is using to convey his truth.

In verse 2 the writer describes themselves as one whom *from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word*. Is this a description of Luke or of the Holy Spirit? Was Luke a minister of the word from the very beginning? I don't think so.
If you can see that this is the Holy Spirit speaking here, then you will realize that this is one example of the Spirit reassuring us that He is the Author.

Acts Of The Apostles
Let's look now at how Luke opens the Book of Acts.

> *Acts 1:1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,*

Once again our pal Theophilus is mentioned, the lover of God. Focus on the phrase *the former treatise.* The natural or literal interpretation of this is that Luke is speaking of the first book attributed to him, The Gospel According to Luke. The spiritual interpretation is that the Holy Spirit is speaking of the first book attributed to HIM, the Old Testament. By the Spirit you can see Jesus all through the Old Testament and all that he *began to do and teach* is written there. Is he not called The Word Of God? And once again the Holy Spirit is showing himself the Author of the Word.

Tertius

> *Romans 16:22 I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.*

Here again in Romans, you can see the Holy Spirit identifying himself as the author of the scripture. The clue is that Tertius means third. Literally it speaks of a Roman custom of naming children first, second, third, fourth etc. Spiritually it speaks of the Third Person in the trinity, the Holy Spirit.

Tychicus

Now this example gets a little deeper. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is depicted as far more than just authorship of the scriptures.

> *Ephesians 6:21-24*
> *21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:*
> *22 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts.*
> *23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
> *24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen. <To the Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus.>*

At the end of verse 24, we read: To the Ephesians written from Rome, by Tychicus. The name means fateful, or fortunate, or chance or by chance. This is set off as a footnote in the King James Version. Other translations omit it altogether. What makes this fellow special is that he is mentioned in the text and having certain characteristics and certain tasks to do.

Tychicus is said to be a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord.
He is assigned to make all things known to the Ephesians
And he is to comfort their hearts.

So here is a picture of the Ministry of the Holy Spirit. First note in verse 24, the use of three words to describe our savior. When you see the words *Lord Jesus Christ* it speaks of the trinity. The description of Tychicus as a *beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord* is easy to discern one member of the trinity speaking about another. The idea that he is make all things known and to be a comforter is clearly the function of the Holy Spirit.

> *John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*
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> *John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

What we are showing here is the character Tychicus is used as a type of the Holy Spirit, and said to be not only a writer of scripture; but sent by God to be a minister, teacher and comforter. There are also end time implications to his ministry and his ministry. Tychicus sent by Paul to the Ephesians relates to the unity of the faith that the Ephesians are coming into. This has a parallel to the Holy Spirit being poured out in the end times to bring the Church into a unity of the faith.

Tychicus is also mentioned in Colossians 4 in a similar manner.

> *Colossians 4:7-9*
> *7 All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord:*
> *8 Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts;*
> *9 With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here.*

The chapter concludes with this note: <*Written from Rome to Colossians by Tychicus and Onesimus.*> if you have a King James Translation.

Timotheus

The name *Timotheus* means *honor of God; valued of God.* Here in this verse from First Thessalonians Timothy is sent as a comforter and he is described as a brother, minister and fellowlabourer. This is just what Tychicus is doing in the other places we have quoted from.

> *1 Thessalonians 3:2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith:*

The following quotes from Philippians and First Corinthians show Timothy performing similar functions. But there is an added factor involved also.

> *Philippians 2:19-24*
> *19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.*
> *20 For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state.*
> *21 For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.*
> *22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel.*
> *23 Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me.*
> *24 But I trust in the Lord that **I also myself shall come shortly**.*
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> *1 Corinthians 4:17-21*
> *17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*
> *18 Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.*
> *19 But **I will come to you shortly**, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.*
> *20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.*
> *21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?*

Here is the added factor. In both these passages the natural interpretation is that Paul is sending Timothy and that he [Paul] will follow shortly after. The Spiritual reading is that Jesus is sending the Holy Spirit first, after which he will come himself. So there are end time connotations to all this. In fact it’s a direct parallel with Joel’s prophecy that Peter quotes in Acts 2. First comes the Spirit, then the Day of the Lord, or Second Coming of Jesus.

> *Acts 2:17-20*
> *17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God,* ***I will pour out of my Spirit*** *upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*
> *19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*
> *20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,* ***before that great and notable day of the Lord*** *come:*

Titus
So war we have looked at Theophilus, Tertius, Tychicus, Timotheus and now Titus. All these names starting with T makes them God's T-Men. The name *Titus* means *pleasing* or *honorable*. He plays his greatest part in Second Corinthians. Notice how he is described in these passages.

> *2 Corinthians 8:6-7*
> *6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.*
> *7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.*
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> *2 Corinthians 8:23 Whether any do enquire of Titus, he is my partner and fellowhelper concerning you: or our brethren be enquired of, they are the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ.*

Now Titus' most important role is seen here in chapter 7 where it mentions the effect that the Coming Of Titus has on the Corinthian church. Recall how the first epistle to the Corinthians mentions all the contention, division, sin and corruption in that church. Now with the coming of Titus all that changes.

> *2 Corinthians 7:6-11*
> *6 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus;*
> *7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.*
> *8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle* **[First Corinthians]** *hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season.*
> *9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.*
> *10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*
> *11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.*

Here we are looking at the coming of the Holy Spirit typified by Titus as a factor in producing repentance. John 16 mentions the role of the Holy Ghost in revealing of sin.

> *John 16:7-8*
> *7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*
> *8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of*

> *judgment:*

And now notice in verse 10 and 11 how this godly sorrow with the coming of Titus works an awesome transformation in the Corinthians. As Titus plays the part of the Holy Spirit, his coming is a picture of revival or redemption. There is sorrow because of judgment, then fear of the Lord and then great rejoicing to the point where it is said *in all things ye have approved yourselves*. Sorrow brings repentance, repentance brings getting right with God. That is the righteousness of the Kingdom. And the Kingdom of God brings righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. What we are looking at here folks is a picture of the End Time Revival that brings in the Kingdom of God.

Natural and Spiritual voices.
Lets look at another element of reading between the lines. That is comparing the natural voice speaking as the scribe of the word and the spiritual voice of the Lord as the author.

> *2 Corinthians 1:8-10*
> *8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:*
> *9 But* ***we had the sentence of death*** *in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:*
> *10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;*

Here the natural voice is that of Paul talking about his troubles. But consider this. These words would be just as true if they were spoken directly by Jesus himself. You just have to remember that Jerusalem in Israel is located in Asia. It was there that Jesus gave up his life. He was under a sentence of death, but He trusted in God for his resurrection. So the spiritual voice here is that of Jesus speaking of his death and resurrection.

The same can be said of this verse from Phillipians.

> *Philippians 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;*

Here the natural reading is speaking of Paul's sufferings leading an increase of preaching the good news. The spiritual reading is Jesus telling us that what happened to him was really good news. We commonly think of His crucifixion and death as a great injustice. And we lament that the Jews missed their time of visitation. But do we forget that the Jews were supposed to miss their visitation? If they had not been blinded and unable to see their messiah in Jesus, then they would have seen their visitation as from the Lord. And embraced him as King.

But then there would have been no crucifixion, and no penalty paid for sin, and no salvation available to anyone! That would have been the greater tragedy. So he is saying don't be upset by what happened to him, it was meant to be for the redemption of all of us. It is what made the good news possible. If the Jews had not been blinded, there would be no good news to preach.

The Lord Speaks Of His Return.
We quoted these next two verses earlier. In both of these the spiritual voice is that of the Lord Jesus speaking directly to the reader.

> *Philippians 2:24 But I trust in the Lord that* ***I also myself shall come shortly.***

> *1 Corinthians 4:19* ***But I will come to you shortly****, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.*

Here are several more that exhibit the same feature.

*3 John 1:14 But **I trust I shall shortly see thee**, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.*

Romans 1:9-11
9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
*10 Making request, if by any means now at length **I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you**.*
*11 For **I long to see you**, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;*

Romans 15:24-25
*24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, **I will come to you**: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company.*
25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints.

*Romans 15:29 And I am sure that, when I come unto you, **I shall come** in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.*

In all of these Jesus is concerned with his Second Coming. What could be more important?

Trial By Fire
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1 Peter 4:12-18 NKJV Suffering for God's Glory Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Rev 3:9-13 NKJV Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

"I AM the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End! I know the end from the beginning in the lives of all who live! I know what the future holds and I know what you will do before you do it! I have seen it, even as I formed you in the womb, and knew you before the foundations of the earth!

So why do you worry? Why do you fret? So many before you and so many in the east already know what it is to suffer for My sake. But you, My church, haven't a clue to what real suffering is like, many of you. You have lived in affluence compared to the rest of the world, and you have been blessed beyond imagination. Only a remnant lives that knows what suffering is. I have refined them in the fires of rejection, affliction, crippling sickness and persecution, so that they would be able to speak into the lives of those when true persecution comes, when true trials come. They have paid the cost, and they are familiar with suffering and they know the value of that suffering!

They know HUMILITY! They know DEPENDENCY on ME, as they had to rely on Me, when no one else was a comfort to them. They knew My comfort in the midst of people judging them instead of loving them! They have had hours and hours, and years of time alone with ME! And I am now going to exalt the HUMBLE, and bring down the PRIDE and ARROGANCE that leads to corruption in My house!

Dan 4:37 NKJV Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

I am coming quickly and I will level every mountain and exalt every valley, and I will form a bride who is without idolatry in her heart! I am doing that right now, and I will not allow any competition with My love! And I will put into the hands of the humble, the means to help the poor, the power to overcome the enemy in the lives of others, and the resources to house the homeless! I will raise up a standard that will RESTORE My church to the Bride I want it to be! I will have no other gods before Me! I will have no more harsh taskmaster ruling in My house!

The humble will see vindication and those who have slandered the humble will be tried by FIRE that will expose all that is in their hearts, till all the dross is burned away! I am a FAITHFUL and JEALOUS LOVER! I will not allow

anything to get in the way of My love! And I will make you restorers and repairers of the breech, and you will be called trees of righteousness! The planting of the Lord! And many will come to the brightness of My glory because of what I do in you!

It has begun!

{ keep in mind this was given last summer before tsunami and hurricanes and quakes! }

I have sounded the trumpets and you have been warned, and now I come. I will lift Myself up! I will be exalted in all the earth! I will make My name glorious, and there will no longer remain any on earth who do not know WHO I AM! For I will be revealed and I will make My Son a majestic bride from all nations of the earth! Who will go for US? Who will consider the cost? Who will be willing in the day of My power?

Have I not shown you the end from the beginning? Do you not know Who wins? YOU ARE THE VICTORS MY BELOVEDS! I will no longer hold back My love from My bride. I will bring you forth as GOLD refined in the fire!

You will shine like the stars in the heavens and My glory will be SEEN upon you! And the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the seas!

Isa 60:2 NKJV For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

Isa 61:1-8 NKJV The Good News of Salvation "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. 7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. 8 "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them an everlasting covenant.

Ps 45:9-11 NKJV Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. 10 Listen, O daughter,consider and incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him.

A Flame
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A vehement flame of fire will I make my one desire
A flame that burns and burns till it becomes a great pyre.
For night after night He brings, love songs that He sings

And in my ears a great treasure He brings.
Longing for Him grew dim for My heart had grown faint
Worldly cares & enemy's dares taunted me and my mind did taint
And all around was the din of the fray
Of changing times and much DELAY.
I tired for want of seeing His face
I felt so alone and longed so much for the GRACE
To see Him again and to feel His sweet touch
The longing so long and delay became too much.

I lost strength in the battle
and felt like so much chattel.
I forgot the many times of treasured talk He gave.
My heart seemed to move closer to the grave.
The season was so long and so dry,
All my heart could do is weep and cry.
I longed for my Lover and I thought I would die
When suddenly there was a sign of life again nearby.
I knew He'd always been there for He promised never to leave
But in my heart I was sorely grieved
For I longed for that wonder, that awe to behold
And I wanted again to taste of Him and be BOLD.

His sweetness is always around when in need
But I longed for more and more in my need.
I knew He had more, and my heart was a rush
To see what He would do in the midst of the hush.
"I'm making you a flame", He said from His heart
"I'm making you a flame, so you will start
A fire in the hearts of others you will see
A fire in their hearts that will make them think of ME.
I'm the ONE above all they need to know
And I'm the One who has power for them to grow!
I'm needing an army that will not back down you see
I'm needing an army to GO for ME.

I'm love and I'm kindness, I'm hope amidst the fray.
I'm peace and I'm joy and I'm justice in this day!
I'll love you forever and by your side will I stay!
I'll put an end to the madness and to the enemy I'll repay.
I'll repay his deceit with many a miracle, sign and wonder,
To his minions, will My voice THUNDER!
A final blast of the trumpet will I blow
To that last enemy; death, will I throw
Down in the pit will he go and no longer know
The pleasure of stealing My sheep from their glow.
For JOY will fill every heart in the nations
That longs for the KING and with HIM wants relations!

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Ps 92:11 NIV My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

Ps 144:5-15 NIV Part your heavens, O LORD, and come down; touch the mountains, so that they smoke. 6 Send forth lightning and scatter [the enemies]; shoot your arrows and rout them. 7 Reach down your hand from on high; deliver me and rescue me from the mighty waters, from the hands of foreigners 8 whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.
9 I will sing a new song to you, O God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to you, 10 to the One who gives victory to kings, who delivers his servant David from the deadly sword. 11 Deliver me and rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.
12 Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace. 13 Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields; 14 our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets. 15 Blessed are the people of whom this is true; blessed are the people whose God is the LORD.

"I am sending forth My arrows into the camp of the enemy! I will rout
as you tout the wonders of My love, and shout your praises! I am anxious
to perform My glorious surprise! For I have you directly in My eyes and I know the longing in your heart My beloveds to see the church restored
to it's former power. But I tell you now that I am CAPABLE. I am WANTING it more than you! And I will establish a pure and HOLY bride!

I am not slack in My promises. I do all things perfectly in My time! And it will not be because you prayed enough! It will not be because you were faithful enough, but because of MY GLORY, and MY FAITHFULNESS to you,
That I do a marvelous work in your time! I have many faithful in the midst of the weak, and in the midst of the tares. But I have seen the enemy's snares, and I will rout the enemy unawares! I will cleave the head of the harlot and I will rout all that is rotten and profane in My true church.
I AM THE ALMIGHTY GOD, AND THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, AND THE EARTH WILL KNOW THAT IT IS I, THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL THAT
RULES IN THE HEAVENS AND OVER ALL THINGS IN AND UNDER
THE EARTH. FOR IN THE END, MY RULERSHIP WILL TRIUMPH OVER ALL THINGS. Man thinks he has the upper hand, and My enemies think they
Will succeed. But that kingdom runs on deception and dillusion and I have
Many surprises in MY arsenal.

Come, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP! Now is the time to worship ME.
Now is the time to PRAISE MY NAME IN ALL THE EARTH. For the earth will be filled with the glory. The earth will be filled with the knowledge of Your LORD, as the waters cover the seas, and ALL NATIONS will bow to ME.

Do not be afraid of his arrows, for MY ARROWS are much bigger. And I am making many of your sons and daughters into great ARROWS of LIGHT that will fill the earth with My fragrance! They will be shot forth like arrows into the darkness, and they will bring RESTORATION to cities, and nations across the earth. Pray for your SEED! PRAY FOR THE YOUTH OF THE EARTH to receive revelation! For I am going to do a marvelous thing in the earth. A think you cannot fathom. A thing that is GLORIOUS and AWESOME! I WILL ROUT THE ENEMY and you will do mighty exploits in My name!

Come into My gates with THANKSGIVING for what I am going to DO! Enter into My courts with PRAISE for what I have done, and what I WILL DO! For I am increasing in the earth and I am increasing in your hearts, and I will increase until you are filled to the full with My glory! COME, COME, COME My bride and come into My chambers for I want to hold you and pour My life giving LOVE into you! I will give you STRENGTH, and I WILL pour in MY LOVE that casts down ALL FEAR! COME, for I will transform you as you lay down your agenda and take ME as Your inheritance!

Ps 18:1-17 Amp [A Psalm] of David the servant of the Lord, who spoke the words of this song to the Lord on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. And he said:

I LOVE You fervently and devotedly, O Lord, my Strength.
2 The Lord is my Rock, my Fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my keen and firm Strength in Whom I will trust and take refuge, my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower. [Heb 2:13.] 3 I will call upon the Lord, Who is to be praised; so shall I be saved from my enemies. [Rev 5:12.] 4 The cords or bands of death surrounded me, and the streams of ungodliness and the torrents of ruin terrified me. 5 The cords of Sheol (the place of the dead) surrounded me; the snares of death confronted and came upon me.

6 In my distress [when seemingly closed in] I called upon the Lord and cried to my God; He heard my voice out of His temple (heavenly dwelling place), and my cry came before Him, into His [very] ears. 7 Then the earth quaked and rocked, the foundations also of the mountains trembled; they moved and were shaken because He was indignant and angry. 8 There went up smoke from His nostrils; and lightning out of His mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also and came down; and thick darkness was under His feet.

10 And He rode upon a cherub [a storm] and flew [swiftly]; yes, He sped on with the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness His secret hiding place; as His pavilion (His canopy) round about Him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 Out of the brightness before Him there broke forth through His thick clouds hailstones and coals of fire. 13 The Lord also thundered from the heavens, and the Most High uttered His voice, amid hailstones and coals of fire. 14 And He sent out His arrows and scattered them; and He flashed forth lightnings and put them to rout .

15 Then the beds of the sea appeared and the foundations of the world were laid bare at Your rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.
16 He reached from on high, He took me; He drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy and from those who hated and abhorred me, for they were too strong for me.

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Song 1:2-4 NKJV Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth — For your love is better than wine. 3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you. 4 Draw me away!

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will run after you.
THE SHULAMITE
The king has brought me into his chambers.

THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will remember your love more than wine.

"My kisses are not like your kisses. My kisses are holy. My kisses are revolutionary! My kisses

REVEAL ME! My kisses are revelation of My love for you and Who I AM! And for this reason, the virgins,[those not defiled by idolatry], love ME ALONE! And I am taking you into MY CHAMBERS! I AM TAKING YOU IN to INTIMACY with ME, for I AM the LOVER of your soul! And I am a jealous God, and I will have a pure and spotless Bride!

My kisses are sweeter than honey! My kisses reveal to you so many things including My secrets. I only share My secrets with my lovers! Those who are willing to surrender to Me all that is them, and all that is their's. I am FAITHFUL AND TRUE, and My kisses are not betraying. I don't kiss you, then remove My love!

I am faithful and true to My WORD! I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you! I am in love with you! I am eternally forgiving and eternally faithful in My love that is unconditional for you. Like a good parent, My love NEVER FAILS.

Can you imagine a world void of love? THAT is the enemy's camp! There is never any love there! It is to be eternally separated from My love! Can you imagine that My beloveds? Then you can realize the importance of HARVEST!

Every day the enemy is taking with him many who have died without ME deceived into unbelief and skepticism and hatred! Will you LOVE ME ENOUGH to lay down your lives? Is it too hard My loves? Is there anything I ask of you, that I don't give you the GRACE to do? Don't be afraid to lay it all down! I am speaking of everything. EVERYTHING. Your hopes, your dreams, your family, your things, your ministry, your business, your home, your car, your pets, your opinions - these all can be idols. So I ask you to commit them all to MY keeping, and for the purposes of My Kingdom! Then you will know what TRUE FREEDOM IS!

Mercy and TRUTH have kissed each other! Righteousness and peace are the foundation of My throne. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your lives, and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and ever and ever! I desire MERCY and not sacrifice I have said. So I am asking you to lay down and receive MY LOVE and My healing, that you might endure the reproof that is at the door!

I am raising up the tent of DAVID and I will establish MY WILL. Just as in the days of Moses, I am calling out, "LET MY PEOPLE GO! THAT THEY MIGHT WORSHIP ME! " I will remove the cover of oppression that is trying to keep you from the fullness of TRUE WORSHIP! And you will fulfill the call of holiness and the days of POWER that are coming! You will fulfill the expression of My love when you love one another AS I HAVE LOVED YOU! So lay aside all unforgiveness and any hatred or disdain in your heart for those in My church.

Relent from all desire for vengeance! LOOSE the chains of unforgiveness and I will loose the chains of oppression over you! Charity covers a multitude of sins! LOVE IS KIND!

1 Cor 13:4 NIV Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1 Peter 4:8 KJV And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

CHARITY
NT:26 agape (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

NT:25 agapao (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare OT:5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense): KJV - (be-) love (-ed). Compare NT:5368.
OT:5689 `agab (aw-gab'); a primitive root; to breathe after, i.e. to love (sensually): KJV - dote, lover.

NT:5368 phileo (fil-eh'-o); from NT:5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; while NT:25 is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety: the two thus stand related very much as NT:2309 and NT:1014, or as NT:2372 and

NT:3563 respectively; the former being chiefly of the heart and the latter of the head); specifically, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): KJV - kiss, love.

If I am so charitable towards you, can you not be charitable to those who have offended you? Is there anything that I have not forgiven you? Is there anything hidden from Me? Is there anything you have done or are going to do that I don't know about? The same is true of those around you! There is nothing I do not know about what they have done or what they will do!

So ask of ME when you need wisdom about others. Be forbearing of others, even as I forbear all the things you do to offend Me! I DON'T hold a grudge against you! So why do you hold grudges? Is this what I have taught you by My example or by My Word?

I AM LOVE! I AM MERCY! I AM FAITHFUL and TRUE! I AM ALMIGHTY! Is there anything too hard for ME?

Think of something you think is too hard and ask if it is something I could do!! With GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE! So think BIG, and ASK BIG My BELOVEDS! I AM the GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!

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The Refiner's Fire

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Hurricane Katrina, and its resulting devastation and suffering, raises the inevitable question of "Why would a loving God allow such human suffering?" You, like me, have certainly heard this question posed by various people as they wrestle with this age-old dilemma. This same thing was voiced four years ago following 9/11. We find this issue addressed in what is generally regarded as the oldest book in the Bible, the Book of Job. But we also find it being spoken to by God in many other places in Scripture.

For us as believers we rest in the goodness and the sovereignty of God (Rom. 8:28). That confidence enables us to trust God even when we don't understand the "why." As God relates to us it is always for a redemptive purpose. Peter tells us that the purpose of trials is, "that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:7). Elsewhere the Scriptures teach us:

"The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests hearts" (Prov. 17:3).

"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the son's of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness" (Mal. 3:2-3).

God is as serious about "refining" us as the silversmith is about purging all the dross out of his silver. He will keep working until the result is pure. Note that God says He "will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver"; in other words, God has all the time in the world. He is in no hurry. He will wait patiently until the job is done.

If gold or silver had feelings it would feel that it was being abused, being subjected to unbearable and pointless suffering. But silver and gold are not competent to judge their own condition or the ultimate result of their sufferings; that is solely the prerogative of the refiner. Likewise, we must bear in mind that the "divine refiner" alone knows "the end from the beginning" (Isa. 46:10). We need to view suffering as part of God's loving ministry to His own peculiar treasure (I Peter 4:12-19). God afflicts us in order to refine and purify us to be fit vessels for His Kingdom. G.K. Chesterton made this observation: "The mystery of suffering may be a strange honor and not a vulgar punishment; that the King may be conferring a decoration when He pins the man on the cross as much as when pins the cross on the man."

But how does the Refiner know when His job is "done?" The ancient refiner had a foolproof method of ensuring the purity of his product. He would gaze into the molten silver until he could see his own reflection. When the silver took upon itself that "mirror–like quality" it was properly refined. Romans 8:29 states that God's purpose, as He works in our lives, is that we "become conformed to the image of His Son," a reflection of Christ. In II Corinthians 3:18, Paul reverses the illustration when he says: "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." Our Lord will continue His purifying work until He sees His reflected image.

How does this take place? If God's foreordained plan is for us to become as an "exact" image of Christ (as is possible for a creature to be), how does He accomplish it? It is through the refiner's fire that He must take us. John Flavel, a 17th century Puritan, wrote: "Let a Christian be but two or three years without an affliction, and he is almost good for nothing: he cannot pray, nor meditate, nor discourse as he was wont to do; but when a new affliction comes, now he can find his tongue, and comes to his knees again, and lives at another rate." Paul relates, in his second letter to the church at Corinth, the manner of afflictions and sufferings he experienced on his spiritual journey. He recounts his numerous beatings, shipwrecks, imprisonments, and distresses. He speaks of being "always delivered to death for Jesus' sake" (II Cor. 4:11). But how does Paul view all this?

He sees it this way: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (II Cor. 4:17-18).

Paul Billheimer, in his book Don't Waste Your Sorrows remarks, "In order to grow in character it is necessary to understand that nothing that God permits to come to his child, whether "good" or "ill," is accidental or without design. Everything is intended to drive him out of himself into God." The Biblical approach to suffering is not fatalistic -- it is purposeful for the believer. It therefore, though not sought for, should be embraced when it comes. In Romans 5:3-5 we are told:" … we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Charles Spurgeon told the story of Betty, a poor old woman who had been tirelessly active in the Lord's service. She visited the sick; out of her own poverty she gave to those who were still poorer; she collected a little money from others when she could give none of her own, and told many of the love of Christ. At last she caught a cold and rheumatism and lay in bed month after month, racked with pain and helpless. A minister went to see her and asked if after her abundant activity she did not find the change hard to endure.

" No sir, not at all. When I was well, I used to hear the Lord say day by day, 'Betty, go here. Betty, go there. Betty, do this. Betty, do that, and I used to do it as well as I could. And now I hear Him say every day, 'Betty, lie still and cough.'"

As difficult as it is for our flesh, I pray that we would embrace the "refiner's fire." May the "Heavenly Refiner" be able to look into our lives and see the reflection of Himself.

Tribulations

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While on a Sabbatical Rest

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Income lost, social security subsides. Many will curse God and for a morsel of food, their inheritance deny . . . taking the mark of the beast, God they will curse, many to fall to the way side, with the devil they will coerce.

Judgment beginning at the house of God, into the fire they go . . . sifted as wheat. Faith failing them because their foundation is not of Me.

Bringing despite to the Spirit of grace, many fornicate . . . this should not be. The church full of leaven with no one offended . . . out come My sheep to partake of a new heaven – the third is where they will be . . . as in the third day; third day water made into wine, God came down to visit Moses and the people on the third day, Jesus arose on the third day, His Second Coming is in the third day. In the third day, I am all they seek, it is My meat that they eat . . . the chosen of Me.

Great despair is coming for those not prepared. Repentance is required and separation from the world and all that offends Me.

For those that love Me the new wine shall soon be poured out from My third heaven, My throne. New wineskins, My manifested sons are to Me. They shall not be drunk as with wine from man but they shall be filled with My Spirit right to the brim . . . the adversary shall fear and from these he shall flee; these that dwell in the holy of holies, partaking only from Me. They have come from the outer court, to the inner court and into the holy of holies; from the flesh they did flee. Again there is the number three. Three courts that end in the manifestation of Me within . . . the refined, purified, sanctified vessels they are to Me. Three processes to become like Me . . . doing the works of My Son, they are well pleasing to Me; garments of praise they will be for Me. Hated by man but loved by Me.

Their message to the people shall be: repent and come unto Me. Choose this day which way it shall be; either hot or cold, lukewarm I will spew out. Off the fence you will be thrown. You are either for Me or against Me. No other decision . . . one to life, one to death, either in the light or darkness you will be. The choice is yours with no more delay; for all that has been prophesied from old will soon begin, the last hour, the seventh day, the last scene until I come again in the clouds for all to see; bringing My rewards, giving you the last victory . . . a mystery complete.

From now until then, keep your eyes stayed on Me, that by the devil you will not be deceived; but over those in the outer court he will have victory; those in the inner court, harder it will be for him to deceive; those in the holy of holies have the complete victory. Those that will be martyred will gladly lay down their lives; for with Me they shall soon reside. Those that make it through the last 3½ years, overcomers they will be.

Deny yourselves, take up your cross . . . that has not been the gospel preached. The morning dawns, the Star shall arise, bright and shining throughout this world they shall be preaching truth of My sufferings you must go through, or My inheritance you will not receive.

The lake of fire is real but there has been no focus on that eternal abode. Only of heaven do I hear from defiled lips that are deceived; thinking in heaven is where they shall be; such deception does not come from Me, for My Word says no unclean shall be with Me, you must go through the process to be in the holy of holies with Me. No fornicator, drunkard, reviler, liar nor unclean shall ever be with Me, for by My blood you must be cleansed. Washed in My water, baptized with My Spirit, sanctified and filled, denying your flesh in order to be with Me. You choose which place you'll be . . . in the lake of fire for eternity or with Me.

There is a price to pay, sufferings, tribulations will be the order of that day. They say all is well, but that is a lie. I told you, you would know them by their love and by My fruit. Liars serve the evil one and are not of My kingdom. How much more do you need to hear to know the deceiver is near? Satan comes as an angel of light, even speaking My Word, only to deceive and entrap into his deception. Beware children, those deceivers serve him well. Unprepared they would have you to be. In My Word, does it not say do not call evil good? That seems to be the order in this day, for in this nation there is great deception. Take heed to yourselves lest you be ensnared.

Banners fly, praises sing, in My third heaven hallelujahs ring; in My third heaven they are about to shout . . . here comes your victory.

To The Weary Saints!
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Moses speaks. . .

As Moses and his followers were in the midst of the battle of taking possession of the enemy's land (they had come out of the wilderness), he became tired and his uplifted hands fell. That stopped the anointing that was giving them power to take the land (Ex.17:11). If you've been in the isolation/preparation chambers for years and are at this point of being weary, take heart, there is good news. Your time of going into the enemy's camp and taking his goods is upon you.

Moses' two companions sat him down on a stone. Why? This is a type/shadow of today's remnant that has been through the fires and in the wilderness for years and are now come forth out of the wilderness to go and possess the kingdom of God. The rock Moses sat on is Christ. . . the rock of our salvation (deliverance). This is representative of our new Sabbath. . . rest from our works and dependent on the finished work of the cross. It's not by might nor by power but by My Spirit saith the Lord. The battle is the Lord's and the victory is ours. We've entered the 7th day, which is the Sabbath rest.

Aaron (a Levite, a priest – of which we are to be) and Hur (means white linen – we must have on the robe of righteousnes) held up Moses' hands, with the rod of God in one of them (Ex. 17:9), so Joshua and his troops could finish the battle before the sun went down. This signifies our battle (of entering the promised land; our inheritance) is to be won within the time frame of one day. We know that the Lord will suddenly come to His temple (Mal. 3:1), of which we are! What is the purpose of His coming? Ex. 15:17 *Thou shalt bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Thine* ***inheritance****, in the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in, in the Sanctuary, O Lord which Thy hands have established.* We are that sanctuary and we are being prepared to receive our inheritance within a one day span of time!

The Holy Spirit is trying to unite His troops together to hold each other up in this time of fierce battle (James 5:16). The adversary does not want to lose this battle because he knows the purified battle axes (Jere. 51:20 *Thou art My battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms)* are coming forth as a rod in the hand of the Lord.

We have also entered the 3rd day since the ascension of Christ. Let's see what our instructions are for this 3rd day. The Israelites were told to make a 3 day journey into the wilderness (Ex. 3:18) to make a sacrifice unto the Lord the 3rd day. We know they were punished and it was extended to 40 years and the unfaithful did not enter into the promised land, their inheritance. However, those that have obeyed the Lord and stayed faithful in their wilderness experience, of many multiplied years, the 3rd day is upon us. We are instructed to be sanctified and wash our clothes (search our hearts for any unforgiveness or bitterness that may reside there because of all the rejection and betrayal we've experienced in our wilderness journey) (Ex. 19:10). The Lord is about to suddenly come to His temple (Ex. 19:11; Mal. 3:1).

Remember, as the Israelites left Egypt, they had favor with the Egyptians and took their silver and gold jewelry. They left their preparation chambers, so to speak, with the goods of the adversary!! Expect to receive the silver and the gold, that you may go forth to establish the kingdom of the Lord! After all, it does take money, along with the anointing.

Trust in Me

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Prov 3:5 NKJV Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;

Isa 57:13 AMP When you cry out, let your [rabble] collection of idols deliver you! But the wind shall take them all, a breath shall carry them away. But he who takes refuge in Me shall possess the land [Judea] and shall inherit My holy mountain [Zion, also the heavenly inheritance and the spiritual Zion]. [Ps 37:9,11; 69:35,36; Isa 49:8; Matt 5:5; Heb 12:22.]

Isa 57:13 NKJV When you cry out, Let your collection of idols deliver you.
But the wind will carry them all away, A breath will take them. But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain."

Ps 37:9-13 AMP For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait and hope and look for the Lord [in the end] shall inherit the earth. [Isa 57:13 c.]
10 For yet a little while, and the evildoers will be no more; though you look with care where they used to be, they will not be found. [Heb 10:36,37; Rev 21:7,8.] 11 But the meek [in the end] shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. [Ps 37:29; Matt 5:5.]
12 The wicked plot against the [uncompromisingly] righteous (the upright in right standing with God); they gnash at them with their teeth. 13 The Lord laughs at [the wicked], for He sees that their own day [of defeat] is coming.

“ I’m taking you through a tunnel of hope. There is much warfare ahead and more than you can imagine all over the world in the days ahead. So I am embuing you with more of My Holy Spirit that you will be able to TRUST ME MORE than you ever have. You have not been beaten down like the Chinese for years, and murdered, and maimed like the Vietnamese, Laotians and many in Pakistan and India. My Western BRIDE, you are like children crying in the marketplace, we played our flutes for you, we sang our songs for you, but You did nothing. YOU need FAITH, extraordinary faith for the days ahead, so you will be able to endure the hardship and wickedness that is growing.

KNOW THAT I AM WITH YOU IN THE FIRES, I AM WITH YOU IN THE STORMS,
I AM WITH YOU IN THE VIOLENCE AND OPPRESSION. KNOW THAT I AM SENDING MANY OF YOU OVERSEAS. SOME WILL GO WILLINGLY. OTHERS WILL GO UNWILLINGLY. Some will go because they were unwilling to do what I wanted as
Jonah was. So like he got swallowed in the whale, and like Thomas was taken as a slave to India, you will go!

You have been abundant with riches WESTERN BRIDE, and now you will experience what it is to be a foreigner in a strange land, because you were unwilling to go, unwilling to give, unwilling to endure hardship as a good soldier. Now you will have another chance. Changes are eroding your nations, and you will see great miracles and signs and wonders all over the earth as I use you to harvest the nations. Other nations will come to your shores and share what you are unwilling to share in your streets and cities. They will be unafraid, because they have already paid the cost.

Those who have been willing but held back; there is an appointed time! I have not forgotten you. I am building in you greater intimacy with me through sufferings and hardships, that you may truly react as a Christian when confronted with hate and violence. For the darkness grows darker, as My light shines brighter in you. Those who endure to the end will receive the crown of LIFE! Do not be dismayed! Do not be moved by circumstances, but REJOICE in ME. SHOUT with JOY as I am drawing nearer the

earth, and MY GLORY will be SEEN UPON YOU as you go out! Those of like minds and hearts will be drawn to you My beloveds! They will know you because
they have My Spirit. Those who persecute you will be those who walk with a carnal mind and heart. I am purifying you with FIRE.

As My glory comes, it exposes all that is in your heart, good and bad, light and dark.
Do not be dismayed by what you see that is not of Me! Renounce, and ask for MORE OF ME! I am cleansing all that is not of Me. There is also a strategy of the enemy to accuse you over and over, though you have repented. So do not fall for his tricks.
Give it all to me, and do not condemn your own hearts. I am bigger than your hearts!

I have paid the price so you can walk in freedom. You have ability to enter the HOLY OF HOLIES. All it takes is drawing near. Do not punish yourself, but renounce all self condemnation, all self accusation and self hatred. If your body is already clean, by the waters of redemption then you only have to wash your feet daily! I am forever FORGIVENESS. I am forever YOUR KING, and YOUR LOVER! I am not carrying a whip. I correct those I love. And I love you unconditionally, forever and forever, and forever. Throw off the accuser! CAST HIM OUT!

Do not be anxious for ANYTHING. I will sustain you, day to day, hour to hour, minute to minute. Rise up and LAY HOLD OF THE SWORD I HAVE PUT IN YOUR HAND. WIELD IT AGAINST HIM. PROPHESY TO THE SPIRITS OF FALSE RELIGION AND ACCUSATION, AND WITCHCRAFT OF THIS AGE. PROPHESY!
PROPHESY THEIR END! PRAY TO BRING DOWN THE WALLS OF ISLAM! PRAY FOR MICHAEL TO ARISE! THIS IS THE HOUR HE WILL ARISE FOR THE SAKE OF ISRAEL, AND FOR THE SAKE OF ALL MY BELOVEDS! PRAY FOR THE SON OF RIGHTEOUSNESS TO ARISE WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS! WORSHIP ME IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS, FOR WITHOUT HOLINESS NO ONE WILL SEE GOD, I HAVE TOLD YOU! Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened!
I am opening MANY DOORS in this hour. Discern son of man those around you! Discern their condition! Ask, and it will be given you for the sake of the KINGDOM.
Lay hold of the SICKLE and wield the SWORD of the Spirit!

I love you immensely My bride! I am only doing what you have asked of ME, to make you like ME! You have asked, and I am answering! You are tested in fire but you will come forth AS GOLD! I AM EMMANUEL, GOD WITH YOU! I will soon be with you MORE and MORE. I will destroy all that has oppressed you and purify you as gold refined in the fire as promised, and I will make you the jewels in MY CROWN!”

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The White Dress
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I woke up seeing a vision of a woman’s back, zipping up a white dress, like a bridal dress. Then I saw two large hands and a man’s form standing behind her with his hands placed on her back on both sides of the zipper, as if assuring her, and at the same time holding it in place. I felt the Lord say

I am finishing up the new dress for My Bride. I am giving her pure white garments to wear. She is adorned in My glory that all may see her beauty.
Though she has been bedraggled and disdained by many, now I will finish the final touches and imbue her with My love and power so that all the world will know that she is Mine! They will know that she has spent time in My presence! They will know because she will reflect My character and My power both.

Know that the things I am doing now in the earth will produce a most beautiful bride who loves and cares for others. Have I not said, that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Lord will raise up a standard against him? The enemy has come down spreading his filth in all directions, but I have a plan too. I am JEALOUS for My Bride. I will not allow her to continue to wallow in filth. I will revive her heart and heal her wounds that others have not cared for. I will do all I've said I will do. I will not leave you comfortless.

Remember My beloved ones that this is NOT your home! Heaven is your home. I am your HOME. In this world you will have troubles, but know that I have overcome the world and broken the power of the enemy. You will fulfill all I've destined for you, and when that is done, then only will you come home to ME.

Evil men continue to conspire and pride is rampant, but I AM with you and I will sustain you and fight beside you as you enter into the final war with the enemy! He has come down with great wrath, knowing his time is over and wanting to destroy all he can. Do not be PRAYERLESS! Keep your lamps trimmed and supplied with the oil of the Holy ONE. Keep in communion with Me. Stay beloveds close to ME in this hour. You need My advice. You need My discernment in all things pertaining to all around you. Do not go days without speaking to me! How would you who are married feel if your mate didn't talk to you in days? Would you not feel neglected? How do you think I feel when you go day after day without stopping to take time for communion with ME, Who is your Husbandman?

My advice to you is to buy from Me gold refined by fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, so that you may be dressed and not have to be ashamed of your nakedness; and eye salve to rub on your eyes, so that you may see! As for Me, I rebuke and discipline everyone I love; so exert yourselves, and turn from your sins! Here, I am standing at the door, knocking. If someone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he will eat with Me. Rev 3:18-19 CJB

Know that my heart is not to hurt you. I am a God of restoration, not destruction. But the world is escalating into wickedness, and I cannot stand by and see men continue to oppress without consequence, nor can I stop what will bring the culmination of all time. Know that I love you and my heart is ravished for My bride. Come to Me and let me hold you and heal you and
bring to you all that I am! So when you have opportunity, you will have what you need to give to others and to declare My word and be My witnesses!

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Phil 3:8 AMP Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing

Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed one),

"In My hand oh Western church I have a cup. I have a cup of wrath for those who are wicked and unchanging, and I have a cup for those whose hearts want to be changed. I drank from My Father's cup the cup of suffering. I PAID THE PRICE so that you could be free from the law of sin and death. But I never said you would be free from suffering for the sake of My name did I? Am I so worthless, and the sacrifice of My Son so cheap, that you are unwilling to pay the cost for the power that you so want?

Certainly My hand is not too short to strengthen. But will you drink from MY CUP. Will you drink My blood and eat My flesh as I asked My disciples to do?
Or will you be like those who left after I said that? Will you be the ones to deny ME when the going gets rough. I ask because I want you to think about what I have said, not to focus on man's teachings, but MY TEACHINGS. Will you eat My flesh? Will you drink My blood? Or will you cling to your own life? I told you that if you seek to SAVE your life, you will lose it? I told you that what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world but lose his soul? I told you that a man's life does not consist in what he owns. I told you to store up in heaven blessings, not here on earth where thieves can break in and steal it. I told you to LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

But you are not willing oh Bride to let go of your things. Many of you have not turned your belongings over to ME. You want me, but you also want your homes, your cars, your fancy clothes and your abundant wealth. You cling to worthless idols of entertainment and extra cars, and extra homes, and all manner of THINGS that fade away in eternity. I also told you that the heart is willing but the flesh is weak. So I KNOW how hard it is for you to give up things.

So I MUST take away what is robbing you of the fullness of your inheritance, if you truly say, I LOVE YOU, and surrender to ME, then what you have is not your own. You are bought and paid for with a very costly price…the blood and suffering of My Son. I said the words but many do not believe My words. I said that he who leaves country, home, wife or children for the sake of My KINGDOM will inherit the Kingdom of heaven. It doesn't mean everyone will have to do this. In fact many will be like Jeremiah and have all they need, even in the midst of devastation and turmoil.

Oh WESTERN BRIDE you are filled to the full with advantages, but devoid of understanding and self denial. You are full of selfish ambition, pride, arrogance, presumption, greed, selfishness and contempt for the poor & tormented, and you do not realize that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. What will I do with you? FAITHLESS generation who walks in complacency and apathy to the needs of others while the world around you languishes. Indeed the very thing you have feared is coming upon you. For you have been heartless to My prophets and you have spurned My Holy Word, and walk not in holiness, but in adulteries beyond imagination.

How can I oh church allow you to continue misleading My flocks? You have carried your harlotries and greed to the ends of the earth. You have polluted the streams of My church and neglected My gardens. You have stored up riches for yourself in these end times, and you do not give to the widow, the poor and handicapped. You are not willing to separate the precious from the vile in your own lives. So I WILL COME and I WILL make changes that will catapult you into the TRUTH of who you are to be. Many will fight against the goads and be unwilling to accept My chastisement. But you know that a good Father, chastises His children. A GOOD FATHER does what is best, despite how much it may hurt.

I AM THE ALPHA AND OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END! I KNOW THE END FROM THE BEGINNING AND I KNEW THE DECISIONS YOU WOULD MAKE BEFORE YOU MADE THEM. I

AM IN CONTROL. I AM GOD, and YOU ARE NOT! You say you want APOSTOLIC power, yet are you willing to be as the apostles were? Are you willing to drink the cup Paul had to drink? I am coming to offer the cup of fellowship in My sufferings. To him who overcomes, I will give the keys to the Kingdom. I am willing to offer all your heart desires of My kind of prosperity of SOUL. I said your body will prosper even as your soul prospers. I said that if you loved ME, you would OBEY ME. NO man can serve two masters. He either loves the one but despises the other. Choose this day whom you will serve I spoke through Joshua. And now I speak to YOU OH WESTERN BRIDE. TIME IS AT HAND. You must choose the cup I offer you, or you will be sadly disillusioned in the days to come. KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU and only want the BEST for you, which is eternity with ME. You are strangers here. But you will no longer be strangers to ME or to sharing in My suffering. "

2 Cor 11:23-30 AMP Are they [ministering] servants of Christ (the Messiah)? I am talking like one beside himself, [but] I am more, with far more extensive and abundant labors, with far more imprisonments, [beaten] with countless stripes, and frequently [at the point of] death. 24 five times I received from [the hands of] the Jews forty [lashes all] but one; [Deut 25:3.] 25 three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. three times I have been aboard a ship wrecked at sea; a [whole] night and a day I have spent [adrift] on the deep;

26 Many times on journeys, [exposed to] perils from rivers, perils from bandits, perils from [my own] nation, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the desert places, perils in the sea, perils from those posing as believers [but destitute of Christian knowledge and piety]; 27 In toil and hardship, watching often [through sleepless nights], in hunger and thirst, frequently driven to fasting by want, in cold and exposure and lack of clothing. 28 And besides those things that are without, there is the daily [inescapable pressure] of my care and anxiety for all the churches!
29 Who is weak, and I do not feel [his] weakness? Who is made to stumble and fall and have his faith hurt, and I am not on fire [with sorrow or indignation]? 30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that [show] my infirmity [of the things by which I am made weak and contemptible in the eyes of my opponents].

Ecclesiastes 9:1-2 NLT This, too, I carefully explored: Even though the actions of godly and wise people are in God's hands, no one knows whether or not God will show them favor in this life.

Zeph 1:12-18 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing, either good or bad.' 13 Their wealth will be plundered, their houses demolished. They will build houses but not live in them; they will plant vineyards but not drink the wine.
14 "The great day of the LORD is near- near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, 16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. 17 I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath. In the fire of his jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth."

Rev 2:18-3:1- The Corrupt Church "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: 19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. 20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Ps 75:8 NIV In the hand of the LORD is a cup full of foaming wine mixed with spices ; he pours it out, and all the wicked of the earth drink it down to its very dregs.

Isa 51:17-18 NKJV God's Fury Removed
Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem, You who have drunk at the hand of the LORD The cup of His fury; You have drunk the dregs of the cup of trembling, and drained it out. 18 There is no one to guide her Among all the sons she has brought forth

Isa 51:17-23 NIV Awake, awake! Rise up, O Jerusalem, you who have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of his wrath, you who have drained to its dregs the goblet that makes men stagger. 18 Of all the sons she bore there was none to guide her; of all the sons she reared there was none to take her by the hand. 19 These double calamities have come upon you — who can comfort you? — ruin and destruction, famine and sword — who can console you? 20 Your sons have fainted; they lie at the head of every street, like antelope caught in a net. They are filled with the wrath of the LORD and the rebuke of your God.
21 Therefore hear this, you afflicted one, made drunk, but not with wine. 22 This is what your Sovereign LORD says, your God, who defends his people: "See, I have taken out of your hand the cup that made you stagger; from that cup, the goblet of my wrath, you will never drink again. 23 I will put it into the hands of your tormentors, who said to you, 'Fall prostrate that we may walk over you. 'And you made your back like the ground, like a street to be walked over."

The Road Less Traveled

Julie Volby

Few choose to walk,
The way of the unknown.
Few choose to trust,
In the God who knows all things.

Many are called to come into the light,
But few have answered.
Too bound by fear and unbelief,
Fueled by teaching,
That has not yet matured.

Seed scattered in soil,
Watered down by religion.
These are ever learning, ever longing,
For something to fulfill.

Their hearts desiring something solid,
Yet the simplicity of the Gospel,
Eludes their best efforts.
That love is the consummation of all things,
Seems too simple, too unadorned.

The misguided run and hide,
But they find no consolation.
They look on the outside,
For the One who dwells within.

Yet, God's hand of mercy extends,
To those crying out in the darkness.
Burdened by the chains,
Of man's expectations.

They cry out for deliverance,
From that which binds them to the earth.
It is only by the Spirit,
That they will find release.
Through faith in the Living Word,
The One who gives true peace.

For whom the Son sets free,
Has been given eyes to see.
Ears to hear the sound,
Where the joys of heaven abound.

The road less traveled,
As narrow as it may be.
It is the way of life,
For one who is truly free.

Troubling Times
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Nah 1:7 NKJV The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knows those who trust in Him.

Hab 3:16 NKJV When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered my bones; And I trembled in myself, That I might rest in the day of trouble. When he comes up to the people, He will invade them with his troops.

2 Tim 2:8-10 NKJV Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, 9 for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

“Times ahead will be troubled, but I have not left you helpless. I WILL enable you to bear through all you need to if you will lean on Your Beloved and lean on My understanding and wisdom and knowledge for all you need.
Lay your head on my shoulder! Listen for the sound of the still small voice!
I am not in the fire, in the earthquake or in the wind. I am found in the QUIET place. I AM KINDNESS. I AM LOVE. I AM PEACE. I AM GRACE.
I AM TRUTH. Whatever you need can be found in INTIMACY with Me.

[I thought to a conversation with a young woman tonight of how when we are intimate with our husbands in communication, I was telling her, then the sexual intimacy {the UNION} is also good. But if we neglect each other, then things go awry and it just doesn’t work in a marriage to neglect the personal need met in communication then expect the other person to be intimate in the most intimate way if we don’t respect and honor one another.

If we can’t relate to one another honestly, then how can we be ONE?
That same principle holds true with our heavenly father. I was a nurse for years so I know that in counseling couples about sex, that communication is the number one problem they found. So it is not surprising the parallel in the Spirit realm is it?] Then the Lord continued….

I love spending time with you. I don’t ignore any plea coming from the mouth of My Beloveds. Sometimes I am bound by things going on that you have not been obedient in, but I am not harsh or ever ignoring you! I am always listening to you! I really am a great listener. I even listen to your heart and mind, and all the things unexpressed, I KNOW! So I’m much better than any earthly counselor, for I know you inside and out! Trust that nothing you do surprises Me! Nothing the world does surprises ME! I wrote the Book, so I know how it ends. I know all that is coming against you, and I have made MY OWN PLANS for My beloveds!

I have a few surprises of My own for the enemy! I have kept a few secrets to only be revealed in this time! I have kept some things secret to keep him off guard. So come to me and I will tell you great and awesome things of which you do not know! I am the REVEALER of SECRETS! I am the I AM!
I know how to help you and there is nothing I won’t do for an extravagant LOVER. Pour out your heart in openness and honesty and EXPECT Me to ACT! Many of you cry out, but not many EXPECT ME to do something. People have grown tired and weary! Those of you who KNOW ME, SPEAK OUT, and do not hold back. Don’t hide your light under a basket! BE BOLD! BE STRONG, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU!

HOLD ON TO ME FOR THE RIDE WILL GET BUMPIER, BUT THE CLOSENESS OF ME TO YOU WILL BE AWESOME! LIFE IS HONORED AMONG MY OWN. But life is NOT honored in society overall. It has become cheap and even valueless by many. If you don’t believe you will have to suffer for your sins, or if you believe you can try again in another life, then why would you have any impetus to change? Many are so deluded by false religions and false ideologies that mock the TRUTH! But I will give you KEYS and I will give you the wisdom and power to astound them – IF you will trust and depend on ME!

Remember the power of My LOVE! Love is the greatest. My compassion will birth miracles and signs and wonders! Come and lay at My feet, and learn of ME. Let Me share My wisdom , My knowledge, My understanding. Will you wait on ME? Will you come and wait, and not grow impatient, but just wait in My presence and trust ME for all you need to know? Earthly wisdom has no value for the times to come! Only MY WISDOM will see you through. MY LOVE will empower you soon as never before. And many DOORS will swing open wide for those who have been willing to bear the reproach! I love you My beloveds, and nothing will keep that love from you! PEACE, PEACE, PEACE will flow to you like a river if you will just come and worship in My presence!"

Zeph 1:15-18 NKJV That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.
17 "I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse." 18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD's wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

Zech 10:2-8 NKJV For the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.
3 "My anger is kindled against the shepherds, And I will punish the goatherds. For the LORD of hosts will visit His flock, The house of Judah, And will make them as His royal horse in the battle. 4 From him comes the cornerstone, From him the tent peg, From him the battle bow, From him every ruler together. 5 They shall be like mighty men, Who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because the LORD is with them, And the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

"I will strengthen the house of Judah, And I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back, Because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I had not cast them aside; For I am the LORD their God, And I will hear them. 7 Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, And their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes, their children shall see it and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. 8 I will whistle for them and gather them, For I will redeem them; And they shall increase as they once increased.

Matt 6:34 NKJV Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Acts 7:11 NKJV Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.

2 Cor 1:3-4 NKJV Comfort in Suffering
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Thess 1:6-10 NKJV since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

James 1:27 AMP External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world.

Gracious Love
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John 16:27 AMP For the Father Himself [tenderly] loves you because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from the Father.

Isa 40:2-3 AMP Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice of one who cries: Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth in the desert a highway for our God! [Mark 1:3.]

4 Every valley shall be lifted and filled up, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked and uneven shall be made straight and level, and the rough places a plain. 5 And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. [Luke 3:5,6.]

“ I am the Lord Your God, and you shall have no other gods before Me. You know this verse, but to live it is much harder for you! The world is full of idolatry so I have called My own to be set apart for a time to just worship and lay at My feet. It is warfare to rest in this way! For the rest of the world is busy, busy, busy – too busy to have time for God, even if they do know Me. So I have said, come away My beloveds, come and lay down and rest in My arms, because I want to heal you of course, but also because it is rest for your soul, and warfare against all the idolatry in the land!

Many spend all their time watching TV or going to movies, partying, and drinking, doing drugs, and spending. Lives are full of the pursuit of pleasure rather than the pursuit of GOD. They are not mutually exclusive. I want people to enjoy life and have fun, but not exclusively away from ME. What has your time? What has you bound oh man, that you cannot give to ME the praise worthy admiration that you give to others?

Others in My house, worship Me with their lips, but they are living a double life, one person in front of others, and another entirely different person away from church and other Christians! This is true from the head to the tail. I wish it were not so. I wish I could only give good reports when I measure My temples! I wish I didn’t see all the invasion of the enemy into My churches. I wish I could see a people grateful and thankful! FAITH has waned, and appearance means more than being real now in many places.

I see though a faithful remnant, and they are praying and worshiping and trying to do what pleases Me. And because of those who see also what is going on and cry out to ME, and because of My great love for My church, I am coming to pour out a river of healing and love that will transform it to what I WANT it to be. There will still be those who refuse My love and will for My church. There will be tares till the end comes. But everywhere there is a remnant Who know their GOD, and KNOW HIM in a deeper way than most are willing to try even to know.

To those who have been willing to suffer with ME, I will restore and bless you in a mighty way. Look for your deliverance and healing, for I AM COMING and I will make a way where there seems to be no way! I AM the GOD of the impossible! Nothing is too hard for ME. My love endures forever and My love will conquer all that is wrong with the church! For perfect love casts down all fear! FAITH WILL BE RESTORED DRAMATICALLY and SUDDENLY! So REJOICE and be glad for the Lord Your GOD is with you and reverses are in order! I speak FAVOR to My children in this hour. FAVOR will bring you to the forefront, when you have been thought discardable by most! I will RESTORE! I will repair the ancient foundations! I will, I WILL, says the Lord!

Come unto ME, all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Cease from struggling, and come to ME. Lay your head on My shoulder and let Me speak sweetly and tenderly in your ear! I will sing to you a new song! I will tenderly speak to My bride and woo her to My side! I will not abandon you, even though the enemy tries to make you think so! I will NEVER, NEVER, NEVER leave you nor forsake you I have said. So rebuke the liar and speak tenderly to your Bridegroom and let Him know you are longing for more of HIM, and willing to wait for HIM. Grab hold of the hem of His garment and do not let go until you receive the blessing intended for you! Cry and weep for the My people! Cry and weep for the LOST! Cry and weep for the sleeping ones to wake up! Speak LIFE to the dead, dry bones!

REJOICE, and again I say REJOICE in Your Beloved! Delight yourself in the Lord and HE will give you the desires of your heart! RAIN is coming, even as the rains in the natural have come, NOW RAINS will come SPIRITUALLY
and you will be flooded with new believers oh CHURCH! So take time now to get filled up with MORE OF ME! Rest NOW in ME, for soon you will be very busy!”

Love, Abba

Hos 2:14 NIV "Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her.

Luke 7:45 AMP You gave Me no kiss, but she from the moment I came in has not ceased [intermittently] to kiss My feet tenderly and caressingly.

Rev 3:19 AMP Those whom I [dearly and tenderly] love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten [I discipline and instruct them]. So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning with zeal and repent [changing your mind and attitude]. [Prov 3:12.]

2 Kings 22:19 AMP Because your heart was [tender and] penitent and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I said against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation, [an astonishment and] a curse, and you have rent your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you, says the Lord.

Ps 25:6 AMP Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercy and loving-kindness; for they have been ever from of old.

Ps 40:11 AMP Withhold not Your tender mercy from me, O Lord; let Your loving-kindness and Your truth continually preserve me!

Ps 103:2-4 AMP Bless (affectionately, gratefully praise) the Lord, O my soul, and forget not [one of] all His benefits--3 Who forgives [every one of] all your iniquities, Who heals [each one of] all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from the pit and corruption, Who beautifies, dignifies, and crowns you with loving-kindness and tender mercy;

Ps 119:156 AMP Great are Your tender mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord; give me life according to Your ordinances.

Ps 145:9 AMP The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works [the entirety of things created].

Isa 5:1 AMP LET ME [as God's representative] sing of and for my greatly Beloved [God, the Son] a tender song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard [His chosen people]. My greatly Beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill. [Song 6:3; Matt 21:33-40.]

Isa 66:14 AMP When you see this, your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like green and tender grass. And the [powerful] hand of the Lord shall be revealed and known to be with His servants, but His indignation [shown] to be against His enemies.

Lam 3:22 AMP It is because of the Lord's mercy and loving-kindness that we are not consumed, because His [tender] compassions fail not. [Mal 3:6.]

Lam 3:32-34 AMP But though He causes grief, yet will He be moved to compassion according to the multitude of His loving-kindness and tender mercy. 33 For He does not willingly and from His heart

afflict or grieve the children of men. [Ezek 18:23,32; Hos 11:8; Heb 12:5-10; 2 Peter 3:9.]
34 To trample and crush underfoot all the prisoners of the earth,

Zech 7:9-10 AMP Thus has the Lord of hosts spoken: Execute true judgment and show mercy and kindness and tender compassion, every man to his brother;10 And oppress not the widow or the fatherless, the temporary resident or the poor, and let none of you devise or imagine or think evil against his brother in your heart.

Luke 1:78 AMP Because of and through the heart of tender mercy and loving-kindness of our God, a Light from on high will dawn upon us and visit [us] [Mal 4:2.]

Luke 6:36 AMP So be merciful (sympathetic, tender, responsive, and compassionate) even as your Father is [all these].

Rom 15:1 AMP WE WHO are strong [in our convictions and of robust faith] ought to bear with the failings and the frailties and the tender scruples of the weak; [we ought to help carry the doubts and qualms of others] and not to please ourselves.

Phil 1:8-9 AMP For God is my witness how I long for and pursue you all with love, in the tender mercy of Christ Jesus [Himself]! 9 And this I pray: that your love may abound yet more and more and extend to its fullest development in knowledge and all keen insight [that your love may display itself in greater depth of acquaintance and more comprehensive discernment],

The Lion Will Roar!
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Joel 3:16 NKJV The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Job 37:2-4 NIV Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth. 3 He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. 4 After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice. When his voice resounds,
he holds nothing back.

Hos 11:10-11 NKJV "They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion.
When He roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the west; 11 They shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses," Says the LORD.

I had read the story of the young woman rescued by three lions and afterwards I was contemplating it.
And the Lord said, “The Lion will roar!”
So I asked Him what He wanted to say about that…

“Tzion is a place in communion with Me. I will roar, and I will roar over my people. I will roar THROUGH my people! I will demonstrate My MIGHT in the midst of darkness. Even as the Lion hunts by night time, will I hunt in the dark hour that is coming. I will roar over the earth and there will be signs and wonders as never before! I am increasing FAITH in My beloveds, for without FAITH it is impossible to please God I’ve said in My Word. You cannot have the opportunity to stand in Faith unless it is tested. Testing proves you and takes you to a deeper place of intimacy with ME if you turn to Me in the testing and TRUST in Me to see you through.

Apart from ME you can do nothing anyway. So in being tested, you learn to persevere and to stand patiently in the waiting for Me to see you through.
It is demanding and it also crushes the FLESH. So do not despise the testing as it is working a greater glory in you! I have said that those who share in My suffering will share in My glory!”

Rom 8:17 NIV Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

“My glory is not attained by striving. It is attained by persevering and intimate relationship with Me and My sufferings. Human thinking is always to escape any suffering. No one likes to suffer. I did not send My Son to suffer without enduring pain in My own heart, knowing the humiliation He would have to endure! I am not delighted in you having to suffer. I want you to know wisdom & understanding. The person who never has to suffer has learned very little about life. That person doesn’t know what it is to comfort the sick or dying, or the distraught and broken people. They will not be able to empathize with anyone except they gain My wisdom. I can give anyone compassion who asks for it. But those who never suffer seldom ask. Look around you and see if it is not so. A sensitive and compassionate soul is a rare commodity in today’s world. Men’s hearts have grown cold.

But I am working a lasting and enduring work in you! I will have a body that is free from PRIDE and ARROGANCE and cold love. I will bless those who walk in forgiveness and kindness. I will bless those who bless and do not curse. Vengeance belongs to ME alone! Retaliation is MY job. It is not for you to judge. I do not judge by the sight of My eyes or the hearing of My ears, but I know what is in the heart of a man. You have to rely on what you observe, see, or hear. But I alone know what is in the heart of a human being. So rely not on your own judgment. BUT LEAN ON ME. Ask ME the questions you have. See if I am not willing to answer you!

Suffering is a part of growth in life. Rely on Me to know whatever you need to know! Do not trust in your own judgments, but trust alone in ME. I will give you the wisdom you need to understand others, if you will but ask. I will show you how to love each other if you only ASK. I’ve said, whoever asks will receive, so keep on asking and you will get answers that you need! Rely on ME for all the wisdom and understanding you need. For I am pouring it out in this hour in abundance! Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me. For I am GENTLE and lowly of heart. Do not think of yourself as better than others. The Son of man came to serve. So wash each other’s feet! Serve one another. PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER that you might be healed of all you need healing for. Lean on ME for I love you as no other loves you!

I AM your RESCUER. I AM your HIGH TOWER. I AM EL GIBOR – the MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL. Nothing is too difficult for Me. Rely on ME for all you need! Come to me when you grow weary and fell down and overwhelmed with this world you live in. I have an understanding heart. I am always here for you! Nothing is too difficult for me. Call upon me and you will be saved from your enemies!”

Prov 28:1 NKJV The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion.

Isa 5:26-30 NKJV He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar, and will whistle to them from the end of the earth; Surely they shall come with speed, swiftly. 27 No one will be weary or stumble among them, No one will slumber or sleep; Nor will the belt on their loins be loosed, Nor the strap of their sandals be broken; 28 Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; Their horses' hooves will seem like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. 29 Their roaring will be like a lion, They will roar like young lions; Yes, they will roar and lay hold of the prey; They will carry it away safely, and no one will deliver. 30 In that day they will roar against them like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks to the land, behold, darkness and sorrow; and the light is darkened by the clouds.

Zech 9:15-16 NKJV The LORD of hosts will defend them; They shall devour and subdue with slingstones. They shall drink and roar as if with wine; They shall be filled with blood like basins, Like the corners of the altar. 16 The LORD their God will save them in that day, As the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, Lifted like a banner over His land —

Man-Eating Lions Come to the Rescue of a 12-Year-Old Kidnapped Ethiopian Girl Aimee Herd / Jessica Miller reporting (Jun 21, 2005)

An amazing story out of Ethiopia tells of a 12-year-old girl who was kidnapped and beaten by men trying to force her into marriage, when three lions came to her aid, chasing off her attackers and guarding the young girl until police arrived.

According to the report by the AP, the girl's abductors held her for seven days, beating her repeatedly until, suddenly, three Ethiopian lions chased them away. The lions, normally known for attacking people, stood guard over the traumatized girl; then, when her family and the police found her, "they just left her like a gift and went back into the forest."

"If the lions had not come to her rescue, then it could have been much worse," explained Sgt. Wondimu Wedajo. "Often these young girls are raped and severely beaten to force them to accept the marriage. Everyone...thinks this is some kind of miracle, because normally the lions would attack people."

Wildlife expert Stuart Williams said, "A young girl whimpering could be mistaken for the mewing sound from a lion cub, which in turn could explain why they (the lions) didn't eat her. Otherwise they probably would have done [so]."

The traumatized girl was treated for cuts from her beatings. She is the youngest of four brothers and sisters. Police had apprehended four of the girl's attackers, but were still looking for three others. Kidnapping and beating have been a part of the marriage custom in Ethiopia for some time, as the United Nations says nearly 70 percent of marriages are by abduction there.

Ethiopian lions are famous for their large black manes and are the symbol of the African nation, appearing on their local currency and depicted in statues. The breed's numbers haven fallen of late as hunters kill them for their skins, which can bring around one thousand dollars per hide.

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The Release Of The Spirit Of An Overcomer

Ryan Wyatt

We have entered into a very serious time in the Body of Christ. The Lord of Hosts, the Lord Mighty in Battle, is ready to fill the earth with His glory, through His people. The Bride of Christ has been in the wilderness for many years and now God is blowing the trumpet and saying it is time to arise, cross the Jordan, take the land, and lay hold of our inheritance. I sense a holy anxiousness in the Lord's heart to apprehend us, give Himself to us, come into a holy union with us, and manifest His glory and power through His friends and lovers. It is time to start living in Authentic Apostolic Christianity. Time for talk is over! It's time to take action, catch the initiatives of heaven, bring heaven to earth, and destroy the works of the devil daily.

Visitation of Jesus

I have had a series of visitations and encounters over the last few months where the Lord has unveiled this revelation that you are about to read. In January 2005, I had a visitation of the Lord Jesus Himself. I was preparing for a meeting in my hotel when, suddenly, within seconds, the room became very warm. I walked over to turn off the heat and realized it was barely on. I then realized something was up and I was about to have a visitation. As I sat back down in my chair, the Lord Jesus walked into my room and stood beside me. The glory of the atmosphere of heaven filled the room and emanated from Jesus. I could do nothing but weep under this weighty glory in the room. As Jesus stood next to me, I was covered in something like dew. My whole body was covered with some form of moisture. I was not prepared to see the Lord the way I saw Him this day. I am forever changed.

The Lord was covered and dripping with oil. He had a look in His eyes that shocked me. He looked like He was filled with a holy anxiety. He looked like a warhorse or a racehorse anxious to be released from the stall and run the track. He had a look of determination, a look of war, and a look of desperation in His eyes. Jesus told me He was dripping with the oil of an Overcomer and is ready to pour it out on His overcomers that have been preparing themselves for such a time as this. He went on to describe this oil, or this anointing. He said this oil represented two things. This oil is the Priestly and the Kingly anointing.

The Oil of an Overcomer: The Priestly and Kingly Anointing

I have also been taken into visions of God many times recently and shown the same thing over and over again. I have seen the Lord standing behind a veil that is already torn. In one hand He is holding a hot, fresh, steamy loaf of bread and in the other hand He is holding a scepter. These two objects represent the two anointings that make up the oil of the Overcomer.

The Bread represents the Priestly anointing and the scepter the Kingly anointing. We must eat the bread before the scepter will be extended to us. We must become faithful and consecrated priests before we can become overcoming kings.

Restoration of Authentic Apostolic Christianity

God's heart is to see Authentic Apostolic Christianity restored to the earth. But what is Authentic Christianity? I believe it is two things:

Firstly, Authentic Christianity is a people who are totally yielded to the Lord in intimacy and love. They live a life in the secret place of His presence. They are holy and set apart unto Him because they have allowed the Lord to fully capture their hearts. They are undone and forever changed by God's glory, and they live for one thing. They live to feed upon the Lord and manifest His glory on the earth. This is the Priestly anointing.

Secondly, Authentic Christianity is a people (living a life in the secret place) who bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth and enforce the dominion and authority of heaven upon everything evil. They let the King of Glory come into their lives and destroy the works of the devil daily. They establish the righteousness and justice of heaven on the earth. This is the Kingly anointing.

In the book of Revelation, in the end times, Jesus speaks to the seven churches and, at the end of each address, he makes a promise to him who overcomes. Here is that word "overcome" again. It is God's will that He have an overcoming bride in these end times that fills the earth with His glory. These times we are living in are all about the emerging of the overcomers.

The Priestly Anointing

The first part of Authentic Apostolic Christianity, or the priestly anointing, is in Revelation 2:1-7. Jesus compliments this church for doing many things right, but they forgot the most important thing:

Revelation 2:4
"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love."

Then He issues the promise for those who overcome the world and enthrone Jesus as their first love:

Revelation 2:7
"To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

This is the first and most essential ingredient of true Apostolic Christianity: living the lifestyle of a priest.

The Inheritance of the Priests

I mentioned earlier that Jesus was holding a loaf of bread in one hand and a scepter in the other. The priestly and kingly anointing is all about inheritance. Jesus shed His blood, died, and rose from the dead to reunite Himself with us so that we might have our inheritance and that the Lord might have His. Our inheritance is the Bread and the Scepter that He held in His hands. The Bread is the Lord Himself. We have been settling for crumbs from the loaf when the Lord is inviting us to partake of the whole loaf.

In Ezekiel 44:28 the Lord told the priests that He and He alone was to be their inheritance and possession.

"It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, that I am their inheritance. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession."

Our inheritance is the Lord Himself. The Lord is desperately hungry for us to possess Him. Did you know the Lord wants you to possess Him? That you would be so filled with the divine nature, come into such a holy union with Him, that it's as if Jesus has clothed Himself with your flesh?

The Lord wants to fill us with a holy desperation and a holy violence to lay hold of Him. It's a hunger that will drive us into holy romance with the Lord. The first attribute of this oil is the Priestly anointing. The priestly oil is the grace to live for Him and Him alone. To enthrone Him in every area of our lives. It's a fresh hunger to come into such intimacy with Jesus that we die to ourselves and come into holy union with Him in every way.

The lifestyle of the priest is to labor to eat of the Bread of Heaven. The priest is to labor to eat of the Tree of Life, Jesus Christ. We labor for so many things, striving to be productive and to make something of ourselves, but we are to labor for only one thing in this life and that is to feed upon the Lord.

John 6:27
"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

John 6:33,35
"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world . . . 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.'"

The Kingly Anointing

The Kingly anointing represents the scepter. When we learn to live a lifestyle of feeding upon intimacy with Jesus, then we will always have the scepter of kingly authority and dominion extended to us.

We find this second ingredient of Authentic Apostolic Christianity in Revelation 3:14-22. Jesus confronts the church of the day about how prideful they are in believing that they have need of nothing. He tells them that they are lukewarm and desperately need the Lord. Then He goes on to tell them that if they will answer His knocking and let Him in He will dine with us. Then He again mentions the overcomers and the release of the scepter of the kingly anointing:

Revelation 3:21
"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."

The King is the one who wields the weapons of the Kingdom. The Kingly anointing is also:

Acts 10:38
"God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."

The Kingly anointing is bringing the realm of heaven to earth with mighty demonstrations of God's power and might. It is making prophetic decrees that actually shift things in the spirit and the natural. It's enforcing heaven's rule in the earthly realm.

Moses: A Model Overcomer

I want to give you a model of an overcomer. Moses was a man that God used to affect a whole generation. Moses carried the Spirit of an overcomer. He is a great model of someone who lived a lifestyle of a Priest and a King. I want to share with you from Exodus 24:9-16. God calls Moses to come up the mountain and bring his buddies with him because they are going to have a meal with God. God appears to them on the mountain and, as He walks towards them, the stone at His feet changes to sapphire stone like the very heavens in its clarity. That sounds to me like Revelation 4 where we read about a sea of glass like crystal at the foot of God's throne. At God's feet we see with perfect clarity.

Then God says this to Moses:

Exodus 24:12
"Come up to Me on the mountain and be there; and I will give you tablets of stone, and the law and commandments which I have written, that you may teach them."

The first directive from the Lord pretty much describes Moses' lifestyle before God. God said, "Come up to me and be there." The calling of a priest is to learn how to "be" with God in His most intimate presence. In verse 16 it says that God didn't speak to Moses until the seventh day. Moses had to wait six days without food or water and then, on the seventh day, the Lord spoke to him. This is the strongest attribute of an overcomer. They are so hungry for God that they realize that even if they die they must live for the Lord and hear from heaven. The number six is the number for man or flesh. The number seven means perfection, rest, refreshing, the promised land. The overcomer is one who dies to self (six) and presses into the rest and the glory of God (seven).

The Blueprints of Heaven

What was Moses' reward for tarrying in God's presence? The very blueprints of heaven. These were not just any tablets of stone or everyday instructions he received from the Lord. God gave Moses the detailed plan of heaven for how God intended to make a habitation of His presence in the midst of Israel. God told him every little detail of how to build the tabernacle even down to the specific supplies to use.

God is desperately hungry for us to possess the promised land and lay hold of our inheritance. Our inheritance is to live in the very Glory of God. However, we must daily overcome the spirit of the world and press behind the veil that is already torn that we might eat of the Bread of Heaven and look upon the blueprints of heaven. Tapping into the revelatory blueprint of heaven will release the Key of David into your life. With the Key of David from Isaiah 22:22 you can effectively close demonic gates in people's lives and open heavenly gates, or portals, for heaven to break in.

"Release of an Understanding of the Language and Mysteries of Heaven"

I recently had an angelic visitation. This angel appeared to me with an open book in its hand. He was speaking to me in a language I did not understand. Suddenly the angel blew on the book and I inhaled some particles that came from the book. My understanding was instantly quickened and the angel told me that there was "coming an unprecedented release of an understanding of the language and mysteries of heaven."

Moses lived a lifestyle of "being there" with God and, therefore, he was God's friend and the Lord shared the intimate secrets of His heart with Moses and spoke to him as a friend speaks to a friend. This is also our high and lofty calling! The oil of an overcomer that God is about to release is a fresh hunger to live as a priest and king and lay hold of our inheritance.

The Body of Christ is Living in Psalm 23 and Psalm 24

I believe the Body of Christ is currently living in Psalm 23 and Psalm 24. Psalm 23 is all about the Priestly anointing/lifestyle and Psalm 24 is all about the Kingly anointing and taking the land by letting the King of Glory come in.

I believe one of the interpretations of the Man-child spoken of in Revelation 12 represents a body of overcomers arising from the midst of the Institutional Church and moving in the Priestly and Kingly anointing with awesome demonstrations of power. This Man-child, or God's people, have been tucked away in the wilderness for many years (Psalm 23). I believe the purpose for us being in the wilderness has been that we, as God's people, would learn how to eat of the Lord even in the midst of pain, trial, death, and dryness.

One characteristic of being an overcomer is learning to find the underground flow of God's presence and power even in the midst of the desert. This is the life of the priest. The priest must die to self and learn to feast at God's table in the presence of their enemies. So many believers live from one revival to another or one conference to another and just drink from those outpourings. However, God is looking for those who have learned to feed upon Him even in the wilderness and have now become a drink for others to drink from. This is Psalm 23. Even in the valley of the shadow of death we are feasting at God's table and we are in the place where oil is being continuously poured out upon our heads.

These overcomers that are about to emerge on the scene are ones who have been lying down in green pastures and are lead by the still waters. They have been feeding and feasting at the Lord's Table and they are overflowing with the oil of heaven. This is the place of intimacy and maturing in our relationship with God.

It is now time that we enter into Psalm 24. I believe Psalm 24 will be a key passage for the church in this next season. It's time to lift up our heads to the Lord and let the King of Glory come in and wage war through us.

Crossing Over

Deuteronomy 6:23 says this:

"Then He brought us out from there, that He might bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers."

I believe God's people today have been delivered from Egypt, which represents slavery, bondage, the flesh, the body, etc. We have gone through the wilderness, which represents the soul, grumbling, complaining, etc. And I believe we are now positioned to cross the Jordan and take the promised land. I believe the church has been sipping from the Jordan River from the wilderness side while longing to enter into the promised land.
The promised land represents the fullness of God, the fullness of all His promises to us. It represents coming back to the place of the Garden of Eden where there was rest and refreshing and a 24-hour-a-day consciousness of God. The promised land represents living in the manifest glory of God.

The second oil of this overcoming anointing is a holy violence and hunger to work the works of God on the earth. We are in a time of war!

A Changing of the Guard; A Changing Season

There is a changing of the guard and a changing of the season that is upon the church. We are going from Esau to Jacob, Saul to David, Eli to Samuel, Saul to Paul, and Moses to Joshua. The Lord said to Joshua, **"Moses is dead, now arise, go over the Jordan and possess the land."** He told Joshua to be strong and very courageous. In Joshua 3:4-7 the Lord said you have not passed this way before, therefore sanctify yourselves this day so I may do wonders among you tomorrow. Then the Lord told Joshua that He was about to exalt him in the eyes of all Israel and they would know that as He was with Moses so He would also be with Joshua.

God wants to do the same with His people. He wants to extend that scepter to us and exalt the true church in the eyes of the world. But what was it that made God choose Joshua? Whenever Moses would leave the tent of meeting after talking with the Lord, Joshua would remain behind and linger in the presence of God. Joshua lived for the presence of God and, therefore, Joshua carried the spirit of an overcomer and was chosen to lead all Israel into their destiny.

In Numbers 13 Moses sent 12 spies into the promised land to spy it out. Ten of them came back with a negative report. They said the land looked great but the people were huge and undefeatable. They said they were like grasshoppers in their own eyes, therefore they were seen as grasshoppers in the eyes of the people. But Caleb and Joshua stood up with the spirit of an overcomer and proclaimed that they were well able to overcome the enemies of the land and they must possess it. This is the mindset that comes when the oil of the Overcomer is poured out upon us. This is how we think when we are living as true priests and kings.

Warrior Mindset Replacing the Grasshopper Mentality

Joshua said in Numbers 14:8 that if the Lord delighted in them, then He would give them the land and the enemies of the land would be their bread and they would eat them for lunch. Joshua and Caleb were the only ones spared from that generation because God said they had a different spirit in them. They had a revelation that God delighted in them and, therefore, they knew they could overcome any enemy.

I recently had an unusual dream. There were many people in this dream and all of them were covered in urine. It was very odd. I awoke from the dream and the Lord immediately dropped a Scripture into my heart.

Psalm 34:5,8
"They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good."

The Lord spoke to me through this dream about the current condition of many believers. Many believers today are consumed with a feeling of hopelessness. They feel that their life is a waste and doesn't count for anything. Hope deferred has made their hearts sick. They have no sense of destiny; therefore, in the dream everyone was covered with urine, which is a form of waste. But those who have been looking upon Him and feeding upon Him are becoming radiant, and the shame of their lives is being washed away because they are tasting that the Lord is good. They are shedding that grasshopper mentality and God has been pouring the oil of an overcomer over their lives.

I'm prophesying to you now that God is about to pour out this Oil of an Overcomer, and those who have been hidden in the wilderness and feasting on the Lord are about to emerge on the scene and they will be gripped with holy hunger and a holy violence to lay hold of their inheritance and they will not be denied.

Are You Ready for the Oil?

The Spirit of an Overcomer is described in two places in Scripture, Ephesians 3:16 and Psalm 92:10-15. Jesus' inheritance is that the manifold wisdom of God would be displayed by the church to the principalities and powers in heavenly places (Ephesians 3:10). In order for this to be fulfilled we must overcome the world and bring heaven to earth daily. Paul prays in Ephesians 3:16 that through the Holy Spirit we would be strengthened with might in our inner-man. The anointing to overcome comes by the spirit of counsel and might.

Psalm 92:10-15 is the other place this overcoming anointing is mentioned. God is going to anoint our strength like a wild ox. He is going to anoint us with fresh oil. The ones that have been hidden in the wilderness for years have learned how to be a palm tree in the midst of the desert. They have become planted in the House of God and have learned to flourish and feast at God's banqueting table. God is going to release the Spirit of an Overcomer on these ones that they might declare and release the righteousness and justice of God on the earth.

It's time to take action and take the Land. It's time to arise out of the wilderness and begin to operate in the fullness of God's anointing with awesome displays of glory and power. Daniel 11:32b says this:

"The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."

Position yourselves today for the outpouring of this end-time overcoming anointing. Let God infuse you with the strength of heaven and fill you with the anointing to overcome! Let the Sons and Daughters of Fresh Oil arise and come forth! Let the people of the world declare:

Song of Solomon 8:5
"Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?"

A holy militancy is about to be poured out upon God's people. It's a Breakthrough and a Breakout anointing! Are you positioned to receive it?

Lord, we ask you now to begin to pour out the Spirit of the Overcomer. Let there be a supernatural release of the shout of war upon Your people. We lift up our heads to You and ask that the King of Glory would come in and breakthrough so that we can breakout. Lord, stir your people out of the wilderness and grip us with a holy violence and jealousy to lay hold of our inheritance. May we be strong and do great exploits in Your Name!

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The Revealing Of The Sons Of God
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I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subject to frustration not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from the bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons the redemption of our bodies. Rom. 8:19-23

“Shut the doors, oh my people, and enter into the secret chambers of my Spirit. For I tell you that the days are hastening forward to the times of trouble. For the world will be held in trouble when these days come. That which has blossomed will grow into a withered vine. For that which has blossomed has been of the world and not of Me. For I tell you that everything will be shaken. The earth will be shaken. The nations will be shaken, and the people will be shaken. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken.”

[The Lord showed me a vision of the earth and it was opening-up. There was a huge crack or fissure in it, like what would happen when an earthquake comes. As I looked at this scene, it would continue opening up again and again. The process went on and on with the earth’s crust opening-up to reveal a gap in its surface.]

“This is an example of what happens with an earthquake, but I tell you that it is opening-up the bowels of the earth. For the earth senses my coming. All creation groans for the revealing of the Son of Man. But I tell that most of mankind is not aware of this. The earth knows that it is going through travail. For I tell you that these birth pangs will continue. For then the day will come for the birth to come, but what will the birth bring forth? Will it be a good birth?”

[The Lord now showed me a hole in the ground that looked very much like a birth canal. Out of this hole, a form of some sort would arise and then fall back again. It was white and luminous in color and had a gelatin-like appearance. It seemed very strange to me to see something like this coming forth out of a canal in the earth.]

“I tell you that when the birth comes forth it will be glorious. For the sons of God will be established in these last days. They will do great things in my Spirit.”

Hope Does Not Disappoint Us
Stephen Hanson

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I felt it necessary to write about a topic of great importance for all people. I believe that without the hope in our hearts that has been established by the Holy Spirit, that we as a people have very little to look forward to or to even live for.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jer. 29:11

This is especially true in light of the prophetic timeline in which we live. Perhaps you have noticed that many of the current prophecies and articles that are coming forth, speak of impending judgment and danger that is soon to come upon the people of America and other nations. Some of this is said in light of the recent Al-Qaida attacks that have come, and some that are yet to come upon America in the form of either nuclear or chemical weapons. The entire world can view the results of these attacks from the privacy of their own living room. Everyday we see more and more of this on our television sets, and read about this is our local newspapers. The Lord’s hand is slowly being lowered and the hedge of protection is being removed. Intercession and prayer has diverted some of these things for a time and a season, but the time comes when no amount of prayer will keep God’s judgments from coming. Without a sense of hope that has been imparted to us, we are doomed to a life of desolation. But with this hope coupled with faith, we can be strengthened and rise above these things.

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Heb. 11: 1

Now it also needs to be said that with all of the judgments which are soon to come, that God will provide a way out and He will be a refuge for his people. When the devastation comes, and it will, there will be those who have been guided to build houses and cities of refuge for people to be comforted in. How ever it will be done, God will protect his own. Perhaps this seems far-off and something that might happen in the distant future, but I believe that these events are upon the horizon soon to be seen. However, with all of these judgments coming, God does not want his children to fear or to be without hope. He wants to prepare us so that we will not be taken by surprise. He has warned us through his prophetic word again and again. Will we bury our heads in the sand and pretend that all is well, or will we prepare for these things and take them to heart? Will we be like the five foolish or the five wise virgins? Will our oil have dried up, or will we still have some to “see” these things and prepare? Will we be without hope and be devastated by the ideas of these events, or will we stand strong in our faith even though the mountains crash into the sea?

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.” Psalm 46: 2-3

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The Reversal Process

Chuck Pierce:

"Good News! 'The Reversal Process' Of What The Enemy Had Done 'Has Begun'!"

Here is some of what I have heard from the Lord this past week or so:

And I say to you, "I am a God that does not sleep, and I am fully awake on your behalf today. Even this week I will be watching you very carefully over your response to Me. Respond with faith that will cause Me to release virtue. Rise up and stand. Rise up, and be awake with Me.

"When I awaken you in the night season, respond to Me, for this is a week of standing and protection. This is a week of watching, for I will show you a door that has seemed shut, and I will show you the path to get through the door. Watch carefully this week, for I am awake on your behalf; so you wake up.

"By October, I will raise a tent, and you will rejoice that the wilderness has let go of you. Have I not said this is a season of victory? Though testing is great, I am developing a sound of victory in My people. Get ready. Begin to say and shout victory, for in your spirit there are depths of victory you do not even know. I will give you favor. There are many changes.

"I have positioned people, like Esthers, for the future, and as Mordecais to find the enemy at the gate. I have positioned Daniels to give influence in the government. Though the testing is great, your sound and victory will be greater. I am Captain of the Hosts. Though you don't know how to war, I will begin to give you war strategies. You have said, 'I don't know how to move forward.' But I am taking My stand. See Me as Captain of the Hosts. Cut ties with sides you have wrongly aligned with in the past.

"This Is a Time of Reversal and Crying Forth with Praise"

"I am resting passion on My people and calling them back to their First Love. Passion is rising up over this land. My passion and zeal for the land are being released from Heaven. I am activating the passion of My people in a new way. Many are being compelled to seek, watch, and cry out for My deliverance fire.

"This is a time of reversal and crying forth with praise. I am setting a four-fold strategy of restoration. The reversal process has begun. Be willing to surround your inheritance and set a wall of fire. That which has been set in place to hold back passion will prevail no longer. This is a time I am calling forth passion. I am ready to reverse. Don't worry about your enemies. The enemy will be exposed in the midst of you. Let the passion of My Spirit come forth in you.

"This is a time of dethroning the throne of the enemy that has centered himself in your midst. I will give revelation to those who have the right to dethrone. I will secure you as a nation. Rise up! **This is the beginning of overturning and surrounding, and now I will begin to establish My tent pegs and a standard in your midst and make a new covering over you.**"

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Understanding And Breaking The Cycle Of Infirmity

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With:
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Understanding and Breaking the Cycle of Infirmity

[C. Peter Wagner and I (Chuck)] would like to address the deadly cycles that seem to control our lives and remove our freedom. A cycle is an interval during which a recurring sequence of events happens. A cycle can also be a periodically repeated sequence of events, or something that happens over and over at a certain time. Sometimes this is impregnated with supernatural phenomena.

God does not produce signs and wonders from Heaven as ends in themselves. They are released to bring faith to His people and those around them -- whether believers or unbelievers. This is also the year of the SAMEKH of God, or things coming full circle. This is the year to break old cycles.

A cycle can be linked with time or events and orchestrated supernaturally so a repeating wound or injustice occurs from generation to generation. Satan loves to keep us going around the same mountain or held in a cyclical structure.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, ***"And a three fold cord is not quickly broken."*** The three demonic strongholds we have to deal with most of the time in our lives are poverty, infirmity, and religion. We looked at poverty and religion previously (click links to read on The Elijah List). The other strategy that gets us going in a wrong direction and hinders us in completing God's call is infirmity.

The Spirit of Religion

Peter Wagner wrote about the power of religious spirits. I love Peter. He is always willing to overturn the applecart of the present church structure. You must read his new book, *Freedom from the Religious Spirit*.

Life should be filled with joy. **Nehemiah 8:10** says, ***"The joy of the Lord is your strength."*** One of the great joys of my life has been to work alongside Peter. First of all, he is a man filled with joy. He enjoys life, his family, ministry, people, eating, and his own jokes.
One of the things that keeps him filled with joy is that he never lets life get stale. The characteristic he possesses, which I feel is a key to his life, is that he loves to embrace change. If God decides it is time to bring change into the earth realm through new thought processes, Peter seems to be the first to raise his hand in the earth and say, "Use me!" Embracing change seems to be the key to keeping the religious spirit confused!

The Spirit of Poverty

Another strategy of the enemy that holds us in captivity is poverty. My last article was on this. Let me remind you of what was said:
"This spirit has violated God's perfect order and produced instability in many. I feel the Lord is saying to take a violent, passionate stand on behalf of the Body of Christ concerning this spirit. When God is talking about us being violent, this means that we will press through difficulty and storms, and force an atmospheric change. I declare that any atmosphere of poverty encircling around you or your sphere of authority will be invaded with the atmosphere of blessing and glory from Heaven.
"This is a season to gain victory through giving. This will break the curse of God robbing. Debt and past financial defeats in our lives need to reverse. The Body of Christ needs to see restoration in its provision.
"Restoration is always linked with multiplication. Any poverty spirit that has held your generational bloodline in captivity and kept you from the fullness of the prosperity that God has for you must break!
"Poverty is refusing to become what God created and destined you to be. Poverty is not believing that the Lord can graft you into the fullness of His plan. Poverty is not just experiencing lack, but having a fear that you will lack.
"Poverty is where you conform to your circumstance or the blueprint that the world and the god of this world has surrounded you with. Poverty occurs when the 'god of this world' surrounds you with and influences you with only a world perspective, causing you to forget God's ability in the midst of your circumstance. Poverty has a voice that says, 'God is not able!'"

The Spirit of Infirmity

When I was a child, I was plagued with infirmity. This has continued in my adult life and, in 2001, I grew very ill. The manifestation of this sickness brought me to a place of desperation in seeking God. The Lord, in His infinite grace, began to show me that I had a generational spirit of infirmity linked with trauma. The trauma of my past was continuing to hold this infirm spirit in place.

This was not the first time I had ever been ill -- illness and infirmity was a pattern in my life. As a child I had been plagued with stomach ulcers, bronchial asthma, and migraine headaches, just to name a few. From the time I became filled with the Spirit, I had learned how to resist the power of sickness. Yet, I had never really overcome the power of infirmity in my life. In the early 1990s, I received some very bad reports concerning my esophagus. In 2001, my esophagus and colon were damaged and creating very dangerous situations in my life.

Cindy Jacobs, a friend of mine, shared with me that she believed my sickness was related to the trauma I had experienced growing up, as well as my father's premature death. My first impression was, "How could this be?"
Before I entered into the hospital the next week, I came home very ill and was unable to digest any food. My brother, Keith, gave me a call. He said, "While I was teaching my Sunday School class, the Lord told me that the sickness that you are experiencing is still related to the loss of our dad." I thought to myself, "Why isn't my brother ever sick? My dad was his dad also." So I asked him this.
He said, "You had a different emotional tie with Daddy than I. Therefore, this loss wounded and affected you in a way that it did not affect me."

The Cycle of Infirmity

This was an eye-opening statement for me. I fell before the Lord and began to ask Him how to break this generational iniquity of infirmity that was linked with the trauma of loss. The Lord has led me on a journey of understanding how trauma affects our DNA and weakens our spirit man. One verse that has become a "life" verse for me is **Proverbs 18:14**: ***"The spirit of man will sustain him in sickness, but who can bear a broken spirit?"*** A broken spirit occurs when life's difficulties crush your ability to resist.

Infirmity is a term that encompasses more than just sickness and disease. This word also is related to suffering and sorrow. Infirmity can be a result of moral or spiritual weaknesses and defects that cause our will to stray from God. Infirmity, though physical, can be related to the influence of an evil spirit (Luke 13:11).

The term is linked with an overall weakness in one's body or anything that has created the weakness, such as grief.

The Effects of Generational Iniquity On Our DNA

Infirmity can be linked with a generational weakness or iniquitous pattern in the bloodline. Many times people are confused over how generational iniquity works. Rebecca Wagner Sytsema and I explain a great deal about this in *Possessing Your Inheritance*.
To fully understand generational iniquity we must understand how DNA makes the blueprint of our body. DNA causes traits from one generation to be passed on to the next generation. When the sperm and egg unite and a new individual begins to be formed, already programmed in the makeup of that person is God's redemptive plan as well as the iniquitous inherited traits that will resist that plan from coming into fullness.
Simply, this seems to say that our blood begins to war with itself from the time of our conception.

Our cell groups come together to form tissues. Tissues form organs. Blood cells are pumped through the body, giving oxygen to each organ to survive. The cells in your stomach digest food. Brain cells work together as you study and pursue knowledge.
Cells are dynamic. Therefore, an iniquitous pattern can affect your entire physical and mental makeup. A DNA molecule which is releasing this code is made up of a double helix that looks like a twisted rope ladder or spiral staircase. There are base pairs making up the stairs. These send messages

how to code the cell and accomplish what the cell is there for. These give us hereditary instructions. So, if something is passed on that has been "twisted" or linked with iniquity, you get messages that multiply wrongly. The Spirit of God can come into our life so we can become "a son of God." As we submit or yield our life to the Spirit's work, He flows through our blood and cleanses our conscience from the thought processes linked with the iniquitous patterns in our blood line.

In my case, there was a generational weakness and that weakness aligned itself with loss and trauma. ***But God!*** That morning in 2001, He showed me a generational iniquity that had occurred in my bloodline and was linked with my Dad. I confessed this as sin and renounced the power of its effect. This set me on a new road to health. I had four doctors that helped me greatly in developing a new order in my life. One was a chiropractor, one a doctor specializing in homeopathic medicine, one a gastroenterologist, and another was my general MD. Each played their role in diagnosing my condition. However, it was the Spirit of God that began to change me greatly from the inside.

Jesus' Treatment of Disease was Part of His Redemptive Plan of Freedom

Jesus healed sick people. This was one of His major ministries. He dealt with many organic causes of illness: individuals affected by madness, birth defects, and infections. The blind, the deaf, the lame, and other sufferers approached Him for help.

In the Hebraic culture of the day, most believed that illness was the direct consequence of sin resulting in punishment (John 9:1-3). However, Jesus shifted this concept of understanding in the people of that day by healing a blind man who had been sick since birth. He declared this sickness was not related to the blind man or his father, but was for His Glory. This shifted the paradigm of punishment related to sin.
Many of our wrong choices produce consequences that affect our body. However, Jesus came to extend grace to bring us out from the bondage of the punishment of sin and into healing and wholeness. He had the power both to forgive sin and to heal (Matthew 9:1-8; compare Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26).

If Jesus Heals, Then Why Doctors?

There is much written today on how to prevent and combat illness. In biblical times, we find the use of ointments and salves that were used for healing. James 5:14 instructed the combined use of oil, confession of faults, and spiritual authority to produce healing. Diet is also one of the most important facets of health. That is why we need to at least gain knowledge of the Lord's dietary laws. Wine was even used to help stop problems and alleviate pain and discomfort (I Timothy 5:23).

Why Doctors?

Then and now, of course, prevention is the most important dynamic of combating disease. In a world of chemical stimulation and overwhelming stress, it is a wonder any of us remains healthy. Stress has such impact on our bodies, physically and spiritually, that without the Lord as our strength, it would be impossible to live in this world. However, Jesus said, ***"Be in the world, but not of it."***
Why doctors? I think they are trained to understand dynamics of the world that can give us wisdom on how to be in the world. Why doctors? Well, most doctors understand cycles. If a medical doctor begins to take a biblical approach toward an individual -- that of seeing the individual as a whole -- they will be able to find the root cause of the problem and help to not only heal, but prevent disease in the future. With doctoral skill in prevention and advances in medicine, individuals can better reverse deficiencies that have created paths of decay. Why doctors? They can validate what God is doing in a skeptical world.

One of my favorite books is *Dr. Gallagher's Guide to 21st Century Medicine: How To Get Off The Illness Treadmill and Onto Optimum Health*. Dr. Gallagher says, "The body is a miraculous system equipped with an innate ability to achieve balance and health. We have, within each of us, the ability to work with, and nourish, this God given gift."[1] He suggests a healthier diet, nutritional and herbal supplements, identifying and eliminating hidden food allergies and chemical sensitivities, a simple detox program to get rid of harmful toxins in the body, chiropractic manipulation, and just practically following sensible health laws. He suggests finding the root causes of our illness and breaking the cycle. He then goes on to list practical suggestions on how to deal with many diseases.

Dr. Dee Legako's and Pat Legako's Comments

I have two friends from Oklahoma City who are incredible ministers as well as professionals in the field of medicine. Dr. Dee Legako writes the following:

The practice of medicine very often involves cycles. It is frequently necessary to interrupt these cycles to effect change. This may be a short cycle such as an acute bacterial illness treated by an antibiotic. It may be a longer cycle treated by a procedure. It may involve long cycles treated by changes in lifestyles. Whatever the problem (bad cycle), a tool is used to break that cycle and create a healthy (good) cycle.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death due to malignancy in the United States. The vast majority of these cancers arise from adenomatous polyps. Once detected, these precancerous polyps can be removed. The cycle is broken and the cancer prevented. Depending on the initial findings, repeat studies may be performed at intervals from a few months to several years to insure the malignancy (bad cycle) does not recur.

Diabetes mellitus is recognized as an emerging epidemic in the United States. This illness has many long term cycles. Individuals recognizing their propensity to diabetes may break this cycle by losing weight, eating properly, and increasing their physical activity.

Dee's wife, Pat, a trained nurse, ministers to individuals in the field of deliverance. She writes the following:

(In) treating emotional and mental disorders we see a number of cycles. These cycles manifest generationally and personally. The cycles can be broken by finding the root cause and dealing with it through deliverance, counseling, medication, or a combination of modalities.

Let's consider the diagnosis of depression. When we take a family history, depression is often seen cycling down family lines. Sometimes it is not recognized as depression. The person may be considered an alcoholic, as he "drowns his sorrows" in alcohol trying to counter the depression. The person in the next generation may not use alcohol but is presented with depression as a diagnosis. The person in the third generation may abuse drugs (either prescription or street) trying to escape his depression. The problem in all three generations is depression and must be recognized and addressed properly in order for the cycle to be broken.

Child and spousal abuse have certainly been proven generational. Statistically, it is shown that if a person was abused as a child, he has a much greater likelihood of becoming an abuser as an adult. When a child is abused he receives a spirit of rejection and often a familiar spirit of the victim/predator enters him. When he becomes an adult those spirits influence his behavior and he will abuse others. The way to break this cycle that goes from generation to generation is deliverance and counseling.

Counseling alone is usually not effective, because his personality has developed with these spirits present. He knows no other way of thinking or behaving and will be unable to learn new behavior until he is released from the demonic influence.

The Lord has been showing us how to research and write prayers for genetically-based diseases. Schizophrenia is usually associated with changes to Chromosome 22q11. As the human gnome project continues its research, we will be able to trace these cycles down generational lines and pray more effectively for illnesses such as schizophrenia. We are also researching how genetically-based diseases are linked to generational iniquities.

In any of these disorders, it is important to seek the help of the Holy Spirit for wisdom in ministry. There are times when a person is in such a state of depression or agitation that he is unable to receive ministry until medication is administered. I have dealt with people who refused medication because they believed it meant they didn't have faith. I have talked with ministers who refused to minister deliverance to someone who was on medication because it was mind altering. If it is altering the mind to be able to think coherently and focus then they should be able to receive ministry. The good news is that there is help for people with emotional and mental problems. Look for the cycles and be prepared to break them.

If you have an infirmity, whatever way you choose for healing as you follow God is very important. More importantly, you should find the root cause and press through into the healing process. During my "infirm" time, I made a choice to follow the Lord to Nigeria. Dr. Wagner was leading a gathering there with key apostolic leaders from the nation. I always serve Peter when He requests me to be somewhere. However, the thought of traveling all the way to Nigeria, and me already not doing well, was difficult to reconcile. Peter encouraged me to go. He even said, "Because of how the power of God is moving there, perhaps you will get healed." He was right. I overcame my fear, went, and during a prayer meeting (of 10,000), the Spirit of God came. When communion was served, they invited anyone who was sick to come forward. I was the first in line. I felt a curse of infirmity leave my body when I participated.

I cannot say that I have never been sick again, but what has happened is that a power to resist sickness is now resident. When the power of infirmity comes against me, I submit to God, resist the devil and watch him flee. Declare that you are willing to change! Watch your atmosphere become filled with God's presence. This is the year to break old cycles. Ask the Lord to empower you to break every old cycle of infirmity in your life. Ask Him to tear apart the three braided cord of religion, poverty and infirmity. Ask the Lord to come again and break you out of old cycles. And ask Him to allow you to experience His glory!

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(Endnotes)
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The Real Reason For The Season

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"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel." (Genesis 3:15)

"I will greatly bless you, and I will greatly multiply your seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall posses the gate of their enemies, and in your seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 22:17-18)

"Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." (2 Samuel 7:16)

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest upon his shoulders; and his will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

I find it interesting that the Lord states in Genesis 3:15 that Satan would have "seed." I never saw or pondered this until recently. Certainly, this was foreseen by the Lord in knowing the multiplying or reproducing of evil that would soon occur through the lusts and selfishness of mankind as a result of the deceptions of the enemy. From the beginning of Biblical history, Satan has attempted to hinder or destroy the Lord's best for His people. Ever since he was cast out of heaven as the most favored of angels, (See Ezekiel 28) Satan has schemed and deceived to oppose God's best for humanity. Even though the battle rages to this day and we see the "seed" of darkness multiplying, God will always preserve His people and rise up a standard for our victory. This is the true meaning and purpose of Hanukkah — the celebration of God's love and power in preserving His people along with the rededicating of the Temple, which represents the body of Christ today.

As we read through the Old Testament, we can see a clear picture of Satan's many attempts to oppose God's best for mankind. The gift of prophecy and prophetic intercession is priceless in that it has been the means of how God communicates the strategies, and plans of Satan to the church. On the other hand, we must be willing to stand and enter into the battle "because" of the prophetic word. (This statement will become more clear as we move through the message.) Satan is not omniscient and can only respond to what God reveals. Think about that for a moment. When the power of the prophetic word or revelation goes forth, we should expect a soon-coming RESISTANCE and the opportunity for battle and VICTORY. Life's greatest victories are won through great battles. The Bible is laced with HISTORIC BATTLES. It is so that we might understand that "history" is made through "history makers."

You are "more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves you and has called you according to His purposes." Satan is not privy to the divine council and revelation of God; he only knows what God has revealed through his people who seek and proclaim His Word. Ephesians 1:9-10 makes it clear that God's plan concerning the future is a "mystery." A mystery is the will and purposes of God that are concealed until He chooses to reveal it. The Bible states that God reveals nothing to mankind without first revealing it to His prophets. It is not because the prophet is special or more "spiritual." They will speak a word from the Lord that is untainted without the fear of man. Likewise, a true prophet of God will also prepare the hearers of a prophetic word.

I hope that you can see and understand the awesome responsibility that not only comes through proclaiming a prophetic word, but preparing the hearers and readers of that word for the certainty of resistance and the opportunity for warfare and VICTORY. (There is entirely too much preaching behind pulpits explaining how we can escape the battle and live a life of ease and comfort on the sidelines of history. As I stated earlier, you have been called to be MORE than conquerors.)

If God has called you to be a conqueror, it means that there is something to be conquered. If there is something to be conquered, it means that a BATTLE will be required. Many of the "money changers" that we see on TV are the same one's who will tell you that the spoils of war are cheap and easy, rather than difficult and require a battle. "Just sow into MY ministry and God will bless you financially." They won't tell you that if a person is both naturally and SPIRITUALLY lazy, he or she will suffer poverty and want. They only want to tell you what will insure your approval or play upon your fears for their support. Those who are spiritually lazy in seeking God's face and Word will be bankrupt in peace. They will also be bankrupt in contentment, purpose and destiny. Everything that has lasting and eternal value will cost you ... and it is not bought with mammon.

It is fascinating to know that Satan did not know or foresee the virgin birth, birthplace and identity of the Messiah until it was revealed through the Word of God and writings of the prophets. As the Lord's plan of redemption was unfolding, Satan attempted to abolish the birth of Christ through the agency of deceived men. God has always done What is even more fascinating is to read and follow the awesome ways of God in foiling Satan's plots and turning Satan's own diabolical strategies against Satan himself.

It doesn't take long upon opening the pages of the Bible, to see Satan's first attempt to disrupt or negate God's purpose in the Garden of Eden. Satan's strategy in luring Adam and Eve to disobey God is the same one he uses today.

It all started when Adam let the beast of the FIELD into the GARDEN – the place that God had given him authority and dominion. Adam's sin is not what he did as much as what he didn't do — the sin of omission. Adam allowed the serpent (Satan) into his domain. When the serpent approached Eve with the grand lie — Did Eve know what a lie was? Had Eve ever heard a lie before? Of course not! On one hand, God had told her not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil lest she die. And on the other hand, Satan said, "Go ahead, you will not die. As a matter of fact, you will see just as God sees...You will be just like God." (Paraphrased) What we can logically assume is that Eve had two "perceived" truths. You see, Eve did not fall when she ate the forbidden fruit. That was the consummation of the fall. Eve fell when she RATIONALIZED God's truth in making her choice. An example would be if I stepped off the roof of my house. I fall as soon as I leave the roof. I don't fall when I hit ground. The pain of hitting the ground is the consummation or result of the fall. Eve fell when she rationalized God's Word for her own selfish desires. Partaking of what was forbidden just consummated the fall.

Disobedience to God' Word usually produces a running away from God in our shame. This is Satan's primary strategy. Once he can get us away from the presence of God, he has us playing his game of life, on his home court, and he has been playing there a lot longer than we have. The action or weapon that we possess that truly intimidates Satan is our intimacy with God and the knowing of His Word. Mankind's "brilliance" over the centuries has not moved Satan. It is and will be our intimacy with God and His Word that will shake the kingdom of darkness.

God knew beforehand that man in his FREEDOM and ability to CHOOSE would eventually fall. We know this because the Bible states that our Redeemer and Savior was slain from or before the foundations of the earth. God, in His infinite wisdom and knowledge, foiled Satan's plan when He declared that the "seed of the woman" would be his ultimate defeat. Ever since the episode in the Garden of Eden, Satan has known that He is a defeated adversary. Although Satan would "bruise the heel" of the fulfillment of this prophecy (Jesus Christ), Jesus, who was born into humanity, would crush his head! (Genesis 3:15)

What an incredible plan and fulfillment of complete redemption! Not only would God redeem us from our sin and curse, He would go on to choose us (the human race) to deliver and reveal the "seed of the woman" to crush the purposes and strategies of Satan. This is incredible! Satan, up to this time, was clueless that God Himself would become that perfect seed and man. I believe that all Satan knew was that through the human race would arise a "person" who would spell his defeat. It would seem logical from this point that Satan's next move and strategy would be to completely destroy the human race while it was few in number to save himself. It would also seem logical that while there were just a handful of people he could find a way to kill them, or better yet, find a way to have them kill one another.

As we move through scripture, we see that it didn't take long for Satan's plan to take hold. I mean it didn't take long at all. Just consider Cain's murder of his brother Abel. We have written several articles concerning Cain's murder of Abel and the root of JEALOUSY and envy (which leads to gossip) as being the primary instrument that Satan uses in humanity's destroying of one another. I believe that Satan was attempting to indoctrinate man to use murder as a device in dealing with the deep seated issues of jealousy and envy. Thank God that Satan's plan for Cain to be a serial killer was foiled by the hand of God. (God had to exile Cain for good reasons. We must remember that only 2 people were left – along with a murderer and the prophecy was not fulfilled) However, we still see and experience the residue today. Jealousy and gossip are "killers" in that they murder the trust, hope, and love that relationship with God and others are built and founded upon. It seems that gossip travels the fastest over grapevines that are slightly sour.

Genesis 6 reveals Satan's next attempt at annihilating mankind. This time, Satan's strategy was through the genetic corruption of man created in God's image. The Bible says that the "sons of God", which seem to be fallen angels, left the spirit realm and had intimate relations with the women of the earth. Many look at the flood in the next chapter as purely God's wrath against man's wickedness and rebellion. However, the flood was God's mercy and love in PRESERVING humanity created in His image. Mankind was heading down a road that would have corrupted and mutated the entire human race in short order. The Flood, although brought forth by God's righteous judgment, would once again crush the strategy of Satan in completely destroying man through genetic perversion. (Again, we see the same demonic strategies and residue today.) Our carnal man tends to view Flood event of God destroying man rather than God destroying Satan's strategies. The truth is that there was only one family who truly worshiped God and walked according to His ways. It would be through this family that God in His loving-kindness would preserve humanity and the prophetic word given in the Garden of Eden.

Now, Satan would eventually learn that the crusher of his head would come through the seed of Abraham who would be the father of the Jewish people and our faith in Yahweh.

"By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, (God would have to do this as well) your only son – blessing I will bless you, and multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their ENEMIES." (Genesis 22:16-17)

To the discerning believer in Jesus Christ, Satan's strategies become crystal clear and have never changed. Anti-Semitism began as a strategy of Satan to annihilate the seed of Abraham and his descendants – the Jewish people. Centuries before the Holocaust, the Bible shows us many attempts of Satanic induced extermination of the Jewish people and the assassination attempt of God's promise to Abraham. We see this during the Jewish captivity in Egypt and the decree of Pharaoh to kill every Hebrew first born male. We also read of this strategy in the book of Esther. Haman would be a type of Anti-Christ in his foiled attempt to persuade the king of Persia to kill EVERY Jewish person. The celebration of Hanukkah was birthed out of one such "extermination" strategy. Antiochus was bent on destroying the entire Jewish culture, religion, and peoples. And of course we all know the exploits of Herod. Although Satan knows that he is defeated, the rancid stench of Anti-Semitism has continued to this day to fill the nostrils and intoxicate the wicked to hatred and the murder of God's chosen people.

In bringing Holocaust strategies by Satan closer to home and our generation, many have wondered why Germany or Europe for that matter would be pulled into Anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism has its origins in Palestine, but between the Greek and Roman conquests of the Middle East, the Amorite peoples were exiled to the turn of century Germanic lands. The Anti-Christ is not a particular person in the literal sense. We notice in the book of Revelation that there is no mention of an individual named "Anti-Christ." The Beast and the Dragon (Satan) will take on the "spirit" of Anti-Christ in their strategy of destruction against mankind. It was not so much the nation of Germany as it was the "Anti-Christ" spirit that had gone into those lands with the Amorite peoples. (They were enemies of Israel.).

More Jews have come to receive Yahshua as their Messiah in this generation than all generations combined from the time of the first century church. Once again, Satan's strategies will be turned against him by the hand of God. Anti-Semitism and the destruction of the Jewish people continues today through Islam as a strategy of Satan. My position is NOT to be "politically" correct, but "prophetically" correct. Although the Messiah has already come to Redeem man, Satan knows that the future kingdom and glory of God through Christ's return is hinged upon the PRESERVATION of the Jewish people as a distinct and favored people.

As the Word of God and history continued, Satan learned that the "seed of the woman" would come through Jacob's sons. (They would become the tribes of Israel.) The Bible says that "Shiloh would come through the tribe of Judah and that he would become a king."(Paraphrased) As the prophets released the purposes and the Word of God, Satan had more specific information concerning the :seed of the woman." It would not be long before Satan would launch murderous attacks upon the kings of Judah. (I hope that it is becoming increasingly clear of the importance of preparing people after a prophetic declaration has been spoken forth or written.)

The first king from the tribe of Judah would be David. In 2 Samuel 7, God promised that David's kingdom would never be overthrown. I can imagine Satan thinking that God had somehow miscalculated in rising up a young shepherd to rule from an eternal throne. The stage was set and Satan placed his seemingly undefeatable and well armed giant against a young man with a single sling-shot and a few smooth stones. Once again, Satan was defeated and God's people were PRESERVED.

In 2 Chronicles 21, Jehoram of Judah married Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. When Jehoram was struck and died because of his wickedness, his son Ahaziah became king in Judah. Likewise, Ahaziah was killed prematurely because of his evil ways. Upon learning of her son's death, Athaliah murdered ALL of the royal heirs – some of these must have been her own children. (See 2 Chronicles 22:10-12) However, Satan's plan was foiled again. Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah and "stole him away from the king's sons who were being murdered." The Bible says that Joash did what was right in the sight of the Lord. It would be through his leadership that the Temple would be repaired and the wicked and satanically motivated Athaliah would be put to death. I hope you can see the "multiple" Hanukkah parallels or patterns: The rising up of an Anti-Christ spirit. The defilement of the Temple and the hand of God preserving His promises. It is fascinating that we read and will ultimately see on "the day of the Lord" the Anti-Christ spirit of the Beast and the Dragon set up their throne and defile the Temple. However, this time, the defilement will never return and the rededicating of the "temple" will be permanent and will be "living stones." God's promise of a Redeemer through the tribe of Judah and the lineage of David would be PRESERVED.

Through the Word of God (the writings of the prophets), Satan learned a great deal concerning the soon coming Redeemer who would crush his head. Obviously, Satan learned in Isaiah 7 that He would be born of virgin birth. He learned in Micah 5 that He would be born in Bethlehem. And he had a good idea of when He would come through the time-line laid out by the prophet Daniel.

Soon to come was the glory and magnificence of One who was to be called Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace! The utter shock that shook Satan and the foundations of his kingdom – That the One who would come from the seed of the woman and crush his head would be GOD HIMSELF! I can see Satan moving throughout history in his arrogance and confidence that no mere "man" could possibly defeat him. But yet, the mystery of the ages unfolded for the world to witness — The birth of the Christ. Fully man and yet fully God. The mystery that the angels still look upon in awe would be complete and fulfilled through His glorious birth and death. Jesus was born to die. The perfect sacrifice was born and would 33 years later die for your sins.

As Jesus hung on the cross dying, did Satan sense that he had somehow finally won? It had to be beyond his warped and wildest imagination that the very Son of God, whom he had put to death, would be the means that God the Father would use to strip his power, authority and crush his head. Satan failed to kill Jesus during Herod's assault on the babies in Bethlehem. He failed when he tried to have Jesus thrown over a cliff. He failed to drown Him in a storm or have him stoned by the Pharisees. Time and time again, Satan failed because "the time had not yet come." As a matter of fact, Jesus described the "religious elite" of that day to be "of their father, the devil." (John 8:44) Why? Because man's tradition and religion kills. It is intimate relationship with Christ that is the sole giver of life.

The sense of victory that Satan may have relished would only last for 3 days. His past defeats would pale in comparison to the utter shock of realizing that Jesus Christ was alive! Hebrews 2:14 says, "In as much then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death, He might DESTROY him who had the power of death, that is, the devil." The glorious birth of Christ led to the CROSS. It would be the cross of Christ that would inflict the fatal blow and crush the "head" of all death and darkness.

So my question is this, are you ready to begin a New Year and chapter in your life by partaking in the cross and victory of Christ? Satan will surely respond to the unfolding revelation of His Word to the church. But as the church, this is our greatest hour to arise and seize the moment. Jesus Christ has empowered the church (you and I) to "possess the gate of our enemies" and to snatch the lost and dying from the grip of Satan's strategies and devices. He has called you and I to be His light and to shine in a world of darkness that is in need of a Savior. This is the REAL REASON for the season.

Look, Jesus did not come for a birthday party. Jesus came for one reason and one season alone – for the sole purpose of redeeming mankind to Himself through His shed blood. Many times in history, the "seed" and prophecy of Genesis 3:15 was down to one person or family. Needless to say, the conception of Christ was RARE and is not to be taken casually or common as most of the world and church has. The present prophetic movement has strayed from its calling and purpose to warn the wicked and call the lost to repentance in the love of Christ. Much of what I see is prophetic people prophesying to other prophetic people about how wonderful everything is and is going to be, while millions pass through the gates of hell every year.

The Lord spoke clearly concerning His prophetic watchmen in Ezekiel 33. (I encourage you to read it now.) You have received the blood of Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. You held out your hands and received the precious blood of the Lamb. My question to you is this ... "Is the blood still upon your hands? Or have you TOUCHED another and shared His real purpose for His coming?" This is the FRUIT of the "seed of the woman."

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The Leprosy Of Greed
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"Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, 'My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the Lord lives, I will run after him and get something from him. 'Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever. Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow. (2Kings 5:20, 27)

We wrote an article entitled "A Cinderella Story" earlier in the year that received a lot of heart-warming feedback. We tend to be drawn toward stories and events that have happy and joyful endings. (I know that I do. Behind closed doors, I am a "easy crier" for movies with adversity that end happily ever after.) The brief glimpse we have of Gehazi's life is not so much talked about or publicized in that it had such a tragic and sad ending. The story of Gehazi is about a man that began with so much potential and promise. He had the honor of walking beside a wonderful and godly spiritual father, along with experiencing the ministry example and integrity of Elisha.. However, Gehazi was a man who left a natural and spiritual leprosy as a legacy to his family and friends. The leprosy that had once plagued Naaman would now scar and ruin the life and ministry of Gehazi that once seemed so promising.

Gehazi began his ministry as a servant or assistant to the prophet Elisha. The Bible seems to indicate that things started out well. It even seemed as we begin reading in 2 Kings 4 that Gehazi was a model servant and minister. Elisha included Gehazi in much of his ministry and it looked as if the mantle might one day pass to this seemingly obedient partner in ministry. But by the time we get to chapter 5, something goes terribly wrong and Gehazi is "externally" marked with something that had lain "internally" hidden in his heart. What had manifested externally was the "LEPROSY OF GREED" and the love of money by an individual who was called to serve in prophetic ministry.

As one who ministered prophetically, Elisha refused to take a reward of money for the ministering of God's Word and healing power. Gehazi, on the other hand, could not resist the easy opportunity and temptation of playing on Naaman's emotions and wealth. In verse 20 we read that Gehazi said to himself, "As the Lord lives, I will run after Naaman and take something from him." Like Gehazi, we are seeing "ministers" wrongly chasing after people through the medium of television and radio for money in the "Name of the Lord." Likewise, they are void of so much as a guilty conscience as they plan their sermons (marketing schemes) to prey on the emotions and wallets of the saints who are in need themselves of finances and the touch and healing power of God.

I can imagine that Gehazi had witnessed the entire event unfold before him, and knew that Naaman had come prepared to pay a handsome price for his healing. Gehazi could not stomach the fact that Naaman was heading back to his native Syria (a pagan land) loaded with silver and gold. So what, if the ministry of Gehazi preached a little "twist" to the truth and exaggerated the real needs and purpose of the ministry to "twist" Naaman's arm.

What it boiled down to was Gehazi's lust for a little more of the world's riches and what it had to offer. I can imagine that Gehazi convinced himself that it was "God's MONEY" and God needed the money to support "His" work and ministry through the "man of God." Many justify and rationalize this argument today. Jesus clearly teaches us in Matthew 25:31- 46 that our "PERSONAL" giving to those who are hungry, thirsty, unclothed, sick and in chains is the barometer of our faith and love for Him. Not only are the believers giving their hard earned money to the "money changers" in the temple, many are likewise in their spiritual laziness giving their money for someone else to be an extension of Christ's love and compassion. Maybe this is the underlying reason why the church has desired to "pay" someone else full-time -- to feed the hungry, give a drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those in prison, so they don't have to.

I do not know all of the reasons why many ministerial leaders have had to continually manipulate and beg for more and more money from the saints. However, I do know that its abuse is being exposed by the Lord and it will reap the same awesome severity if the church continues to turn a blind eye and hide this leprous blemish as we approach our wedding date. On Sky Angel, I witness ministries and station owners promoting 3 and 4 "give-a-thons" a year with the same motivational speakers to make you feel guilty for not giving. Many even go so far as to blame your financial situation on your lack of "seed sowing" -- as if we could "buy" God's favor and blessing in the first place. This is a blatant misrepresentation of God's Word of a PROMISED provision for those who serve Him and call upon His name. For crying out loud, even Jerry Lewis only does one telethon per year! It seems that these ministries preach a message that they fail to believe themselves. If the tithe, offering, and sowing of money is the key to bring you financial wealth and prosperity, then why do THEY have to come back week after week, month after month, and ask YOU for more? The church needs to honestly consider and answer this question.

Beloved, the popular and often preached "robbing God of tithes and offerings" verse in the book of Malachi is not about money as much as it is our heart for the kingdom and presence of God. (Example -- The rich young ruler) The Hebraic word for "offerings" should be rendered "heave offering" which is an offering of grain and an expression of obedience and worship to God. The word "tithe" in Hebrew is "maasrah" meaning, "a tenth." Malachi 3:8-10 continues: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food (The Hebrew word for "food" should be translated "prey.") in My house. "Ministers" have completely taken this verse out of context and have twisted it for the purposes of making money. Some may say, Danny, that's your interpretation of these verses. My response is, "keep reading the passage." It has everything to do with supplying the food needs of others and nothing to do with money. In other words, "show me the money!" I am all for supporting ministries and most importantly the needs of others that the Lord has brought across the path of my life. It is the twisting of scripture for the purposes of manipulating people to give that has caused us to err. Quite frankly, it is witchcraft.

"Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And which one of you by being anxious can add a single cubit to his life's span? And why are you anxious about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. But if God so arrays the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith? For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:26-34 condensed)

So why would God give leprosy to a man and his descendants for this action? Why did God consider this sin to be so grievous and serious that He imposed a life of leprosy upon Gehazi?

God took Gehazi's action very seriously because the testimony and Word of the Lord was manipulated and directly affected other people. Gehazi's manipulation for money DEFILED the Lord's precious and free gift of grace. The "works of man" will always defile the "work of the Lord." Not only that, but Gehazi defiled the trust of Elisha, the Lord's servant. Gehazi did what many are doing behind pulpits and upon platforms today -- The distorting and twisting of God's Word for monetary gain and the building of personal ministries and kingdoms. We need to understand what had transpired here. Gehazi's action not only disgraced the testimony of the Lord in Israel, it would also discredit the testimony of God's grace in a foreign land that desperately needed the truth of God's unconditional love, healing and provision. (Naaman was from Syria and held a tremendous amount of influence there.) As "Christians," our actions and words paint a picture of Christ for the world to behold. I am embarrassed by most of what I see the gift of "Christian" media portraying to the world. Gehazi's SIN of manipulation and misrepresentation of God's Word was very serious and it bore tremendous consequences in his life.

First, Gehazi defiled the Lord's work in lying about his ministry and his TRUE needs. He told Naaman that two other prophets had come to Elisha unexpectedly from the back country and were poor -- in need of money, food and clothing. Nothing could have been further from the truth. It was all made up, but yet sounded believable because it had to do with the "REAL" Lord's work. It seems that the church is an easy bunch to fall for a good heart-breaking story. It is a sin for today's ministers to live in million dollar homes and own private jets at the expense of the saints and then continue to plead for your money. If ministries can justify buying 20-30 million dollar corporate jets for the purpose of frequent travel and ministry, it would seem to me that a failure to equip the saints for the work of ministry and the presenting of believers mature in Christ is seriously lacking in leadership today. It would seem that building the ministries and the kingdom of God in others has been neglected in place of personal kingdom building. If you have $20.00 in the bank today, you have more than 75% of the people in the world. What an insult and slap in the face the American church must be to the rest of the world. What have we evolved into from the first century disciples that walked with our Lord Jesus Christ?

I am involved in the international marketplace and I am bi-vocational. (I support my own ministry to serve Christ.) I can honestly say from first hand experience that the world laughs at the deplorable nakedness of greed and the lack of faith that constitutes much of today's western church. They mock our pleading and begging for money and have greater discernment in recognizing man-made kingdom building than many in the church itself. I am appalled that on internetministry sites, people are constantly sending out newsletters "begging" for money or trying to sell me something as I attempt to navigate to the actual message. Even more appalling is that the majority of it is within "prophetic ministry groups." This is not our calling and is an embarrassment to our prophetic heritage.

I understand the reality that it takes money to get things done in the real world. I am not oblivious to that. However, as a PROPHETIC movement, we are slowly heading down the road of "INSTITUTIONALISM" that has corrupted the church and our Hebraic heritage. The prophet and prophetess of God should be self-supporting and reliant upon the Lord and not those to whom they have been called to bring His Word. (If you're honest, there is a certain line that many will not cross when the congregation or listeners are paying their light bill. How could you possibly be a true and complete prophetic voice in this bondage?) Any other area in life would consider this to be a blatant conflict of interest.

Paul, as a model of godly prophetic ministry, could say with a clear conscience that he ministered the Word of God without burden to anybody. (See 2 Corinthians 11 & 12) It needs to be this way, but can we say this is the case in today's church structure and prophetic ministry? Well, of course not. The church, along with much of the prophetic movement, has become an institution rather than a living and reproducing organism. Institutions need buildings and mammon to survive. Living organisms need intimate relationships and a HOST to survive.

For the sake of balance and practicality, we need to understand that Paul DID have needs and the Bible states that the brethren came from Macedonia to meet his needs in Corinth. As believers, we need to cheerfully give to those who are ministering the gospel to the unsaved. As I stated earlier, we need to give financially to support harmony within the local fellowships in which we participate. This is Biblical and meeting the real needs of each another. However, the money given by the deacon board or the visits by the pastor to others are not going to answer for YOU as you stand before Christ and give account of your life. I believe people are begging for our money because they know we are too spiritually lazy to do anything with it anyway. It's much too convenient to go to the temple courtyard and buy a sacrificial lamb, than to raise one ourselves.

In 1 Timothy 6, we read that "people who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." The love of money, especially in prophetic ministry, defiles the Lord's work and leads to spiritual leprosy. If we are honest with ourselves, the two greatest downfalls within Christian ministry reflect or mirror the spirit of the world -- the love of money and sexual sins. These two sins have tarnished our heritage as the church and the model of respect that the lost are searching for.

Gehazi also dishonored the Lord's true servant. He lied about Elisha. In lying to Naaman about the "prophets in need," Gehazi literally put words into the prophet's mouth. Likewise, those who are twisting God's Word and the gift of ministry are putting words in God's mouth. Putting words into the mouth of Elisha certainly made the story more credible and believable, but the story defiled and slandered the true servant of the Lord. This is a serious sin in the eyes of God. The reason of which is because the world and unsaved have a tendency to lump the hypocrisy andabuse of a minority into the sum total of all.

Gehazi's sin is also serious because it defiles the Gospel of the "good news." God's good news is that salvation and healing are a FREE gift to all who believe in Jesus Christ's atoning work on the cross. By taking money through deception, Gehazi distorted the good news that God's forgiveness and healing are free.

I am certain that upon Naaman's arrival in Syria, the good news of Naaman's healing became very apparent. The underlying tragedy is that the people would soon find out that the life-saving healing and ministry of the PROPHET came with a cost of only 300 pounds of silver. What a deal!

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The Ruby Studded Gold Cross

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In a vision, I saw a cross. It was gold, studded with red rubies. Someone took the cross and inserted it into the slot of some kind of machine. As it was inserted, I heard something ‘click, € and then I was shown a close view of the cross. It was lovely, and I knew that it had unlocked something important. What is this all about, Lord?

I want My dear children to know something important. I want you to know that I have clearly given you the keys to unlock all of those things for which your heart longs. I have given you My love, displaying it through My death on the cross. I have given you the keys to the kingdom and you are to use them wisely. You are to use them at My instruction, and you are to use them in the coming hour liberally. For the time has come, beloved the time has come for the world to see the exploits of the living God displayed through My vessels of honor. You are My vessels of honor. You are My called-out ones, and you will display My kindness and generosity liberally in the events that are soon to take place.

I want you to know that much is unlocked that will be beneficial to My chosen in the coming days. Much will be opened for your viewing. You will see and hear things mysterious things which you will not understand with your mind. Don’t try. Don’t try to ‘*understand* € everything that is soon to take place. Don’t try to put the pieces together, beloved, trying to figure out the whys and wherefores of what is taking place.

Yes, I am telling you, beloved: Don’t even try to understand all that is taking place. The sequence of events that leads up to My dynamic display will not be easy to accept with one’s mind. So don’t even try. Just put your trust in Me and move forward, knowing that the outcome will represent My heart for you, beloved, for My dear church, for the whole world.

I am a God who has given you all that you need to live a happy life in Me. I have given you the keys to unlock the vast treasuries that belong to Me that are in My kingdom. I have given to you the keys that will help you understand with your heart that your God is a God of love, and that He does all things well. The world will try to tell you that the living God has long since forgotten you, the church. But I tell you, beloved, that you have been and will *always* be at the forefront of My mind, and that is a good place to be that is the place where you *want* to be at the forefront of the mind of the living God. So don’t doubt Me. Stay fixed on the purposes of your God, and know true contentment of heart as I ease you into this hour of wonder.

You are about to enter into an hour of high revelry. You are about to know the heart of your God in a way you never dreamed of knowing it. So get ready, for things are about to be unlocked that will surprise those even of the most liberal thinking where the living God is concerned. Yes, those of you who have said ‘I am right there with You, Lord, are about to see and hear things that will shock and delight, but know, dear chosen one, that the times of wonder are here for a reason, and that reason is to set all to right. That reason is to open the portals of heaven and pour out to you, My chosen, more than your heart can contain.

I take delight in you, and I want you to take delight in Me and in My work. Look forward to all that is coming up on the horizon, and know that the hand of your God provided it. All is being brought to you at great expense My cross. Follow hard after Me, beloved, and know that one who follows after Me will not in any way be disappointed. Know also, that the time of decision is *NOW*! So don’t hang back when I start to show Myself in true form. No, beloved, don’t hang back. Move up to the front of the line.

Stay focused on Me and know deep within the value of My death the value of that cross that sustains your life.

Yes, dear child, I want you to know that I paid dearly for you to walk in this hour, so don't hang back. Get in the flow and move forward move forward into the delight of your Lord your God the Almighty One Who poured forth His favor by giving His life that you might walk in this hour unhindered, unhindered by the world and unhindered by anything else that could get your focus. For you see, beloved, what I am doing is so wonderful so extraordinary that those of the world will even draw close to get a better look. That is where I want you close, close in that holy place of My delight, because I want to show you off, beloved. I want the world to see what I purchased on that fateful day. I want the world to see My bride, My chosen, My very own possession, and I want you to show the world something of great importance, dear one. I want you to show Me to the world. Yes! I want you to be a bright, shining reflection of Me, your God your very own King of glory

Fricassee
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[fricassee - a dish consisting of meat cut into pieces, stewed or fried, and served in a sauce of its own gravy.]

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I am preparing something delicious for you, beloved most delicious. Let Me tell you about this delicious dish that is being prepared for your enjoyment:

It is chockfull of tasty morsels chewy morsels morsels that will bring a depth to your walk far beyond anything you ever imagined. The gravy that comes with these chewy, delicious morsels is far different from any gravy you have ever tasted. It is full, absolutely full, of flavor. The aroma will waft to your nostrils and you will know that you are being fed by the King's hand.

I tell you, dear one, that I am preparing something delicious for you *most delicious*. It is far more delicious than anything you have enjoyed from My hand thus far. So get ready to receive from My hand this tasty treat, and know, beloved, that with this tasty treat is coming a strength in your life that you have yet to realize.

I am preparing something delicious for My beloved. Get ready to receive. Get ready to enjoy, and get ready to know some wonders that will thrill your heart and offer you the strength to travel onward into all that I have for you.

I am a God Who gives His best *always* His best to His beloved. Know that this delicious dish that is coming by My hand will enable you to walk in a new strength and power. It will enable you to see things from My vantage point and it will enable you to know the power of the holy One deep within as you flex your spiritual muscles, declaring that I rule and reign in your life, and I am proving it by and through the actions that you display on My behalf.

I am about to use you, beloved, in a phenomenal way. Get ready to soar with Me. Get ready to explore My heart, and know beloved, that the time of sheer enjoyment has arrived, and it being displayed to the world by My most able will, shining forth in you and through you, declaring My goodness and My ability to see My beloved rise up into the fame that I have promised My church My most able church My church of splendor and truth My church of love and abounding grace!!!

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The Lord showed me two light-green, straw hats being tossed in the air by our two youngest granddaughters. It was as though they were saying, “Hooray!” Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want to make something clear to you, beloved. I am doing a fine work, an extraordinary work, and a very valuable work for mankind. I want you to accept My ways, My way of thinking, and know as you come into line with My thinking process that you will grow in a phenomenal way. You will gain a most pronounced strength in your walk with your God.

I am doing a wonderful work on earth. I am making some drastic changes in the near future that will either make or break the will of mankind. I want mankind to follow after My heart. I want mankind to see My ways and adjust their way of thinking to My ways. I don’t want mankind in the dark about the living God. I want man to rise up in the knowledge of Who I am and worship Me with everything that is in him. I am eager for that hour to come, for you see, beloved, this hour will benefit you in an extraordinary way. It will open your heart in ways it has never been opened to your Holy Master.

Look on My work and applaud it – applaud it with all that is in you, for it is good – extremely good – extremely wonderful.

All the little children will worship Me, knowing Who I am long before the learned man. The little children will recognize Me, and know My beauty from above has come to enhance their lives. That is why I say to you, beloved, “Come to Me as a little child.” Forget all your intellectual knowledge and step in line with the wonderful truth of the living God. Then, you too, will be right alongside those little ones – those little ones who will be tossing their hats high and shouting “Hooray. Hooray to the One Who is from above and delights in His children. Hooray for this wonderful hour that He is bringing our way.” Yes, beloved, you, too, and all who come to know Me – all Who accept Me as a little child, will give a big shout of “Hooray,” tossing their hats in the air, and welcoming the new tomorrow that I plan to bring.

I am a good God, an extraordinary God, a God Who delights in His beloved children. I want you aware of that fact, and I want you well aware of My ways. So come to Me as a little child. Learn of Me. Feast your eyes on the wonder that I am providing, and then give Me a BIG shout of “Hooray!” for the finest display of wonder is on the way. Yes, the finest display of wonder brought to you by your God is certainly on the way!!

Troubled Times

Jackie Skevington

What God has laid upon my heart to pray and warned me is this-- the oil fields of America will topple........it will cause great economic stress upon our nation.

He said to PRAY.........

Troubled times lay ahead for America if HIS PEOPLE don’t intercede before it is too late.

Troubled times, like we have never had or even imagined.

Who is to blame when the robber comes into the home, and takes all one has....?

Is it the robber ?

Or is the home owner who carelessly left the door unlocked, presuming it wouldn’t happen to them ?

That is what America had done, saith the Lord of Hosts.

They have neglected praying, and seeking My face.

They have neglected loving and caring one for another.

They have been so busy, running and doing this and doing that, they have forsaken my face, and my voice for their own thing,

They have forgotten their loved ones, their families, their little ones....and their neighbors.

But with tragedy, their love will be renowned again, by necessity.

This is not my doing , saith the Lord,

But I will cause their hearts once again to seek my face, and in so doing, they will minister in love, one to another--out of the necessity of tragedy, their love for me, and one another, will be awakened.

Cry, Cry, aloud for me while it is yet day.

For when night cometh, it will be the time of tragedy already.

Call upon me , and I will hear thy cries and pleas and I will hear from heaven and heal thy land.

I will hold back the storms and the wind, and I will cause my Angels to bring balm to those who have been injured and need their wounds bound up and healed.

I will hold back the destroyer for thy sakes,

Call upon me, and see what I surely will do in thy midst this day, for I loveth my own, and those that are called by my name, and surely I am in thy midst, and I will hear from heaven and heal thy land, if thou will humble thyself and call upon me.

Do not be as the horse that needed blinders to go here or go there, but submit thyself to my will and listen to that still small voice and humble thyself and seek my face, and I will do great and mighty things for thee and thy nation, if thou will call upon me this day, this hour, and turn from thy wickedness, with thy whole heart.

Thus saith the Lord.

in Jesus name,
Jackie Skevington

The Ring – The Lord Of The Rings

Dave Hood

This word has come to me on a number of occasions over a period of 4/5 weeks; I believe it maybe appropriate for our time and hopefully encouraging.

But I would say to you that generally speaking it is wonderful to have God doing great things, a healing, a testimony, deliverance, seeing him move in his miraculous ways. And how we wish these moments would be more often and more continuous – it's great when times and things go well and go right – glory to him then. But equally, there are times when things do not go well, glory to him then also. In fact they often go in reverse, go wrong, things which could have gone in this direction go that way, things which should have succeeded do not, effort on our behalf that should bring reward and success doesn't, it seems to fail, to fall and its energies dissipate like mist and fall like dust. Apparent Blessings no longer happen and life seems to have you by the neck and the question we ask is – is God still in this thing, is God still with me, is God still for me, sometimes we may feel as if we believe, other times it is clear we do not. So on the one hand it may be unwise to think that bad things should or will not happen to you – this is untrue – in this world you will have trouble – but fear not for I am with you and I have overcome the world. It may also be equally untrue to say that because bad things happen, God is not in it or with it. Some of you may be facing trouble and problems now, some of you perhaps not, but sometimes we need to be prepared.

Take for instance the FISHERMAN UPON THE SEAS- who goes out to fish in his boat to catch a catch, - does he go without first checking the weather, or without having the right vessel and right clothes, his oilskins. – He, if he's wise, needs advance preparation or knowledge. – EVEN then -we can sometimes be caught unaware – but Gods word says – I do not want you to be unaware – and even good weather forecast throw up the sudden unexpected storm that when caught up in it may go on for days and sometimes for weeks. With this in mind this is what I believe Father wants to bring to you

I was at church about a while ago and found myself reflecting on the book the Trilogy, Lord of the Rings. I remembered how there were several rings, but that there was "one ring that would rule them, the one ring to find them, the one ring to bring them all, the one ring binding them " There was the one ring. The book and film was very much a story of the search for this one ring by the enemy's of the realm and for the ring bearer himself.

In the bible the number 7 is thought of as the number of perfection. As I continued to think, verses in the book of Revelation came to mind. Revelation 1:9–20. READ - Here it speaks of the 7 churches and the 7 golden lamp stands and of the Lord Himself; his face was like the sun, shining in all its brilliance. In verse 20 it says, spoken of by the Lord Jesus "the mystery of the 7 stars that you saw in my right hand and of the 7 golden lamp stands is this. The seven stars are the angels of the 7 churches and the seven lamp stands are the seven churches.

This is how I related it to the story of the Lord of the Rings. To me the seven churches represented the perfect church, perfected in Jesus. This in their total was his one church, the sum of the perfect whole. These seven churches mirrored the seven rings that existed in the book and film and that Jesus had an aspect of the church, where? Jesus had this there, IN HIS HAND. - for in his hand he had 7 stars, which the word says, were 7 angels. I feel the angels, represent things that are SPIRITUAL - and these are held, and held in PERFECT SPIRITUAL BALANCE in Jesus' hand. In other words things pertaining to the church, to you, to me, to us all, were and still are, held securely in HIS hand.

In another sense as stated in the book and film, there was ONE ring that would bind and unite them all. **You are his one ring**. " Corinthians and Ephesians talks about the Holy Spirit as being given as an earnest, a guarantee, a deposit of what is fully and finally to come and it is often spoken of the Spirit been given, as a sign and symbol of an engagement that has already taken place through our new birth in Christ. We have been engaged to Christ as his fully intended bride. And his Spirit if you like is His engagement ring to the church for the wedding that is about to come,

What does this tell us, - many things perhaps, - but to me it tells me this. Not only are you IN his hand, but you are ALSO on HIS finger. He wears YOU his church, AS THE ONE RING, - AS would A Husband wear the ring upon his wedding finger. You see LOVE is the one ring that binds them all, the ONE RING of love combining them all. The nation Israel considered an engagement AS ALREADY WED.

Looking at Revelation 1:20, where are you? - Where does he have you?
He has you IN His hand - And He has you ON His finger.

He does not hold you as a juggler might, balancing and throwing balls up in the air with one hand, in order to cause the audience to see how daring he is and how he can have you gasping at his dexterity, with the thought that perchance he might drop you. No, he has you held within the BALANCE of BOTH his hands, exercising control for you and does not play with you as one would a toy. And because this picture is also of the bride that is yet fully to be, you can be sure that in order to fully and finally bring you to your wedding place, that you are not just in His hand or on his finger, but constantly ON HIS MIND - and the reason for that, is that you are constantly IN HIS SIGHT – as sure as that ring is constantly on HIS finger, so are you constantly in his sight. Why, for he constantly sees his Spirit, his deposit in and on you, guaranteeing you, marking you - as his bride and he wears you and it with pride – in the same way that THE wedding ring he sees upon HIS finger, marks you as his bride. This mirrors in a similar way to the one who is engaged, making PREPARATION for the Day itself, the Great Wedding Feast of the Lamb.

Why are you constantly on his mind and constantly in his sight?
Because…. you are constantly in his hands and constantly on his finger
And because you are constantly in his hands and constantly on his finger
You are also therefore, as are ALL THINGS, - constantly IN HIS CONTROL, despite what is going on with you or around you, whether within the church or out of it. Control and balance may be beyond our scope, it is not beyond His.

This vision and prophecy we have just read about were given to the apostle John in the book of Revelation- and were given him on the island of Patmos, in what were bleak and hard times, in times of trial, difficulty and unrest. – He personally was experiencing forced hardship in the islands mines -. Despite this and IN THIS the Lord Jesus Himself appeared to John and gave him some of the most wonderful, awesome and encouraging revelations. Just as he did to his namesake John, the Baptist, who when locked up in prison, at the day of execution – DOUBTED – because things had gone wrong and perhaps not according to what he had expected - and asked via messenger if HE JESUS was REALLY the one or had JOHN made a mistake and should he expect another. John was in prison because he had done the right thing in exposing the adultery in the ruling governments family – we to doubt like him, if things go wrong especially when we do the right thing" In Luke 7:22-23…these were Christ's words to him -."Replying to his, doubt, to Johns concern -, Go back and report to John, what you have seen and heard. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me. – No he had not made a mistake – AND – the Kingdom continues, despite what's happening.

In the light of what is going on with you, in the light of all that is going on around you - or all that is amiss or awry with your life or the world or the church. – look at Madrid, Iraq or Israel, even in its present stripping of its communities or the two Tsunamis**and more up to date, the London bombings and the great storm Katrina in the Gulf of Mexico – God is in control of both it and you - and is concerned enough about you to take time and come to you with a message, - a word that affirms you, strengthens you, warn and encourages you to see that the kingdom STILL WILL and is continuing ON despite evidence seemingly to the contrary and that you are personally not forgotten. There has not been a mistake, there has not been a fumble, YOU, the ball have not been dropped, nor you, the ring lost. Nor amidst the turmoil, the glare or the stares forgotten, nor is he dazzled nor blinded, for HIS is the face shining like the sun in all its brilliance, the blinding brilliance of his all great love - in the unrest, in the fire and in the trial is one seen…. like the Son of man – shining on you and with you, even through, beyond and above the fiery flames of the furnace. - and how great is the Shining one when he appears. His feet like yours are positioned with you, standing in the same fire, the same trials that you are standing in.

Want more convincing. Ok. For you he says, "One more then". Gollum, you know was a creature that had walked many different paths, not all of them bad and his pursuits, particularly after the ring, had led him to the depths of torture and of dismay. Perhaps we may feel we have been where he is. Gollum perhaps is a picture of man in his utter despair - and such was his fixation and obsession, actually called the ring "his precious". - This is precisely what he our God and Father calls you " Isa.43: 4…precious, Precious and honoured are you in my sight and I love you, you and all the Gollum's are precious to him… hear these words, they are written especially from him to you…as he looks towards you his ONE RING, secured and secure on His own finger -. You, - you are my precious, precious ones, - you are the ones I most seek after. You are in my hands, you are on my finger, you are constantly on my mind, you are constantly in my sight, and you are constantly in my control. Precious and honoured are you in my sight and I love you.

To round it off – after receiving this and pondering over it, asking God, to confirm his word and wondering like many do, did I really hear right – this incident I'm about to describe to you happened a day or two after, being given the go ahead to share it with you. I work in a Youth Centre and in the morning around 8; I arrive and meet with J our head cleaner before work. She says to me - have you seen my new ring – would you like a look – ok let's see it then – so she takes this gold ring off her finger and hands it to me. On the outside, it had little footprints, imprints of bare feet, indented into the gold - like the ones in the footsteps poem, walking right around the outside of the ring encircling it from start to finish, - wonderful I said, - look on the inside she said – and there inside the ring were words engraved, - not the whole footsteps poem but some of the key words. Wonderful to look at – but the words clearly had a start and a finish so that you could recognise the start of the message inside. The first words that started the engraving were. MY PRECIOUS CHILD – well how wonderful – what a way to confirm his word, prepared for me BEFORE I had asked for it – If it was prepared for me - it was prepared for you

With it I heard him say these words concerning the footsteps around the circumference of the ring – he said - MY WALK WITH YOU IS CONTINUOUS AND COMPLETE, THERE IS NO PART OF YOUR WALK OR CIRCUMFERENCE OF YOU LIFE THAT IS NOT REACHED, and COVERED OR INCLUDED. It was then that he reminded me that he had said sometime whilst I was preparing this for you - YOU ARE ENGRAVED upon the PALMS OF MY HANDS – I HEAR HIM SAY AGAIN, YOU ARE ENGRAVED UPON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS – if you think of the cross BOTH hands were nailed securing for us freedom and control with God - with these words he gave me a sense of his continuing presence with me –and he gave me a picture – of J our cleaner and Jesus Himself. A man and a woman – I saw J extend her LEFT hand to him – the wedding hand - and Christ carefully took her hand into his RIGHT hand – like a bride presenting a hand to her groom, just like a wife to her husband, allowing him to take her by the hand – with these images came the words – YOU NEED ONLY LET ME TAKE HOLD OF YOUR HAND TO ALLOW ME TO REMIND YOU OF MY CONSTANT COMPANIONSHIP, MY CONSTANT LOVE AND MY CONSTANT CARE – So every time I see J, I am reminded of his love and constant companionship to me, like wise - can you see - he extends his hand to thee

Over the days God brought to me his prepared words and THESE words today that God has brought to you were prepared for you – because he clearly loves you, he dearly cares for you and he wants you to know it, he wants you to hear it and he want you to believe it - and to stretch out your hand to him for he has and now is stretching his hand out to you.

My precious; my precious child, you are my precious ones; you are the ones I most seek after. I have you in my hands, you, I have on my finger, it is you that I constantly think about, - it is you who are constantly in my sight, you, are constantly in my control. Precious and honoured are you in my sight and I love you.

This was given me early 2004...how much more has changed and happened in the world, your church and with yourself since then…but praise be to God His word is eternal and will never pass away but is set like the sun and the moon in the heavens for you and is accessed by the one who loves you beyond price, who now stands within the veil for you, interceding and making prayer for you.

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The Returning Light To Gods Church
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Ps 81:1-5. The Returning Light to Gods Church

Is a Psalm spoken out by priests and Levites on the morning offerings of the Feast of New Moons, the Feast of Trumpets. Psalm 29 is sung in the evening. Celebrated at the start of the month involving the burnt offering – the WHOLE consecration and offering.

Important: ALL the festivals are held according to Mosaic Law and to be celebrated on the same day of each month. Necessary therefore to fix the feast at commencement of the month. Timed and established not by the solar calendar but according to the LUNAR calendar

The feast is determined by the APPROACH of the NEW moon
Determined not by calculation or working out when but by PERSONAL OBSERVATION
Not worked out by them, man, but by the course set by God.

Personal observation – was determined by the watchmen, who were placed upon the heights that surrounded Jerusalem. Placed there to watch the skies. The High priest sent each watchman there and each had to watch from his own vantage point.

As soon as one detected the FIRST sight of the moon approaching – he would light a fire atop his place of watch and go to the high priest. Then each in turn – as they personally saw, the moon begin to appear from their own position and vantage point, would also light their own individual fires atop their hill, watch place and go and present themselves before the high priest. This was their testimony and witness to their OWN PERSONAL observation.

As all the other watchmen came forth one by one each bearing his own testimony – theirs would then be a COLLECTIVE observation. The High priest would then say --- and CONSECRATED that day – made HOLY this natural dimension of time.

This was a CELEBRATION of the **RETURNING** LIGHT OF THE MOON (Gods goodness!!!).

The moon gets its light from the sun and **reflects** the suns rays to earth. Only 7% of the light is reflected, as the surface of the moon is dark.
Genesis 1:16 God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day, the lesser light to govern the night. The greater light is the sun. The lesser light is the moon. The greater light is the Son, the lesser light the church.

Psalm 81 is a celebration of the RETURNING light of the moon
The moon in ages past has been eclipsed but is NOW RETURNING and COMING to its FULNESS
In the sky of Gods plan set in place and motion before a single foot was formed or a single footprint recorded

The light of the church has been darkened but now appearing and moving to fullness
Christ the light in his church and the world.
V3 a ram's horn is sounded at the start of the new moon and when the moon is FULL at the feast

The result of the consecrating period is a HOLY time, God ordained.
The signal beacons atop the hill COMMENCE at Mount Olives

It is wonderful to see the City below IN THE VALLEY ringed with fire and every hilltop is a signal the HIGH places are held by God - A God initiated sign to the inhabitants

The fires that are seen are not just upon the hills but seen of EVERY believer in the valley and it will spread. As this is a night time scene, as the fire spreads in the witness in the hearts of the believers IN the valley this fire, this light CONSUMES the darkness. It's at night for it is a NIGHT time watch. Darkness decreases, fire increases, more room made for God, more substance to burn, greater recovery of territory for God. The moon is always seen in the biblical **light of PRESTAGING events of great importance**.

New moon is reckoned by Individual observation, being ready and watching, this forms a COLLECTIVE witness before the High priest, it is a CONCECRATED HOLY place and TIME, the signal SURROUNDS showing a COMPLETE witness, it spreads, its increases, it consumes, more place for God, more places to watch for him created…and so on…..Please hear…**it is a time SET APART for GOD, a TIME SET APART BY GOD**

An example of the collective collective witness in the NT came AFTER a time of mocking ACTS 2:14
(a) Peter stood up WITH the 11
(B) Acts 3:11 while he beggar HELD onto John
(C) The lost coin – the WHOLE house was swept clean AS she searched for that precious coin, which would MAKE her bracelet COMPLETE – holiness

The signal from God came with the rams horn – signifying and pronouncing – a SIGN of Gods movement in HEAVEN, movement of the next phase of the His Plan

Kings horn used to ANNOINT Kings and for the PURPOSE of calling TOGETHER

V3 decree – ordinance
V4 - statute

A sign of SETTING up something

V4 a DECREE is a law or edict an ENACTMENT of a KING
Carried to distant lands and places – a herald
A pronouncement of war or peace

Given at assemblies, meeting places and gates, before people, leaders and before ALL gods.
ORDENANCES have with them the idea of imparting grace

V5 Statute is a testimony – a rule of grace and its practice shows and depicts and points the WAY to Him a testimony of Him
EXAMPLE used is Joseph Dt 33:13/14
V13 blessing of the land – part of expectation

- Heaven above, deep waters
- Shows height and depth shows – EXTENT

V14 – Best / finest
V15- choicest – fruitfulness
V16 – best – fullness/favour and dwelling
Shows forth HIS excellence
Last v14 **finest moon can yield – you are Gods moon**
Vegetables, the produce of the ground
Required a full lunar month to bring forth to perfection
As the moon PRODUCES dew that is favourable to vegetation to yield produce
The presence of God within the Returning light of His church will produce the right conditions for earth yield, His harvest

Growth, perfecting
Bringing forth from the land – **EVERY MONTH – every month**

Response to Psalm 80: verses 3; 7; 19
A CONTINUOS response a continuous INCREASE, INCREASING
V3 O God
V7 O God Almighty
V19 O Lord God Almighty

All this I obtained this 8 years ago ready to fall into place and align with the other witnesses. I feel its time is near.

Let a thing be established out of the mouths of TWO witnesses

The Runaway Bride

Ron Wood

The Lord can create vivid images to get our attention.

One such picture painted on our imagination was the recent news story of the runaway bride. Originally thought to be the victim of foul play, this pitiful woman from Gainesville, Georgia later turned herself in and admitted fleeing from her own wedding, deceiving her own family, and lying about her situation. What caused her to behave so irrationally?

While the motivations behind her actions may be partly due to foolishness, they may also be traced to an unbalanced mental state or to a childhood where she was shuttled from house to house every other week in a blended family. We all hope she gets help.

This was a huge story in America in the month of June. June is the month for weddings and anniversaries. We are all bride-conscious during June even apart from this arresting and puzzling news event. My wife and I were married in June, 36 years ago.

At the start of the year, my wife, Lana, heard the Lord say of 2005, it would be The Year of the Bride. At the start of this year, I had a spiritual dream that I was checking into a motel to meet my wife. In the dream, I walked down a motel corridor and as I approached the fifth door, I saw that each doorway had a young woman stretched across the opening, lying in the hallway, asleep. The door I was entering was the fifth door and I had to step over a sleeping woman to enter my room. In February, my wife and I were on a holiday.

When I carried my luggage down the corridor, I paused with my key and suddenly realized we were checking into the fifth doorway in a setting like I had dreamed except the hallway had no sleeping brides.

Later as the year unfolded, I heard the Lord say "Listen to your body talk." By the Spirit, I was hearing the Lord say to leaders of congregations and churches, "Listen to the frustrations being felt by the body." I discerned that Five-Fold Ministries were oblivious to the feelings of their people. Absence of dissent, where people are taught to respect authority, is not the presence of unity or agreement. But Jesus, The Head of the Body, the Leader of leaders, was listening and He was paying close attention.

This cry of frustration wasn't rebellion by lawless people; this was a cry from Godly people wanting to walk in their inheritance. Jesus' inheritance is in the saints. He wants every member of the body to come into their ministry, not just an elite cadre who become a newly-titled privileged few. Jesus is in the midst of His people, not just on the stage! Jesus is in the marketplace with His saints, not just in the church on Sunday!

How can pastors be deaf to the congregation's true feelings? Just like a person can be in pain or hungry or overly exhausted but be so distracted that they are not paying attention to their own body's feelings, leaders of churches can be so intent on their own agenda, their own circumstances, or fulfilling their own ministry, that they fail to feel what those around them are trying to tell them.

Earlier I had been given a flash of insight from the Lord. I saw Jesus as though He were shaking His head in frustration, saying "My leaders are robbing My people of their ministry." I felt the heart of the Lord as He was so very disappointed that Five-Fold ministries had kept the grace of ministry to themselves, failing to teach, train, and equip the member of the body for their work of the ministry, failing to trust the Holy Spirit to guide the members or failing to trust the Word of God to do its work.

Often the leaders' insecurities confounded their error by adding to their paradigm of paternalism or control rather than equipping members for ministry.

The unanswered cry of frustration from the body is tempting many to become a Runaway Bride, to pick up their skirts, put on their tennis shoes and run, just to get away from the pressure to perform, the illegal legalism, the hardheaded headship, the boring pew-sitting domestication of never being allowed into their destiny to do the works of Jesus.

The frustration felt in the body is now being answered by a louder and stronger frustration from the higher Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus. He is not indifferent to what is happening in His body. He wants to see His Bride matured and adorned and valued, not restricted or rejected. If need be, He will go around former pillars who have become roadblocks, unless we repent and obey His voice.

Such changes are not easy. In Acts 10, the Lord dramatically guided Peter to go to the Gentiles with the gospel for the first time. Resistant, fighting religious and cultural barriers, fearful of being judged by his peers, Peter obeyed. The result was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Cornelius' household.

As I read this account in the Bible recently the Lord asked me, "Do you see how hard this was for Peter?" "Yes," I answered. He said, "It is just as hard for Five-Fold Ministries today to equip the saints." "No way!" I said. "Then you don't get it," the Lord said to me.

Postscript:

Nothing changes if our way of thinking doesn't change. Here are three books that can help awaken us in this season of insecurity or rejection. Waking the Dead by John Eldridge, The Atonement by Derek Prince, and The Emotionally Healthy Church by Peter Scazzero. We have to honestly face this issue and diagnose the true condition of our hearts. Face the light of truth full on. If our hearts are healed, we can hear new words with new direction from God.

For anyone wanting a brief and incisive look at a key component of this issue, write to me and I will send you a booklet I have written entitled The Spirit of Rejection. It can be shipped for an offering of $5.00 to Touched by Grace, P.O. Box 12749, Wilmington, NC, 28405. Or, a donation to Touched by Grace can be made via PayPal on our website along with an email sent to us with mailing instructions for this booklet.

Bless you! Ron Wood, President of Touched by Grace Inc. Â© The Runaway Bride, by Ron Wood, July 1, 2005.
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The Samuel Generation
Catherine Brown

The Samuel Generation -- A Word For Children"
by Catherine Brown

Underground Network Of Praying Children

The Lord has been gathering an underground network of praying children and young people. They may not currently meet in huge numbers, but that is because if "we" (the church) "got our hands on it" too early, "we" would inadvertently mess it up!

Child Champions Of Prayer And Faith Will Arise

"The child prayer movement has not been strong enough to release fully into the public domain until now, but in the next 12-24 months I am going to cause child champions of prayer and faith to rise up in their generation, and their words will be powerful and prophetically anointed.

"They will require to be mentored in like manner as Eli mentored Samuel, in order that they can be trained to discern my voice for themselves and respond to me in obedience, for it is my desire that none of their words will fall to the ground. There is a need for this generation to be nurtured and discipled. They are a hungry generation.

"I am teaching children how to develop a personal relationship with me, and giving them an understanding of the need for quality time alone with me as well as time together with other children. I have placed an "all or nothing" desire in the hearts of these children. They cannot and will not settle for any kind of compromised Gospel message. They are hungry for spiritual truth."

"The Samuel Generation Will Posture Themselves In Intercessory Prayer For The Nations"

"As for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you and I will teach you the way that is good and right." **1 Samuel 12:23**

The Samuel generation will posture themselves before the Lord in intercessory prayer for the nations.

"I have convened micro level meetings across many nations, where handfuls of children have gathered to seek my face. I am releasing a fresh mantle upon the children of the nations to gather and for the Dunamis power of my Holy Spirit to move powerfully upon them and through them. I will shake gatherings as I did in the first days of my church (Acts 2:3) as the prayers of thousands of children are lifted to my throne. As the children call out for my mighty hand to move, I will hear and I will answer.

"The children will pray in simple words, but they will not lack radical or extreme love. The prayers of my children are relevant and cutting edge. I am rising up an army of 24-7 children who will have their hearts rights before me. These children are sold out in intimacy for me and are prepared to die for love of God. They are martyrs of my mercy. Many children from persecuted nations will give their lives for my namesake, and will remain faithful to the end (Acts 7:59,60)."

A Nazirite And Missionary Generation

"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest." **1 Samuel 2:35**

"For I will raise up a faithful generation for myself from amongst the children of the nations. They are a missionary generation with a vision for revival, to love their Lord, to the love the lost, and to love the church. I am restoring the priesthood to be a worshipping, interceding, prophetic evangelistic people.

The Samuel generation represent such a people and includes many children.

"The Samuel generation will be the church that acts! The Samuel generation are the paradigm. Radical holiness, purity, devotion, and availability are required from this generation. They are called out, set apart, and sanctified for me and by me. I am rising up a Nazirite generation of little children whose posture before me will be to place their relationship with me as priority. They will confront corruption in the purity of chastity. I will not treat their offerings to me with contempt because they are offered from pure hearts."

A Voice To The Nations, The Church, And The Lost

***"Return to the Lord with all your heart."* 1 Samuel 7**

"The Samuel generation will be a voice to the nations and a voice to the church, calling the lost into the Kingdom and calling believers to devotion to Christ. They will speak forth revelation to the church about the Kingship of Christ. This end time generation of children will be prophetically accurate and what they prophesy will come to pass (1 Samuel 9:6; 1 Samuel 3:19)."

"The Samuel Generation Heralds A New Season"

***"And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and favor with the Lord and with men."* 1 Samuel 2:26**

"This generation of boys and girls will know the fear of the Lord. They will know my favor and will be held in esteem by both God and men. The children will help to usher in my Kingly anointing. The Samuel generation heralds a new season, whereby spiritual barrenness is broken and new birth will come forth in my church. For those who have labored in prayer as Hannah, and have loved in like manner to Hannah and Elkanah," the Lord says, "the sorrow of your travail will now bear much abundant and beautiful fruit."

The birthing of the Samuel generation represents an increase in apostolic/prophetic authority in the church and speaks of a people willing to lovingly submit to Christ's governmental authority. This Samuel generation will have impeccable character and be honest and virtuous and will be a testimony to God's righteousness (1 Samuel 12).
The Samuel generation will know an increase in anointing and will pour themselves out for love of others. Anointing will pour forth from the children just as it did from the horn of oil with which Samuel anointed King Saul and King David (1 Samuel 10; 1 Samuel 16).

Amen.

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The Sweeping Of The Arm Of The Lord

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There is coming a sweeping of the arm of the Lord across Europe against anything that will raise its head against the Apple of His eye.

The Lord is roused in His Holy place and speaks out words over the nations that are life to those that hear them but death to those that dismiss them. He will rend the heavens and His glory will not be shut out or consumed by the darkness of this age, it will be a light so bright that it will penetrate and burn into the hardest of hearts releasing, setting free, infiltrating the very soul of man and touching it with his words, words of life, words of wisdom, the words that he planned long before time that would be spoken out over the nations to bring a reverence of the lord as He stands and he watches.

Who can escape His eye, who will hide the deeds of darkness from his light, who would dare to stand against him who is roused in his Holy habitation. With one sweep of his arm nations will crumble and fall, its peoples flung into the depths of there wickedness confronted by a mighty God who will not give up his own, who by His own breath shall breath life into Israel once again raising up the Lazarus removing the grave clothes and standing her defiant against a world that has sought to destroy and tear down.

Stand, stand with me, rise up my bride my beloved, see how I see, love as I love, let your heart be one with mine, take my voice, run with the fire of God to the Land of destiny where fulfillment of my word will be released at the end of time. Do not delay run ,run with the torch ablaze, as it was for Joshua so it is for you, release the flame wherever you go, do not compromise my word do not hold back do not be afraid, I give you everything you need to stand to stand with me at this time.

You men and women you voices that have a platform that the world recognizes and knows well, rise and speak forth, speak with one voice, give my words and not your own. I say to you who are faceless rise up and take your place what you have is given by me.

Who will stand against what I have given you and not be terrified. My love burns fierce for my bride, my passion knows no bounds, I will protect you.

As judgment is released across the nations do not be afraid, do not change your word. Pax Romana – Peace, peace but there is no real peace, peace under duress. Do not listen to what those who compromise my word, who tell you that everything is fine, when the opposite is truth. This is a time for seeking, so that you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free. My word does not change to suit mankind, my word stands forever. Look again, see what I say concerning Israel.

A cry goes out over the land of Israel, it is Rebecca weeping for her children, who will comfort her.

The days of sorrows has already begun.
Jesus warned of this first sign of the End when he said: "Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am [{Christ} this word does not appear in the Greek text]; and shall deceive many. (Mark 13:5-6) For false christs [pseudochristos - falsely anointed ones] and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things. (Mark 13:22-23).

Look again at my word, what do I say, what is my heart, what am I asking you to do. I bring release to those who earnestly seek repentance because of teachings that were not of me, who looked to man rather than to the truth of my word. I offer you my arm, turn back, seek me and I will be found. Put away false prophesies, put away false hopes, what is happening cannot change, it is predestined. What have you been taught that does not come into line with my word, look again, do not be led astray I call you back into alignment with my word.

That still small voice.

The Sauls And The Davids

David Compton

Recently, the Lord has moved upon me to read Samuel I and concentrate upon the historical implications discussed in the story of Samuel coupled with his function in the anointing of both Saul and David to become kings of Israel.

Saul was to be the man to lead the tribes of Israel after the people demanded a king thus rejecting the system of judges that had been in effect for many years. Of course, it was neither the system nor Samuel himself that was being rejected; rather, it was the Lord God himself (I Samuel 8). Nonetheless, the Lord moved upon Samuel to anoint Saul as the leader of his people. However, Saul's disobedience and obstinacy eventually necessitated a change in leadership (as dramatized in I Samuel 13, 15 and 16).

Thus far, these "Sauls" and their self serving attitude, characterized by the spirit of compromise, have been pervasive in the leadership of the church. As a consequence, leadership has been based solely upon personality and/or self aggrandizement rather than in the furtherance of the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ (which is the prerequisite for all of those who claim to be called by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ). Unfortunately, this lack of substantive leadership has been indicative of the church system for a rather long period of time. In other words, the real "Davids" (in the figurative sense) have been usurped in leadership by the spirit of "Saul". Of course, the result has been a church that professes Christ as its leader; but, in actuality, accentuates a particular personality or the fleshy aspects of man (the spirit being relegated to a subordinate position).

Be assured! This situation is now going to change. These "Davids" that will now begin to rise during this transition period will be strong "mighty men of valor" who will refuse to compromise and will, in essence, call the church to "order". These individuals will move with the unction of the Holy Spirit and will be the instruments used by the Lord himself to bring both blessings and judgment. Woe to those that hinder or mock these "Davids" for the old adage will be brought to full fruition which states, "touch not my anointed, do my prophets no harm". In many cases, the spirit of Elijah will be an integral part of the message and ministry of these "mighty men of valor" who have been hidden for many years and bear the scars of their time in the wilderness. Moreover, many of these individuals are just now beginning to realize *who* and *what* they are as they emerge from the wilderness.

I shudder within my spirit as I contemplate these "Davids" who will be in many diverse areas of the world and from many varied backgrounds and races. Yet, they will possess essentially the same supernatural strength and power as they are endued with the Holy Spirit after great tests and trials. Just as David, after his anointing by the prophet Samuel, endured the trials as Saul sought to kill him, so have these “Davids” been protected and tested long before they will be permitted by the Lord to be elevated to leadership positions in the end time army of the Lord Jesus Christ (I Samuel 16-31).

I cannot be more adamant in declaring the authority of these “mighty men of valor” who will now come forth as the Lord opens the doors to these individuals. Their message will be trumpeted by the exemplification of great courage and strength (as was Stephen as he spoke under the unction of the Holy Ghost in Acts 7). Most definitely, it will not be their own words that are being spoken; rather, it will be the Lord himself speaking forth his voice utilizing the faculties of these men of God. Instruments shall they be, yielded totally and completely for the use of the Master himself. Quite honestly, as I contemplate these individuals, I pity those who will insist upon resisting and hindering their message. Woe to them! As I write this article, the Spirit bears witness to the truth of these words. I am adamant in that which I am attempting to convey—that is, the seriousness of this hour as these vessels now come forth. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is so heavy upon me at this particular time, that I am totally overwhelmed. I implore the people of God to listen to these men of valor as they are now to be released to do the “works and greater works”. Just as the people of Israel or early Christianity feared Samuel, Elijah, Elisha, John the Baptist, the Apostles, et al , so will the people of this day possess a reverential fear of these “Davids” (anointed Sons of God). These “Davids” have been anointed by the LORD HIMSELF! Indeed, the implications are overwhelming for both the church as well as society as a whole. Saints, prepare you for battle!!!!! “The Cup of His Indignation” begins go overflow! Pray earnestly! AMEN!

In Him, David Compton

The Songbird And The Flower

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In a land not too far away lived a songbird. According to outward appearances this songbird was no different than the rest. She had blue feathers, a white breast, and a yellow bill. But she also had a very special gift!

Her gift was discovered one day quite by accident. She enjoyed singing to the Lord and worshipped Him at every opportunity. It was her custom to wake up early to see the sunrise and spend time worshipping the Lord. She had done this every morning since she was a little bird.

Her song carried unusually far one morning. Her neighbor, the squirrel, was sitting in his little recliner with a cup of tea, reading the morning newspaper, when suddenly this magnificent song came wafting through the open window! "I have to find out where that's coming from!" he exclaimed. Jumping up out of his chair, he ran through the door and into the field, looking for the source of the beautiful music.

Also, at that exact moment, a deer was walking through the woods and heard the same sweet melody. "What singing!" she cried. "I wonder who it could be?" And she, too, went off to find out where the music was coming from.

The songbird, of course, was oblivious to the excitement she had generated. She was lost in her worship when suddenly the squirrel arrived on the scene, followed by the deer - and about a dozen other animals!

"Where did you learn to sing like that?" they all asked with great admiration.

The songbird shrugged her shoulders. "I always sing like this whenever I want to give praise to the Lord. I hope I didn't disturb you."

"Disturb us?" answered the deer. "We think it is wonderful! How uplifting to hear such beautiful singing early in the morning. You really have a gift!"

"I do?" asked the songbird.

"Absolutely!" said the squirrel. "God blessed you to bless others, and you shouldn't let that gift go to waste. You have a special calling!" And all the other animals agreed.

"I don't want to waste my gift," answered the bird. "What should I do?"

"Come with us to the church service this morning," said the deer. "I'll speak to the pastor about you and he'll let you sing for the congregation!"

The songbird wasn't sure what to do about all this attention, but she didn't want to waste her gift, and she certainly wanted to bless others with what she had been blessed with. So she agreed to go.

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Of course, the congregation of animals were blessed by the singing songbird, and she was such a blessing that they invited her to sing every Sunday morning. The little group began to grow as a result of the songbird's beautiful voice. In no time the songbird became the worship leader. Not only was she responsible for selecting the music and leading the worship service, but she was supposed to conduct the choir practice twice a week and teach voice to the pastor's daughter (the crow) so she could one day sing as well as the songbird.

One Sunday morning a group of eagles arrived, listened to the songbird, and watched her very carefully. After the service, the eagles gathered around the songbird and began to prophesy! "The Lord says that you have a special anointing, and He will give you an international ministry!"

Of course, the songbird was very thrilled about this, because she wanted to use her gift and she wanted to be a blessing. Another member of the church, the fox, offered to record her music and put it on CD. "That way," he explained, "You can reach more animals and be a blessing to God's creatures all over the world. This is what the Lord meant when He said He was giving you an international ministry!"

Before long the CD's were produced, and the fox had promoted them all over the world. The orders began to come in, and everyone said they were blessed by the songbird's music. Then came the invitations! "Is the songbird available to come to our church?" Everyone wanted their own live performance, and the fox took care of everything.

"Congratulations!" he told the songbird. "You're booked up for ministry every week for the next two years, and your CD's are in record stores all over the world. Now you can be in the full-time ministry! The Lord has really blessed you!"

So the songbird took her itinerary from the fox and began flying all over the world to meet the demands of her full-time ministry schedule. The fox even made her a special backpack so she could take all her CD's and ministry resources with her and raise money for her ministry.

The songbird sang in church services, and in retreats, and in conventions, and in concerts. She truly enjoyed meeting all the other animals, and she still enjoyed singing. She was getting a little tired of flapping her wings all the time to get from one ministry event to the other, and her voice seemed to be losing some of its former strength and purity from being used all the time, but she accepted that as part of fulfilling the call on her life. Besides, no one seemed to notice. Everyone loved her, and wanted to hear her.

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Time went by, and the songbird was becoming more and more popular. She had a ministry headquarters, a ministry staff, and ministry partners all over the world. Her next CD was coming out soon, and everyone was looking forward to it with great anticipation. She was a busy little songbird, flying all over the place to keep up with her hectic ministry schedule, but having to carry around all those CD's and ministry resources on her back was a constant strain, and she tired easily.

One day she was traveling to her next singing engagement and found herself flying over a canyon out in the middle of nowhere. Exhausted from her flight, she decided this would be a good place to stop and rest her wings for awhile. Far below her she saw a gorgeous flower of indescribable beauty! So she circled around the flower and landed right next to it.

What a lovely little flower it was! It had round petals of many colors - yellow, blue, pink, and white - and golden leaves. She had never seen anything like it in all her travels around the world. And the fragrance! It was unlike anything she had ever smelled, and far better than any perfume she had ever tried. Yet here it was, growing out of a crack in the bottom of a rocky canyon floor, out in the middle of nowhere!

"Hello little flower!" the songbird said. "I was just flying overhead and admiring your beauty, so I thought I would visit with you for a moment. You are certainly the most beautiful flower I have ever seen, and I don't think there is another flower in the world quite like you."

"The Lord has been very gracious to me," answered the flower pleasantly. "Who are you, and where are you going?"

"I am Rev. Songbird and I'm on my way to minister at a retreat on the other side of this canyon. Maybe you've listened to one of my CD's, or seen me on television?"

"No, I don't believe I have," the flower said. "I'm quite alone out here in the canyon, and I don't have a lot of contact with the rest of the world. As you can see, I don't have wings to carry me anywhere."

"That's a shame," said the songbird. "Because you are such a beautiful flower, and you give off such a lovely aroma. The Lord has blessed you to be a blessing, yet your gifts are not being used as they should! Why don't you come along with me to church, so the other animals can see your beauty and enjoy your fragrance?"

"Oh no, that would never do," the flower said, "Because that would only distract me from my own ministry."

"So you are in the ministry? What denomination are you with?" asked the songbird.

The flower laughed. "I'm not with a denomination."

"Where do you go to church?"

"Oh, I'm not involved with a church, either."

"Do you have some books or tapes out?"

"Heaven's no!" the flower laughed.

"So what kind of ministry do you have, then? Are you in the ministry full-time, like me?" the songbird asked.

"Oh yes, it is a full-time ministry," answered the flower.

"But you are out here in the wilderness, all alone. There are no churches, no one to fellowship with. How can you be in the full-time ministry? It seems like such a waste."

"Oh, but that is where you are wrong," explained the flower. "You see your ministry as being to the other animals, but my ministry is to the Lord Himself! He has planted me out here in the wilderness, hidden from the rest of the world. You believe that is a waste, since no one can see me or smell me. But He can see me! And He can smell me! And the measure of my fruitfulness is not what I am to other people, but what I am to Him."

The songbird was silent for a long time. Finally, she said, "Creatures all over the world are being blessed and encouraged by my music. Perhaps you are called to minister to the Lord, but I am called to minister to the other animals!"

"Who told you that you are called to minister to the other animals?" asked the flower.

"The Lord!"

"Really?" asked the flower.

The songbird thought about what the squirrel had said, and what the deer had said, and what the eagles had said, and what the fox had said, and what all the other animals said. "Well... just about everyone who has heard me sing has told me that the Lord has given me a special gift, a special calling, and a special ministry."

"Yes," agreed the flower. "But all of God's creatures have a special gift, a special calling, and a special ministry. Who told you that your gift, calling, and ministry is to the other animals?"

"I guess the other animals said so."

"Naturally," continued the flower. "But wait! What is that huge pack on your back?"

"Oh, that is my bag of music CD's and ministry resources. I carry these with me wherever I go, because this is how my full-time ministry is supported."

"It looks mighty heavy," observed the flower.

"It is, believe me!" said the songbird. But it's part of being in the ministry."

"For your ministry, perhaps," said the flower. "It's not part of my ministry! Ministering to the Lord is not a burden at all."

(Secretly, the songbird envied the flower, but she couldn't bring herself to admit it.)

"It does sound good," said the songbird. "But I'm not sure I even know how to minister to the Lord."

"Do you remember when you used to sing praises to the Lord in secret every morning, and just worshipped Him for Who He is, with no agenda or vision or plan or crowd of onlookers to minister to? Do you remember when you just sang the songs He gave you, and they were just between you and Him?" the flower asked.

"Yes."

"You were ministering to the Lord! And what was your reward, when no one could hear you sing, and you were just singing to Him?"

The songbird thought. "I didn't get any rewards, or recognition, or applause. So I guess the only reward I had was... Him?"

"That's right," the flower smiled. "When we minister to the Lord then the Lord becomes our reward. So then the question becomes: is Jesus enough for you? Or is the work of the Lord more important to you than the Lord of the work?"

And the songbird had to admit that she never had time to just sing to the Lord the way she used to. With all her traveling and performing she seldom took time to just minister to the Lord, the way she did before anyone knew how gifted she was. Now the ministry had become so big that the Lord Himself had been neglected.

"I see it now," the songbird finally admitted. "I went into the ministry, but I missed my calling."

"That's what usually happens," said the flower.

The songbird and the flower sat together in silence for a long time.

"So what do I do now?" the songbird whispered.

"Just go back to the beginning," the flower said. "The Lord is waiting to meet with you there."

The songbird and the flower embraced, and the songbird flew back to her nest, leaving the burden of her ministry behind on the canyon floor. So from that day forward the songbird devoted herself to ministering to the Lord, just like she used to do. And the Lord gave her some beautiful new songs to sing - just for Him.

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NOW WHAT?

Ministry to people is important, but it isn't the most important thing. We know all about ministering to one another - preaching, teaching, singing, conducting evangelistic crusades and sending missionaries. All these things are needed, but learning how to minister to the Lord is the most important ministry of all because this is the basis for every other kind of ministry. Sadly, few people know how to do this. Therefore, ministry to the Lord is on the verge of becoming extinct.

The Lord is looking for people to whom He can reveal Himself, share His secrets, and make known the mystery of His ways. But there is no revelation without a relationship. "Ministering To The Lord" will encourage you to go beyond the veil and spend more time sitting at His feet in the Secret Place of the Most High God, where you learn how to be a friend He can confide in.

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The Blessing And The Breaking
Chip Brogden

"And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him" (Luke 24:30-31).

There is a simple truth demonstrated in this post-resurrection encounter with Christ. Can you see it?

I cannot think of a single Christian that does not desire the blessing of the Lord. We earnestly seek and desire God's blessings on our life. We want the Lord to bless our spiritual life, our home life, our children, our finances, our churches and our ministries. Is there anything wrong with that? Of course not. But the fact remains that we do not always get what we ask for.

What does it mean to be blessed? The common assumption, I believe, is that when God has blessed a person then they will enjoy physical health, financial prosperity, and a general sense of happiness and well-being.

I want us to see that when Jesus blesses something He breaks it. The blessing results in breaking. The prayer for "more" results in "less". The request for "increase" results in "decrease". The prayer for blessing results in brokenness.

Do you want to be a blessing to other people, or a burden? Most Christians would say they want to be blessing to others. So God blesses them and then breaks them.

What is going on here? Simply put, the blessing of the Lord is in being reduced to Christ. Who is blessed? Not the one who is rich in spirit, but the one who is poor in spirit. The poor in spirit possess the Kingdom. Those who are broken are blessed, and those who are blessed are broken.

The heart-cry of a disciple of "more of Jesus". How do we get "more" of Jesus? By getting less of us. With less of me there is more of Him. As I am decreased, He is increased. This is what it means to be blessed.

A brother in the Lord related the following experience to me. As he was watching television he says he came across a woman who was yelling, "Increase! Increase! God wants to increase you and all you have!" This brother says he staggered out of his chair laughing, and said, "Decrease! Decrease! Keep decreasing me Lord, till all there is left is YOU!" Friends, when we understand the blessing and the breaking then we will find ourselves responding the same way. What I love about this is the brother LAUGHED as he rejected the "increase" and embraced the decrease. This is what it means to take up the Cross.

We cry out for "increase" but God has already (past tense) blessed us with "every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). We have the blessing already. What we are lacking is the breaking. We want the blessing without the breaking. But it is not that we need more of the Lord, because we already have all of Him; we just need less of everything else.

After Jesus blessed the bread, and broke it, and gave it to them, their eyes were opened and they knew Him. Until you have the blessing and the breaking your eyes will remain closed. Blessings alone do not open our eyes. Indeed, blessings by themselves tend to close our eyes. We do not come to know Him in the blessing, but in the breaking. Then what we already have in Him will be revealed. Our eyes will be opened and we will see that He has been standing there the whole time.

Do you want to know Him? Do you want to see Him for Who He is? Do you want to go deeper? Do you want to have your eyes opened? Embrace the blessing AND the breaking; receive them both. If you are a bruised reed or a broken cistern, take heart, because you are making progress.

The Stairs and The River
Susan Cummings

Tonight, my husband and I were discussing the Presence of the Lord and the various ways that he speaks to us and teaches us about Himself. As we lay in bed, the Presence of the Lord began to come upon me and I began to jerk as the jolt of God’s power began to flow within me. My husband chuckles and he gets a little jolt, and then after a moment or two, he turns over to go to sleep. The Lord began to stir me within as I lie there, and I began to have this vision and the following experience:

I am lying upon the bed and at my husband’s and my feet, are three men. The Lord and two others. I assume they are angels who accompany Him although they looked like men. He looks at me, and reaches out His Hand to me, and says, “It is time. It is time to climb the stairs. Come with Me.”

I speak to the Lord, and begin to test Him, and ask Him who He is, and who came in the flesh, and He smiled and answers me, and says, “I have come, and died for all men, that they would come to Me and My Father, and have shed My Blood on the Cross that they might have life. I came in the flesh and gave it for all men. I rose from the dead that all might have the Life that I have and live with Me.” I then felt afraid that I questioned the Lord and would have displeased Him by my testing. He smiled, and said to Me, “It pleases me that you test Me, and I am not offended at all.”

I see myself lying on the bed. My body is lying there, but my spirit sits up and then reaches out to the Lord’s hand. I take His Hand, and am lifted up and we begin to turn and go somewhere. Immediately before us is a door that opens up and there is a brilliantly lit corridor before us. It is full of light. There are stairs that ascend upwards through the corridor and they also are full of light. I can distinguish walls, to our sides, even though it is all bright.

I am holding the Lord’s Hand as we climb up the stairs. It is wide enough for both of us and we begin to climb the stairs. As I walk, I begin to realize that I no longer see the Lord next to Me, but I sense His Presence there, and I am not afraid. I keep climbing.

It is not steep, but it is an upward ascent. It is as though you are passing time as you climb. You can feel movement and the quickening of time or reality as you rise up higher. It seems to be strengthening to climb into the Light. It fills everything, and it brings great purpose to the climber. I feel determined to climb to the top.

As I am climbing, I hear water running. It sounds quiet at first, but as I step upwards, it does seem to grow louder and more forceful. As I near the top, I can feel the change in the atmosphere of the area as I come out from the corridor and am coming into a great room or area.

In front of me, not far from my place where I am standing is a huge river. It is flowing very rapidly, and is very deep and powerful. It is churning and very fast, and I am nervous to draw nearer to it, as I might fall into it, and get caught away. I am surprised that a river would be here at the top of the stairs. It seemed that there would be people and rooms and furniture and such, as at the other times that I was brought into the Great Hall, this time, there was none of that. Just this river.

Now, I am standing before this great river. I begin to walk nearer, but not close. I walk along the edge a little and watch as it rushes by. It is not clear, as when I have seen it in other experiences, and it is not blue or fiery red as at other times I have seen it. But this time, it is churning and stirred up with a mixture of hues and was not clear. It looked kind of like a spa does when the jets are turned on and the water is stirred by the air bubbles.

As I was watching the river, the Lord again was standing by My side. He stood watching me as I watched the river. He smiled and watched for awhile. Then, He said to me, “Where can you go from here?” I looked at Him, and knew this was not a real question, as He already knew, but He wanted me to ponder and to learn. I thought, and looked around me.

The river was directly running across my path, so I could not cross it to continue in the direction that I had come from the stairs, to where I was standing. So, I looked and there was nothing else that was near, and there was no other way across it. So, I said, “it cannot be crossed.”

He smiled, and said, “You are correct, but it can be navigated.” I looked, and thought to myself, “I would not want to navigate any rapids like these.” He smiled, and said, “You cannot navigate what you do not understand.”

“This river is My River that comes out from under the Temple, and is now at the level of over your head. It is not controlled by any man, or channeled, or steered. It is only navigated by abandoning yourself to it’s flow, and allowing it to bring you to My destination for you.”

“People think from reading My Word, that the river is a downward descent, like stepping into the ocean or a lake and stepping into it ankle deep, then knee deep, then waist deep, and then they plunge into it and swim in it’s depths. Ezekiel 40-47 describes this river, but they fail to realize that each depth is actually an ascent, and not a descent.”

“For every step that you take in obedience to Me, it costs you, and there is a death that accompanies each choice and advancement. There is also a higher level that is achieved and met, and walked out. Men think they can run and jump, and play in My River without any change and responsibility on their part, and without any cost. This is Holy Ground. This River issues from My Father, and from His Throne, and from His Grace to them. It is His Life and it is Holy. No man will come into this River unless I draw Him there. All men enter through Me, and they do so purified and made ready, and they stand before My Father as His.”

“This River is being released in the earth, as you are seeing it flow now. It is just as the same as the Fiery River that you saw before, that had caught up all of the Father’s Jewels in it. It is the same River, but the Father has chosen you to see it now, in this form. It is time for you to abandon yourself to the will of the Father, and let Him take you where He wants you to go.”

I looked at the River, and swallowed. I do not like rapids or fast water. It is beautiful, but I don’t like the feeling of being swept away. I struggled with my fears and with my not wanting to displease the Lord either. I then, stepped closer, and looked down and determined within myself that there was no other option for me that to do His Will.

I jumped in.

The River was indeed a wildly rushing River, and at first, I was afraid as I plunged into it’s depths, but I was also surprised. It was not cold. I thought it would be cold and it was not. It was actually pleasing. I also sank deep into it, and did not float to the top. The current caught you into it, and kept you hidden beneath it’s surface. It was actually surprisingly a delight to be swept away in.

I noticed that from the depth, as I looked upwards, I could see clearly. It was as though, I could see everything through this water from underneath, but from the surface, you could not see through it downwards. This was a mystery to me. It also was lively. I could feel strength as it carried me, and I was not afraid. I felt protected and calm. I felt light and not heavy from being under the water. I also could breathe under the water.

I did not see anyone else under the water with me, but I felt secure, like I was surrounded by others, even though I was alone. There was light in this water, as Gods Light is in all things. It was not dark or shadowy, but Light. I wondered why I had not fully abandoned myself to the Lord a lot sooner.

No sooner had I thought this, than I was now standing by the Lord again.

I was no longer in the River, but was again watching it with Him. He nodded at my surprise, and smiled. He said, “Many do not love me enough to abandon themselves and cast themselves fully into My Will for them. They fear change, and they fear being vulnerable, and they fear the Truth. So they never fully enter into what I have for them, for they never trust Me enough, to step forwards and leave the decisions to Me.”

“The River was not clearly visible to you from the surface, because you can only see clearly when you have utterly abandoned yourself to Me and have completely given all of your understanding to Me and allow Me to carry you and bring you to whatever I choose for you. Unless My Truth shines through you, you cannot see. Waters to swim in, are just that, deep waters that you no longer have any control of and must navigate them through absolute obedience and trust. When My People only stand from afar and look at their destiny, and never give themselves fully to it, they never come to the place of full maturity and clear vision. They remain seeing through a glass darkly. They never come to a working and applied knowledge of the Truth, that fully sets them free.”

“By casting yourself into the River, it broke the fear that had influenced you and hindered your path. When you loved me more than your uncomfortableness and your understanding, and cast yourself into the unknown, it released faith, and caused you to be caught up into My Rest, and be swept along with me. My Yoke is easy and My Burden is light, and few come to where they can flow with Me and be refreshed in the swiftness of My Movings. “

“The deeper that you go, in your quest for Truth, is actually Higher and is costlier. This you know. But few, want Me enough to cast themselves into Me. Even though you were afraid, you did not love yourself more than Me, and you did trust Me enough, to give yourself to Me. If only My People would turn to me, and step towards Me, and give Me their hand. I would lead them and be with them, and they would not fear, for My Grace is given.”

“This River is also that which has been held back for this hour, and has been now more fully released by My Father, for the work is great. My People will walk in great power, but it will be from a place of flowing from Me and not of functioning apart from Me. All is given into My Hands, and all comes forth from Me. Each of Mine will receive all they need to fulfill their purpose and reap the harvest. None will lack, nor will they wane, for the Father flows through them to the degree that they abandon themselves to Him. Each will have their portion. According to their Faith, it is given."

"Man has not seen in the earth, that which My Father has held in reserve, and has kept for this day. He is Jealous for His Name and for His People, and He will redeem both from the hands of men. His Name is Holy and His People are Holy, and He will avenge His Name and His People. He will be seen through them. It is time."

"You must return. You must not let fear detour you or cause you to delay, but you must rise up quickly and begin to break forth and run, for the time is short, and you must abandon yourself to My Father's Will, and allow Him to set your course, and not be concerned for it's outcome. He has your place all set and determined. It is time for you to move child. It is time to speak His Word with abandonment and assurance. Do not hold back, but run with His Word. Just as He caught you up in the River here, He will do so as you run in the earth. His Fire will burn before you wherever you go, for His Word is as a Fire through His Servants."

"Go, and be released, and do My Father's Will."

With those words, I am myself and in my home.

I sit at this computer, contemplating this experience, and anticipating the many changes that will now come forth, and yet, I am now, not afraid.

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The Seen And The Unseen

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2Co 4:18 …while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

1Co 7:31 …and those that use the world, as not using it to the full: for the fashion of this world passeth away.

Hello brothers and sisters, I want to talk to you today about perception and insight. As we look in the Bible and look around us, we see that one of the most prevalent qualities of these end times is mass deception. The Bible plainly tells us that the vast majority of people will be fooled by the Antichrist. The Bible says that the Antichrist will come with “all power and signs and lying wonders.” We are even told that God Himself will send strong delusion to those who do not love the truth. I want to try to break these ideas down and look into them so that we aren’t found to be ignorant of the devil’s devices. I am afraid that many Christians today are already fooled and already under a strong delusion.

Our lives should be spent building the Kingdom of God. The foundation has already been laid and our brother Paul has told us that each man should be careful how he builds onto that foundation. Each man’s work will be tested by fire. Some of us aren’t building anything. Some of us do seem to be working at a fever pitch, but are we building anything that will last? I want to plainly state that most of what is considered a part of Christianity today will NOT pass the test of fire. It will burn up and those who have built it will suffer loss. How can we know what will last and what will burn up? What is “of man” or “of this world” will pass away. What is of God and what belongs to the Kingdom of God will pass the test.

It is my firm belief that most of the “churches” that we see today are not churches of God at all. Rather, they are part of the “world system” and they are under the sway of the devil. Instead of opposing the Antichrist, they will be absorbed into his system. Well actually they are ALREADY part of that system but we have to have spiritual eyes to see it. The farther ahead we can see spiritually, the better equipped we will be to build things that will pass the test. So that brings us to the main question; are we looking with spiritual eyes or only with physical eyes?

Spiritual eyes see spiritual things and physical eyes only see Earthly, physical things. When the disciples looked at the temple they saw impressive stones and magnificent architecture. They saw the focal point of the whole Jewish lifestyle. They saw the dignified Rabbi’s in their flowing robes. Surely such an impressive and prominent building must have been an important part of God’s kingdom! They thought so much of it that they decided to point it out to Jesus just in case He hadn’t noticed. But Jesus saw it differently than they did. He saw the truth in the spiritual realm. He told them that all of those beautiful stones would be thrown down. In other words the temple was doomed to destruction.

I want to tell you that the same thing is true today! Nothing has changed. The buildings and structures and organizations and satellite networks and publishing houses and record labels that we think are so crucial to God’s kingdom are nothing but stumbling blocks. The things that are seen are temporary! Not one stone will be left that is not thrown down! The people that we put on pedestals and call “great men of God” will be utterly cast down. If this is the case, why do so many Christians build and support these false things? Why do they so violently defend what God has already judged? Why can’t they learn to look with spiritual eyes? As I said, the delusion is already here.

Maybe I am not making it clear enough. The devil has complete sway on the Earth at this point in time. He is busily working through the U.N. and other organizations to bring the governments and businesses of the world together as one. He is working through the ecumenical and interfaith movements to bring the religions of the world together as one. He has long ago captured the political processes of the world governments, definitely including that of the United States. Some of you can see that much but can you see that he has also captured the religious systems? Can you not see that he is bringing the political, business and religious systems together as one so that his Antichrist can step in to rule them all?

So what can we say about the men who “excel” and are “well-respected” and are “authorities” in these systems? These men are helping to validate and build the kingdom of the Antichrist. If that is true, then why do most Christians look up to these men? Why do Christians send these men money? What does the Bible say about false leaders and false shepherds and false prophets? It says that those who follow them will be destroyed. What does the Bible say about Babylon? It says that Babylon will be destroyed and that we should come out of Babylon so that we aren’t judged with her! The Bible doesn’t say to respect Babylon or to write a tax-deductible check to Babylon every week.

So maybe I am still not being clear enough. Some of us are already seeing the picture. Some of us have already seen these things spiritually. For the benefit of all I will try to be more specific. If there is something big and impressive that you can point to, it is NOT part of the Kingdom of God. God does not dwell in temples made by hands. True servants of God don’t need a temple at all…they ARE the temple! When we see a building or organization being presented and looked upon as an important part of the Kingdom of God, we are seeing a counterfeit. We are seeing the gold statue of Nebuchadnezzar. Mature Christians with discernment see these false man-made idols for what they are. Young or immature Christians tend to be impressed rather easily by the things of this world, just like the temple impressed the disciples.

So where does that leave the Vatican? What about St Peter’s basilica? What about the Crystal Cathedral? What about Heritage U.S.A.? What about the First Denominational Church on the Main Street corner of Anywhere, U.S.A.? What about the “City of Faith Medical and Research Center” that Oral Roberts built? This was a complex in Oklahoma with three skyscrapers. The tallest reached an impressive 648 feet. Basically it was going to be the tallest hospital in the world. Oral said that he had a vision of a 900 foot tall Jesus that told him to build it. The center opened in 1981 and closed in 1989. Later, the center opened again renamed as CityPlex Towers and now houses office space for businesses. Is that what the Kingdom of God is all about? Do we want to be part of these things when they are thrown down?

The same goes for the “religious leaders” of our day: the men who build these ivory towers and gold statues. Do we want to be involved with these men when their judgment falls? Do we want to be standing next to Korah when the Earth opens? Do we really want to help Nebuchadnezzar build his statue? Do we want to be in bed with Jezebel while she is slaying the prophets of God? If God hates the works of the Nicolaitans, do we want really want to participate in those works? Do we want to be listed with those who help build the Antichrist’s ecumenical and interfaith religious system? Of course we don’t. But how can we tell who is who? What are the signs to look for? There are many telltale signs but we will just look at a few for now.

The signs for false leaders are the same as for false organizations and the main one is; the world accepts them and respects them. Usually they are pleasing to the eye and they seem “successful”. The organizations are government approved and licensed and well respected by those in political power. The leaders dress nicely and live in nice homes and drive nice cars and maybe even own their own airplanes. These are the “seen” things that are temporary. None of these things relate to building the Kingdom of God. When you see a man who is popular with those in political power, you are NOT seeing a true man of God. A true man of God standing next to a prominent politician is like plaid next to stripes. Jesus and Pilate did not hang out together at the coliseum.

So why are so many Christians fooled by false leaders and false organizations? Well we all know that the devil can appear as an angel of light. This is the main point of what I am saying today. I want us all to realize that things are NOT what they are presented to be. Things are not as they appear. This is why I said that the main characteristic of these last days is mass deception. The devil, who has full sway over the world system, presents things as the OPPOSITE of what they really are. This is not some abstract idea either. This is reality. I am saying that the men we see presented as the greatest Christian leaders are really the greatest workers for the devil. Let that sink in.

Let’s make it personal. If you see a man through the years who is the friend of Presidents and who wines and dines with Popes and world leaders, what does that say for him? Do you think the devil would allow a true Christian to have that sort of prominence? Do you really think that Ahab would ask Elijah to “open today’s session with prayer?” Do you think that Elijah would have accepted a place at Jezebel’s table? When you see a man who is called “a great man of God” by those in political power, you are more likely seeing a top level Satanist. In any case you are not seeing a true Christian. There is no harmony between light and darkness. When you see a rich man on a big popular TV network with millions of viewers and he is hailed to be a “faith healer”, he is more likely to be a witch. When you see a man being rewarded and given titles by the world, he is not a prophet, he is more a new age clairvoyant. Many top level Satanists are into “Gnostic dualism.” Basically they believe that one’s good deeds and bad deeds must balance out. So if you see them doing all these great deeds in public, realize that they are only trying to balance out the evil deeds they do in their private lives.

Are you getting the picture here? When you see a President who claims to be a Christian, it is more likely that he is a member of a satanic cult. A true Christian could not POSSIBLY rise to the top of the devils system in these end times. Things are way too far advanced now. Even Daniel and Joseph, being EXTREMELY rare men, only rose so far and only lasted so long in those positions. Also they lived in far different times than we live in. We are at the culmination of all things. We are at the crossroad and nearing the violent clash of two plans and two kingdoms. I do not think Daniel or Joseph would make the compromises necessary to rise to the top of the devil’s far advanced system today.

Let’s make it even more personal. If you are in a “church” and your “pastor” looks up to these false leaders and covets what they have, what kind of church is that? Where is that church going? If your pastor follows these men as role models, how can he be a true pastor? If he is building his church to be just like these false churches, should you still be a part of it? You might say “but my pastor doesn’t drive a fancy car or live in a fancy house.” This may be true but yet and still if he looks at these men as role models and he even aspires to what they have, then he is immature and deceived and has no business in a place of leadership. You need to distance yourselves from such men.

Time is so short. I hope and pray that these rambling words will be anointed by God to bring light to our understanding of these things. As a group, we need to come on up to higher levels of understanding. We need to learn to understand in broad terms about the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the Antichrist. We should be able to tell the difference. Think about that the next time you turn on your TV. Think about that the next time you see “important” men making religious declarations. Think about it as you pull into the parking lot of that religious institution. Think about that when you hear of someone called a “spiritual general” or when a man allows himself to be worshipped by throngs of people. Learn to spot the difference. Learn to love the truth.

The Sacred Cows of Bible Study

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> *Lu 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

Our Goal In This Essay.
In this essay we are going to look at several so-called principles of Bible study which are commonly taught and widely accepted. We find that there is usually no scripture given whatsoever to support the adoption of these principles. In researching the sources of these teachings on the internet, we only found one case where the writer used scripture to help make his point, and in that case the scripture reference was incorrect.

Let me repeat that for you because it's very important. We are going to identify several widely taught and commonly accepted principles of Bible study for which there is simply no scriptural support offered. They are man made principles, the product of man's wisdom.

Secondly, to make things worse, The Bible consistently teaches the opposite of what these principles teach. For this reason we have used the phrase 'sacred cow' to describe these ideas. To clarify this term, here is a definition.

> **Sacred Cow**: Anything which has been protected regardless of circumstance. The term 'sacred cow' has come to mean any stubborn loyalty to a long standing institution which impedes natural progress. The term originates in India where the cow is said to be literally worshipped while thousands of humans suffer from undernourishment. Adapted from "Cultural Literacy" by E. D. Hirsch, Jr.

What are these principles? First and foremost [or worst and foremost] is Literalism. The Law of **Literal Interpretation**. Next is the **Law of Context**. Following that and to a lesser degree of severity are The **Historical Approach**, and the attempt to achieve Interpretive Unity or **Systematic Theology**. The root error behind all of these is the attempt to find and use a method to interpret God's word rather than rely on the Holy Spirit.

These all qualify as sacred cows. They are quite stubbornly adhered to. [Just read some of the literature and you will see what I mean.] They lead to wrong conclusions and prevent the student from reaching correct ones. We quoted Luke 11:52 above which mentions that the lawyers [alleged experts in the law] have taken away the '*key of knowledge*'. In Jesus' day, these were the experts in the Law of Moses, the Torah, and the other scriptures. Today they are well known bible teachers, scholars, seminary professors and best selling writers.
They do not arrive at or demonstrate any real knowledge themselves and they prevent others from doing so. The consequences of this can be dreadful. In Hosea 4 it says:

> *Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ….*

The quote from Luke above mentions the Key of Knowledge. Later we'll take a look at a couple examples of keys of knowledge and see exactly how they are taken away by following these principles. Now we will look at these four principles. As they are closely related and used to support each other, please understand that we may need to repeat ourselves at some point in our critique.

Literalism
In looking at literalism we are going to be presenting some quotes by various writers found on the internet which support this view.
First of all, what is literalism and what is literal interpretation? Our dictionary tells us this:.

> **lit·er·al** (lĭt'er-el) *adjective*
> **1.** Being in accordance with, conforming to, or upholding the exact or primary meaning of a word or words.
> **2.** Word for word; verbatim: *a literal translation.*
> **3.** Avoiding exaggeration, metaphor, or embellishment; factual; prosaic: *a literal description; a literal mind.*

My summary of this is "**sticking to the exact meaning and avoiding exaggeration, metaphor or embellishment**".

So the law of literal interpretation then says "Always interpret scripture **sticking to the exact meaning and avoiding exaggeration, metaphor or embellishment** wherever possible, and only if this fails are you to seek another way of interpretation." Note: this is not denying that there are other ways of interpreting scripture, nor does it deny that the bible uses exaggeration, metaphor and embellishment. All it does is tell us to avoid these things.

Here is another version of the Law of Literal Interpretation.

> **"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."** Cooper P. Abrams

This is the actual definition that literalists use. It entails avoiding exaggeration, etc. Literalists do in practice allow for metaphors and figures of speech. Where they often fail in practice is right at the root of their very own method, which is upholding the exact or primary meaning of a word. See Who’s Taken and Who’s Left Behind by Joe Ortiz.

However literalists consider this principle to be of major importance. Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. But literalists offer many reasons. We’ll look at a few of them here, for example.

The Bible Is Meant To Be Taken Literally.
Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. Now what does the Bible say?

In Hosea 12, God outlines his methods of speaking to man.

> *I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.* Hosea 12:10

Let me point out here that the ministry of the prophets includes those who like Moses, Isaiah, Luke, John, etc. were the actual writers of the bible. So their writings are not just historical records i.e. literal, but God's way of speaking by similitude i.e. non-literal. To put it another way, God is telling us that the bible is primarily non-literal.

Now even the historical parts are primarily non-literal. Look what it says here.

> *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11*

To rephrase this, God is saying that the things that happened in the bible are recorded as examples for our learning. So the primary use of them is not to record what happened [literal] but to impart a lesson [spiritual].

Here he is discussing another 'historical' event, showing the non-literal interpretation.

> *But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar*. Galatians 4:23-24

He is letting us know that the histories recorded in the bible are meant as allegories [lessons and illustrations].

There are many cases where God presents a parable and then shows us how to interpret it.

Look at Jesus explaining the parable of the sower.

> *And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Mark 4:2*
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> *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?*
> *The sower soweth the word.*
> *And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.*
> *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;*
> *And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.*
> *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, …. Mark 4:13-18*

Here Jesus explains each element of the parable and shows their relationships. But he is also giving them a lesson in bible interpretation. Note that he says *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?* This is to say, the way that you interpret this parable is the way to interpret parables in general. This applies to the whole bible.

The bible is full of religious laws and rituals, all strictly literal, right? Well looking in Colossians and Hebrews we see there that these things are shadows, that is outlines or patterns. They are images and pictures pointing to something greater.

> *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Col 2:16-17*
>
> *For the law having a **shadow** of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. Heb 10:1*

Another case of religious law with deeper meaning is covered in my article *The Case of the Kosher Cheeseburger*.

One problem with this law of literal interpretation is that it leads people to think that all they need to understand the bible is a good set of dictionaries. In other words, you can understand most all of the bible without the help of the Holy Spirit.

The bible comes right out and tells us that this will not work!

> *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. 1Co 2:14

Let's rephrase this verse.

> *But the natural man* [who interprets literally] *receiveth not* [cannot understand] *the things of the Spirit of God:* [the things written by the Spirit of God in the scriptures] *for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. [because they are only understood spiritually.] 1 Co 2:14

The Bible Is Written In Plain Simple Language That Is Easy To Understand.
Here is another point literalists make. Here are a couple quotes that develop this idea.

> Clearly God did not give us His written word that it should be a source of confusion as to what He wanted to communicate to us. God gave us His word in written form whereby it would be available to all so that everyone could know His truth. Further He wrote it in such a way as to be

> clear and not be complicated and misleading. Cooper P Abrams III

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No.

> If God is the originator of language and if the chief purpose of originating it was to convey His message to humanity, then it must follow that He, being all wise and all loving, originated sufficient language to convey all that was in His heart to tell mankind . If language is the creation of God for the purpose of conveying His message, then a theist must view that language as sufficient in scope and normative in use to accomplish that purpose for which God originated it" (Ryrie, Dispensationalism), 81.

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say? We could easily find many examples of very difficult passages in the Bible, but here is second Peter it comes right out and says that it contains things that are hard to understand.

> *2Pe 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

These literalists insist that the Bible is written in *plain simple language that is easy to understand*. What does the Bible say?

Few acknowledge this, however the Bible itself indicates that it is a Sealed Book. There are three references to sealed book(s) in the Old Testament. The most well known is that in Daniel. Here is part of it:

> *Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."*

We find two references in Isaiah on the same topic.

> *Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*
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> *Isaiah 29: 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered.*
> *11 And the vision of all has become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I cannot, for it is sealed."*
> *12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I am not learned."*

Later in the same chapter of Isaiah, the Lord speaks of a future day when things will be different.

> *Isaiah 29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.*

Some writers claim that the book sealed is just the book of Daniel and do not see the connection between that reference and the others mentioned here. But the reference in Isaiah uses the words 'testimony' and 'law'. These words commonly refer to the Word of God. [See Psalm 119 for example.] The quote from Isaiah 29 says the people have no vision. And it's not just a case of not being able to read, the unlearned one can't read. It's a case of not being able to understand what is being read. The learned one cannot read it because it is sealed. That is he can tell you exactly what it says, but he has no idea what it really means!

This speaks of the condition of the Church where we all have a good idea of what the bible says, but cannot come to any agreement about what it means!

> *seal the law among my disciples*

The book that is sealed is the Bible! The entire Bible, not just Daniel.

There is one sense in which the Word is a Sealed book to the unbeliever. In that the natural man cannot understand the Word since things of the Spirit must be understood by the Spirit. That is with the Spirit of God to enable you to understand His Word.

Yet these references are talking about God's people not being able to understand the Word. Here is an example form 2nd Corinthians:

> *2 Corinthians 3:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded; and up until this day the same veil remaineth untaken away in the reading of the old testament, which veil is done away with in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their hearts.*
> *16 Nevertheless when they shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.*

Notice this passage speaks of a veil blinding their minds. Yet there is a promise that the veil will be removed when they turn to the Lord. Let's not presume to think that this applies only to the old testament Hebrew people. It speaks just as surely to the church of today.

Most Of The Law Refers Only To Israel
This is the idea that the Mosaic Covenant represents God's dealing with the nation of Israel. As such it is not directly applicable to us.
Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?*
> *Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: ….. 1 Corinthians 9:9-10*

Here God is making a direct application of elements of the Mosaic law. So when they say it only refers to Israel and we can ignore what does not apply to us, it's clearly unscriptural. This type of thinking leads many to believe that they can safely ignore many portions of God's word. But the Bible says all scripture is important.

> *2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Allegory Avoids The Literal Meaning Of Scripture.

> Resorting to allegory to interpret the bible is a way of avoiding its literal meaning.
> [paraphrased] Robert Bradshaw

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar*. Galatians 4:23-24

Here the bible tells us that certain historical events are to be understood as allegories. But there is no attempt to deny the reality of the original events. Secondly one does not 'resort' to allegory. God reveals the allegory to the reader who seeks after Him, as He sees fit.

Another Objection to Allegory

> The allegorizers believe that the Holy Spirit reveals to the serious student the things of the

> Spirit, so that he may understand the mysterious secrets that are hidden beneath the surface of the words. If that be so, why does He reveal one thing to one man and something altogether contradictory to another? William A. Simpson

Here the writer is denying the role of the Spirit in understanding the Bible. But is any proof offered? No. Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. And what does the Bible say?

> *1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Literalism brings out the author's original intent.

> One writer, for example, interpreted the food laws of Deuteronomy 14:7 in the following way. The clean animal symbolizes a true Christian who is able to both chew the cud (=meditate on the Word) of God, the Bible) and be cloven-footed (=walk in the world while not being corrupted by it and in the Spirit at the same time). Such interpretations are no doubt ingenious, but have nothing to do with the author's original intent, which should always be our guide when interpreting the Bible. Robert Bradshaw

Here the literalist critic presumes to know the author's original intent.

> The great need today then in determining what the Bible really teaches is a correct and biblical method of interpretation. If the Bible is the Word of God and God's revelation to man, then surely God would not give us His revelation without a way to accurately discern what He meant. For God not to give us a way to interpret the Bible is to leave the interpretation of Scripture to human wisdom that is at best faulty. To have the interpretation of Scripture rest on man's wisdom is to have "flesh" interpreting that which is spiritual. Cooper P. Abrams

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *Ge 40:8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them,* ***Do not interpretations belong to God?*** *tell me them, I pray you*.
>
> *1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

God did give us a way to understand the bible. Only it's not found in methods or systems, nor any human wisdom.

Literalism states that the text of the bible can have only one meaning.

> When the words of Scripture were penned they had only one meaning. We should search for that one meaning. To accept multiple interpretations for one scripture passage causes confusion. Scripture itself does not allow for multiple interpretations of a verse. Cooper P. Abrams.

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say? Once again, look at 1 Corinthians 9.

> > *For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?*
> > *Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: ….. 1 Corinthians 9:9-10*

Could this be a case where the author's **original intent** was to allow for a double meaning?

Literalism brings out the good news of the gospel.

> The word *gospel* means *good news*. Under a literal method of interpretation, the news is always sublime for the believer, with no trace of dread. Under every other method, the hearer is always left with a web of fear stretched across the pit of the stomach. William A. Simpson

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *Php 2:12 ¶ Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*
>
> *Pr 1:7 ¶ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Literalism brings out the Hope of the Christian.

> Invariably, under every other system of theology besides a literal interpretation there is a diminishing of the *hope* of the Christian. William A. Simpson

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. Neither is any other proof suggested.

Literalism avoids subjective interpretation.

> **Instead of superimposing a meaning on the biblical text, the objective interpreter seeks to discover the author's intended meaning** (the only true meaning). One must recognize that what a passage means is fixed by the author and is not subject to alteration by readers. **"Meaning" is determined by the author; it is discovered by readers.** Our goal must be exegesis (drawing the meaning out of the text) and not eisogesis (superimposing a meaning onto the text).

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. We are expected to accept this reasoning without any proof.

Literalism And Figurative Language.

Literalism does recognize the extensive use of figurative language. It is quite comfortable when it comes to symbolism and figures of speech.

> So you see, a literal interpretation of Scripture recognizes symbols and figures of speech when presented *by the author.* But we understand them to have literal meanings based on their context, that is, *the author's intention*. Gary Nystrom

Where literalism falls critically short is when it comes to dealing with typology.

Typology

> "A type may be defined as an Old Testament person, event, or thing having historical reality and designed by God to prefigure (foreshadow) in a preparatory way a real person, event, or thing so designated in the New Testament and that corresponds to and fulfills (heightens) the type A type has a predictive or foreshadowing element to it. It looks ahead and anticipates and points to the antitype - the antitype is greater than and superior to the type" (Zuck, Basic Bible Interpretation) 176, 173).
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> "In summary, a type must have at least these five elements: a notable resemblance or correspondence between the type and the antitype, historical reality in both the type and the antitype, a prefiguring or predictive foreshadowing of the antitype by the type, a heightening in which the antitype is greater than the type, and divine design" (Ibid), 175.
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> **Examples:**
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> Type: Floodwaters in Noah's day
> Antitype: Water Baptism (1 Peter 3:21)
> Type: Sabbath
> Antitype: The Christian's spiritual rest (Col. 2:17; Heb. 4:3,9, 11)
> Type: Sin Offerings

Antitype: Christ's death as an atonement for the sin (Lev. 5:14-6:7; Heb. 10:12) Todd Swift

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. These ‘rules of typology’ are strictly man’s invention. What does the Bible say? Well the bible speaks of similitudes, types, shadows, figures and allegories. But nowhere does it define these things or restrict their use.

The Key Failure of Literalism

Figures of speech are easy to recognize, symbols are harder. Types and allegories are not obvious in the least. So if we are following the rule of literalism, we are **never** going to find out types or allegories. This is simply because when types and allegories are used, the literal sense makes sense. And we are told in this case to seek no farther! Figures of speech can be spotted easily. Types and allegories must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Once this is done, they can be analyzed and lessons drawn from them. But if you never seek them, you just won’t get it. And thereby you will miss out on much of what the bible has to say, because, as we read in Hosea 12 above, He speaks to us in similitudes or typology. So we may consider typology to be a key of knowledge since it leads to greater understanding of what God is saying. By eliminating or de-emphasizing typology, literalism takes away one of the **Keys of Knowledge**.

Now that’s enough examples of reasons offered for literalism. The main problem is literalism itself. Let’s look back at the basic rule of literalism and see how well it holds up.

Literalism Is The Problem

A great number of bible scholars and teachers continually tell us that the proper way to understand the bible is through consistent literal interpretation. To restate it, this Law of Literal Interpretation says:

Always interpret scripture literally wherever possible.
"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."

Once again we find that there is never any scriptural justification offered for adopting this principle. We have found many reasons offered which sound logical and proper, but nothing in the Bible that tells us this is the way to proceed. This is a case of what can happen when we rely on man’s wisdom.

It’s not so much what they are telling us to do, but what this law is telling us not to do? It’s telling us not to seek; ***seek no other sense***. That is not to seek any further than the literal meaning of scripture. But what does the bible say? It says just the opposite. It tells us to seek, long, hard and diligently. We must seek after wisdom with a passion. And what’s more it tells us this in many places all through scripture.

Scriptures on Seeking

Pr 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
4 If thou ***seekest*** *her as silver, and* ***searchest*** *for her as for hid treasures;*
5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Mt 7:7 ***Ask****, and it shall be given you;* ***seek****, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*

Lu 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; ***seek****, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

Ps 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I ***seek*** *after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to* ***enquire*** *in his temple.*

Isa 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ***Ask*** *me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*

> *Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*
>
> *Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5 is especially telling. Here God is warning us about depending on man's wisdom, which he depicts as *thine own understanding*.

The Key of Knowledge
It's a simple matter to under stand what all these scriptures are getting at. The **Key of Knowledge is to seek for it.** But we are being told by supposed experts **not to seek** after wisdom and knowledge, especially in typology. This is exactly how the Law of literal interpretation takes away the Key of Knowledge, by teaching us not to seek for it. As we read in Luke earlier:

> *Lu 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

So the 'lawyers' who teach literalism today are just like the ones in Jesus' day. They don't acquire any knowledge themselves, and they hinder those who would.
Now consider this quote from Colossians.

> *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and **of Christ;***
> ***In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**.* Colossians 2:2-3

It's telling us that hidden in Christ [who is the Word of God] are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. This means deep revelation, rich understanding and mature insight await those who seek into the Word after it.
The Bible says to seek after it.
Literalism says 'don't bother looking'.
The literal meaning is all there is. This failure of literalism is starting to become very obvious.

Now look here at what it says in 1 Corinthians 8:

> *1Co 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

We could easily rephrase this, without loosing any meaning, as follows.

If any man thinks he knows anything about the bible, by understanding the literal meaning, he knows nothing yet as he should. And nothing compared to what he could still learn from the Holy Spirit.

So it's up to us to keep on seeking.

The Law Of Context
Another sacred cow is the law of context. People are quick to jump on you when you quote something out of context, usually if they disagree with the point you are making. Sure scripture can be misinterpreted by taking it out of context. But we see this taken to extremes with the implication that any verse taken out of context is an attempt to twist the scripture.

> **The rule of CONTEXT:** The meaning must be gathered from the context. Every word you read must be understood in the light of the words that come before and after it. **…** Seeking the biblical author's intended meaning necessitates interpreting Bible verses in context. Every word in the Bible is part of a verse, and every verse is part of a paragraph, and every paragraph is part of a book, and every book is part of the whole of Scripture. No verse of

> Scripture can be divorced from the verses around it. Interpreting a verse apart from its context is like trying to analyze a Rembrandt painting by looking at only a single square inch of the painting. The context is absolutely critical to properly interpreting Bible verses. Ron Rhodes

This writer tells us "*No verse of Scripture can be divorced from the verses around it.*" Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. How does the Bible deal with verses out of context?

Taking verses of scripture out of context is exactly what the New Testament writers do when quoting the Old Testament scriptures. We have seen it mentioned that the New testament quotes the Old testament over a thousand times. How many of those quotes consider the context? Few if any do. Furthermore in the cases where they do indicate the context it is only to indicate which writer they are quoting.

In the gospels, when Jesus was confronted by scripture quoting opponents, including the Devil, did he ever rebuke them for taking verses out of context? No that was never an issue. [In John 8:5 there was a problem with Pharisees misquoting scripture however. See my article Mighty In Battle.]

So we see context was not an important issue for Jesus or for the New Testament writers. Why is this? Do we have cases where Mathew or Paul is quoting Moses or Isaiah out of context? Or do we have cases where God is quoting himself, and the context does not matter because it's still the word of God? We even have cases where God quotes himself out of context and does so in a way that deliberately changes the meaning, thereby breaking the law of context! Compare these verses.

> *Ho 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.*
>
> *Mt 2:15 And* [Jesus] *was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

Context is important in studying scripture, but not always necessary. Taking things out of context is not automatically wrong.

Historical School Of Interpretation

This approach majors on the social, linguistic, religious and political setting of the various books, treating them as history and or literature.

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11*

To rephrase this, God is saying that the things that happened in the bible are recorded as examples for our learning. They are not intended primarily as history or sociology or literature. They are to teach us spiritual lessons.

To repeat what we said earlier, even the historical parts are primarily non-literal.

Another exponent of the historical school has this to say:

> Only by objective methodology can we bridge the gap between our minds and the minds of the biblical writers. Indeed, our method of interpreting Scripture is valid or invalid to the extent that it really unfolds the meaning a statement had for the author and the first hearers or readers. Ron Rhodes

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. The Bible says:

> *Mt 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*

This historical approach involves a basic failure to understand the nature of inspiration. On one hand these writers acknowledge that scripture is God inspired, then on the other hand, they try and figure out what the writer meant as if the scripture were the work of the writer.

We have here a failure to understand what *God inspired* means. They seem to think that God inspires a writer by giving him an idea and then letting him express it in his own words. Actually God gives all the words himself. All the writer does is write what God tells him. His character, opinions, and personality have no bearing. He's just the messenger. God gives the message, and God is the message!

Here is an example from Jeremiah, where God shows us exactly how it works. The text is concerning where Jeremiah has been dictating to Baruch the words of the Lord. Jeremiah is a type of the Holy Spirit who inspires the writer, Baruch, to record his words. The issue is how did the words come to be written.

> *Jer 36:17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?*
> *18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.*

And this is how it works. Baruch is just a writer. He does nothing more than record the words. So his attitude, intention and opinion have nothing to do with what he writes. His social background, historical setting or linguistic patterns are only of minor interest.

It's the same with any writer of the biblical books. They are just recording what God tells them to write. Seeking Jeremiah's original intention makes no more sense that asking your computer the meaning of some document you downloaded. Or if you print a file off the internet, and are puzzled about some part of it, do you ask your inkjet printer what he had in mind? And if you really like what the file says, do you give the inkjet printer a pat on the back for doing a good job?

We don't refer to the Bible as the word of Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Ezra, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, and others. We call it the Word of God. Let's not forget that.

Systematic Theology

The quest for Systematic Theology follows right along after the Historical Approach. It is where scholars make their goal an attempt to explain the entire bible, a piece at a time and bring all of the elements into interpretative unity.

Consider this quote.

> As students our task is to ascertain the meaning of Scripture by seeing each statement within its original social, linguistic, religious and political setting. We must then consider all other statements on the same subject, thus bringing all Scripture into an **interpretive unity**. And it will not matter whether we study the end times from Mathew 24, Ezekiel, Daniel or Revelation. If we understand any one of them correctly, all the others will tell the same story, although perhaps from a slightly different perspective. Ted Noel

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. The Bible says:

> *Romans 11:33 … how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

Here he is looking to ascertain the meaning of Scripture by academic methods, and bring it into *interpretive unity*. His final sentence here mentions correct understanding. The problem is the assumption that one can fully ascertain the meaning of scripture, and that once we understand a part correctly the others will fall into place. So eventually it's possible to have a unified interpretation of the whole bible. All we have to do is figure out what each piece means and fit them together. There are at least two problems with this. One it assumes that the meaning of scripture can be found on the basis of study, without taking into account the guidance of the Spirit. See my articles *The Dispute* and *Why You Can Never Agree* for more on this topic.

Next it assumes that the scripture is two dimensional. Like the jigsaw puzzle analogy, just find where each belongs and soon you will have it all figured out. Truth is that there are multiple levels of meaning in God's word. It's not two dimensional at all. There are multiple meanings, multiple correct interpretations, and multiple fulfillments in lots of cases. Also look back at where he quotes Isaiah.

> *Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
> *10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: KJV*

Verse 9 tells us that He teaches doctrine and gives understanding. It does not come from our own efforts. And that he does this to those that are mature in the word, not babes. Verse 10 uses *upon* or *on* depending on the translation to show a method of learning. It suggest the idea of building or stacking things here and there. This goes against the image of the jigsaw puzzle, picturing things in three dimensions. When there are multiple meanings, then each revelation one receives can become the foundation for a new revelation. Each one building on the previous, yielding higher levels of understanding that could not be had directly. With the literal and historic approaches, there can be only one level of meaning. These approaches will never get you into the deeper things of the word.

Scripture Must Be Revealed To Us By God.
Let's take a look at this example.

> *Mt 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?*
> *16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
> *17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

Ask yourself here about the method old Simon Peter uses in this passage. Did Jesus commend him for coming up with the right answer by saying *Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, for thou hast used the time tested literal hermeneutic*? Or is it rather that Simon did not use any **method** at all. Simon Peter simply received a revelation.

Now here's another interesting example.

> *2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
> *16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Here it says scripture is given by inspiration. But it does not say who is given to. I believe we commonly assume it is given to the writer who records God's word under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Verse 16 is however vague on this point, and deliberately so for this reason. It allows the possibility of a second meaning, an intentional double meaning. That is this: scripture is given by inspiration to the reader or listener. Verse 15 mentions that it is able to make one wise through faith. We know that faith comes by hearing the word of God. This is where the reader receives the word by inspiration. The word will only profit us when mixed with faith. Knowing the scriptures is one thing but hearing them with the spiritual ears of faith is revelation.

Here are some examples of cases were people clearly heard the word of God, and understood the literal meaning but at the same time were absolutely clueless as to what it all meant.

> *Mark 9:32 But* **they understood not** *that saying, and were afraid to ask Him.*

> *Luke 2:50 And* **they understood not** *the saying which He spoke unto them.*
>
> *Luke 9:45 But* **they understood not** *this saying, and* **it was hid** *from them, that* **they perceived it not***; and they were afraid to ask Him about that saying.*
>
> *Luke 18:34 And* **they understood none** *of these things; and this saying was* ***hidden from them****, neither* ***knew they the things which were spoken****.*
>
> *John 10:6 This parable Jesus spoke unto them, but* **they understood not** *the things of which He spoke unto them.*
>
> *John 16:*
> *16 "A little while, and ye shall not see Me; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father."*
> *17 Then said some of His disciples among themselves, "What is this that He saith unto us, `A little while, and ye shall not see Me; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me,' and, `because I go to the Father'?"*
> *18 They said therefore, "What is this that He saith, `A little while'?* **We cannot tell what He saith***."*

They too knew their scriptures, and heard Jesus' words for themselves, yet could not come to any agreement on the meaning. Yet for them, there came a day when Jesus opened their understanding and explained the scriptures.

> *Lu 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*
> *45 Then* ***opened he their understanding****, that they might understand the scriptures,*

That day is coming for us, and soon.

God Reveals His Word
God Reveals His Word To Those Who Fear Him And Are Willing To Do His Will.

> *Ps 25:12 What man is he that feareth the LORD?* ***him shall he teach*** *in the way that he shall choose.*
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> *Joh 7:15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*
> *16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*
> *17* ***If any man will do his will, he shall know*** *of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*

Summary

The **Law Of Literalism** says you can discover the meaning of scripture by sticking to the root literal meaning, but the scripture says the letter kills. It is the doling out of death.

> *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for* ***the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.***
> *But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: (2 Corinthians 3:6-7)*

Depending strictly on the letter of the law then becomes a covenant with death. The Spirit gives the Word and it’s the Spirit that must give it life.

The **Law of Context** says the meaning must be gathered from the context but the scripture says Spiritual things are Spiritually discerned.

> *1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

The **Law Of Historical Research** says you can discover the meaning of scripture by analyzing the historical, linguistic, social and cultural context and by considering the life and background of the individual writers but the scripture says:

> *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. (John 16:13)*

The **Law of Systematic Theology** says you can discover the meaning of scripture a bit at a time, and eventually fit all the pieces of the puzzle together into a unified interpretation, but the scripture says:

> *Job 37:23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.*
>
> *Ro 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

A **sacred cow** is stubborn loyalty to an institution [or idea] that impedes progress. For every reason put forth to support these sacred cows, scripture teaches the opposite. It makes you wonder whether [one must conclude that] their purpose is to promote falsehood and prevent you from reaching correct conclusions. [Which is exactly correct.]

The root flaw in these and other sacred cows of bible study is in their fundamental approach which is to say "You can discover the meaning of God's Word, if you use this or these methods." The quest for an objective methodology is just another attempt to rely on self. Perhaps it’s job security for professional scholars. It still reminds me though of someplace where it says, “your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

You cannot discover the meaning of God's word.
I cannot discover the meaning of God's word.
Scripture says the Lord teaches it, and that only to the mature among us. Scripture must be revealed. God reveals himself to man, and that by degrees, here a little, there a little and so on.

Will you be content with man’s wisdom or will you **Seek After Him?**

The Seventeenth Day Of The Second Month

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Genesis 7:11,12,
In the year 600 of Noah's life, in the seventeenth day of the second month, that same day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up and burst forth, and the windows and floodgates of the heavens were opened. And it rained upon the earth for forty days and forty nights.

I was pondering on the greater works, wondering when the body of Christ would walk in such. The Lord answered in my spirit saying, You already have. My mind circled His words as it tried to find a place to land. 1 Corinthians 15:46 is a tool I use often to understand heaven touching earth. Immediately I knew what the Lord had said.

1 Corinthians 15:46
But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.

HE had done the natural works that we can walk in the greater works spiritually. We are to open blind spiritual eyes, make the lame (limping, crippled, halted) to walk, plunge the unclean beneath the cleansing flood of His blood, open deaf spiritual ears, raise the spiritually dead, and preach the Good News to the poor. Heaven touched earth, that earth could touch heaven!

My brothers and sisters, these are the greater works that we do because He has gone to the Father! These are greater works because they have eternal value.

John 14:12
I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

As I read Genesis 7:11, there came a quickening about the hour we are in. Today is the seventeenth day of the second month and today all the fountains of the great deep are breaking up and bursting forth, and the windows and floodgates of heaven are opening up!

This is the spiritual flood that Noah's natural flood foreshadowed.

Church, for the next forty days and forty nights the fountains of the great deep (revelation) are breaking up and bursting forth as the windows and floodgates of heaven open up! Beginning today at 6:00 p.m., according to the biblical day of evening and morning, March 30th is the completion of forty days and forty nights.

3/30 is a significant date for the completion of forty days and forty nights. Three is divine completion or perfection. Noah's ark is a type of Jesus Christ. I won't go into that, except to say that after Jesus Christ was baptized by John He was led into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights.

One of the ways that the mantle was passed from one high priest to the next was water immersion.

Matthew 3:13-15
Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan (meaning point of change, death) to John to be baptized by him. But John protested strenuously, having in mind to prevent Him, saying, It is I who have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me? But Jesus replied to him, Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for [both of] us to fulfill all righteousness [that is, to perform completely whatever is right]. Then he permitted Him. And when Jesus was baptized, He went up at once out of the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he [John] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And behold, a voice from heaven said, This is My Son, My Beloved, in Whom I delight!

Caiaphas was an appointed high priest. John the Baptist had both the lineage and authority to be the true high priest at the time. This is why Jesus said it was necessary that John baptize him to fulfill all righteousness. This is the point (of change) when the Aaronic priesthood became the priesthood after the order of Mechizedek. The account of this is in Hebrews 7.

The number 30 is the number of priesthood. It is the age Jesus was at His baptism and the beginning of His earthly ministry.

I believe we have entered into the hour that the sons of Zadok (those who minister to the Lord) are coming up out of Jordan under the power and the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

The revelation that is breaking up and bursting forth in the sons over these next forty days and forty nights will result in both the natural works and the greater works being released like we have never experienced. Get ready, folks, the windows and the floodgates of heaven have opened!

Could this be the spiritual answer to the natural tsunami we witnessed 53 days ago? As Isaiah 53 begins, Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been disclosed? Who among us has the testimony of Jesus [which is] the Spirit of Prophecy?

The testimony of Isaiah 53 will soon be heard all over the earth and the Lord shall see His spiritual offspring and He will prolong His days (through the manifestation of the sons of God), and the will and pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

The Secret Ingredient

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Dear Friends,
This message is to be prayerfully considered and is not in any way a criticism directed toward any individual or family. I don't judge people or their circumstances ... especially single mothers. However, I sincerely hope that you will consider these words and bring them before the Lord. dk

I have read and listened to a lot of prophetic declarations as we approached what most in the world view as the New Year. I have found them to be up-lifting, encouraging, depressing and conflicting at the same time. We must appreciate the words that are coming forth as a genuine facet of the Father's heart if they align with His Word. However, most of what is genuine and from the Lord is not "New" or exclusively for the year 2005. The true prophetic word from the Lord is divine and has ETERNAL significance. As a matter of fact, I doubt that God really goes by the Gregorian calendar and what we recognize as the "New Year." If God went by any calendar at all, it would be the Hebrew calendar which He instituted through His Word centuries ago. With that said, I do have a word that I believe is for today or what we recognize as 2005. But as I stated earlier, it spans time, both distant past and future.

There is one prophetic word that has come forth for the upcoming year with intensity and regularity – a mandate for the bride to PREPARE herself for her bridegroom. As the church, we are in a season of reflection and repentance. Some have embraced this, while others have not. Reflection and repentance are necessary and must come to fruition within the church before our Lord's return. Likewise, it is the Lord's will and purpose that we enter into the season of ingathering and harvest. The fields that are white and ready for the harvest are looking for the fruit of our repentance. They are looking for a reflection of Christ in our lives. Tabernacles, or what many perceive as being a "third day" movement, is unrealistic and presumptuous without first embracing the ingathering of the lost to complete our spiritual house of living stones.

The Lord has given the world and the unsaved a portrait of His love for them. It is His love for the church (His bride) and the bride's love for Him that paints a visible picture for the world to see. This is experienced and represented for all to see in a godly husband-wife relationship patterned after God's Word.

"Husbands love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she would be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the LORD DOES THE CHURCH. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two become one flesh.' This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church." (Ephesians 5:25-32)

One of the greatest and most fruitful means of evangelism is the life of a godly, Christ-centered and loving relationship between a husband and his wife. The Holy Spirit reveals to us in Ephesians 5 that the Lord's love for the CHURCH and her passionate love for Him should be pictured and mirrored in the marriage relationship between a husband and wife. We know how much the Lord loves us as the church. (He laid down His life for her.) However, our (corporate) "Laodocian love" and passion for Him is a reflection of our (corporate) marital condition within the church. If there is anything that the Lord desires to get in order in "2005," it is a revisiting of our covenant vows that we made before Him and others. Our "Sunday best" is not as important to the Lord as many of us would think. He is much more interested in the other 6 days. It's easy to be loving and giving when everything is lovely and others are giving. But are we loving and giving when others are unlovely and selfish? It's easy to sell and put on our best for a few hours within the walls of the church. But, who and what do we portray within the walls of our homes toward one another? This is who we truly are.

I know of many churches and have heard many men quote, "for wives to be submitted to their husbands." (Ephesians 5:22) And of course there are many wives out there thinking, "Why should I? He does and says a lot of ungodly things." If we stop to think, this is what really goes through our minds much of the time and is manifested in our actions. We tend to feed and justify these thoughts and feelings as well by our desire to have "MY" needs and expectations met. Most enter into a relationship for the purposes of what they can get out of it rather than what they can give to it. Why else would divorce be as rampant in the church as in the world? The answer is simple: We approach the covenant of marriage as the world does and continually want our spouse to meet OUR needs as a CONDITION to meet their needs. (In other words, "You meet me half way.") Already, we have taken Satan's bait and have poisoned the greatest witness of evangelism we possess as the church. Why? Because, most marriages simply do not, "FEAR THE LORD." We have failed to read and understand the preceding verse, "submitting to one another in the FEAR OF THE LORD." (Ephesians 5:21)

Our society and even the church has approached marriage as solely an institution between a man and a woman. This is true, but only half of the truth. For the most part, we have left God out of the covenant that He instituted through marriage. Many of our disagreements as husband and wife stem from our own selfish motives rather than fearing God. The fear of the Lord is the foundation of the marriage relationship and our primary witness (evangelism) to the world.

When we think of the phrase, "The fear of the Lord", we tend to think of Old Testament connotations and as being outdated in our "New Testament" mentality. Actually, the "fear of the Lord" carries more divine weight today than ever before. The reason is that the CHARACTER of the Spirit-filled believer should radiate the fear of the Lord. Fearing God is not an act of self inflicted severity or an enslaved mind-set. It is the RESPONSE of a child of God who encounters the Lord's holiness, majesty, and radiance. In other words, it is the bi-product of an authentic and intimate relationship of a creature with their Creator. If we were to look back upon the landscape of our marriage relationship, I am sure that many, like myself, can see that we have fallen short of the standard set forth by the "New Testament." I believe that our greatest failure in the church's ability to witness effectively, has been our failure to fear the Lord in our marriage relationships.

I have recognized many within the church who have gladly adopted the "love of God", but have failed to embrace the "fear of God" in their lives. The fact that God, in His infinite love for us, sacrificed His own Son, should inspire us to live a life that fears, honors and glorifies Him through the marriage covenant. This is an ACT that speaks louder than our cheap words that are often spoken. We need to understand that God has only instituted two covenants that we live by today – The New Covenant through the shed blood of Jesus Christ and the Covenant of marriage. Both of these covenants come with a tremendous COST and a dying to oneself for another. Jesus Christ did not meet us "half-way." He paid the price in full for His bride. Likewise, a marriage is not a "half-way" or a 50-50 relationship. It is each person giving 100% and laying their life down for the other. It is this bond of commitment that brings into focus the kingdom of God and His love for us. The environment of a Christ-like marriage will manifest as "His kingdom, on EARTH as it is in heaven." It also becomes a model for our children and heritage ... the church's future.

The lie of meeting "half-way" is the ROOT of all marriage fatalities and divorce. Essentially, this viewpoint creates an environment of CONDITIONAL LOVE. The flesh has an innate desire to have its needs met rather than meeting the needs of another. One of the greatest issues that will continue to surface is the DESIRE of many women to be at home and raise their children. Sadly, I hear and read of case after case where the husband lays the "financial guilt trip" upon his wife. The response of a mother to raise her child is the heart of the Father in how the church (bride) needs to be caring, raising and presenting mature believers in Christ. Like the church, in so many ways we put money and the lust for the things of this world over the lives of our children.

O, man of your own understanding, why do you continue to pursue the opinions of others over the fruit of your own loins? Why must you desire the glories of this present age over the glory of a mother and her child? Surely, I have promised to meet all of your needs. Why must you doubt me at the expense of your children and the desires of your wife? Is it not I who have placed the desire and the need within her?

I realize that I have taken a little side road here, but sensed the urgency to speak what I believe to be the heart of God and a timely prophetic word to many husbands. Please stop and think about what I have written and prophesied. More importantly, sincerely pray about this. How can we continue to apply pressure on our wives to work in the marketplace full-time to support our habit of keeping up with the world? Is it really worth it? Is this REALLY how God designed the fruit of marriage, our children, to be raised? I am convinced that the greatest selfishness that mankind has produced in the 20th century has been the neglect of responsibility after having children. Once again, our marriage relationships and family life reflect and manifest in the church institution and culture we see today. Teen suicide, drug abuse, violence, depression, and sex outside of marriage have continued to spiral out of control because of the reworking of God's plan for the family structure in taking mothers away from raising their children. Blame who you will and make all of the excuses you want. However, we need to face the truth for what it is. There is no such thing as a "dysfunctional family." A "dysfunctional family" is simply a "sinful and disobedient family" to God's Word and purpose.

If we truly desire to see genuine change in the church, then we must earnestly desire a change in how we have approached and stewarded our marriages and children. I cannot express enough the parallel between what truly transpires within the home as being the true condition of the church. A reputable study has indicated that Fathers spend just 5 minutes of intimate and attentive time with their children each day. This is reflected in the church's inability to produce true spiritual fathers. We would prefer a house in the suburbs and a couple of new cars over keeping our children at home. Likewise, the church loves to spend their money and build buildings rather than investing in living stones. Our families are not held together by the stuff we buy. The family unit (The reflection of the kingdom of God for the world to see and experience) is held together by our relationship with God and our relationships within the husband - wife relationship patterned after God's Word.

So, what does the "fear of the Lord" have to do with all this? Well, EVERYTHING! Without the "fear of the Lord", a Christian marriage between a husband and a wife will never be what the Lord intends it to be. We may seem to have it all together, do all the right things, and say all the right words. But without the fear of the Lord, we are enslaved to our own selfish desires and presumptions. It is the fear of the Lord that brings us to true repentance and to our knees before God and to one another as a husband and wife. One of the manifestations of not fearing the Lord within the marriage covenant is the "Silent Treatment." Essentially, the "silent treatment" is another word for "WITCHCRAFT." Witchcraft is the MANIPULATION of a person's well-being and response through the actions of another. When we engage in the silent treatment, we are manipulating the response of another through an ungodly motive rather than communion. This is witchcraft. Without a genuine fear of the Lord in both the husband and wife, a Christian marriage and the picture that God desires to portray in His love for humanity will never become what He intended it to be.

At the Last Supper, John was so close to Jesus that he could touch Him and whisper in His ear. However, we read later in Revelation 1:17 that when the same John encountered Jesus in His glory and majesty, he said, "I fell at His feet as dead." We read in scripture of Paul's ever increasing revelation and relationship with the Lord. Yet, he never lost focus that one day he would stand before the Lord like everyone else and give account of his life.

"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror (fear) of the Lord, we persuade men." (2 Corinthians 5:10-11)

It was Paul's complete awareness of the awesome splendor and majesty of Jesus Christ that made his message "persuasive" and inspired. When a man builds his relationship with his wife on the foundation of the "fear of the Lord" and when his wife moves in the same spirit, their marriage will perfectly fulfill God's purpose according to His Word. They will leave a Spirit-filled heritage to their children (the church's future) and win multitudes to Christ through their example and picture of God's love. It is time that husbands respond in obedience to God's Word and make it his priority to love his wife as Christ loves the church (His bride). It is then that the wife will respond to her husband as the church SHOULD respond to Christ (her bridegroom). Certainly the failures we have on both sides have created a "dysfunctional" – I mean, "sinful" – church. The good news and the prophetic word for us today is that these sins can be covered by both sides simply repenting and asking forgiveness from one another. It is in the fear of the Lord that both husband and wife can find the refreshment and escape from selfish pride and self-seeking motives. I believe that within the "fear of the Lord," both a man and his wife become "one flesh" in their purpose and destiny in building the kingdom of God. When we begin to see this, we can finally fulfill and answer Jesus' prayer that we become "one" as the church – just as He and Father are one.

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The Seed Is Knocking!

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Let's look at the parable of the sower and the seed in Luke chapter 8. Jesus explains that the seed represents the Word of God. Jesus is the Word made flesh; therefore Jesus is the seed. This Seed is being sown onto various types of ground. He is endeavoring to gain entrance to the soil so that a harvest can be brought forth. In the same way, Jesus is endeavoring to gain entrance in Revelation 3:17. He stands at the door and knocks. The Seed of God, the Living Word is wanting to enter your heart and bring forth a harvest. When we look at these two passages together, we get further insight into God's ways.

There are four types of soil which the seed falls on; wayside, stony, weed-filled and good soil. There are four things the Lord requires us to do in response to His knock at the door of our heart; hear, open up or receive, love and obey. Each of these is an antidote to the maladies that afflict the Laodicean Church. Let us examine these things alongside each other to gain understanding.

Luk 8:5 A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it.

The sower is the Holy Spirit, whose task it is to reveal Jesus. He brings to remembrance everything Jesus said. The first place the Word falls is the wayside. Here the revelation of Jesus is rejected. The word, 'trodden' means 'to treat with disdain'. Here is a reference to Jesus' comment

Mat 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

This is the work of a religious spirit. Jesus is the pearl of great price. Sometimes the Holy Spirit wants to bring a revelation of Jesus but religious and unclean spirits rob us and prevent us even hearing that knock at the door. It is possible to have ears but not hear what God is saying. That is why God admonishes us repeatedly:

Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The wayside where the seed fell was the place where many were going to and fro about their daily business. This is exactly what contributes to spiritual deafness, busy-ness! A religious spirit will keep us so busy with the work of the Lord that we do not even hear the gentle knock deep within. The enemy does not want us to exchange his yoke of slavery for one that is easy and light.

The Word stands at the door and knocks. This Word is a two-edged sword. Both grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. When we hear Grace knocking, we are quick to answer and welcome Him in. However when Truth that divides between soul and spirit knocks, we sometimes say we are rich and have need of nothing. It is almost as if we view the Holy Spirit as a heavenly peddler, trying to sell us something we don't need. We hear the knock and either ignore it and pretend we are not there or we give a long list of reasons through the peephole as to why He must be looking for our next-door neighbor. If we do not allow the entrance of His Word to bring light, then we will remain in darkness and deception as to our true spiritual condition.

Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

We cannot afford to wince and draw back as we feel the prick of the tip of that sword of Truth. It is because of His great love for us that He wants to divide the soul from the spirit within us. If we will trust His loving hand and open the door, we will discover that He wounds in order to heal and breaks down in order to build up.

Jesus said that unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we have no life in us and are not a part of Him. So there is a meal of intimate communion that has to take place. He does not pass us food through a hatch in the door. He IS the bread of Life and the words He speaks are spirit and life! (John 6:60). So in order to benefit from what He is, we have to open our hearts no matter which side of the Sword is knocking.

The Father wants us to hear, receive, love and obey His Son. The ones on the stony soil are those who hear and receive; in other words they hear the knock at the door and open the door and let Him in. They are pleased to receive the Light but this is not enough to bring forth fruit. The stony soil did not allow the Seed to take root. One has to gaze upon the Bread of Life that was broken for us in order to be changed from glory to glory. If we do not love and embrace the Word of Truth when it comes to us in soul-searching clarity, we will be unable to stand in the trials that inevitably come. God wants to lay such strong foundations in our lives that we come forth as gold from the refining fire of the trial. Ingest the Living Word which the Holy Spirit reveals and allow Truth to be built into your foundations.

After hearing and receiving, the next step is to love Him. Lets look at Rev 3:20 to see how this is portrayed:

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Here we see that the next step is for Him to sup or eat with us and then after that, we must eat with Him. This sounds like a repetition of the same process but in actual fact they are different. When Jesus sups with us, He breaks bread with us. In other words, He opens up the revelation of the Word to us and we get understanding. Lets see how this happened with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Jesus was walking with them as they discussed the Word and how it applied to what they had witnessed. They didn’t understand its true application. Their eyes were blinded even though they had the manifestation of that Word walking next to them!

Luk 24:29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him

Jesus went in and spent time with them because they invited Him in. Then He sat at the table and just like in Rev 3:20, He supped with them. When He broke the bread and blessed it and gave it to them, suddenly they received a revelation of Him. When the Living Bread sits with us and breaks open the revelation of Himself, the Word, by the Sprit of Wisdom and Revelation, then we receive understanding. We see with the eyes of our hearts why this Seed came knocking. Often, when we see His face at the door, we think we know exactly what the visit is all about but if we will just allow Him to break open the revelation more deeply we will see clearly what He is saying and we will know which areas we are naked in. This is the process of eating His flesh described in John 6:53-60. We take this revelation, chew on it and allow it to be digested and let conviction come. Then we ‘drink His blood’ or repent and allow the Blood entrance to the darkest corners of our hearts, accepting the sacrifice of the cross. Then we are clothed with white garments of righteousness.

The next category is the soil where the seed took root but there were weeds that sprang up with it and choked the life out of it. Jesus explained that the weeds were worries, wealth and the pleasures of life. This again connects with the Laodicean Church because they were rich and increased in goods. Material wealth was high on their priority list. How tragic that the precious Word is revealed to a heart but not given precedence because there are other gods being worshipped. We cannot serve God and mammon. If we love the world and the things of the world then the love of the Father is not in us. Often we honor God with our lips but our hearts are far from Him.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

The way God knows if we truly love him is if we do what He says. It is easy to be a hearer of the Word but the true test is the out-walking of that Word. Once we have received revelation of Truth, if we do not obey it, there will be no fruit brought forth from that Seed. It will be choked and that Word will not become flesh in us. The only way to prevent this happening is to pull out the weed-seed as soon as it germinates, a process we can only accomplish if we willingly respond to the knocking of the Sword of Truth every time. Sometimes the scroll that the prophets ate was sweet in their mouth but bitter in their stomach. As we continue to digest the Spirit-quickened Word, it begins to shine its light into corners we have been ignoring for years. This is not a comfortable experience but His Word is medicine.

The good soil hears, receives, loves and obeys and therefore brings forth fruit. This is the key to fruitfulness – instant obedience to the revealed will of God. How does this fit in with Revelation 3:20? Well, the last thing that is described in this intimate encounter is that we sup with Him. Well, what is Jesus eating? We find the answer in the encounter with the woman at the well:

Joh 4:32 But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

Jesus' food is to do the will of His Father. That is what feeds Him. When we do the will of the Father, we eat with Jesus! When we hear His knock, open up, partake of the revelation laid before us and walk in it, then it is a natural process for fruit to come forth. The Word becomes flesh in us when we obey it. This is not an instant occurance. Jesus said that a crop is produced 'through endurance' from good soil. This is why Paul encourages us

Gal6:9And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Paul said he presses on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of him. This word 'take hold of' is the Greek word 'katalambano' which means 'to seize, to take eagerly, to possess, to perceive'. This is the same as hearing, receiving, loving and obeying the Word. It is making it your own, making it a part of you. What are we pressing on to take hold of? It is the mystery of the ages which is now being revealed – Christ in us, the hope of glory. We are pressing on to seize and possess a revelation of Jesus Christ so that it may be manifested in and through us. This is the bearing of much fruit in which the Father is glorified. The Seed of the Living Word, Jesus is taking root and growing in us and will bring forth a harvest of seed after His kind, sons made in His likeness.

Jam 1:21 Therefore, rid yourselves of everything impure and every expression of wickedness, and with a gentle spirit welcome the word planted in you that can save your souls. Keep on being doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.
For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at himself in a mirror. For he studies himself carefully and then goes off and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the one who looks at the perfect law of freedom and remains committed to it-thus proving that he is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of what it requires-will be blessed in what he does.

Jesus said in Luke 8 that it has been given to us to know the mysteries of the Kingdom. This is our portion and to obtain it we have to answer the door when the Seed knocks.

Luk 8:17 For there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, and there is nothing secret that will not become known and come to light. So pay attention to how you listen. For to the one who has something, more will be given. However, from the one who doesn't have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him."

If you hear His voice do not harden your hearts!

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The State of Christianity in 2005

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In this week's Friday Fax: The State of Christianity in 2005

In response to many requests, here is the State of Christianity in 2005. It is based on secular and Christian sources, and probably the world's broadest survey of such information, and is published every January by David B. Barrett (Professor of Missiometrics at the World Evangelization Research Center in Richmond, and publisher of the World Christian Encyclopedia) and Todd M. Johnson from the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton. Next week's Friday Fax will contain Todd Johnson's analysis of current Christian trends.

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Year	**1970**	**2000**	**Annual growth rate (%)**	**Mid 2005**	**Prognosis 2025**
Global population	3,692,495,000	6,070,581,000	1.23	6,453,628,000	7,851,455,000
Urban population	1,362,294,000	2,878,859,000	1.87	3,158,016,000	4,572,884,000
Population under 15 years old	1,379,442,000	1,828,710,000	1.74	1,829,328,000	1,900,868,000
Illiterates	836,256,000	990,317,000	1.72	1,078,271,000	934,703,000
Cities over 100,000	2,400	4,050	2.13	4,500	6,500
Cities over 1,000,000	161	402	1.82	440	650
Urban slum dwellers	260 million	700 million	3.47	830 million	1,600 million
Christians of all kinds	1,234,339,000	2,000,836,000	1.31	2,135,783,000	2,640,665,000
Muslims	549,125,000	1,194,396,000	1.93	1,313,984,000	1,825,283,000
Agnostics	532,338,000	762,028,000	0.17	768,598,000	806,884,000
Hindus	462,379,000	808,104,000	1.49	870,047,000	1,065,868,000
Buddhists	232,667,000	362,374,000	0.89	378,809,000	457,048,000
Atheists	165,391,000	147,212,000	0.58	151,548,000	151,742,000
New Religionists	78,324,000	103,846,000	0.81	108,132,000	122,188,000
Ethnic Religions	163,477,000	239,108,000	1.40	256,341,000	270,210,000
Sikhs	10,618,000	23,509,000	1.54	25,374,000	31,985,000
Jews	15,097,000	14,401,000	1.01	15,146,000	16,895,000
Non-Christians	2,458,156,000	4,069,745,000	1.19	4,317,845,000	5,210,790,000
Unaffiliated Christians	105,626,000	105,372,000	0.81	109,711,000	112,779,000
Great Commission Christians	277,153,000	650,094,000	1.14	688,034,000	853,179,000
Church attenders	885,777,000	1,359,420,000	1.04	1,431,573,000	1,760,568,000
Evangelicals	93,358,000	224,790,000	2.21	250,776,000	348,648,000

Pentecostals & Charismatics	72,223,000	526,916,000	2.24		588,502,000	798,320,000
Martyrs per Year	377,000	160,000	1.10		169,000	210,000
Members by Ecclesiastical Megabloc						
Anglicans	47,409,000	75,164,000	1.18		79,719,000	108,257,000
Independents	96,926,000	379,085,000	2.39		426,672,000	612,670,000
Orthodox	139,646,000	214,436,000	0.47		219,501,000	235,834,000
Protestants	211,052,000	347,762,000	1.56		375,814,000	491,084,000
Roman Catholics	665,475,000	1,055,651,000	1.17		1,118,992,000	1,336,338,000
Christian workers (nationals)	2,350,000	5,104,000	0.97		5,357,000	6,500,000
Missionaries	240,000	420,.000	1.07		443,000	550,000
Church members' income (US$)	4,100 billion	15,680 billion	2.04		17,350 billion	26,000 billion
Computers used by Christians	1,000	328 million	6.05		440 million	1,2 billion
Christian magazines	23,000	35,000	4.2		43,000	100,000
Monthly listeners/viewers of Christian Radio/TV	750,000,000	2,150,000,000	2.30		2,409,000,000	3,800,000,000
Global missions plans since A.D.30	510	1,500	2.77		1,720	3,000

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The Supremacy Of Christ In An Age Of Terror
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The Supremacy of God in All Things—No Exceptions

One of the truths of the Bible that we embrace with trembling joy is the truth of God's supremacy in all things. The mission of our church is that *we exist to spread a passion of the supremacy of God in all things for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ*. When we say that, we do not mean: "except in calamities," "except in war," "except when Al Qaeda blows up a building or a train," "except when cancer takes a mom or a child is born with profound disabilities." There are no "except" clauses in our mission statement.

We did not formulate our mission in a rosy world—and then get surprised and embarrassed by the reality of suffering. We did not have our head in the sand. We formulated our mission in the real world of pain and suffering and evil and death. We have seen even among our own people, some very peaceful, but also some very terrible deaths. *We exist to spread a passion for the supremacy of God in all things*—*all* things—*for the joy of all peoples through Jesus Christ*—all the time. A passion for God's supremacy—Christ's supremacy (for he is God incarnate)—in *all* things, *all* the time.

Sorrowful, Yet Always Rejoicing

None of us who has lived a few decades—for me that means almost six—has embraced this mission without trembling. And none of us has lived this mission for long without tears. We have said it dozens of times here at Bethlehem, and we will say it till we die, that the joy we pursue and the joy we embrace in Jesus Christ is always—always in this world—interwoven with sorrow. There is no unadulterated joy in this world for people who care about others. The Bible describes Christ's servants like this: "[We are] sorrowful, yet always rejoicing." (2 Corinthians 6:10).

"Sorrowful yet always rejoicing." How can that be? It can be because Christ is supreme over all things forever, but suffering and death remain for a while. Life is not simple. There is pleasure, and there is pain. There is sweetness, and there is bitter suffering. There is joy, and there is misery. There is life and health, and there is disease and death. And therefore emotions are not simple. For those who love others, and not just their own comforts, this complexity means that we will rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15). And there is always someone we know who is weeping, and someone we know who is rejoicing. And therefore we will learn the secret of "sorrowful yet always rejoicing"—and joyful yet always sorrowing. Those amazing words that describe the Christian soul—"sorrowful yet always rejoicing"—mean that suffering remains for a while in this world, but Christ is supreme now and forever.

9/11, Hurricane Katrina, and the Constant Suffering in This World

The first plane that hit the World Trade Towers, Flight 11, immediately killed 92 people on board that flight. Flight 175 that hit the second tower a few minutes later killed 65 people on board. In the Towers themselves it appears now that 2,595 people perished when the Towers fell, including those who worked there or visited there, and those who were entering to save them.

Flight 77 carried 64 people when it hit the Pentagon within an hour after the first attack. Inside the Pentagon 125 people died in addition to these 64. Flight 93 with 45 people aboard turned around over Pennsylvania and was headed . . . where? The White House? The Congress? Todd Beamer and others wrestled control from the hijackers, it seems, and the plane crashed with no survivors near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. All 45 people died. The total fatalities in these terrorist events was about 2,986.

We thought that would be the calamity for this message to focus on. But God had other plans. Who can pose the question of God's sovereignty and Christ's supremacy today and leave Hurricane Katrina out of account. What happened in the last week in New Orleans and surrounding areas is different than almost anything this country has ever seen. The September 8, 1900 Galveston Hurricane may have killed more—up to 12,000, we don't know—but it did not displace hundreds of thousands and leave a major city virtually empty and paralyzed with several surrounding smaller towns even more devastated. Who can speak of the supremacy of Christ in an age of terror without considering the terror of 140-mile-an-hour winds and broken levees and floodwaters covering 80% of a great city and who knows how many people dead in their attics?

And lest we think naively in response to these calamities, as though the cost of lives was something unusual, let's remind ourselves of the obvious and the almost overwhelming fact that over 50,000,000 people die every year in this world. Over 6,000 ever hour. Over 100 every minute. And most of them do not die in ripe old age by sleeping peacefully away into eternity. Most die young. Most die after long struggles with pain. And millions die because of the evil of man against man.

Sudden calamities shock us only to make more plain what is happening every hour of every day of your entire life. Thousands perish in pain and misery every day. Probably seven or eight thousand people will have died during this worship service. Some of them are screaming out in pain just now as I am speaking and as you sit there in relative comfort. If there is to be any Christian joy in this world, along with love, it will be sorrowful joy, broken-hearted joy. What person in this room, who has lived long enough, does not know that the sweetest joys, the deepest joys, are marked with tears, not laughter?

Evil and Pain as a Pointer to the Need and Evidence for God

So even in our own experience—in our own souls—believers or unbelievers, there is a kind of witness that the world of evil and pain and misery and death is not a meaningless place. It is not a place without a good and purposeful God. Some people—not all—have found in the greatest evil—the time of greatest sorrow—the greatest need for God and the greatest evidence of God.

It happens like this. A great evil happens—say the holocaust with 6,000,000 murders. Or the Stalinist Soviet gulag with many more than that sent to their deaths. In the midst of these horrors, the human soul, that had been blithely pursuing its worldly pleasures with scarcely a thought about God and with no serious belief in any absolutes like evil and good, or right and wrong—happily living in the dream-world of relativism—suddenly is confronted with an evil so horrible and so great as to make the soul scream out with ultimate moral indignation: No! This is wrong! This is evil!

And for the first time in their life they hear themselves speaking with absolute conviction. They have a conviction of absolute reality. They know now beyond the shadow of a doubt that such a thing as evil exists. They admit that all their life up till then was a game. And now they are confronted with the stark question: If there is such a thing as absolute evil—if there is a moral reality that is above and different from the mere physical processes of evolutionary energy plus time plus matter—then where does it come from, and what is it based on?

And many people discover in this moment of greatest evil that there is only one satisfactory answer: There is a God above the universe who sets the standards of good and evil and writes them on the human heart. They are not purposeless chemical reactions in our brains. They have reality outside of us, above us, in God. Paradoxically, therefore, the times of greatest human evil have often proved for many to be times when God is most needed and most self-evidently real. Without him evil and good are simply different electro-chemical impulses in the brain of mammal primates called homo sapiens. We know—you know—that is not true.

Why Does Such a World Exist?

So we ask: Why, Lord? Why is the world you made like this? If you are God—if you are the Christ the Son of the living God—why is this world so full of terror and trouble?

Here is what I believe the Bible teaches in answer to this question. I will give two answers that are *not* the reason such a world exists, and then four answers that *are* the reasons such world exists. I deal with each very briefly and point you to the Scriptures where you can search God's word for yourself.

1. The reason this terrorized and troubled world exists is not because God is not in total control.

The Bible is overwhelmingly clear that God governs everything in the universe from the smallest bird to the largest storm. "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father" (Matthew 10:29). "Even winds and sea obey him" (Matthew 8:27). "The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord" (Proverbs 16:33). "The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it wherever he will" (Proverbs 21:1). "Who has spoken and it came to pass, unless the Lord has commanded it?" (Lamentations 3:37). "Does disaster come to a city, unless the Lord has done it?" (Amos 3:6). "He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him" (Mark 1:27). "I am God, and there is none like me . . . saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose'" (Isaiah 46:9-10).

There is no person or being in the universe that can thwart the sovereign will of God. Satan is his most powerful enemy and does much evil in the world, but he must first get God's permission, and none of his actions is outside God's governance. He never breaks free from his leash (Luke 22:31; Job 2:6-7; 42:11).

2. The reason this terrorized and troubled world exists is not because God is evil or unjust.

"This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). "Good and upright is the Lord" (Psalm 25:8) The angels cry before God day and night, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). And when he does things that seem evil to us, the Bible teaches us to speak to man like this: "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). God is not evil, even when he wills that evil come to pass. There are good and holy and just purposes in all he does. For those who love him he "works all things together for good" (Romans 8:28). Now and forever.

Now the four positive reasons why this world exists.

1.The reason this terrorized and troubled world exists is because God planned the history of redemption and then permitted sin to enter the world through our first parents, Adam and Eve.

In 2 Timothy 1:9 the apostle Paul said, "[God] saved us and called us toa holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." In other words, before there was any world or any sin in the world, God planned saving grace through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That means that God knew Adam would sin. He was already planning how he would save us.

Therefore Adam's sin was part of God's plan so that God could reveal his mercy and grace and justice and wrath and patience and wisdom in ways that could have never been revealed, if there were no sin and no Savior and no history of salvation. God's aim for this fallen world is that he be known more fully, because knowing God most fully is what it means for us to be most fully loved. If you turn to Christ, you will discover in God more wonders in this fallen world than could be imagined in any other world.

2.The reason this terrorized and troubled world exists is because God subjected the natural world to futility. That is, God put the natural world under a curse so that the physical horrors we see around us in diseases and calamities would become a vivid picture of how horrible sin is. In other words, natural evil is a signpost pointing to the horrors of moral evil.

Before I say another word, hear this word of clarification: some of the sweetest, most humble, godly, Christ-exalting, heaven-bound people carry some of those signs. Listen to Romans 8:18-21:

The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

In other words, God subjected the creation to futility and bondage to decay and misery and death. He disordered the natural world because of the disorder of the moral and spiritual world—that is because of sin. In our present condition blinded by sin and dishonoring God every day, we cannot see how repugnant sin is. Hardly anyone in the world feels the horror that our sin is. Physical pain we feel! And so it becomes God's trumpet blast to tell us that something is dreadfully wrong in the world. Diseases and deformities are God's portraits of what sin is like in the spiritual realm. That is true even though some of the most godly people bear those deformities. Calamities are God's previews of what sin deserves and will one day receive in judgment a thousand times worse. They are warnings. And that is true even when they sweep away Christ-followers and Christ-rejectors.

Oh, that we could all see and feel how repugnant, how offensive, how abominable it is to blackball our Maker, to ignore him and distrust him and demean him and give him less attention in our hearts than we do the carpet on our living room floor. We must see this, or we will not turn to Christ for salvation from sin. Therefore, God mercifully shouts to us in our sicknesses and pain and calamities: Wake up! Sin is like this! Sin leads to things like this. (See Revelation 9:20; 16:9, 11.) The natural world is shot through with horrors to wake us from the dreamworld of thinking sin is no big deal. It is a horrifically big deal.

3. The reason this terrorized and troubled world exists is so that followers of Christ can experience and display that no pleasure and no treasure compares to knowing Christ. That is, the loss of every good thing in this world is meant to reveal that Christ himself more than compensates for all losses.

We see it in the New Testament and the Old Testament. The apostle Paul says, "I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8). The superior worth of Christ is magnified because in all Paul's losses, he experiences Christ as all-satisfying.

The prophet Habakkuk said it with amazing and painful beauty:

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, 18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Famines, pestilence, persecution—these happen so that the world might see in the followers of Jesus and discover for themselves that God made us for himself and that he is our "exceeding joy" (Psalm 43:4) and at his right hand are pleasures for every more (Psalm 16:11). The losses of life are meant to wean us off the poisonous pleasures of the world and lure us to Christ our everlasting joy.

4. Finally, the reason this terrorized and troubled world exists is to make a place for Jesus Christ the Son of God to suffer and die for our sins. The reason there is terror is so that Christ would be terrorized. The reason there is trouble is so that Christ could be troubled. The reason there is pain is so that Christ could feel pain. This is the world God prepared for the suffering and death of his Son. This is the world where God made the best display of his love in the suffering of his Son.

Romans 5:8, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." All his suffering was the plan of God to reveal redeeming love to us. The sovereignty of God, the evil of the world, and the love of God meet at the cross of Christ. Listen to this amazing statement from Acts 4:27-28 about God's plan for the suffering of his Son—for you! "Truly in this city [Jerusalem] there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place." All the scheming, all the flogging, all the spitting, all the beating with rods, all the mockery, all the abandonment by his friends, all the thorns in his head, all the nails in his hands and feet, the sword in his side, weight of the sins of the world—all of it according to God's plan. For you to see God's love more graphically.

God's deepest answer to terrorism and calamity is the suffering and death of his Son. He entered into our fallen world of sin and misery and death. He bore in himself the cause of it all—sin. And he bought by his death the cure for it all—forgiveness and everlasting joy in the age to come.

On his behalf I invite—I urge—to receive him as your Savior and Lord and the supreme Treasure of your life.

How to Welcome A Weak Brother
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Romans 14:1-6

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Today we enter the third chapter of application after the great doctrinal chapters of Romans 1-11. We begin Romans 14 and clearly the theme remains the same as in chapters 12 and 13: love your neighbor as you love yourself. But the specific issue in this chapter is how a church can hold together when some members are so different from each other. The way Paul sums up that difference is by saying that some have *weak* faith and some have *strong* faith.

You see the reference to this difference in verse 1: "As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions." And then you see it again in Romans 15:1: "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak." And then you see another parallel between the beginning of chapter 14 and the beginning of chapter 15. You see the command to "welcome" each other in Romans 14:1 ("As for the one who is weak in faith, *welcome* him"); and you see it again in Romans 15:7 ("Therefore *welcome* one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God"). So the entire chapter plus part of chapter 15 (up through verse 13) is dealing with the danger of divisions in the church that can happen because of the differences between the weak and the strong.

So it's tremendously important that we understand what it means to be weak and strong. It's probably not exactly what you think it is. At least I am surprised by some of what I see there. So let's start by asking what it means to be weak in faith and strong in faith. Then let's see how Paul says we should treat each other when we have these differences. Then we will look at the amazing foundations Paul gives for this kind of loving treatment.

1. What Does It Mean to Be Weak in Faith?

The Weak Brothers Avoid Meat and Wine

Notice first that those who are weak in faith don't eat meat and don't drink wine. Verse 2: "One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables." The issue here is meat, as you can see in verse 21 where wine is added to the list: "It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble." So Paul is saying to the strong in faith: there are times when you deny yourself meat and wine for the sake of the weak who don't eat meat or drink wine. So that's the first thing we see about the weak and the strong. The weak avoid meat and wine, and the strong are free to eat and drink anything.

The Weak Brothers' Practice Is Not Sin, But God-Exalting Behavior

Second, the avoidance of meat and wine—the practice of the weak—is not sin, but is God-exalting behavior. The first evidence for this is that verse 1 says they are acting in "weak faith" not no-faith. The practices of the weak are faith-driven practices. Paul says in verse 23b, "Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." But he does not accuse the weak of sinning. They are acting from faith. Weak faith. And faith is a God-centered, God-exalting frame of heart.

The other evidence that the abstinence of the weak is God-exalting behavior is found in verse 6: "The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, *while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God*." Notice how much credit Paul gives to the weak brother who will not eat meat or drink wine. "The one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God (*kai ho mē ethiōn kuriō ouk esthiei kai eucharistei tō theō*). His behavior is God-directed (to the end) and he feels deeply thankful, not resentful, as he abstains. So this weak brother is acting on faith and he is God-centered and he is overflowing with thanks to God. Is this what you think of when you think of weak?

The Weak Brothers Are Not Legalists

The third thing to say about the weak brother's abstinence from meat and wine is that it is not because he believes this behavior is the way he gets justified or the way he secures his acceptance with God. This weak brother is not like the Judaizers in Galatia who thought that circumcision was essential to securing acceptance with God (Galatians 5:1-3). We know this because Paul was furious with this false gospel in Galatians (Galatians 1:6-9), but he gives no criticism of these weak brothers like that. They are not legalists. They do not think their abstinence earns God's acceptance or contributes to their justification.

The Weak Brothers Regard Meat and Win as "Unclean" or "Common"

One more thing we see in this abstinence of the weak from meat and wine, namely, that they regard meat and wine in some sense as "unclean" or "common." Verse 14: "I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean (*koinon*) in itself, but it is unclean (*koinon*) for anyone who thinks it unclean (*koinon*)." Paul wouldn't have said this if it were irrelevant to the situation. This was the view of the weak: meat and wine are in some sense "unclean."

2. Why Does Paul Call Them Weak?

So the question now is: What's *weak* about this abstinence from meat and wine? Why does Paul call it weak? It's based on faith. It's God-exalting. It's expressing gratitude to God, not self-sufficiency. It's not legalistic. So how is it weak? And I hope you are asking: am I in the weak category or the strong category? Or maybe I don't qualify for either. And I hope you are feeling that Paul is pretty impressed with the weak. He's thankful for them. He is practicing what he is preaching. Welcome the weak (v. 1). Don't despise the weak (v. 3).

So what is their weakness? I think the answer is the same as the answer to the question why they view meat and wine as "unclean." If we could understand that, I think we would see why Paul calls them weak. My answer to this question is this: *The weak regard meat and wine as unclean because they believe eating meat and drinking wine will not glorify God as much as abstaining will*. There is something about meat and wine that makes eating it and drinking it less honoring to God than abstaining.

I base this on the end of verse 6 where it says that "the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God." In other words, the weak man is making his choices rightly on the basis of what he believes will most honor the Lord and express thanks to the Lord. They are good, well-motivated choices given his convictions about meat and wine. He must believe that those who eat meat and drink wine don't honor the Lord as much as they would if they abstained. Why they believed this about the meat and wine, Paul doesn't say explicitly.

What's crucial to know is that Paul surely thought they were wrong in this conviction. The conviction that there is something about meat and wine that makes abstinence more honoring to God than eating and drinking was a mistake. They lacked the knowledge that would undergird and liberate their faith. They could not trust God for the holy joy of eating meat or drinking wine because they lacked some crucial knowledge. They knew God, they loved God, they trusted God. But they did not understand something that would have strengthened their faith in these particular ways.

What knowledge did they lack? Paul makes the explicit connection between lack of knowledge and weakness in 1 Corinthians 8:6-7. He's dealing with a situation similar, though not the same, to the one in Rome. He says, "For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, *not all possess this knowledge*. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled." So there is the explicit connection between lack of knowledge and weakness. "Not all possess this knowledge"—namely, the knowledge that all creation is from God and through Christ and for God. And lacking this knowledge, eating and drinking certain things are viewed in themselves as less honoring to God.

Paul puts it this way in 1 Corinthians 10:25, "Eat whatever is sold in the meat market without raising any question on the ground of conscience. For 'the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.'" In other words, the fullness of faith to eat what you will to the glory of God is based on the fullness of knowledge that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." The weak believer lacks this knowledge—and perhaps other knowledge as well—and therefore their faith is limited in its exercise. They are weak in faith.

The strong, on the other hand, have a more full understanding of God and his relation to the world, and are freed by this truth to embrace more of God's creation in a God-glorifying way.

Don't make a mistake here. Make sure you see how amazing Paul's distinctions are. Just as the weak in faith are not self-exalting in their abstinence, so the strong in faith are not self-indulgent in their liberty. Verse 6b is so crucial: "The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God." In Paul's way of thinking, the weak and the strong are radically God-centered people. They are deeply thankful people. Their differences are in their convictions about what behaviors are "unclean"—what behaviors give more glory to God.

And even on this point the differences only relate to non-essential things. You can see this as we turn to the second question: How does Paul say we should treat each other when we have these differences?

3. How Should We Treat Each Other When We Have These Differences?

He says it positively in verse 1 and negatively in verse 3. Verse 1: "As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions." In other words, be accepting of the weaker brother, and be sure that as you fold him into your life, you keep "divisive questionings" (*diakriseis dialogismōn*) to a minimum. I take that to mean: questionings about meat and wine and days, etc. So the first, positive, instruction Paul gives about how the strong and weak should treat each other is: welcome each other, accept each other. And don't let "divisive questionings" over non-essentials create barriers.

The negative way of saying it is in verse 3: "Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats." Typically the strong will be tempted to "despise" the weak—look down on them with a patronizing air. Paul has not done that in this chapter and we should not do it either. And typically the weak will be tempted to judge the strong because, to the weak who are careful to abstain from things, the strong seem to be spiritually careless. So the weak are tempted to point out careless behavior that may well be leading to a fall—to spiritual destruction. In other words, they are not legalists who say: you can't be saved if you do that; but they do say, If you are spiritually careless like that you may drift away and be lost.

So Paul says, negatively, don't despise each other and don't judge each other, and don't build your relationships on "divisive questionings" or "quarrels over opinions." Rather accept each other and build your lives—your relationships—on something far greater than convictions about meat and wine and days. On what? That is what Paul takes up in verses 3b and 4.

He mentions three great truths that give a firm and glorious foundation for accepting each other with our differences.

3.1. God Has Accepted Us in Jesus Christ

Verse 3b: "God has welcomed him." The strong and weak should welcome each other because God has welcomed us. Paul says in again in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." The great foundation for our forbearance of one another is that God has accepted us in Jesus Christ. The weak and the strong believe in Christ who died for them. They are accepted by God in Christ. We should accept them with all their differences.

3.2. God Will Be Our Judge

Verse 4a: "Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls." The second great foundation for our tolerance of each other is that we will all give an account to our one Master in heaven. Each of us has one Master, Jesus Christ. Husbands, your wives will give an account to him. Wives, our husbands will give an account to him. Pastors will give a most serious account to him. You need not lift yourself up as judge. Leave it to God. So the first foundation of our accepting one another is that God has accepted us, and the second is that God will be our judge, so that is not our job.

3.3. God Will Make Us Stand in the Last Day

Verse 4b: "And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand." Here Paul goes beyond the statement that believers have a judge in heaven. He now says, Every believer will be upheld in the judgment. Every believer will stand erect and accepted in the last day. The weakest believer you know will stand glorious and vindicated and loved and forgiven and righteous and accepted in the last day.

Conclusion

Therefore, Bethlehem, welcome one another—receive and accept one another—into sweet unity and harmony and fellowship, not on the basis "divisive questionings" about non-essentials but on the basis of the glorious truths that God has accepted the believers from whom we differ most; God alone, not you or I, is the final judge; and God himself, with sovereign preserving grace (Jeremiah 32:40-31) will see to it that every believer perseveres in faith and stands upright and full of joy before the Judge on the last day. Dwell on these great truths, and accept one another with our differences in non-essentials.

Two Streams Of Fire

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Isa. 43:1-2 But now thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, and he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not; for I have saved you, I have called you by your name because you are mine. When you pass through the sea, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you.

Judgments are at the door and my glory is at the door. They will pour forth together, two streams, one a stream of glory and another a shaking of the earth to bring people to their knees and to their senses.

When I open the door my glory will come forth as a mighty flood, like a flood of water pouring through the door. No man will be able to stop or close this door. No one will be able to shut me down. No one will be able to shut my people down either, for when I move no one will be able to dispute it. I will make myself abundantly clear. People may reject me, but they will not be able to say "Nothing is happening" or "Nothing is going on." *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea*. [*Hab. 2:14*]

Two streams: glory fire and natural fire* –the joy and the fearful and grievous. Both are knocking on the door together. Neither will be held back. In my perfect time all will play out and all the missing pieces of the puzzle will come together.

It is for this hour that you were created my church, my bride. You are to walk tall with your God, not putting on airs, but in humble devotion to the Truth. This is the Truth that endures forever. This is the Truth that sets men free. This freedom is not freedom to sin, but to be all that one was created to be by the Loving hand of their Creator.

I AM your Kinsman-Redeemer. I AM the same yesterday, today and forever. I will not change throughout all ages. I have a bounty of Love to give away. Who will receive it? Who will not be burned by the fire, but will be changed into my image? [*Rom. 8:28-29, 2 Cor. 3:16-18*]

From glory to glory, from heights to greater heights, this is where I am leading. Who will follow me in joyful abandonment? On the other hand, who will go their own way to the bitter end?

Two streams are coming forth. Two rivers are flowing. One leads to glory. The other leads to desolation, ruin and will wash those not protected away in the overflowing flood. [*Nahum1:7-8*] The thunder will sound.** The trumpets will sound. [*Rev. 8:1-10:7*] The seas will roar, both the natural seas and the seas of humanity.

And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. [*Luke 21:25-25*]

Which will it be? You must choose quickly, for time is short. Again I say, soon time will be no more. [*Rev. 10:6*]

Your Jesus

**Jer. 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath come forth like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.*

Lam. 2:3-4 He has cut off in his fierce anger all the strength of Israel; he has drawn back his right hand from before the enemy and has kindled a fire in the land of Jacob, and the flaming fire has consumed mightily round about.

He has bent his bow like an oppressor; he has raised his hand like an enemy, and has slain all that were pleasant to the eye in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion; he has poured out his fury like fire.

Eze. 21:31-32 And I will pour out my indignation upon you; I will blow against you with the fire of my wrath, and I will deliver you into the hand of men brutish and skillful to destroy. You shall be fuel for the fire; your blood shall be in the midst of the land; you shall be no more remembered; for I the Lord have spoken it.

Joel 2:30-31 And I will show wonders in the heaven and on the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

2 Peter 3:6-7 And those men, because of whose deeds the world of that time was overflowed with water, perished; but the present heavens and earth are sustained by his word and are reserved for fire on the day of judgment, which is the day of destruction of ungodly men.

Rev. 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with water, and they were *poured out upon the earth; and a third part of the earth was burnt up and a third part of the trees was burnt up and all the green grass was burnt up.*

Rev. 9:16-18 And the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred thousand thousand; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the visions and those who sat on them, and they had breastplates of fire and of jacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions. And out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

And by these three plagues was the third part of men slain, by the fire and by the smoke and by the brimstone, which issues out of their mouths.

Rev. 16:7-9 And I heard another out of the altar say, Yes, O Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments. And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and power was given to them to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched by intense heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who had power over these plagues, and they did not repent to give him glory.

See also Jer. 21:12, Amos 7:7, Nahum 1:6, Zech. 13:9

***Ps. 77:18 The voice of your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightenings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook.* [*NKJ*]

Rev. 11:19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of his covenant was seen in his temple. And there were lightenings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail. [*NKJ*]

See also Ex. 9:23-26, Job 26:14, Ps. 18:

The Sound Of Heaven

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When we understand the Bible through the heart of God, it speaks of His love, desire, and yes, pursuit for an intimate relationship with man. This was the purpose of our creation in Genesis and the culmination of all things in Revelation. The Bible is also a time-line in history of God's dealing and striving with man to bring him to a point of understanding and trusting in His love. It is truly amazing to think of how mankind has continually rejected this offer.

When Adam and Eve sinned and fell in the Garden of Eden, the Lord came walking in the cool of the day and called to them saying, "Where are you?" (Genesis 3:8-9) Even in the midst of sin and rebellion, God was "calling" out to man in His concern and love. Although Adam and Eve (mankind) would reap the just consequence for their action, God was still speaking relationally to man. It is interesting to note that upon creating man that the Lord did not initially ask man for anything. On the contrary, God gave and SPOKE a blessing over Adam and Eve before the first recorded words to man were ever put to scripture (Genesis 1:28). It was the "breath" of God that brought forth life out of the dust of the earth. It is the same today.

In his wilderness experience, Moses found a God who would literally SPEAK to him in sharp contrast to the dead and dumb idols that he had experienced in Egypt. We read in Exodus 33 that "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend." However, this never would have happened if Moses had not made a choice to turn aside and LOOK or acknowledge the presence of the Lord.

"And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him (Moses) in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.' So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to LOOK, God CALLED to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." (Exodus 3:2-4)

It seems that nothing was spoken by the Lord until He "saw that Moses turned aside to look" for Him. Moses came to a point in his life where he could have chosen to keep walking on the path that he had worn smooth upon the cliffs of Midian. Moses, I am sure, was tending faithfully to the livestock and the chores of life to support his family. However, there came a point in which Moses turned to recognize the Lord's call for his attention and desire to communicate. Once Moses decided to turn to the presence of the Lord, his life and destiny would change forever. He would not only HEAR the voice of God, he would come to see Him face to face as a friend and Father.

In 1 Samuel 30, The Amalekites had invaded the "South and Ziklag and burned it with fire." During this invasion, the wives and families of David and his men had been taken captive. As the men and people wept, David humbled himself and inquired of the Lord. The Bible states that not only did God answer him; He gave David the means of victory over his adversaries and the full recovery of what had been stolen.

This is one of the greatest benefits of seeking and hearing the Gods voice. It enables us to enter into the Lord's BEST for our lives. It is God's pleasure to give us an abundant life and a future that exudes with hope. (Faith is the substance of things hoped for). Imagine the shear pain, heartbreak and loss if David had not sought the Lord's voice.

The greatest expression of God's voice would come in the person of Jesus Christ – The very Word of God. God sent His only begotten Son to die on a cross for our sins. But just as awe-inspiring is the fact that God Himself came that we could see, touch, and HEAR the reality of heaven and His unfailing love for us. What should overwhelmingly excite us is the fact that we can still HEAR, touch, taste and see that the Lord is good and that He desires an intimate relationship with us.

"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He HEARS He will SPEAK; and He will TELL you things to come." (John 16:13).

When Jesus was resurrected in glory, it did not signify an end to divine communication through hearing God's voice. Jesus said that "I am with you ALWAYS, to the very end of the age. We read all through the scriptures of the Lord's desire to speak to His creation. (Everything was spoken into existence) As a matter of fact, we are without excuse, for all of creation speaks of His glory and testifies to His reality. All of creation responds to the voice and breath of God in such awe, yet mankind has become so deaf. This has been a paralyzing tragedy to our destiny as the church both individually and corporately.

The Lord gives us a clear picture of Himself speaking to many different types of people. They were racially, culturally, and economically diverse. There was not a select group of "super religious" or spiritually elite individuals that the Lord chose to speak and reveal His voice to. God has always desired to speak to whoever would truly listen. This is the foundation of meaningful and lasting RELATIONSHIPS. And "listening" is the foundation of meaningful communication.

I am convinced that the highest form of worship is simple obedience to the Lord's voice. We can sing, dance, and preach till the proverbial cows come home. Without obedience to the Lord's voice, we are certainly moving in areas of self-sufficiency and ultimately rebellion. There is a prophetic declaration and a sound ringing from heaven for us to rediscover and respond to the voice of the Lord. The reason that many will be deceived in these last days is because they have failed to hear and know the truth of God's Word and voice. "My sheep HEAR My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." (John 10:27)

It is just about impossible to imagine how relationships would function without personal communication. The listening and speaking between individuals is what gives value and growth to relationships. Yet, many institutionalized churches are teaching behind pulpits that God does not audibly speak to His children today. What a blatant lie, contradiction of scripture and a robbing of one of our greatest virtues as God's children. Again, we read in Romans 1:19-21 that God even speaks through creation and that we are without excuse. Psalm 19 declares that "the heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters SPEECH, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their VOICE is not heard." Incredibly, what this is really saying is that the literal creation is "prophesying" the glory of the Lord.

It is misguided to believe that God would speak and declare to and through creation, but not to and through mankind who was created in His very image. Why would God our Father draw us into an intimate and loving relationship at the cost of Himself dying on a cross to suddenly never speak to us? Tragically, most of the church has taught and received this mindset. It is true that the Word of God is the foundation, blueprint and means of hearing God speak to us. However, this is our "foundation" and a starting point of continual growth. The Bible is the means of drawing us even more intimately into the Truth of God's love and grace for the purpose of relational intimacy. It is not the experience of doctrine that changes and transforms a person into the image of Christ — It is the experience of an encounter with God Himself.

Herod heard through some wise men from the East that another king of the Jews was birthed in his territory and dominion. Upon this troubling news, he summoned the chief priests and scribes (the "stewards" of God's Word and the religious elite). Remarkably they told Herod that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem of Judah as written by the prophet as it was unfolding before their very eyes. Yet they failed to hear God's voice, and likewise, failed to see the spiritually obvious before them.

The Lord SPOKE to Abraham and told him that he would give birth to a mighty nation and that through him all nations of the world would be blessed. Imagine if Abraham refused or was spiritually deaf to hear God's voice. Imagine how history would have been altered. Could it be that the church has failed to be the blessing to the nations that it has been called to be because it has failed or refused to HEAR God's voice? Imagine how history could be if the church would listen to hear God's voice. The church, more than ever, needs to HEAR the Lord's voice.

The days ahead that will be marked by persecution and tribulation will require us to hear God's voice if we are to follow Him to our place of sanctuary and strength. It is ridiculous to think that the Lord would conceal His voice in such days that lie ahead. The last day remnant church will hear His voice and find shelter under the shadow of His wings. The Bible states that those who follow the leading of His voice and direction will be more than conquerors. The religious and the institutionalized will continue to strive in their own strength – void of God's voice. These people will stand before the Lord and the just verdict will be rendered: "Depart from Me, for I never KNEW you." Beloved, if you know a lot ABOUT God, but do not have an intimate and personal relationship WITH God, let this be your moment to call out to Him ... He will gladly answer and speak to you as a long awaiting and loving Father. The "father" ran to the prodigal son for the purpose of speaking and embracing his child. All that the father needed to see was the crown of his child's head upon the horizon for him to run, embrace and to meet his deepest needs.

God desires to speak to you on a daily basis as a means to guide you through the trials and issues of life as we pilgrimage toward our permanent home. We have got to avoid these "strange" doctrines of man and realize that God has not saved us for the purpose of pampering, but process. Christians WILL have issues and trials in their lives. Look, Jesus promised that we would if we were truly "following Him."

The Lord's heart is to increase your spiritual hearing as a daily exercise and function of life so that it becomes as involuntary as breathing. You are not reading this by accident. If you are reading this, you have been summoned into the holies of holies by the God and Creator of all the heavens and the universe. I am truly humbled in knowing that my King and Lord is demanding my presence. Are you ready to begin with me and walk through the familiar outer courts and into the Holy Place of our Father's majestic presence? I sincerely hope and pray you are.

Sadly, far too few sermons and words are coming forth of Father's desire for us to HEAR His voice and the sound of heaven. This has left generation upon generation of believers striving in vain for something missing in their spiritual walk that only the Father's voice can comfort and fulfill. Multitudes in the church have been conditioned and processed to believe that God only speaks through His Word. These people move through life and if they are honest with themselves, must come to the conclusion that something is terribly missing and that the miraculous elements of the supernatural seem distant and a shade of gray.

Many have relegated the personal experiences mentioned in the Bible as belonging to a time of yesteryear. Although God is the same "yesteryear," today and forever, much of the body of Christ has bought into the lie that God's ways of communicating are unrepeatable or relegated to people who lived under an inferior covenant. The Word of God is not purely a set of rules, regulations, and doctrines. It is God's love letter to mankind and the fulfillment of better promises. Just look at the themes of what the Lord chose to reveal through the New Testament — prophecies, dreams, visions, revelations, angels, and the AUDIBLE VOICE of God. The writer of Hebrews tells us that entertaining angels is very much possible as a common event among believers. The simple question that we must answer is: Did God suddenly stop speaking to His people just because the written Word was sealed? This seems contrary to a loving Father's nature and His "word."

Beloved, your walk Christian will never reach its fulfillment and potential without a desire to hear God's voice. If we are going to experience the better promises that the 1st century church experienced, we must begin to expect God to speak audibly as well as through His Word, dreams, visions, and prophecy.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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The Season of Next Time

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We are in a wonderful season of new opportunities. Where we have previously failed, we are now being given a second chance to succeed. I was listening to an old song recently and the words rang in my ears after I heard it: “Next time…I’ll know better what to do.” When I heard those words, I realized the Lord was saying that, even though we may have failed at something in the past, He is going to give us another chance to do it right “next time.”

If we can learn from those difficult experiences of failure in the past, then victory will surely come. Michael Jordan once made this statement:

I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot… and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that's precisely why I succeed.

Why did Michael Jordan succeed? He did not stay down when he made mistakes — he learned from them! He practiced more and perfected his shots until he became one of the best basketball players *ever*. When we fail at something, it is not the end, but can actually be the best beginning of all. Those who have accomplished great things in life have known many failures. It is the failures that have actually propelled them to rise up and try harder. If we have learned from our mistakes, then we are in a place to have greater successes in the same areas. The sweetest victories come from rising up and out of failure.

The key to rising up is to have the perseverance to try again. *Webster’s Dictionary* describes perseverance like this: “to continue in some effort, course of action, etc. in spite of difficulty, opposition, etc.; be steadfast in purpose; persist.” This is precisely what Michael Jordan and multitudes of others have done in the face of defeat, which in turn caused them to become so successful. The lessons from failures will cause us to achieve the greatest victories in our lives if we will persist in learning all that we can from them.

For too long many have stayed down, believing because of their pasts there was no hope for the future. Do not believe it! The past is just that—the past. History repeats itself, both good and bad, so when we are given this “next time” we must take it for the opportunity that it is, and determine to make the outcome positive.

Thomas Edison once responded to a reporter with the following quote after he had failed two thousand times before he successfully invented the light bulb. “I never failed once. It just happened to be a 2000-step process.” He saw his experiments with the light bulb as lessons, not failures. He chose to see them as an opportunity for success, rather than the failure that they so seemingly portrayed. He became one of the greatest inventors ever with 1,093 inventions, averaging a patent every two weeks of his working career. As his life portrayed, he knew how to stay focused and persevere.

Season of Hope

The following Scriptures are for us to remember as we face our “next times.”

For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers have already appeared in the land… (Song of Solomon 2:11-12).

“For behold, the winter is past.” During winter most activities tend to be inside, simply because it is warmer. But the Lord is saying now **“the winter is past!”** It is time to leave the cold (past failures) and embrace the new. Letting go of the past will allow us to step out of the cold and into the warmth of a new season. Failures can come in many ways—our purpose in life, in relationships, sins, and so on. It is time to rise up and receive forgiveness from the past. Likewise, we must also forgive those who have wronged us, just as the Lord has in His grace forgiven us. As we become free of the past, we will then be in the place to embrace the new things that the Lord will begin to bring forth in our lives.

Perhaps in the past you have never been able to walk forward into your calling. Do not give up! This season holds new hope—a chance for a “next time!” C.S. Lewis once said: “You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.” God is giving you a second chance to fulfill all that you have been called to do. Now is the time to seize the opportunity!

“The rain is over and gone.” Rain is necessary for growth and nourishment, for without it a plant would surely die. Rain softens the hard earth and prepares the soil to receive nourishing water. Then, when the plant receives the necessary warmth from the sun, it will grow to new heights. The same is true for us. We will go through seasons of rain for nourishment, but before that time the Lord has to break up the fallow ground around our hearts to prepare us for the new seeds and growth. We will receive the most from the Lord as we embrace these hard times, looking with hope toward a time of growth. Then the rain will come, nourishing all the Lord has taught us. When the rain stops, and the “Son” begins to shine upon us, we will begin to grow in many areas of our lives. And in this growing, we will be changed into a new person. From this place of new growth, we will know better what to do when the opportunity arises for a “next time.”

“Flowers have already appeared in the land.” Summer is the season for flowers to shine in their beauty. They have been lying dormant all winter, but soon they will begin blooming into their purpose. As the flowers grow, beauty will be displayed for all to see. Likewise, the same is happening with us. When the “next time” comes, beauty in this season will be seen—not the death of winter, but the warmth and new life of summer. It is time to make right that which has been wrong in the past. This “next time” will be a blessed opportunity to bring forth fruit in what may have seemingly died before.

This season of second chances is a gift from the Lord. We must arise and shine as Isaiah 60:1 states: **“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.”** Leave the past behind and embrace the new. Seize this opportunity and fulfill your destiny. His grace is sufficient for this and so much more.

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The Sound of Sacrifice

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While teaching the book of John, Ch. 8, which speaks about 'hearing the Lord's voice' I began thinking about the many ways that He spoke in scripture…I thought of His voice in the garden; His voice as the sound of mighty waters; His voice like thunder; and then I thought of how He spoke at Mt. Sinai: (Exodus 19:16-19)

And it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud upon the mount and the voice of the trumpet exceedingly loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: And the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.

The Lord, Himself sounded the trumpet at Sinai! (In Hebrew the word, trumpet is shawfar; the horn of a ram). I wondered: "Why a ram's horn, Lord?" And the Lord answered, "Because, it's the 'Sound of Sacrifice'! "Why? I asked." And He replied, "Remember what Isaac asked His father…? (Genesis 22:4-14)

Then on the third day Abraham lifted up eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, "Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering : So they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto Him out of heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham: and he said, 'Here am I'. And he said, "Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him ***a ram caught in a thicket*** *by his horns and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*

And Abrham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day. In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

Indeed, the Lord DID provide the sacrifice! Not only for Abraham and Isaac, but for all of us! ***JESUS CHRIST*** *is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world! (Rev. 13:8) and (I Cor.2:11)*

Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid which is Christ Jesus.

This SURE foundation has been tried and proven to be steadfast, immovable, enduring from everlasting to everlasting. It is that upon which the whole new creation is being built! (Isaiah 28:16 & I Cor. 3:12-13)

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a SURE FOUNDATION: he that believeth shall not make haste.

Also: (Acts 4:11, 12 & Psalm 118:22-23)

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!

And: ***Neither is there salvation in ANY OTHER for there is NONE OTHER NAME under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved!*** *Amen & Hallelujah!*

Indeed, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ has been accomplished 'from the foundation of the world! Even at Sinai, as Moses was receiving the Law from the great "I AM"; the Lord Himself was proclaiming Christ and His sacrifice:

with 'the voice of the trumpet, exceedingly loud'

Jesus Christ*, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world! He who Is Our Sacrifice. (Rev. 1:8)…*

HE WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME! THE ALMIGHTY!

The Sounds Of Silence

Susan Cummings

The Sounds Of Silence
Given on the wings of the wind
Bear down upon the hearts and minds of men
Gravenly taken in and yet, denied

No comfort can be given within the silent breath
For it only holds the awaited time of death
Sacred and precious is the hour of release
For those who stand in the Fathers Embrace

Silence has a voice given from within
Strengthening friend and foe
For the battle that will soon begin
Drawing both sides to their lines of defense

Deep calleth unto deep
And the listening do hear and prepare
For the silence will complete it's full work
As the hour passes in its set circuit

Sounds form from within
Sounds form from without
Both make their mark
Without even so much a shout

Silence comes with it's Grace intact
Establishing the perimeters for the next impact
Voices, thunders, lightnings, will then decree
The final entrance of the last three

The Sounds of Silence have spoken
Given their due as a token
Such is the course set for men
Written now by their own pens

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The Secret Of Spiritual Power

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"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:6b,7).

There is a principle at work in our life and walk with the Lord, and it is the principle of strength out of weakness. "The meek are blessed, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). If we want the blessing of the Lord then we must learn what it is to be meek, for the proud will not inherit anything from Him.

The way of the world says that in order to be stronger, we must build ourselves up and seek strength and dominance over others. Christians everywhere are keenly interested in how to be increased, how to be stronger, how to take authority, how to rise up, how to get more. They look for methods, formulas, and techniques for becoming bigger and better. The results have been disappointing. Many mistakes have been made and many people have been hurt and disillusioned.

The Lord has a different approach for us to take. He invites us to accept weakness in order to be strengthened. We do not become strong by embracing strength, but by embracing weakness! This is the secret of all spiritual power. When Paul learned this secret he was able to say, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (II Corinthians 12:10b). This makes no sense to the natural man. I do not remember ever hearing anyone begin a teaching on spiritual warfare with this verse. It is no wonder, then, that these teachings never seem to produce any lasting fruit.

This passage of Scripture from James gives us further insight into why the strong are weak, and why the weak are strong. Our study of this verse may be divided into four distinct sections. Let us look at each one individually.

GOD RESISTS THE PROUD

Christians are full of many plans, many pursuits, many thoughts, many words, many things. It is impossible to say just how much of the flesh is involved in the things we undertake in the Name of Jesus. We know they cannot be purely spiritual works because often there is little fruit to be found. We labor and toil and work but it seems as if we make little or no progress. It seems as if something is always blocking our way and preventing us.

The automatic assumption is that anything which resists us or hinders us is of satanic origin. That is, if we encounter difficulty in our spiritual walk, our first reaction is to rebuke the devil, or ask the saints to pray for us to have a clear way. Certainly the devil will attempt to hinder us from anything we undertake that glorifies God and threatens the darkness. Yet we learn from James 4:6 that there is Someone else who can resist us. There is Another Who carefully watches what we do, and frequently hinders us from making progress.

It comes as a shock and surprise to some Christians to see one day that God, not the devil, is resisting them. The Lord Himself resists us, closes doors, causes things to be unfruitful, and spoils all our plans. How so? Because "God resists the proud." This resistance from God is insurmountable. It is a fearful thing to fight the Lord. We spend most of our lives wrestling with God instead of cooperating with God, and in the end we have nothing to show for it. So much time and effort is wasted because we proceed in our own, stubborn way. We attribute all difficulties to the devil, or to other people, or our circumstances, or our environment, and fail to recognize that the Lord Himself is resisting us.

God resists the proud. This is an active resistance that will block our path like a huge rock or a great chasm. All who walk in pride are in league with the devil himself, and will receive the same judgment (cf. I Timothy 3:6). Brothers and sisters, this is a serious matter. If we harbor the least bit of pride then we will find ourselves on the wrong side of the Lord, but if we are humble before God and man then we cannot be defeated because...

GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

The single requirement for grace is humility. But what is grace? Grace is more than just a theological term used to describe how we are saved. Grace is the power of God at work in my life to do what cannot be done in my own strength. Grace is energizing and proactive. When I have reached the end of myself then Grace Himself takes over and does what I am unable to do. In the first place, what I cannot do is save myself, and so I trust in the Grace of God, Jesus Christ, to save me. But Grace will not only bring me through the Gate; He will bring me down the Path. Grace does not just get me started in the right direction, but goes along with me every step of the way. For Grace is a Man!

It should be obvious that God will not give us grace while we are still proud. Why? Because He will allow no flesh to glory in His presence. He desires us to be thoroughly emptied of ourselves. When we cease doing what we cannot do then He begins to do what we cannot. The problem is that we still think we can do so many things. We must learn sooner, rather than later, that "apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5b). Nothing! But it is human nature to try and do it ourselves. This human nature is the flesh. It prevents us from entering into Grace. God cannot save someone who is still trying to save themselves. Similarly, God cannot do what we are still trying to do. He will wait - weeks, months, or years - until we have exhausted our strength. When our strength is completely gone and we finally go to Him in weakness, He becomes our strength and we find Grace is there to do the impossible. Then we know it was not us, but the Lord. All praise goes to Him, and we retain nothing for ourselves.

See how many times the disciples tried to correct the Lord. See how many times they argued with the Lord. See how many time their thoughts contradicted the Master. See how many times they urged Him to take action. And the Lord, ever patient, would correct them. In every case we see that He is the Lord, and they are the disciples. The roles must never be confused. He is the Master, and we are His servants. We do not command Him, but He commands us. We do not direct Him, but He directs us. We do not lead Him, but He leads us. He was not created for us, but we were created for Him. He does not serve us according to our pleasure, but we serve Him according to His pleasure. So we must be adjusted to Him, and not the other way around. The Lord will never apologize to us and say, "I'm sorry, I was wrong. We'll do it your way." How laughable! How absurd! But we often live as if we expect Him to do that very thing. We have not humbled ourselves.

All those who want power with God must see that His power is released through our weakness (cf. II Corinthians 12:9). Do realize that you are weak whether you admit it or not, but the power of humility is in recognizing and agreeing before God that we really can do nothing of our own selves. God's power is not for those with natural charisma, talent, leadership skills, education, training, or "connections". God is not looking for volunteers to serve at their own convenience as their schedule permits, but calls for disciples who will lay down their lives. The flesh counts for nothing in spiritual matters. God's power is not revealed to us when we are proud, but when we are humble. Any demonstration of "power" manifesting itself through a proud man or a proud woman is, quite simply, not from God and cannot be trusted. Spiritual gifts may be counterfeited, but spiritual fruit cannot be faked. We will know the false from the true by their fruit, not their gifts (Matthew 7:20). Meekness is an essential quality of spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:23). Gifts may accompany fruit, but gifts may never substitute for fruit.

The secret, then, is to...

SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD

Do we need the power of God today? Do we seek the Life of the Lord today? Do we desire Him to have the preeminence in our lives today? Do we long for Him today? Then now is the time for us to be unconditionally and wholeheartedly surrendered to Him. We need not drag the process out for several days and weeks, months and years. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). Do it today, do it now. If we must daily take up the cross anyway, let us bow our head and give up the ghost instead of struggling to stay alive, which only prolongs our agony. The secret to overcoming is dying daily.

If God gives Grace to the humble, then we should live a surrendered life so we can tap into grace. Die to Self, die to effort, die to trying, die to scheming. Stop wrestling, stop fighting, stop squirming, stop arguing, stop reasoning, stop bargaining, stop all that and just surrender, yield, give up, and lay down before Him! Humility is not some outward show, but a heart attitude that says in effect, "I will not resist the dealings of God. I will not argue with the Lord. I will not insist upon my own way. I recognize and admit that apart from Him I can do nothing. I am finished. Lord, I look to You to do in me and through me what I cannot do." Friends, if we truly mean that when we say it then we will naturally spend more time praying, more time in the Word, more time ministering to God, because we will realize we do not know anything and we can not do anything without hearing from Him. If Christ is to have the preeminence in all things right HERE is where it begins. Humility is offering no resistance to the dealings of the Lord with us.

When we are submitted to the Lord, we find Grace. We find peace. We find rest. All things are in His hands, and He does all things well. We need not fear what any devil or any man can do to us. To be submitted to the Lord is to be under His care, under His guidance, under His power, under His protection. Whom shall I fear? What can man do to me? What can the devil do to me? If I have humbled myself beneath the mighty hand of God then He will exalt me in due season; He will justify me; He will defend me; He will fight for me. If our submission to God is complete, if our surrender to the Lord is total, then victory is assured. We will...

RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE

So many times we try to resist, but we are defeated. Why? Simply because we attempt to resist the devil before we have first submitted ourselves to God. There is a proper order that must be observed without fail. First, we must understand the principle of God resisting the proud but giving grace to the humble. This is the foundation of everything we do. Second, the word "therefore" signifies that those who learn this principle will act upon it accordingly. If they understand the truth just stated, they will submit "therefore" to God. Third, as a result of their submitting to God, they will find the devil flees whenever and wherever they offer him resistance. The word "flee" means "to run away in terror". How wonderful! How delicious to see the devil running from us in terror, instead of the other way around! That should be the normal experience of all Christians. That is the normal Christian life, a life that overcomes.

The whole object of satan is to bring us down from the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 2:6) and entangle us into some kind of earthly, fleshly thing that saps us of our strength and diminishes spiritual authority. Knowing this, the Lord has us to pray daily, "Deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13ff). That is to say, "Deliver us from the earthly, the fleshly, the worldly, the carnal, the selfish, the natural, the human, where satan has influence to work evil against us. Deliver us from all that hinders and distracts us, and bring us into the Kingdom of Your dear Son, that we may walk in Spirit and Truth, in the heavenly places, demonstrating your preeminence over all things Below." Brothers and sisters, praying in this way is what it means to resist the devil. He cannot stand before us when we take the high ground and maintain the Lord's Testimony.

If we grow impatient and fall into the flesh then we become weaker. To react in the flesh diminishes spiritual authority, and this must be avoided at all costs. Allowing the flesh to have its way for only a moment guarantees defeat against a spiritual adversary. "We worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Philippians 3:3). To lose all confidence in the flesh is to take the higher ground of the Spirit. To meet flesh with flesh means the victory will go to the strongest, and there is always someone stronger than you according to the flesh. Instead, if people come against you in the flesh, let them come against you. If they wish to rail and argue with you according to the flesh, do not respond in kind. If they attack you without cause, let them attack, because the fleshly, the carnal, the natural cannot defeat the spiritual. The one who is submitted to the Lord has authority over those who remain unsubmitted to Him. Flesh is overruled by Spirit. Hate is overruled by Love. Darkness is overruled by Light. Death is overruled by Life. Earth is overruled by Heaven. "He that comes from above is above all" (John 3:31ff).

We offer no resistance, no defense, no argument, no justification to people who mean us harm. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12a). We resist satan, not the person. We stand against the devil, taking no action against the instruments the devil uses. We submit to God, we offer no resistance to man, but we stand firm against the spiritual adversary. Outwardly, before others, we appear weak. But inwardly, before God, we are strong. "Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (II Corinthians 10:3,4). If we war after the flesh then we are emptied of spiritual strength. If we war after the Spirit then we are emptied of fleshly strength. Which will you have, spiritual authority, or fleshly power? You can have either one you want, but you cannot have both.

We face perilous, dangerous times. The secret of spiritual power to see us through these times is humility. The arm of the flesh will fail us. Brothers and sisters, since we cannot avoid weakness, we may as well make the best possible use of it. Let us accept the dealings of the Holy Spirit with us and offer no resistance to Him. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" (James 4:10). Amen

Two Sides Of The Heart
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As we continue in our pursuit of allowing the Lord to draw and surface our hidden issues for the purpose of transformation. The following list that I will start this article with is a comparison of the heart condition within the "spiritual orphan" and the "spiritual son and daughter." It reveals many characteristics exhibited by those who have not been healed of "rejection."

The (spiritual) "orphan" sees the image of God as a master. The (spiritual) "son or daughter" sees God as a loving Father.

The orphan is independent and self-reliant. The son or daughter is interdependent and acknowledges need.

The orphan lives by the love of the law. The son or daughter lives by the law of love.

The orphan is insecure and lacks peace. The son or daughter is at rest and has peace.

The orphan strives for the praise, approval, and acceptance of man. The son or daughter is totally accepted in God's love and justified by grace.

The orphan has a need for personal achievement as they seek to impress God and others, or no motivation to serve at all. The son or daughter serves and is motivated by a deep gratitude for being unconditionally loved and accepted by God.

The orphan's motive behind Christian disciplines is bound to duty and earning God's favor or no motivation at all. To the son or daughter, it is a pleasure and delight.

The motive for purity to the orphan is that they "must" be holy to have God's favor, thus increasing a sense of shame and guilt. The son or daughter "desires to" be holy. They do not want anything to hinder intimate relationship with God.

The self image of an orphan suffers self-rejection from comparing themselves to others. The son and daughter's self-image is positive and affirmed because they know they have value to God.

The orphan seeks comfort in counterfeit affections: addictions, compulsions, escapism, busyness and hyper-religious activity. The son or daughter seeks times of quietness and solitude to rest in the Father's presence and love.

The relationship with peers of an orphan is competitive and has rivalry and jealousy toward others' success and position. The son or daughter has relationships that are humble and seek unity as they value others and are able to rejoice in their blessing and success.

The orphan handles others faults by accusation and exposure in order to make themselves look good by making others look bad. The son or daughter covers others faults by love and seeking to restore others in gentleness.

The orphan spirit sees authority as a source of pain; distrustful toward them and lack a heart attitude of submission. (A failure to submit to one another in the fear of the Lord) The son or daughter is respectful, honoring; as they view authority from God and of value to their life.

The orphan has difficulty receiving admonition. They "must" be right, so they easily have their feelings hurt and close their spirit to correction. The son or daughter receives admonition (correction) as a blessing and need in their life so their faults and weaknesses are exposed and put to death.

The orphan is guarded and conditional in their expression of love. Their love is based upon another's performance as they seek to get their needs met. The son or daughter is open, patient, and affectionate as they lay their life and agendas down in order to meet the needs of others.

The orphan views God's presence as conditional and distant. The son or daughter views and experiences God's presence as close and intimate.

The orphan's spiritual condition is bondage. The son or daughter lives in a heart condition of liberty.

The orphan views their position in God's kingdom as a slave or servant. The son or daughter views their position as a "son" or a "daughter."

The vision of the orphan is spiritual ambition and the desire for spiritual achievement and distinction along with the willingness to strive for it. They have a desire to be accounted among the mature. The son or daughter has a vision to daily experience the Father's unconditional love and acceptance and then be sent as a representative of His love to family and others.

The previous list and revelation was given by the Lord to Jack and Trisha Frost who are the founders of Shiloh Place Ministries. I highly recommend visiting their web site.

I hope that this comparison has shed some light upon the many divisive and judgmental issues that we have and are experiencing in the church, as well as in our own individual lives. I personally can relate too many of these comparisons in my own life and can only thank and praise God that He has delivered me and is still healing me from some of these issues that I have carried since childhood. Just five years ago, I never would conceived of sharing what I am about to share with you…I would have much rather desired that you saw my spiritual maturity and strength, rather than my weakness and need. When I look at the lives of the prophets of old, I see men and women who walked in the anointing and power of God. However, the Lord is clear in His Word to show us their humanity and weaknesses as well as He continued to refine and work in their lives…What a wonderful assurance of God's grace, patience and love for us.

We have been designed by God with purpose and meaning. He created us in His image and that image is the image of LOVE. The Bible says that "God is love." With that said, we were created for relationship – to love and to be loved how God designed us to be loved. We may have had wonderfully kind parents, but if they did not love or express love in how God designed us to be loved; we have already moved into the roots of rejection. This will soon manifest in adverse behaviors such as lying as a young child, eruptive behaviors for attention, and an unexplained knowledge of sexual activity and thoughts. As a very young child of 3-4 years old, I somehow, without reading or experiencing sexual actions, understood them and had a desire or curiosity for them. Many would wonder why? The answer is in the fact that "rejection" is the greatest PAIN that humanity suffers. The wounds of rejection are the deepest and most painful left unhealed. And pain will almost always seek PLEASURE to relieve or band-aid itself. Something in the soul of fallen man (even a child) moves into a spiritual avenue of darkness when not accepted in the love of God or loved how the Father has designed us to be loved.

As we grow older, the rejected soul gravitates toward music. Music holds within it tremendous power and influence for both spiritually good and bad. Lucifer was the arch angel of music and of course understands it's influence upon the soul. The gravitation toward music at such young ages is not so much about the understanding of notes, singing style, sound, or even as a means of expression, as much as it is a vehicle of ESCAPE. Rejected or spiritually orphaned children (even adults) if left unhealed will escape into music at such a degree, that they actually create a false reality of themselves singing and playing the instruments they are listening to. I found myself escaping in this for 20 years. Why? Because I wanted to praised, affirmed, and admired in my rejected and unhealed condition.

It is not long before this pain (most have repressed the pain of rejection so deep, that they are essentially unaware that they are truly hurting and in bondage) moves and escapes into pornography or pre-marital sex as a means to cover our pain and garner affirmation and what we perceive as real and genuine love. Young men will escape into a magazine and a false reality of having sex with a person who in reality is not there. Young women will escape into a warped sense of love through sex to meet their need of approval and affection. (This is a characteristic of young women who have been neglected of having a father express tender and affectionate love to them as well complimenting then on their "inner beauty") The rejected soul by this time is starved and famished for the unconditional love of God. But few understand the source of God's love and continue to escape and turn to man to quench their pain through means of the flesh or what is natural.

Without the healing and affirming love of God we grow older into to our teen years and young adult life escaping into a "works oriented" lifestyle to meet our needs for love and affirmation. This of course will carry over and manifest itself in the church. Upon doing a task well, the rejected individual will visualize in a false reality someone whom they desire to love and be loved – watching them perform the task they are doing well. In reality, this person is not really there. Yet, the rejected soul escapes into a realm that creates that person being there as to somehow harness that person's approval and admiration. We go through our lives knowing we do this, but we tend to bury these "realities" and refuse to face the truth of our bankruptcy of knowing or resting in the unconditional love of God and our need to be affirmed.

It is soon that the escapism we have been living for most of our lives begins to influence the life that we live and the relationships we have made. The insecurities begin to surface in jealousy, criticism or judgments, and even outbursts of anger. It doesn't take long before the rejected adult finds comfort in seeing others fail so they might feel better about themselves – Especially if it is a similar function of a co-worker. The rejected person doesn't go out of their way to see others fail; they simply "feel good" about themselves when others do fail. The success of others becomes a stumbling block rather than an occasion for celebration. We have now moved into a life of bondage and drudgery, continually comparing ourselves to others and living in the past

God's plan is that we would live an abundant life and one full of joy, rest, and peace. God loves us with an everlasting love that can never be earned, purchased, or attained through religious striving and works. His love is unconditional and always available. It is when we truly understand ourselves; that we can present ourselves to our loving Father who we truly are and come "just as I am." This was a pinnacle moment in my life. It was then that the anointing and fragrance of Christ was allowed to flow through my life without the contamination of my buried hurts and issues. However, I am still very much a work in process and progress.

A prophetic person will continually prophesy to himself in a rejected and wounded state. The word of the Lord becomes mixed and slanted having little to no impact in the lives of others. You see, "Out of the abundance of one's own heart, the mouth speaks." The Lord is not only rising up a dynamic prophetic voice for this season in history – He is rising up a voice that is clean, pure and precise because they have been willing to be exposed, cleansed and healed.

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The Spirit Of The Age

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This prophecy is not going to be easy to hear.
Neither is it any easier to speak.
However, the spirit of the age will be addressed.
You have all heard the Lamb. Now hear the Lion of Judah!

This is the message that the Lord is bringing to the Church:

I am the Lord your God. I see all hearts and discern all purposes. Nothing is hidden from Me. I know your ways and all your plans. I Love you. You bear My Name. You are the people of My pasture. And behold, I am doing a new thing.

I see this land, this culture. It is rich, fat and bloated. You lack nothing! Everything is provided for, and yes, in abundance! I see the gods of money, of avarice, of greed and lust stretching their tentacles throughout this land. New temples to other gods are raised, and people worship in them. I know the evil that dwells here. You think you are rich! But your eyes are blind! Foolish people – look again and see what I see.

Yes - you are part of this! You live both in it, and of it. And I call you out! You must not live this way. You are temples of the Holy Spirit, so why then do you worship in the temples of Babylon? Do you not see it? Well then, I the Lord will declare it for you. The land is corrupt and evil, there is no knowledge or love of God. Each person goes their own way, and they do what pleases them. They will reap what they have sown! I the Lord have spoken!

But yet I am not willing that any should perish. So, wake up. Listen, for I have called you into a new way. I have called you out, and my word will not return to me empty. You are a Holy and a Royal people. Do you not know it? You bear my Name, on your heads and in your hearts, and I am not willing that any one of you should perish.

Listen! For a new wave will flood across this land. I the Lord your God have spoken! A new harvest awaits, as My Spirit washes anew throughout this land. But look, the ground is rough, rocky and unprepared. Where can I plant My harvest? Where is the soil ready for it? Precious few places are ready. So then, make haste, lest the Day of the Lord come and take you unaware.

You must have love, one for another, the true image of My love. Why do I see shallow life amongst you? Do you doubt? Do you not truly believe? Do you think the Lords arm is too short? Can He not provide all your needs, yes, and more? What do you say? Will you contend with Me?

I command you, grow in love and fellowship with Me and one another. Build a true community of believers. One that will withstand the coming storm, one that will pass the test of the Rock of Ages. Come! Will you not trust in Me?

I tell you the truth, nothing will change until you are transformed into my image. Nothing will change until you are removed from the company of the harlot. But if you are willing, I will work such a change amongst you, that you will be left awed in My power. Do you think I cannot do it? Test me, and see, for the Lord is good.

You have insurance, you have wealth. Many indeed are your barns. But they will not save you in the Day of the Lord. Trust in the One who can save.

Can you have any gods before Me? Can anything stand in My presence? Foolish people! Do you think you can claim God and mammon both? Have you not read, do you not understand? You cannot serve both Gods. I the Lord your God am a jealous God and I will stand no other. I will tolerate no idols in my presence. Does light have fellowship with darkness? No!

You ask, so what are our gods? You know, and I know. There is no change, unless it be that you are ‘richer’ still. How many coats must you have? Two are no longer enough, you must have yet more. Rid yourself of these! Put out all greed, lust, avarice and the wicked love of money. See, I call you to a new thing!

Repent! For I know your sins, the unregenerate places in your hearts. I know what lies cold and dead. I am the Lord who can still make dry bones live! So arise! Put these things out of your hearts, and repent. Am I not the Lord who saved you, who died for you? I can and will rescue you from the miry pit. I will set your feet on solid rock, and I will give you a hope and future.

What must you do? Trust and obey me. Leave behind your old life, and turn to the new that I will give you.

So then my people, I call you out. I set before you two paths. The broad, gentle, easy path that leads to destruction. Or the narrow path, the hard path, the rocky mountainous path that leads to the city of God. Do not be deceived! It is not easy. It was never intended to be easy. It is not a path you can follow in your own strength. But you will have all that you need for the journey. My Spirit Himself will nurture you.

Now is the day of the Lord! Now are my purposes and plans come to fruition. I will move upon this land again and my elect will hear My call.

I the Lord your God have spoken and I call you out!

Do You Not Know Who You Are?
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Do you not know who you are?

With one prayer, you can change the world.
My beloved, before all creation
Bought with a price
Glittering and Holy
Called by name

Do you think I do not know you?
Heart and soul I do
Eternal and forever
Exquisite crystal
Perfect in purity

Do you not know who you are?

My love for you passes beyond bearing
Beyond meaning
Never encompassed
Never changing
Earnestly I sought you
Found you

And I bear you home

Do not gaze down on lowly trinkets
Things of no worth
See, behold your Treasure.
See, I call you home, my beloved

Do you not know who you are?

Before you came to be, I knew you and loved you
Sent my Son to die in your place
To pick up your pieces
To make the broken new

Do not be troubled, or downcast
All these things I knew from the beginning
Who is there to debate with Me?

Look, with the eyes of your heart
And see what I see
I do not judge with mans eyes
I see further
I see deeper
The eyes of My heart see to the heart
Deep calls to deep
In the sigh of my Spirit

Do not be deceived.
I know who you are.

A new creation
Redeemed and Holy
Spotless and pure
A perfect bride

My beloved, would you dare to believe?
That I would love you for your own sake?

You are a people without blemish
Called by My name
Loved and beloved
Without end

The Sound Of The Hornet
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Living, as we do, in the vicinity of Arab villages, we experienced during the past month, in the course of which the Moslems celebrated the feast of Ramadan, more than our share of sounds issuing out of mosques at all hours of the day and night. The Moslem call to prayer is sounded through a loudspeaker system which is attached to a tower that forms part of the edifice. But whereas during most of the year it is only the call to prayer, five times a day, which is sounded out, and does not last but several minutes, during Ramadan the prayers, and sometimes the sermons that follow the call to prayer are also transmitted. The other night these sounds woke us up about 1 in the morning. This particular night, which ended the Ramadan fast, was especially noticeable. The sound was different from all other nights. I could not help but think of the sound made by a swarm of bees, wasps or hornets. The Word has a very specific task for the later. "Could Islam be YHVH's hornets?" we asked ourselves.

The hornets are mentioned 3 times in Scripture. In Exodus 23:28 we read: . *"And I will send* ***hornets*** *before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before you."* In Deuteronomy 7:20 it is written: "*Moreover YHVH your Elohim will send the* ***hornet*** *among them until those who are left, who hide themselves from you, are destroyed".* And in Joshua 24:11-12 we read once more: *"Then you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you -- also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. But I delivered them into your hand. I sent the* ***hornet*** *before you which drove them out from before you…"*

The hornet, literal or proverbial, apparently had a very important role in the conquest of the Land of Canaan that is, the Promised Land; the Land of Israel. The hornets were to be the vanguard going ahead of YHVH's army, His people, in order to drive away the enemies, and were part of the process of the take-over of the land. Driving away the enemy was of paramount importance for the purpose of remaining a set apart people, who would not mix with the other nations or participate in their practices. Thus the hornets were (or would have been) very instrumental in aiding the people settle into their YHVH-given role, and in continuing to drive out the enemies and the evil influences that were abhorrent in the sight of YHVH.

The Internet dictionary says about the English word "hornet": "Probably comes from *hornete*, which was used in both Middle Low German and Middle Dutch. The word also corresponds with the Old English word hyrnet. Hornet is probably derived from horn." How does the Hebrew word for hornet, tsir'ah, 'sound the horn', in connection with the role and symbolism of this insect?

Tsir'ah is made up of four consonants (though the last is silent): tsadi, resh, ayin, hey, with the root is made up of the letters tsadi, resh and ayin (ts,r,a) and means "to erupt". This is also the root for "tsa'ra'at" - leprosy. The leper was not only afflicted physically, but was also identified as being "ta'meh", that is ceremonially unclean and was perceived as someone whose physical condition resulted from spiritual uncleanness.

The first two consonants of ts.r.a. form the word "tsar", which is a narrow place, oppression, distress and also the word for enemy. *"Trouble* ["tsar"] *and anguish have overtaken me,"* cries out David in Psalm 119:143. And Proverbs 23:27 intones: *"A seductress is a narrow* [tsa'ra] *well"* (Proverbs 23:27). But, in spite of all this participation in sin and iniquity, YHVH so empathized with His creation that He gave the ultimate of sacrifices Who *"…became their Savior. In all their affliction* [tsa'r"] He was afflicted ["tsar"] (v. 8, 9), so that they could declare: "*Let the redeemed of YHVH say so, whom*

He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy ["tsar"] (Ps. 107:2). In our opening passage, in Exodus 23:22, we read the promise: *"I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary* [ve'tsarti] *to your adversaries* [tsorerim]."

Isaiah tells us: *"This day is a day of trouble* ["tsa'ra"] *and rebuke and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring them forth"* (27:3). Yet, *"though I walk in the midst of trouble* ["tsa'ra"], *You will revive me"* (Ps. 138:7).

Interestingly, when we remove the first consonant from the root ts.r.a., leaving out only r.a., which reads "ra", the word for "wickedness" or "evil" emerges. Thus Genesis 6:5 tells us that, *"YHVH saw that the wickedness [ra'at] of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil* [ra] *continually."*

Even when the ts.r.a. letters are placed in a different order, such as a.ts.r, or r.ts.a, or r.a.ts, or a.r.ts, the words formed keep on conveying negative connotations.

Let's look at a.ts.r, which means "restrain, or "limit forcibly". In Isaiah 53:8 we read about Messiah: "*He was taken from prison* [otser] *and from judgment".* R.ts.a means "to pierce" or "bore a hole", thus the servant who would not leave his master, after a full seven years' service, would have his ear pierced with an awl becoming a slave for life. Next we examine r.a.tz., which is "to harass" or "shatter". The passage in Judges 10:6-8 tells us: *"Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of YHVH, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook YHVH and did not serve Him. So the anger of YHVH was hot against Israel; and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the people of Ammon. From that year they harassed [va'yira'tsu] and oppressed the children of Israel for eighteen years…"*

Finally, the root a.r.tz. forms a verb which means "to strike fear". *"I have seen the wicked [arits] in great power, and spreading himself like a native green tree"* (Ps. 37:35) sums up the result of cooperating with the enemies, rather than driving them out and separating from them and from their ways by following YHVH's instructions for taking the land, both literally and figuratively. Thus, instead of the hornets becoming a tool in Abba's hand to clear the land and make room for His Spirit, these wasps remain in our land as residents while we continue to *"do evil in the sight of YHVH"*. In this way we are defeated again and again by the ones we want to coexist with, instead of separating from them; while the hornets, rather than helping us defeat our enemies and harassing them, defeat and harass us.

Is it possible that YHVH would use the wasp to drive us out of the country, because we refuse to repent and return to Him with our whole heart and acknowledge His Messiah?

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Two Sides Of The Sword

Catharina Schouten and Tina Ames

The Word is in the truth, yesterday, today and forever. The Word is for everyone as it is the plain truth.

The Word of God is the ultimate truth. Its fullness is without measure. All things written can not be added to nor omitted from His Words. On the other side, how many of us have experienced reading in the Word from the Lord and then some one else can tell you, I can find within three minutes a word that contradicts this. Or we receive a prophetic word, and in a short time we receive a Word from someone else that seems to contradict the previous word? Is our God lying? Of course not! He is not a man that He should lie. He does not contradict Himself to us. What is happening here?

First, many people are following “a map” and not the “Guide”, The Holy Spirit. You can read the Bible over and over, but if the Holy Spirit does not reveal what is for you at that particular moment, you are getting lost off your path of His direction. We need the Holy Spirit to tell us what Word is for us at this particular moment in our lives and to reveal the deep secret behind the meaning of the Word to us. There is the “Logos” Word, meaning the Word written through the Bible. And there is the “Rhema” Word, meaning the Lord speaks directly to you through the Word and it becomes one with your spirit and Next, even if we are on the straight and narrow path together, even at the same exact spot, it does not mean we should be learning and hearing from the Lord in the exact same manner. We each are learning differently (different things at the same moment) from the Holy Spirit. It does not mean the Spirit is telling us today the same message to each other. We need to be like eagles riding on the wind of the Holy Spirit. There is a Word, a truth, for every one of us, the Bride of the Church worldwide, and He is speaking to you, individually.

Example: Tina and I. It is possible that the Lord is speaking to her, Tina, I’m going to teach you how to save money and at the same moment, He is speaking to me, Catharina, I’m going to teach you how to give all of your money away. One of the biggest mistakes we ever made in the Body of Yeshua, is taking a personal Word from the Lord and applying it to each other or to His Body to make it fit them.

Example: A family with a terminally ill child is told by the Lord to worship Him extravagantly and the Lord heals the child. Praise the Lord! The worst thing they can do is reveal to others in the Body that this experience is the plain truth and the only way the Lord heals. It is the Holy Spirit alone who can give you a Rhema Word. Another family in the same situation may be told to sit still and wait quietly on Him.

The battle, all battles belong to Him. They are not ours. We must learn how to fight be it, through worship, intercession, but most important by sitting quietly at HIS feet.

What is the most important lesson? A personal Word from the Lord must not be revealed as a plain truth. And a prophetic word, can be for you, or not (for this moment) There are prophetic words that are for **the BODY OF YESHUA** and there are prophetic words that will speak to some people, but not others. The Spirit must guide you, if it is for you......or.....not!!!!

Summary of this lesson: All of us have the Bible as our Spirit breathed guide, The Word that is the plain truth. Every Word from God, our Lord is the truth no matter what, when, where, or whatever our situations may be, it is the truth. If we are in a situation where we need a personal truth, we must wait for our personal Word from the Lord. If we follow the Holy Spirit breathed Word into our spirit we will follow Him and not depend on the map to lead us. We will soar on eagle’s wings and not try to fight a battle ourselves.

Part 2 written by: Tina Ames

The Lord will give a Word to you on a particular subject, and with the same subject give me a totally different direction. The Word is the “Sword of the Spirit” and will rightly divide the truth given by the Holy Spirit.

Will a Word convict you or condemn you, of course it is convict! The Lord will correct His children with love. The enemy is the one who would like to make you feel condemned and tries his best to pull you away from the relationship you have with the Lord.

The gift of prophecy is to speak lovingly to the Bride. How do I speak to His Bride? Is it given in His love? If it is encouraging then rest assured if it is misconstrued or seems miss communicated, the enemy is the one trying to alter the reception.

Rest, Stand, Shout, Love, Watch, Arise, Jesus does only what the Father tells Him too. We desire only to do what Jesus is doing. Is the verb/ action word given one that He would do? If the answer is yes, it is from Him, if not ignore it and ask for a confirming word to come forth.

There are two sides to every story, there are two sides to One Sword, but there is only One Sword, One Savoir, and One Witness.

One of my favorite sayings is, “The Lord will offend your mind to reveal your heart.” There are times I truly don’t like what I see in my heart, but it is because of His love for me is why He showed it to me. Offence is not a good attitude, but the Lord can with our repentance turn it around for good and clean our hearts out for us.

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Just serving Him, by serving you! Catharina Schouten

MY glorius Victory, prince Divine, Clasp these surrendered hands in Thine, At length my will is all Thine own, Glad vassal of a Saviour`s throne!

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The Set Time

Todd Bentley - Charlie Robinson

In this teaching titled The Set Time*, I will share an important prophetic message about a shaking that will be coming primarily to the Northwest. We will discuss why it's God's desire to execute judgment against His adversaries at this set time. Before closing this teaching with a powerful prophetic act, we will examine how our prayers ascend into heaven and how they activate God's judgments in the earth.*

The "set time" is now here for the fulfillment of God's promises as well as the fulfillment of our destinies. We need to prepare ourselves to pay the price that will be required of us when the fulfillments unfold. So we need to be extremely focused in this hour and pay attention to what God is saying to us; most of the time His voice is not heard audibly in our ear.

WHO CAN UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF GOD'S ANGER?

God is telling us that He will have vengeance on His enemies (Isaiah 61:2), and His Word always reflects His personality and character. Most of us don't like to think about God's anger and what could happen if He releases His fury against His enemies.
"Who can comprehend the power of your anger? Your wrath is as awesome as the fear you deserve." Psalm 90:11 NLT
But having said that, let's not forget that there is a place to receive mercy and find refuge when the day of trouble comes (Psalm 91:1-4).

God will cover us with His feathers and under His wings we shall find refuge! During our meetings, sometimes feathers manifest in mid air and gently fall upon the crowd. When this happens, it's a sign and a wonder to cherish because the feathers are a sign of God's kingdom among us, but there's more. I believe this wonder is also meant to comfort and remind us that when the storms come, when God's judgments come, He will spread His feathery soft wings over us when we run for cover under His wings.
"He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler." Psalm 91:4 NKJV

SHAKING IN THE NORTHWEST

I believe it's on God's heart right now to warn us that we need to prepare ourselves for the upheavals that are ahead. We're asking: "What's next? Is there a shifting in the spirit, not just in the Northwest, but also globally?" Yes, we see this shaking happening globally and it's about to happen here. The Lord spoke to me recently, saying: "Yes, in the Northwest there will be a shaking. A shaking unlike any other shaking we have seen in the Northwest."

Before we discuss what this shaking means, I want to share one encounter I recently had. I was praying at home in my living room and suddenly there was a flash of light. Instantly I received a divine sense, a divine revelation, and I knew that I was having a visitation with the angel called "Promise." Only a few times in seven years have I ever seen this angel. When this angel comes, its assignment is to announce the fulfillment of a word that we have received from the Lord. Often the word has come with confirmations repeatedly over the years.

There actually are angels in heaven that oversee answered prayer. They oversee what God has promised so that it is released in our lives, cities, and nations. I believe that this angel's visitation is connected to the set time that we are in now concerning two significant themes: God's desire to execute vengeance on His adversaries and God's desire to fulfill His promises in our lives.

JUDGMENT RELEASES BLESSINGS

GOD IS JUDGING HIS ENEMIES

There are two elements involved when God executes vengeance on His adversaries -- judgment and blessing. So let's turn to **Isaiah 64:1-3**:
"Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence -- as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil -- to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, the mountains shook at Your presence." NKJV
When God makes His name known to His adversaries, whole nations are going to tremble and shake in His presence! Why? Because God is rending heaven and He is coming down in a holy visitation, bringing judgment against His adversaries. It's not judgment on people or judgment on the church. God is releasing judgment right now and it's showing up with whole nations shaking and trembling -- earthquakes. It's God judging Islam. It's God stepping into the war on terror and He is opposing that Islamic spirit.
However, that's only one part of it. Christians are crying out against homosexuality, same-sex marriages, and the drug culture. They are crying out for the Joel's Army to come forth, the emerging generation of young people who don't have a sense of their identity. They are crying out for what's next. They are crying out for a move of God, and God is about to answer -- not just here, but the whole Pacific Rim is tied into this!

Now listen. When the judgment of God comes, He is responding to the prayers of the saints who are crying out for righteousness and justice. When we pray for righteousness to prevail in the earth, there comes a set time when God judges unrighteousness, and it's for a purpose:
"For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." Isaiah 26:9b NKJV
When God releases judgment there will be those in the earth who will turn to Him. So judgment is blessing, but sometimes it shows up with natural disasters. And the Lord will be looking for a way to release mercy to people in the midst of judgment, because His judgments are against demonic principalities so that revival can come.

REVIVAL IS COMING!

GOD REVEALS HIS SECRET COUNSEL TO HIS SERVANTS THE PROPHETS

The Holy Spirit uses certain prophets in a specific way. How I am used is that when I prophesy certain things, something usually happens immediately or almost right away. I can look back and see that when I have said at different times that earthquakes will happen (in a certain area), within a few days an earthquake did hit that area.

Not long ago I was in Birmingham, Alabama, and the first night of the conference I was caught up into the spirit and saw three major highways coming into Birmingham. I saw revival coming into the city from the north. I gave a specific prophetic word over the region. The Lord told me to tell the people that they will know my words are true when tornados and floods hit Birmingham. When we left, floods and tornados came into Birmingham.

In July 2004, I was in a meeting in Vacaville, California, when I had an open vision. I saw a massive arch angel (the rank of an arch angel assigned over a continent) with one foot on Indonesia and one foot on Malaysia. Next I saw a tsunami wave rise up out of the sea and, in the crest of the tsunami wave, I read the word *REVIVAL*. Then I saw the tsunami wave hit Indonesia, Malaysia, and S.E. Asia. So I prophesied what I saw as a word of knowledge as well as asking if there was anyone from

Malaysia and Indonesia in my meeting. Four pastors from Malaysia stood up and one man stood up from Indonesia.

These five people took the prophecy back to Indonesia and Malaysia and they printed it out. All the churches and the pastors were reading the word. So, when Charlie Robinson (FFM's seer-prophet) went over to Indonesia and Malaysia in December, they were sharing with Charlie how they believed every part of the prophecy I gave about revival coming to Indonesia, Malaysia, and S.E. Asia.
They said, "It's all true, Charlie, except for one part. Natural disasters don't happen here." They told Charlie that they didn't believe the tsunami part of the prophecy for Indonesia.
So, Charlie said, "God will judge the seas," because he received a revelation from God about the seven thunders and how God will judge the seven seas (Revelation 10). (More in-depth teaching follows below under *The Seven Thunders*.)

Charlie had already shared with one of the leaders in Jakarta, Indonesia, that God was about to strike the waters of S.E. Asia off the coast of Indonesia because He was about to judge a principality. Charlie prophesied by faith, telling him that when God comes down and when it hits, it's going to be a mess.
Then in one of Charlie's meetings in Indonesia he felt led to have everyone roar. The church roared for a half hour! (I'll share about the prophetic significance of roaring below, see *The Seven Thunders*.) The Lord told him there would be an earthquake after he left. When he left Indonesia six days later, on December 26, the earthquake/tsunami happened. God was judging the seas! They called Charlie and said, "It's true. Every word of the prophecy is true!"

When the tsunami happened, the entire world said, "Destruction! Oh, God, why? Why would God allow this to happen? This is judgment. 300,000 lost their lives." But listen! The crest of the wave said REVIVAL! Who would have thought revival would come with a tsunami and an earthquake? Now, one church has grown to 5,000 people, and in the same congregations where we met before the tsunami, different manifestations are happening -- gold dust, diamonds, and feathers are appearing.

When Charlie went back in February, he said, "It (another earthquake) is going to happen again." When he left the region, he was only in the air for one hour and the second earthquake hit (an intense aftershock).
Also, not long ago, I was in Long Island, New York, and prophesied publicly, "The third earthquake will hit the Pacific." Two mornings later the island of Sumatra was hit with a 6.2 earthquake (aftershock).
Recently, in Toronto, Ontario, I was with two dozen people when I prophesied, "Mark my words. Japan will be hit with an earthquake. It's the fourth one coming to the Pacific." The earthquake hit Japan a few days later. It was a 5.6.

WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

What does all this mean? We need to understand that God's judgments are released as answers to prayer to ultimately bring blessing and to fulfill His promises. And now we are bringing another prophetic word and this time it's for the Northwest. There will be a shaking. There will be a trembling. But I am going to tell you, the shaking will not only release God's promises and God's destiny, it's going to release revival.

Let's remember in the shaking, let's remember in the earthquake in Japan and in the disaster in Indonesia, let's remember that God is saying: "REVIVAL!"
And so, as we prepare in the Northwest for a great shaking, let's remember when it takes place it's a sign that something is about to be released. I don't know how quickly we will see a shaking and a shifting in the Northwest and I don't even know exactly what the shaking is going to look like. It may be an earthquake, it probably will be. But there is even more of a shaking than that coming in the Northwest. I sense that it will be unlike anything ever recorded that's been recorded in over 1,000 years. They don't even have documents that far back. So guess what? We don't have records!

However, God wants us to have an idea about what He's doing. God is making His name known against His adversaries. That's why this year, in 2005, you're going to hear of incredible shakings and tremblings around the world unlike those recorded in any other year. We will see earthquakes of magnitudes that have never been recorded before. And it's not just Indonesia, Malaysia, and Japan. Those are just the first. It's going to be happening all year long. The earthquakes are signs of this next revival! And God isn't leaving us in the dark. He's telling the watchmen and the prophets so that the warning is sounded. And so we must pay attention to what the Lord is telling us to do and then do it. Some of what He will command us to do may be uncomfortable to us, but we must obey Him. Our lives and the lives of others may well depend on our obedience.

Now I want to include Charlie's prophetic word about the seven thunders of God, and about the martyrs, to help you better understand the revelation I've received:

"THE SEVEN THUNDERS OF GOD" - by Charlie Robinson

ROARING RELEASES GOD'S PURPOSES IN THE EARTH

When I was in Indonesia I led the people in my meeting to roar, and the roar lasted for a half hour! Roaring not only releases what's been tied up, it tears down principalities. When we roar like a lion, when the Lion roars, something happens in the spirit -- the seven thunders of God will come. We're going to see the seven thunders spoken of in Revelation 10. God is going to judge His enemies. There is a roar of the Lion that is coming in the body of Christ. So now I want to share some my "roaring experience," because it led me straight into a profound revelation about the seven thunders of God from Revelation 10.

Just over 10 years ago when I heard about the manifestation of the roar of the Lion happening in the Toronto Blessing meetings, I told the Lord that I would roar like a lion if He wanted me to. When I was in a meeting in Toronto, I knew I was supposed to roar, but I didn't want to let it out in front of everyone. Eventually I let it go, but it was a pathetic roar! Awful! Then I let it go again and, when I did, I saw the map of Canada come in front of me and the groanings of the Spirit for Canada to see the nation set free. As I roared over Canada, I could see the veil of religion over every province in Canada coming down. So the next day God said, "Charlie, how would you like to know what the seven thunders are in the book of Revelation?" And I said, "Yes! I'd like to know that, Lord!"

God said, "The seven thunders are seven judgments on the seven seas and the seven continents. They are not judgments on people. They are judgments on principalities. When they begin to happen, tremendous catastrophes will begin to hit the earth and people will die and get hurt. But I am not judging people in the sense of directly judging people. (Why?) Because of the prayers of the saints that have gone on in those areas of the world. They will literally call down My glory and My power and things will get judged and there will be catastrophes."
Scripture (Revelation 8:3-5) reveals that there are angels in heaven that oversee the prayers of the saints. As the bowls are being filled in heaven, it's those angels that are assigned to throw the answered prayers of the saints back to the earth. That's answered prayer. But how does prayer come back to the earth? In noises, thunderings, lightnings, and in earthquakes (v. 5)! That's why revival will come, because the heavens will open because the prayers of the saints will be cast down; and when they get cast down and hit the ground, there will be tremendous catastrophes.

Look at ***Revelation 10:2-3****:*
"He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices." NKJV
The roar of the lion brings forth the thunders of God. When the thunder happens, then the lightning comes -- and lightning is judgment (Revelation 8:5). There are judgments that are hitting the earth.

Unless we know what's going on, we're going to think that the devil is in control and everything is haywire. No. God is in control!

GOD WILL NOT WORK ALONE

The Lord also revealed to me (Charlie) that He is waiting for us to co-labor with Him in executing vengeance against His adversaries (Psalm 149:6,7) -- and so are the martyrs! I kept hearing a cry getting louder and louder in my spirit: ***"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:10 NKJV)****.*
Then God said, "They're not waiting for me, they're waiting for you. They're waiting for the full number of the martyrs to come to pass."
We don't like that word in North America. We don't like the word martyr. We don't like the word about giving our lives as martyrs. We like the word that they overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony . . . But, what else? They loved not their life unto the death (Revelation 12:11). They are waiting for you and me to stand up and do what we are supposed to do.

God wants us to move out of the way so that He can judge our enemies. That's what repentance does. When you repent you literally move out of the way. The Bible says that if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged with the world (I Corinthians 11:31-32). God wants to judge our enemies and His enemies in our cities, but we have to get out of the way. That's why there is mercy and grace when we repent.

The roar releases the thunder and the lightning. Lightning in the natural clears the air. Father, let your lightning come today. Let your fire come! Let your power come! Let your judgment come! Let the roar of the lion return to the church. Let it come forth so that the thunders can come.

PREPARE YOURSELF

Now, let me (Todd) continue from where Charlie left off. It's time for us to prepare to roar. Recently, during one of our conferences, when we asked God to roar against His enemies, we joined Him in a prophetic act of roaring to support of His plan to execute His judgments in the earth. We roared a second time so that those who are bound in darkness would be set free.
The sound of the roaring is meant to continue! So I want to invite you to prepare yourself to roar in a few minutes. But first, let's remember that there is blessing in judgment. The shaking is about all nations coming to know the Desire of All Nations, Jesus Christ (Haggai 2:7). God will fill this temple with glory (v. 7). It's about the glory coming.

Through Haggai 2:6-9 God spoke this word to me recently: "I will shake heaven and earth. I will shake the sea and the dry land, because I am bringing the glory into the church in the midst of all the shaking, as nations are shaking. I am making My name known to My enemies. I am bringing in the silver and the gold, and releasing the glory."

We are so close to it! This year, 2005, will be a year of shaking. Four earthquakes already in the Pacific Rim: Japan and three in Indonesia. The Lord told me that there is one more coming. That will be five. We are going to get ours as well; it could be a volcano or an earthquake. It could be both. That will bring us up to six shakings. Then we're going to see seven, eight, nine, ten shakings in other countries around the world because there is something being released in God's glory and there is something being released in God making His name known. God is judging His enemies. This is how we are going to take cities, regions, and nations.

HERE WE GO!

As the Spirit begins to move there is going to come a war cry from the Lion of the tribe of Judah to roar against our enemies in our cities and regions. Let's be bold and ask God to roar. God, roar against Your enemies! Roar over the seven continents! Roar over the seven seas! Roar over the land! Holy Ghost, come. Let there be a release of the roar of the Lion of Judah as we lift up our voice and we roar in the spirit with God. Come on, let it go! Let it go! Let it go! Come on God, judge our enemies! Make Your name known!

Listen to this:
"The Lord also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake, but the Lord will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel." Joel 3:16 NKJV
The Lord will roar from Zion and He will utter His voice. God's voice is in the roar prophesying to His enemies. The Lord will roar from Zion and His voice will go forth from Jerusalem. The heavens and the earth will shake because of His roar. The Lord will be a shelter to His people and the strength of the children of Israel when they roar.

The Bible also says when the roar of the Lion goes up in the heavens (Hosea 11:10) it causes those who are in captivity and bondage to be released from their prison chains: sons, daughters, men, and women.

Let's roar again! I want you to see the prophetic voice of God being released in the roar right now! I want you imagine chains breaking, captives coming out of bondage. We roar for the release of the captives! Let it go! Roar!

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The Stumbling Block

Bill Somers

> *Isaiah 57:13-15*
> *13 … but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;*
> *14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.*
> *15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.*

We have said in other articles that Israel is a type of the Church. That this means there are places where Israel is mentioned that you can also apply to the Church.

Consider this next example. Here is a long passage from second Corinthians that compares the old and new covenants, and how spiritual blindness keeps you from understanding.

> *2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*
> *7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:*
> *8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?*
> *9 For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory.*
> *10 For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth.*
> *11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.*
> *12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:*
> *13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*
> *16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*
> *17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*
> *18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Here we see the features of the old covenant listed and described. It is the letter of the law ;it kills. You see it described as The ministration of death and the ministration of condemnation. This means it offers, serves up, or brings condemnation and death. It is the two tablets written in stone.

The new covenant’s traits include the ministration of righteousness. This is saying the same as what we read elsewhere, that no man is justified by the works of the law. Under the old covenant no one could be saved. Only the new covenant brings righteousness or salvation.

> *Hebrews 10:*
> *4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*

Then starting with verse 13 and on through 16, there is a discussion of a veil that produces a form of blindness.

> *2 Corinthians 3:13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:*

So what is this verse saying here? ‘That which is abolished’ is the old covenant, the law. And what is ‘the end’ of the law?

> *Romans 10:4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*

This blindness, kept them from seeing Christ, who is the end of the Law. Verse 14 mentions *the reading of the old testament;* and verse 15 says *when Moses is read.* This can mean that there is a certain blindness that prevents them from seeing the messiah revealed in the verses of scripture. More precisely, it kept them from seeing their messiah when he came.

> *John 1:11*
> *11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

This is the same spiritual blindness mentioned in Romans 11.

> *Romans 11:7-10*
> *7 What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded*
> *8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.*
> *9 And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:*
> *10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway.*
>
> *Romans 11:25*
> *25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*

This is how the idea that Messiah had to suffer and die becomes a stumbling block.

> *1 Corinthians 1:23*
> *But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;*
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> *Romans 9:31-33*
> *31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.*
> *32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;*
> *33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.*

Having said all this, what if we now look back at our comparison of Israel and the Church? What could we conclude might affect the church if she follows the pattern that Israel followed? One answer is that there is a similar blindness in the church that prevents them also from understanding the scriptures. One aspect of this is that the books are sealed.

There are three references to sealed book(s) in the Old Testament. The most well known is that in Daniel. Here is part of it:

> *Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."*

We find two references in Isaiah on the same topic.

> *Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*
>
> *Isaiah 29:*
> *10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered.*
> *11 And the vision of all has become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I cannot, for it is sealed."*
> *12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I am not learned."*

These verses which are spoken regarding Israel, have just much meaning when applied to the Church. As you compare the two, today's church is just as backslidden and far from hearing the spirit as ancient Israel was.

To see this we must look carefully at the Stumbling Block. What exactly is this Stumbling Block? You will find it mentioned in quite a few places in the bible. Sometimes it's called by slightly different names but they all link together. Isaiah 8 uses the phrase *stone of stumbling* and also a *rock of offense*. We find it in the same context we quoted from above having to do with sealing the law.

> *Isaiah 8:13-16*
> *13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.*
> *14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.*
> *15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.*
> *16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*

The idea here is that because they stumbled or were offended, the testimony or law is sealed and kept from their understanding. This is exactly what we just reading about from Second Corinthians 3.

> *2 Corinthians 3:14-15*
> *14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*

So, what is the stumbling block? If you look back at Isaiah 8: 13-14 just above you will see that it is the Lord himself.

Their problem was they worshiped the Torah [Law] rather than God. So they could not recognize their God when He stood before them.

> *John 5:37-40*
> *37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.*
> *38 And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not.*
> *39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*
> *40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*

They could search the scriptures, even memorize them, and still not see that they point to Jesus.

What was it about their messiah that offended them, and that they were unwilling to accept? The idea that Messiah had to suffer and die is the problem. Here we see that attitude expressed by Peter in

Matthew 16.

> *Matthew 16:21-25*
> *21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.*
> *22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.*
> *23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*
> *24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*
> *25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.*

Notice that right after rebuking Peter, Jesus turn the topic to his followers doing likewise. He points out that we must be willing to lose our lives also. This is the parallel stumbling block for the church, being willing to die with him.

In John 2 there is a very interesting hint.

> *John 2:19-22*
> *19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*
> *20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?*
> *21 But he spake of* ***the temple of his body****.*
> *22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.*

Here He is speaking of the destruction and restoration of the temple. And it tells us this stands for the death and resurrection of the temple of his body. Could this mean the Body of Christ, the church?

The stumbling block for the Jews is Christ Crucified. That it the idea that the Messiah had to die. As Israel is a type of the church, the stumbling block for the church is that the body of Christ must die.

To be more exact the stumbling block for the Jews is Christ and him Crucified. Two ideas here. The Messiah, and the idea that Messiah has to suffer and die. For the church, the stumbling block is the Lordship of Jesus, and the idea that the church must die.

But the church is unwilling to face this because of fear. The stumbling block reflects the fear of death. Hebrews tells us this is how Satan holds us in bondage.

> *Hebrews 2:14-15*
> *14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had* ***the power of death****, that is,* ***the devil****;*
> *15 And deliver them who through* ***fear of death*** *were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

The stumbling stone is also called the corner stone, that is laid in Zion. It speaks of his death and of his lordship. For after the death, he gained all authority and power. And upon this rock, he will build the church.

> *Isaiah 28:16*
> *16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

> *1 Peter 2:6-8*
> *6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.*
> *7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,*
> *8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*

Note that verse 8 above mentions being disobedient as a cause of stumbling. They stumble at the word through being unwilling to obey it. This is saying in effect, being unwilling to obey it will keep you from understanding it. In John 7, Jesus speaks of revelation coming to the willing, also linking understanding with willingness.

> *John 7:16-17*
> *16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*
> *17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*

The unwilling cannot know his will or understand his Word. Thus unwillingness produces spiritual blindness.

> *Zechariah 4:6-9*
> *6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the* ***headstone*** *thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.*
> *8 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,*
> *9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the* ***foundation*** *of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*

The quote from Zechariah is talking about the same cornerstone, the foundation of the church, but it uses the term headstone. This speaks of Jesus as the head stone or chief corner stone. This is what is meant in Peter where it says *the head of the corner*.

Now back to Matthew 16:

> *Matthew 16:16-18*
> *16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
> *17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*
> *18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

Here Peter has a **Revelation Of Jesus Christ**. And he sees that Jesus is Messiah and Lord. Although at that point, as we have seen, he does not yet see that Jesus must die. Then Jesus speaks of the rock, himself. He is saying He will build the church, [when it becomes willing], upon the sure foundation stone, himself.

There are a lot of theories about the fate of the church or the saints in the end times. You have Pre Trib, Mid Trib, Pre Wrath, Post Trib, etc. etc. All these put forth a catching away of the believers at some point. This totally skirts around the key issue of martyrdom. The only reason we have any of these escape theories is because of this stumbling block. We are not willing to face up to what the bible tells us.

And what does the bible say? We could list lots of references and ask you to look them up, but it’s just as easy, using computer technology to give them in full, even if it takes up a little space.

> *Daniel 7:19-22*
> *19 Then I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet;*
> *20 And of the ten horns that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows.*
> *21 I beheld, and the same horn **made war with the saints, and prevailed against them;***
> *22 Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*
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> *Daniel 8:23-24*
> *23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*
> *24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and **shall destroy the mighty and the holy people**.*
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> *Matthew 5:10-12*
> *10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*
> *11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.*
> *12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.*
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> *Matthew 10:39*
> *39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.*
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> *Matthew 24:9*
> *9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.*
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> *Mark 8:35*
> *35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.*
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> *Mark 10:29-30*
> *29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,*
> *30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with **persecutions**; and in the world to come eternal life.*
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> *Mark 10:38-39*
> *38 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?*
> *39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:*
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> *Mark 13:9-13*
> *9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my*

sake, for a testimony against them.
10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.
11 But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.
12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.
13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luke 9:24
24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Luke 17:33
33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

Luke 21:16
16 And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be ***put to death****.*

John 12:25
25 He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

John 13:38
38 Jesus answered him, ***Wilt thou lay down thy life*** *for my sake? ….*

John 15:20
20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, ***they will also persecute you****; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.*

Acts 9:16
16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Romans 8:17-18
17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:35-39
35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or ***persecution****, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or* ***sword****?*
36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as ***sheep for the slaughter****.*
37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 12:1

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye ***present your bodies a living sacrifice****, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

Romans 12:19
19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Romans 15:16
16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that ***the offering up of the Gentiles*** *might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.*

2 Corinthians 1:3-7
3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.
5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.
6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same ***sufferings*** *which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.*
7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

2 Corinthians 4:8-11
8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
11 For we which live are alway ***delivered unto death for Jesus' sake****, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.*

2 Timothy 3:12
12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer ***persecution****.*

2 Timothy 2:10-12
10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.
11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:
12 ***If we suffer****, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:*

Philippians 1:29
29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also ***to suffer for his sake****;*

Philippians 3:8-11
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the ***fellowship of his sufferings****, being made conformable unto his death;*
11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

1 Thessalonians 3:3-4
3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.
4 For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should ***suffer tribulation****; even as it came to pass, and ye know.*

2 Thessalonians 1:4-8
4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your ***persecutions and tribulations*** *that ye endure:*
5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:
6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;
7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,
8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

How does Hebrews describe the Heroes of Faith?

Hebrews 11:35-38
35 Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
36 And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
37 They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
38 (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

1 Peter 2:20-21
20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.
21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

1 Peter 3:14
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

1 Peter 4:1
1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, ***arm yourselves likewise with the same mind****: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*

1 Peter 4:12-19
12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:
13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are ***partakers of Christ's sufferings****; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*
14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.
16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.
17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at

> *us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*
> *18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?*
> *19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.*

> *1 John 3:16*
> *16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and* ***we ought to lay down our lives*** *for the brethren.*

> *Revelation 2:10-11*
> *10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days:* ***be thou faithful unto death****, and I will give thee a crown of life.*
> *11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*

> *Revelation 6:9-11*
> *9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were* ***slain for the word of God****, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*
> *11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that* ***should be killed as they were****, should be fulfilled.*

Now here is a very crucial section for understanding this whole business.

> *Revelation 12:10-11*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and* ***they loved not their lives unto the death****.*

They overcome the accuser, Satan, by being willing to die. And not just being willing to die, but by dying willingly. We said earlier that Satan has the power of death, and holds men in bondage by the fear of death. God is not looking for survivors or those who want to escape. He is looking for overcomers. The overcomers here have no fear of death, because they are willing to die. And of course, this should be obvious, how do you prove or demonstrate that you have no fear of death? You do it by dying without fear!

> *Revelation 13:4-7*
> *4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*
> *5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*
> *6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.*
> *7 And it was given unto him* ***to make war with the saints,*** *and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

> *Revelation 17:6*
> *6 And I saw the woman drunken with* ***the blood of the saints****, and with the blood of* ***the martyrs of Jesus****: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.*

> *Revelation 20:4*

> *4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were* ***beheaded for the witness of Jesus****, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

We have cited about 40 passages to answer this question, what does the bible say? Over and over and over and over we read about **suffering**, **persecution** and **martyrdom**. This is not a trivial issue here, it’s a major bible theme.

Compared to this, the escape theories have very few scriptures they draw upon. All of them will cite this next passage from Thessalonians.

> *1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*
> *16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*
> *17 Then we which are* ***alive and remain*** *shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

Now notice the words in bold here. Those who are *alive and remain* are caught up. What that really means is that there is a remnant that is caught up. A remnant is a tiny percentage that remain alive after all the persecution during the tribulation of those days. We’re not talking about multitudes here folks, we are talking about a few stragglers.

Let’s spell this out here. The major thrust of all these prophetic scriptures points to persecution, suffering, and martyrdom. Once we are willing to fact the facts, bite the bullet or whatever. We will see that all these escape theories are nothing more than obvious fraud.
The blessed hope of the church is the resurrection of the dead at the return of Christ.

So how do we get past this stumbling block? What does it take to transform the believer into an obedient servant? There are a couple of ways to express it.
One is Grace! Another is the perfect love of God, imparted to us bye the Holy Spirit poured out in the last days. For perfect love casts out all fear. Another way to say it is found in the title of the last book The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Can you see how Paul is a type of the last days church? Here you have a guy who was extremely religious, and naturally he was doing the typical religious thing. That is he was persecuting those he didn’t agree with. And so you find him on the road to Damascus, [a type of the world], following the way of the world. Then something special happened.

Paul had a **Revelation Of Jesus Christ** on the road to Damascus.

> *Acts 9:3-6*
> *3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:*
> *4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*
> *5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*
> *6 And he trembling and astonished said,* ***Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*** *And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.*

After that he was totally transformed into an obedient servant of the Lord. The evidence is right there in his words, “**Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?**
He learns directly from the Spirit of God, and goes through all the world preaching. Finally, the persecution catches up with him and he is ready and willing to face martyrdom. He obeys Romans

12:1 and offers himself a living sacrifice. This is exactly the pattern that the end time church will go through.

> *2 Timothy 4:6-8*
> *6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.*
> *7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*
> *8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

This long passage from Peter deals with faith, and the salvation to be revealed, and ties it in with Grace and the revelation of Jesus Christ.

> *1 Peter 1:3-13*
> *3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*
> *4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*
> *5 Who are kept by the power of God through* ***faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time****.*
> *6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:*
> *7 That the* ***trial of your faith****, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*
> *8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*
> *9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.*
> *10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:*
> *11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.*
> *12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.*
> *13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and* ***hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;***

Finally on the topic of willingness, Psalm 110 mentions this happening in the day of His Power.

> *Psalms 110:3*
> *3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

And the Day of His power is what we see here in Revelation 12.

> *Revelation 12:10-11*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,* ***Now is come salvation****, and strength, and* ***the kingdom*** *of our God,* ***and the power*** *of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and* ***they loved not their lives unto the death****.*

Tsunami
Walter Flecther

"Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD- from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. The surveyor's line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath.
And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever."
(Jeremiah 31:35, 38-40)

A spiritual Tsunami is approaching your shoreline! Are you moving to higher ground in God for safety? Are you prepared to be a part of the Rescue and Recovery team? Are you being equipped and ready to use your gifts to help rebuild a city for God?

The recent, tragic scenes of the aftermath of the destructive force of the waves of the Tsunami in South Asia have brought global attention and compassionate relief from around the world. Many have asked the question, "Did God send the Tsunami?" This question does not go deep enough to understand this global awakening event. The question better posed should be, "What does God have to say to me in the midst of this tidal wave event?" The answer is that God is on the move.

Whenever we come to a new time or season in God in the earth, it is often announced with great "sudden" events. These events sometimes are displayed in nature. For example, a sudden event took place on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2). The Holy Spirit was poured out from heaven upon a hundred and twenty people in an upper room. It was accompanied by "a mighty rushing wind", "tongues of fire" resting upon each in the room, and what they spoke was being heard in different languages from around the world. This provoked the onlookers to ask, "What does this mean?" Simon Peter stands up with the other apostles and announces, "This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"*And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.*
And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.
And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved." (Acts 2:16-20)

Notice that Peter declares what the prophet Joel said would happen in the last days. God would use signs in the heavens ("Sun" and "Moon") and in the earth ("Blood"... "fire and smoke") in order to warn of a day coming of ultimate judgment But also this warning would be to awaken a people to the possibility of their day of redemption, "Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved." The ultimate goal of God is never destruction but our salvation. "God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked". And again, "The Lord is longsuffering; not wishing that any should perish. But that they should repent and be saved".

Yes, the recent events of the Tsunami are announcing that God is on the move! And all who will hear and heed this warning will prepare to learn the lessons it offers. The first lesson was that of the price of unpreparedness. Hours after the horrible destruction, the question that was repeatedly asked around the world was, "Why was there no prior warning that a Tsunami was approaching?"
There was no one who was alert to the danger that within seconds would remove whole towns and villages. There were no mechanisms in place to sound an alarm for the people to move to higher elevations away from the deadly fury of the waves that were about to crash upon their shores. People, families, houses and businesses...Gone in sixty seconds (Or less!). The great irony of this tragedy is that there was equipment and monitoring devices developed which could have given warning. But they were not in place.

Likewise, from a spiritual standpoint, I believe this is a warning to God's leaders and His people. There is much unpreparedness in the Body of Christ. The unmanned watchtowers, as it were, for prayer and intercession are a portent of our condition. Where are the prophets who will lift their voices as it were like trumpets to alert of danger and the need to prepare? God is about to move in another "Suddenly"! There is a new wave coming upon the earth. It will be the greatest move of God known in history. It is rapidly approaching. But, Alas! Many of God's people are asleep. They are not ready to hear His warning nor respond when His wave hits the shoreline of their life.

Nations are being weighed in the balance. The shift of the plates in the earth causing these massive tidal waves and earthquakes are the birth pains of nations. The End-time harvest of souls is upon us. Awake!

Another lesson that we glean is the fact that there is a call to unity. Nations from around the world came together in unprecedented ways to help in Search and Rescue efforts. In addition they are sending food, water, medicine and other supplies to the people who are most affected.

In the same way, God's people must come together for action. We must lay aside all competition and divisiveness in our ranks and unite behind the Cross of Jesus Christ to rescue the lost and care for the spiritually dying around us.

Again, a lesson observed was the way in which strategic planning was implemented. Skilled surveyors went ahead to see and assess the damage and give instructions to those coming as to what it would take for clean up and restoration efforts to be effective in order to save the most lives.

The Surveyor ministries of apostles and prophets are needed as never before today. They are the eyes and ears of the Body of Christ. They must see and hear and rightly understand the times that are upon us. Then they must faithfully declare to God's people what they've seen and heard so that appropriate action can be taken. We cannot afford to exclude nor marginalize these voices in the Body any longer. They have been given to the Body (As well as Evangelist, Pastors and Teachers) to help train, equip and establish the people of God for the days that are upon us. Through apostolic and prophetic teams spiritual wisdom, insight and scriptural knowledge must be given in order that plans for rescue, restoration and the advance of God's kingdom in the earth.

The Tsunami has caused the process of new infrastructures. Many of these hardest hit nations (Which were often resistant to the Gospel of Jesus Christ) are now opening their doors. They not only are welcoming natural compassion relief efforts but also the message of spiritual hope which many Christian organizations and ministries bring. All who are able to hear this "Macedonian" call are to prepare themselves for new orders from heaven. They must go where doors are opening; to where the spiritual ground is being plowed to receive the seed of life. We can no longer sweep our porch only and feel unaffected or unmoved by the needs of our neighbor. The needs around the world are suddenly now on our doorstep.

We are citizens of the kingdom of God. The ultimate rescue, restoration and rebuilding of lives is our willingness, as a kingdom mandate, to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus.

God loves to redeem that which is lost. God wants to rebuild His city in the very place where the ashes of destruction remain. In this new season of strong and destructive waves, we are not to fear. We are to sound the alarm, lifting our voice and proclaim,

"The acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (Isaiah 61:2-3).

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Tsunami
David Davenport

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[Dear Bill:

I trust this note finds you abounding in peace, joy, and affirmation of the "*work of your hands*." This despite present global turmoil.

A few years ago you posted one of my essays entitled, *Tsunami*. This essay was originally posted by *The Apostolic-Prophetic Resource* as well as *Christian Surfer's International* about the same time frame.

Nearly two months ago I felt strongly compelled to add-to, update and revise the original essay, and to re-circulate it, which I did--to fellow surfers around the globe.

As you might imagine, as I then watched the events unfold regarding the massive Tsunami's in Asia, I became emotionally numb--for several hours. I began to receive emails from those who had read my most recent reissue of *Tsunami*. Following these responses, I felt it would severe the Body abroad to begin to submit this word to venues such as yours.

I have attached the copy of *Tsunami* that I re-circulated in early October (10/01/04). I do believe it will speak timely relevance to many, in light of what transpired a few days ago.

On a related note; it is very interesting to consider that exactly one year prior (12/26/2003) a massive earthquake killed 26,000 in Bam, Iran. These two events were just 58 minutes from being precisely one year apart (00:58AM versus 01:56AM)--both on the 26th of December.

Sincerely,
David Davenport]

Tsunami
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> *“Those who go down to the sea in ships,*
> *Who do business on great waters,*
> *They see the works of the Lord,*
> *And His wonders in the deep.*
> *For He commands and raises the stormy wind,*
> *Which lifts up the waves of the sea.*
> *They mount up to the heavens,*
> *They go down again to the depths;”*
> Psalm 107:23-26(a)

Recently I spent a full day surfing the Folly Beach "Washout" (outskirts of Charleston, South Carolina—my hometown). I usually limit my water-time to two hours or so, every few days. Yet on this day the waves were perfect—glassy, head-high, and peeling left and right, forming the makings of the oft-allusive tube.

I receive much spiritual renewal and revelation while sitting on my board between sets, especially at sunrise as the yellow-orange tip of the sun begins to peek over the horizon. The Lord visits me during these times in unique ways.

This brand of meeting between He and I began back in my Navy days, twenty five years ago, wherein I often manned the helm (steering wheel, on the bridge of the ship) 'round the clock, while underway. It was a grueling schedule. Often times the only ingredient that kept me awake in the midst of my watch at the helm, was that of the terror generated by storm swells that surpassed 65 feet at times. On several occasions during such storms in the North Atlantic, our ship pitched into 45 degree rolls, at which point my hands were no longer on the helm, rather they were tightly clasping an overhead “monkey bar” while my feet dangled a few inches above the deck.

Deep in the night, when all I could hear was the low drone of the engines below, as well as the glassy wake peeling from the hull of the ship, the Lord would visit me and beckon me to Him.

Over the years since then, and largely through roughly twenty-five years of surfing activity, He continues to flood my senses with prophetic analogies while in and on the water.

Recently I received the most vivid wave-dream of my life. I have actually been receiving such dreams and visions for many years. But this dream was so vivid and gripping that I was still responding to the dream as I awakened.

A prelude to the sharing of this dream; I wish to allude to a timely excerpt of scripture. Interestingly enough it is found in the Book of Job. It reads as follows:

“God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. In a *dream*, in a *vision of the night*, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, *then* He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction” (Job 33:14-16).

Clearly there is not much commentary necessary for this excerpt of scripture, to in turn convince the reader that God *does* in fact, and quite often, choose to speak to us—through *dreams*, for there is no subsequent point in scripture that indicates that He has ceased to speak to us in this way.

I once engaged in an exhaustive exegetical study of the frequency of dreams throughout scripture. I was overwhelmed not only by the frequency in which dreams are found in scripture, but also by the seriousness with which the dream recipients approached the interpretation of such.

In the dream in question, I had been surfing six to eight foot waves. Just as I had paddled back to the beach for a break, I looked back to see a most beautiful and majestic set of enormous waves heading rapidly toward shore. What shocked me about these waves was not only their perfect symmetry and beauty, but that they were going to break onshore and wipe out roughly one hundred surfers who stood still in amazement, transfixed upon the approaching waves.

The word I believe I heard whispered to me by the Holy Spirit just as I awakened from this dream, was: **"It's coming."**

Nearly as ancient as the language itself, the Japanese word “tsunami” is that of two words combined: “tsu” (harbor) and “nami” (wave). The word therefore means literally, “harbor wave.”

Tsunamis are generated by substantial seismic activity often beneath the ocean’s surface, an occurrence known as a seaquake. Sub-surface volcanic activity as well as *earth*quakes can also produce tsunamis. Tsunamis can conceivably travel upwards to 550 miles per hour beneath the surface of the water, losing speed as they approach land, yet mounting in wave height to 100 feet or greater upon impact.

History reveals numerous accounts of towering tsunamis that have destroyed entire coastal communities. One of the oldest accounts of record (hand written, on parchment) dates back to 365 AD, recorded by the historian Ammianus Marcellinus, as that which occurred on an early morning in Alexandria Egypt.

On this day a massive earthquake shook the entire city. The earthquake toppled hundreds of buildings. Shortly following the earthquake, the ocean shore alarmingly retreated as far as the eye could see. In a state of shock following the earthquake, hundreds of people staggered toward the beach to witness a surreal display as thousands of enormous sea creatures lay flailing about on the miry ocean floor, abandoned by the watery home they knew only a short time previous. Hundreds of onlookers made their way out and into the mire, to touch with their bare hands the shocking display of stranded sea life. Shortly following, and within a timeframe that was not specified, a tsunami appeared on the horizon and raged toward shore. The wave completely enveloped not only the hundreds of ocean-bottom explorers, yet nearly destroyed the entire city of Alexandria, leaving a death toll of an estimated 50,000 people in its path. It is estimated that by the time the tsunami reached the Alexandrian shore it towered at 150 feet—or larger. Many large seagoing vessels were later found a number of miles inland, with some resting atop buildings. Archeological research within the 20th century has time and again confirmed the nearly unbelievable proportions of Marcellinus' report, as fact.

In my brief lifetime I have observed an unyielding pattern between natural events and subsequent spiritual activity. I now harbor no question as to the theory that most natural phenomenon, to certainly include natural disasters of catastrophic proportions, are indeed that designed to gain the attention of mankind, and do in fact contain spiritual repercussions that reverberate in the form of figurative wave upon wave of Kingdom activity—on earth (i.e., "…*on earth, as it is in heaven*…").

At this point the reader may find it sobering to know that at the time the devastating tsunami hit Alexandria Egypt in 365 AD, the city had become a celebrated host of the region's largest concentration of cosmological teachers of philosophy, astrology, sorcery and atheism.

On *Good Friday*, March 27, 1965 at 5:36PM, an earthquake which to date is the largest recorded in North America, measuring 9.2 on the Richter scale, hit just west of Valdez along the Alaskan coast. Not long following, a series of waves measuring 90 feet in height pummeled the coastline destroying countless boats, homes and shanty businesses. What many mariners and oceanographic researchers do not know to date, is that shortly following, countless numbers of small rural churches throughout the region were consumed in a fiery visitation of the Holy Spirit; a visitation which quickly rolled like lava through Oregon and into California, ultimately making its way into southern California to rest upon a small Episcopal church in Van Nuys. As it did so, it lit a fire under an Episcopal rector named Dennis Bennett. The annals of contemporary church history now yield that Bennett gave birth to what is referred to as the *Charismatic Movement* or *Charismatic Renewal*—which quickly swept the nation. This movement, within the context of a study of church history in the United States within the 20th century, is largely considered the "Second Wave" of significant Holy Spirit visitation (sandwiched between the Azusa St. Revival of the early 1900s, and the outpouring of signs and wonders in and through the Vineyard movement, which began to impact nationally and beyond, in the early 1980s).

In the late 70's, a period that also paralleled my late teenage years (I was born in 1960), a number of storms generating large waves pummeled the California coastline. The storms damaged many beautiful fishing piers that had colorful and wonderful histories to them. Having been raised in Southern California, I personally surfed below, next to, and even *through* a number of these piers.

During one such storm, I believe it was 1977, my beloved Huntington Beach pier was *hammered*, and a sizeable end-section of the pier was destroyed. To have seen the Huntington Beach pier prior to the storm, one could not imagine the pier sustaining such damage, as it is of the most formidable structures among piers.

On one evening during this storm, perhaps a matter of 24 hours prior to the pier sustaining critical damage, and while lacking common sense, judgment, wisdom and relative sanity, I paddled-out in "black ball" conditions, and into the line-up in what I thought were 12 foot faces (it had been in the 12 foot-face range most of the day and early evening). I recall vividly, walking along the north side of the pier as I approached the water on this evening, and with wetsuit dawned and board under arm I watched the huge faces aglow under the large dome lights on the pier. The waves radiated an eerie translucent green as they reached toward the sky, and came very close to the lights themselves. On this evening the late Peter Crawford was ripping right next to the pier, and actually *shooting* the pier. If there are measurable degrees of insanity, his was tipping the scales on this night. However some would simply call it “drive.” I choose to call it so.

As I paddled out it was about 01:00 a.m., under a full moon, and at high tide. The light cast by the full moon illuminated the waves in such a way that the small group of us surfing had surprising visibility. I was among not more then maybe ten other’s out at the time. I believe we wound up surfing 'till about 04:00 a.m., at which point the waves began to violently closeout and dump hard as the result of a sharp shift in wind direction.

On this night, I recall sitting on my board, looking out into the deep, and seeing massive dark walls approaching. The primary means by which we negotiated the height of the waves was that provided by the phosphorus glow of the crests, illuminated by the moonlight as they feathered and pitched in response to multidirectional winds. It was an awesome, majestic, terrifying and yet exhilarating sight. And with my heart in my throat and the rapid approach of a wave that appeared to tower near 20 feet in height, I would repeatedly charge down the face in a near vertical descent with such speed that I could hardly see. I was riding a very sleek, 7’ 2” *Bruce Jones* board shaped for speed and stability in big waves. Once reaching the bottom of the face, I would have so much momentum and force that I would rocket completely horizontal (bottom-turn), pump the face a few times, and shoot back up the face nearly the same speed that I descended, and do what I then called a "kamikaze flyaway," wherein me and my board would launch off the top of the wave—flying through the air and over it's backside—to avoid getting pounded by the ultimate close-out of the wave. At times it felt as if I flew 8 feet above the top of the wave during my fly-aways.

It was not until I paddled-in at roughly 04:00 a.m. that I discovered a Coast Guard report indicating that the waves had actually risen to a consistent height of*15 feet*, which equated to *18 foot or larger* faces.

In addition to an increase in storm-swell size on this evening, the gravitational pull of a full moon had created increased wave height.

During this session in particular, I began to sense something in the prophetic, which was actually long before I began to gain relative understanding of prophetic elements within scripture.

Luke 21:8-11 reads, **“The time has drawn near…when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified…nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom…there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and *there will be fearful sights and great signs* from heaven.”**

This excerpt of scripture is among countless verses in scripture that refer to the signs before us as the End Times march rapidly toward climax. Equally so, the panoramic plethora of world events and natural phenomena that have steadily mounted over the past few years, and within this year alone, surpass the best of the action-movies being generated by Hollywood presently. Within such natural phenomena is that of the steady yet subtle mounting of wave height around the globe. I suspect that many present surfing crusaders would argue that the waves have always been this big, and that rather we’re only now discovering them. Yet in truth, the vast majority of the mega-wave venues have never before produced such size. Historical oceanographic data proves this. Equally so, the regional weather patterns that ultimately produce these waves have never before been so erratic and unpredictable. This as well validated by historical meteorological data.

At the time of this writing, within the surf culture we find that many men *and* several women are charging down the faces of waves in excess of 60 feet in height, and often approaching or surpassing *80* feet in height.

On January 28, 1998, at the age of 46, Ken Bradshaw (a native Texan), rode the largest wave ever ridden on record, at a break known as “Outer Log Cabins,” off the North Shore of Hawaii. The wave face measured an astonishing *85 feet*. Bradshaw’s ride was filmed via helicopter and is featured in the *I-Max* production, “*Extreme*.”

In February 1998 Taylor Knox rode a 52-foot wave at a break named "Todos Santos," very near the shore of Baja California, directly west of Ensenada. Until this date big wave riders had been unaware that Todos would hold such size. Todos has since generated waves pushing 60 foot-plus.

On January 12, 2001, World Champion female surfer Lane Beachley and fellow female big wave surfer Malia Kamisugi (an orthodontist, sharing a successful practice with her father in Hawaii) descended wave faces in the 50 to 60 foot range at Outer Log Cabins. Their collective performance on this day served notice to the boys that the "*No Fear"* slogan is now equally adopted by both sexes. The wave riding on this date by Beachley and Kamisugi proved that pound-for-pound, female surfers are equally willing and able to challenge "*the unridden zone*."

In the Spring of 2001 Californian big wave surfer Mike Parsons was awarded $60,000 for riding the largest wave of the 2000/2001 Winter season; a wave-face that measured an estimated 66 feet in height. This break, known as "Cortez Bank," is that of a submerged mountain range in the middle of the ocean, located approximately 100 miles west of San Diego California. At one point in this area, it is said that a mountaintop is but three feet below the surface of the water. Mariners for many decades have avoided this area, while reporting what appear to be waves "…the size of skyscrapers." Surfers often scoffed at their stories—until recently, for fresh film footage reveals that as massive ocean swells approach these submerged peaks, they jack-up and into the 70 foot-plus faces, which are now being surfed.

Not long after Parson's award wining ride, Peter Mel and Daryl "Flea" Virostko rode 58 to 64 footers at a break named "Maverick's," located roughly 20 minutes south of San Francisco, and an area known by mariners as Half Moon Bay. An interesting bit of trivia yields that the surf-spot met with its name back in the 1950's, as one of the very few who secretly surfed the spot owned a German Shepherd named "Maverick." The dog, owned by a surfer named "Alex," it is said, would swim out to the line-up with surfers and lodge itself partially on one of their boards to gain rest for a few minutes between wave sets, would frolic in the water a moment, and then swim back to shore, repeating the process throughout the day.

Not long following the 58 to 64-footers ridden by Mel and Virostko, Ross Clarke-Jones descended the face of a wave on the North Shore of Hawaii (Outer Log Cabins) which measured an estimated 65 feet on the face. During this same period, Laird Hamilton (esteemed by many in the sport to be the greatest waterman alive) was filmed descending several 70 foot-plus waves at "Jaws" (north coast of Maui). Several of Hamilton's rides on film over the past year or so appear to be that closer to or exceeding the 80-foot range.

On November 21st of 2001, several Mavericks' "hellions" charged into 65 to 80-foot faces for a period of roughly 2 to 4 hours. On this day, Brazilian big wave veteran Carlos Burle tucked into a barrel that witnesses said began with a wave face of at least 80 feet. Many believe this to be the biggest barrel ever successfully negotiated. It was also reported on the same day, that as late afternoon sets rolled-in following the surfers' mass exit from the water due to "unridable" conditions, they witnessed what was reported to be several 80 to 90-foot sets, followed by the now infamous 100-foot set—an occurrence which has eternally labeled this day as "The *Real* Big Wednesday." The waves in fact pounded the ocean bottom with such force that seismographs were sent into erratic readings in nearby San Francisco, which in turn sent scientists scurrying to this surf spot to witness the phenomenon.

On this afternoon Shawn Alladio, a 40-year-old female water rescue specialist, who has personally trained Marine and Coast Guard groups in water rescue techniques, entered the water on a Yamaha 1200cc Wave Runner, accompanied by 19 year old Jonathan Cahill (one of her understudies) on a second Wave Runner. Alladio had paced herself earlier in the day, so as to conserve strength for the expected peak in wave action in the late afternoon, which was forecasted with precision by veteran big wave rider and local surf shop owner Jeff Clark. Her restraint proved to be wisdom that saved her life.

Somewhere between 3:00PM and 4:00PM a number sets marched through like freight trains. To this point Alladio and Cahill had managed to race over smaller sections of the waves a good distance from the wave peaks. Following one of these monster-sets, and as Alladio and Cahill locked eyes in astonishment over the mounting size of the waves, Alladio looked toward the horizon to see a dark ridge that appeared initially to be a wall of fog. She looked left and right panning the horizon as far as she could see. She studied this dark wall for a few seconds and then noticed the top of the dark wall beginning to "feather." Instinctively, she turned to her partner Cahill, and with her Wave Runner pointed directly at the dark wall yelled, "*Go! Go! Go!"* At which point she throttled her Wave Runner to maximum and charged directly toward the face of what she realized was the largest wave she had ever seen. An expert in hydrology, Cahill later recounted that in a fraction of a second, she had guessed that the approaching wave had to be traveling at 60 to 65MPH. The maximum speed of her Wave Runner was that of 65MPH. She therefore concluded that she would likely not outrun this behemoth of a wave. Rather, she chose to face it head on, and to ride over it before it broke in the impact-zone, where Alladio and Cahill had sat moments prior.

To the observers on land, among them Ross Clarke-Jones (a world renowned big wave rider), said the two ascended the wave faces almost completely vertical, and then free-fell an estimated 50 feet behind them, to regroup and charge all five of the approaching waves within the monster-set.

Alladio and Cahill later recounted their emotions during these critical moments. Alladio was quoted as saying that mysteriously, her thought processes and emotions were turned to the "off" position, and her instincts (honed through 1000s of hours of training) completely took over and led her to do what needed to be done to survive.

Alladio and Cahill, following their successful clearing of the 5 monster-waves, cut the engines on their Wave Runners and sat bobbing in the water in silence for several minutes in an effort to regain their mental and emotional faculties. They stared at each other in shock and disbelief over what had just happened. For in their estimation the waves they ascended had to be near or at the 100-foot mark. It can therefore be stated for the record, albeit unofficially, that the "largest wave ever ridden" was that by Shawn Alladio and Jonathan Cahill, on Wave Runners, and going in the *opposite direction* of the wave.

Among the dozens of witnesses to the events of this day, were Joe Sienkiewicz of the *National Weather Service* and Greg and Cary Smith, deputies of the *Harbor Patrol* at Half Moon Bay harbor. Sienkiewicz and the two Smith's had until this date witnessed many life threatening days in the surf. However the events on this date surpassed anything they had witnessed throughout their collective careers.

At the time of this writing numerous surfing spots around the globe are producing mammoth wave heights, which continue to subtly and steadily mount. This dynamic is generally unknown to the world at large, with the exception of the surfing sub-culture. And what is more mind boggling than the increasing size of these waves, is the rarity of serious injury and/or fatalities among these big wave riders.

This may present a theological stretch for some; but recently while in prayer, I asked the Lord very pointedly: *"Lord, how is it that so many of these professing non-Christian surfers can charge into the very jaws of death, in surfing conditions that are potentially fatal in more ways than one, day in and day out, year 'round, and I rarely hear of fatalities?"*

The Lord then replied to me in this way: **"Because they're *My* wave riders."**

When I heard this, emotion overwhelmed me, as at this moment He enabled me to be overcome by a small dose of His love, mercy and compassion toward these lost souls as He spoke this to me. The impression I received was that He is actually so amused, entertained and delighted by watching these surfers so appreciate and enjoy His creation, that He showers His grace over them, granting them systematic revelation of His nature, solely through their experiences in these mountains of water.

Equally mind-boggling is the rate at which these "wave riders" are meeting the Lord—this often through no evangelistic efforts in the classical sense. Rather, through the *raw presence of God* manifested in the majesty of these waves.

Consider this excerpt of scripture:

"The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse" (Romans 1:18-20).

"His power and...nature have been clearly seen...through what has been made."

A few years ago *ESPN* aired the *Action Sports Awards*, during which Laird Hamilton was awarded “Feat of The Year.” For earlier in the year Laird had surfed one of the most dangerous (single) waves in surfing history. What made this wave so dangerous (in Teahupo’o Tahiti) was that in addition to an estimated 30 foot-plus face, the wave (lip) itself pitched the same distance *outward*, and equally sported 30 feet in *thickness*. The wave tubed several feet below sea level, sucking Laird into an extremely dangerous position, creating very strong odds for a potentially fatal wipeout, as not more than 4 feet below the surface lay deadly lava formations. A wave of this symmetry produces literally 100s of tons of bone-crushing energy and strength.

When handed the award, Laird stated in effect, the following: *"I believe that the sole reason that I have been granted this microphone, is so that I could say to millions of extreme sports fans, that Jesus Christ is my Lord and* Savior*, and He enabled me to pull-off that ride, so that I could stand before you and attest to His saving grace and goodness."*

With that, and with silence that seemed to make time stand still, Laird stepped down from the podium. Seconds later, the crowd stood to their feet and roared with applause.

As of the writing of this article *Billabong* surf apparel has sponsored and formed the *Billabong Odyssey*—a task force of big wave riders who are searching the globe for a chance to ride a 100-foot wave.

As I reflect upon the truly awesome wave activity around the globe presently, as well as that of recent oceanographic predictions of tsunami's along the East and West coasts, I receive a strong impression that God's Holy visitation, in terms of the Final Harvest, is fast approaching.

Admittedly, to know the surf culture, and especially the younger crowd, is to know some of the most aggressive, arrogant and obnoxious beings on the planet. Much of this meanness is fueled by learned behavior *within* the surf culture and compounded by overcrowded surf spots laden with selfish and hostile territorialism. And to see such aggressiveness showered with such grace and love in these times is to attest to God's goodness in His *"willing that none should perish."*

Scripture says that we *"see in part,"* and that we *"look as through a glass, darkly."* And so my perspective in matters tsunami is but a small part of what I believe to be transpiring globally, relative to the heightened frequency of natural disasters and the prophetic implications therein.

In the natural, there presently lies the very real potential for record-breaking tsunamis on many coastlines around the globe. Recent oceanographic predictions include alarming reports of ocean shelf activity—activity with subsequent implications that far surpass any events on record. Equally so, in the spiritual realm, I believe there are waves coming that will sweep the unsaved off their feet, and for *the ride of their lives*.

Every Believer I've talked to this year has shared of an "inner cleansing" taking place—a call to purity, holiness and right standing before the Lord. We're being consumed in a wave of cleansing—a baptism like none other. And it's for the sole purpose of moving into places of darkness in order to rescue the lost. Judgment begins in the Lord’s house, and this call to purity that has so been voiced appears to be the very preparation of the Bride for the final harvest.

In the past year alone I have been overwhelmed by the accessibility to the surf culture. By this I mean that fellow surfers, yet total strangers, with increased frequency are approaching me for the sake of casual conversation on the beach. As I then interact, I see the growing flame of hunger deep within them. This flame of hunger is that of the Holy Spirit Himself, stirring the souls of these “wave riders,” and calling them to Him.

Lighthouses illuminate the dark, gloomy, formidable and cold storms. And so we must be like lighthouses, full of light and standing as beacons, pointing the way to the One.

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The Time And The Season

Terry Suggs

This is the word that I received from the Lord this morning in prayer about the time we are experiencing now.

The signs are telling you the time and the season of My return. I AM coming back soon to take you home with Me.

I Thessalonians 5:1-2, 4, 17-20

But as to the suitable times and the precise seasons and dates, brethren, you have no necessity for anything being written to you.

For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the return of the Lord will come as unrepentantly and suddenly as a thief in the night.

But you are not in (given up to the power of) darkness, brethren, for that day to overtake you by surprise like a thief.

Be unceasing in prayer (praying perseveringly);

Thank God in everything no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks, for this is the will of God for you (who are in Christ Jesus (the Revealer and Mediator of that will).

Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the Holy Spirit.

Do not spurn the gifts and utterances of the prophets (do not depreciate prophetic revelations nor despise inspired instruction or exhortation or warning.

We know the season by the earthquakes, the floods and the waves roaring, as well as the evil deeds of men at this time.

Only our Father God knows the day and the hour.

They Are Waiting For You

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Jesus said “now take up your cross and follow Me.”

The cross of Jesus that we are to take is a selfless life style, controlled by and unconditional love for the people around us. It is a self sacrificing life style; Putting others first.

The life we have in us now is in the perfect sinless, immortal blood of Christ.

The life is in the blood.

When God hears us pray or talk or speak to sickness or a situation, He hears it through the blood of Jesus. When we sing spiritual songs and hymns, He hears it through the perfect, sinless and immortal blood of Jesus.

It is heard as if Jesus is talking to Him, because His righteousness is imputed to us through the finished work of the cross or through His blood.

God has adopted us into the family.

All there is in God for us is signs, wonders, miracles, creativity and unconditional love.

Jesus is our eternal life. Eternal life for us is not just a length of days or time, It is life in Jesus.

Acts 17:27-29

And He made from one (common origin, one source, one blood) all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined their allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes),

So that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him, although He is not far from each one of us.

For in Him we live move and have our being; as even some of your (own) poets have said , For we are also His offspring.

Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, (of the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

II Corinthians 5:16-17

Consequently, from now on we estimate and regard no one from a purely human point of view (in terms of natural standards of value). (No) even though we once did estimate Christ from a human viewpoint and as a man, yet now (we have such knowledge of Him that) we know Him no longer (in terms of the flesh).

Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creature altogether; the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. The old person died with the old limited carnal nature. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

I Corinthians 3:3-4

For your are still (unspiritual, having the nature) of the flesh (under the control of ordinary impulses). Living in the limited sensory realm of the flesh.

For as long as there are envying and jealousy and wrangling and factions among you, are you not unspiritual and of the flesh or limited sensory unrenewed mind set, behaving yourselves after a limited human standard and like mere unchanged men? When you are really a brand new creature in Christ you are not in the limited fleshly and sensory realm any longer.

For when one says, I belong to Paul, and another, I belong to Apollos, are you not (proving yourselves) ordinary (unchanged, limited, unrenewed creatures in Christ) men?

I Corinthians 1:9, 30

God IS Faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, and revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as our Righteousness (thus making us up right and putting us in right standing with God), and our Consecration (making us pure and holy) (freeing us from a performance based religion), and our Redemption (providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin).

I Corinthians 2:8

NONE OF THE RULERS OF THIS AGE OR WORLD PERCEIVED AND RECOGNIZED AND UNDERSTOOD THIS, FOR IF THEY HAD, THEY WOULD NEVER HAVE CRUCIFIED THE LORD

OF GLORY.

The satanic spirits and satan did not know that Jesus would multiply Himself through us.

I Corinthians 6:17

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

II Corinthians 5:17

For we walk by faith, not by sight or appearance.

Romans 8:30, 38-39

And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified (raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being).

For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:17

We are heirs of God and Joint heirs with Jesus sharing His inheritance.

Romans 8:19

All creation is waiting to see the manifestation of the sons of God so that it too can be released from the decay and corruption brought in by the fall of man (Adam).

Philippians 3:3

For we (Christians) are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit and by the Spirit of God and exult and glory and pride ourselves in Jesus Christ, and put no confidence or dependence (on what we are) in the flesh and on outward privileges and physical advantages and external appearances.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ (in Him I have shared His crucifixion);

It is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by the faith adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 3:26

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

Galatians 4:6

You really are His sons! You have His eternal life living in you now through the Holy Spirit.

I John 3:1-2

See what and incredible quality of love the Father has given shown (be permitted to) be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

Beloved, we are even here and now God’s children; His Sons; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be hereafter, but we know beyond all doubt that when He comes and is manifested, we shall (as God’s children) resemble and be like Him, for we shall beyond all doubt see Him just as He really is.

Ephesians 2:6, 8

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together with Him and made us sit down together giving joint seating with Him in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Colossians 1:13

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness, the sensory limited mindset, the natural human lifestyle, and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. The unlimited realm of living by faith in the unlimited power and ability of God our Father Who has given us the life of Christ.

The world's economic systems are going to fail, but the kingdom of God will stand no matter what comes.

Colossians 2:9-10

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life,(in Christ you too are filled with the GodHead-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and reach full maturity, spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

The world is waiting for you.

Fullness, Wholeness, Completeness
Terry Suggs

Obtained through Righteousness

The promises of God to us are obtained through the righteousness of Christ. We are made righteousness or put into right standing with God through Christ.

Ephesians 4:12-13

His intension was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s Body (the Church),

That it might develop until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, that we might arrive at the really mature manhood (the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s own perfection), the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

This is the time for the body of Christ to operate in the fullness of Christ.

Roman’s 5:17-19

For if, because of one man’s (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive (God’s) overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness (putting them into right standing with Himself) reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Well then, as one man’s trespass (one man’s false step and falling away led) to condemnation for all men, so one Man’s act of righteousness (leads) to acquittal and right standing with God and life for all men.

For just as by one Man’s disobedience (failing to hear), heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man’s obedience the many will be constituted righteousness (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him).

We are brought into the family of God through the finished work of Christ. And it does not come to us by our own performance or wisdom or works.

When Jesus gave His life for our sins, He also did this that we might receive His life or His kind of life.

Our salvation is a gift from God.

It is void of our own efforts.

Luke 9:52-55

And He sent messengers before Him; and they reached and entered a Samaritan village to make (things) ready for Him; but the people would not welcome or receive or accept Him, because His face was set as if He was going to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do you wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?

But He turned and rebuked and severely censured them, He said, you do not know of what sort of spirit you are,

For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them from the penalty of eternal death, And they journeyed on to another village.

Luke 10:8-9

Whenever you go into a town and they receive and accept and welcome you eat what is set before you.

And heal the sick in it and say to them, the kingdom of God has come close to you.

Luke 10:22-24

All things have been given over into My power by My Father; and no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, or Who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son may choose to reveal and make Him known,

Then turning to His disciples, He said privately, blessed (happy, to be envied) are those whose eyes see what you see!

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For the Spirit which you have now received, is not a Spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (WE ARE FAMILY) (the Spirit producing son-ship) in the bliss of which we cry, Abba (Father)! Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus) testifies together with our own spirit (assuring us) that we are children of God.

And if we are His children, then we are (His) heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

I Corinthians 2:4-5, 7-10, 12, 16

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive enticing and plausible words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power of God (a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them,

So, that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy) but in the power of God.

But rather we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden (from the human understanding) and now revealed to us by God (that wisdom) which God devised

and decreed before the ages for our glorification to lift us into the glory of His presence.)

None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.

If the rulers or demonic spiritual rulers or spiritual principalities of darkness had known the plan of God for mankind to be given the same authority that Jesus had on earth, they would not have put Jesus to death.

But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, (all that) God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him and gratefully, recognizing the benefits He has bestowed.

Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny.

Now we have not received the spirit that belongs to the world, but the Holy Spirit Who is from God, given to us that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts of divine favor and blessings so freely and lavishly bestowed on us by God.

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

We have an unction or anointing or a deposit from the Lord in our spirit after we are born again and that deposit is the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things.

I Corinthians 3:21, 23

All things are yours.

And you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ (in Him I have shared His crucifixion); it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I live now live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

II Corinthians 12:9

My grace (unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor, unlimited kindness and blessings in Christ, the fullness of Christ's Spirit and power) is enough for you (sufficient for any danger and enables you to bear the trouble manfully) for My strength and My power is made perfect (fulfilled and completed) and show themselves most effective in your weakness. When we abandon all of our own human level tactics to advance the kingdom of correct the problems, then God overshadows, oversees and overthrows and overrules in our behalf, through our faith in His faithfulness.

We can say that we are using God's faith.

Now we are favored because we are in the family of God. His blood was shed for the remission (debt of sin paid in full, dismissal of debt of sin) of our sins.

Every family member or covenant member is included in the benefits of the family in Christ.

He will bless the works of our hands.

Zechariah 4:6

Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

All spiritual power and things are obtained through the righteousness of Christ.

The power of God is obtained from God through righteousness imputed to us. The holiness of God, the fire of God, the wisdom of God, the mercy of God, the prosperity of God, the healing of our bodies, the peace of God and our salvation is obtained through the righteousness of Christ.

Daniel 11:32

The people that know their God shall prove themselves strong and shall stand firm and do exploits (for God).

Every generation has been given the responsibility to advance the kingdom of God. The responsibility has been given to us now. We are holding the torch so to speak. It is our turn to give this generation a witness of the grace and salvation of God in Christ.

He has made us the ones to go into every nation and preach the gospel to every creature.

We will pass it on to the next generation if the Lord tarries.

It is our duty to minister to the lost and dying and suffering in this world. We must do it now or the enemy will destroy their lives and we will be accountable.

II Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro through out the whole earth to show Himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are blameless toward Him.

Acts 2:39

For the promise of the Holy Spirit is to and for you and your children, and to and for all that are far away, even to and for as many as the Lord or God invites and bids to come to Himself.

Acts 3:16, 25

And in His name (authority given, power of attorney) through and by faith in His name, has made this man whom you see and recognize well and strong. (Yes), the faith, which is, through and by Him (Jesus), has given the man this perfect soundness (wholeness) of body before all of you.

You are the descendants (sons) of the prophets and the heirs of the covenant, which God made and gave to your forefathers, saying to Abraham, And in your Seed (Christ) (Heir) shall all the families of the earth be blessed and benefited.

No one else can take your place. You have a place and a work that no one else can do.

You are empowered and favored.

Hebrews 11:33-35

Through faith Christians of old were able to subdue kingdoms, administer justice, obtain promised blessings and closed the mouths of lions, extinguished the power of raging fire, escaped the devourings of the sword, out of frailty and weakness won in strength and became stalwart, even mighty and resistless in battle, routing alien hosts.

Some received their dead by a resurrection.

Ephesians 6:10

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord (be empowered through your union with Him); draw your strength from Him (that strength which His boundless might provides).

Galatians 3:26-29

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ (into spiritual union and communion

with Christ, the Anointed One, The Messiah) have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.

There is (now no distinction) neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you all are one in Christ Jesus.

And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham’s Seed), then you are Abraham’s offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:6-7

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying Abba! (Father!) Father!

Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then it follows that you are an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Colossians 2:9-10, 20

For in Him (Jesus) the whole fullness of Deity (the God-Head) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature).

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the God-Head-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

Galatians 2:20

If then you have died with Christ to material ways of looking at things and have escaped from the world’s crude and elemental notions and teachings of externalism, why do you live as if you still belong to the world? Why do you submit to rules and regulations?

Galatians 3:23

Whatever may be your task, work at it heartily from the soul, as something done for the Lord and not for men.

I John 4:17

In this union and communion with Him love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment with assurance and boldness to face Him, because as He is, so are we in this world.

We are born of the incorruptible seed (the Word of God). In a seed is the same substance of the type or kind of thing or animal of person that the seed came from.

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. We are born of the seed of God. We are going now like Jesus in God's eyes. We are favored by God like God favored Jesus. We are made righteous and made Holy in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:20

But we are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven, from it also we earnestly and patiently await the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) as Savior…

Isaiah 43:21

The people I formed for Myself, that they may set forth My praise and they shall do it.

John 14:11-14Believe Me that I Am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? What I Am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His Own miracles, deeds of power).

Believe Me that I Am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the very works themselves. (If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you).

I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you) whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I AM).

Isaiah 41:10-13

Fear not (there is nothing to fear) for I Am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I Am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My (victorious) right hand of rightness and justice.

Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing, nothing at all.

For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I Am the Lord, Who says to you, Fear not! I will help you!

II Corinthians 5:7

For we walk by faith (we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk) not by sight or appearance.

We walk by the faithfulness of God to us.

God is 100 per cent trust worthy, 100 per cent honest, 100 percent faithful to His Word and promises. God is 100 per cent pure in His motives.

God is not a man that He should lie or the son of man that He has to change His mind.

When God speaks, his Word goes into eternity and is forever settled in heaven.

II Corinthians 6:17-21

Therefore if any person is (engrafted) in Christ (The Messiah) he is a new creation (a New creature altogether); the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself) and gave to us the ministry of reconciliation (that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him).

It was God (personally present) in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against (men) their trespasses (but canceling them), and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of restoration to favor). We are favored. We are justified and forgiven.

So we are Christ’s ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We (as Christ’s personal representatives) beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor (now being offered you) and be reconciled to God.

For our sake he made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin (committed no sin), so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness).

II Corinthians 6:3

We put no obstruction in anybody’s way (we give no offense in anything), so that no fault may be found and our ministry blamed and discredited.

II Corinthians 6:16,18

What agreement can there be between a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Hebrews 10:17-23

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their law-breaking, I will remember no more.

Therefore, brethren, since we have full freedom (He whom the Son sets free is free indeed) (We are free to use His power, His authority and receive every promise in Christ) and confidence to enter into the Holy of Holies (Faith IS Confidence) by the power and virtue in the blood of Jesus,

by this fresh (new) and living way which He initiated and dedicated and opened for us through the separating curtain (veil of the Holy of Holies), that is, through His flesh.

And since we have such a great and wonderful and noble High Priest (Who rules) over the house of God,

Let us all come forward and draw near with true (honest and sincere) hearts in unqualified assurance and absolute conviction engendered by faith (by that leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness), having our hearts sprinkled and purified from a guilty (evil) conscience and our bodies cleansed with pure water.

So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.

Religious doctrines and philosophy has made Jesus really big and us really small, but God has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Jesus) and made us sit together with Him in Heavenly places. We are now joint heirs with Him. We are God's children.

We are members of the household of God.

God is as faithful to us as He is to Jesus.

We always say to those that are stepping out of the boat, "Be careful"

Jesus said "Be careful for nothing" Go for it. Don't worry. Don't be afraid. Be of good cheer. I AM with you always. I will never leave you nor forsake you.

We are the light of the world. God has some of us in places where there is darkness, but our light will change the darkness into light.

We are to bring God into every adverse situation.

Remember give no place to the devil.

God also has a planned ending for our lives.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

We are now living in the unlimited spiritual realm of the Lord Jesus.

We have freedom in Christ Jesus to use unlimited power to heal, to deliver, to do miracles, to advance the kingdom of God on this earth

The new covenant in Christ Jesus will never be broken.

Colossians 1:13-22

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His Love.

In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, (which means) the forgiveness of our sins.

Now He is the exact likeness of the unseen God (the visible representation of the invisible); He is the Firstborn of all creation.

For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.

And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

He is also the Head of (His) body, the church; seeing He is the Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place (stand first and be preeminent)

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And God purposed that through (by the service, the intervention of Him (the Son) all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, (the Father) made peace by means of the blood of His cross.

And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

Yet now has Christ, the Messiah reconciled you to God in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father's) presence.

Romans 8:1

Therefore, (there is) now, no condemnation (no adjudging guilty of wrong) for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

There is an analogy about the way we are one with Christ.

If I took an empty glass and dipped it into the ocean, the water in the glass is the same water that is in the ocean. It has same makeup of the water in the ocean. When we are born of God we have God's Spirit living in us. I will write My laws in their heart and in their minds will I write them. I will live in them says the Lord. I will dwell in them.

It is no longer I that live but Christ that lives in me, Paul wrote. The Spirit of God makes us alive unto God. If any man be in Christ, He is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things have become new. The old spirit in us has been quickened or made alive with the Spirit of God living in our spirit.

The new spiritual man is led by the Spirit of God, and we are to allow the Spirit of God to have freedom to operate in us. We live by faith and by the faith of God.

Jesus gave us the ability to become sons of God by exercising our faith in His finished work on the Cross. By faith we can bring salvation to every nation and every person on earth.

All things are now possible to those that believe.

2005 is going to be a glorious year for God's people. Don't be fearful, because the enemy will fight you and challenge you to try to weaken and stop you. But God has given you the victory over satan. He can't stop God or even slow Him down.

No weapon formed against you shall prosper.

Natural disasters are going to shake up a lot places and upset a great number of people.

But stay in prayer and focus on God.

Nothing by any means shall hurt you.

A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand a your right hand, but it shall not come near you.

All things work together for good to those that are called according to His purpose and those that love God.

God has you covered.

Your life is hid with Christ in God.

Satan is a liar and a deceiver. He will only try to distract you and lie to you.

Don't be distracted. Stay on course with the gospel message.

Give No Place To The Devil!

Terry Suggs

When Adam and Eve was in the Garden of Eden, the devil came to Eve and deceived her saying that they were depraved from being like God. God had spoken saying let us make man in our image and in our likeness or someone like us. Adam lost the garden because he was deceived. He was the guardian of the garden of Eden.

We have been given authority in Christ to guard and protect our home, our country, our government, our families, our churches, our health, our bodies, our music, our minds, our children, the media, our environment, the internet and the air waves.

Give no place to the devil in your private life, in the weather, or in the earth. You have been enabled and empowered through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God (copy Him and follow His example), as well-beloved children (imitate their father).

John 14:12-14

I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes, I will grant (I Myself) will do for you whatever you shall ask in My name (as presenting all that I Am).

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I set before the choice of life or death. He is your life and length of days.

Luke 10:19

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you.

John 15:1-9

I Am the True Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit (that stops bearing) He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the Word which I have given you (the teachings I have discussed with you)

Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. (Live in Me, and I will live in you), Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

I AM the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me (cut off from vital union with Me) you can do nothing.

If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a (broken off) branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

If you live in Me (abide vitally united to Me) and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine,

I have loved you, (just) as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love (continue in His love with Me).

There is nothing greater than love. God is Love.

Let your name be synonymous with healing, with power, with love, with goodness, with glory, with Faith, with creative miracles, and with the anointing.

God’s love is active and dynamic; constantly working and doing and being expressed towards everyone.

John 1:16

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have al received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift upon gift.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the rich, eternal treasures that are above, where Chris is seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things, not on the things that are on earth.

For as far as this world is concerned you have died, and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Our minds have be trained to think like new creatures in Christ. We have the new nature and the power and the Redemption of our lives through Christ, but our minds are still just the same as if we were without the new nature and power and the life of Christ.

Romans 8:18-19

(But what of that?) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred upon us!

For even the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God’s sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their son-ship.

Colossians 1:13-23

The Father has delivered us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, (which means) the forgiveness of our sins.

(Now) He is the exact likeness of the unseen God (the invisible representation of the invisible); He is the Firstborn of all creation.

For it was in Him that all things were created, in Heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.

And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

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And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

Yet now has (Christ, the Messiah) reconciled (you to God) in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father’s) presence.

And this He will do provided that you continue to stay with and in the faith (in Christ), well grounded and settled and steadfast not shifting or moving away from the hope (which rests on and is inspired by) the glad tidings (the Gospel), which you heard and which has been preached (as being designed for and offered without restrictions) to every person under heaven, and of which (Gospel) I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:27

Christ in you the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his so called philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men’s ideas of the material rather than the spiritual wolrd), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding (the teachings of) Christ (the Messiah).

For in Him the whole fullness of the deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father-Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Headof all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

Every devil and demon in the earth and in hell is subject to Jesus and us in Jesus name or authority.

The devil could not kill Jesus and he can’t kill us, because we are in Christ.

We have been running from the devil until now. Now let the devil run from you.

God’s power in us and in the kingdom of God, is unlimited. His grace is unlimited, His wisdom and love are unlimited.

There is nothing greater than the love of God. His love is active and dynamic. His love is unconditional and everlasting.

Luke 10:19

Occupy until He comes.

I John 4:15

Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he (abides, lives, makes his home) in God.

Ephesians 1:18-23

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set apart ones).

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable an unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in heavenly places,

Far above all rule and authority an power and dominion and every title that can be conferred, not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And He has put all things under His feet and appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church).

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

I Corinthians 6:17

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

Amos 3:8

The Lion has roared; who will not fear?

The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?

What He (Jesus) Inherited, We Inherited
Terry Suggs

I Corinthians 3:22-23

All things are yours.

And you are Christ’s and Christ is God’s.

His (Jesus) inheritance is our inheritance. Whatever is true of Jesus is true of us. What did Jesus inherit?

John 14:2-3,12,16

In My Father’s House there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I Am going away to prepare a place for you, And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I Am you may be also.

I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and standby), that He may remain with you forever.

Ephesians 2:4-6

But God- so rich is He in His mercy, Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us.

Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, he made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s Salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue or our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Galatians 3:26-27,29

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ (into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah) have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.

And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham’s Seed), then you are Abraham’s offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:1,4-7

Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate;

But when the proper time had fully come , God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to (the regulations of) the Law, to purchase freedom of (to redeem, to ransom, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us and be recognized as God’s sons).

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the (Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!

Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then it follows that you are an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Mathew 5:3,5,10,14

Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous – with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake (for being and doing right) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mathew 25:33-34

And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.

Then the King will say to those at His right hand, come, you blessed of My Father (you favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation), inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:11-14

In Him we also were made (God’s) heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His own will.

So that we who first hoped in Christ (Who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the firstfruits, the pledge an foretaste, the down payment on our heritage), in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it-to the praise of His glory.

Epheisans 2:18-19

For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father so that we are able to approach Him.

Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God’s own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God’s own household.

In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:3-6

And that the mystery (secret) was made known to me and I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote you.

When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

This mystery (secret) was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the (Holy Ghost).

It is this: that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promise in Christ through (their acceptance of) the glad tidings (the gospel).

In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (and unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear).

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the Holy Spirit Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality that you may really come to know (practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God and may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

John 10:27-30

The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to my voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.

And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed. And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.

My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all else; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.

I and the Father are One.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; My own peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled).

No matter what happens around us we have the Lord’s Peace on the inside of us. Receive it.

Colossians 1:11-14

We pray that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, to exercise every kind of endurance and patience perseverance and forbearance with joy, Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints God’s Holy People in the Light.

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, which means, the forgiveness of our sins.

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I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in through the Son.

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Luke 10:16

He who hears and heeds you hears and heeds Me; and he who slights and rejects you slights and rejects Me; and he who slights and rejects Me slights and rejects Him Who sent Me.

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

I Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God consists of and is based on, not talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul).

Psalm 16:5,11

The Lord is my chosen and assigned portion, my cup; you hold and maintain my lot.

You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy and power, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Ezekiel 44:28

This (their ministry to Me) shall be to them as an inheritance, for I Am their inheritance.

I Corinthians 15:27-28

For He (The Father) has put all things in subjection under His (Christ’s) feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection (under Him), it is evident that He (Himself) is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject to (the Father) Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all (be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life).

II Corinthians 6:16

What agreement (can there be between) a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 9:15

(Christ, the Messiah) is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an entirely new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance-since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the old first agreement.

Hebrews 10:10-17,23

And in accordance with this will (of God) we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).

Furthermore, every (human) priest stands (at his altar of service) ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip (from every side of us) the sins (that envelop us) and take them away-

Whereas this One (Christ), after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins that shall avail for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.

For by a single offering he has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.

And also the Holy Spirit adds His testimony to us (in confirmation of this). For having said,

This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding),

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.

So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His Word.

Psalm 37:28-29

For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked (in time) shall be cut off.

Then the consistently righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

Psalm 82:6

I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives; indeed all of you are children of the Most High.

Adam did not have a natural father. God was his father.

Romans 8:9-11,14-17,32

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God (really dwells within you (directs and controls you). But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child a child of god.

But if Christ lives in you , then although you natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of the righteousness (that He imputes to you).

And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life you mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For the Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (the Spirit producing sonship) in (the bliss of) which we cry, Abba Father! Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus testifies together with our own spirit assuring us that we are children of God.

And if we are his children, then we are (His) heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

He Who did not withhold or spare (even) His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not freely and graciously give us all other things?

I Corinthians 15:51-53

Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep (in death), but we shall all be changed (transformed).

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead (in Christ) will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay) must put on immortality (freedom from death).

Hebrews 3:14

For we have become fellow heirs with Christ (the Messiah) and share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence and original assured expectation (in virtue of which we are believers) firm and unshaken to the end.

I Peter 1:4

By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape (by flight) from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

Philippians 1:11

May you abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God (that His glory may be both manifested and recognized).

Proverbs 3:24-26

When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.

Be not afraid of sudden terror and panic, nor of the stormy blast or the storm

And ruin of the wicked when it comes for you will be guiltless,

For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught (in a trap or some hidden danger.

Proverbs 23:7

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Mark 16:17-19

And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;

They will pick up serpents; and even if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.

I Corinthians 2:13

And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Holy Spirit , combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language to those who possess the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 2:9-10

But on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, all that god has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him (who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him an gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed.

Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny).

Ephesians 5:5

For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous (who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain for he in effect is an idolater has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Luke 12:15

And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man’s life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing over-flowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs.

Acts 20:32-35

And now brethren, I commit you to God (I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care). And I commend you to the Word of His grace (to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor). It is able to build you up and to give you (your rightful) inheritance among all God’s set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).

I coveted no man’s silver or gold or costly garments.

You yourselves know personally that these hands ministered to my own needs and those of the persons who were with me.

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

Acts 26:16-18

But arise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, that I might appoint you to serve as (My) minister and to bear witness both to what you have seen of Me and to that in which I will appear to you.

Choosing you out for Myself and delivering you from among the Gentiles to Whom I am sending you,

All of this world's economic systems are going to be destroyed eventually. The only system that will work will be the system of the Kingdom of God.

To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me.

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To the Breaking and the Broken

Mark Kaphaem

Recently as I was sitting in a church service, I heard in the Spirit that many in the service were going through the breaking process. In the spirit I could hear their cries to the Lord. Many felt there was something wrong with them that they had things so difficult. Like in some way God was punishing them or had abandoned them. Many felt like they were only step children in the kingdom while those around them that seemed to have things so easy were the real children of God. I began to cry out with them and for them. This is the response I heard from the Lord.

"This breaking is not weakening your relationship with Me. This breaking is not moving you farther away from Me. This breaking is freeing you from the things that keep you from Me. This breaking process is drawing You to Me. Drawing you close to Me, which is where I always long for you to be.

Beloved,

Beloved, beloved, beloved, beloved, beloved.

Let go. Let go and trust Me.

Step out. Step out in your nakedness. Step out in your vulnerabilities. Step out in your weakness. I want to show you off.

Step out in your nakedness. I will clothe you. I will clothe you in My robes of Heaven. In My Glory.

Step out in your poverty. It's those who know that they are poor in spirit that I can make rich. That I can fill with the riches of Heaven.

Step out in your weakness. Your weakness is most precious to Me. When you trust Me in your weakness it is then that you will shake the world.

Don't listen to those who know it all. Listen to those who know Me.

Don't listen to those with the grandiose plan. Listen to the simple. I like to keep it simple. Like, Love your neighbor as yourself. That is something simple. When you give yourselves to that I will be with you. When you give yourselves to preferring your brothers and sisters above yourself. That is something simple and I will be with you. Don't let anyone make you less than what you are by putting you into the chains of religious behavior.

Do not look at the breaking as a burden, but look at it as a process of stepping into freedom. Go into it with rejoicing. You are coming closer to Me and closer to fulfillment in Me. I am with you".

The Travail Breaks Forth
Susan Cummings

My fire comes burning upon the plains
Consuming the plans and worldly games
Never again will the wicked arise
For they will surely fall in their demise

For the purification has begun
As My horses over the earth run
Sounding My alarm and the trumpet blasts
All who hear and take heed will not be outcast

Summon the wailers and the criers
Release the runners to break forth with speed
For the travail now breaks forth greatly
With all of the hosts at My decree

Thunder and lightning and the purging fan
Races across the bountiful lands
Bringing the great purging and justice for sin
For the cries of the slain have come to the end

Vessels poured out and made ready for the battle
Assembled by My Hand for the last hour
Holy Fire now ignites and borne from above
Igniting the Warriors of the Lord Most High

Horses, chariots, swords, and Living Flames
All stand as One in My Holy embrace
Attention given to My throne and voice
Trumpets signaling the final great race

Glory, Fire, and Blood covers their heads
As Mine are assembled, and bow before the Son
Now arising and going forth into the darkened earth
Beholding and bringing in the final birth

Great travail now breaks open as the head comes forth
Men not seeing nor hearing the Truth
The scales measured and meted to all
But he who understands will not fall

-Susan Cummings
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The True Church!

David Burns

Dear loved ones, we are in the midst of a great Spiritual revival, an awakening from God Almighty. If we are to experience a thorough revival, then every congregation must be willing to truly be Christ's Church.

For too long local congregations have puttered along being tantalized by trends and fascinated with fads, hoping the next big conference will set them on a course of appearing successful. Indeed, most churches measure their success by numbers, how many are in attendance, how many members and how much the offerings are. It's time for the local church to get out of the "book of numbers" and into the book of Acts, where we are given the model for the New Testament Church.

When we read through the book of Acts, we read about a Church that was filled with the power and presence of God. No religious gimmicks were needed. The New Testament Church became like a wild-fire, burning through the land, spreading revival and renewal everywhere by ordinary men and women filled with the supernatural presence of God's Holy Spirit.

For the Early Church, trends and traditions were deserted for the way of Christ. Fads were forsaken for the matchless Truth of Jesus Christ.

Today, religious leaders virtually attack a new church growth promise, like a piranha, furiously hoping to find the answer. The answer isn't found this way. The answer is found in practicing what the Early Church practiced.

Dear friend, please listen with an open mind and a heart for what Christ really wants. Christ isn't impressed with our numbers, our buildings and our budgets. He isn't impressed with our programs and our frenzied efforts to frantically serve Him like Martha, while failing to worship Him like Mary (Luke 10:38ff).

Please understand that I am NOT a disgruntled Christian who is down on the local church. I am serving as a pastor right now. I've pastored the same church for the last 10 years. I've been in the ministry for over 20 years. I love the Church and that is why I am preaching/teaching what I am. The Church needs a revival, a strong wake-up call, to stop being obsessed with all of these attempts at being successfully from a worldly point of view and start succeeding in what the LORD wants for HIS Church.

To be the Church that impresses Christ, we must make some serious sacrifices! It means that we can no longer depend upon man but must depend upon Christ. It means that we must no longer water down the Truth of God's Word, even when it brings deep conviction. It means that we must become more than people who just go to church, and be the people who make up the Church, the true Body of Christ.

Christ never intended for the local church to be a one-man show. But so often, the pastor is paid to do it all. This is not Scriptural, and it is hindering true Spirit-filled revival. Every Christian is called to be a minister, a servant of Christ(Ephesians 4).

Much of the way the local church operates is not modeled after the Bible, but modeled after the business world. The minister is paid to be the CEO, and the board of directors (church board) decides whether the CEO is doing his job. This is anti-biblical! It forces the pastor into a state of desperation to make the church reflect worldly success. I make no apology for my boldness. It's time someone stood up and proclaimed this simple truth. Pastors/Shepherds are certainly found in the Bible, and called to be leaders in their local fellowships. But, nowhere does the Bible support a local pastor being paid to replace the giftedness of the Body of Christ.

The Early Church succeeded Spiritual because the leaders and followers knew it was Christ's Church. They knew that all matters would have to be covered with much prayer. They knew they must be led by the Spirit, not by feelings, fads and the newest religious style. For those of you opened to this truth, hear me well: What was in style for the early church has never been out of style!

The Bible still looks good. Preaching with boldness never looked better. Listen pastor, just because the world around your congregation is changing is no reason to change your congregation. Get back to the Truth, modeled by the Early Church in the book of Acts, and the Church will begin to change society!

Pastors are pressured by church boards to run the church like a small business. But let me tell you that small business fail! But when we stop running the church and let Christ lead His Church there will be a revival that will sweep our world. Many pastors and church leaders will reject this message because they know deep in their hearts revival will place their people at the crossroads of decision: to either decide to run to Jesus or run away. The truth is, many top leaders in churches want the numbers and the money. Revival usually has a way of first getting down to a remnant, striping away the money and numbers.

Gideon's man-made army consisted of 32,000 warriors. It's a mega church-sized army! We'd all agree that you can do a lot with 32,000 Think of the soldiers. Think of the size of the offering if 32,000 men tithed prestige of proudly announcing, "I pastor a church of 32,000." See how alluring this is?

Gideon's man-made army consisted of 32,000. Then, God went to work on HIS army. God's army consisted of 300. Nope, I did not leave out any zeroes. 300! Why? God said, "You have too many men for me to deliver Midian into their hands. In order that Israel may not boast against me…"(Judges 7:2).

Unfortunately, some churches and denominations are at the place of not turning back. They have created such a monster, that they cannot stop now. But, some and many can and will. I'm not anti-big church. But, I am pro-healthy church! Churches of all sizes can be plagued with witchcraft and demonic spirits which keep the local church in bondage. Churches claiming to follow the Bible are promoting new age teachings. It's witchcraft and it must be rebuked for revival to come.

Church services have turned into religious concerts, an hour of entertainment, a religious production of which God is not impressed. I've got revival in my blood. I can't help it, because I've seen this transformation take place where I pastor. And because I have witnessed the power of God transforming a local church, I cannot help but be excited and preach it!

TODAY'S CHALLENGE: Pray for revival, in your own life and in the life of your congregation. Pray for every local congregation to truly become Christ's Church, as prescribed in the New Testament. Pray that the Church will be led by Christ, not by man. Pray that the Bible will be the blueprint for the Church to follow. Pray for the Holy Spirit to revive the Church.

Dear Heavenly Father, cleanse Your Church! Revival Your Church. In Jesus' Mighty Name, AMEN!

Re-arranging my life for Christ, David **www.freshwind.org**

To The Church In Kenya

Cheryl McGrath

Dec 5, 2005
Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of The King of Kings!

The following prophetic word was delivered to the Lord's church in Kenya on November 19 this year. A brief report and photos from our recent ministry trip to Western Kenya can be found at the GSLM website for those who are interested - www.greatsouthland.org/kenyamission05.html

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WORD TO THE CHURCH IN KENYA

Cheryl McGrath

Delivered November 19, 2005, at Bikeke, Kenya

Relevant Scriptures: Exodus 14:21,22; 1 Cor. 10:1-2; Acts 27:12-15; Psalm 138:1-3 & 7-8

The Lord spoke to me of an east wind coming to His church in Kenya. We see in the scriptures that an east wind was always a harsh, rough wind. When it blew across Israel it stripped the crops. It was also known for setting ships off course. The east wind was not a welcome wind in Israel. Therefore the Lord says this is not a word that you will want to hear, nevertheless it must be heard. He is allowing this wind to come in order to cleanse and purify His Kenya church.

In Exodus 14: 21-22 we see that God sent an east wind to divide the waters of the Red Sea when Israel was coming out of Egypt. In scripture, Egypt is representative of the world and all its compromises. 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 tells us that when the Israelites crossed over between the walls of water, they were baptised into Moses. In other words, this crossing over was a shadow of water baptism. The sea became a place of baptism, and that place was provided for them by the strong east wind which parted the waters. The Lord is saying there is a coming "baptism of fire" for the church in Kenya which will come with this spiritual east wind He is sending. Through tribulation a Bride will come forth in Kenya fit for the Lord.

Furthermore in Acts 27:13,14 we read "and when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their desire, putting out to sea, they sailed close by Crete. But not long after, a tempestuous head wind arose, called Euroclydon. So when the ship was caught and could not head into the wind, we let her drive." By a word of knowledge, Paul had warned those in charge of the ship that they were headed for disaster (v.10), but his advice was not heeded. Deceived by a peaceful south wind, those on board believed they were safe. But suddenly a tempestuous head wind arose and set the ship off course. The name of this wind, Euroclydon, means "north east wind".

I believe the Lord is saying it shall seem for a time to many in the church that they are headed for peace and safety, and this may be so for a season. However, this is not a time for the church to slumber. It is a time to prepare for what is coming, for the east wind will surely come to Kenya. The church leaders are to take these days of relative calm to prepare and strengthen the church so she may stand in Christ when the future time of testing comes.

The Lord also gave Psalm 138:1-3 and 7-8, and said there is revival coming to the Kenyan church and it will be a revival of the pure Word of God. Fear of the Lord will settle on the true Kenyan bride-church. Kenyans will go forth to other African nations and to the world bearing a pure and uncompromised Word of the Lord spoken in all truth and authority. But this revival is coming forth through tribulation. The Lord will have for Himself a Bride-church in Kenya who reflects His holiness and His glory.

The Lord's message to the Kenyan church is "prepare a place for Me". It is to be the first place, the pre-eminent place, the same place Mary of Bethany gave Him as she sat at His feet and learned of Him. Leaders should take stock of their lives and their ministries, and should prepare their people. He is coming to find a place for Himself, not just to visit, but to dwell. You shall see the Lord high and lifted up over Kenya, but in the midst of trouble. The Lord says "when you see the east wind begin to blow across your nation, know it is I, and prepare for Me."

The Lord did not give me any specific time frames for the coming of this "east wind" and I do not set forth dates or seasons for this. This word, as all prophetic words, should be brought before the Lord in prayerful intercession, and tested by the Spirit and the Word by the Kenyan church.

Submitted with respect to the church in Kenya,
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"I have but one passion - it is He, it is He alone.
Count Zinzindorf

To The Fathers

Julie Baxter

A Word To The Fathers Who Were Never Fathered Themselves –

Find a Father who has My own heart, says the Lord.

You cannot fulfill your destiny unless you do, because your spiritual DNA is corrupted by your experiences. I say this to all who would have a place in the End Time ministry of restoration of fathers to sons, and sons to fathers. I speak not only to those who are by gender – fathers, it is time for My church to be cleansed, to be holy and pure and live as I ordained.

Find a Father whose relationships with his own family are spectacular. Do not make the mistake of emulating those who are calling themselves “fathers” but in fact are interlopers and frauds.

You have made the mistake of working, working, working and neglecting the ones to whom you are in covenant with Me. You have ignored the vows you made to Me, in order to build your own kingdom. You think I do not see you? You think they do not see your hypocrisy?

It is fashionable to be a “Father” in this end times, but I will reserve a particular judgment for those who misrepresent My heart thusly. Malachi 2:13-15 "This is another thing you do: you cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and with groaning, because He no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor from your hand. "Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant “

You have ignored and not discerned your own wife. You have not lived with her according to knowledge, but rather chosen your own escapes. You have flirted with other lovers, entertained adulteresses in pornography and the adulation of those who reverence you. You are vile in My eyes. Cleanse yourself of this filthy unrighteousness, make yourself accountable to those you trust and choose to be transparent before your wife. Do not think she does not feel the violation of your vows –do not think she is not wounded, hurting and troubled by your sin. I have spoken clearly how you are to treat her – you must do so – for there is no father without a wife. You are one in My eyes; she must be healed so that you are not hindered by your own sin.

Another fault I find with you is that you have become a thief and a robber. John 10:7-10 - So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

You have neglected to love Me and worship Me, you have consigned My worship to public places and worship services – you do not worship ME. It is your own personal worship that I am able to transform your heart to my heart – not in ministry, not in business of mentoring, - in your own personal worship times. You cannot rely on others for this aspect of your life in me. Do not ask your intercessors to enter you into the door, you must enter in yourself.

See the following scriptures for more understanding.

Proverbs 5:18-19 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; be exhilarated always with her love.

Ecclesiastes 9:9 Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.

Isaiah 54:6-8 "For the LORD has called you, like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected," says your God. For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion I will gather you. In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, but with everlasting loving kindness I will have compassion on you," says the LORD your Redeemer.

Bless You!
Julie Baxter
Praying for you from Texas

Habakkuk 2:1
I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart;
and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me,
and how I may reply when I am reproved.
We now have a fax machine - if you fax us anything, please call first. The fax number is the same as our home phone.

The Time For Play Is Over

Kathleen Paul

I would say to you—the hour is here, the hour of putting the toys in the toy box, putting the dolls on the shelf. This is a very serious hour and the time for play is over.

There is a deep darkness arising on the horizon. A deep thick darkness that will invade and consume all those who are caught unawares, who have let their guard down, and those who never even had a guard for they do not know Me.

Prepare for battle. Get the manual (bible) down from the shelf, dust it off, open it up and look, read, and hear what I am saying to you and obey it; no more excuses, no more playing when you should be fighting the war – the battle for the souls of this world. So many casualties so many taken for My people have played instead of walking where I wanted to take them—onto the battlefield. The armor has been taken out of the 'Tickle Trunk' and donned and used for play, for dressing up, pretending, beholding yourselves in the mirror and admiring how nice that armor looked on you. But where are the dents, where are the blood stains, where is the sweat, the dust, the mire?! For I called you to the battlefield not the playroom where you and your friends and family play. People are dying, people are being taken captive and brought into the enemy's camp and others dragged to hell.

Blow the trumpet! Sound the alarm! Call them to battle! Call them to arms! Meet Me on the battlefield, follow My banner and where you see My banner lifted high go and fight the fight of your life, and I will be there, I will take that land and people by force. I will be with you and the enemy will not stand but will have to give over the land and the captives. Decimate the ranks of the enemy. Behold I have given you the strength and power—now execute them! Be militant! Set your face like flint against the forces of darkness and know you will win for I will be with you and truly it is My battle, and nothing can stand against Me and survive.

When you are tired and weary come off the battlefield and come away with Me. To a place of safety, a place of peace and we will sit together, talk together, plan, strategize, eat, drink, rest and (you'll) be strengthened. We'll reminisce, laugh and sing. We will share our love with one another, and you will rest in Me, in My arms, and you will sleep peacefully and awaken refreshed, ready for the battlefield again as the sun rises and day dawns.

It is like the ebb and flow of the tide. In and out, in and out; a time to fight, a time to rest, a time to fight, a time to rest. This is a new hour and a serious hour.

1Corinthians 13:11—When I was a child I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Kathy, it is time to put away childish things for behold you are not a child anymore, but My bride and where I am you are to follow and to be and I am in the battlefield where those I love are perishing. Where are you?

Kathleen Paul
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The Terrain Has Changed

Cheryl McGrath

A Word from the Lord received 31st January, 2005

This prophetic message was received from the Lord on 31st January, 2005. However, due to the weightiness of this message, there has been a necessary time of carrying it and waiting on the Lord before releasing it widely. In Ezekiel chapter 3 we read that Ezekiel was given a prophetic decree to Israel in the form of a written scroll, and instructed to "feed your belly and fill your stomach" with the message. The apostle John, on the isle of Patmos, similarly was instructed to eat "the little book" which in his mouth was sweet as honey, but in his belly became bitter (Rev. 10:10). The Lord's Word should always taste sweet and desirable to His people, because it is Spirit and Life, but there are times when we must allow for the full "digesting" of His prophetic Word within before we can share it appropriately and accurately. At the time of writing, this message has therefore been twenty one days in the digesting. . May we be granted ears to hear.

BACKGROUND: The prophet Jeremiah had been in a situation where the men of his home town, Anathoth, had threatened to kill him because of the Spirit's anointing resting on him, by which he prophesied (Jer. 11:21). Anathoth was city of the Levites, one of several cities granted to the descendants of Aaron by Joshua (see Numbers 35:2-3, Joshua 21). The Levites were the priestly tribe responsible for sacrifices and strict administering of the law, and among the Levites, Aaron's descendants were considered the most holy, representing an elite priestly class. It is believed that some of Jeremiah's own relatives were among those who threatened his life if he did not cease prophesying. For the purposes of this article Anathoth and its inhabitants are symbolic of a religious system based on legalism and works. In Jeremiah chapter 12:1-4 we therefore find Jeremiah, indignant at this recent experience, questioning the Lord over why He allows wickedness and injustice to continue unpunished.

However, before addressing those issues, the Lord imposes His own questions to His servant Jeremiah. "If you have run with the footmen and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan? For even your brothers, the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, they have called a multitude after you. Do not believe them, even though they speak smooth words to you." (Jeremiah 12:5-6) The same two questions that the Lord posed to Jeremiah form the basis of this prophetic message to His church in this current day and hour.
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A WORD TO THE FORERUNNERS

"If you have run with the footmen and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses?" Jeremiah 12:5

The first section of this message is addressed to the Lord's "footmen", or forerunners. In Old Testament times the footmen were selected soldiers who ran ahead of the main army in order to scout out the land and prepare for its arrival.

The church worldwide is currently experiencing a severe season of transition and change that will ultimately reveal the true Bride of Christ and expose an antichrist religious system built on the false foundations of man's pride and intellect. The word "antichrist" does not mean "anti-Jesus"; it means "anti-anointing". It is a mindset that despises and persecutes anything or anyone born of the Spirit of the Living God, who is the Anointing. The Name Jesus Christ means Jesus the Messiah, (or Yeshua Ha Meshiach), the ANOINTED ONE (Psalm 2:2; John 1:41; 4:25,26; Luke 4:18, Hebrews 1:9; 2 Corinthians 1:21). Let us not be deceived - the antichrist mindset acknowledges Jesus, but denies His Anointing, thereby exalting flesh over the Spirit. In the present season, the Lord is busy establishing His own church as He said He would, even while a false religious system blindly continues to expand and represent itself as "the church of Jesus Christ." Let us understand this time of transitioning is NOT simply about whether to hold meetings in church buildings or in houses. To argue in such terms is to diminish the immensity of the Spirit's present work in the church as the Bride is being called out and prepared for the final stages of this current age. It is about the Spirit and the flesh, who are at war (Gal. 5:17). Only those who live and are ruled by the Spirit of God will discern the nature and timing of the Spirit's work in the church (1 Cor. 2:14-16)

Many of the Lord's servants, in the wisdom and timing of the Lord, were called as forerunners in this transitioning process and have been "running ahead of the army" for some time now, even years. These are those who the Lord called out of denominationalism in order to form an arrowhead for the Spirit's thrust of major reformation of the "ecclesia", or those who are called to be Christ's (Romans 1:6.) In a spiritual sense, these forerunners have been scouting the newly emerging landscape, adjusting their vision and their footsteps to the unfamiliar terrain and gathering necessary understanding of previously unexplored expressions of "being the church", as opposed to "going to church." For a great many of these forerunners the experience of being part of that "arrowhead" has been a costly one in terms of extreme loneliness, isolation and unjust accusations of rebellion from those they once walked with in the Body. However, the lessons they have learned and the brokenness gained from having endured and overcome in this place will prove to be of immeasurable benefit to the Bride in the days to come. These forerunners are the "nameless, faceless" ones spoken of by several prophetic voices during the nineteen nineties. For the most part they have been hidden and crafted by the Lord until His perfect timing and they will not look like or sound like the former leadership models the church has come to rely on. Some of these footmen-forerunners have been scouting ahead for (what seems to them) a very long time, and their weariness is being compounded by discouragement and frustration as they wait for the movement of the main army. For those of you reading this who recognise yourselves as part of this company, the Lord has a specific word:

He says "the terrain is now changing. This new terrain is no place for footmen and requires the power of horsemen. How will you transition to the next stage of what I am doing if your strength has already run out? Let each one answer for himself and herself. Let each one seek Me for the answer, for you cannot do such a thing."

As I contemplated this question in prayer, I considered the weariness and discouragement I had been personally battling throughout the first weeks of the New Year, and I knew that I did not have an acceptable answer. I was then given to see that indeed the only way for the forerunners to keep pace was in the fullness of Christ and the total emptiness of themselves. This truth was etched further into me in recent days as I was led into a deeper understanding of what it means to "love our lives not unto death." This is not something that we can do by determining to do it. The strength of "self" as central to all things is so solidly entrenched in the human heart only the love of Christ Himself can bring each of us to a place where we love His Life more than we love our own. It is only then that we truly begin to understand the often repeated statement: "it's not about me, it's about Him." No matter how many times we say it, or assent to it's truth, we cannot walk in it until the power of His Life in us has broken the power of "self-consciousness", "self-exaltation" and "self-preservation". Then it is that we can truly witness with Paul "It's no longer I that live, but Christ......."

As I allowed the Holy Spirit to search my own heart for the answer the Lord was seeking, I was reminded again of the account of Elijah in 1 Kings 18:44-46.

Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said "There is a cloud as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!". So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, "Prepare your chariot and go down before the rain stops you." Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. Then the hand of the Lord came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Even as the storm clouds dramatically and suddenly rolled in upon Elijah, so too is the spiritual atmosphere in and over the church experiencing dramatic and irreversible change. Even those who have been waiting and praying for such change will be challenged by the magnitude of the shaking and rearranging the Lord is determined to bring to His household. Yet, here we see that not only did Elijah contend with the horses of Ahab, he ran by foot ahead of them. How? By the Spirit of the Lord alone, for there was nothing in Elijah's own strength or stature that could enable him. Horses represent power. There is a way for the footmen to contend with the challenges of this new terrain and run with the horses and horsemen, and it is in the power of the Spirit and by no other means. The Lord is asking if His forerunners are ready to adapt to this new terrain, which will require a shift in focus.

The Lord continued to speak: "Many of the footmen have run individually, aware only of their own footsteps, their own path, and their own goals. But now the terrain changes and they must see what I see - a company of horsemen riding. And they must see themselves no more, but see the company, and themselves as part of that company. They must take in and adjust to the wider view."

If you are a forerunner or part of a forerunner ministry, the message is to look up, look around, stop what you are doing long enough to survey the new surroundings. For things are changing and the isolation many have known in this place is going to pass away. The Lord wants His forerunners to be ready and alert to the new season. There is grace and strength for the discouraged and weary, but the new terrain requires submission to the Spirit and dying to the fear of man as never before. Stay close! There is no other Rest but the Lord. He will enable you!

A WORD TO THOSE WHO TRUST IN PEACE

And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan? For even your brothers, the house of your father, even they have dealt treacherously with you; yes, they have called a multitude after you. Do not believe them, even though they speak smooth words to you." (Jeremiah 12:6)

The second section of this prophetic message is addressed specifically to another group who I have chosen to call "those who trust in peace". I will expound on this after I have addressed the understanding of the "floodplain". As the Lord continued to unfold this prophetic message for His people, I asked what was meant by the phrase "floodplain of Jordan". He revealed the following:

"The floodplain of Jordan is where the enemy comes in like a flood. I am raising up a standard. That standard is My Spirit and My Bride together, saying "thus far, no further." My people must consider whether they are ready for the floodplain and how they shall survive there."

The Hebrew word for floodplain can also be translated "thicket". The floodplain of the Jordan River in Israel in Jeremiah's time was known to be covered with dense jungle-like vegetation inhabited by lions. It was considered a dangerous and unpredictable part of the country, and not a safe place through which to travel.

There are those among the Lord's people who, due to their love for His church, have up until now chosen to remain in fellowship situations where they are aware that known areas of sin are being tolerated in various forms. That sin might either be within the leadership, or being "winked at" (knowingly tolerated) by the leadership. These ones I am speaking of do not condone the sin, in fact are distressed by it, but have chosen to stay on in watchmen and intercessory roles for the love of the Lord's people. Some, for the same reasons, have chosen to remain in fellowship situations where they are continually grieved by a controlling "rulership" mentality in leadership, spiritually abusive behaviour and/or an atmosphere of carnality and denominational competitiveness or elitism. In all of these situations the Sprit of God is grieved and quenched, and His authority in the church hindered. Please take note, this is NOT a word to those who have a personal gripe towards leaders who have corrected them or not esteemed them in the way they feel they deserve. This is a word to those many unknown and genuine intercessory watchmen, shepherds, prophets, apostles, and all other lovers of Christ and His Body who weep and travail over the church in the secret place with no desire for recognition or glory for yourselves. I believe you will know who you are. This place has been difficult and often painful for these seekers of peace to endure, but they have remained to intercede and influence in the hope of change. Thus they have sought and waited for peace in the Lord's household.

Many, like Jeremiah, are asking, "how long, Lord, before you deal with wickedness in Your house?" I hear the Lord replying "and how long will you mourn for Saul?" (1 Samuel 15.35 and 16:1)

The Lord's word to this group of believers is this:

"You have cried "peace" and trusted in that "peace" even as the floodplain has risen around you. You have desired peace with those who did not see things the way you do and at times your desire for this peace has led you into unsanctified mercy. Even when your brothers, who have chosen the house of their (earthly) father have dealt treacherously with you, you have continued to trust in the peace process. I have allowed this for a season, but there is a time when the seeking of peace becomes appeasement, and the longing for peace leads to compromise. But now the terrain has changed and the flood plain of Jordan is upon you. The Jordan represents the Cross, where all compromise ceases. Indeed the Jordan represents even a cross-road where ways separate. Yes, even compromised relationships die at the Cross, where a man's enemies shall be those of his own household."

This is a strong word, and I believe the Lord was speaking of the "household of faith" (Gal. 6:10) when He spoke of dying to compromised relationships. I am not implying in any way, nor do I believe that He was speaking of the covenant relationship of marriage. The "father" He is speaking of are those "spiritual fathers", who seek to draw unto themselves the devotion of His own Blood-bought people that rightly belongs only to Him. These false rulers use the people of God as building blocks to erect their own kingdom. The Lord said "do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in Heaven." He was not speaking about family or mentoring relationships, He was saying let no-one take the pre-eminent place of your Heavenly Father. Yet, in His household are many "brothers" whose first allegiance is clearly to other "fathers" such as their pastor or another ministry leader, their denomination, or their particular stream or movement. This is fear of man and idolatry, producing false submission and false grace. The Lord is coming with a sword to His house, and it is a sword of separation. No, His Bride-church will not be divided, but she will be separated from the compromised institutional system that clings to a form of religion devoid of the power of the Cross, from whom she is to turn away (2 Timothy 3:5).

A word of caution here to those who might be tempted to quote that well-worn but unscriptural phrase "Well, there's no perfect church" - DON'T. The Lord is extremely serious about this message and indeed this subject, and will not be mocked. The privilege of fellowshipping with other believers is not first and foremost a social activity, like club membership. It is a corporate expression of a holy priesthood expressing Spirit and truth worship to a holy God. It's time we humbled ourselves and asked Him to show us how He sees His church, instead of expecting Him to see it the way we do. There is only one church, and it is the Lord's desire that His church should indeed be perfect (John 17:23; Eph. 4:13; Col. 1:28; Heb. 12:23). The one church comes together in diverse assemblies that are made up of people in various stages of being perfected into a holy and effective Bridal company. However, not one of us should be defending or excusing an assembly where individual and corporate holiness is not highly valued and actively pursued along with grace.

As the Lord continued to unfold the message, I was given to see an open doorway. In His wisdom and timing, He has allowed that doorway to remain open between the spiritually dead religious institution the world calls the Christian church, and the spiritual house of living stones the Lord Himself is building. The two have been freely mingling amongst each other in every gathering of believers, regardless of whether that gathering was in a denominational or independent setting.. But I also saw that because of this opening a multitude of demonic religious spirits had gathered and now stood ready with the intention to pursue, overtake and destroy the living church, the Bridal company. I saw and understood by the Spirit that the Lord's Hand of constraint had held back this demonic horde from His called and chosen ones as they were becoming prepared and assembled before Him. This church of living stones was born at Calvary when blood and water flowed forth from the dying body of Jesus, and is destined to demonstrate to the principalities and powers the mystery of the Father's manifold wisdom (Eph. 3:10,11). I believe it is now the wisdom and timing of the Lord to close that open door so that the true and false church will be separated from one another. When the Lord closes a door, no man can open it (Rev. 3:7). The Lord will have a living church that is not mixed or tainted by the world. Furthermore, in His grace, He will remove all bridges between the two to remove the possibility of compromise for His elect. He did not allow me to know any specific time frame for this process.

Therefore there is a call going forth to those who have trusted in peace. These are those who have been patiently waiting for things to get better, and have remained in places of fellowship in the hope of change, or out of loyalty to friends, family and leaders. The call is to follow the Lamb wherever He goes, even into unknown and unfamiliar territory outside the walls of establishment. I was strongly impressed by the Spirit that a day of choosing was upon His people, and that to avoid that choice is indeed to make it. I urge anyone who is currently fellowshipping in the kind of situation I have already described above, or where you know in your heart that men are building their own kingdoms at the expense of the Lord's, to search your heart motives for remaining. I encourage you to seek the Lord for confirmation of this prophetic message, or otherwise, and if He directs you out of that system do not hesitate, trusting Him for further direction as you humbly wait on Him. The Lord continued to reveal that as He brings about this impending separation between the true and false churches, the distance between them would become increasingly wider.. We need to understand that those who refuse to compromise and choose to follow the Lamb at any cost will be persecuted and hated by the false religious system. However, those who hear His direction to go forth to Him "outside the camp" and refuse to make that choice will find themselves at the mercy of the religious spirit which is the spirit of antichrist. Under such a system they will have no defence against unrighteous deception and lying signs and wonders, and be in danger of falling away (2 Thessalonians 2:3-11).

WHAT OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE THE DIFFERENCE?

The Lord has said that He is providing a way out for those who have been wounded and abused in the false system but who do not yet discern the false from the true in order to choose between them. Recently I was given a vision of a great walled city that was burning. The burning city represented the false church. The gates of this burning city were locked tight, but from a small, hidden side entrance in the walls of this great city a remnant of ragged, wounded, thirsty people of all ages were staggering out into what looked to them like an arid wilderness. However, waiting in that wilderness were others with unlimited supplies of Living Water from which this remnant were given drink. They were then shown revelation of Christ as their Sabbath rest and given manna to eat. Those waiting to minister to them in this way were the forerunners. There was more to this vision that I am not able to share at this time, but the Lord wants His people to know that He has furnished a table for them even in the wilderness.

As I contemplated the things that the Lord had shared with me to pass on to His people, a painful sense of my own inadequacy and weariness began to grow and again I knew that I myself could not answer His question. I could only acknowledge "I do not know how I will survive on the floodplain of Jordan, Lord. I do not know how to answer you." I should have known that was all He was waiting for, for He Himself is always our answer. I then saw in the Spirit one single set of footprints leading through deep, muddy, sandy soil and I understood that the only way to survive on the floodplain is to walk in His footprints for He has walked before us. His footprints led to the Cross where I understood that the Spirit and the Bride must meet with Him, but though this is a place of self-denial I saw that it is not a harsh place. Those who come this far will find it a place of joy as they commune with the Bridegroom in the fellowship of His sufferings. It was for the joy that was set before Him He endured the Cross. But the footprints did not stay at the Cross, though they paused there. They led on to a tomb where the stone had been rolled away, and then they led away from the tomb. He has triumphed over death and the grave, and the footsteps, now etched in Blood, led to the very Throne Room of the Father.

Still I said "But Lord, what of those who stumble, or who are distracted and look away momentarily from the footprints, and so fall on this floodplain?"

With a roar He answered "I AM IS FAITHFUL!". And then came the familiar Voice of the Shepherd, as gently and as sweetly as I have ever heard it: "Shall I not show faithfulness to those who have born faithfulness to Me? I will not leave them to the mercy of the enemy. I shall lift them and carry them on

My shoulders, for I AM YOUR FAITHFUL SHEPHERD. I shall carry them until they are strong again, and then I shall set them down again amidst the faithful remnant, and we shall journey on."

CONCLUSION

There are those who will hear and receive this word, and those who will discard it. There are many who will be offended by it. I certainly did not find it any easy word to receive or deliver. However, having done so, I leave it in the hands of the Lord to bring this message to those who need it through the power of His Spirit.

I wish once again to stress that as the Body of Christ moves further into the transitional process, we must grow beyond merely defining this transformation in terms of whether to meet in traditional church buildings or houses. There are believers meeting in houses who are still captive to the "temple" mentality with its hierarchy and law-keeping. And there are believers meeting in denominational church buildings who are free enough to meet with the Body in any physical setting because they understand that the true church finds unity and fellowship only in the Spirit. This transition is about much more than the mechanics of where the church should come together or how the church should function corporately. It is about whether to continue compromising with a flesh-dominated religious system, or abandoning compromise for the spiritual house of living stones, at any cost. Eventually, every believer will have to choose one of those two places. May the Lord give us grace and humility to understand this is all about Him, and not about us.

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad." (Matt. 12:30)

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Trampling The Grapes

David Weber

I spent some time crushing grapes yesterday; lovely, plump and juicy wine grapes that were harvested from a friend's backyard grape arbor.

Then this morning, while thinking about the recent devastation in New Orleans and what that catastrophic event means to the people of this nation and the world, a scripture verse was quickened to me;

"Swing the sickle because the harvest is ripe. Come and trample the grapes because the winepress is full; the wine vats overflow because the wickedness of the nations is great."

I'm sure that there are some folks reading this who might disagree with me, but I am quite confident (as it has been revealed to me in Spirit and Truth) that God our Father has begun to visit this nation in judgment, and this so that the people of this nation might turn from their lawlessness; self indulgence, moral anarchy, paganism, and deep depravity, and turn to the Lord their God.

Four years ago the Lord led me to NYC to pray for the people of that city, and this just prior to the 9/11 disaster. The Word of the Lord to me at that time was that NY was about to be visited in "Judgment." At that time (late July 2001) the Lord even showed me exactly what that "judgment" was going to be; I was made aware that through an act of "terrorism" many people would be killed. I was also shown that the terrorist act would be upon NY skyscrapers, and everywhere I turned I saw the word "FIRE." For two days I wept and I wept as I walked the streets of NY praying for the people of that city who were oblivious to the awesome day of devastation that was coming to them. After two days I was given the word to "Go home."

In the aftermath of the 9/11/2001 disaster the whole nation then began asking God for His blessing, but America knew not what she was asking for. God was going to answer the prayers of the American people; the simple prayer of “God Bless America” had been heard on High and God was going to respond with “blessing” alright ... but not the blessing that America was hoping for. The blessing that was coming was shown to me through a verse from Acts chapter 3:

"Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.” (Acts 3:26)

In this verse we are shown God’s primary way of blessing a people ... which is TURNING THEM AWAY FROM THEIR INIQUITIES!

Beloved America, prosperity and protection from our enemies is ultimately the result of God’s primary blessing ... which is to bring us to a place of repentance. For four years now America has been praying a very simple but good prayer; “God Bless America” and through that prayer we have unwittingly asked God to turn us from our iniquities by bringing chastisement upon our nation.

What America needs to do now is to respond to the Lord’s chastening hand by turning to the Lord with deep heartfelt sorrow for our waywardness. What America needs now more than a "National Day of Prayer" is a NATIONAL DAY OF REPENTANCE! ... then America might just see the blessing of favor and prosperity that she so longs for. Until then, the blessing of this nation will be one of chastening.

The Time Is Nearing To Hide

David Kocurek

The Time is nearing to hide, oh people of God. To hide from the Wrath fast approaching. Most believe we are living in the last days. You are correct. The signs are every were---spoken by the Prophets and Jesus Also. But there is something amiss, Some are saying No Worries we'll not see these things the Lord will Catch us away first. but wait??? Ask your self? is the Bible true??? if this idea be so, then why do the prophets and even Jesus warn us of the impending disasters Spoken in the Bible just before Jesus returns? what would be the point. so since we have these warnings spoken in the bible, shouldn't we take these very seriously???

But what are you saying brother Dave? What do you mean hide? Why? This is not my word, this is the word spoken to the Prophet Isaiah to this Time. Which we most all agree with We are living the last days. Just before Jesus returns. even the non- believers are aware at some level, I heir it in their words and see it in their actions.

Why hide you ask? Since we are living in the last days and the Time is fast approaching to the beginning of the Tribulation, What did Jesus say about it? Wars, rumors of Wars, For Nation shale rise against nation, Kingdom against kingdom, Famine and Disease. The 4 horseman of Revelation 6 Open the start of the Tribulation with War and so much more after that.

Sure brother Dave -- But I'll wait till the Lord tells me to hide? listen, The Lord will help you yes? But if it is in your means to do it now? to prepare a place now-- why wait till the last moment when every one is scrambling to get the same thing off the store shelf's at the same time? this just don’t make sense to me? That is like saying when the hurricane comes I'll board up and escape then? I believe we are being taught lessons of what is about to come. To realize we cant really on Government or others or out side help to help us in great times of need. other than the Lord and God and the Angles and our self's Also we might be able to help a few others during this time and lead then to Jesus.

Look, I Love all the Family of God, we are all brothers and sisters in Gods great family Thanks to the Price paid us by our Lord and savior Jesus. But to ignore a time when the Lord said it would come. A time of Great Darkness, A time in Mans soon history of such Destruction as never before in Mans history and shale ever be after as this time, Jesus spoke of this, the prophets of old and new have spoke of this??? shall we ignore it? I say no, please don’t. I wish no harm to come to no one.

That’s ok brother David I'll be taken up don’t worry brother Dave. With God all things are possible yes, So why would the Isaiah Say this about the time fast approaching us today? Listen- Read it for your self's I'll give you 3 different versions of the same verses. you decide? what Gods prophet Isaiah said. remember "Hiding your self" is a key point heir. not don’t worry I'll come and get you?

Isaiah 26, 20-21 (NIV)
20--Go My People, Enter your rooms and shut the doors behind you; "Hide yourselves" a little while until his wrath has pasted by.
21--See, the Lord is coming out of his dwelling to punish the people of the earth for their sins. The earth will disclose the blood shed upon her, She will conceal her slain no longer.

Isaiah 26, 20-21 (KJV)
20--Come my people, Enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: "Hide thy self" For a little moment, until the indignation be over past.
21--For, behold the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their inequity: the earth also shall disclose her blood. and shall no more cover her slain.

Isaiah 26, 20-21 (Tyndale Living Bible)
20--Go home, my people, and lock the doors! "Hide a little while" until the Lord's Wrath against your enemy's has passed.
21--Look! The Lord is coming from the heavens to punish the people of the earth for their sins. the earth will no longer hide the murderers. The guilty Will be found.

Please feel free to post or share this with those you know in Jesus.

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Taking The Land

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Immediately after Joshua's encounter with the Captain of the hosts, he had to face the seemingly impossible, impregnable stronghold of Jericho. Of course, the Lord could have flicked Jericho with His little finger, and it would have ceased to exist. But He did not want it to be that easy. Though the defeat of Jericho was going to require His intervention, **the Lord was requiring His people to be vitally engaged in the fight for their promises.** This is because of an important basic principle: anything that comes too fast or too easily is usually insignificant.

There are many things that the Lord wants to do for us. There are gifts He wants to give simply because He loves us and wants us to have them. This is not to try to devalue these special gifts or things that the Lord does for us. Indeed, the greatest gift of all, our salvation, was a free gift that in no way can be earned. However, it is a symptom of a basic misunderstanding about our purposes here when Christians claim that because something has come so easily and fast that it was God. This may be true, but except for the special gifts and things that He likes to do for us as noted above, this is often either evidence of our immaturity or the insignificance of what we are involved in.

As we have addressed before, the Lord could have bound the devil and established His kingdom immediately after His resurrection, as He already purchased the world and all that is in it. This entire age, the Church age, is for the purpose of training for reigning for those who will reign with Him in the ages to come. He purposely did not bind the devil because He does not want it to be easy. Easy in this age usually equates to less maturity, less importance, or even less of a calling.

WE ARE ESTABLISHING OUR ETERNAL PLACE AND POSITION HERE ON EARTH

This will be an affront and perhaps a slap in the face to the immature or the insecure, but it is time that we grow up and begin to eat the meat. When the Lord said ***". . . Woe to those who nurse babes in those days"*** (**Matthew 24:19**), I think this could be interpreted as, "Woe to those who keep their people in immaturity in these days."
Regardless of our own concepts or even what we have been taught, we will not all be the same in Heaven. Scripture is clear that there are levels and positions in Heaven, and we are establishing our eternal place and position right here. One of the most destructive deceptions in the church is that once you are saved, there is nothing else to work for.

I realize that those with the hunger and devotion to the things of the Lord, who will even give themselves to reading material such as this, at least already have a sense of this truth. We will later establish it further in the Scriptures, but for now, we must understand that difficulties do not come upon us as punishment, but as an opportunity.

The more difficult trials aren't because of something we have done wrong, but because of what we are doing right. It was because of Paul the apostle's high calling that he suffered so much. It was understanding this that caused the other apostles to rejoice after they had been beaten by the authorities because they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name's sake.

THE LORD OF HOSTS

Easy does not always equate with the favor of God. In fact, your trials are probably a far greater evidence of His favor, as we are told in **Hebrews 12:5-13**:
"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives. It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is

there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.
Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed."

For the Israelites, the process of just getting to the place of entering their land was long and difficult. A whole generation had passed away because they did not have the faith that was required for taking and living in the promises. Now a great change was coming upon the routine of their existence. In the wilderness, everything had been provided for them. Now they were going to have to fight for their own inheritance, and the obstacles that stood in their way simply looked impossible.

Just crossing the Jordan and then enduring the circumcision had been very hard. The Lord did not let them wait until the floods subsided to let them cross, but He led them across at the most difficult time, even when the river was overflowing all of its banks. Then, they immediately had to endure the circumcision and were humiliated and made weak in the very presence of their enemies, while looking up at the seemingly impregnable walls of the fortress.

We are coming to the times when passive Christianity and passive Christians will cease to exist. There is a maturity, a discipline, and a divine militancy coming upon the people of God. Those who have succumbed to humanistic and idealistic theologies may have a hard time with this, but we must understand that God is a military God. The title that He uses ten times more than any other in Scripture is "the Lord of hosts," or "Lord of armies." There is a martial aspect to His character that we must understand and embrace for the times and the job to which we are now coming.

UNIFYING AND LEARNING TO FOLLOW ORDERS

The Captain of the hosts of the Lord who has come to take over is indeed a great Captain. The greatest commanders will always be found as having laid a strong foundation for their victories by giving their soldiers the best training and having them in the best shape. As it was said of the Shulamite maid, who was a metaphor for the bride of Christ, the Church, ***"Who is this that grows like the dawn, as beautiful as the full moon, as pure as the sun, as awesome as an army with banners?"*** (**Song of Solomon 6:10**). That is what the church is about to become.

The captain would always lead the people to victory, and he would begin his campaign by facing what seemed to be an impossible stronghold. They would learn the way of victory from the beginning. However, to do so, they would have to learn to follow orders--even orders that they did not understand. That is the faith and the trust in God that would be required for walking in the promises.

There is another great change in our mentality that will come. It is often said that the people will not come into unity without persecution. The unity that is coming will not be from persecution. Persecution is being attacked, but what is coming is a unifying to do the attacking--the church rising up to attack the great strongholds of our times that have exalted themselves against the knowledge of God. We will not continue to be on the defensive. This mentality is going to radically change in the very near future. There will be no more retreat before the enemies of the cross.

Let us also keep in mind that this is all spiritual and the weapons of our warfare are not carnal. The armies of Christ are not armed with guns and bombs, but our sword is the truth. Our resolve is to love. Our conquest of the land is in order to set the people free, not to destroy them or take anything from them. The kingdom is coming. The earth and all it contains is the Lord's, and He will take it back, but far more valuable than all of the treasure and land are the people. The people are His inheritance. The people are going to be His, and they are going to love Him for conquering them.

The strongholds that are exalting themselves against the knowledge of God have been set up throughout the territory of humanity. The great battles are for the minds and hearts of people. There are strongholds in science, such as evolution, which may now seem to have an impregnable grip on the minds of men, but they will come down. However, the Lord is not going to destroy science--He is going to conquer and possess it.

EVERYTHING IN CREATION SPEAKS OF HIM

All true science will lead to the Creator. As Jon Amos Comenius once said, as sort of a paraphrase of Paul's statement in the first chapter of the Book of Romans, "Nature is God's second book." Everything in creation speaks of Him. As Elisabeth Barrett Browning said, "Earth's crammed with Heaven, and every common bush afire with God. But only he who sees, takes off his shoes--the rest sit round it and pluck blackberries." Only those who see take off their shoes. But soon, all will have their eyes opened, and they will all take off their shoes in His presence.

The Lord is not coming to destroy the world, but to save it. The kingdom is coming to save the earth from all of the consequences of the Fall, and not only give the earth a future, but one more glorious than we can now comprehend. Every evil stronghold that exalts itself against the knowledge of God will come down.

There is a war to fight, but it is a spiritual war. The kingdom is coming to destroy war, child abuse, wife abuse, animal abuse, environmental abuse, disease, famine, and even death itself. The kingdom is coming to restore the earth and make it the paradise that God intended for it to be.

There is no greater hope for the future than the gospel of the kingdom. This is the gospel that must be preached before the end of this age can come. We cannot allow the New Age movements and other cults to continue to hold the high ground of hope for the future when that is our special domain. Our message is not only one of hope for the future, but of the greatest hope of all. No other religion, no philosophy of utopia, has a message of hope as great as the gospel of the kingdom.

IF WE STAY CLOSE TO THE LORD, WE DO NOT NEED TO FEAR THE TRIBULATION

But what about the great tribulation? What about the great time of trouble such as the world has never seen before? These will come. We need to understand them, and we need to be prepared for them. I once had a prophetic experience in which the Lord showed me very simply how to be prepared for them.

In this experience, I suddenly found myself standing in front of a radar screen on a warship, and the Lord Himself was standing right next to me. There was a blip on the screen that was straight ahead and coming closer at a fast speed. In this experience, I ordered the ship to turn 90 degrees to the right to avoid the impending collision, but after we turned, the blip on the screen remained dead ahead and kept coming straight at us.

I then ordered the ship to turn to the left to avoid the collision, but with the same result--it kept coming straight at us. I braced myself for the collision, but nothing happened. When I asked the Lord what that was, He simply said, **"That was the great tribulation, the great time of trouble. You can't avoid it, but if you stay close to Me, you won't even feel it."** Then the experience was over.

The great tribulation, or time of trouble, is but a tiny blip on the radar screen of all that is coming. It is coming, and it is unavoidable. But if we stay close to the Lord, we do not need to fear it. As we are told in Daniel 11, even when the ***"abomination of desolation"*** (**Daniel 11:31**) is being set up, ***"the people who know their God will display strength and take action"*** (**Daniel 11:32**). When this happens, the people who know their God will not be passive; they will not be hiding. They will take action!

CROSSING OVER INTO THE PROMISED LAND

There are many strongholds or deceptions that have exalted themselves against the knowledge of God that are firmly planted in the church. These will be removed, as the Lord promised in **Matthew 13:40-43**:
"Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Just as many issues had to be dealt with in Israel before they could cross over and begin to posses their land, the Church has some issues that must be dealt with before we can go any further. Some of these issues will pass with the generation before God's people can cross over.

The emerging generation, the one that will cross over, is almost universally examining and challenging the doctrines that led to many of the problems suffered by the previous generations, doctrines which in many ways sowed unbelief and kept them from entering the Promised Land. This examination must be done, but it must be done without disrespecting those who may not have been able to enter the land. At least they left Egypt and got the emerging generation to the place where they could cross over.

You can examine teachings and beliefs in a way that does not dishonor the fathers and mothers for all that they accomplished by learning from the many mistakes they made instead of ridiculing them. As we will study, just as the generation that crossed over made plenty of their own mistakes, pray that those who cross over will not become arrogant. Pride always leads to a fall, and the Lord gives His grace to the humble.

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The True Meaning Of Christmas

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A Christmas Prophecy

This article is a look at the first coming of Jesus as described and Matthew, Luke, and also Isaiah. We need to see how it is a type or **prophecy of his Second Coming**. That is to say things that happened at his first coming are foreshadows of what will happen at his second coming. Let me make it clear that most of these points refer to Jesus coming spiritually to his Church in the form of a great outpouring leading to a great harvest. This takes place during and after a time of judgment on the Church.

In other words the first coming of Jesus speaks of End Time Revival [the latter rain] coming to the Church.
You may want to go over the passages in Matthew and Luke and Isaiah since we did not include them, to keep this article short, [a book could be written].

We are presenting these points, rapid fire, as it were. We could add after each one the word selah, which means pause and consider. As you do, think of the coming of Jesus as the coming of Revival.
The Christmas Story is a Prophecy!

1. **His first coming was foretold** by the prophets. His Second Coming is also being foretold by the prophets.
2. **Wise men knew** when and where to look for him then, Wise men will know when and where to look today.
3. **In the fulness of time** God sent forth his son. This applies to both the first and second comings. He will come at the appointed time.
4. He was **born in a manger**. Consider that a manger can mean a crib, or it can mean a stall. A stall can be a booth, as the children of Israel dwelt in booths during the Feast of Tabernacles. A booth is a temporary dwelling like a tent which is another word for tabernacle. But the tabernacle also speaks of God's dwelling place, also his temple or his Church. When he comes again, he will be born into His Church.
5. His coming was with **tidings of great comfort and joy**. Luke 2:10. This speaks of the comfort and Joy in the Holy Ghost that the church will have in the last days outpouring of the Spirit of God. These will be times of great judgments but those who abide in the Shadow of the Almighty will have a peace that passes all understanding.
6. He was **born of a virgin**. Matthew 1:23 The Church will be purged and purified in order to show forth his love. The Bride has played the harlot, but she will have to get back her virginity. So that she can become pregnant before the wedding.
7. Shepherds in the field were drawn to him. **His Glory blazed about** as angels visited them. Luke 2:7-8. This speaks of God's true shepherds, not the hirelings, being drawn into his presence. And coming manifestations of the Shekinah Glory on the Church. Plus angelic visitations and other supernatural happenings.
8. As **Joseph was troubled** by his wife's pregnancy, the Church world will be troubled by the revival that's coming. Yet the word of the Lord in this case is just as it was with Joseph. Fear not, this is of the Holy Ghost! Just as Mary was pregnant before her wedding, the church will have to be pregnant with Jesus before her wedding.
9. **Unto us** a child is born. This reference from Isaiah 9:6 takes a new meaning once you see that "US" is the end time Church. Us. And we are symbolized by the woman in Revelation 12 who brings forth a manchild. This is Christ being formed in us and shown forth by us.
10. "She shall bring forth a son [**unto us** a son is given] who shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. The coming of the manchild is also the coming of the great end time harvest.
11. "Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, that is **God with us**." When Jesus comes to dwell in His Church, he will truly be God with us.
12. Wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. Matthew 2:1. When revival and harvest come there will be many conversions in eastern countries, especially the middle east. **Muslims will come** to worship him. See Isaiah 60:6-7
13. "When Herod the king had heard these things, **he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him." Matthew 2:3 Herod here is a type of Satan, and this speaks of Satan's kingdom being troubled by these events.

14. " and **all Jerusalem** with him." Matthew 2:3, This also speaks of the established religions being troubled as well.
15. The wise men worshipped with **exceeding great joy**, Matthew 2:10-11. This will also take place in this revival.
16. When they were come, they opened their **treasures**. Matthew 2:11. This coming influx of Muslims will greatly enrich the Church, both spiritually and literally..
17. "And being **warned of God** …." Matthew 2:12. This speaks again of the Muslims receiving a genuine fear of the Lord in their conversion. They do not return to serving satan [Herod] but instead begin to follow a new path and to minister the gospel in their own countries.
18. Matthew 2:13-18 tells of Herod's **persecution** and attempt to kill the new born messiah. This is a direct parallel to the persecution to come upon the end time Church. See Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.
19. Matthew 2:19-20 tell of how Jesus comes back to Israel after Herod is dead and the persecution is over. When Satan and his kingdom are under his feet, **Jesus will return** to earth with all the saints and holy angels with him.
20. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a **type** of the Church. In Luke 1:35 we read " **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee**, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." This is a description of what is coming upon the Church.
21. "For with God **nothing shall be impossible**." Luke 1:37 Compare this to Revelation 12:10 " And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, …." 2 Chronicles 6:41 "Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness." To be Clothed with Salvation and to operate in His strength, that is Revival. Then The church will be able to do all that the Lord asks, with God nothing shall be impossible.
22. Luke 1:25 says "Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked upon me, **to take away my reproach** among men." This though spoken by Elizabeth and referring to her pregnancy, also applies to the Church. The reproach on the Church is the exposure of her sin and its judgment. The Lord will remove this reproach by redeeming his people and by bringing in a great harvest.
23. Luke 1:38 says "Behold the handmaid of the lord, **be it unto me according to thy word** …" Mary says this as a type of the Church! When the Church makes this her confession she will be submitting to the Lordship of Jesus. Some commentators have said that when Mary spoke these words is when she became pregnant. Christ was formed in her. When the Church "speaks" these words Christ will be formed in his people.
24. Luke 1:45 says "And blessed is she that believed: for **there shall be a performance** of those things which were told her from the Lord." The words 'there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord' when applied to the Church speak of the fulfillment of the prophetic scriptures. This is the Lord keeping his promises and confirming his covenant. See also Luke 1:72.
25. Luke 1:46-55 is Mary's prophetic prayer, **[my soul doth magnify the Lord]**. It speaks of God's redemption of his people the Church in the end times and the great rejoicing that will go along with that.
26. Luke 1:65-66 speaks of a Fear that came upon all those that dwelt there and how the news spread. This speaks of a **Fear of the Lord** that comes with revival and spreads wherever revival goes..
27. In Luke 1:67-79 Zacharias gives a long prophecy, [**he hath visited and redeemed his people**]. What he says here also applies to us. It is a depiction of the End Time work of the Lord in His Church.

Doubtless there are many other points that could be made and comparisons taken. We could go on at great length but would rather not. So you have a lot of pearls in a small package.

I hope these points have provided some insights into the **true meaning of Christmas** and how it points to the end times.

Time To Move Up And Move Out
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This year, 2005, will be a year of advancement and acceleration with shocking swiftness. The Spirit of God will set things in order, bringing about Divine order. There has come a "fullness of time" moment in the realm of the Spirit. Heaven is declaring, "no hesitation!" It is time for "advancement." Heaven's host stands ready to move, aiding all who seek to establish the King in His Kingdom. More about the throne of God and the God of the throne will be revealed this year than in pervious years.

The Spirit of the Lord is calling for the army of the Lord to arise, taking hold of the Kingdom with true spiritual power and force. Remember, the Lord stated that forceful saints would take the Kingdom of heaven.

"From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force." Matthew 11:12

Knowing that it is not by our might nor by our human spirit but only by the Spirit of the LORD.

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts." Zechariah 4:6

THE BODY OF CHRIST WILL BEGIN TO EXPERIENCE AWESOME BREAKTHROUGHS

Battles will increase; however, the victories will be overwhelming. The Body of Christ will begin to experience awesome breakthroughs in unity and restoration, resulting in displays of grace and power.

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brothers to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Coming down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard,
Coming down upon the edge of his robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon
Coming down upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the LORD commanded the blessing -- life forever."
Psalms 133:1-3

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The Testimony Of Enoch

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In the past few months I've been taken into several interactive encounters with the Holy Spirit all of which have served as marked indicators into the heart of God to experientially "catch us away" into heavenly places. We've entered a place in church history and time where interactive throne room experiences are becoming more and more a part of a normal Christian life. The Holy Spirit is teaching us that access into "Heavenly Places" is normal and available for all who would prepare themselves for these kinds of encounters that come by intimacy. Here is one of those experiences.

In a vision I was taken to a place that appeared to consist of pure light. There weren't any physical objects that I could tangibly focus on, but it was a place of incredible beauty and great light. Standing in front and on both sides of me were three beautiful angels. I could feel their presence and without saying a word I instinctively knew their thoughts and feelings. They were standing in beautiful light that appeared translucent in nature.

It became apparent to me that we were in a waiting or preparation room, and that it was necessary for me to be there in order to get to the next place. The angel standing in front of me picked up a paint brush and dipped it in a bucket of what looked like swirling liquid light. He took the brush and began to paint me with it from head to toe. I felt warmth begin to cover my body. Psalm 104:2 say's that even God covers Himself with pure light as with a garment. The experience then shifted and I saw myself as if I were on T.V.

As I looked at myself I no longer looked of human origin, but was transformed into the appearance of light. I looked just like they did. I knew the angels were preparing me for the Throne Room and that it was necessary for me to be covered with the same radiant protective light as they were, or in my fleshly human condition I wouldn't be able to stand before the all consuming greatness of His power.

Show me Your Glory

God knew this and told Moses that in order for him to be able to see His glory he would have to be hid in the cleft of the rock. Exodus 33:19-23 say's "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim My name, THE LORD, before you; You cannot see My face, for no man shall see My face and live. And the Lord said Behold, there is a place beside Me, and you shall stand upon the rock, and while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and COVER YOU with My hand until I have passed by.

Like Moses we have to be covered and prepared by the hand God or we won't be able to stand before Him much less see Him. Moses was acquainted with God's ways but couldn't stop until he caught a glimpse of the one he came to know and love as friend.

Moses cried out "Show me Your glory" Exodus 33:18.

Access to My courts and to the angels

In Zechariah chapter 3, Joshua the high priest was given clean robes to wear and a clean turban was placed on his head by the guiding angel as he stood in the presence of the Lord. It was necessary for Joshua to be clean inwardly with his thoughts (the reason for the clean turban) and outwardly with his robes (being free from the stain of the world). The Angel of the Lord instructed Joshua "If you will walk in My ways and keep My charge then also you shall rule My house and have charge of My courts and I will give you access to My presence and places to walk among these who stand here with you. Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your colleagues who sit before you- for they are men who are a sign of what is to come"! (Zech3:7-8)

Wow! Joshua and his friends were being extended the right of direct access to the presence of God and to the angels. They were to be a sign to all of what was to come. It was clear they had to present themselves clean in appearance and pure in thought in order to gain this access. Romans 12:1 & 2 says "I appeal to you brothers and beg of you in view of all the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your BODIES presenting all your members and faculties as a living sacrifice, holy and consecrated and well pleasing to God., which is your reasonable service. Do not be conformed to this world or present age, but be transformed by the entire RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND or in the "spirit of your mind" (Ephesians 4:23). Joshua had to be prepared by the guiding angle that stood with him in order to gain this access into the presence of God.

Enoch walked with God

We see that in Genesis 5:24 the scriptures clearly indicates that "Enoch walked with God and he was not any longer for God took Him".

Hebrews 11 states "Because of faith Enoch was CAUGHT UP and TRANSFERRED to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had TRANSLATED him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received TESTIMONY still on record that he had pleased and been satisfactory to God" (Hebrews 11:5-6). The scripture says Enoch was "caught up" - "transferred" â€“ "translated" to heaven.

Webster defines these terms as follows:

Transferred: To carry, remove, or shift from one person, position, or place to another

Translated: To change from one form to another: To transport or to enrapture: To move from one place to another in space by means of reaction power.

God not only transferred Enoch from earth to heaven by way of visions, but God translated the very form of Enoch's body into a heavenly rapture. Paul had a similar experience in 2 Corinthians 12:1-4- Paraphrasing Paul writes: lets go on to visions and revelations: I was caught up into the 3rd heaven. Verse: whether in the body or away from the body I do not know, God knows I was caught up into paradise and heard things beyond the power of man.

There was so much love between God and Enoch stemming from intimacy that God saw it fit no longer to be without him and He simply "translated" him. There's a friendship being offered to the people of God that far exceeds any experience we could possibly have on earth. John 15:15 Jesus say's "I do not call you servants any longer, but I call you My friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from My Father.

Enoch was known on earth as a righteous man, but in heaven he was known as the friend of God. Enoch learned that by intimacy with the Holy Spirit and pure thinking he could achieve just about anything, even unlimited access to the very throne room of God! Enoch did away with unrighteous thinking. He didn't pollute himself with the demonic temptations of his day, but he kept every aspect of himself body, soul and spirit clean in order to maintain access into the garden of the Lord and to his greatest love. Enoch was a forerunner revealing to us the hidden truths of walking in the divine nature (I Peter 1:4).

The good news is because we have the "testimony of Enoch", according to the word of God we also have access to the same experiences that he did.

I love what Bill Johnson says about the power of a testimony. He reveals the spiritual principal that according to Revelation 19:10 the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophesy. The testimony of the Lord is the spoken record of Gods works that reveal His nature and demonstrate His covenant with man. As we begin to give expression to a particular truth or testimony from any past experience or act of God, we literally can bring into an atmosphere of power the ability to reduplicate that testimony and birth it into a place where we can experience it over and over again!

Every time we testify of a miracle or healing of any kind, the power or reality of that testimony opens the atmosphere in that place and creates the ability for that particular truth or act of God to be reduplicated again. So because we have the testimony that Enoch walked with God, that testimony opens a place for us in the Spirit to be able to have access to the same revelations, transportations and translations in the Holy Spirit by prophetic proclamation as Enoch did!

The understanding of this kind of access is almost inconceivable to think of, but true.

Enoch understood many wonderful truths and mysteries of God by revelation that we shy away from because of our lack of experience and understanding. If we were to have a fraction of the understanding and experience Enoch had in his day, I'm sure we would see things quite differently. We would have cures for sickness and disease by revelation of God for just about everything. Inventions by the Spirit of Wisdom would be off the charts. The world would be turning from "Decrease" to "Increase". Our fellowship with God would be like a "Garden Experience".

There were no limitations on Adam in the garden and Adam never saw himself with any. All Adam knew was that he loved God and enjoyed communion with Him. Nothing was impossible for him. Adam lived, moved and acted with a "spiritual mind".

According to 1st Corinthians 2:9: Eye has not seen and ear has not heard and HAS NOT ENTERED INTO THE HEART(understanding) OF MAN all that God has prepared for those who love Him!). God is preparing us for greater encounters into His presence that require this kind of understanding. Even now He is changing us in the spirit of our minds so we can begin to see Him in a completely new light. God has summoned the angels to help prepare us with the right kind of thinking and to paint us with the liquid light of His presence so we are able to enter into this new place of experience and understanding by intimacy.

The Time Of Fulfillment Is At Hand

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"I Am doing a new thing and even now it shall surely come to pass (Isaiah 43:19). I have tested you in the wilderness, I have refined you in the fire, and I have purged you in My furnace.

You have embraced My sufferings, and now you shall embrace My life. I am going to use you in places that you cannot comprehend (Isaiah 49:9).

You have emptied yourself of so much that you have thought there is surely nothing left, but the truth is that I AM what is left. You have need of nothing else.

If you abide in Me, and I in you, then you can ask anything of the Father and it will be given you John 15:7).

I have purposely emptied you of the things that were so dear to you.

I have need of empty vessels that can only be filled with Me.

I have need of you, without anything you think you might have to offer.

It is only the dead body that can be filled with resurrection power, a live body cannot share my glory (2 Cor. 4:8-10).

If you are dead to all the things of this world, then my resurrection life can come and fill you. You have not lost anything in comparison to what I Am about to give you.

I have chosen you, I have called you, and I will fill you. The time is short, there are things to be accomplished and My purposes are ripe for fulfillment.

Only now you must present yourself to Me continually.

I will speak, and you have been trained to listen.

I will show you whether to go to the right or to the left, and you will follow.

I will show you who I will heal, who I will raise up to new life, who I am pouring My Spirit out upon, and you will respond to what I show you.

Even as I only did what the Father was doing, this is the walk that I have called you to, that only do what I Am doing.

I ask you to walk by faith and not by sight. I ask you to trust ME fully, to rely on ME, to wait upon ME, and to walk in fullness of Peace.

I will never cause you anxiety, and you will know that I Am with you by the peace that accompanies you.

Whenever anxiety is present, then know that you have left My Presence, that you have entered into the flesh and you must return to ME.

I will not lead you astray, I will provide, I will bless, I will keep you in all your ways as you follow Me.

I will raise your children to follow Me as you give your life over to Me (Isaiah 54:13).

I will bless your house and your family.

I Am going to use you in ways that will seem endless and you will have need to fall into My lap each day for times of refreshing.

Find this place of comfort, find the way plainly and easily for you will need to know how to access My rest at all times.

Especially in times of adversity and confusion.

You must know the Rest that I have. When I walked on the earth I knew the pathway to my Father's bosom and entered there often to rest. It is not a rest that comes from the world, but a rest that is from above.

It is not dependent upon time, but it is a timeless rest, a fullness of the Presence of God that permeates your being like the breath that you breathe. It will fill you and comfort you.

It will bring wisdom and guidance, it will show you what is to come and how to overcome.

This place of rest is more necessary than the food that you eat, than the sleep that you need (Ps. 91:1).

You cannot go forth without this rest, you cannot accomplish MY mandates for this hour unless you understand the Rest of the Sabbath, the place of Peace, and the bosom of the Father.

Do not walk according to the sight of this world. Do not look for ME here.

I Am Spirit and those who worship must worship in Spirit and Truth.

Close your eyes and calm your mind, enter into the Kingdom of God which is within you, I Am there upon the throne of your heart where you have given Me residence. You can trust that I Am there.

It is not dependent on your own goodness or actions that I reside there, it is by My Spirit that I reside.

When you are clouded with this world and its cares you think that I have left.

I do not leave, I am hidden by the darkness that clouds your eyes when you are sighted upon the cares of the world. Come to Me by faith.

Repent and shake off the things of the world when your vision is clouded and come by faith knowing that I will never leave you or forsake you. My love is not conditional.

You must learn this and walk in it or else you will forever by struggling with your flesh. You cannot receive from Me when you are clouded, but when you eyes are clear, then all things are possible (Matt. 6:22-23).

Remember that I am for you, not against you. I am kind and merciful, My love endures forever.

I do not love as this world loves, I know your frailties, and yet I am still with you. Do not be afraid to come at all times.

The time of fulfillment is at hand. It is time for the promises spoken to come to pass.

I have tested and tried, now I will lead into the land of promises.

Do as the children of Israel did when entering their promised land: "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

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The Thunders Of God
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How many of you have noticed the oddity of the "rolling thunder" that has been occurring on a regular basis lately? As I asked the Lord about this, I felt He said, "Listen, I'm speaking."

In John 12: 28 & 29, a wonderful, yet short, meaningful conversation is recorded between Father God and His Son. In verse 28, Jesus said, "Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven (obviously the Father), saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." However, in verse 29, no one else paid enough attention to know what was said. It reads: "...The people who stood by and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

I had a traffic accident a couple months ago, and there was a Bible in the car with me. I hadn't used that one since then, but today when I opened it up, a piece of broken glass from the accident was in it, right next to those verses! The Lord used that to confirm to me that He wanted me to bring forth this message.

Every time I even think of those verses, my spirit cries out to the Lord, "Dear God! When you speak, let me hear what you are saying! Please don't let me just hear thunder!"

I believe that, just as the Father promised the Son through that conversation, and His voice of Thunder, He speaks to us in the rolling thunders of this day as well. Yes, He has glorified His name in times past, but behold! For He will glorify His Name again, in this earth, and through His People, in THIS day and time! For, even through we are in dark times, His light and glory will shine upon His people in this time (Is. 60:1 & 2), and we will become the glorified Bride we are meant to be!

I live near an Air Force Base, and whenever they are on maneuvers, you can hear and feel it for miles! The other morning as I went outside and heard and felt a strong rumbling, I said, "Lord, is that thunder or maneuvers?" He said, "BOTH. My angels are on maneuvers right above you!"

There is a territorial war over our nation in the heavens right now. "The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12) Yet we know, to fight, it is "'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the Lord of hosts. (Zech. 4:6) and that, "...The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds," (2 Cor. 10:4)

Many others have commented recently about the thunders, and I believe that the Lord truly is speaking. Like Samuel, we need to say to the Lord, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening," and then DO just THAT! - LISTEN!

"Hear attentively the thunder of His voice, And the rumbling that comes from His mouth:" (Job 37:2)

HIS ANSWERS
"You called in trouble, and I delivered you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder; I tested you at the waters..." (Psalms 81:7)

The Lord is saying to us, these thunders are not just rumbling sounds of "nothings." Know this - His angels are on maneuvers on YOUR behalf! And God IS answering you in the secret place of His Thunders! Do you know where the thunders come from? "...From the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God." (Rev. 4:5)

Sometimes the rumbling or thunders come in other forms...and God will speak in the midst of life's storms, through someone or something. Even a donkey, as He did in Numbers 22!

God's thunder will chase the floods far from us, "At Your rebuke they fled; At the voice of Your thunder they hastened away." (Psalm 104:7)

THE THUNDERS OF PSALM 18
Psalm 18 is one of my favorite chapters. I know that God is no respecter of persons, and I'm confident

that He loves you and me every bit as much as He loved David! So I know that when David wrote this Psalm, it was for us as well, to remind us of what happens when we cry out to God in the midst of our trials:

"*6* In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, even to His ears. *7* Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry. *8* Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it. *9* He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet. *10* And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind. *11* He made darkness His secret place; His canopy around Him was dark waters And thick clouds of the skies. *12* From the brightness before Him, His thick clouds passed with hailstones and coals of fire. *13* The Lord thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered His voice, Hailstones and coals of fire. *14* He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them. *15* Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O Lord, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils. *16* He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. *17* He delivered me from my strong enemy, >From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me. *18* They confronted me in the day of my calamity, But the Lord was my support. *19* He also brought me out into a broad place; He delivered me because He delighted in me." (Psalm 18:6-19)

But there is something we need to remember...there was a reason the Lord did this for David: "*20* The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands He has recompensed me. *21* For I have kept the ways of the Lord, And have not wickedly departed from my God. (Psalm 18:20-21)

The thunders of God come to speak (1) to give direction, (2) to save the just, (3) to warn regarding any wickedness, or (4) to pour out God's wrath upon the enemy. So we need to be mindful of what He is saying in those thunders. - AND of where we are at in our walk with Him.

Calling ourselves Christians does not give us a license to do wrong. Rather, a responsibility to live up to the name by which we call ourselves, a CHRISTian. - I once heard someone say, If you take the letters C-H-R-I-S-T out of C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N, that leaves you with "I-A-N" which equals "I Am Nothing." We are nothing without Him.

22 For all His judgments were before me, And I did not put away His statutes from me. *23* I was also blameless before Him, And I kept myself from my iniquity. *24* Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight." (Psalm 18:22-24)

Now let's bring balance here. I'm not suggesting a works mentality. Just a Jesus mentality. If we are in sin, we separate ourselves from God. So it's best to "keep short accounts" with Him, so that we don't stand in a place of needing correction or judgment.

One of the pathways to walking in Spiritual Authority is to walk in accountability in our responsibilities, and in proper relationship with others in the Body. God will judge us as we judge others, so it's a good idea to be merciful to others.

25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; *26* With the pure You will show Yourself pure; And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. *27* For You will save the humble people, But will bring down haughty looks. *28* For You will light my lamp; The Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. *29* For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall. *30* As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him." (Psalm 18:25-29)

SONGS OF DELIVERANCE

I believe the Lord also "thunders" and brings deliverance and victory during worship through the use of drums. The Lord told me in 1999, "WORSHIP is your WAR-ship!" Remember, there was even a time when the Lord sent out His praisers ahead of the Army, and the rest of the battle didn't need to be fought!

Psalm 37:2 says, "You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance."

I believe that, as we use drums when we shout our proclamations into the heavens, they are a great tool of warfare! I love to use my hand drum, and beat it as I shout scriptures into the air when I drive through towns on my way across country! Let me tell you, God shows up! Try it, even using these scriptures as you beat upon a drum:

"***2*** Hear attentively the thunder of His voice, And the rumbling that comes from His mouth. ***3*** He sends it forth under the whole heaven, His lightning to the ends of the earth. ***4*** After it a voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, And He does not restrain them when His voice is heard. ***5*** God thunders marvelously with His voice; He does great things which we cannot comprehend.: (Job 37:2-5)

Psalm 24:7 says, "Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in."

Truly, God WILL glorify His name in the earth - in THIS nation - in these times! And He will do so in and through those who are called by His Name. But we are at war, and we cannot be spiritual wimps.

"I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps." (Rev. 14:2)

God DOES want to speak and thunder, even through the worship. And He will use the drummers to set the cadence for His end time army, IF they let Him! - So, drummers, do NOT hold back! If you are in a "free" church where you have the authority to do so, then release yourself to follow the leading of the Lord! There are even times when the Lord will allow us to hear the beating of His heart and synchronize the cadence of ours to His as the drums proclaim it! And there are times when the drums will proclaim and set the cadence of war. So drummers, hear what the Spirit is saying, and follow His leading! It is time to listen to the thunder of His voice and to bring forth the thunder of His cadence!

SONS OF THUNDER

The Lord is calling forth "Sons of Thunder," for such a time as this. Now, ladies, this isn't a gender statement! If the men can be the Bride of Christ, we can be "Sons of Thunder," too!

In Mark 3:17, Jesus gave to James the son of Zebedee, and to his brother John, the name "Sons of Thunder" because of their passion and fervor. God is calling forth a passionate people who will not give up or back down. We must "Be only strong and very courageous" (Josh. 1:9) to make it through these times.

And again, I believe that for some, this also relates to those drums of thunder that the Lord is calling forth in this time as well! Those worshippers who will lead the Army of God into victory in this day!

May that "Sons of Thunder" spirit come forth in us, that we would be true "Bravehearts!"

In the movie Braveheart, a man named Stephen said, "The Almighty says this must be a fashionable fight. It's drawn the finest people." - And this battle we are in here in this nation certainly has done that! YOU were BORN for such a time as this! You were born to be in your family, your church, and in the Body of Christ - born to be here, born to be a part of this fight - born to WIN this fight, or you would not be here!

William Wallace said, "You've come to fight as free men, and free men you are. What will you do with that freedom? Will you fight?" - "...Men don't follow titles, they follow courage. ...People know you....And if you would just lead them to freedom, they'd follow you."

Now, a little balance here...I'm not saying to pick fights where God doesn't send you. If He sends you and gives you the strategies, you'll win. But I'd suggest reading John Paul Jackson's book, "Needless Casualties of War," so that you have a better understanding before "going where angels fear to tred!"

But I do believe that it's time to get angry at the tyranny of the enemy and FIGHT! Fight for the freedom our nation was formed for, fight for the safety of our children, and fight for the right to live and remain free to worship our God, and for the rights that so many others have already died for. The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force! Come forth, Sons of Thunder, and at the command of the Lord and with His instructions, "Let's roll!"

THE HURRICANES
What about all the hurricanes this past year? I believe they are a sign to us that He is here, and has not forgotten us:

"The voice of the Lord is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters." (Psalm 29:3)

"The voice of Your thunder was in the whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook" (Psalms 77:18)

"His thunder declares it, The cattle also, concerning the rising storm. (Job 36:33)

The Lord is washing the feet of our nation, right now, with purity. I believe Hurricane Katrina, (Katrina means purity), is a sign of that. As that washing starts at the feet, and works its way up through the heart of our nation, He is cleansing it. This nation is God's. He loves it. It was formed to worship Him. And He WILL glorify Himself in and through it once again. Believe it! He WILL have His way in this nation!

"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet." (Nahum 1:3)

OUR WORDS COUNT
As we are listening for the Lord to speak, I believe He is also speaking to us to beware of the words of OUR mouths. He wants His Bride to be a Virtuous Woman who, "opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the Law of Kindness." (Prov. 31:26)

One morning as I awoke I heard, "I‘d like to give My People more power and authority with their words so that they can use them to do creative miracles. However, if I were to do that now, there would be drive by SHOUTINGS that would be just as deadly as drive by shootings.”

I said, "Lord, what do you mean?"

I then sensed the presence of the Lord as He relayed to me that, the way people so casually say things like, “Drop dead,” if He gave us more power with our words, we would actually kill others with them.” - Even the way some people pray borders more on word curses than prayer. We need to follow the Lord's model and pray something like, "Thy Kingdom come, THY will be done..." in the earthen vessels we pray for.

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.” (Prov. 18:21)

The Lord longs to give us Kingdom authority with the words we speak, but we must first learn to walk and talk in Kingdom accountability.

THE SEVEN SPIRITS OF GOD
While God is speaking in the Thunders, I believe He is also bringing forth the manifestation of the Seven Spirits of God to and through His people.

At the end of the age, it will be revealed what the totality of the Words were that He spoke to Apostle Paul in the Seven Thunders in Rev. 10:3 where it says: "He cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices." But I personally believe that those Seven Thunders were the Seven Spirits of God crying out for justice for God and His people, and that we can walk in the manifested fruit of that sevenfold power of the Holy Spirit even now.

"...From the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God." (Rev. 4:5)

IT'S TIME TO GROW UP

There is a mighty move of God beginning. And it will continue, if we ourselves do not shut it down. His power will come anyhow, but we must not try to cause it to "go our way." That's dangerous. Let's not try to steady the Arc of His Presence. Let's simply abide and walk with it, and follow His leading.

LET'S NOT MISS THE TIME OF OUR VISITATION

In recent time, we had the ten commandments issue in Montgomery, AL. I asked God, "What is the deal about this, God?"

He said, "What if those ten commandments in the center of Alabama, in the heart of this nation, was a prophetic sign?"

I said, "Of what, Lord?"

"What were the original ten commandments carried in?" He asked.

"The ark," I replied.

"That's right," He said. "And what if those ten commandments, in the center of Alabama, in the heart of this nation, was a prophetic sign that the Arc of My Presence had come to rest here, and no one acknowledged it? Tell My People not to miss the time of their visitation."

Jesus grieved over Jerusalem because She missed the time of Her visitation (Luke 19:44). Let's not miss ours. Let's HEAR what the Spirit is saying to the Church, and follow the commands of the Lord.

PRAYER

Lord, we acknowledge Your presence, and the fact that You are speaking to us, even in the midst of the storms and thunders, in this time and season. Don't let us miss the time of our visitation! We love you, Lord! Speak to us, for we are listening! In Jesus name, Amen.

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The Thundering Of Glory

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1 Samuel 2:8-108
He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, And He has set the world upon them. 9) He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. 10) The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, And exalt the horn of His anointed.

THE VISION GIVEN:

In the beginning of this year, I was shown a spiritual vision of what the Lord was going to place upon his people. I was standing before an ocean of seemingly calmness, but yet an underlying roar or thundering was coming from underneath the depths, in places of the deep that was not yet seen.

As I fixed my gaze strongly upon the body of waters, I could begin to see that the waves and waters before me were turning into a multitude of people, as dense as the waters, and in a vast array. These that I were seeing were clothed in garments, that I cannot explain with words, as there is nothing to relate it to.

These garments were alive with a substance, a nature, an essence of something not of this earth. Each of these people began to come upon the shore, as a multitude, but yet as a single entity, coming forth to the shore as one great host.

THE GLORY WAS SPEAKING

One of the most noteworthy things I observed, was that as this great host was beginning to invade the shores, I noticed that the garments they were wearing, were making great noises of thunder. They were "roaring" as a combination of thunder, and the sounds of flood waters at the same time. Their garments were literally trumpeting the glory of the Lord against the shores that they walked upon.

Some of these people I saw, I recognized. I had seen or known them in my lifetime. Some were very poor, seemingly rejected by men. Most that I had recognized, I knew to be outcasts, ones that were despised by the community, and even despised by most churches! But they came. Not ashamed, full of light, sound, and presence!

THE WAVES OVERTOOK ME

As this great multitude began to arrest the shore, I began to notice myself being pulled into the waves. I literally was engulfed by the very substance of glory they were wearing.

It was then I began to hear familiar sounds. I heard great worship, coming from the center mass of the peoples. It was chords, that were not made by instruments of men. It was tones that could not be made by just natural vocal abilities. It was the glory of God singing within their midst.

Did you hear what I said? It was the GLORY of God singing in their midst. These uttered sounds were being ushered into the earth from the very throne of God. The sounds or songs that were being released, was issuing out a great change to the peoples and regions of the earth.

These were not songs, or choruses, or hymns as we know them, but they were songs that would prepare the soils of nations, for the release of Gods Glory upon the earth. It was at this time I began to vocalize out of my spirit, this same worship unto God (with great humility).

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

In almost an eerie hush, I heard a great silencing among the peoples that were advancing upon the soils of the nations. As this holy awesome quiet came, I was aware that something was going to shake every false foundation that the earth had erected.

I was aware even in myself, that arenas of my life not subjected to Christ, was being shook in my inner being. In almost what seemed to be an eternity, I saw massive amounts of people on the hillsides, the cities, nations and beyond running towards the people of His glory! They rushed into them, in a raw sense they "tackled" them with great force.

This event brought kings, and paupers together to embrace the same thing I did. They came to apprehend the Glory of the Lord. Not a soul stood away, not a person distanced themselves away from this glorious happening, but laid hold of it with all expectancy.

In this vision I am reminded of these scriptures: 2 Corinthians 4: 6,76 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. Habakkuk 2: 1414 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea.

This vision is for you! This is a vision of you! Take heart, be encouraged, for Lord is going to reveal himself to you in these days ahead. This season of your life has brought you to this very place, to where you will begin to hunger again for the deep things of God.

This is a day when you WILL see the glory of the Holy One coming to arrest your family, your relationships, and destiny. Your very life is about to be changed this year. So be expecting. Be earnest about the things of the Spirit. Don't strive to try to change your surroundings by yourself. Let the Glory of the Lord speak your destiny this day!

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The Tent of Meeting
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> *"When Thou didst say, 'Seek My face,' my heart said to Thee, 'Thy face, O Lord, I shall seek.'"* -- Psalm 27:8

A Time to Seek God

There are certain times when the Lord calls us out of the routine of our daily lives. These are special seasons where His only command is, **"Seek My Face."** He has something precious and vitally important to give us that the familiar pattern of our daily devotions cannot accommodate. During such times, people are often delivered of sins that have plagued them for years; others discover a depth in their walk with God that leads to greater effectiveness in ministry and prayer. Still, others experience breakthroughs in their families and are used by God to see loved ones brought into the kingdom.

Yet, here we are not seeking God for things or even for other people. We are seeking God for Himself. Maturity starts as we break the cycle of seeking God only during hardship; holiness begins the moment we seek God for Himself. A touch from God is wonderful, but we are in pursuit of more than just an experience -- more than "goose bumps and tears." We are seeking to abide with Christ, where we are continually aware of His fullness within us and where His presence dwells in us in glory.

How do we enter this sacred place? If we study the life of Moses, we will see how he sought God and lived in fellowship with Him.

***"Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, a good distance from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And it came about, that everyone who sought the Lord would go out to the tent of meeting which was outside the camp."* -- Exodus 33:7**

Notice that "everyone who sought the Lord would go out." If we are going to truly seek the Lord, we must "go out" as Moses and those who sought the Lord did. We must pitch our tent "a good distance from the camp." What camp is this? For Moses, as well as for us, it is the "camp of familiarity."

Is there anything inherently wrong or sinful with the things that are familiar? No, not in themselves, but you will remember that when Jesus told His disciples to follow Him, He called them to leave the familiar pattern of their lives for extended periods and be alone with Him (**Matthew 19:27 & Luke 14:33**). Why? Because He knew that men, by nature, are unconsciously governed by the familiar. If He would expand us to receive the eternal, He must rescue us from the limitations of the temporal.

This is not to say we neglect our families or that we become irresponsible as we seek God. No. God has given everyone enough time to seek Him. It is there. Having done what love would have us do for our families, we simply say, "No" to every other voice but God's. We must redeem the time: cancel hobbies, forsake television, and put away the newspaper and magazines. Those who would find God, find time.

Security in Familiarity

Sadly, many Christians have no higher goal, no greater aspiration, than to become "normal." Their desires are limited to measuring up to others. **Without a true vision of God, we most certainly will perish spiritually!**
Paul rebuked the church at Corinth because they walked, "like mere men" (**1 Corinthians 3:3**). God has more for us than merely becoming better people; He wants to flood our lives with the same power that raised Christ from the dead! We must understand: God does not merely want us "normal," He wants us Christlike!

For the Holy Spirit to facilitate God's purposes in our lives, He must redefine both our definition of reality and our priorities in life. Christlikeness must become our singular goal.

For most people, however, our sense of reality, and hence, our security, is often rooted in the familiar. How difficult it is to grow spiritually if our security is based upon the stability of outward things! Our security must come from God, not circumstances nor even relationships. Our sense of reality needs to be rooted in Christ. When it is, the other areas of our lives experience eternal security.

Yet, our fears run deep and are numerous. Indeed, most of us pass through life umbilically tied to the protection of the familiar. Experience tells us that many good people remain in lifeless churches simply because they desire the security of familiar faces more than the truth of Christ. Even people who have been delivered from adverse situations are often drawn back into hardship. Why? Because adversity is more familiar to them.

Consider that certain prisoners are repeat offenders simply because they are more accustomed to prison life than freedom. Is it not sadly true that often young girls who have been abused by their fathers unconsciously tend to seek out and marry men who eventually abuse them as their fathers did? Groping blindly through life, they sought for the familiar. It is significant that worldwide, most people live within fifty miles of their birthplaces.

Humans are cocooned, insulated against change by the familiar. When we work all day only to come home, watch television, then collapse in bed, our lifestyle becomes a chain of bondage. These things may not necessarily trap us in sin as much as they keep us from God.

Stepping Outside the Familiar

Moses would leave what was familiar and pitch his tent "outside the camp," where he would then seek the Lord.
"Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come." **-- Hebrews 13:12-14**
In the same way that Moses and those who sought the Lord went outside the camp, and as Jesus went outside the camp, so also must we, at times, leave the camp of what seems normal and predictable and begin to seek after God. Here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come.

This is one reason why Jesus said, ***"When you pray, go into your inner room, and when you have shut your door, pray"*** (**Matthew 6:6**). Christ desires us to leave the familiar, distracting world of our senses and abide in the world of our hearts, bearing in mind that the highest goal of prayer is to find God.

Every minute you seek God is a minute enriched with new life and new power from God. Give yourself a minimum amount of time -- an hour or two each day -- but do not set a limit, as the Lord may draw you to seek Him on into the night. And continue day by day and week by week, until you have drawn near enough to God that you can hear His voice, becoming confident that He is close enough to you to hear your whisper.

If we are going to become holy, we must sever the chains and restraints -- the bondage of desiring just an average life. We will choose to leave the camp of familiarity and place our tent in the presence of God.

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The True Oil Of The True Church

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A WORTHY VESSEL

"And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple; and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, 'See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.'" (Matthew 24:1-2)

Several years ago, while in the midst of some church troubles, the Lord started speaking to me about these verses. This is what I heard.

"The Jewish tradition is a worthy container. It has held the truths of God for thousands of years. It also has held a lot of junk. However, it is a worthy container and we should and do honor it. Yet, the time came when the walls of the Jewish tradition had to become rubble in order for the new to come forth.

"And then Jesus came. He established a new thing, the Church. For two millennium it has been held in the container of the Lord’s choosing, a worthy vessel. The local church has wonderfully held the teachings of our Lord for 2,000 years and it is not to be despised any more than the Jewish traditions should be despised, even though we have added a lot of junk."

In this day, the Lord is establishing something new, One Body, One Church, One Bride. While the walls of the local church are becoming increasingly frail, we are not to despise her. She held the truths that we have grown up on. She has been a mother to us, so to speak.

It is no longer about the local church, even though there is nothing wrong in belonging to a local assembly of believers. (There is something completely wonderful about worshiping with hundreds of believers and I participate regularly!) The Body of Christ coming together outside the walls of our segregated fellowships and becoming one in Christ together.

It is an amazing thing that I see happening in my present community. It is a very quiet thing, like the whispering of the Spirit. At first I thought I was justifying my lack of spiritual zeal, but don't think that is the case anymore. This Body is coming together outside the structure of the local Assembly. There is no concern over where one goes to church on Sunday, it is only that we are here for one another, today to support one another, fight for one another and to encourage one another to continue in the faith.

May we all see the increase.

FIVE FOOLISH, FIVE WISE

I was talking to some friends and the subject of Jesus turning over the tables in the temple came up. I believe that I received important revelation as we were speaking with one another. Of course, this isn't the only interpretation to this passage of scripture, but I do believe it is an issue of some importance.

This is what I saw....The people came into the Temple to worship and make sacrifice to the Lord. However, it required no effort on the part of the worshipper to collect and prepare for their sacrifice. The people who were working in the Temple thought that they were doing everyone a big favor so that the worshippers didn't need to extend themselves in preparation for worship and sacrifice. They didn't need to collect the sacrificial items on their own. These items were already prepared for them.

This could correspond the 10 sleeping virgins, five wise, five foolish. (Mt 25) All the virgins had some oil. The five wise virgins had prepared for a long night. When the cry came out, "The Bridegroom is coming!", all the virgins arose. But the five foolish virgins didn't have enough oil. And what did they say to the five wise virgins? "Give us your oil!"

You see, everything had always been prepared for them. They didn't know how to collect their own oil. Yes, they did come into the Temple to sacrifice and worship. Yes, they did have some oil. But, they had never learned how to prepare for sacrifice and worship. Someone had always had it prepared for them.

We need to learn how to find Jesus on our own. If we don't do this, we will find that when the Bridegroom calls, that we be left in the dark.

Jesus, I ask that you would convict all of us to seek you more diligently. We don't want to be left in the dark. We want to be with You. Help us to make preparation now. Help us to not rely upon others to fill us with your presence. Instruct us how to enter into the Most Holy Place and abide with YOU. Show us how to keep our flasks full of oil.

In the name of JESUS!

The Torchlight Procession

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VISION:

I beheld Jesus on a white horse and He held out His hand to me.
He pulled me on the back of the horse and then, in a bird's-eye view, I saw the following:

From all corners of the world people came walking along, with torches in their hands!
From all directions they came flocking in to make up a cross, starting form the point where I was allowed to watch the scene.

Then I saw angels, with pitchers in their hands.
These pitchers were poured out on the heads of the torch-bearers, resulting in a 'fat in the fire' effect.
The fire of the torches blazed up!

"It is finished!
I'm calling out MY people from all corners of the world!
When you hear the call of MY voice, you should not harden your heart.
Draw near at the sound of MY calling voice! Do not look ahead of you, nor to your sides or behind.
Come toward MY voice!
Keep your eyes focused on ME and follow ME!
I will fill you up with a fresh breeze of My Spirit, with the living water of My Word!
I Myself shall poke up the fire.
It is by trusting ME and no one else, that the Bride, My Bride, will become visible….
Walk on, walk on, follow Me, do not halt, do not look back. What will happen is up to Me.
I am going to empower you by My Spirit, I will bring about new things and only by focusing on Me will you be able to walk in it….
In Me, for Me, by Me, with Me, that's where your destiny lies…..
All you further need will follow you from that place of destiny……"

JAHWEH SABAOTH: Lord of Hosts
Revelation 6: 1-2
Isaiah 48: 6-7

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The Time Of The Eagle

Bill Burns

July 4, 2005:
I say to you, My people, it is time to rise on wings of eagles, for this is an appointed time, a time of destiny. Spread your wings, for I shall be the wind beneath your wings, and I shall carry you to the heights of heaven. You shall see as you have never seen before. I give you the eyes of the eagle. And, it is time again for the cry of the eagle to be heard across the land, the cry of My soon return, says the Lord. I tell you, it is time to arise, time to fly, time to speak with a voice of victory. I anoint you for such this day. Rejoice, for it is the time of the eagle. Rejoice, for it is the time of victory. Rejoice, for it is the time to receive your inheritance.

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July 4, 2005: Do not listen to the voice of the enemy, for he will keep you grounded when you need to rise up in the Spirit. He will keep you grounded through condemnation and by causing you to look at yourself and see only failure. Look up! Look up, and behold My face and My truth, says the Lord. Then, I will cause you to arise and soar. *Isaiah 40:31 "But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

July 1, 2005: Watch for valuable opportunities to deal with the past as a precursor to the next spiritual season. Things that are left undone or not dealt with will be those things that hinder your progress in the days ahead. Don't be afraid to look squarely and honestly at the aspects of your life that come up for review. Then, prepare for a clean slate and a fresh start, which will produce a great sense of liberty and victory. *Galatians 5:1 "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."*

June 30, 2005: Seek My face, says the Lord; focus intently; discern scrupulously. I will bring truth to your heart and guidance to your soul. Refuse to allow a spirit of fear to rule in any situation, for it will certainly lead to stress, error, and ruin. Be calm and trust that I am able to perfect those things that concern you. *Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

June 29, 2005: Be steady; stay strong. Keep moving forward regardless of how fast or slow you are able to go. This is no time to get discouraged and sit down or give up. You have gained a level of momentum that will sustain you. Allow Me to be the wind beneath your wings that will lift and carry you, says the Lord. I will send angels to be your unseen help. *Psalm 91:11-12 "For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."*

June 28, 2005: Do not give credence to your mood swings, for certainly your emotions have no credibility in the reality of spiritual condition. The enemy has come against you to bring discouragement and a general sense of failure, but he has no basis for his accusations whether silent or voiced. Rise up and be strong. The truth of My word is your standard, and that which does not agree is invalid, says the Lord. *2 Corinthians 10:4-6 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."*

June 27, 2005: My beloved people, prepare to be revived! For, I am effecting a marvelous transformation in the hearts of those who love Me, says the Lord. I am heightening your discernment to know and understand the work that I am doing in you personally, and I am revealing My purposes and direction to the Church for the next season. You will be astounded and amazed at your increased awareness of spiritual things, for I, the Lord, will do this work in you. But, you must cooperate with Me in this effort through realigning your desires so that you are one with My heart. You will be delighted with the results.

June 24, 2005: You can now bring recent projects and assignments to a conclusion, but you will need to be very methodical and deliberate in order to avoid prolonging the process. Deal with one thing at a time and move progressively through every undertaking. I will empower you to run the race and complete the course. Press on diligently, says the Lord.

June 23, 2005: *Zechariah 2:13 "Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!"* Again, I say, be silent. Let Me show you precisely what creates your confusion. Is it not long-standing insecurities and places of fear that you have not faced squarely and eradicated? Now is the time to be done with the fear that brings weakness. Remember that fear is an evil spirit, and to entertain this spirit is sin. Rise up in the authority that I have given you, and command that it go! *Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."*

June 22, 2005: KISS -- "keep it simple, saints!" Make the effort to uncomplicate your lives so that you will have both the time and inclination to bask in My presence, says the Lord. Such busy people! Three things to consider and remember: simplify your business; mind your own business; be about the Father's business. If you do these things, you do well.

June 21, 2005: Watch for the temptation to overreact to the challenges that you face. The test will be to keep your emotions from ruling and causing you to obsess over details that have no long-term relevance. Take time to be quiet and gain spiritual perspective. Refuse to allow these things to steal you peace and rob you of joy. Be assured that I will cause all things to work together for good regardless of your immediate reactions.

June 20, 2005: I heard in my spirit "spontaneous worship." And the Lord said, remember when you first entered My presence and became aware of the reality of My kingdom? Your joy erupted in spontaneous worship. I am renewing the joy of your salvation and restoring your spontaneity in a fresh, new release of praise and adoration. You must, however, take a stand against the many distractions that will keep you from the simplicity that is required to enjoy My presence.

Travail - The Prayer that Brings Birth

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EIGHT BARREN, DESPERATE WOMEN

In scripture, eight barren women were specifically named who were healed from barrenness! They had several things in common. They were desperate. They cried out to the Lord. And each brought forth either a prophet or a deliverer of the nation. Let me list these eight women for you:
1. Sarah, who brought forth Isaac (Genesis 11:30, 16:1, 18:1-15, 21:1-8)
2. Rebekah, who brought forth Esau and Jacob (Genesis 25:21-26)
3. Rachel, who brought forth Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis 29:31, 30:1,22-24, 35:16-18)
4. Manoah's wife, who brought forth Samson (Judges 13:2-24)
5. Ruth, who brought forth Obed (Ruth 4:13)
6. Hannah, who brought forth Samuel (1 Samuel 1:2-20)
7. Elizabeth, who brought forth John the Baptist (Luke 1:7-13,57)
I have listed only seven barren women thus far, while I told you I found eight examples. Who is the eighth? Isaiah 66:8 portrays her vividly:

"Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day? Can a nation be brought forth all at once? As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons."

Zion is the eighth barren woman. She will bring forth her precious fruit in the earth as soon as -- when? As soon as Zion travails, she will bring forth sons. I have often heard it stated that if the Church would cry out like a barren woman longing for children, then we would have a breakthrough -- a revival. I believe this!

WHAT IS TRAVAIL? DEFINING OUR TERMS

"What is travail?" These prayer approaches have been a "Lost Art" in the body of Christ, but in the current move of God, old ways are being made new. Let me try to explain it.

As it is in the natural, so it is in the spiritual. Travail is a form of intense intercession given by the Holy Spirit whereby an individual or group is gripped by something that grips God's heart. The individual or group labors with Him for an opening to be created so that the new life can come forth.

The definition of travail from *Webster's New World Dictionary* is simple: "n. 1. very hard work. 2. the pains of childbirth. 3. intense pain; agony. v. 1. to toil. 2. to suffer the pains of childbirth." I have found this definition describing physical travail to be correct in the spiritual realm as well.

Travail takes place after you have carried something in your heart for a period of time, but it comes on you suddenly. Travail can be associated with the prayer of tears, but does not require it. It is preceded by nurturing the promise; later the strategic time comes to push that promise forth through the prayer canal. Finally you realize that the promise has been born, and you are greatly relieved when the delivery is over!

The prayer of travail is God desiring to create an "opening" to bring forth a measure of life or growth. If the "opening" was already in place, there would not be the need for travail. Just as the "opening" of the natural womb is enlarged to bring forth the baby, so travail creates an "opening" or "way," whereas before the opening or way was closed. With travail, there is always a way opened for life, newness, change, or growth.

ACCOUNTS OF AGONIZING AND WRESTLING IN PRAYER

Different portions of the Body of Christ use different terminology to describe similar or overlapping experiences. Associated with the prayer of travail throughout church history have often been accounts of "agonizing and wrestling" in prayer. Where are these holy wrestlers for our generation?

Perhaps one reason that few wrestle in prayer today is that few have the understanding needed and the perseverance required for its strenuous demands. By revelation, you recognize what is at stake: the eternal destiny of an unsaved loved one; the success of an urgent endeavor; the life of a sick one; the honor of the name of God; the welfare of the Kingdom of God.

Wrestling in prayer enlists all the capacities of your soul, marshals your deepest holy desire, and by the grace of God uses all the perseverance of your holy determination. You push through a host of difficulties. You push back the heavy, threatening clouds of darkness. You reach beyond the visible and natural to the very throne of God. With all your strength and tenacity, you lay hold of God's grace and power as it becomes a passion of your soul.
Remember Jacob wrestling with the angel until he received the blessing? Let's look at that passage again:

"Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. And when he saw that he had not prevailed against him, he touched the socket of his thigh; so the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated while he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the dawn is breaking.' But he said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'"
Genesis 32:24-26
As Jacob found out, tenacious, persevering prayer eventually pays off.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURAL ACCOUNTS OF WRESTLING

We do not know for certain what Paul meant, but ponder the following passage from Colossians:

"Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bondslave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis."
Colossians 4:12-13 (NASB)

The NIV says Epaphras was "always wrestling in prayer." Wow! I wonder what his "deep concern," which was expressed through laboring prayer, looked like. One thing we are assured of: it was intense!

When Paul wrote that our struggle, or wrestling match, is against the forces of darkness, he had in mind the backdrop of the Olympic-style games in ancient Greece. Each wrestler sought to throw his opponent onto the ground and put his own foot on his opponent's neck. The Amplified Version renders the passage like this:

"Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier, which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil. For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers

of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere."
Ephesians 6:11-12 (AMP)

Clearly, we are given pictures here of pinning or wrestling with the enemy, as well as with our heavenly Father in the divine interplay of prayer. One common thread is for certain in both accounts: Don't give up! Continue in your wrestling match. It's not over till it's over! Continue in persevering, prevailing intercession.

THE EPITOME OF TRAVAIL

The God of the universe is speaking, declaring that rain is coming to end the drought. Is anyone listening?

Before a development ever appears in the natural, it must exist first in the heart of God. As recorded from the life of Elijah in 1 Kings 18, before the rain came to end the drought, Elijah heard the rain with his spiritual ears. Even today God speaks first. This creates a spark of faith within a man or woman. Remember, faith comes by "hearing . . . the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17).
But Elijah did not just go out and declare all he had heard. He prayed the promise into being. He literally knelt on the promise. He crouched on Mount Carmel as he put his face between his knees. He birthed the end of one season and the beginning of another! The drought ended and the rain poured down!

There are many lessons to grasp here -- but let's keep it simple. God speaks. Man hears. Faith is created. Man responds to the spark of faith and prays the promise into being. Tenacity and endurance are required when the desired result seems to be delayed. Even when breakthrough starts to come, it takes eyes of discernment to recognize the day of visitation. We are not to "[despise] the day of small things" (Zechariah 4:10), as a cloud the size of a man's hand grows and consumes the sky in a downpour of mercy, and the drought comes to an end.

Yes, as we see in the encounter with Elijah, travail brings birth. Travail is the posture of desperation. It expresses the urgent prayer of the heart. Could this be one of the missing keys to an authentic apostolic worldwide awakening?

Join Michal Ann and I and many other tenacious intercessors. May we truly go forth kneeling on the promises -- birthing God's purposes through the power of prophetic intercession.

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The Third Rome and Jerusalem

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Report On The Third Rome

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A Time to Break Old Cycles: Understanding the Three 'Romes' - A Report on the Third Rome, Moscow"

Greetings!
Before I begin to share about the *Eagles of God* trip, *Returning to the Source and Reversing the Lost Power of the Church*, let me remind you of what this season that we are living in encompasses:

This has been a time to go to war with legalistic structures and declare a shift in the laws that Satan has illegally positioned to work against God's Kingdom plans. Even though this is a time that you could be presented with an opportunity to go around Mt. Sinai again -- ***DON'T*!** Begin to shout that you are going up to Zion! **Ask for the Spirit of revelation and wisdom and an open window of Heaven to pour out direction for you.**

This is a time to decree that old religious structures should be addressed in our lives and the lid taken off of old evangelical structural methods and harvest ideas released. Leave old structures behind. You can easily fall into idolatry or enter into an agreement with something in your past that could lead to idolatry. Idolatry will create a setback in your inheritance. Numbers 14 is a key passage to understand. **Decree that you will have victory over idolatry.**

This is a time to overcome anger. Cut old past losses that are linked with bitterness and move on. Find your new place of worship. Be absorbed in praise. This is a time to really analyze your connections and covering. Be sure you are submitted properly. Be sure that you are connected with people filled with faith and willing to war for God's best for the future.

This is the also the time that a new level of supply begins to be unlocked. Watch for new provisional strategies in the earth realm. He is "preparing us for the suddenlies." Suddenlies usually occur and overwhelm us when we least expect something is about to happen. To prepare means to "build a form for something, like a frame for a house." If we develop a frame of reference for an enlarged storehouse, the Lord will bring the infilling.

In Hezekiah's day, the people prepared themselves for change and then the Lord moved suddenly. Expect suddenlies to start happening! He does nothing except He first communicates with the prophets.

Expectation is a function of the emotion. Ask God to ***rekindle your passion*** so you can embrace what He does in your life and around you.

Things are changing very rapidly. Do not let rejection keep you from moving forward into the plan that God has for you. We are entering into a time of changing leadership. Therefore, the Lord is creating a new measure of faith and demonstration in those who will be advancing His Kingdom purposes. He is cultivating a climate of faith for healing and miracles. We must develop a mindset that says, **"With God all things are possible!"** As we find our new place of service, by faith He will suddenly manifest many changes.

We are living in reformation times. II Chronicles 29-31 is a great example of how an apostolic type led the people into restoration through worship. Once things were in order, the people could rejoice because God had prepared them for the suddenlies. Ask Him to do the same for you and the vision that you are part of! Know that God is going to "suddenly" start judging the root of evil.

Do not be surprised when you see structures shaking. Write your vision and make it plain. Watch for the Lord to bring you new insights. Wait expectantly for the Lord. Confess your impatience and wait for Him to move in the vision that you are part of. Lift up your head -- redemption is drawing nigh! **It is time for visitation!**

Open your eyes and see the heavenly hosts that are praising God and enter into that type of praise. Invite Holy Spirit to come "suddenly" and interrupt your life. Prepare yourself for His coming. Listen carefully for your Macedonian call. God is shaking things all around us so that we can move forward. If you feel like you are stymied, ask God to send a shaking, and watch the earth begin to move. ***Watch all of the chains begin to break and blocked entrances begin to open.***

The Lord's presence was very strong on this trip as we have completed the "Three Romes" portion. As you read the following report on Moscow, remember that old cycles will break and the path of lost power will be reversed. This religious path that we are following has so affected the foundation of the Church. As you read this report, break every old cycle that is holding you captive or influencing you in any way. This is a divine time of change. Therefore, our main focus in visiting strategic places was to pray concerning the three-fold cord of religion, government, and wealth that has stopped the power of the Church.

"Three Romes" Prayer Journey

In the Church worldwide there are three key locations where major shifts in the Church affected the history of the Church as well as the world. In this trip we were called to go "onsite" to each of these "Romes" -- Moscow, Istanbul (Constantinople), and Rome itself.

We arrived in Moscow on the afternoon of Monday, June 13. This was actually a national holiday, the "Day of Russia." (This day commemorates the day that all of the Soviet Bloc countries were released from the control of the Soviet Union.) Whereas in the other Soviet Bloc nations this is known as Independence Day, in Russia it is actually called "Day of Russia" since it was somewhat hard for Russia to express what they were independent from.

Since the USSR was dissolved and independent states were created, there has been a struggle economically. The general consensus of Russia toward the former USSR countries is "we will protect you if you give up your independence." We visited several places where we could reminiscence over the history of Russia and its victory battles -- from Napoleon through World War II.

Russia has an anointing for war strategy. Therefore, we asked the Lord to show us any revelation and cycles that we needed to uncover and pray about concerning war. Our guide shared that in the last 10 years nearly everything has changed in Moscow. In fact, she said, they feel like immigrants in their own nation since so much has changed. The city has moved from being dark and oppressive to semi-modern. This was God's perfect timing for the team to be in Moscow.

Moscow - The Third Rome

According to the belief of the Orthodox Church, Constantinople (Tsargrad) was the center of the only true form of Christianity since Rome had become the seat of the "Latin heretics." However, in 1453, the Ottoman Turks captured the "second Rome" and transformed the city into an Islamic capital. Twenty seven years later, the Russians finally stopped paying tribute to the Mongolians, who had dominated Russia for nearly 250 years. Muscovy thus became the only independent Orthodox state in the world.

Churchmen rushed to enhance the significance of Moscow, the "third Rome," and of its rulers, the tsars. In 1510, a monk from Pskov, Philotheus (Filofei), enunciated the classic statement of the doctrine: "All Christian realms will come to an end and will unite into the one single realm of our sovereign, that is, into the Russian realm, according to the prophetic books. Both Romes fell, the third endures, and a fourth will never be." This myth was elaborated to describe Russian Christendom as the culminating chapter in the sacred history of the world and to claim that God has chosen Moscow and its rulers to guide the destiny of Orthodoxy. The doctrine also elevated the Russian tsar to a position of both spiritual and secular preeminence.

In Moscow, the Russian Orthodox Church called itself the third Rome, taking up the mantle that had first been in Rome and later in Constantinople. The Russian church was built on the paganized foundation of the first Rome, but joined in the barbarian mindset of the Kievan Rus to form an unholy alliance that oppressed the people through fear and intimidation.

Before Peter the Great, the Czar could not make any decision without first gaining approval from the Patriarch of the church. Patriarchs had almost equal power with the czars. As a matter of fact, all decisions had to be approved by the patriarch. Peter the Great shifted this season so that the government had more authority than the church. As the church substituted political power for spiritual power, it forfeited its opportunity to bring the reality of God into the nation.

The Russian Orthodox Church is more than 1,000 years old. However, the growing might of the Russian state eventually overpowered the authority of the Russian church. The church became so joined to the government in its oppression that when the people rose up to throw off the oppressive Czarist state, they also threw off the authority of a life-giving church, resulting in atheistic communism.

Church of Christ the Savior

Now that communism has fallen, the Orthodox Church is once again seeking to establish "Holy Russia" as the Third Rome. The Moscow skyline features a huge cathedral, the Church of Christ the Savior. This Cathedral, destroyed by Stalin but hastily rebuilt in the 1990s, is a beautiful monument to Russian nationalism, with no evidence of true spiritual life or God's Presence. It was the ultimate end of a church system that turns from the presence of God to seeking worldly power.

Some of the things we prayed for Russia were: the power of the watchman to be restored to the Church, the prophetic anointing to realign the apostolic foundation of the Church, and the Holy Spirit to become vibrant in the region. We came to the conclusion that **it takes a revolution to release a harvest**. Craftsmanship and music are both redemptive gifts that you can see as outstanding traits of the Russian people. ***We asked the Lord to break the Spirit of Cain off of Russia (Ezekiel 38) and release a new sound.***

The Statue of Peter the Great

Another incredible stop was at the statue of Peter the Great. This 47-meter statue of a sailing ship with Peter the Great standing on its deck was built to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Russian fleet and navy. Peter the Great was the founder of the Russian navy. This statue conveyed the apostolic, warfare anointing of the nation. We looked at it and decreed that the leviathan spirit would no longer rule the church in Russia. We then declared, **"Let the Church in Russia launch out into the deep!"**

We also visited the Kremlin. In the Kremlin are many churches along with the administrative buildings. The double-headed eagle, the emblem of the 32nd and 33rd degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, is an appropriate symbol for Moscow. The two heads of the eagle represent a reconciliation of secular and sacred. You will find that in the history of the government and church relationship in Moscow, the two "heads" have aligned as one to control the life of the nation.

Also located in the Kremlin are the **largest BELL in the world** and the **largest cannon in the world**. The ironic thing is that the bell was never rung and the cannon was never fired. They were both placed there as symbols of Russia's power.

Another interesting site was the Cathedral of the Assumption. You can see the altar, but cannot go beyond a "wall" (or veil) that intentionally prevents parishioners from approaching the altar. Only the priest has access to approach the altar, while the people have to stand afar. This was also the case in the other Russian Orthodox churches, but most notably in the Cathedral of Assumption.

Of course, the Russian Orthodox worship system is driven by icons, which have dual significance. **Icons mark the border between the heavenlies and the terrestrial.** They are analogous to the veil which concealed the "Holy of Holies." They symbolize the union of subject matter and incarnation.

We are asking the Lord to remove the veil so the people can be truly free. After gaining true freedom in worship in the early 1990s, the Russian Orthodox Church has determined to revive its mission. In recent years the Russian Orthodox Church has developed a close alliance with the Russian Armed Forces. The Patriarch and Holy Synod have established a Synodal Department for Cooperation with the Armed Forces and law enforcement agencies. ***This seems to be a cycle to repeat what has already been -- only in a seven-fold stronger dimension.***

We went to the first chapel that was built after the people were liberated in the early 1990s. When we walked in there, the chapel was so filled with icons. What I saw was that when the Russian people were liberated from not being able to worship, they proceeded to go back to the system of worship they knew best. ***Even though a new wineskin could have formed, it seemed that they simply brought the old wineskin into a new age.***

This was so different than when we previously visited Ukraine and Kazakhstan, where new wineskins have formed that are reaching the lost and where the Gospel is being spread. Most of the old churches in Moscow have been resurrected, but they are seldom used. Knowing there has been a strong tie between government and religion in Russia, we asked the Lord to raise up powerful, Spirit-filled influences that could penetrate and break the **Herod-Pharisee** tie that controls the nation. There has not been much growth in the evangelical Russian churches since the mid 1990s.

Meeting with the New Wineskin

One important focus for us has been to find how the new wineskin is developing in each nation we visit. Without a new wineskin and new wine the old cycle of religion remains in place and actually becomes harder, more brittle, and lifeless. This prevents change. Therefore, we met with Alexi and his wife, representatives of Pastor Dzuba, who is connected with Apostle Sunday Adelijah in the Ukraine (who has one of the largest churches in all of Europe).

The Spirit of God so fell in this meeting. We began by presenting gifts that we had brought. **One of these gifts was a padlock and key.** We actually brought four of these on our trip -- one for each city. We gave this to Alexi to pass on to his pastor for spiritually "unlocking" the harvest to come forth in Russia.

We then heard how the prayer life in their church has brought great changes over the last couple of years. They pray through the night on Fridays. The people also pray and fast one day each week. This church has approximately 500 members, which is the biggest new wineskin church of this region. We aligned to assist them in seeing the breaking of religious structures that have a hold over Russia, and then the team began to minister to them. The prophetic anointing was very strong.

We prayed for the business people in the church. I began to declare a timing sequence over them of change that would begin to happen in the next seven months. This was a wonderful meeting. After we prayed and they left, they returned with a gift for us, which was overwhelming. **I feel like a covenant has formed that will begin to see an acceleration in the breaking of old cycles.**

This trip to Russia was very significant. Many of you know my testimony. When God visited me in December 1983, He asked me "if I would follow Him to the Soviet Union (Moscow) to see revival." Even though I worked into the Soviet Bloc countries during the 1980s with a mission organization by setting up systems in other nations and leading a prayer effort concerning the release of persecuted Christians, I had never visited Moscow until now. Things have come full circle and I decree that many will come out of religious systems and find the new wineskin of reformation that God is raising up this hour.

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Blessings,

The Jerusalem Report
Chuck Pierce

July 2, 2005

Dear Devoted Prayer Warriors:

We have come full circle back to Dallas. Thank you for praying for us. This has probably been one of the most historic trips we have ever taken. I believe future history will also be determined because of the intercession made by you on our behalf and the decrees that the Spirit of God decreed at each place. I hope you have enjoyed the reports.

This retraces a major portion of the history of the Church. Our goal was to break old cycles preventing power from coming forth in this and the next two generations. I believe we have had victory as we traveled to Moscow, Istanbul, Rome and Jerusalem. We have decreed reversal of lost power over each one of you, and asked the Lord to restore His power in fullness to the Church.

We have asked the Lord to also release an anointing so our expected end is greater than where we have ever been. I am decreeing that all hindering religious forces and false truths that have been built into your spiritual foundation "let go" and that you walk in a whole new clarity of the purpose of God in your life.

JERUSALEM

What a joy it is being in this wonderful city that belongs to God. You can sense His sovereignty. You can also begin to realign yourself to God's perfect time by embracing the history of His visitation and opening your eyes to see His word being fulfilled presently. You also feel an anticipation of the future.

We met Rick and Patti Ridings, Martin and Norma Sarvis (who do our Prayer Updates from Israel), Lindy Heidler and John and Una Gere. They are all part of the 24/7 Sukkat Hallel House of Prayer in Jerusalem. At the beginning of the Hebrew Year 5765, God opened up a place to develop a house of prayer on Mt. Zion in a location that was once a discotheque. This place overlooks the Ben Hinnom Valley as well as the Mt. of Olives. You can imagine 24 hour prayer with this visual focus. Therefore, part of our joy on this trip was for our team to attend several of the prayer watches. John Gere along with the others listed above served as our guide on our tour.

Key Reversals

One important recent discovery was an inscription on a stone at the corner of the Temple Mount area. The stone says "This is the place where the silver trumpets are blown." Once this was found, members of Sukkat Hallel began to go and blow silver trumpets at this place. (You will find the reasoning of blowing silver trumpets in Numbers 10 -- they called together leadership and announced war. They also decreed the movement of the camp.) After hearing the blowing of the trumpets, some Orthodox leaders also began to do the same. This signifies a coming full-circle and an announcing that war, movement, and a change in leadership is occurring.

An interesting article that was released the day we started this journey was "After 2,000 Years, a Seed From Ancient Judea Sprouts." This article by Steven Erlanger of *The New York Times* stated that Israeli doctors and scientists have succeeded in germinating a date-seed nearly 2,000 years old.

The seed, nicknamed Methuselah, was taken from an excavation at Masada, the cliff fortress where, in A.D. 73, 960 Jewish zealots died by their own hand, rather than surrender to a Roman assault. The point of germinating this seed is to find out what was so exceptional about the original date palm of Judea, much praised in the Bible and the Koran for its shade, food, beauty and medicinal qualities, but long ago destroyed by the crusaders. **"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree," says Psalm 92. "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age. They shall be fat and flourishing."**

Plants grown from ancient seeds usually keel over and die soon, having used most of their nutrients in remaining alive. The plant is now 11.8 inches tall and has produced seven leaves, one of which was removed for DNA testing. Radiocarbon dating in Switzerland on a snip of the seed showed it to be 1,990 years old, plus or minus 50 years. So the date-seed dates from 35 B.C. to A.D. 65, just before the famed Roman siege.

In the time of Pliny, forests of date-palms covered the area from Lake Galilee to the Dead Sea and made Jericho famous; a date palm is featured on ancient coinage, as it is on the current Israeli 10-shekel coin. The date palm symbolized ancient Israel; the honey of "the land of milk and honey" came from the date. It is praised as a tonic to increase longevity, as a laxative, as a cure for infections and as an aphrodisiac. But the dates of Judea were destroyed before the Middle Ages, and what dates Israel grows now were imported in the 1950's and 60's from California and originated elsewhere in the Middle East. It takes 30 years for the date seed to mature and produce fruit. However, we believe this signified the beginning of coming full circle and starting a whole new cycle of life, freedom and fruit.

The Lord Released Key Prophetic Revelation

I would like to release the overall prophetic word of God that seemed to come forth during this journey before I explain the key revelation released at each site.

"For this is a time that Heaven is resounding and My voice is descending to bring forth victory in the earth. I will have a joyful house of prayer for every ethnos people. This is a day of extension, for I am extending Myself to places in the earth that have never received My joyful sound.

"Nations are in the valley of decision choosing their altar and object of worship. I will watch how they worship. I will come down and review their houses of worship, and I will reconcile all nations back to My land of Israel and the city of Jerusalem. Nations who have never known My Sprit will have an opportunity to experience Me in days ahead.

"As you stand upon this hill (the Temple Mount), you are standing on the focal point where the nations of the earth will choose their alliance. This is the place that My watchmen will come into conflict over. My Glory will cover the earth, but My glory will enter in through the Eastern Gate and I will establish Myself as King over the earth.

"Be still and know that I am God. This is a time of conflict. This conflict will decide who will stand with Me as the nations align. This is a time of contending for the portal of heaven to be opened over this city and this place that you stand. My watchmen will contend in the nations that are contending for Me. The conflict that is occurring in the heavenlies will begin to penetrate the earth.

"The next three years will reflect the level of conflict. Many will have opportunity to know Me and align with Me. Others will turn away and harden their hearts. One nation at a time will be reconciled with My covenant plan. I am raising up those who are watching with Me. These will gain the strategies over how to realign entire people groups with My plan for days ahead. I will create a sound of praise that will be contagious. My House will be filled with joy. Those who resist the joy of My House will also lose their strength as a nation.

"This will be a season of descending. You must first go to the low place to win the high place. My Son first descended before He ascended. You will learn to worship in your low places. You will learn not to fear the hell around you. You will worship in unusual places. But when you worship in the low places, I will rend the heavens and come down and I will raise you up, level your path, make your crooked places straight and produce a way out of the wilderness.

"I will teach you to worship in new ways. Therefore, adversity will not capture you. I am calling you to stand in new ways. If you will journey with Me and be willing to face the enemies that have attempted to defeat you in the past, I will place you in the cleft of My rock. I will surround you, weaken their ability, and send you forth to break their cycles. This is a time of recovery!

"This is a time of procession. I am beginning to come close to you to lead you in a new way. Submit, resist and follow me for I am drawing very near to you. I am drawing near to this city. As you say, 'I will come near,' you will begin to hear My voice in a new way. I am ready for you to hear My voice at the gates.

"There is a sound beginning to be released at the gates. Hear the sound at the gates. I am putting a prophetic anointing within your mouth to speak what I am speaking. Open your mouth and I will fill it. I will take you from gate to gate and place to place. You will record the sound and sing the songs of deliverance that will open up the gate. For each gate has a sound that heaven is releasing.

"This is a time that My armies are responding to your singing in the earth realm. I am ready to send help to establish you at the gates of your lives and cites. I am ready to establish Myself at the gates of Jerusalem. Hear the song, sing, and watch the Hosts of Heaven align themselves to assist you at the gates."

The Word Comes Alive As We Pray!

There were several scriptures that became very important. The first passage that God gave us when we were leaving Rome for Jerusalem was Zechariah 4. This is referring, of course, to the Menorah of God. The Menorah represents the light in the revelation of God being the central rallying standard that all civil as well as spiritual government must align with. This passage also shows the power of the Spirit of God to overcome what we have never overcome in our past.

We stood behind the huge man-made Menorah at the Knesset in Jerusalem and declared there would be a realignment of government with God's spiritual foundations for this hour. We decreed that the Spirit of revelation would enter every structure of society. We also decreed that you would have revelation to speak toward any mountain in your life that you were not able to overcome in the past. Please read this passage.

Numbers 13 and 14 become two of the most important passages of this year. I have been encouraging you to read these all year. While we were in Jerusalem, this was the actual Torah reading for this week. God is saying this! Do not let anything you "see" remove your faith to advance.
John 9 is linked with the blind man whom the Lord healed at the Pool of Siloam. You will read about this in the report. Amos 9 and Acts 15 concern the restoration of the Tabernacle of David. Ask God to give you revelation of these scriptures. *Worship Warrior* has much revelation on these chapters.
Isaiah 45 pertains to how God raises up leadership that can go through resistant gates and gain the wealth to accomplish His building plan for the future. Please read this chapter from Isaiah.

The Temple Mount

This is the place where the war of all worship wars will be fought. The war is over worship on this Mount. "Who will control worship in the latter days?" is the defining question in the earth. The Temple Mount is owned by the Israelis, but under Jordanian stewardship. However, we all know that the Mount belongs to the Lord. From the above prophecy you can see that God's heart can really be expressed on this Mount.

Though David was a worshipper, he was man of war and was not allowed to build the temple. However, he was permitted to gather the materials for it and to organize the project (I Chronicles 22). The actual work began **"in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel" (I Kings 6:1).** Solomon began to reign about 971 BC, so his fourth year would have been about 967 BC. The temple was completed about 960 BC, seven years later (I Kings 6:37-38).

In biblical times three temples were built on the same site: Solomon's, Zerubbabel's, and Herod's. Solomon built the temple on the east side of Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, **"where the Lord had appeared to his father David, at the place that David had prepared on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite" (I Chronicles 21:28; II Chronicles 3:1).**

The highest part of Mount Moriah is now the site of the building called The Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. During the reign of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, (I Kings 14:26) the Temple treasures were taken to Egypt. Asa used the Temple treasure to buy an ally (I Kings 15:18) and stop an invader (II Kings 16:8). Manasseh placed Canaanite altars and carved images of Asherah, a Canaanite goddess, in the Temple (II Kings 21:4,7). Ahaz introduced an altar patterned after one he saw in Damascus (II Kings 16:10-16).

By about 640 BC, Josiah had to repair the Temple (II Kings 22:3-7). Josiah was the king who overthrew Solomon's false altars and restored true worship back to Judah. Notice these cycles. After robbing the Temple of its treasures and gold during his first attack (II Kings 24:13), in 587 BC the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar looted, sacked and burned the Temple (II Kings 25:9,13-17). But people still came to the site to offer sacrifices (Jeremiah 41:5). Do you see the war?

Many temples have been built on the Mount, including a temple of Jupiter, which was destroyed at Constantine's direction. He despised the place and made it a dump. In the history of the Temple Mount, a caliph approached the Byzantine ruler of Jerusalem to ask for a place where the Moslems might build their mosque. The ruler gave them permission to build the mosque on a dump filled with rubbish and trash. This dump was the Temple Mount area. So the "Church" actually gave the Temple Mount away. We asked forgiveness for us, as Christians, turning the Temple Mount over to the idolatrous worship.

You can see the significance of us not recognizing God's Holy places in the earth. Now there is talk of building another mosque on the Mount. This would then be the 5th mosque there - one for each of the five pillars of Islam. The Temple Mount is truly a portal of heaven and a gate of hell with hidden occult powers working underground to hold the whole Mount captive. There is much contention over who will rule this place. In the past, rabbis have discouraged people from going to this site since they felt it was so holy (with the Temple having been there). Do you see the war, both physical and spiritual?

After the Temple was destroyed during the Babylonian captivity, the Ark of the Covenant was never recovered, and so the Second Temple (and Herod's Temple) had no ark. Neither were Solomon's ten lampstands recovered. These are all prophetic issues to watch for in days ahead. One seven-branched candelabra, the Table of Showbread, and the incense altar stood in the Holy Place of the second Temple (as they did in Herod's Temple), but these were taken by Antiochus IV Epiphanes (about 175 BC - 163 BC), who defiled the altar in 167 BC. Do you see the war?

On the corner of the Temple Mount is now the largest underground mosque in the Middle East, which can accommodate more than 30,000 people. This indicates how the war has shifted from being above ground to underground. The Islamic leadership is also hoping to bring water from Mecca to store in the underground cisterns on the Temple Mount. This would then provide the option for Muslim faithful to take their hajj to the Temple Mount, giving the Temple Mount status similar to Mecca. We prayed much about this. Do you see the war?

One of the highlights of the entire trip was while we were on the Temple Mount and went to stand as close as possible to the Eastern Gate to pray. This gate has always been closed off by Muslims on the inside of the Mount area. Ezekiel 43 and Isaiah 45 were such key chapters as we prayed on the Mount. However, when we got in front of the gated area in front of the Eastern Gate, we found that the gate that would allow us to descend to the front of the Eastern Gate was standing open.

The whole team went down and prayed with our hands upon the Eastern Gate. It was as if we were paving the way once again for the coming of the Lord. We declared that God was putting His forerunners in place once again to open up the way for His glory.

This was the first time that any of us, including the team from Israel, had been to the actual gate itself. We then went where we felt the center of the original Temple site was. The bedrock place we stood upon was in alignment with both the Eastern Gate and the Mount of Olives. We each stood and made declarations of realignment. We read **Psalm 15: "Who may dwell on your holy hill?"** This was truly a key time.

What an amazing emotion to experience as we stood there and remembered how the Lord Jesus showed respect for the Temple. He referred to it as **"the House of God" (Matt 12:4)** and **"Father's house" (John 2:16)**. He taught that everything in it was holy because it belonged to God, and was angry when it was defiled. Therefore, Jesus purged the Temple of the moneychangers (Mark 11:15-17; John 2:16).

He wept and proclaimed prophetically its destruction (Mark 13:1; Luke 19:41-44). Jesus' actions in the Temple disclosed Him as Messiah. This was one of the reasons the Pharisees wanted His death. At the moment of Jesus' death, the veil of the Temple was torn from top to bottom (Matt 27:51; Mark

15:38; Luke 23:45).

At the crucifixion, Jesus opened a new way for the presence of God to be attained. A new order and a new covenant were released in the earth. No longer was the Temple in Jerusalem to be the only place where mankind worshiped God. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him **"in spirit and truth" (John 4:21-24).**

The first Christians, converted Jews, continued to worship at the Temple (Luke 24:52; Acts 2:46; 3:1; 5:12,20-21,42). However, persecution and powerful works caused new wineskins to be developed in other areas such as Antioch, Ephesus and other cities. We should each realize that we are a new Temple. However, we must also realize that nations are aligning and God's Living Body is in war with anti-Christ covenant forces that want to control our worship. By asking the Lord to return in His power to the Church, the war over the Temple Mount will begin to escalate.

The City of David

As we approached and walked through the City of David, many military troops seemed to have converged on that area of the city. It appeared that we were following the troops wherever they went. The Lord impressed us that He was mustering the troops of heaven and aligning the troops of the earth for the war ahead. New excavations are being found all the time. However, the key place that we stopped to pray was where David defeated the Jebusites of his day.

David constructed a new palace for himself in the area known as Ophel and bought the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite (2 Sam 24:18). There is a war at the gates of this city. By understanding the war at the gates of Jerusalem, we understand the war at the gates of our lives and our cities.

Here are the gates listed in the Bible:

Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:10)
Benjamin's Gate (Jer 38:7; Zech 14:10)
Corner Gate (2 Kings 14:13; 2 Chron 25:23; 26:9; Jer 31:38; Zech 14:10
East Gate (1 Chron 26:14; 2 Chron 31:14)
Ephraim, Gate of (2 Kings 14:13; 2 Chron 25:23; Neh 8:16; 12:39)
First Gate (Zech 14:10)
Fish Gate (2 Chron 33:14; Neh 3:3; 12:39; Zeph 1:10)
Foundation, Gate of the (2 Chron 23:5)
Fountain Gate (Neh 3:15; 12:37)
Horse Gate (2 Chron 23:15; Neh 3:28; Jer 31:40)
Joshua, Gate of (2 Kings 23:8)
King's Gate (1 Chron 9:18)
Middle Gate (Jer 39:3)
Miphkad Gate (Neh 3:31)
New Gate (Jer 36:10)
North Gate (1 Chron 26:14)
Old Gate (Neh 3:6; 12:39)
Potsherd Gate (Jer 19:2)
Prison, Gate of the (Neh 12:39)
Refuse Gate (Neh 2:13; 3:13-14; 12:31)
Shallecheth Gate (1 Chron 26:16)
Sheep Gate (Neh 3:1,32; 12:39; John 5:2)
South Gate (1 Chron 26:15)
Upper Gate (2 Kings 15:35; 2 Chron 23:20; 27:3)
Valley Gate (2 Chron 26:9; Neh 2:13,15; 3:13)
Water Gate (Neh 3:26; 8:1,3,16; 12:37)
West Gate (1 Chron 26:16)
Dung Gate (Neh 2:13; 3:13-14; 12:31; RSV, NIV, NEB, KJV; Refuse Gate, NKJV)
Dung Port (Neh 2:13, KJV; Refuse Gate, NKJV)
Former Gate (Zech 14:10, RSV, NEB; First Gate, NKJV)
Guard, Gate of the (Neh 12:39, RSV, NIV, NASB, Gate of the Prison, NKJV)
Guardhouse, Gate of the (Neh 12:39, NEB; Gate of the Prison, NKJV)

High Gate (2 Chron 23:20; 27:3; KJV; Upper Gate, NKJV)
Higher Gate (2 Kings 15:35, KJV; Upper Gate, NKJV)
Inspection Gate (Neh 3:31, NIV, NASB; Miphkad Gate, NKJV)
Jeshanah Gate (Neh 3:6; 12:39; NIV, NEB; Old Gate, NKJV)
Muster Gate (Neh 3:31, RSV; Miphkad Gate, NKJV)
Mustering Gate (Neh 3:31, NEB, Miphkad Gate, NKJV)
Shalleketh Gate (1 Chron 26:16, NIV; Shallecheth Gate, NKJV)
Sheep Market (John 5:2, KJV; Sheep Gate, NKJV)
Sheep-Pool (John 5:2, NEB; Sheep Gate, NKJV)
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There is war over God's glory entering our lives, families, cities, churches, and nations. When you go to Jerusalem, you had better understand the covenant war that we are in spiritually. David made Jerusalem the religious capital of the nation. He moved the ARK OF THE COVENANT, which had been kept at Kirjath-jearim (Josh 15:9) to Jerusalem. Then David proceeded to build a TABERNACLE, in which the ark was placed.

The city's greatest glory was reached under the reign of King Solomon, who built the Temple and a royal palace besides greatly enlarging and strengthening the walls of the city. The greatest humiliation was reached under the reign of Antiochus Ephiphanes (175 BC - 165 BC), who attempted to annihilate the covenant plan of God.

The war today for all apostolic leaders is to establish the presence of God in their sphere of authority. Satan and his hordes' strategy is to remove God's presence. We are asking the Lord to establish the Ark of His Presence once again in our cities and lives. Eventually this will come into fullness in the Church. You will see this fully recovered and brought back again into Jerusalem.

As I said earlier, we stopped and prayed at the place where David captured the city of Jerusalem from the Jebusites (II Samuel 5:7; I Chronicles 11:5). This was David's first assignment after becoming king. This also determined the leadership of David's army. The Jebusites had built a structure so they could get water without ever leaving the city. This strategy protected them for centuries. However, David found a way through the water shaft to overthrow the Jebusites and gain control of God's ordained place for His Ark to rest. You can read more about the Jebusites in *Possessing Your Inheritance*.

We declared that in this season we would come full-circle and capture places that have never been transferred by the Lord into His people's hands. We also prayed that you would find an entry way into your inheritance, no matter if you have never pressed through before. Do not say that something is too hard. God has a way for you to penetrate your enemy's camp.

Jerusalem was under Muslim control from 637 to 1917 except for the brief periods when the Crusaders held Jerusalem. But times have changed and are changing. God has a covenant plan and will not be satisfied until all of His purpose is completed. Pray that the Spirit of the Lord continues to gain control of the city of Jerusalem. Begin to thank Him that the enemy has weak points and is not invincible.

The Pool of Siloam

Another highlight of the trip was our visit to the newly excavated Pool of Siloam. This was only uncovered six months ago. The expression "Pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent) is found in three passages: John 9:7, Nehemiah 3:15, Isaiah 8:6. Stairs that went down from the city of David (the southern portion of the Temple Mount) and the king's garden were in close proximity.

The scripture in John 9:7 where the blind man is sent by Jesus to wash at the Pool of Siloam seems to indicate that it was near the Temple. However, after being there, you could see that it was quite a trek for a blind man to find his way from the Temple to the Pool, even if he was being led. It was from Siloam that water was brought in a golden vessel to the Temple during the Feast of Tabernacles. Oh my -- the significance of this is incredible!

You can see from the abundance of vegetation in the area that the pool was quite large. You can see the pure running water. However, the excavations have stopped next to land that is owned by the Greek Orthodox Church. This will be one of the future indicators of the movement of God in the earth this hour.

The Pool of Siloam being uncovered means that the season of being "Sent" is upon us, and has come full-circle again. This means that the apostolic reformation is maturing. This also means that the healing dimension of power linked to evangelism is being restored to the Church. Additionally, this means that we are in a religious war to continue uncovering what has been lost.

Decree that you will have clear vision. Even though you may seem to be stumbling in making your way forward in your spiritual journey, declare that you will make it to the pool that the Lord is sending you to so that your vision will become clear.

Lunch at the Cave

We had lunch on the Mount of Olives, which is mainly Arab. The owner of the restaurant we visited was an Arab man who formerly resisted anything about God. One of his ten children got leukemia and was sent home from the hospital to die. Christians who were visiting Jerusalem and were connected with Ruth Heflin met this man and asked if they could pray for him. When he told them about his son, they asked if they could visit him.

They entered this man's home and began to pray and worship. This affected his life greatly. They then told him if he would bring his son to a church for prayer that the Lord would heal him (very similar to the blind man needing to go to the Pool of Siloam). The son insisted that his father do this. During the prayer and worship time for healing at the church, the Spirit of God began to deal with this man's hard heart. He found himself upon the floor weeping uncontrollably. If you would meet this man you would see what a strong, hard man he was. When he arose from the floor he noticed that his son, who was unable to walk when they entered the church, was now worshiping and dancing. After blood tests, the son's healing was confirmed. Now the whole family loves the Lord. Our meal with this man and his sons was a joyous time.

The Upper Room

While I had a meeting to attend, the rest of the team went to the Upper Room. This is believed to be the location of where the 120 went to pray after Jesus' ascension. We felt it was important to go there since we had left on Pentecost and our role was to declare a reversal of lost power back to the Church. Here is Robert Heidler's report from that time:

Our team left the USA on the biblical feast of Pentecost, and retraced the history of the Church from Moscow to Constantinople (Istanbul) to Rome and finally back to the Church's origins in Jerusalem. We ended our trip in the very place the church began when the Holy Spirit fell in the Upper Room.

The Upper Room is one of the few biblical locations in Jerusalem that can be identified with a fair amount of certainty. The roof of the building has been rebuilt, but the lower part of the walls date back to the first century. Archaeology has shown that this was definitely a first century Hebrew-Christian synagogue, and many early writers identify it as the location of the Upper Room where the Spirit first fell.

As we entered the Upper Room, the first thing we noticed was that someone had recently installed a large bronze sculpture of an olive tree. As we looked at it, we were amazed that it showed an olive tree whose branches had been cut off . . . but that new shoots were springing forth and bearing fruit. What a picture of our prayer journey!

We have seen how the early Church was cut off from the olive root (Rom 9-11) back in the fourth century, and grafted onto a pagan root. But in our day God's olive tree is sending forth new shoots, and the life of God is returning to produce an end-time harvest. In Rome we saw a Church that had literally been built on the foundation of a pagan temple. Here we saw the true foundation God intended for the Church!

John Price saw a picture of an electrical plug that was so corroded that no power could be transmitted. We confessed the things that hindered the flow of God's power to the Church, and asked God to bring restoration. As we thought about the things we had witnessed on the journey, we repented for specific points of compromise that caused the Church to lose its true foundation and power. Then we asked God for a fresh release of the Holy Spirit upon his Church.

We did several prophetic acts. Linda Heidler had designed a piece of jewelry that pictures a dove, but also the burning bush, the tongues of fire, and the menorah . . . all symbols of the Holy Spirit coming upon His people. There was a small window high on the front wall of the Upper Room. We put one of these pendants on this window sill -- high up and out of sight where it would remain for a long time -- and asked the Spirit to come upon His Church again!

We also took the key that we had locked in Rome, and put the key into a small hole at the top of the olive tree sculpture, allowing it to fall down into the interior of the piece. What we had "locked up" in Rome could only be unlocked by coming back to the original root!

>From the Upper Room, we went out to a nearby first century ritual bath or "mikveh." This mikveh was a large pool of water with a stairway going down, and another coming up. It was originally designed for Jewish ritual washing, but is probably the location where the 3000 were baptized at the birth of the Church on Pentecost. At the mikveh we asked God to purify His Church from the defilement of paganism, and re-establish His Church on its true foundation!

Rick Ridings poured out water from the Gihon Spring, and quoted from **Job 14:7-9: "For there is hope for a tree if it is cut down that it will sprout again and that its tender shoots will not cease. Though its root may grow old in the earth and its stump may die in the ground, yet at the scent of water it will bud and bring forth branches like a plant."** We closed by praising God for all He had done on this trip!

Meeting with Eitan Shishkoff

There is always a new wineskin forming. My meeting with Eitan Shishkoff was such a joyous meeting. Eitan is the apostolic leader of five congregations throughout the Haifa area of Israel, one fellowship being in Nazareth. He is such a powerful yet humble man who has withstood great persecution to bring forth Messiah's plan.

Eitan is connected with Dan Juster and Asher Intrater. Our visit was most encouraging. This just reveals God's apostolic plan for this season in Israel. There are other major leaders in Israel that are also key in what the Lord is doing this hour. Eitan will be with us in Denton at our FirstFruits Gathering at Glory of Zion on August 12.

Before we left Jerusalem, we visited the midnight watch at Sukkat Hallel. This watch is led by Steve and Tonya Hansen and Lindy Heidler. This was just a wonderful, vibrant time of worship to seal all that God is doing. Our team (consisting of myself, Brian Kooiman, Marty Cassady, Ginny Marks, John and Sheryl Price, Robert and Linda Heidler, Diane Buker and Sylvia Sizemore) thanks you for praying with us.

I want to say this: THE LORD IS BRINGING ALL OF US FULL CIRCLE! Break your old cycles, receive new power and enter into the season of victory that God has for you. Pray for the Body in Jerusalem. Pray for those that are participating in the 24/7 prayer effort. Pray for the apostolic leaders as they share the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Blessings,

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These Trying Days

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The Spirit of the Lord impresses me that we must come to grips with some spiritual facts, especially during these trying days. That more than ever before, we must realize the attack of the enemy has its agenda, and the only enemy the devil has is Christ and His church. He is attacking from every front...but unless we understand the nature of that attack and guard ourselves from the possibility of our helping rather than hindering him, we can find ourselves assisting this attack and becoming actual allies with him.

It is not enough for each of us to assume we have immunity--pastors, evangelists, every ministry for Jesus Christ is going through the fire. We find it comes in various ways; hitting us in our finances, in our homes, in our friendships, our health, in every effort we make to do God's will. Every discouraging thought that comes to us is a missile from the devil's arsenal. All negativism, all slanderous lies, all gossip is but his battering ram to tear down the church and hinder the work of God.

We are all aware that the warfare of today comes in roadside bombings and surprise terrorism. Such it is in the spiritual realm as well...we are often caught off-guard, when we least expect it and coming from places where we do not think it will happen. That is why it is so critical that each of us have the upper-hand on these matters, and that, of course, means you and I must stay in the spiritual realm more than ever before--where we can hear the voice of the Lord and have His wisdom to reveal to us the land-mines being laid for our destruction and how we can defend against them.

Have you wondered why there are such hindrances in your pathway? Why the battle seems impossible at times? Why the more you strive to do right, the more attacks come to your front door? It is because of the Day in which we live. The devil knows he has but a short time---great upheavals are not always in tsunamis and hurricanes; they also come as giant storms upon our spiritual and physical man as well. And yet we must be aware that not every problem we face is a direct attack from the enemy...for he is a cunning serpent hiding behind a tree. Gossip, slander, and criticism of one another is the devil's prime tool to destroy. To use us to destroy ourselves is how he does it. He knows how to work through our minds and thoughts by luring us to compete, to selfishly covet, to destroy or hinder someone in their quest to serve God. EACH OF US MUST UNDERSTAND, THAT FOR EVERYTHING WE DO FOR CHRIST, THERE IS A FURIOUS BATTLE BEING WAGED TO HINDER IT IN ANY AND ALL WAYS. That is why we must pray for one another---and not only support, but to defend our brothers and sisters by refusing to accept gossip, slander, lies, and criticism that is directed at them. Indeed, we are commanded to rebuke it. We must "esteem one another better than ourselves" and become "workers together" in one accord. None of us is without faults...but if we have failed to use prayer for our brothers and sisters instead of criticism, we show that we truly do not have the right heart.

There is a very real penalty which we must become acutely aware of: To touch God's anointed incurs His wrath. He will judge it and punish it severely. Had it not been for Moses' prayer for his sister Miriam, she would have died a leper. The Bible acquaints such behavior as nothing less than that of murder....for it too has the same motive: the destruction of someone else.

Many people are seeking a prophetic Word for the coming year. Yet many times a prophetic word is not always a revelation of future events--admonitions are also prophetic, but are most often disregarded. But if there is a message for us this coming year, this is surely one of them: Let us repent of the sins of our lips and put a guard at our mouths. Seek to encourage one another and become ambassadors for the good and prosperity of every work of the Lord, through ministers, through lay workers, through evangelists and missionaries, even though they might not belong to our particular church or denomination. Let the precious Holy Spirit rain upon our thoughts with pureness, love, and genuine care for one another's welfare and good...especially for those in leadership positions whom God has placed over us as shepherds.

If we do so, strength of unity will rejuvenate us like a blood transfusion and this next year will show us overcoming victories as never before!

Love in Christ,

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The Thunder Speaks
Susan Cummings

The thunder speaks
And the lightning displays
Uttering their voices before all eyes
But the hearts of men are a glazed

The sounds have gone forth
The sights have been shown
The purposes have been repeatedly decreed
And the reapers have all sown to their destinies

The Glory has gone forth
The Fire has been lit
The Knowledge of Me given
Deposited into the waiting vessels

The Scroll has been passed
The contents are coming forth
The Vision is birthing and expanding
For those who have ears and eyes

The scales are fully weighed
The portions finely measured
The sands have passed through the glass unheeded
As the clock strikes true

The thunder now passes through the gates
Its sound heard as it reels and shakes
Those fleeing shall have nothing to take
As the destroyer gleans what has been made

What the thunder leaves behind
The lightning will expose and elevate
For the ways and works of men will be no longer hidden
All for the fodder of the devourer

Precious is the sight of Truth
Hidden under the beams of My Roof
Taken for granted by the masses
Given as a heritage to the holy outcasts

Rooted and grounded in My Name
Raised heads and hearts during the flames
Lifting their voices in worship as the Winds proclaim
The coming of My Whirlwind

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I’m Restructuring From The Foundation Up

Susan Cummings

I'm restructuring from the foundation up.

For I am now building upon the foundation that I have laid, and great will be the building upon which I will now fully bring forth. For men have always built with their desires and their aspirations, but I am building with My Word, and My truth. What I build will stand and endure for eternity.

Men build upon the foundation of their dreams, but I build from Myself. I have built from the beginning, when I created all things, and I will continue to build from the moment when eternity swallows up time, and on.

For I AM the Creator and God of all.

What I build, and form, is Myself within My creation. You are My creation. You are My handiwork, and I want to be seen in you. I want to express Myself through your life and to show the world I created, that I AM real. For when I am seen through your life, then I AM seen, and many will know that I love them. I want to be seen through all of My creation. I want My creation to know that they are important and that I love them.

So, I am building again, in this generation. I am creating a new thing in the earth, and fashioning again. I am fashioning a people after Myself again. Not that I haven't always had a people, for I have. But this new work that I am building, is the fuller measure of the expression of who I AM through them. I am working a work in this generation, that if I would have told them, they would not have believed Me, so I have wrought the work Myself. Now I will bring it forth.

For I have reserved a portion of Myself, of My Truth, of My Word, to be revealed in this last generation, that is what I will now open up. For I will be known and all that I have held in reserve of Myself, My Truth, and of My Word, I will bring forth. For men will have no excuse before Me.

For I AM able to have a people, who will be fully expressive of Me and who will not deny Me, nor compromise their lives to walk with Me. I have birthed forth a generation who will walk with Me and know Me, in the midst of a perverse and dark generation. And no one stopped My Hand. For I AM God, and I will be seen. I will walk in a Holy People in this generation.

I have brought it forth, and in the midst of a trial by fire, I have birthed and formed, and labored over My Own. I am breaking forth in My creation, to reveal Myself. For I know the hearts of men, and I know the hour of the man of sin. Both will come. Both will have their hour, but I will also bring forth My Glory and My Power, and it will come through My Vessels who are in My Hand. This is the season of unveiling and breaking.

Both have begun, as I have told you.

The breaking and the unveiling.

All will be seen for what it is. All will be seen for whom they belong. Nothing will remain hidden or blocked but all will be given to it's master. Each will bear the fruit and the name of it's lord. For I will share Myself with none but those given fully to Me. It is now all given to the sword.

My hidden work and My strange but glorious work is breaking forth, and the darkness will rage and roar at it's disclosure, but it cannot abide by Me, and must flee. For I will come and bring My Flaming Sword. It has already begun as you have seen. Now it will finish it's work.

Great is the fall of all that is not Mine.

Great is the rising of My Hand across this land, and across the earth, as I show forth Myself within My building that is rising from the ashes of death. Out of death comes forth life and not just life, but My resurrection Life. For I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and all who come to Me, will certainly live, and not of themselves. For I AM moving greatly, and My Breath will enter them.

Men have always aspired for greatness among their own, but Mine sit at My Feet and look upon My Throne. For they know that I AM. There is nothing between them and Me, for I am all or nothing. It is to these that I will come, and it is through these that I will move and it is upon these will My Authority be seated. For I am glorified through those who lay their lives down for Me.

Such is Mine, and soon shall things be, as I bring forth all things in the earth. For time and eternity will soon meet again, and My building will remain for all to see, and all to know, that what I build has truly come forth from Me. For it is My Name that will stand.

All that is Mine, comes from My Hand, and is called by My Name, and is given life from Me.

So, the building arises from the fires of death, and great will be the rising of Myself within. I am building all over the earth. Hell thought it could prevent the birthing in this generation, and men thought they could kill the new child, but both are Holy and will now break forth.

I have a generation of Holy Ones, fashioned by My Hand, redeemed by My Blood, and shaped by My Flaming Hand. Nothing will stay My Hand, as I now fashion My House all across the lands.

For My House is fully rising and the wicked men will surely flee, whose hands are stained with blood and who have resisted My moving. I am filling My House and My People will show forth My Glory from one end of the earth to the other. My Tents of Meeting are rising.

I am bringing My House into My Order and into My Righteousness and into My Glory.

For I AM the Master Builder, and what I build will be seen.

This Holy generation that I have been building will now rise full of Me.

Watch and see what I will now bring forth, as I build upon that tried and tested foundation.

Isaiah 60
Isaiah 59
Isaiah 55
Isaiah 52
Isaiah 28
Matthew 28: 9-16, 21, 22
Ephesians 2: 19-22
1 Peter 2:1-10

-Susan Cummings
8-08-05
12:08 am

Take The Spoils

Bill Burns

July 25, 2005: Lift up your heads, O you people, for I am coming upon you, says the Lord. Indeed these are the days that have been prophesied and been spoken of since the very beginning of the Church, the days of victory of the glorious Bride of Christ in which heaven and earth are joined together in the power of the Most High. I bring good news -- the enemy will be routed, and no weapon formed against you will prosper. Every voice that rises up against you in judgment shall be condemned, and the curse shall be broken. This is a time of rejoicing for those who run to the battle and take the spoils of war. Rejoice as you are led from victory to victory.

Marsha Burns

July 25, 2005: Arise, My people. Arise out of the ashes of despair, and open your hearts, for I am about to fill you with joy, which will be your very great strength. I will pour out an anointing of ease for the things that are ahead of you and cause you to have victory in each situation. I will bring you by a way you have not known and lead you in paths unfamiliar to you. Trust Me, says the Lord, for I will do this. *Isaiah 42:16 "I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them."*

July 26, 2005: Gear up. You are about to step into a season of acceleration when time will seem to almost evaporate. There will be many demands on your time and energy, but don't panic. If you seek Me early and make your time with Me a priority, I will stretch the remainder of your time each day and cause you to be supernaturally efficient in all things. I will strengthen you to rise up to meet the demands of every situation. And, you will rejoice as you recognize that I have actually carried you through what could have been great difficulties. I am your bridge over troubled waters, says the Lord.

July 27, 2005: Beloved, do not be surprised when you experience extremes in circumstances, situations, or emotions. You are likely to observe and be aware of extreme opposites, such as hot/cold, up/down, in/out, faith/fear. Yet, a happy medium seems to be not only difficult to define, but elusive. Taking this phenomenon too seriously could result in confusion, indecision, and temporary emotional instability. Refuse to be seduced into taking this roller-coaster ride. Remind yourself that I am your place of stability and objectivity. I am the solid rock on which you stand, says the Lord.

July 28, 2005: Refuse to become discouraged when your plans seem to fail or disruptions take you off course temporarily. You are on the right path even though there are some rocks in the road. Stay calm and don't overreact when you hit a bump. Trust Me to continue to direct your steps, and remember that I know exactly what is happening in your life. I am for you and not against you, and all things are working together for your ultimate good, says the Lord. *Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

July 29, 2005: Stop and discern. Be aware that your latest trials and tests have had you backtrack and go over some old ground. This is for the purpose of ferreting out unproductive habits that will hinder you in the days ahead, as well as pulling down old strongholds of bitterness, anger, rejection, and depression. You cannot entertain these places of defeat and still gain the victory. Take time to identify those attitudes and reactions that undermine your success, and be ready to trample them under your feet once and for all. And, prepare to forgive yourself and others as your heart is unveiled.

The Times They Are A Changing

James N Johnson

Here we are almost halfway through April and so much has happened over the last four months. Without seeming to appear dramatic, let me say that we are living in the most important times since the birth of Jesus. Let's just back up a little and review some of the things that have recently transpired.

December 26th 2004

The great earthquake off Indonesia resulting in the Tsunami that pounded the shores of many Islamic nations causing great loss of life, this was the largest earthquake in forty years. As this last 40 year period came to an end, the prophetic implications of this are far reaching. The last earthquake that produced a Tsunami was off the coast of Alaska.

Forty years ago in 1964 the Church was being alerted to the coming of a new move of God in the earth, this move became known as the charismatic move. In March 27th 1965 an earthquake which to date is the largest recorded in North America, measuring 9.2 on the Richter scale, hit along the Alaskan coast. This quake generated a series if waves measuring 90 feet in height that crashed into the coastline destroying countless boats and homes.

A short time after this event, countless numbers of small rural churches throughout the region were consumed by an out-pouring of God's fire in their midst. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit quickly rolled through Oregon and into California, finally resting upon an Episcopal Church in Van Nuys, lighting a fire upon an Episcopal rector named Dennis Bennett. Contemporary church history now shows that Bennett gave birth to what became known as the charismatic renewal. This move of God swept the western world like a great fire giving birth to the Jesus movement and many other great waves of the Holy Spirit, and was generally known as the Charismatic Move.

What Now

After the charismatic move waned in the mid 80s the Western Church struggled through a wilderness experience with very little happening. However seeds of great worth were sown during this period of winter in the church. The seasons eventually change and winter gives way to spring and summer producing again many harvests. We are entering the spring of the next season in God. When the 40 year season for Israel changed, they finally made it across Jordan to the promised land of plenty. We today stand on the brink of Jordan and it is time to cross over to a new level in God and greater harvests.

April 2nd 2005 The Death of the Pope.

I am sure that you all were surprised by the amount of attention this event generated in the media, and the unprecedented number of people that crowded day after day in St Peters Square in Rome, nothing like this had ever happened before. The outpouring of grief and the attendance of so many world leaders at the funeral was again unprecedented. This event marks an end of an era and the beginning of a new day. We will see many fathers in the faith laying down their swords and being promoted to Glory, this will take place over the next few months. Those warriors of the 1948 move who are still alive will be taken home along with others who have finished their race. These deaths signify the end of the old and the beginning of a new day in God's purposes for the earth.

The Wedding of Charles and Camilla

Whatever your view of this marriage is, it does indicate a change in the spirit in the UK. I guess we all are wiser in hindsight, so with many things we have to wait and see. The UK has been in preparation for a long time for a mighty move of God. When finally the Queen steps down from the throne the time will be ready for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the UK. This is not to say that the Queen is hindering this, it is a matter of timing linked to changes in the monarchy and beginning of a new era in Britain.

A Word for New Zealand

The church in New Zealand has been like many others in Western Nations wandering in the wilderness, the Lord showed me a number of years ago a great dragon devastating the land, this dragon had three heads and each head had a name written on it, the names were Humanism, Secularism and Indigenous Spiritual Roots. I have pondered this through the years and observed the devastation this Spirit has caused in New Zealand. I have never felt released by the Lord to share this until now; I recently received an email that confirmed what I had seen in an open vision a number of years ago.

The promises given to New Zealand in the 1970s are about to unfold, New Zealand will see many of the Old Guard retiring or being taken home as a new generation with a new vision arises, only a few of the old will make it over to the new, those who like Joshua and Caleb who have a different spirit. New Zealand will again impact the Nations. It is now time to break the power of this spirit; this will begin with a change of Government in the Nation which will pave the way for change and revival, as the spirit of indigenous ancestral worship and spiritualism is broken, great Maori warriors will be raised up in the army of the Lord, this in turn will have great impact upon Pacific Nations as these new generation Maori freedom fighter will devastate the Powers of Darkness in the Pacific Nations, born to be warriors, they will fight the darkness and advance like a wind through the Pacific Islands and we will marvel at what the Lord will do. As the darkness recedes New Zealand will stand as light to the Nations and fulfill her destiny. What New Zealand experienced during the Charismatic move is but a drop in a bucket to what God has prepared for her; truly salvation shall be heard from the ends of the earth.

Nations are not changed through protest but through mighty outpourings of the Holy Spirit, we must not settle for anything less, as your hunger for something better than you have increases, that hunger will be matched by grace and personal outpourings of the Spirit upon you, these are preparations of the Spirit for what is coming. There is a divine dissatisfaction with many in this hour, you say there has to be something better than this, the lord would say you have hardly touched what I have purposed for you, seek, knock, ask, don't be denied don't give in, did I not say seek and you will find, am I a God that would lie? That hunger which has been placed in your heart is from me saith the Lord, that dissatisfaction with mediocrity is a quality of my kingdom that will not be denied, it is time for a new generation to arise with truth and holiness who will say, I will not give over my Nation to the Darkness, this is not a time for rest and recreation there will be those times, but this is not one of those times THIS DAY YOU MUST FIGHT and not rest until you see the Sun of Righteousness arise in your land. This is a time when you must prophesy to the darkness and will not my word be like a sword through your land. I am giving you another chance to rise into your destiny and fulfill your Royal Commission as a Nation; you must have the resolve of Esther who said if I die I die! but who knows if I you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

Earthquakes again are shaking Indonesia and Papua New Guinea as the battle for Islam continues, every radical Islamic atrocity only multiplies the harvest in those Nations, God is targeting Islamic Nations with the Gospel like never before, we will see incredible personal manifestations of the Lord in these Nations much of which will be sovereign interventions of God.

What to Watch For:
An outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Vatican
A harvest of souls from among many in the Catholic Church
Increased Angelic activity
Youth revivals breaking out around the world
Changes in Governments that indicate spiritual changes in those Nations.

God Bless you
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The Time to Birth The Manifestation of My Kingdom

Toni Miles

I heard the Lord say, "You must prevail in travail in order to unveil My Kingdom in the earth. I have been faithful to reveal the mysteries of My Kingdom to My prophets and apostles, and they have been faithful to speak forth this revelation. But, NOW, I say, it's time to bring forth the manifestation! Now, you must go from just having the revelation to becoming the manifestation. "The Kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21), therefore, that which has been revealed to you must now manifest through you . . . and I say, now, the fullness of your time has come . . . Now, is the time to give birth to the manifestation of My Kingdom in the earth! "As soon as Zion travailed, she also brought forth her sons," (Isaiah 66:8). "For we know the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now . . . for the earnest expectation of the creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God." (Romans 8: 19,22). All of My creation is desperately waiting for My sons to manifest My Kingdom, so that it can be reconciled back to Me, the Creator. "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." (Rev 11:15).

"I have given to you, My sons, the ministry of reconciliation, but there has to be a manifestation before there can be a reconciliation. The manifestation of My Kingdom is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. (Romans 14:17). My Son, Jesus, was the perfect example of this Kingdom manifestation, which ultimately resulted in a total reconciliation of all those He encountered in that generation. "Jesus (the manifestation) went throughout Galilee teaching (imparting by example) in their synagogues and proclaiming (revealing) the good news of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness (demonstration) among the people (reconciliation)." (Matthew 4:23). You have to first become a manifestation before you can release an impartation or proclaim a revelation with the power that results in a demonstration that will ultimately bring forth a reconciliation to this generation. I have already released an anointing that will empower you, that will give you the strength to bring to birth the fullness of this kingdom manifestation of righteousness, peace, and joy!"

And we say, "Let it be so, Lord. Let Your Kingdom come, let it be released through us, so that this generation can be reconciled back to You. Amen."

The Urn In The Wilderness

Susan Cummings

April 21, 2005

The Lord gave me this mini vision earlier today, and several times today, off and on, since then. It does not leave, and this is what he said to me about it…..

I saw this vast place of flat land and not much vegetation, but a lot of rocks and rough landscape, with a few scrub brushes and things. It was not the desert, but a wilderness area. In this area, were scattered pieces of broken pottery or vessels lying scattered and in a discarded manner.

A wind began to blow upon the pieces and they began to lift up off of the ground and to come together and to attach together and fit as if they belonged to each other, even though each piece was different in every aspect. They began to form into an urn of some type. It became a huge urn and it sat upon the ground and was all different colors as it was made up of all the different pieces that were lying around, and yet, they all fit supernaturally, as if they were all from one piece formerly.

The Lord then stood next to me and said,

"What you see before you is the Season of Refining that has now closed for My Remnant. I broke My Vessels and scattered them and brought them fully into My Fire and drove every bit of identity from them, so that nothing of their former selves would interfere with My new plans for them in this new season. All that was against me was stripped from them, and broken into ashes, and removed by My Breath, as it blew all traces of flesh out of them, and also it released the hearts that were bound within, and caused them to be released and to beat again."

"The wilderness was the Season that has now past. My Remnant are rising up into their places and coming into an understanding of who they are, and their purpose in Me. I have taught them and hand fed them as they walked with Me in the lonely and barren times. I have been their sole portion and their provision. They know both My Love and My Severity. They embraced My judgments and will now stand in the Hour of Justice that will burn across the globe."

"The Urn that you saw standing is My Remnant that will be poured out in the earth. They are the Vessels that I will live through, and be released through, as I perform My Will in the earth. I am filling My People with Myself. I have shown you this. You carry a portion, just as they will and are. I will come forth out of My People in many ways. I will come forth as I choose to, and do My Work, and it will not be as the world or the church would want or desire, or even expect, for I alone am God, and not a man. Man cannot know Me, unless He is one with Me. My Ways are not man's ways or the church's ways."

"My Word will bring division to those who are Mine and those who are not. The breaking has begun and the separation is beginning to increase greatly, and great will the chasm be between, for no one will cross over to the other side anymore. Either they are Mine or not. I showed you the splitting of the heart and it will come. For I will divide the hearts and spare those who will come to Me. I do have a People who love Me as their God, and who love no other besides Me."

"Great turmoil will increase as the division increases, for many will try to save themselves and play in the safe place, but the only place there will be is in My House. You know the Truth, and you must walk in it, and must show the ones looking for Me the way. You must run your race and not try to fix the pieces that fall, but call them forth into obedience to Me, and I will fix those who cry out to Me."

"This is not the same as the Season of Refinement. This is the Season of Resurrection and the coming together of the dry bones of My people in the earth. I am not only moving in America, as I am moving in all nations. The Hour has come, for Mine to come to Me fully, or be left to the opposite side. Just as when I called to My people to come to me through Moses upon the Mount, and those who heard Me, came to Me, and those who didn't perished in the great shaking, so it shall be again."

"I will no longer tolerate lukewarmness in My House. It will be hot with Me or cold without Me. I am a Consuming Fire, and My People will burn and be consumed with Me, or be empty sepulchers. I have shown you the Tents of Meetings. I have told you to ignite My Tents, as I have many who are now doing so, as you are. You must not stop. For the Urn you see, is the corporate rising up of My Tents. It has begun, and My people are rising up."

"Go and look in the Urn."

I walked up to the Urn and looked inside. It was full of water. It looked like water. I reached in and felt the water. It was cold and felt inviting. The Lord stood by Me and nodded. He said to me, "It is not water. It is the oil that comes through the pipes of My Light and fills the bowls that will burn with My Fire. I am filling them with My Living Oil, and am igniting Myself within them, through them, and upon them, so that no man can say that they have done this. For it is a heavenly fire that man does not have, and cannot. It is Holy. It is Me."

Then, the Lord said to look in again.

I looked in again, and it was full of Fire. The Lord smiled this time, and reached in Himself, and gave me some of it. He said to Me, "This is the greater portion that has been reserved for My People in the last Hour. It has been held back, for it is Holy, and I will not give what is Holy to a generation that did not treasure it above all else. My Holiness is the pearl of great price. My Word is to be sought after as that pearl and reverenced as such. I am the Living Word and the Holy Fire. I will not give Myself to those who do not love Me nor want Me."

The Lord said to look in again.

I did look in again, and this time, there was a great storm in the Urn. I was surprised. The Lord said then," I told you the Storm was coming. It is now upon the earth and will hit. The Storm will bring the full division of Mine from those who are not, and bring My Justice. The Remnant has made herself ready and is awaiting my breath to now bring about the full restoration. That is now begun also. I am moving them into their places. They will stand, under my Hand, as I pass over the earth."

"Do not be concerned with when it will happen, but be concerned with those who I have given to you, and raise them up, as I told you to. You know what to do, as do all who have My assignments, now it is time to do so. For the breaking forth now comes and so does the division. Do not shrink back because of the opposition, but run with My Mission, and see Me gather Mine to Myself. The time is drawing close for the Unveiling."

The Lord said to Me one last time, to look into the Urn.

I did so, but felt apprehensive this time. He nodded and so I looked in. There was black death in the Urn. He nodded gravely and said to me, "Yes. The black death will come, and it will claim many. I have warned and called and cried out, and few responded to Me, even now. What is to be, will now be. The death comes from the Urn, for My Vessels are instruments of My Mercy and My Wrath. They will speak forth whatever I tell them to, and they will do My Will. My Word will judge all men. Every man will choose their fate. My Word has indeed already gone forth, and it is now being brought forth, for many plagues have begun, but will increase, as the hearts now harden."

"You must go and trust Me. If you do not fulfill your destiny and if you choose to disobey, you too will perish. All who deny Me will perish. Either on this earth or in eternity, forever apart from Me. No man is exempt. Even you. You know Me, and have My Word living in you, and know My Presence, and have partaken of My Fire. You have no excuse and must follow Me. Do not waver, but go, and give my Word as I reveal it to you, and fear not, for I am with you, and with all who are Mine."

"The winds are blowing and the breaking will only increase till the separation is complete, as I said, so go, for the hour is late, and the people await Me. For I am the Shepherd and I will gather My Flock unto Me and shepherd it in the midst of the darkness and great will be it's Glory as I rise up within it, in the earth."

The Lord then walked away and I was there standing by the wilderness.

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The Unshakeable Kingdom

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When The Earth Shakes

As the year 2005 comes to a close, it is hard to be unaffected by the two massive earthquakes that occurred this past year. Remember, it was just twelve months ago that the great South Asian Tsunami roared along the Indian ocean, suddenly rising and striking the coastlines of nine nations. Over 250,000 people died and millions more were left grieving and homeless. Scientists tell us that this great disaster not only changed the landscape of Asia, it actually caused the planet to wobble on its axis.

But the physical shaking was not over. Nine and a half months later another devastating quake struck, this time in Pakistan. On October 6, the Kashmir region of Pakistan was rocked by an 8.2 earthquake which killed nearly 90,000 people. Millions again were left without homes or shelter.

If these major quakes were not enough, this past year also saw unprecedented disturbances in weather patterns. The 2005 Atlantic hurricane season witnessed a record twenty-six named storms. Thirteen of these became deadly hurricanes, seven of which grew to catastrophic category three or stronger storms. Devastation to New Orleans and the coastal cities of Mississippi and Alabama was beyond comprehension.

There is something happening in the earth. Massive earthquakes. Huge death tolls. Unprecedented storms. It may all be a coincidence, but I cannot help but call to mind the Lord's word, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven" (Heb. 12:26). There is certainly a great shaking occurring in the nations.

Jesus warned that "great earthquakes" would be part of a variety of natural calamities, which He called "birth pangs," that would introduce the end times (Luke 21:11; Matt. 24:8; Mark 13:8). In other words, He told us to expect natural disasters to increase both in magnitude and frequency, as though the earth itself was recoiling against the weight of sin. As Isaiah said, ". . . the earth is shaken violently. . . it totters like a shack, for its transgression is heavy upon it" (see Isa. 24:19-20).

If we are, indeed, living in the last decades of this present age, we should not expect the planet to remain calm or tranquil. I believe God will use these calamities to draw multitudes to Himself, but we should be aware they will probably grow in severity.

Spiritual Shaking

As disasters increase, so fear will increase, but it should not be so with us. For it is also during this time that the Lord promised that the ruling powers of darkness will be shaken from their position of influence and rule. The Lord will "shake not only the earth, *but also the heaven*" (Heb. 12:26). This verse is not referring to the highest of heavens where God dwells. The heavens mentioned here refer to the spiritual realm, also known as the "heavenly places" elsewhere in the Bible (Eph. 3:10). These "heavenly places" represent the spiritual dimension from which "the powers, . . . the world forces of this darkness, . . . the spiritual forces of wickedness" exert their rule over nations (Eph. 6:12).

Thus, the Lord says in Isaiah "It will happen in that day, that the Lord will punish the host of heaven on high, and the kings of the earth on earth" (Isa. 24:21). The last great shaking will affect both the natural and spiritual realms. Likewise, Jesus warned that during the time of the end "the powers of the heavens will be shaken" (Matt 24:29).

In fact, there is, at this moment a "war in heaven" (Rev. 12:7). Remember, the shaking of these powers denotes the "removing" of their place of influence and rule (Heb. 12:27). In other words, every demonic stronghold that hinders the coming forth of the kingdom of God on earth is ultimately going to be confronted by the power and authority of heaven!

One may argue, "These verses refer to the end of the age." Yes, the finality of this twofold shaking - things on earth, but also heaven - won't occur until just before the Lord returns. However, I believe it has already begun on a certain level. Consider the former Soviet Union. Here was the largest geographic empire in the history of the world; its military was powerful beyond measure. The USSR was avowed atheistic in nature, and it spread atheism to all nations under its influence.

Yet, in an amazing and unfathomably sophisticated exercise of the divine will, the Almighty judged the spiritual powers ruling Soviet Communism. Without a violent revolution, without an insurrection or war, the Soviet Union suddenly and dramatically disintegrated. Not only did this great empire implode, it was on *December 25*, 1991, that Mikhail Gorbachev resigned as President of the Soviet Union, effectively ending the Soviet Communist Party. The next day the Soviet parliament acknowledged the dissolution of the empire. **Reference.com/Encyclopedia/History of the Soviet Union (1985-1991)**

What a great and enduring sign! *On Christmas day, the very day we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the demonic power ruling the USSR was shaken and toppled from its place!* Will the Lord's final confrontation against the spiritual powers of wickedness be much more significant Since the fall of communism, missiologists tell us that more people have come to Christ worldwide than the sum of all conversions since the first century. An evil power fell from its place of rule and since then millions of people have come into God's kingdom! (Anyone feel like shouting here)

Even while the physical world will suffer birth pangs, I believe we are going to see other major "powers in the heavens" come down just as dramatically as the former Soviet Union. The power block ruling Islam is going to unravel. There will be unexpected, but significant breakthroughs, and millions of Muslims will open up to the gospel. This is the prayer frontier God set before us. The outcome will be that hundreds of millions of Muslims will come to find Christ as their Savior. This is the primary reason we must pray for the success of the nations fighting radical Islam.

We will also see major demonic powers fall in the USA. In fact, I believe there is already a serious breech in the stronghold ruling homosexuality. Regardless of their brazen public face, there are those in the gay community who are still spiritually sensitive. They are aware that, at the very time they scheduled their celebrations of decadence, two major hurricanes roared into their host cities (New Orleans and Key West). Inwardly they know God is not pleased with their lifestyle.

I also believe it will not be long before serious restrictions will be placed upon abortion in the USA. This demonic power that has blinded lawmakers and justices will be broken. Let us, therefore, continue to pray for Supreme Court Justices to be appointed who are both pro-life and God-fearing.

It seems to me that we are living when, at least on some level, the "powers of the heavens" are being shaken. Our prayers and personal involvement in the affairs of life play a major role in toppling these powers of darkness. If we do not quit praying, we will see significant changes unfold before our eyes.

Finally, let us remember that, even while things on earth and in heaven are wobbling, we have received "a kingdom which cannot be shaken." (Heb. 12:28-29). Beloved, God has an unshakable kingdom to which He calls us. It is the place where Jesus rules as King, from which place every knee in heaven and on earth shall bow.

The Ultimate Repair Kit

Bill Somers

The Ultimate Repair Kit was the title on a package I ran across recently in a local Wal-Mart. In the paint and hardware department they had quite a few of them on display. It consisted of one roll of duct tape and one can of WD-40 spray, packaged together in a box, wrapped in plastic..

I found this especially amusing because for many of my years as a repairman, I have made a similar joke. My claim was, only half jokingly, that 80% of all repairs, except for parts replacement, could be made with one or more of five essential items. Super glue, duct tape, WD-40, plastic tie wraps and plastic wire splices. This is my repairman's five essentials. Sometimes I would substitute electrical tape for duct tape, or silicone sealer for super glue, but the idea was basically the same.

Now what exactly do these things do? Duct tape is a thick strong tape that is used to hold things together that have come loose for some reason. The same goes for other kinds of tape; and for glue, sealer, tie wraps, baling wire, binder twine, splices, screws and nails.

WD-40 is a lubricant and rust remover that allows things that are stuck together to come lose and move freely once again. The same goes for penetrating oil, motor oil, cooking oil, solvents and cleansers.

The filing system your computer uses has a similar function. It keeps or holds together things that belong together, and separates, [loosens or frees up] things that should be kept apart.

It all has to do with binding and loosing. Many common tools do this. Staplers bind things together; crowbars break them apart. Wrenches, pliers, and screwdrivers do both. Keys open and shut. By now you may have guessed where I am going with this.

The Real Ultimate Repair Kit is the Keys to the Kingdom given by Jesus to his followers.

> *And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19*

So whatever you have that needs fixing, the tools are at hand. All that is needed is proper application.

There are other common tools that do not involve binding and loosing. They include squares, levels, chalk lines, plumb lines, meters and gauges. These are instruments of evaluation or judgment. In the bible there is mention of the plummet and the measuring rod. These instruments of judgment are only used by the master builder or at his specific direction. And that is another subject altogether.

The Vine and The Branches

Mike Forest

"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches; He that abides in me and I in Him, the same brings forth much fruit, for without me you can do nothing." (John 17:4,5)

In the garden of Eden, man made a terrible choice to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil instead of the tree of life. Man through his sin became independent of God and began to live for himself instead of for the glory of God. As Christians, we are still faced with that same choice of whether to live unto ourselves in independence of God or to partake of the tree of life (Jesus Christ) and to live by Him. The first kind of life is the self life, in which it is impossible to bring forth good fruit. The second kind of life is the life of Christ, which is the life that God gives unto every one who believes in His Son and receives Him. Every believer has received the life of God, but the question remains: are we living by His life or is self still in control?

Two of the greatest realities of the Christian life is that as a believer in Jesus Christ, we are in Him, and He is in us. Jesus gave us a parable of the vine and the branches which describes this wonderful union that is taking place between Christ and every person that is a child of God.

Jesus said "I am the vine, and you are the branches." The vine is the life giving part of the plant. All life that the plant is to receive comes from the vine. The branch that is in union with the vine, receives the life that will produce the fruit. The purpose of the branch is to bear the fruit that the vine produces.

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Our Lord has told us to "abide in Him". Many times we are trying to live the Christian life without abiding in Christ, and then we wonder why there is so little fruit being produced. A fruitful Christian is one who abides in Christ. It is the life of Christ that is being transmitted unto us that is the result of much fruit. If a natural branch is separated from the vine then it will begin to wither and die. A Christian that is not abiding in Christ is cutting himself off from the very life source that was meant to nourish and sustain him.

Jesus has said "that without me you can do nothing." But there are so many things that we do everyday without acknowledging Him. "For whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." (Colossians 3:17). Many Christians have yet to come to the full realization that "in our flesh there is no good thing." God has to bring us to the place where we are no longer trusting in ourselves but in Him who is the resurrection and the life.

When we see that we need Jesus as much as we need the air that we breathe, then we will allow Him to live His life in us and through us. Christ is to be the life of a Christian. The Apostle Paul said "For me to live is Christ." (Philippians 1:21). Christ had become the life of Paul's life.

Just as the vine and the branch are one, Christ and the Christian are joined together. The same life that is in Christ is in the one who has received Jesus. The same love that is in Christ is in the believer that has put his faith in Christ. Everything that we need to live the Christian life is in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we are in Him. Jesus said for us to abide in Him.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7). Are we abiding in Christ? Is He the first priority in our lives or do we just give Him a little part of our lives, and still do pretty much whatever pleases us? Jesus Christ desires to be the Lord of every area of our lives. To the degree that we give Him first place in our lives, will also be the degree that we are living a victorious, overcoming life.

The Vessels And The Furnace

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For a few weeks now, the Lord has been bringing an ongoing prophetic experience to me and slowly unfolding His Message to me through it all. The same scene of the fiery furnace is always the base and the focus of the experiences. The lesson has to be walked out and understood and formed into you, before you can bring forth the revelation.

This is the experience, the lesson and the revelation which the Lord gave to me:

The Foundation:

In every encounter, I am standing before a great fiery furnace that is fully ablaze and roaring in it's intensity. It is very bright and hot and it burns the air around you as you look into it. You cannot help but think that you will catch on fire just standing next to it. The flames are powerful and very intense to stand near, and it causes me to be afraid. But suddenly, I am not, for the Lord has brought this to me, and I feel somewhat better, but it is so real that I am a little apprehensive anyways.

The Encounter:

I am standing before a burning furnace. The flames are shooting outwards and are very big. This time, as the former times, I am drawn to the door or the hatch of the furnace. I draw closer, and feel the heat of the flames brush my face and skin. My hair feels as if it will melt and my face as if it will peel away from the heat, but it does not. The heat is real and the flames are real, but the Lord has brought me, and I can feel Him with me, so I wait.

The door opens and I can see the flames within the furnace. They dance as if they are alive, and they roar with a noise of victory. There is a voice in the flames, and I can feel it's heat. Fire is alive. In this furnace the fire is alive. I can feel it burning right through me. I am only looking in, but feel as if I am within the furnace.

The Lord then speaks to me, and He has been standing next to me. I turn at the sound of His voice. He says, "What do you see?" I look at Him, and then turn back to the furnace. I look and think, and search for anything that might stand out to me about the furnace. It seems to me like an ordinary furnace and there is nothing very distinctive about its purpose other than to produce heat and for burning things.

I reply, "I cannot find anything of importance about this furnace. It seems to be for producing heat or for burning things and there is nothing but flames to see within it." The Lord nods and waits a moment. He looks at the furnace and says, "It is because you don't see with your heart. You are looking with your eyes and your mind. You cannot understand the spiritual things with your natural reasoning's."

I replied, "Lord, open my eyes that I might see, and my heart that I might understand." The Lord then pointed at the furnace, and I looked in as far as I could see. I could not see anything but fire. I said, "Lord, I cannot see anything but fire." The Lord then said, "Come with Me." Instantly, we were standing in the midst of the fiery furnace.

I was alarmed at first, but the Lord's hand was on my shoulder. He smiled at me, and waited and watched my reaction. I was so hot, as I felt the intense heat of the flames burning all around us. But I did not burn. The heat was real, but it had no power over us. I had a thought come to me then about authority.

The fire was burning as that was it's created purpose, but there was a higher authority that it could not cross and so it could not burn us, as the Lord was with me. The reality of the Resurrection Life of the Lord was greater than the flames, and the natural laws were suspended before the eternal. My mind could not grasp it all, but the basic thought was enough for me, and the Lord watched me as I was trying to learn what was being shown to me. He smiled and nodded.

He said, "That is enough for now, for you cannot fully grasp My Life and Glory given to Me from the Father, but you can walk in Me and experience who I AM in the midst of it all. My intent is that all of My people would know what it means to fully abide in Me, and to walk in Me, and to have their life in Me. The Life that I live is eternal and is not limited to natural laws, but is eternally alive and creative. You are an eternal being, created by My Father, and it is time that you and all of Mine, learn to walk in their full inheritance, as My Father has made it available to all who would receive Him."

The Revelation:

"Come with Me, and look further." He then stepped forwards and began to walk further into the flames. I hurried and followed so I would not get lost. I would not want to be burnt up for being disobedient or careless. So, I reached out and took His hand. He smiled and held on to my hand tighter too. He said, "How I wish all of Mine would tightly grasp My hand. Some come and take My hand, but let it go easily or when they see something that draws their attention, they stray from Me. Few stay with Me. Few walk with Me. Few trust Me."

I thought about the times that I have done this myself. How easily I take my own eyes off of the Lord and look around. How easily I am lured away by things that captivate my attention. How easily I can get secure in my own self and fail the Lord. I feel very intense conviction and I say, "Lord, I too have done this, and I am very sorry that I have left you behind or let you walk ahead of me. I am sorry for loving things more than you. Give me more love for you in my heart. Please forgive me, and help me to stay close to you. I ask for the grace to walk with you."

He looks at me, and says, "You are correct. You have not loved me more than other things and have gone after the things that you have loved, and have lost me many times along your path. But grace has been given, to come to you, and to help you to find your way back upon the path each time. All of My Sheep stray. They follow their hearts and their flesh and are lured by their own deceptions. None have been faithful. But I know the hearts of Mine, and My Grace is to reach and draw you to Myself and to show you My Truth."

"I am bringing all of Mine to Myself. I am showing them all My ways and My truth, and they too will walk in the furnace with Me. For each will die to all that is themselves and within them, and take on My Life or they will perish in the flames of My Justice. You have not perished because you have embraced My Judgments and have allowed them to burn out the false and the deceptions. You have allowed Me to cleanse your thoughts and your heart. You have allowed Me to bring forth all of the self life and crucify it. You asked ME for My Grace, and I have given it to you, for you will stand here, and see what all of Mine will see. Now, I bring you into the furnace to show you My Workmanship."

The Lord then pointed, and my gaze followed His hand. He was pointing to a side of the furnace. On the side was a shelf. Actually, there were many shelves. On the shelves were many various pots and vessels that had been made and were resting in the furnace. I had not seen them before. The flames had surrounded them and had blocked my view.

The Lord said," Yes, it always seems to be that way for My People. All they see is the fiery trials and the troubles but never look deeply enough into them to see what I am doing. They only look at the pain and the circumstance that brought them into the trial. Then they complain, try to get out of it, or blame others for the trial. But don't inquire as to why I allowed it or My purpose for their placement in it. Why don't My People realize that I Am in all things and use all things for their perfection?"

I could only agree with the Lord. I too, have concentrated more on the trial and less on God many times. The Lord then said, "But this is not My real purpose in the scene before you. Look at the vessels. What do you see?"

I looked at the ones on the first shelf, and noticed that they were all different. They all were earthen and had different shapes, sizes, and purposes according to their make. Then, I noticed that they were all silver. I looked at them again, so as not to be mistaken. They were. They were all silver. I laughed at my simple discovery, and the Lord laughed.

"He said, yes, they are all silver. They are the ones that are being refined and purified. There is much to be refined and brought forth so as the silver can be given it's rightful place. My Father has been carefully working His workmanship into each vessel and making sure that His Likeness is formed into each one. The fire will accomplish it's work and all of the dross will be brought forth to the surface and burnt up as He purifies His People. Every crack that is in them, will be shown and healed and made strong. Nothing will escape the Father's gaze as He passes through them with His Fire."

I then looked around and saw more shelves. Some were further away. I was amazed at how big the furnace was from inside. It did not look that big from the outside. I wondered at the difference. The Lord then said, "You always think your trial is bigger than it really is when you are in it. It is as big as you let it become. It is time that My People begin to see their trials through My eyes, and not their own. When they do this, they will not stumble nor fall to their delusions in the midst of it. The trial has a purpose, My Purpose."

"Look at the next shelves. What do you see?" I looked, and there were indeed some more vessels on these shelves that were further into the flames. These vessels were golden. They were as different from each other as the silver ones. They also had different purposes as by their shapes and sizes. They were shining in the flames and had taken on a beauty that was almost drawing me to touch them.

The Lord said, "Do not touch them. They are not finished, but they are quickly coming forth. The beauty that you see is their reflection of Me. I Am in all things and am seen in all things and reflected in My creation. They have allowed themselves to be purged and made ready. They have waited longer than any other vessel that you see here. Each vessel has a purpose and a timing for release. These are coming forth after the silver ones have prepared the way."

Then, I turned and looked back towards where the silver vessels were, and saw that they were gone. The shelves were gone. There was nothing there. I was surprised. The Lord said, "The silver vessels have been perfected and have embraced their refinement. They have become glorious and have given Me first place in their hearts and lives, and have now been released to show Me to the world. They will bring much refining to My House through their message. It is their time to bring forth My Holiness once again, and to see My House purified."

"These golden vessels before you are the next to be released. Some are now being released on the heels of the silver ones, and some are being released as we speak and some will be released as the days go on. The golden vessels bring forth much purity and clarity through the purging that comes with their message. There is a need for clear Truth and for absolute purity, for My House must be transparent. It must fully show Me and be seen as pure. It must be a clear glass that reflects Truth but shows forth the Mystery of who I AM also. My House will be Holy and True, and will reflect all that I AM and will be full of My Glory."

As I looked at the golden vessels, the Lord then reached out and took one off of the shelf. He held it in His Hand and then He took it and brought it to His breast. I cried out, thinking that it would burn the Lord, for the vessels were in the flames. But the Lord looked at me and shook His Head. He said, “Child, I AM the Eternal Flame. I am the source of the Furnace and it’s Life. You are standing IN ME. Look, and see that it is well.”

The vessels than came forth from His breast, and it shone even more. It was so brilliant now, that it was blinding. I could not look at it. The Lord then said, “All that are Mine, will come to Me, and know My Heart. They will allow My Heart to be fashioned into them and to burn with My Love and to be consumed with Me. They shine with the fullness of My Love and Life. I am the Life of all men.”

“These golden vessels have been fully forged and brought forth with the revelation of My Love and Passion burnt into them. They will follow the silver ones and bring healing, restoration, and clarity of vision to all of My House. For I AM bringing forth the complete work of My Father within My House, as I have told you it is now going to be seen.”

“The great work of My Father is coming forth as I have said it would. The shakings and the trials have served to bring you to Me, and to finish the final preparations for this hour. You need every one of them and all will experience My workmanship in their lives, if they will receive it. I have not limited Myself from any of My People. They can all obtain their destiny and become what My Father has created them to be. They just have to desire it more than themselves, and embrace Me.”

“What else do you see?”

I looked around and saw nothing else. The Lord waited, and so I began to look further and even stepped a few steps away to see if I could see anything else. But I saw only flames. I knew that the Lord has asked me for a reason, and that I should have been able to see something. But I didn’t and I began to feel grieved that I had missed it. I said, “Lord, I cannot see what you have for me to see, please help me to see through your eyes.”

“There is another vessel in the flames. The revelation has been hidden from the foundation of the earth. It has been kept in the heart of the Father for the last hour. The Mystery of the Father is complete and will be brought forth and many will be released from their places.”

I looked as He was speaking, and could see the flames dancing before me. The flames were alive and I could feel them all around. But they had no harm in them.

“Yes”, the Lord said, “There is no harm in Me. There is no harm in My House, but men have not obeyed Me and have taken the throne instead. When they fully surrender the Lordship back to Me, and give Me My rightful place, there will be no harm in My House, only my Truth and Love will rule.”

As I watched, I began to notice movement in the flames. The flames were always moving in the furnace, but this was different. Some of the flames began to come closer to me, and I drew closer to the Lord as they did. Soon, I began to see that they were alive. I mean, really alive, not just flames. They were people. My mind was thinking and then I understood, and said, “These are the living flames you spoke of in Hebrews.”

The Lord said, “Yes. MY People are to be living flames, just as I am the Living Flame and my Father is a Living Flame. My Father is a Consuming Fire, and you are seeing it in a visual form. The Father has hidden His workmanship in Him from the foundation of the world. He has reserved for Himself a Remnant. A Remnant of selfless ones who only live to be a reflection of Him and who have fully yielded their being to Him for a Habitation. These burn with Him, and show the Father to all who see them. These burning ones will come forth with great demonstration, for the Father burns through them."

"When you see Me, you see the Father, and when you see the Father, then the work is complete within. These will ignite the wheat around the world and carry the Father to the ends of the earth and bring in the final harvest, for it will burn around the world. The Living Flames before you are fashioned and prepared. They await the hour and stand rested in Me. They neither strive for placement or for an audience. They are Me. They will just be."

"I have been releasing the first of these as the silver vessels and the golden ones are going forth. The Living Flames will complete the process and ignite My tents and My Houses all over the earth. My people are to be Living Flames. They are to be Ministers of Fire, and will be. For I AM a Consuming Fire, and My House will be consumed with Me, and for Me, and then will be thrust forth."

"My Fire will no longer be hid. Neither will the Mystery. Both will be seen, as the Father unveils all things. This is only the first of many revelations, but it is all that you need to know for now. You have shown much of what I have given you to show My people through the words and things I have given to you, and that is right. But you must become those words even more. Just as these Living Flames have. You must further allow My Word to be formed into you and throughout you. The more you do, the more MY Fire will burn."

The Commission:

"You are a Living Flame and carry My Fire, but you must carry more. You carry a portion in relation to your current level of revelation and application of My Truths. Take more of Me into your heart and apply it. Learn more of Me and allow Me to be fully burned into you. You have given much to Me and I am pleased at your sacrifice. I am pleased at every sincere sacrifice that Mine give to Me and I receive them all. For I receive My Own. Take no thought for the amount that you have given to Me or the amount that you have not attained to, but look further into Me and strive for more of Me. For I AM eternal, and there is no end to your knowledge of Me or your growth in Me."

"Choose Me over the things of the world or of men's opinions. Your purpose is to know Me and to be one with Me. Help others to come to me and show them My Glory that you have a portion of, for as you reflect Me, they will see Me. As you die to your fears, you will stand fully in Me, and give a true reflection of Me that will not be distorted. Fear distorts faith, and that is what distorts Truth. If you walk In Me, then you will abide In Me, and be one with Me. Then you will be faithful."

"My Living Flames are being released more and more as I come. The Silver and Gold Vessels are gifts to the Body that must be embraced. If they are not embraced the Living Flames will not be able to do their work amongst My House. My People must perceive My Gifts amongst them and embrace them." "My People must bring the holy vessels back into the House and use them properly again. They will no longer be used for their own unholy purposes but for the service of Me. I am coming with My Vessels and am watching to see if they will be received or not. If they are received, then the House will be properly built."

"If they are not received, then the House will fall, and great will be the fall of it. For the houses of men will come to ruin in the Light of My Truth. My Fire will do it's work and each work will be seen for what it truly is. This I have repeatedly told you and many of My prophets. I am doing this. Everything will be burned in this season by My Workmanship. But My Handiwork will be seen through it all."

"This Furnace that you stand in is Me, and it is My Father, for we are One. But it is also what we are within you, and through you. For we are within you. The Fire will do it's work in the earth. It will do it's work in My House. It will do it’s work through you. Trust us in it all, and walk with us, just as you are now, with your hand in Mine. Never let it go, and trust Me. For we are becoming one. Allow the work to come forth, and never doubt it’s effectiveness. Do not judge our working by what you see or think. For you are flesh. We are working in realms that you cannot see, and dimensions that you have no knowledge of, but you will come to know as you walk with Me.”

“I AM the Living Word and all things are made by Me, and sustained by Me, and even more will be wrought through Me in the days ahead. I will teach you and all of Mine who walk with me. There is nothing that I withhold from those who seek Me. Trust Me within you, and move forth. I AM working My Work in the earth. You will see what you have labored for and will rejoice. Go, and be that flame that lives in Me. Allow it to increase as I have shown you, and allow Me to come forth from within, even more. Speak My Word and learn to more fully abide in Me daily. Look not to the trials any longer, but look to Me.

For I will work My Work.”

Malachi 3, 4 Isaiah 1:18-26 Zechariah 13 Daniel 12:1-10 Hebrews 1, 3 1 Co 15 Colossians 2: 2-10 Revelation 10

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Ps 29:1-11 NKJV Praise to God in His Holiness and Majesty

A Psalm of David.

1 Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters;

The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!" 10 The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood, and the LORD sits as King forever. 11 The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

"I am the God of GLORY and I am imparting to My chosen beloveds a greater measure of authority. I will not do this before I cleanse them of all the pride and pain. I will pour out a mighty measure of My love and joy, My peace and power as I break the chains of oppression. Then your words will BECOME LIFE in a more awesome way. If you were to receive this now without cleansing, then you would use that power in an evil way out of immaturity and selfishness. People can die when you curse them without being made whole.

When I do this mighty thing, there will be a separation that occurs. It will be like the separation that occurs in making butter. The fat floats to the top surface and can be skimmed off. It separates. The fat is actually lighter, but in your lives, the pride and pain make you heavier. They cause depression, sickness, and all kinds of oppression. But as I skim off the fat, and exorcize demons from your life, and fill you with My GLORY, all that is evil will be released and YOU will even feel lighter. Your JOY will be inexpressible in proportion to what I have done.

Know that I show no partiality. Do not judge your brother and sister. My plan is to renew everyone that will bow to Me. My plan is much bigger than you can conceive of. Anyone who has ever made a commitment to ME will be challenged and give a choice to receive or not. Your discernment and all that I've given to you will INCREASE. LOVE will be poured in where there has been fear and bondage. I will make a pure and holy bride! Come to My heart now, and lay down your life and ask of ME, and you will see great change. I am here for you always! There is nothing I won't do to help you change into My likeness, if that is your goal. I am a GOOD FATHER Who gives good gifts to My children. Just as you are proud of your children, I am proud of you. Just as you delight in seeing your sons and daughters, I delight in you, and I delight just being there in you. I don't get tired of you nor do I get impatient when you don't respond as I wish. I am hurt, as you would be hurt. But I am forgiving and ever loving to you. Nothing can drive you away from My heart save renouncing My Son.

Come before My throne of GRACE and ask for help, expecting to receive! If you don't expect, then you will not receive. Some of you have had such broken expectations that unbelief has filled your hearts and souls, and you no longer ask much. You pray less, worship less, trust less. But I REMAIN THE SAME.

I AM FAITHFUL. And I still love you and want for you the BEST. I Am your Resource of all you need. You have but to spend time with Me, in My presence, and I will make your heart new. I will share My heart with you in ways you never thought. So cast aside all the lies of the enemy and of men who have taught you wrongly about My love. MY LOVE NEVER FAILS. My Son's BLOOD PAID FOR THE PUNISHMENT YOU THINK YOU DESERVE. HE paid the COST so that you can fellowship with ME, and just be yourself in My presence without intimidation.

I tell you now that the voice of authority I will put in you will make men tremble for their lives. When you command healing it will HAPPEN right then.

Creative power and creative miracles will humble the most ardent haters of Me. This power comes through MY COMPASSION AND LOVE and walking in that love is a part of FAITH. You cannot have true faith without LOVE.

Love is not MATURE instantly. It matures through your walk with ME. But what I do now will alter how many have thought and taught. If any man be in CHRIST, he is a new creation I've said. THAT will be true in the days after I do this. Instantly people will be saved, healed, delivered! Even before they

Get saved, they will get delivered and healed! This will MAKE THEM WANT to get SAVED. Everything you have been afraid to do, you will now be able to do because you will UNDERSTAND how much I love you. The person who is confident in MY LOVE is a major threat to the enemy. That is why the enemy tries to steal and pervert the gospel of GRACE.

My grace is not to be trampled and taken advantage of. But it is much greater than most of the church thinks. Too many are still STRIVING and not free and not walking in that GRACE that keeps you from the strategies of the enemy. If you don't walk in GRACE, then you are under a curse. The curse of the law, and open to all the devouring lion wants to do. Condemnation is a religious spirit issue. GRACE means forgiveness and open communication with ME; intimacy with ME always. CONDEMNATION means you are listening to the intimidation of the enemy. If you are walking in the Spirit…in FELLOWSHIP with the SPIRIT OF GRACE, then there is no condemnation.

I know your make up. I know your thoughts and intents of your hearts. I AM the ALMIGHTY ONE. I am not surprised by your weaknesses. I know the roots. I AM ever ready to forgive you if your heart is wanting to change. It is when you fail to want to change, fail to care about ME that you are treading on dangerous ground. Sometimes someone is so demonized, they cannot change without getting delivered. Sometimes the pain is so bad, and has been there for so long, that it has taken years to get free. THOSE days will soon be over. WHAT HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM MY CHURCH WILL NOW BE RESTORED. THE DAYS OF THE LOCUSTS ARE OVER! I WILL HEAL AND EMPOWER MY TRUE CHURCH, AND THERE WILL BE FREEDOM TO THE CAPTIVES. I am releasing a tide of TRUTH, and LOVE that will heal her and cleanse her from all unrighteousness. EXPECT CHANGE. EXPECT CHANGE of CHARACTER. EXPECT SUDDENLIES. EXPECT and you will RECEIVE. REJOICE DAUGHTER OF ZION FOR YOUR KING COMES TO YOU NOW and all things will become NEW… I AM DOING A NEW THING.

EXPECT THE SINNER TO BE CONVICTED. EXPECT THE LAME TO BE HEALED. EXPECT THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN TO OPEN. TIME IS SHORT, AND THERE IS MUCH HARVESTING TO BE DONE! I LOVE YOU AND ADORE YOU, MY PRECIOUS JEWELS! MY HEART IS FASCINATED BY THE LOVE YOU SHOW TO ME. EVERY TIME YOUR HEART TURNS TOWARD ME I AM SO EXCITED TO HEAR FROM YOU! I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR TALKING TO ME, JUST AS A LOVER WOULD. Do you remember the excitement of FIRST LOVE? This is what I am wanting to RESTORE in you.

ASK and you shall receive!"

Zech 6:14 NKJV Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the LORD. Then you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

Isa 30:31-32 NKJV For through the voice of the LORD Assyria will be beaten down, As He strikes with the rod. 32 And in every place where the staff of punishment passes, which the LORD lays on him, It will be with tambourines and harps; And in battles of brandishing He will fight with it.

Catcher in the Rye
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Below this word is a synopsis of the book by Salinger which used to be required reading in school. The Lord spoke these words to me, then said…

" Insanity is on the rise due to the godlessness of society, and the idolatrous practices, and witchcraft in the land. All around you are people who have been so much flotsam and jetsam on the sea of peoples. In this nation that brags about it's power and wealth, they are put out on the streets and uncared for and abandoned by society. They are largely ignored until like the book review says, they impinge on your living styles. This is largely also because people don't know what to do with them. Well I KNOW what to do with them. I know how to heal them and treat them.

The church has been filled with unbelief and doubt and skepticism in great measure, but I am about to make those spirits bow their knees to ME. There will be an outpouring of MY love and power that will transform such weak and tormented individuals into new creatures. ALL things will become new. You will SHOUT for JOY when you see this before your very eyes. THIS is what I am preparing you for! THIS is why you have suffered loss, and rejection and humiliation! THIS is why you will be hated for My sake if you aren't already. People will want the healing who are humble and desperate. But even those who don't will be changed in an instant. GLORY is coming and it will touch you and transform you, that you may then go out and
share the wealth of MY KINGDOM with all those who need ME.

But I tell you the truth, THEY WILL COME TO YOU. My GLORY will be SEEN upon you! Kings will come to the brightness of your shining! Do not
doubt! INSTEAD, RISE UP and PROCLAIM what I WILL DO through you!
I have said the latter rain will be greater. I have said, that I have saved the best wine for last. BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THESE THINGS and do not doubt in your heart for a moment. MY TIMING is impeccable. You think you know how I will do things, and you speculate. But NOTHING can prepare you
For what I am about to do…except that you humble yourselves before ME, and worship and study the WORD. Come to ME and let me hold you and impart to you ALL THAT I AM.

The times are short. You don't need a college degree or certificate to preach the gospel of the KINGDOM! You need to walk with ME, and talk with ME, and learn of ME, for I am gentle and lowly of heart. Believe ME, when I say that when I am done with your training, men will KNOW that you have been with ME. When I put My finishing touches on My BRIDE, she will dazzle all around her!

Then she will go out and bring in the FISH, and CATCH the ones who are on the highways and byways, and clean them up, and love on them, and disciple them in My ways. If I AM LIFTED UP, I WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO MYSELF! LET ME be the planner. Let ME be the One to lead. LET ME show you My grand design and how you fit into it! I am close at hand!

BE READY to bend to MY WILL. Forsake all the things of this world, for this world is fading away. A new heaven and a new earth is coming! All is at hand!

I love the forsaken! I love the weak and schizophrenic! I love the manic depressives! I love the tormented and broken ones! I do not disregard them! I will demonstrate MY POWER and you will see your hearts desire fulfilled! REST NOW, for soon all will be made evident! Rest in My arms while you can! With ME, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!”

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Superficially the story of a young man's expulsion from yet another school, The Catcher in the Rye is in fact a perceptive study of one individual's understanding of his human condition. Holden Caulfield, a teenager growing up in 1950s New York, has been expelled school for poor achievement once again. In an attempt to deal with this he leaves school a few days prior to the end of term, and goes to New York to 'take a vacation' before returning to his parents' inevitable wrath. Told as a monologue, the book describes Holden's thoughts and activities over these few days, during which he describes a developing nervous breakdown, symptomised by his bouts of unexplained depression, impulsive spending and generally odd, erratic behavior, prior to his eventual nervous collapse.

However, during his psychological battle, life continues on around Holden as it always had, with the majority of people ignoring the 'madman stuff' that is happening to him - until it begins to encroach on their well defined social codes. Progressively through the novel we are challenged to think about society's attitude to the human condition - does society have an 'ostrich in the sand' mentality, a deliberate ignorance of the emptiness that can characterize human existence? And if so, when Caulfield begins to probe and investigate his own sense of emptiness and isolation, before finally declaring that the world is full of 'phonies' with each one out for their own phony gain, is Holden actually the one who is going insane, or is it society which has lost it's mind for failing to see the hopelessness of their own lives?

When we are honest we can see within ourselves suppressed elements of the forces operating within Holden Caulfield, and because of that I would recommend this thought provoking novel as a fascinating and enlightening description of our human condition. However, beware... for that very reason it is not comfortable reading.
http://www.tmtm.com/sides/catcher.html

The Vision Of The Bells

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The voice of the Spirit cries unto the children of men declaring the day of Jubilee. I see the Church Bells ringing throughout the earth. I see a people dressed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ ringing their bells of liberty! This is what the Sovereign Lord Say's to all; this is my Day and I will share it with my own! Those who have been faithful unto me shall reap the rewards of righteousness in this hour. For the time has come for the sounding of the bells within the realm of my Spirit. The sounds of the bells are the rejoicing of the saints, and this sound shall be to the **world systems** and the **powers of darkness** a sound of war and alarm. The joyful sound that rings from around the world shall be a sign to the nations (every tribe, tongue and culture) that HOPE has come!

Yes the joyful praise and worship that resounds like a vibration throughout the earth from Germany, to the Americas and into Europe and Asia and will reach to the Islands and the Mainland's of every continent, shall be a sign of freedom and a finished work within my people say's the Lord, but for the **world systems** it shall sound as a DEVASTATION AND DESTRUCTION. The powers of darkness shall be shaken by the sound of rejoicing and joy that is coming through an overcoming remnant in the earth. Yes the heavens shall shake and the earth shall quake as the jubilant, militant and triumphant church begins to sound. Is this not the Third Day? Is this not the Seventh Day? Have I not revealed this mystery to my own? I said IT IS FINISHED two thousand years ago and now the execution, manifestation and completion of that word has come.

This is the Seventh Day and I am resting once again say's the Lord and I will no longer strive with the nature of a fallen beast but will reveal my glory within a people who have picked up their crosses and followed me. I will allow their witness to be my testimony in the earth. I will reveal my true identity through a crucified people who have cast off the works of darkness and put Christ on. I will reveal my true nature within a people who have put off the old man who was corrupt and steeped in darkness and have put on the divine nature which has enabled them to escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Yes I have reserved unto me a remnant that has not bowed the knee to the image of Satan and through this remnant I am sounding my jubilee trumpet as they gather together and offer up to me praise and worship from within their inner most beings. Truly I say to you that their voices shall become one as they continue to reverberate the joyful sound in the midst of anxiety, fear, disillusionment and darkness. Their sound shall turn into light and that Light shall pierce the darkness and cause those who are trapped in darkness to come out into the Liberty of my NEW DAY!

I will slay the beast with the breath of my mouth say's the Lord and I will consume his kingdom in a moment. My saints shall take away the dominions of fear and torment as their love shall permeate the atmosphere. I will cause the strong delusion that descended upon the mind of Adam to be removed in a moment that the truth may be seen and this truth shall cause the bowing of every knee and the confession of every tongue to proclaim that JESUS IS LORD! The earth will receive the glory of the Lord and the streets of the nations shall be filled with the knowledge of my glory. Yes the bells are ringing in the Spirit and they shall begin to ring once again in the earth. I saw empty church buildings from millenniums ago once again filled with the people of the most High God. I saw the bells at the top of towers ringing throughout the earth. I saw the ringing bells signaling to one another across the world and the whole earth was ringing because of the sound of the bells.

> *And [beneath] upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates [of] blue, and [of] purple, and [of] scarlet, round about the hem thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. (Exodus 28:3,4)*
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> *And they made bells [of] pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates; (Exodus 39:25)*
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> *In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar. (Zechariah 14:20)*

Golden Bells of Holiness ringing throughout the earth! Yes, through GOLDEN VESSELS shall the Holiness of the Lord be seen and heard! You are the Golden Bells in the earth and the Spirit of the Lord would say to you this day; “LET YOUR BELLS RING!” The sound of the bells is a joyful sound, a triumphant sound and a most glorious sound of PRAISE UNTO THE LORD! PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

The Vision Will Not Prove False

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Prior to September of 2004 I had never had visions of future events. The gift of prophecy within me had been pretty much confined to just preaching the word of God as led by the Holy Spirit in a way that was practical and applicable to people's lives and in a way that would confront them with a Holy God who wanted them to live holy lives. I was God's messenger, but I did not predict the future.

I had not been studying End Times at this time and I was not aware of any other prophecies about End Times other than what I had read in God's word. I did not get on prophecy websites. I was just going through my daily walk with the Lord, asking him to show me his ways so that I could walk in his truth.

September of 2004 was a turning point for me. It was the beginning of prophetic visions and dreams of Last Days' events and God leading me to share those visions and dreams with others as a warning to them of what is coming and that it is coming soon - a mighty judgment of God coming upon this earth that will usher in the time of tribulation.

September 2004, **God said**: Listen to me, hear what I am saying, and then obey me. Tell the people what I tell you to tell them and leave the results in my hands. Walk with me and obey my commands. What you are going to do, do it NOW. You were appointed by me as a herald and a teacher of true faith. I have given you a clear sense of my purpose for you and a sense of urgency for getting it done. Fan into flame the gift(s) of the Holy Spirit that are within you. Give your ministry over to me – it is not yours, it is mine. I have something else for you to do that you have not even thought of. Write down what I show you and then wait on me to bring it about. Don't ask me "why?" Just trust me – stand firm and press on. Whatever you are going through is much bigger than you can possibly imagine. NOW is your time! For such a time as this you were placed upon the earth. Be a tree climber and get a closer look at the Supremacy of Jesus Christ. The Church is in crisis – the crisis of Supremacy. It is indistinguishable between the lives of evangelical Christians and the world. The Church needs to get back to the basics. The Church needs to put their focus on Jesus and the cross of Christ instead of on the teachings of man.

October 2004, God said: Write the vision and make it plain. Though it tarry, at the end it shall speak, and not lie. I am not misleading you and will not let you be misled about it. There is much in the vision I will make plain in my own way and my own time. I will enable you to write it down. Do not become discouraged and feel that I have forgotten my promise to you or that I have failed to fulfill the vision, for if the vision tarries, wait for it, for it will surely come. Preach good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, preach freedom to the captives. Proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God. "Then the Lord said to me, 'Write my answer in large, clear letters on a tablet, so that a runner can read it and tell everyone else. But these things won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. It is seems slow, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed'" (Habakkuk 2:2-3 NLT). (He said this to me four times.)

November 2004, God said: "Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers… 'Go,' the LORD said to me, 'and lead the people on their way, so that they may enter and possess the land that I swore to their fathers to give them'… 'You must not worship the LORD your God in their way. But you are to seek the place the LORD your God will choose from among all your tribes to put his Name there for his dwelling. To that place you must go…'" (Deut. 8:1-12:5 NIV).

40 VISIONS IN 14 DAYS – November 15-29, 2004 (summary): God led us to prayer walk around a set of buildings in downtown Rock Hill, SC from November 15-21. On the seventh day we prayer walked around the buildings seven times. Then, we blew our imaginary trumpets and shouted and trusted God to *bring down the walls.* We thought this was about God supplying our little church with a building, but in the week that followed, God showed me that marching around our "Jericho" was much bigger than just our little church getting in a building. What he began to show me was that his coming is near and that the way we are to conquer our Canaan is by telling people that they need to repent and believe the Good News, because the Kingdom of God is near and Jesus is coming soon. He also said that we can conquer our Jericho by being *Jesus* to the world around us in feeding the poor, providing for the needy, ministering to the hurting, etc.

Then, the Lord gave me a vision of his judgment that is coming on the earth. It was in the form of earthquakes, flooding, tornadoes, tsunamis, and perhaps some nuclear attacks on our land. He showed me land near a water system. I saw an explosion, fire falling from heaven, the earth opening up and swallowing people and buildings, people being swept away by rushing waters to their deaths, people being buried alive, people crushed by rocks and being stabbed by sharp objects and having wood beams through their heads and I saw men hanging from trees and cars and animals, as well. The Lord gave me a sense that when this happens that it will open the way for us to go in and possess the land he has promised us as a *city of refuge* for the survivors (the remnant) of this great disaster that is coming upon our land. God gave me a time table the night of November 26th. He said "two years." He repeated this to me many times over the next few weeks and has confirmed it several times over the past several months. Two years would be 2006.

God gave me a picture of a massive revival and a bountiful harvest of souls. He said his church would grow tremendously during this time once he had removed the *competition* – churches that are teaching a social gospel and are teaching a watered-down version of the gospel to make it more palatable so that people will respond. Now the only gospel that will be taught is the gospel of repentance. God has called me to be a watchman to warn people of this coming disaster and to call them to repentance.

14 DREAMS IN 40 DAYS – December 20, 2004 – January 29, 2005 (summary): The first dream I had was about animals being killed and there was lots of blood. The second dream had to do with me being falsely accused about something. The third dream was about how we had once tried to plant a church, but we gave up, and the message was loud and clear – God's voice came to me and said, "Don't give up!!" The next dream had to do with a man who was going to write a check for our ministry and he just said, "how much, half a million?" I awoke with the feeling that God was saying that he was the *man* with the blank check and he just wanted me to ask him for what we need. I also awoke with the words to a song going through my head: "Behold he comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call. So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, and out of Zion's hill salvation comes" (Days of Elijah, Robin Mark).

The next two dreams had to do with the struggle against the evil one. The first one ended with the Days of Elijah song and the second one ended with the song, "I will not be shaken." Then, I had a dream about people sleeping in a school and being oppressed and me going to their leader and saying "let my people go." Another dream had two groups of foreign people sleeping on bunk beds and then the bunk beds (and groups of people) were separated and placed in different rooms. The dream that followed that one had to do with two documents, one that was easy to read and another that had stuff written over it so that it was not understood. Another dream was about my brother buying a car with black seats, he did not like the black, so he traded it in for white seats. I did not like the idea of too much white, so I asked for blue seats. There was a really long train attached to the car, like a trailer of some sort. The next dream had to do with God fulfilling all of his promises and that people saw that he was doing just what he said he would do.

The next dream had me warning people of God's coming judgments on Easter weekend. Then a day came when the clouds grew dark, lightning came out of the sky, the clouds looked like they had blood in them and they were rolling and expanding and I knew this was God's judgment. I looked up to the sky and I saw earthly crowns swirling around in the sky as if in a tornado, and I could read the name on one of them, which is the name of one of our local churches. Then, God spoke out of heaven and said: "These are the ones who did not honor me on the earth and that is why I am bringing down this judgment." There is more to the dream, but when I awoke I was singing: "I've got a crown up ina that kingdom, ain'ta that Good News. I'ma gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder upa my cross. Gonna take it homea to my Jesus, ain'ta that Good News!"

THE LAST TWO DREAMS (In the 40 days):

Friday, January 28, 2005: I was dreaming and it was like God was talking to various people and was giving them their assignments, and then he turned to me and said, "Old woman," just as plain as could be. I thought of Samuel in the Bible when he kept hearing a voice call "Samuel." At first he thought it was Eli, but he soon realized it was God speaking. So, I said with Samuel, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."

Saturday, January 29, 2005: I've been dreaming lots of dreams about End Times and last night was no exception. I always wake up with a song in my head. This morning these words were going through my head: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done here on the earth as it is in heaven."

6-5-05: "*The LORD Almighty has sworn, 'Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand'" (Isaiah 14:24 NIV).*

6-6-05: "*This is what the Lord says to me: 'Within one year, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the pomp of Kedar will come to an end. The survivors of the bowmen, the warriors of Kedar, will be few.' The LORD, the God of Israel, has spoken" (Isaiah 21:16-17 NIV).*

The Way To Life

Don Walker

> "He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it." (Matt. 10:39)

Selfishness is the epidemic disease of our day. Unbeknownst, to those suffering from this disease, it is destructive. We are systematically taught from our earliest days to "look out for number one," to "pamper ourselves," and to "encourage self-actualization, self-awareness, and self-esteem." We have made a supreme vice into a supreme virtue. As a result we have become self-absorbed, self-concerned, and self-consumed. We have also become supremely unhappy and unfulfilled. As psychologist Paul Kellerman has pointed out, this is precisely because "The only path to genuine happiness and fulfillment is through service to others. It is only as we give ourselves away that we can truly discover ourselves."

Whereas, in times past the motivating concept that shaped our society was "faith in God," it is now "faith in self." The modern cult of self beckons us to "find ourselves" by turning inward. It entices to "satisfy ourselves" by "being true to ourselves." Modern man wrongly assumes that all his personal ills are a result of his failure to "love himself," actually nothing could be further from the truth. He has been brainwashed to believe that the root of all bliss is "self –esteem." But one of the most basic principles of sociology is that satisfaction, purposefulness, contentment, and success are all directly connected to selfless service. In other words, authority ultimately resolves itself upon the servant not upon the tyrant. This basic concept of social development is understood all too well by the administrators of many of our contemporary social service institutions. They recognize that whatever agency serves the needs of the people will ultimately gain the allegiance of the people. So, they serve. And, as a result of the entitlements they bestow upon others, they gain more and more authority. As my dear friend Dennis Peacocke is fond of saying, "He who serves leads." Unfortunately, many believers have seemingly missed this truth.

Notice what Jesus taught His disciples, "And He said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors. But not so among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel'" (Luke 22:25-30).

The cult of self is contradicted by the whole of history. The great lessons of history are invariably told through the lives and work of men and women who put the interests of others before their own, who put the safety of others before their own, and who put the happiness of others before their own. Compare the life stories of men like William Wallace, George Washington, Patrick Henry, Booker T. Washington, Teddy Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill with our modern day obsession with self. The contrast is immediate and enormous. The heroes of the past were always those who resisted the temptation of selfishness. They fought for justice, they cared for the needy, they worked for mercy, they fed the hungry, and they rescued the perishing. Their greatest accomplishments were always the result of their comprehension that servanthood was ultimately the key to significance and success.

There is an axiomatic principle of life that reveals if a person or thing does not abandon its independence and right to exist as a "free agent," it will never fulfill the purpose for which it was created. Marriage is an example of this truth. It was the intent and the design of the Creator that in marriage two individuals become a single unit. "These two shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24). This does not mean that the woman loses her identity, and becomes a mere "shadow" of the man. But it does mean that both are required to lose their independence in order to attain the fulfillment and joy that God purposed in marriage. Each individual must be willing to abandon "self" for the sake of the marriage.

Our society is seeing the purpose and joy drain out of marriage because individuals have become more and more preoccupied with self-fulfillment. As long as marriage partners put their self-fulfillment as the focus of their relationship, they remain separate individuals and the "life" of the marriage is lost.

This principle is evident in the biology as well. For instance, a living cell in an organism, such as the human body, is not designed to function in and for itself. Each cell was created to function in service to the other cells in the organism. On occasion a cell will step out of its proper place and begin to act independently. When this occurs the cell has become cancerous and must be destroyed in order that the life of the body might be spared.

The world of physics provides us with another example. The three subatomic particles – protons, neutrons, and electrons – are useless existing independently. They can, however, lose their independence and become bound with other particles to form the elements that make up our universe. Together with other atoms, they form an almost infinite number of compounds that bear no resemblance to the identity of the original elements.

Plato, over three hundred years before Christ, understood this principle and its relationship to the social order. In reference to a society that had demanded the independence of the individual to the detriment of the whole, he wrote, "They fret at the least hint of servitude, and won't have it; for at last, you know, they care nothing for the laws written or unwritten, that no one may be their master in anything. This then is the beginning from which tyranny grows." [*Great Dialogues of Plato*, New York: The New American Library, 1956. pg. 362.] When a people are consumed with independence and self-fulfillment they are on the road to the loss of liberty.

In the economy of God one will only find frustration and emptiness seeking to serve and satisfy one's self. On the other hand, true fulfillment and joy are ours if abandon the quest of self-fulfillment, and lose our life in God's Kingdom. Jesus stated it this way: "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:25). This principle of life could not be more simply stated.

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The Walls Are Coming Down!

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Beloved:

You have felt the walls and they have seemed like a fortress of impenetrable walls! Oh, but I would say to you this day. I am the God of breaking through! I am the God of action! I am the God who brings the flood and pulls every strong hold down.

In this last season you and I have dealt with your inward walls. We have whittled away those walls in your heart. Oh how you please me, you have been willing, and we have successfully dealt with these old waste places! But, now the walls that are standing outside, the walls that try and hem you in are being dealt with. Just as the children of Is-ra-el' marched around the walls of Jericho and shouted and blew their shofars and in a single "prophetic act", I brought the walls down for them.

As you continue in your obedience to me, as you continue in your consecration to me, I will do this for you as well. You will be given favor to go in and possess, it will given unto you what ever you ask in my name! Go in Beloved and possess that which I've promised you. It is truly a new season and the walls are coming down!

Don't under estimate the power of my instructions of a "prophetic act"! Yes, the enemy will always tell you, you are foolish and stupid! It takes faith to walk out prophetic acts, let your faith arise and your enemies will be scattered!

Speaking about Abraham:

Romans 4:13 "For the promise that he would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith!" Abraham believed what God told him, his acts (walking out prophetic acts) of faith were to the Father, "righteousness!" As we walk out that which the Father asks each one of us "in faith", it is righteousness unto our God! Let us forge ahead, not looking behind, but pressing forward toward the mark, to the high calling of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior!

Be blessed as you walk it out in faith this very day dear ones!

Much love!

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Change
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Oct 7, 2005 Beloved:

Change, Change, Change! Acceleration, Acceleration, Acceleration! Get organized, get in line, get things in order. Get all paper work in order! I am about to move, as I do things will change fast. If you are not in devine order with me it will cause you undo anxiety! Line up. Get things in order. I am about to move...

Suddenly will happen over night. What seemed to be an eternal circumstance will instantly change! You serve a God of action and Suddenly! Suddenly I will show up in unprecedented ways! Expect it my Beloveds....

As I woke this morning I sensed a very strong drawing of the Holy Spirit. I saw a wind coming down through a portal in the city where I live. I saw this wind going over the valley. It was lighting (resting) where it was invited by the leaders of Churches and Para/Churches. I also seen the wind blowing over individual homes. He is looking to see where he is invited in. There's been a shift, we need to be expectant, He's about to show up in unprecedented ways!

Acts 2:2 "And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting....." Come on Lord, come on down!!!

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The Wedge And Many X’s

Mike Tucker

The Wedge

01-14-05 As I was praying to the Lord about the state of this nation a vision came to me: *I saw a mass of people. A great wedge was thrust up in the middle of them and divided them in two groups. Very many separated to the left, many separated to the right. As the wedge grew higher, I noticed some people were still clinging to the apex (the middle high point of the wedge). As the wedge grew higher those that clung to the middle could no longer hold on. Almost all that clung to the middle fell to the left. Only a couple fell to the right. The very last one fell to the right. Then the vision ended.* At the end of the vision the Lord said, “I am driving the wedge”.

The left and the right in this vision is not a political position. It is a separating of His people from the world domain. The longer people cling to the middle, the more likely they will find themselves on the wrong side of God’s wedge. Those that separate to the left will perish.

Many X’s

01-18-05 As I was praying and fasting before the Lord to receive more revelation concerning a dream where ‘X’ marked the spot of danger (see below) a vision came to me:

I saw a simple contour map of the USA. There were scores of X’s marked on the map. Most were placed on the East and West coastline. Some X’s were overlapping in populated areas. Virtually none were in the heartland. Since I live in Texas I took great care to examine what areas had X’s. I saw Amarillo, Dallas/Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Houston areas were marked.

X marks the spot (reposted)

01-09-05 This dream is one scene from a larger dream concerning cataclysmic events in the US: *I dreamed I took a bite of meat and then saw the word ‘DangerX’. Then it morphed into the word ‘PoisenX’ and then it morphed again into the word ‘RadiationX’. I heard the words ‘X marks the spot’ but no location of ‘X’ was shown at that moment.*

These X’s mark a variety of dangers that will befall different cities. The timing is in the hand of the Lord. His mercy and love is what stays these events as He allows precious time for the Body to wake up. That is, there is a time coming soon when those that sleep will perish and those that wake up shall live.

Trials Will Come And A King Will Emerge
Stephen Hanson

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[6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. [7] These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, [9] for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls. I Peter 1:6

DA 11:36 "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. [37] He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the one desired by women, nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all. [38] Instead of them, he will honor a god of fortresses; a god unknown to his fathers he will honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. [39] He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price.

“These are the days that are hastening forward to my soon return. You will be tested in ways that you know not. Many of you have gone through testings and trials, but there are still testings to be done. “

“I tell you, the time is coming when the United States will be besieged. Your boundaries will be crossed over. Your military will not stop this. But to those who wonder, “Will you be safe?” I tell you, I will protect my own. These days will be ushered in. My prophetic time table is hastening forward. “

(The Lord showed me a scene of a table. It was dark all around but then this table was pushed aside and another one emerged. On top of this table was a cloth that seemed to hide some of the objects that were on this table. One of these objects was a sword. It had many jewels and designs on it. Next to this was a crown. However, this crown was not the one that the Lord would wear, but it was another one that was for another “supposed king.”)

“I tell you, a king will arise out of the east. He will have no regard for the faith of his fathers. Many think that they already know who he is. I tell you that he has not been revealed yet. Those who lift up the sword will die by the sword. But my kingdom will be an everlasting one. “

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The Work God Blesses

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"God blessed Noah and his sons..." (Genesis 9:1a).

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The Work God Blesses

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"And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, 'Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth'" (Genesis 9:1).

Every man and woman has a work assigned to them by God. This becomes their purpose, their reason for being on the earth, their calling, their destiny. Abraham had an assignment for his life, as did Joseph. Moses was called to perform a specific life-task. David had a destiny. So did Daniel, Jeremiah, and all the prophets. Esther was raised up "for such a time as this." John the Baptist fulfilled a definite role, as did Peter and John. Paul had a purpose, a reason for being.

Only a few of these people realized what their work was. Most of them were like you and me: we only come into an awareness of our purpose slowly. Everything seems ordinary and mundane; we feel like there is nothing special about us, no calling we could possibly fulfill. Moses is a striking example. The first forty years of his life were spent learning how to be a prince of Egypt. The next forty years of his life were spent in the desert, unlearning everything he had been taught. It seemed like a huge waste of a life. When God sent him back to Egypt at the age of eighty, Moses still did not understand or appreciate the full extent of what God was calling him to do. Neither did the Hebrews. But now we understand that God had a purpose for him all along.

Or look at Joseph. At an early age he senses God's call on his life for something special. But things do not go the way he expects them to go (things seldom do). His brothers first seek to kill him, but then settle for selling him to the slave-traders. His situation improves for awhile, but then he is framed for something he did not do and gets thrown into the dungeon. As the years slipped away Joseph must have believed he'd made a mistake when he thought he heard from God. But when we see the final result everything makes perfect sense. God used those experiences to shape and mold his character, and to prepare him for the work he was called to do.

And consider Noah. In Genesis 9:1 we see that God blessed Noah and his sons. The blessing of the Lord means divine favor and approval. How do you feel when someone ELSE gets blessed? Are you happy for them? Envious? Frustrated? All we see is the end result - but we do not see all the labor, the sweat, the tears, the pain, the struggle, the misunderstanding, the confusion, the dark nights, all the things that person has endured in order to have the blessing of the Lord. I am not saying the blessing is something we can earn through self-effort; but the blessing of the Lord is the benefit of fulfilling the work He has called us to do.

In this writing we will look at the life of Noah, learn the universal principles behind the work that God blesses, and apply those principles to our lives as well. They are not complicated principles, but very, very simple. I pray they will encourage and strengthen all of us to persevere in whatever situation the Lord has placed us.

A Heritage Of Walking With God

The story of Noah begins over four hundred years before he was born. The Scriptures tell us that Noah's great-great grandfather was Enoch. We know Enoch was a man who walked with God and suddenly disappeared, for God took him. Exactly what that means we can only speculate, but this much is clear: Enoch had a close relationship with the Lord.

Enoch was also a prophet. Jude 14, in the New Testament, records one of his prophecies of a future judgment. But a little closer to his own time, Enoch perceived that the Lord was about to execute judgment on the earth. So when Enoch had a son he named him "Methuselah." You remember Methuselah is the oldest person in the Bible, living to the ripe old age of 969. The name "Methuselah" has prophetic significance. Most Bible reference books give the meaning as "dart man" or "man of the spear". A less frequently found definition is of Chaldean origin and means something a little more intriguing: "at his death, the sending forth." The sending forth of what?

Perhaps that makes no sense to us - until we use the chronology provided to us in Genesis 5. All the generations of Noah are given to us with the exact time frames in which they lived and died. Enoch had a son named Methuselah, Methuselah had a son named Lamech, and Lamech had a son named Noah. When we do the calculations from Enoch to Noah, we find that Noah finished building the ark the same year his grandfather Methuselah died, just in time for the "sending forth" of a great flood - exactly 969 years after Enoch said that it would come.

So this judgment had been building for nearly a millennium. Enoch knew it was coming. Certainly Methuselah knew. Presumably Lamech knew. But none of them were called to build the ark. That work was reserved for Noah. And even then, he was five hundred years old before God revealed His purpose for Noah. Think about it: Noah walked with God for five hundred years before God gave him the plans for building the ark. If the man is not right then the plans are not right; but after five hundred years of relationship-building, the Lord finally said, "Now I can trust you to do the work I have called you to do. The survival of all life on earth depends on it." What an awesome responsibility!

The Lord Blesses Us To Be A Blessing

That brings us to the first principle: the work that God blesses is bigger than us. The ark was not Noah's private little retreat. It was not his personal little ministry, his private little vision. Of course, Noah and his family were beneficiaries of the work, but the purpose of the ark was to preserve all living things. Otherwise, Noah would have built a much smaller vessel.

When the Lord gives us a work to do it will be bigger than ourselves. The size of a person's heart may be judged by the size of their work. By size I do not mean numerical or financial strength. I mean this: is the work larger than the person working? Is it fulfilling a purpose far greater than the people involved? I say this because I am convinced that most churches exist only because the pastor needs a place to preach. Entire ministries are created to give some man or woman an audience. What a tragedy that is. Yesterday I drove past a little building that calls itself a church. The church was named after the presiding elder: "Smith Apostolic Church" (not the real name, but a true story). Such work fulfills nothing of eternal significance, it only meets the self-serving needs and aspirations of the person leading it.

The work that God blesses is not merely for our own personal benefit, but for the benefit of the Body of Christ, for the Kingdom of God. Our vision must carry us beyond ourselves; our vision must survive us. The only vision that is bigger than ourselves is Christ. If our vision is Christ then we are building upon an eternal foundation, and the Lord will bless that labor. Noah carried the Messiah in his loins - the ark was meant to preserve not just physical life, but a spiritual lineage. Thus, it was bigger than Noah, and the Lord blessed the work.

The Lord Blesses What We Cannot Do On Our Own

The second principle is closely related to the first, and it is this: the work that God blesses is beyond our ability to do on our own. In other words, if I can do it all by myself, then I do not need the blessing of the Lord. I can simply call upon my natural talent, experience, and skill to do what needs to be done. Now, work done in this manner may or may not be successful, but irregardless, it is MY work; it is not the Lord's work, and it does not enjoy the blessing of the Lord.

The Lord delights to place us in impossible situations. Noah was no shipbuilder. Yet God calls him to do the very thing he cannot do and gives him specific and detailed plans for doing it. The sheer size and scope of the work is astounding. First, Noah is to build a boat. Not just a little fishing boat, but a floating fortress with three levels in it. The Living Bible gives the dimensions as 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Nothing this large had ever been constructed. The project would take one hundred years to complete. But the most amazing thing about this huge boat is that it was built on dry land. The Bible says Noah had faith (cf. Hebrews 11:7)!

But building the ark was only part of the work. After the ark was complete, there was the issue of bringing every sort of animal and bird into the boat. In the movies you see the animals streaming towards the ark of their own accord while Noah looks on in amazement. Perhaps that is the way it happened. Yet the Scripture says that the Lord told Noah to go get them and bring them into the ark (cf. Genesis 6:19). He had to go and gather them. How does one go about gathering one male and one female of every kind of animal in the world? And with some species God said to get seven pairs!

Then there is the matter of food. The Lord told Noah to gather samples of every kind of food that is eaten (cf. Genesis 6:21). The food was for feeding his family and all the animals, but it was also for future planting. Today we have fruits, vegetables, nuts, and grains because Noah somehow managed to find them all and store them in the ark. Now I ask: is it humanly possible to do all the things Noah did? Can someone with no experience build a boat that large? Can an ordinary person gather together every kind of beast, bird, and bug? Can anyone gather together every kind of food in the world, and store it? The Bible says, "Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he" (Genesis 6:22). When God asks us to do the impossible, we can ask for, and expect to receive, the blessing of the Lord on our work. He will show us what to do, and He will enable us to do it.

The Lord Blesses Obedience, Not Originality

The third and final principle is this: the work that God blesses is originated by God Himself. This is one of the most important lessons we can learn. I spent many years creating and executing my own plans, asking the Lord to bless them. One day I understood that instead of always trying to get the Lord to bless what I wanted to do, it was much simpler to find out what the Lord wanted to bless, and simply do THAT. Instead of trying to get God to come down to my level and do what I wanted, it was far better to come onto the Lord's ground and do what He wanted. Great synergy and blessing is released when we simply cooperate with what God has already purposed to do. Heaven backs us up with tremendous power and authority. Instead of trying to make something happen, I simply flow in a current that already exists. The Lord will deny no request that is in agreement with what He Himself has originated.

Noah could expect the blessing of the Lord on his work because he was simply carrying out what the Lord had already determined to do. It is so much easier this way. Often the greatest hindrance to the best is the good. The greatest hindrance to Isaac is Ishmael. There are many good things we can create, many good things we can do. But only one thing is needed (cf. Luke 10:42). We have to discover the "one thing," and we only discover it when we are seated at the feet of Jesus. When we are only motivated by what JESUS needs, not what MAN needs and not what we think WE need, then we are on the path of continual and perpetual blessing.

Noah walked with God, and Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord (cf. Genesis 6:8,9). It took five hundred years of walking with God, but Noah found grace, and that made it all worthwhile. Let us learn to do nothing apart from this amazing grace. It is better to wait five hundred years for grace than to work for five minutes without it. What is grace? I teach people that Grace is a Man. Amazing Grace is simply Jesus living in me, doing what I cannot do. It does not matter if "what I cannot do" is save myself, overcome sin, love my neighbor, or build an ark. "For by Grace (Jesus) are you saved through faith (trusting Jesus to do what you cannot do); and that not of yourselves: it (He) is the Gift of God" (Ephesians 2:8). I am insufficient; but His Grace (Jesus) is sufficient. His Grace (Jesus) is more than enough. His Grace (Jesus) is Infinite Supply! But "without Me you can do nothing" (cf. John 15:5b).

Be encouraged. The Lord has a purpose for you, and a destiny for you to fulfill. But things will not always go the way you think they should. That is because the Lord calls you to something bigger than yourself, something beyond your ability, something you cannot originate or perpetuate without Him. It takes time. Noah walked with God for five hundred years and spent one hundred years building the ark. Abraham was one hundred years old before he finally saw God's promise come true. Moses spent forty years in Egypt, then forty years in the desert, before God sent him to Pharaoh. Jesus prepared thirty years for an earthly ministry of three and a half years. Dear brother, dear sister: walk with God. Find Grace. Discover the One Thing. Focus on being, not doing. And when it IS time for you to do something you can be confident that your labor of love will be the work that God blesses. Amen.

The Winds Have Changed
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Last night in prayer I saw a vision of me being put through a human shredder…like a paper shredder, but when I came out at the other end, my form was different and my countenance joyous. It was as if I was shredded but then formed into another person. I had to laugh as that is what it has felt like this year.

Then this morning I received this word.

Ezek 37:9-10 NKJV Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."'" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Mark 13:24-27 NKJV The Coming of the Son of Man
(Matt 24:29-31; Luke 21:25-28)
"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven.

The Lord spoke:
“The winds have stirred and there is an assembling of my army that will come forth from those who have been slain by the enemy in this world.
I am mustering an army of great consequence in these times. You are being tried by fire and coming forth as gold. I am tearing and making you over because I need an army trained in the vicissitudes of warfare. I need this army to know the GRACE of GOD and the MERCY of GOD more than the self sufficiency of man which makes impossible change of any sort that is effective.
Change is dependent on your flexibility and ability to obey at a moment’s notice what I want for you. But so many still struggle giving their day, their lives to me. You go on as if nothing will ever change or without asking ME, what it is I have for you to do today for ME. So your lives are not truly surrendered to ME. But I am escalating changes so that YOU WILL THINK of Me, and YOU WILL DO what I want, rather than go your OWN ways!

I need obedient servants with hearts like Mine. I need you to be open to whom you can touch for ME today! I need you to be flexible and unquestioning in obeying My commands. Warfare is training for this.
I want you dependent on your HIGH COMMANDER, and not on your own sufficiency or desires.

You cannot do ANYTHING without ME!

John 15:1-6 NKJV The True Vine
"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Through many trials, I am getting you to see your need for relying on ME daily, hourly, minute to minute, and not just blithely going on without consulting Me for what direction to go. If you were in battle, which you are,
You would need to rely on the commands of your leader for what to do next.
Unfortunately, so many of you are used to doing things YOUR WAY, without considering My way of doing things. And I've assured you that My ways are higher than your ways.

Isa 55:8-9 NKJV "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

I am asking you to come up HIGHER in doing things MY WAY. Going higher is actually going lower in the sense that you humble yourself by relying on ME and what I say to do things. Not relying on your feelings, but on ME for what and how to do things - Forsaking your own WILL that wants to do what it wants to do! I am looking for yieldedness to Me.

Isa 40:31 NKJV But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

But I am finding too many who profess yieldedness, but in fact they do things their own way, without even waiting or consulting Me on it. This is merely SELF-sufficient pride and lack of surrender.
If you want to yield to Me and truly surrender, you have to give up YOU.
You have to surrender the me, myself, and I in all that is in your mind.
RENEW your mind through the washing of the word and you will be able to fall into line with what I want you to do. The WORD is life to your spirit and health to your bones! Emmerse yourselves in it so you can be IN THE SPIRIT in all you do, and so that you have an answer for all who ask of you.
Emmerse yourselves in ME, in the worship of Me, and in prayer, constantly communicating your heart, and I will answer you quickly.

I am a good Father, Who gives good gifts to His children. I long to give you your hearts desire, just as any good earthly father longs to give to his child all those things he didn't have access to, so I long to give to you.
I love you, and My love never fails. I am patient and kind and forbearing with the sons of men. Do not hesitate any longer for time is running short.
Seek Me while I may be found."

Vicissitudes - Function: noun
Etymology: Middle French, from Latin vicissitudo, from vicissim in turn, from vicis change, alternation
1 a :** the quality or state of being changeable **:** **MUTABILITY
***b :** natural change or mutation visible in nature or in human affairs*
***2 a :** a favorable or unfavorable event or situation that occurs by chance **:** a fluctuation of state or condition <the vicissitudes of daily life>*
b :** a difficulty or hardship attendant on a way of life, a career, or a course of action and usually beyond one's control **c :** alternating change **:** **SUCCESSION

Job 37:9-13 NKJV
9 From the chamber of the south comes the whirlwind, And cold from the scattering winds of the north.
10 By the breath of God ice is given,
And the broad waters are frozen. 11 Also with moisture He saturates the thick clouds; He scatters His bright clouds. 12 And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, That they may do whatever He commands them
On the face of the whole earth. 13 He causes it to come, whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy.

Matt 7:25 NKJV and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock

Matt 8:26-27 NKJV But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. 27 So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

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from Ruach Elohim…
“Every minute of the day, I am interceding for you.
Every hour of the day My thoughts turn towards you.
Every time even a sparrow falls to the ground, I know it and feel it.
How much more than a sparrow are you worth to Me?
There is NOTHING that escapes My eyes My beloveds.
There is nothing you feel, that I don’t feel!
Yes, I said, I feel your pain. I feel your disappointments. I feel your loneliness. We are intimately connected through your spirit man.
My Spirit lives in YOU. So I feel what YOU FEEL!

That deposit gives you the ability to come in touch with MY POWER,
when you feel left out, or left behind, or hurt, or abused and rejected.
I know every tear you cry and they are collected in a bottle.
Imagine for a moment that you are ME, and you fell all that!
Imagine how My heart aches knowing the daily things you must bear
for My sake? Nothing escapes My view. I AM El Rohi – the God Who Sees.
I saw and heard Hagar’s cries in the desert when she ran away.
I felt her loneliness and rejection…and I went to her to comfort and give her instructions and HOPE. I want you to be My prisoners of hope. I AM YOUR HOPE. So when you stop in that pain, and focus on ME, then you can be comforted by Me.

In that moment of anguish and pain, I AM YOUR HOPE. I AM YOUR COMFORTER. I AM El Rachum – The Compassionate One. I send the Comforter to all who weep and all who are in distress, when they belong to ME, or when they cry out to Me.
When David was in distress, he learned to cry out to ME, and I gave him strength through his praises to overcome the bear, the lion, the giant in the land. I will do the same for you. I am not partial. I don’t only do it for some. I answer the desperate pleas of the faithful.
Daniel cried out, but it took time for the archangel to get through to him, with all the battle over his area. But then he was blessed beyond his imagination. I am about to bring much comfort to My prisoners of hope, who have held on and held on through the trials and testings for the hope they have had for promises I’ve given them.

I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind. There are some, as I’ve said, who have been deceived by their own hearts which have not been fully healed. There have been some things they thought would happen which have NOT happened, partly because it was their desire, but not the best I have for them. I am a Father Who wants to give the BEST for His children. I look for that special gift like you do for someone’s birthday to bless them with. I give gifts just because I love you, not because of your performance or the things you do.

I do reward diligent seeking. I do reward prayerfulness and communion. I do reward obedience. Some rewards come now, some come later, some come in eternity. But I see ahead all that is before you. I always do what is best for your CHARACTER development. Because if I gave you the gifts BEFORE your character was ready for them, you would be ruined by the gift. Just like when you indulge children too much, and they become spoiled and ungrateful. So I develop character through the things you go through, so that when you do get what I have for you, you will be faithful, and grateful.

I AM Wisdom. I AM understanding. So when you need these, you can call on Me, and I will give to you what you need to know….what is good for you.
Some things need to be surprises. But soon, there will be such a communion, that so many things you thought you may never receive, will come to you in a moment. And your vision and perceptions of things will change. Your heart will be connected MORE fully to My heart as I come and destroy every stronghold that hinders you. I love you and cherish you as something sought after with great diligence and tenderness. YOU ARE MY OWN, MY LOVED ONES. I never will let you go or be unavailable. I am always here for you.
I always listen. I am ever seeking after you. So come, and learn more of ME, for I am in love with you My beloveds and I will increase that grace which helps you seek after ME, if you will ask for it! I am ready to give you good things. So anticipate good things. Anticipate greater intimacy with ME, as you come in worship to ME! The Bridegroom is knocking…unlatch the key of your hearts…"

Pregnant With Expectation
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I heard the Lord say, "pregnant with expectation" and I thought back to the days when I was pregnant with my son, and how much I looked forward to the delivery. He was a sign. He was in utero 11 months. I knew I was pregnant in December and didn't deliver till October 10th, 1978. I was 32 when I had him, so I was very excited in looking forward to his birth and the hours when I could hold him in my arms. God brought this back to give a sense of how He has felt in looking forward to this hour, when He will give birth to Christ in us, the Hope of glory in greater measure than we have known. It is easy when a pregnancy goes over the date to begin to get weary of the weight and discomfort and to just want this baby to come to birth.
I think many of us feel that way, in that we have know for a long time this was going to happen and we are eager to receive the greater grace and glory He has for us.

Then He had me look up a few verses and spoke:

Isa 64:3-4 NIV For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. 4 Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

Isa 60:1-5 AMP ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech 8:23.]
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa 60:19-22; Mal 4:2; Rev 21:2,3.]
3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17]
4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms.
5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and tremble with joy [at the glorious

deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures. [Ps 119:32.]

I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End! I am the Faithful FATHER Who gives good gifts to His children and to whom belong escapes from death. I am the Master Craftsman and I know just how long it takes to rub down the wood, to cut it and shape it into the image I WANT. I am not a neglectful father. I know the testings and trials that will birth humility in a yielded vessel.

Koinonia came to mind…
NT:2842 koinonia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah); from NT:2844; partnership, i.e. (literally) participation, or (social) intercourse, or (pecuniary) benefaction:
KJV - (to) communicate (-ation), communion, (contri-) distribution, fellowship.

Right now I am wanting fellowship with you to make you into the strong horses in battle I want you to be! I am watching and waiting for you with open arms and a merciful heart. I am your FATHER Who loves you as no other loves you, and I promise you, that I am here for you. I will not disappoint you. I will not forsake you. I long to have this communion with you for I am imparting to you more of ME. Put aside all the distractions.
Lay aside all the weights and just come to Me in worship, and I will take care of all the other things you worry about. I said to SEEK FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.

Come away with ME My beloveds! Come away from all the noise and clutter of the world. Hide yourselves in ME.

OT:1980 [as in Songs 2:10 – come away]
halak (haw-lak'); akin to OT:3212; a primitive root; to walk (in a great variety of applications, literally and figuratively): KJV - (all) along, apace, behave (self), come, (on) continually, be conversant, depart, be eased, enter, exercise (self), follow, forth, forward, get, go (about, abroad, along, away, forward, on, out, up and down), greater, grow, be wont to haunt, lead, march, more and more, move (self), needs, on, pass (away), be at the point, quite, run (along), send, speedily, spread, still, surely, tale-bearer, travel (-ler), walk (abroad, on, to and fro, up and down, to places), wander, wax, [way-] faring man, be weak, whirl.

You are entering a time of great anticipation and excitement in heaven. The earth is reeling from the spiritual changes. I am coming with My fire and I will harness the winds, and I will stride in the earth. My glory will be perceived in new dimensions. You have not come this way before. Why do you look for something familiar. This place I am bringing you is very unfamiliar to you. You have never been this way. You have never felt Me in this way. This will be NEW. I am doing a new thing in the earth. Do not be surprised as the day of the Lord is coming, for there is much harvesting to be done. Awakening is at the door, but it will come at a great cost all over the earth, for men’s hearts have grown cold.

Do not take lightly the gift of LIFE I have given you. Many think they have so much more time than what is reality. I am going to send the reapers but I need you now in MY chambers, My beloved, for I am going to do something that has not been done before in quite the same way. And the glory of the Lord will be SEEN upon you. You are entering a new dimension in life IN ME.
All things will escalate! Things in the world, and things of My KINGDOM!
Come and hide yourself IN ME. Let me ravish your heart for I am going to release My LOVE like a torrent. Come to ME. Depend on ME for all you need, for I am a FAITHFUL FATHER! Raise your expectations My beloveds!

Righteous Indignation
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The Lord spoke "righteous indignation".

indignation - Function: noun: anger aroused by something unjust, unworthy, or mean

Dan 8:19-20 NKJV And he said, "Look, I am making known to you what shall happen in the latter time of the indignation; for at the appointed time the end shall be.

Jer 10:10-13 NKJV But the LORD is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth will tremble, and the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. 11 Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens." 12 He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens at His discretion. 13 When He utters His voice, There is a multitude of waters in the heavens: "And He causes the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, He brings the wind out of His treasuries."

Mal 3:2-3 NKJV "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Isa 13:5-6 NKJV They come from a far country, From the end of heaven —

The LORD and His weapons of indignation, To destroy the whole land.

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

OT:2195 za` am (zah'-am); from OT:2194; strictly froth at the mouth, i.e. (figuratively) fury (especially of God's displeasure with sin): KJV - angry, indignation, rage.

OT:2194 za` am (zaw-am'); a primitive root; properly, to foam at the mouth, i.e. to be enraged: KJV - abhor, abominable, (be) angry, defy, (have) indignation.

Deut 29:26-28 NKJV for they went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods that they did not know and that He had not given to them. 27 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book. 28 And the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.'

The Lord said something in a personal word for me and I feel it is for many others as well. He said that Jurisdiction will change:

1 : the power, right, or authority to interpret and apply the law
2 a : the authority of a sovereign power to govern or legislate

b : the power or right to exercise authority : CONTROL
3 : the limits or territory within which authority may be exercised

But He said jurisprudence would NOT change.

Jurisprudence is…

1 a : a system or body of law b : the course of court decisions
2 : the science or philosophy of law
3 : a department of law <medical jurisprudence>

For me and for others, this means our authority in the Spirit will be increased, but the judgments meted out by the courts in heaven will NOT.

God is not a God of destruction but a God of LIFE and RESTORATION.

Some things that need to be restored must be torn down first in many cases in the natural. And likewise the same is in the spiritual realm. The hearts of men have grown cold. And the earth is groaning and changing as the Day of the Lord is at hand.

I asked the Lord what He wanted to say about this righteous indignation.

" I have filled many hearts with My own righteous indignation for I am not content to continue to see abuse and malice, greed and avarice continue unchecked. It is MY LOVE THAT LEADS TO REPENTANCE. But My judgments are MY LOVE greatly provoked. People don't want to hear that I'm a God who allows terrible things to happen. But in the earth there is a law of sowing and reaping that is bringing about great change right now.

The violence in the earth has increased. Perversion in the earth has increased. Idolatry is increasing. Rebellion/witchcraft is increasing.

And likewise My Spirit will also increase in those who carry My presence.

It will increase proportional to the evil increasing in the world. I told you great darkness would fill the earth, and it is consuming all it can. But I also said, that My glory would fill the earth as the waters cover the seas. I said My glory would be SEEN upon you. It is reality more than what you can see right now. CLING TO HOPE. Be prisoners of hope for I AM COMING and when I come I will NOT disappoint you. The only place of safety now is IN ME. I WILL RESTORE all the locusts have eaten. I will RESTORE all that has been robbed and stolen from My beloved ones.

Things will NEVER be the same again, I've told you. BELIEVE ME when I say to you, that you will see the SON of GOD arising with HEALING in His wings, and you will trample the wickedness in the earth! I will reestablish apostolic power in the earth, and I will establish MY WILL in the lives of all who love Me. Do not be sad although it is hard to see the changes. REJOICE, and again I say to you, REJOICE. For your LORD is at hand.

Let your gentleness be known to all men. Unity and generosity are in My heart. The cries of the fatherless and lonely come into My presence every day. The starving children and abused women and children and men are on My heart every day, every hour, every minute. I SEE it all. I AM Jehovah Rohi. I SEE all that is going on in the world, even though you are blind to much of it.

Do not lament the wicked being judged, but lament the innocent ones for it rains on the just and the unjust as well. But those who KNOW ME, will not be lost, but enter in to My presence.

2 Cor 5:6-8 KJV Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Rom 8:18 KJV For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

The times you have entered into require My perspective in order to fight as you need to. They also require ME to fight for you more. Wickedness is arising. But I AM WITH YOU. I will be with you whatever you go through.

Isa 43:2-3a NKJV When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Take my yoke upon you and learn of ME. Come to Me and spend yourselves on ME. Fill your hearts with the Word and proclaim it to the enemy's forces, and proclaim it in song, and in the marketplace. Demonstrate My love and pray for the sick, cast out demons and do the works I have given each of you to do. I don't expect you to DO anything I don't ask you to do. My yoke is easy. Come to ME, rest at My feet, and then you will be able to DO only what I want you to. No more, no less is all that is required. Many of you are putting hard burdens on yourselves and listening to those who would put MORE burdens on you than what is necessary. I've said to take every thought captive. Test the spirits. Do not give in to STRIVING. I have not called you to strive, but to a unique and intimate relationship with ME, that will give REST to your souls. I have not called you to serve the kingdom of men, but to serve the KINGDOM of YOUR GOD and LORD. I have given you so much in this nation and you have thrown much of it to build your own kingdom, rather than Mine. Finances have been thrown down the toilet for entertainment and "programs" more than for the poor, the outcast, the fatherless and widows.

Resist the temptation to conformity for conformity's sake or coming under a control or dominating spirit. I've not called you to that. I've called you to freedom and not the law. I've called you to support the true work of the Lord with your tithes and offerings, but not to build mansions on earth, but in heaven! Your prosperity is never to serve yourself. It is to serve ME first. It is I Who give you ability to make wealth is it not? I AM the GOD of all comfort, yet I am the GOD also of JUSTICE and RIGHTEOUSNESS, and TRUTH. You must LOVE THE TRUTH more than your own wants and desires. The love of money is the root of all evil. Love not money. LOVE ME. You cannot serve God and mammon I've said!

I do not give you a stone when you ask for bread. So watch how you treat those who lose everything in the days ahead. For I have called you to mercy and generosity, not to selfishness and pride. I am warning you ahead of time, for My judgments are now increasing in the earth. They are predetermined. And they will be allowed according to My will. I will give you the discernment if you ask and if you stay in the WORD, so that you will know when to pray against it or to not pray. You cannot stop what is predetermined in My heart, for wickedness MUST be judged. But you will have authority to reverse what is NOT My perfect will. It has begun, and nothing can reverse it. The door has been opened and you now must make the choice to walk with ME, or to go your own way."

Ps 69: 24 NKJV Pour out Your indignation upon them, and let Your wrathful anger take hold of them.

Ps 78:49 NKJV He cast on them the fierceness of His anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, by sending angels of destruction among them.

Ps 119:53-56 NKJV Indignation has taken hold of me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law. 54 Your statutes have been my songs

In the house of my pilgrimage. 55 I remember Your name in the night, O LORD, and I keep Your law. 56 This has become mine, because I kept Your precepts.

Isa 10:5-6 NKJV Arrogant Assyria Also Judged "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. 6 I will send him against an ungodly nation, And against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

Isa 26:20-21 NKJV Take Refuge from the Coming Judgment
Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past.
21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; The earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain.

Isa 30:27-33 NKJV Judgment on Assyria

Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, Burning with His anger, And His burden is heavy; His lips are full of indignation, and His tongue like a devouring fire. 28 His breath is like an

Twins

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The Lord has been showing me that this is the year of the Twins - both fraternal and identical. We just entered the New Jewish Year 5766. The first two numbers 5 and 7 when added equal 12. This represents the fraternal twins. The following numbers, 6 and 6 also equal 12 and represent identical twins.

The message of the 'twins' was confirmed this morning when I received a note from Pastor Johnny Enlow of Daystar International Christian Fellowship in Atlanta. He wrote:

> The TWINS thing has been a basic word I have had for the whole year. Then last night I shared that during worship the Lord had showed me that this had been the year of the pear tree. Then I heard Him say PAIR tree. Things have run in two. Sumatra received two large earthquakes. New Orleans received two cleansings. There are two new justices coming in. George Bush is the second George Bush and is the father of twins etc etc...

These are the things that have stood out to me concerning the times.

Twin Hurricanes
Katrina – Greek: Purity 8/28
Rita – Latin: Pearl 9/24

The first thing the Lord revealed was that Katrina and Rita were twins. Their size and strength were nearly identical. They made landfall very close to one another. They both flooded New Orleans and outlying areas, destroyed a great deal of property, and both caused fuel price woes across the country. Thankfully, both didn't have the same number of fatalities. After 'the water broke' with Katrina, residents readied themselves for Rita.

When Katrina was aimed at New Orleans, I was praying for the Lord to dissipate the storm. I heard the Holy Spirit say, "Do not steady the ark when I Am shaking it!" This brought a holy fear in me. I remembered the Scripture when Uzzah steadied the ark as it was being carried by the oxen and the Lord struck him dead. The Lord struck Uzzah dead because the ark was being carried in an unholy manner. Even though they had a new cart and they were dancing and praising God as they went along, the Lord was angry at their irreverence toward Him. The partying and dancing came to a STOP! King David took three months to seek the Lord and find out how to carry the Ark in the proper manner on the shoulders of the Levites. (See 2 Samuel 6 and Exodus 25:10-22) The second thing the Lord said the night Katrina was gunning for New Orleans was, "What does the name mean?" I had no idea so I googled the name 'Katrina' and saw that it is a Greek name and means, "Purity." The Lord said, "I am sending My purity to New Orleans." In the days to follow, I really had a hard time with this given the impurity that has come out of the whole ordeal, but that's the Lord's responsibility, so whether I understand it or not, I do know that God's desire is for there to be purity in the region. This reminds me of how gold and silver are purified. They are heated up until the dross (impurities) comes to the top and that dross is scrapped off. This process is repeated seven times.

Then when Rita was approaching the same area, I asked the Lord what was going on?!? I looked up the name Rita and it is a Latin for "Pearl." The Holy Spirit said, "It is the pearl of great price."

Putting them both together would say, **"My purity is the pearl of great price. When you find this pearl you sell everything you have to get it."** (See Matthew 13:46) In other words, the purity of the Lord will carry a cost, but it will be worth everything you invest to get it. It is my prayer that New Orleans be built back in the reverential fear of God and done in done in such a manner to bring the Lord glory and honor. It would be in their best interest and the best interest of this country if that is not taken lightly.

Twin Church Scandals

Bishop Eddie Long and **Bishop Earl Paulk** were both exposed in the Atlanta Journal Constitution. Two Atlanta mega-church pastors are in the paper for improprieties. What is most interesting about this set of twins is the dates that their stories hit the headlines are the same dates respectively that Katrina and Rita Hit the Gulf coastlines!

8/28/05 Bishop Eddie Long has been accused of being 'the charity's biggest beneficiary." The article sites huge monies used for personal use.
http://www.ajc.com/living/content/living/0805/28natlong.html

9/24/05 Bishop Earl Paulk is said to be 'embroiled in a legal battle over [a church employee's] claims that Paulk coerced her to have sex with him and others claiming it was God's will."
http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/dekalb/0905/24metminister.html

I am not saying either of these men are guilty or innocent, that is up to the courts to decide. I am only sharing the 'Twins' I have been shown.

It is interesting that the Scripture I am reading this morning is 1 Corinthians 6. Let the church hear what the Spirit of God is saying! This Scripture also covers the next set of twins.

Twin cases of Homosexuality in the church

Headlines:
Vatican Won't Ban Gay Priests
10/7/05 A pending Vatican ruling stops short of an outright ban on homosexuals in the priesthood, by allowing gay men who have been celibate for at least three years to be admitted to a seminary, a senior Vatican official said yesterday. http://news.bostonherald.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=106081

US Church Backs Same Sex Marriage
7/5/05 United Church of Christ (UCC) is the first major US Christian denomination to come out in support of gay marriage. The Episcopal Church (the US branch of the Anglican Communion) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church permit same-sex unions, while the Presbyterian Church is seeking to resolve severe disagreements over the issue. http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4651803.stm
Beware of what man calls holy when God has called it unholy. Let us not set our minds up against the mind of Christ. See 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5.

Twin Fires in CA:

Both break out on opposite sides of Los Angeles, CA on the same days:

Chatsworth/Topanga
"You saw (September 29th) Thursday night on CNN, homes that were within dozens of feet of the flames and the flames just came to a stop as though there was some supernatural force," Zaroslavsky said. "The reason for it is there was nothing left to burn between the clearance area and the house and the house was saved."

Burbank continued to spread Friday, burning some 700 acres as 350 firefighters fought the blaze. So far, no homes are in jeopardy as the fire moves up a mountain north of Los Angeles. "Contained to out of control in minutes."

Let's learn from this and not give the enemy any fuel to bring destruction on our lives.

Fraternal Twin Sox: Red and White Sox in the playoffs. 10/7/05 White Sox sweeps the series

When I saw this my impression was that the 'twin' Sox were in a battle, when I prayed this thought came to me, "Purity wins over those who are out for blood." (White/purity and red/ blood) This *only* symbolizes the colors, not the people, the teams or the states they represent. It is symbolic in the spiritual realm that those who will seek to "walk" holy and blameless before God will receive the kingdom of heaven. Those who seek their own and will hurt anyone in their way will die in it.

Mayors in Crisis

Twin mayors that couldn't be more fraternal would be the two mayors that went through two of the worst catastrophes of this decade. They would be **Mayor Ray Nagin of New Orleans and Mayor Rudy Giuliani of New York**. These two couldn't have handled their tragedies any differently.

When the World Trade Center buildings were hit, **New York's Mayor Rudy Giuliani** not only urged his city to stay calm and keep a clear head, but he also helped to calm the nation as we anxiously and helplessly looked on. We were all traumatized by what we witnessed on the news as it was unfolding and Mayor Rudy Giuliani brought a sense of purpose and focus to this nation in his address to New York. He wanted to keep people calm and he tried to minimize the 'body count'. New York City and everyone in this country was blessed because this man took charge and did his job, and did it with excellence. He built teamwork at every level.

His opposite, **New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin**, brought more confusion and hopelessness to his city and to the nation with every address he made. I have to wonder how in the world this man was elected to lead a major city in America! I further question how he has remained in office since. He multiplied anxiety and fear, spread more rumors to the media than anyone else, and most of what he said has since been disproved. Mayor Nagin consoled his community in crisis by ordering 25,000 body bags! Thank God, that was a very high estimate. I will never forget hearing him say right after accusing the president of not doing anything because he was prejudice, "I just want everything to get back to normal and go hear some jazz." Ya, mayor - that is real important - as you have people inside of their own attics dying - you need to get to a bar and hear some jazz. Did he use the city buses to get those people out? No. Did he use the school buses? No. Did he do anything to help the people he knew had no transportation out of the city? No. If the finger-pointing cowardice wasn't enough, his ongoing rhetoric ought to be. Sept 28th he was telling 'all of the evacuees of New Orleans' to come back, "We want you back!" I heard him say this on CNN right after the reporter stated that no trash had been picked up since the hurricane and the smell of the city was putrid from the rotting garbage. I couldn't believe it! What were these people going to come back to? Did he know that most of the people he invited back have no homes to live in? Did he know the hospitals are crippled at best? Did he know that most jobs are lost? And on that subject, two days later, Nagin announces that he had to lay-off 3,000 city workers! I just can't fathom a leader being this far out of touch with reality.

This is NOT a republican verses democrat issue, nor is it about race or religion. It is about character – and there couldn't be more opposites. These were two of the worst catastrophes in our nation's history and two very different outcomes because of leadership.

Twin ? - Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan (I don't even know what to call these twins)

I will allow Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson explain this one!

For better or worse, Hurricane Katrina has told us the answer to the second question. If you're black and a hurricane is about to destroy your city, you'll probably wait for the government to save you. This was not always the case. Prior to 40 years ago, such a pathetic performance by the black community in a time of crisis would have been inconceivable. The first response would have come from black men. They would take care of their families, bring them to safety, and then help the rest of the community. Then local government would come in. No longer. When 75 percent of New Orleans residents had left the city, it was primarily [omit], welfare-pampered blacks that stayed behind and waited for the government to bail them out. This, as we know, did not turn out good results. Enter **Jesse Jackson and Louis Farrakhan**. Jackson and Farrakhan laid blame on "racist" President Bush. Farrakhan actually proposed the idea that the government blew up a levee so as to kill blacks and save whites. **The two demanded massive governmental spending to rebuild New Orleans, above and beyond the federal government's proposed $60 billion. Not only that, these two were positioning themselves as the gatekeepers to supervise the dispersion of funds. Perfect: Two of the most dishonest elite blacks in America, "overseeing" billions of dollars. I wonder where that money will end up.** Of course, if these two were really serious about laying blame on government, they should blame the local one. Responsibility to perform – legally and practically – fell first on the mayor of New Orleans. We are now all familiar with Mayor Ray Nagin – the black Democrat who likes to yell at President Bush for failing to do Nagin's job. The facts, unfortunately, do not support Nagin's wailing. As the Washington Times puts it, "recent reports show [Nagin] failed to follow through on his own city's emergency-response plan, which acknowledged that thousands of the city's poorest residents would have no way to evacuate the city."

To see this article in its entirety go to http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=46440

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weird twins:

Twin Reptiles (Fraternal)

A 13-foot Burmese python recently burst after it apparently tried to swallow a live, six-foot alligator whole, authorities said. "There had been some hope that alligators can control Burmese pythons," Mazzotti said. "This indicates to me it's going to be an even draw. Sometimes alligators are going to win and sometimes the python will win."

This seems to suggest that the enemy is in such frenzy that he is going to consume his own species. This will play into his undoing. See 2 Chronicles 20:22

Twin Burial for Son and Embalmed Mother

This is just weird…talk about ‘mommy issues’!

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An English teacher and the embalmed body of his mother that he had kept at home in a glass casket for 21 years were laid to rest in twin burials in a southern Indian village over the weekend, a relative said Tuesday.

The Lord is showing us patterns and we should be wise to watch for them. I am concerned about the earthquake that hit Pakistan today (10/8/05) and a possible ‘twin’ to that story. It hit such a large area as it was a 7.6 magnitude. There was a thought – a prayer that this would ‘shake out’ Osama Bin Laden and other al Qaeda leaders. Not that I would wish this disaster on any country, heaven forbid! It is my prayer that all peoples be brought to the knowledge of Christ Jesus and have His peace that surpasses all understanding to guard their hearts and minds. The Lord warned us that there would be earthquakes and wars before His return. (See Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21) They no doubt will get worse before He does, but we have the hope – the hope knowing that Jesus is the way, the truth, the life and none come to the Father but by Him.

I know there are many more examples and not all of them are negative. Just this week I saw Twin miracles concerning two people who were very ill that were healed by God’s hand. I pray you will see these types of Twins! It is not by might nor by power but by God’s Spirit.

May the grace of the Lord be with you,
Judy

The Way Of Great Reward

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Have I not said that the meek shall inherit the earth? I call you by My side once again and explain to you that once you have chosen the narrow path, there is no turning back to the ways you once walked. This is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM preparing My bride to take up her cross and follow My example in how to deal with your enemy.

Do not fall into the snares he has set up for you to fall into. Don't respond the same way that the world does in defending yourself. Don't you know that My ways are so much higher than the ways of man? The way of My spirit is opposite to that of the flesh. So if you feel the urge to defend yourself and to rise up in a way to hurt back, then know that you are to crucify that desire and allow Me to live through you.

Yes, give the enemy the defeat that he needs and allow My kingdom to reign on earth by obeying My still small voice. Yes, every time you lash out at one that the enemy uses against you, you bring his kingdom up and bring defeat to yourself. And if you love yourself the way that I love you, then you will crucify the flesh and rise up in My resurrection power, and allow My love to defeat the enemy.

Yes, this is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM looking for a people that I can rise up in power through and to show the world that My love reigns supreme on earth as it does in heaven. Let My kingdom come and My will be done by being obedient to My word. If you want to see My power flow with signs following, then step aside and allow Me to move through you. What is the price to pay to see your loved ones saved, to see the dead rise up and the blind to see? It is the death to the self life.

Why don't you see Me move in your congregations and in the marketplace? There is too much of the flesh reigning. I call you this day to search your heart and see what is standing in your way between having the victory or walking in defeat. Are you paying the price to see My fruit in your life? I AM ready to pour out a pearl of great price, but you need to be able to sell all to purchase it. If you are willing and able, I will give you the land, but only the meek will inherit it.

Wreck Of The Hesperus Lesson

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The Lord said to me “Wreck of the Hesperus” so I looked up that poem by Longfellow and saw it was about the pride of man against the elements of the sea and wind. The captain thought he knew better and everyone perished including his beloved daughter. The captain was warned by an older seaman to turn in as he saw hurricane coming…but the captain did not listen. In fact he scorned the warning. I also found that Hesperus is the name of a Greek god meaning “evening star”. And there was an actual ship named that that sailed from England to Australia back in the day.

Isaiah 2:11-15 NKJV The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. 12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up — And it shall be brought low — 13 Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan; 14 Upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up; 15 Upon every high tower, and upon every fortified wall;

Mountains and hills often stand for authority. Towers the work of man’s hands. Trees are often also symbolic of men.

Isa 41:2 NASU " Who has aroused one from the east Whom He calls in righteousness to His feet? He delivers up nations before him and subdues kings. He makes them like dust with his sword, as the wind-driven chaff with his bow.

I asked the Lord what He wanted to say, and heard…

“I AM the Forerunner of all things. I AM the First and the Last. I know what is, what was, and what will be. I have determined the courses of the nations and kings. I knew ahead the choices men would make. I hear the cries of My people for mercy and the worship of those who love ME. I have not left you forgotten. I have made My plans for you. I have you in the palm of My hand. You are not without comfort, for I have sent you the Comforter. You are not without Wisdom, for I AM your wisdom, if you allow Me to be. I have everything you need for the times ahead. I will give you the nations as an inheritance, if you will but ask. Surely My hand is greater than all the hands of evil men. Surely My plans however are unalterable. My WILL will be done on earth as it is in heaven. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind.

My heart is grieved when I see the hostility of the nations against My beloveds. My anger is stirred to see the nations in rage against ME and those I love. The arrogance of man will be destroyed, though evil men arise and pursue, there will be great exploits in this hour, demonstrating MY sovereignty and power.
[Sovereignty: 2 a : supreme power especially over a body politic b : freedom from external control : AUTONOMY c : controlling influence]

Ask of ME, and I will show you great and mighty things you do not know. Humble yourself in this hour and I will lift you up on eagles wings and I will show you what is to come. But will you believe it ? Will you listen to Me ? Will you hold to FAITH, even when you see difficult times are coming and at hand, at the very door ? I don’t want MY SHIPS to go down. I don’t want MY CHILDREN to walk in arrogance and unbelief, and pride. Be as little children. Remain dependent on ME. Walk in MY WILL and not your own, and you will be safe in the arms of your Beloved. ABIDE IN ME, and I will ABIDE in you.

Do not walk independently in anything you do. Walk in the Spirit, and not according to the flesh. I know for many that your flesh is weakened by the many trials and testings. But just when you think it is hopeless, or you are hopelessly overwhelmed, there will be a suddenly !
I will arise in the hearts of My people and there will be an hour of great GRACE that comes upon the

earth now. Perilous times ensue and men grow more evil every day. But I WILL ARISE UPON YOU and MY GLORY WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU. Look to ME. Come and worship, and praise ME, for this will be your finest hour My Beloveds. NOTHING will keep ME from you ! Do not fear ! Do not be afraid of their faces. ARISE and speak up. SHOUT ALOUD to the GOD OF ALL GLORY ! PROPHESY sons and daughters ! SPEAK LIFE to those in darkness. For many will be rescued in the floods of many waters !
Those not on the ROCK, will be on slippery ground.”

Matt 7:24-27 NKJV Build on the Rock (Luke 6:47-49)
"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.
26 "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

“Time as you know it is culminating and there is escalation, yet there is much yet to do. I am sending in more help, more troops, more of My grace and glory to sustain you in the days ahead. Get ready for the RIDE OF YOUR LIFE ! The things you thought impossible will be possible. The things you thought I’d forgotten are not forgotten. The requests and many prayers you have lifted up, are never forgotten.

Guard your hearts from the love of money. Guard your hearts from the plans of men. LISTEN TO MY VOICE and FOLLOW MY VOICE alone. I am connecting those I love with each other in ways so they will flow together in communicating, in ministry and in associations that will fulfill MY plans. Pray, PRAY, PRAY for those around you and your loved ones, for FIRE is about to break forth. The FIRE OF MY LOVE will break in and there will be many spontaneous fires started all across the earth.
And this Fire will be contagious; spreading far and wide till the earth is consumed and harvested. Hold on and stand still and see the salvation of the LORD ! ”

Isa 13 NKJV Proclamation Against Babylon
The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw. 2 "Lift up a banner on the high mountain, Raise your voice to them; Wave your hand, that they may enter the gates of the nobles. 3 I have commanded My sanctified ones; I have also called My mighty ones for My anger — Those who rejoice in My exaltation." 4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together!
The LORD of hosts musters the army for battle.
5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven — The LORD and His weapons of indignation, to destroy the whole land. 6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. 7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, 8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; their faces will be like flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. 11 "I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, a man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger. 14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle, and as a sheep that no man takes up; Every man will turn to his own people, and everyone will flee to his own land.

"Wreck Of The Hesperus"
It was the schooner Hesperus,
That sailed the wintery sea;
And the skipper had taken his little daughter,
To bear him company.

Blue were her eyes as the fairy flax,
Her cheeks like the dawn of day,
And her bosom white as the hawthorn buds,

That ope in the month of May.

The Skipper he stood beside the helm,
His pipe was in his mouth,
And he watched how the veering flaw did blow
The smoke now West, now South.

Then up and spake an old Sailor,
Had sailed the Spanish Main,
"I pray thee, put into yonder port,
for I fear a hurricane.

"Last night the moon had a golden ring,
And to-night no moon we see!"
The skipper, he blew whiff from his pipe,
And a scornful laugh laughed he.

Colder and louder blew the wind,
A gale from the Northeast,
The snow fell hissing in the brine,
And the billows frothed like yeast.

Down came the storm, and smote amain
The vessel in its strength;
She shuddered and paused, like a frighted steed,
Then leaped her cable's length.

"Come hither! come hither! my little daughter,
And do not tremble so;
For I can weather the roughest gale
That ever wind did blow."

He wrapped her warm in his seaman's coat
Against the stinging blast;
He cut a rope from a broken spar,
And bound her to the mast.

"O father! I hear the church bells ring,
Oh, say, what may it be?"
"Tis a fog-bell on a rock bound coast!" --
And he steered for the open sea.

"O father! I hear the sound of guns;
Oh, say, what may it be?"
Some ship in distress, that cannot live
In such an angry sea!"

"O father! I see a gleaming light.
Oh say, what may it be?"
But the father answered never a word,
A frozen corpse was he.

Lashed to the helm, all stiff and stark,
With his face turned to the skies,
The lantern gleamed through the gleaming snow
On his fixed and glassy eyes.

Then the maiden clasped her hands and prayed
That saved she might be;
And she thought of Christ, who stilled the wave,
On the Lake of Galilee.

And fast through the midnight dark and drear,
Through the whistling sleet and snow,
Like a sheeted ghost, the vessel swept
Tow'rds the reef of Norman's Woe.

And ever the fitful gusts between
A sound came from the land;
It was the sound of the trampling surf,
On the rocks and hard sea-sand.

The breakers were right beneath her bows,
She drifted a dreary wreck,
And a whooping billow swept the crew
Like icicles from her deck.

She struck where the white and fleecy waves
Looked soft as carded wool,
But the cruel rocks, they gored her side
Like the horns of an angry bull.

Her rattling shrouds, all sheathed in ice,
With the masts went by the board;
Like a vessel of glass, she stove and sank,
Ho! ho! the breakers roared!

At daybreak, on the bleak sea-beach,
A fisherman stood aghast,
To see the form of a maiden fair,
Lashed close to a drifting mast.

The salt sea was frozen on her breast,
The salt tears in her eyes;
And he saw her hair, like the brown sea-weed,
On the billows fall and rise.

Such was the wreck of the Hesperus,
In the midnight and the snow!
Christ save us all from a death like this,
On the reef of Norman's Woe!

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.
Hesperus - the evening star - in greek mythology of the “gods”
Hesperus
Ship (3m). *L/B/D*: 262.2 × 39.7 × 23.5 dph (79.9m × 12.1m × 7.2m). *Tons*: 1,777 grt. *Hull*: iron. *Built*: Robert Steele & Co., Greenock, Scotland; 1873.
The iron clipper *Hesperus* was built for Anderson and Anderson's Orient Line immigrant service between England and Australia. Described as a Queen of the Iron Age (of ships), she was built for safety and comfort, and though she was neither designed nor driven to be a record breaker, she was fast. After sixteen years in the immigrant trade, *Hesperus* became one of the first ships acquired by Devitt & Moore to be used for training of merchant officers. With accommodations for twenty-five to forty cadets, in addition to her regular crew and passengers, she sailed to Sydney in ninety-nine days. As a result of a long layover in the port, her apprentices wound up pawning many of their clothes and other belongings, and, unable to retrieve them, satisfied themselves with the theft of the pawnbrokers' three brass balls, which they set from the jibboom on their departure.
Hesperus made her last voyage to Australia in 1898-99. On her return, she was purchased by the Odessa Navigation School and renamed *Grand Duchess Nicolaevna* (for the daughter of Czar Nicholas II). She worked as a sail-training ship in the Black Sea until after World War I, when she flew the flag of the Russian Republic. After a voyage between Montreal and Liverpool in 1920, recounted in Frederick William Wallace's *Under Sail in the Last of the Clippers, Grand Duchess* was

transferred to French registry. In 1921, she was sold to the London Steamship & Trading Corporation, Ltd., under the name *Silvana*. After one voyage to Argentina and France, she was sold for scrapping at Genoa in 1924.
Lubbock, *Colonial Clippers*. Wallace, *Under Sail in the Last of the Clippers*.

Ferns And Urns
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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FERN : Function: *noun* - Etymology: Middle English, from Old English *fearn;* akin to Old High German *farn* fern, Sanskrit *parna* wing, leaf
: any of a large class (Filicopsida) of flowerless spore-producing vascular plants; *especially* : any of an order (Filicales) of homosporous plants possessing roots, stems, and leaflike fronds

URN : Function: *noun* - Etymology: Middle English *urne,* from Latin *urna*
1 : a vessel that is typically an ornamental vase on a pedestal and that is used for various purposes (as preserving the ashes of the dead after cremation)
2 : a closed vessel usually with a spigot for serving a hot beverage <a coffee *urn*>

“There are many plants in My garden and some give forth fragrance from flowers, and then there are others who do not blossom…those who do not give forth any pleasant aroma. They are beautiful but not noticed. They are plain to the world. There are others who never blossom for years and years, then bring forth the most beautiful blooms. There are others that give forth the most beautiful flowers time and time again. There is a use for all these plants in My Kingdom. But to the ones that bear NO FRUIT, they will be cut down and thrown into the fire. For they are like the parable of the talents and they do not reproduce even ! They hoard what they do have and do not even share their knowledge of the Holy One. There are others who appear beautiful to the outside but are rotten on the inside. They hoard for their own advantage all they can. They compete and do not wish to share what they’ve been given with others.

Shall I not prune My garden ? For it is only by PRUNING that the dead branches which sap life from the tree can be revived. I am the Master Gardener and I know exactly what each plant needs to live and thrive. I have granted much to many who do not even try to use their gifts to help others. I have given much to many who reach out to thousands, but live off the earnings of widows and single mothers, and old people, and widows and those who stive to raise their families, and they do not help those same ones when they get into trouble.
Shall I not PRUNE MY GARDEN ?

I will raise up a standard in the land. Come together My children to worship and pray, and to celebrate the times coming. For I will pour out My Spirit in unprecedented ways. Wherever one or two or more are worshipping ME, I will rain down My glory ! Did I not sustain David in the Caves of Adullam ? And did I not revive His spirit as he came out of captivity and danced before me naked and unashamedly ? I tell you there is no greater delight than to find My children delighting in ME. But apart from MY GRACE you can do no good thing ! You cannot even worship ME without My grace !

I am WITH YOU. I AM EMMANUEL, GOD WHO IS WITH YOU. Realize that even without feeling me, whenever you worship or pray I am pouring down glory. Whenever you gather, I am pouring down glory. To the sincere, I will sincerely pour out MY HEART and MY POWER. I will reduce to nothing the opposition that hinders you from coming close to ME. I am JEALOUS for MY BRIDE. Come and dance, for the days are coming when I will fill the earth with judgment and a man will be more rare than fine gold. In that day, urns will abound filled with the dust of man. Come and buy from ME NOW, gold refined in the fire. Buy for yourself linen garments and I will dance with you and perfume you with My fragranced oils !

I will use every vessel that will submit to My glory. I will raise up a mighty army. A militant BRIDE that will carry My glory to the ends of the earth, into the marketplace, into the streets, highways and byways…into remote villages of the earth, and into great cities filled with the lost. Do NOT be jealous of what you see in others. DO NOT BE JEALOUS or compete for anything but ME. I AM THE PRIZE. I

am all you need. CAST OFF ALL
COMPETITION. Remove the stones and hindering blocks from the highway of HOLINESS. PLOW THE FALLOW GROUND. REPENT and REPENT for the priests and prophets who have grown to be like the world. Ask that they might be spared from the wrath that comes with My glory outpoured !!!

Jer 4:3-4 NKJV For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns.
4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, And take away the foreskins of your hearts, You men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that no one can quench it,

Have nothing to do with the vessels who choose their OWN way instead of MY WAY. For men have grown proud and think nothing of usury and lying, even in My church it is so. PRETENSE has filled My church and the sheep are becoming wolfish. But I have a plan to cleanse My threshing floors. So WORSHIP that the glory might fall. Sow to the heavens and I will rain down on the earth. Worship is a mighty weapon against the witchcraft that is filling the earth. I will put the brakes on anyone who is not using the money given to
Help the poor. I will remove the candlesticks of those who persist in doing their OWN will over MY WILL. Do not marvel at the judgment coming within My house. And do not say it is the devil For I will stir up those who will execute MY JUDGMENT in MY way. PRAY that many will be spared as you repent for them. Care for your brothers the way MOSES cared for the people of ISRAEL and fasted and prayed for them !

Do not say, I am without sin, or I wouldn’t do that. You don’t know what you would do if I removed My grace from you ! Mercy is better than sacrifice and OBEDIENCE is better than sacrifice ! CRY out for those who are ignorant of their own sins. I need workers . I need those who will HARVEST and CLEAN, and TRAIN those who will come into the KINGDOM. I will use the tiniest fern, who has no sweet fragrance to give. I will use those who have been thought the LEAST OF THESE MY CHILDREN to confound the wise in their own opinions. So do not make judgments without seeking MY face and MY HEART.

Martyrdom is coming to My church in greater measure in the days ahead. Will you be ready My BRIDE to stand ? Will you acknowledge MY will alone in your lives ? Will you give up your rights to your own life and live as My Son did, doing only the Father’s will ? Will you give up your rights to convenience and fame, and riches to receive what is most precious in the Kingdom ? Will you lay down YOUR AGENDA and ask ME for what I WANT ? Lay aside all your preconceived notions. Ask ME for WISDOM and I will give it ! BUT you must ask to receive. IT IS IN LAYING DOWN YOUR LIFE THAT YOU WILL FIND IT !”

Isa 13:11-13 NKJV "I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, a man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

1 Sam 15:22-23 NKJV So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Ps 32:10 NKJV Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.

James 2:13 NKJV For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 3:17-18 NKJV But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Heb 4:16 NKJV Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Phil 2:1-3 NKJV Unity Through Humility
Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

Rom 9:23-24 NKJV and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, 24 even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Rom 9:15-16 NKJV For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Matt 12:7-8 NKJV But if you had known what this means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

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And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and they shall stand as a heap." Josh 3:13 NKJV

Two Opinions

by Bill Somers

In the book of Romans we read:

> "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)

The word 'service' at the end of this verse is also translated 'worship' in some versions. What this is saying is worship = service or obedience. We are God's servants as we obey him.

Another way of saying this is found in the Gospel of Mathew:

> "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matthew 4:10)

Here Satan was seeking worship for himself, but Jesus' rebuke shows the relation between worship and obedience. Back in Romans we find it stated another way:

> "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16)

This also shows that sin makes us servants of death or Satan.

The essence of all this can be briefly summarized.

To believe God is to agree with His Word, is to obey that word, is to serve Him, and is to worship Him.
Not to believe God is to **agree with Satan**, is to obey Satan, is to serve and worship Satan! ("He that is not with me is against me; …." (Matthew 12:30))

So to disobey God is actually to worship Satan!

All of us find ourselves sometime doing one and then the other. Although we love and follow the Lord Jesus Christ, yet there is sin in our lives.

> "For I delight in the law of God after the inward man.
> "But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
> "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:22-24)

What revival will do is pictured in Elijah's triumph on Mt. Carmel

> "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. …." (1 Kings 18:21)

Elijah's words to Israel in first Kings are the Lords words to us today. 'Halt' means to be lame or to stop. It is to be unable to go. Unable to go and do as the Lord desires. Unable to walk in holiness that He requires.

Elijah's answer was to call down fire in the sacrifice, let that be our answer today. Calling down fire is to intercede for revival! "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God."

The altar Elijah built is rich in symbolism. The wood represents the cross, the flesh on the wood is our flesh on the cross, the water poured all over and around the altar is our tears of repentance at the judgments of the Lord, and the twelve stones for the twelve tribes speak of the divisions within the Church. All of this is consumed by the fire that falls from heaven. This is the **all consuming fire**. God himself. When He comes with such awesome presence, all the other stuff will be gone. Our tears will end; the judgments will end; and strife and division in the Church will end!

So as surely as the sacrifice on Mt. Carmel is a type of revival, it is **also a promise of the Lord's deliverance from the two opinions**. It shows that death to the flesh can bring us all into unity. Then we will get the sin our of the camp and give no place to the devil. Then we will fully enter into the kingdom of God, and walk in the promises. Then we can proclaim only one opinion. The Lord is God! Jesus is King of Kings! Or as it says in Isaiah: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, **Thy God reigneth**!" (Isaiah 52:7)

Then we will see the harvest. Amen!

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Two Realities
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At any given moment, standing before our world there are two core realities. The first is that which is the consequence of present and past events. In this realm, wars become more destructive, immorality becomes more rampant; disease multiplies out of control, and fear strengthens and becomes immobilizing. In part, this darkened, demonically manipulated reality is what we actually have today, yet clearly a more hellish, worse version of our present world is preparing to emerge. It is of this diabolical world that the scripture speaks of when it warns: "the days are evil" (Eph 5:16).

Yet, there is another reality that is also available to mankind. This second realm is the "prayed for" version of the first reality. It, too, stands prepared to show itself. This reality is full of miracles, divine reversals and divine intervention. It is the world of sin confronted, conquered and redeemed by the power of heaven. The scripture calls this reality "the day which the Lord has made" and commands us to "rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps 118:24).

Since time began, both of these realities have always existed. The Scriptures bear witness to numerous occasions when people have cried out to God and found the Almighty a willing ally in transforming their culture. When Israel humbled themselves, repented and prayed, and sought again the face of God, the Lord intervened and scattered their enemies. Consider also the ancient Ninevites. When they, too, humbled themselves with fasting and prayer, divine mercy fell upon their culture as well. Indeed, the transformation of their culture was so stunning that Jonah, the prophet sent by God to announce Nineveh's destruction, actually was displeased that Israel's enemies received mercy. Jonah lamented, "I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity" (Jonah 4:2).

Jonah knew the mercy of the Lord. He also knew that, once a people humbled themselves before the living God, no enemy that stood against them could prosper. The Lord, indeed, was standing ready to show Himself strong on behalf of those who feared Him.

As I have lived and known the Lord, He has relentlessly proven over and over again to be a God who answers prayer. He stood with our armies in WWII; He helped bring down the atheistic Soviet Empire. I believe He stands ready today to overthrow militant Islam as well.

However, I also know for God to answer prayers, we must pray them. Muslim extremists are poised in many countries of the world to launch terror attacks. Some of these might be terrible in size and devastation. The source of many of these terror attacks are the Mullahs who preach hatred and stir up radicals in their Friday night meetings. At the same time, Intercessors for America has set apart Fridays for prayer and fasting, specifically to counter the demonic powers that attach themselves to the words of these Mullahs. We aggressively support this initiative and want to encourage everyone who calls upon the name of Jesus to join this prayer siege until we see the demonic power behind radical Islam broken. For more info, **click here**.

We also ask that pastors and church leadership teams embrace a lifestyle of prayer, leading their congregations into intercession during all regularly scheduled services. It was prayer that brought an end to the Soviet Empire; it will be prayer that breaks the demonic power that is fueling Muslim extremists. No man can stop the march of time, but our intercession can bring the power of heaven to bear upon this world. With hearts aflame with the spirit of Christ, we can rejoice together in seeing the day which the Lord has made.

Repairers Of The Breach
Francis Frangipane

"And those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins;
You will raise up the age-old foundations;
And you will be called the repairer of the breach,
The restorer of the paths in which to dwell" (Isaiah 58:12).

The Gathering Together Of The Saints

Most of true Christianity shares a doctrine commonly called the "rapture" of the church (I Thess 4:16). And while study and debate surround the timing of this event, Scripture assures us that it will occur before Jesus Himself returns.

However, before we are "caught up" to meet the Lord, there will be a time of unusual grace in which the living church of Jesus Christ, like a bride, makes "herself ready"(Rev 19:7). In this unparalleled season of preparation, while we will not become "perfect," we shall realize a new level of holiness of the quality in which Jesus Himself walked (I Thess 3:11-13; Eph 5:26-27; Phil 1:9-10).

The result of this new spiritual fullness will be a new level of unity. Fault-finding and gossip will disappear. In their place will be intercession and love. Wholeness will return to the church. This also means that the ambition and division we see today between congregations will be identified as sins, which will be repented of before Jesus returns.

The truth of this message must be made clear, for most Christians consider oneness within the body inconceivable before Jesus returns. They have not discerned nor warred against the enemy's lies, which have conditioned believers to accept strife and sectarianism in the church. It is my passionate conviction that the church which will ultimately be raptured will be free of strife and carnal divisions - it will be a bride "without spot or wrinkle" made ready for her bridegroom.

During the rapture our bodies will be changed. But our character, that is, the essence of who we have become, will remain intact. There will be no regrets or wondering how "those from that church" made it, for the living bride will be a church built together in love, meeting in separate buildings but serving the single Lord. These true disciples of the Lord Jesus will be known for their intense and holy love for one another - not merely in their individual local assemblies, but within the context of a citywide church.

It is highly significant that the scriptural term for the rapture is called the "gathering together" (II Thess 2:1; Matt 24:31). What ultimately will be consummated in our gathering together physically to the Lord will be precipitated by a spiritual gathering together of His body on earth. Concerning the era known as the "end of the age," Jesus taught that the "good fish" shall be "gathered . . . into containers" (Matt 13:48). And in the context of spiritual warfare, Jesus warned, "he who does not gather with Me, scatters" (Matt 12:30).

This scattering, dividing process among the Lord's sheep has gone on long enough. Jesus has set His heart to bring healing and unity to His body. In this regard, through the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord spoke a somber warning. He said, "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of My pasture!" (Jer 23:1). The Son of God is not pleased with the carnal divisions in His body! Indeed, the Lord promises to chasten those pastors who continue to build their kingdoms without laboring together to build His. To them He says, "I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds" (vs 2).

In the tenth chapter of John, the Lord makes His goal clear: there shall be "one flock with one shepherd" (vs 16). He reveals it is the wolf nature which "snatches [the sheep] and scatters them"; and it is the hireling nature which allows the scattering to occur. But His promise to His sheep says this: "Then I Myself shall gather the remnant of My flock...and they will be fruitful and multiply. I shall also raise up shepherds over them and they will tend them; and they will not be afraid any longer . . . nor will any be missing" (Jer 23:3-4). The pastors of the last Christian church will be under-shepherds to the Lord Jesus; they will be anointed to gather together His remnant and under that anointing shall be "fruitful and multiply."

Indeed, right now, in the context of humbling ourselves and submitting our hearts to His will, we are participating in being "gathered together." This process will progressively increase until the barriers between brethren are melted by the overcoming nature of Christ's love. Before Jesus returns, we will truly be "one flock with one shepherd." We will be a holy and blameless sheepfold, meeting in different buildings, but baptized into one body.

Do Not Criticize The Breach, Repair It!

"Thus says the Lord God, woe to the foolish prophets who are following their own spirit and have seen nothing. Oh Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins. You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the Lord" (Ezek 13:3-5).

God needs people who, when they see a gap in the citywide church wall, will go up into the breaches and rebuild the wall, so that the church will stand in the day of battle. In every city, town and village, each of us need the other churches if we are going to stand in the day of battle.

You may be thinking, "You don't understand, I have revelation of the end-time move of God. These churches barely believe in Jesus." The Word tells us that "without any dispute the lesser is blessed by the greater" (Heb 7:7). If you are truly "greater," without a hint of pride, you will seek ways to be a blessing to other churches. Your Christlike love will cast out fears. You will truly have a burden to see the entire body of Christ brought forth, not just your local assembly; you will respect the diversity of ways through which Christ reveals Himself in the church. In truth, Jesus said that the greatest among us would become the "servant of all" (Mk 9:35; Matt 23:11).

If a church in your city holds to and confesses Jesus as their Lord and Savior, then that church is needed to complete God's work in the city. As you join one another for daily or weekly prayer, you will be blessed and surprised by God's preparation of others. Do not come with an attitude to teach or lead, but to love and serve. In this, God is not looking for leaders, but followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If we do not adjust to His will, we will be unable to stand against the enemy. Indeed, the day in which we live is not a day of peace, it is a time of war. God is gathering us together not only to Him and each other, but also against the spiritual forces of wickedness in every region. Therefore, the breaches between us must be filled, the walls built, and we must learn to stand together in the day of the Lord.

You Be The People

You do not have to go to college to find fault with the church. In fact, if you remember, you could find fault with the church even before you were a Christian. You do not need skill to find fault. But if you want to be like Christ, you have to be willing to lay your life down for people's sins. You have to be an intercessor who "stands in the gap." The "gap" is the distance between the way things are and the way things should be. You stand in that space, cast down the accuser of the brethren, and intercede! Have you seen something that is wrong? It is only because Jesus wants you to stand in the gap and pray to see it changed.

Some of us have cried for years, "Where are those who will lead us into Christ's fullness?" We have assumed that God had others in mind. What the Lord is saying, however, is "You be the men and women that others are looking for." You be the peacemakers, the sons and daughters of God that bring healing and order to His church.

The responsibility is upon each of us. There is a tremendous job ahead, but the Lord Himself has promised, "Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; you will raise up the age-old foundations; and you will be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the paths in which to dwell" (Isaiah 58:12).

Let us lay our lives down in committed faith, that in our lifetimes, on this earth and in our communities, the corporate church of Jesus Christ will be restored, united and made ready as a bride for her Beloved!

The Wisdom Of The Pharisees

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"This man cannot be from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath day" (John 9:16ff).
"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:22).

I have made the statement several times that most churches would not recognize the Lord Jesus even if He walked down the aisle on Sunday morning and sat on the altar. This statement is largely designed to shake people out of their complacency. It is highly unlikely that Jesus will actually go to church this Sunday. I do not believe Jesus attends many religious meetings, and this belief has a Scriptural basis: "He does not keep the Sabbath day." For that matter, He does not keep any day, for every day is His Day and He cannot be contained within a particular twenty-four hour period.

When you read the Gospels two things become quite clear. First, Jesus is undeniably, unquestionably GOD IN THE FLESH, Wholly Other. Second, the more religious you are, the less likely it is that you will see, recognize, and appreciate Him for Who He really is.

Sinners, on the other hand, had little trouble recognizing Him. The Samaritan woman may have been a despised outsider to the Jew's system of religion but it only took her a few minutes to realize that she had found the Messiah. The Roman centurion, an unworthy Gentile, nevertheless knew where to go when his servant was sick, and Jesus said this man's faith was greater than anyone in Israel. The Syrophoenician woman had enough faith to ask Jesus for only a few crumbs from the table, and even though she was not technically not a Jew, Jesus gave her everything she asked for. Yes, Jesus was indeed a friend of sinners, publicans, tax collectors, and women caught in adultery.

But look at His own people, the Jews. Listen to the religious leaders, the spiritual teachers of Israel, the professionals and the experts of prophecy and the Law. What is their verdict? How do they read Him?

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"This man cannot be from G_d." Cannot be? Are you sure? This man is opening the eyes of the blind, casting out devils, making the lame to walk, raising people from the dead, multiplying food, walking on water and teaching people to love one another - even love their enemies. This man cannot be from G_d? Why not? On what grounds are we going to reject him? We cannot deny that this man is performing powerful miracles and signs.

"This man cannot be from G_d, because he does not keep the Sabbath day." Well, I suppose that settles it. Y'shua cannot be from G_d, he cannot be a prophet, he cannot be the Messiah or the Son of G_d, or even a good Jew, because he does not keep the Sabbath day! Yes, it is all very clear now. How could we have missed that?

You know, I was almost swept away by this man. For a moment there I really was beginning to believe. He is very, very persuasive. But if he doesn't keep the Sabbath then he cannot be from G_d. And if he doesn't keep the Sabbath then he probably doesn't tithe, either. Does he pay the Temple tax? We should check on that, I bet he doesn't. You know, that reminds me, his disciples don't fast twice a week either. Even John's disciples fasted. Y'shua told his disciples there was no need to fast as long as He was with them! Oh, didn't you know? He eats and drinks with sinners - a little too much eating and drinking, if you know what I mean.

Something else I noticed, too... he doesn't wash before he eats. It's true! He said the outside of the cup doesn't matter, it's what's inside. Are you sure Y'shua is really a Rabbi? He hasn't been to any of our schools. I'm not sure where he comes up with his teachings. Get this. Y'shua was preaching in Capernaum and told them he came down from heaven! Not only that, but he said if they eat his flesh and drink his blood they will live forever! Strange, very strange. Many of his disciples got right up and walked out. I don't blame them. It's all very strange and very sick.

So where does Y'shua get his power? If He doesn't keep the Sabbath then whatever power he has can't come from G_d. If the power doesn't come from G_d then it must come from Beelzebub. How else can you explain it? That's why it's so easy for him to cast out demons!

Fellow Pharisees, this man Y'shua must be stopped. Not only that, he deserves to die. First, because he calls G_d his father. Y'shua also says he has the power to forgive sins. No one but G_d can forgive sins, so he is obviously guilty of blasphemy. Second, he does not keep the Sabbath. Now the Law of Moses says if anyone does not keep the Sabbath they must be put to death. Third...

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Friends, you are witnessing the wisdom of the Pharisees in action. Jesus called them fools, blind leaders of the blind, snakes, and hypocrites who will not escape the damnation of hell. Amen, we say. How easy it is to look back on this evidence today and condemn the Jews for failing to recognize their Messiah and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

However, I suggest that the sect of the Pharisees is alive and well today, only it is no longer a sect within Judaism, it is a sect within Churchianity that continues to differentiate people based on external religious rules and customs. The names and customs have changed, but the same old "wisdom" prevails:

"You cannot be a Christian if you don't go to church."

"God will not bless you unless you pay your tithes."

"You cannot know the truth unless you get it from the 1611 King James Version."

"If you leave the church you lose your spiritual covering."

"If you don't submit to authority you have a Jezebel spirit."

"Submission means never asking questions."

"A true prophet always encourages and never judges."

"Women be quiet."

"Jesus' real name is Y'shua."

"God's real name is G_d."

"Saturday, not Sunday."

"Sunday, not Saturday."

When you take all these things and add them up, what do you get? What is the result? Pride, spiritual elitism, narrow-mindedness, dullness, and darkness. In a word, I describe these people as DISTRACTED FROM THE SIMPLICITY OF CHRIST!

Religion is the result of becoming consumed, absorbed, vexed, and stressed out over the "many things" while completely overlooking that only One Thing is needed (cf. Luke 10:41,42). It is the scrupulous, agonizing work of straining out gnats and swallowing camels (Matthew 23:24). Taken to its absurd conclusion, it actually feeds that Spirit of Antichrist that is always fighting against the Testimony of Jesus.

In Acts 18 we find Paul preaching Jesus in Corinth. As is always the case, whenever you decide to preach JESUS AS HE IN FACT IS, it will attract the ire of the local religious establishment:

"When Gallio became governor of Achaia, some Jews rose in concerted action against Paul and brought him before the governor for judgment. They accused Paul of "persuading people to worship

God in ways that are contrary to the law" (Acts 18:12,13, NLT).

You see? There it is again - the Law of Moses, Torah, the traditions and customs of the elders. Paul was always ready to debate the Jews. Being a Jew and a Pharisee for many years, Paul enjoyed the arguments and usually won them. Yet something different happened that day...

"Just as Paul started to make his defense, Gallio turned to Paul's accusers and said, 'Listen, you Jews, if this were a case involving some wrongdoing or a serious crime, I would be obliged to listen to you. But since it is merely a question of words and names and your Jewish laws, you take care of it. I refuse to judge such matters.' And he drove them out of the courtroom" (Acts 18:14-16, NLT).

Hallelujah! Thank God for Gallio! If an unbelieving Roman judge has enough discernment to confound the wisdom of the Pharisees, what about us? I pray God will give us the gift of single-mindedness in our pursuit of Christ and Christ alone. May God give us the courage to say, "If it is a question of Christ and His Kingdom I would be obliged to look at the issue more closely. But since it is merely a question of words and names, Sabbath days and holidays, religious rules about outward things, Bible versions and denominations, you take care of it yourself. I refuse to argue over such matters."

His yoke is easy! His burden is light! Come to Him and learn of Him. Repudiate the wisdom of the Pharisees and embrace this Man Who does not keep the Sabbath, because this Man is the Son of the Most High God, and there is therefore now NO condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus!

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The Secret Of Spiritual Power

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"God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:6b,7).

There is a principle at work in our life and walk with the Lord, and it is the principle of strength out of weakness. "The meek are blessed, for they will inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). If we want the blessing of the Lord then we must learn what it is to be meek, for the proud will not inherit anything from Him.

The way of the world says that in order to be stronger, we must build ourselves up and seek strength and dominance over others. Christians everywhere are keenly interested in how to be increased, how to be stronger, how to take authority, how to rise up, how to get more. They look for methods, formulas, and techniques for becoming bigger and better. The results have been disappointing. Many mistakes have been made and many people have been hurt and disillusioned.

The Lord has a different approach for us to take. He invites us to accept weakness in order to be strengthened. We do not become strong by embracing strength, but by embracing weakness! This is the secret of all spiritual power. When Paul learned this secret he was able to say, "When I am weak, then I am strong" (II Corinthians 12:10b). This makes no sense to the natural man. I do not remember ever hearing anyone begin a teaching on spiritual warfare with this verse. It is no wonder, then, that these teachings never seem to produce any lasting fruit.

This passage of Scripture from James gives us further insight into why the strong are weak, and why the weak are strong. Our study of this verse may be divided into four distinct sections. Let us look at each one individually.

GOD RESISTS THE PROUD

Christians are full of many plans, many pursuits, many thoughts, many words, many things. It is impossible to say just how much of the flesh is involved in the things we undertake in the Name of Jesus. We know they cannot be purely spiritual works because often there is little fruit to be found. We labor and toil and work but it seems as if we make little or no progress. It seems as if something is always blocking our way and preventing us.

The automatic assumption is that anything which resists us or hinders us is of satanic origin. That is, if we encounter difficulty in our spiritual walk, our first reaction is to rebuke the devil, or ask the saints to pray for us to have a clear way. Certainly the devil will attempt to hinder us from anything we undertake that glorifies God and threatens the darkness. Yet we learn from James 4:6 that there is Someone else who can resist us. There is Another Who carefully watches what we do, and frequently hinders us from making progress.

It comes as a shock and surprise to some Christians to see one day that God, not the devil, is resisting them. The Lord Himself resists us, closes doors, causes things to be unfruitful, and spoils all our plans. How so? Because "God resists the proud." This resistance from God is insurmountable. It is a fearful thing to fight the Lord. We spend most of our lives wrestling with God instead of cooperating with God, and in the end we have nothing to show for it. So much time and effort is wasted because we proceed in our own, stubborn way. We attribute all difficulties to the devil, or to other people, or our circumstances, or our environment, and fail to recognize that the Lord Himself is resisting us.

God resists the proud. This is an active resistance that will block our path like a huge rock or a great chasm. All who walk in pride are in league with the devil himself, and will receive the same judgment (cf. I Timothy 3:6). Brothers and sisters, this is a serious matter. If we harbor the least bit of pride then we will find ourselves on the wrong side of the Lord, but if we are humble before God and man then we cannot be defeated because...

GOD GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE

The single requirement for grace is humility. But what is grace? Grace is more than just a theological term used to describe how we are saved. Grace is the power of God at work in my life to do what cannot be done in my own strength. Grace is energizing and proactive. When I have reached the end of myself then Grace Himself takes over and does what I am unable to do. In the first place, what I cannot do is save myself, and so I trust in the Grace of God, Jesus Christ, to save me. But Grace will not only bring me through the Gate; He will bring me down the Path. Grace does not just get me started in the right direction, but goes along with me every step of the way. For Grace is a Man!

It should be obvious that God will not give us grace while we are still proud. Why? Because He will allow no flesh to glory in His presence. He desires us to be thoroughly emptied of ourselves. When we cease doing what we cannot do then He begins to do what we cannot. The problem is that we still think we can do so many things. We must learn sooner, rather than later, that "apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5b). Nothing! But it is human nature to try and do it ourselves. This human nature is the flesh. It prevents us from entering into Grace. God cannot save someone who is still trying to save themselves. Similarly, God cannot do what we are still trying to do. He will wait - weeks, months, or years - until we have exhausted our strength. When our strength is completely gone and we finally go to Him in weakness, He becomes our strength and we find Grace is there to do the impossible. Then we know it was not us, but the Lord. All praise goes to Him, and we retain nothing for ourselves.

See how many times the disciples tried to correct the Lord. See how many times they argued with the Lord. See how many time their thoughts contradicted the Master. See how many times they urged Him to take action. And the Lord, ever patient, would correct them. In every case we see that He is the Lord, and they are the disciples. The roles must never be confused. He is the Master, and we are His servants. We do not command Him, but He commands us. We do not direct Him, but He directs us. We do not lead Him, but He leads us. He was not created for us, but we were created for Him. He does not serve us according to our pleasure, but we serve Him according to His pleasure. So we must be adjusted to Him, and not the other way around. The Lord will never apologize to us and say, "I'm sorry, I was wrong. We'll do it your way." How laughable! How absurd! But we often live as if we expect Him to do that very thing. We have not humbled ourselves.

All those who want power with God must see that His power is released through our weakness (cf. II Corinthians 12:9). Do realize that you are weak whether you admit it or not, but the power of humility is in recognizing and agreeing before God that we really can do nothing of our own selves. God's power is not for those with natural charisma, talent, leadership skills, education, training, or "connections".

God is not looking for volunteers to serve at their own convenience as their schedule permits, but calls for disciples who will lay down their lives. The flesh counts for nothing in spiritual matters. God's power is not revealed to us when we are proud, but when we are humble. Any demonstration of "power" manifesting itself through a proud man or a proud woman is, quite simply, not from God and cannot be trusted. Spiritual gifts may be counterfeited, but spiritual fruit cannot be faked. We will know the false from the true by their fruit, not their gifts (Matthew 7:20). Meekness is an essential quality of spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:23). Gifts may accompany fruit, but gifts may never substitute for fruit.

The secret, then, is to...

SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD

Do we need the power of God today? Do we seek the Life of the Lord today? Do we desire Him to have the preeminence in our lives today? Do we long for Him today? Then now is the time for us to be unconditionally and wholeheartedly surrendered to Him. We need not drag the process out for several days and weeks, months and years. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23). Do it today, do it now. If we must daily take up the cross anyway, let us bow our head and give up the ghost instead of struggling to stay alive, which only prolongs our agony. The secret to overcoming is dying daily.

If God gives Grace to the humble, then we should live a surrendered life so we can tap into grace. Die to Self, die to effort, die to trying, die to scheming. Stop wrestling, stop fighting, stop squirming, stop arguing, stop reasoning, stop bargaining, stop all that and just surrender, yield, give up, and lay down before Him! Humility is not some outward show, but a heart attitude that says in effect, "I will not resist the dealings of God. I will not argue with the Lord. I will not insist upon my own way. I recognize and admit that apart from Him I can do nothing. I am finished. Lord, I look to You to do in me and through me what I cannot do." Friends, if we truly mean that when we say it then we will naturally spend more time praying, more time in the Word, more time ministering to God, because we will realize we do not know anything and we can not do anything without hearing from Him. If Christ is to have the preeminence in all things right HERE is where it begins. Humility is offering no resistance to the dealings of the Lord with us.

When we are submitted to the Lord, we find Grace. We find peace. We find rest. All things are in His hands, and He does all things well. We need not fear what any devil or any man can do to us. To be submitted to the Lord is to be under His care, under His guidance, under His power, under His protection. Whom shall I fear? What can man do to me? What can the devil do to me? If I have humbled myself beneath the mighty hand of God then He will exalt me in due season; He will justify me; He will defend me; He will fight for me. If our submission to God is complete, if our surrender to the Lord is total, then victory is assured. We will...

RESIST THE DEVIL, AND HE WILL FLEE

So many times we try to resist, but we are defeated. Why? Simply because we attempt to resist the devil before we have first submitted ourselves to God. There is a proper order that must be observed without fail. First, we must understand the principle of God resisting the proud but giving grace to the humble. This is the foundation of everything we do. Second, the word "therefore" signifies that those who learn this principle will act upon it accordingly. If they understand the truth just stated, they will submit "therefore" to God. Third, as a result of their submitting to God, they will find the devil flees whenever and wherever they offer him resistance. The word "flee" means "to run away in terror". How wonderful! How delicious to see the devil running from us in terror, instead of the other way around! That should be the normal experience of all Christians. That is the normal Christian life, a life that overcomes.

The whole object of satan is to bring us down from the heavenly places in Christ (Ephesians 2:6) and entangle us into some kind of earthly, fleshly thing that saps us of our strength and diminishes spiritual authority. Knowing this, the Lord has us to pray daily, "Deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13ff). That is to say, "Deliver us from the earthly, the fleshly, the worldly, the carnal, the selfish, the natural, the human, where satan has influence to work evil against us. Deliver us from all that hinders and distracts us, and bring us into the Kingdom of Your dear Son, that we may walk in Spirit and Truth, in the heavenly places, demonstrating your preeminence over all things Below." Brothers and sisters, praying in this way is what it means to resist the devil. He cannot stand before us when we take the high ground and maintain the Lord's Testimony.

If we grow impatient and fall into the flesh then we become weaker. To react in the flesh diminishes spiritual authority, and this must be avoided at all costs. Allowing the flesh to have its way for only a moment guarantees defeat against a spiritual adversary. "We worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Philippians 3:3). To lose all confidence in the flesh is to take the higher ground of the Spirit. To meet flesh with flesh means the victory will go to the strongest, and there is always someone stronger than you according to the flesh. Instead, if people come against you in the flesh, let them come against you. If they wish to rail and argue with you according to the flesh, do not respond in kind. If they attack you without cause, let them attack, because the fleshly, the carnal, the natural cannot defeat the spiritual. The one who is submitted to the Lord has authority over those who remain unsubmitted to Him. Flesh is overruled by Spirit. Hate is overruled by Love. Darkness is overruled by Light. Death is overruled by Life. Earth is overruled by Heaven. "He that comes from above is above all" (John 3:31ff).

We offer no resistance, no defense, no argument, no justification to people who mean us harm. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12a). We resist satan, not the person. We stand against the devil, taking no action against the instruments the devil uses. We submit to God, we offer no resistance to man, but we stand firm against the spiritual adversary. Outwardly, before others, we appear weak. But inwardly, before God, we are strong. "Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (II Corinthians 10:3,4). If we war after the flesh then we are emptied of spiritual strength. If we war after the Spirit then we are emptied of fleshly strength. Which will you have, spiritual authority, or fleshly power? You can have either one you want, but you cannot have both.

We face perilous, dangerous times. The secret of spiritual power to see us through these times is humility. The arm of the flesh will fail us. Brothers and sisters, since we cannot avoid weakness, we may as well make the best possible use of it. Let us accept the dealings of the Holy Spirit with us and offer no resistance to Him. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up" (James 4:10). Amen.

The Wind Of The Spirit

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10-04-05 Rosh HaShanah
I had a dream

> *Ps.104:3*
> *He makes the clouds his chariot*
> *and rides on the wings of the wind.*
> *He makes winds his messengers,*
> *flames of fire his servants.*

I dreamed last night that I was trying to fly. I dream that I am trying to fly all the time. I used to dream that I could fly real high but then I started dreaming that I had to jump off of something, the higher the Cliff or ledge the higher I could fly.
Last night I dreamed that I was going to try and fly and the LORD spoke to me and said if you will call on the wind of the Spirit you will be able to go higher and higher. So I was just standing on the ground and I called on the wind of the Spirit and the Spirit took me real high into the sky. It was wonderful. I felt as though I was with the LORD in the Spirit. I know this dream is just a part of what the LORD is getting ready to do. Always in my dreams where I can fly I am telling people if they will fly with me holding my hands then they will be able to fly by themselves and in turn they can teach others. This dream is so exciting because the LORD was showing me how to help others as well. GOD bless you all. Sister Eva Faye Marsee

The Washtub Vision

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1 Kings 17:1 ~ "And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gil-e-ad, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word."

I Kings 18:1, 41-45 ~ "{1} And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.

{41} And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. {42} So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

{43} And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

{44} And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not.

{45} And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain..."

1 Kings 19:11-13 ~ "{11} And he <God> said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake:

{12} And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.

{13} And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?"

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Several months ago, I felt impressed of the Lord to read repeatedly the above quoted verses of Scripture. As I wondered and pondered why these verses of Scripture seemed so compelling to me, my attention was once again drawn to 1 Kings 18:1; in particular, where it reads: "And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the Lord came to Elijah..."

As I finished reading this verse of Scripture, the Lord began to speak to my heart.

"Did Elijah stop being a prophet when My word wasn't coming to him?" The Lord asked me.

This question from the Lord struck my heart and took my breath away. I myself had been enduring a time of great silence from the Lord. Yet even though the silence from the Lord was distressing in many ways, I continued to feel the Lord's presence with me.

Over the past several months, it was as if one tragedy after another was striking my family and loved ones. There were numerous stressful situations occurring at the same time. A spirit of intense weariness settled upon my heart. I usually felt as if I were bracing myself for the next blow to strike.

As I continued to seek the Lord for answers and direction, I had a very strange vision. This vision was so strange to me that I almost dismissed it as silly and unimportant. Yet, it haunted my thoughts. After some time, I felt clarity from the Lord in regard to this simple, "silly" vision.

I would like to share this vision, and what the Lord spoke to me in regard to this vision, with others; especially those prophets of the Most High God who also may be enduring tragedies and/or a time of silence from the Lord.

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In the vision, I saw a long line of silent men and women. Each of the men and women had on a brown cape that touched the ground and they were staring ahead intently. I glanced in the direction the men and women were looking to see what they were staring at. To my surprise, I saw a large washtub such as was used in bygone days to wash clothes. Hovering over the washtub, I saw an immense hand.

I watched as each of the men and women approached the washtub. The large hand plucked up each man and woman one by one, and very deliberately placed that person (still wrapped within their brown cape) inside the washtub. Then began what I can only describe as a "wash cycle."

During this time of being "washed," each of the men and women were being swirled madly around within the washtub. Soap and water were in their eyes, ears and even in their mouths. The hand also "scrubbed" each of the men and women on a scrubber, then would place them back into the soapy, turbulent water.

As I continued to watch all of this, I became aware of the soft murmuring of a voice. I couldn't make out the words that were being spoken, but the sound of the voice was gentle and soothing.

At the end of the wash cycle, the men and women appeared absolutely exhausted.

Then began the "rinse cycle." The wash water was drained from the washtub, and clean water added. A bucket appeared grasped in the large hand. I watched as the large hand repeatedly poured bucketful after bucketful of water over each of the soapy men and women.

The voice continued to murmur gently and soothingly to the men and women, but with the soap and now the water in their ears, they didn't seem able to hear the sound of the voice.

At the end of the "rinse cycle," I watched as the large hand set the bucket aside, grasped each of the men and women one by one, and placed them into an old fashioned wringer. I gasped with dismay as I saw each of the men and women being completely flattened and having the water pressed from them as they were put through this wringer. Then, the men and women were placed gently into a basket.

By the time this entire process was completed, the men and women were totally limp and exhausted.

Then another hand appeared so that there was now a set of large hands. The hands reached into the basket and gently removed the men and women one by one. The set of hands carried each man and woman to a clothesline and began to "hang" the men and women on the clothesline.

As I stared at the men and women hanging on the clothesline, I saw that each of them had their eyes closed; almost as if they had fallen asleep after the ordeal they had just endured.

I then began to faintly hear the sound of a gentle breeze. This breeze seemed to envelope each of the men and women, and they were gently swaying back and forth on the clothesline. As the breeze gently blew on the men and women, the soft voice continued to murmur to them.

Gradually, the men and women seemed to become aware of the sound of the voice. They opened their eyes, began to slowly look around them, and became more alert.

The hands then took each of the men and women down from the clothesline. The men and women stood silently, as if waiting for something to happen. I realized that during this whole process, not one of the men or women had resisted, or even spoken.

As I stared at the men and women, I saw them become quietly animated. I noticed they were each staring off into the distance at something. I turned to see what it was they were gazing at, and saw a small cloud. The small cloud appeared as if from over the horizon.

Then, each of the men and women set off towards the small cloud, and the vision ended.

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As I continuously thought upon this vision, the Lord began to speak to me about it.

"Do you know who the men and women are?" The Lord asked me.

"No, Lord," I replied.

"They are My prophets," the Lord replied. "To one degree or another, I have been taking My prophets through a time of being purified and cleansed. For some of them, this process is quite open and apparent. For others, it is hidden and is being accomplished in secret and in isolation. For all of them, though, it is painful; for all within them that is impure or unclean is being laid open and is being dealt with and cleansed."

"Why, Lord?" I asked.

"For the coming days ahead," the Lord replied. "As I have been dealing with My prophets, so will I also be dealing with each of My children. When this cleansing process comes upon each of My children, My prophets will be there to aide in this process."

"What is the purpose of this process, Lord?" I asked.

"I am moving in a different manner than I have before," the Lord answered. "I am speaking differently. Each of My prophets, and also each of My children, must be attuned to the changes in the way I am moving and speaking. If they are not attuned to these changes, they will overlook and miss My purpose and My will, and what it is I desire to see accomplished."

"And what is it that You desire to see accomplished, Lord?" I asked.

"I desire for My prophets to not only speak My word," the Lord replied. "I desire them to also have a solution to the word I give them to speak, and to know through My Spirit how to apply the interpretation of My word to them."

I felt confused by this answer.

"You do not understand, child?" The Lord asked me. I admitted that I did not.

"When I speak a word of warning or of coming calamity to one of My prophets," the Lord explained, "not only do I desire that prophet to speak forth the word of warning, I desire them to also have a solution to the coming calamity. Speaking forth My word is no longer totally acceptable to Me," the Lord said. "I would also have My prophets to become so mature in Me that they will also have clear direction for others in regard to the word I speak to them. Now do you understand?"

"Yes, Lord," I replied.

"The cleansing process for My prophets and also for My children," the Lord continued, "is for them to come to maturity. When they are mature, then will I arise with total strength and glory in the midst of My people.

"The danger, though, during this process is that of My prophets and My children becoming dejected and overwhelmed by the situations I will and have been bringing upon them, and for them to quit.

"Another danger is that of not restoring and strengthening those who I will expose during the cleansing process. Before there is a cleansing of the flesh, there is first a decaying of the flesh. Whenever the flesh is decaying, there is a stench. The stench of the flesh decaying for many of My prophets and My children will be offensive to many others, yet it is not My desire for their backs to be turned upon those who are going through the decaying process.

"This is a very delicate time spiritually for My prophets and eventually for My children," the Lord continued. "Souls hang in the balance, and it will be through the maturity of My prophets and then of My children, that the fate of these souls will be decided."

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When the Lord ceased speaking to me, I was amazed and tremendously humbled by this simple, at first glance almost seemingly silly, vision of a washtub that the Lord had shared with me. I began to grasp the enormous magnitude of how the Lord is currently moving and speaking to us.

It is my sincere desire and hope that others of the prophets and God's children who are enduring a cleansing and also a decaying to the flesh process may be encouraged and strengthened through this vision.

In Him, ~~ Hollie L. Moody

Tumble Weed Vision

Terri Derocher

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"I said, "How Do You Wrap Your Arms Around A Tumble Weed?"

Hi again body of Christ: Here is the promised second message of the two words given to me last night at the beginning of Tisha B'Av. As I shared with you before the first was a strategy given for Israel for today and this week and I wanted to get it out first as we need to walk through that one. Please refer to the first message sent out…a New Way To Pray On Tisha B' Av.

Last night as I was worshipping the Lord I had the feeling of just wanting to run away and hide with the Lord as sometimes I don't understand myself and then wonder if I don't understand myself OR my emotions then how can anyone else. It was in this place, lying on the floor, trying to be as small as possible, that I saw a tumble weed and then felt it was myself. When I first saw this I didn't perceive it as a good thing as I thought OH Lord that's me. I looked at that horrible plant and said, "How do you wrap your arms around a tumble weed ?" I was tired of rolling from place to place. We have rolled from coast to coast in my husband's occupation but we have had wonderful church families. There are so many best friends, prayer partners, wonderful pastors, and ministries that we have said goodbye to over these past 17 or so years, hundreds of them we have had to leave in many states. It has been difficult to maintain those relationships because of the sheer numbers. Many of you that I love so much and have had to leave are on this mailing list and sometimes this is the only communication we have with each other for months, even years. I've heard bloom where you are planted and I have cried "Lord let me stay long enough to see apples on the tree we've planted". (I've seen it now.. Thank you). Anyway there have been difficult, painful times in these moves but joy also. You are some of that joy. Back to this vision…

For those of you who weren't raised in the Western United States (I'm a Wyoming girl) we have a rolling weed, a specific plant that breaks off and rolls in the fall. If you look at the old western movies you may see these weeds rolling through the dust as the cowboy comes into the abandoned town. My boys (and maybe even my husband from R. I.) thought these things were mythical and I still remember the fun of my sons actually seeing them for the first time when we moved to the Northwest from New Hampshire a little over four years ago. They yelled and screamed and the youngest, especially wanted to run and catch them as they rolled along or flew by! They only stop rolling if the wind stops blowing or they get caught in a fence (usually in a huge bunch of twenty or more). So that's a tumble weed.

Well here is how the Lord turned what I thought was ugly into something beautiful. He showed me this plants life cycle. Some of these plants grow taller than a man. They form giant balls. They are covered with green seeds. When growing they are tough and unbreakable. You'd need clippers or a shovel to get them out of the soil as the root grows deep. But this plant has adapted itself to the wide open spaces of the west and has a unique way of reproducing. When HARVEST time comes (the autumn) they dry up and the plant breaks off at ground level. Then they begin to roll with the wind. By this time these big healthy ball-shaped plants are brown and dried out, light as a feather and covered with thousand of seeds which break off everywhere. As the plant rolls, the seed scatters. Then new baby plants grow the following spring from the scattered seed.

Here is what I heard the Holy Spirit speak about the tumble weeds. “You are one of many of my plants that I have nurtured and are full of seed. I have thousand upon thousands of you. I send you where I want you as I know you will drop seed everywhere. You are my disciples. You don’t even know where this seed is growing now. You just roll where my wind (the Holy Spirit) sends you. Many of you are caught in this fence of the enemy and I am telling you that I have brought the wire cutters. I am cutting open that fence NOW and you will again roll where I desire you to roll. Do not be concerned that you seem ugly and that no one will desire to wrap their arms around you. Leave that to me. Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder and it is I who am beholding your beauty now. I will make your beauty shine. The fence is opened…. just roll. Roll onto ships, roll onto planes, roll into canyons where none have rolled before….just roll. It’s harvest time. Go spread the word (seed).

For those Messianic Jews now in Israel, fighting the good fight and interceding for their brothers and sisters, I believe this word is even more significant for you. You have rolled for centuries through pogroms and persecutions and now by accepting that Jesus Christ, Yeshua ha Mashiach is the promised Messiah you have been rejected by many of your own families. Friends have rejected you because of your faith. You have felt like a misfit. BUT GOD….says I am making you beautiful, I am making you huggable. I have made you lovable. I have placed my anointing upon you and you will SHINE in the darkness. Seeds are beginning to grow, really…..just roll!

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The Year of Mephibosheth
Michael Webb

This is the year of Mephibosheth. Mephibosheth was Jonathan's crippled son. He was five when his father, Jonathan, and grandfather, Saul, were killed, twelve when David was made king over Israel, and approximately seventeen to twenty when King David searched him out and restored him. Mephibosheth in Hebrew means *destroying shame*. Five is the number of grace, and twelve represents God's governmental authority in the Earth.

Mephibosheth represents the Body of Christ, which has been "lame" for a number of years. During the time of his exile, Mephibosheth lived in the house of Machir, which in Hebrew means *salesman*, in Lodebar, which means *pastureless*. He lived in fear that King David would search him out and kill him because he was of the lineage of the house of Saul. This was not the case, however. David commands his servant, Ziba, meaning *strength* in Hebrew, to find Mephibosheth and return him, saying "he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons." (2Sam11b)

For many years, a "lame" Church has lived and hidden in the "house of salesmen," in a land "without pasture" out of fear and deception. However, this is the year The King asks, "Is there any left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" (2Sam. 9:1) In Hebrew, Saul means *asked for*. In many ways the Church has gotten what it "asked for." Now, however, The King is saying, "Come and sit at my table, as one of My sons."

This year, in both the natural and the spiritual realms, the Body will be invited to sit at the King's table. This will be a year of unprecedented invitation to sit at the table of earthly kings and be treated as a "son." This is also a season of invitation from our Heavenly King to come out of the "house of salesmen," out of a land where there is no "pasture," and sit at His table, where there is abundance and friendship. This is the year when the Lord will "destroy shame" off the Body of Christ. We must be careful, however, that the "Zibas," meaning *strength* in Hebrew, who covet Mephibosheth's rightful inheritance, do not steal from the Body that which is desired for us by The King.

Launch Out Into the Deep
Michael Webb

We are living in extraordinary days; perhaps the most extraordinary time since Jesus walked the Earth. There are many who believe that we may well be the "Canaan Generation" who will remain alive and see the long-awaited return of our Savior and Lord. May it be so, Lord Jesus. Extraordinary times call for extraordinary faith.

Many of us are at critical junctures in our personal or professional lives, and, most importantly, in our walk with the Lord. We are like the Apostle Peter who, upon seeing the Lord walking on the water asks, "Is that you Lord?" The Lord says, "Be of good cheer, it is I, do not fear." To which Peter responds, "If it is you, Lord, bid me come." The Lord replies, "Come." (Matt. 14:25-33) It is very important in this season that we understand the meaning of this scripture as it applies to us TODAY. We must all determine where we are in the context of this passage, and press forward like Peter. It is time to get out of the boat. It is far better to be “a wet water-walker rather than a dry boat rider.”

We must have a passionate faith, like the woman with the issue of blood. She wanted to touch the hem of our Lord’s garment so desperately, and thus be healed, that she risked being stoned to death. We must have the kind of servant’s heart like the man at midnight, who, upon waking to find unexpected guests knocking at his door, began going house to house in the dark of the night until he found someone to give him food for his friends. We must have a passion to reach out and touch the lost, even as Jesus did. A passion born out of an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father which results in Jesus becoming not only the Shepherd of our souls, but the Bishop as well. (1Pet.2:25). We must have a desire to see the Kingdom of God breaking forth in all the Earth, coupled with a willingness to lay down our lives for those whom the Lord sends us to. Scripture teaches that we overcome the world because Jesus overcame the world, and because He lives in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus taught that “the kingdom of God suffers violence and the violent take it by force.” This means that we, by the power of the Holy Spirit, have the ability to defeat God’s enemy, the devil, “by the blood of the lamb, the word of our testimony, and by loving our lives not unto the death.” (Rev. 12:11)

In the Gospel of Luke we read of an account that is pertinent to what the Lord is saying to His Body today. Simon Peter, along with James, John, and Andrew, had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Simon encounters Jesus Who commands the future disciple and Apostle to “launch out into the deep.” Simon argues saying, “We have fished all night and caught nothing.” In effect, he was saying to Jesus, we fish for a living and we know that the prime time to catch fish is at night. You are the son of a carpenter. What do you know about fishing? Nevertheless, the men obey and Scripture tell us that Simon and the others with him were “astonished at the draught of fishes which they had taken.” (Lk. 5:4-10) The Holy Spirit is calling out to His Body and saying, “Launch out into the deep.” Many have gone before and caught nothing, but if you will go at My command, you will be astonished at what you catch. Our obedience to our Lord’s commands is much better than all of our sacrifices to Him. We must be about our Father’s business and endeavor to say only that which we hear Him saying, and do that which we see Him doing. More than ever before, we must allow Him to increase in us so that we might decrease. Our passionate desire must be to see the manifestation of His Glory, instead of our own. (Jn.14:21)

It is no small thing in these difficult times to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior. It is an even greater battle to remain steadfast and unwavering in our faith. Yet, we are commanded “not to grow weary in well-doing.” We are promised that if we persevere unto the end, we can anticipate hearing these precious words of our Lord: “Well done, good and faithful servant.” How sweet the sound of His voice will be on that day!

Take Your Place

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A great moving and shaking has begun. Many of you, my precious warriors are feeling as if a great moving and shaking has come to your lives. A battle that has been intense and you feel as though you have been shaken and stirred.

I have not left each of you. I have not moved, I have not turned my back and I have not walked away. I am standing with you. I am standing beside you and am with you. Nothing, absolutely nothing has taken My love for each of you away.

The enemy has been targeting key people in My Kingdom lately, those that I am doing great things through, targeting them, and doing all he can to bring them down. Doing all he can from keeping them from their rightful place, but I have given each of you the tools, the weapons to fight against him.

The shaking has begun in your lives. What has seemed like asteroids have been sent towards your lives, and you feel like you are being bombarded from every angle. Do not be afraid my precious warriors, for I have seen this, and I have allowed the trials and attacks to come. To strengthen your faith. To strengthen your footing in Me. You may feel you have tripped and fallen, but I have picked you up, dusted each of you off, and placed your feet in their rightful position again.

Fire is coming upon each of you. I am purifying each of you. The trials are here, will you serve Me in the fire?

Time is short. It is time for each of My children to take their rightful places. Many of you are wondering where your rightful places are, and to you I say wait on Me, for I am about to show you the next step. The enemy is now coming in, and offering the counterfeit blessing that I long to give you. Do not give in, but wait on Me and I shall rise you up and show you truth.

Do not look at circumstances of people around you, but look at Me, My precious jewels. The enemy is bringing deception and distraction to each of you, to get your eyes off what is to come. Governmental influences are about to change, deceit is about to take it’s hold in circumstances and situations around each of you, that the only way you can stand is to look straight to Me. Make sure that each of you are grounded in Me, and looking to My Word.

Many within My body are now beginning to feed off deception, and manipulation, and many within My church, My body are tearing down those that I have placed in primary positions. Be aware My church.

Keep your eyes on Me My children. Take your rightful places with Me. Whether that be waiting before Me, taking a stand for me, and or stepping out for Me, take your rightful place. Do not let the enemy steal what I have given you. Allow Me to strengthen each of you now.

The great shaking coming to this world has begun in the lives of you My children, and in My church, and is now about to come to this world in greater ways. There is no time to mess around My children. Come to Me. Take your place, and get serious about walking with Me.

Look at the price, and pay the price for Me. Many of you do not understand what I am doing in your lives or situations around you. Do not look to them, but look to Me, and know that I am moving NOW, and I am about to breakthrough into your lives and place you where you need to be, and the enemy is trying to stop this.

Stand firm My church. Stand firm in Me.

Take Your Stand (Part Two)
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My precious children, I have called each of you to come and stand at your post. Are you standing at the post that I have spoken to you to stand at? Have you taken the steps that I have asked you to, to step forth at the post that I have asked you to stand at?

I am now bringing forth, you, My warriors, I am now bringing you forth. What do warriors fight for? What keeps the warriors fighting? It's their passion, and determination for the **cause** of which they are fighting for.

As you My warriors keep seeking Me, and knowing Me, you shall grow deeper in knowing your cause. Me! Many of you are not fighting for your cause, but for yourselves. Come to Me, and check your hearts in the light of My love. Come and see the true state of your hearts.

Are you standing at the post I have called you too and fighting for Me, or for you? Are you fighting to see the Glory of My name be brought forth, or are you fighting for yourselves? Are you fighting so others may see your stance in Me, and so many may see you?

Many of you are at crossroads. Trials and attacks have brought you to a crossroads and you now must choose which post you will stand at. The post I have called you to stand at, or your own. Choose today.

Many of you are fighting with what I see as pillows. Things that are not of Me. Things that protect you for a short while, but are eventually penetrated, and then you are wounded. At your post, you must fight with the tools and weapons I have given each of you. Not your own strength, not your own wisdom, for what is your strength and wisdom compared to Mine, My children? Stop using pillows to fight your battles, and start using My weapons.

Come out My children. Stand at your post and fight passionately and diligently, for the One and Only true cause. Me. Keep your cause in focus and fight in My strength. Leave everything else not of Me behind, and fight where and with what I have given you.

Stop serving your selfish desires, and the posts that you think you should stand at, and stand at My post. Lay down your posts, and stand at the post that the Lord Almighty has called you to stand at.

I am now sifting through My church. Those that are truly abandoned to Me, and are living completely for Me, will be seen standing at their posts and those that are not will be seen standing at theirs. It's time for the real warriors to come forth. Those that are willing to lay down their lives for Me. For My children you are either fully for Me, or fully against Me. You cannot have a foot at My post and a foot at yours.

Trust Me to give you all you need. Trust Me that I know the desires of your heart, and will give you better than you dream, lay down yourself, trust Me, and take your stand at the post of the Almighty.

Unity In My Army

Tim Cook

I need to write His words about Unity in the Army.

"I am circulating My church. When I find one who passionately prays for Unity in the Body .... I will gather them in. Then I will network them with a few close friends of like mind and cause them to watch each others backs and encourage each other. In the spirit they will be perfectly suited to each other - and their very past lives will PROPHECY to the other - deeper and higher than just words! They will click into place like DESTINY. Their whole daily lives and dreams and experiences will PREACH hope and restoration and joy to the other. It will be TRUE synchronicity. A perfect unity only Heaven can create. They will truly watch each others backs - often without knowing it. Laying down their lives for each other will simply become the norm - they will carry My cross within the very fibre of their being. They will walk straight into their destiny without looking sideways, or slowing down. They will heal and deliver and restore and destroy demonic strongholds - again - just by their simple obedience and by them carrying My Spirit of Might and Counsel within them.

When I illuminate one of their kind - they will be snatched into the Army - the family - into safety - into Unity. A sortie will be sent out to find and rescue them. They will stand strong, shoulder to shoulder – as watchmen. And they will look afar off and constantly scan the spiritual realm, and see a snake coming, or an archer, or a wolf, and will run to intercept it and ask for My DISCERNMENT. They will say to the intruder “Are you one of us – who are you – what is your mission?" And the demon will reply some lie, but what the soldier will hear and see will be the truth – and they will take it out or send it away as the Lord directs – thus protecting the Body of Christ. And the Army will march to new territory – because I have a new mission. They will speak and write prophecies and broadcast them – fire and forget heat seeking missiles – Holy Water arrows to explode. And then I myself will carry those arrows directly to the intended target – although often the speakers will have no clue where in My Army is the intended recipient – they’ll just be obedient to fire and forget and move on to chase intimacy. They will heal people and the land and the air as they march past – just by the atmosphere of Heaven they carry, and streams will spring up beneath their feet. Some will carry a Crown of Thorns anointing which will absorb mental sickness into Myself. Some will carry My very whip scars on their backs which will absorb sickness when they touch someone. Sometimes people will ask help of them by the side of the road – but the soldier will only do what he or she sees My Father doing in Heaven – and may say – sorry friend I’m on a mission – but pray for us because this mission will heal thousands of you – I can’t stop but Jesus will touch you in His time.

This will seem strange to other Christians, but we will march on – single-minded and focused on our King. They will weep My tears as they walk, and drip the very Oil of My nobility, and scatter Kingdom jewels into the crowd. They will break bread and drink wine in ***remembrance*** *of Me every time they meet - not in dead religion – but just as a Love Feast even if it takes seconds – in passing as it were. And the* ***Communion*** *– the exchange – will mean Brother, Sister – Give me Jesus in your heart and life – give me some Bread – what’s He shown you today because what you have today is* ***unique*** *and essential for my own nourishment and strength – also have some of my Bread and New Wine – because you also need what Jesus has done with me today. Having eaten the body and drunk the blood of Jesus – Servant King – they will despise and scorn the stale maggoty bread and stale bitter wine that many Christians are living from – because they will always be like salmon who swim upstream against the current to the Source – seeking always the* ***purest*** *flow.True Unity is coming, I will build My Church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it. Amen.”*

Be Blessed and guided by the King

Stairs

Tim Cook

"Oh my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." Song of Solomon 2:14 (AV)

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit in me." Psalm 51:10

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? … For we are the temple of the living God… Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you, I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters … Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God." 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

"Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol, or swear falsely." Psalm 24:3-4

"I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them… Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing…" Isaiah 42:16; 43:18

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise." Psalm 100:4

"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48

I saw the stairs – and they were wide, but quite dark, and also the steps were perfectly formed. And they represented the pursuit of righteousness and holiness, and an ever deeper discovery of God in a person's life. A man stood on the stairs, at a junction between impenetrable darkness down below – and a lighter level. He held the arm of a woman, and was arguing, and debating and begging with her. They exchange papers and part company – he turns and runs upwards. I was with the Spirit and we would fly around these stairs to see the vision from different angles. I realised that the Lord was showing me my own recent history.

The vision was quite dark at this stage. I thought I was quite righteous – but in reality I was still in some measure of darkness. I could see other scenes from my life which were away from the stairs, and they made me feel scared, sad or discouraged. Plus the Lord wanted me not to really dwell on this bit of my past – just to be aware of where I had come from. And here the Lord taught me, and He also surrounded me with His thick darkness, like a protective and comforting cloak;

"You learned too late that the husband has to lay down his life for his wife. However – My grace to you was to use the opportunity to snatch you up into My arms. For many of My people – their struggle on their road of righteousness will not be an easy one – but I will extend My wisdom into their situation – and teach them Christ likeness through their relationship problems. The scenes from your life that shame you are eternally covered by My darkness and My forgetfulness. The truly repentant will not be humiliated by Me – just certain pages of their life in Heaven will be left blank. The fallen sons and daughters of Adam and Eve cannot handle what they truly are, they cannot bear it Tim. You cannot bear your own sin – to see yourselves as you truly are would ultimately drive you mad. Why do you think I sent My Son to bear it and bear the insanity for you? And so we have a small dilemma (smile) … because I have to make you perfect, and to do that you must know

the Truth and be set free. So I reveal your inner darkness a little at a time, absorb it in the Cross, and heal you up, but I will also hold before your eyes a vision of what I'm making you into! Otherwise you'd perish. Don't be afraid little one – move on."

And so the man runs up the stairs, and circles a large bomb crater within the stairs. A couple of servants are repairing it, brick by brick. "I'm sorry … thank you for your work here … but I can't repent any deeper – I must move on! *There is very deep pain here, and some wounds take a long time to repair, but don't be afraid – I make all things new. Move on."*

The man cannot see the stairs. He is blind. So he weeps and he dances to his Christian music – because a fresh joy is calling to him from somewhere so deep and timeless. The stairs are gone – or invisible. And where his feet dance, and his tears of repentance and brokenness fall, stones of the stairs appear and light up white, because from underneath the Holy Spirit is placing His hands on the stairs and making a way. And so the man is slowly and steadily climbing without realising it. And he learns to advance on invisible stairs – by dancing.

Then suddenly his head breaks through into a much lighter realm! And his head is above the sea and he can see an island and a beach. From here he is also caught up into some very high places. *"This is a good place – the threshold of the place of visions. Many seers dwell here quite happily, but I wanted you higher – Move on!"* Again the stairs were quite invisible, and yet I could see them! *laugh* Don't ask me how. I guess they kind of sparkled around the edges. The stairs were about half the width of what they were below.

Now we are pretty much synchronous. Our time is concurrent. I am walking up slowly – quite sober and in awe at what I'm seeing. Yet another veil of water and lightness is passed. For several minutes it is so bright that I am blinded. Then I begin to see healing rooms, and horses in a paddock. *"Ministries are formed and released here, and ministries are healed here."* There is a steam sauna – fed by boiling clean water and healing leaves. We sit and breathe it in – and the steam clears and heals the head. *"Stay here as long as you need."* A man sits opposite, very depressed, very angry. An angel comforts him. Bless that ministry in recovery Jesus. From here I see a large white horse at a higher level, beginning to kneel, but it's not yet time for me to climb on. The stairs upwards are very clean, white, and very narrow. *"Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? You cannot last long here yet – and will only ascend higher for short periods because you are not pure. But the longer you stay and the higher you go – the more the Lord will purify you."*

Sometimes I'm here to quietly heal and commune with the healers or teachers. The first time, however, I was prancing about full of excitement to go higher. The servant laughs at my joy and youthful exuberance. I love this guy. Then I am suddenly before Jesus – still leaping about in a very holy place.

We stand in a dim hall. Above His hand is the planet Earth - spinning. *"Isn't she beautiful, Tim"* He breathes. *"She is groaning and travailing and tearing herself apart – trying to heal herself from the pollution and wounds of the Fall – and calling for the Kingdom sons to heal her. But the wounds are deep. But look – My Word holds her together – and she shall be healed."* And I saw an inner net of blue lines – which were pure and would not break.

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Academy
Tim Cook

"… but let him who boasts boast about his: that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord. Who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight, declares the Lord." Jeremiah 9:24

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh (the cravings of sinful man), and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (the boasting of what he has and does), is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." I John 2:15-17 (AV – NIV in parenthesis)

"If any man builds on this foundation (Jesus Christ) using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay , or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas … all are yours." 1 Cor 3:12-14, 21

Jesus sits at a desk – a serious Statesman. "Oh no", says my heart, "I'm not ready for this – I'm still being purified." And I try to hover inconspicuously in the background. I'm getting scared because Jesus is so serious – yet I have been summoned. Earnest angels are appearing constantly at the King's desk – presenting prayers and petitions from the saints to the King – and dashing off. The Government seat of Heaven is a constant flurry of business and activity. Sometimes He keeps a messenger waiting –and they are dancing on tenterhooks of anticipation – as He slowly and carefully crafts a reply. I love these guys and their zeal for the every thought of the King. He hands it back to the angel – who is allowed to read it – and often exclaims in happiness and joy at the King's response – and dashes off down to the earth with the message or errand. Angels are dashing in from all corners of the compass constantly. But Jesus works at the speed of light and no time is being wasted. He seems to be dealing with many angels simultaneously. Occasionally he glances at me. I've never seen Him look at me without smiling before, except for when He was prophesying to me from the Cross.

He raises His hand and stops time. All the angels freeze into blurred stillness. I know that this is serious. This is a business meeting of a Father, to discuss the future career of a son in the House. Jesus is pacing around a bit, hands behind His back, sometimes going to look out of the window, or to rustle some papers on the desk. He is crafting His Words in His mind to perfectly convey what this agonised child needs to hear. Like no-one on earth He is taking my every word totally seriously. This has never happened to me before – and the tears start to spring – Oh Lord I'm so sorry – I didn't think you were listening – I'm so sorry. And all the angels I have seen have been accumulating a pile of **my** own cries and petitions. One angel is frozen in gold – with one of my letters. This is blowing my mind again – Oh this place is too Holy.

In our mind He is sifting through all of my deepest heart prayers (e.g. for revival) – and yearnings to be useful in the Kingdom and to please Him. He takes a diamond out of the hand of the golden angel. And He begins to sift and list with me all of my requests and to show me what are the desires that **He** has placed in my heart. I don't think that we reached any definite conclusions about what I would do – but some new visions were being birthed. At one point He said, *"Tim, all of this is good – those are selfish, and some are excellent – and those prayers on My desk which are silver or gold or jewels are from My heart into yours as you were created and spun. Now you are champing at the bit to race into ministry full tilt, yet you know that there are times of preparation and also hidden ministries. Please will you allow Me to sift your prayers with your highest interests in My mind, and to burn the dross…. son – what's your greatest fear at this time?"*

"To become one of those writers that Rick Joyner saw who brings more glory to himself than he does to You. Please – whatever happens please let Yourself be glorified and myself decrease. Don't let me be found a foolish virgin on the outskirts of Heaven – let me produce the gold and be only a blessing to Your people. But if I can't write the vision I don't know what I'd do!"

"Tim, many of My wise people fear this – and many who don't, should. Right, let Me teach you… in My House are different quality wines. Some ministries are indeed building themselves a financial empire and a monument, and therefore producing poor quality wine, even though that wine is still useful for nourishing My sheep. Some have a hidden ministry in My Kingdom and will never be

known. Some have a pulpit ministry and are well known – as Rick Joyner said, this can be a heavy burden. I didn't tell Peter or Paul to stay hidden in case they took some of My glory did I? I sent them out – and they made sure that everyone gave glory to Me. I don't want to create lights and then hide them under a bushel – and I need people to shine My light to the unsaved. I don't wish you to bury your talent – and what you're doing is pleasing Me. Just keep the cloak of humility and keep in step with Me. You will also operate in the hidden places which few will see. Don't be afraid to bubble over with the Living Waters. Why do you burn with fire and oil as you write? Because My holiness is winnowing and anointing your every word and motivation – continue to be ***My*** *pen to My Bride and you'll be safe. If you don't feel anointed – don't write – what's the point? When words of merely human wisdom are many, sin and confusion and boredom flourish, and My House is filled with rubbish. As to the others – let Me be the Judge."*

"Your first Mount of Prophets vision was your personal introduction to My prophetic Academy. In the academic world, the students and teachers do honour to each other by quoting their sources and inspirations. You do well to quote your teachers – it does them honour. Keep doing so. It is the same as two knights passing on a road and saluting in respect to each other. It is honouring your fathers' wells. In fact – not to quote them would be a kind of theft. However – it is no dishonour to become ***like*** *your teachers – quite the contrary. All things in My House are yours. Chase the highest anointing, chase the gold, chase the purest Wine and the freshest Bread *smile*"* He showed me one of His Halls. *"There are Halls of fame here, Halls of My heroes. Books of Destiny are being written and will be read for all time. It is no sin to seek to do exploits for Me. As I have revealed to Tod Bentley's team – I am seeking to download Kingdom secrets to My closest friends – keep chasing Me. Guard your heart. Keep your deepest dreams on the Altar of Sacrifice. Let Me lead you every day. Trust the new friendships I am forming."*

And peace was coming over me on one level. On another I was burning. "Lord I always seem to be before You in some form of agony - *painful laugh* - it's getting embarrassing. He smiled and touched my heart. *"The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning. I have told you – you carry My fire – My judgement – it winnows you constantly. You are in the process of overcoming the corruption in the world, plus snakes have spit their venom onto you – and you must worship free of this. You are overcoming lust of the eyes. You have avoided fasting up till now, but this would help you overcome some of the lust of the flesh and spirits of greed in the world.*

"The most difficult is usually the pride of life – boasting about what you do and are. Your inner rejection is actually closely linked to human pride – and your heart is sending out little hooks without you knowing to get people to validate you. Their hooks of insecurity also get embedded in you. I know that you and your friends are struggling through this at this time – but boast and rejoice in Me and My Kingdom ways and I will keep you safe. I am teaching you the difference between ***flattery*** *and* ***affirmation****. My kids desperately need accurate affirmation – not flattery. Affirmation comes from Heaven - and to practice this one to the other constantly is a serious command from Me. Flattery is from the darkness. I can deal with these things, and will.* Jesus – please purify the hearts and motivations of the prophets in your Academy – your School of the Spirit. *Indeed – but I don't want you guys to stop operating just because you've discovered some deep inner sin – just get pure and move on. My gifts do not depend on your own worthiness. Cover and teach and release each other in Love – ask Me for a word of Wisdom.*

*"If I can get my operatives to collapse to their knees in total repentance with a flash of fire from My eyes, or a single thought from My mind – then we can work together. You don't realise when the thief was creeping up behind you, but I see him *sigh* trouble is I then have to somehow bypass the long detour into condemnation, shame and self-hate – that's all enemy territory – and he's prowling around the outskirts of My Kingdom with a whole variety of chains and prisons for the new prophets. My anointing and grace for this season is to get trained and healed on the job – on the march – things are speeding up. I'd rather work with broken people who know they're desperately sick and need a Doctor – than with the self-righteous. Many of My abused people don't believe that once we*

have an employment contract – I never drop or betray them – we don't bury the wounded here – it's a life commitment. The man you saw in the healing rooms may have fallen into sin – but we still visit together – and I am committed to him for life. I do not abandon the broken.

*"You're learning that a fall from Grace is always a second or a thought away. I don't change in your vision quest – you do. The enemy entered Peters heart totally unawares and spoke to Me. Guard your heart – I keep breaking you and allowing you to stumble – to keep one step ahead of the enemy in your life. And there are reasons why I am calling out imperfect and wounded children to operate in My House – and giving them gifts. My Kingdom is invading the Internet – and I am setting up prophetic guards and healers and arsenals at strategic points on the email networks, chat rooms and websites. This is my new "surfer anointing" *grin* Surfers and prophets will increasingly meet and greet in the Spirit and in vision, as Bob Jones does – and I will show My soldiers around situations in the Spirit and they will pray into those situations – bringing Kingdom blessing into people's lives from halfway across the planet. Be open to this kind of ministry.*

"Tod Bentleys team taught you that an open portal in Heaven occurs when the prayers of a heart begin to mesh precisely with the Father's heart – and this is beginning with your life. Pursue it. Let deep call unto deep everyday. Don't stop groaning and crying out to me for your nation – and for the School of Prophets – because you are birthing a portal."

And as I fell off the cliff of vision because of the battle against corruption and doubt in my mind and soul, the Holy Spirit feathers and the hand of Father God gently caught me and floated me back to the Houses of Healing.

Tim Cook

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Unity In My Spirit
Catharina Schouten - Meijer

Not a spirit of unity; but unity in MY Spirit!

23-9-2005 6:27:19
Genesis 11 *3-4*
they said: Let's build a city with a tower that reaches to the sky! We'll use hard bricks and tar instead of stone and mortar. We'll become famous, and we won't be scattered all over the world.

Out of the book of Revelation 17 and 18
I AM THE GREAT CITY OF BABYLON, THE MOTHER OF EVERY IMMORAL AND FILTHY THING ON EARTH.

“Pity that great
and powerful city!
Pity Babylon!
In a single hour
her judgment has come.”

The Lord woke me up with this word, and I *this is what I* saw *next:*
I saw people who where busy with baking stones *and* building themselves a tower.
Each stone had a name:

- Me
- Pride
- Identical spirit of unity
- Quarrel
- False position
- Darkness
- Lack of love
- satan is the ruler – spirit of me, me and more

And the tower that I saw fall down.

Out of the book of Genesis 11
7 Come on! Let's go down and confuse them by making them speak different languages —then they won't be able to understand each other.

The Father made it clear to me that trying to make the unity among each other, without listening to His voice, will have this result in the end:
It will be like a city with a tower of pride, where *there* will be no light, there will be complete darkness, people will be identical, and will have the mark of the beast!
Pride, Manipulation Identical people (nobody will nor can be an unique person) there will be no love, and all of them shall w*ear* the mark of the beast.
Satan will rule!
And finally everything will be destroyed.

The unity the Lord will make however will be like this:

- He will have the first place as the Alpha and the Omega and we will serve each other.
- Humble

- Unity in diversity and the unity will come through His Spirit.
- Love
- His path will be straight
- Light
- Warmth
- God - The Spirit of Love *with* Humbleness - and we will love Him above everything else…

Word of the Lord:

"I Am calling out an army.
It will be an army that I will raise and I will make
They all will listen to My voice. And the mark they will have is MY LOVE
I Am calling MY army!
They will be one and on the other hand, everyone will be an unique person.
Because when I created the world I have created unique people
All of them I created with a free will, and I will not take that away…..
Only the sinful things I will remove like for instance pride ……
The unity that I Am creating will show the world MY love.

That is why I tell you, stop! Know that I Am the Lord your God, I will build and I will destroy….
I will brake and I will bind…..
The army that I create will serve Me, every stone will be resting on a cement of My love….
They will understand each other through My Spirit….
This army will be built : Not by might not by power but through My Spirit says the Lord….

My army will be caring the light , My city will be a city of glass….(crystal)
Because when Gold is in its purist shape it is like glass….
But if gold manifest s its self as glass it means that it has been through tremendous heat….
I take My children through purification …..I take them through the fire of My purification…..
And they will become (look like) glass…..
Anyone who refuses this process can not be a part of My army….
Through the fire I will remove every sin, that you could see by the building of the tower
It was a tower build on pride, and manpower
What shall remain is an army that will shine My light speak through My Spirit and will show My love.
It will reflect the city of the New Jerusalem"

Out of the book of Revelation
and the city was made of pure gold, clear as crystal.

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So people can ask questions and have the opportunity to contact Catharina.

Underground Church
Mario Liu

Over the past years some of our friends have been hearing independently from God about the 'underground church.'

Recently I was reminded of a prophecy given in early 1998 when Robert and I were praying together with a prophetess from South Australia.

That prophecy is included below, followed by two extracts of responses from members of the list to recent postings.

May the Lord bless you

Mario

Subject: GOD'S UNDERGROUND ARMY Date: Wed, 4 Feb 1998 06:07:11 +1100 From: Robert Holmes

I want to share an encounter we had with a prophet from South Australia last week. Mind blowing... she prophesied this:

The Lord says, "Now is the time to build and establish my underground church. It is underground for it is hidden from the authorities. It is a network operating outside the structures, hidden and obscure. Those in leadership of the underground church must not look to those who would give them recognition and status.

My church is like an army, for I have my generals, majors and captains. Some are hidden in bunkers, and their identities will be revealed strictly on a need to know basis. The church of today shall not see, for I have blinded their eyes. They have had their eyes shut and can not recognise MY underground church, nor give place to my generals."

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From: "jim waldron" <walrusjam@juno.com To: <prophetic@storm-harvest.asn.au Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2005 10:15 AM Subject: Five movements in the earth today

Busted at the beach

Upon returning from our family vacation at the New Jersey shore(USA), I read your post and would like to add what I was reminded of just days prior.

Early each morning a tractor pulls a sand rake across the beach sifting the sand leaving it raked for that days beach goers. In it's path was trash from a beach party the night before. I thought to myself to remove the trash so the operator wouldn't have to stop, get off the tractor and move it himself. I did and he didn't even acknowledge my good deed. He continued down the beach and turned around to make another pass as he approached closer to me since I was still waiting for him to give me at least a wave of thanks, the Lord busted me.

An inner voice questioned me why was I waiting for the recognition of man, the praise of man. Instantly the spoke, "I'm looking for stealth Christians". Like the stealth bomber going on a mission, armed, not easily detectable, efficient. He must increase, and I must decrease(Jn 3:30) and God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble(James 4:6). I repented of my need to be seen. The condition of our hearts will determine how well the 5 movements are carried out.

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Received from Mary Scantlin. Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2005 4:23 AM Subject: Re: [StormHarvest] L Clark: I Saw the Line in the Sand

This week, 7-11-05 I also had a vision of the wheat- it was beginning to go through the process of separating the wheat from the chaff...the wheat had been torn and laid out on the threshing floor.

The Lord also gave me a vision of the 'Night Watchman" and the 10 virgins--this is the vision:

The Night Watchman   Mary Scantlin

I saw the "City of Resource." . I could see a little shimmer of light and walked towards it until I saw that a night watchman held the light.

A loud voice asked the question, "Watchman, what do you see?"

The watchman answered by quoting Isaiah 60:2 ... darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

A loud voice asked "Watchman, what do you see?"

This time, I saw the answer through the watchman's eyes. A harbor with enough moonlight to outline the skeleton of a wrecked ship came into view and I knew it was a picture of I Timothy 1:19.

This charge I commit to you, my son Timothy.. holding faith and a good conscience, which some have put away and made shipwreck as to faith. MKJV

Faith With a Seared Conscience

The message bible puts it like this: keeping a firm grip on your faith and on yourself. After all, this is a fight we're in. There are some, you know, who by relaxing their grip and thinking anything goes have made a thorough mess of their faith.

Many leaders and laymen alike in the body of Christ are searing their consciences and are headed for disaster. The process is simple. They have dabbled in sin , secretly or openly, and not been found out- and seemingly, faced no consequences so the delusion is "I still feel the anointing-It must be okay in God's sight. I can live a dual, secret life and enjoy the fruits of holiness at the same time.."

A loud voice asked Watchman, what do you see?"

The answer came back. "I see 10 virgins. 5 have oil, 5 have no oil."

They all were virgins, they all had lamps...they all did not have oil.

Oil represents the ongoing filling of the Holy Spirit. We are commanded to be filled.

The heart of the wise virgin pursues this even if His coming is delayed. This virgin will enter when the midnight call comes and the door is open to the wedding. Let us abide in Christ and in His love. Let us continue to be washed and sanctified by the word. Let us be alert and watching. The Bridegroom is coming!

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Underground Oath

Kerry Knorr

A generation of believers who have been 'underground' is beginning to rise up. These are those who have been abused by the churches; rejected, condemned, belittled and dismissed as outcasts. These are believers who refused to settle for religious trappings in the place of relationship with God. This is a quiet force in the heart of men, who earnestly hope in the Lord. Their oath: "I will not settle for what is not real." This is a generation of believers who remember that our Lord Jesus socialized with prostitutes, tax collectors, thieves and robbers to share good news with them, and to 'be' good news to them. It's a generation who are learning to ignore the opinions of men, and look to God for their approval.

A great correction is taking place in the house of God. The immature church postures like a bunch of 4 year old children on the playground; 'knowing more'. Unholy alliances among church leaders and secular authorities which have united to attack portions of the house of God; are being struck down. Alliances are being realigned. The house of God is being rightfully united in conflict with the world's powers, principalities and authorities. All things serve God, and in this way, correction to the church will ride the wings of secular authority. Conflict with forces from the outside will solidify unity inside the house of God, and end division inside the house. Correction will also come from within the house; by hearts of underlings who rise recklessly in the midst of God's people and insist on alignment of worship to one true God. A 'house cleaning' is taking place, where divided commitment is being cast out by those who have been rendered fruitless by customs, formats, programs and human chain of command. Once again, God alone will reside as ruler in his house.

A generation of believers has been raised up in this hour to extend salvation to the world. It is not a theoretical or academic salvation. It is an authentic change in lives which yield inclusion rather than exclusion. It is a generation of believers who have 'heard' the rest of the gospel: "For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only son." (Jn.3:17-18) This is a generation which embraces the light. This light exposes every thing and reveals the truth, so that everything that has been done, may be plainly seen to have been done through God. (Jn.3:19-20)

There is a great hungering and thirsting after the righteousness of God in the earth today. It is a huge empty place in the hearts of men that longs to be satisfied. This generation has not been satisfied by a church steeped in academics and tradition. They have examined all that witchcraft, 'new age' and alternative religions have to offer. Sex and drugs and family have not filled this void in the hearts of men who crave to satisfy their deep longing after oneness with God.

The church is changing. It is beginning to embrace the correction of the Lord. It is beginning to embrace the truth of God in exchange for the lies of tradition. Who among this wounded, reviled generation that has suffered at the hands of the church; will rise up to heal the church? Who will forget their anger, and demonstrate the healing heart of our Father, and extend healing and salvation to our forefathers who did not heed the word of the Lord? (Zech.1:4) Who will offer to the house of God, repentance and rest? Who will offer grace and redemption? This is a challenge to those who have been unfaithfully wounded inside the house of the Lord; "who will love my people?" Who will love and forgive that jerk of a pastor who has wounded you and now comes into repentance? Having fought hard for the freedom and power that we have in God, who will turn and love our oppressors? Who will remove condemnation from those whose tradition has heaped condemnation upon the house of God? Who in this generation will be a redeemer to the former generations? Who will withstand abuse, suffer trials and in turn step up to offer authentic salvation back to the abusive church who have behaved as hypocrites and accusers? The church is changing. Who will model the heart of God for his people? Who will model authentic, vertical relationship with God, rather than a preacher screaming and shouting chastisement against God's people under the guise of exhortation? Who will change the emphasis inside the church; from relating to one another; to relating together to God? Who will model relationship with God? Whose life will offer kindness, gentleness and the salvation extended from God? We talk to one another all the time. Who will take the time to talk to God? Who will model rapport with God? Who will invite God's presence into his house?

For those of us who have had to 'escape from' the church due to injury; we have this challenge in front of us. In order to participate with God in his work; we will find ourselves ministering grace to our enemies. We will find ourselves ministering to many wounds which have been inflicted by "brothers". Will our own hurt and anger impede our service unto the Lord? Will the authentic faith that we have had to fight against the church to attain, now be plucked from us as we refuse to 'turn' as our Father 'turns to heal'? Will you, like Jonah, refuse to preach salvation to a wicked and putrid place? Will you, having received forgiveness, refuse to forgive?

When the church repents, will this generation of God's people spurn them as they have been spurned; or will we turn and heal them?

"Return to me", is the declaration of the Lord in this day, as well as his promise: "and I will return to you." (Zech.1:3) He is Father, the creator of all things, yet he finds his house in disarray, his children following after the ways of earth.

"I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite. I will not accuse forever, nor will I always be angry, for then the spirit of man would grow faint before me; the breath of man that I have created. I was enraged by his sinful greed; I punished him and hid my face in anger, yet he kept on in his willful ways. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him, creating praise on the lips of mourners in Israel. Peace, peace to those far and near", says the Lord. "And I will heal them." But the wicked are like the tossing sea which cannot rest, whose waves cast up mire and mud. "There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." (Isa.57:15b-21)

Join this generation of over-comers who dare to be authentic, who dare to embrace the lepers of God's household.

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Unoffendable

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"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh" (Ezek 36:26)

God has a new heart for us that cannot be offended, an "unoffendable" heart. Beloved, possessing an unoffendable heart is not an option or a luxury; it's not a little thing. Consider: Jesus warns that, as we near the end of the age, a majority of people will be offended to such a degree that they fall away from the faith. Listen carefully to His warning:

"Then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another . . . and because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:10-12 KJV)

"Many" will be offended; the love of "many" will grow cold. My prayer is that we will hear His words with holy fear.

When we allow an offense to remain in our hearts, it causes serious spiritual consequences. In the above verse Jesus named three dangerous results: betrayal, hatred and cold love. When we are offended with someone, even someone we care for, we must go to them. Otherwise, we begin to betray that relationship, talking maliciously behind their back to others, exposing their weaknesses and sins. We may mask our betrayal by saying we are just looking for advice or counsel, but when we look back, we see we have spoken negatively to far too many people. Our real goal was not to get spiritual help for ourselves but to seek revenge toward the one who offended us. How is such action not a manifestation of hatred? For an offended soul, cold love, betrayal and hatred go hand-in-hand.

People don't usually stumble over boulders; they stumble over stones, relatively small things. It may be that the personality of someone in authority bothers us and soon we are offended. Or, a friend or family member fails to meet our expectations, and we take an offense into our soul. Beloved, if we will "endure to the end," we will have to confront the things that bother us.

When Jesus warns that we need endurance, He is saying that it is easier to begin the race than finish it. Between now and the day you die, there will be major times of offense that you will need to overcome. You might be in such a time right now. Do not minimize the danger of harboring an offense.

No one plans on falling away; no one ever says, "Today, I think I'll try to develop a hardened, cold heart." Such things enter our souls through stealth and it is only naiveté that assumes it couldn't happen to us. I know many people who consistently become offended about one thing or another. Instead of dealing with the offenses, these people carry them until the weight disables their walk with God. You may be doing fine today, but I guarantee you, tomorrow something will happen that will inevitably disappoint or wound you; some injustice will strike you, demanding you retaliate in the flesh.

The Root Of Offense

An offense can strike at our virtues or sins, our values or our pride. It can penetrate and wound any dimension of the soul, both good and evil. I once brought a series of messages about gossip. Most people saw their sin and repented, but a core group of gossips were greatly offended and ultimately left the church. When the Holy Spirit exposes sin in someone's soul, if we refuse the opportunity to repent, we often become offended at the person who brought the teaching. Instead of humbling our hearts, we are outraged at the pastor or teachers in the church. Truthfully, most of the time, I have no idea who specifically needs to hear what I'm teaching, but God knows.

Paul told Timothy to "reprove, rebuke, exhort" (see 2 Tim 4:2). He didn't say, "exhort, exhort, exhort," but exhortation is what we receive in most churches. Certainly, we need to be encouraged, but there are also times, beloved, when we need to be reproved and rebuked. Today, there are preachers who are afraid to preach truth for fear people will react and leave the church. The end result is a church of easily offended people who cannot grow beyond their inability to accept correction.

People don't change by exhortation alone. There are areas in all of us that need to be confronted and disciplined. The pastor who refuses to discipline and correct those in sin is in disobedience to God. He is unable to lead people into any truly transforming changes in their lives; they will not "endure to the end" if they cannot be corrected (see Matt 24).

We need to become a people who say, "Lord, show me what needs to change in me." I'm talking about growing up. A wise man will receive a rebuke and he will prosper. But a fool rejects his father's discipline (see Prov 15:5).

Personal Offense

An offense can wound our pride when we are not recognized for our good works or ministry. This happened to my wife and I long ago while in California. We were young pastors at a conference when the main leader decided to personally greet each minister and wife. He greeted the couple on our right and then turned to his staff to ask a question. A moment later he returned, but passed us by and went to the couple on our left.

Everyone around us saw we were bypassed. We were embarrassed and offended. But my wife wisely observed that we could allow this thing to hurt us or we could see it as an investment in sensitivity toward other people's feelings. The offense taught us how others feel when they are ignored. Do you see this? You must make that offense become an opportunity to become more Christlike.

The occasions for taking offense are practically endless. Indeed, we are daily given the opportunity to either be offended by something or to possess an unoffendable heart. The Lord's promise is that He's given us a new heart: a soft, entreatable heart that can be filled with His Spirit and abound with His love.

Lord, forgive me for being so easily offended and for carrying offenses. Father, my heart is foolish and weak. Grant me the unoffendable heart of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Unseen Realities

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite, October 28, 2005

Many of you by now have heard of the terrorist bombing in one of Israel's cities. It is no surprise to most everyone, that they will continue to work in this manner to cause the world to pressure the Government of Israel to withdraw from all "so-called" occupied territory of the West Bank. Even though this is the world's matrix and reality, what is ours as believers? Are we looking into the unreality of this world's political and religious systems or do we have YHVH's perspective?

Being born in this matri, "womb" of a world of sin and death, we are like those who have fallen asleep and our dream world has become our reality. Periodically we are stirred from this state of slumber, but are so drowsy that we fall back into unreality. Howbeit, the prophets of old, because of their giftings, were able to get glimpses into the unseen realms. Elisha, for example, was praying to YHVH to open the eyes of his servant who was in that moment stressed out by an Aramean army surrounding his village. Apparently the young servant had gone out early in the morning and lo and behold, much to his dismay, here was this enemy poised to greet him. "Alas, my Master!" he exclaimed: "What shall we do?" "Do? What shall we do?" The first recommendation that this old seer gave him was: "you want to do something? Then DO NOT FEAR!" Elisha's answer was not based on an imaginary faith but on an unquestionable actuality, "those who are with us are more than with them." I can just hear the thoughts of the helper: 'Yea, sure! I count two of us and a multitude of them. Where in the world did you go to school Elisha? Look, get your laptop out and come up with some practical ideas on how we deal with this predicament, like trading in some land for peace maybe?' The prophet's reality was hidden from the young man. So Elisha prayed to the One who could open blind eyes, and said, "'YHVH, I pray, open his eyes that he may see.' Then YHVH opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha" (2 Kings 6:15-17).

Although the two of them were standing in the same place, each was experiencing a different reality. Many years later, Paul an apostle, in writing to the believers exhorted them to "set their mind on things above, not on the things that are on the earth.and not to look at the things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (Col.3:22; 2 Cor. 4:18). To be in this world but not of it, presents to us a unique but strange challenge. How do we do that, when our eyes, ears, nose, tongue and skin are all dictating to our soul what is real? We all have had many experiences in this earthly journey, which have been a part of creating our "matrix". However, along this journey we have come into the reality of another world, the world of faith. Faith as defined by the Word is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the ages were prepared by the word of Elohim, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Heb. 11:1-3).

The Word of YHVH was not seen, yet it was revealed to those who believed. "For since the creation of the world His invisible nature is clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and headship, so that they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20). Faith in His Word transfers the believer into another "matrix". Even though standing in the same place as a non-believer, our reality will be different. For example, some may read Ezekiel 37 and the prophecies pertaining to Israel and Judah's restoration, but be totally blind to their reality. God is fulfilling His Word right before our very eyes, but if His Grace has not opened the "eyes of our understanding", we will not see His invisible Word as it comes to pass in and through a people. The scriptures ask us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith; for do we not know this about ourselves, that Yeshua the Messiah is in us? (ref. 2 Cor. 13:5).

This lack of awareness may also pertain to other areas of our life. For instance, having been nurtured in this world under the power of the evil one who is a liar and the father of lies, we most likely have taken in these lies as truth (with very few exceptions). We, therefore, may have been interpreting our life and circumstances through this grid of lies. To use a borrowed example: Anyone who is regularly degraded and told how stupid and incompetent he is, will gradually embrace this thought, believing it to be true. Once that is done, this person's interpretation of life will reinforce this belief with is own affirmations. Others' reactions and behavior toward that person will seem to be connected to this self-perceived stupidity. Over a period of time such a person will have build defenses that only Elohim is be able to penetrate and tear down.

Perhaps this is why the scriptures exhort us to "speak the truth in love." That is if we know the truth! Let us pray the prayers of Elisha and Paul, that the Lord will open our blind eyes that we may see what is truly real and eternal, right here in the reality of our God-given experiences. We may hear of wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes, pestilence, and computer breakdowns that could cause a domino affect on the world economy, but what is YHVH's answer to all of these seeming realities or potential scenarios? "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand". (Isaiah 41:10). "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you" (John 14:27). "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for YHVH your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6). We may also enquire, as did king David: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me." Yes, the realities of His hidden presence within us, the revelation of His invisible prophetic word coming to pass in our lives personally and corporately as a united house of Israel, can only be seen through the eyes of "the faith".

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

The Unthinkable

by Bill Somers

The following is a synopsis of a "word" the Lord has shown me progressively throughout 1992 and into 93. This is a word that has been **sweet to the taste**; because it provides answers I have long sought. Yet this word has been **bitter in my belly**, in a very real physical sense because it consists of an UNTHINKABLE ALTERNATIVE to traditional teachings.

> *From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be **killed,** and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. Matthew 16 21-22.*

Here Peter is speaking for the disciples in shock and disbelief. What Jesus was telling them, that he must be killed, was **unthinkable**! Even after his death they could not accept it. Notice how he rebukes them on the road to Emmaus.

> *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to **believe all that the prophets have spoken**: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? Luke 24 25- 26*

Today we need to ask: Ought not the Church suffer these things and to enter into her glory? Even though, we his disciples of today, know that 'these things are written for our instruction' we are slow to believe what is written in scripture. We will continue in our unbelief till we overcome this stumbling block. Just as the idea of Christ dying is a stumbling block to the Jews, the idea of the Church dying is a stumbling block to us. It's our unthinkable alternative.

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> **She is going to be here during 'the tribulation'. And at the end, she will undergo martyrdom.**

The Books Are Sealed

Why do I believe the traditional teachings to be wrong? Firstly, for two simple scriptural reasons. One, the books are sealed till the time of the end, (see Dan. 12:4) and 'the people shall be willing in the day of his power' (see Ps. 110:3). This means we have not been able to understand the prophetic scriptures, except through man's wisdom, till now. The books have been closed. Their meaning has been concealed because it was not the 'time of the end'. It was not time for the age to come to a close and so, as the great theories of eschatology were formed in years past, they were formed without the illumination of the Holy Spirit. And therefore these teachings could only be guesses at best.
Now what about the second scripture? There is a principle in understanding the will of God, that He only reveals his will insofar as we are willing to obey Him. "The Day of His Power" is a reference to 'the time of the end'. This verse is saying that there is something that we His people will be willing to do in that day. That there is some word of his that we will willingly obey. It also means that until that day, we will not be willing to obey it.

Why The Books Are Sealed

So what's the connection? Here it is. This tells us why the books are sealed! Because they contain an expression of God's will for the Church that she is presently unwilling to obey. And He does not reveal his will to the unwilling! So what is this thing we are presently unwilling to obey? And why will we be willing to obey it then? We shall get to that shortly.
The second reason I believe that the traditional end time teachings are wrong is simply that the Lord has shown me otherwise. The church is not going to be caught away in a pre-tribulation rapture as so many teach. She is going to be here during the tribulation. So what's so unthinkable about that? Well to many, that's bad enough, but there's more. The typical post trib teaching runs something like this. The Church will go through the last x number of years of tribulation as God's chosen instrument to bring in the final harvest of the nations. She will be raptured out at the end when the harvest is in and before the final pouring out of the bowls of Wrath. And of course we will suffer a certain moderate amount of martyrdom, but for the most part we will go through it under a seal of divine protection from the things coming on the earth. Now here's the Unthinkable Alternative: At the end of this tribulation period, when the harvest is in and before the pouring out of the final bowls of Wrath, the Church will suffer almost total martyrdom by the enemy forces. We will lay down our lives, and do so willingly, knowing and trusting in the Resurrection to shortly follow.

What saith the scriptures?

Well the justification for this word can be seen in Revelation, and in Daniel. There the prophetic scriptures speak directly of the End Times. Consider the following verses.

> *But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever*. Daniel 7 18
> *I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and* prevailed *against them;*
> *Until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.*
> *And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be* given into his hand *until a time and times and the dividing of time.* Daniel 7:21-22
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> *And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.*
> *And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall* **destroy** *the mighty and the holy people.* Daniel 8 23-24
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> *And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were* slain *for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:*
> *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and* **avenge our blood** *on them that dwell on the earth?*
> *And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be* **killed** *as they [were], should be fulfilled.* Revelation 6 9.-11
> *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to* overcome *them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*
> *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*
> *And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be* **killed**. Revelation 13 7-8.
> Believe The Bible

It is our reluctance to Believe The Bible. Our unwillingness to take the bible to mean what it says in these passages that has given rise to the theory the Rapture. Especially of Pre-Tribulationism. And indeed this reluctance gives birth to the whole house of Dispensationalism. To put it another way, all eschatology up to now has been fraught with plain old UNBELIEF! Unwillingness to face up to what these scriptures are saying to us in very plain terms, has led us into erroneous rapture theories. And these doctrinal errors have become some of the best fortified strongholds the enemy has in the Church.

Now the above passages are as I have said speaking to us in plain terms. They cannot be said to have been sealed. We simply have chosen to down play, explain away or ignore them.

Since the time of the end is near at hand, other passages have been unsealed which confirm this unthinkable alternative. These are mainly to give us understanding of certain types and allegories, but their understanding really nails down this thesis.

For example: the Death and Resurrection of the Church is shown typically, with Samson as a type of the church, Elisha as a type of the end time church, Jesus 3 and 1/2 year ministry as a pattern for the end time church and Paul as a type of the church. Romans 15 speaks of it as the 'offering up of the Gentiles'. In Exodus, the passage through the red sea, seen as a type of baptism. It is of course 'baptism into His death' and therefore a type of the death and resurrection of the Church.

If we are willing to face up to the meaning of these certain scriptures, then we can see that this is indeed what shall come to pass

When I shared the first draft of this paper with my associate pastor. He had two reactions. "Boy I sure hope you're wrong about this!" and after reading more he said "But Why?"

Well the why part is what's exciting about all this. Its for the **Glory of God.** If we can see the Lords purpose in this, which I believe we can, then we can confidently go forward into it. We can do it with our face set like flint, as Jesus did, knowing the glory that is to follow.

This general martyrdom of the church serves a two fold purpose of the Lord. One is the redemption of Israel. The second is the judgment of the wicked at the return or the Lord. These two are closely linked.

The first purpose is the redemption of Israel. We know that blindness is come upon Israel, until **the fullness of the Gentiles** has come in. This fullness is accomplished by completing the Great Commission. When the gospel is preached through out all the world, then the end comes. The martyrdom of the end time church marks the completion, and the harvesting of the Gentiles. Then the blindness can be removed from Israel.

In fact it is the very martyrdom of the church that allows, or causes if you will, the blindness to be removed. And the willingness (Ps. 110:3) of the church to suffer this martyrdom is what will bring Israel into the body of Christ. This is seen typically, in the death of Samson (Judges), in Romans 11, and in Romans 15, where Paul's trip to Jerusalem speaks of the second coming of the Lord. When the blindness is removed, Israel will see her true condition and repent. (Joel, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Ezekiel). Then she will call upon the Lord. He will hear and He will answer, and He will be Glorified. And since the Bride of Christ is thereby completed, He will return! So the 'grafting back in' of Romans 11 produces 'life from the dead', namely the resurrection!

The resurrection of the church will follow after a very brief interval; along with the 'rapture' of those alive and remaining on earth. The story of Daniel in the Lions Den, the passing of Israel through the Red Sea, the voyage and shipwreck of Paul are all typical of the death and resurrection of the church.

The first purpose is mercy.

> "Through your mercy they may obtain mercy." (Rom. 11:31; 12:1) See also Psalm 116:15.

The second purpose is judgment.

The Lord's immediate cause for bringing judgment on the enemy is because of what the enemy has done to 'his people'. That is to both the Church and to Israel. This is seen in Joel, Zechariah and Revelation.

It is also seen typically in the return of Jehu as a type of the second coming of the Lord in 2 kings. (Judgment comes to the House of Ahab, and to Jezebel, **to avenge the blood** of the prophets and because, specifically, he slew Naboth and took his vineyard. The vineyard speaks of the church and "Naboth" means fruit. (2 Kings 9:7,27) The passages in Exodus and Daniel mentioned above also feature this judgment. Also the judgment at Belshazar's feast in Daniel 5 shows this.) [Also see The How and the Therefore and The Precious by Bill Somers]

(So why does the enemy destroy the church and nearly destroy Israel, if doing so means the end of his kingdom? For the same reason he crucified Jesus. Selfishness. By nature selfishness will always chose short term gain even in the face of long term pain. Selfishness is the opposite of Wisdom. It is self destructive.)

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In these two we find the very nature of God. We behold both His kindness and His severity.
And in the DAY OF HIS POWER we will offer ourselves willingly, for His Glory!
To be fully conformed to Christ is to be obedient unto death.

> *For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death. Psalm 48:14*

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Ushers Of My Glory

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What is it you seek Beloveds in this coming great move of My Spirit. Are you seeing yourselves in charge of great ministries, on the podium teaching and preaching? Are you seeking vain glorification, gratification for all of the years of being hidden and rejected. Do you seek some recompense for your suffering or do you seek to glorify My Holy Name!

I know the hearts of those who have truly died to themselves in this harsh season of testing, as it were, by fire. They are those who truly want to remain hidden, to receive no glory or thanks, or recognition for themselves, but seek only to be servants, of ushers in of My Glory! Those truly of My heart seek only to save that which is lost, to restore the broken hearted and to set the captives free. They seek only to undo the work of the enemy and to see those languishing in the pit of despair and pain to be set free and returned to fellowship with their Father.

They desire to see miracles only to have Jesus glorified. They desire to see the lame walk and the blind see, not to confirm that they themselves are someone special but that the true God and Creator may be made known to man! They have the heart of a servant and seek no reward! They have no desire to take any glory for themselves and are in reverent fear of Me so that they know they would die if they did so!

Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

These are those that will be ushering in My glory. These are those that will be bearers of My glory, of My healing and restoring anointing. These are those who see themselves only as conduits and know that they themselves are as nothing without Me. They have no power, knowledge or life outside of My indwelling them.

Arise My Beloveds in the new anointing I am bestowing upon you. Walk as spiritual giants, kings and champions upon the face of the earth and everywhere your foot treads it will be given unto you, in My authority through you. Go forth proclaiming and re claiming. Do not fear for the I AM is with you every step of the way. You will begin by taking baby steps and will grow in confidence in Me till the awesome, the miraculous, will be everyday occurrences for you!

Jos 1:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, 1:2 MOSES MY SERVANT IS DEAD; {the old order is dead} NOW THEREFORE ARISE, GO OVER THIS JORDAN, THOU, AND ALL THIS PEOPLE, UNTO THE LAND WHICH I DO GIVE UNTO THEM, *EVEN* TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.1:3 EVERY PLACE THAT THE SOLE OF YOUR FOOT TREAD UPON, THAT HAVE I GIVEN UNTO YOU, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

You have been broken for My purposes, take care to stay in humility and to keep your eyes looking into My eyes for that will keep you from the great destruction of creeping pride. Take care to stay in communion with the author and finisher of your faith and the source of the anointing flowing through you. Do only as I show you and speak only that which I tell you, for so I did when walking upon the face of the earth; I did only what I saw My Father do. You are My Beautiful Beloveds, A GENERATION OF BROKEN ONES THAT WILL USHER IN MY GLORY!

John 5:30 I CAN OF MINE OWN SELF DO NOTHING: AS I HEAR, I JUDGE: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me

John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and THAT I DO NOTHING OF MYSELF; BUT AS MY FATHER TAUGHT ME, I SPEAK THESE THINGS.

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Unoffendable Part Two

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Aren't right doctrines important? Of course, but we can have right information and still have a wrong response. Doctrinal information can be upgraded and refined, but Proverbs warns that someone "offended is harder to be won than a strong city"; and "contentions" between people "are like the bars of a castle" (Prov 18:19).

Yes, beware of false leaders, but more deceitful than false prophets or teachers is our own heart when it is offended (Jer 17:9). Are you living with an offended heart? If so, you are gradually slipping away from true Christianity, which is known for its agape love.

Thus, dealing with an offended heart is vital in maintaining ongoing spiritual maturity. For this reason, we need to look again at the things which offend us.

False Expectations

Unrealistic or exaggerated expectations inevitably will cause others to fall short and offend us. Some desire their spouse or pastor or friends to meet their every need. However, at the deepest level our soul was created to find its security in God, not man. When the Almighty truly becomes our security, our peace flows from our awareness of His love and unlimited capabilities. As people who put their confidence in God, we can live comfortably with imperfect people around us.

Still, the very power of our expectations can choke out the sweetness of a personal relationship. Suppose that, instead of burdening people with our expectations, we simply learned to appreciate them for themselves - no strings attached. What if we approach family and friends with gratitude for what they are doing rather than disappointment for what they failed to do?

Suppose that a husband, instead of expecting a full course dinner from his wife each night, learned to appreciate whatever she was able to offer him? Then, instead of his failed expectation degrading into an offense, there would be a living, sincere appreciation for the food his wife prepared. I know we have arrangements by common consent, but in reality, a wife is under no obligation to cook special meals or do housekeeping. You did not marry her to be your housekeeper, but to become one with her.

Or imagine a husband who works a long, tiring job. However, his wife expects that he will work another two hours at home or go shopping with her or listen attentively about her problems. What if, instead, she welcomed him at the door and sincerely thanked him for daily giving himself to support their family? What if she met him, not with demands, but with appreciation? Perhaps she might even massage his shoulders and, because of love, have his favorite meal prepared.

You see, expectations can seem like legitimate aspects of a relationship, but they can also cause us to be disappointed and offended when people fall short. I have known situations in the past where my expectations actually blinded me to the efforts being made by a loved one. They were trying to improve in an area I was unaware of because my focus was preset upon a different expectation. I should have been grateful and encouraging.

Of course, today I discuss issues and expectations with those close to me, but the weight of my expectation is not on others, but upon myself to be Christlike and sensitive to those around me. I put a premium upon enjoying the uniqueness of others, sincerely thanking God for their contribution to my life.

When God Himself Offends Us

The fact is, false expectations can become a source of many deep offenses. However, one of the worst offenses we can suffer is when God Himself purposely offends us.

In 2 Kings 5, we read the story of when Naaman, a Syrian general, sought to be healed of leprosy by Elisha, the prophet. When Naaman and his entourage arrived at Elisha's house, Elisha didn't greet him personally, but instead sent his servant with a word/cure for Naaman. It was a simple assignment for the military leader: wash seven times in the Jordan River. However, the cure offended Naaman. Why didn't the prophet himself come out? Why this muddy Jordan? Scripture says that "Naaman was furious."

An offended spirit is an angry spirit. In this case, Naaman was beyond mad; he was furious. Do you find that you are always mad at a particular person? It's because they have offended you and you haven't forgiven them. Naaman was offended at Elisha, but what was the real cause of Naaman's offense? Listen to his words. He said, "Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper'" (verse 11).

Catch the phrase, "Behold, I thought . . ." In truth, Naaman was not offended by Elisha, but by his own failed expectations. He probably spent many hours envisioning the moment of healing. He even pictured himself testifying of how the man of God healed him. When it didn't happen according to his plan, he was offended.

Friends, before the Lord heals you or assigns you some new, elevated position of service, He will often offend you. Why? What is it that gets offended in us? Usually, it is our pride. We come to God desiring physical healing, but the Lord wants us, not only to be healed, but to be humble. Yes, God heals us through our faith, but there our times when our own pride keeps us from receiving the method of God's healing. The Lord offends us to humble us, so He can give us grace. Faith works through grace, but God only gives grace to the humble.

Look at how often Jesus offended people before He healed them. Once, He actually spit on the ground, made mud and put it on a blind man's eyes, and then told him to walk across town that way! Imagine if you were next in the healing line and saw what the guy before you had to do. Admit it, we each would be looking for another healing ministry, one that is a little less offensive! On another occasion He told a woman who came seeking her daughter's healing that she was an unclean dog; another time, He stuck His fingers in the ears of a man to heal his deafness. The Lord often offended people before He healed them.

If we would learn to humble ourselves in the offense, we would discover that the apparent offense was, in realty, a door that led into the manifest power of God. When Jesus called the Canaanite woman a "dog," instead of being offended, she said, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs feed on the crumbs" (Matt 15:27). When Jesus told the man to walk across town with mud in his eyes, the man didn't argue or ask for a more dignified healing; he humbled himself and came back seeing. When Elisha told Naaman to dip in the Jordan seven times, the offense wounded him. Yet, when he humbled himself, his leprosy was replaced with the skin of a little child. His skin became as a child, because his heart, through humility, became as a child.

Maybe you haven't received your healing or breakthrough yet because to walk the path set before you is beneath your dignity. Maybe you need to get rid of your dignity and go to that Pentecostal or Baptist church you've been making fun of, then ask them to pray for you. God wants to heal you, but He also wants to renew and transform you with His grace.

Overcome Offenses
When we study what Jesus taught, it is obvious that He came to make us "unoffendable." Consider: He says that if someone slaps you on one cheek, offer him the other. He said to love our enemies and bless those who curse us. What He's really doing is showing us how an unoffendable heart of love overcomes all adversity.

We pray, "Lord, I want to change." To answer our prayer, He sometimes must put us in situations that perfectly offend us. The offense itself awakens our need of grace. *Thus, the Lord precipitates change by first offending the area of our soul He desires to transform.* He does not expect us to merely survive this adversity, but to become Christlike in it. Ask Joseph in the Old Testament: the "land of offense" became the land of his anointing and power. Listen my friends: the destiny God has for man unfolds or dies at the junction of offense. How we handle offense is the key to our tomorrow.

"Those who love [God's] law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble" (Ps 119:165).

Lord, grant me that new creation heart that can walk as Jesus walked, through a world of offenses without stumbling. I want to see everything as an opportunity to pray, everything as an opportunity to become Christlike. Lord help me to interpret offenses as opportunities that lead to transformations. Grant me, Lord Jesus, the pulse and beat of Your unoffendable heart. Amen.

Land of Offense
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Attaining Christ's heart is not a minor issue. Remember, Jesus warned that, in the last days, "many" would be offended. A wounded spirit is not the same thing as an offended spirit -- an offense occurs when we do not process our wounds in a Christlike manner. Indeed, an offended spirit, left unattended and brooding in our minds, will soon manifest as betrayal, hatred, and cold love. Jesus said offenses would be the ultimate cause that leads many to fall from faith. Listen well: Jesus linked the real cause of apostasy not to wrong doctrines, but wrong reactions.

Aren't right doctrines important? Of course, but we can have right information and still have a wrong response. Doctrinal information can be upgraded and refined, but Proverbs warns that someone **"offended is harder to be won than a strong city"**; and "contentions" between people **"are like the bars of a castle" (Proverbs 18:19)**.

Yes, beware of false leaders, but more deceitful than false prophets or teachers is our own heart when it is offended (Jeremiah 17:9). Are you living with an offended heart? If so, you are gradually slipping away from true Christianity, which is known for its agape love.

Thus, dealing with an offended heart is vital in maintaining ongoing spiritual maturity. For this reason, we need to look again at the things which offend us.

False Expectations

Unrealistic or exaggerated expectations inevitably will cause others to fall short and offend us. Some desire their spouse or pastor or friends to meet their every need. However, at the deepest level our soul was created to find its security in God, not man. When the Almighty truly becomes our security, our peace flows from our awareness of His love and unlimited capabilities. As people who put their confidence in God, we can live comfortably with imperfect people around us.

Still, the very power of our expectations can choke out the sweetness of a personal relationship. Suppose that, instead of burdening people with our expectations, we simply learned to appreciate them for themselves -- no strings attached. What if we approach family and friends with gratitude for what they are doing rather than disappointment for what they failed to do?

Suppose that a husband, instead of expecting a full course dinner from his wife each night, learned to appreciate whatever she was able to offer him? Then, instead of his failed expectation degrading into an offense, there would be a living, sincere appreciation for the food his wife prepared. I know we have arrangements by common consent, but in reality, a wife is under no obligation to cook special meals or do housekeeping. You did not marry her to be your housekeeper, but to become one with her.

Or imagine a husband who works a long, tiring job. However, his wife expects that he will work another two hours at home or go shopping with her or listen attentively about her problems. What if, instead, she welcomed him at the door and sincerely thanked him for daily giving himself to support their family? What if she met him, not with demands, but with appreciation? Perhaps she might even massage his shoulders and, because of love, have his favorite meal prepared.

You see, expectations can seem like legitimate aspects of a relationship, but they can also cause us to be disappointed and offended when people fall short. I have known situations in the past where my expectations actually blinded me to the efforts being made by a loved one. They were trying to improve in an area I was unaware of because my focus was preset upon a different expectation. I should have been grateful and encouraging.

Of course, today I discuss issues and expectations with those close to me, but the weight of my expectation is not on others, but upon myself to be Christlike and sensitive to those around me. I put a premium upon enjoying the uniqueness of others, sincerely thanking God for their contributions to my life.

When God Himself Offends Us

The fact is, false expectations can become a source of many deep offenses. However, one of the worst offenses we can suffer is when God Himself purposely offends us.

In II Kings 5, we read the story of when Naaman, a Syrian general, sought to be healed of leprosy by Elisha, the prophet. When Naaman and his entourage arrived at Elisha's house, Elisha didn't greet him personally, but instead sent his servant with a word/cure for Naaman. It was a simple assignment for the military leader: Wash seven times in the Jordan River. However, the cure offended Naaman. Why didn't the prophet himself come out? Why this muddy Jordan? Scripture says that "Naaman was furious."

An offended spirit is an angry spirit. In this case, Naaman was beyond mad; he was furious. Do you find that you are always mad at a particular person? It's because they have offended you and you haven't forgiven them. Naaman was offended at Elisha, but what was the real cause of Naaman's offense? Listen to his words. He said, **"Behold, I thought, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper'" (verse 11)**.

Catch the phrase, **"Behold, I thought . . . "** In truth, Naaman was not offended by Elisha, but by his own failed expectations. He probably spent many hours envisioning the moment of healing. He even pictured himself testifying of how the man of God healed him. When it didn't happen according to his plan, he was offended.

Friends, before the Lord heals you or assigns you some new, elevated position of service, He will often offend you. Why? What is it that gets offended in us? Usually, it is our pride. We come to God desiring physical healing, but the Lord wants us, not only to be healed, but to be humble. Yes, God heals us through our faith, but there our times when our own pride keeps us from receiving the method of God's healing. The Lord offends us to humble us, so He can give us grace. Faith works through grace, but God only gives grace to the humble.

Humble Yourself in the Offense, and You Will Be Transformed

Look at how often Jesus offended people before He healed them. Once, He actually spit on the ground, made mud and put it on a blind man's eyes, and then told him to walk across town that way! Imagine if you were next in the healing line and saw what the guy before you had to do. Admit it, we each would be looking for another healing ministry, one that is a little less offensive! On another occasion He told a woman who came seeking her daughter's healing that she was an unclean dog; another time, He stuck His fingers in the ears of a man to heal his deafness. The Lord often offended people before He healed them.

If we would learn to humble ourselves in the offense, we would discover that the apparent offense was, in reality, a door that led into the manifest power of God. When Jesus called the Canaanite woman a "dog," instead of being offended, she said, **"Yes, Lord, but even the dogs feed on the crumbs" (Matthew 15:27)**. When Jesus told the man to walk across town with mud in his eyes, the man didn't argue or ask for a more dignified healing; he humbled himself and came back seeing. When Elisha told Naaman to dip in the Jordan seven times, the offense wounded him. Yet, when he humbled himself, his leprosy was replaced with the skin of a little child. His skin became as a child, because his heart, through humility, became as a child.

Maybe you haven't received your healing or breakthrough yet because to walk the path set before you is beneath your dignity. Maybe you need to get rid of your dignity and go to that Pentecostal or Baptist church you've been making fun of, then ask them to pray for you. God wants to heal you, but He also wants to renew and transform you with His grace.

Overcome Offenses

When we study what Jesus taught, it is obvious that He came to make us "unoffendable." Consider: He says that if someone slaps you on one cheek, offer him the other. He said to love our enemies and bless those who curse us. What He's really doing is showing us how an unoffendable heart of love overcomes all adversity.

We pray, "Lord, I want to change." To answer our prayer, He sometimes must put us in situations that perfectly offend us. The offense itself awakens our need of grace. Thus, the Lord precipitates change by first offending the area of our soul He desires to transform. He does not expect us to merely survive this adversity, but to become Christlike in it. Ask Joseph in the Old Testament: the "land of offense" became the land of his anointing and power. Listen my friends: the destiny God has for man unfolds or dies at the junction of offense. How we handle offense is the key to our tomorrow.

"Those who love [God's] law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble."
Psalm 119:165

Lord, grant me that new creation heart that can walk as Jesus walked, through a world of offenses without stumbling. I want to see everything as an opportunity to pray, everything as an opportunity to become Christlike. Lord, help me to interpret offenses as opportunities that lead to transformations. Grant me, Lord Jesus, the pulse and beat of Your unoffendable heart. Amen.

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Upper Midwest

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I was just ending worship last night and getting ready for the message when the Lord began to speak to my heart.
He spoke to me of a time of trial coming to the Upper Midwest region.
He showed me a picture of a road with a corner, saying "it is just around the bend."
He then said that some would call it famine, but it will not be.
He then said "crop failure."

I was strongly impressed that there will be a time of financial hardship in the near future (w/in 3 yrs.) that would threaten the Upper Midwest. He then urged His people that they "get their financial houses in order" that they may be prepared for this hardship. It is time to get out of debt.

The Lord then reminded me of the prophetic warning of famine in scripture, Acts 11:27-30.

He is the One who reveals what is to come, to prepare His people for what lies ahead.

Upon What Rock?

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"Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18)

I find this to be an interesting statement by Jesus following Peter's confession, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus could have confirmed this statement, but chose to turn from Himself and declare His love and mission for the church. What an incredible statement of truth by our Lord. Also true, is the church's failure to really believe this statement of the Lord and walk in it. This statement has also generated a considerable amount of misunderstanding and controversy within the church. Many who have failed to understand the ROLE or DEFINITION of the church have been caught in the bondage of religion and dead works. Others have embraced a false understanding concerning the FOUNDATION of the church and have fallen into fleshly "man-worship." Yet, others have a warped sense of purpose concerning the MISSION of the church.

The defining of the church becomes distorted when the life of an "organism" is mixed with the life of an "organization." Jesus did not plant a church organization, but a vibrant and living organism filled with the breath and Spirit of God. An organization has several characteristics that lend to its survival. The first is that an organization can only survive with a hierarchal form of government. Layers of man-appointed authority create a structure of class, importance, and value. Thus, a competitive environment manifests for those who are seeking purpose and value, which will ultimately lead to frustration as those at the "top" strive to hold their place of elevated status, title and sense of importance. Secondly, an organization needs "money" to survive. Organizations thrive on the concept that "bigger is better." Bigger buildings, bigger staffs, and more "workers" equate to success and the fallacy that "WE must be doing it right."

The church that Jesus Christ gave life to was a living organism that the Bible refers to as the "Body of Christ." Throughout the scriptures, (ex. 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4) the church is referred or compared to a BODY that is diverse, spiritually vibrant, growing, and complex in its function. Every body part has a specific role or purpose for the well being and quality of life that the whole body experiences. The human body moves, speaks, and functions with order through the leading and what originates within the "head." The Bible states that "Jesus Christ is the head of the church body." (Ephesians 4:15-16) You and I (the church) are what makes up or completes the rest of the body. Although each of us have a distinct part to play in the health and well-being of the entire body…None of us hold a "hierarchal" position in the true body of Christ as being of greater value than the rest of the body. In other words, no body part holds a greater preference over another. Actually, the Bible says "that the parts that many see as the least important or desirable, should receive the greater care."

It seems to be in man's fleshly nature to attach a "man" to a position of hierarchy to satisfy his innate desire to worship what he can see and the belief in the core of one's soul that spiritual promotion is attained through the auspices of man. This has become evident in the twisting of the opening verse of scripture. Millions around the world have set "Peter" as the foundation of the church.

When Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church," He was not indicating that Peter would be the foundation or building point of the church. As a matter of fact, the opposite would true. No man, Peter or any other could possibly share in the glory of Christ – His church. Jesus was obviously referring to Himself as the Rock of Salvation that Peter had previously proclaimed – "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." It stands to reason that the foundation and rock solid truth required to birth the church and kingdom of God would come through Christ alone. "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." (John 1:3)

The name "Peter" (petros in the Greek language) means stone or small boulder. It is also true that Jesus re-naming Simon would have a symbolic application to the corporate church – you and I. It is the Lord's heart and desire that each of us become a stepping stone to following generation. Sadly, this has not transpired. Rather, we are still striving for the discipline and anointing that the first century church walked in. The plan and promise of "greater works than these" hinged upon the commitment of each preceding generation laying a "stepping stone" of servant-hood, spiritual motherhood, and fatherhood to the next generation. However, man (and much of the church) in its inherit desire to worship with his natural eyes and understanding has looked upon the past as the standard of spiritual excellence rather than themselves becoming spiritually excellent for the future of the church and our young people to witness.

It is true that Peter and the other disciples are mentioned in Ephesians 2:19-22 as "foundational stones." The multiplicity in the word "disciples" (plural) indicates a church that is living and a continually growing building that is made up of many individual stones. You and I, along with the rest of the Jesus' disciples throughout history are living stones being built into a spiritual house or habitation. The Lord Jesus never intended or declared that Peter would be the massive and permanent rock foundation that would "support" and anchor the church through the winds of adversity in a fallen world. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus used two different forms of the following Greek words: "You are Peter, ("petros" a stone or small rock) and "Upon this rock ("Petra" a massive rock).

"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." (Matthew 7:24-27)

Those who put the Words of Jesus into practice are like a wise man who built his house upon a rock (Petra). Jesus continues by saying, "that the house would not fall because it had its foundation on the rock (Petra). The foundation that we are to build our spiritual house or habitation upon is clearly Jesus Christ and not upon the works of man. The foundations of the grandest cathedrals and the edifices of the largest churches are not founded upon Christ. They are mere buildings of dead cement stones. The true and living church is you and I (living stones) built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ – The Word made flesh…The Rock (Petra) of our salvation.

"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 3:11)

The Bible does not contain a single verse that ascribes Peter or any other man or successor (including the pope) to that of "head of the church." The Bible does say in Ephesians 1:22 that "God placed ALL things under Christ's feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body." The head and authority over the church belongs to exclusively to Jesus Christ.

I find it difficult to look upon the spiritual landscape of today's "modern church." The picture that we have created for the world to behold is an organization that thrives and survives on mammon, and has failed to die to herself in becoming a stepping stone to the next generation. I would not make these statements if the church was walking in the realm of the Spirit that I witness in scripture. Please understand that this is not a critique to any one individual, but a truthful observation from one man's viewpoint of the church through the course of his life and "church" experience. The power, anointing and dynamic that the biblical church possessed that changed the world and the course of history is mysteriously missing in today's structure known as the "church." The stepping stone and example that our young people are witnessing from our generation is a caricature of a vibrant and relational body with each joint encouraged to supply its part. Rather, the church is equated with denominations, buildings, and the association of the person "man" who pastors it. Beloved, this is not the model or the portrait of Christ's love and grace that He designed and called us to be.

Many of us associate a "kingdom" as a literal place of buildings. (The more buildings there are, the bigger the kingdom.) Many others, associate a kingdom exclusively with a king. Both of these mind-sets have created man-made religious kingdoms built with the stones of the earth and the worship of earthly "kings" that rule within them. A kingdom cannot exist without people. A king can have the grandest castles and largest tracks of land, but without people, there is not a kingdom…The kingdom of God is you and me (Living stones). We are all subjects to the King of all Kings – The Lord Jesus Christ. We will continue to aimlessly stumble in our drunkenness of reliance upon man until we choose to seek first and build the kingdom of God. This is the foundational mandate that Christ laid down in founding the church: That we recognize that Christ alone (not man) is the head of the church and that we grow as a kingdom when we build each other up in love and allow each joint of the body to supply their part. (See Ephesians 4:1-16)

I have been doing a great deal of tile work lately in our home, and two things are essential for a lasting and beautiful living environment or habitation. The first is that the tile must be placed on a cement or mortar foundation to keep it from separating and cracking. Likewise, Jesus Christ, and not the traditions and dogmas of men is the foundation of our faith, spiritual growth and our spiritual promotion to the next level of glory. Secondly, the tile must be attached to the foundation by mortar. Prophetically, the Lord is calling forth a people who are the mortar of the kingdom. These are people (I believe it may be you if you are reading this. Certainly, it is not by happenstance or accident.) who will bring strength and a bonding of unity to the King's people – the church. People of mortar are like tendons and ligaments in the body. These are sometimes body parts that have been forgotten or don't seem to hold a great importance such as the heart or the lungs. However, the tendons and ligaments is what allows the body to function, move and have its being.

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Unlocking The Door To The Holy Of Holies

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I saw the brazen altar in the Temple with a fire burning on it. The fire was just a small fire, but it was burning steadily. Then the Lord said:*

I have put my holy fire inside of you. This fire has burned slowly but steadily. I say that the days of the small fires are about to end, for I am going to turn up the heat and I am going to turn it up to high. For those who have followed me faithfully, no longer will the fire of their love for me and the things of my heart remain on simmer, but I am going to turn up the heat to high.

I will burn up the sacrifices and the incense will ascend as a mighty billowing cloud of smoke. I am going to break barriers and bondages. I am going to rend afresh the veil into the Holy of Holies, so that those who have sought me diligently will have access to things of the Spirit they can not currently even imagine.

The days of smallness and struggling are over, for I AM about to do great things in the earth. The mountains will tremble as I pass by. The winds will blow and the seas will roar in agreement as I begin my decent to earth to establish my eternal kingdom.

Many have prayed for long periods of time and not received answers. Many think I have not heard them or that I have forgotten them, but my ways are not man’s ways and my timing is not man’s timing. I am getting ready to respond. The answers to many prayers will come in a flood of affirmatives. I have not gone deaf, nor is my arm to short to respond. My timing is impeccable, but it is not within the understanding of the mind of carnal man.

You have also heard it said that "time is going to speed up". This is part of the labor process, for the labor is a quickening** process as new life begins to come forth.

Every word in my Word is true and every promise will be fulfilled right on schedule. Those who are with me in the Holy of Holies will have a much better idea of what is going on, than those who are running to and fro with the crowds in the streets.

In the world "mobs" are coming. Desperation is coming as the birth pangs intensify and those without me have no one to whom they can turn for answers or relief.

It will be the time for my set-apart ones to bring forth that which I have placed and nurtured inside of them. Their ways and their answers will not be carnal, but will flow from the moving of my Spirit. My chosen will go forth with signs, wonders and great manifestations of my mighty power.

I am going to win this battle. I am coming to establish my eternal reign. Those who think they can gain control of the world, and can govern as they please (without ME), are soon to find out how very wrong they are. I will burst their bubbles as easily as a straight pin can burst a

soap bubble!

Many think they can do precisely as they please. They can be as rebellious and as defiled as they desire to be. Soon – and I do mean soon – they are about to discover the error of their ways.

Satan has set his traps, but I am calling all of my children, wherever they may be, to turn their backs on those traps, lies and schemes and come to me. I alone have the words of life. I alone will be able to lift you above the events that are about to unfold, so that you can see more clearly. Only I will know what you should do and I will communicate with you through my Spirit - if you will listen.

The days of "wine and roses" are over. The time of feasts and playing games is over. *The greatest evil ever to befall man looms now on the horizon*. This evil will have its day, but I am following right behind. Once it has run its course I will remove it. I will also remove those who have rebelled against me, determined to be in control and run their lives any way that they choose. [*Matt. 13:24-43*]

Watch now as I begin to turn up the heat, both in the natural and in the supernatural, for the flames on my brazen altars will light the sky. The smoke will ascend and there will be fires and pillars of smoke.***

It is time to run to me with all of your heart. Hide yourself under the shelter of my wings and I will lift you up. There will be no place else that will be safe.

I am unlocking doors to mysteries and secrets. I am unlocking the door to the Holy of Holies. IT IS TIME TO ENTER IN AND MEET YOUR GOD!

Your Jesus

**The brasen altar was the largest article in the tabernacle. Its dimensions were 5x5x3 cubits. The sides were 5x5 making it "four square". Each of the four corners contained a horn. The brasen altar was made of shittem wood overlain with brass. All of the required animal sacrifices were made on this altar including the lamb, bullock, goat, heifer and turtledove. All of the offerings also took place on the brazen altar including the burnt offering, the meat or meal offering, the peace or wave offering and the sin and trespass offerings. The fire on the brasen altar was required to be perpetual and was kindled by God.*

The brasen altar is a picture of the cross. It is also a picture of the place where we are to lay down our lives as a living sacrifice and allow God to purge us of our sins, our pride and our worship of the world. In the book of Romans we are urged to offer up our lives as a living sacrifice. In 1 Peter it also talks of spiritual sacrifices.

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship. (AMP)

1 Peter 2:4-5 Come to Him [then, to that] Living Stone which men tried and threw away, but which is chosen [and] prepared in God’s sight. [Come] and, like living stones, be yourselves built [into] a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up [those] spiritual sacrifices [that are] acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. (AMP)

The incense in the tabernacle was burned on the altar of incense. This smaller altar was also made of shittem wood, but was overlain with pure gold. The smoke from the altar of incense arose as a sweet smelling cloud. This altar is a picture of our prayer, praise and worship as they ascend to the throne of God.

Coals from off of the brasen altar were used to light the incense on the altar of incense. It was the altar of incense that was carried into the Holy of Holies when the High Priest entered once a year. The cloud of smoke was to cover the mercy seat so that the High Priest would not look on the glory of God and die.

***Quicken: To make more rapid; speed up; accelerate*

****Joel 2:28-32 And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour our my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams and your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaidens in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes.

And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said to the remnant whom the Lord has called.

Uncovering The Feet of the Lord

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There is a verse in the story of Ruth that has captivated me for some time now.

Ruth 3:7 - "When Boaz had finished eating and drinking and was in good spirits, he went over to lie down at the far end of the grain pile. Ruth approached quietly, uncovered his feet and lay down".

Boaz in this verse is a type of the Lord. There is something in the act of uncovering the feet of the Lord that makes my heart soar.
Pris Van Sutphin in a recent article spoke of the act of uncovering the feet in Jewish tradition as an act of betrothal.
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This morning as I was again dwelling on this beautiful picture of uncovering His feet, I believe the Lord spoke another meaning to me that has ramifications for our personal lives, the church as a whole, America and Israel. As I was dwelling on the feet of the Lord, John's vision of Christ in the book of revelation came to mind.

Revelations 1:12-18
"I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ***His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace***, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades".

Here is another case where someone fell at the feet of the Lord. Only this time it was in fear of His awesome presence. And His feet
were like brass glowing in a furnace which represents judgment or refining.

A light began to come came on and I looked through the Bible at other times people had come to the feet of the Lord.

There is the beautiful story of coming to the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:38. "and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them". Most believe this was the same women from John chapter eight who was caught in adultery. In this case and in the symbolic case with Ruth, they came to the feet of the Lord in response to His great kindness and mercy.

There are many other cases in the Gospels where those who fell at the feet of the Lord did so seeking His mercy and experienced great healing.

Mark 5:22, Jairus fell at the feet of the Lord for healing for his daughter.
Mark 5:33, The women who was healed from the issue of blood fell at His feet.
Mark 7:25, The gentile women cried out for her daughter with a unclean spirit at the feet of the Lord.
Luke 8:33, The Gerasenes demoniac was found sitting at the feet of Jesus.
Luke 10:39, Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened.

The feet of Jesus are a very precious place for those who believe. They are a place of mercy, healing, deliverance, restoration, teaching and life. And yet in the vision of John in revelation we see the feet of Jesus representing judgment and refining. Here is what the Lord spoke to me about uncovering His feet.

When we come to His feet in response to His Love and Kindness or to cry out for mercy we embrace His uncovered feet. We embrace His feet of flesh that were nailed to the cross for our redemption. These are the feet that are so precious to us who are being saved. They are the feet where we lay down our lives and rise up in the life of Jesus to be one with Him. This is why I love the story of Ruth that symbolizes this very act.

The word I believe the Lord is speaking to me is that His feet of bronze glowing in a furnace are coming. But that if we will come and cry out at those feet of bronze they will be uncovered and we will experience the feet of flesh. I believe this is true for our personal lives, for our families, for our churches, our communities and for our Nation.

I particularly feel this is a word for America. The time is late but the Lord is good and full of mercy. Who knows the heart of the Lord. Perhaps if we cry out at His feet it will lesson the judgment coming to America and turn it to healing and restoration instead. Who knows the heart of the Lord. Will we ever know His heart if we do not come to His feet.

I also see a beautiful picture in the story of Ruth for Israel. Naomi, representing Israel in this story had been cut off from her heritage through the death of her husband and sons. But she was restored through Ruth, a gentile coming to the feet of her Kinsman Redeemer.

Will we go to the Lord and uncover His feet for the restoration of Israel? If we come to know His heart I believe we will. And we come to know His heart at His feet.

When John saw the revelation of the Lord and fell at His feet in fear, the Lord told Him the following.

Revelations 1:17-18.
When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

We do not need to fear in this hour. for it is our beloved that holds the keys and is in control.

Ruth greatly pleased Boaz by giving herself to him at his feet. Here is his response to her.

Ruth 3:10-11
"The LORD bless you, my daughter," he replied. "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor. And now, my daughter, don't be afraid. I will do for you all you ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of noble character.

Boaz told her to not be afraid, that he would do all she asked of him. Jesus is telling us not to be afraid. As we give ourselves to Him at His feet, He will do as we ask. (Matt 16:19) (Matt 7:7-8).

Let us go to the feet of the Lord and uncover His mercy, healing, deliverance, restoration, understanding and life. Not only for ourselves but for our families, for our churches, our communities for our Nation and for Israel. Let's not stand before the Lord on that day and see all that could have been done. Let us give ourselves at His feet and come to know His heart and see what can be done while it is still day. For the night is coming.

Blessings in the Love of our Kinsman Redeemer,

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Upstream The Gate of the Fish

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(UK)

At the outset, I would like to say that this is for a lady who’s chat name is Divine, who, should she read this, may she be blessed, for this is Gods word for her. Apart from her, it is to every precious child of God and for those in the country of the United Kingdom, whom God loves…but also for every lover of Gods Kingdom itself.

This is essentially the story of the epic struggle salmon face as each battles upstream against the rivers downward tide to the spawning grounds of the upper pools, nearer to the beginning of the rivers source. It mimics, mirrors, represents through their struggle the struggle of every Christian and every country that would desire to live for and under God. No matter how young, old or able. This is a message of struggle, but also a message of hope.

Deep down inside every Christian is the same desire as that of the salmon. Deep down in each of us is the core, the underlying desire to spend oneself for God in the spawning grounds. It’s a journey each one of us makes, full of trepidation, danger and trouble. The source of that danger is the rocks and falls, the rapids and currents. The journey is often all too hard, the obstacles almost too difficult and high to overcome.

Some of us find ourselves, lingering in slower eddies and pools at the side of the main stream. Some of us rest here but spend too short a time before we dash and venture out again. Others spent of their energy find themselves lingering longer than they need, not wanting to face the rigors of the flight upstream.

Our desire and longing, built into each one of us, is to make that journey in love and to create, to procreate for God and to produce from the milt of our lives, offspring for Him.

Many of us become too tired and worn down, to scared, to idle, to lonely, to troubled and to worried to believe that we can even want to, never mind engage and finally make and complete the journey. It is a message of hope, why?, because in the midst of this struggle God wants to reverse the flow of the stream, of this waters currents, to connect you once again to the very flow of His source, not against you, but for you.

And its seems so lonely and hard, for each and every fish has to make its own journey, deposited in the throng of the shoals, to make, compete and complete within the pools shallows. Depositing their seed, setting off the process that makes more children for Him. Children, those themselves will find the desire to swim upstream for and to Him.

All this against the current of opinion, against the rocks of adversity, against the falls of sin, avoiding the many predators. The bear, the fox, the falcon and the eagle and the crow. Above all to avoid the greatest predator…man…within (ourselves) and without (our kind)

The last is self explanatory; the danger is often within the church and not necessarily without. The fox is the one who spoils, eats the spoils the larger animals leave, the crow falls on that which is essentially carrion, what’s left when all have had their piece. The falcon, is the bird of prey as is the eagle and the eagle, the prophetic that has damaged the church, though not all eagles are damaging and not all eagles are undamaged as we seemingly shoo them away from the fish.

Some of us wonder if we will ever get there, to the end of our journey, to be fruitful in our quest of duty in love. Perhaps some of us wonder…will we be found where we lie, or where we fall? Some gasping for breath, some cut by our falls and collisions, some rudderless, worn in the fins of our tails, with some or part of them missing. A wounded monster, crippled and on the brink, gasping for breath and life.

But hear me, hear this…a surge is coming, a currents flow that is contrary to the flow downstream, a flow that is greater and stronger than its downward surge and plume. It flows on this rivers far bank…and listen, look and see…I see many finding it.

A river flows and flows upstream, as if driven by a tail wind, a wind that gets behind the fish…hear me…listen and see…a way is being made…a way is being opened…a way is being brought about. The fish begin to sense it and see it and fall in and follow into its flow. Here there is no bubble and froth, but a strong, clean and clear stream, jettisoning these fish forward…these fish are me and they are you, they are every Christian who lives and faces the struggles we all engage in and face, there is none strong, we are all weak.

As the fish, the salmon enter this stream, a new eagerness, verve and invigorating intensity engages as they sense and find their help…a way has been opened up…a resurgence of love, effort and hope oxygenates and fills and refills their gills. A catapulting forward occurs using the stream at the far banks side as its guiding strength. Whatever the obstacles, they now know they have a run at it, space and power that never existed this way in this place for them before.

So the ancient paths and ancient purposes, seem once more real and open to them to explore, to find and expand themselves once more, even more fully than ever before. That which is lost is found. That which was far away has become, nearer and clearer, that which was once seemingly unobtainable becomes more obtainable, more than ever before envisaged or imagined. Becoming more attuned towards the summation of their desires. That which was lost has been found and this to bring more completeness for evermore.

Our milt will not go to waste, but will be hand milked by the hand of God. The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this. Never (again) get tired of swimming upstream…God has found and is opening up a way.

How will we ever know that we will ever completely make this journey? Well it’s because the One we love and who loves us has made this journey before. Only where we faltered and failed…he succeeded…and by finding the same streaming current of love, we can get there too. Only He did it in perfection, we will do it in imperfection. Where we fail, He succeeds. Where we falter, He flies. Where we are weak, He is strong. When we won’t wait, He will. When we won’t hurry, He has. He has never and will never miss a season yet, as long as God is God and the seasons are seasons…he will yet, and already has sown into our season.

He has experienced all our eddies, flows and turbulences, faced…overcoming our obstacles and falls. Has come out on top despite experiencing our death at the bottom of the shallowness of our own streaming river…and despite the loss of all our energies...rose and gave life to us…and all our future seed. For he is there before our very beginning and will be there always at our very end…awaiting our final arrival home, within the halls and streams of the very Home of Life itself. And we arrived knowing that every step of the way, every swing and sway of our tail is generated by the indwelling Spirit of the procreator of our very creation, filling and covering every swim of our way. In Him, towards you is no anger, no determination in Him for you to enter any of His wrath…but to enter into , here, in life, with you, so that you may have and keep your perfect and complete rest.

I look and listen yet more closely…how is I think, that though you are there at our very beginning and you are there at our very end…and though you have swum, faced and overcome in our death, how is though that you can still help me now? I look and see and realize as I peer to the far bank that the current and form is not merely what I expected to see. It is not simply the bankside that directs the upward flow of the river at all…but rather the body of a man, inclined at an angle pointing in towards the centre of the stream…I realize that it is the body of Him, Jesus our Christ, Gods great fish, the progenitor of our species, that angles Himself, within the flow of our stream, so taking the force and the brunt of the violence of the streams downward torrent of flow, that he stills and silences the energies of the currents tow. He has placed Himself besides, alongside us and with us and has not forgotten us or left us to our fate. As I look into His face that was once…and still is Gods first fish, who experienced the failing and weakness of mans and mans' own strength. He shows us that he is still with us and for us and laying down Himself into our own stream …and plans to bring for us our perfect rest and place of peace…

…and with us and for us…changes the strength and direction of the eddies and currents that wage against, His and our flow…for He is Emmanuel, God with us…and God with us NOW…because He cares for us, because he loves us…He cares and knows what we are going through…we know through this…our own strength, never has and never ever will be enough.

Galatians 6:9:
[9] Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up….we will not lose heart, we will, we shall, reap even more once again a great harvest and a great rest. Stream, stream, streaming to you, look for my flow, streaming for you. I Am opening up a way; I Am opening up a way through for you, for all of you. Lord I am coming, I am coming to your flow, for you have opened up yourself to me, Lord I now open myself up to you, to the Love of your Flow.

I believe it is His intention to bring us through, it is my belief, despite what may happen, it is His intention to find and to make a way for this His small Kingdom, His little Britain, to bring it through and make it Great and United in Him, stronger and greater, bigger and wider than it has ever been seen to be before. Amen.

Urgent Times

David and Kathie Walters

Urgent Times -Your Seed And Your Seeds' Seed
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Unexpected Vision

Years ago when we were busy pastoring a great church we visited Kansas City. While we were there David had a very strategic vision. Please read and please pass on to Pastors, children's pastors, youth pastors, parents.

David's vision 17 years ago was of today's terrorists.

During the night David had a very vivid vision. He saw young boys, 8,9,10 years of age and up. They appeared to be Middle Eastern Muslim young boys. They were being trained in warfare with weapons. Guns, grenades, explosives. They were intent and very serious sand dedicated. Then he saw American church children and youth- goofing around, watching videos, playing games.

The Lord spoke to David, "The enemy is training his army and my church is entertaining her children."

Well guess who those young Muslim boys were? They were TODAY'S TERRORISTS.

Everyone, Including The Children And Youth Must Have Their Own Personal Revival

More churches today are training the young people instead of entertaining them. But, still there are many churches where the kids and youth don't have encounters with God, where the young people are not moving in the power of the Spirit, have not had a close encounter of the heavenly kind for themselves.

Every child and teen must have their own personal revival. Head knowledge and being able to give the right answers to the questions is not going to cut it when the rubber hits the road so to speak.

This is what God sees when He sees your children and youth, They don't have a Junior Holy Spirit. He wants to use them and equip them and give them a powerful experience of Himself.

God Sees The Kids And Youth Just The Same As Anyone Else.

Joseph "dreamed a dream" as a teenager (Gen 37:2-11) that overturned the status quo.

God called Samuel as a boy and spoke to him and gave him a judgment word for Eli (1 Sam.3:4-10)

Saul told David he was "but a youth" when he stepped up to fight Goliath (1 Sam. 17:33)

Jeremiah said he couldn't speak for he was "but a youth" (Jer.1:6-8).

Mary was around 14 years old when she conceived Jesus by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:26-31).

Paul told Timothy, "Let no one despise your youth" (1 Tim 4:12).

Children And Youth In History

Jonathon Edwards, the famous New England Preacher, entered Yale University at 13 years of age, and graduated a Valedictorian at seventeen.

Catherine Booth, co founder of the Salvation Army, was a devout Christian and by the age of twelve she had read the Bible through eight times. She also wrote articles for magazines as a child

Frances Ridley Havergail, famous poet and Hymn writer could quote the whole of the New Testament and the book of Psalms at the age of four and read it in the Greek at the age of eight. In a letter to her mother, Miss. Havergal, referring to her extraordinary musical and lyrical ability, which she called "Curious musical visions" once wrote, "I hear strange and very beautiful chords, generally full, slow and grand, succeeding each other in most interesting sequences. I do not invent them, I could not; they pass before my mind, and I only listen."

Some of the great works of Shelley, Byron, Keats, Chopin, and Mozart were composed when they were teenagers. Hitler and Mussolini built their power on young people.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the 18th century pastor was known as the "Prince of Preachers." He was studying theology when he was 11 years old. He started preaching at 15 years of age. Became a pastor at 17 years of age and ended up having the largest church in London, England, preaching to 10.000 people when he was 19 years of age. By the time he was 21 years of age he was the most famous preacher in all the land.

Joan of Arc, (The maid) was called to lead the armies of France against the English at about 20-21 years old. She received revelation that she was to go to France, and heard the voice of the angels at thirteen years of age. When she was finally burned at the stake, the English were terrified because her heart refused to burn. An English Officer who detested her and vowed to personally carry a torch to light the pyre, saw a white dove descend and immediately repented.

David Glasgow Farragut born near Knoxville, Tennessee on July 6, 1801. The man who would eventually become the first Admiral of the United States Navy, went to sea at the age of eight and received his first Naval appointment as midshipman at large at the age of nine and a half. At age eleven he saw his first combat and commanded a vessel at age twelve!

John Quincy Adams was Ambassador to Katherine the Great of Russia when he was 14 years of age.

MANY POWERFUL INTERCESSORS HAVE BEEN RAISED UP in the last 10 years through out ministry and ministries like Esther Illinsky. Esther is raising up one million child intercessors all over the world.

Many children today are being used by God in very powerful ways. Some of the most powerful intercession meetings I have ever been in have been with children. During the Gulf war my secretary and I were praying with her two children and my own two girls.

Child's Open Vision During Desert Storm

The kids wanted to pray for the soldiers in the Desert. The anointing came on my daughter, Faith, and she knelt at the coffee table and started to draw. She drew an underground bunker (before they made mention of those on the TV news). She drew what was in every room, she drew what was on the top to disguise it. She pointed to one room. "They have a missile launcher there but it doesn't quite work right and we need to pray it wont." They did have one of those remember? and it always slightly missed the mark.

Then she had an open vision. "I see an American plane and it has been hit, the pilot is bailing out but he is coming down in the desert and there are enemy troops nearby. We must pray for him for somewhere to hide."

The four children started praying in the spirit. Then Faith said, "It's OK, he found somewhere."

Then she saw another American plane looking for him and the kids stated praying again. "It's OK" she said, they heard his beeper." The plane dangerously short of fuel - had to fly back and get more fuel-then fly over a 4 lane highway full of Iraqi tanks, but they made it miraculously and picked up the downed pilot.

Faith (13) saw the whole thing in the Spirit. As she saw, she spoke it out and the kids prayed. She saw him rescued. The pilot's testimony was in Readers Digest June 1991

Please pass on and encourage people to go to David's website "Raising a generation of Anointed Children and Youth. David will come and impart a vision to your church or ministry and bring the young people into the anointing. David uses the children and youth in his miracle services - every week he sees deaf ears open, broken bones instantly healed, all kinds of sickness and disease instantly healed. He calls it, "The laying on of sticky fingers."

I believe this is a call of God right now- it is very urgent and important. Pray for your church to get a vision, to stop putting the kids in another room and giving them a coloring book and a video instead of the encounters of God.

Check out our Illustrated Bible study books for kids. Get a copy of "Kids in Combat" for your pastor and children's pastor. DON'T LEAVE THE CHILDREN OUT -God is placing some of these children in the front row of His army- I have seen it in the Spirit. Remember that children and youth do not have a junior Holy Spirit

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Undo These Rigid Structures

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Precious saints
As we move fast towards the end of this year, I would like to share another two pictures the Lord has spoken to me from. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words and I pray the Lord would continue to unfold to you deeper and richer levels of meaning as He speaks to your spirit from these scenes. We are living in a time of much shaking and change and even some of the mindsets we've had about church that are not in line with His unchangeable Word will be addressed in these days. It is time to return to the simplicity of the gospel of Jesus Christ and, like Paul, be determined to preach nothing else but Christ and Him crucified for herein lies the power of God.

As I was praying with friends recently, I saw before me a young girl with calipers on her legs and she walked very clumsily. The Holy Spirit explained to me that this was the church who had had these rigid structures encased around her at a young age, soon after the church began in Acts. She believed that the structures were necessary to help her walk but the truth was that the calipers kept her legs in a weakened state and caused her to walk clumsily without grace in the earth. She was unable to run in the path of His commandments and the rigidity of these man-made aids chafed and caused discomfort and pressure. The Spirit said that the Lord was coming to undo these rigid structures and lead His Bride out of them and as she took her first faltering steps unaided but holding His hand, she would feel strength begin to return to her wasted limbs and would be again equipped to go into all the world and make disciples, free of the cumbersome unnecessary archaic support structures.

As I looked back, I saw that the calipers retained their rigid shape once the true church had stepped out of them but they lay, cast aside and lifeless for that which was inside them which moved the calipers forward in any direction had been taken out of them. The Holy Spirit said that in the same way, there would be a move out of and away from the restriction of ancient man-made structures by those who accepted the Lord's invitation to come out of them and these would be strengthened and invigorated as they began to flow and function the way God intended them to but the rigid religious structures would still retain their shape but be without life.

Jesus said to the Pharisees that they deprived the Word of God of its power by following the traditions of men. Let us go to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to begin to open our eyes to see what is of man and what is of God in our accepted ways of serving Him. Sometimes we do things a certain way just because its been done that way for as long as we can remember. Yet Jesus says we are weakened and crippled as the church by continuing to walk in these things. Come, Holy Spirit and deliver us into the full liberty of the sons of God!

The second picture I have to share has similarities to the first. The Lord had me mix and make a jelly (jello for my American readers) and pour it into a mold. Then after it had set, I turned it out onto a plate, ready to eat. The Holy Spirit began to minister to me that this was a picture of the church. There has been a mold and a structure that it has been poured into and now has set but the Lord is coming to turn it upside down and remove the rigid mold that has supported it to this point. That which was at the bottom will then be on top, in other words that which is considered of great importance to us as men will be found to be of least importance. It also alludes to the last being first and the first last.

Once released from the mold, the jelly still retained the shape of the mold but was much more flexible, maybe a little wobbley even, but without restriction and able to be served to waiting hungry tummies! In the same way, the church will still be the church but without the inhibiting walls containing it. The time of setting has come to an end. The time of waiting for release and usefulness in the kingdom is just about over.

We used to have an advertisement for jelly on South African television screens, which proclaimed that Royal Jelly was ‘alive with flavor’! In the same way, the church that the Lord will cause to emerge in coming days will be brimming with the resurrection life of God and provide nourishment to a world hungry for the reality of God. No longer will His Body have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. Sadly, just as in the picture of the calipers, the jelly mold will retain its shape and structure but contain nothing to eat at all.

These are both sobering, yet encouraging, images to ponder on. Beloved, we are living in times when the Shepherd is calling His sheep. We, who know His voice, must yield to His every direction and follow where He leads.

John 10:3 He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.   When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice.

May the Lord watch over and lead you and yours in this month.
Blessings of peace be upon your house
Christine

Urgent Warning For North Israel
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Date: 07/22/05 12:01:13

This urgent warning I sent earlier last night about an attack to Israel in the north and Heidi Baker was one of the one's who prophesied destruction coming there....

I just awakened as I had a hard time sleeping again and as I did the words came to me...."when they say PEACE, PEACE....SUDDEN DESTRUCTION!!!!"

1 Thess 5:2-6 NKJV For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

Oh LORD! Below is the post from last night....Pris

This came from Michaelle today and confirms many impressions and words the Lord has been giving. We need to really pray as it is not only Israel that is at risk...but whatever happens there is a sign to the CHURCH as well overall. So if they are planning this could be parallel to other attacks planned here. The good thing too, is that God has promised them glory being poured out in Israel as HE has spoken here in America to us...we are not to FEAR, He is NEAR to those who fear HIM. It is worldwide outpouring.

Love, Pris

Pris, This was forwarded to me from some messianic-intercessor friends of mine in TN.

From: Tikkun7@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2005 3:20 PM
Subject: important message from Israel

THIS IS AN EMAIL WE RECEIVED AND THOUGHT IT WAS WORTHY TO PASS ON. WHILE THE ATTENTION IS ON THE DISENGAGEMENT IN GAZA, SOMETHING ELSE COULD BE BREWING IN THE NORTH. PUT IT BEFORE GOD.

Dear Friends and fellow intercessors,
I'm resending a few sentences from our last update about Haifa plus words received by believers in Tiberias and Jerusalem concerning northern Israel:

HADAR (I HAVE JUST BEEN THERE DURING PASSOVER WEEK, MY FAMILIES GOOD FRIENDS, ISRAEL BAR-ON, LIVE RIGHT THERE, ... SO PLEASE READ ON AND PRAY) - On April 28 and several times since then, the L-rd spoke to me strongly about missles falling in northern Israel, specifically in Hadar, an area near downtown Haifa. This is not some far away place for us. We live in Haifa, about 15 minutes from Hadar, an Orthodox Jewish neighborhood.

And we visit friends in Tiberias often.

Lately I even had a picture of being in a place where the walls were caved in, speaking to people who were trapped. After several prayerwalks I received this from a friend:

"There are reports of lots of missiles aimed at Haifa with the chemical plants as the prime target. The goal of the terrorists is to spread gaseous fumes around northern Israel, particularly Haifa to create a huge number of causalities."

Devastation warnings given to Eric and Terri Morey, Kehilat Poriya In this month of May five warnings have come directly to us, and I feel very sure that it must be made into one letter and sent out for prayer. I do believe that God does nothing without warning his people first and with this severe warning, I am asking those that love us to pray for us.

The wind can shift, God controls that, and if we rally together as one body, we can expect that our God, the God of Israel will intervene and change the currents. The first report, was a confirmation to a sister in Jerusalem who had sense that a severe devastation was coming to the world. When she heard Heidi Baker's report which was given in her home, she felt it was the confirmation only it was much more specific.

It would be coming to the North of Israel.

This Saturday a prophetic woman of God who foresaw the 9/11 tragedy the day before it happened, has seen that we would experience a great earthquake, specifically in Tiberias.

On this same day that this prophetic warning was given, we heard in our living room, a word concerning us as lights of the world, we see how it all ties in with the word given by Heidi Baker.

Dates of warnings in May..

Ist warning to a sister 4th of May in Jerusalem of catastrophes coming to the world
2nd warning through Rick and Patti Riddings Ist week in May..pray for the North..
3nd warning through Heidi Baker, 12th of May . devastation coming to the North of Israel
4rh warning in Jerusalem Post, 27th of May 12,000 rockets capable of going into the North of Israel
5th warning, Saturday 28th of May, an earthquake of great magnitude coming to the city of Tiberias.

This is the report of Heidi Baker, given in the home of a friend of ours in Jerusalem:

She timidly talked about the darkness coming, and how we should not run from it, but be a light to our people in the midst of it. When she used the word devastation, I picked up on that, and finally shared with the group what the Lord has shown me for a long time, since last year -- that there would be trouble in the north of Israel. I have really sensed devastation.

Last week, Rick and Patti Ridings had been praying in the worship meetings about the disengagement, and the Lord stopped them, and told them to pray about the north. So, we realized in the gathering in our home that the Lord wants us to help the believers in the north because something serious is about to take place (regarding Iran, Hezbollah, and Syria).

Jerusalem Post ..27th of May, 2005

Hizbullah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah threw down the gauntlet on Wednesday against the US and the UN over any attempts to disarm the extremist Iranian-backed Lebanese Shi'ite organization. He also issued a direct warning to Israel that the organization has more than 12,000 rockets that were capable of reaching all of northern Israel.

In His service,
Terri Morey

This comes from a believer in Jerusalem:

The sense about trouble in the north goes back to one year ago, when I asked the Lord about the disengagement. I asked Him if he was for it or against it And, the response was, the disengagement will look incidental compared to what's going to happen in the north. So, for a year now, I have held that word in my heart. For a year now, I have read the newspapers and reported on

Iran, Hezbollah, and Syria. In an off-the record briefing with an Israeli general and a small public briefing with the former head of the Shin Bet, the general consensus has been that Israel is going to take steps to undo the terrorist infrastructure in Gaza before the disengagement from there begins. Israel is also going to take steps to neutralize the threat from Hezbollah in the north. Israel, with the help of the U.S. is going to take steps to neutralize the threat from Syria. And, Israel is not going to allow Iran to go nuclear, even if it means a battle ahead.

Israel, in a close strategic cooperation agreement with America, has already taken preparatory steps, including improvements in their defense military capabilities. Since last summer, they have tested anti-ballistic defense missiles off the coast of California and the Mediterranean. They have poured money into the Arrow and Patriot defense systems. Israel has acquired other military weapons this past year in preparation for a military confrontation.

I kept all this quiet until Heidi Baker was in our home. She talked about preparing for dark and troubling times. Then, briefly, in passing, she said the word, devastation. I had been sensing possible devastation in the north, but had not expressed this publicly. I picked up on that word when she mentioned it in passing. Then, I shared with the group in our home that I thought trouble was coming to the north of Israel and that we needed to pray and help the Body of believers in the north prepare for this.

Rick and Patti were in that meeting in our home. They said that a few days before, as they had been praying about the disengagement in the south of Israel, the Lord laid it on their hearts to stop, and begin praying for the north of Israel.

Since then, there have been several prophecies that have indicated the possibility of trouble in the north, with a focus on Haifa. In the meantime there have also been stepped up attacks from Hezbollah, as the terrorist group is trying to provoke Israel into a confrontation. Sheikh Nasrallah has threatened to fire his 12,000 missiles into northern Israel, especially warning that he has the ability to hit Haifa.

We are asking intercessors and friends to pray protection over Israel's citizens in the north, where at least one million people are in populated areas that could be reached by rockets launched into Israel from Lebanese or Syrian territory. If Israel confronts Iran, a harsh retaliatory response would also put Israeli citizens in the north in grave danger.

The good news is that there have also been prophetic words, lately, indicating that God is getting ready to pour out His Spirit upon the land!

The sense is that there will be a short season of a major outpouring with many souls coming to faith. So, where there is great darkness, there is even greater light! The greater light is coming! PTL!

Praying for peace and salvations

Demonstrations of MY GLORY
Priscilla Van Sutphin

July 20th, 2005

The Lord said “demonstrations of My Glory”

Ex 29:43 NKJV And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by My glory.

Ex 40:34-38 NKJV The Cloud and the Glory (Ex 13:21,22; Num 9:15-23)
Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the

tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Isa 4:2-6 NKJV The Renewal of Zion
In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped. 3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy — everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. 4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. 6 And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

“ I AM to be highly sought after. I AM a pearl of great price. I AM a PILLAR of FIRE in your midst. I AM the cloudy haze of glory in the presence of WORSHIP to My Beloveds. I AM the Beginning and the End. I change NOT. I AM the same, yesterday, today and forever in eternity! I AM Your great Hope! I AM the EVERLASTING FATHER. I AM the All Consuming FIRE. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed in My presence! You will no longer be able to hide from ME soon! THE EARTH WILL BE FILLED WITH THE GLORY OF THE LORD.”

Isa 9:2-7 NKJV The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined. 3 You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy; They rejoice before You According to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
5 For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, and garments rolled in blood, will be used for burning and fuel of fire.
6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of **the increase** of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

“MY ZEAL will accomplish what is in My Word. MY ZEAL – not man’s zeal! YOU CAN DO NOTHING APART FROM ME. WHAT I DO WILL NOT BE CREDITED TO MAN WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE! I WILL NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO TOUCH MY GLORY! Some have the idea that that means literally. But I mean it figuratively. You are not to take credit for anything in your life when it is I Who have orchestrated your creation and all that you are and it is I Who give you the grace to do anything!!!!! It is I WHO created you, and it is I AM WHO says who shall live and who shall die. Who I AM is not clear yet to many who call themselves by My name.”

James 4:13-17 NIV Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." 14 Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead, you ought to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast and brag. All such boasting is evil. 17 Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins.
“Great GRACE and GREAT GLORY are coming to earth in this hour. GREAT and PERILOUS TIMES as well. Many of you are confused by all this. Many have not been prepared, nor do they know My WORD. My WORD is unalterable. IT STANDS and does not change. You cannot change MY plans. But I will most certainly change the plans of evil men and women. I will most certainly change the plans of those who are doing their own plans and what their own heart desires. If you but YIELD to what I want…YOU WILL BE A SUCCESS! Success is not measured by what you store up on earth, but by what you store up in heaven.”

Matt 6:19-21 NKJV Lay Up Treasures in Heaven (Luke 12:33,34)
" Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Ps 37:4 NKJV Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
Ps 145:19 NKJV He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.
Prov 10:3 NKJV The LORD will not allow the righteous soul to famish, But He casts away the desire of the wicked.
John 15:7-8 NKJV If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

"I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind. I AM bringing My glory in much greater measure than what you have seen and it will shock people into submission to My will and MANY will be commissioned for harvesting My fields. This is an hour of great turmoil, but also great EXPLOITS that will be done in My name! I will fulfill the desires of your hearts. As you abide in ME, I will abide in you! I AM doing something that no man will take credit for. The FEAR OF THE LORD will fill My temple and I will sanctify My temples, WHICH YOU ARE, with MY GLORY! So lift your voices in PRAISE AND ADORATION! SHOUT aloud to the GOD OF YOUR SALVATION! Lift up a banner in the name of the Lord and do not back down. Do not shut down. If you can do nothing else but to lie down with ME and put on the worship, then do that! If you have been too busy, you can lie and RECEIVE as you rest in My presence! I am healing and I am delivering, and I WILL CONFOUND the wisdom of the wise in their own opinions!

My Holy Spirit will not be withdrawn till I have accomplished MY WILL in the earth. I LOVE MY CREATION. I have loved you with an everlasting love, and I have not given up, and will not give up till every chance has been given and every nook and corner of the earth is reached with My glory.
Many of you will go to unreached peoples. Many will die on foreign ground!
Many will pay a great price for the freedom of others. But know this: NO ONE will die before their time, once I come with My glory. Just as JOHN the Beloved was not able to be boiled in oil, neither can the evil one take you from this earth. The keys to death and hell belong to My SON JESUS. A NEW ERA of GREATER GRACE has begun. MY LOVE is ETERNAL and unending. NOTHING is impossible with GOD. ASK ME for discernment on who you pray for, for who you do for , or give to and I will give it to you.

The religious spirit never changes. THERE will always be those who are jealous and carnal, and unchanging in their ways, and unrepentant, but they are not of ME. There will be great persecution. But nothing will happen to you apart from MY WILL. CONFORM YOUR WILL TO MY WILL and nothing will be able to touch you until I SAY! YIELD YOUR RIGHTS to ME.
HAVE I NOT GIVEN YOU A TRUSTWORTHY HUSBAND? AM I not the GOD of the impossible? Is there anything that is too hard for ME? LOOK to ME throughout your days and nights for direction. Yield to ME as KING and LORD, as ADONAI – your Lord and Master! I am a loving Master Who only does what is best for you. Yet many are walking in unbelief of My love for you and it has cost you – this unbelief. CAST OFF the entrapment of unbelief and doubt and skepticism about my love for you! THEN you can be My mouthpiece!"

Jer 15:18-20 AMP Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you indeed be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail and are uncertain?
19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], **then** I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you will be My minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people].
20 And I will make you to this people a fortified, bronze wall; they will fight against you, but they will not prevail over you, for I am with you to save and deliver you, says the Lord. 21 And I will deliver you out of the hands of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the palms of the terrible and ruthless tyrants.

“I gave to the midwives who feared ME, secure homes. I gave to Jeremiah land and home in the midst of invading armies! What is there that I am too impotent to do, IF YOU HUMBLE YOURSELVES? For I resist the proud, but give grace to the HUMBLE among men! Be not conformed to THIS WORLD, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so you know what My will is! Have I not said that if you think yourselves more highly than you ought that you walk contrary to My will? Associate with the humble and you will do well. Avoid men of strife and anger, lusts and bitterness. Do not conform yourselves to the ways of this world and the enemy of your soul.
Love YOUR ENEMIES. BE GOOD TO THOSE WHO HATE YOU AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SPITEFULLY USE YOU. I said the whole of the law was contained in the two greatest commandments! Love the Lord Your God with your whole heart, soul, spirit and strength and love your neighbor as yourself! If you are able to do this, you do well! And who is your neighbor I ask you? He who is created in the image and likeness of GOD!”

Isa 57:15 AMP For thus says the high and lofty one--He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, but with him also who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the thoroughly penitent [bruised with sorrow for sin]. [Matt 5:3.]

Lev 9:5-7 NKJV Then Moses said, "This is the thing which the LORD commanded you to do, and the glory of the LORD will appear to you."

Lev 9:22-24 NKJV And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people, 24 and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Num 14:20-21 NKJV Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, according to your word; 21 but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD

Num 8:17-18 NKJV For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; on the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them to Myself.

Num 3:13 NKJV because all the firstborn are Mine. On the day that I struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, I sanctified to Myself all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast. They shall be Mine: I am the LORD."

Ex 19:14-15 NKJV So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes.

Jer 1:4-5 NKJV The Prophet Is Called
Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Isa 6:1-4 NKJV Isaiah Called to Be a Prophet (cf. Ezek 1:4-28)
In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:
"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory!"
4 And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

2 Chron 7:1-3 NKJV Solomon Dedicates the Temple (1 Kings 8:62-66)
When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. 3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed

their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures **forever."**

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Ps 93:3-4 NKJV
The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

TRIBUTE : Function: *noun*
Etymology: Middle English *tribut,* from Latin *tributum,* from neuter of *tributus,* past participle of *tribuere* to allot, bestow, grant, pay, from *tribus* tribe
1 a : a payment by one ruler or nation to another **in acknowledgment of submission or as the price of protection**; *also* **:** the tax levied for such a payment **b** (1) **:** an excessive tax, rental, or tariff imposed by a government, **sovereign, lord**, or landlord (2) **:** an exorbitant charge levied by a person or group having the power of coercion **c :** the liability to pay tribute
2 a : something given or contributed voluntarily as due or deserved; *especially* **: a gift or service showing respect, gratitude, or affection** <floral *tribute*> **b :** something (as material evidence or a formal attestation) **that indicates the worth, virtue, or effectiveness of the one in question** <the product is a *tribute* to their ingenuity>

“What is the motivation of your heart My beloveds? Why do you seek ME? Why do you want My favor? Why are you fearful and unbelieving of My protection and why do you not pay tribute to ME, above tribute to men or women, boys or girls? What is it that you seek? Are you seeking Me out of your love and gratitude of heart? Or are you seeking Me for favor that you will live without troubles? Do you want My affection or do you want My wealth? Am I like a wealthy husband whose wife only cares for his money and the things he can give her. Or do you love Me because I am beautiful to you, because I am the great LOVE of your life?

I have been uncovering your own heart so that you could see the areas that still need healing. I am not uncovering it for you to condemn yourself and to walk in shame and distant from ME. I have not uncovered it so I can belittle you or shame you into obedience. I bring conviction of heart that you may see the TRUTH of your sinfulness compared to My holiness. I bring it that you might repent and try again to go forward in TRUTH…that you might ask ME for deliverance and healing and seek MY FACE, and not just My hand! One can get used to living in poverty or wealth and both can lose their first love.

I want you to KNOW ME! To truly KNOW the depth, length, breadth and width of the love I have for you! If you know that, then you will love Me for who I am…just as in the earthly realm, when you get to know people for who they really are…love grows and blooms in greater depth of spirit, soul and body. You offer yourself willingly to someone who adores you, do you not?
Are you not willing to do something for the one who cares earnestly for you?
So when you REALLY KNOW ME, you will serve me without resentment, without regret, without unholy expectations, and wrong motives of heart! This is why you need to know the TRUTH of My Word and understanding of the character of your GOD. I am not willing that any man should perish. I LOVE LIVES. I love people way more than things. I love My creation. But above all, I made MAN in Our image so that love would consummated, and not just thought about. If you love someone, you want to

do the very best for them.

Some of you have been so pummeled by others and life, that your expectations are so low, and you live in a false concept of Who I AM. I told you to come BOLDLY before the throne of GRACE. But SO many still walk in shame from everyday sins that weigh them down as they do not KNOW ME. They do not know the depth of My love and forgiveness and give in to condemnation and guilt that the enemy puts on them. Of course I do not want heartless lovers.
But neither do I want you groveling in the dirt acting like a worm squirming to find sunlight! I am NOT the HARSH TASKMASTER! I reward those who diligently seek ME.

Heb 11:6 NKJV But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

I need you to understand these things because in the days ahead you will need to really KNOW ME, and not just know of ME. You need to know that I love you for EVERYTHING around you, devils, people, circumstances will try to convince you otherwise. Remember the suffering of the apostles and how they went to foreign lands to spread the gospel. When they went, they never lacked anything truly needed. There was supernatural multiplication when needed. There was even supernatural transportation if needed. They endured great hardships of beatings and attacks of the evil one for WHO THEY WERE. But they went through JOYFULLY and EAGERLY knowing they were but STRANGERS in this world. I want you to be CONFIDENT IN MY LOVE even in the face of all kinds of perils, like Paul was. You have become satiated with a life of comfort, so I have for many removed much of the comfort to stretch your faith that you might trust ME more than YOURSELF EFFORT – that you would trust ME MORE THAN others, and that you would trust ME MORE THAN ANY MAN in authority even within the church that is called by My name.

Honor those in positions of power and authority as you honor ME. Do not fight for your rights! When Paul argued for Roman law, it was not so he could get his own way! It was so he could stand before kings and rulers and share the gospel! YOU ARE BOUGHT AND PAID FOR WITH THE BLOOD OF MY SON WHOSE BLOOD WAS MOST PRECIOUSLY SPILLED ON THE CROSS. You need to understand western BRIDE the COST of discipleship…the COST for glory.

Many look for glory but don’t want to bear the reproach! What am I to do with you? What am I to do with a bride who REFUSES to bear her cross as I told her to? Will you be like the children of Israel in the desert who complained and tried ME till I stuffed their mouths with meat? For indeed it takes STRONG MEAT to get your attention. You are pulled away by so many distractions. Entertainment and busyness, and working till you drop. WILL you learn to put THE KINGDOM FIRST? WILL YOU LEARN TO MAKE ME YOUR FIRST LOVE OVER YOUR HUSBAND, YOUR WIFE, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR HOUSE, YOUR CARS, YOUR TV SET, YOUR COMPULSIONS, THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS AND ALL OTHER IDOLS?

Will you listen eagerly for the sound of My voice as you listen to your many earthly lovers My bride?

I am filled with longing for you and I will come and push back the distraction and make you to long for ME as no other. I am pulling the rug out from under many who are caught up in wrong affections and adulteries. I will not be satisfied until I make you into the fullness of what I want you to be! So do not kick at the goads, but instead WORSHIP ME and come to me in confidence and in humility and recognition of who you are in CHRIST. Being humble means recognizing you cannot do it all by yourself. Being humble means casting ALL YOUR CARES ON ME FOR YOU KNOW THAT I WILL CARE FOR YOU!

HONOR ME and I will honor you. Honor MY WILL above your own will, and I will give you the desires of your heart. Yield to My sword and I will put it in your hand to destroy the ramparts of the enemy over peoples lives, over neighborhoods, cities, and nations. Humble yourselves in the sight of your LORD and I will lift you up. Do not SEEK AFTER RECOGNITION. After all, the prophets who were recognized were killed. If you seek after this idol, you will most certainly be destroyed by it! Seek ME. I AM YOUR EXCEEDINGLY GREAT REWARD. I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE. I AM THE RESOURCE OF ALL YOU NEED. I WILL RELEASE YOU AS YOU LET GO OF THE THINGS YOU ARE HOLDING

ONTO SO TIGHTLY!"

Ps 66:2 NKJV Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious.

John 5:41-45 NKJV "I do not receive honor from men. 42 But I know you, that **you do not have the love of God in you.** 43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; **if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. 44 How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?**

Rom 13:1-8 KJV
1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

NT:5411 phoros (for'-os); from NT:5342; a load (as borne), i.e. (figuratively) a tax (properly, an individual assessment on persons or property; whereas NT:5056 is usually a general toll on goods or travel): KJV - tribute.
NT:5342 phero (fer'-o); a primary verb (for which other and apparently not cognate ones are used in certain tenses only; namely, oio (oy'-o); and enegko (en-eng'-ko); to "bear" or carry (in a very wide application, literally and figuratively, as follows):KJV - be, bear, bring (forth), carry, come, let her drive, be driven, endure, go on, lay, lead, move, reach, rushing, uphold.

Ezra 6:8 AMP Moreover, I make a decree as to what you shall do for these elders of the Jews for the rebuilding of this house of God: the cost is to be paid in full to these men at once from the king's revenue, the tribute of the province [west of] the River, that they may not be hindered.
OT:4061 middah (Aramaic) (mid-daw') or mindah (Aramaic) (min-daw'); corresponding to OT:4060; tribute in money: KJV - toll, tribute.

Neh 5:4-5 NIV Still others were saying, "We have had to borrow money to pay the king's tax on our fields and vineyards. 5 Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our countrymen and though our sons are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others."
OT:4060 middah (mid-daw'); feminine of OT:4055; properly, extension, i.e. height or breadth; also a measure (including its standard); hence a portion (as measured) or a vestment; specifically, tribute (as measured): KJV - garment, measure (-ing, meteyard, piece, size, (great) stature, tribute, wide.

Matt 17:24-27 AMP When they arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the half shekel [the temple tax] went up to Peter and said, Does not your Teacher pay the half shekel? [Ex 30:13; 38:26.]
25 He answered, Yes. And when he came home, Jesus spoke to him [about it] first, saying, What do you think, Simon? From whom do earthly rulers collect duties or tribute--from their own sons or from others not of their own family? 26 And when Peter said, From other people not of their own family, Jesus said to him, Then the sons are exempt.
27 However, in order not to give offense and cause them to stumble [that is, to cause them to judge unfavorably and unjustly] go down to the sea and throw in a hook. Take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find there a shekel. Take it and give it to them to pay the temple tax for Me and for yourself.

Matt 22:17-21 KJV Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? 19 Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
NT:2778 kensos (kane'-sos); of Latin origin; properly, an enrollment ("census"), i.e. (by implication) a tax: KJV - tribute.

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Use What I've Given To You To Benefit The Body

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[16]In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. [17]Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. [18]And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Eph. 6:16-18
But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. [19]If they were all one part, where would the body be? [20]As it is, there are many parts, but one body. I Co. 12:18-20

"I tell you that many have waited for my arrival to come to them. I tell you that visitations of my spirit will be on the increase. For my spirit will raise other ones up to postions of leadership in this hour. Those who wield the sword against the enemy will be given a sharper blade. For I tell you, the enemy will be on the rise. For he knows that I have chosen certain men and women for the battle, but he does not know how they are armed and what they wield."

"I tell you that the gifts that I have given to men and women are to be used for the body of Christ. Some have hoarded these gifts and have kept them for themselves. They have been given to benefit others. I tell you that when one suffers, all suffer. When one rises, then you all rise. Use what you have to benefit the body. Then what I have given to you will not dry up and blow away."

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Unto You That Fear My Name

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> *But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness rise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. Malachi 4:2*

I preface this article with MUCH foundation, but I trust you'll read through it in order to get to a very significant revelation, and understanding I believe the Lord is presently imparting to me regarding healing, and walking in divine health.

If you don't have time to read it in one setting, simply save it, and continue reading when you have the time to do so. If ever I've written anything that I believe will truly HELP the people of God to obtain His great and precious promises, especially as it pertains to health and wholeness, I believe it's found through the principles shared in this article!! So, as the Lord's servant who truly does care for you and has had enough suffering in my own life to genuinely want to walk in a true spirit of consolation toward you, my prayer is that you will read!!!

This is an article for those that fear His Name. I love the Name of Jesus. I love it when someone sings about it. "Sing me a song about Jesus, for I am a BIG Jesus fan!!" I love it when someone preaches about it. I love it when someone prays in the Name of Jesus. I love it when someone baptizes in water in that Name. The Name of Jesus truly thrills me through and through. I never tire of hearing the Name of the One who gave His all for me. JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, JESUS!!

But if I want to see the **"sun of righteousness rise with healing in His wings"** , then I also need to know what it means to "fear His Name". The word "fear" in the Bible is often speaking of having a reverence. It is not speaking of being intimidated by something or someone. To reverence the Name of the Lord, means to honor and respect Him as God.

The word "name" is not just referring to a collection of letters that form the sound that comes out of your mouth to identify a certain person, place, or thing. The word "Name" is not talking about a label, but rather about His Nature that is identified by that Name. Jesus has the Nature of God. Whatever God is, that is what Jesus IS because He IS God.
Since it's not talking about some magical sound that comes forth from you when you speak His Name, but rather an identity with His Nature, the Name "JESUS", is no more powerful spoken in Hebrew than it is spoken in Zulu!! Read all of Acts 10, if you need proof on what I am saying to you.
Think of how our scripture of interest calls Him the "**Sun of Righteousness**", and then remind yourself also of the following scripture, which basically tells us that Jesus put a face on God:

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high: Hebrews 1:2

When we learn to reverence Him as God, then we will see Him, this SUN of righteousness, in all the brightness of His glory, rise with "healing in His wings". When you have a reverential fear of someone, you respect their position and authority and you keep your behavior in check. You don't just act any old way in the presence of that person. There is something in you that automatically brings yourself into proper alignment to show honor to the one whom you reverence.

I have been grieving in my spirit because I see that people are erring in believing that the "new thing" God is doing is giving room to tolerate a disrespect and irreverence not only for God's servants, but for His house. I know much is being said about the doing away with "church" as we know it. In fact, I've even prophesied it myself to some degree.

But in any place, whether it's a tent on the side of a country road, or a little clapboard church in the "wildwood", or a cathedral with stained glass windows, OR your living room....... where His Name is truly being honored, and exalted, and there are men and women of God who are earnestly waiting on

Him that there might be "meat in due season" for the people of God, I am sure I'm hearing from the Lord we ought to be treating those atmospheres with the same reverence we'd give to the castle of the Queen of England.

When you come into God's Presence and into HIS house, you are coming into the Presence of Royalty!! Not only is Jesus a KING, but He is the KING of kings, and the LORD of Lords!! And we are KINGS and PRIESTS unto God.
The Lord is causing me to understand the subject of reverence in a new light, and how 'irreverence' is a mark of an anti-christ spirit.

The book of 1st John speaks of many false prophets being unleashed into the world, and these have an "antichrist spirit".

1 John 4:1 ¶Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

We know that Christ means "the ANOINTED one". When someone is "anti-Christ", they are AGAINST the ANOINTING. That is no new revelation. Basically any truly Spirit-filled Christian realizes that the anti-Christ spirit, opposes the true anointing of God.
But I wish for you to consider something prophesied by Isaiah, and then repeated by the Lord in the 4th Chapter of Luke, just to get a better understanding of how
important it is to reverence the anointing.

Isaiah 61:1 ¶The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

We must remember that Old Testament prophets were in a context of prophesying during a time when people knew what it meant to be in subjection to a Sovereign, or subject to the rule of a king. Every king had his special time of being "anointed" for the throne, right from that very first meeting between Samuel and Saul when he was chosen to be first king of Israel, and Samuel poured the vial of oil upon his head. 1 Sam. 10:1.

The "anointed" king's rule was law, whether for the good of the people, or to their peril.
During Isaiah's stead as prophet, there were four kings to Israel: Uzziah, Jothan, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. When we go to the book of 2nd Chronicles, we can quickly get the rundown on God's opinion of whether these kings did that which was "right" in the sight of the Lord, or that which was "evil" in the sight of the Lord.
Despite some serious problems toward the end of Uzziah's reign found in 2 Chronicles 26:16-21, we find that three of the kings were righteous, and one was evil. That evil one was Ahaz.

If Isaiah was prophesying in a church service, the OT congregants understood that "anointing" was an act usually performed by a prophet to signify God's blessing, approval, and authority conferred upon one who was chosen by Him for a certain sacred office, whether it be a prophet, a priest or a king. To have an "anti-christ" spirit would mean that one is opposing or not truly reverencing God's approval of a person in a vocation divinely chosen for them !
(David understood the importance of the anointing, and never opposed Saul, no matter how difficult

things got for him. This was not a blind obedience, for if it was David would have stayed and submitted himself to everything Saul did, but instead, behaving himself wisely, he removed himself from the attacks of Saul, and was careful not to sin with his lips.

True submission is never blind obedience, and true reverence is never total silence in the face of wrong-doing. Even the servants were bold enough to speak up to Saul to let him know that when he was in the wrong. This can be very clearly seen in 1 Samuel 14:24-46.)

So, when Isaiah prophesied of our Lord that the Spirit of the Lord would anoint the Coming Messiah to

"preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;"

there is no doubt that both Isaiah and his hearers understood this in the context of the authority given to one who was marked by God to be bestowed with special authority, and ability to be able to do such a thing! They related "anointing" to being a prophet, a priest, or a king WITH GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY to carry out whatever that "anointing" permitted them BY GOD to do.

Here we see that all three come into focus in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ:
As a prophet, He would have authority to "preach good tidings unto the meek, preach the acceptable year of the Lord, and to declare the day of God's vengeance.

As a priest, He would have authority to "bind up the brokenhearted, and comfort all those that mourn. He would be able to appoint unto those that mourn in Zion, beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness! (Oh what a blessing it is to be under the care of a true shepherd who walks in such a priestly anointing as described here!)

As a king, He would have authority to "proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison doors to all those who are bound."

Now, if we could get inside the hearts and minds of those original hearers of the Word, and get the impact of how those ones would have received such a prophetic word if they were to receive it as a present word of the Lord for their time, it would have the ability to strongly affect our understanding of the connection between anointing and reverence.

In their minds and thinking, they would have been relating things spoken by the prophet Isaiah to those kings, prophets, or priests that they had been dealing with during the his prophetic tenure. One can read about the horrendously wicked reign of King Ahaz in the 28th chapter of 2nd Chronicles.

There was no end to the mourning, grief, captivity, suffering that this wicked king caused. If this particular prophecy was given during the time of the reign of King Ahaz, to hear a word about a king who would open prison doors , set captives free, give beauty for ashes , the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, would have indeed been of great comfort to those souls wearied and distressed beneath his heavy hand.

How they must have yearned for that Messianic prophecy to be a "word near at hand", rather than afar off!!

In the full context of the Messianic prophecies given by Isaiah, it surely would have been that there was a great longing for the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One to come forth. And yet when He did come, the descendants of the very ones who heard those words of Isaiah, neither reverenced Him, nor recognized Him as their Messiah.

John declares,
He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. John 1: 11.
If we read the Old Testament being ever aware of the high level of respect given to those in authority because it was an anointed position held by someone who actually was given power by God to effect change according to the will of God, and we see that those positions were honored even to fear of

death if they were dishonored, it puts new light on what it means to "reverence, or fear the Name of the Lord".

The principle of reverencing the Name, the Anointing, the Authority, the Position of a king is seen again and again throughout the Old Testament in the lives of those who were subject to such authority.

Consider how Esther knew she would perish for approaching the king, if he did not extend his sceptre to her: Esther 4:16-5:2.

Consider how the king had to reverence his own laws in casting Daniel into the lion's den when he really favored Daniel, and would have chosen to spare him: Daniel 6:11-28.

Consider how the children of captivity were immediately free to rebuild the temple without hindrance when they had release from the king to do so, after much opposition. (Read Ezra 5 through 8).

When Isaiah prophesied the words of the first couple of verses of Isaiah 61:1, he was speaking to a people who were trained to reverence the anointing, but even before Jesus could come as God manifested in the flesh, a religious antichrist spirit was already at work in the world!! They did not recognize that JESUS CHRIST is come IN THE FLESH. They could not accept that this was truly GOD- incarnate!

Why have I given all this Old Testament foundation for what I'm saying? Because all things that happened "in the natural" in the Old Testament, are lessons to be learned to benefit us in our spiritual lives.

As they were inclined to reverence God through natural obeisance and attentiveness to law and ritual, so are we, as the circumcision which "worship God in the Spirit, and have NO confidence in the flesh" to have an inner spiritual striving toward pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Read all of Phillipians 3.) And however the Spirit shows me that I must reverence Him in order to receive that prize, I do not want to fall short in any way!!

Isn't it your heartfelt prayer that with everything within YOUR being you PRESS toward the mark…?? Those hearers of the Word who were inclined to be so respectful and live in such fear of "the anointed" , missed it when it came to their Messiah. They who knew such religious reverence, missed God when it came to that One who should have truly been the sum of all their desires!!

If there is any groundwork laid by the above paragraphs, let it be an understanding that Jesus is surely in the succession of kings to Israel, and His Anointing as Prophet, Priest and King is to be reverenced and honored, and not taken lightly, lest we receive the same antichrist spirit those who rejected Him received so that they could not see the Lord when He came to them!!

Now, beloved, I hope I can communicate to you what I am understanding by the Spirit in 1 John 1:1 and 2. For years, I have found great comfort in the idea that I don't have an "anti-christ spirit" because I've got all the bases covered on this one!!

I believe that Jesus Christ is come "in the flesh", meaning that I believe that Jesus was a literal historical figure who walked around in a flesh and blood body just as surely as did Moses, Martin Luther, or Abraham Lincoln. Jesus truly was alive upon this earth as a human flesh being, a citizen on planet earth in the course of history!!

I also believe that Jesus Christ is manifested in OUR flesh, Christ in YOU the "hope of glory"!! I believe that the same Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead will fill our vessels, our flesh when we receive the baptism in the Holy Ghost. (See Romans 8, Acts 2, and Colossians 1:27)
I believe that when Jesus "came unto His own, and they received Him not", that immediately the following verse went into effect:

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: John 1:12

So, Jesus being rejected by His own, effected His coming "in the flesh" of every true believer in Jesus Christ.
I still hold fast to these truths, but I'm seeing a new aspect of 1 John 4: 1 and 2.
John is encouraging his readers to believe not every SPIRIT , but to try THE SPIRITS whether they are of God. He said SPIRITS will either recognize that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, signifying they are of God, or they do NOT recognize His coming "in the flesh", signifying they are of an anti-christ spirit.

It would seem easy enough for any spirit to lie in order to deceive a person into believing they are the "real thing". All a spirit needs to do is read this 4th chapter of 1st John, and be instantly intelligent in deception! So, how is there any proof such a thing is not being done??

It's because these verses are speaking about an issue in the spirit realm. There were some spirits or angels that "left their first estate" (see Jude 6), and were not privy to that marked event in time when the One who received His Name by inheritance would invade time and space to born to a virgin in the city of Bethlehem!! Beloved, if you receive your name "by inheritance", it means someone had that name before you did!!

"Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to Him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?" And again, when he bringeth in the first begotten into the world, he saith, let all the angels of God worship him. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity, therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Hebrews 1:4-9.

Those spirits could not recognize that Jesus Christ is "come in the flesh" because they lost access to a realm of heavenly knowledge, and they were not part of the "angels of God who worship Him". They did not recognize Him as being the "anointed one". These antichrist spirits themselves do not reverence Jesus as God because they cannot perceive He is anointed with the "oil of gladness" above his fellows.

What are "his fellows"?? In context, I would say it's speaking of theangelic spirits that he kept company with in eternity, whom He was exalted above, and preferred over as the Son of God.

John 1:1 ¶In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 ¶And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

The spirits know Jesus Christ as the Word in His eternal estate because He is recognized by them as Creator, as at one time they were part of the heavenly hosts. They do not know Him as God-in-the-flesh, God-incarnate because when in their rebellion, they were cast out in 'everlasting chains under darkness' they lost their ability of perception. (See Jude verse 6.)

Darkness may mean a place where there is a physical lack of light. But darkness also means to be without the light of any revelation knowledge. Those who don't recognize that Jesus Christ is God, are without revelation knowledge.

Consider how Jesus called the Pharisees "blind leaders of the blind". Consider how he called them of their father the devil. Consider how they crucified the Lord of Glory. They did not REVERENCE HIM AS GOD. They did not FEAR HIS NAME. They had an "ANTI-CHRIST" Spirit.

Three terms in Scripture are almost virtually synonymous: Christ, Messiah, Anointed One. "Anti-christ will also be "anti-Messiah", and "anti-Anointed One", or opposed to the anointing!!

John tells us not to believe every spirit, but to try the spirits.
But there was another man of God whose understanding and faith transcended that of John's. While John told us of antichrist spirits who would not recognize or know that Jesus Christ had truly come "in the flesh", the Apostle Paul tells us that we could enter into a fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ with the very intention that principalities and powers would be come very acquainted with this truth that Jesus Christ is INDEED "come in the flesh" because BY US, by the Church, those principalities and powers are going to know the manifold wisdom of God!!

9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, Ephesians 3:9 and 10.

Beloved, we have been given a charge to inform the devil operating at any and every level in the heavenly places of exactly who Jesus Christ is, and what He effected in His Cross!!

In our reverence for His Name, we have authority to push back the powers of darkness operating through every anti-christ Spirit. It's those spirits working against the Lord Jesus Christ in His anointed role as Prophet, Priest and King.

It's an anti-christ spirit that opposes the captives being set free, the prison doors being opened, the broken-hearted being healed, blind eyes being opened, etc!! It's an anti-christ spirit that doesn't recognize or reverence His authority to do these things through His people, through those whom He has chosen to use to manifest His manifold wisdom to even principalities and powers!!

When John saw this part of his heavenly vision, I wonder if he got fresh insight into the authority God has given the church over every anti-christ spirit that would rear it's ugly head to oppose the true servant of the Lord:

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. Revelation 19: 13-16.

How can we read such a scripture, and not be filled with desire to reverence God??

Beloved, when we come into the presence of Jesus, we are coming into the Presence of One who has His "vesture dipped in blood". This is the blood that was shed to pay the price for our redemption so that we could keep company and have fellowship with Him!! Notice the garb of the heavenly armies. They are dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Of course, we know that speaks of the righteousness of saints. Someday, we will be in that glorious number. REVERENCE for God acknowledges things the way He likes them done, and then makes the adjustments!!

There is REVERENCE in heaven!! It shows up in everything "they" do up there...whether it's angelic hosts, or the armies of the redeemed. There is a reverence and an order in heaven. Beloved, the NEW THING God is doing is going to make us MORE LIKE heaven, and not MORE LIKE the world!!! He truly is "KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS!!" When I come into His Presence, I am coming to the one whose vesture is dipped in blood, with the label, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords".

Remember YOU are a "king", too!! He is KING of kings, and LORD of Lords!!!

I want to remind you that I'm laying a foundation for you to experience the Sun of Righteousness rising with HEALING in His wings in your life!! True REVERENCE for HIS NAME will lead to healing!! It's an ANTI-CHRIST spirit that works against REVERENCE.

I am not going to give you a list of do's and don'ts on how to reverence God.
We all need to be sensitive to the Spirit, and aware of what offends the holy dove of the Spirit of God, whether it be in our speech, our dress, our attitude. If you've got the Holy Ghost, you know when you're under conviction whether it's about a place you go, a dress you wear, a movie you see, or a word you say! No one needs to preach those things to you. You know whether or not you are walking and living in the reverential fear of God, and His great Name!! We all know whether we've got a testimony that's going to "cause the Sun of Righteousness to rise with healing in His wings!"

Beloved, fearing His Name, reverencing His Name, and what it stands for, the very Nature of God, comes with PROMISE. And what is that "promise"??

It is that when we truly FEAR HIS NAME.........come into the place of true reverence, THE SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL RISE WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS!!

Reverence and healing go hand in hand!! This is a promise from God, and a principle IN God, and I have found that those whom the Lord uses strongly in healing ministry seem to have revelation into reverence that releases healing.

We should never mistake religious posturing in certain outward appearances of piety to be mistaken for true reverence. They are NOT one and the same!! True reverence comes from a heart that recognizes Jesus as GOD, and desires to honor and fear Him in His Kingship and Lordship with the same attentiveness and sobriety of spirit someone would give to any Dignitary ruling upon this earth. It causes us to have activated within our spirits, the same diligent attentiveness and respect to the "Father of Spirits", that the Old Testament flock of Israel understood in their subjection to the potentates of their time!

I've tried to lay a bit of a foundation on the subject of reverence because I know it's one of the secrets of experiencing healing, and will even lead to Divine Health. And I believe the Lord allowed me to personally "walk out" this revelation for the purposes of imparting truth to His people in the months of January and February, and here is that prophetic testimony.

I experienced an unusual manifestation of the Lord in healing power in the month of January. I had a very tangible visitation of the Spirit of God which caused me to walk in a level of divine health and strength such as I have never experienced in my life. I am a person who has always known good days and bad days as far as physical stamina.

But I had two solid months of divine health, and I know it was because God wanted to impart to me an understanding that there is a realm above the earthly that we can partake of in living our lives by the Spirit that no matter WHAT is going on "in the flesh", we are experiencing what is called the "redemption of the body", and are even now partaking of immortality rather than having to wait til we die and go to heaven to get it!!

(Let me insert there that I know that some have gone for many years without taking so much as an aspirin for a headache because of their great faith in God, and to boast about "two solid months" sounds a bit silly!!! But, if you understand that since childhood, I've had a pattern of good days and bad days when it comes to physical stamina, you'd know for me personally this was like a MAJOR MOVE OF GOD in my life!!!)

For my "two solid good months", I actually felt like I had been completely ushered into the place of living by the "law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, which makes me free from the law of sin and death". (See Romans 7)

Beloved, that visitation started because something within me determined to honor the Lord and His

Name, and reverence it ABOVE anything of sickness and disease that was going on in my body, and believe me, there was plenty. I was given medical reports on anemia, cysts and tumors, high blood pressure, and a few other things. But the Spirit began to cause me to know I had to REVERENCE JESUS AS GOD, above every evil report about sickness or disease in my body!!

I am not going to keep company with any antichrist spirit that doesn't recognize that Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory is come IN THE FLESH, and has ALL dominion, power, and authority over every other spirit that might try to hold sway!

There was a deep work done in my spirit that caused me to know in the fear of the Lord, I had better NOT give my tongue to agreement with the reports from any doctor's office that made my symptoms seem bigger or more powerful than God Almighty.

I am not talking about some mental ascent to some "name it and claim it'" teaching, not that I am AGAINST such a thing...this simply was not "that".

I am talking about a fear of God that filled my being that made me to know to the very core of my "innards" I needed to be very careful to watch the words of my mouth that they not in ANY WAY give ANYTHING in my life a higher or more powerful place than the Lord Jesus Christ!!

We need to very carefully REVERENCE GOD with our lips!! Again, this is not mental gymnastics to actively keep ourselves confessing scripture to claim our healing. Those things may be very good, but this was an inward work of the Spirit that changed my thinking on the inside of me so that I would not DARE to violate it because I would come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit!!!

This was such a powerful visitation to me personally, that I honestly thought I would never experience another moment of weakness or sickness in my life. And some of my closer friends can well remember me complaining about the incredible bouts of weakness and fatigue I experienced.

A dear sister in the Lord whose name you would all recognize even had an intercessory burden for me regarding it. I had been visiting with her in Chicago, and she got struck with a weakness that she knew did not belong to her. The Lord had given her a burden to pray for me, and so He allowed her to experience what I had been going through, so she would "know the feeling", and be able to pray for me more effectively.

And then in January by the Holy Spirit, I experienced totally the OPPOSITE........a sense of divine health such as I have NEVER experienced in my life. Why am I not continuing to walk in it as I was in the months of January and February?? I am not quite sure, but I know I've had a foretaste of something that I believe is absolutely to be the portion of the saints of God. God gave me a little taste of this so I would contend for it, because through it, I did learn a few things about the nature of God, and divine healing and I know that REVERENCE brings it into the realm of REALITY!!

This visitation changed my thoughts about divine healing, and I care nothing about continuously getting prayer against symptoms in my body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body, and we can actually live our lives from the SPIRITUAL body so that no matter what is going on in our flesh, it doesn't matter. Your spirit man can truly be stronger and more in control of your life, and how you FEEL than your flesh!!! Beloved, I have had a taste of this realm, and know what I'm talking about, even if I am having difficulty explaining it.

On Sunday afternoon, April 17th, the Lord gave me a revelation about the "Sun of righteousness rising with healing in his wings", and I feel this revelation has been the Spirit explaining to me what He allowed me to experience in the earlier months of this year.

How does that "healing in His wings" get from HIM to YOU?? When a bird ascends in flight, it's not on the ground, and the immediately up in the air. NO, that bird needs to make his ascent into the sky. In order to make his ascent into the sky, the bird needs to be able to spread his wings.

Now, if I were to catch a bird, and then I tucked something into his wings, and then released him so he

could fly, what would happen?? As that bird began to flap it's wings to fly, whatever was tucked in those wings would fall to the earth below landing on that which was beneath him. JESUS has "HEALING" in His wings!!
As He is REVERENCED, glorified and lifted up, His wings begin to spread, and the healing that is in his wings, drops to the earth below to cover and minister healing to those who under His wing! Beloved, when we are under the wings of God, we are going to experience His healing provision being released to us!! But we need to exalt Him, and lift Him up in order for it to be released. We need to reverence His Name, for the Bible says that to you who FEAR HIS NAME, shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings!!

There are two Psalms that mention being under the protective covering of His wings. One is Psalm 61, and the other is Psalm 91. The wings of God signify protection from the enemy. Sickness and disease is an attack of the enemy. When you're sick, God can teach you plenty simply because you're in bed and too miserable to do anything else, so He can get your attention. So, God can certainly use a time of sickness for His purposes. But sickness is not in heaven, so it's not the will of God.

If it's the will of God for you to be sick, then you are wrong to call a preacher to pray for you or to take any medicine at all because if you want to be in the will of God, then you should just stay sick, and not try to get better!!

Sickness has NO place of refuge under the wings of God! Beloved, when we get under His wings.....which the full spread of His wing span occurs as we worship, praise and EXALT HIM to the HIGHEST PLACE, we are living in the realm of not only healing, but of divine health!

Think back to your Old Testament Bible Stories. Who were the ones who were promised "none of the diseases of the Egyptians would be upon them?

Exodus 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

It was promised to those who would reverence the Lord with obedience to His voice.

We are living in the days that we NEED to be in such a place with God!! Physical health is not going to just be a luxury but because of things that are going to be coming against us as His people, I truly believe it will be OF NECESSITY that we are a healed and whole and physically well people! Consider this poignant scripture describing the Lord's care for the children of Israel in their wilderness wanderings,

He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: 12 So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

We who reverence His Name, who will allow no "strange god" no "antichrist spirit" to influence us as His holy remnant, are also going to have to be able to know what it means to be caught in the very wings of God with Him "in flight" so that we are truly having our lives ruled by the Spirit because there simply won't be time or provision to pay attention to the ailments and complaints we've had in the past. It is a whole new order when it comes to healing!!

It's not going to be about one person struggling and striving to pray through to a great gift in God, and then popping his anointed hands on the heads of thousands so they might get a touch from God. Being healed and healthy is the children's bread, and that means it's to be the WAY OF LIFE!! And what is that "way of life", it's to be under His wing where healing continuously is realized by those who are abiding under the shadow of His wings!

Dearest Friends, I want to live UP to the Name of Jesus, and I want to LIFT UP the Name of Jesus!! I want to show all due reverence to His glorious Name! I want it to be my way of life so that I can truly be a vessel who experiences health, wholeness, divine healing and the ministration of such unto others. Won't you join me in a new and glorious commission to honor and exalt and reverence His Name as never before so we can be unto others, what He is truly desiring to be unto us: The Sun of Righteousness rising with HEALING in His wings!!

Always in the Love of Jesus,

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Visitation To Habitation

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In this teaching titled Visitation to Habitation*, we'll examine what it means to have a visitation from the Lord and we'll take a look at some of the ways the Lord visits us. As well, we'll discover that it's the Lord's desire not only to visit us with His presence, but better still, His desire is to have a resting place among us, like a place of habitation.*

Before we begin this week's teaching titled *Visitation to Habitation*, I want to invite you to join with me in prayer.
Father, I'm asking You to come to us today with such a wave of Your presence and Your fire that a new spirit of prayer and a new spirit of hunger are created inside of us. Spirit of God, I know that the ingredient for revival in our lives individually, before we can ever see revival in our church and revival in a nation, is hunger and prayer. I pray that You would create such a hunger and holy desperation in the hearts of Your people that they would pursue You with a fire and a zeal like never before. Thank you, Father. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD IS LOOKING FOR A RESTING PLACE

God is watching the nations of the earth in this hour; He's looking for a resting place (Isaiah 66:1). He is searching for individuals and a community of believers who will welcome Him to come and stay, who will make Him a place where He can rest. He wants to find a habitation, not just a place to visit, where He can manifest His presence and His glory. As well, God wants to find a habitation and a resting place for His presence in the corporate church setting. And so I want to talk about us being a habitation for God and a resting place for the Spirit of God. As I describe several encounters and visitations of God, I'm going to talk about the price and cost of the anointing and the price and cost of revival.

VISITATIONS COME FIRST

When God's presence comes, at times it feels uncomfortable and inconvenient to us. God takes us out of our comfort zone! But having said that, it's always a privilege any time God allows us to be a part of an outpouring of His presence. He has an outpouring and a visitation and fresh encounter for us today, in this hour. However, God wants us to encounter His presence beyond a momentary touch. He wants to come and stay, to have a resting place with us. When we understand what pleases the Lord and what it takes so that we become a habitation for His presence, then our whole lifestyle will be affected. Where God finds a resting place for His presence, I believe there will be a continual outpouring of His presence.

But before God has a place of habitation with us, we need to appreciate that He usually begins by visiting us at special times, first. For instance, a few years ago in meetings in northern British Columbia we had 21 consecutive services and we couldn't even count the number of people that would walk into the building and get blasted by God's presence. We had a visitation of God! We heard testimonies of people stepping into the church and the glory of the Lord was already there on a corporate level, waiting for them. Everyone would leave at 1 a.m. and when they came back the next night, the glory was still there. That same presence stayed with us until the last night.

Another time when we held a 16-night revival in the Fraser Valley, BC, God began to come and manifest the cloud of His glory to the point that people would see a mist in the building. There was such a heavy weight of His presence that people wouldn't be able to move or speak. They just wanted to soak and bask in His presence for hours! People would drive into the city and come over the bridge toward where the conference was being held and they would get filled with the Spirit of God in the car driving over the bridge! When God came like this, His presence didn't wane, it stayed consistently strong for the 16 days and nights. I've been blessed with visitations like this for three days, a week, and just about a month. At times I couldn't move. It was inconvenient and at times uncomfortable. It stretched me!

DESPERATE TO PURSUE GOD

But it all began just after God got a hold of me and set me free from drugs, prison, violence, and rage. Right away I had a fire inside of me to win souls and plunder hell! From the moment I met Christ -- I'd only been saved three or four months -- I had such a hunger inside of me to know God and to witness the resurrection power of Jesus. I wanted to see the things that I meditated on in the Bible become a reality, so I would spend sometimes between four to eight hours a day, as a brand new Christian, waiting on the presence of the Lord, meditating on His word day and night. I am sharing this just to give you an understanding of how hungry and passionate I was, and continue to be, about God's presence. I became a God chaser!

Instantly, through a work of His Spirit, there was a fire, a hunger, and a spirit of prayer that was released in me. I'd seek God's face (even to this day), in extended times up to 12 hours lying on the carpet. It was then that God called me and said: *This is what I want you to do in the church. I want you to make My church desperate. I want you to make them hungry. I want you to make them jealous for the glory. I want you to cause a hunger, a spirit of prayer and a fire to seek My face, to be released into My church.*

So, basically, that's what I do -- as a revivalist does. I stir up the church to be desperate and to step up into another level in the way that they pursue God. (I've spoken about Jesus and shared the gospel in little fast food places, parks, the streets, churches, conferences, and crusades. Sometimes I've held up to 40 meetings in a month. It costs to be away from my family. At times I've ministered in a community for three weeks, night after night, with two or three services a day, seeing people come into revival, receiving Jesus, and getting healed and delivered.)

There have been times when God has visited me and I've had to ask Him to lift His hand off of me because I wasn't able to function. I've had days where the glory of the Lord would come and it would stay for several days. One time His glory stayed for a week; from the moment I woke up, to the moment I went to bed, I encountered the manifest presence of God. I could hardly function. My wife barely even saw me. I was on my carpet. It was a visitation from God.

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO BRING THE CHURCH BEYOND A VISITATION TO A HABITATION?

Also, there was a season a few years ago, before I was released into international ministry, when I had waited on God four to twelve hours a day for three months. In that three-month encounter, I experienced the glory from the moment I woke up to the moment I went to bed. I was in prayer. I was hungry to touch heaven to change earth. *Are we willing to take any opportunity that we can to wait on the Lord until He visits us with His presence?*

You know, God is looking for those who are going to be radical in their devotion -- who will abandon themselves to Jesus and the call that has come out of heaven on their lives. They will truly touch heaven and change earth. God is raising up in this hour a whole generation of what we call radicals or revivalists. I am an evangelist, but really evangelists are revivalists that stir up the church. That's what we do. God is raising up a whole new breed of evangelists today who will submit to pastors and work together with churches and apostolic teams to serve and see the kingdom of God expand.

And so I want to ask us a question: *What will it take to bring the church beyond a visitation to a habitation?* Before we answer this question, let's take a look at some of the different ways that God will manifest His presence during a visitation.

A VISITATION IS A VISIT!

When we visit a friend, we're coming and then we're going. We're not living with them day after day. In like manner, God will come and visit us, His friends, but when He comes His visitation is a visit, not a permanent residency! One of the ways God visits us is when we have a conference. A special guest speaker comes and there's an excitement and enthusiasm in the air that doesn't seem to be there when we have a regular church service. People who wouldn't normally come to a church meeting fill the building.

Whether the conference is for a weekend or for a week, God comes in a special way to meet the corporate hunger for His presence. There is an encounter, a visitation of God's presence at the conference that isn't normally there. Often, when an evangelist comes, it's like God's presence intensifies, just for that weekend or for that conference, to the point that miracles happen that maybe weren't happening before.

It's not hard to know when a visitation of God's presence happens, because when He comes down, He interrupts our church service! There's such a weight of His glory and a sense of His presence that worship will continue for hours before the pastor has preached the message. Or there's such a great level of glory that the pastor doesn't even preach because God has come. God will interrupt the way that we thought the service was going to be on a Sunday morning. The usual agenda gets blown out the window! I've had God come like that. I've been asked to speak in conferences, but never did speak because God came in such a great wave of His presence that I was taken out of the way. That's great though. I was interrupted by the glory of the Lord!

So, when God's visitation comes, it disrupts the way that church usually is. People might be lying prostrate on their face and there might be weeping and repenting . . . or there's dancing. Sometimes there's complete chaos and there doesn't seem to be the kind of order that we're used to. We're like, "Man, wow! That was a 'suddenly.' That was awesome! That was God!" But if we want a habitation for God, we need to be ready to have a visitation from God, first. That's going to mess up our programs and agendas. And some of the people might be offended!

SOMETIMES GOD IS THERE WAITING

Here's a familiar scenario: We wake up at our usual time to be with the Lord and we go about seeking God and His glory for our one hour. We're pretty set in our ways about that hour. Not one minute after and not one minute before, and we can't be in His presence without at least having our daily devotion and reading our chapter from the Bible. BUT, then all of a sudden when we get into our prayer closet, and before we even open the door, *HE IS THERE!* Listen - There are times when I'll say, "Shonna, I am going to pray," and when I open up the bedroom door, I'm under the glory. There's no need to pray or worship. There is no need to bring God down, speaking in tongues and doing all the things I usually do to get God's attention. I just walk in the room and I'm in the glory. It's like words aren't necessary. Many of us have been in that place in God's presence when there's not a word that we can speak to convey what's in our heart and what we sense by the Spirit of God.

I've experienced this again and again -- God waiting for me before I can even get to Him. What do we do when we open up that closet to get into prayer and the glory is already there waiting? What I've noticed is we usually quench a visitation like this because we're so used to the structure or the way that we would normally seek God -- our 15 minutes in tongues, our 15 minutes of intercession and worship, and then our 15 minutes of talking to God about the things that we have need of.

For most of the church, things have become duty and mundane when it comes to having time with God outside of Sunday services. Some Christians are fortunate if they've had 15 minutes with God in the last week. God wants to put a fire and a hunger inside of His church again to the point that we have to be pried out of our prayer closet so that we can get to our jobs!
Probably most of us have had moments when God has visited us -- we saw His face and thought: *Man, that was a special time. That was a special touch. There was a special edge about the way that God came.* Those are visitations. When God is there waiting for us, that's an incredible visitation!

KEYS TO WELCOMING A VISITATION

We're prepared for a visitation from God when we allow God to come the way *He* wants to. It's quite possible that He wants to break the lines of protocol and tradition. Maybe He wants to overthrow our "program" mentality. If we're stubborn and we're not willing to let go of the comfort of something familiar, then I believe that we'll grieve the Holy Spirit and quench a visitation from God. I know that we need to have structure, but there has to be a way to experience church so that when God wants to come and He says, "Let Me just remove those rigid structures," that we give Him freedom to do so. Can we allow God to interrupt us with His glory?

Also, God's glory has great potential to come upon us when we fast and pray. When we're fasting we usually pray and read our Bibles a whole lot more. There's a heightened awareness of God's presence and a greater ability to see and hear God and to receive revelation. When we die to our flesh and move distractions out of our way, devoting ourselves to spend extra time in the glory, God releases direction to us. We'll have a heightened awareness of the spiritual realm. We'll have a visitation. But having said that, God wants to bring His church beyond an encounter and a visitation to habitation.

As well, if we'll make up our minds not to get hung up on having everything always neat and tidy, we'll be in a good position to sustain a visitation from God. The Bible declares that where there is no oxen the trough is clean (Proverbs 14:4). I find that believers today are very concerned about a clean trough and organized Christianity because when our trough begins to get messy, there will be accusations, there will be offense, and people will leave our church.
Where there is no oxen, where there is no strength, where there is no harvest, where there is no producing, you'll find that the trough is clean. But if we're going to have a visitation first, and then a habitation and a move of God, we better be ready to have a messy trough. If we want to have wheat, we better be ready to have some tares as well, because we'll never have wheat without the tares (Matthew 13:25-40). We better be careful that when God comes with the wheat and a move of God begins to happen and we try to pull out all those things that we think are tares, that we don't pull out some of the wheat. We're going to have to just let the wheat and the tares grow together and let the Spirit of God bring a separation.

Listen! If we're going to have a move of God and we want a habitation of God and we want it in our lives, our churches, and in our ministries, then we better be ready to acknowledge that with much increase there will be a mess that comes with it. Let's be ready to have a mess!

CONSTRAINING THE LORD TO STAY

Do you know that every time God visits us, it's *not* His desire to pass on? Every time we have an encounter with God and He comes and touches us in a special way, He is hoping we will constrain Him to stay. [Constrain means: to restrain, to compel (*Webster's New World Dictionary*)] As He indicates to us that He is moving on and the visitation is over, He is hoping that we will constrain Him to stay longer. Every time that the Holy Spirit comes -- every touch, visitation, encounter, an interruption that comes to us with God's glory -- is an opportunity for us to have an outpouring. But it's sad when God comes and He blows out the agenda for a service, that when we come to church the following week, we so easily go back to the way we were doing things before He interrupted us.

We don't seem to realize that He wants us to wait on Him, minister to Him, and out of that, the flow of His Spirit will continue. We're so used to the way that we do church -- to the set format -- that often we totally miss God's plan to visit us in an outpouring of His Spirit. He's hoping we'll constrain Him to stay so that He can bring a revival, but, when He comes, do we know how to minister to Him, first? Do we understand the sacrifice and the cost that comes with the visitation of His glory?

The patriarch Abraham understood the sacrifice and the cost that comes with a visitation of the Lord. (Patriarch means: the father and head of a family or tribe; a man of great age and dignity.) He wasn't afraid to constrain the Lord to stay awhile with him. So let's take a look at this biblical account in Genesis 18:1-10. What's described in this passage is Abraham's visitation. He had an encounter with the Lord and two angels.
In verse 1 it declares, **"Then the Lord appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mamre, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day . . . "**
"Then the Lord appeared unto him . . . " Most of us have had a visitation. We've had the Lord come to us in those extra special ways, what we would call "mountain top" times. But when the Lord appeared to Abraham, there was a hunger in his heart. He had a desire for more than just a visitation or a mountain top experience, because he said to the Lord, **"My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant" (v.3)**.

He was constraining the Lord and the two others to stay a while. It's like he was saying: *I want the Lord to stay. I want the manifestation of God to linger. You know why I want You to stay? I want You to stay so that I can be a servant. I want You to stay so I can make You bread, bring You some water and*

wash Your feet. I want You to stay so I can minister to You.
I'll tell you -- when God appeared to Abraham, he didn't want God to stay because of anything that he could get out of Him by staying. He wanted the Lord to stay because he wanted to serve Him. He wanted to minister to Him and to wash His feet.

"STAY BECAUSE I NEED YOUR PRESENCE"

Many ministries, churches, and individuals are only having a momentary encounter because the first thing that happens when we get into God's presence is that we talk to God about the things we have need of. When God comes with His face we don't appreciate it. Instead we ask, "Where is His hand?" God comes to show us the beauty and glory of His presence and we're just trying to get a hold of what is in His pocket book because of what we have need of! In fact, someone had a vision of a dove that came out of heaven. It began to rest on the church and as soon as the dove landed, many hands went up trying to grab the dove.

The church today is only having a visitation and not a habitation because we haven't really learned what it means to seek His face and not His hand; what it really means to minister to Him, to worship Him, to entertain Him. Another reason why God isn't staying and He's passing on is because the minute that God comes, we want to get a hold of that presence for what it can do for our ministry, for the speaking engagements that it can open up, and for the church exposure it can give us. In light of all this, it's very kind of the Lord to even come and visit us!

It's like the Lord is asking us: Does anybody want Me to stay because they want to make bread for Me and wash My feet? Does anybody want to minister to Me and wait on Me? Abraham's heart welcomed the Lord to stay. He wanted to minister to the Lord. His heart expressed this: *Don't stay because I need a blessing. Stay because I need Your presence.* Oh! We need to have the same heart as Abraham: *I want You to stay so I can make you bread.*

"WHERE IS THE PLACE OF MY REST?"

Now, if you go on a little further in this passage of scripture, we find that one of the first things that happened to Abraham (Genesis 18:7) after the Lord consented to stay was that he had several revelations. He realized that it wasn't enough just to have a desire for God to stay, nor was it enough just to have a passion for Him. Abraham did something!
"And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare (sacrifice) it" (v. 7).

Just when Abraham realized that with habitation there comes a price, simultaneously the Lord saw into his heart -- that he was willing not only to sacrifice his choicest calf, but in the future he would be willing to sacrifice his one and only son, Isaac. And so Abraham received the undivided attention of the Lord.
You know, there's something that the Lord is looking for -- something that must satisfy His heart before He is compelled or constrained to linger and rest among us. If we, like Abraham, ask the Lord not to pass us by, will the Lord see that we have a heart like Abraham, or not? It isn't enough for us just to be hungry for God and to say, "I need you" over and over again. It isn't enough to sing 45 minutes of worship songs over and over again. We must be willing to sacrifice something that we love, even the most precious thing that the Lord has given us. In the process of surrender and sacrifice, our hearts are purified and cleansed and we put God first, above anything else.

Let's close this week's teaching with the words of the prophet Isaiah ringing in our ears:
"Thus says the Lord: 'Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest?'" Isaiah 66:1
Let's quiet ourselves before the Lord and prepare ourselves for the desire of His heart -- a place where He can rest, a place of habitation.

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The King And The Priest
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In this teaching titled The King and the Priest*, we will discuss three promises that are released when the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Jesus Christ, roars. Then we will examine the government of God, focusing on positional and experiential truth and how the life of King David pictures both truths. We'll examine King David's perseverance in the wilderness and how we can follow his example and contend for our destiny.*

I have a burning awareness that it's time for us to put away childish things so that we come to maturity and advance as kings and priests bearing the authority that the Lord intends for us to possess (I Corinthians 13:11). I hear a loud roaring in the heavenlies from the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, Jesus Christ. He's roaring against His enemies, pushing them back, so that Christians will have greater freedom to rise up into their destiny as kings and priests. God's plan is that we march as a mighty army in these last days.

Before we discuss in greater depth the kingly, priestly anointing, I want to invite you to join with me in prayer that we would soak up every ounce of revelation the Holy Spirit has for us in this teaching.

Heavenly Father, I thank you for what you are opening before us by your Spirit. I want to ask you right now for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation to come upon us. I want to pray today for complete liberty in the Spirit in the Church and in our lives, so that we're free to come into a deeper revelation concerning your plans and purposes for each of us as kings and priests. Please help us to be like sponges that soak up everything you want us to retain. In the name of Jesus, I thank you for it. Amen.

THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH ROARS

The other morning, early, about 1 a.m., I began to speak with the Holy Spirit. "God, I'm going to go to bed and I would like to wake up in the morning with a Holy Spirit download of what you want me to do at the conference tonight. I want to sense in my heart the theme You want to release and the prophetic sense that goes hand and hand with it."
When I closed my eyes, immediately I had a vision of Jesus Christ wearing scarlet-blue, kingly robes that represented His authority, His royalty, and His righteousness. I knew in my spirit that Jesus was clothed with great authority. I also saw a crown in His hand. As I looked at Him more closely, I realized He had the face of a lion and, in an instant, three revelations struck me.
I thought: *Oh, it's the Lion of a tribe of Judah. It's an increase in the level of authority. Oh Hallelujah, it's the kingly anointing!* In this vision the Lion roared!

So, I want to speak about three things that happen -- prophetic promises -- when the Lion of the tribe of Judah roars. [I believe that there's going to come an impartation of an anointing for a release of the roar of the Lion of the tribe of Judah in our spirit today.]

1. His Roar Sets the Captives Free

When the Lion of the tribe of Judah roars it actually sets the captives free. In the Spirit, there is a release for those who sit in darkness to come forth into freedom in Christ. The prophet Hosea prophesied that Ephraim (symbolizing our prodigal sons and daughters [Hosea 11:8-9]) would walk after the Lord and follow His ways after the lion roars.

"'They shall walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the west; they shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses,' says the Lord." **Hosea 11:10-11, NKJV**

When there is a release of the roar in Zion, not only is there a release of the captive sons and daughters, but there is actually a planting of destiny. They come and they dwell in the house of the

Lord, and there is a rooting that takes place when the lion roars. Wouldn't you like the Lion to roar over your family and just shake the darkness loose? I believe this roar is being released even today on behalf of the prodigals. So I want you to receive that as a prophetic promise.

2. His Roar Pronounces Judgment On Our Enemies

When the Lion of the tribe of Judah roars there is a pronouncement of judgment on our enemies. The prophet Joel prophesied about a war when many nations would come to the valley of Jehoshaphat where God will sit to judge all the surrounding nations (Joel 3:12). Then he speaks about the Lord roaring from Zion against Israel's enemies, but the Lord will be a shelter for His people:

"The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the Lord will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel." **Joel 3:16, NKJV**

Yes, there is a judgment that comes against our enemies when the Lion roars from Zion, but we need to keep in mind that we'll find shelter in the time of judgment only when we're walking in humility with complete devotion to the Lord. I want to ask you to ponder this and prepare your hearts.

3. His Roar Calls and Stirs Us To Violence and War Against The Enemy

When the Lion of the tribe of Judah roars, there is a call and stirring of violence and war. The prophet Isaiah prophesied concerning this when he says that the Lord will come down and fight for Mt. Zion and for its hill:

"For thus the Lord has spoken to me, 'As a Lion roars, and a young lion over his prey (when a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him he will not be afraid of their voice, nor be disturbed by their noise), so the Lord of hosts will come down to fight for Mount Zion and for its hill.'" **Isaiah 31:4, NKJV**

This passage of Scripture speaks of aggression and stirs within us a response to the call for the mighty warriors to rise up. In the natural, when the lion roars, the prey is frozen with fear so the lioness can go in and take the prey. Let's get a revelation about this because it's a strategy in warfare.
The roar of the lion paralyzes and causes fear and dread in the enemy's camp so that we, the lioness (the Church and the Bride of Christ), can take our prey. God is going to release in our spirit an increase in the level of authority in aggressive spiritual warfare that will immobilize the enemy's plans.

THE NEVER-ENDING INCREASE OF GOD'S GOVERNMENT

The prophet Isaiah prophesied about a never-ending increase! He said, ***"Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end . . . "*** **(Isaiah 9:7a, NKJV)**. As well, Isaiah said that the government of God rests upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6). God bears the burden of shouldering this immense responsibility of governing, but He invites us to co-labor with Him in the administration of His government in the earth and He gives us a kingly, priestly anointing to carry this through.

The government of God is coming and it's already happening, all at the same time! This means that positional truth (coming) is connecting to experiential truth (happening). Likewise, when we receive by faith the truth of what the Bible says about us and the supernatural provision available to fully serve the Lord -- that's positional truth. Our faith at this point causes action. (Faith without works is dead [James 2:17]) And so when we act on and have grown in what the Bible says about us and how we can fully serve the Lord -- that's experiential truth.
Both positional and experiential truth work simultaneously. In fact, there is a principle here. Our destinies are established in the heavenlies already (positional), but we must contend for our destinies and cooperate with God to bring them into existence in our everyday lives (experiential).

The prophet Isaiah connects the never-ending increase of God's government with the throne of David (Isaiah 9:7b), so let's take a look at King David's life. He experienced many circumstances that are great examples of positional and experiential truth.

TRUE KINGS RECEIVE TRAINING IN THE WILDERNESS

God chose David to be the king of Israel when he was just a young man (I Samuel 16:1-13). Here's how he was identified: The Lord told Samuel the prophet to go to the house of Jesse because He had selected one of Jesse's sons to be King over Israel. And so Samuel did as he was told. But the seven sons who came before him, even though each one looked like a possible contender, they didn't have the goods and were eliminated by the Lord.
So, Samuel asked Jesse if he had any more children. He must have been relieved to learn that there was one son left, the youngest, who wasn't at home. And so the remaining son, David, was summoned from tending the sheep. Immediately, when Samuel laid his eyes on David, the Lord said, ***"Arise, anoint him; for this is the one"*** **(I Samuel 16:12, NKJV)**. The positional truth lies here -- the prophet poured the oil on David and he was anointed as king, long before he experienced the full manifestation of living as a king.

David was chosen and called by God. In the midst of all his brothers, there was favor. The Bible also says, ***"The Spirit of the Lord came upon him from that day forward"*** **(I Samuel 16:13)**.
He was the king of Israel because the ministry of God came to him. However, after being anointed King, David finds himself thrust into several life and death experiences (I Samuel 17-19).

"ADVERSITY WAS HAVING ITS PERFECT WORK"

He encounters great favor with King Saul for a season, but this favor changes into deadly disfavor to the point that David becomes an outlaw. He's forced to run like a dog into the wilderness, hiding in the caves and strongholds of Adullam. While he's hiding out in the caves, 400 disgruntled guys come to his side (I Samuel 22:2). They're all distressed and in debt. These guys are angry -- "bitter in soul." They came to David when he was having a difficult time.

You know, when hard times come, we find out who our friends are. David's new friends weren't attracted to his posh home and financial prosperity! At this point in David's life, his great wealth was his reputation -- a bold warrior and a man of great character. He single handedly slew Goliath (I Samuel 17) and he didn't retaliate when Saul tried to kill him (I Samuel 19:10).
These disgruntled guys saw something emerging in David that marked him as a great leader and this drew them to his side. Yes, they were angry outcasts who were somewhat bitter, but they had discernment. They knew a good leader when they saw one.

How many of us have heard great things about our destiny, too, just like King David? Big God. Big stuff. Big dreams. *"How long Lord? When Lord?"* Some of us have been waiting for many years for the fulfillment of what we know the Lord has purposed for our lives. And we're having an experience like David had after he was anointed as king.
It appears that he received everything from God to fulfill the call on his life, but for years he didn't have the full manifestation of ruling the kingdom yet. David was in training, and adversity was having its perfect work; he wasn't rebelling against it. David was proving to be a true king, one trained in the wilderness -- experiential truth.

THE WILDERNESS BRINGS WARFARE

David's wilderness experience was pretty rough. He was probably thinking: *I don't look like a king and I don't feel like a king. What kind of kingdom is this?* But, he begins to take the rejects and trains their hands for war in the wilderness.
He's an outcast; like a dog on the run. Saul wants to kill him. He's thinking: *How am I ever going to get from point A to point B? How am I ever going to be King?* Life goes on like that for a few more years! He experiences a lot of warfare in the wilderness.

We see in Psalm 63 the intensity of wilderness-warfare. ***"O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water"*** **(v. 1, NKJV)**. Seeking God early, being thirsty for His presence when it's dry, not giving up when all outward signs seem to indicate defeat -- this describes wilderness-warfare. There isn't a hint of revival; no special meetings and no sense of the presence of God.

Do you know what water is in the Bible? Water is the Holy Ghost.
"I will open rivers in desolate heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water." Isaiah 41:18, NKJV
Devils don't like the water, and they leave us alone when we get wet in the Holy Ghost! They like the dry places. Remember the story of the demoniac guy who lived in the country of the Gadarenes. The head demon that possessed him asked Jesus if he and all the other demons could be sent into the pigs rather than being sent out of the country (Mark 5:12). Jesus allowed this because He knew that when the hoard entered the pigs, they would rush down the hill, into the sea -- into the water -- the very place demons hate. One day they will be in the LAKE of fire!

THERE'S GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS

Not only is Jesus an expert when it comes to dealing with demons, He provides for us in the wilderness when it's dry and there's no water. ***" . . . I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"*** **(Isaiah 43:19, NKJV)**.
Did you know that, sometimes, a river isn't just flowing with water, it's flowing with grace? If we'll receive grace, God will pour it on us like a river of blessing: ***"Thus says the Lord, 'The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness -- Israel, when it went to find its rest'"*** **(Jeremiah 31:2, NASB)**.

Sometimes, when we're in the wilderness, it's tempting to rebel and throw in the towel. Even when God comes and makes us an offer of grace, we just don't like it at all! We don't want grace in the wilderness. We want OUT of there, like YESTERDAY!
David's lifestyle proves that he received a big dose of grace from the Holy Spirit. His attitude can be ours as we take a look at what his thought-life was probably like: *I've got these 400 outcasts around me. God, I'm so hungry for You! God, I'm so hungry for Your glory! I'm so hungry for Your power! Even in a dry and thirsty land where there's no water. I'm going to dig diligently! I am not going to let up or shut up! I'm not going give up in this wilderness!*

PERSEVERANCE PROVES OUR CHARACTER

David persevered in the wilderness. This proved his character and pictures what Paul the apostle taught when he said: ***"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope"*** **(Romans 5:3,4)**.
When God saw David's character maturing steadily, producing great fruit, He decided to do some pruning. ***"And every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit"*** **(John 15:2b, NASB)**.
And so, after a long season of pruning -- fighting, training his men, and running from Saul -- David is led by the Lord to Hebron (II Samuel 2:1) where he is anointed King over the house of Judah (II Samuel 2:4); and then later he's anointed King over Israel (II Samuel 5:3).

It's in Hebron where David begins to experience more of the manifestation of the kingly anointing. It's like God is saying: *I'm trusting you with more in this next season. Now you're going to go from the wilderness with trained men, rather than discontented bums and outcasts. You trained their hands for war! You were faithful. I am going to bring an increase of authority upon your life and it's going to intensify in Hebron.*

KEEP CONTENDING FOR YOUR DESTINY!

Do you know what Hebron is? Hebron means the city of four and "seat of association." Even to this day, Hebron is a city struggling with a lot of spiritual warfare.
Historically, when the 12 spies went into Canaan, they eventually came into the Negev region to Hebron where the descendants of Anak lived: Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmai whose father was Anakim (Numbers 13:22).
Anak means to choke, strangle, and struggle with death. Ahiman means to block or hinder. Sheshai means to whiten or whitewash. These sons were giants in the land.

After the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years, when they finally came into their inheritance under Joshua's leadership, Caleb asked for Hebron as his inheritance. Caleb said that with the Lord's help he would drive out the giants, the sons of Anakim. And he did just that! (Joshua 15:14). Caleb was 85 years old then, and as strong as an ox! Throughout the Scriptures we see the children of Israel having to deal with demonic powers similar to the ones in Anakim's three sons.

Just like King David had to persevere through the caves and wilderness and overcome different giants, so do we. God will use all the difficulties He allows in our lives as resistance to build our spiritual muscles. When the enemy tries to choke us to death and hinder us from moving ahead, when he tries to whitewash everything so we just settle for less, we need to rise up and fight back with God's strategy! We need to contend for our destinies.

"THE VIOLENT TAKE IT BY FORCE"

When the enemy tries to whitewash something, it's like our vision isn't clear and we don't see things on the outside as they really are. (Think about the Pharisees and the whitewashed tombs [Matthew 23:27]).
To whitewash means: settle for it, it looks good, take your lot in life, or grin and bear it! This description points to "complacency Christianity" that just lies down and says, *"I'm not going to get involved. I know they're dying over there from war, famine, and disease, but it doesn't concern me. Oh, God, I want you to bless those hungry children, but we better turn the channel quickly because I don't want to see that."* We have got this complacent, settle for it, "aw, it's out there and it doesn't affect me so that's good enough," mentality.

Listen! There's got to be a manifestation of aggression. There has to be a rising up. There's got to be this spiritual violence. The violent take it by force (Matthew 11:12). We need to change our mindset: *I'm going to press in and I'm going to set the standard! I'm going to get a breakthrough! When it's hard and dry, I'm going to worship and cry out to God all the more. When the blessing isn't manifesting and the oil isn't here, You are still worthy, Lord! I will keep contending for my destiny!*

KEEP GOING - YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT!

In my own life, after preaching on the streets for four hours a day, anointed and called as an evangelist, I had dreams of stadiums filled with hungry people -- a stadium mindset. But it all began by preaching in the skateboard parks as a new Christian when I had been saved just two months. I preached in the coffee shops and McDonalds. I also went outside into the parks to preach, and I took teams into the streets every week to give away cokes and hotdogs.

When I was a new Christian, a prophet had a word of knowledge for me: "Todd, you're going to do crusades and reach the kind of people that Billy Graham reached. You're going to see stadiums." Later, I began to receive visitations of the Lord concerning miracles, healings, and crusades in stadiums. Today, outside of North America, we do crusades where we'll reach a quarter of a million people in five days. I asked God for a million souls this year!

My whole attitude can be summed up like this: *"I'm going to serve God! I'm going to be a radical, extravagant lover of God!"* I had a vision from God when I was a new believer concerning what Fresh Fire Ministries would look like. But, after receiving the vision, I found myself on a journey through the wilderness. I was in the ditches -- the coffee shops, down town in the inner city of Vancouver with the prostitutes and drug addicts ministering. No one knew me. I hadn't been to Bible school, only saved four years. But I knew a big God that could do big stuff and I had big dreams even while I experienced the dry places.

David was in the wilderness; all true kings need to go there. Later, when God promoted David by sending him to Hebron, he would experience even more of the pruning process so that he could bear much fruit as the king of Israel. It was like the Lord said to David, *"I am going to increase your metron. You passed the test! Go to Hebron!"* There, in that place, David would rise even higher as a trusted leader, contending for his kingly anointing.

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Vision To Rebuild

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Ask Me, says the Lord. Ask Me for a plan, for your plan of release. I want to give you a road map of how to rebuild your life. I want to rebuild you body, soul and spirit. I want you to prosper and become the head and not the tail. I want you to be so rich in My good gifts that you become My living light and resource to all those who are dying around you. I want your life to be so well constructed that you will be My rock and My refuge for those who are caught in the storms of the world. I want you to be so full of My abundant life that My Presence through you literally rebuilds your neighborhood, your church, your work place, your town, your city, your country and your nation into a tabernacle of My Presence. Take back your land people, take it back.

First ask Me for My plan for your own personal life. Then ask Me for ears to hear that plan when I send it. Ask Me for the heart to receive that plan. Ask Me for confirmations after I send it. Ask Me that the plan will become planted deeply into the sifted and plowed soil of your faith. Ask Me for these things. And then when your plan comes, you will know it is from Me and will be given the grace to walk it out.

Prov 29:18 KJV
Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Ps 2:7-8 NKJV
I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You are My Child, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.

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Make Room For Joseph

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MAKE ROOM FOR JOSEPH
Like Joseph, you went into captivity when you shared your dream with your brethren. Your innocent trust was betrayed and you have suffered years because of this. Dear one, what the enemy intended for evil, I meant it for good. I allowed the circumstances in your life to train and prepare you for this day. Yes it is time. Walk out of captivity and share your wealth. The many gifts I have given you will make a way for you. You will have fellowship and replacement of what you have lost. All that you have will be cherished and no longer scorned. I shall honor you with My mantle, My delegated authority and glory. Go now and become the deliverer who I have promised you to be. Provide for and set My people free.

Prov 18:16 KJV
"A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men."

Gen 41:40-43 NKJV
"And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck."

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Rest In Your Work
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REST IN YOUR WORK
You have been inundated with many task oriented activities that have demanded your time. I AM bringing you to a stopping place to help you find your priorities among them. Make a list and prioritize them, dear one. I want you back with Me, to put Me first. I have heard your prayer and want to confirm to you that it is indeed My heart's desire for you to return to your resting place in Me. Let no condemnation fall upon your heart, for I understand exactly what has been required of you in this last season. It is time to put away the burning of the candle at both ends and return to your resting place of faith.

Yes, you have so many details to juggle throughout your day, I understand that. I AM bringing you into a balancing act where you will learn how to balance the load. If you could watch and wait with Me just one hour, this would set your day in synch with My heart. When you line up with My heart, it sets every task in order and also opens your eyes and ears to hear My Words through your daily life, and brings the joy of revelation through the simplest details. As you bow your heart to hear My view in the tasks that you perform, your heart grows lighter with each step as I refresh you with our intimate communion. So, come now, and return to your resting place before My feet and rearrange your priorities. You will find that I will open ways to reap good harvests from even that for which you have not labored.

Ps 127:1-2 NLT
Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is useless. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

Joshua 24:13 NKJ
'I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you dwell in them; you eat of the vineyards and olive groves which you did not plant.'

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To Get Acquainted
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To Get Acquainted

I assure you as you ask Me for more.
I secure your trust for an open door.
I go before you and set up your place.
I welcome you in your future now traced.
I bring you out from your wounds of old.
I lift your pain from stories untold.

You cry out to Me to make you whole.
Now I hold you close to warm your soul.
My Bride, I AM with you wherever you go.
I never leave you as you walk to and fro.
So relax and let Me introduce you.
To My new places, so fresh and so new.

Be transparent and natural and be yourself.
Let Me touch the hearts as you reveal your wealth.
Listen to others as they are saying their parts.
I will heal you together as you share your hearts.
New faces, new places, new things to explore.
I create every day as you ask Me for more.

Isa 42:9-10 NKJV
Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them." Praise to the LORD. Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth.

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Vision For Mexico

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This morning while I was waiting on the Lord I saw, in the Spirit I saw Lightning in the sky. The sky was dark and the Lightning was lighting up the clouds as though they were speaking. I feel this was the Lord making a decree.

Next I saw a very tall sombrero. I have never seen such a tall sombrero. After looking at it for some time I saw a man underneath it. He looked at me and motioned for me to be quite. He rose up and cautiously walked over to a huge iron door. He pushed the door open and walked into utter darkness. I saw him walk deep into the house.

The next thing I saw was a flash of light and a huge pinyata being broken open and treasure flying everywhere.

I feel the tall sombrero speaks of authority. Authority that reaches into the heavens. I looked at the sombrero for some time before the man appeared under it. I believe the Lord was looking to and fro for someone who could where it.

I believe the man opening the iron door and walking into darkness speaks of him being given access and authority to go in and bind the strong man and steal his treasures from him. The breaking of the pinyata symbolizes this. Also with the symbols of the sombrero and the pinyata I believe this word is for Mexico.

At the end of the vision I saw gold being discovered.

Here is what I believe the decree of the Lord is.

I am releasing authority to bind the strong man of Mexico. The oppression and poverty over the Mexican people will be broken and the people will be free to enjoy the resources I have for them.

One other note. I looked up Pinyata on the internet to make sure I was spelling it correctly. The first site I came to was "ThePartyPeople.com. They were advertising the "Hulk Pinyata". This Pinyata is 92 cm in height. I felt led to look up Psalms 92. I have included the Message version of Psalm 92 below.

Psalm 92 (The Message) The Message (MSG)

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Psalm 92
1 What a beautiful thing, GOD, to give thanks, to sing an anthem to you, the High God!
2 To announce your love each daybreak, sing your faithful presence all through the night,
3 Accompanied by dulcimer and harp, the full-bodied music of strings.
4 You made me so happy, GOD. I saw your work and I shouted for joy.
5 How magnificent your work, GOD! How profound your thoughts!
6 Dullards never notice what you do; fools never do get it.
7 When the wicked popped up like weeds and all the evil men and women took over, You mowed them down, finished them off once and for all.
8 You, GOD, are High and Eternal.
9 Look at your enemies, GOD! Look at your enemies--ruined! Scattered to the winds, all those hirelings of evil!
10 But you've made me strong as a charging bison, you've honored me with a festive parade.
11 The sight of my critics going down is still fresh, the rout of my malicious detractors. My ears are filled with the sounds of promise:
12 "Good people will prosper like palm trees, Grow tall like Lebanon cedars;
13 transplanted to GOD's courtyard, They'll grow tall in the presence of God,
14 lithe and green, virile still in old age."
15 Such witnesses to upright GOD! My Mountain, my huge, holy Mountain!

One other note of interest. Last night while I was worshiping with some friends, I began to sing of the mantel of the Lord coming down. The chorus that came with it was "Who will die that they may rise up in the Mantel of the Lord". I saw the Lord looking to and fro and releasing Angels who hovered over the Earth looking for those who could rise up in the Mantel of the Lord. The Lord is desiring to release His authority on this Earth. Will He find those who will choose to die so that they can be raised up to wear the Mantel of the Lord.

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Violent Earthquake Dreams 2 and 3

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The first dream can be found at http://www.etpv.org/2005/veic.html

Dream 2

Inner and Outer Shaking

This dream took place in my childhood church. I didn't recognize anyone sitting there. My pastor and his (spiritual) father were up giving announcements. When he began to talk his voice became like thunder. I was so shaken on the inside that I couldn't even hear what was being said. First my shoulders began to tremble, then my arms, and then my entire body shook violently. What he was saying was not anything of great consequence, only things going on at the church. At first I couldn't tell if it was a physical earthquake, a move of the Holy Spirit in the church, or something going on just inside of me. The shaking subsided and I looked around. I didn't see anything out of the ordinary. The congregation was sitting there listening to the announcements like we normally would. That is when I determined what was happening was taking place internally. I tried to sit back and relax. The pastor and his (spiritual) father were talking, and though they were talking in normal voices, the shaking in me began again just as it had before. The thunderous sounds I heard from their voices reverberated powerfully on me. I began to shake so hard I grabbed a hold of the pew in front of me, and cried out to the Lord. In a loud shaking voice I yelled out, "OHHHHH! JESUS!" Everyone was startled. They turned and looked disdainfully at me bewildered that I would just shout like that for no apparent reason. Deep within me I felt an impending doom approaching the earth – like a catastrophic earthquake. It was so overwhelming I couldn't help but to cry out!

It subsided again. While I was struggling to regain my composure so I could hear what was being said, I turned around and looked 'through' the huge church doors and saw mayhem taking place just outside. People were screaming and running for cover as buildings and rocks were falling on them. Inside the church we were all sitting there just listening to announcements; it was very calm. Outside it was pandemonium. End

Interpretation:

Childhood church – is a familiar place. My pastors being in my childhood church was very odd because their styles (denominations) are so different. Like opposites being congruent.

Pastor(s) – I believe the pastor and the spiritual father represent the leadership of Christ – specifically that of a pastor and an apostle. There seems to be a powerful resonance that reverberates in the spirit realm when the anointing of a pastor and the anointing of an apostle come together. It is a strength and a force that causes things to move.

The Shaking – this may sound strange, but it seemed like I was actually the earth and the pastor and his spiritual father's voice was that of the Lord. Like the shaking going on in me is what happens in the earth at the sound of the Lord's voice – even when He speaks something simple. *Please do not misunderstand* that I think my leaders speak as God. It is only a type and a shadow I suggest here. The pastors in the dream are not perfect. Christ is perfect. No others are. The word also tells us "a person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12 NLT The shaking that took place in me at the sound of their voices would seem to symbolize the pastoral, apostolic, and prophetic anointing that coming together creates. See Matthew 18:20.

An odd thing for me personally was that every time the shaking in me stopped, I longed to feel it again. It was frightening because of the magnitude of it; however, because it was a shaking I received from God, it was also euphoric. See Psalms 97:5 and 114:7

The People Inside – though the people looked at me the way they did when I cried out, it wasn't an unusual response to my outburst. One thing I have noticed in dreams – as in real life is that something that is out of the ordinary isn't usually met with open arms. Even though I had to suffer their disapproving glances, I was still safer with them inside than outside the church with the mayhem. This was also shown to be true in the dream at http://www.etpv.org/2005/cltb.html This would tell me that though we may disagree in the Body of Christ, we have protection with each other. It's the 'safety in numbers' idea. The 3rd dream confirms this too.

The People Outside – were in chaos because they were outside of the protection of the shed blood of Jesus. See Daniel 12:4; Revelation 6:14-17 and 9:4. They were open to sudden and complete destruction. The people inside Christ *(not necessarily inside the church, but those IN CHRIST)* were at peace. That peace is symbolic of the security we have when we are in Christ – who are seated with Him. All who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Inside Christ there is peace. He is our Strong Tower that none can knock down. He is our Rock and our Fortress, our Shield, our Very Present Help in times of trouble! See Proverbs 18:2; Psalm 31:3; Psalm 46:1; Psalm 62; and Psalm 91.

Dream 3
The Rock

I walked into a restaurant to get a bite to eat. It was the type of place where you would order at the counter and then take your tray of food to a table. As I was walking through the line, I noticed a group of people all sitting together in the back right corner. It was like a separate area from the main dining room, but it was still open to the main dining room, there was no door separating them. The way they were sitting struck me as odd. They were not sitting facing each other like you would normally do in that scenario. They were all sitting facing the same direction and they were intently watching something. I thought there was a TV sitting on the floor or something like that that they were looking at. They were really into it. Not being the bashful type, I walked over by them to find out what they were doing. They were not looking at a TV at all, but were gazing at an upright slab of white granite. While they were attentively watching the rock, an earthquake hit. Everyone outside and in the restaurant were running around distraught, but this group stayed right where they were and didn't budge or even look up. Ceiling tiles were falling in the restaurant but not where this group was sitting. I became aware of this fact when a tile hit the side of my arm. It was the only part of me that was *outside* of the area where they were sitting. Everyone else in the restaurant was panicking and trying to run away, but they couldn't get away from the falling debris. They were so terror-stricken that they didn't even notice this group who were sitting completely unruffled and uninjured by what was going on around them. I moved in closer and stayed with this alert and vigilant group watching the rock. End

Interpretation:

The Restaurant and People – These would seem to be symbolic of 'the world' – common everyday life.

The Rock – What puzzled me when I woke up was that the granite slab looked like a tombstone or monument, but somehow I knew that wasn't right. It wasn't like this physical slab of rock was a god or idol. Then I realized it was a ROCK. It was THE ROCK– Jesus Christ! It was symbolic of Christ.

The People watching The Rock – Representative of the people in the Body of Christ who are really and truly focused on Him and on His direction. They stayed totally alert to The Rock. The peace they had made this apparent. They were unmoved, unshaken, and undistracted by what was occurring around them. They watched and waited and didn't react to the terror and hysteria. They were not shaken by those things that traumatized everyone else because they knew where their help came from.

My Arm – it is interesting that the only part of me outside of the shelter of the group got hit with a ceiling time. As soon as I moved it inside their area I was safe. This would signify the safety found in fellowship.

I do believe there is a hard 'shaking' coming. It could possibly be war inside the United States of America; possibly terrible earth movements, possibly life-changing shaking in the heavenlies. Maybe all of them. I truly don't know, I can only report what the Lord has shown me. I love the saying, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know Who holds my future." I believe we need to "Go and make disciples," as the Lord commanded in Matthew 28:18-20. He will clearly take care of us if we are focused on Him.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES FOR ALL THREE DREAMS:

> *Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; 3 Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah 4 There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. 6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, Who has made desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah*
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> *Isaiah 2:10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the Lord and the glory of His majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.*
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> *Hebrews 12: 25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." 27 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.*
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> *Ps 18:2 The Lord is my Rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*
> *Ps 18:31 For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a Rock, except our God?*

> *Ps 18:46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.*
> *Ps 27:5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.*
> *Ps 91: 1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."*
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> *1 Peter 2: 7-10 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*
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> *Matt 21:44 "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."*

Remember there is another application for an earthquake found in Acts.

> *Acts 16:26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.*

Thank you for your time and consideration and God bless you in your journey to seek the Lord's will and His ways,
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Violent Earthquake In Colorado

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1 of 3 Earthquake Dreams
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For the record, I have not been in an earthquake or lived in an active area where this has been a major threat.

In this dream I was walking with my brother along the Cache La Poudre River northwest of our hometown of Fort Collins, Colorado. Since neither of us has lived there for years, it would seem we were there visiting at the same time. We were fondly talking about his grown son, Tom. As we spoke I couldn't help but notice how beautiful the scenery was. The dry mountain air was cool and crisp. The sky was an exquisite deep blue, the trees were bright green, the river's water was clear, and the tall granite cliffs were brown and red in color. It was breathtaking and looked exactly as I remember Northwestern Colorado in the early summer. There were many vacationers by the river who were picnicking and enjoying the beautiful warm weather. As we talked I was looking at the river and it dawned on me that I had never seen so much water in it before.

Suddenly, and without warning, the earth began to tremble. I saw the mountains shake and felt the earth move beneath my feet. Prior to this I hadn't even noticed all the people enjoying the beautiful day. They hadn't caught my attention until the earthquake hit. I became fully aware of them because they began to scream and run wild when the trembling began. Even with all the screaming and chaos happening all around us, I was totally at peace. My brother looked at me as if to ask what we should do. I reassured him that we would be alright if we dodged the rocks as we saw them roll down the mountain. We turned our attention to the high mountain cliff that was set back away from the river's edge where we stood. What we saw shook us to the core. Unexpectedly, huge sections of the rock wall were being shaken loose from the steep rim, and the fractured cliff walls began to topple! They quickly began to make their trek down the mountain straight toward us. We realized that there was no possible way we could avoid so many of them, so we took off running as fast as we could uphill towards the closer mountain cliffs. We hoped that if we could tuck into an overhang, the rolling boulders would bounce over and around us. We were sprinting up the mountain towards a tall rock ledge, but I knew I was not going to make it. Seeing that it was my only choice, I headed for a smaller but closer ridge hoping I could find an overhang to shield me. I turned to see if my brother would make it. I yelled, "MIKE! I LOVE YOU!" He yelled back, "I LOVE YOU TOO!" I felt we both knew that this catastrophic event was going to separate us, but we also knew we weren't going to be separated forever.

I continued to run for cover when out of the blue a huge boulder bounced right in front of me. Much to my surprise ***there was a young man riding on top it!*** He had harnessed it and was riding it down the mountain! He wore colorful safety gear - a red and white striped helmet and knee pads. Somehow I jumped up onto the boulder as it flew by, and stood behind him and rode it too. End

Interpretation:

Brother
My brother seems symbolic of loved ones, and not only family, but **brethren** in Christ. Though we may get separated we have assurance that we are seated together in Christ Jesus. See Ephesians 2:6.

Conversation
Talking about his son would seem to point to blessing future generations. See Genesis 9:12-17 and Psalm 78:1-7.

The Scenery
I believe this river's name is significant. The name, "**Cache La Poudre**" is French for "*Stash the Powder*". There is a local story that says the river got its name when some French travelers hid some

gun powder in the canyon one winter because it had gotten too heavy to carry over the mountains. '*Dunamis' is Greek for 'Power'*. It is where we get the word, "dynamite." So this river may have been chosen by the Holy Spirit in this dream to reveal *God's hidden power (stashed gun powder) at work*. See Psalm 46 and 97. Though dynamite and gun powder have different chemical compounds, they are both have explosive qualities. The **deep blue sky** is symbolic to me for ***heavenly revelation*** from the Lord. When I see blue in a dream I know I need to pay attention. The **bright green foliage** is evidence of ***new life*** budding forth. God has given us, who believe in our hearts that Jesus is the Lord, to know the hidden mysteries of His kingdom. The fact that it was early summer I think is significant. I believe the Lord is granting us a ***growing season*** like no other. It is a time for planting the Word into those around us who are lost. The **brown and red rock** seems to point to ***humanity* in need of *salvation***. The **river** being fuller than I had seen it would point to the fullness of ***God's Living Water*** being poured out on the earth before His return. **Clear water** is common for Rocky Mountain rivers, but it is somewhat unusual to be so clear during heavy runoff. That would suggest that the runoff was consistent and maybe had been occurring for some time. This may be the ***flow of the prophetic***. **The clear fast moving water would seem symbolic of Jesus, The Living Water. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.** See Revelation 19:10 and John 4:10-14. God's word is CLEAR to us that His blood is what cleanses us from sin and all unrighteousness. The **earthquake** itself is both symbolic of the shaking going on in the earth both spiritual and physical. It is also prophetic of things to come. The Lord reveals this a number of times in the Gospels and the Revelation of John.

For a photo of Poudre Canyon you can click on http://www.ftcollins.com/Photos/Poudresnow.htm but it isn't exactly how I saw it in the dream. The rocks were further back from the river. It was a wide valley and there were more cliffs further up. There was no snow. However, it does give you an idea of the severity of the rocks coming down.

The Man on the Boulder

The **"youthfulness" of the man** standing on the boulder wasn't necessarily representative of his age. It may have been, but it seemed to point more toward his *ability, agility and creative technique of leading*. To me this symbolizes his ability to **stand on The ROCK – Christ Jesus** in times of crisis and to *lead others* to do the same. He was using what could have caused him destruction to keep from being destroyed. He harnessed the power of this cataclysmic event and rode it out. His youthfulness may have very well have been the anointing of the upcoming generation of men and women who are creative in there walk with the Lord and their willingness to give it all and to never bow to the enemy. See Daniel 3. His **safety helmet** was **red and white** which seem to be colors symbolic of ***salvation (the blood of the Lamb)*** *and* ***purity***. **Red** also symbolizes ***fire*** – he would represent one who is zealous for the things of God. His **knee pads** would suggest he spends a lot of time on his knees in ***prayer***. He wasn't controlling the boulder but was holding onto it with the reigns. This indicated that **he reigns with Christ, the Rock of our salvation**. I also got the impression that this man, who represents true leadership in Christ, is of the same spirit of the man in a different dream that saved a child from a mangy lion. This dream and its interpretation are found at http://www.etpv.org/2005/cltb.html .

This dream also reminds me of how eagles mount up on the thermal winds that approach before a storm, and uses that energy to soar above the storm until it has passed. It USES the destructive force of the storm to take it higher! Also see what Joseph said in Genesis 50:20 for another application.

Visions of Coming Calamities

Roxanne Brant

God has given me two visions in the past eight years that have changed my life and ministry. In these two visions, He has shown me events to come that will affect the lives of every man, woman and child in this nation, … as well as throughout the world.

Jesus said to me, “..My people need to be informed and prepared for the difficult times ahead,…I want My people to not only be informed, but to seriously and diligently devote themselves to the building up their faith and to seeking My guidance in every detail of their lives,… Some of the things which I have shown you have already come to pass, and it has taken some time for even these things to occur. In the same manner, the rest of the vision will come to pass, but it will take time for it to occur. I will bring all of the things which I have shown you to pass in THIS generation. … By My Spirit, I have shown you things to come that My people might be prepared. I want My people to be one step ahead of everything that will occur. … Tell My people that I will provide protection in danger, food in famine and faith in persecution. I will be true to My words and My Covenant with them. I will keep them in the coming difficult times and My hand shall be upon them in special ways, but they must do their part to seek Me and to cooperate with My Spirit by diligently nourishing themselves with My Word, building up their faith and seeking My guidance in every detail of their lives.”

The first vision came in Oct. '72, giving 14 months for 4 judgments. This has been fulfilled. The second vision came in Sept. '73, regarding which Roxanne says in My Vision:

“…About two weeks prior to the vision, God, moving in a very miraculous and powerful way, had commanded me to buy several acres of land in northern Florida. I went ahead and bought the land, but because I was so amazed at the strength and power behind His command, I asked Him, ‘Lord, why is that land so important to You? Why would You make us move from beautiful Naples up to the northern part of Florida?” He answered me more fully and powerfully than I could have anticipated--in a vision form.

Late one afternoon in early September I was relaxing after a hard day’s work, thinking about business details, when the Holy Spirit came upon me and opened my eyes to see what was to come in these next few years. First, I saw a very clear picture of Florida. The southern two-thirds of the state was baked dry in the sun and in a state of severe drought. But I saw clouds filled with rain move down and gently drop their moisture over the northeast corner of Florida, exactly in the location where I had bought the land. Then, I sensed that something awesome was about to happen to the southern half of Florida, and as I shifted my gaze southward, the most eerie and incredible thing I have ever witnessed then occurred. The ocean, like a giant monster rose silently and calmly and began to move across the land. It moved miles inland, flooding everything in its path. Later when it moved back, the drought continued and the sun baked the ocean salt into the land. I knew the area where I bought land in northern Florida would be protected and watered by God, and certain areas where God led other Christians to buy land and farm would also be protected. But most of the country and world would be under the supernatural siege of God with ever increasing and worsening droughts, flooding, earthquakes, storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, pestilence, etc. I knew that because of these natural judgments of God that many crops would fail and millions of people in different places of the United States and the world would be starving. It is not a pretty picture and is therefore very difficult for me to talk about, but I saw millions of people starving and trying to find edible roots and grasses to eat. I saw presidents of corporations reduced to nothing except their homes and the food in their cupboards. One man was trying to warm watery soup for his family on a fire in his backyard.

It seemed to me that many houses were very dark and cold which would signify that somehow there was a shortage of electricity and heat. Money was not much more valuable than paper. The only things worth having were land, food, seed, wood for fuel, a home that was not mortgaged, farming tools and machinery, and certain everyday products which were no longer available. Many people simply left their jobs and tried to grow enough food to live on. Many of our largest and most trusted corporations went bankrupt. Many valuable machines were setting idle because they lacked the one necessary part to fix them. Many people who were living beyond their means and who had mortgages on their homes were turned out into the streets. Insolvable problems presented themselves in every area, in politics, as well as economics and weather. There were so many quick changes, that by the time we had heard of one change, another change had already occurred. The church became heavily taxed and many of its activities were curbed by the government. Much persecution broke out against Christians who preached the gospel and witnessed. But in the midst of all these calamities, the (true) church of Jesus Christ waxed valiant and became stronger than ever…millions were swept into the kingdom.

So, in short, it would be good to begin to set our houses in order and prepare ourselves inwardly for His coming, and outwardly for the events that are coming. None of these will come upon us suddenly, but we can see the beginnings of everything I have mentioned already. These problems will just increase and cause some people to begin to seek God, for they will realize there is no other answer…

Whatever you do, DON'T RUN AHEAD OF GOD! Just use this as an incentive to spend more time with Him, praying and reading your Bible, and waiting upon Him so that HE CAN SPEAK TO YOU…

Norm & Kathleen Rasmussen - Summer of 2000

I have had but two visions in my lifetime. The first came to me in 1958, when a vision of God took me from a little town in Pennsylvania to New York City to work with teen gangs and drug addicts. That was not a false vision. [The beginning of Teen Challenge, insertion mine]. Now, years later, its reality is shown by the youth centers spread all around the world. Gangs and addicts have not only been converted, but many are even preaching the gospel as ministers and missionaries.

A second vision came to me this summer (1973). It is a vision of five tragic calamities coming upon the earth. I saw no blinding lights, I heard no audible voices, nor did I hear from an angel. While I was in prayer late one night, these visions of world calamities came over me with such impact that I could do nothing but kneel, transfixed, and take it all in.

At first I did not want to believe what I saw and heard. The message of the vision was too frightening, too apocalyptic, too discomforting to my materialist mind. But the vision came back to me, night after night. I couldn't shake it off. Deep in my heart I am convinced that this vision is from God, that it is true, and that it will come to pass.

Who wants to listen to a message of economic confusion in a time of great affluence? Who wants to be told judgment is coming when so many can't even cope with life as it is? Who will ever believe that the religious freedom we now enjoy will soon be threatened and that a Jesus revolution will turn into a Jesus revulsion movement?

Parts of this vision will come to pass in the very near future. Some of the events are more distant. But I believe all the events mentioned will happen in this generation!

Chapter 1 then begins addressing the first of the "five calamities." For sake of space, I'm only going to share certain key sentences to give you a "taste" of this book. The first sentence of Chapter 1 starts out with:

There is worldwide economic confusion just ahead. In my vision, this is the clearest thing I have seen. Not only is the American dollar headed for deep trouble, but so are all other world currencies. It is not really a depression I see coming – but a recession of such magnitude that it will affect the lifestyle of nearly every wage earner in America and around the world. Countries that now control huge amounts of Western currency are going to be in very deep trouble also. Arab countries will especially be hurt. The world's greatest economists will be at a loss to explain the confusion, and an international crisis of fear will develop.

I believe we are going to witness the bankruptcies of some of this nation’s major and most popular corporations. I see tremendous difficulty arising for credit corporations. There are going to be many people unable to pay off their heavy obligations to major credit card companies, causing near-chaos. Thousands of small businesses will also be forced into bankruptcies. Three, and possibly four of the major religious denominations will be forced to operate with a skeleton organization due to a lack of funds. More than a few churches are going to go bankrupt and a number of independent missionary societies and church organizations are going to have to pull back. All but a few of the radio and television ministries will have to be abandoned. Tight money will trigger a wave of uncertainty and fear. Those who have money will hold it in reserve.

The United States government is going to “overreact” to the confused economical developments. I see a flurry of near-panic decisions being made by various government agencies – but these hasty efforts to shore up the economy will backfire. Almost every economic indicator will be gloomy. It will be spotty at first, but will eventually affect nearly all industry.

It is not a time to go into debt. It is a time to prepare, a time to get clear and out from under heavy financial burdens.

Gold prices are soaring, but those who are investing in this commodity, hoping to find security, are in for a tragic surprise. The price of gold is going to rise astronomically, but it will not be sustained over a long period of time. Silver will also become a very precious metal, and its price will go wild. But neither silver nor gold will offer real security. The fluctuation and uncertain value of gold and silver will be a part of the total picture of economic confusion that grips the world.

Believe it or not – even gold will not hold its value. Gold hoarders are going to get hurt – badly. This is one of the most significant predictions in this book.

There will develop a call for revamping all world monetary systems into one uniform system. And even though the dollar will appear to be gaining strength just before the coming major recession, a new crisis will develop that will shake the entire financial world. . . .

Some kind of a world credit system will develop and nations will be able to utilize blocks of credit. Although a universal money system may be far off in the future, a world credit system between nations will soon develop, setting the framework for the future world monetary and trade system.

Be prepared to hear of world trade agreements “policed” by an international governing committee. Strict guidelines for international trade will develop and a “world market” will be closely monitored by big power interests.

To put it plainly – we will soon witness the development of a world trade policy, supervised by a super secretary invested with unprecedented powers by all nations involved in international trade.

I seem to see a picture of a partial and almost complete recovery from the coming recession – but the world economy will continue in confusion until the time of the Antichrist. From this day on, there will hang over the entire world a sense of fear and uncertainty about future economic conditions. Never again in the history of the world will there be a time of complete confidence and trust in world economies.

Elane Durham's Death-and-Back Vision of Coming Calamities and Triumph

The following account is taken from Elane's book, "I Stand All Amazed: Love and Healing from Higher Realms." Elane was clinically dead for an hour and was being prepped for the morgue when she came back from the dead. Meanwhile she was given a tour of heaven as well as a vision of what could happen on this planet given our current course.

A Changed North America

As the angel pointed in front of me a wide view of land and water opened up, so that at first I thought I was seeing two countries. Instantly it was made known to me that I was looking at a vastly changed portion of North America, which was completely divided by a large body of water, and which had lost a large part of both eastern and western shorelines. As I saw this I was given a total understanding of the natural and man-made disasters that would need to occur to make these changes, and I was informed that these might or might not come to pass according to our choices as a people -- according to my choices as an individual.

Great Destruction

In this scenario icebergs and polar icecaps were melting. Earthquakes had occurred and there had been hurricanes and fierce storms -- the whole country had been ravaged by these things. I could also see massive fires burning here and there -- not so much the flames as the smoke that was ascending toward me -- as huge areas of the country seemed to be burning or burned. There were also explosions in some areas, sort of like sheet lightning in a dark sky, that were doing great damage.

Where Washington and Oregon had been there were mostly islands, the water coming inland over most of California and Arizona and parts of Utah and Nevada. Yet there were also islands there, massive ones, so it wasn't like it was all ocean....

On the East Coast I saw that much of the eastern seaboard was gone, though the water did not come so far inland as it did on the West Coast. I was also aware that the southern half of Florida was under water.

I don't remember seeing anything like Central America or South America, for water surrounded what I was seeing, and I didn't really focus on what was beyond that water. Yet at the same time, I had the understanding that the waters had risen around the entire earth, and that everything had changed to one degree or another.

Two Separate Countries

The area of water in the middle of . . . the United States was massive, and was widest or most extensive in the north. There were no Great Lakes as I had known them, for all of them had come together into this huge sea that extended northeastward into the ocean. The inland sea also extended southward, filling most of the Mississippi an Missouri River valleys and widening by many, many miles the Mississippi River where it flows into what we know as the Gulf of Mexico. This sea was so vast that I knew it could not be bridged, and so in essence the United States had become as two separate countries.

A New Seat of Power

I was also aware that the seat of power, or patriotism, had moved away from Washington, D.C. There was so much turmoil and warfare on the eastern side of this body of water that no authority really existed there. I understood then that in the scenario I was being shown our country had come to the very edge of destruction -- to the brink of losing everything, because myself and hosts of others like me had chosen to seek worldly things rather than loving or serving others.

Additionally, we had refused to care for our precious natural resources. Because of our greed and selfishness our national government had lost most of its power, and could no longer completely govern or control. National laws were ignored, and there was no true nationwide governmental infrastructure left. What government there was seemed to be territorial, sort of like large tribes or groups of people who had banded together.

And I saw that because of the ramifications of these day-to-day choices the people, especially on the eastern side of this new body of water, lived in great danger and fear. There was tremendous anarchy and crime -- sort of like the Los Angeles riots spread nationwide. And the normal citizens kept themselves hidden away from all this, barricading themselves into their homes or wherever they had gathered together for security. Many children didn't go to school; commerce as we know it had pretty much ceased; many people were starving to death; there was terrible violence from people who seemed like roving gangs -- it was just an awful scene of confusion and turmoil.

Yet in this scenario there was less of that turmoil on the western portion of our country. There was even a certain amount of prosperity, and it was there that I could see the new seat of power, if that is what it could be called. This area, or city or whatever, while on the eastern edge or shore line of the western portion of land, was located in almost the exact center of the combination of both halves of the country. Later when I looked at a map of the United States, I realized that it would have been very near present-day Kansas City.

From this location I could see power radiating outward, almost like light flowing out to strengthen and stabilize other areas. This power was what I called patriotism or strong moral character or spirituality -- a true spiritual force that was the only real governing power over the whole land. This is why I called that area the seat of power.

But I must state this power was totally spiritual -- a true power of spirit such as the angel beside me was exhibiting, or that I had felt emanating from Christ while I had been in His presence.

The Native Americans

I also sensed that some of the Indians -- the Native Americans -- were partially responsible for the peacefulness that was on the western side of this water. Some of these Native American peoples had a knowledge of how to live from the land, or how to be in harmony with it so it would bring forth in abundance according to their needs. They were teaching this spiritual knowledge to the people around them, and all the people were starting to learn to live in harmony with each other. At the same time they were beginning again to prosper by becoming harmonious with nature, or the natural elements upon which they depended.

Vineyards

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One of my most vivid dreams is of me lying drunk in a vineyard – as I look up I see that the grapes are massive – the size of plums. Also – I noticed large wasps about a foot long moving around the vines. Because they seemed as drowsy as me I didn't really fear them. Jesus stood and called to me from the path.

Recently I went into vision. I sat down tentatively at a table – opposite Jesus. I was nervous and unsure in the vision because of my recent wanderings and struggles. I felt grimy and, soiled and weary from the world. It was a white, outdoor kind of table. Jesus had black hair worn down to his collar, and a well-trimmed beard. When He smiled, His teeth were very white. There was a bottle of blood-red wine, and some of the wine was in a sparkling cut crystal glass on the table. Jesus smiled and raised the glass in welcome.

"Lord, what is the new wine, and the vineyards I have seen? *The new wine will flow from intimacy with Me – and the deeper and longer that communion – the greater the quality of the wine. It is the new level of teaching and healing and ministry that is exactly what the present Church needs to be nourished. It is both My new teaching, and old teachings shared in a new way, and new teachings that will turn out to have been hidden in the Scriptures all along.""*

He showed me the fields of vineyards – and some were quite vast – spread over gently rolling hillsides. I could see people harvesting the grapes and working (meditating) amongst the vines. Some vineyards were enclosed by walls. He showed me a room where it seemed the wine was made and stored in large vats and barrels.

"And the wasps, Lord? *The walls and the wasps guard some of the higher vineyards – but I can put the wasps to sleep."* I could imagine them swarming angrily around an intruder, and I had many more questions, but felt that this was not the time. *"You see people picking, or soaking in, the grapes – some of these ministries you know on earth, or you are destined to meet. Some of the vineyards are prepared for certain times or certain people. The vines respond to the needs, the thirst or the wounds that they perceive on earth. Heaven produces exactly the wine that is needed for a given year or a given people group. Heaven then calls forth workers to pick the grapes, and soak in the wine, and pour it out to the Church. Some of the higher vineyards have a cost, and a calling, and a key, and the guardians – also timing is important, and the right preparation. But I need workers to work with Heaven – and to be teachers, or prophets or intercessors to the Church – and to be totally in step with the Holy Spirit – and release My Word in the right time."*

"This particular vintage …" He thoughtfully swirled the wine around the glass and watched it sparkle in the sun, *"…has been prepared for just this day and this generation. It is for those men in My Church who are addicted to pornography – and there are more than you might think."* When He told me how many men were ensnared, and how many were likely to die in their sins I exclaimed, "Lord this is really bad, we must bring these numbers down somehow and set my brothers free! *My sons need Me. When they bring their pain to the Cross and soak in My blood – with a genuine desire to be set free – this wine will be brought to them. They will become aware of the devices, the cages and the entrapments of Jezebel and Satan around their lives. They will see how she is draining their life-force, feeding poison into their stomachs, and pouring acid onto their eyes and mind. And then we shall dissolve all these things, and wash them in the Blood, and cleanse them with water so that the Jezebelic spirits fall away. Then they will look on Me with clean eyes, and on their wives with the fresh desire of innocence. And they will come to me and wait for Me to bring them their future partners. But they can't drink both my wine and hers, because each produces a hatred and distaste for the other."*

“Galatians 5:16 – Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Rev. 2:22 – those who commit adultery with Jezebel will suffer intensely. *Amen. I’m afraid there is no other way. My grace for this hour is to call my people to run to Me and cry on My shoulder – even when they’ve sinned. Then we shall heal them up – and move on to inherit the Kingdom of God – leaving behind the past. I have given you a particular burden for the single, the divorced, and those approaching divorce, those in loneliness. Many of those who share my Throne will have been broken in such ways. Theirs is a particular cross, and for them is a particular comfort.”*

“Lord I want to please You with every thing I do and say.” He looked at me gravely, and said gently, *“Well, we’ll work on that.”* And I began to get up to leave, muttering, “I shouldn’t be here.” He put His hand on mine. *“Don’t go, please – I miss you Tim.”* As usual He was beginning to bring my tears. *“Look, I’ve waited about 6000 years for you to reach this stage, and I miss all of My children who wander in places far from Me.* Jesus – that’s billions of people – how can you bear the pain?” He smiled, *“It’s not your problem – but mostly I see what they **shall become** when eventually they bow the knee.”*

I had my head in my arms and was groaning, but Jesus had a robe of adoption and sonship draped over my shoulders, and was pouring the wine and oil of His presence over my soul. “Jesus – I feel that I am burning with the sins of my nation. *True intercession is to identify completely with the sufferings of your people – and to bear this before the Throne – and be at peace – just being with Me like this means you are before the Throne. I carry My authority with Me wherever I go. There are also times when you will intercede before the Father. As to your pain – the mantle of Jezebel is made of acid, and her wine is poison. Having brought the needs of your people up to Me – I then send you back with My answer, My resources, My healing, My river. What you are doing has everything to do with guarding your nation’s heart and restoring its river of purity.”*

He was standing next to me and blessing me. *“This is the wine of Unity. It will bring unity within your own soul, and you will feel My love for your friends and enemies, and for strangers. Your inner wounds will heal. You will cease to be afraid of Me (smile …) I will make you **like** Me.”* And He allowed the beautiful double meaning here to sink in for a while. “Jesus I want everything I say and do to be directly from your Mind. *I appreciate your prayer … and I **will** form My character in you – but I don’t desire clones. I mean that I will not remove your individuality – your own words will be redeemed – but they will be **yours** – your own – part of the varied creativity that the Father has created on the earth. Other times you will indeed prophesy My very words.”*

He was sitting again – looking at the wine, and at me. I sat under the healing of His presence, amid the wonderful aroma of His vineyards, listening to the distant murmur of the workers. And new life was rising in me – a fresh hope. I looked at Him, “I know this feeling … Your about to do something!” He stood abruptly with a laugh – drank the glass of wine - and grabbed my arm. “But why would You drink …?” But His eyes just sparkled at me – and He enthusiastically pulled me forward to new realms. *“Come My friend – we have work to do!”*

Volcanoes in New Zealand

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I had the following picture in March 2005, but held off sharing wanting to pray more into it. Today I have just read the prophecy by Timothy Snodgrass of Oregon USA who speaks of his forthcoming Intercessory trip in the South Pacific and talks about similar seismic activity. His prophecy is noted on www.Elijah1.com

This is the picture I had:
It started with a feeling of a volcano erupting in New Zealand. The feeling did not go away, rather it increased and I believed it would be something that would be happening in the natural rather than a spiritual metaphor.

I saw a picture of a crocodile with it's cone shaped knobby body. Each cone shape represented a volcano and the crocodile represented New Zealand. I was left with a sense of which part of it's body would it lift and where would the volcano erupt?

The scripture II Chon 7:14 kept running through my mind "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land"

I believe as Intercessors it is a time to come before God in confession and repentance on behalf of our land and our government and whatever way God would lead us.

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Vermin In The Church

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“But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity [sin]*, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.*

“When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity,
AND DIES IN IT, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies.”
(Ezekiel 18: 24, 26)

DREAM — March 3, 1999

I was in a large dark dungeon with light streaming down from a large rectangular window with bars that was close to the ceiling, which was about thirty feet high. A large clothes rack approximately twelve feet long stood in the center of the dungeon. The rack was filled with long white robes. I walked around the clothes rack, carefully inspecting the robes up close. They appeared to be fresh and clean. When I finished my full circle inspection, on the bright side of the clothes rack I now saw large black water roaches of about one and a half inch in length quickly crawling in and out of some of the clean white robes’ fabric folds. They apparently were trying to hide from the bright overhead light streaming down on the clothes rack. It was a *disgusting* and *nauseating* sight to see!

Curiously, I now looked at the wall leading up to the window and saw the same type of black roaches crawling half way up the wall toward the window.

Next, I instantly found myself suspended close to the ceiling. I was a few feet away from the window. I could see the black roaches continue to crawl up the wall toward the window. As they reached and attempted to crawl onto the window ledge, unexplainably they were struck off the ledge. They immediately fell back onto the dungeon ground. However, other black roaches continued climbing the wall.

I looked down at the clothes rack and observed an increasing number of black roaches crawling in and out of many of the robes. *END*

INTERPRETATION

The dungeon represents the imprisoned world of sin and darkness. The white robes represent the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth in the midst of the dark corrupt world. At first glance, they all appeared clean. However, upon a closer look it became startling obvious that some of the robes were polluted with vermin: *sin.*

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[Definition: VERMIN Noxious or objectionable animals collectively, especially those of small size that appear commonly and are difficult to control such as flies, lice, *cockroaches*, and rats. — *Source:* Webster’s University College Dictionary]
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The color “black” symbolizes sin. The black roaches symbolize sin in the hearts of those Saints known to Lord Jesus which is SO transparent in many of the Saints’ deeds as well as their carnal behavior, manner of dress, the company they keep, and their worldly life styles among other things. Their compromising life styles with the world's standards and protocols are crucifying Lord Jesus all over again. (Please **STUDY** the following scripture.)

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>> *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift* [of Eternal Life Jn. 3:16, 17], *and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit* [Mt. 3:11] *and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away,* **to renew them [gift of Eternal Life, baptism of the Holy Spirit, and knowledge of God's Word]** ***again to repentance, seeing they CRUCIFY AGAIN for themselves THE SON OF GOD and put Him to an open shame*** (Heb. 4:4-6).
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The black roaches crawling up the dark wall symbolize the ongoing parade of many of the Saints' sinful lives before Lord Jesus, as symbolized by the Light coming through the window. Sin cannot stand or dwell in His presence, *NOR will He dwell in polluted hearts.* Throughout the Word it is declared that **SIN DOES NOT GLORIFY GOD**. *Sin condemns one's soul to hell.* **GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH.** (Jn. 17:17) To continue living in sin mocks God's grace as declared in the Word of God.

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>> *"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the LIGHT OF LIFE"* (Jn. 8:12).

>> "*And this is the condemnation, that light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they are done in God"* (Jn. 3:19-21).

>> Do not be deceived, GOD IS NOT MOCKED, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the **[Holy}** ***Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*** *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not loseheart* (Gal. 6:7-9).
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Through the world Satan tempts the Church and seeks to mock Lord Jesus. However, he is no longer able to enter into His presence to accuse the Saints because of Lord Jesus' glorious redemptive works at Calvary and the shedding of His Blood that conquered and triumphed over Satan, sin, death, the grave, and Hell. However, the enemy never sleeps, and goes around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (1Pet. 5:8)

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>> *Inasmuch then as the children* [Saints of God] *have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that* ***THROUGH DEATH HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM WHO HAD THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL,*** *and release* [set free] *those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage* [sin]. … *Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren* [like man], *that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted,* ***He is able to aid those who are tempted*** (Heb. 2:14, 15, 17, 18).

>> *Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.* ***Whoever abides in Him does not sin.*** *Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him. Little children* [Saints of God], *let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins*
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[unrighteousness] *is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.* ***FOR THIS PURPOSE THE SON OF GOD WAS MANIFESTED*** **[sent into the world]*, THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL.*** *Whoever has been born of God* [Jn. 3:3-7] *does not sin, for His seed* [Word of God Mat. 13:3-8] *remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God* (1Jn. 3:4-9).

>> *If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and* ***THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSES US FROM ALL SIN****. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* ***IF WE CONFESS OUR SINS, HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO FORGIVE US OUR SINS AND TO CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.*** *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us* (1Jn. 1:6-10)

>> ***Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not.*** *They* [mercies] *are new every morning: great is Your faithfulness* (Lam. 3:22, 23).

>> *"I am the door.* ***IF ANYONE ENTERS BY ME, HE WILL BE SAVED,*** *and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief* [Satan] *does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.* ***I HAVE COME THAT*** **[YOU]** ***MIGHT HAVE LIFE, AND THAT*** **[YOU]** ***MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.*** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. … My sheep hear My voice, and I KNOW THEM, and they follow Me.* ***AND I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE, AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH****; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.* ***I and My Father are one****"* (Jn. 10:9-11, 27-30).

>> ***"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME"*** (Jn. 14:6).

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Vision Of A Higher Place

Judith Grobelny

I can feel the raw newness of what is ahead. It is raw, fresh, and edgy in a way we haven't felt for quite some time. It looks like bush/forest, wet from rain, when the sun comes out. You know it is beautiful but not comfortable. It is beautiful but still being viewed from a distance and not yet engaged.

I see the eagle swooping and dipping in the clear blue sky above all of this, seeing it's surface but not knowing what is hidden below the shining, glittering, surface. No space to land has appeared.

As the eagle swoops over the forest, many smaller birds begin to emerge and also fly around above the trees, as if they are being awakened to their ability to do so. Their numbers increase until there is much activity. "Cannot see the wood for the trees" comes to mind.

It seems something new has begun but it is not visible in the midst of our current life and circumstances. I see a very strong prophetic call being released to call people up higher. As they rise to this call and seek all that heaven offers them, they will move into a clear space and begin to see and move in the purposes of God in a fresh and new way. There is a clear distinction here – the call is to the purposes of God, not of man and this will not be found by man's direction, but by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

I felt to read Psalm 139 and is seems to give good direction for this journey which is INTO the Lord.

As I watch the flying eagle, smaller birds, and glistening treetops, the sun appears to shine continually brighter, and the sky becomes filled with golden light.

The scripture that seemed to cover what I was looking at is found in Ezekiel 43 v 2:
…and I saw the glory of the God of Israel coming from the east. His voice was like the roar of rushing waters, **and the land was radiant with His glory.**

There are many who are feeling the tug and pull of change right now, circumstances radically altered. I believe the Lord is beginning to do His building, and calling those who will come, wait on Him, and serve Him out of a place of His rest.

Judith Grobelny

Vision Of California
Timothy Snodgrass

June 18, 2005

Last night I found myself in the Spirit walking in a residential area located among green hills somewhere in the state of California, and saw a change in the atmosphere take place in the region. As I was walking down the street in one area lined with a row of very expensive homes, the air was suddenly charged with the presence of the Holy Spirit. Cars were pulling up into parking lots, picking up people and escorting them to revival meetings which were taking place outside in open air meetings, because there was not enough room in the church. Many of the doors of the homes were unlocked, because crime had disappeared from the region as the anointing descended; everyone who entered the area knew that they were standing on holy ground and that angels were gathering over the area like a cloud of fire. End of dream.

Please intercede for our upcoming assignment to the United States between 7/7 - 7/30. We believe that not only is the veil of darkness about to be rent over California, but over many areas in America. Just as the epicenter of the recent 7.2 quake in California was centered west of Eureka (representing gold), we believe that in the midst of all these shakings God is about to release Spiritual Gold to America. Some of the targets of our upcoming trip to the US include: California, Alaska, Minnesota, Texas, Florida, etc. Meetings have been scheduled in only about half f the cities we will be visiting, and each point of contact is scheduled solely in obedience to the Holy Spirit, to intercede for revival and an open heaven, especially areas that are at high risk of judgment. Please join with us in interceding for America this summer and fall, that rivers of mercy would be released to the United States, and that the enemy's plans for this nation would be canceled. Pray for President Bush and the Congress this summer and fall, especially concerning matters involving the creation of a Palestinian State within Israel. We still have need of backing for this US mission, including the immediate need of provision for an international airline ticket from Manila to Los Angeles. We also have need of support during the intercessory journey across America (for motel rooms, transportation and so forth). Often during trips to the US our ministry income shuts down for that month, whereas people think we bring in a lot of money in meetings and don't need anything, when actually just the opposite is true. For many of the destinations we travel to NO meetings are scheduled, whereas we do not choose to travel to intercede for a city based upon money or meetings, but based upon obedience to the Holy Spirit. Please agree with us in prayer for a release of revival, healing, deliverance and mercy across the great cities of America in 2005. Blessings,

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Prayer Alert
Timothy Snodgrass

Jun 25, 2005

06/26/05 PRAYER ALERT

Received a disturbing dream last night of security breach which took place in a major U.S. airport. I would recommend immediate prayer and administrative action to avoid the below scenario. What was disturbing about the dream was that the security breach took place within a security enforcement agency itself, and that three individuals, because of their uniforms (which were valid), were allowed to pass onto the airfield towards an aircraft being loaded. They were carrying an explosive device, perhaps 25 pounds in weight, which they intended to put on the plane. The reason these type of prophetic warnings are given, 99% of the time, is so that the Body of Christ can intercede, and the event be averted. Continue to pray that airlines would have a record safe year in 2005, and that all plans of the enemy would be exposed.

Blessings,
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Shakings To Release Spiritual Gold
Timothy Snodgrass

06/17/05

Recently while traveling through Auckland, New Zealand, I was shown a vision of an angel descending into the bowels of the earth into key fault lines and volcanic chambers in the South Pacific, working in behalf of the saints in Polynesia and the islands of the sea who have been in prayer and fasting, to stabilize and minimize seismic events in this region for the sake of the elect. Although large earthquakes are coming to this part of the world, angels are working behind the scenes to minimize magnitudes, tsunami and the affects of these events during the latter half of 2005. Earlier this year, we were shown that without angelic intervention, the South Pacific was due for a major seismic event which would produce tsunami in excess of 100 feet, affecting cities as far away as Seattle and Los Angeles. Does this mean that the U.S. West Coast is off the hook in 2005, and does not need to worry about tsunami or major seismic events in the latter half of this year? Unfortunately, I do not believe that is the case, and much intercession is needed for key areas along the U.S. West Coast between now and December.

As the veil of darkness is rent over various parts of America, there will be large earthquakes in various places; however, as the U.S. places herself in a lead position among nations in pressuring Israel to concede covenant land promised to her by God, she puts her own land at high risk of major setbacks. We have foreseen earthquakes in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands region in the 9.0-range, and earthquakes south of Alaska in the 7.0 to 8.0 range along the U.S. and Canadian West Coast during the latter half of 2005, unless there is angelic intervention. On the morning of June 15, I was shown a vision of Jesus with his feet standing above California, and the figure 8 was strongly impressed upon my mind. Although I am not certain whether this '8' represents a magnitude or a month (August), it is notable that within only a matter of hours after the vision a 7.2 quake shook Northern California, preceded by a 6.8 quake in the Aleutian Islands west of Alaska. Interestingly, the time of the California 7.2 quake was almost identical to the time of the October 16th Joshua Tree quake in 1999 – that is, only minutes before 3:00am. Most of our readers will recall my personal account of the 1999 quake, which occurred 7 hours after my plane arrived in Los Angeles from Manila. Exhausted from the flight, I fell asleep on the floor and was awakened only minutes before 3:00am by 3 angels which were standing over me, silently looking down at me. Thinking that perhaps it was a dream, I threw the covers over my face and tried to fall back asleep, when suddenly the room began to violently shake. Alarmed, I quickly jolted to my feet. The three angels had vanished, and our apartment was rocking back and forth as if we were standing in a boat being lashed by giant waves in the middle of the sea. It was definitely the most powerful earthquake I have ever experienced. When comparing the 7.2 quake of 10/16/99 to the 7.2 quake of 06/15/05, you will notice some very interesting similarities: both California quakes occurred at the same time (minutes before 3:00am), both were the same magnitude (7.2), and both were prophetic warnings of greater events yet to come.

When shall these greater events come to the U.S. West Coast? Since the early 1930's, prophets have been warning of a cataclysmic Alaska quake which would precede the Lords return, and have also warned of other large quakes south of Alaska. Over the last century, the United States has been extremely blessed as one cataclysmic seismic event has been averted after another, again and again by angelic forces in direct answer to prayer. However, we are entering into a very dangerous era as the United States continues to pressure Israel to give up covenant territories restored to her during the 1967 Six Day War. Israel did not start this war, but she finished it after she was mercilessly attacked by her enemies on every side without provocation. Six days later, Jerusalem and the Temple Mount were restored to Israel as a fulfillment of biblical prophecy. Today, almost 40 years later, it has become a 'politically correct' thing to jump on the band wagon and endorse the creation of a Palestinian State within God's covenant land, but certainly not 'biblically correct', and anyone who tries to divide this land will eventually have their own land divided. If you read the prophetic warning we published in our November, 2004 report (scroll down for transcript) – one month prior to the great Indonesia quake and tsunami – embedded in that prophecy is a strong warning to the United States if she continues on her current path with the Middle East 'Roadmap' to peace. (I Thessalonians 5:3)

Blessings,

Timothy Snodgrass

Prayer Target For 2005 – Pray for President Bush, for angelic direction and divine guidance in our relations with Israel. We need God's plan administered in the White House, not man's plan, which may include a gradual 'disengagement' from the Roadmap, and reformation from our current plans. Angelic covering, divine involvement to protect U.S. fault lines and volcanoes which are on the verge of destabilization, could be achieved simply by silence and a gradual disengagement from our present course, without making any radical public change in policy that would anger our enemies.

Ministry Update – This year has proved to be an extremely busy year in launching prophetic teams to intercede for strategic areas, especially regions which are vulnerable to seismic and volcanic events, whereas this year there is a great spiritual war taking place in the heavens, resulting in great shakings in the earth. We need to be diligent in interceding for lands which are at risk in 2005, for God is not willing that any should perish, and nothing is impossible for God. Just as the city of Eureka symbolizes gold, the 7.2 quake which occurred in California west of Eureka on 6/15 represents the spiritual gold which is now being released as the continents and islands begin to shake in anticipation of the Lord's soon return. In the midst of these shakings, God is releasing reformation and an unprecedented wave of healing and deliverance to the nations.

We have been extremely busy, just returning from New Zealand and Fiji, and next month I will be traveling along the U.S. West Coast, East Coast and Bahamas; then, off to Australia in October. For each of these missions launched into key nations and islands, finances are needed to fulfill the assignments. Please join with us in releasing revival, rivers of intercession and mercy among the coastlands this summer and fall, for our time to accomplish our goals is very short.

I will be posting our itinerary for the United States later this week on our website at www.Elijah1.com - and strongly believe that this year's ministry trip across America (in July) is perhaps the most important assignment I've had over the last decade, because of the extreme urgency of interceding for America over the next several months as we approach the fall. We are now getting down to a matter of weeks before my scheduled departure from Manila, and to date, I still do not have an airline ticket. Although this mission to America does not sound as glamorous as Fiji or some other destinations, I believe that the importance of raising up an 'army' of prayer warriors in the United States is absolutely critical over the next several months, and can mean the difference between life and death for many people, especially those who live along the coastlands. Please consider being a part of the prayer and support base for this U.S. mission between 07/07/05 -07/30/05, and plan on dropping by one of our meetings if you happen to be in a city where we will be ministering this summer (check our itinerary link on our website later this week).

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Victory Over Death

Rick Joyner

Last week we discussed how the Jordan River, which represents death, overflowed all of its banks all the days of the harvest. This was a prophetic sign that during the harvest (the end of the age), we can expect death to be overflowing all of its banks. However, when the Ark and the people of Israel entered into the Jordan, it says that its waters were rolled back all the way to Adam. This speaks about how when the church follows the Lord into the crucified life where we die daily, no longer living for ourselves but for Him, it will turn back death all the way to Adam, or all that was caused by the fall of man.

Both Jesus and John baptized in the Jordan River because it emptied into the Dead Sea, and therefore symbolically represented death. Baptism is a ritual performed to emphasize an important spiritual reality. The bane of Christianity since the third century has been to substitute rituals for the realities that they were intended to illuminate. The ritual was meant to convey the commitment on the part of the one baptized that they would die to themselves to live to Christ. After the third century, one could be baptized in place of living the crucified life, removing the life and power of the cross from the church.

I do not want to belittle the importance of the ritual. A wedding ceremony is a ritual and not the marriage itself, but because marriage is so important it is right to make a big deal out of the ritual. Likewise, it is right to make a big deal out of baptism, communion, and the other important rituals handed down to us, but they must not be allowed to supplant the truths that they were given to us to illuminate.

You can dunk someone in the water all day and not have them partake of the death or resurrection of Jesus. There is nothing magical about the water. The power is in the crucified life. The baptism is performed as a commitment to live the crucified life in order that we might also be resurrected with Christ as we read in Romans 6:4-5:

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For we have become UNITED with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection (emphasis mine).

We must note here that in this text there is no mention of water! This is not speaking of water baptism, but of what water baptism represents—the crucified life. As Paul further conveyed in Romans 6:5: "For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection."

What did the Lord mean when He stated, "I have come to cast a fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:49-50)? Was the baptism that was distressing Him simply being immersed in water? Of course not. He was referring to His impending crucifixion. That crucifixion is also the meaning of our baptism.

Jesus was likewise referring to the baptism into His crucifixion when James and John asked to be seated on His right and left in the kingdom. He said, "You do not know what you are asking for. Are you able to drink of the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" (Mark 10:38)

It is a basic spiritual principle that death is the path to life in Christ. We are called to live now by the power and authority of the resurrected life of Christ, but by its very definition one cannot experience a resurrection without first experiencing a death. To be baptized with His baptism is to be conformed to the purpose of His death, the laying down of our own lives for the sake of others.

When the church reduced the truth of the crucified (and thereby resurrected) life to a mere ritual has robbed the Lord of our consecration, the church of its salvation, and has stolen from the world the power of the gospel. There are many Scriptures that make the meaning of this very clear. The following are just a few of them, which I encourage you to read carefully as their importance is literally life and death:

For if we died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we endure we shall also reign with Him (II Timothy 2:11-12).

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, IF INDEED WE SUFFER WITH HIM IN ORDER THAT we may also be glorified with Him. (Romans 8:16-17 emphasis mine).

That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, being conformed to His death IN ORDER THAT I may attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11 emphasis mine).

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake (Philippians 1:29).

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering (II Thessalonians 1:3-5).

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;

persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;

ALWAYS carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may be also manifested in our mortal flesh (II Corinthians 4:8-11).

The Lord made it clear in His Word; if we are to partake of His life we must also partake of His death "that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him…" (II Corinthians 5:15). Any other teaching is a false gospel and an enemy of the cross. Death separates the things that are natural from the things that are spiritual. Again, to have a resurrection, there must first be a death. If we want to walk in the resurrection life of Jesus, we must be willing to lay down our lives for Him.

In the first century, some of the people thought that if they would circumcise their flesh they would be right with God, but He requires the circumcision of our hearts. There are those today that point to the day of their immersion as the day they died with Jesus and were resurrected. Every ritual of our faith is just that—a ritual that is meant to symbolize a commitment to the spiritual reality of which it speaks. In Christ we must die in order to live. The Lord Jesus Himself testified:

If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it (Matthew 16:24-25).

There can be no question that the Lord intended our baptism to be the daily reality of a crucified life. However, as we discussed last week, such a life that dies to itself and its own selfish interests is the most free and powerful life of all. That is what the Lord will give to us in exchange for our life—the greatest freedom and the greatest power to do good that we could even know.

The Cross Will Set Us Free From All Fear
Rick Joyner

Recently we have discussed how the Jordan River, which represents death, overflowed all of its banks all of the days of the harvest. We also discussed how we are going to have to learn to deal with much death in our times, but keep on functioning and pursuing our purpose.

Death Is The Greatest Liberation

Israel had to cross the Jordan River to enter their Promised Land, which speaks of how we must enter into the baptism of the death of the cross before we can attain the promises. This is where the church has now come. We are at a crossing. If we will enter into the true baptism, the crucified life, which means that we live each day for Him and not just ourselves, we will start to possess all of the promises of God for His people.

We must also keep in mind that death is the greatest liberation that we can ever know. The devil uses fear to bind just as the Lord uses faith in the truth to set people free. What does a dead man fear? If we are dead to this world, there is nothing that the world can do to us. It is impossible for a dead man to have fears of failure, fears of rejection, or even fear of the dark. To the degree that any fear still has its grip on us, is to the degree that we have failed to go to the cross. The cross will set us free from all fear!

A dead man will not lust, covet, feel anger, seek revenge, or even feel lonely. There is no greater freedom than that which comes from dying to this world so as to be alive in Christ. This is what Israel learned from their first baptism - the crossing of the Red Sea, as we read in I Corinthians 10:1-2:

For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea . . . "

A Second Baptism

When Israel entered into this baptism in the Red Sea, it resulted in the destruction of the enemies that had kept them in bondage for so long. Pharaoh and his army were a biblical model of Satan and his hordes, seeking to keep God's people in bondage. We see that baptism is the one place where they cannot follow us, which will result in their destruction. When Israel entered into that baptism, they were to never see those enemies again. Many of the things that have bound us for so long will likewise be destroyed when we enter the true baptism - the crucified life.

Does the Jordan River represent a second baptism? In a sense it does. Just as Deuteronomy means "a second law" and the book of Deuteronomy resulted from Moses reviewing everything that was required of Israel before they crossed over and possessed their Promised Land, there is a baptism that we must go through when we first begin to follow the Lord. A second commitment is usually required before we enter into our Promised Land because many drift away from their commitment to the crucified life during their wilderness years. That we are being drawn back to the cross in these times is a sign that we are about to cross over and start possessing all that we have been called to do.

There is a baptism when we leave Egypt and a baptism when we enter the Promised Land. This is a message that the cross is both the beginning and the end of our journey. The cross sets us free from the world (Egypt) and is the door to entering into our inheritance in Christ.

The wise are forever mindful that the cross is everything. However, the cross does not just represent death, but the door to resurrection life, which is represented by the Promised Land. We will cover this in much more depth in the coming studies. For now let us be reminded and keep in mind the degree to which we have died to this world is the degree to which we are free to really live. That is the point of dying to this world and to ourselves - so that we can walk in resurrection life and impart true life to others.

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The True Heroes Of Liberty
Rick Joyner

If you believe the news media, the war in Iraq has been an unmitigated disaster. I disagree. In fact, I think it will prove to be one of the greatest victories for freedom and democracy since the fall of the Berlin Wall. It is also in Iraq that some of the greatest, most noble soldiers in the war for the liberation of the oppressed are now arising -- the citizens of Iraq who will soon risk their lives to vote.

America, the great seedbed and hope for freedom and democracy around the world, barely had a 60 percent turnout of voters in the recent elections. Rain in any region would have seriously depressed even these numbers. The Iraqis, who will vote in their upcoming elections, will actually risk their lives to do so, and yet it seems certain that they will have a greater percentage turnout than the U.S. elections. It is a marvel that they are not only willing to do this, but many have expressed that they consider voting one of the greatest privileges of their lifetime!

As one of the Iraqi candidates recently said when reminded that winning this election would make him an even bigger target for terrorists, his reply was: "It would be an honor to die as a soldier for democracy." I do not think a more noble statement has been made since Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death." As a Christian who is fundamentally committed to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ without compromise, I take off my hat to these great souls who are arising from among the Muslims of Iraq. It is right to give them aid in any way that we can in their struggle.

Seeing From A Different Perspective

It is not likely that we will ever know the true story of what is happening in Iraq from our news media. However, as the recent elections in America made clear, in general the media is quite out of touch with reality. The cancer of cynicism has so blinded the overwhelming majority of modern, Western journalists that they can only see problems and mistakes, and seem almost completely blind to positive accomplishments. This is why they are now missing one of the important stories of our times. Their own credibility has now fallen below that of any other profession, including televangelists and lawyers.

Anyone who relies on the present news media for their information or perspective on just about anything will be deceived. It has not always been this way and hopefully it will change, but it is the present reality. One obvious indication that things in Iraq are not the way they are being portrayed by our media at home is the fact that 80 percent of the soldiers in Iraq, who know what is happening there better than anyone else, voted for President Bush because of his Iraq policy. Half of these were registered Democrats. In all of the emails that I have received from troops there, what is happening in Iraq is actually very different from what is being reported at home.

We must understand that almost everything now reported in our media is slanted toward a predetermined perspective. The deception is not just in the reports themselves, though this can be the case, but also in what is reported. News that does not support their perspective or agenda simply will not make the news, with but a few exceptions. This will change in time because more and more are awakening to the truth about the media every day. The increasing slide of media credibility is demanding change, if for no other reasons than economic ones.

WMD?

So was it worth it for America to invade Iraq? Yes. Even if the Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) are never found it will have been worth it, but before addressing why, I want to say something about the WMD. Even though our government now seems to have abandoned even the search for these weapons, and I may now seem to be just about alone in this, I maintain, as I always have, that WMD were in Iraq, and I believe they may still be there. As I said before the war, the scariest thing in the world would be if we do not find them.

You may think that I am just refusing to admit that I am wrong, but that is not the case. Even if you discount the seemingly wrong intelligence about Saddam's WMD (I am still not convinced that it was wrong), it does not make sense that Saddam did not have them. Let me briefly explain.

We know Saddam had WMD because we gave them to him during the Iraqi war with Iran. That is the tragic truth, but it is true. We also know that he had them because he used them on the Kurds. The U.N. was given an inventory of these weapons as recently as 1998. Where did they go? Saddam never produced any evidence of their destruction. Also, why would Saddam risk the invasion by the Coalition if he was not hiding or protecting something?

So, If He Had Them, Why Didn't He Use Them During The Invasion?

That is a good question, but there is a logical answer to it. It was because of the brilliant Coalition war plan. Saddam was expecting at least a 30-day air war before the ground invasion because that was how we did it in the first Gulf War. However, the Coalition began the invasion with a lightning ground assault that kept the Iraqi forces reeling from the very first hour. They obviously tried to get protective gear for chemical and biological warfare to their front line troops so they could use them, but were never able to do this because there never was an identifiable front line until we were in the streets of Baghdad.

Enough chemical and biological WMD to destroy all life in the region, and maybe on the planet if placed strategically, could fit into the back of a couple of semi-trucks. Iraq is a very large territory; it would be easy to hide them so that they could never be found. So why would our Administration not maintain this and keep up the weapons search? There could be a very good reason for it, which no one is discussing, and it would be irresponsible to discuss such reasons at this time.

If this potential scenario is in fact the case, and in due time the true story can be made known, it will make our President one of the most courageous, noble, and brilliant men to have ever sat in that office. If this story can never be made public, which is possible, he will still have been such a President, but few will ever know it. I personally do not believe that President Bush cares as much about being known for this as he cares about protecting America and, indeed, much of the world, from a danger far worse than most can even imagine. In fact, it may be much better that most remain ignorant so they can go about their lives normally, without the kind of fear that such knowledge could generate.

The Greatest Factor: Divine Intervention

However, for those who pray, the dangers that the world is facing right now from terrorism are far worse than all but a very few are aware. It is also likely that not only the best defense, but the only defense we have against it, is a good offense that keeps them on the defensive. If the terrorists have a reprieve that is long enough, it is very likely that without Divine intervention, we will be hit far harder than we were on 9/11. However, Divine intervention is not only a factor, but the greatest factor. The Lord is presently protecting us. Anyone who really understands what is happening in the war on terror is well aware of this and has plenty of evidence that we have had Divine protection until now. Let us never take it for granted.

For this reason we need increasing prayer protection for our leaders, our soldiers, and our countries. As I have maintained for years, there is a lot of nuclear material missing from former Soviet stockpiles. Even if they do not presently have the sophistication to set off a nuclear bomb, a single dirty bomb could kill millions, as well as render large regions uninhabitable for decades. If they can release just one, they believe that they can hold the rest of the world hostage to do their will. We must not let down our guard. Prayer is by far the most effective weapon that we have in this war.

Because of this great threat, it is understandable that many will maintain that Iraq was a diversion from where we really needed to be concentrating our efforts. I am convinced that it was not, but was in fact necessary, and in due time I think we will understand why. Even if the WMD were not there, the Iraq war has not been a distraction, but a brilliant strategy and the benefits are considerable, greatly outweighing the cost. Let us briefly look at just a few.

The Advantages Of The Present Conflict

Like it or not, America has been raised up in this time to fight against some of the most diabolical evils of all time. These include Nazism, communism, terrorism, and other extreme "isms" that are the most desperate enemies of truth and freedom. Step back and think about what condition the world would be in today if America did not stand up to Nazism and communism. Terrorism is an even more sinister enemy, and the consequences of letting terrorism win would be even more intolerable. This is a noble cause. It is also one that we do not have any choice but to fight unless we want to be slaves to such as the Taliban.

This is not to imply that all Muslims, or even a large percentage, are like the Taliban, but it is the nature of the cult of terrorists. They have already proven this in the country where they gained political control -- Afghanistan. Finally, in Iraq, even with the continual attacks and short life expectancy of those who would join the police or military, Muslims are starting to fight back in increasing numbers. Believe the media or not, most Iraqis are very thankful for the help they have been given by America and her allies. They, too, want us to leave as soon as possible, which is understandable as no nation wants to be occupied, but they are thankful, and do count us as a true friend.

Those who are fighting against America and democracy in Iraq are the former oppressors of Iraq who have lost power. All who benefited from the Hussein regime greatly fear majority rule in Iraq and believe that they are now fighting for own their lives. However, we need to pray for a wise leadership to arise in Iraq, who, like Nelson Mandela in South Africa, will determine that there is no time for revenge and that any form of retaliation is not in anyone's best interest.

The others who are so desperate to defeat democracy in Iraq are the terrorists. Few seem to have noticed that since the war in Iraq began, terrorist attacks around the world have greatly decreased. There have been some, but not nearly on the scale as before the war. Iraq has been the flypaper for terrorists, and if we were not fighting them there, we would be fighting them in our own backyards. These terrorists have no choice but to fight there because if democracy gets a true foothold in the region, their form of extremism is doomed. Democracies may have disputes and argue with each other, but they do not go to war with each other.

FUTURE LEADERS OF AMERICA

Another great advantage of the war in Iraq is the training of the future leaders of America. This is not just military leaders, but as some articles have come out recently, corporations and other large organizations learned long ago that combat veterans make the best leaders. The prosperity we now enjoy is mostly owed to the World War II veterans who returned with a maturity, resolve, and endurance in numbers that were unprecedented in our history. It was inevitable that they would propel us to accomplishments that were unprecedented.

War is hell, it comes from hell, and no one in their right mind likes it. But if you are going to prevail in this present world, those who have been through its crucible will make the best leaders. From Vietnam, to the first Gulf War, to the recent and present conflicts, America is being salted with those who will prove to be some of our greatest leaders for a long time to come. This is a part of a Divine provision to preserve America for a long time to come, which will include some of the most difficult times the world has ever known.

I am thankful to live in a nation that values life so much that the loss of a single soldier is news and causes the nation to lament. However, just as no general could ever be successful if he were too concerned about casualties, America has to learn to accept the casualties we are now suffering as an acceptable price to pay in this war. We have, in fact, paid a very low price to date. Of course, many who have lost family members and friends may not feel this way, but it is a remarkable tribute to the character of the nation that so many of them do, and are very proud of their relatives and friends who paid the ultimate price for our sake.

FUTURE LEADERS FOR THE WORLD?

Iraq is a great nation with an extraordinary people, as is all of Biblical Assyria, Egypt, and their close cousin, Israel. Biblical Assyria includes all of the nations from present Iraq to the Sinai. Something remarkable in history is going to arise from that region, which is prophesied in Isaiah 19:19-25:

"In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord near its border.

"And it will become a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

"Thus the Lord will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day. They will even worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the Lord and perform it.

"And the Lord will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the Lord, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

"In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, 'Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.'" (NASB)

This is a Biblical prophecy which must be fulfilled and obviously has not yet been fulfilled. God is going to do something in this region that will be far beyond anything human diplomacy could ever accomplish and will cause the entire world to marvel. We cannot go into much detail now, but it is time for it to be fulfilled. As Daniel prayed when he recognized that it was time for the remnant to return from bondage to restore Jerusalem, let us begin to pray for it to now come to pass.

SUCH PEOPLE ARE WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Again, with all that they are facing, if the Iraqi people turn out to vote in as great numbers as it appears they will, they deserve to be acknowledged as the new heroes in the war against tyranny -- the true and courageous freedom fighters of the most noble kind who risked their lives to cast their vote. Such people are worth fighting for. PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE ELECTIONS AND THE NEW NATION THAT IS BEING BORN. IT COULD BE ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENTS SINCE THE REBIRTH OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL. These great people are worth the cost. I live my life for the coming kingdom, but confess to being thankful to be a citizen of a nation that has such values. I am likewise thankful for the other courageous and noble nations of the Coalition that feel likewise.

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Visions Of Devastation

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"Then, on December 25 at approximately 8:00 p.m. our time or 8:00 a.m. on December 26th at the Epicenter, God did just what he showed me in that vision, only not in the USA to my family members, but in Asia and impacting 12 countries and killing at least 150,000 people so far."

On Sunday, November 21st, after our Bible study that evening, a group of 14 of us from This Space Available Ministries marched around a set of buildings on Caldwell Street in downtown, Rock Hill, SC. God had led me to consider that set of buildings as our "Jericho," and I believed that if we marched around the buildings for seven days, kind of like the Israelites marched around their Jericho, that God would give us the land for us to possess. We need a building for our church, and as we prayer walked around those buildings, we believed God was going to provide us with a building. We had been praying for a building for four years. We had begun this process on the previous Monday and it ended on Sunday with us marching around the buildings seven times. On the seventh time around we shouted and we believed God was going to bring the walls down (figuratively speaking), though we did not really understand what that meant at that time.

During the week that followed, God opened his word to me in a way that I had never seen before, even though I have been a student of the Bible for fifty years. He was showing me all kinds of prophecies concerning End Times, and he was using me, my family, and those around me to illustrate for me what was going to happen in those final days. I have studied End Times before, but little of the particulars of it ever really stuck with me other than a very basic understanding of the events. So, I had few preconceived ideas concerning the events, the timing, or how it was all going to happen. What God was showing me was that marching around our "Jericho" was much bigger than just our little TSA group getting in a building. What he began showing me was that his coming is near and that the way we are to conquer our Jericho and our Canaan is by telling people that they need to repent and believe the Good News because the kingdom of God is near and Jesus is coming soon, and by being "Jesus" to the world around us in feeding the poor, providing for the needy, ministering to the hurting, the lonely, the imprisoned, etc.

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Then, that night at around 8:00 p.m. God gave me a vision of what he had previously shown me was going to happen, only this time it was as though it were really happening to my brother and all his family at that moment in time. The vision lasted around 40 minutes, I think. It was so real. I had never experienced anything like that before. I did not know if this had really taken place or if it was a vision of future events, but immediately after I had the vision, we celebrated our youngest son's 24th birthday. We celebrated it two days after his birthday. Our daughter had put the candles on the cake, but she forgot two of the candles, so after he had blown out his candles on the cake, she lit those separately and he blew those out. I felt this was significant at the time and that it was connected with the vision, but I did not know how. I thought perhaps God was telling me that this vision was going to be fulfilled in two years on our son's birthday, which will be the day after Thanksgiving in two years. And, I documented all of this in writing at the time in my journal and I shared all or parts of it with family members and with people in our Bible study group both verbally and in writing over the next several weeks.

Then, the Lord expanded the vision. He used the passage in Ezekiel 12, the book of Joshua and other OT passages in addition to the book of Revelation to give me a picture of what I believe he had in mind. He gave me a picture of him destroying a third of the earth and that he would leave survivors and that they would be exiles and that we would need to prepare cities of refuge for those exiles, one of which is to be in downtown Rock Hill, I believe. I felt he might be telling me that he wanted me to be a kind of Noah or a Joseph in preparing a storehouse of goods in preparation for when this destruction takes place so that the exiles have a place they can go and can have provisions for their needs. And, I believed I was also to be a type of Joshua in leading the children of God into the "Promised Land," though my thinking of what that meant was and is still incomplete.

I believe the Lord gave me a picture of being stranded on an "island" and that once God had removed the competition, he was going to use me as a leader in his church to see many people come to know Jesus. He used the story of the disciples fishing and not catching any fish and then Jesus showing them where to throw their nets and then them catching more fish than their boats could hold. I also read a story in "Sacred Romance," a book about our relationship with Jesus, that used the story of Forest Gump and Lt Dan on their shrimp boat and how they had not caught any fish and then a fierce storm came and wiped out all the competition and then they were able to catch lots of fish. I believed this was a picture of the beginning of the tribulation period after God pours out his judgment on the earth. I believe many people are going to repent of their sin and are going to turn to God during that time and that the "competition" that will be wiped out will be all those churches and religious leaders who are teaching a social gospel, so that the only gospel that will be preached at that time will be the gospel of repentance. And, I think this destruction is going to usher in the time of tribulation and the beginning of the rule of the Antichrist, though I don't think he is revealed to everyone until 3.5 years later.

Following those ten days of God flooding me with these visions of End Times, God woke me up early one morning with an urgency to go and tell people that the kingdom of God is near, that they need to repent and believe the Good News, because Jesus is coming soon. The events surrounding that are documented in another writing, so I will not repeat them here other than to state that God had me, an out of shape 55 year old woman, walk for 12 hours telling people everywhere I went that Good News of Jesus' second coming and of their need to repent. The 12 hour walk was grueling, and I faced a lot of ridicule and scorn along the way, and I have experienced the world hating me now in a way I had never known before, but all this was preparation for End Times.

My youngest son announced to us a couple of days later that he was getting married on December 23rd, which is my oldest brother's birthday (the brother in the vision). I felt at the time that there was something significant to this, as well. And, so I documented it. God had given me several visions connecting my brother to my youngest son, too, which for now I am just tucking away in my heart until God helps me to understand what they mean.

Then, on December 25 at approximately 8:00 p.m. our time or 8:00 a.m. on December 26th at the Epicenter, God did just what he showed me in that vision, only not in the USA to my family members, but in Asia and impacting 12 countries and killing at least 150,000 people so far. December 25th is two days after my brother's birthday, so perhaps in God connecting my son with my brother in the vision, God was telling me that the events in the vision were going to take place two days after my brother's birthday. My brother's name is Noel, which means Christmas. In my vision, I thought something was going to happen on November 25th (Thanksgiving Day), but in the vision God did what he had planned to do on November 26th at approximately 8:00 p.m. I find it interesting then that the earthquake in Asia took place on the 25th in our time zone and on the 26th at the Epicenter but the hour was the same, 8:00, just 12 hours apart. But, I also believe God was and is telling me "two years" for the USA during which time or before the time he pours out his judgment on us. He has given me that "two years" from many sources.

When I was led by God that day to go around the city and tell people that Jesus is coming soon, he told me to walk the length and the breadth of the land, but he did not provide a map and then he had me remove my glasses so that he would be my eyes, and later I traced on the map the path that he had me take and it was in the shape of an 8. Also, I read in an article that Jericho was in the shape of a pear, and the tracing on my map could also resemble a pear shape. I don't know what significance there is to the route he had me take on my walk or even if there is any other than I did walk the length of the land of Rock Hill and all the way to the east and part way to the west of Rock Hill. One thing else that I read was that Jericho was the city of Palms, and SC is the Palmetto State.

I had read in my quiet time just a couple of weeks ago the story of Gideon's call of God to save the Israelites from the hand of the Midianites. An angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon and said, "The LORD is with you, mighty warrior." Gideon's response was that if the Lord was with them then why were all these bad things happening to them. He felt abandoned by God. The LORD answered back, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" Gideon still questioned God as to how God would do this through them since they were so small in number and he was not important. The LORD answered, "I will be with you and you will strike down all the Midianites together." Then Gideon asked for a sign that it was really God talking to him, and God gave him a sign. I feel that God has now given me such a sign through the tragedy in Asia and through him showing me how this tragedy was a fulfillment or partial fulfillment of the vision that he gave to me. I, like Gideon, am not important and our numbers are even smaller than his, and in fact Gideon's army was cut back in size by God after that to an even smaller number, because God wanted to show that it was him doing it – he wanted to get the glory. God has been doing that same kind of sifting process in TSA, in removing those who lack faith in what he has promised, so that those that are left are the ones he can use to take this land for Jesus. And, our numbers are so small and we are so insignificant, that it will be obvious that it is God doing it and not us.

I have been teaching a series on "Taking the Land," based upon the events in the book of Joshua and paralleling them to the New Testament. Nonetheless, I did not realize until the evening of January 3, 2005, though, that it had been recorded in numerous documents that the fall of Jericho, the conquering of the Promised Land and Joshua leading the Israelites to the Promised Land were events foreshadowing End Times and God's judgment on the earth and Jesus taking us to the Promised Land. I was reading up on Jericho, the conquest of Canaan, and was trying to find something to show me the time that took place between the fall of Jericho and the rest God gave them from war and their possessing and dividing up the land, but I could not find anything that gave me the time frame. My point was going to be to our young adults that even though we marched around our Jericho a month ago, that does not mean that God is going to immediately give us the land. The Israelites had to go in and take the land and they had to fight battles and it says in the Bible that it took a "long time." I want them to understand that we have to show ourselves faithful to God in conquering the land for Jesus as God directs us prior to us getting to possess the land. But, in my preparation for this, God showed me so much more. God basically confirmed for me that what he had shown me a month ago was true and was from him and that our marching around our Jericho basically opened the way for his conquest, his judgment on the land, and that it will not end with Asia. Perhaps what took place in Asia is just a foreshadowing of what is going to take place in the USA in the near future, not a Tsunami, perhaps, but something of that magnitude or worse.

I believe God has shown me a lot that I don’t fully comprehend and that he is filling in the pieces to the puzzle a little bit at a time, but one thing I am most certain of is that he is coming soon, that we are entering the End Times, that his judgment is going to be poured out and is being poured out on the earth, that he is going to leave survivors and that there is going to be an exile and that we are to be getting people ready and getting supplies ready for a disaster in the USA far beyond anything we could possibly imagine. And, I believe that disaster is going to usher in the Tribulation period and the rise of the Antichrist to power. I don’t know with any certainty that this is going to happen in exactly two years, though I feel that is very possible, but I do know it is soon and we need to get the word out to as many as possible that they need to repent and believe the Good News. I remember watching a movie recently that was about the return of the Ice Age due to global warming. It had a lot of political statements in it, but one thing stood out to me. When the government finally accepted the prophecy concerning the destruction that was coming on the face of the earth and the reality that many lives would be lost, the advice that followed was “save as many as possible.” I think that is the advice God is giving us right now.

The Bible says we will not know the day or the hour of Christ’s return, but we will know when it is close at the door by the signs. Though God’s Word says that Jesus’ coming will be like a thief in the night for those who are not ready, it also says that it should not surprise us like a thief in the night, but that we should be expecting his return so much that we are looking to the sky expectantly. I believe the signs point to him coming soon! He wants us all to be ready and waiting for his return. Are you ready?

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Vision of Florida

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As this wind was blowing and blowing, it caused the dry land to increase. This dry land replaced large areas of land where grass and trees had been growing. As the wind increased, it was as if all I could see was a blur. Then, it moved, and left.

I saw the aftermath of the action of the wind. There was a great deal of destruction. People were crying out in fear, pain, and terror. There was loss of life of people and animals. Buildings and homes were destroyed. Fields and forests were destroyed.

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Vision Of Gold and Fire

Judith Grobelny

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This vision began with the fiery cloud of God that He has shown at other times. It was the fiery person of God, the Father being the outer covering, or creative head, over all.

The vast fire that is Jesus in the very heart of all of God’s creative redeeming love blazed and appeared almost a mixture of fire and blood, within the very heart of the cloud.

Extending from the cloud was a long arm of cloud that became as a finger that extended His life to all His creation – a finger gentle and yet powerful and precise – the Holy Spirit who continues to bring God’s personal touch to all He has created.

As I watched the fire began to erupt and flow, unstoppable, pouring upwards and outwards from this heart. It was like something erupting out of heaven and beginning to flow out high above the whole earth.

It began to rain down drops of gold and fire. Both gold and fire fell together into a great ocean (which I felt represented the ocean of humanity), and they were unchanged on contact with the sea. They continued moving, flowing, accomplishing God’s purpose as He continued to pour out of heaven without ceasing.

I understood as I watched that this outpouring would bring change to the very substance of all we know – nothing could remain untouched or unchanged except by deliberately erecting a barrier to it which would be extremely dangerous as it would leave deep darkness behind the barrier. There was a separation that became very distinct, fire or deep darkness.

Wherever the gold and fire touched, there was a turning around and a flow back towards the source of the eruption.

I felt the Lord quietly saying that this was shortly to come. That we should not be afraid or discouraged by what we saw but embrace the fire and gold and let it do it’s work in our lives.

The Lord reminded me that He had spoken of birth pangs and the signs that would be visible in this age and asked if He would have spoken in such a way if it were not true. I felt He was saying that there has been selective hearing and believing of His Word but all that He speaks is true. Men can not imagine what is to come.

Look around among the nations! For what you see will completely astound you! For what is going to be done in your days you will not believe, even when you are told.” Hab.1:5 (CJB)

I felt the Lord asking “Would you have things remain exactly as they are?” I felt that He was saying this was the time when He would move and many who have cried out and prayed will know that they have been heard.

I heard Him say there is yet another book to be written, and it will be The Book of Completion. All things will be brought to completion in the right way at the right time. I had a sense that it was going to be read in heaven; the book that contained the completion of all things He has ever spoken, and they will all have come to pass.

I will stand at my watch post; I will station myself on the rampart. I will look to see what God will say through me and what I will answer when I am reproved.
“Write down the vision clearly on tablets, so that even a runner can read it. For the vision is meant for its appointed time; it speaks of the end, and it does not lie. It may take a while, but wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.” Hab. 2:1-3 (CJB)

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Vision Of The Father On The Throne

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On 6-18-05,

I had an encounter with the Lord as we were driving back from a meeting in Syracuse, NY. I have not felt released until now to share this occurrence in a public forum. But the Father wants His People to know that it is time to rise up and be seated with Him in the heavenly places and to commune with Him. He has much to say to His People, but most don't take the time to be with Him.

-Susan

I was sitting in the passenger seat as Pastor Patrick O'Marra was driving back from the meeting. I then became aware that a cherubim was sitting between us as we rode. I usually see them as a fire, and a red/orange color. He remained that color for a minute or so, then changed to a green color. The same color as the emerald shekinah glory that is over the Throne. I then knew that we were about to be caught up.

I then found myself standing on a path or level of sorts. It was laid out ahead of me. I also knew by my standing there, that there were other levels above me, stacked up one upon another, in the Spirit, and that the Lord had chosen for me to walk upon this one. There were 12 levels in this realm.

The level was made of Spirit. Everything is made from the Father and of His Spirit. I knew this by the Fathers will. It was solid, but also moved as I walked on it. My steps made a glowing light on the level as I walked. Light shined up from under my feet as I stepped on the level. It looked almost like liquid.

I walked for a few moments and then I saw the Throne ahead of me. I saw the 7 burning ones that stand before the Throne, and they were facing me. I saw the Father through them.

The Father was seated upon His Throne, and the Glory that emanated from Him shone outwards in a ball or spherical shape as it emanated a fiery Light. As I watched, the Father began to change, and He began to show me more of Himself, and the colors of the Glory changed and pulsated. I watched, and He gave me understanding of His desire for me to know Him more. So He began to unfold a portion of Himself to me.

He said to me that the 7 burning ones were standing before Him, and they filtered the Glory through themselves to me, because I could not look upon Him, as He revealed more to me. So they deflected the power and the Glory, so I could learn. They were my filter through which I could view Him in this greater way.

Then, I began to feel His Heart. He was grieved.

He said to me, that He was grieved, that so few of His People came to Him, or desired to know Him. They say they love Him, but their hearts are far from Him. So few, care to come up higher in their understanding and learn of Him. It angered Him to see their lack of love and hardening hearts. So few want Him, but they pursue all their fleshly desires with abandon, and hardly give Him time or thought. So, He was not going to call those who did not desire Him or did not want to be with Him anymore. He was only coming to those who are His.

Then, the Lord said to me, that this was all I could take of His Glory and Presence for now. He told me I must leave and the vision faded before me.

2 Co 12:2-4

Eph 1 :17-22

Col 3:1-4

Eph 1: 15-19 2:4-6

Rev. 21 : 9-27

-Susan Cummings

6-18-05

Vision Of The King On His Throne

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My husband and I were praying for a friend, a prophet, affiliated with our group Secta 7 at one of our member's home in the Conroe area, just outside of Houston, TX and the Woodlands. She invited my husband to lay hands on our friend Simba for he had come a long way to Houston to be ministered to after having a rough time in his life.

Simba is a prophet like John the Baptist but people thought he was crazy because he would be preaching on the streets. So they locked him up in an asylum for a little while. But Simba was not crazy; he just spoke what God told him. Simba was talking to God and God spoke to him every day. Then he had this very rough period in his life and had gotten out of that tribulation and snare of Satan, he was sad because he did not hear God speak at all to him. Simba being used to hearing the voice of the Lord every day like anyone talking to you in the physically realm was very sadden about it and came to Houston, were his friends were to get encouragement.

While in Houston, our friend O.N.E. Miller took him to the church were she is the youth pastor and while church service was going on, the pastor laid hands on him. Later that night Simba had his first dream since the period of tribulation. In his dream my husband laid hands on him and he was better, nothing was wrong again. Simba said that his dream was so real that when he awoke, he thought that my husband was in the room so he got up to look for him around the house.

So O.N.E. called my husband the next day and told him about Simba's dream. A couple of days passed where my husband was so busy that he couldn't go see Simba especially since we live an hour away from O.N.E. So finally the opportunity came where my husband and I got to see Simba.

So we ate dinner at our friend's home and then we prayed for Simba. During this time I thought that I heard thunder outside. But it was not raining and was not suppose to rain. It was very cold outside and clear. While we were still praying for Simba the room became hot like the Holy Spirit landed on us and I heard thunder again. After my husband finished laying hands on Simba like his dream said he would, I asked everyone, "Hey did ya'll hear the thunder?" And they said no, that I always hear stuff when we pray so I was confused on if I actually did hear thunder. But as I continued to think, I just knew that I had heard thunder.

So then my husband asked if anyone else needed prayer and O.N.E. said "Do you mind anointing the house?" And my husband said ok. So we prayed over O.N.E. and her house in agreement with the things my husband spoke. Then all of a sudden my husband began to pray over me but I didn't remember him saying that they were praying for me next because I was slain in the spirit and laying on the floor. I guess we were praying for O.N.E. and then they moved toward me and I had been knocked out by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I do remember that I was on the floor lying on my back, shaking when all of a sudden I saw the sky open. I was on the floor inside of our friend's home and there before me are clouds that slowly rolled back like the opening of a scroll. Once the cloud opened, I saw God sitting there on His throne in brilliant white/silver color with a crown on his head. Jesus was in his face at the same time He was standing on the Right side of God's throne. The throne was so huge that all I could see was a huge God sitting. I saw only his face smiling and his legs sitting and his feet. God was so big. So big I can't describe it. In his face was his face but Jesus was in it. It was so cool!!! Then on both sides of the throne there were angels. Tons of angels and they all were looking at me and they told me to laugh. Laugh and get the stress out and the fear out and the pain and hurt from years of feeling down and burdened from life. And then I saw a glimpse of my grandma and they all were ministering to me and worshiping God at the same time. The love of God and his mercy I saw and so I began to reach for God and I thought that it was my time to go and I kept on reaching for God and then it faded away and I saw that I was still laying on the floor and I was sad because I wanted to be with God so much. No pain, no hurt, just love and comfort. I was on the flooring shaking because although I was lying down, my spirit was standing and when God appeared, every knee shall bow and tongue confess that Christ is Lord; my stand bowed down at the awesomeness of God.

After the vision went away, I saw my husband and our friends and Simba said, "What did you see, was someone talking to you?" And I asked, "How did you know someone was talking to me and that I sent something?" And he said, "I just discerned it, I don't know." I described the vision to all present and they were like, "Whoa all of that happened?" And so I said, "Yeah. Cool isn't it."

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Victory Over the Powers of Darkness

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I praise God because the fight that we are engaged in is "the good fight of faith". It is a good fight because the outcome has already been decided. Our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ has prevailed over the enemy, and we are standing in His victory. One of the reasons why many Christians are being greatly discouraged by the enemy is because they are fighting as those that are defeated ones that are trying to gain the victory. But we must see the truth that will set us free, that on the cross of Calvary, Jesus Christ stripped satan of his power and authority. Now, all power has been given to the One who sits on the throne, and He is waiting for His Church to exercise that authority on the earth.

"Who has delivered us from the power (authority) of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." (Colossians 1:13). The Lord is not going to deliver us, but He has already delivered us. This the standing of every child of God. Regardless of the spiritual state of the child of God whether in victory or defeat, the reality is that we are in Christ. The truths of our identification with Christ will bring us into victory in our actual every day experience. But as long as we are trying to fight the battle, then we will be greatly frustrated.

Every child of God has been crucified with Christ positionally. Romans 6:6 gives us this glorious truth: "Knowing this that our old man is crucified with Him that the body of sin might be destroyed, so that henceforth we would not serve sin." Every believer is in Christ, and when our Lord went to the cross and died, He not only bore our sins, but He also carried our sinful selves. So that the old man, which is everything in Adam that we were in ourselves has been crucified with Him. This is a wonderful fact that every born again Christian must embrace. We are not trying to crucify ourselves, because Christ has already done it. Now the practical working out of this crucifixion of the old man occurs as we reckon ourselves to be dead to sin but alive unto God. Our faith is on what Christ has already done for us, and the Holy Spirit is the one that makes this a reality in our every day lives. The devil can have no power over a crucified man. The old carnal nature or the flesh was the playground of the devil, but this ground of operation has been done away with in Christ. Just as the enemy had no place of operation in our Lord, our place of safety is to abide in Him.

Those that are in Christ Jesus have been made alive in Christ, have risen with Him, and are seated together with Him in the heavenly places. Again this speaks of our legal standing in Christ Jesus, and every believer has been put into a position of spiritual ascendancy. Christ is the Head and the Church is the Body, and because the enemy is under the feet of Christ, he is also under the feet of all those that are a part of that Body.

The enemy is always looking for a empty house to dwell in, so it is essential that every born again Christian would be filled with the Spirit. Overcoming the enemy is not merely a negative thing where we are all the time resisting the devil, but it is positive in that the things of God will always overcome the powers of darkness. Light always overcomes darkness. Life always overcomes death, and " whosoever is born of God overcomes the world. (1John 5:4) "The Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:2). So the overcoming Christian is not just trying to hold his ground, but he is going forth as one that is more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus. He is partaking in the ministry of Jesus Christ, who was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. The army of God has been commissioned to deliver those that are in captivity to the enemy. Jesus said that when the enemy is cast out by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God was in manifestation. While the church is pre-occupied in a debate about whether or not a Christian can have a demon, the strongholds of the enemy remain in many lives of born again Christians.

Jesus Christ is our great commander in chief, and He has equipped His Church with everything that she needs to wage a successful warfare against the powers of darkness. "The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but are mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." (2 Cor. 10:4).

The Word admonishes us that we are not to be ignorant of the devices and wiles of the devil, and there are many Christians that are defeated because either they do not believe that the enemy is a threat to them or they go to the other extreme in being pre-occupied with demonology. Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ is the One that always causes us to triumph, and our victory comes from knowing Him and keeping our eyes on Him, who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Vision of a Train Yard

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I saw a massive Train Yard. In the middle of the train yard was a turntable that re-directed locomotives and boxcars. Surrounding the turntable were many different tracks—leading in every direction. Many locomotives would pull an enormous train of boxcars to the turntable, detach from the cars, drive onto the turntable, turn in a completely different direction, and then re-attach to a new trail of boxcars (train).

Some distance from the turntable, I saw many locomotives and boxcars that had sat stationary for some time. Though they had collected dust, they were very sound mechanically, as they were regularly serviced as they sat, that they would be ready at a moments' notice to be dispatched to any of the countless tracks heading in every direction.

Toward the end of the vision, I could hardly believe my eyes at the enormity of the train yard, as the expanse was beyond what the eyes and mind could fully comprehend.

It was during the vision that I realized the completed trains were churches and ministries. The turntable represented new relationships, new associations, new directions and new partnerships unfolding in the Body of Christ abroad.

I also understood the stationary or inactive locomotives and boxcars to represent saints who had been placed in "service bays," to be re-tuned as the result of long-overdue rest, restoration and healing. Many of these had, over time, very subtly drifted into nearly unshakable postures of sadness and despair, as they had faced many fiery trials in their previous courses. They had witnessed and experienced measures of warfare that left them deeply wounded, numb and despondent. For they had encountered *false brethren*, *tares among the wheat*, and *wolves among sheep*. They were disillusioned, as they had come to realize that the worst warfare they had faced to date was that *within* the Body of Christ. They had begun to doubt that they would ever again wish to re-engage their gifts and ministries. They had begun to doubt that they would ever see the truly Glorified Church, moving in authentic power and transforming entire cities and nations. However, these saints were rapidly approaching re-deployment. In fact, most of these "resting and healing" boxcars and locomotives were surprised, and caught off-guard, as they were unexpectedly called upon to deploy--suddenly. Though caught off-guard, they were yet ready for service, more ready than they realized, and they moved toward the turntable with strength, resolve and confidence—beyond any measure that they had walked in, previous.

As I looked toward the skyline in the closing moments of this vision, I saw a massive calendar. The heading of the calendar read, "**8 – August**." I new immediately that the activity I was seeing was to occur between now and the month of August.

As I have prayed about this vision over a period of a few weeks at this point, I have come to believe that over the next seven months, the Holy Spirit will be imparting specific direction, confirmation and affirmation to the steps of many of His saints, with respect to critical and vital relationships, partnerships and directions in ministry.

To those that are in a place where they are to plant-roots and delve deeper into the ministry or church that they are currently in, deeper relationships will occur. As well, new relationships will be birthed. New levels in gifting and anointing will be poured-out. Restructuring and repositioning of members of given ministries and churches will be quick, decisive and will be carried out with precision.

To those who have felt an impending change on the geographic horizon, vivid dreams will occur. Signs will be given; relationships will be birthed suddenly and unexpectedly, and will represent links to entirely new directions toward ministries and churches in different locales.

I was strongly impressed with Ephesians 4:16(b), "…the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body…"

I believe the heightened activity level within this context, is that in preparation for the times ahead in 2006. I believe that events will unfold in 2006 that will require the Body of Christ to be planted decisively, and with unyielding resolve, in places and positions of service that are tailor-made for our individual gifts and callings. I believe that the key to seeing the signs and hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in this hour, and specifically with respect to the next 7 months, will be that found within the practical and prayerful application of John 5:19 and John 5:30. In John 5:19, Jesus declared that He only did what He *saw the Father doing*. In John 5:30, Jesus declared that He only did what He *heard the Father saying*. In this context, I believe it is critical in this hour, and at this very moment, to adopt the prayer that asks for "the eyes to see" and "the ears to hear" what the Father is *doing and saying* to each of us, with respect to the massive turntable that many of us are rapidly approaching within this calendar year.

I have prayed that all who find receipt of this word would be quickened with a call to discern the rapid changes approaching each of us as the year unfolds.

A blanket of grace over each of you today, is my prayer.

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Warnings To Take Heed
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> *But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to* ***warn*** *the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of* ***them****, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.'* ***Ezekiel 33:6***
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> *They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the* ***prophets****, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.* ***Isaiah 30:10***

"Be aware that I am a God who looks out for the needy and for those who have nothing. I have stockpiles of food and supplies for those who have need of them. In times of crisis I am there to swiftly come to the aid. But I tell you that there are even greater crisis's and events that are coming upon the horizon. For I have told some that Russia and China will invade this United States. Will you be ready for the onslaught? Will there be a preparedness in your government for this action? I tell you that there will be places of refuge set aside for that time. Woe to those prophets and apostles who speak of brighter days ahead. Woe to those who say that all will be well. For many of them are well-known among you. They have buried their heads in the sand. But to those who speak my truth, you will warn the people and some will take heed. "

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Who Is Ready For These Days
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[43]But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. [44]So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matt. 24:43-45

He said: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; [3] *my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior— from violent men you save me.* [4] *I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.* 2 Samuel 22:2-4

"I tell you that the time is quickly approaching when cities of refuge will be set aside for my people. For there will be a time of devastation that hits upon the United States. The cycle of the seasons will show this. For spring will give rise to summer, and summer will give rise to fall. I tell that great hordes are coming. An army of immense proportions will come upon your shores. Submarines and fleets will come to your coast. It will be at a time when your eyes are looking elsewhere. I tell you that the safety net has been lifted from your United States. No longer are you called the land of the free and the home of the brave; and yet I will reach out to those who are in need of Me. The great purging has begun, and the time of the great cleansing is coming. And yet, I will raise my sons and daughters up in this hour. Great manifestations of my spirit will happen. The lame will walk and the blind will see. Who is ready for the se days? Will you be ready and will you have your lamps trimmed and ready?"

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Woe To The Inhabitants Of The Earth

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The Judgment of the Houses

I dreamed that I was at my aunt's house and I was outside playing. The sky was dark and lightening was in the North. Then a great darkness arose and lightening struck the house in front of my aunt's and the house vanished by the power of the lightening.

With a house on both sides of that lot I asked of my aunt, "Where is the house?" Better yet the thought was "Was there ever a house there?" Because the infliction of the lightening had caused the earth to be untilled and abandoned, it looked as though nothing was every there; only grass and concrete.

This disturbed me because the thought that there never were a house stayed in my mind and I forgot that lightening had struck it and all that stayed with me was the fact that lightening was upon us and a great darkness was near. It reminded me of these words from the book of Isaiah:

Behold, Jehovah empties the land and makes it bare, and distorts its face, and scatters its inhabitants. (2) And as *it is* with the people, so it shall be with the priest; as with the servant, so with the master; as with the handmaid, so it is with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. (3) The land shall be completely emptied, and utterly stripped; for Jehovah has spoken this Word. (4) The earth mourns *and* languishes; the world droops *and* languishes; the proud people of the earth droop. (5) And the land is defiled under its people; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and have broken the everlasting covenant. (6) Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and they who dwell in it are deserted; therefore the people of the earth are burned, and few men left. **(Isaiah 24:1-6)**

As soon as I thought this, I saw a thing in the sky and it came near and it was the image of a plane but it was not one, more like a spaceship from NASA mixed with the body of a plane and it was too low to the houses and a great fear entered my thoughts.

As soon as I turned to see where it was going it crashed with a great boom across the street of my aunt's house in that now vacant lot and a fire arose from it and the house that was gone appeared again burning in wild flames. The fire came towards my aunt's house and was on the roof of the porch. My aunt's house does not have a porch, but in the dream it did.

And I saw it and it grew hot and I ran inside and told my aunt of the fire. She went outside to make it stop spreading and I got something to put the fire out and went outside. Once outside, the fire had stopped and little damage was done to the front porch roof.

But across the street that house was warped and had a huge roof and a small house, like something stamped it with words that ran across the front side. It was as if someone took a waffle or pancake into a waffle maker and when done, there was a print in the pancake or waffle. Or when a cartoonist draws your picture and your head is big and the body is drawn smaller. This is what was done to the house.

Then I turned around and behind our house I saw a downtown structure and another plane was flying into it and it crashed and a big boom was heard and the earth shook a little. I turned on the news and no word was heard of it so I went back outside and once again another plane, the third plane, was flying and this time it was shaped funny. It was not a plane but rather an image of a closed book with colors on it. And it flew and ran into another house on the side of my aunt's and a great boom was heard. I saw that the house was warped into a different version of that house with something written on it. Then I went inside of my aunt's house.

Interpretation:

I believe that I saw the same message that Nita Johnson talks about in her book Prepare for the Winds of Change II, when an angel said to her:

“Judgment is coming to the lovers of the world. Those unrepentant and cripplers of the children, fear.” Then Nita wrote, “This he said as he touched the housetops with his large sword. Unlike the angel of war, this rider conquers through judgment… He was giving me the call of the watchman.

Son of man, speak to the sons of your people, and say to them: When I bring the sword on it, on a land, and take one man from the people of the land, of their borders, and set him for their watchman; if, when he sees the sword come on the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people, then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword does come and take him away, his blood shall be on his own head. **(Ezekiel 33:2-4)**

When is the watchman called? When he sees the sword coming upon the land….he is to cry the word of warning to the people- all the people.” Finally she added, “The second revelation I received… would be fully brought to an ultimate conclusion, yielding to the coming of the red horse.”

-Nita Johnson, Prepare for the Winds of Change II

I knew that God had called me to be a prophetess a few years ago. After that, I have had many dreams and visions and messages from Him to repent and about the end times. He was confirming this in the dream and letting me know that first, I am a watchman. Secondly, He was allowing me to see what will happen in the future when He begins to judge the saints and the nations. I will take this dream apart piece by piece for the interpretation. This is what the first part of my dream meant:

1. My **aunt’s house** is the place I grew up in. But it also represents a place of constant teaching, a familiar place when God takes me in my dreams to show me things. It is not a literally place for future events but a symbolic one in my dreams, one of teaching me the ways of God.
2. I was **playing outside** represents me getting ready for God to show me things. I am always playing basketball or something in the front yard in my dreams before the main events happen that God is showing me. Could be a preparation for me in my dreams. I also researched from biblical dream interpreters that the Front yard, porch, could mean outreach and evangelism to the church. And that playing could mean worship.
3. The **sky was dark** and **lightening was in the North** meant that judgment was about to begin. Lightening in another dream of mine and in this one represented God’s wrath or judgment. The North represented the place in which God was starting to come from with His wrath.
4. The **darkness** continued until the whole sky was dark meant that judgment was upon us and the **lightening hitting the house** in front of where I was represented the judgment of the Church, or those who claim to know God first. That although judgment was here, it would begin with those who know the Lord first.

For the time *has come* for the judgment to begin from the house of God. And if *it* first *begins* from us, what *will be* the end of those disobeying the gospel of God? And if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? **(1 Peter 4:17-18)**

5. The **house vanishing by the lightening** could mean two things. One, like the scripture says that if the judgment began with us, what will be the end of those who are not saved? Because we know that we hope in Christ but all who are not saved are damned to hell. So if judgment starts with us, there will be some who call themselves Christians who barely escape hell, the vanishing of the house could mean that hardly no one is left who came out spotless after the judgment. Maybe a lot of people in the church were found by God to be hypocrites and lovers of the world, therefore destroyed.
6. The **houses** on both lots represent the three houses of the world. The church or saints of Jesus, the nation of Israel and the pagans or non-saved.
7. I asked of my aunt, **“Where is the house?”** Better yet the thought was **“Was there ever a house there?”** Because the infliction of the lightening had caused the earth to be untilled and abandoned and it looked as though nothing was every there; only grass and concrete. Just like

the scripture from Isaiah, I was also reminded of this quote from the bible as well. This is what God was showing me when I began to ask questions of if the house was ever there because it was as if no house ever were there because of the desolation. As God showed me how it will be like the beginning of time in Genesis when the earth was void all over again during the time of His judgments.

For My people *are* foolish; they have not known Me; they are stupid sons, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. (23) I looked on the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. (24) I looked on the mountains, and, lo, they quaked; and all the hills were shaken. (25) I looked, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled. (26) I looked, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down before the face of Jehovah, before His fierce anger. (27) For so Jehovah has said, The whole land shall be desolate, yet I will not make a full end. (28) The earth shall mourn for this, and the heavens above shall be black, because I have spoken, I have purposed, and will not repent, nor will I turn back from it. (29) Every city shall flee from the sound of the horsemen and bowmen. They shall go into thickets and climb up among the rocks. All the city is abandoned, and not a man shall live in them. (30) And you, O desolate one, what will you do? Though you dress with crimson, though you put on ornaments of gold, though you make your eyes large with paint, you shall make yourself beautiful in vain; your lovers will despise you; they will seek your life. (31) For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, the anguish as one bearing her first child, the voice of Zion's daughter, gasping and spreading her hands, *saying*, Woe to me now! For my soul faints because of murderers. **(Jeremiah 4:22-31)**

8. The **three planes** represented the fullness of the trinity and three represents the coming together of the three houses.
9. The **first plane** that had the image of a plane mixed with a spaceship hit the house representing the church, and it spread fire. That **fire** was the Holy Spirit and represented revival. Since the church had been judged, it was now able to walk out of the fire purged and clean and made anew, able to preach with the power of God and anointing and fearlessness and boldness for the end times. No more denominations and dogmas and doctrines, only the word of God and His power. So the house was stamped and the roof was big and house was small because the roof represented God’s will, power and spirit, not man’s, who was represented by the bottom part of the house which had gotten small due to the judgments and the words stamped were a stamp of approval from God and a stamp which said it had been judged and those who came out clean were able to do God’s work and those who did not were turned away to depart from God because He did not know them. They had did God’s work for themselves and their own reputation. The **fire of God’s spirit came towards my aunt’s house** and was on the **roof of the porch**. This represented the fact that the heat was so hot from God’s spirit that it was spreading. A biblical dream interpreter said that the roof represented the mind; meditation; logic or natural; shield or covering of protection; heavenly revelation; prayer; declaration; complete overview; ability to see all, both good and evil. The fire of the spirit hit the roof and we, as humans did not know what to do at first so we tried to think of ways to put it out, but when we got outside, it was already out with no damage done. God was just showing me that change and revolution is sometimes not taken seriously or accepted by the church, but when the end time revival comes, it will spread anyway like it never has before and that we do not need to be afraid of the hot heat because it is the only thing that will separate the those who really love God from those who say that they do. Heat brings patience and longsuffering and kindness and all of the fruits of the spirit.
10. The **second plane** hit the city, which represented the world and the unsaved. This represented the judgment of the world. It happened so fast that the news did not have time to talk about it. I also saw the news because it is the only thing that unsaved people will listen to and watch in times like this instead of hearing God and praying, so when the news had nothing to offer them, they had no hope and no source of information to rely on.
11. And **the third plane**, whose image was a plane but really was a book with many colors on the front represented God hitting the nation of Israel with his spirit and truth. The book was the word and the knowledge of the Messiah, Jesus Christ was given to them along with the opportunity to accept Him as their savior. The 144,000, the 12 tribes of Israel, in which they believed the words of the New Testament, began to preach it on earth. I saw that the house was **warped into a different version of that house with something written on it**. This also represented the grafting of both the Church and the nation of Israel together to represent the closing of the fullness

of the gentiles. One of the signs of the end times. The book, which was the word, had the names of all of His people in it, the Book of Life, which is also the word of God. Because the word is living and the word was with God and was God and that word was Jesus Christ and all who accept him are His and He, the shepherd knows His sheep.

Repent for the Kingdom of God is At Hand

While inside I began to tell my house about God and tried to tell my cousins and family to repent and come back to God because the end time was near. But they were troubled not in their heart, and only a few of them repented. Those that were not troubled longed for the things of this world, money and material wealth and thought nothing wrong with the world even as it was being destroyed. But the few that did heed to the words of God heard them well. And then the scene changed.

Now, then, fear Jehovah, and serve Him in sincerity and truth. And put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt, and serve Jehovah. And if it seems evil to you to serve Jehovah, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served Beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.
(Joshua 24:14-15)

Say to them: *As* I live, says the Lord Jehovah, I have no delight in the death of the wicked, except in the turning of the wicked from his way, and *so to* live. Turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? **(Ezekiel 33:11)**

But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. **(Luke 13:5)**

Then Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ to remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **(Acts 2:38)**

Therefore repent and convert so that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from *the* presence of the Lord. **(Acts 3:19)**

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God draws near. Repent, and believe the gospel. **(Mark 1:15)**

Abomination of Desecration

Everyone was running on the freeways towards the west. Then they turned and went back east away from an unseen terror. My family that was with me, I do not remember who all was there, we watched the mass of people run back from which they came and a vision came to me in my dream of what they were running from. This was the open vision that I had in my dream:

There was a temple and it dark and powerful and inside of it was an image of a pig and a beast. And the beast was being worshiped and the pig slaughtered and great was the wrath of God in this that the whole world shook at the abomination of this deed.

But when you see the abomination of desolation, that spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (let him who reads understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
(15) And let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. (16) And let him who is in the field not turn back again in order to take up his garment.
(17) But woe to those with *babe* in womb, and to those who give suck in those days! (18) And pray that your flight is not in the winter. (19) For *in* those days shall be affliction, such as has not been from *the* beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never *shall* be. (20) And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved. But for the elect's sake, whom He has chosen, He has shortened the days. **(Mark 13:14-20)**

“…Jesus is referring to the book of Daniel. That is, "Let the reader understand the book of Daniel." For Daniel talks about a desolating sacrilege, an "abomination of desolation," which is to be set up in the temple and will defile and profane the temple. In Second Thessalonians the Apostle Paul evidently is referring to that very sacrilege when he speaks of the "man of sin" who is to appear, who will take his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming that he himself is God. This is the world-wide religion of the last days." *-WATCH ! by Ray C. Stedman*

Then the vision ended and I saw in my dream the people who fell afraid and ran in terror of both the beast and of God. And some hid in caves and under bridges from the might of God and some ran in fear of the beast and wished to repent but it was too late, for they forsook God a while back and in that most unforgivable sin, they took to a new master and heard his voice and took his mark, but when they saw the might of God, they wanted to leave the beast but could not. Everyone who hid was still destroyed from the mountains falling on top of them.

And a third angel followed them, saying with a great voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark in his forehead or in his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the anger of God, having been mixed undiluted in the cup of His wrath. And he will be tormented by fire and brimstone before the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever. And they have no rest day or night, those who worship the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name. **(Revelation 14:9-11)**

And they shall begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us! And to the hills, Cover us! **(Luke 23:30)**

And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from *the* face of Him sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath has come, and who will be able to stand? **(Revelation 6:15-17)**

Sinners just rewards: the Great Woes upon the Earth

So others ran in fear and thinking that they would escape the beast by running from it, stood another judge in the east. And He slew those who ran from the beast, those who took his mark and now wanted to leave him. Among them stood unbelievers and many church goers who said in word that they believed God but in deed, their faith was dead. Carnal Christians and sinful ones, ones who played with God and in the eyes of others made the name of Christianity fall short of what it was meant to be, those among them who played with God but were yet lukewarm.

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. **(Revelation 3:15-16)**

For the love of money is a root of all evils, of which some having lusted after, they were seduced from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. **(1 Timothy 6:10)**

For men will be self-lovers, money-lovers, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **(2 Timothy 3:2)**

And because of this, God allowed them, by their own free will to forsake him in fear and because they were lukewarm, He devoured them with the host of his enemy. And Satan laughed at them without pity and he said to them that God removed their protection because they chose not to repent and where neither on his side fully or on Satan's side, therefore Satan had the right to destroy them.

And all that ran away from the beast were smote in ruins upon the land and great woes where then cast upon the earth.

Behold, I am throwing her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction, unless they repent of their deeds. **(Revelation 2:22)**

Remember then how you have received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. **(Revelation 3:3)**

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured *with* the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah has spoken. **(Isaiah 1:19-20)**

Nita Johnson wrote in her book “So God is sending the sword of judgment, removing his protection from even the saints ‘who are lovers of this world’, thus allowing heavy enemy attack. Some will die under it; others will turn to vile sin as that is where their hearts are. Destruction will be the result.”
-Nita Johnson, Prepare for the Winds of Change II

And the rest of the men who were not killed by these plagues *still* did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and golden, and silver, and bronze, and stone, and wooden idols (which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk). **(Revelation 9:20)**

And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. **(Revelation 9:21)**

And men were burned with great heat. And they blasphemed the name of God, He having authority over these plagues. And they did not repent in order to give Him glory. **(Revelation 16:9)**

And they blasphemed the God of Heaven because of their pains and their sores. And they did not repent of their deeds. **(Revelation 16:11)**

“Remember that John says of certain individuals in First John 2:19, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out, that it might be plain that they all are not of us." Every age witnesses those seeming Christians who begin well, seem to be bright and happy and committed, but who begin to fade away under the pressures and tensions of the times. As those tensions and pressures increase, sometimes to the severing of the dearest family ties, there are many who turn back and thus reveal that they never really had life from Christ. This is why we have those passages such as that in Hebrews 6 warning us that we are to be sure that the life we have is real, genuine, founded in Jesus Christ. For he who endures to the end will be saved.” – *taken from WATCH! By Ray C. Stedman*

But some stood and watched who did not run away from the beast but went to make war with it. And as my family stood in what seemed to be the sidelines. We made a choice to make war with the beast. So we began to debate if we should go get our bibles from my aunt’s house. However:

And let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. (16) And let him who is in the field not turn back again in order to take up his garment. (17) But woe to those with *babe* in womb, and to those who give suck in those days! **(Mark 13:15-17)**

Now the party of us grew more and it seemed that not just my family but some others as well. And some said the journey might be to long and unwise while we needed to go in haste to the war. So we left those who were complaining and saying that the journey was unwise.

But that which was sown on the stony places is this: he who hears the Word and immediately receives it with joy. But he has no root in himself, and is temporary. For when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the Word, he immediately stumbles. **(Matthew 13:20-21)**

But we turned anyway to go get our bibles, suddenly a big one story building appeared and there was a line. I saw my father and step mother and sister in line for bibles. And the line was so long that although the workers sold bibles, they grew weary and longed to stop working to rest. So they stopped selling, (I can’t remember if they sold or gave them away) although they had enough bibles for the great host of us. And complaints went out that they stopped giving the bibles out. And some there were with fear because although they wanted to make war with the beast, they did not know the word of God fully to understand. Some people before that time where not devout to studying and so when the time came, they were not prepared. “A man works while it is still day, for when the night comes man can no longer work”.

Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time is. (34) As a man going away, leaving his house, and giving authority to his servants, and each man's work to him, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. (35) Then you watch, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, *at* evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or early; (36) lest he come suddenly *and* find you sleeping. (37) And what I say to you, I say to all. Watch. **(Mark 13:33-37)**

Tim Rivers sent me an email from a great bible study on being prepared that said the following, “The sum of what He is saying through the above to you would seem to be to prepare the priesthood for the Parousia.” It is therefore done by:

"a. Live holy lives abiding in Christ **(1 John2:28)** and perfecting holiness in the fear of God. **(2 Cor 7:1)**
b. Rejoice in hope knowing that we have a Saviour who will certainly appear and all our work for Christ will not be in vain but abundantly rewarded. **(1 Cor 15:58)**
c. Be alert to the various deceptions that Satan will launch against the church in those days. **(2 Thess 2:8,9; Matthew 24:11)**
d. Engage in radical simplicity knowing that all our material possessions will be just fuel for the fire on that day. **(1 John 2:15-17; 2 Peter 3:10-14,)**
e. Be awake to God not "asleep in the light". **(Matthew 25:1-13)** This means we are to have a sense of perpetual readiness and anticipation and in constant spiritual growth. The attitude that "I will get right with God just before Jesus comes back is "foolishness" and imperils the joy that the believer can enter into.
f. Wait patiently for the coming of the Lord without giving in to skepticism about the apparent delay **(James 5:7-8, 2 Peter 3:3-4)** or alarmist panic **(2 Thess 2:1,2)** concluding that He has already come.
g. Hasten the day by engaging in Kingdom activity. **(Matthew 6:33, 24:14, 2 Peter3:12)"**

Great Masses of Witnesses go forth

And in my spirit a task was given to me from God instantly so I called Jamerson, my mentor and asked him to come to where we were to help. And he was with his own family and a mass of people because the same things were happening where he was and could not come to where I was. He had to do what he had to do where he was. And this Jamerson told me that I had to do the same, like all of the remnant of God had to do in these times.

And I wept because I did not want to part from Jamerson because I was raised in the word and spirit by him and I was saddened. And to this task I had to do alone. So I bid farewell to Jamerson and received his blessings as a son from his father, rather a daughter from her father like in the bible times. Then I went inside of the building where the bibles were being given out and great words from God entered me and called for the repentance of the workers and for them to turn from sin. Not just from withholding the bibles in vain but from their sins.

Take no thought beforehand what you should speak or think. But speak whatever shall be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speaks, but the Holy Spirit. **(Mark 13:11)**

The Zealots

And as I walked out some asked why God was so mad and caused great woes to be unleashed and I told them that the temple was abominated. Some of them were so angry that they almost left God because of bitterness and war and so they became zealots, and hate for the enemy entered their hearts so strongly because they wanted to make war with the beast physically that they abandoned the word of God. Like the zealots in Jesus’ day who wanted a Hebrew King, the Messiah to overthrow the Roman government. These zealots knew not that we war against spirit and principalities and were not prepared spirituality for spiritual war, Satan was able to temp them to anger and sin so they went to war physically to a battle that they were about to loose.

Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the wrath *of God*: for it is written, Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. **(Romans 12:19)**

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. (13) Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. **(Ephesians 6:11-13)**

I spoke to them to repent and come back. Some did and some did not. I heard no words of those that did not come back to God. Then I heard the masses whisper something and then someone told me that because of the words I spoke, the workers where in favor of me and would do what I asked. So I sent word to begin giving out the bibles again.

But once I done this, God then told me that this was the reason that we were to hide the word in our hearts so that when a time like this came when there were no bibles that we should not worry because the word was in us. It was said in my spirit. Then I started to go to make war with the beast and lead those that would follow. I then woke up, ending the dream.

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Be true to self and God.

Words For America

Tom Deckard

This nation has become a stench in the nostrils of G-d and it is too late to turn His judgment back. G-d's spirit will no longer strive with America and America is in for a long hard fall. I realize this is not what people want to hear, but this is what the L-rd is saying.

America prepare thyself to receive the judgments of your G-d. I gave thee of the fatness of the land and put strength within thee to overcome nations and kingdoms. But you now think that it was something that you have done within your selves to have accomplished these things.

Woe unto you and your mighty men of valor. For I the L-rd G-d shall bring to nought your strength and ability to overcome. It is I the L-rd G-d that does bring forth kings and nations and it is I that tears them down. You have become an abomination to me. Your priests and seers are as sleeping dogs that have refused to repent and seek me with a whole heart. They minister for their own gain. I the L-rd G-d will bring them to nought and turn them over to believe a lie.

I will cause the storms, earthquakes, and floods to become stronger and more frequent. I will send a sword through the land and will cause families to be at odds one to another, killing and being killed. Tumult will be throughout the land and your streets will run with blood. Famine will I send in the land and you will watch as your children die from hunger. I tried over and over again to reason with you O' nation, but you would have me not. We will now see as you have thought to have become your own god if you can deliver these people in their time of trouble. I will laugh at you and call you a foolish nation. You have forsaken the Living G-d and I have now forsaken you. You will know in the end that I am the G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I was in the beginning and so shall I be in the end.

These are not things that are going to take place overnight. It will transpire very slowly as it already has; seemingly as though there has been nothing take place. This nation has become accustomed to all the storms, earthquakes, fires, floods, and everything else that the L-rd has sent to try to get the attention of the church and this nation.

The days that lie ahead for the United States and the world are going to become very trying times. **The church is slipping deeper and deeper into a coma from which, only a remnant will awaken. It is this remnant that will do the great exploits in these last days.**

We must keep the faith and not be drawn into the snare that is now set for all mankind.

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Wake Up America!...

G-d is saying: wake up America! I am not happy with what is now going on. I am not happy with the Church. **I am not happy with the prophets that are saying peace; peace and causing my people to sleep instead of preparing.** I am not happy with the government. I am not happy with the leadership of this country. I will judge this nation even further than I have in the past.

Could this be turned around, yes if we as a nation would repent. That would mean from our President right on down to the Governors of the states and to the citizens. Still it would take two generations to turn it completely around. There is no sign that it will ever happen.

Nuclear Explosions in this Country...

There will be "dirty bombs" used here in America. In the end this nation will receive a nuclear attack that will destroy thousands upon thousands of lives. All because this nation decided to go the ways of the world and not serve G-d as our fore fathers did.

The Church is going to have to prepare themselves. Many will in the end wish they had listened to the voices that are now crying out. "Repent ye, repent ye, for the Kingdom of our G-d is once again at hand."

Matthew 24:29-31 (KJV)

29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Notice that Jesus (Yeshua) is saying that "immediately after the tribulation." Not before but after the tribulation. There will be a Great Tribulation.

The article below was written in 1993 we can clearly see the insight that G-d has given Bro. Deckard. Twelve years later our nation has been terrorized and we no longer have the freedoms that we once enjoyed.

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, chapter 4, verses 1 and 2, he is speaking of things coming to the church in the latter day just prior to the returning of Jesus.

I Timothy4:2

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

We are seeing this happening right before our very eyes. People today are for the most part, openly accepting abortion and homosexuality, as though these abominations had always been acceptable. The church has large numbers participating in this type of thinking.

Our nation was built, to the greater degree, of believing the Bible to be the Holy Word of G-d. A standard we watched over and tried to teach and live for many years. And now it seems that the truths we held so dearly to as a nation are now gone forever.

We have twisted the basic truths of our laws until I am sure they would look as day is to night to the ones who established them. You may, as many are doing, ask yourself, how could this ever have happened to this great nation?

It did not happen overnight, but through a long period of time. In I Timothy 4:7 we are told: "But refuse profane and old wives fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness." In other words, if it is not G-d's Word do not accept it and do not twist G-d's Word to man's standards.

This is what we have done. We have gotten away from godliness and have looked more like the world looks instead of looking like the church should look. The church is talking much about revival and that they are going to see a sweeping revival of godliness across the land.

In Proverbs 23:23 we are told "Buy the truth, and sell it not...".

In John 8:32 we are told "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Truth of what, G-d's Holy Word. Today's world is calling us Bible Thumpers and not in tune with the reality of living in a world that calls for killing babies in their mother's womb, homosexuality and a number of other issues where we have departed from truth. When the equal rights issue was brought forth, I believe that was the beginning of taking G-d's Word, man's laws, and twisting them out of their original context.

I believe the scripture in Isaiah 59:1-15 is speaking of the way things will be in the last days.

Isaiah 59:1-15

1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:
2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.
4 None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.
6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.
7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.
8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.
9 Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.
10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.
11 We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;
13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of false hood.
14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.
15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

One can easily see the United States in these scriptures. The fourteenth verse says truth has fallen in the streets and the fifteenth verse says those of us who will not do evil will become prey to those who do.

In Deuteronomy 32:28 it says "For they are a nation void of counsel, neither is there any under standing in them." This again fits us like a glove.

In II Timothy 4:4 we are told: And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

For the most part we as the church have lost sight of truth. I said after the [Nov 1992] election the church had voted. Truth for a fact is far from us as a whole and that will prove damaging to us in time.

The church has given the new agers a green light to precede their conquest into the local churches. Even at this writing there is a ministerial alliance of a city about to let a new ager in to speak to them.

Let those that have ears to hear, hear what the L-rd is saying to the church in these dangerous times. We must stand with the truth of G-d's Word and not lean left or right. To be steadfast is the key, but remember you are what is in your heart. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth can and does speak. Study the Word and know truth, not man's opinion, but G-d's Word, and watch Him extend His hand to protect you and yours, to deliver you out of harms way. Amen.

We are at the door of great change, in the United States, the world, and the church. Our belief in Jesus and His doctrine is about to be put to a test. The sad part of it is that much of the church will never know it because the truth has been far from them for so long that they know it not.

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Word for Australia
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“A city on a hill cannot be hidden” – Matthew 5:14 - 16

I saw the nation of Australia and it was shining so brightly. The gold anointing and presence of the Holy Spirit was flooding over every part of the nation and encompassing every inch.

I believed that the Lord was saying that the Lord is going to fulfill the promise over the nation of Australia ‘The Great Southland Of The Holy Spirit’. 2006 will be key in this move of God.

The Lord has seen the work of His children within this nation, and is going to release His Spirit in greater ways through a great surrendering that the Lord is bringing upon Australia. The Lord is indeed allowing great trials to shake the nation of all of what it has known before.

There is almost a false peace that is being placed over Australia, that everything is okay. Spiritually, Australia is not in a great place. The Lord indeed in 2006 is wanting to usher forth this prophetic word that was spoken over the nation of Australia being the Great Southland Of The Holy Spirit.

The Lord is calling His churches to surrender the control and the false sense of peace portrayed by the government to Him. A great pride rests on Australia as a nation and the Lord is bringing about a shaking that will indeed break this pride and bring forth opportunity for the word of God to be accepted or rejected in many hearts through a great shaking. A shaking that will bring about questioning of values and life’s purpose for many.

Australia has not faced much shaking, but the Lord is going to allow a shaking to come. I see that the Lord is longing to pour out His Spirit in a greater way over Australia. That it may be a nation that will shine brightly with the Spirit of God. The Lord is building up Australia as a place where many will come to be fueled, trained, and equipped for the Kingdom of God. Many from other nations will journey to Australia and receive an impartation and anointing of the Spirit through this great place.

The Lord is then going to begin releasing many, many more from within Australia to go to the nations to minister for Him. Australia will be known as a place of equipping and strength in the Spirit if as a nation, the shaking and release of pride is welcomed.

I also see the Lord is raising up intercessors for the nation of Australia. Many within the nation of Australia, but also many that are in other nations. As these intercessors are faithful to intercede for Australia, the empowerment of His Spirit will be ushered forth in great ways.

I also see many mountains on the nation of Australia and believe that the Lord will be placing Australia on a mountaintop, like a city on a hill, for all the world to see the way the Glory of the Lord rests on this place.

I have also seen that not only in the physical, but in the spiritual, the land is very dry. The land is very dusty, and it’s almost like every part of the land is crying out for water. For rain. So is the spiritual state of Australia. In a sense Australia has settled for only a taste of God’s rain. God is longing to pour out His Spirit in a way over Australia like never before. To bring about an overflow that will be seen by many other nations of the world.

Australia has dangled its toes in the river of God, and the Lord is calling Australia to a deeper level of surrender which will then usher this nation deeply into the river of God in greater ways.

I see a shofar being blown over the nation of Australia. Time for war. Time for the saints of God to rise up and to enter a deeper level of surrender. To take back what the enemy has stolen and be even more committed to the prophetic proclamation of “Australia – The Great Land Of The Holy Spirit”.

Pick Up Your Swords
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Many of you are facing situations and circumstances that have not been what you have believed for, what you have expected. I speak to each of you that I am in control.

I am calling My church to pick up their swords. Pick up your swords My warriors and stand firm in all that I have spoken to you. Hold onto the promises of My Word.

For many of you are feeling oppression and attack from various sources. Principalities and powers have begun their attacks upon strategic people within My Kingdom with the aim to crush and devour.

Many of you are feeling bent under the pressure of opposition but I speak to you, pick up your Sword and proclaim My words upon your situation and emotions. Do not allow the enemy to bring about condemnation.

In 2006 many of you will see the fruition of your spoken words. Many of you will see the fruit of what you have sowed. Many of you will see the power of the tongue. Many of you will see the power that I have given to each of you to speak out in authority and boldness.

The enemy has a sword, and the enemy is coming at many with this sword and trying to cut off the tongues of many of you that are called to speak out for Me. The enemy is coming in and attempting to silence many.

No matter the persecution, no matter the struggle, no matter the hardship do not be silenced. Do not allow the enemy to sever My voice within each of you.

For the Sword that I purchased for you at Calvary has My blood on it, and nothing stands against My blood. Nothing stands against the power of My name.

So pick up your swords My church. Sever the emotions, sever the circumstances, sever the lies, sever the bondage, sever all things not of Me using the Sword that I have purchased for each of you at Calvary.

My warriors – be warriors. For warriors do not move forward without their armour. Do not leave your armour behind My church. Pick it up.

Do not leave your swords on the ground, for if you do, you will surely be overcome.

Pick up your swords My church – let us together move forward bringing My kingdom to this earth through the power of My spoken Word. Through the power and anointing that I have placed upon each of you. Let nothing stop you from serving Me, seeking Me, and making me known. Move forward warriors. Together we will take back what the enemy has stolen from so many. Together we will shatter the kingdom of darkness. Only move as you hear Me tell you too.

As My Son Jesus did not do anything unless I told Him, then so it should be with you My church. Move only as I speak. Use your Sword and slay only as I say, as you walk in the empowerment of My Spirit in this way, you will see a great and mighty manifestation of My Spirit.

For you fight not against flesh and blood but principalities and powers of this world. Stand your ground in Me, and use your Sword at my leading, and nothing shall overcome you.

Word For The UK
Lanna Perry

I saw that the enemy has had a hold open the United Kingdom. A spirit of control that has been quenching a lot of breakthrough within this nation. A grip upon this nation that is not the Father’s heart.

Spiritually I saw a dry place, so desolate, a land without water, without trees, growth or life. I enquired of the Lord why things have taken so long to grow, and I believe the Lord said to me that the control has been allowed to remain within churches, and over the nation as a whole. It has been allowed to remain.

Then right before my eyes, I saw an angel, a warrior angel descend from heaven. He hit earth and was armed with a sword. He was being led by the Spirit and was going around and breaking and loosing many things that have been withheld for so long.

Much shaking and breaking was coming to the United Kingdom, the Lord is about to bring a great crumble to the UK. A crumble of structure and control that has withheld the great moves of God that many people have been interceding for and waiting for within their hearts.

There has been a great thirst within the United Kingdom, yet it is a thirst that has not been quenched and many have not realized what this thirst is for. Many within churches are continually thirsting in their seats, yet they are not being fulfilled.

The Lord has released these warrior angels upon the earth to loose that which has been withheld for so long. I saw that the Lord is also releasing many at this time with their swords, they are to be the ones to usher in this crumble and shaking that the Lord is bringing to the door of the UK.

The Lord is not bringing about this shaking and crumbling for punishment, but is bringing this about for repentance and growth. The Lord wants to grow the ministries and churches of the UK, without the control that has existed for so long.

London Bridge

I continued to hear in the Spirit, the song “London bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down”. The Lord is about to bring a new move to the UK which is a move that has not been seen before. A greater release of His Spirit. What has been seen as a ‘monument’ of the way God has moved in the past will fall, and the new move of God will rise up. The bridge that the Lord has used before, will no longer be the bridge that He will be using in the next year.

I do not know much about the London bridge, but I sensed very strongly the Lord saying that the water beneath this bridge was very dirty. Murky.

I then saw the Lord place His hand on these waters and the waters became clear and sparkled in a way I have never seen and many were being drawn to this water.

I believe that the Lord through the removing of the ‘old’ bridge and bringing forth the ‘new’ bridge, the new move of His Spirit throughout the UK, the Lord will bring a great purification to the UK.

The pollution that has settled within the churches, will be removed by embracing the new move of God and freedom that He will bring through this new move.

Revelation 2:17

The Lord continued to put 2 scriptures on my heart for the UK.

The first being Revelation 2:17 – “Those who have ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches”.

The Lord is rising up churches and individuals in the UK in a greater training and revelation of hearing His voice. The Lord is longing to breakthrough and speak to His church. Many are sitting within the churches, and not hearing the Lord for themselves. The Lord is drawing churches and individuals to a place they have not known, where they are being taught and trained to hear His voice.

Isaiah 62: 10, 12

“Go out through the gates! Prepare the highway for my people to return! Smooth out the road, pull out the boulders. Raise a flag for nations to see…….. They will be called “The Holy People” and “The People Ransomed by the Lord”.

Through this great shaking, and the purification coming to the UK, the Lord is going to release many from within the UK next year. Many will be released and the Lord calling them to walk through the gates of their destinies, They will have been trained by the Spirit alone to hear His voice, and embraced His heart within them.

They will move forth and prepare the highway for those who have fallen behind. They will show them they way of return. Control being removed.

The UK will stand strong from this season onwards more than ever before as a flag to all nations. A mighty move and change will come to the UK by the Spirit of God that will show other nations like never before that they are a holy people, a people ransomed by the Lord.
They will arise and shine, and the Glory of the Lord is about to rest on the UK in a way, the world has never seen, if they embrace this move of God that is on their doorstep.

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Word For Canada

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Anthem

Oh Canada, our home and native land
True patriot love, in all our sons command
With glowing hearts, we see thee rise
The true north strong and free
From far and wide oh Canada we stand on guard for thee
God keep our land
Glorious and free
Oh Canada we stand on guard for thee.
Oh Canada
I AM stands on Guard for thee
My Daughter of Nations
The Home of the Native Lands
Truth in the Holy Spirit, brotherly love
I Agape you
My Sons Command you
Your righteous hearts are on Fire
I have seen YOU RISE
You are the Spiritual Promised Land
You are strong in the Lord and in the Power of His Might
You are Free in the Word
From afar My Daughter, I saw you and birthed you.
I AM stands on Guard for you
I Keep your Promised Land
Full of My Glory and Free for My Word

And then I heard it like a mighty rushing wind the purifying sounds of thunder across the plains and in the hills. The trumpet is blasting and Her enemies are Scattered for the Lord arises in the midst of her. On the hills He appears with his Sword in hand

" Fear Not oh Daughter of Freedom. For I have selected you and made covenant with you from sea to sea. I watch over my Word to perform it. My Word is written on your walls. I AM watching over it. I Perform it. I never slumber. Do not be dismayed at what you see for I will deliver you. I have a plan and soon you will see it. "

Warnings For My Children
Garth Soso

Hear ye, oh hear ye this day indeed. Oh yes this is a day of rejoicing for My children. Yes it is. This is a day of war in My house. Yes that’s right. A day of war. This is the day in which I slay the enemy of your soul. There is a fierce battle going on right now in the spiritual realm. Yes indeed. I have purposed to release more of My glory to My children who have prepared their hearts for my invasion. Yes indeed. War does not commence without an enemy. Glory is not released without opposition from the enemy. Do you have ears to hear and eyes to see?

Yes this war is spilling over into the natural realm. Many of My children are feeling somewhat unsettled in their spirits. Many are feeling fear and dread. Those whose eyes are upon their creator will pass through these high waves crashing against them with no ware and tear upon their lives. Yes many of you feel like you are lacking direction. Yes many of you are confused and without clarity. But that is the work of the enemy. This too shall pass My children. So gird up your loins for the mighty God is awaiting your advancement as you drudge through the waters. Lo I will be with you as the wave’s crash against you. Fear not My children because joy comes in the morning.

Consider My children whose eyes are not on me. Consider what the enemy is doing to their hearts. He is separating many of My children from their positions on the wall. The enemy is bringing much division within families and church buildings. Stand strong My children. Do not let the enemy derail your kingdom position of receiving the destinies I have for you. Stand strong I say in My mighty power to deliver you from everything that ensnares you. You are entering a new season of My power and glory and the enemy wants to stop you from receiving your inheritance.

Release all burdens and cares to Me. Don’t try to resolve issues that come into your lives in a whirlwind of confusion on your own. This is a very critical time My children. I need you free from the snares of the world. I need your eyes on Me and not on your circumstances. Stay focused on Me My friends. Even though if may seem as if you have lost your way, I will not let you fall. I am your way! Stay in prayer. Stay in worship. Stay in My word. Stay your mind on Me in thanks and praises. Yes indeed My children.

Love Garth J. Soso
I am what I am in Christ Jesus

Warning for Paris

Tammy Stalnaker

I had a dream a year ago on July 20, 2004. I have feel as though I should have posted this much sooner.
My journal reads as follows:

July 20, 2004 "This a.m. at around 4:45 a.m. I woke up from a dream. In my dream I was told to remember what I was seeing. I was told four times. What I saw was what looked like a headline in a newspaper. It said .... "The Great Flood and Fire of Paris 2006".

After this I hear that once we see this happen that it would be a sign to His people.

I also saw that this did not have to be if the people would repent.

I have searched the internet and have not seen anyone else with this dream or vision. I am praying that the Lord would confirm this dream with others, and if it is a warning to His people that there would be confirmation for them to believe and leave Paris.

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Words for Some Nations
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1:11 am looked at clock
Just a bit earlier as I was in the living room, I was thinking of my life, and how favor in my life has always been with foreigners and others who are different, even when in the medical field. I was thinking how much I longed to go back into the harvest and to bless those of other nations. As soon as I turned on the computer it read 1:11, so I waited and heard…

"Astonishing things about to happen. Development of new nuclear warheads in Persia are not alone what they have seemed. There is also development of nerve gas that will annihilate whole areas of people which they took from Sadaam. That is what they are up to!

Koreans will not be allowed to continue once China has wind of the truth of their design. Kim Jung Il is quite ambitious and tormented mentally.
There will be a new regime rise up due to the prayers of My sons and daughters for the situation there. The border will open and restoration of families and great harvest will ensue once Kim is removed from power. I am readying My warriors to go forth and proclaim victory. The people of North Korea will be liberated for the sake of harvesting of souls!

Meanwhile China is developing more and more of their own weaponry for their own designs on conquering. Greed fills the hearts of many in power.
But I will overthrow in this hour the futile plans of men and they will fight with each other as they fight for power!

There will be a nuclear attack before end of the year that will remove all complacency in this nation! But that will also lend fuel to nazism that has tried to make progress in this nation. People being beyond reason will blame Israel and Arabs and neither will be safe here after this. Many vigilante retaliations will occur as lawlessness becomes stronger! Fear will grip many hearts. The good part will be that many idols will be torn down by this event and there will be repentance from broken hearts this time, and HARVEST will ensue as I explode inside My people across the earth. ESCALATION will ensue also with fervor and there will be many storms and earthquakes and flooding and famine will increase again this coming year. Understand the enemy who is the prince of the air is trying to oppose My HARVEST so SPEAK TO THE STORMS, SPEAK TO THE EARTH and winds and do not just accept everything as MY will! Ask ME for instructions and I will speak to you!

India is about to undergo great change and My people there will experience MORE confrontation, but in that will be a great HARVEST of souls such as the world has not seen in ages past! I am longing to restore this ancient land from the hand of demons and I will also restore the lands of the east from the dragon of BUDDHISM. I will slay the dragons with My WORSHIP WARRIORS! I will send them into the lands of the east to proclaim the truth, and they will bring with them My very presence that will restore and heal and convict and slay. The dead will rise, and the crippled will walk, the blind will see and all manner of generational curses will be broken and the enemy disarmed. However he will not just sit there and take it! He will arise like fire to try to devour My people! This will be a very difficult time in the ages of the earth and the earth will GROAN and reel with each birth pangs.

Russia will experience GREAT HARVEST flooding all the areas of that nation and many will go forth and take other nations like a groom searching for a bride, will they go forth and proclaim liberty to the captives! They will DANCE with JOY inexpressible and overflowing and the enemy within their gates will be arrested. Again at the end of such a great harvesting mid rejoicing will come forth hatred against those who love ME and the hook will be placed in her jaw for My purposes to be fulfilled.

Israel is about to do some about facing! There will be archeological discovery that will humble the nations! There will be oil and a new paradigm of relationship with the world. Men who have bowed to idols will turn in that nation to bow to the One True GOD! They will be humbled to see what I do to RESTORE before the time changes. The time of the Gentiles is yet unfulfilled. Changes in America will cause many here to make Aliyah and help in building Israel up again. I will make nations JEALOUS for what I do. The prayers of saints in Israel are not ignored! They are working towards a greater glory!

Romania and her dark history will have a reversal of heart. I will destroy the ancient foundations and there will be a flooding of souls into My kingdom in that nation! She has been like a stepchild in Europe, but I will make her My adopted princess and there will be a new hunger for spiritual things as I release My glory in the earth!

Bulgaria, Hungary, and Turkey will have a new paradigm shift in their governments at My instigation that will allow for more freedom to spread the gospel of peace! New regimes will be raised up in many nations at the prayers of My beloveds! Worship Me in the beauty of holiness and wait on Me in My presence oh beloved ones for I will not disappoint you. I long for fellowship and I will heal the deep wounds in you and between you and restore dignity and peace for a time within your borders! New changes will come through much turbulence, but will usher in peace.

I am filled with longing for My bride all across the nations! I am hungry to see My love fulfilled for them. Will you come with Me on a great adventure and leave all the comforts of this world behind for the adventure of a lifetime? I will thrust you forth into the nations with great adventure and great power as I go with you!

Heartless Admonitions
Priscilla Van Sutphin

May 31st, 2005
Eph 6:4 AMP Fathers, do not irritate and provoke your children to anger [do not exasperate them to resentment], but rear them [tenderly] in the training and discipline and the counsel and admonition of the Lord.

Titus 3:10-11 NKJV Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, 11 knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

Admonition – Merriam Webster definition:
1 : gentle or friendly reproof
2 : counsel or warning against fault or oversight

“If I your heavenly Father, caution you with tenderness when I reprove you, then why is it that I see so many of My children given hearless admonitions and guidance that is lacking in compassion? A good father gives his children reproof and admonitions in LOVE, not in impatience and intolerance and frustration. But I see those who are called to shepherd My flocks giving harsh and demanding admonitions and warnings and responding to others in defensive pride and ardent dispisement! I am not like that. I am not resenting My own children. And if I have called you truly to care for those who are Mine, then surely you should not resent them!

1 Peter 5:2-4 NKJV Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the

crown of glory that does not fade away.

Does a mother resent her own nursing child? How can you walk in love and hate your brother? And how can you as children, hate your fathers if I have called them to father or mother you? There is way too much intolerance in My church for each other. There is complaining and criticism and oversensitivity to the extreme. STRIFE is not my plan. Strife is not of ME. Yet there is division because the sons of God are mixed with the sons of lawlessness and selfishness. So strife is there in My church because there are those not called to shepherd, yet have done so without a true call and commissioning. There are many who have been led astray into various doctrines and temptations who are not fulfilling the call in earnest.

And there are many who are outright wolves in sheep's clothing. So there is a division in the church mirroring division in Israel, because of the times and because of the discrepancy in following. Some are following their own will. Some are following the enemy, and some are following ME. I am the JUDGE of the earth and I am purposing a division in this hour that divides sheep from goats – true followers vs. those who only care about self.

You cannot heal the breeches when there is division without ME. You cannot strive. You cannot make peace when peace is far from the goals of those in authority serving themselves. I AM THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. It is I Who will resolve and mend the breeches in the church. It is I Who will pour out My Spirit in such a way that divides between true sheep and the goats.

So trust ME to do that! Do not despise the one who runs from a murderous spirit of jezebel in the church. And do not despise the one who stays and panders to the religious if you are on the outside walls in hiding. Do not use your sword brother against brother. You do not have to destroy another to be able to fulfill your call. There are many Sauls in the church, but it is NOT the time to bow to murderous hearts and cruel jealousy. David ran, and so have many run away to keep from being destroyed. They have found ME in the wilderness and been nurtured by ME for a season.

Others have run out of fears and immaturity. Do not judge them either. Allow ME to soothe their souls and rebuild trust. There are those who have stayed under domination and control misunderstanding My will in their lives.
And there are those who are there to intercede. There are also many good shepherds who have been crippled and bludgeoned by immature sheep. But for the most part, many are leaving the confines of the pews because I am driving them to discontentment with the status quo. Just as David gathered to himself the discontented, and those in debt and disenfranchised, so many have been drawn together who like David have been pursued by jezebel in the church. They have blessed and not cursed, yet have been hated and suffered cruelly at the hands of the jealous Saul's.

I will bring the sword against the Sauls in the land. I will be the JUDGE of who is for me and who is really against Me. I alone know what is in the heart of a man. So just pray that in that hour that I strike down the guilty, that those you know will be spared. Pray for release from the enemy in their lives. Renounce any resentments and come to ME and allow me to heal any hurts that are still in your hearts. I will hold you in My arms of love and heal every rejection and every knife in the back I will remove! I was despised and rejected of men, as you are. So do not be surprised and do not be dismayed. BEWARE when men speak well of you and when you are so well accepted for so they did to the prophets of old, then they murdered them!

TRUST ME in all that you do. Trust ME to be big enough to deal with all that is wrong in the church. But those of you in the church who are yet there on assignment, do not despise your brother who leaves. Bless them, and pray for them. I told you to love your enemies, to be good to those who hate you and to pray for those who spitefully use you! I've told you a dead man has no need to defend themselves! Unless a kernel of grain falls to the ground and dies, can it produce life! He who loves his life will lose it.
Cling to ME My beloveds! Ask ME for the wisdom you need and I will fill you with it! I have purpose as well to meeting outside the church. I see what is ahead. Know that persecution will come. And I am

preparing the way. I am in control and many of you need to face the hour you are in. Many have not awaken from slumber. Many are not willing to give up anything and die, to what THEY want. So they will have to learn the hard way. I tell you that you must walk in MY ways, and to find those ways, you must seek My face!
He who is not willing to give up his life, will lose it in the end.

Matt 16:25-27 NKJV For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. 26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

I have said, Come unto ME , you who are heavy laden for I am gently and lowly of heart. Many are burdened down with striving and performing while
I am trying to call them closer to My heart. I've told you that apart from ME, you can do nothing! I am the VINE, you are the branches! Unless you abide in ME, and I abide in you, you can do nothing of yourselves. So come unto ME. Get MY PLAN, and MY WISDOM, and MY OPINION before you go ahead and do what you think is wise! REST in ME, and let me guide you the way you should go . Speak tenderly to My bride, for I love and adore her. Recognize your own propensity for failure and your own areas of sin before trying to judge another. Let him who is without sin throw the first stone!"

1 Cor 10:5-11 NKJV
5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Organized Reunion
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Isa 60:1-2 NKJV The Gentiles Bless Zion
Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

Joel 2:29-30 NKJV And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

" I am organizing a reunion of sorts with you My beloveds! There was a time when man walked with me in the garden and we talked together and had sweet fellowship with one another. I sent My Son to die to restore your ability to commune with ME, but that communion has not been as full as I would like it to be. The locusts have devoured much truth in the Church of Jesus Christ. The rebellion of this age has drawn many away from the original purpose for which I died. But I AM COMING TO RESTORE a greater union with ME, and I will have a bride who will lay down her life that she might have all of ME!

Eph 3:16-19 NKJV that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

I will have a bride who knows how much I love her and who is CONFIDENT in that love. I will settle for nothing less. I am the All Consuming FIRE, I am the God Who is called Qanna! I am jealous for you! Just as a lover is jealous for his bride in the human way, I am jealous for time with you as well. I love you and I adore you…I am a jealous Lover over My creation. I earnestly desire to spend time with you, and do not tire of your company.

I enjoy spending time with you. Do you enjoy spending time with ME? Are you wanting this reunion? Will you come away with ME and spend some time with ME, that we might have sweet fellowship together? Will you lay down YOUR AGENDA and pick up Mine? My love for you is EVERLASTING. It cannot be robbed or stolen. I am not a philanderer. I will never leave you nor forsake you.

I speak softly to you, for I know all that you have been through. Yet there are much worse times coming. And I want you to be protected by My glory.
I want only what is BEST for you! I want you to understand how much I love you that you can be FILLED TO THE FULL WITH MY GLORY! I will break every chain that has bound you! I will destroy all that has come against you! Just as a husband defends his wife, I will defend My bride.

Isa 31:5 NKJV Like birds flying about, So will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem. Defending, He will also deliver it; Passing over, He will preserve it."

Though the world is perishing and passing away, and though there are storms on the horizon, yet will I protect My bride and sustain her through famine, and pestilence, war and persecution. I will not allow My turtledoves to be turned over to the wild beasts of the earth until the set time has come!
Yet in a time there will be more martyrdom and persecution than has ever been seen before. So I am wooing you to My side, that you may receive all you need to endure the times ahead. I will give you wisdom and strategies for the days ahead as you lie with Me and walk with Me, and talk with Me.
Do not be independent! Do not think you can do whatever you have been doing. For most of my church does NOT walk in dependence on ME. And with all that is ahead, I want you prepared. So come to me and fellowship with Me and I will give you wisdom and secrets, and I have many SURPRISES for My bride. All heaven awaits to see the sons of men manifested in the earth.

Do not allow the greed of this world, and the lusts of the flesh any room in your life. I said that without holiness, no one will see God! You cannot attain it without knowing the fullness of My love.
Heb 12:14 AMP Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will [ever] see the Lord.

Eph 4:23-24 NKJV and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

1 Thess 3:12-13 AMP And may the Lord make you to increase and excel and overflow in love for one another and for all people, just as we also do for you, So that **He may strengthen and confirm and establish your hearts faultlessly pure and unblamable in holiness** in the sight of our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) with all His saints (the holy and glorified people of God)! Amen, (so be it)!

You only attain My love by being in My presence. My Holy Spirit pours out love in your hearts as you worship and spend time with Me. So it is is NEVER a waste of time to spend yourselves on ME. It is not wasteful to be filled with more and more of My presence. For in that Presence is all you need and require. That is why LOVE is the greatest! Knowing the fullness of MY LOVE WILL ENABLE YOU TO LOVE ME, TO LOVE YOURSELF, TO LOVE OTHERS WITH MY LOVE, because you will be filled with ME. So come aside as much as is possible in this hour and take communion alone and with each other. Keep the FAITH and walk in MY WAYS. Learn dependence on My wisdom and truly live!"

1 Cor 1:20-21,25 NKJV Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. …Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

1 Cor 3:18-21 NKJV Avoid Worldly Wisdom
Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness"; 20 and again, "The LORD knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." 21 Therefore let no one boast in men. For all things are yours:

James 1:5-8 NKJV If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

James 3:13-14,17 NKJV Heavenly Versus Demonic Wisdom
Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.
17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Col 4:5-6 NKJV Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Untempered Mortar
Priscilla Van Sutphin

June 10th, 2005

untempered
OT:8602 II. noun [masculine] whitewash; -- applied to wall, in Ezekiel's vision Ezek 13:10,11,14,15; **figurative of false prophet 22:28.**
from Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon

OT:8602 taphel (taw-fale'); from an **unused root meaning to smear**; **plaster (as gummy)** or slime; (figuratively) frivolity: KJV - foolish things, unsavoury, untempered. [Strong's]

Websters
1a lacking in moderation: intemperate, uncontrolled
b: not made less extreme: unmodified
2 not brought to a proper consistency (~mortar): not hardened (~steel)

Ezek 13:13-19 NKJV Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will cause a stormy wind to break forth in My fury; and there shall be a flooding rain in My anger, and great hailstones in fury to consume it. 14 So I will break down the wall you have plastered with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that its foundation will be uncovered; it will fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.
15 "Thus will I accomplish My wrath on the wall and on those who have plastered it with untempered mortar; and I will say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those who plastered it, 16 that is, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her when there is no

peace,'" says the Lord GOD.
17 "Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart; prophesy against them, 18 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? 19 And will you profane Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, killing people who should not die, and keeping people alive who should not live, by your lying to My people who listen to lies?"

“ I AM the Masterbuilder, and any foundation not built on Me will fall in the days ahead. Many have been building whitewashed walls around their own lives, and in the church – living in whitewashed marriages, living in whitewashed lives – pretending to be one thing and yet entirely working for another. I will bring down the walls of pretense in My beloveds. I will root up every hidden thing. If you think you can run from a Faithful Father, you are mistaken. I see everything and I know every part of your hearts.

Every vessel has different uses. I will restore and uplift, and I will tear down and destroy. I will raise up and I will put down. I am the Lord and there is no other! I will tear down the idols in My church and in the world!
I am the God Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, and drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward and makes their knowledge foolishness;
Who confirms the word of His servants! [Isa 44:25-26]

I will have NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME! You are the temple of the Holy Spirit and I am restoring this temple not made with human hands! I will restore and MY WILL will be executed in My way, in My house! I have much to restore in the Church but I have promised and I keep My promises. Once again, I will shake the heavens and the earth, and I will shake ALL NATIONS, and they will come to the Desire of all nations! Nothing is beyond My ability to perform it!

Isa 66:8-13 NKJV
8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children. 9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the LORD. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God. 10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; 11 That you may feed and be satisfied With the consolation of her bosom, that you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory."
12 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed;
On her sides shall you be carried, And be dandled on her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
I will ROAR over Zion and I will ROAR over My beloveds! The Lord Your GOD will ROAR out of Zion and the prophets shall go forth to the nations and apostolic power will be restored! I have not forgotten nor ignored the prayers of My people! I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man, that I should change My mind. I will RESTORE. I am a God of RESTORATION. But I will also come in fury upon those who are wicked and deceitful and who plan the demise of mankind to suit their whims and lustful desires. Be NOT AFRAID of them, for they will tremble when I do My glorious deed. They will tremble at the words of My prophets and apostles!

They will tremble when I execute My judgments! I will be with you in adversity and I will bring you through the fire without being burned! I AM
WITH YOU! I am working a turn around for all those who have thought they have the upper hand. You will see signs and wonders and be amazed at what I do in the days ahead. Be of GOOD COURAGE My beloveds! Do not give in to fear! RELEASE MY WORD from your mouths and sharpen your swords! SHARPEN THEM and USE THEM MIGHTILY in song and praise, and in speaking truth to one another and to the LOST.

SOUND THE TRUMPET in Zion! SOUND THE TRUMPET! For Your Lord is coming to you and I will explode inside you, destroying every work of the enemy. Come to ME while I may be found! Hold on , for I am coming shortly. Remain steadfast in FAITH! I AM STRETCHING YOUR FAITH so that you will remain steadfast in harsher times. Change is coming and you need endurance to run the race. You also need to change some of your heart attitudes which do not allow for kindness and love and unselfish servanthood.

You will have to learn to share and to consider the other person important. I am restoring servant's hearts in MY CHURCH! Let go of selfishness, self-will and coldness toward the poor and down and out! OPEN your hearts and let the King of GLORY come in, and I will change it for you!
Allow me to touch you and give you My heart of love for those around you!
If you do not help those around you, then what will you do when you need the help? I am knitting like hearts to each other that you may help each other.

“Lightening striking again” song came to mind. Lightening is a sign of God’s actions in the earth!
see prophecy: www.upstreamca.org/firenlightening.html
This is the second time He has said that to me!

Wisdom For The Hour
Susan Cummings

In order for us as the Remnant Body of Christ to stand in this hour, we need to understand what the Lord is currently saying and doing, that we may align ourselves with His Purposes. Also, not only will we stand, but we will step forwards into our destinies that we have been ordained to walk in. So, we desperately need the wisdom and revelation available to us from the throne to be found in the Lord's positions for each of us.

The following thoughts, dreams, visions, and words begin to form a prophetic picture pointing us towards that higher mark that we must attain to in this hour. I pray these things will further equip you for that journey.

-Susan

Thoughts on the Season

Many people have contacted me concerning the events taking place, and what we are to be doing, and what God is doing in our midst.

I have been formulating some thoughts for you all, as to some of the things the Lord has shown me. I pray these will also bring further illumination to you as well, as we walk out our destinies.

Matthew 25 (New King James Version)
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Matthew 25

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins
who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five
of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 Those who were foolish
took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil
in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was
delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: `Behold, the bridegroom is
coming;[a] go out to meet him!' 7 Then all those virgins arose and
trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, `Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise
answered, saying, `No, lest there should not be enough for us and
you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10
And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, `Lord, Lord, open
to us!' 12 But he answered and said, `Assuredly, I say to you, I do
not know you.'
13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour[b] in
which the Son of Man is coming.

In this season, the Lord has been calling to His People to draw near to Him, to be cleansed and refined and purified. He has been dealing with us and challenging us to change. He has given us many years to do so, but this generation has slept on, like the virgins. We are a sleeping generational church. We have not tended to our lamps nor sought to be full of the life, light, and presence of God from within. We have little oil.

What you see happening in the natural also mirrors what God is doing in the Spiritual.

He is after the hearts of men. He is after the oil. He is after His Presence being fully formed and ignited within them.

What just got hit the most in our country? The oil.

What is needed the greatest in this midnight hour in the church? The Oil.

The criers are riding throughout the lands, crying, prepare ye the way of the Lord! But few listen, and most turn over and go back to sleep. The few that have prepared in this sleeping generation, have done so, and they cannot give to others,

as each person is responsible for their own personal intimacy with Christ. Each must go out and purchase or pay the price of refining and purification and change, to obtain their own relationship. For most, the price of carrying our cross daily, is too high, and they settle in for compromise and comfort.

The Lord has also brought a breaking and a rending and a division of those who are His and those who are not. In every area, we see the separation beginning and increasing. Between families, friends, workers, and peoples. God will have a holy people who are fully given to Him. All that is not of Him is being exposed, judged, and dealt with.

This breaking open and rending is redemptive if we embrace Him in it. The Lord said to me many times, that he must break open the heart of America to get to the heart, for it was crusted over and hardened. He must rend it asunder to lance it, and open the sin, so He can bring healing.

The Lord also told me while ministering in NY recently, that we are more concerned with our W and E borders and either the security of our coasts, than we are watching the heartland. We are vulnerable, and the greatest damage will occur in the heartland, for we do not guard our heart. We also are more concerned about our image and might than our state of being. We compromise and lose our purity and eternal inheritance for a temporary morsel of carnal food.

This is seen as a natural event and a spiritual one.

The natural one being shown as the coming earthquake that will divide America down the middle, of which I have seen in dreams and visions 3 times now. The last time was the most terrifying and profound encounter. A literal breaking open to expose the heart will come if we don't repent and return to the Lord. If God can't get our attention, He will get louder.

The spiritual type as being the division and separation of the church, Namely, those who are truly His heart, mind and soul from those who say they are His, but their hearts are far from Him. God wants heart relationship and not lip service anymore. He is dividing the sheep from the sheep. The Remnant from the apostate church systems of men.

He will deal with both.

We are at the midnight hour. What will we be found with?

The events are only a wake up call so far. We haven't even begun to see the shaking of the heavens and the earth. Yet, the scriptures plainly tell us that men will not repent and their hearts will turn colder and harder, and they will curse God rather than turn to Him.

So, the earth will travail, the heavens will be altered, and we will walk through it all with our Lord, till He chooses the timing to bring us home.

The natural shows us what the Father is doing, if we have eyes to see.

Katrina means Purity. God desires Holiness in His House.

He is dealing with sin. He is breaking it open and fully disclosing it, and dealing with it head on. No more will we get by with our sins, big or little, for all is sin. All needs to be cleansed and atoned for.

None of us are exempt. Let us seek God.

Just as the coastal states have been hit hard and the worldliness and blatant degradation issue addressed. So it will also hit the church and many will fall also because of this same issue. The Church looks like the world, acts like the world, and there is no distinction of difference.

That will change. We will separate, and be clean and pure, and be holy and be full of His Truth and Light and Love or we will be utterly dark and lost without Him. Its our choice.

Our self sufficiency, independence, greed, and pride have caused us to love ourselves, our images, our works and accomplishments, and our positions. We have lost our first love and have gone after another. We have committed idolatry in this nation and serve many things.

We lust after power and control. But we deny the Lord. Our independence and strength is now being tested and our pride dealt with. We will be bound to the gods that we serve. We will be given over to that which we love the most.

We will either embrace the Truth and have illuminated minds and hearts full of His Light, or we will become fully reprobate and darkened. We will not stand in the days to come, apart from our utter returning to the Lord.

Lots of Images, and lots of Truth.

Hopefully we learn from our mistakes and we change and draw close to the Lord.

The days ahead will see greater shakings and chaos as the hearts of men are laid bare and they are dealt with, and choices are made.

May we humble ourselves and seek God, and make the right choices.

May we find ourselves awake and full of Oil.

-Susan Cummings
9-2-05
1:33 am

The Transition:

In the above word, the Lord begins to show us several things:

1. The lack of light, or Truth, in the Body of Christ.

Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?
Who may dwell in Your holy hill?
2 He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in his heart;
3 He who does not backbite with his tongue,
Nor does evil to his neighbor,
Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;
4 In whose eyes a vile person is despised,
But he honors those who fear the LORD;
He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
5 He who does not put out his money at usury,
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved. We see the need for Truth in the inward parts of man. For the outworking demonstration of the inward working of the Cross. It is time for the Cross of Jesus Christ to be seen through vessels of purity and Truth again.

Psalm 43

Prayer to God in Time of Trouble1 Vindicate me, O God,
And plead my cause against an ungodly nation;
Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!
2 For You are the God of my strength;
Why do You cast me off?
Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
3 Oh, send out Your light and Your truth!
Let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your holy hill
And to Your tabernacle.
4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
To God my exceeding joy; And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God;
For I shall yet praise Him,
The help of my countenance and my God. As we, the Body, recognize our need for Light and Truth, within us, we will cry out to be filled and then we will be changed. We have to acknowledge our current conditions, and repent, and turn back to the Lord, and seek him till He sends the Light and Truth again.

Psalm 51

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.1 Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
4 Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,

And blameless when You judge.
5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
9 Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.
14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

15 O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.
18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,
With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar. So, we are transitioning from an empty church to a vibrant living house of God's Presence, as we acknowledge our need of change.

2. He also shows the lack of oil.

The lack of the oil is the Anointing, the Presence, and Life of Christ within the believers.

Psalm 23

A Psalm of David.1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
3 He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell[a] in the house of the LORD
Forever. The Lord desires those who walk intimately with Him, in all seasons of their lives. There is no ending or beginning of it, just an abiding. When we come to the place of true communion, then we can partake of the fullness of what the Lord has. Some of these things are:

Rest

Peace

Healing

Righteousness

Comfort

Joy

Protection

Provision

Goodness

Mercy

So we see that we have not yet attained to the place of learning to abide with Him. But in this season, we are beginning to find that Highway of Holiness, and we are beginning to walk upon it.

Psalm 45

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." of the sons of Korah.
A Song of Love.

1 My heart is overflowing with a good theme;
I recite my composition concerning the King;
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 You are fairer than the sons of men;
Grace is poured upon Your lips;
Therefore God has blessed You forever.
3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One,
With Your glory and Your majesty.
4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness;
And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.
5 Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies; The peoples fall under You.
6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.7 You love righteousness and hate wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You

With the oil of gladness more than Your companions.8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad.
9 Kings’ daughters are among Your honorable women;
At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.
10 Listen, O daughter,
Consider and incline your ear;
Forget your own people also, and your father’s house;
11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty;
Because He is your Lord, worship Him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift;
The rich among the people will seek your favor.
13 The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace;
Her clothing is woven with gold.
14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors;
The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You.
15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;
They shall enter the King’s palace.
16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons,
Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations;

Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.There is a state of fullness that we are coming into, as we walk with the Lord upon this Highway of Holiness.

The Father is not only filling us with Himself, but is preparing us to be full of Him to be seen. He is going to release all that He has been placing within us, so that what is within us can bear fruit in this hour.

There is a need for Righteousness and Truth in the earth.

We are the salt and the light of the earth, if we do not release that which has been formed within us, then there will be no expression of God in the earth that will bring redemptive change.

Matthew 5

The Beatitudes1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him.

2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
3 " Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Believers Are Salt and Light

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Christ Fulfills the Law17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. It is time for the Remnant Body of Christ to arise, to put off all the things that so easily encumber us, and begin to run our races faithfully.

We are to release the measure of Christ that is formed within us, by the Holy Spirit, and be the message of God in the earth.

We are no longer just to be messengers with a message to deliver.

We are to be the message. Christ is now to be seen. It is a challenge that is extended to each of us. We all have a measure of faith given to us, so we all can respond. No measure is greater than the other, for each measure comes from the Lord. It is all the same Spirit.

When we say Yes, then the Holy Spirit has something which He can use. Until then, we tie His Hands, and the portion that we have is wasted and rots away.

What will we each do with the portion that God has given to us?

It's our choice.

Let's now move on to what the Lord is showing us that is to come:

Currents Of Change:

8-11-05 1:30 am

While I was at Jerry Mooneyham's house in Idaho, I had an angel come and stand in front of me in an open vision.

He was holding a scroll and it was open. He looked at me and began to read from it. He was speaking and saying, "Woe to those who say they are Mine and who are not. Woe to those who are quick to shed innocent blood. Woe to those who say they love Me and who do not. Woe to those who ...." over and over, down the list that he read. There were so many that he read that I can't remember all of them, and it happened so fast, but I will tell you, that it made me afraid. It sounded like you read pronouncements from Proverbs or Jeremiah.

The fear of the Lord washed over me and I felt each woe as he read them. Then he looked at me and rolled up the scroll and said, "and now comes the sword."

There are seasons of judgement that bring forth great travail but great birthing at the same time. When the Lord cuts something away, or prunes it back, then new life can spring forth from that which is dead.

God has been judging the church for awhile now, but the intensity of the season is increasing, for the Lord is bringing forth a Holy People. The birthing process will be greatly increased and accelerated, and also greatly visible as the process becomes more evident in the earth.

Much of the judgement of His House has been internal and within the hearts and lives of the people. But it is now maturing and coming forth to the external and dealing with the surroundings as well.

Our lives will be fully given to the Lord. Our words will match our walk.

The judgements released against the rebellious and the wicked will be severe for they refuse to acknowledge the truth and embrace the Lord in it, to be changed. So, we see the reaping of those decisions. It will be reaped personally, and corporately, for the individual, and for the nation.

But, in the midst of the reaping of those choices, a very glorious and visible remnant will begin to shine in new ways and in the glory of the Father, as a witness of the Truth they rejected.

Let us see what the difference will be for those who choose to embrace the Truth and those who do not:

The Darkness At Noonday

The Vision below takes place at my office while sitting at my desk.

As I am sitting here, I begin to see myself standing in a place of complete darkness. There is no light around anywhere. It seems like it was day and then it was night. There was no gradual darkening, just a sudden change.

I don’t feel any fear or even any anxiousness at the change, only the peace of the Lord. I know that I am in Him, and He has brought me here for a reason, so I wait for the Lord to show me what He wants me to see.

The darkness is total and it seems almost like a solid mass around me, and it does not have a beginning or an ending point, as you would expect if you drove into it or walked into it, as it is just there.

As I stand there, I also notice that there is no sounds. No sounds of life or wind, or air, or anything. It is like a vacuum. It is like a place of total isolation, kind of like being in a dark sound proof room. This must be what the absence of Gods Presence is like, I thought to myself.

"You are correct", the Lord then said to me. I knew the Lord was standing beside me, even though I could not see Him. "The darkness is the absence of My Presence and My Light, and it is the place of total separation from the Truth."

"When people reject Me, they embrace what they love. The darkness becomes their abode and their portion. It is a place of total spiritual poverty and no illumination. When the Truth is rejected, and men choose to believe a lie, then they give themselves over to a reprobate mind and the darkness then becomes complete."

"The famine of My Word has begun to greatly increase now, even amongst My House, for even those of My House are being tested and tried, and what they give their hearts to, will be what they will be bound to."

"My corporate church has lost their first love, and have given their hearts to many things, and have denied Me the reins of their lives. They want their own ways and to walk their own direction, and have strayed from the Truth. They do not love the Light, and have not applied the Word to their lives, and have given themselves over to the darkness. For they are not lovers of the Truth."

"What you see before you is the famine of the Word and the complete falling away of those who say they love Me, but deny Me, and who will not embrace Me. The darkness is real and they wander around in the light of day bound in total darkness. They hear, but do not perceive the Truth."

"They can read the Word and will not understand it, but it will be closed and be as a wall before them. They will see, but do not have eyes to see what I am doing, and they grope around looking for answers but they will never find them, for they rejected Me and My Word in their lives. They loved their pleasures more than My Holiness."

"The darkness is also fear. Those who do not know Me and walk in My Love, will walk in fear and be bound by it. The opposite of absolute faith is absolute fear. I have repeatedly commanded My people to come to Me, to know Me, to fully and completely trust in Me, and to have faith in Me.

But they continually stray away from Me, and feed upon everything that comes along, and are now filled with mixture, darkness, and do not have My Truth fully formed and established within them."

"I have been forming Myself within Mine, and have been purging them and preparing them to stand in this hour. But even amongst Mine own, many have chosen to attack, tear down, and come against what I am building. They forever resist the Truth and the Spirit of Grace that has been given for this hour. When My Grace is finally rejected, there is only wrath afterwards."

"Mine will abide in Me, and walk in total darkness and not be affected. They will not fear, nor be dismayed, nor want for anything, for I AM their portion. When you abide in Me, then you are as I AM. Do not grieve, for My Word has warned men for generations of the coming darkness and the famine. But few applied My Word and allowed me to change them. Men think it will not come, or happen to them, or that it is only a Truth and not a reality. Now, it is too late, for it is already done. Those who are Mine, will walk fully in the light as I am in the Light. For they loved me more than themselves."

"What is meant for slaughter is given to the slaughter."

"What is meant for the darkness, now will abide in it’s place."

"What is meant for the destroyer is already in it’s hand."

"What is meant for the storm is already in it, for few paid heed."

"What is Mine, is Mine, and will remain in Me."

"The spiritual darkness is complete and few see it, for it is still day in the earth, but it will soon be fully night and then no man will work."

"The darkness will work it’s work, and it will be given all that is not Mine. I am fully disclosing the darkness and the light. I am showing all men what both looks like, so no man will have an excuse and say to Me that they didn’t know or that they were taken unawares or were deceived, for all men will know."

"Both darkness and light will be seen and understood, and both will be inhabited and both will continue till the end, as I bring My House into it’s place."

Until then, the final race continues, and men will rise and fall, and nations will roar and the earth convulse as the darkness swallows it’s due."

"You are to stand in the darkness and show forth My Light. For nations are coming to the light, and the knowledge of Me will be shown, and men will choose, and determine their eternal destiny. The books are open, and many are writing their names in the books. Some to eternal damnation and some to eternal life. This is the Hour of Truth, and all men will stand in their places."

"Do not waver, but stand firm, and know that even in the darkness, you abide in Me. Do not look at the waves, the winds, or the storms, but remain fully abiding in Me, and know that you walk out your destiny in Me. Give no place to fear that will rule the masses, but yield to My Spirit, and follow Me. For I have given you My Truth, to light your path. Go to all who will gather, and speak the Truth to them, and show them the way to Me. For some will cleanse their garments through the dark hours ahead, as they see the Light and choose to come out of the darkness. Many will not. But you must continue on, and leave the men to Me, just walk forth knowing that I Am in the midst of all things."

"The Fear of the Lord will keep you in the Truth. Never allow the fear of men to divert you, but fear God more than men, and lead them on and through the storm. For it has only just begun, and the full force has yet to come. I have warned Mine to remain in Me, and now the Truth is plain to see, for all that are looking for Me, will find Me, even in the trials of fire to yet come."

"My Glory will illuminate you, fill you, and flow forth from you into the darkness, as you obey Me. Guard your heart and walk humbly in the earth, for it labors to fully give birth, and great will be the rending that will come. But you have all that you need with you, and so, walk on."

I stood there, allowing His Voice to flow through Me, strengthening me, and bringing me closer to Him. There is so much happening in the earth and in the heavens, and it pulls on you, and drains you at times. But we must come aside and be refreshed and strengthened and listen to our Lord. So, I await in the darkness, in Him.

He is our portion and refuge in the storms and our Standard in the midst.

Let us walk in the light, while there is light to work, and reach out to those who grope in the darkness at the noon hour. Let us press on to the mark and the high calling in Christ, and be found faithful in the end.

-Susan Cummings
8-30-05
1:45 pm

The separation of the Light from the darkness will be total as we finish this season that we have entered. There will be no mixture anymore.

I will add another vision that I had recently, to further bring understanding:

Mon Aug 29, 2005 3:54 pm

Vision of Jesus standing in the midst of America with a sword. He drives it deep into the heart of the US and thereby breaking open the land. Out of the slice that the sword made, came forth thick black ooze, foul things, smells, etc..... The Lord says that he must lance and purge the heart, before He can heal it.The Lord then says that the sin of America is "Idolatry"

He was bringing the natural and the spiritual into alignmentI also saw Jesus later standing in the earth, and he had reached down into the earth and grabbed with his hand a bunch of cords from the midst of the earth, and brought them outwards. he jerked them out and held them. He said these were the bloodlines. He was now sifting the many bloodlines. He was also repositioning many bloodlines for judgement.

Everything that can be shaken will be.

Everything that can be divided will be.

Everything that can be exposed will be.

Everything that can be purified will be.

While driving to Arkansas two weeks ago, the Lord began to speak to me regarding the heartland. He began to show me the current belt or the security that we place our faith, trust, and identity in is religion. We trust more in our forms and rituals than we do upon our relationship with Him.

A word from the Lord and a sign of our true condition:

The Bible Belt of America

The Heartland: Symbolic of the heart of the Corporate Church

It represents the state of the heart of the church- she has girded herself with the bible (religion) and needs to be girded about the waist and loins with Truth and Righteousness instead.

The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age,[c] against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.There must be a return and a stance of Truth coming from the people of God again. It must be brought forth from within us and from without us.Isaiah 11

The Reign of Jesse’s Offspring

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse,
And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.
3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD,
And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes,
Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;
4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor,
And decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.
5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins,
And faithfulness the belt of His waist. 6 " The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.
7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den.
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
As the waters cover the sea.

The time has come for the people of God to know their God, and to be fully given to Him, so He can be formed within them, and through them, to begin to effect the earth with His Presence.

So, the currents of change are flowing.

We must allow the Holy Spirit to catch us up into what he is doing, and move with Him, if we are to effective in this hour. For the fullness of what God is doing will be visibly seen and understood in the earth by all men. Whether they accept it and embrace it, or reject it, is their choice. But through it all, everyone will choose.

So, let’s begin to now explore our purpose in this hour:

Ephesians 1

Greeting1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,To the saints who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. 7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace 8 which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, 9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. 11 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, 12 that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who[b] is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. Prayer for Spiritual Wisdom

15 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Paul addresses 2 things in the above passages.

The need for wisdom and prudence in the times they were facing. He knew that the Father had reserved a portion of Truth for each generation to walk in, so he was praying that they would have their eyes opened to that which was theirs, so they could walk fully in it.

In the above portion, we see 4 things they needed to know:

1. The eyes of their understanding needed to be enlightened.

2. They might know the hope of His Calling.

3. To know the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.

4. To know the exceeding greatness and the working of His Power.

He also saw a new position coming into our lives by which we could obtain those 4 things that we needed.

Ephesians 2

By Grace Through Faith1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1. He is raising us up together

2. To be seated with Christ in the Heavenly Places

Unless we begin to see what Jesus sees and do what we see Jesus doing, we will have no effect and bring forth no fruit in the earth. We must be lifted up by the Father, and have a change of perspective, that will enable us to tap into His Power and Glory, and bring forth true revelation that is for this hour.

Ephesians 3

The Mystery Revealed1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. The Purpose of the Mystery:

8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship[a] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;[b] 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. Appreciation of the Mystery

14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,[c] 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to

Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

There are four things Paul was keying in on in the above passages that are vital that we grasp so that we can achieve our places and purposes, and bring forth Christ out of us:

1. That we must be strengthened with might by His Spirit in our inner man.

2. That Christ may dwell in our hearts, being rooted and grounded in love.

3. That we may be able to fully comprehend the fullness of God in us.

4. That we would experientially know the love of Christ which causes us to be full of Him.

When we come fully into the knowledge of Him within us, then it can be birthed out of us. This is where we are at in the time line of Gods Purposes. Birthing.

This is bringing forth the Currents of Change.

The Lord has recently been speaking to me out of Nahum.

Nahum 1:

The burden

1.against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.2 God is jealous, and the LORD avenges;
The LORD avenges and is furious.
The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries,
And He reserves wrath for His enemies;
3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power,
And will not at all acquit the wicked.
The LORD has His way
In the whirlwind and in the storm,
And the clouds are the dust of His feet.
4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry,
And dries up all the rivers.
Bashan and Carmel wither,
And the flower of Lebanon wilts.
5 The mountains quake before Him,
The hills melt,
And the earth heaves at His presence,
Yes, the world and all who dwell in it.
6 Who can stand before His indignation?
And who can endure the fierceness of His anger?
His fury is poured out like fire,
And the rocks are thrown down by Him.
7 The LORD is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble;
And He knows those who trust in Him.
8 But with an overflowing flood
He will make an utter end of its place,
And darkness will pursue His enemies.
9 What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it.
Affliction will not rise up a second time.
10 For while tangled like thorns,
And while drunken like drunkards,
They shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.
11 From you comes forth one
Who plots evil against the LORD,

A wicked counselor. 12 Thus says the LORD:
" Though they are safe, and likewise many,
Yet in this manner they will be cut down
When he passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more;
13 For now I will break off his yoke from you,
And burst your bonds apart."
14 The LORD has given a command concerning you:
" Your name shall be perpetuated no longer.
Out of the house of your gods
I will cut off the carved image and the molded image.
I will dig your grave,
For you are vile."
15 Behold, on the mountains
The feet of him who brings good tidings,
Who proclaims peace!
O Judah, keep your appointed feasts,
Perform your vows.
For the wicked one shall no more pass through you;
He is utterly cut off.

The Purposes of the Lord in this season is to loose all who are bound, and to bring them into His House, all who will come to Him.

Ezekiel 23

Two Harlot Sisters1 The word of the LORD came again to me, saying:
2 " Son of man, there were two women,
The daughters of one mother.
3 They committed harlotry in Egypt,
They committed harlotry in their youth;
Their breasts were there embraced,
Their virgin bosom was there pressed.
4 Their names: Oholah[a] the elder and Oholibah[b] her sister;
They were Mine,
And they bore sons and daughters.
As for their names,
Samaria is Oholah, and Jerusalem is Oholibah.The Older Sister, Samaria

5 " Oholah played the harlot even though she was Mine;
And she lusted for her lovers, the neighboring Assyrians,
6 Who were clothed in purple,
Captains and rulers,
All of them desirable young men,
Horsemen riding on horses.
7 Thus she committed her harlotry with them,
All of them choice men of Assyria;
And with all for whom she lusted,
With all their idols, she defiled herself.
8 She has never given up her harlotry brought from Egypt,
For in her youth they had lain with her,
Pressed her virgin bosom,
And poured out their immorality upon her.
9 " Therefore I have delivered her
Into the hand of her lovers,
Into the hand of the Assyrians,
For whom she lusted.
10 They uncovered her nakedness,
Took away her sons and daughters,
And slew her with the sword;
She became a byword among women,

For they had executed judgment on her.

Let’s look for a moment at the two women he is addressing above:

Oholah means: "she who has a tent"

Oholibah means "a tent is in her"

I think we can see the difference between the two is the relationship. It is not enough to have a knowledge of God, but to have that knowledge formed within you, this makes you a true habitation of God. They both are the Lord’s, as with the ten virgins in our opening text. But one has the Life and Light of God formed within, and one does not.

So, we are coming full circle again. We must be full of Him, in order to stand.

This morning, I had a vision, and it will sum up where we are headed...9-4-05 9:33 am

I saw a sword flying downwards and it hit a place in America. It hit a plug that was situated in our land. The plug said on it, "United Brethren."
The Lord said, "I'm pulling the plug on religion, and am releasing the Love, so My People can come into unity and stand."

-Susan Cummings
Unless, we, the Body that is being formed into Christ’s workmanship, begin to walk in love for each other, then we will not stand.

We must come together, being fully knit together in love, and then work forth from that foundation, for all of the expressions of Christ work through Love.

This is what will release the explosion of Christ from within us, to affect the earth, as the salt and light that we were meant to be.

***May this current teaching and the revelations given to me, bless you and strengthen you, and impart the vision of Christ within each of you, as you seek Him for your parts...

Blessings,
Susan Cummings
9-5-05

Word For The Remnant

Roy Resh

All over the world, My Remnant waits eagerly for My voice, says the Lord. My still, small voice is heard like the ringing of distant carillon bells played by one with music in his heart. Over false and misleading human cacophony, My voice creates a wondrous stirring of the spirit.

I know that your soul longs to be with Me, to ever live in My presence and leave earthly toil and affliction behind. Soon My beloved, very soon, I will come for you. In a just little while, even before My terrible Day of vengeance, I will return for all of you who are My Remnant.

I will seal you and then make you into a Bride fit for a King. You will remain on Earth to reveal My very nature during early preparations for My great Day. That’s when I will rule in glory, undisputed by spiritual enemies.

My time on earth was cut short in its flower by the merciful will of our Father. After you are sealed you will fulfill the last half of My 7-year ministry to this Earth. These Kingdom times of the Gentiles aren’t the time of Jacob’s trouble. That period begins as My Bride’s work ends.

Whether Jacob or Gentile, I AM calls you right now, My beloved Remnant. Turn fully to Me, even today, says your Lord, and receive the cleansing fire of My baptism. You will know the glory of my continual presence, and have every gift needed to minister My life to others.

I said that you would receive My baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire. Why have many made up substitute human baptisms? I am your baptizer. Before My earthly ministry began, wasn’t I sealed by the Holy Spirit at Jordan? Wasn’t I tested by the fire of satan’s temptations? The baptism of John fulfilled its mission.

Soon all of My Betrothed will know Me and My ways. All of this sealed Remnant will be cleansed by Holy Spirit fire. My Remnant submits to My voice and moves with unquestioning obedience. Unfettered by human pride, My Bride’s ways always reveal My presence. She loves being at My beck and call to reveal My glory.

Be ready, My Betrothal seal comes now. Trust not in man’s works to prepare you to be known as ‘faithful’ to Me. My Remnant mustn’t seek for another person to speak for her. That would spoil our

Bridegroom/Bride relationship. Eagerly listen for My voice, and then practice obedience. Be ready. The Father will reveal the times.

Although wicked hands crucified Me, this act set Me free to choose a Bride of many. Those who've gone before you with true hearts for Me will be sealed first. Then My Remnant on earth will receive My Betrothal signet, my seal for all to see. Yes, I will make you stand out, My beloved Jew and Gentile Remnant. As I foretold, you are My two witnesses who minister My life, My blood, and yes, even judge each other and the world. Why will you not believe that My witnesses must be cleansed and prepared before I take them home?

None may speak for Me until I clothe them in sackcloth and ashes and release their voices. Those among you who claim to speak for Me, but do not, are about to reap the harvest of the rebellious. Bride, leave them and their works alone, or share in the judgment that I have promised for Babylon and its Chaldean fakers.

Don't believe that you probably have just a little more time to ignore My calling. The moment the last member of My Remnant is sealed, it will be too late to become My Bride. Then, I will say 'I never knew you' if you plead for more time to prepare. Buy your oil right now, keep your wedding lamps trimmed and ready. I will provide in the midst of apparent lack, as I did water in the desert. Trust Me. Love Me.

As any Bridegroom cherishes His Betrothed, I long to love on you and take you to My breast. Open your spiritual eyes. Your redemption is very soon, My beloved Remnant. You will truly be My glory on the earth.

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Word For The True Church In England

Cindy Jacobs

While in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida on April 6th, speaking for Bishop Hamon and Christian International, I had an angelic visitation. During this visitation the Lord gave me a vision of England. The forces of darkness were coming from across the world upon that nation. This was not the first time that I had seen this darkness upon England in a vision.

The Lord spoke to me strongly about Prince Charles at that time. He said to me, "Prince Charles has been tried in the balance and found wanting."

Two days ago I read an article in the *Arizona Republic* newspaper while flying out of Phoenix that told of the controversy over Prince Charles wanting to build a mosque in a planned community that he is building. The people of the area were protesting and saying that there were hardly any Muslims in the area and that they did not want one to be built there. The article went on to say that the prince has a section in his garden dedicated to Islam.

There has been an uncovering of the nation to the spirit of Islam through the prince's actions. By aligning with the spirit of Islam, a vulnerability to judgment has been opened in the nation. This is not the full reason for the attack, but it is certainly an open door.

This is what the Lord is saying to the true church of England:

There is a warrior spirit in the heart and soul of the British people. The sleeping giant of the church is a rising and the battle for well-being of the nation is at stake. Arise and stand and fight the giant of Islam and terrorism that is in your very midst and I will shake even the monarchy and move righteousness into the land.

Cindy Jacobs
July 7, 2005

We Are At War
Victoria Boyson

We Must Wake Up From Our Slumber and Realize That We are at War. . ."

My daughter, Cassandra, had a dream; in the dream she was at a Christian campground. It was night time and everyone was asleep, except her. She was awake because she felt something was wrong. As she lay awake on her bed, she saw out her window a raging fire, and it was headed straight toward the campgrounds.

She ran to the camp official and frantically told him that he needed to get all the kids out of the camp because of the fire that was headed their way. But he did not believe her and told her she was crazy. She ran to a window and opened it; she screamed at him, wanting desperately to convince him, "Look, there is a fire out there!" But he just rolled his eyes at her and told her to go back to bed.

In the dream, Cassandra's friend heard her screaming and ran to see what was wrong. She showed her friend the fire; she believed her, and they ran to safety. The two girls were the only two who made it out of the camp alive; the rest of the people were burned while they slept in their beds.

Put on Your Armor of Light

When she shared this dream with me, I thought of how it reminded me of the Church at this time. How passively we endure the onslaught of our enemy, without really realizing we are at war with him. The enemy has sent a consuming fire to destroy us, and we remain asleep while the he advances.

In Romans 13:11-12 it says, *"It is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and PUT ON THE ARMOR OF LIGHT." (emphasis mine)*

The day the world has been in need of is upon us. The night is almost over, and the day is almost here when the Church will arise in power and devour her enemies. But we must wake up from our slumber and realize that we are at war and put on the armor of light.

The Lord is calling us from our slumber to battle in the heavenlies for the souls of men. He has declared war on principalities and powers that have held them in darkness. We must dust off the cobwebs of apathy and passivity and fight for His sake. We must take authority over the realms of darkness for His sake.

Plunder the Darkness

Everything God has fought for was for us. He has given us the keys to the kingdom of darkness and commanded us to "plunder it." Our faith without deeds is like having a gun, but not using it. It cannot be life as usual anymore; no, we must realize that we are at war and fight!

The day of our salvation is at hand, but it will not be acquired passively. We must fight and "through God we shall do valiantly, and it is He who will tread down our adversaries," (Psalm 60:12). God will give us the victory, but we must fight. We must throw off passivity and advance against our enemies in the name of the Lord.

We Have Authority

We have allowed Satan to deceive us; he has infiltrated our minds and conned us into thinking that we are at peace -- that all is well. And we have slept while the enemy has tried to destroy us. We have slept while our Churches have been pillaged. We questioned our authority in Christ while our children's hearts have been stolen away by the enemy.

Church, we have authority! God has given us authority over all demonic activity (Luke 9:1; Matthew 28:18-19). We must use it. Jesus said, "The work of God is this: to believe on the One He has sent," (John 6:29). Our job is to have faith -- to pray and believe.

"I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you." -- Matthew 17:20

You have mountain-moving faith inside of you! You must use it to bind Satan and take authority over him because God has given you authority over all things everywhere. We rule and reign with Christ! (2 Timothy 2:12; Psalm 103:19)
It is a new day Church! It is time to wake up from our slumber and rise up in battle and plunder our enemy's lair. This is the day of our salvation as a Church and for the millions who will be set free through this war. So, put on your armor of Light Church, put it on!

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Trophies of Grace
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***"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* -- 2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV**

You are God's trophy -- His masterpiece.

***"God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realm in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace."* -- Ephesians 2:6-7 NIV**
God has raised you up to show off the power of His grace.

To walk in the power and authority of Jesus, we must not let our past keep us from fulfilling the call on our lives. We can do this by focusing on who we are in Christ, living in the realm of redemption, and seeing ourselves the way God sees us. Once we lived in darkness without hope, but God chose to bring us to Himself through Christ to be one with Him. He wanted to bring you near to Himself.

***"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ."* -- Ephesians 2:13 NIV**
***"He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. . ."* (Ephesians 1:4)**, not by our works, but through Jesus. Through the grace of God, we are made holy and blameless, not for our glory, but for His.

In Christ Alone

When grace is given the opportunity to work in a life without the encumbrance of self-righteousness and self-justification, it is then you see what Paul meant when He said that God ***"might show the incomparable riches of His grace"* (Ephesians 2:7)**.

When I meet people who have lived in darkness away from God, yet now, quote the scriptures with the authority of the Son of God, I see they have become a trophy of God's grace. When I meet people who have every reason to hate themselves because of their past, yet do not, I also see people who have become a trophy of God's grace. They have not justified themselves by their good works, but they have placed their hope firmly in the redemption given to them by the cross of Jesus. They have truly believed in Jesus; they have believed that they could be made whole through the forgiveness of their sins. And they have grabbed with their whole hearts onto what God offered them.

Since their former lives were so dark, they must press on toward Jesus. Only in Him have they found the grace to become whole. They have no religious works to fall back on to make them feel good about themselves. They only have the blood of Jesus. With only darkness in their past, they move forward, toward the light they have found in Christ.

Our past failures can become a blessing to us if we will let them drive us into the arms of grace -- the arms of Christ -- and into God.

When the adversary comes to remind us of our past, we can agree with him. We can say, "Yes, devil, I am a failure. Yet, I am saved from your clutches. Not by my goodness, but I cling to the cross of Christ alone. For it is in Christ alone I place my hope; by His grace I am made righteous and ***'IN HIM [I] live and move and have [my] being'*** **(Acts 17:28)**."

Failure

Satan will use any kind of personal failure to torment us and to try and stop us from fulfilling the call of God on our lives. But failure can also be used by the Holy Spirit to drive us into the arms of mercy, allowing the works of grace to be made manifest in us.

Peter was very close to Jesus and loved Him deeply. He had sworn to protect Jesus and defend Him, even with his own life if need be **(see John 13:37)**. He truly wanted to serve Jesus. Peter really wanted to be a friend whom Jesus could depend on. He really meant it when he said, ***"Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will"*** **(Matthew 26:33 NIV)**. That is what he wanted to do more than anything. Unfortunately, that is not what he did.

Indeed, Peter did not stand up for Jesus when He needed him. He did not stand strong by Jesus' side as he had longed to, but he crumbled in weakness and failed his dear friend **(see John 18:15-27)**.

What indescribable agony he must have felt. What painful regret he must have suffered. He loved Jesus so much, yet he failed to do what he wanted so much to do. He suffered in anguish over his failure to his friend.

At the point of Peter's failure to Christ, what did he do? Did he walk away from Jesus, keeping his pride intact, yet live without Christ? Or would he humble himself, admitting he had failed and ask for forgiveness? He had to make a choice. He could live by self-justification, making excuses for his sin or accept the mercy of Christ, sanctified by the cross alone.

Peter had pride in his heart, but he proved his love for Jesus by humbling himself and receiving the forgiveness of Christ. He could not stand to be away from Christ, so he humbled himself and received His mercy.

Christ does not forgive excuses, only sin -- sin that we have acknowledged as sin and repented of -- sin that we have taken to the cross, clinging ***only*** to the cross for our righteousness. We must stop making excuses for our sin and simply repent of it. Repentance is a gift from God and through it we are freed from sin.

Sin will become the hammer that drives us into the grace of God if we will humble ourselves and run to Him and not away from Him.
"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face

***and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* -- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)**
It is in heart-felt repentance that we find God's Merciful restoration for our souls.

Trophies of Grace

If we live by grace and not works, receiving Christ's sacrifice as our only justification from sin, we will become God's workmanship -- His masterpiece.

God's idea of a masterpiece is to take a life that has been trampled on by Satan -- locked in sin -- and then set them free, raising them up and empowering them to do His mighty works. They become His trophy, His work of art. He loves to show them off! He displays them to the world to show His amazing grace, mercy, and forgiveness to others.

If others can see what God's grace has done in you, they will be drawn to the Savior -- the giver of grace -- the one who restored your life. If they can see this "incomparable riches of His grace," they will be drawn to the God of grace and rescued from the darkness that surrounds them.

It is up to us to show them the Light of Christ that shines through grace. And by grace will they be saved, not that any should boast except God **(see Ephesians 2:8-9)**. For it is His "boasting" that will make others hungry for what He has given us and what He has for them, as a free gift! For though they have failed and fallen into sin, they can find forgiveness through the cross. And He will raise them up like He did Peter **(see Acts 2:14-41)**, causing them to stand secure in Christ alone; they will speak with the boldness of heaven.

There is nothing you have done that can keep you from God's love **(see Romans 8:35)**. It is a free gift to all who will receive it, all who ask for it, and all who want it.

Open your heart and tell Him you want Him. He will restore your life and make you a trophy of His grace! **For there is nothing lost that cannot be found in Him.**

Love and blessings to you,

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Waves And Wind

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The Lord has been reminding me this week of this 3 years past vision I received, and I've felt to re share this in the hope it will speak to some of you, also ..
Jesus calls to the people….. a vision portion received on 2-01-02

“…..He causes His wind to blow, and the waters flow.” *- Ps. 114:18b*

Some pre: A few days previous to receiving this vision I had seen portions of an interesting educational show on TV, re: "waves" (as in ocean waves).. their origins and their power, etc. I seldom 'sit down’ to watch TV, but this one got my attentions and I sat to watch as they spoke about the small ocean waves originating in Antarctica (South. Pole).

In the Pacific Ocean, the little waves then become great rolling ocean swells as driven along and growing of the "wind". As they move out and north they finally hit the beaches of Hawaii, California, Alaska and elsewhere as the beautiful crashing white capped surfs. (Which surfers of the warmer climes truly love). The program also pointed out the destruction of the coastlands that can occur, because of these great waves, showing in example, a town in Scotland (Atlantic ocean) where the surf is literally washing away parts of a town which sits on an ocean bluff there.

As sometimes happens between The Lord and I, HE was really stirring much of this information in me over the next few days, and then Friday as I was praying and communing with HIM, I was given a vision.... this is one portion of it:

“The voice of The Lord is over the waters; The God of Glory thunders; The Lord is over many waters….” – Ps. 29:3

I was shown Jesus standing at the South Pole. He was larger than normal height. His arms were outstretched and He was turning slowly ... and with mouth open, Jesus' was calling to the North in all directions, as HE slowly turned, pausing with brief stops at different compass 'points' of direction..

Besides the awe of seeing Jesus, what really startled of this vision I was blessed to receive, was that I was shown and perceived the Voice/Sound coming from Jesus' Mouth as powerful musical sound waves, going out as wind over the ocean surface. (I apologize, but this is the best I can describe with written words, what I saw & heard).

It was a powerful calling to the nations/peoples..
And Jesus was singing this !!

The musical notes of Jesus' song were very limited in range (if this is the correct musical term to use) but absolutely beautiful and powerful and compelling. As an uninterrupted continuous long music note of Voice/Calling.. .with no words. Actually, I could liken it (somewhat only) to shofar's I have heard blown, but Jesus' voice was much lovelier and stronger. For as I was seeing this, I could also hear HIS song, but only dimly yet ....

Although I did not see this part fully in this vision - that is, the results; I'm quite sure from my "waves" and "wind" pondering with my Lord, that the oceans were being stirred indeed by Jesus' Voice, ...as the sound flowed out in all directions; Great Holy Spirit Voice/Wind of Jesus' calling song as it was sent forth into the immediate air just above these waters...

I know that oceans or sea's can speak in biblical type, of the vast array of humanity, God's creation - human beings en' mass. As per the TV show, the ocean water waves of this vision would be picking up strength and growing/swelling from this 'Wind' of Jesus' calling, Voice, Song.

"The Lord your God in the midst, The mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." - Zeph. 3:17

I understand why this vision was Jesus standing at the South Pole in the one respect, in that this theme is what I had been pondering on with my Lord... but also, the placement of Antarctica would lend to Jesus' song building and pushing all waves to the north... or the 'sides of the north' (Ps. 48:2) I've now looked up just a few scriptures on waves, and they do not usually speak to nice calm events, but rather stirring and turmoil ...

I sense of this vision, that Jesus' song will touch us, His own.... and be carried on and out by us then.

"Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise from the ends of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it; you coastlands and you inhabitants of them!." - Isa. 42:10

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with The Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to The Lord. Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ Eph. 5:18-2
I DO know one thing for sure after this vision/experience - HIS Voice and Calling going forth as song, and heard by me somewhat in this vision, is ***VERY LOVE*** and at the same time full of ***STRENGTH POWER***, and .... His' Song ***will not*** leave us **sedentary!**

" ...It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done. They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; For the majesty of The Lord they shall cry aloud from the sea. Therefore glorify the Lord in the dawning light, The Name of the Lord God of Israel in the coastlands of the sea. From the ends of the earth we have heard songs; "Glory to the righteous [One]!." " - Isa. 24:13b-16a

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We Are Just Not Looking High Enough

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Visions and Prophetic Words from Our Service Today
in Jerusalem 02/26/2005

As we were worshiping the Lord just then I saw in vision a stone, a rock that was smooth on all sides, smooth around the edges, no jagged places.

But I saw it falling from the top of a great mountain. And I saw it beginning to roll down the mountain, even like Daniel saw in the Spirit. And I saw that stone as it began to roll down the mountain . . . A strange thing happened, almost like it would have been a snowball instead of a stone because it was getting larger and larger as it tumbled end to end.

It was growing in size and in strength . . . in speed as it began to accelerate itself down this mountain. And as it began to come toward the bottom of the mountain and began to roll out into a plain, I saw great towers that had been lifted up. Some of them seemed to be hand-carved from what looked like ivory. And I saw some that looked almost like the Eiffel Tower, something like the Eiffel Tower or the Leaning Tower of Pisa. I saw all of these different . . . even what appeared like the Washington Monument.

But I saw that this stone was striking these monuments or towers in the valley. It was striking each and every one of them. And to say it carnally, it was bowling them over, like a bowling ball against the pins.

And I heard that thought . . . A brother sung a song just a few services ago in Alabama that said, "I found that Stone that was hewn out of the mountainside. It came rolling down through Babylon, tearing down the kingdoms of this world."

And I just sensed in my spirit that this is the hour, this is the time, the season, when our Lord Yeshua is going to be that Stone that has been cut out of the mountainside - not by the hands of man. And yet It was so rounded and so smooth, not at all jagged but easy for rolling. I sense this is the hour that He is going to be magnified.

And He's not going to magnify Himself alone through His own power, although He certainly has the power to do that, but He's going to magnify Himself in us. We're going to be the mirror that reflects Him, the moon.

I've been watching the moon these last few days as it's getting rounder and fuller and all of the edges are becoming clearer and clearer. And as I see that moon, I am amazed because at home I don't often see the moon in the daylight. But here I've been seeing the moon, even in the day, even in the afternoon . . . early in the day I can see the moon. And maybe it was a couple nights ago as we were coming home from Mount Carmel, and I looked, and it seemed so reddish, so full of color.

And yet, I understand that the moon has no light of its own, not at all, but it's only a reflector to reflect the light of the sun. And in that sense, the moon represents the Bride of Yeshua, because we have no light to give. Amen? We don't have much to offer of ourselves, but we are a reflection of not the s-u-n, but the S-o-n. We are a reflection of the Son of God, the Messiah, Yeshua, our Lord.

And I just sense in my spirit that this is the day . . . Man is thinking, and he is planning, and he's making covenant and treaty . . . and a road map is still being talked about for the future of the world, but I've got a feeling that this is the hour that the Messiah . . . that Yeshua's going to begin to be magnified in us and that He is going to come like that little Stone, hewn out of the mountainside, rolling down through Babylon, tearing down the kingdoms of this world.

The only way for His Kingdom to be exalted above all others is that all others would have to crumble before Him. And I also see that man's wisdom and man's ivory towers and man's intellect, his religion, his denominational concepts of God . . . I am sensing that man has so confined God in a box . . . they've so placed Him in a little square pen, a little place, and said, "Now this is what we want You to do." Like the Scripture said, "You act like children, sitting in the marketplaces saying, I piped unto You, and You didn't dance.'"

But I see that God is getting ready to break out of man's box, the box that man has placed God in. He's getting ready to break out of that and manifest Himself to those who are hungry for Him.

And I see that the Lord is saying this morning that the Glory that we have known, the Presence that we have known and even the victory that we have known is just like the appetizer. It's like sitting down at a fine restaurant and having the different courses brought to you.

And what we've known in the Spirit is not the entree, it's not the fullness of the meal, but it's only that which would cause us to . . . our appetite to be stimulated and increased for more.

And I see that the Lord has us sometime in still places. And it feels a little bit like that in the Spirit. Although it's not a still time. It's a very busy time in the Spirit realm. But for some of us it feels like that this is a still time and a slow time.

And the Lord said that's like us sitting down at a restaurant . . . Maybe some of you have experienced this and if you haven't, you've probably at least heard about it. But sometimes in a very fancy restaurant . . . I have only been in a few in my whole life . . . between courses they bring out something like sorbet. And a lot of times it's citrus flavor. And they give you just a little bit of that sorbet. And they do it . . . they call it to cleanse your palette so that your mouth is clear of all the flavor of the last course, and it starts preparing you for the next course so that . . . (You can be seated if you want to.)

I just saw in the Spirit another illustration that I don't think I've used before, but sometimes in the States . . . We have traveled, and when we travel there are places that you can go and shop, and they call them outlet malls. And what they are is the different manufacturers will open stores and sell discounted things, sometimes second quality at lower prices.

And when you are among these discount stores in America, they have something called Perfumania. And it is a store where they discount all kinds of perfume and cologne and powder and all the things that go with these fragrances. And when you're in there, you can spray testers, you know, on little cards and smell the fragrance to see if you like it. But after a few tries, it all begins to smell the same because the fragrance gets caught in your nasal passages. And your sense of smell, it gets a little cloudy, a little hindered and not clear.

So you know what they do? They have little jars with coffee beans in them and little holes in the top. And they'll tell you to smell the coffee beans. And when you smell the coffee beans, it clears your nasal passages of all the other fragrances, and you can start again, just like the sorbet that clears your palette . . . Oh, this is strange.

But I feel like the Lord would have me to say that some of us are in that in-between course of the meal. We've had the appetizer, and we're desiring the entree - we're desiring the meat and the potatoes of what God has for us.

Now these fancy little appetizers are nice when you're so hungry, and it helps you, and it's nice, but it's not enough, it's not all we want. It's like going to the Arab restaurant and having this huge array of salads put out before you, and you love them, you enjoy the humus and all the different things, but if it's me, I'm waiting for the makluba, I'm waiting for the main course to come.

And I see that some of us here, and perhaps also those who are streaming on the computer, we're kind of in that in-between course in the meal. And we're, you know, not feeling so much direction. And it's not so very clear - like being in the fragrance shop and having all of the different fragrances kind of permeating the air at the same time. It's difficult to distinguish between the fragrances.

But thank God that He has the sorbet. He has the coffee beans. He has something . . . a reality check. Yes, He has a reality check that helps us to begin to clear our palettes, to clear out our nasal passages that when we get to the main course, there's nothing left of the appetizer, no flavor mingling in our mouth from the appetizer, but all of that is cleared out. It's all gone, and now we're beginning to taste, without any mingling of flavor, we're able to taste the entree that God has prepared.

Oh, I'm willing, Lord. If that's what this season is about in our lives - if it's to clear our minds and our spirits from all that we have had, getting ready for something meatier, something more substantial, something more filling, Lord, we're willing.

If you can understand this mixed up explanation, could you just lift your hand to the Lord with me and say, "Lord, I'm ready for You to clear my spiritual palette. I'm ready, Lord, for you to remove all of the mingling flavors of all the appetizers. That was great glory. It was great miracle, great wonderful things You've done for me in the past. But I'm ready, Lord. It's not that I don't want to remember it . . . I want to remember what You've done . . . but I don't want it hanging around to dilute what You're about to do. And so, Lord, we're willing for this still time, this moment between courses . . . Hallelujah. Glory to God. (tongues)

Prophecy:

For surely the Lord would say unto thee this day, I have called you, yes into that still place where it seems that almost My clock has stopped in your life.

But yea, I, the Lord thy God, would say unto thee, It is not stopped, it is not finished, but merely paused, saith the Lord.

And it is not because of disobedience, so you can quit asking Me if you have missed Me or if you have disobeyed Me.

For I say unto you, it is not because of disobedience, but it is because I'm getting ready to do something more, something more for you, saith the Lord. And I have called you to this place in Me to rest and to clear yourself of all the past.

And yea, the Lord would say unto thee, there has been some confusion in your mind of what I would have you to do.

And sometimes you would feel like that I would lead you to this and other times lead you to that. And so, I've seen those moments that you have been a little confused, wanting to know exactly what my will is.

And the Lord would say, that's what this season is about. Rest in Me. Look unto Me. And I will clear away all the worry of the past, all the flavor of the past, all the fragrance of the past, and I will begin to reveal My plan. And it'll be good, saith the Lord, for I have custom tailored it just for you . . . you in mind, saith the Lord. The things that you enjoy, the things that you are, all of you, I have custom designed My will for you, knowing you the way that I do. So, rest in Me.

For the Lord would say unto thee, I shall change directions, and things shall begin to be clearer, saith the Lord, if you'll wait on Me. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Bless Your Name.

And I didn't speak it out that way prophetically, but I began to see that for somebody here, a great change is coming around Pesach, around Pesach time this year a change is coming. And you're going to know that the Lord is doing it. Hallelujah.

I've never thought of it that way, but God's clearing our palettes. Go ahead, Lord. We've got mingling flavors.

I also see that we've got flavors from all the places we've been in the Spirit, all the places we've been in fellowship, all the churches, the ministries we've been through and under, and we've got a little taste of this from here and a little taste of that from there, a little taste of something else from over yonder. And I see that the Lord desires, not that it wasn't all good flavors, not that it all wasn't wonderful meals, but the Lord wants to clear us, He wants to get all those mingling, lingering flavors out of our mouth so that we can begin to eat.

Yes, I know that it's time for us to be weaned from the milk and eat the meat like we have never eaten it before. Oh, hallelujah. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Could we worship Him just another moment?

I don't want to linger, drag out or tarry, but I'm awed right now by the Presence of the Lord. I'm awed right now by what He's speaking to us. Hallelujah. Oh, bless the Lord. Bless the Lord. Bless the Lord. Bless the Lord. Bless the Lord.

Yea, even at Pesach time you'll begin to know what I'm doing. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. (tongues) Blessed be the Name of the Lord. We exalt You, O God of Israel. You are our God.

You have brought us together. We have seen ourselves in the sticks that are twisted together. We have seen ourselves in Judah and in Ephraim. We have seen ourselves there. Hallelujah. We know, Lord, that You're putting Your people together like never before, like never before, like never before. Hallelujah.

I just saw something else in the Spirit. I saw like . . . well, I'll give you this example. This isn't exactly how I saw it, but I'll give you this example.

A few days ago we were in a washroom, my sons and I, and they wanted to wash their hands, and so we washed our hands. And there were two little hand dryers, blow dryers for your hands in the washroom. And they had a large, round, button-looking thing on the front. And Benjamin, my oldest son, he just walked up and hit that button, what looked like a button. It really did, right on the front, big round thing. And he expected the air to begin to blow. And I said that didn't sound right, and it's not coming on. And I looked over there, and I realized that it was an automatic dryer. And it didn't require the pushing of a button - all you had to do was put your hands under it. And there's a sensor in there, a light sensor that knows when you've put your hands under there, and it triggers the air to begin to blow.

But what I saw in the Spirit was in America we have sometimes these handicapped doors that have these laser beams . . . you can't see them . . but they have little laser lights going across from one connection to another. And when you step into that, the door will open. It's like a trigger reaction. And I saw in the Spirit that we must not . . . I know the Lord deals with us like this often maybe . . . but we must not despise the day of small things. We must not despise these humble beginnings, these little things that God is doing. (Why don't you go ahead and be seated. It makes me feel bad for you to have to stand.)

We must not despise these little small things that the Lord is doing because what we don't know is sometimes they're like trigger reactions, they're like little laser lights that trigger something else. Does that make any sense to anybody? Like little mechanisms, you know, that opens another door, and you step in that door and it might be a little bigger, and when you step in that, it triggers another door.

Because if there's one thing the Lord has spoken to me while I've been here this time is . . . He spoke so plain, and He said, "I'm dwelling in your willingness. I'm dwelling in your willingness."

And I have a hard time sometime going back and forth between understanding willingness and obedience, because it's different. Willingness and obedience is a little bit different. Because the Bible said, "If ye be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the Land." Not just willing, but willing and obedient.

And it's my nature, this is me, it's my nature to place God in my obedience - that God will show up when I obey Him. You'd have to know my background. But I came from classical Pentecost. And in classical Pentecost there was a lot of emphasis on works and actions and deeds. And I believe that faith without works is dead. But there was more emphasis placed on action than faith.

And now we've grown up a little bit in the Spirit. But I still have a tendency to put God at that place of obedience. Where I obey God, He shows up. When I obey God, He shows up. That's my thought. But the Spirit of the Lord was dealing with me that He doesn't show up when I'm obedient, He shows up when I show willingness. When I show willingness, He shows up. Before I ever get to that place where I have to obey.

Remember Abraham, our father spiritually, he was not required by God that he should have to sacrifice his son, Isaac. And he went up on that mountain with faith that if it came to that point of sacrifice, that the God He served was more than willing to raise him from the dead. And that moved Abraham to be obedient. But God didn't show up after Abraham was obedient. It would have seemingly been a little late. He showed up when Abraham showed willingness.

I just implore you in the Name of the Lord, even though you may have heard these things a thousand times, please don't turn a deaf ear to what the Spirit would say to you. I just feel like saying that God is speaking to you. So, when we're close to one another, and we know one another's circumstances, sometimes we often think that Word is for so and so. I know who that's for. I know who that is for. But God wanted me to say, "It's for you." Not the one next to you - they've got to claim it for themselves. But it's for you.

And I keep hearing that driving of the Spirit, don't despise the day of small things. For He said, "I have chosen the foolish things of the world, those base things, to confound the wise." The wisdom of man is confounded and confused in God's tendency to use those little things. And that's why I said last week . . . it's been on my mind all week . . . more is being accomplished in the Land of Israel by little individual people who are praying and seeking the mind of God. More is being accomplished by those little individual people than by great organized effort. Because God can speak to us individually, and He dwells in our willingness.

Let's ask the Lord to help us to be even more willing, more bendable, more moldable, more pliable, that He might be able to use us in every situation.

Lord, we thank you that You're speaking to us by the Spirit, totally unrehearsed, unthought of things, things that have not been so pondering in our mind, but You just came. And we thank You that You have come. And, Lord, if it is for us, and You said it was, we want to apply it personally.

And we want to see you, Lord, in our willingness. When we're willing, we want You to be there. We want to know that You've shown up, and that You're going to lead us the rest of the way, because sometimes we don't have to carry out, we just have to be willing. Sometimes we don't have to give up everything, we just have to be willing. And sometimes we're just trading what we have now for what You're going to give us as we continue to walk by the Spirit.

Bless Your Name. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
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Comments On The Above Word

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As I was reading this (the below Word) the Lord spoke to me and said He has to remove the previous "taste" of the palates because there is a NEW thing coming and if we expect or try to use the things of past, it will hinder the new work of the Spirit. He is creative and wants to be left to be that way! We aren't to **presuppose** what He is going to do . . in other words, this is how He is going to do "it" because that is the way He did it previously! There's a fresh new outpouring of His Spirit for these last days. . . **also**, the time frame of Pesach is so right on . . . this is what the Holy Spirit has been showing me for weeks but just this week realized what He was saying. I kept seeing "3:33" so many times when I would look at a clock that I knew He MUST be trying to communicate something special to me. I just completed a "3" day fast this week and He spoke to me the following revelation. He had me look up the number "3" in the Gematria and it represents divine providence; divine perfection or **completeness (in Christ)**; **resurrection**.

He has completed the preparations in some of us that needed to be done (mine took 20 years!) and now we have been completed (in Him of course) and it is time for our lives/calling to be resurrected. We had to die first so we could be resurrected!! I had trouble trying to find out when Passover, Feast of Firstfruits is because some on the web were stating it was April 4th. . my secular calendar shows April 24th. . . I haven't missed it!!! He says He's using the time frame of the secular calendar. Get ready for a mighty act of the Almighty!

Blessings,
Gaylene

Watch And Pray

Yolanda Ballard

I AM calling you to come up higher, but you must respond by drawing close to My side and seeking My face, enabling Me to speak clearly to you. For this is the day when many are starting to fall away as they chase after their lusts of the flesh rather than to chase after Me.

I tell you that if My people would turn from their wicked ways, then I will be able to heal their land, but if they continue to draw away, they will lose their inheritance in Me, and the enemy will be able to steal, to kill, and destroy everything that they have. Every trace of ever knowing Me will be gone, and they will be just like the world who are lost.

But where is the sacrifice for those who once knew Me, but then fall away? There is not any! For those who go back into the mire and begin to chase after their lusts, and lose interest in knowing Me and loving Me, there is nothing to draw them back for they will be lost forever.

So I tell you this day that you must watch and pray, for the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak, and you need My grace and the strength of My Spirit to carry you on in victory to the finish line. Don't think that you have it all together because you say that you know My name, but in your heart you are far from Me. You don't seek My face and draw close to Me in the secret place. You don't even draw close to Me in worship with others in My presence as before. You allow everything else to be more important than Me. You allow the cares of the world, your lusts of the flesh, and trials of life to quench what fire that you had in Me.

Cry out that I may pour out My fire to burn up the dross before it is too late. Cry out for My grace and mercy that you may return to Me, and dwell close to Me, and once again worship Me unceasingly. For I desire your fellowship, and I send out to you a warning that if you don't start to watch and pray, you will lose all that I called you out to do for Me.

For I have created you to worship Me, and to carry out the mission that I created for you to bear, and only you can do this specific type of work that I called you to. For My work for you is unique, and only you can fill this call and position. There are people out there that only you can reach. And there are people out there that only you can heal. And there are greater works that I have for only you to do with a special anointing that you must claim. And the blessing that I have for you, if you will carry out the calling on your life, will effect every area of your life.

Yes, you will prosper in every area of your life if you put Me and My will first. And you will walk in health, and My peace and joy will flood your life. But most of all you will have My love and My light and glory to radiate out from you.

So contemplate My calling upon you and restore your vision of why you are here. Don't lose out, My people, for this is the time and the hour for restoration and the time for jubilee. Yes, return unto Me. Cast off the lusts and independence, and humble yourself before Me, and I will lift you up. I will bless you and honor you and give you a long life if you live your life truly for Me. Don't just go by My name, but be My people, those who love Me and want to be with Me.

Worship Me and I will stir the gifts within you, and give you the zeal and the fire and the glory. You cannot make it on your own or you will be destroyed, for you must continue to be sensitive when I call you near, and you must be sensitive to hear My voice, but most of all you must follow the leading of My eye. Follow Me and trust Me to know My will, and receive for I give you My kingdom and My power and My glory forever and ever. Amen.

A Call Of Intimacy To The Bride
Yolanda Ballard

Jul 12, 2005
Come be intimate with Me, My bride. Come into My secret place and worship Me for this is the time and the hour to come apart from your worldly cares and abide in My presence. Come close to Me, My bride, and I will fill you to overflowing with My love and grace. I have come to heal the brokenhearted. Yes, I have come to heal all your inner wounds, but you first must come close and wait upon Me. Serve Me with a heart of thanksgiving and of rejoicing for it pleases Me when My bride shows that she has an abiding trust within her.

Why are you downhearted? Why do you not show that you trust Me by you coming and resting in My presence? Be still and know that I am God and that I am faithful to perform My word on your behalf. So come before Me and kneel at My feet and let Me bless you. For I come to bless you with My kingly anointing for you are a royal priesthood, and I will do mighty works through you on behalf of those I gave My life for. Yes, I will touch you and anoint you and send you forth to do mighty works in My name. For yes, this is the time and the hour that I will pour out My power. And yes, you have faithfully waited on Me, and you have trusted in My faithfulness to bring to past all that I have said I would do concerning My latter rain. For yes, I am the rain, and yes, I am the fire, and I am the wind. And I come to shower out upon you My glory.

You are My precious gems. You are My rubies. And I rejoice that you fill My crown with precious jewels. Yes, I wear you as My crown for you are so precious in My sight, My bride, My love. So know how much you mean to Me. Let Me touch you with the fire of My love that you will burn for Me even more. For I long for your intimate presence. I love to feast with you and to dance endlessly for this is the time of coming forth where I will present My bride at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Be ready. Yes, make your garments ready and rejoice. Look up for your redemption is drawing nigh for I will embrace you and catch you away into My everlasting arms of love. Yes, this is the time and the hour where I will pour out My power and the fire of My love, says your God.

War Coming Soon

David Kocurek

My Heart is Full and Heavy--So I Must Speak Plainly. To Speak the things The Lord has shown me.

Thru "Many" Dreams and Visions, The Lord keeps showing me this one thing coming to America. "WAR" I see War coming. I see War on Babylon --America.-- I see the Russian -n- Chinese alliance, Launching a surprise attack upon America. Destroying her Air Forces and Navy's Fleets. I see Invasion and a Long bloody land battle on US and Canadian soil. I see the Draft taking those between the ages of 12 to 65. Their will be no real winner in World War 3. Because it is not about conquest, But the Judgments from God and when the books of the Proghets and the book of Revelation will rapidly unfold. I see the enemy take much land before they are finally halted. I see the enemy having Air Superiority and Sea Superiority. Time is short. Soon it will all start. Not too many years hence. The enemy will have "NO" mercy on the women and children and prisoners of war. The invading Army's are "Ruthless." There are "NO" International rules of War, In World War 3. This will be a no holds bar fight, Anything goes. Nukes, Gas, Bio-Warfare the norm. No food No electricity No gas. Survival of the Ruthless. Anarchy and Carnage. No calling 911. Because they are not coming. Defend your self. Prepare an ambush. If you are taken prisoner, You wont be coming back. Never surrender to the enemy- If you do, You will die. Fight or Flight!!! I see Big Earth Quakes and Earth Changes in strange places.

But why you ask? This is being sent by God as Judgment on America, For her sins--- (But wait)--- It spreads to the whole World--All have sinned against God. The enemy suffers as well. Woe to China and Russia and all the Nations and Woe! Woe! to the Whole World. Hunger- War- Disease, These things know no boarders. Every Country effected. Go ahead and hide, But the Lord in his vengeance will find all the wicked. There is only one safe place in all the World. That my friend, Is in Jesus. He alone died on that Cross for us. For the remission of our sins. Your money wont save you, Your wisdom wont save you, Your power wont save you. Only Jesus can save you. "For with God all things are possible". So Please Pray.

Please, Please-- heed The Lords Warnings!!! That I have past on to you. Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior today. God loved you so much, He sent his only begotten son Jesus. That who so ever believes in him, Would not perish but have ever lasting life. John 3:16

A prudent man foresees the troubles ahead and prepares. Wile the wicked do nothing and perish.

Please feel free to post and or forward this Warning message to any who has an ear to hear. Along with my name and e-mail address.

Your brother in Jesus David Kocurek sr. in4jesusnow2008@msn.com

Warfare

Barbara Lynch

March 10, 2005; 5:27 am

This is just the beginning of sorrows for My people. There is much destruction on the horizon and My people are not prepared to meet this destruction. They have prayed and then laid back on their laurels and believe that nothing is going to happen, but the destruction is coming upon the land. Life will go on, but not the same as before. Many will be running to and fro and they will not be able to find peace, but My true church will be running to know Me as the center of peace and they will lead the others to the place of peace that only abides within Me. I have asked My people to come out from under the mundane and walk in the supernatural, but they are refusing to do so. Time will tell! Time will tell on those who would not heed My warnings and all will finally see that I truly did speak and warn My church, but to no avail. The time of great warfare is upon this land and you (church) must war as never before. You must come to the throne of grace as never before. You must stay at the altar of incense as never before and you must come out victorious on all sides. I have spoken and so shall it be, saith the Lord.

Warfare! Warfare! Warfare on all sides and only those who have been trained to walk in My circumference of safety will make it through this terrible hour of great warfare that has come upon this land.

Marshall law will now come into effect. You will see destruction on every side. Many suicides will occur at this given time. Many will walk in fear for their very lives. But I have warned and I have warned, but to no avail. Now My true church will emerge upon the scene with signs, wonders and miracles and they shall bring peace in the midst of this chaotic world. Be still and know that I am God and fight the good fight of faith and prevail at all cost.

Altar of Incense
Exodus 30: 1 ? 10
Revelation 8: 1 ? 5

A Place of Spiritual Sacrifice
Romans 12: 1 ? 2

Christ Our Pattern
Hebrews 13: 10 - 16

We Are His Voice

Cyndee Pillow

April 12, 2005
I breathed out moans while in the spirit, exhaling breath in an airy voice. I heard in my ears the sound of water...many waters.......rushing out! I don't actually know how to describe this, but I just went with the spirit and every time I would exhale air that seemed to come from my belly, it would sound like water flowing upward to the throne.

I know the Spirit was carrying this, and it was changing things and doing something in the heavenlies that would affect the future. I felt...it was as if the Lord was using not only me, but many others all over the world that know the Lord. I felt it was to release King JESUS into the earth with a mighty demonstration that would bring Glory to Himself.

As I prayed this way, I never felt it was me alone doing this...but many others joining all at once, and....together our cry from the Spirit and our voices mingling was as mighty roaring , flowing waters rushing upwards to the throne. Not only that, but as it flowed upwards, I felt it would again flow downwards watering the earth with God's will for His people and blessings for them. I knew that according to the amount of this water flow, this would determine the amount flowing back down. Also, I knew it would shake the earth and the wicked. It is also a release that was making way for the King of Glory.

I believe that the Lord has a people (His People), that have come into unity all over the earth, like never before, for such a time as this. His people are releasing a cry from the deep! It is pouring forth unto the Lord by the Holy Spirit in us.

This united voice in the Spirit is flowing from the recently uncapped wells of water. This has come after the battle that came to try to stop the flow from every coming forth from us. Many have come out of the furnace of fire and many are still coming out that will join this voice.

The battle has been won over many hindrances in the flesh and now there is a flow that has joined with the Spirit as ONE Cry and ONE voice unto the Father. There will be others joining, even every second, every hour and every day, until it is completed. Join in the song of the Spirit, that brings God's will on earth as it is in Heaven.

WE are HIS voice!~~

"His feet glowed like burnished bronze as it is refined in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters." Rev. 1: 15

*"His body also was like beryl, his face had the appearance of lightning, his eyes were like flaming torches, his arms and his feet like glowing burnished bronze, and **the sound of his words was like the noise of a multitude."** Daniel 10:6*

HIS VOICE (His People) cry out~!

"Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud pearls of thunder, shouting: Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns." *Rev. 19:6*

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Women Arise

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Women, Arise and Claim Your Portion
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Women, Arise and Claim Your Portion *God is calling women off the bench and out of the shadows. It is a special season for His daughters to walk in a new realm of spiritual authority.*

God has placed a passion in my heart to see women take their full place in the church and society. Perhaps that's because I have four daughters of my own.
As soon as my first daughter, Margaret, was born 20 years ago, I realized that girls are special. So my wife and I kept having more. Meredith was born in 1987. Gloria arrived two years later. Charlotte came along in 1992. Four girls in seven years!

I tell people that I have been drowning in a sea of estrogen since the day we brought that first baby girl into our home. But I have no regrets. I know that the Father does not look at girls as inferior. He did not make them to serve as appendages to men. He created women with unique callings that must be released in full potential.

It is tragic that in many denominations in this country, women's spiritual gifts are not valued. While women in the secular realm are enjoying unprecedented opportunities in business, government and the media, many denominational leaders prefer that women in the church stay sidelined, muffled and relegated to supporting roles.

That's why we need to dust off our Bibles and relearn what the Holy Spirit teaches us from the book of Numbers. We need to understand the story of the daughters of Zelophehad.

We rarely hear sermons about these girls today, even though they are mentioned in the Bible three times (see Num. 27:1-7; 36:1-12; Josh. 17:1-6). Maybe this is because many church leaders simply don't want to empower women or are afraid to. But it is time we unlocked these women's secret for a new generation.

The story of these daughters—Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah and Tirzah—is recorded in Scripture so that women will muster the courage to claim their inheritance. God's daughters must understand who they are, how their heavenly Father views them and what He has commissioned them to do in His kingdom. The daughters' portion must be claimed.

The Bible tells us that after Zelophehad's death, his daughters went to Moses and made a daring proposal: "Why should the name of our father be withdrawn from among his family because he had no son? Give us a possession among our father's brothers" (Num. 27:4, NASB).

We can't even begin to imagine how bold and audacious this request was. Women in Israel did not ask for rights. Yet the daughters of Zelophehad risked their reputations by approaching the leader of their nation to ask for something revolutionary.

What is most remarkable is that Moses took their request seriously and sought God about it. Most church leaders who restrict women's involvement in ministry don't pray about this issue at all. They simply consult their denominational policies and traditions: "No women in the pulpit. Women can't teach men. Women can't lead anything." And then they reinstate man-made rules that quench the Holy Spirit.

But Moses asked God, and God had a surprising reply: "The daughters of Zelophehad are right in their statements. You shall surely give them a hereditary possession among their father's brothers, and you shall transfer the inheritance of their father to them" (v. 7).

In that moment, God contradicted centuries of prejudice and wrong-headed tradition. He made it clear that in His kingdom, women are not afterthoughts. They have equal value with men and full rights to His benefits. When God looks at redeemed mankind through the blood of Jesus Christ, He does not limit women from full participation in His kingdom purposes.

You may have been told that women have only second-class status in the church, or that your role is limited because of your gender. You may even have been told that women are less valuable to God, or less useful. But the Bible contradicts this view.

Today, as we shift into a fresh season of the Holy Spirit's work, God's daughters must shake free from the old limitations and boldly claim their new assignments.

What Abba Said About Hurricane Katrina

Judy Curmi

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Isa. 66:1 Thus says the Lord: Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you built for me? And what is the place of my rest? [NKJ]

Ps. 104:3 Who layest the beams of his chamber in the waters, who makest the clouds his chariot, who walkest upon the wings of the wind. [NKJ]

I copied a number of discussions, articles and news reports off the Internet to read about Hurricane Katrina. This was a category 5 hurricane that at one time had sustained winds of 175 mph and gusts over 200 mph. As I sat down to start reading this material the thought suddenly occurred to me, "What does ABBA have to say about this?" The following is what I then heard.

My child, virtually no one is inquiring of me. Everyone is running to their friends or to the "experts" and inquiring of them. Is this not a sad state of affairs? Even you have not thought to inquire of me, because you did not think that I would answer you. Do you not think that my ideas would be more valuable and more accurate than those of your friends or the "experts"?

I AM the same yesterday, today and forever. I change not, nor does my mode of operation change. I can still speak with a still small voice and I can still speak through a storm. I still "ride on the clouds" and the earth is still my footstool.

Man has mistakenly assumed that I am not a God who speaks today or even pays attention to what is happening on the earth. Nothing could be further from the truth. I know every step that every person takes and every thought and intention of each and every person’s heart.

I know those who do evil because it has been an easy habit to fall into. I know others who devise cunning plans for evil and are obsessed with carrying out their plans in the physical realm.

Some of these people can be rehabilitated. Others have given themselves over to evil with zeal and zest, for what they think they can get out of it. I have given them over to their sin and it "owns them". It is as I spoke through the Apostle Paul when Paul said God gave them up to their lusts and a reprobate mind. [*Rom. 1:24-26*]

You wonder, what does this have to do with a major hurricane that missed New Orleans by the merest breath of a few miles? I will tell you.

Mankind sits on the brink of great catastrophe. I have been cast aside and MAMMON has been installed as your God. Whether in the church or out of the church, this is what people are running after and this is what people are worshipping. *This is the idol on the altar of their hearts*.

The problem with this is that mammon is an evil taskmaster and its ruler is Satan. Therefore, if you are worshipping and chasing after mammon, you are heading in the opposite direction from where you need to be going to protect yourself.

When I speak softly no one listens because they have become so deaf. Therefore, I have begun to ROAR and the ROARING will continue to grow louder. The ROAR of a hurricane is very loud. The ROAR of a tornado is very loud, but even these are just the tip of the iceberg.

THE EARTH HAS REACHED THE "TIPPING POINT".* Various scientists have written commentaries about this subject. They just assume it is about the weather and that what is happening can be described in natural terms. They do not factor in my Son’s warnings about the days of Noah and the days of Sodom.

Luke 17:26-30 Just as it happened in the days of Noah, such will be the days of the Son of man. For they were eating and drinking, and marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed every man.

And again, just as it happened in the days of Lot; they were eating and drinking, and buying and selling, and planting and building; But in the day that Lot went out of Sodom, the Lord sent down a rain of fire and sulfur from heaven, and destroyed them all. Such will it be when the Son of man appears.

They can not see to put the pieces together, although the Biblical warnings that were given for the "End Times" are both abundant and abundantly clear.

Men are going to run in vain in the days ahead trying to find funds to deal with "this catastrophe" and "that catastrophe". The earth desires to spew man out as animals that were programmed to vomit up something that was not supposed to be in their stomach.

Man had not obeyed my laws, nor has he been interested in my instructions. The result has been absolute chaos – not only for relationships between people, but also for the relationship between people and the earth (your environment).

The day is soon at hand – even at your door – when people will be absolutely reeling with the intensity of natural events occurring on the earth. An earthquake is a natural event. A pandemic is a "natural event". So are fires and all manner of storms - in all seasons of the year. These are just a few examples of that which I speak.

I WILL GET PEOPLES ATTENTION. I would have preferred to whisper. My favorite place is the Secret Place. ** But when someone has become very deaf, it will take a very loud noise to wake them up. So be it.

The USA can count themselves lucky this time, but much more serious days lie ahead. The hurricanes and tornadoes will not always "jog" at the last moment. The terrorists will not always be held back. The evil plans made by man will go forth. Men think they can cast all constraints aside and worship what ever they please. They think they can do precisely as they desire.

This is my response to you O man, for MY kingdom is coming very, very soon.

Ps. 2 Why do the Gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things?
The kings of the earth and the rulers have conspired and have taken counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
Let us break their bonds asunder, and let us cast away their yoke from us.
He that dwells in the heaven shall laugh, and the Lord shall mock at them.
Then he shall speak to them in his anger, and terrify them in his wrath and say,
I have appointed my king over Zion, my holy mountain,
To declare my promise; The Lord has said to me, You are my Son; this day I have begotten you.
Ask of me, and I shall give you the heathen for your inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for your dominion.
You shall shepherd them with a rod of iron; You shall break them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.

Be wise now, therefore, O kings; be instructed, O judges of the earth.
Serve the Lord with reverence, and uphold him with trembling.
Kiss the Son lest he be angry, and you perish from his way while his wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all that put their trust in him.

Your ABBA

**Tipping Point: This is a term created by scientists to describe a potential point in the process of global warming where the process becomes irreversible. According to an article in* *The Guardian UK* *posted August 11, 2005,* "It is a scenario climate scientists have feared since first identifying "tipping points" – delicate thresholds where such a slight rise in the earth's temperature can cause a dramatic change in the environment that itself triggers a far greater increase in global temperatures."

This process has come about by the melting of the permafrost in Siberia in an area now as big as Germany and France combined. The melting is causing the release into the air of huge quantities of methane that has been trapped in the frozen peat. Reports state that now billions of tons of methane are being released into the air from Siberia. Methane is 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide as a green house gas. The result will be "social, [political], economic and environmental devastation worldwide." For the full text of this article go to
http://www.guardian.co.uk/climatechange/story/0,12374,1546824,00.html
or enter "earth + tipping point" into a www search engine.

***Ps. 27:5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.* [*NKJ*]

Ps. 31:19-20 Oh, how great is your goodness which You have laid up for those who fear You, which you have prepared for those who trust in You in the presence of the sons of men! You shall hide them in the secret place of your presence from the plots of man" You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. [*NKJ*]

Ps. 91:1-2 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." [*NKJ*]

Matt. 6:6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward

Watch Israel
Heather Butler

September 24th 2005.
Watch Israel

Heather Butler
Hidden Treasures Ministries International

I believe that the Lord is about to release wealth to the nation of Israel through the discovery of oil reserves in the land given by God.

I believe that as the Middle East has held the monopoly over the years, so the Lord is now releasing this treasure to the nation of Israel so that they will be self sufficient and will have an abundance that will amaze the oil corporations world wide.

They will find oil where the word says it is, and many will look and see that the word of God is true, there will be the opening of many eyes particularly the Jews as they see prophesy come to pass before their very eyes.

At a time when things look so bad world wide and coastlines are being battered by storms and winds, oil refineries and lines are being affected, the Lord will enable This new wealth of Israel touch those who have stood with this land.

The nations are crying out, for a saviour, for answers because the very thing they feared is now upon them. The Whole earth is groaning gasping for breath.

I believe that We are entering into a time of Job.

The following excerpts are taken from The Devotional Bible. Max lucado.

1. satan accused Job of having faith only because his life was easy so God let satan attack Job.

2. Job lost everything, yet did not curse God.

3. Jobs friends tried to reason out why such misfortune had fallen on him, assuming it must be something Job had done.

4. In the end, Job acknowledged God's wisdom and discretion as he had at the beginning.

Key verse
Even if God kills me, I have hope in Him; I will still defend my ways to His face (Job 13 v 15)

The book is so moving, in conclusion even though God owed Job nothing, he gave him everything, new health, new business, new family, and most of all, new insight.

God is God, He knows what He is doing, when you can't trace His hand, trust His heart.

The Time Of Job
Heather Butler

September 18th 2005.

In just one week I have had many people come to me and ask me the same sort of questions, and as I was washing up this morning and pondering I believe that the Lord spoke to me .

The questions are these :

“I have prayed with faith, I have claimed all the promises, I have stood on the word, and enquired of the lord, but still there is no reply.

I prayed healing but death came.

I cried out for peace, and I still live in chaos.

I prayed for The Lord to reveal His plans and purposes for my life but I am still waiting for a reply”.

It there has been a lot of discontent and restlessness within the Body of Christ of late, as we have seen disaster after disaster take place in front of our eyes .Many people seem to be in a time of not being able to get a response from the lord in prayer. This is what I believe the lord spoke to me.

“**This is The Time of Job**”

The Father needs for us to get to know Him better than we have ever done before, to persevere and to push on in through intimidation, fear, heartache, tears, even when we cannot hear His voice. We must continue to know that beyond a shadow of doubt the Lord is still in charge, is still hear with us, is still more than able to overcome every situation, that He changeth not, that His promises remain forever and can never be broken.

We are standing in the time of sorrows, and the enemy is ready to launch into his last throws on the earth. We have to be a people prepared and ready to stand even when we cannot comprehend , or understand.

We must become a people who know The Fathers heart, even though we are in a time of great sorrow and heartache. Many are asking “where is your God” we must not buckle at the knees, and start to panic, we have been taught how to approach the times that we knew would come, we are equipped to stand in these final hours, and must learn to manoeuvre into His will even when we would rather not. To tear down fear with faith, to turn our back on anxiety and worry and bind up unbelief so that the light of truth will blaze forth.

The Father is building within us an absolute trust and faith, that dares to believe that know matter what is happening within us or around about us that everything is alright in Him. A faith so violent and so strong in prayer and praise that the Father rends the heavens and sends His response upon the earth. Wild whirlwinds of the fire of God will encompass every act of the enemy, consuming his works, and releasing a strength and determination within the body of Christ like never witnessed before.

We already know the truth of the word, we have been given the strategy for these last days. It is now nearly the time to step into that plan. We will not be consumed or overcome if we know absolutely what the word has taught us and live in the reality of it in our lives.

I see a picture of a mobile phone, someone finding it difficult to hear what the commander on the other end is saying, they know that the commander is there, but the message is distorted because of the lack of a signal in the valley. That person knows that they have to get out of the valley and up onto the mountain top to receive that call and to hear clearly, but, time is short, and its imperative that they step out . Just as peter stepped out in the midst of the storm, so we must learn to step out into the depths and allow the holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.

We have been drilled about the battle over many years, we understand the scenario of what is about to take place, and we know that we are called to take our place to step out into the depths where there is no where to cling onto except to trust totally in Him. We know what it will take to overcome the enemy on every level, we know the cost of pushing through of holding our heads up in the depths of the deep things of God.

I believe that know matter how we are feeling right now, we need to learn to praise, and thank God in the Midst of the trials and tribulations, like Job we need to be a people who cry out “yet will I praise thee” even as others point, and stare, even as they scorn and mock, even as they take our land, our money, our health, nothing can stand in the way of the presence of the Lord in you, you are unshakable . Many of you have an understanding of the times, many have a wisdom and boldness like never before, I promise you that The Lord will not fail you.

To be a mighty man of valour you need to know that You may still feel the effects of fear, but, you step through that fear, valour is only fear stepped through, victory is on the other side. To be brave means that you entrust God with your life, and you don’t let circumstances dictate to you anymore because even though you don’t always have answered prayer or healing you know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is God, and that what His word says will come to pass know matter what. God is faithful to His word, what it said in the very beginning it still speaks now all these years later, nothing in it has changed, only mans ideals have changed.

We must declare the truth over ourselves and our families every day,
“ Greater is Him that is in you than him that is in the world”

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me “.

Prepare ye the way of the lord, in the midst of the trial.

The way you handle these times will speak much to those around you. Remove the stones unbelief, of anxiousness, of tiredness, and step into the destiny that you were born for, you were born for this moment. Be radical, be bold, you are part of the greatest army the world has ever seen, you may not feel it some times, but it doesn’t stop that from being true.

With every blessing
That still small voice.

Hidden Treasures Ministries International
http://www.ourchurch.com/member/k/keys/

Water Crosser's

Vicki Camp

(a piece re: Jesus' close camp people and His five-fold ministers)

Pre: This portion of a vision I received was serious business for Lord and I, yet in that process it was also at times humorous as I watched and noted these diversely identified ministries, so a pre-warning that some parts may seem humorous for you as you read also, but I trust the main of this vision will not be.
Remembering that this is only a portion and one angle shown me in-part, I hope that this may be good for some of you In Christ, as it has been for myself.

2-21-05 Upon awakening the Lord took me into a vision. This is a part, which I'll *attempt* to abbreviate here …… I was outside and I saw many people on one side of some land which was divided by water. Whether this water was a river, lake, or sea? – I'm not really sure. On the other side of this body of water Jesus was standing very tall, on a knoll of ground, beckoning for the people to cross over that water and come to Him.

Amongst this large crowd of people being beckoned, I saw shepherd-pastors with their sheep-crooks gathering folks into groups, and giving the people drink from vessels they carried, also sharing loaves of bread produced out of fat stuffed backpacks which these shepherds wore.

I saw some teachers dressed in long green robes like fresh graduates or professors with the recognizable shaped hat-board with tassel on their heads. These teachers were talking and instructing the people as they gently lined the people up in a loose yet closely knit fashion – orderly and right(eously).

I saw some few who were apostles and these persons looked very much like elder Moses-father types, judicial Deborah-mother type's. These ones were dressed in biblical times garb - robes of various design. They stood erect and dignified in authority, yet they had the marks showing of many battles on their bodies and crinkle lined, care worn faces. The kindness of Christ just exuded out from these apostles, and that kindness and love attracted the people.

I saw a prophet dressed like a modern day baseball player (of my U.S. culture) wearing a dark royal blue baseball cap with white insignia and a matching satiny looking blue baseball jacket.

This blue dressed prophet then pointed dramatically to a bridge he had spotted (seer), and he excitedly ran to this bridge and crossed halfway to the top of that arched, wide foot-bridge, and there he stopped to turn and call to the people,,, in this fashion,

“Come,,,, come.. this is The Way to Jesus' side, to Jesus' camp … Today is the day……come everyone !...”

The apostles saw and heard the prophet first, and they few crossed over this bridge, nodding to the prophet a silent, ‘well done’, as they passed by him, crossing over and onto the ‘new ground’. They went and stood just below Jesus, and there they raised flags high on tall poles they held, that the people still across the other side might see and also come, cross over and rally to Jesus.

I watched the shepherds and teachers along with many people now also cross over this bridge…not all of the people crossed the water by this bridge, but many did …. And all the while the blue clad prophet stood in the middle of that bridge facing those crowds, and crying out to them to, 'Come this Way, … this is the day,,,,, come ' , but this prophet never did cross over fully himself.

On Jesus side, I saw the shepherds guiding people groups to what seemed to be assigned places around Jesus' camp and grounds, under His' various flags which the apostles held high. I saw the teachers standing also just below Jesus under oak trees, where many of the people came to sit in the tree shade to listen to these teachers teach.

All this while, the blue clad prophet still stood in the middle of that bridge calling to the people on the first land-side. A few of the people crossing had stopped and stood with him..... they also did not cross over. Finally, when the crowds crossing this bridge dwindled off, I watched in surprise as this prophet ran back to the original land side !

He then ran down the shoreline a distance with his now small group of followers running with him, until he spotted yet another bridge and I watched as the same scene seemed to replay over again …. First this prophet to the bridge middle, then the apostles crossing firstly, then the many people with the caring shepherds and teachers ….. crossing over the bridge to Jesus side,,, Jesus close camp.

There were now many people gathering to Jesus, to His side. The prophet in the midst of each bridge was so intent in 'calling directions to the people', that I noticed he never even looked over to Jesus' side, to see some of the fruit of his labor – His prophet message just seemed to be so strong in him,,, and so he continued on compelled of The Spirit, to the middle of each bridge which he newly discovered …

However, as I had watched this prophet run to find one of those first bridges he did pause long enough to look and notice an evangelist, as I did also !,, For you could not miss this evangelist who was singing loudly and wonderfully, crossing this body of water,,, walking on the water !!, leaving a wake of jumping fish following in his path. As this evangelist crossed over to Jesus side in this Way of Jesus' miraculous, many of the people followed the evangelist and they too walked on water, some of them after throwing crutches and medicines and etc. aside – for they were all healed as they first stepped out upon that water.

As I continued to watch, the blue clad prophets' small entourage grew a little each time he discovered and then worked a new bridge; Standing at the mid point of each arched foot-bridge, calling the people to 'Come this Way…..', and no matter what attempted to distract, he just kept on 'keeping on'.. sending a few members of his troop out to scout ahead, with each new foray they made.

At one point as I looked to Jesus camp-side again, the many people now there with Him, I saw that Jesus Himself was now preparing a huge long table with a most royal looking meal for all the people gathered and still gathering... This extremely long table was quite rustic like a slab table made from split tree log.

Then, I was lifted up higher over this whole scene and I saw that even while the people gathered and Jesus was still filling that long wooden table, there were thousands upon thousands of people still standing or waiting to cross to Jesus' side. I saw from this higher vantage that there were more prophets (both men and women) running, finding bridges, then taking their place and calling-out to the people; As I also saw more and more evangelist's demonstrating miraculous Way as they sung out Jesus' song .. beautifully. The evangelists would cross over the water with some of the people following, and then they would return back to the first side, to gather even more people ~ all the while walking on that water !

And those people from the crowds who waited and were attuned with ears to hear and eyes to see were hearing, seeing and moving out,,,,,, towards Jesus.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.” - Ps. 23:5

“And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come', and let him that heareth say, 'Come’..... “ – Rev. 22:17a

As for that baseball clad prophet (?), I can only say, "Yes Lord, even as that American sport song, ‘Take me out to the ball game’ ! ; Even so, To Your side, Your grounds, that I / we might abide in Your close presence – even today and ongoing-ly........ And I hear,

"This piece I have shown you watcher is only the beginning, for there are many glory adventures, yes and the hard fought and won victories yet ahead - Let my people rightly joined and fitted come to Me, rest and eat each one of you, and then follow Me onward and outward, bearing My banner, many colors united under and In Me, your Christ and Lord.
I tell you even the dead will be raised once again; The enemy will tremble and loose his evil holding's, upon first hearing the song of our approach - this will be. See Me now as I am beckoning all who so will; Come into My close camp and partake of My Hands today; I remind you again, Our future is Glory; Partakers of My Body and Blood, Bearers of My erupting Spirit Oil, Bride united in My Name which is named upon you; Unto My Glory in earth even as in the heavenlies."

"And He (Jesus) said unto them (His disciples), When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. ... " - Luke 11: 2 & Mt. 6:10

"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." - Rom 12:5

-v.c. Bill and Vicki C., Habakkuk 2:2,3 “**W**rite the **V**ision” http://write-the-vision.net

What Are These Hurricanes?
Dave Dreiling

I Asked The Lord. He Said, "Its About Slavery!" --David Dreiling

From Geoff Sadler / Jul 17, 2005

I hate to say I told you so but.......... I've been playing this game called Tradewinds this weekend which is about a ship trading in the Caribbean in the seventeen and eighteenth centuries. It has all kinds of things you can trade and pirates that attack you and so forth. What it doesn't have though is salves, which in one way is a good thing but in another could be symbolic of our convenience in FORGETTING the injustice that was done to a few generations of Africans. Many of you know I spent some time in the South and in Florida last year repenting of Liverpool's role in the slave trade. I'm currently writing a book about it but one incident comes to mind. In Annapolis, Maryland, I was on a beach praying and asking forgiveness when all of a sudden the tide suddenly turned. This is how I put it at the time.

We went to another part of the bay. As I was standing there I read the portion of scripture from

Jonah 1 v 4 "Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea and there was a mighty tempest on the sea"

As I did the sea, which was calm up until then, started to become rough. It was as if the tide had turned right there and then and then stopped and became calm again. There were no boats around that were moving. At the same time, unknown to me, my colleague who was sitting in the van and couldn't see this, was led to pray for peace upon the waters. When I went back to the van we both were praying for peace to descend on all of those affected by the slave trade in this area and for peace and revival to come upon the cities of Liverpool and Annapolis. As we did this, a supernatural peace descended upon us and we were both unable to speak for a while. Even as I write this I can feel it happening again. "The presence of God is going to calm the waters of indifference and intolerance that has existed between people for centuries. I believe he, even now, is healing the wounds of the past and setting people free from oppression. This is only the beginning."

I believe what Dave Dreling says here is spot on and needs to be taken seriously by intercessors in the U.S and especially the South.
GS

Here's Dave's word.

What Are These Hurricanes?
Dave Dreiling

Last Sunday, July 10th, on the day Hurricane Dennis made landfall I asked the L-rd, "What's with all these hurricanes?"

To my amazement He instantly responded to my question. He said, "It's all about Slavery".

"What?" I inquired?

The L-rd simply explained to me that the hurricanes in question all form off the west coast of Africa and wreak havoc only upon those territories that were originally built through the institution of slavery. It became clear to me that all the Caribbean islands and the states of the Deep South -- Florida, Georgia, and the Carolina's were all built on the backs and blood of West African slaves. I had never looked at things that way before.

Repentance for Devastation

I asked the L-rd what He wanted me to do with the information, and he told me to send out a trumpet call for the Church to repent for the devastation and brokenness wrought on African nations through slavery; and to call for our born-again national leaders to consider seriously our debt to the lives and manpower of African Nations and their forced contribution to our prosperity.

I prayed further about these things and asked the L-rd, "Why now?"

This is the same time frame that the G8 leaders were discussing the issue of African poverty in Scotland.

I realize that there has been much interracial repentance and reconciliation. Notwithstanding G-d was highlighting a completely different issue here. It is repentance from our nation to the nations and peoples currently in poverty and distress in Africa. It is owning up to our wrongdoing -- not just to Black people in America but to those who were left behind in Africa with shattered families and devastated communities.

It's NOT About Money

Make no mistake; this is not about money or the need of G-d Almighty to "extort" finances out of Western nations for Africa by hurricanes. Rather it is a spiritual dynamic that G-d is after and His plans and purposes for the revelation of His mercy in Africa still remain largely hidden, although it is clear that revival appears to be sweeping the continent.

Accordingly, I call out to the Church to take the lead and rise up in prayer to stand united in repentance before G-d, by declaring our sins in receiving and prospering off the lives and slaughter of the almost 50,000,000 slaves transported to the New World from Africa.

As a Jewish man, I repent of my Jewish brethren's role in not standing up in opposition to slavery but rather owning slaves and prospering from the horrible wasting of their lives.

I pray that this word would find its way into the hands and hearts of those to whom G-d has raised up in government and given authority to repent on behalf of our nation. I pray that those with G-d-given authority throughout the Caribbean nations would be so moved.

I believe that it is in G-d's heart that reparations be made at this time.

Africa is on G-d's heart.

In a time of judgment as evidenced by weather patterns, G-d is sending a word of wisdom for repentance.

The final thing G-d spoke to me that Sunday, was a promise that if our leaders will accept this place of repentance, He will stop the devastation wrought by the string of recent hurricanes.

Repentance is easy. It s amazing that with this simple heart attitude, by the stunning power of Yeshua's blood, so great an evil can be forgiven, and its effects on future generations broken.

G-d is good!

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Where Are The Prophets

Randy Williams

I received an e-mail one day that was asking the question “Where are the prophets?” Below is my reply.

I’d like to respond to the e-mail from Sun, Nov 21st, 2004 entitled “Where are the prophets?” I give my apology up front because I am not a concise writer, but I do ask the readers to take their time and see if the Lord will speak anything to you through these words. Print it out, read some now, read some later, come back to it in a few weeks, see if the observations hold true. This is addressed to no one in particular so when you see “you” just check and see if the shoe fits.

I have to agree with the e-mail as far as we don’t seem to see true prophets functioning in churches today. I am talking about in local churches. And what we see in the glossy “mega church” world is shamelessly corrupt new age show business. I won’t even comment further on that except to say that I hope people have enough discernment to know that Elijah probably wouldn’t be charging $79 for you to come to his “conference” in some 5 star hotel. I sort of doubt he’d set up a line where people could wait for his autograph on his latest greatest book.

I am more interested in the local church scene. The supposedly “true” church. I’d like to give some insight into these things. In doing so I hope to spur people to think a little and also I hope to challenge any “leaders” who might read this. In the setup of today’s “churches” there are usually four or five men who solely determine the whole working environment of the church. In most churches this actually comes down to one man. Since they have put themselves in a place where everything is filtered through them, we must address them as we try to sort through these issues.

The question posed was “Where are the Prophets?”. I think the more appropriate question might be “Where are any biblical churches?”, or better yet, “If a true prophet were among us today, what church would allow him to function biblically?”.

There are prophets among us today just as there have always been prophets. Prophets are meant to be a functioning part of the “body of Christ”. I have to say “meant to be” because we do not see them actually functioning this way today. Why don’t we? There are a variety of reasons. Some of these reasons are deep seated and foundational. We can summarize it by saying “the churches today don’t follow a biblical model”.

Now I know we all think that our local church is biblical, after all we have attended there for thirty years and we got married there and we live right around the corner from it. So it must be biblical, right? Or, “our pastor has a good heart” so we must be biblical, right? Let’s look at a scripture or two and perhaps we can see how biblical we are.

There are many scriptures in the New Testament giving instructions and examples of how a church is supposed to function. It is funny how few of these we actually take literally. For example in Corinthians we read “let two or three prophets speak and let the others judge”. Now, that is not overly complicated. Actually it is very plain. Paul was establishing an orderly way to allow prophecy to function. According to Paul prophecy was one of the most important gifts. Yet the question is how many times do we see two or three prophets speak and then the other prophets judge what was said? Not very often. Instead we see anything BUT this biblical pattern.

In some churches we see no “prophecy” at all. In some churches we see things like “if you think you have a word from God, write it on a piece of paper and pass it to the 3rd assistant under shepherd, if he thinks it is what God is saying he will pass it to 2nd assistant under shepherd who then will see if he thinks it is what God is saying and then he will pass it to the 1st assistant under shepherd” and so on. So we have the prophet’s word being judged by men who aren’t prophets at all. This is just plainly and simply NOT what the bible instructs.

In some churches prophets are allowed to speak freely but then the pastor immediately judges the word from the pulpit. This is a little better because at LEAST we are following PART of the scripture by allowing prophets to speak but again we have a pastor judging that word. That’s sort of like having a plumber checking the transmission on your car. The guy may be a good plumber but that doesn’t make him a good mechanic. Also is the fact that the word is judged right away, without even allowing a few moments to ponder it. In our rush to stick to our tightly regimented agendas we miss God trying to speak to us.

In some churches the “prophecy” is very weak. It doesn't "move" or "stir" anyone and it is forgotten almost as soon as it is pronounced. For example you have a “dead” church of bored complacent saints and someone stands up and says “my sweet children, how I love you and want you to be free from any striving”. And no one speaks up either to confirm or reject the word given. And each week the same person stands up and gives the same type of flowery “feel good” word. If Elijah himself were there he’d be scratching his head saying “Striving? These people wouldn’t know how to strive if their life depended on it. Did she say striving or snoring?”

Sometimes the prophecy is "vague". You see this sometimes in the "mega churches". The "prophet" speaks and no one has a clue what he said. No one is moved to action. How could they be? For instance "The Lord is looking for a new sound. This sound will be produced when we fully enter the 3rd level of blah blah blah etc etc etc". These types of words are why I quit reading "The Elijah List" several years ago. Usually the guy has a book you can buy where he will "explain" what it means. Hehe. But since it is so unclear no one can judge it and no one knows if it came to pass or not. A prophetic word is fairly clear by definition. The guys who try to be mystical are "playing at it". A true prophetic word gets clearer as time passes. As time and events play out, that word will be proven true or false. The same can be said for this response that I am typing.

And there may in fact be a true prophet sitting there but he wouldn’t dare stand to question the validity of that word for that church because that sort of thing is “just not done”. Even though it is biblical it isn’t done. He has been there long enough to know that if he dared to confront a word that he would immediately be “overruled” from the pulpit and after the meeting he would get to have a nice little meeting with the pastor where he would be told to “stop being divisive”. If the prophet points to chapter and verse and says, “Pastor, I am just following the bibles instruction” he gets the “that’s not practical” line or maybe the classic “you’re too immature to understand”. Or he might hear “We tried that once and it was too confusing so we quit”. I wonder if those excuses will pull any weight with God on judgment day?

And here we get to the root of the problem. The biblical environment is just not there for prophets to operate. Why not? What’s the problem? To put it bluntly the vast majority of the churches are “one man shows”. This means the “pastor” is in charge of everything. He dominates and controls all aspects of the meetings. He sets the direction. He does 95% of the speaking. Everything has to “go through” him. Needless to say…THIS IS NOT REMOTELY BIBLICAL.

To be specific the bible calls for multiple elders. And we are talking about multiple equal elders as opposed to one guy on salary and 3 or 4 guys “under” him answering to him. One guy calling the shots with 4 “yes men” under him is NOT the biblical pattern. Notice that the Epistles aren’t written to the “pastor” of the church. The epistles are written to the church itself. Even in the case of the Corinthian church where there was a person in open sin, Paul didn’t address a secret letter to the “pastor” telling him to throw the guy out. The letter was written to the whole church. Can you IMAGINE this happening today? Obviously we have some other system in place than the churches that Paul wrote to.

We see that in the New Testament there was no clear separation between “clergy” and “laity”. Yet we have exactly that today. You say, “No, we are nondenominational, we don’t have a separation between clergy and laity like the Catholics do”. Really? So when was the last time someone from the congregation did the teaching? Does the same guy do the teaching every week? Does the same person lead worship every week? Are some people considered to be “in the ministry” while others are just part of the “congregation”? Does 99% of the “congregation” sit like knots on a log year after year? Does the “pastor” have the final say on everything? Thank you, that is the exact same separation of clergy and laity that we “charismatic” people make fun of in Catholics.

So we see that we aren’t biblical. We have “meetings” but not remotely like what is described in the bible. We are using a different recipe, so should we be surprised that we get a different outcome? The recipe we use is made to keep people pacified. In some churches the recipe is to keep them entertained. In most churches the recipe is just “keep doing what we’ve always done”. So instead of people who shake the world we have thirty-year veteran “Christians” who have no idea what their gift is. Well why should they know? After all, they never have to use it because the pastor does everything. Is this even remotely what God intends?

Now, back to the prophet. This “one man show” type church that 95% of us attend is not even vaguely what the Lord instructed. It is a creation of men. It’s nothing more than expediency. More of a business organization model than the living, breathing organism that Paul speaks of. This is stifling to the flow of the Holy Spirit to say the least. The gift that gets hurt the most is the prophetic gift. Of course, this is the gift the devil most wishes to shutdown. The prophet can see and recognize the devil creeping in, so the devil must do what he can to influence it so that the prophet is marginalized. The prophet can help keep the church functioning with a vision instead of floundering year after year. Can you say that the last three years in your church have been any different than the ten years before? How is the fruit looking? Has anything changed? How many new, burning with zeal, gift-using Christians has your church produced? Go ask your pastor where the world is going and how the church must change to fit into God’s plan. See what he says.

These pastor controlled churches function much like a dictatorship. Don't think so? Go up and question your pastor on the direction of the church or something. See what happens. The prophet’s words are looked upon as “dissent” and we know that dictators don’t take too kindly to dissent. But if you sit, be quiet, and pay your tithes, everything will be fine. Again, this is not the biblical model. The bible shows meetings where everyone can take part and specifically we have already seen that God intends for prophets to have freedom to speak and then to judge what the other prophets spoke. I am pretty sure God gave these instructions for a reason. So why then do pastors resist this? Why do pastors go to great lengths to “shut down” the prophets? Simple, it’s because these types of meetings and open prophecies seem “messy”. They are “alive”. They are not “scripted”. They don’t fit in well with our tightly controlled well-orchestrated agenda.

Think about it. Almost every meeting in your church is identical to the last meeting. I DARE you to disagree. Every week you know who is going to speak, you know who is going to sing. Same pace, same everything. And after a while you even know all of the pastor’s sayings. You know what verses he will read and what verses he won’t touch. You know them because he uses a “template” that he just fills in each week. He tries to force God into his little template to squeeze out his thirty-seven minute long “sermon” each week. That’s why it is “three S’s” or “three P’s” every week. You know, “patience, persistence, prayer” and next week “strength, safety, scripture”. It’s boring and controlled. I ask you, which part of the book of Acts was boring and controlled?

This is why we don’t see true prophets today. Simply put, they can’t function in this environment. A pastor-dominated church has that element of control. Whether it is actually stated or not it is communicated all the same. Pastors are terrified of someone “rocking the boat”. For instance I have heard pastors say things like “we have a lot of people running around today calling themselves prophets when really they just have a critical spirit”. Hehe, what sort of environment does that set? How about when they try to strictly set “prophecy” to be “non-negative”? In other words the “prophecies” have to be cheery tidings of joy. I promise you that in this scenario you wont see a true prophet. He will simply leave after a while since his gift is totally despised. And if you went through the bible and took out the so-called “negative” words of the prophets, or of Jesus, you would end up with a Swiss cheese bible.

The prophet is designed by the Lord to be the ‘eyes’ of the body. They are designed to be “watchmen”. Yet in our modern pastor-dominated churches the watchmen is not allowed to speak out on what he sees. Can you fathom the foolishness of this? Imagine a watchman in Israel on the wall. He sees the enemy approaching, he starts to yell out to warn the people, then someone says “brother, please don’t raise your voice, we don’t want to startle anyone.” So the people aren’t warned at all.

You would agree that this is absurdity, yet you sit in a church week in and week out that functions in exactly this manner.

If you are lucky you can sometimes hear a prophet speak in a home type gathering. But this is rare also because in general these people have been conditioned by sitting in a pastor-controlled church for 20-30 years. They have heard “let’s not strive”, “don’t be critical”, and “don’t be introspective” every week for years. When they do hear a prophet speak it seems as if he is “striving”, “being critical”, and being “introspective”. It is uncomfortable and one doesn’t know how to respond. The heart of the matter is that when a true prophet speaks there is tension in the air. He is speaking for a reason. His speaking is an “event” and it is NOT just passing along information. If you know a prophet and you hear him speak from the heart, it is meant to change you. It is calculated to affect a change in you. As I said he produces “tension” when he speaks. This is the same “tension” that was present when Jesus spoke or when Paul spoke. These were dangerous men. They spoke to affect change.

This is why a pastor who has succumbed to a controlling spirit can’t abide a prophet speaking freely. He takes the prophets words to be a threat. He takes the prophet’s words to be an indictment, and they usually are. I was speaking to a pastor once, he showed his insecurity and control by saying “What, so God only speaks to prophets?” (See Numbers 12:2) It’s not that the pastor is “bad” necessarily. He has just fallen into this false man-made church structure and it is producing false man-made results. The fact of the matter is that prophets are supposed to be FOUNDATIONAL to the church. For example Ephesians 2:20 speaks of the church being BUILT on the foundation of apostles and prophets with Jesus Himself being the chief cornerstone. Yet today we don’t even see prophets allowed to operate, let alone do we see them as being in any way foundational.

The word “prophet” or “prophets” is in the New Testament something like 163 times. The word “pastor” or “pastors” is in there ONCE. The word “shepherd” or “shepherds” is in the New Testament 19 times and most of those references are to the shepherds tending flock at the birth of Jesus. The only person referred to specifically as a spiritual shepherd is Jesus. How have we shut down the prophets who are referenced 163 times and built a whole system on “pastors” who are mentioned once? I have never understood this and it boggles my mind to this day. The verse that comes to mind is Jeremiah 2:13. “For My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.” We have forsaken God’s pattern and we have substituted our own pattern and we are reaping the results. We have the privilege of being the first generation of churches that the world looked at and said “You are irrelevant”. This has happened on our watch.

In Ephesians 4 we see “speaking the truth in love” and “EACH PART working properly makes bodily growth and builds itself up in love”. This is EXACTLY what the prophet yearns to do. He simply wants to use his God given gift to build up the body. Yet because of the “tension” inevitably involved, the pastor usually disallows the prophets this chance. The environment is just not there at present for the prophet to use his gift. It is like going to a gym to lift weights and the pastor is right there saying, “don’t lift that weight, it is heavy, it might make you sweat”. And we wonder why our churches are so pathetic and weak?

Hence, the body drifts blindly. It has no eyes. Ask yourself, “In what direction is my church moving?” See, without a vision the people drift, then they perish. And the times we live in DEMAND that we see with clarity. We are nearing the culmination of all things yet we go on with “business as usual”. Even in churches where grievous internal sin ends up in the public eye we see “business as usual”. You would think the leaders would be burning up the phone lines looking for a prophetic word to help them out of their dilemma, but no. Instead they continue to “go it alone” and they have to set themselves up as victims to try to excuse the fact that “their” church is in such pitiful shape.

So, what’s the answer? Well we obviously need to function biblically. If we follow the bibles’ recipe we can get the bibles’ results. If we follow “some other” recipe we will get “some other” result. Yet we see that 95% of churches are “one man shows”. If you find yourself in such a “church” perhaps you need to gather your thoughts and speak to your pastor about these things. Say to him, “Pastor, I have heard the term ‘five fold ministry’. Do we follow that model? Who then are our prophets?” Chances are you don’t have any. If it has been that way for thirty years you might have to ask yourself if it is likely to change.

Personally I have had to face these facts and I have made a specific decision that I will no longer support these man made “organizations”. I would rather take a chance on having to answer to God for possibly “forsaking the gathering” than having Him ask me “Why did you continue to sit there giving silent assent to something you KNEW wasn’t of Me?” or “Why did you pay My money to prop up these man made organizations when they don’t allow My Spirit to operate?” But you say, “Brother, why not stay and try to change the church from the inside?” I have tried. Many have tried. It is a little difficult to affect changes when you have duct tape on your mouth labeled “do not prophesy”. The conclusion is that if the church is not founded on the proper biblical foundation then it CAN’T be “fixed”. When you have a man made business model setup with a core group of “leaders” off in the back room calling the shots, you have a static “un-fixable” non-biblical situation. The only vote you have to cast is the one where you refuse to continue propping that defunct man made system up.

My understanding is that as we near the end of this age the true Christians will have to definitely COME OUT of these man-made systems. The Christians will have to go “underground” more or less as they did in the first three centuries A.D. So why not just come out now? To be sure the “false” churches will continue to operate openly even into the reign of the Antichrist. Without any prophetic insight they wont even know that he IS the Antichrist. He will seem like a sensible leader to them since they are doing things man’s way already. The Antichrist will be the ultimate humanist so he will speak their language. These man made institutions will make the necessary compromises to keep their 501(c)3 statuses. Even to the point of agreeing to not read portions of the bible that the government labels as “hate speech”. Even to the point of allowing homosexuals to visit their pulpit from other 501(c)3 “churches”. Even to the point of taking “the mark”. Of course they won’t know it’s the mark because it won’t be called “the mark”. It will most likely be called your “government loyalty ID” or your “preferred citizen status ID”. They will continue to listen to CNN and FOX for advice instead of using God’s provision of the prophet. In these treacherous days the prophetic cry is needed more than ever, yet more than ever we see “business as usual”.

Randy Williams, Nov 2004

Where Are The Watchmen?

John Martin

Before I answer this question allow me to preface it with a bit of explanation.

When I say the Lord or the Spirit said this or that to me it is not as if you and I are having a conversation. Perhaps some people do have verbal and

sometimes audible conversations with Him but more often it is by impression that carries far more weight than mere words. God communicates on a far higher plane than man and it is man that must come up to God (like a mountain sheep) for He said “My sheep know my voice”.

One does not necessarily approach Him by attaining spiritual heights in the prayer closet but rather by simple obedience in following Him and the true Shepherd will lead us to the place and moment of communication.

Now the sheep upon hearing the voice of the Master in supernatural form has the difficult task of relating what the Lord has revealed (if indeed it is for others) using only our limited and finite human forms of communication.

Therefore when I say, “The Lord has said” please do not think me more spiritual because God speaks to me in plain words, because in my entire life it has never occurred that way. That’s why He said, “My sheep know My voice”

No one else would even know anyone spoke because you must have “ears to hear”. Often in the Bible when God did speak in an audible voice, only the person He was speaking to understood the voice and others said it thundered.

A second point I wish to make in reference to my writing is that I do not write in a politically correct manner as is becoming the habit of many in the church. The Bible is not a politically correct document though some are trying to make it so through new translations. I believe every concession we make to secular pressure to conform in order not to offend we surrender a little more of the kingdom of God to our enemy. Therefore, I do not refer to gender if the Bible does not. Watchman means just that! I could clarify by saying watchperson and then I would need to follow that by saying he or she as the case may be and then everything gets so wordy that we lose the original purpose of the word. Watchman speaks of an assignment rather than a gender. Do you see how the enemy has used the smallest things to create offense among brethren (and sistern)?

Having said all that I will go on to report what I believe the Lord is saying.

One morning this week I was speaking to a friend and relating my frustration concerning a gifted person I know within a local Church. I was relating how he had been rendered ineffective through reassignment and redefinition of his duties and gifts. I was referring to a particular recognized ministry within the organized Church. Suddenly in the middle of my conversation I realized I had said something that did not come from my mind and it took only a moment to realize that the Holy Spirit had just transferred a lot of understanding that I did not previously have. What the Spirit said through me was that the person of whom I spoke and others just like him were “eunuch watchmen” rather than what they were acknowledged to be. Toward the end of this article I will reveal what that redefined ministry is.

First let me say that almost all, if not all the true watchmen have been redefined and made completely useless for the calling that God placed them in, and that explains in large part why the organized church is in such

dreadful condition and simply not serving the purpose for which she was raised up. Even more importantly, the newly forming Church outside the walls may very well fall to the same deception because no one seems to have noticed the problem. There’s far too much attention and emphasis on the up front ministries and little or none on the behind the scenes ministries, which are the built in safeguards that God puts in place whether the leadership knows it or not.

It is a little noticed fact that God chooses and places ministries and it seems that there’s a lot of discrepancy between what God chooses and what man recognizes and promotes.

So what is a Watchman?

A watchman is someone who God puts into place in a particular setting to “watch and report what he sees”

Do not confuse the watchman with the prophet. Sometimes a watchman might prophesy but generally he is one who observes with eyes given by God and reports it if he sees anything out of order. The Old Testament watchman was stationed on the wall or watchtower, which was elevated in order for him to have a broader field of vision. He looked outwardly for anyone approaching from outside the walls, who might pose a danger to the city. He also had a unique vantage point to see what went on inside the city.

One example of a watchman never recognized as a watchman was a man called Mordecai who was uncle to Queen Esther. He overheard two of the king’s guards planning to assassinate the king and reported it and thereby prevented the premature death of the king. Not until much later did it come to light that he was responsible for saving the king’s life, and this is the way it is meant to be. A true watchman may do much good and never get credit for it and he may also cost many people their position and be hated for it. He will be hated by nearly everyone because he will only speak what he sees and not with eloquence. The watchman has but one duty and that is to watch and to sound the ALARM LOUDLY when he sees something that is endangering what God has set him there to watch over.

What makes him especially unacceptable to the typical leadership is that he was not chosen by them but by God and therefore, are often an embarrassment. Man would never put such a person in charge of anything if he could avoid it.

I truly believe that the true church could not have become the “institution” it has if the watchmen had not been rendered impotent.

Every group that is truly connected to the Vine has watchmen in their midst and simply either have not recognized them as a gift from God or misunderstood them and drove them out or redefined and reassigned them.

A watchman is a very intense person and may or may not seem to the casual observer to have a life that conforms to the usual Christian standards. In other words he may not seem as holy as you might like and definitely too strongly opinionated to be good leadership material. Independent thinking is a hallmark of the watchman and he will not rubber-stamp the desires and plans of the leadership. Non-conformist is a term often used to describe them as well as terms such as, not a team player, lone ranger or distant or even the sour apple.

Much of this could also describe the true prophet but there are major differences that we will deal with at another time. Suffice it to say that the watchman is seldom recognized as such and therefore is rendered ineffective.

Also the Watchman ministry is not a "**glory ministry but a gory ministry".**

A true watchman would never appoint himself to such a position for he soon discovers that it is a path of persecution, rejection and loneliness.

Most ministries today would not mind at all having a watchman on their wall looking outward for the enemy approaching but the part they do not like is that the wall upon which God has placed them has given them spiritual eyes and ears to discern what is going on inside the walls that will corrupt what God has begun.

The enemy need not stage a frontal attack and destroy everything as in battering down the walls and burning everything but need only to corrupt enough within to divert the stream of ministry that God is directing and the ministry becomes fraudulent even while appearing to grow and shine with her man designed accomplishments.

Ministry leaders do not like having non-professional people meddling in their internal affairs so it became necessary to make these people feel important and accepted and somehow curb their enthusiasm for exposing darkness. For clarity here let me say that darkness can be anything that is not of God in the ministry. Man made plans, programs, assignments and even many so-called good works are an offense to God because they were never part of His plan. Remember, He said "depart from Me you workers of iniquity for I never knew you". He's addressing anointed ministers who even did miracles in His name so if you think this article is a stretch you are already in jeopardy for you are hard of heart and hearing.

The ministry-fabricated name, which has replaced "**The Watchman**" is:

"Intercessor"

Now before you hasten to declare this a piece of garbage needing to be burned, I suggest you take time to digest it first.

Eight years ago, when I became a member of a world wide pastoral support organization (I have since resigned in disgust) one of the chief topics of discussion among pastors in meetings and conferences was the trouble they were having with people who came to be known as "Intercessors". Everyone had their fair share of this type of intense person who had the uncanny ability to discover just about everything that you would rather keep within the confines of the leadership. Remember that associate pastors and elders are most often hand picked by the pastor and he is only going to select the team player, otherwise we might not be able to pursue and accomplish ***our*** vision (not His).

To shorten this article and not weary the reader further, my point is, that over time the "Watchman was carefully trained to view themselves as a Prayer Warrior and gradually taught that their role was one of ***Intercession*** rather than one of ***Intervention***. What you see or hear is solely for the purpose of taking the matter to God and let God handle it. This has effectively closed the mouth of many a Watchman that God put there to specifically speak into a situation and bring His warning. It is true that when intercessors pray that something may occur to expose the situation but only after God has had to send a 2nd or 3rd messenger and often by then it is too late. This has given the Watchman a sense of importance as well as a sense of security because if one only speaks to God about these things then one cannot get into trouble and lose friends. Cleverly the very people who they are sent to speak correction to have befriended them and even made them "My personal intercessor, who is privileged to go on my travels with me and keep the devil off my back". Reminds me of the saying "keep your friends close and your enemies even closer".

In conclusion let me say that in my recent experience among those who are now ***outside the walls****,* there is still the same unapproachable attitude that is present within the organization. If you do not have some special credentials or reputation that precedes you, then the same hardness of heart and hearing is present. When will there ever be an ability to recognize a true messenger of God on the basis of the anointing rather than outward appearance?

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Why Are We Christians?

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Is it by grace that we're saved or is it what we do?
Let us discover God's character and person NO MATTER WHAT!
Let us discover the truth, the way, the life – Jesus – NO MATTER WHAT!
As far as God is concerned – the pressure is off.
Why?
Is it because of His law?
Is it because of His Liberty?
Don't pursue the idol – pursue God!
GOD WANTS *YOU* – NO MATTER WHAT!

There is a fork in the road – which way do you want to go?

Old way -------- The Law of Linearity, pressure to do what you should be doing, live by rules, do things (read the Bible, pray, serve, etc…) to get results – to get God's attention and approval. Do things 'right' so you can be right in God's sight. This way looks for ways to get things from God. This way never delivers. You have to do A to get B. Draw near to seek God's hand not His presence. If you are looking for what you can get out of God – blessings – START OVER! This makes Christianity about what you do and not what God's done

New way------- Law of Liberty! Hope! It is a desire that values God's presence over His blessings. This way knows that it is Christ who set us free from the bondage of sin and the law. This is a 'come to God dirty and let Him clean you' invitation. This is a Father/Child relationship of trust and love and DEEP and RICH intimate knowledge of one another. On this road we draw near to God because we want to know His heart. This is a 'better hope' not necessarily a better life ($, fun, worldly gain). Having God in your life is what makes life better! Then we desire to do right because we KNOW the Father's heart and we want and desire what the Father wants and desires.

Let's ask ourselves:

Why am I a Christian?

What am I living for?

Are we really loving or are we trying to get our own way? (With God and/or man)

What must I do to be a better Christian?

> *Hebrews 7: 18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. NKJV*
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> *18 The former way of doing things, a system of commandments that never worked out the way it was supposed to, was set aside; 19 the law brought nothing to maturity. Another way - Jesus! - a way that does work, that brings us right into the presence of God, is put in its place.*

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Drawing near to God is the better hope. Jesus is the better hope! The Galatians got into bondage by trying to get to God by obeying the Law of Moses – the Law of Doing and they were deceived. They hadn't even been raised in the law and yet they we corrected by Paul who said they had been bewitched! (See Galatians 3) The word tells us the law was weak and unprofitable. It was given to teach us that we needed Christ to save us because we can't save ourselves through obedience to the law. If we break only one little part we are guilty of breaking all of it!

Jesus fulfilled the Law and all its requirements. He writes His word on our hearts so that we will never separate from Him. So when we try to live by the Law of Moses we are saying to God that Jesus' sacrifice isn't enough and we need to fulfill it. You can see why Paul came down so hard on the Galatians! Romans 6 is a great chapter to read about this too. Here is a snip-it: 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

This is because Christ set us free from sin and to go back to it would be like placing yourself in jail! You would be placing yourself in the enemy's lair! To walk like that would be like going through life in a coma. We can't take both roads! We can't live with Christ and with rules of the law. We are used to being ruled, but we can't put new wine in old wineskins.

This will set you free!

> *John 8:31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."*
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> *Galatians 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*

We can come to God free! Jesus fulfilled the requirements. He did the work. The selfish life is behind us because we have been given the awesome gift of knowing God's heart! We can throw our checklists away and live a life of grace and peace and love in Christ Jesus!
Do people see grace and peace and love when they look inside of you?

This is a teaching that came from my notes taken over the past couple of Sundays along with some thoughts from me. I thought it would bless you and encourage you in your walk with Christ. In all that we do, may we do it to glorify God the Father. Be blessed as you are a blessing to me!
Love in Christ
Judy

Where Are Your Roosters
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Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

"And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.' But he said to Him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.' Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me." (Luke 22:31-34)

The first thing that we need to notice is that Jesus first addresses Peter's natural man, by calling him "Simon." This was the name of a fisherman who did not personally know Jesus Christ. It was the name of a man who had not yet come in contact or walked with the TRUTH. Quickly, we see that Jesus curiously changes the name and addresses "Peter" -- the spiritual man. "Peter" was a man who knew Jesus as his Lord and Savior and was thus given a new name by the Lord Himself. Jesus was addressing and confronting some issues in Peter's "spiritual" life – a life that was saved but still had some issues that needed to be addressed and healed. Peter and the disciples were walking with the truth as they walked with Jesus. But yet, something was in all of these men's hearts that would cause them to fall and deny Christ in His greatest time of need.

I can imagine that if the Lord Jesus (Truth) walked into your kitchen tomorrow morning and sat down next to you, I believe that it would shake up your life. I believe that everything in your life that was out of order would be addressed and exposed for the purpose of serving Him more effectively and conforming you to be the vessel that will carry His glory over the face of the earth. The church, you and I are the vehicle that is going to carry the glory of God throughout the earth. The Lord has always dictated that His presence be carried upon the shoulders of man created by His hands, rather than upon ox drawn carts made by the hands of man. Visual and intimate encounters with the Lord are going to happen with ever increasing frequency as we approach the days ahead and there is going to be a whole lot of shaking going on.

So what was in Peter's heart that would cause him to deny Christ? What was in this disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ who had previously proclaimed Him to be the Messiah? Peter seemed secure in his spiritual standing with the Lord. After all, in verses prior, "water-walking Peter" was arguing that he was the greatest spiritually among them all! (Luke 22:24-30) But yet, something was in Peter that would cause him to deny Christ and fall into sin.

The Bible says that Satan was cast out of the light, and into darkness, and has no place in the light. (paraphrased). Satan can only move or take up residence in darkness. Needless to say, the only place that Satan can reside or have influence in the life of a believer is in the dark areas of our own hearts. I realize that this may offend some people's theology. Some will say, "This doesn't apply to me. I"m born gain, covered in the blood, I'm a new creation, and have the mind of Christ…Ok.

How could Jesus look Peter in the eye and say "get behind me Satan?) Who was Jesus really addressing here? It certainly wasn't Peter. It was something that was inside and taken residence in Peter. What about the anger, jealousy, unforgiveness, judgments, criticism, gossip, pornography, and other various lusts that "believers" are burdened and oppressed with every day? Let's get real man, this stuff is in us. These issues have an originator and a place of origin. Everything starts or comes from somewhere. The originator of all our sinful issues is the devil (The Bible states that Satan is the father or the originator of lies). With this obvious fact, we must come to the conclusion and take responsibility that the sinful issues and thoughts within our own hearts were caused by an opening or a portal that WE allowed the devil access to.

Many have pondered why God would harden Pharaoh's heart. The Bible clearly states that God would harden Pharaoh's heart. But are we truly understanding the revelation of what the Lord would have us to see? Remarkably, both Moses and Pharaoh received the exact same word or commission from the Lord concerning His people – "Let my people go, that they may worship Me in the desert" (paraphrased). The difference in these two men's responses was that Moses had a heart like "wax" and when the fire of God's Word and truth from the burning bush touched his heart, it melted and became transparent. Wax regardless of its color – whether your black, white, brown, or yellow will become transparent when touched by the fire of God's Word.

On the other hand, Pharaoh had a heart like clay. (What happens when clay comes in contact with fire?) When the fire of God's Word and truth came through the prophet, Pharaoh's heart of clay became hard like stone. In reality the fire of God did harden Pharaoh's heart. However, it was the pre-condition of Pharaoh's heart that was the catalyst or what caused it to harden.

We read in Revelation 14-16 that an angel will appear before the men of the earth and asks how long they will continue in their sins. (God was still pleading with humanity to repent) Incredibly, the Bible says that FIRE (a bowl of wrath) came down from the heavens and scorched the flesh of mankind. Sores and boils covered their bodies and instead of repenting – their hearts were hardened and they cursed God. It seems bazaar to think that mankind would not only refuse to repent, but curse God even after having an angel warn them. It was the pre-condition of their hearts of clay.

If there is one thing that the Lord desires to do in this hour – it is to heal the heart condition of the church.

Something dark was buried in Peter's heart that the Lord had to deal with for Peter to be the man of God that he was called to be and who we read of in scripture. Because the call and destiny of Peter was great, (As it is for you reading this) the fire would have to get hot. Peter exercised a lot of spiritual pride in his opinion of how spiritually great and mature he was and the Lord would have to expose it. Sadly, EXPOSURE seems to be the only method that will bring spiritual pride to its knees or reveal a reprobate heart and mind.

The hardest people to bring correction and repentance for the purpose of healing, are those whose theology is right, but their heart is not. Many of us have grown up hearing the word "sanctification", but few have understood its meaning and process. Sanctification is simply allowing the Lord to take the dark areas and buried issues in our hearts and draw them to the surface. It is that simple. It is only when we are willing to allow God to expose of our hidden issues can the light of His healing love be cast upon them.

Now, on one hand, I am saying that we need to air all of our dirty laundry for others to inspect. If there is one quality or occupation that the church has excelled at, it is being outstanding "fruit inspectors." However, one the other hand, we must be willing to confess our sins to one another and more importantly, to expose ourselves before God who we truly are.

However, man from the very beginning has resisted sanctification, because of our fear of being exposed. We just don't want to be exposed. Many have wondered why Jesus cursed a fig tree for seemingly no reason. Do you really believe that Jesus was caught of guard or that He didn't know that there was fruit on this fig tree. He knew, He was God! Jesus cursed the fig tree because of an event that happened long ago. An event that forever affected His greatest love who was created by Him, for Him, through Him and in His image. Jesus was on His way to the cross to die a cruel death because a day came when He called for Adam and Eve (mankind) and He saw something that was completely out of order. He saw His beloved covered and hiding their shame and unwillingness to be exposed behind fruitless FIG leaves.

In our fear of being exposed, we have devised several defense mechanisms to justify our issues and areas of darkness. We have created a "defense team" or "spiritual attorneys" that will readily plead our innocence and proclaim our righteousness. Our spiritual attorneys will attempt to get us off on "technicalities." They will say, "not my client your honor." Danny is not nearly as bad as his neighbor. We all know what he is watching on his satellite dish and computer! The problem is that in my judgment and criticism of others, I have missed and avoided the Lord dealing with me on my R rated movies and entertainment choices.

Our lawyer loves to get us off on case by case "comparisons" to others or past case histories. Can't you hear the spiritual lawyer saying, "Did see how that lady just beat her kid in front of everybody? Many have no problem seeing what other parents are doing wrong, but are blind to their own negligent parenting in raising their children in the way of the Lord. Are the same efforts and expectations demanded of our children's spiritual education as it is their secular? The average father spends a total of 5 minutes of face to face contact with their children a day.

Our lawyers will object, "my client isn't that bad." "There are millions out there doing worse than my client, Mr. Korakas." But does God's standard and court of justice operate or grade on a curve on how or what others are doing?

Sometimes we will choose to represent ourselves in the halls of God's justice. Like Adam Eve, we like to point our finger at the devil or some other person for our problems and issues in life. God walking in the cool of the day asked, "Adam, Eve, where are you?" It didn't take long before Adam was blaming Eve for his situation. Eve in turn, blamed the serpent. We have a lot of finger-pointing. We have a lot of blame. We have a lot of shame, but no exposure and repentance. I believe things could have been a lot different for Adam and Eve, had they simply exposed themselves before a Father who is slow to anger, rich in love, and whose mercy abounds.

Look, nothing just slides or gets by God. Every trial and temptation in the life of a believer passes through the Son (We know this because He is interceding for you) and then passed to the Father, and then is ALLOWED to be a part and affect our lives for the purpose of bringing our dark areas to the surface and leading us to repentance and change.

It is not so much about that person who spitefully and unfairly makes us mad. Rather, it is God revealing the anger and unforgiveness in our heart. It is not so much that person who slanders and drags your name through the mud behind your back as much as it is God revealing that we are no better when we respond in a negative way and gossip in the same manner to justify ourselves. It is easy to be loving when everybody and everything around us is lovely. But who are you when others are not so lovely to you. It's easy to be submissive and humble when we are getting our way. But, who are we when we don't get our way?

We need to stop blaming the devil and others for our trials and tribulation. They have all been allowed for the purpose of revealing and doing a work in our lives. These times of adversity are our greatest opportunities for spiritual growth and promotion. As individuals and as the church, we have missed our greatest opportunities by how we view life and RESPOND to it. This in the proverbial nutshell sums up your true witness as a Christian – It is your visible response to the realities of everyday life that others witness. It is only when we are allowed to be bumped hard do we see what spills out of the depth of the real "me" or what is really in the core our soul. This is what others really pay attention to and see as well.

Look, it is easy to show up at church for a sense of security or duty. It is easy to put money in the plate. It is easy to a part of every church program and outreach available. But it is hard to respond to adversity in a godly manner. This is what truly stores up treasure in heaven and what leads people to Christ.

Peter came to a point in his life where he saw what he truly was. Peter was eaten up with spiritual PRIDE and God was exposing and doing a work in his life. Peter came to grips with his own individual strongholds and insecurities – the dark areas that were within him and embraced the sanctifying process rather than resisting and hiding from it behind fruitless fig leaves.

In just 50 short days, from the cross to Pentecost, something transpired in Peter's life that would take him from falling and denying Christ to walking up the Temple stairs and saying, "silver and gold I do not have...but in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise and walk." The revelation and healing touch of God that transformed "denying" Simon to "anointed" Peter is what the church desperately needs today to be the witness that the Lord has called us to be.

Part 2

In the last article we discussed the value of exposure and the hindrance to God's presence through the hiding or burying of our personal issues and areas of darkness. All of us from one degree to another have some issue(s) that the Lord is exposing for the purpose of serving Him more effectively and with confidence. Shame from the past or even the present is a primary emotion that the enemy prays upon in hindering God's best and purpose for our lives. It is vitally important that we understand that "shame" only has power over our lives to the degree that we hide it from God.

The areas of darkness (ex. anger, gossip, jealousy, laziness, greed, addictive behaviors, and various lusts within us have often-times been carried and formulated from childhood. In most cases, we have buried these hurts and issues so deep, that we fail to recognize that they are there until we explode with anger or implode into depression and self doubt. A good example is in chronic liars. The symptom of a chronic liar is the result of the root of REJECTION. These individuals are so starved for affirmation and self-deceived that they come to a point of believing their own lies. How do I know this? I have been there. Sadly, these individuals are always the last to find out that they are liars and have the respect and trust of nobody.

It is easy to recognize a chronic liar to the discerning believer. However, the greatest lie and liar of all, is portraying to be somebody whom we are not. This was me for years. I did not want others to know about my past and spent a great deal of my time trying to create a sterling spiritual image that others would admire and NEED. This was the real sin of Annanias and Sapphira. This sin was thought so serious to the health and future of the church that it supernaturally cost them their life. The money issue was just a symptom to a greater root issue of living a lie and pretending to be someone they were not.

God is calling us today to dismantle the issues and strongholds in our lives. We are being called as the church to dismantle and destroy our corrupt thoughts and vain imaginations. There are many reading this article who are struggling with masturbation. We are in a season where the Lord is addressing this hidden issue and it is not going away until we bring this weakness to the surface for healing. Many have tried to RATIONALIZE this, but masturbation is adultery and fornication according to scripture. It is a reflection of an undisciplined covenant life, both marital and in our relationship with the Lord. I believe that if your heart is right, the Lord is going to heal you of this today and restore a confidence in His purpose for your life.

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. (Notice that the serpent was a beast of the "FIELD" and not native to the "GARDEN." Adam was given dominion over every living creature. However, I believe the first sin of Adam (The sin of omission) was allowing the serpent into his domain and giving him access to his family.) And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" Then the serpent said to the woman. "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:1-5)

Did Eve at this time know what a lie was? Had Eve ever heard a lie before? Of course not. On one hand, God had told her not to eat the fruit of the tree in the midst of the Garden. On the other hand, the serpent told her it was fine to partake of the fruit. We could agree that Eve had two "perceived" truths since she did not know what a lie was. Eve FELL when she "rationalized" God's Word and Truth. The consummation of the fall was when she partook of the fruit.

A good illustration would be if I stepped off the roof of my home. I do not "fall" when I hit the ground. I fall as soon as leave the roof. The consummation and pain of the fall is when I hit the ground. Eve had already began to fall when she rationalized God's Word and Truth (Stepping off the roof). The partaking of the fruit was the consummating act (Hitting the ground).

The Bible says that Satan came to Jesus and "found nothing in Him." In essence, Satan passed the magnet of darkness over Jesus and there was nothing in Him that was sympathetic or drawn to the darkness. For us to fall there has to be something that is temptable in us or attracted to darkness. Satan will likewise come with the magnet of darkness and pass it over our lives. And all that it takes is the slightest movement or motion toward the darkness and we find ourselves quickly pulled and attached to it. Once attached, it is impossible to free ourselves without exposing ourselves in repentance to Christ's saving and delivering power.

Knowing our areas of vulnerability is the first step toward healing and becoming a vessel that carries the glory of God over the face of the earth. Many of us desire the anointing. We want the presence of God. We want the dreams, visions and prophecy. However, we fail to address the vessel that will contain it! This is what the trials and FIRE in our lives are all about. God will use the trials in our life, and if we respond correctly, we graduate as purified and refined by fire -- a vessel worthy of the glory and honor of God.

God has not promised us a life of comfort and ease. He has promised us process and God's process is a process of revealing TRUTH in our lives. (Areas of "revealing" are not "revelation" until we possess or walk in them. Revelation is a growing process of experiencing the presence of God. With that said, we have not received revelation until we walk in the Lord's Word and truth. Otherwise, it remains "information."

The Lord's sanctifying process may come as we mentioned earlier through trials and tribulation. (Jesus promised this for those who truly follow Him). Likewise, God's process of revealing truth in our lives may come through the devil. We must understand that the devil is in God's control and He will use him anyway He sees fit. The devil is allowed for one reason and purpose around the life of a believer – So that you would experience and have victory in your life. Imagine, looking back over the landscape of your life with no victories in it. God has called you to be more than a conqueror. And if God has called you to be more than a conqueror, then there must be something that needs to be conquered. And if there is something to be conquered, it is going to require a battle. There are no victories in life without a battle and you have been given the keys for absolute victory through Christ. We are overcomers by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimonies. Our testimony is the seizing and victory over adversity in our witness of Christ.

The refining process of the Lord may come through the correction of another person. This has been my greatest area of consternation and downfall. Honestly, I simply do not like being told what to do and if it does not line up with "my" way of doing things – I often seem to have a hard time with it. For me, it has been a very painful process of finally understanding that my relationship with others is a perfect reflection of my relationship with the Lord. My willingness to submit and humble myself before others is a mirror of how teachable and humble my spirit is before the Father.

When the TRUTH comes from another person to confront and expose an area of darkness in our life – this is when our past, unhealed rejection, self-righteousness and self-pity begins to surface, spill out, and pollute the world around us. Instead of filling the earth with the glory of God, we puke all over it. Speaking of puke…

Just a few weeks ago, my entire family was down with a stomach flu. I came home early to care for the kids as Carole was relegated to the couch. Well, that night, my son threw up on the carpet. As a child, I have always had an aversion to "stuff" in the carpet due to having to clean up "pet mess" as a 4 and 5 year old. After about the sixth or so time of missing the bucket, I yanked my son up off the floor with his feet flying in the air…running him back to the bathroom. His eyes were as big as saucers and frightened as I literally ran him back to the bathroom.

Like Peter denying Jesus, I denied my son in His greatest time of need by what was spilling out of me in my time of adversity...I truly missed a wonderful opportunity once again for my son to really see Christ in me.

This is when our spiritual "lawyer" loves to approach the bench to defend our darkness and proclaim our righteousness. He told me before writing this, "You don't want to confess that, they will think that you're a bad father." I would much rather expose my weakness and impatience to God and you than to let my beloved son down and once again deny him the love and patience of Christ. And you know, I believe that the Lord has healed me of this childhood aversion because I revealed my true condition before the Lord.

Many times when truth comes to confront us, it will come through our spouse. Many of us cannot recognize the Word and correction of the Lord because it looks too much like our spouse! Once again, our willingness to receive correction and differing viewpoints from our "covenant" partner is a reflection of a healthy covenant relationship with the Lord. It also confirms our faithfulness to God's Word to "submit to one another in the fear of the Lord." When you get right to it, this is why the church has the divorce rate as the world – It is eaten up with spiritual pride, self-righteousness and selfishness.

Lord willing, next week we will share on the origins of the various issues that hinder the Lord's best for our lives as we end this message "Where are your roosters." A season of breakthrough, victory, and jubilee is upon you!

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Walking By Faith

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"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'But the righteous man shall live by faith.'" (Romans 1:17)
When Paul says that the righteousness of God is revealed "from faith to faith" what is he referring to? I believe that Paul is speaking about the faith of Christ and our faith. As a man Jesus had perfect faith in the Father (Heb.2:13). He was given the Spirit without measure (John 3:34) which is why He had perfect faith. While we have only a measure of faith (Rom. 12:3), this was not true of Jesus. His faith is what lay behind His perfect obedience. He stood in our place not only in death, but also in life. He was our substitute. He believed perfectly on our behalf, which is why He was the only one who could fulfill the Law (Matt. 5:17). Our imperfect faith is covered by His righteousness – resulting from a perfect faith – which is put to our credit (Rom. 4:5) We are not required to produce a perfect faith to be saved, only faith in a perfect Savior.

The faith of Christ is of no value until it is ratified by our faith. Galatians 2:16 states: "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith *of* Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ*, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ*." (The Greek phrase is *pistis christou*, which means the "faith of Christ," contrary to translations that choose to render it as "faith in Christ.") Paul uses the same phrase when he says in Galatians 2:20 that, "I live by the faith of the Son of God." (The KJV translates it correctly.) Paul is showing that he continues to trust not his own faith but that of Jesus. This perfect faith of Christ continues to the present because Jesus intercedes for us at God's right hand without doubt or unbelief. This is why Paul could make such a statement. He lived by the faith of Christ, demonstrated by His obedience during His earthly life, and His "intercessory faith" in heaven now. If Christ does not pray to the Father with a perfect faith, there is no hope for any of us. But Paul did not worry about Christ having less than perfect faith. He knew that Christ's faith was sufficient and complete – his faith was in Jesus' faith.

It is a daily choice to see God working in us and every situation. It's a daily choice to believe we are kings, priests, holy, accepted, loved, one Spirit with the Lord. We can choose to not believe God, and so focus on the stress, guilt, worry, anxiety and doubt. But what we take by faith takes us. If we take stress as the reality, it stays real to us and usually intensifies.

Our souls are imprinted with the pathways of our history of choices. These are ruts in our psychology, and when the chips are down we go into the old rut of self-pity, anger, rage, self-righteousness, or whatever apparently used to make us feel better. I'm finding that despite wrong choices, I'm to stand up again, thank God for the cleansing Blood of Jesus that has washed away all of my sins from God's consciousness, and start walking in faith again.

The story is told about a young man who went through the wedding ceremony, coming out of the chapel he turned to his new bride and said, "Honey, I don't *feel* married." To which his bride replied, "Dear, you had better adjust your feelings to fit the facts."

My contrary feelings give me the choice. When I feel guilt over a past, confessed sin, I stand on the Blood. I can walk as though I never committed the sin. If I sin against someone I first confess it to God, then go to the other person and ask for forgiveness. After that I am free; I can get walking again as if I'd never done it. This is a choice, an internal choice to believe 1John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us of all unrighteousness." And then I can believe Psalm 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us." My sins are literally right out of God's consciousness, so I can shove them out of mine in agreement with God, rather than be plagued by guilt. He sees me as a son, a pure, holy son who is on the path to deeper and better Christ-expression. This does not mean that there are not sometimes consequences to my sin, but in terms of my relationship to the Father, I am restored.

Faith is mostly about courage. It's about Moses being opposed by Pharaoh and not backing down. It's about Joshua and Caleb seeing the giants and fierce inhabitants of the Promised Land and pushing back fear, saying, "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are well able to overcome it" simply because God had promised them the Land. We see that courage in Abraham leaving his home because God said "Leave Haran and go to a land I will show thee." The same courage operated in David, who was persecuted and hunted by Saul and yet chose not to kill Saul when he had the perfect chance. He knew God would perform His promises to make David the king.

We have to face our Pharaohs, our giants, fierce inhabitants, our Sauls, within our own consciousness and without. And the answer is the same for us as it was for the biblical patriarchs from Adam and Eve all the way to the disciples of Jesus Christ. "Will I trust God, or will I trust my own feelings and thoughts?" That's where the rubber meets the road.

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What Causes Barrenness In Church Life?

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When we talk about putting down roots or laying foundations, we often think of staying put in one place. Our God is not a camper. The tent of meeting in the Old Testament was a simple structure designed to be easily erected and dismantled as His people followed the cloud of His Presence.

The more formal structure of the temple was designed to enable people to come to grips with the same phenomena. The presence of God was enshrined in mystery within the Holy of Holies. People waited with bated breath for the reemergence of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement. The smell and spectacle of the sacrifices added to the drama of coming into the very presence of God. People were brought to that place of awe-inspiring worship as they became involved with the ongoing pageantry of the manifest presence of God in their midst.

The supernatural was commonplace. Men and women both spoke with sharpness and clarity in their representation of God. Words were backed up with power and anointing that saved lives and brought deliverance from occult powers, famines, disasters, and human oppression.

The Dominating Theme of Scriptures

This essence of pure relationship and raw power between God and His people has been the dominating theme of the Scriptures. Only the form and style have changed throughout the generations from a handmade stone altar roughly put together with materials on hand by individual men such as Abraham, Jacob, and the prophets, to the designer places of worship expressed in the tabernacle and temple.

At times these places of worship were inspired by a revelation of God's grace, mercy, and calling, such as when Jacob-in-transition-to-Israel finally came to understand the desire that God had for relationship with him. In other times and places, altars were built upon the sites of intense spiritual warfare and upon battlefields as sacrifices were offered to God on the burning embers of false gods and idol worship. Mount Carmel and Gideon's hometown became places of cleansing and purification as the enemy was driven out and the name of the Lord revealed.

Continuity from the Old Covenant to the New was established in the person of Jesus, who became the temple of God wandering amongst a guilty and sin-ridden people. "Destroy this temple and God will raise it up in three days," He said, referring to Himself (see Jn. 2:19). Something had happened in the hearts of the people between times. A creeping institutionalism had given way to form without power, to style without substance, and to a performance mentality that elevated men, not God, in the presence of the people. People did things to be seen of others; rules of behavior governed the lives of many. Leaders had become blind guides, searching the Scriptures without prophetic insight. Those who most desired the coming of the Messiah missed Him because their interpretation of Scripture was not mingled with worship, the manifest presence of God, and prophetic wisdom.

The Cycle Continues

God walked among them, but they had not been trained to recognize His presence. All their teaching and distilled wisdom down through the years had left them without the faculty for discerning the glory of God. Even when they saw signs and wonders and Jesus graciously asked them to believe in those signs as part of their journey to a wider, deeper revelation of God's presence, they could not bring themselves to part from their institutional mind-sets.

So the early Church grew up next to a hidebound institution that continued thinking that it alone held the glorious tradition of the truth of God. The old persecuted the new, which in turn eventually came against the newer works, which in time grew to be the oppressors of new moves of God till the present day. The chronicles of the Church are littered with stories of new moves of God erupting in the earth through orthodox persecution and then settling back into conventional, narrow-minded religiosity.

Only the presence of God can prevent institutional Christianity from reducing truth to a set of rules and worship or to a meaningless time of singing without awe.

Only God's presence can enable believers to confront the enemy and the evils of mankind with a powerful expression of truth combined with supernatural power. Only God's presence is the glue that holds us all together through tensions, conflicts, and the violence of being on the front line of the battle against a depraved and intimidating foe.

The Mystery Fades

We have lost the glory, the majesty, and the mystery of all that God is within Himself. The temple gave way to the synagogue and the mystery began to fade. Word stopped leading us to worship, and in time the dynamic revelation of God became a rote to live by as we waited for God to come in final deliverance. Today's worship precedes the Word and in many places has become the platform for the teaching and the ministry of people. Our churches have lost the art of ministering to the Lord in worship and discerning the voice of the Lord in our midst (see Acts 13:1-2).

People went to the temple to participate in the mystery and the majesty of God. They went for three main reasons: to worship, to make an offering, and to pray. In the synagogue they went to hear the word of God (i.e., for teaching), to get their needs met, and to have fellowship. In the temple, the instruction and communication of God's word always led them into an experience with God. In the synagogue, it often led them into debate and discussion about God. Meetings became man-centered instead of revolving around the presence of God. Even today in many of the newer churches, if the meeting has a lot of content and activity, it is often the worship that gets squeezed. People go to church for good teaching or fellowship. Our society has created intense loneliness, and people are hungry for companionship. Accordingly, it is easy to justify making our meetings into a designer-style atmosphere to attract people.

I am not against this in principle. I think all our meetings should be aimed specifically at God's desire to do particular things and achieve specific objectives. I am against stereotypes that do not bring us into the creative presence of God. We must regain the capacity to live in the manifest presence of God. The teaching of the Word must lead people into an encounter of God Himself, not just into an experience of the church.

God Causes Breakthrough

God has always set people within the framework of tabernacle, temple, and church who would act as catalysts to cause breakthrough into the manifest presence of the Lord. When people look at us, they should see Jesus. They should observe His love in the way that we live together. The entrance of God's Word should produce hope, faith, life, and health to every part of our being. The presence of God is life to us. When we lose His presence or, even worse, if we have never grown up with the reality of His glory, it is inevitable that we would use the Word to relegate the supernatural to a future time of glory in Heaven rather than glory now.

God sits outside of time. He has never not been full of glory. He is altogether glorious. Everything He touches carries the fragrance and the passion of His manifest presence. He is wonderful, awe-inspiring, and magnificent. Our meetings must reflect the glory of His unchanging nature. I love to meditate on the nature and character of the Lord. For me, He has come to be the kindest person I have ever known. He is kindhearted, gracious, loving, good-natured, and benevolent. He is generous, cordial, approachable, and thoughtful. He is slow to anger and swift to bless. He sees the good, acknowledging the treasure and the worth in people. He inspires confidence, renews our self-worth, and puts a smile on our hearts. He is captivating, beautiful, and completely lovely. He is strong, powerful, a force to be reckoned with, a conqueror and overcomer. He is a paradox - a fierce and mighty warrior dressed as a lamb; the king of glory and a bruised reed; a son, a servant, a prophet, a priest, and a king. The fear of Him is the beginning of wisdom, yet His laughter makes us wriggle with pleasure. He continually brings us to points of vulnerability and weakness so that His sheer joy in Himself can be our source of strength.

Our meetings very often do not reflect His nature, but ours.

They focus on our needs instead of celebrating who He is in our midst. How many of our people take time out during the day to spend just a few minutes in silent worship and awe of God? Whatever God is, He is infinitely. It is impossible for God not to be everlasting, endless, and eternal. He is the greatest endless and eternal expression of goodness, kindness, and grace. He is everlastingly kind and merciful, eternally loving. He loves infinitely and without boundaries. There is no end to the kindness of God.

He is also totally perfect. He never does anything partway. He completes everything He starts. "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it [literally, perfect it] until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). He does everything perfectly. He is infinitely and perfectly good. He has perfect love and grace. His love is complete, wholesome, and endlessly perfect! He is always loving because He is infinite and perfect.

He is immutable. He never changes. What God was, God is and God will be. There is no shadow of turning within Him. He is unchanging. What a relief! We all have experienced the fluctuating fortunes of human relationships and been both blessed and burned. I love the ongoing continuity of God's affection for me. He put me in the one place where I could relate to Him in all of my changeableness. He put me into Christ so that His unchanging, infinite, and perfect love could become a constant to me as I grew up in Him.

He is never indifferent. His silence is just His silence.

Never mistake His silence for detachment. He is never aloof and unresponsive. His silence is often a means to draw us into meditation, which becomes the prelude to worship and the entrance of revelation that then brings change to us. What changes us the most is the unchangeableness of God! Whenever I reflect on the unchangeable nature of God, I want to cry. His constancy and dependability always make me resolve to be like Him.

He brings peace to me by His constancy. I feel my heart settling down into Him in the turbulence of situations and events. In crises and conflicts I find myself wanting harmony and love rather than just resolution. To agree to disagree and remain loving friends is a sure sign that God is among us and that we are in love with Him.

God is endlessly enthusiastic about people. He has a boundless, unremitting energy. He never stops working, yet He exudes rest and peace. He rests in and through His work. I am never quite sure where my rest in Him gives way to His rest in me. (Oh, I love Him.) On the seventh day He rested from creating, but He never ceased from maintaining what He had made.

It is typical of God that man's first day of creation and life should coincide with God's rest. Our first day began with rest, and a prime part of our relationship with God is to enter His rest. One of my personal goals is to be one of the most restful, peaceful people on the planet. Since I have discovered rest as a major part of my relationship with the Lord, my output has increased significantly. Rest maintains worship, adoration, and focus. It promotes a God-consciousness by the Holy Spirit that increases productivity without detracting from fellowship. The more we rest, the more we get done. Time spent resting brings us into a place where God can do in seconds what we could not do in hours under the anointing.

The more we rest, the greater the power to break through.

The greater the rest, the more God prepares things around us by His hand. His wisdom increases as we sit and relax in His presence.

I once was sent a complicated brief on certain conflicts and situations in a particular church. This was followed up by a meeting with the leaders where I was expected to give some kind of godly perspective and Solomon-like wisdom. I never read their pages of problems. For some reason I spent several days resting and meditating though that and other work were piling up. On the day of the meeting, I discovered that they were coming to visit only when I looked in my diary. (I am not normally like this we run a very efficient office, though that is due more to Carole, my personal assistant, than myself.)

In the meeting with these guys it was clear there was a significant measure of conflict and tension. We can communicate peace only if we have it. I cannot remember what was said in that meeting only that peace, love, and understanding broke out amongst the brothers. Harmony precedes resolution. I remember saying to the Lord afterwards that I wished I had taped the meeting because some of the things I said were brilliant! He smiled. He knew that I knew that the wisdom was His and that I was content just to be a vessel and vehicle for His presence. He loves with a boundless consuming love. He hates with a terrible consuming fire. The anger of the Lord burns against unrighteousness and sinful activity. The mercy of the Lord in including us in Christ is eternally breathtaking and wonderful. To rest in the finished work of Calvary is a wonderful privilege. Lack of the presence of God is a major cause of barrenness.

We Cannot Run This World Without God

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It is crucial that we learn all of the lessons that we can from the Katrina disaster, as fast as we can, because more are coming. We have not even finished counting the bodies from Katrina, and Hurricane Rita is churning in the Gulf, threatening Texas and Louisiana with even more destruction. It is likely, at the very least, to displace tens of thousands of more people, as well as further wreck the Gulf Coast oil industry.

One of the main lessons we need to learn from Katrina is that we must not continue to put our primary trust in the government. We must know the Lord as our *Healer*, *Protector*, and *Provider*. If we have built our houses upon the Rock by both hearing and obeying His words, we have nothing to fear from any storm. If we continue to place our hope in the government, or any human organization, we are building on shaky ground, and we will be shaken by what is coming.

The devastation that Katrina caused was primarily the result of where people built and how they built. This is something we all need to examine in relation to our own lives. One of the ultimate questions we need to ask at this time is: "Have we built our lives on the Rock?"

Love Your Government

When I say that we cannot continue to put our trust in the government, I say this with great appreciation and respect for our government. In spite of the controversy and blame-shifting going on, I remain very impressed by how well our government responded to the Katrina disaster. I am impressed because I expect the government to act like the government -- I didn't expect a zebra to start running like a thoroughbred just because there was an emergency.

No government on earth, even the greatest democracy, can handle what is coming upon the world, which is the result of man's foolishness. Katrina is a warning to us all. Anything built on this present world is going to fail us, even the best governments. We are coming to the time when everything that can be shaken will be shaken, and we must build our lives and our hope on the kingdom that cannot be shaken.

One report on the Katrina relief stated that it was estimated that the church and charities were several times more effective in helping to get resources into the hands of Katrina victims than the government. While most of the media and the world were understandably focused on just a few places in New Orleans, there were many other places that were in just as desperate a situation or worse. Thousands of churches, ministries, and individual Christians swarmed to the area with whatever they could carry and they helped many people. There were also many unbelievers, and those of other faiths, who did the same.

There were atrocities and glaring failures, but there were also countless heroes and successes. Few of the latter have made the news, but the government, including FEMA, also had heroes. Even so, there are many things that the church can and should do better than the government. Likewise, there are many things the government can do better than the church. We need to discern these and be ready to do our part.

For example, our teams in the area are now staying in a baseball stadium. They work all day to the point of exhaustion, and the National Guard provides security for them at night. By them doing their thing, we can better do ours.

After months of studies and debate about the failures of the government in the Katrina disaster, we may come to some good and helpful conclusions about needed changes in government agencies and policies. However, most of those who have been there working, already know what the mistakes were and what the continuing problems are. They can and should be fixed.
However, it may not be possible for such a government agency to change as much as many are wanting without the kind of leadership that simply has not arisen in our times -- one that will resolutely cut out the ridiculous and wasteful spending, cut out the unnecessary layers of regulations, and channel the resources to where they are truly needed *with efficiency*.

Avoid Blame-shifting

One thing you can count on is that the mistakes of the government were not rooted in racism or even political prejudice. They were simply the result of the government acting just like governments do -- trying to function and meet the needs, while struggling to do it with all of the red tape wrapped around it that has become inevitable for any government program. We can get mad about the red tape, but we need to understand that most of it exists because of our own demands for cutting down waste and fraud in government.

The government's attempts to cut down welfare fraud added so many layers of control and accountability that at one point it was estimated that less than 10 percent of the resources devoted to welfare were actually getting to those who needed it -- the rest was being devoured by bureaucratic administration. This is the direction that every government program and agency will go if someone does not have the courage and resolve to stop it. So far, in my lifetime, there does not seem to be anyone who has.

Even so, I would rather live in an inefficient democracy than an efficient dictatorship, but that does not mean we cannot have an efficient democracy. Presently, the only way that the government knows how to react to that pressure is to add regulations. These regulations will at the very least slow down the government's ability to function and react to situations, and will ultimately increase the waste through inefficiency.

Countless layers of regulations also resist any kind of initiative and creativity in leadership, which is crucial in a disaster. Our government itself needs disaster relief as it has become out of control in its waste and inefficiency. If the waste were cut out of government spending we could easily absorb the Katrina and many other disasters, **likely even cutting the deficit.** Politicians say this is impossible without raising taxes, but it is possible if there were true leadership in government.

This tendency to over-regulate can, and often does, get into churches or charities just as easily as it does governments. Studies done on some charities revealed that they have become about as inefficient as the government, with just a small percentage of money given to them actually getting to the needs of people. The rest is being consumed in administration. This tendency to fix all problems with a new regulation is a deadly enemy of efficiency and effectiveness in every organization.

Expect Glitches

One example of how government red tape hindered and slowed down relief was when fuel trucks from FEMA were sent to Slidell to provide for the local emergency vehicles. **Because Slidell did not have FEMA approved containers for the fuel, the trucks turned around, refusing to offload the fuel that the local government emergency workers were desperate for. This also happened with water, food, and medical supplies in some situations.**

It is likely that a good number of people needlessly died because of this kind of bureaucratic mentality. Those who witnessed it operating in this dire emergency were understandably shocked, and it is hard to believe that human beings could think like that. Those who have been conditioned to live in the present government bureaucracy do think that way. Do I blame FEMA? No. Again, I don't expect a zebra to become a racehorse just because there has been an emergency.

As soon as we saw this disaster unfolding, we immediately considered how we now own the largest hotel in the state of South Carolina. We asked the local government to waive a few of the unnecessary regulations to let us restore the hotel rooms faster so we would be able to house victims of Katrina. Their first response was human, and they said they would do whatever they could to help. Then a few days later the bureaucratic mentality set in again, and they wanted to impose the layers of unnecessary red tape for us to get this done. It was understandable, and expected, and we will still work as fast as we can to do this, but we will increase our prayer for true leaders to be raised up in government on every level too.

Does FEMA need changing? Yes, and radically. But so does government bureaucracy at its very foundation. However, as stated, there does not seem to be any leadership on the horizon with the courage, resolve, and wisdom to do what it is going to take to fix it. Therefore, we need to adjust our expectations, working with it the best we can, and guard our own churches and ministries from the same type of mentality. It is a desperate enemy of good leadership and good management.

We Should Align Ourselves with, Not Criticize, the Government

We need to also consider that much of this mentality, and red tape, is the result of people who swarm to disaster areas to bilk the government out of the very resources intended for victims. Lawlessness has increased at a dramatic rate in the last few decades. There are already multitudes of people who have swarmed to the affected area claiming to be Katrina victims in order to grab resources. There are stories about how many people, and even large corporations, made huge profits off of the 911 attack on the World Trade Center, taking money that was supposed to be going to victims. To help cut down on this, FEMA formulated many regulations that probably did help cut down such fraud, but at the same time these regulations often became a hindrance in a unique emergency like Katrina.

In praying for our churches, charities, and governments, we need to pray for the kind of leadership that will have the courage and resolve to cut this kind of cancer out of the body when it starts to grow. President Bush has the kind of leadership it takes, but he probably does not have enough time left in office to do much now. However, we should learn that when he became personally engaged in the Katrina relief, the bottlenecks were broken through, and the people who were really getting things done were located, identified, and the resources were put into their hands to get the job done. We need that same kind of leadership now throughout the government if it is going to survive the times ahead.

I appreciate President Bush's candor in accepting blame for the slow response of the government in the Katrina catastrophe, and he may have had some responsibility for this in the way FEMA was ineffectively organized that showed up in this disaster. There are many ways in which FEMA has done a great job when called on after other storms, but this one just seemed to overwhelm every system for a time. However, more disasters are coming, and we need to change!

We are in the times when all governments are going to be overwhelmed. We are coming to the time when all of creation is going to understand that **we cannot run this world without God**. Even so, those who have built their houses on the Rock are not going to be preserved to gloat about it, but in order to help those who didn't. Governments can be built on the Rock also. The United States government was to a large degree built on the Rock by the founding fathers. It was a godly foundation, and we must return to it. We need to pray for the kind of leadership that will do this.

Partnership Between the Church and Government

On another level, the problems that FEMA had during this disaster actually seem to highlight what President Bush has obviously all along sensed about some of the government's management problems, which gave birth to his "faith based initiative." He realized that there are some things that churches and charities will always be able to do much better than the government. This is one of the important lessons of Katrina.

I am not implying that the government needs to get out of the disaster relief business, but there is a partnership between the church and government that will be increasingly needed in the times to come. The knee jerk reaction to "the separation between church and state" can, and has, seriously hindered this relationship. That line was made quite clear by the founding fathers with remarkable wisdom and foresight, but has only been blurred in the last half century. It needs to be made clear again. It was not instituted to keep the church out of the government or culture, but to keep the government out of the church. There is an intended and needed partnership between the church and government.

The church must take up its mantle and responsibility as the light of the world, especially in relation to disaster relief, because this is the time that we are now in. We must be willing to do our part, and do it with increasing efficiency and excellence regardless of what the government does, and be willing to interface and join with the government in any way that gets the job done. For the times ahead, we must learn how to work better together. However, in due time the government's resources for disaster relief is going to fall short, and the government will be reduced to just trying to keep order. However, the church will be able to increasingly tap the resources of heaven, which can never run out.

There are significant and increasing troubles ahead. They are all great opportunities for the gospel and the kingdom. We need to view them with compassion and the resolve to help those affected by them. We need to learn all of the lessons we can from the Katrina disaster, and every other one to get better and better at helping people.

Discern The Hand of God at Work in Nature

Katrina was grace from God in many ways. Though I am sure that those affected by it do not feel like this, it is not only going to result in a major and important region of the country being changed for the good, but it also is highlighting many weaknesses in systems, agencies, as well as churches and ministries. We need to examine all of these, not to blame people, but to correct problems and be better prepared for what is to come. We are now entering the times that are spoken of in Isaiah 60:1-5:

"Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

"For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples, but the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you.

"And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

"Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, and your daughters will be carried in the arms.

"Then you will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, the wealth of the nations will come to you."

I love my country, and I deeply appreciate our government. I want to help them and support them in any way that I can, not undermine them or tear them down; they are not the kingdom of God. The kingdom is at hand, and as it arises, as we see in Daniel 2, the kingdoms of this world will start to crumble. The foundation of the kingdom of God is being laid by the Holy Spirit, who is "the Helper." It is the basic nature of the Holy Spirit to help, and those who are led by the Spirit have the same nature.

Church: Arise To Your Battle Station!

Disaster relief is going to become one of the biggest and most important ministries in the times ahead. As stated, the government will be spread too thin to deal with anything but some rescue and keeping order. That's okay because this is what the government is called to do, and the church can do the rest, because we are called to do it.

There is also one more factor in this equation -- business. The chord of three strands that will be the strongest is a partnership between the church, government, and business. We must learn how to both interface with these and stay out of each other's way in areas where we should.

As a ministry we are involved and committed to the Katrina relief, but we are using it to learn all that we can so we will have the most effective disaster relief teams on the planet. We want to prophetically foresee what is going to happen and be there to help when it does. We are praying for more resources for this than the U.S. government has -- we are praying for the resources of heaven to be at our disposal. We want to have resources to feed hundreds of thousands just through our own ministry, with cargo planes, ships, or whatever else is needed to get it to the point of need, as efficiently and as effectively as possible on this earth. Then we want the power to multiply the food and other resources when we are short. If we are faithful with what we are given by the Lord, He will give us much more to manage.

We are learning how to work with other churches, ministries, the government, and business. We are seeking relationships that are built on strong bridges of trust because we are proven to be trustworthy. I encourage every Christian leader, whether you are the leader of a mega church or a house church, to consider disaster relief as one of the most important missions that you can be a part of in this time. This is one mission that will grow, and you can also count on as something that the Lord is going to be building His kingdom through. The Holy Spirit is the Helper. Those who are in unity with Him are devoted to helping others, and this will be the cutting edge wave of the future.

Team "Cross Work"

Presently, the Red Cross is doing a great job and there are other charities that are very effective in disaster relief, but the church is going to surpass them all in efficiency and effectiveness in the near future. Consider donating to churches or ministries devoted to disaster relief in the future. Not only will they be more effective, but it will be an investment in the kingdom as well. However, churches and ministries need to be managed right, and have the kind of accountability that should be required of one trusted with our investment.

If your local church is engaged in disaster relief, I encourage you to give your time and financial support to it. If it is not, you are welcome to join us in our relief and rebuilding efforts. If you feel called to go to the area, you may want to join one of our teams. We do serious screening, not just to weed out tourists and high maintenance people who will have a negative impact on the mission, but to find out the gifts, skills, and even tools that you will be coming with so that your time and energy is not wasted, and the maximum help is provided for those in need.

You may also make donations to the Disaster Relief through MorningStar. One hundred percent of the donations designated for Disaster Relief will go to that effort. MorningStar does not keep a single cent for administration costs (one way that we fight the bureaucratic beast). We can also use materials such as trucks, buses, planes, tools such as chain saws, power saws, building materials, and other items that can be used to help in this effort.

To make a credit card donation, donate online -or- call 1-800-542-0278 and just say you want to make a donation for Disaster Relief. You may also mail your donation to the address below. Please mark your check "Disaster Relief Fund or DRF." This was formerly the Katrina Relief Fund but because other disasters are now looming, we want to be free to put it where it can best be used.

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MorningStar already has teams there for immediate relief for those in the most desperate need, but we are also formulating a strategy for the long-term. We are going to be looking for victims that we can see through to a totally restored life, which is even better than they had before. For these we will be doing serious screening, but if you have information about those in which we could help in a long-term way like this, please also contact us through this website.

Thanks for the already very generous donations that have been sent for this effort. It is already being used, and we count every penny of it a sacred trust to be wisely used. Pray for revival to break out instead of disease!

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What Does All This Mean?

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There is one question we are asked most often in our ministry, "What does all this mean?" That is a good and valid question! We cannot afford to be blind to the signs of the times. There are events transpiring of biblical proportions throughout the earth. Storms, earthquakes, celestial phenomena, political and natural upheaval, and personal losses--all point to this mysterious season we presently live in.

Bob Jones recently told me that in his 40 years as a Christian, he had never seen so many good Christians going through so much. Clearly, there is a purpose behind all that we see taking place on a daily basis.

Something of great spiritual significance stands at the door. Our wisest counsel is to understand these times and position ourselves to cooperate with God in its release. Never before has there been a greater need for God's grace and favor essential to launch us into this generation's destiny.

The Capstone Generation

The Bible declares that when the "capstone generation" emerges, it will be with shouts of "grace, grace" (**Zechariah 4:7**). We are given the most profound promises of any age, yet we are incapable of achieving them in our own strength. That has been clearly demonstrated in recent days.

Throughout the Western Church, there are pockets of anointing and favor that some individuals and ministries are enjoying. Even so, on the whole, the Church has been in a heightened season of refinement and grooming. We have written on this subject often over the past years.

In fact, many may even feel it is somewhat like the oppression and bondage experienced by God's people in the land of Egypt. Nevertheless, it was with a mighty hand that God delivered His people of Egyptian slavery. Never before had such displays of grace and power been exemplified! That is our hope for this day as well. We need an unprecedented demonstration of God's grace. More than that, we must contend for it.

Signs of the Season

Great grace is about to be released from God's throne to liberate and empower His people. The natural winds that we have experienced are a prophetic forecast of the coming of this spiritual provision. The winds of God are also identified as the four spirits of God who stand before His Throne.

In the last week of November, I had a revelatory experience in which the Lord highlighted **Zechariah 6:5**, along with **Hebrews 6:5.**
"The angel replied to me, 'These are the four spirits of heaven, going forth after standing before the Lord of all the earth.'" **- Zechariah 6:5**
"And have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come." **- Hebrews 6:5**
The Lord stressed to me that these two Scriptures are spiritually linked and identify what is eminently ahead. The four spirits of Heaven will facilitate the preparation of an overcoming body of saints who will taste the good word of God and the powers of the kingdom age. In modern Church history, only isolated few have touched this realm in God, but those who did changed their generation.

Natural winds have been blowing to indicate that the four winds of the Spirit are poised for release. The word used for "spirit" in **Zechariah 6:5** is the Hebrew word *ruwach*, which means "wind or breath of God."

The four living creatures that surround God's throne are directly linked with the four winds prophesied through Zechariah and Ezekiel. Each of these living creatures provides symbolic language to identify God's attributes released to His people to empower them.

Heavenly Endowments

The spiritual attributes indicated by the lion, ox, man, and flying eagle are being imparted to those who "overcome." Following is a brief synopsis of their application:

1. The lion--an emblem of victory, authority and supremacy; symbol of kingship, royalty, and courage. The empowerment from God exemplified during the early apostolic age to gain great spiritual victories and sow the seed of God's kingdom on the earth.

2. The ox--an emblem of sacrifice, a beast of burden. This was the spiritual impartation granted to believers who lived during the dark ages. It empowered them to give themselves sacrificially. History records multiplied millions who were martyred during this age. It is written that many of these saints met their demise while singing hymns and rejoicing. They had a supernatural grace that enabled them to meet their destiny.

3. The man--this is the spirit of the reformers. Men and women were anointed with incredible wisdom and natural knowledge to re-establish the foundations of the faith lost during the dark ages. Christians were denied access to the Bible for many centuries. Martin Luther was the first to translate the Bible into the language of the common man and mass produce it. Many others followed in the great reformation leading up to the 20th-century.

4. The flying eagle--this is the spirit predominantly released in the present age. It is epitomized in **Ephesians 1:17-18**. The spirit of wisdom and revelation granted to God's people to access the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ. It is the unfolding of the mysteries of God's kingdom manifested in a body of overcoming Christians. It is God's grace to live in the revelatory realm of Heaven.

Cultivate Humility

Great-grace exceeds "common grace," and God has promised to give this favor to the humble (**1 Peter 5:5**). Much of this season has been intended to cultivate humility in a body of people. These will be God's champions to whom notable mantels of revelation and power will be entrusted during the coming days.
The Lord is looking for the humble and contrite. As the prophet Isaiah recorded,
"Thus says the LORD, 'Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being,' declares the LORD. 'But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.'"
-Isaiah 66:1-2
The ones who are lowly and tremble at God's Word will begin to experience divine intervention from Heaven's host who are uniquely prepared for this specific hour in human history. It will literally be the fulfillment of **Hebrews 1:7**. God's ministers will be ignited as a flame of fire and fueled by angels who are winds.

Wholly Submitted

Part of the understanding we must embrace during this season of hardship is the need for our soul to be fully submitted to God. That is the example the Lord Jesus Himself provided. Only in that place of submission can we carry God's tremendous virtue needed for the harvest of the ages.

Kathryn Kuhlman was a forerunner who experienced this place in God. In her meetings, she often reiterated the wonderful experience of being filled with the Holy Spirit and experiencing His gifts. Then, she would go deeper and ask, "But do you know the experience of having yielded your will to the will of the Father?"

She identified the "secret place" in God and how it is accessed. It is through complete surrender. That is the ultimate example of spiritual humility.

To abandon our soul before God simply means to denounce, forsake, surrender, and relinquish our own thoughts and will to that of the Father. His thoughts and ways are much higher than our own. That does not mean that we eliminate our mind, but allow it to be transformed and renewed by the Spirit. To those who have found this place, great grace will be granted to experience Heaven's winds.

The Windows of Heaven

The windows of Heaven are being opened during this next season through which God's winds will blow. They will be the winds of:

1. Grace
2. Mercy
3. Deliverance
4. Wisdom

1. North Wind--Grace

The winds of grace will open spiritual windows and doors, granting access to the imperative spiritual provision needed in the harvest. It is God's grace and favor that will make us the beneficiaries of our spiritual inheritance and participants in God's end-time plan (**Ephesians 3:3-4**).

It was God's grace that launched the apostle Paul into his great apostolic ministry. It was his duty to initiate the revelation of the mysteries of God's Kingdom. Our responsibility is to continue that model in the same fashion as Paul. This comes by a revelation of Jesus Christ (**Galatians 1:12**).

The treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ are poised for release in this age. Apostolic leaders in the order of Paul, who emulate his intimate walk with Christ, will emerge with power and revelatory clarity.

2. East Wind--Mercy

The East wind unleashes God's mercy. This results in the release of the Lord's compassion to cleanse and sanctify His people from the filth and corruption of this world. This wind will provide mercy to deliver us from our defilement. The revelation and application of the written Word imparts His spiritual DNA to rescue us from our carnal DNA (**1 Corinthians 15:42-49**). We are to bear the image of our Heavenly Adam.

God's long-suffering and indulgence with us is generally understood to be an act of kindness or compassion, born of love and directly related to the state or condition of the one to whom mercy is granted. The state of the one receiving mercy is generally depicted as one suffering and in great need. We are a needy people; God's great grace is our only antidote.

According to **Matthew 5**, mercy is also granted to those who have sown forgiveness. There is a divine economy and exchange that transpires, producing amplified dividends for those involved.

For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. When He said, "A new covenant, " He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear (**Hebrews 8:12 13** [emphasis mine]).

It is an incredible demonstration of mercy to be pardoned and cleansed of our unrighteous acts and nature. It is here demonstrated how superior our new covenant is over the old. How much more are our opportunities to display the revelation of His Kingdom, especially in this hour with the announcement of extraordinary mercy! Our iniquity is not only pardoned but also erased to be remembered no longer. That is good news.

3. South Wind- Deliverance

The South wind is the release of a deliverance wind. This deposit of His grace will set free those held in prison and captivity by this world's oppressions and snares. The enemy has imprisoned the body of Christ, but now, the Lord determines to bring deliverance. Many are captured by fear, lust, jealousy, anger, and no doubt, many other tormenting adversaries.

The unveiling of this wind will bring liberty and freedom to those willing to abandon their soul and yield their will to the will of the Father.
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." **-Luke 4:18-19**
The South wind is the spirit of deliverance generated to mark a people prepared to inherit the promises. Throughout the Scriptures, the term "deliverance" is most often associated with the concept of "drawing out" and "setting apart."

It is to rescue, recover, and cause God's people to escape enemy oppressions who embrace the freedom to worship God in Spirit and Truth.

Once delivered from the "net of the fowler," we are free to soar in the heavens to receive additional wisdom and revelation essential for our maturity and growth. It can also be associated with the concept of childbirth--to give new life to something that has been germinating in the spiritual womb of a body of people; unveiling kingdom purposes in the earth.

4. West Wind- Wisdom

The fourth wind freely un-harnessed is the west wind. This is the revelatory anointing that unveils God's heavenly wisdom. It represents God's counsel to release to us His plans, purposes, and strategy to accomplish His mandates for this exceptional time in human history.

Ephesians 1:17-18 emphasizes the right of every believer to be anointed with the spirit of wisdom and revelation. This form of wisdom is not merely the ability to mentally analyze a situation and make a good response. Rather, it is a spiritual endowment that allows a believer to go deep into God to perceive and understand His heart and the fullness of our redemptive rights.

Not only do we have the liberty to understand these mysteries but also the accompanying spirit of revelation that gives illumination and comprehension of their reality.
"The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe." **-Ephesians 1:17-19**
The spirit of wisdom is more clearly defined as a supernatural impartation of the Holy Spirit granting the ability to see and recognize the Lord Jesus with a spiritual knowledge and comprehension of His mysteries, plans, and purposes.

This heritage will reveal God's manifold and unsearchable secrets hidden in Christ. It relates to a deeper intimacy and awareness into the things of God and intimates a personal close encounter with the Lord.

The accompanying spirit of revelation grants a comprehension of God's mysteries and attributes. It involves an understanding and perception with our soul of these things revealed in the Spirit. It grants the ability to not only know the things of God but also to know the practical application of them in the earth and in our lives.

The Apostle Paul was anointed and flowed in this gift. This same spirit is essential for us in this generation to know the concealed secrets reserved for the last days and share in the hidden manna set aside for the end-time perfecting of the Bride (**Daniel 12:4**).

When we read these words in the Bible, our intellectual minds detect that there are great promises that have been provided. Even so, when anointed with the spirit of wisdom and revelation, we obtain an experiential comprehension of our redemptive birthright. It becomes living truth being given expression through consecrated vessels.

As the Scriptures point out,
"Eye has not seen, ear has not heard nor has it entered into the heart of man all the great blessings the Lord has provided for us." **-1 Corinthians 2:9**
Nevertheless, to a called and set-apart people, it has been granted to know the mysteries of God's kingdom. The spirit of wisdom and understanding provides the articulation and comprehension of His "glorious inheritance in the saints." This will be giving spiritual language to God's spiritual thoughts.

The promise of **Jeremiah 33:3** is a "now" word to be apprehended. As we call upon God, the spirits of wisdom and revelation releases insight to us that we previously did not know. This is a tremendous responsibility requiring Godly character.

The revelatory light of this promise is so bright that it will demand God's great grace to appropriate these truths and remain in that place with longevity. Few people presently possess the purity of character needed to access this "wind" in its fullness. Nevertheless, the Bible predicts and promises that,
"Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase." **-Daniel 12:3-4**
The Lord is promising, through His divine grace, to prepare a body of people who will inherit these promises and begin to access the spiritual provisions portrayed in the spiritual winds illustrated here. **Revelations 4:1** admonishes us to heed His voice as He beckons us to come up higher through the door standing open in Heaven that grants access to Him and the unveiling of His Kingdom.

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War During Business Hours

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A CITY GOES TO WAR

In year 1005 there was this city-kingdom in Central Europe whose people were tired of their surrounding enemies raiding them and robbing them of their crops and the like. So they consulted with the leaders and then called a sort of national assembly to decide what to do. They met and made the decision that they needed to wage war against these intruders because after all they had the right and the power to do so. Actually they were more powerful than their enemies so they decided to stop their intrusion.

They made a big celebration the night they decided to declare war to proclaim their lack of fear and their serious intentions of getting rid of these pesky enemies. They ate and drank and sung and danced almost all night. The next morning they started gathering the army and soon when they were ready they marched on their enemy's city. They came in full marching power to the gates of their enemy's city and broke down the massive doors to declare with their actions that they were there and were not to tolerate them anymore: so this is it, this is war.

However after this mighty declaration of war they inexplicably turn back and went back home leaving their enemies to puzzle about this "war" declared on them. Once in their own city they held yet another celebration of war. They sung and told about their might and how they have torn out the doors of the enemy's city and how powerful they were; they were so focused on the declaration of war that they did not realize the their enemies had grouped and came to attack them in the middle of their celebration causing havoc because they were not aware nor prepared to defend their city.

A WORD FOR THE CHURCH TODAY

The above story is fictional, I just invented it to illustrate the word God has given me for His church in this day and for this time of war the church faces.

The church has been engaged for some years now in a kind of war very similar to the one I drew in my small fiction work. No army would actually do what the city in my story did; however the church has done and is doing exactly that. Why I am saying this?

When we pray for a move of God, when we pray for revival we are actually declaring war on the devil and his forces of death, and moreover praying for revival is a declaration of war on sin and darkness. Every prayer for revival pricks straight into the eyes of satan.

However, an awful lot of people in church do not seem to be aware of this fact! Every time we pray and cry out to God, and declare revival we are declaring war on the enemy and immediately after we just go about our business as usual. Our war seems to end with the declaration of war! Ok we seem to think, we met, we declared war, we can now go to sleep.

WAR ONLY DURING BUSINESS HOURS

The Lord says to His church: "Get ready for the biggest struggle of all your existence. The biggest revival ever is at hand, but do not think that it comes easy for it comes with war on all fronts. My Son has already secured the victory, but my people have to enforce the results of that victory. War is not only for business hours, or spare time; the enemy will not let you rest, the moment you sit down to contemplate the victory the enemy will charge against you. You have my power, I have told you it is not your power but My Spirit; but you need to use the power you have received."

"Because of my church not realizing the extent of the war many people are suffering, from within the ranks and from within the leadership. Have you ever thought why it is that when you start praying for revival everything seems to go wrong? Many churches have literally died when they started praying for revival! Why? Because they did pray and I was there to go with them to wage war, but most of my people went back to their comfort, their business, and their war celebrations. Many of my leaders are under attack, some by their own faults but quite a few others simply because my church first declared war and afterwards moved back to headquarters, leaving just a few leaders and people in the front line, exposed to the vicious attacks of the enemy"

DOORS ON THE MOVE

The Lord said in the Bible that He will build His church "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against her". Interesting how we have put things upside down. Waging war is an active thing, it implies action, it implies moving, it implies more than just declaring war or singing songs of war.

War is not to be waged on headquarters! We seem to have headquarters crammed with war declarers, but how many people are actually going? Why did the Lord say that "the gates of hell shall not prevail"? Did He mean that the forces of hell will attack the church using doors as weapons? If we are not really going and still we expect that the gates of hell shall not prevail we would be waiting for the devil to come attack us with doors! If the Lord said that the "gates of hell" shall not prevail against the church it simply means that the church has to go to the gates of hell to wage war and not expect the gates of hell to come to you!

Revival is serious business. It is a matter of life and death. It is a continual war in which there is not a "happily ever after" until we are all with Him in heaven. Until then there is war in the land. However God says to His church "Let's go together"

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Why Does God Speak in Riddles
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The 'Riddle Nature' of God is Beginning to Flow!"

God is riddlistic in nature. He always has been. Jesus spoke and taught using parables -- *so that those with ears could hear*.

In my own personal relationship with our Lord, I sense that He still operates with riddles a lot of the time.
Some of the time, when we don't think He is speaking or teaching -- He really is; it is just in a riddlistic way. We just can't understand, thus, we don't hear and learn.

As I spend time with God, I sense that He has spoken to my heart from His to say that He is speaking and teaching more now than ever, and that ***the riddles will begin to come more and more*** -- for those that have ears to hear.

"Obtaining the Key to the Kingdom Starts with Having an Ear to Hear"

The Kingdom of God is at hand. We have been told to pray: "Thy Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven. "

The Kingdom must be seen, then entered, then possessed, and then inherited . . .

The way to obtain the first step of being able to see the Kingdom is to know which way to look -- so that you can see it. Once you see it, then you can enter. The question is: "Do you have the key"?

When I use the word key, I am not referring to Jesus. Jesus is the door into His Kingdom. **Obtaining the key to the Kingdom starts with having an ear to hear.**

I prophetically proclaim that the Lord is going to begin using riddles more and more, as a way to separate the real from the fake, the goat from the sheep, etc . . . ***Just as Jesus used parables*** to allow those that had ears to hear, the ability to hear; and those that didn't have ears to hear, weren't able to hear His words that gave direction to the Kingdom.

I challenge you to seek God and ask Him for an ear to hear -- **so that you may understand the riddles that are coming!**

Enter In . . .
This era of the Spirit has to be entered so that His children know which direction to take their steps and produce "Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven . . . "

The Lord has provided a riddle: The way to enter the riddle nature of God and to benefit from it.

"To enter this level of need
You need the key.
Not a key that was made by man's hand;
Only the key I can place in your hand,
will be the key that causes you to understand.
The answer to this, is the way to receive direction that leads
to the door (Jesus) -- of the promise land (Kingdom)."

He that hath ears let him hear.

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What Do I See?

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1. God of Jacob arising: This is the ability of God to work divine destiny through men determined to work out their spiritual mandate by carnal efforts. Men are seeing things of greater value than themselves and choosing to wrestle with God for the true blessing. It is a confrontation with our base nature and exposure to the purest purposes of the Father in this hour.

2. Hour of the Joseph's anointing: This is not necessarily market place ministers so much as survivors of betrayal, abandonment, and rejection. They are remembering their dream and are anointed to minister reconciliation versus retribution in the greatest hour of the corporate anointing coming forth. These are tested men & women whose dreams of God's greater purpose and glory are coming to pass even as they steward among the spiritual, economic, and political pharaohs of this hour. These Joseph's are seeing the coming famine (exposure of spiritual destitution) and arising as master builders to create the vessels (hearts of men) that will be able to retain the bread of life and pour it out when all men's hearts are failing them for lack. This is the cross over-ministry from the singular man model of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to the corporate model of the 12 tribes possessing the land. Joseph was the bridge model then and now. Egypt is more than a type of the world. It is a type of the worldly church that embraces truth for benefit then turns to enslave the very anointed channels of blessing.

3. Revival without mixture: Rapidly emerging are hungry, thirsty people willing to give and pay all to retain His presence. We have been seven years since the foretaste of revival in the 90's. That move largely exposed our feeble ability to retain and steward the Glory of God. For those who have waited in the desert for the next move, many things have been burned away. These will be the ones crying as it were, as a voice from the wilderness with the second great prophetic unction of Elijah. This is the announcement of the coming Lion of the Tribe of Judah. It will be an hour of great confrontation and supernatural demonstration of authority in a manner not unlike Elijah's earthly ministry.

This will not be an easy revival. Only passionate pursuit with hungering and thirsting after righteousness will yield results. Essentially lukewarm will not work anymore whether one knows they are or not. God is lifting the veil to expose the worthless from the precious. He will require Silver and Gold refined in the fire in order to move on. Where as in days past men have chosen to limit the wine to preserve their self-serving wineskins, this is the hour when the old will burst, with the wine seemingly lost. Our perception of loss is only to reveal that it is to God's glory that He is fashioning new vessels from mud made when the spilled wine dropped to the dust.

4. Apostolic reformation: Announced and authenticated by the prophets, this is to immediately precede and then administrate the saint’s movement. This will be the ultimate ministry to displace the present overall structure of the church and usher in the identity of the overcoming bride of Christ.

The greatest evidence of the coming reformation is the plethora of wanna- be, mixed –motive, self –appointed, and sometimes false apostles that we presently have on the horizon. God is establishing the co-dependent role of Apostles and Prophets to establish a more sure foundation for the church. Prophets will usher in the picture that God has for the fabric of the church. When the Apostles see it, they will arise in their function and produce the horizontal establishment of the vertical vision. Servant kings will choose to remain in relationship with and influenced by Godly prophets who assist them with not hiding from their own flesh. Even now, many are in the Cave of Adullam. The army of God’s nameless, faceless servants is about to break forth with incredible intensity and fervor. This will be nothing less than taking back the kingdom so that the Lord can come once again among his people to empower and authorize each and every one in the role and position granted to them by the victory on Calvary’s cross. This is the royal priesthood of the believers.

5. Judgment and repentance about America’s stewardship. The critical message from 91101 is that the hand of the Lord was removed to allow such an event. Fulfilling our role to the nations will stave off the judgment coming to our shores and produce the eternal rewards destined for our country. We are the greatest nation and great givers by comparison to other nations. But, in comparison to our own greatness, call, and destiny, our efforts are paltry and need improvement. We will either choose quickly to discount the value of our abundance to ourselves, or we will loose it all together or worse, continue to loose it more and more to aliens in our land.

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Why Do The Heathen Rage

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(A Word of Exhortation to the Bride)
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Why do the heathen rage and prepare a vain thing against Me and My Son? For I AM preparing Me an army that will go out against My enemy, and all that they will use as their defense will be the shield of My glory for it will be as strong in penetration as the noon day son. And I will be their weapon of warfare, and I will come in such fury as lightning striking.

For this is surely the latter day, and you must take your place this day in My army. I tell you to stay in rank, and march forward taking all the land I promised you. And you must not fear what is in front of you for the power of it will surely dissolve as you speak forth My word and My will against it. Make your claim of My promises and march on taking the land.

I love you, My people, but you must make yourself ready in order for you to be able to stand. Put on your garment of Light which is My Son each day. Draw close to Him in intimate communion for it will be the only way that you will be able to make it through the power of the storm. Don't draw back into apathy and defeat caused by complacency.

Don't become busy in vain things for the only thing of importance to you is My presence. For I love when My bride draws close to Me and loses herself in My sweet embrace. For that is the only way I can strengthen her with My words of power and light. For when she listens I can speak, otherwise, I will stay still and wait until she draws near.

For I AM not a man who can lie or even a son of man who changes My mind. Whatever I speak forth I bring to pass. You can stand on My words of faithfulness to you. Yes, you can bet your life on them. Hold fast to My promises and escape the hold of the enemy upon you of deception. Don't look at the circumstances and say they are truth for if they don't line up to My word, then cast them down as lies from the enemy trying to rob you of My promises.

You are to prosper and be in health as your soul prospers. Yes, you have your part by drawing near to Me in the secret place under My wing. I love you and I AM calling you near. Be sensitive to My still small voice and worship Me, and I will raise you up a powerful army, My bride, and My beloved.

Don't allow your trials to bring defeat to you, but use them to build you up and cause you to draw near to Me. For I said that what the enemy uses as harm against you, I use to bring good to you out of it. If I AM for you, who can be against you?

Stand strong, My beloved, and use all things as building blocks into My glory. Yes, you have My favor. You will not be defeated, so march on! Let out a victory cry and rejoice for you do have the victory. No weapon formed against you will prosper. You are covered with My armor of light, and you have My shield of faith, and surely you have My sword.

Wait patiently upon Me for My perfect timing for I have precision in timing, and you cannot step out before Me. If you step out in the battle in your own strength, surely you will die. Stay under the shadow I cover you with, and walk in My light and I will protect you. You must join together in unity casting down vain imagination.

Keep your eye focused on Me as your Redeemer. I purchased you with the power of My own blood. You are Mine but you must obey Me, draw close to Me, and fear not. Now that you have My orders, rest in Me for I AM your Captain, and My love for you is pure and everlasting.

Where Did That Idea Come From

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> *Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*

There is an idea floating around these days that a certain practices or behavior is inappropriate, i.e. just plain wrong. We have heard it so often and seen it written so much that it has become an accepted part of our thinking. Actually if you question it, it's easy to see the whole thing is bogus, a fraud.

What Idea? Well you hear it expressed in various ways concerning Lakeland, but it goes much farther back. Here are some examples.

A
They are seeking after signs and wonders, chasing after miracles instead of seeking God. They should return to focusing on Jesus.
People are chasing the supernatural and looking for phenomena when they should be seeking The Lord.
We should be seeking His Face and not his just hand.
Some are running to and fro seeking a touch from the Lord, when all they have to do is stay home and get into their 'prayer closet.'

Here's another one.
B
Signs and Wonders are supposed to follow after the preaching of the word. Where is the preaching?

C
These meetings have no reverence for God. Where is the decorum and etiquette? Where is the respect for the King of Kings?

D
A Real True Revival is not supposed to be like a carnival or circus. It should be like Azuza Street, Hebdrides, Cane Ridge or the Welsh Revival.

Where did these ideas come from? What's wrong with them? Let's keep it to short simple answers.

First and most importantly there is a strong element of scorn in each of these ideas. So they start of on the wrong foot.

> *Proverbs 14:6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.*

Now looking at each one, we see certain problems.

A
This objection sets up a false dichotomy or contrast to suggest that they are not really seeking God.

B
Signs and Wonders can also follow praise and worship. This can happen especially when the worship is more spirited than the preaching.

C
There is plenty of scripture to support God's people rejoicing.

D
The word *Revival* has multiple meanings. To lay stress true or real moves of God is just an underhanded way of agreeing with those calling something less, a false revival, when it's just something less. And while it is just a refreshing or a healing outpouring, it is also the beginning of something much greater to come. This is a day of small beginnings.

> *Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.*

How To Spot The Accuser

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> *Luke 6:41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?*

Discernment
In this Civil War in the Church that we have been concentrating on we hear a constant cry for discernment. Many are majoring on discerning the mote in their brothers eye. Rather we should seek to discern the voice of the accuser of the brethren. Here are some things to look for.

What happens in this Civil War in the Church is that some people, for whatever reason, have yielded to a divisive spirit. This has directed them into becoming spokesmen for the enemy camp without realizing it. We need to pray for these people who are being used in this way. Remember this is a spiritual battle.

> *Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

Since the Lakeland Outpouring shifted into high gear around Passover, the accuser of the brethren has been working overtime. But even before that I received quite a few samples of his work as various people tried to sway me against it. Now after seeing even more of this kind of material, I have noticed that there is a pattern that most of these accusations follow.

Before launching into a series of accusations the accuser will try and set you up to accept what he is about to say. The process is like a confidence game. Once they get you to accept the messenger, you are likely to accept the message. Lot's of the tactics used are just variations on the argument from authority. Once they get you to believe they are speaking from some authority, then they really don't have to prove any thing they say. The whole idea is to get you thinking they have more spiritual authority than you do.

1. Such a person may offer Ministry history or credentials.
   Or they may give testimonies or examples to set themselves as some authority or mature voice.
   Some will imply that it has taken them much courage to say what they are about to say.
   While others will claim that they have been attacked for criticizing.
   This is a sympathy routine.

2. Expression of sorrow or regret that such warnings must be given.
   You will hear things like this:
   I'm not against such and so, but …
   It really grieves me to have to say these things.
   I simply have to speak out and warn people.
   I have been weeping over the sad state of things or deeply involved in tearful intercession.
   I am only writing this out of love for The Church.

3. They may claim to have some special revelation or inside knowledge that others don't have.
   Some will report having a dream or vision, or getting a prophecy to support their view.
   Others will claim to have absolute certainty, or cite someone else who is 'never wrong'.
   Or you will hear the claim that the Holy Spirit is instructing them to speak out.

4. Most common is the invoking the authority of the scriptures to support what they are about to say.
   After all, it's implied, who can argue with the bible. For example:
   The Word of God must be our standard.
   This is not just my opinion, it's what the bible teaches.
   The bible must be our basis of Judgment.
   Don't get mad a me, this is God's word.
   The bible clearly teaches that such and so.
   Next they will give their **opinion** of what the Bible 'clearly teaches.'

5. Then they may employ lengthy quotes from scripture regarding deception, false teachers, false prophets, false apostles, no private interpretation of scripture, wolves among the flock, hirelings, lying signs and wonders, great delusion, Satan as an angel of light and so on.
   The more scripture they quote, the more authoritative they will seem.
   This is where the fear tactic comes in.
   Please dear saints, don't let yourselves be deceived.

6. Then they proceed to judge someone after the Law, accusing them by name, usually with great scorn and ridicule.
   They may insist that their interpretation of a certain scripture is the only correct one.
   They will point to things happening that are not in the bible.
   or claim that this is not the way God operates.
   Or Jesus didn't do it that way.
   Many of their accusations will have no proof, only hearsay or opinion.
   They could claim there is no scripture to support someone's teachings. [This could be hard to prove, even if attempted. It would be a difficult matter to evaluate every possible interpretation of every scripture in the bible.]

7. But they will not cite any verses about tale bearers, strife among brethren, railing accusations, backbiting or slander.
   And especially they will never consider that the letter of the Law brings death, and only the Spirit brings life.

We mentioned that this accuser tries to get you to accept him, or her, as a messenger with some authority, so you will accept their message. The aim of the accusations is to get you to reject the accused person or persons, so you will reject their message.

And after all that, what if there is some real truth in all the accusations? Then it all boils down to one thing: **Gossip**. We are told to be afraid of deception, when all the while we are corrupting ourselves with slander and gossip.

> *Titus 3:2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.*

And I’m Repenting Too
While going thru some old mail, I found that back on May 2, I had forwarded to some close correspondents, a message Re: Todd Bentley that contained a lot of accusations from some other ministries. I'm now very sorry for this and repent for ever circulating or forwarding any such accusations. And for ever saying any thing that could be considered criticism of any other ministry.

Now here is a verse from Ephesians that can be seen as a prophecy of the Church coming out of Civil War and into unity. It is the work of the Lord, to bring about a Christ like attitude.

> *Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

And here are the results spoken of.

> *Psalms 133:1-3*
> *1 <A Song of degrees of David.> Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*
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> *Isaiah 52:8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for **they shall see eye to eye**, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.*

Whosoever Denieth The Son

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Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 1 John 2:22-23

Recently the Lord allowed me to experience the bitter taste of denial. I mean the kind of denial that He endures whenever those He deeply loves deny Him. My own taste of this came about when a dearly loved child in the Lord whom I had been mentoring and pouring myself into (at their own request), totally denied to another believer that they had any relationship with me. I was unprepared for the depth of personal grief I went through as a result of this experience. Even after the matter had been dealt with scripturally, resulting in full repentance, forgiveness and restoration of the damaged relationship, the shock and grief of the "denial" remained a heavy burden within, more than seemed reasonable in the circumstances. A crushing burden of inner anguish and unexplainable grief from which I could not emerge weighed down on me. After seven full days of this, the Lord spoke words of revelation and release, saying "I have allowed you to join Me for a short time in My experience of denial." Ah, Lord! Thank you for counting me worthy to fellowship with You in this place of Your own suffering!

I suspect denial of Christ is not something most believers have ever contemplated on a personal level for more than a few moments, if at all. After all it's not exactly subject matter that will fill a conference venue or ensure a number one best seller for any potential Christian author these days. If we do hear about it at all, it's usually in the context of Peter's denial of Jesus immediately after His arrest, but not something any genuine follower of Christ needs to be concerned about personally, right?

Well, no actually. The distressing truth is that hundreds of thousands, possibly millions, of so-called "Christians" are daily staking their eternal security on a "gospel of denial" that is not full, not complete and not safe. It is a gospel that says "I have believed that Jesus Christ came to die for me, rose again, and now lives. I have asked Him to take over my life. Therefore I have been saved and can get on with living." There is truth in that statement, but it is not ALL TRUTH. Remember that the Holy Spirit was sent to lead us into ALL TRUTH (John 16:13). He does not give us "partial truth", "renovated truth", or "just enough truth". His assignment is to bring each believer safely into the arena of ALL TRUTH. Any salvation doctrine less than all truth is incomplete and dangerous. That is what is so insidious and deadly about this half truth gospel that is so prevalent in these days. It is a gospel of the denial of CHRIST IN US. Do we realise that multitudes of people attending thousands of churches are believing a lie? The lie is that because they said a prayer presumably "receiving Christ", they can now return to normal life resting easy in the assurance that He will take over their lives, blessing all they plan and providing for every perceived need. Because of this half-truth gospel, there are many - far too many - trusting in a false security. Believing they are safe, they are actually living in a manner that places them in very real danger of never attaining true salvation at all. Having not received the gospel of "Christ crucified", they are unable to live a crucified life (1 Cor. 2:2).

This incomplete gospel, devoid of repentance, self-denial and the mystery of Christ's resurrected life in the believer, has spawned such widely held mindsets as "What Would Jesus Do?" - a phrase that has generated millions upon millions of dollars in "Christian" merchandise, and worse, holds countless young people captive to an impossible ideal. What is the only response we can give when asked What Would Jesus Do? It's "What, you mean, if He were actually HERE?" Friends, Jesus can only be imitated as He is lived. Please don't teach your children to ask "What would Jesus Do?" Teach them that He Himself will do what He wants to do as they surrender their lives to His (Matt. 16:25-26; Rom. 8: 18,19). Equip them with the truth of Christ IN us, not with cute, catchy phrases that fall short of a full and complete gospel. Our children will not survive the coming days by playing mind games - they will survive because they can testify that Christ lives in them and as He has overcome, so have they overcome IN Him (1 John 4:4; Rev. 12:11).

This powerless gospel of denial of Christ-life is so far from the gospel preached by Christ and the early apostles it would be unrecognisable to them. Nowhere in our New Testaments are we taught a gospel of redemption that does not demand radical reformation of our entire way of living. Are we redeemed by the Blood and the Cross of Christ? Absolutely! But what exactly has been redeemed? Nothing more than our right to live. However, our right to LIVE AS WE CHOOSE was not redeemed. Jesus is not the least bit interested in taking over our lives. His end purpose is to BE our life (Col. 3:4; John 5:39-40; John 6:53).

Christ's sacrifice secured for us who were already dead in sin, the right to life IN Him. We may look to the case of Barabbas to illustrate this point. When Pilate addressed the Jewish crowd asking them to choose between Jesus or Barabbas, they chose life for Barabbas, a thief and murderer (Mark 15:7-14). Jesus the innocent was crucified in place of Barabbas the guilty. Most of us understand the prophetic significance of this event in terms of Jesus dying in our place, thereby redeeming our lives from sin's death sentence. Barabbas may well have been deeply convicted that day about His own unworthiness to live while Jesus died; he may have even later believed on Jesus as the Son of God, been baptised, and renounced his former life of crime. However, unless Barabbas came to understand that the life that had been mercifully restored to him must in turn be crucified and replaced with the Life of Christ, he would merely have been changing his religion (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 5:24; Gal. 6:14).

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)

Friends, the gospel of all truth says we must be converted to Christ, not to Christianity. This may sound like a pedantic play on words to many, nevertheless the difference must be understood. Too many are preaching and receiving a gospel that denies the full New Testament doctrine of salvation that is founded on crucifixion of the flesh and new life in Christ. This is literally a matter of eternal life and eternal death. The full salvation gospel does not teach that we have been redeemed for the purpose of fulfilling our lives. It says that the only way to keep our life is to lose it. It does not say that our lives were given back to us, it says that the Life of Christ was given to us in place of ours. Our lives must be willingly surrendered for a spiritual death - that means every plan, every desire, every day, every night - every last breath! Christ did not die so that we could live our lives - He died so that we could live HIS life. That is why our lives are said to be hidden in Christ.

Listen, if you count yourself a believer but yet are not daily laying your life down on the altar so that He may live His Life in you, you are living on a precipice that may cost you eternity. I am not promoting a gospel of works over grace here. I am promoting a gospel of ALL TRUTH that does not deny the true cost of our redemption. What an insult to the Blood, what a slap in the Face of God, to believe that we may take the free gift of His Son, and go merrily on our way paying lip service while we continue to control and direct our own lives. How dare we tolerate any longer this false gospel in our midst!

It is not enough even to say, "Lord, please direct my life." Why? Because He doesn't want to direct OUR lives, He wants to crucify our lives! Realise that when we decided to live with Christ, we decided to die with Him. Realise that from that moment on we had absolutely no right to our lives - only to His Life! Is there not freedom in Christ? Yes, but only IN CHRIST. Did He not come to give us life abundant? Yes, but only IN CHRIST.

There is no life apart from Christ's life, and there is no holiness apart from Christ's holiness. We must receive a gospel that gives us to understand that God is not going to renovate, remake or renew our old Adam nature. He is not going to repair our former lives. He is giving us a new life, but it is His Son's life, in place of ours (Acts 5:20; Rom. 6:4). Our former lives are totally corrupt and unredeemable. We are fallen creatures whose flesh lives cannot be restored. The Cross is not about you and I being made right. The Cross is about you and I entering into the life of the First and the Last - Christ, the Firstborn from the dead and the last Adam (Col. 1:18; 1 Cor. 15:45). We are not able to be made holy in any way at all, except as we partake of Christ's holiness (Heb. 3:14).

When we come into THIS gospel, our lives will become all about Him instead of all about us. Even our language and the way we respond to the Lord will be different. Instead of saying "Lord, be with me today", we will be asking, "Lord, may I go with YOU, today!" Rather than "please bless what I'm doing today", we'll be crying out "Lord, how can I bless what You're doing today?"

A Cry for Repentance

Friends, this message is a plea for repentance. First corporately, because we, the church, all bear responsibility for tolerating and allowing this incomplete and demonically inspired gospel of denial of

Christ's life in us to grow and prosper among us. In doing so we have born a false witness to the world - the very ones to whom we are to witness the Life of Christ. Second, we must repent individually, because we have each denied Him in ways we do not want to see or acknowledge. Let us not echo Peter who foolishly insisted "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You" (Matt. 26:35).

How is it that we deny Christ, and in the deceit of our hearts do not even recognise what we are doing to Him? Let me share with you a list He gave me personally, which I am now instructed by the Holy Spirit to present to the church. I encourage you to take time over what follows, in humility allowing the Holy Spirit to convict you to repentance wherever necessary. And let me assure you that I present this list as one "down among", and not as one "over and above". As the Lord led me through this list, He showed me that I had failed Him on each count except one. That was not a very encouraging revelation. However, it is God's goodness that leads us to repentance (Rom. 2:4).

As the Lord revealed His heart on this issue, He imparted the truth that denial springs from idolatry. Idolatry is simply the act of exalting something or someone other than Christ to the pre-eminent place of total Lordship and sovereignty that is rightfully His alone. By this I understood that the Lord considers it idolatry when we deny any aspect of Who He is in us.

1) When we judge our brother or sister by determining in mind or speech that brother or sister is unable to be changed, comparing them to others in whom we have perceived greater fruit - we DENY Him. This is denial of His Spirit, for we deny the power of His Spirit at work within that one to sanctify and conform them to the image of Christ. We are exalting human flesh above Him. First, we are exalting our own flesh to presume we understand His way of working in another. Second, we are exalting their flesh to presume it is stronger than His Spirit is.

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. Phil: 1:6

2) When we judge ourselves by determining in mind or speech that we will never overcome a certain sin or destructive habit, we DENY Him. This is denial of His Blood, for we deny the power of the Blood to cleanse and heal us completely. We are exalting the power of sin and flesh above the complete sufficiency of His shed Blood to deliver us from sin's grip.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? Heb. 9:14

3) When we deem our own worth as less than what He deems it to be, that is, judge ourselves unworthy, a failure or unforgivable, we DENY Him. This is denial of His Cross, for we deny the power of His love to heal and deliver us. Again, we are exalting our essential "badness" (sin nature) above His essential goodness, which is an attribute of His Glory (see Ex. 33:19)

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight-- if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard. Col. 1:19-23

4) When we give Him the leftovers of ourselves instead of the first and best, we DENY Him. This is denial of His Lordship, for we deny Him His rightful pre-eminence. When we choose to pursue other activities, such as career, pleasure or Christian service, at the expense of seeking out His Presence, we exalt our love of self above Him. When we exalt "self" we deny Christ. When we exalt Christ, we deny "self". We cannot exalt both of them.

If anyone desires to come after Me, let him DENY HIMSELF, and take up his cross daily, and follow

Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. Luke 9:23-24

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Rev. 2:4

5) When we embrace another name more than His, we DENY Him, for we deny the power and glory of His Name. The early disciples of Christ were known only as "those who had been WITH Jesus" (Acts 4:13). How do we identify ourselves? Do we esteem the name of our nation, our denomination or even our family higher than His Name? When we fail to place all our other "identity tags" beneath the Name Above All Names, we exalt the world system above the Kingdom of Christ.

That the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:12 I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My Name. Rev. 3:8

And they shall see his face; and his Name shall be in their foreheads. Rev. 22:4

6) When we replace the Word of God with the commandments of men, we DENY Him, for we deny Christ the Living Word (John 1:1). When we replace worship in Spirit and truth with denominational tradition and ritual we DENY Him, for we exalt fleshly man-made religion above God Who is a Spirit (John 4:24). When we choose and appoint a priestly class, bestowing on them authority to govern our spiritual lives in place of the Holy Spirit, we deny Christ the Resurrection and Life (John 11:25), proclaiming to the world that mortal men must now head the church because He is not able to (Eph. 4:15).

This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain the worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. Mark 7:7

.....making the Word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do. Mark 7:13

For he is not the God of the dead, but of the living: for all live to him. Luke 20:38

And with great power gave the apostles witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Acts 4:33

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

7) When we choose to live the life we desire instead of surrendering to His Life in us, we DENY Him. This is denial of Christ, the Tree of Life, for we deny Him His right to Life in us. When we choose instead the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil by exalting our fleshly life above His Life in the Spirit, we claim that we have a right to life apart from Him. The truth is that we have no right to our lives at all. We only have a right to His Life. This is the ultimate denial for it is the denial Jesus experienced from Judas. Judas chose to eat from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil which represents the reasoning power of man, rather than feed from the Tree of Life, which is CHRIST IN US, our hope of glory (Col. 1:27). He reasoned that his betrayal of Jesus would save his own life, but his reasoning in turn betrayed him and this choice cost Judas his eternal life (John 17:12).

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Cor. 2:14

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Gal. 2:20

Denial or Witness

Whatever else each of us may believe to be our calling, gifting, or function within the Body of Christ, the scriptures teach there is one fundamental and primary calling above all others that belongs to every man, woman and child in Christ. It is the calling to provide witness for Him on the earth. To be part of the "ecclesia", the called out ones of Christ, is literally a calling to walk this earth as witnesses of Christ's resurrection (Rom. 1:6). None of us have any higher calling than this. The church has been left upon the earth until the Father's appointed time to give witness of His Son's resurrection, to principalities and powers (Eph. 3:10), and to the world (Luke 24:46-48). That witness, above all other things, is why you and I are here. This is not a witness worked out through active evangelism alone, though evangelism is certainly one aspect of it. This witness we are called to is primarily expressed through Christ's life being manifested in and through us. There is no other living witness on the face of the earth to the truth that Christ lives but the faithful, Spirit-empowered Bridal company of believers. When we deny Christ in any manner whatsoever, we are walking as false witnesses before demonic powers, before the world we live in and before the Father Himself.

While Peter hid in the shadows of the courtyard, inside the High Priest's palace the religious authorities were busy presenting false witnesses against Jesus to discredit Him. Outside in the courtyard, warming himself near the fire, Peter was presented with the opportunity to give a true witness to Jesus, but failed (Mat. 26:57-75). We are all familiar with the story - three times he was asked was he with Jesus, and three times he denied that he even knew Him. We cringe at the thought of placing ourselves in Peter's shoes that night. We cringe even more painfully when we contemplate the scripture that states "And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter" (Luke 22:61). In all of history, did ever a human being receive such a look? We don't like to think we could have done what Peter did. But the truth is, we have denied Him - again, and again.......

It would be easy for me to end this message with a prayer for forgiveness that we could all agree with and move on to other things more pleasant to our taste. How we love the prophetic message or the revelatory teaching that affirms and comforts us, but this is not such a message. This is a message that requires us to pause and come aside with our Beloved One, a message that demands a reckoning in the secret place of His grace and forgiveness. This message is a call to repentance, and my prayer is that we will humble ourselves to receive it. May we turn aside to Him and acknowledge the unspeakable. May the fear of the Lord return once again among His people. And when He comes, may He find us among a Bridal company of true witnesses who refuse to deny Him at any cost.

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Why Do We Want The Holy Spirit

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In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus gives his disciples a lesson on how to pray.

The lesson starts in verse 5. "Suppose one of you has a friend and he goes to him at midnight and says, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me and I have nothing to set before him.'" The parable goes on to say that the man asked with much boldness and received what he needed for his friend.

"Ask and it shall be given, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be opened up to you." (Luke 11:9)

The lesson though ends with Jesus saying, "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask? "

The man who was looking for bread was not seeking for himself, but for his traveling friend. He had nothing in his house to provide for another. He was both bold and diligent in his request to his neighbor so that his weary friends' needs would be met.

We need to realize here that God is saying that we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit for the sake of others more than for ourselves. We need to start seeking the Lord so that we have something to give away to others as they make life's journey.

While we do need to gather for ourselves, we also need to have bread to give away, spiritual bread, life giving bread, to sustain others as they travel in and out of our lives. Let's change our outlook, asking to be filled and renewed by the Holy Spirit, being transformed into the image of Christ, not for our sakes, but for the sake of others. This is the mind of Christ.

In my home, I lead worship for a small group of believers. It is my desire to lead them into the Holy of Holies where they can touch God and have their needs met. These weary ones need their feet washed, a cup of cold water, and some bread to eat. I may be weary as well. There may be no food in the (my) house.

I should be convicted if I offer these saints less than what the Lord would want to give them. It is my responsibility to be filled with the Holy Spirit, abiding in intimacy with Jesus, so that I can ask and then give something eternal and living to the pilgrims in my home. If I do not do this, I am giving an offering in my own strength.

I can 'function' in my ministry without the Holy Spirit. I can go through the motions of a good work. The gifts of God are without repentance.

Jesus warned in the gospels that when the judgment comes many will say, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your Name, and in Your Name cast out demons and perform many miracles?" The Lord was unimpressed with their list of works. He will reply to many, "I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers." (Matthew 7:21,22)

We should find this disturbing and judge ourselves diligently: Am I working my ministry out of my own strength, ambition or vision? Or, am I giving away the eternal food birthed by the Holy Spirit within me?

Am I doing the purpose of the Holy Spirit? Am I really abiding in the vine and drawing on His power for the real task?

Let us return to the Lord, asking to be filled and filled again for the sake of the others, for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

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Wedding Date

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On April 7th. I had an unusual prophetic dream; I dreamt I was a groom, a husband-to-be, going to be married.

My fiancé' said to me,

"Oh, I love you, I love you, and ...... I do want to marry you, but not now. At a more convenient time..... Later on."

All of my friends there who also heard her say this, then said to me,

"See how she loves you, hear how she speaks her love to you. She truly does love you."

But I knew in my heart that they were not receiving the 'full message' which my fiancé' was speaking. For what she said with her mouth, "I love you", was not truly in her heart, else she would have more than desired to marry me on the appointed wedding day.

While still asleep and in my dream I then realized this dream was not about me of course, but rather it was about our Lord Jesus, our Groom, and about His' espoused Bride-to-be whom is not yet fully committed. Even while She (us), His' Bride is saying, "Lord I love You," she (we) is/are not ready to commit fully for that set wedding date, and day.

And I felt some of our Lord's desire and His yearning for HIS' Bride to be, for her committal, through my receiving of this dream.

Later I remembered the parable Jesus told (-Mt 22); Of those invited by a king to his son's wedding, who gave excuses .... for their not being able to come.

- Bill

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Weeds and Seeds

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"I am the ultimate Gardener. I plant seeds and they grow into beautiful trees and flowers. I nurture them and give them all the sun, and rain, and nurturing they need. I send pollinators to cross pollinate them so that there will be even more plants that continue on bringing glory to My name. I prune, and I speak to them. I cut back the foliage so that new leaves will grow. I pamper and I prune, I cut and I weed. I fertilize and nurture all the plants in My garden of renown. I allow winds to blow away all the dead foliage and to uproot all the dead leaves around the base of the plants.

I see that the Son shines on them to make them grow, as they reach up for more of Him. I never neglect My garden. Oftentimes however, the enemy comes in trying to sow in wild seeds, and trying to scatter weeds among my plants that choke them, and steal from them. But I am a thorough Gardener. I weed, and I pull out the roots of weeds, without pulling up any of My plants. I am about to pull out some big weeds and assure that there is no more choking in the growth of My flowers and trees – especially the saplings and younger ones.

I am going to pour out revelation like a flood. I will have a prophetic generation that will sing the praises of their Beloved ! I will pour out blessing upon blessing , upon blessing on the garden of My love ! I will RESTORE My church that there will be a flow of revelation and wisdom released that will break every lie and ungodly yoke. I know that there will still be a division in those who call themselves Mine, as there are many
Weeds still growing up in My garden. But all will culminate soon, so that that which has polluted and ensnared My beloveds will be removed. Those who remain in the TRUE church will no longer lack appreciation for the WORD of the Lord, whether Rhema or Logos.

I am loosing the spirit of Elijah to RESTORE what has been broken and breeched. I will RESTORE the hearts of those who had been rejected and torn. I will restore those hearts of children who saw their parents rejected and destroyed by those in the church full of pride and greed. I will RESTORE those who have been HURT by people in the church, who were unhealed and arrogant. I know the TRUTH about everyone. I know the hearts of everyone. I am not blind nor deaf to the words that have been spoken. My church has become a laughing stock in the eyes of the world because of the corruption and stink within.

But I am not incapable of RESTORATION. I specialize in impossibilities.
I treasure restoring that which is broken and maimed, crippled and destroyed. I AM THE REPAIRER OF THE BREECH, and I will RESTORE all that has been broken. I will breathe NEW LIFE into My people, and I will break the chains of bondage over the generation of youth and young adults. The world has blinded them, and humanism has sucked all the life out of them that was meant to be. It stole their minds and polluted their hearts, and for many of the youth of the nations, there is much hopelessness and despair. But the truth of MY LOVE and POWER will be a great BALM to their souls. I will SWEEP through nations and POUR out ABUNDANCE of My LOVE and POWER that will startle many into the Kingdom.

Do not despise the ways I have of cleaning up My church beloveds ! I am a Good FATHER Who gives good gifts to My children. And those who want the greater things, will receive an abundance of blessing. Walk the narrow path, and turn away from the world. For this world is perishing, and there will be nothing left of it soon. You are strangers here. DO NOT HOLD ON TO THE THINGS OF THE WORLD. IT IS PERISHING. EVERY SYSTEM OF MAN WILL FAIL FOR HE HAS GROWN PRIDEFUL AND ARROGANT IN HIS OWN ABILITY, rather than dependent on ME.

CAST your seed upon the waters and bring forth a great harvest ! I am coming to help you. I will pour out My Spirit in abundance that HARVEST may be brought in. Launch out and scatter the seeds of My love everywhere you go. I have ENOUGH. I always have more to give you, and will abundantly bless you as you bless others, instead of hording it for yourselves. So pour out, and pour out, and pour out. For I will make you as a drink offering in the hands of Your GOD ! I AM WITH YOU ! I will continue to fill you up, as you keep IN THE VINE. ABIDE IN ME, and I will ABIDE in you."

Isa 32:20 AMP Happy and fortunate are you who cast your seed upon all waters [when the river overflows its banks; for the seed will sink into the mud and when the waters subside, the plant will spring up; you will find it after many days and reap an abundant harvest], you who safely send forth the ox and the donkey [to range freely].

Matt 13:40-43 AMP   Just as the darnel (weeds resembling wheat) is gathered and burned with fire, so it will be at the close of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of offense [persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin] and all who do iniquity and act wickedly, 42 And will cast them into the furnace of fire; there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth. 43 Then will the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God) shine forth like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him who has ears [to hear] be listening, and let him consider and perceive and understand by hearing. [Dan 12:3.]

Corroboration
Priscilla van Sutphin

Corroborate: Function: *transitive verb*
Etymology: Latin *corroboratus,* past participle of *corroborare,* from *com-* + *robor-, robur* strength **:** to support with evidence or authority **:** make more certain **synonym** see CONFIRM

" I am Your Abba, and I do all things well for the benefit of My children. I am a Good Father Who gives good gifts to you. There is nothing I wouldn't do
for My children, so long as it was of benefit to them. But not all things they ask of Me are of benefit. It is human nature to want what YOU want, to be comfortable, and to do things the easy way. And I don't want you to struggle either. I want you to YIELD to ME, so that the struggling is less. My yoke is easy and My burden is light !

But if you insist on going YOUR way instead of My way, then the road becomes far more difficult and though I may permit some requests, it doesn't mean that THAT is what I want for you, or what I see as best for you. STUBBORNESS is as IDOLATRY to ME. So I am urging you and admonishing you to YIELD to My will and My ways. I know what is best for you. Trust Me in this ! I KNOW WHAT YOU NEED before you ask ! I know
all things. I see the coming attack of the enemy and even warn you ahead
some of the time. I impart the strength you need if you ASK.

I know that these times you have been through much testing and trials have worn many of you down. So I am asking you to REST and be restored ! For it is in QUIETNESS and REST that you will be revived from your weariness.
You don't have to DO anything, but to just lay down with ME, and allow me to refresh your soul. Allow ME to lift the heavy burdens off, and to REVEAL MY PLAN for your life. MARTHA, MARTHA, you are too busy, I said to her. Many are not concerned with the things of God but of the things of the world, how you will eat, how you will drink, where you will live, how you'll survive. BUT HE WHO DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE, WILL ABIDE IN THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY I SAID.
Will you come with ME to the secret place, into My heart of love and receive all that I have for you ? Will you take the time to KNOW ME ? I warned you while on earth that many will come to me in that day, and say, I did this or that for you, I prophesied in Your name, but I will say to them…" I NEVER KNEW YOU !" So what do you want ? Why do you want it ? Are you interested in what I want ? – or only what YOU WANT ? This is the test of death to self. It is natural to have wants and desires, desire in itself is not evil. But this very thing wars with your members. You want and do not get, and you want and do not have and so you argue, connive, manipulate to get what you want. All such grasping is evil. It is not the 'new man', but the SELF life that does this. It is your FLESH.

I am coming to burn off all the FLESH. It is worthless. Boredom is merely a soulish thing. There is no boredom in heaven. The flesh fights and fights to have IT'S way. But I have called you to HIGHER purposes. I have called you to fight the good fight of FAITH, and to walk in GLORY. I want many of you to carry My GLORY to nations. I am coming to bring LIFE to the dead bones and to breathe on My church again and to transform it into what I WANT it to be. What I want is yieldedness to My will. IN THIS WAY YOU SHOW ME YOU LOVE ME, IF YOU OBEY ME.

Rebellion is not gone until you lay down ALL your agenda and pick up MINE.
RELEASE is coming to all whose hearts are desirous to be ONE with MINE.
I have made a covenant with you and I am a God of commitment and covenant. I KEEP MY PROMISES. I do not change My mind, and write people off. I am PATIENT and KIND, full of mercy and lovingkindness for those who are My own ! But you cannot keep asking ME to do YOUR WILL and expect me to go along with Your plans, when I am to be Your God and Master ! I WILL HAVE AN OBEDIENT BRIDE. How many Esthers are there out there who will listen to ME, and what I WANT ? How many GIDEONS are there who will tear down the idols in the Father's house ?

You will walk in perfect peace when you walk in agreement to MY WILL.
When you do that, I will corroborate what you speak from your mouth that is from ME. Many miracles and healings will erupt as you follow MY LEAD.
Come My Bride and come into MY HEART, and MY WILL, and MY MIND.
I bless obedience to My will, not stubbornness and rebellion to My will.

1 John 4:7-8 NKJV He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 2:3-6 NKJV He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:15-17 NKJV Do Not Love the World
Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:28 NKJV The Children of God - And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

1 John 4:18 NKJV There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1 John 4:20 NKJV Obedience by Faith - If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

1 John 5:14 AMP And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: [we are sure] that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His will (in agreement with His own plan), He listens to and hears us.

Matt 26:28 AMP For this is My blood of the new covenant, which [ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. [Ex 24:6-8.]

John 14:31 AMP But [Satan is coming and] I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know (be convinced) that I love the Father and that I do only what the Father has instructed Me to do. [I act in full agreement with His orders.] Rise, let us go away from here.

Rom 11:27-29 AMP And this will be My covenant (My agreement) with them when I shall take away their sins. [Isa 27:9; Jer 31:33.] 28 From the point of view of the Gospel (good news), they [the Jews, at present] are enemies [of God], which is for your advantage and benefit. But from the point of view of God's choice (of election, of divine selection), they are still the beloved (dear to Him) for the sake of their forefathers.

29 For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. [He never withdraws them when once they are given, and He does not change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His

call.]

2 Cor 6:16-17 AMP What agreement [can there be between] a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. [Ex 25:8; 29:45; Lev 26:12; Jer 31:1; Ezek 37:27.]
17 So, come out from among [unbelievers], and separate (sever) yourselves from them, says the Lord, and touch not [any] unclean thing; then I will receive you kindly and treat you with favor, [Isa 52:11.]

Heb 7:22-25 AMP In keeping with [the oath's greater strength and force], Jesus has become the Guarantee of a better (stronger) agreement [a more excellent and more advantageous covenant]. 23 [Again, the former successive line of priests] was made up of many, because they were each prevented by death from continuing [perpetually in office]; 24 But He holds His priesthood unchangeably, because He lives on forever. 25 Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.

Heb 8:13 AMP When God speaks of a new [covenant or agreement], He makes the first one obsolete (out of use). And what is obsolete (out of use and annulled because of age) is ripe for disappearance and to be dispensed with altogether.

Heb 9:15 AMP [Christ, the Messiah] is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (TESTAMENT, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance--since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.

Heb 10:16-17 AMP This is the agreement (TESTAMENT, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding), 17 He then goes on to say, And their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more. [Jer 31:33,34.]

Heb 10:18 AMP Now where there is absolute remission (forgiveness and cancellation of the penalty) of these [sins and lawbreaking], there is no longer any offering made to atone for sin.

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Wells Stopped Often By Enemies

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Women of God, it is time to stand up now! You are feeding each other while I tell you STOP! Go out with each other and feet MY FLOCK the lost souls........Do they see you here you.....do they see ME!!!! Where is MY ARMY!!!!!

The Father told me, Catharina, ponder on this study by Susan Vannice concerning Genesis 26:12-33. Often our wells are stopped by our enemies, but don't give up, keep digging anyway no matter how many times you have to do it, 70 times 7.

Now is the time to give My Word to the lost who have never heard the message, I Am The Message and you are the messenger. **You have grown spiritually fat from the good of the Word. Now you must exercise and give the Word you have stored up!** You are like Joseph, you can see the fatted cows and the famined cows, now is the time of plenty, soon there will be a time of famine, so go and give the Word, the message of My Love to the spiritually deprived and hungry souls on the brink of death.

I encourage you to take time to study Genesis 26 and read the study Susan has written. In the study, we see that if someone reaches the Well of Living Water, they are standing with Jesus.

The well is standing up with Jesus. **If you are standing by the Well ready to receive in order to give, you will discover there will be some ugly things like quarreling, anger, jealousy and resentment from others**. As you read Susan's study in Genesis 26**, as soon as the Lord finds someone who has been healed in his/here spirit, soul, mind, and body and who have died to their own flesh by dying of one's self, then the Lord is ready to use you to minister to others. The same moment the Lord commissions you, the enemy is ready to use those to make you feel inadequate, not yet ready, you need more study, you are still wounded and need more time to heal, and or further improvements before you can be ready to minister according to their beliefs. Despite what others are saying to you, don't let their lack of belief or faith in you deter you from where I am is calling you. You already have all you need and that is HIM, Your Father! Stand up and come out of your boat and leave your comfort zone.**

When Johan and I were in Israel, a dear friend, Paul Sherbow, told me it was time to get out of the boat, rise, stand up and go. Paul gave this illustration and as he did, the Lord spoke to me and said remember this and keep it in your mind and heart.

Paul told us, sometimes I go to the beach and catch some crabs, I bring along a bucket to put them in. There has been a moment that I saw something peculiar, in the bucket full of crabs, there was one crab on top, who could easily get out of the bucket it was just a moment away to total freedom, then the other crabs grab him by the claw and drag him to the bottom of the bucket instead of helping him out (out of the boat). This is what is happening today to the Body of Yeshua. There is one who finds the Well of Living Water and is standing up with confidence and finds freedom but as soon as this happens the others come and pull the person who is standing up, back to their past.

Let us first look at the well called ESEK, meaning quarreling.

You are standing up and enjoying that which the Lord has given you to do. Suddenly there are two types of spirits, which manifest themselves into those who come along to discourage you to keep you from bearing the fruit, which is appearing in your life.

This first type is the spirit of jealousy and bringing an environment of quarreling. The second type is just the opposite end of discouragement it is one of co dependency, you need being in order to be a success in God's Kingdom. This spirit will tell you that you are still wounded and need more healing before the Lord can use you.

What must we do? The Father spoke to me and said, "**You try to defend yourself and you do not need to. You do not need to defend Me. Stand up and keep your focus on me, if you look at them you will fall". You are trying to be at peace with them but it isn't going to work. The Spirit of the Lord will bring a separation down to the marrow**. We have a quote here in Holland, "If people want to hit a dog they can find a stick to hit the animal". There will be those waiting to hit you in the head and will find something to try to start a quarrel with you.

Although we try to keep peace, there are spirits finding fault with anything to discourage you and to get your eyes, your focus, off of Me. The Father says, "don't defend yourselves, keep digging and you will find the Well of Living Water. Keep digging and trusting in Jesus!"

The second well is Sitna, meaning anger.

So we keep digging and digging which means we are growing more and more in the Spirit. Now we find spirits not only are jealous but angry also because you are doing what the Lord is telling you and they see you are growing. Every time you get out of the boat, others are there to bring you back. Remember the story of the crabs!

The third well is Rehoboth, meaning space.

The Father will see in your heart because all of these things are happening because you are the one receiving the hurtful and discouraging comments. You let those words come into your heart and end up getting angry and sinning by not giving the anger to the Lord and tempted to go back to letting others stand allowing you back in their yoke or a yoke you have made for yourself. **Don't let the**

enemy fool you by the tricks of patronizing you. Keep digging! Keep doing what Abba is telling you to do!

The choice is ours. If we do what we do for the Lord we will see it standing in Genesis 26-27. Those who thought you could not do it will be the first to see the Lord is with you if you remain standing, like Job. The Lord himself will take care of you, others will see He is blessing you if you are the one who keeps digging no matter the surroundings and circumstances look for Jesus in a deeper way.

In His own timing the first shall be last and the last shall be first. Humble yourself and dig. The lower you get the closer you get to Jesus. The wages for the work will be the same for the first as with the last. The first laborers complained they deserved more than those hired at the last hour. It doesn’t matter if you have been serving Him forty years of forty minutes the pay is the same.

The word of the Lord:

I Am who I Am, I make no difference and am no respecter of persons. I will choose who I choose. I love all My Children very much. Many of the problems seen in this study reveal the root in the heart if you are ministering for the sake of yourself and the fame of your own name. You will always be jealous of others. If you minister in My Name you will enjoy every one who stands ups too.

Are you looking through your own eyes of through My eyes seeing My vision? In my Father’s house there are many mansions if were not so I would have had no need to prepare a place for you.

Serve Me, not in your own name, your own ministry, I Am that I Am. The seed you sow, will come back to you, sow your name and you will get none, sow MY name and you will receive My blessings.

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We Find Grace
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Deuteronomy 32:9-11 KJV "(9) For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. (10) He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. (11) As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings..."

GIVING INTO HIM

My time with the Lord seems to have taken a new direction! It seems as if everything has turned into a dry and weary land. My throat seems parched, there seems to have been no food...

Though it has seemed that I have been going through wilderness times, we always find grace in the wilderness. That's the only place it grows wild! I have felt that I may have grown lazy though in chasing, for the wilderness is the place where He chases you down and I become the catcher! It is as if He wants us to give up so we could rely solely upon Him.

PURIFIED, EMPOWERED, A LIGHT

The wilderness is a place of purification. Jesus went through this process. "Then Jesus was carried up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted of the devil..." (Matthew 4:1 Darby) The Message reads it this way: "Next Jesus was taken into the wild by the Spirit for the Test. The Devil was ready to give it." God carries and takes us to the wild for the test. The wilderness is truly a test of character. Luke 4:2-13 ALT "...being tempted forty days by the Devil. And He did not eat anything in those days, and they having been completed, afterward He was hungry. (3) And the Devil said to Him, "Since You are God's Son, speak to this stone that it shall become bread." (4) And Jesus answered to him, saying, "It has been written, '{The} person will not live on bread only, _but_ on every word of God.'" *[Deut 8:3]* (5) And the Devil, having brought Him into a high mountain, showed to Him all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth in a moment of time. (6) And the Devil said to Him, "I will give to You all this authority and their glory, because it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I shall be desiring. (7) "Therefore, if _You_ prostrate Yourself in worship before me all will be Yours." (8) And answering, Jesus said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! It has been written, 'You will prostrate yourself in worship before the LORD your God, and Him only you will sacredly serve.'" *[Deut 6:13]* (9) And he brought Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "Since You are God's Son, throw Yourself down from here. (10) "For it has been written, 'To His angels He will give orders concerning You, to guard over You,' (11) and, 'They will lift You up on *[their]* hands, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" *[Psalm 91:11,12]* (12) And answering, Jesus said to him, "It has been said, 'You will not put the LORD your God to the test.'" *[Deut 6:16]* (13) And having completed every temptation, the Devil departed from Him until an *[opportune]* time." God sends us out into the wasteland to see what our response will be. Have we become like Him, or are we still the old man? Psalms 17:15 speaks to us, "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Have we been purified enough that we will awaken in the likeness of God? Have we sought first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness enough? It said that we would be able to see His face whenever we have entered into His righteousness. Jesus was there for forty days, and was tempted three times. What was His response going to be? Was it going to be one of giving into the desires of the flesh, or was it going to be a response that speaks to God that we have been tested, tried, and found true. We have been made pure before Him. Of course as we read above, Jesus passed through the wilderness experience just fine. But will we? Gold in it's purest form is clear, it is see through. Have we been purified in the wilderness enough to find that we are transparent? If we truly have Jesus on the inside, and we have become transparent on the outside, will people see Jesus through you?

Matthew 4:11 BBE "Then the Evil One went away from him, and angels came and took care of him." Often when in the wilderness we become weary. Galatians tells us not to grow weary in well doing. In other words, "Don't worry, be happy!" He gives His angels charge over us. They are ministering spirits. We will come out ok. And we will come out in power!

Luke 4:14 KJV "And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about." The wilderness empowers us. The Bible said that I must decrease so He may increase! When we have been tested, tried, and proven true. When we have been purified, He empowers us with Holy Spirit and FIRE! This is where we can move on in our lives and ministries and see God work through us. We become lights. Matthew 4:16 "The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up."

FINDING GRACE AND GOD'S VOICE THERE....

The wilderness is so extreme and hard, yet the easiest place to be. Revelation is much harder to find, so you must fight to find it in this dry and weary land. But you press through, and then He finds you and holds you and loves you and molds you, you get all the revelation to last you through. He still speaks in these seasons, but it is not in the audible voice that you may get used to. In fact, do you remember the story of Elijah finding God? He looked in the earthquake, and God wasn't there. He looked in the whirlwind and God wasn't there. He looked in the Great Fires, yet God still wasn't there. Please note that Elijah was on this mountain in the middle of the wilderness. It wasn't until Elijah became still, a place where God can catch you, that he was able to hear the still small voice. Its coming to the place where you stop looking for the water and become still, and then you know He is God, and then He begins to whisper something so majestic, and you know that He has caught you.

It is so glorious, so glorious to know you have been caught up into the one you love. Something of the sort from Song of Songs, the Voice of My Beloved, behold here He comes, He comes and He says to me, "Rise up My love, My fair one, and come away with Me." O that He would say that to someone like me. Dry and thirsty. Dirty because the dust has covered my body. Yet he lets me know that dark am I, but lovely in His eyes! O the wilderness is the place you hate, yet the place you love because of the greatness of intimacy for the times that He catches you! HO! The wilderness is the place where love grows, His character in me grows, we become one, and greatness of communion increases.

THE PLACE OF DIVINE LOVE

Sometimes we are obstinate, we run and won't allow God to catch us. We become Israelites and become complainers and murmurers! This only increases heartache, pain, and the dryness. This only increases our anger to God for sending us there. This only increases our time here. We will never be whisked away until we begin to conform. We will never be whisked away until we can get through all the stuff that brings us here, until we can say that even through all the midst of heartache and pain that we are going through, He is still God, He still cares, and He wants to hold me and love me forever and ever. This is all apart of our learning experience. Yet we must look forward. For we know... One of these times that He catches me He is going to take me away to a greater place that I have never known. A place that is Heaven on earth. Where I can freely move up and down Jacob's ladder and can see His face whenever I want. Isn't that glorious. I know it is the place all true Divine Lovers long to be.

Warning From The Lord

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I am with my husband at a place where there are many people and much activity is occurring. My husband and I are observing the people there. The place is like as University at first but then changes into an Industry like setting. There are many people striving, ambitious, competitive, and argumentative. I notice where the people are sitting in very narrow areas and each desk has a computer for them.

Suddenly, the CEO or President of this place calls me, my husband and another young man to sit down in a room that has 3 chairs in front of a rectangular table. This CEO sits directly across from us. He has a long narrow book. The cover of this book is sky-blue. The inside pages are yellowish in color as you would expect a very old book would be. The man is very serious. He opens this book and the various sections are numbered. He then says to us “Read section 6## out loud”. I hesitate for a moment. Neither myself, nor my husband read it but the other young man seated besides me reads it. This article describes how scientists are experimenting with gravity to see if they can control and harness the energy to bring a comet close to the earth to study it. In shock, I realize that this comet would hit the earth because of man’s desire to manipulate the natural and physical laws of nature using scientific technology. These scientists can not control this experiment, just like other ones. I am told it is not God who pulls this comet to hit the earth; but rather it is man’s experiment that goes wrong. (So now man reaps their reward –judgments for wanting to be like God.) I am then shown Revelation 8:6-12 and each of those judgments are a result of man’s direct doing. God is Love and it is not His desire that this comet striking the earth should happen. I then realized that it is lie that God desires to hurt mankind with these judgments. Instead each judgment is a direct result of man’ sin. Man brings each of these judgments upon himself. I am greatly shocked of this revelation. The meeting ends. The CEO says nothing to us afterwards.

We go outside this room, I see my children sitting on a bench and I wonder if I should tell them know.

In the next scene, I am with my husband in our bedroom. I am standing and he is standing in front of a large bay window across our bed. I ask him, “Why do you think the CEO wanted us to know this information?” Then he answered, so we could prepare ourselves. The elite already know this, and they are getting themselves ready. But because we are common folk, and are not highly ranked like the leaders here, we were given favor to know this and to do something about it! I awoke at 6:30 a.m. from this dream in awe. We need to pray!

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We Gotta Go On

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The other night I heard one of those quiet whispers from the Lord as we were gathered in worship.

I believe I heard the Lord say that "Desperate people will be ready for a desperate time, but just how desperate will those times have to get, before my people see their desperate need of Me".

Many of you feel a desperate cry rising up within you. You also are hearing whispers and receiving glimpses of the wonderful and terrifying times coming upon this Earth. At the same time, many of you are struggling with hopelessness and depression.

You feel a desperate cry rising up within you but are afraid to let it out. The cry is so needy, so raw, so powerful. You do not know where such a cry will take you.

I hear the Lord saying that "Desperateness is coming upon MY Body like a sword. For those who will embrace the sword it will free them from all hope and ties in this world. And allow them to rise up into the things of My Kingdom".

I see a fork in the road ahead. One path leads up with a focus on the things of Heaven. The other leads down with a focus on the things of this world. We can not walk both paths. For our focus (faith) will be the key to walking into the things the Father has for us in these times.

The Lord spoke to me that much of the Church is at John 6:68-69.

"But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

This has always been a favorite verses because so many of us can relate to it. But it is not enough to just know that we have no place else to go. This will not get us through the days coming upon this Earth. We must enter into the relationship that Christ was speaking of prior to this verse. We must eat of His flesh and drink of His blood. Enter into a total dependency and abiding in the work of Christ.

Watching the devastation in New Orleans the verse kept coming to mind that "men’s hearts will fail them for fear in the days to come". Many in this world believe they have a choice in things. People were mad at the Government about the recent hurricanes. It's like they were saying "Shouldn't the Government have been able to protect us from these hurricanes". "No person in our modern world should have to be subjected to such a thing". However we know that the world does not have a choice. We do not have a choice. We gotta go on.

This is a time to be hidden in Christ. Not a time to hide from Him. The way ahead will be difficult. But we do not have a choice in the matter. We do not get a vote. We can not take a time out. We are not our own, but have been purchased with a price. We have to trust Him. There is no choice in the matter. He is our only hope. We must enter into the perfect love that casts out all fear.

I started out this year with the theme "It's not about me". I asked Holy Spirit to show me all the places in my life where I was all about me, so that I could turn my focus to be all about Him. Let me tell you, this has been a painful year. For I have seen that in everything I do, that I have been all about me. And with me in the way, it is really hard to see Jesus. But with the little progress I have made I have discovered a beautiful truth, a wonderful mystery. I have discovered that I do not have to be all about me. For there is another, the lover of my soul, who carries my every need and care in the wounds of His side, hands and feet. That just as I lay down my life and make Him my sole focus, that He also laid down His life and now carries me before the very heart of the Father. That I am not my own. I belong to Him. That I am His and He is mine. The beautiful mystery that Paul speaks of in Ephesians. That we are His bride and He is our Groom. That the door has been opened to enter into oneness with the creator of the universe.

So let not your heart be troubled. It is true that we are in desperate times that we can not escape. But we are also in the hands of a merciful God who is desperately in love with us. Whose glorious Son has defeated all our enemies and gone to prepare a place for us where we will enter into His love for eternity. Our hope in this time is to know that no matter what happens, that it is all motivated by His great love for us. That when we release out desperate cry that it is heard by one who loves us, and has chosen us to spend eternity in oneness with Him.

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Who Are The 144,000?

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In the book of Revelation we read about a very special people around the throne of God.

"Then I saw the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him were 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roaring of a great waterfall or the rolling of mighty thunder. It was like the sound of many harpists playing together.

This great choir sang a wonderful new song in front of the throne of God and before the four living beings and the twenty-four elders. And no one could learn this song except those 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. For they are spiritually undefiled, pure as virgins, following the Lamb wherever he goes. They have been purchased from among the people on the earth as a special offering to God and to the Lamb. No falsehood can be charged against them; they are blameless." Rev. 14:1-5.

For centuries Christians have been debating as to who might belong to this select group, and the resulting concepts certainly are varied. Today I would like to suggest some insights concerning this group that perhaps you have not previously considered.

Let us begin by gleaning a few pertinent facts from the above text.

1. They are from earth, having been purchased by the Lamb.

2. They are so special that they form an honor guard to accompany the Lamb wherever he goes.

3. Most of the multitudes that inhabit heaven will have been redeemed from the grave or from death; the 144,000 are redeemed directly "from the earth." I believe they are a group translated without seeing death.

4. They are "spiritually undefiled, pure as virgins . . . No falsehood can be charged against them. They are blameless." Only Jesus was spiritually undefiled from birth; all others have been corrupted through sin. But this text talks of the 144,000's virginity, as though they had been devoid of sin from birth. That must point to some unique time of purification in their lives, something that completely canceled out their past record. We are speaking of something beyond the mere *imputation* of righteousness. More on this later.

5. Their distinguishing mark is the name of the Father and the Son written on the forehead. I believe this means they accepted into their life the character of the Godhead in some unique way.

6. They comprise a great choir singing a wonderful new song that no one else is able to learn. The reason is that this is a song of experience, and only they have lived their particular experience. Having been redeemed from the earth, it was there that they had the unique experience that set them apart from all others.

7. That experience on earth had to do with their spirituality. They are "spiritually undefiled" or holy in some way that cannot be applied to anyone else in the human race.

Now that we've established the honored position of the 144,000 in heaven, let's look back to earth to determine what made them such a special group.

The 144,000 Determined

Revelation chapter seven is a parenthetical interlude to the recording of the seven seals outlined in chapters six and eight.

"Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds from blowing upon the earth. Not a leaf rustled in the trees, and the sea became as smooth as glass. And I saw another angel coming from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted out to those four angels who had been given power to injure land and sea, 'Wait! Don't hurt the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.'

"And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God. There were 144,000 who were sealed from all the tribes of Israel:
from Judah.....12,000
from Reuben.....12,000
from Gad.....12,000
from Asher.....12,000
from Naphtali.....12,000
from Manasseh.....12,000
from Simeon.....12,000
from Levi.....12,000
from Issachar.....12,000
from Zebulun.....12,000
from Joseph.....12,000
from Benjamin.....12,000"
Rev. 7:1-8

Before we examine the above text in detail, let's note the abrupt change of focus that begins with the very next verse.

"After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white and held palm branches in their hands. And they were shouting with a mighty shout, 'Salvation comes from our God on the throne and from the Lamb!'" Vs. 9, 10.

Many Christians worship a tiny God. They acknowledge that the Creator's original plan was for earth to be the eternal dwelling place of happy, healthy, and holy human beings. But since the devil came in to derail that plan, they overestimate his prowess. They believe that eventually God will win--but just barely. The home of the redeemed largely will be a vacuum with only a modest few people rattling around.

That is not the picture painted by the above text. I'm glad there is going to be a "vast crowd, too great to count" around the throne. The reason so many have a faulty concept of the redeemed is that they have misunderstood the dynamics of salvation. I talk of that matter in detail in my book *THE FINAL TEST--For the Final Generation* in the chapter titled "God is Going to Win Big!" There you will find reason for a hope of salvation for yourself, your loved ones, and friends, that may be much greater than what you dared believe before.

Now let's direct our attention back to verses one through eight, dealing specifically with the 144,000. The fact that they are set apart in opening this chapter indicates once again what a unique and special group they are.

They Are Israelites

Let's think about the composition of the 144,000; they are from "all the tribes of Israel." First of all, the number has to be symbolic rather than a literal number. To think otherwise is to accuse God of being arbitrary about our salvation. I believe one of the most diabolic teachings ever is that God is behind some great cosmic game of charades, that some are determined from birth to be eternally saved, and others pre-selected to burn.

I believe Joshua spoke for God when he said:

"Honor the Lord and serve him wholeheartedly . . . But if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, then choose ***today whom you will serve . . . As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." Josh. 24:14, 15.***

Those who gain eternal life at last will be those who deliberately chose the wonderful salvation offered through Jesus Christ.

But here in the last book of the New Testament, why are we dealing with the ancient tribes of Israel found the Old Testament? I offer a full explanation in the chapter of *THE FINAL TEST* titled "Who is Israel Today?" Here, I'll deal with the matter only briefly.

The Fate of Israel as a People was Conditional

I don't comprehend what part of the little word "if" is so hard for people to understand, but millions do just that. God made very clear to Israel what their choices would be.

"Be careful to obey all the commands I give you; show love to the Lord your God by walking in his ways and clinging to him. Then the Lord will drive out all the nations in your land, though they are much greater and stronger than you. Wherever you set your feet, the land will be yours. Your frontiers will stretch from the wilderness in the south to Lebanon in the north, and from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you, for the Lord your God will send fear and dread ahead of you, as he promised you, wherever you go in the whole land.

"Today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse! ***You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today. You will receive a curse if you reject the commands of the Lord your God and turn from his way by worshiping foreign gods." Deut. 11:22-28.***

The Old Testament again and again tells how Israel refused to obey the commands of God, and in so doing they chose his cursing instead of his blessing. Eventually the Lord had to give them up as a people.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. And now look, your house is left to you, empty and desolate.***" Matt. 23:37, 38.***

When the veil of the temple was rent at Christ's death upon the cross, the Jewish nation's privileged status with God ended.

"Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit." Matt. 21:43.

The kingdom was taken from literal Israel, and given to a new nation, the church of Jesus Christ.

"You are not a real Jew just because you were born of Jewish parents or because you have gone through the Jewish initiation ceremony of circumcision. No, a real Jew is anyone whose heart is right with God. For God is not looking for those who cut their bodies in actual body circumcision, but he is looking for those with changed hearts and minds. Rom 2:28, 29.

"Now that we are Christ's we are the true ***descendants of Abraham, and all of God's promises to him belong to us. Gal. 3:29.***

Peter also bore this testimony when he wrote to fellow Christians:

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God." 1 Peter 2:9, 10.

Now anyone who serves the Lord is an Israelite, whether Jew or Gentile by race. My Jewish brother can stand before God's throne in the same manner as I do----a sinner saved by grace.

"Now all of us, both Jews and Gentiles, may come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. Eph. 2:16-22.

I trust the Bible verses we have quoted make it clear that the 144,000 of Revelation seven represent the spiritual Israel of God today, rather than the literal ancient tribes of Israel. The 144,000 are a very special, last-day group of Lamb followers, whether Jew or Gentile by birth.

The fact that there are 12,000 "from each tribe" simply points out, symbolically, that this select group is made up of people from every nation, race, language, or station in life. Now let's note how the 144,000 are selected.

Selecting the 144,000

Here we begin the most important part of our study, one that I believe has special import for those of us alive just now. Perhaps it would be well to repeat these few verses.

"Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds from blowing upon the earth. Not a leaf rustled in the trees, and the sea became as smooth as glass. And I saw another angel coming from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted out to those four angels who had been given power to injure land and sea, 'Wait! Don't hurt the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.'"
Rev. 7:1-3.

Since these verses have to do with angel activity, I also would like to refer to some angel doings in another place.

"Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice speaking from the four horns of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. And the voice spoke to the sixth angel who held the trumpet: 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River.' And the four angels who had been prepared for this hour and day and month and year were turned loose to kill one-third of all the people on earth." Rev. 9:13-15.

I am really concerned when I hear people referring to terrible natural catastrophes as "acts of God." This is naive blasphemy. It is the devil who has a murderous heart, not the Father who gave his Son to die for our sins. It is Satan, the prince of the power of the air, who takes great joy in snuffing out the lives of innocent victims. Except for the restraining hand of God, the devil would have completely wiped out the human race long, long ago.

When we hear the word "angel," we usually think of those holy beings who do the work of God. However, when Satan was cast out of heaven he took with him a large number of powerful angel beings who live only to do his evil bidding. Let us keep in focus the two invisible warring factions of the great controversy between the forces of light and the forces of darkness.

I believe that in the last text quoted we see a mighty angel of God (in heaven) holding back four mighty angels of Satan (on earth). The latter are impatiently waiting their release so they can inflict unimaginable, unprecedented death upon mankind.

Note that these evil angel leaders are bound "at the great Euphrates River." I don't want to digress to deal with this fact in any detail, but it certainly is of interest in passing. The Euphrates River runs through the heart of Iraq, and that is where the attention of the world is drawn today. It is here that the Garden of Eden was located, and where the great rebellion of the Tower of Babel took place. Should we be surprised if this area also plays a heavy role in the closing events of mankind?

Along with many others, I sense that for some time humanity has been experiencing a God-induced holding pattern--and I believe that is what has just been described in our text. Thinking people know that certain catastrophic events are certain to take place, but somehow they seem to be overdue. There is no obvious reason why these anticipated calamities haven't already occurred.

The real question then is, "When will God allow the gates of hell to open wider than ever before? What is God waiting for?" The answer is found in the beginning of Revelation seven quoted above.

The Why of the Holding Pattern

We begin with a vision of four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds from blowing upon the earth. Here we note a divinely determined holding time. Again, I believe we are living in that moment right now. See how it is depicted.

"Not a leaf rustled in the trees, and the sea became as smooth as glass." Rev. 7:1.

It may seem that with all that is taking place today this description is overdone. However, compared with what will take place when the winds are released, it is acceptable. We certainly have many Christians today who are in the "peace and safety" mode.

"Winds" in the Bible often portray significant devastation, and that is the case in the book of Revelation.

Since the four angels stand at the four corners of the earth, we know that final events will involve every part of the world. These angels have been given power to injure "land and sea," and the "trees." The words land and sea signify that every force of nature will be unleashed. The word "trees" in the Word of God sometimes is used to depict people, and I think that usage can be applied here. All humanity will be involved.

As I write these words, the body count for the great tsunami that struck Asia and Africa is still rising. That terrible catastrophe should be taken as merely a preview of events to come. The major winds are still being held back. When they converge from all four points of the compass, one can only imagine the turmoil that will result.

We read that the four angels in Revelation 9:15 are intent on murdering millions of members of the human race, which would imply they are evil angels. What we see here in Revelation 7, therefore, may be one powerful angel of God holding back the destructive might of four angels from the forces of darkness.

The four angels "had been given power to injure," and they are eager to be about their killing, but the command from the godly messenger is "Wait! Until . . ." Something vital must be accomplished before the destruction begins.

The Mark of the Beast

From our reading of Revelation we determine that every person on earth will be sorted into one of two groups; the first will be identified with a "mark" and the latter with a "seal." First the mark. In Revelation 14 an angel of God delivers a solemn warning.

"If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God." Rev. 14:9, 10.

We certainly don't want to experience the wrath of God, so it is all-important that we do not receive the "mark" that incurs his wrath.

As with so much of Revelation, this mark is symbolic in nature. Forget the fanciful suggestions that it might be some kind of tattoo, or implanted electronic chip. It is more than just skin deep. This mark is willingly accepting into one's soul the very nature or imprint of the character of Satan.

It is important to note that it doesn't make any difference whether this mark is received in the forehead or in the hand. In other words, it is immaterial whether it is a heartfelt acceptance, or merely going along in order to avoid apparent difficulty. Whatever is gained by temporarily sidestepping some earthly trouble, can hardly be compared to the resulting wrath of God.

So the differentiation between the forehead or the hand may be a matter of deliberate choice or simply reception by default. The devil is not going to be picky. What I mean by that will soon be evident.

The Seal of the Living God

Ezekiel saw the glory of the God of Israel appearing from the east, and it is from the east that this commanding angel of Revelation seven appears. He is on a mission, and in his hand he carries "the seal of the living God."

I believe that to take the seal of God is to receive into our spirit the very imprint of the nature or character of Christ. It is a process that begins with accepting Christ as our personal Savior, and it is the indwelling Holy Spirit that makes identification with the divine a reality.

"Grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30.

So to receive the seal of God is to allow the Holy Spirit to direct our inner spirit. Another translation says:

"Do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he is the one who has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption." Eph. 4:30.

While the Holy Spirit is our "guarantee" of redemption, this is not an endorsement of the "once saved, always saved" teaching.

"With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." Acts 4:33.

In spite of their saving relationship with Christ, some of those early believers fell away from grace by deliberately making wrong choices. Ananias and his wife were among those who did so.

"Then Peter said, 'Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself . . .' As soon as Ananias heard these words, he fell to the floor and died." Acts. 5:3, 5.

Our salvation in Christ is based on a *continuing* walk with him. That is why Paul writes:

"It is God who gives us, along with you, the ability to stand firm for Christ. He has commissioned us, and he has identified us as his own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment of everything he will give us." 2 Corin. 1:21, 22.

Once we have made our commitment to Christ, we need to "stand firm" in him through the power of the Holy Spirit. God has identified us as his own, and the placement of the Holy Spirit in our lives is the "first installment" of all that will become our eternal possession if we so desire.

So now, let's read about the *final installment* of our eternal life in Christ!

The Final Sealing

Our text in Revelation seven describes that wonderful sealing for eternity.

"And I saw another angel coming from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted out to those four angels who had been given power to injure land and sea, 'Wait! Don't hurt the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.'" Rev. 7:1-3.

This sealing in Revelation seven is the "final installment" of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those who have so chosen. I believe it is described by John in the last book of the Bible. Note that it is an event that takes place in the end of time shortly before the return of Christ. The angel instructed John:

"Do not seal up the prophetic words you have written, for the time is near. Let the one who is doing wrong continue to do wrong; the one who is vile, continue to be vile; the one who is good, continue to do good; and the one who is holy, continue in holiness.

"'See, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay all according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.'" Rev. 22:10-13.

I'm not sure just how this finally sealed life operates in the Spirit, but it is what is bestowed on the 144,000. All others receive the mark of the beast, as we shall soon see.

Now let's be specific about who constitutes the 144,000. Could we possibly become members of that select group?

The Human Race Divided

This concluding section largely is taken from the final chapter of my book *THE FINAL TEST--For the Final Generation*.

Jesus noted what thought permeates the mind of an unfaithful servant.

"My master won't be back for awhile." Matt. 24:48.

That attitude certainly is descriptive of most Christians today. It is unusual to find a church member who *really* believes that the return of the Lord is imminent.

I think the main reason for that attitude is due to arrogance. We set up our little boundaries for Almighty God, and then dare tell him what he can and cannot do. We know his coming *has* to be some distance in the future because:

* Everyone on earth deserves a series of Bible studies--by our own denomination of course.
* Every village on earth must have at least one Christian church.
* Every ethnic or language group in the world must have a "Christian presence."
* Our interpretation of biblical prophecies demands a certain passage of time.
* Many are praying for a delay of the Lord's return until all *their* relatives are safely in the Christian fold.

And the list goes on. No matter when Christ returns he'll be interrupting the unfinished business of millions. But God is going to short-circuit our little end-time plans.

"He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth." Rom. 9:28.

Does anyone dare challenge God, and say that he can't finish his own work if he so chooses? The Bible declares he plans to do just that. Let's just be sure we don't get in his way.

We've been dawdling around for 2,000 years without getting the job done. But that doesn't mean it will take God several millenniums once he sets his mind to the task. When omnipotent deity says "short," we'd do well to consider he might mean just what he says. I'd like to suggest that God's idea of short will be breathtakingly brief.

God isn't safely contained in our little denominational boxes; he's on the loose. Jesus is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, and he isn't a tame lion. Look out!

The Final Harvest

The church is always dreaming of mounting a massive global evangelistic thrust--someday. The sealing, however, is a sovereign act of God through the Holy Spirit, devoid of any human instrumentality. God is going to finish his own work in his own way; we must begin to consider the harvest in a new light.

To fully comprehend what's going to take place, we must understand that ***the generation that actually sees Christ return will--by that very fact--differ from any other generation in history***. This time we can't, as we have previously, determine what to expect in the present or future by looking at the past. Ours will be a unique situation never experienced by others. I say "ours" because I'm firmly convinced that the generation now living is the one that will see the Second Coming.

Notice Paul's admonition when speaking to the people of Athens.

"God overlooked people's former ignorance about these things, but now he commands everyone everywhere to turn away from idols and turn to him. For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead." Acts 17:30, 31.

God has "winked" at people's ignorance for millenniums, but such behavior won't be acceptable in the last generation. A final determination must be based on knowledge, not ignorance.

Matthew portrays the most solemn event ever involving the human race. Note the first thing Christ does upon his return to earth.
"But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you care for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' And the King will tell them, 'I assure you, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his demons! For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me anything to drink. I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me no clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

"Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?' And he will answer, 'I assure you, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.' And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life." Matt.

25:31-46.

To some, this sorting process may sound like salvation by works. But we've already learned that our works are merely the visible outgrowth of what we really are. It's the *relationship* that Christ is recognizing.

"Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They refer to me as 'Lord,' but they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father in heaven. On judgment day many will tell me, 'Lord, Lord, we prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Go away; the things you did were unauthorized.'" Matt. 7:21-23.

These professed Christians have done mighty works in the name of the Lord; they consider themselves among his favorites. What a chill will strike their hearts when Jesus says sadly, "I don't even know you."

The Separating Factor, the Seal of God, and the 144,000

We see that when the Lord returns, the fate of each member of the final generation already has been determined. The physical process of separating them into two eternal camps is a mere formality.

We must then ask, how was the outcome determined? Did God flip a celestial coin? Was there a heavenly lottery to decide who gets the mansions? No, a just God will have allowed each person to make his own unhampered decision.

What a solemn affair! No two of earth's billions of people are alike. There are so many factors to consider: place of birth, heredity, health, family rapport, exposure to Scripture, intelligence, and cultural milieu. Only an all-wise God would know how to give each member of the last generation a fair opportunity.

For this process to be effective, it will be necessary to gain the full and undivided attention of each living person. With all the distractions and barriers in place, how can that ever be? It's certain that no mortal, or combination of mortals, could accomplish such a thing. It is a God-sized task.

The God I worship can do anything he wants. He can, anytime he so desires, demand the immediate and total attention of every person on earth. This can be accomplished through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who is everywhere present.

Some people seem so loosely put together that no one can get their attention, but this time even they will be perfectly focused. What will the Father say to each of us.? I don't know, except that it will be such a full revelation of the Son that, regardless of experience, we'll be able to make an informed and intelligent choice.

But won't such a powerful revelation so stun people that they automatically will choose the Lord? No, in the midst of blinding light, Lucifer didn't. Some of the Pharisees were convicted that Jesus was the Son of God, and yet they turned away. Free choice is just that, free choice.

We can't fully comprehend something of such magnitude, but we can be sure it will work out so that each one will have had a just and fair opportunity to spend eternity with God.

From our study perhaps we can conclude the following:

CONCLUSION

1. Today the world is in the holding pattern of Rev. 7:1-8.
2. The holding is not likely to last much longer, only until the sealing of the 144,000 is accomplished.
3. Soon the Holy Spirit will interact with each person living on earth to bring about a decision for eternity.
4. Some will accept God's final offer and be sealed for eternity.

5. To refuse the sealing will be to accept the mark of the beast.
6. Then the powers of darkness will be given almost unbridled control; only the 144,000 will be safe from the devil's onslaught.
7. The destruction will be so vast that Christ will intervene to keep the human race from being wiped out.
8. The 144,000 assume an honorary position to accompany the Lamb wherever he goes.
9. You and I will be given an opportunity to be part of the 144,000.

Where Have The Pillars Gone?

Stephen Hanson

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James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. Galatians 2.9

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. Ephesians 2:21

"This is the day. This is the day to come forth as pillars in my kingdom. For too long the building has been without support. In ancient times there have been pillars in many of the structures that have been built. They performed a necessary function, but I tell you that over the centuries many of the structures have changed. Man decided that a different format was needed. They decided that no longer were pillars needed. They replaced them with walls. I tell you that the original design of my building has gone long enough without them. I tell you that for too long pastors and teachers have taken on the responsibilities of apostles and prophets. Stay with the function that I've called you to do. And then, a glorious building will rise in the last days."

"I tell you that truly, I am the Chief Cornerstone, but where have I been placed in your building? Am I just a marker that marks the spot? Truly, there are places where you have allowed Me to be that Chief Cornerstone, but I tell you, the stones and the materials of the building are deteriorating. Let Me polish the stones so that again, it will be a healthy building. Then my building will rise and will be what it is called to be."

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Whirling Wheels

Catharina Schouten and Dorine Visser:

Netherlands
My sister in faith Dorine and I were independently reminded of the whirling wheels.

Thus saith the Lord:
Behold, the whirling wheels!

"This is the season of the turnabout! Teshuva!

I am leading My children to the birth of maturity!
Walls are being pulled down, manmade structures will be no more and at last I will be able to blow with the mighty wind of My Spirit!

Restoration!

Restoration I will bring to those who really, truly trust Me!
I will bedew them with My Spirit!
My glory will be over them!
They will be like whirlwheels! In these wheels I will reveal Myself as the Lion of Judah, the Redeemer, the I AM!
They will go wherever I send them, without even once deviating from their path!
They will rightly divide the word of truth! Angels will gird up their loins and they will be seen arising from the four corners of the world to magnify MY NAME and announce MYsoon Return!"

Catharina Schouten.

Next section by Dorine Visser:

It is good to see how the Lord miraculously supplies the materials of the building (or at least shows them form afar) and how He builds in His own inimitable way. In quietness, by taking refuge in Jehovah, waiting and watching, we allow Him the room to build. Watching it happening, giving thanks and prayerfully coaching side by side with the Spirit – such is our rightful posture.
As slowly as it may seem to our five senses that only register how much time it takes the building to become visible in our factual reality, as quickly is God working with His angels in the Spirit realm, building His house with meticulous care, with unsurpassable wisdom and eye for each detail. The real building bricks, the stones that can be laid in the perfect spot with the mortar of His Love, by the trowel (His Hand) of Grace, are those who willingly yield to Him Who leads, guides, molds, sends and puts them into position! More and more building stones make themselves available to be made ready for use by way of His divine procedure. Still it is a matter of time to see which stone will be fit in where, in His timing. It is a mighty scene to behold, an awesome, fascinating work of Him, a privilege to experience.

Seven years have gone by since Solomon was instructed "to build a house for the

sanctuary, to be strong, and do it" (1 Chronicles 28) and already the building activitities have commenced.

God works in accelerated speed. In the spirit I was once again transported on His Glory Wagon (Ezechiel) and it felt to me that I was allowed to stand in the back of this holy vehicle with in my hand an immense white flag.
The Glory Wagon, made up of heavenly bodies…, wheels composed of angels – Awesome!
And they **NEVER** ride backwards! They turn around to subsequently head off in the opposite direction, but they **ALWAYS** move forwards: such an encouragement to us !!!
I sense that this glory wagon shoots like a rocket through the spiritual realm. There where darkness reigns, the wagon only briefly touches the line of darkness to subsequently turn around and shoot further until the next obstacle. So it goes on and on and along the way more and more space is being created by and for the Holy Spirit.
Sometimes I am granted the privilege to see very clearly how the networks lie branched out in the spiritual dimension, the golden lines just as well as the dark lines with in between a more or less bright haze or atmosphere.
Each line that is being touched by the glory wagon instantly dissolves. In other words, every touch of the wheels makes more room for the Holy Spirit!

Word out of the bible:
psalms 63: 3 - 6 - 8
psalms 66: 9 - 10
Deuteronomy. 20: 1 - 9
Ezekiel: 7: 10

Just serving Him, by serving you!
Catharina Schouten & Dorine Visser

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So people can ask questions and have the opportunity to contact Catharina

Important footnote to the Whirling Wheels word of November 22nd

A loving sister in the Lord alerted us to a difference between the wagon as described by Dorine Visser and the passage of the book Ezekiel that is referred to in the same word.

Thanks to our sister we are able to add the following footnote:

2 Timothy 2:24 (I want to have a teachable spirit)
Addition to the word : The Whirling Wheels.

Dorine wants to let you know the following:

I am learning to step out in the things that the Lord puts on my heart. I do my best to give an accurate description of what I am allowed to see and receive in the spirit. I must say that this is not always an easy thing to do when you are confronted with such an abundance of impressions…..
I have described my dream with much enthusiasm and **it has never been my intention to put my dream/vision on the same footing as the book of Ezekiel, but all the same it did match on a number of points…..**
Nevertheless, when you go through the book of Ezekiel, you will find similarities as well as differences with my description of the glory wagon on which I stood (i.e. saw myself standing)
Once again: I am learning to interpret, put to words and share the things that I see and receive in the spirit and there is still a road to travel, a learning process...

I want to thank my sister for pointing out some inconsistencies. I see this as a matter of stepping out together as one Body. The one has a word, the other a vision and together we get to the point of what the Lord is saying about BEING ONE BODY WITH MANY MEMBERS…

In closing I (Catharina) would like to add the following: **we know in part, and we prophesy in part** (1 Corinthians 13:9)
We need one another. We need to submit to this learning process, with a servant's attitude, 'in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself' (Philippians 2:3)
Esther was being nourished and prepared before she was allowed to appear before the King....

The Lord instructs me as to the words I should share. Often these messages somehow focus on the theme of Teshuva (TURNABOUT), pertaining to a return to God as well as to situations that are being turned around for the good by the grace of the Lord.

The whirling wheels as described in Ezekiel are actually meant to destroy....
The word the Lord reminded me of in this connection is as follows: He is turning the destruction around into blessing in order to employ us as His whirling wheels.... girded by Him, like Eagles, floating along on the thermal of His Spirit, eagle - eyed whirling wheels through which He reveals Himself as the Lion of Judah. Whirling wheels, girded about by angels…

The sister who pointed out the difference between Dorine's description of the glory wagon and what is written in Ezekiel, wanted to serve us and help us...
To those who wish to see this in a different light and feel inclined to foster judgmental thoughts on this matter I would like to say:
Please read the following word that the Heavenly Father reminded me of…

"Teach one another in an attitude of grace, and not out of a critical spirit.
Do not despise the small beginnings, neither in ministries nor in the gifts that I bestow on My children,
Do not condemn, but build up one another and do not be held back by anything whatsoever!
***Surely I say to you that I Am restoring My Body** and you must know that this will be accompanied by labour pains.*
Do not give up! He is faithful that promised!"

Zachariah 4:10 ***"Who hath despised the day of small things?......"***
1 Kings 18:44 ***"Make ready thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not."***

Concluding statement

I consider myself responsible for whatever is being sent out via the Teshuva Site.
If someone has to be blamed for inaccuracies at all, then the culprit would have to be myself.
Maybe I could have added a footnote before this Whirl Wheels Word was being sent anyway.

In this connection I would like to send out the following invitation:
If you have anything on your heart regarding us – a point of concern, a word of advice or an admonition – then please don't hesitate to phone, mail or write me!

I am open for teaching and admonition and anything whatsoever that is necessary for me to be more and more conformed to His image.
Please feel free to pray for and with me, if you deem it necessary. After all we are knit together in Him.

Together we are learning to understand Him, to step out, to become ever more mature....
Exhortation to my understanding is to build up and assist one another!

A sister in the Lord and a serving child of the Heavenly Father,

With kind regards,
Catharina Schouten

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What Have We Learned In 2008

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> *Mark 3:25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.*

Just in case we didn't realize it before, we learned that we are a House Divided Against Itself.

This applies to America, Israel and to the Church as a whole, world wide.

If you paid any attention to the controversy of the Lakeland Outpouring, Political strife in Israel, or the American Electoral Process, this should be clear.

God's people are deeply divided. And we are divided in multiple ways. Doctrinal divisions, sects and denominations, political aims, culture and race.

We are not the church that Jesus is building. We are not walking in the spirit of holiness. We are not the kingdom of God that we claim to be. We are not come into unity; Nor are we dwelling on Mt. Zion under a new covenant of grace.

We are saying to ourselves, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; but really we are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: [Revelation 3:17]

That's what we have learned this year, right?

Why You Can't Ever Agree

Bill Somers

In my early years as a Christian, I heard the following challenge during a bible discussion. "If the bible says that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth, and you people claim to have the Holy Spirit, why is it that you can't ever agree on anything?"

Now this question, however critical in spirit, does point out a real problem, division and disagreement in the church. It also reflects the attitude of the lost world that looks for answers, but finds only hypocrisy in today's Christianity.

You hear people say things like: Well there are so many different bibles, how do you know which translation to believe. Or they say: It all depends on your interpretation, every church teaches something different, so how are you supposed to know who's right?

The scripture reference is this.

> *John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.*

Here we have a promise in the bible that tells us the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and show us things to come.

And yet here we have all these pastors, scholars, teachers and prophets all saying something different. What's wrong with this picture?

We hear talk of the simplicity of the gospel so why is the bible so hard to understand.

A clue to an answer is found here in first Corinthians.

> *1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*
> *10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*
> *11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
> *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*
> *13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*
> *15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*
> *16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Here God is telling us that man cannot know or learn the meaning of spiritual things i.e. the bible. That is natural man, on his own, cannot. The Holy Spirit knows these things and teaches them to the spiritual man.

So who is the natural man and who is the spiritual man? The natural man is one with out the Holy Spirit to guide him, who must rely on the teaching of man's wisdom. The spiritual man has the Holy Spirit to guide him and is taught by God himself.

To the ordinary person, the bible is long and boring. It's deliberately vague, confusing and open to multiple interpretations.

Some parts are plain and simple, others are seemingly meaningless and some are outright mind boggling. Yet in it, God is telling us some interesting things about how to approach his Word.

> *2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

I like to break this down and analyze it this way.

A. All scripture is given by inspiration of God. This inspiration is the Holy Spirit. The words *spirit* and *inspiration* are closely related. So we ask, given to whom?

Well first off, it's given by inspiration to the writer of the book, Moses, Jeremiah, Malachi, John or whomever. Secondly it's given by inspiration to the reader. That is, you and I are given insight into the meaning and application by God and not man's wisdom. [You can see here that even the plain and simple parts are open to multiple interpretations.]

B. All scripture is profitable [for various uses]. This tells me that the entire bible has some meaning, even the boring and confusing parts. But that we need to hear from the Spirit to understand that meaning.

Now this brings me back to our original question.

> "If the bible says that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth, and you people claim to have the Holy Spirit, why is it that you can't ever agree on anything?"

My first answer to this has always been that it takes time. Leading someone into the truth is a process. It won't happen all at once. In Isaiah 28 we read:

> *Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
> *10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:*

Here we are speaking about *teaching knowledge and understanding doctrine* and it is the Lord doing the teaching. First he says in effect, that you have to be past the baby stage where the word is likened to milk.

> *1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

The milk of the word is those plain and simple parts that are easy to understand and get you going on your way to knowing the Lord. The meat comes later with some maturity.

> *Heb 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.*
> *13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.*
> *14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

And in Isaiah, God is telling us that it has to come a little at a time. That deeper knowledge of him and his word comes gradually. It is built up a little at a time, each revelation you get can be the foundation of a further revelation to come.

So what we're saying here is that the Spirit does not lead us into all truth all at once, but gradually. Now that's pretty clear but it still does not answer the question of *why is it that you can't ever agree on anything?*

We said earlier that scripture is given by inspiration to the reader [or listener]. This means that a certain understanding is granted by the Spirit of God to the conscientious student of his Word. Then when this student begins to teach others what he has learned, the Spirit is needed to allow the others to also understand. And here comes a problem.

What one person has learned line by line may not always be received by another. There are often attitudes and traditions and doctrines standing in the way of the one trying to share revelation knowledge.

Secondly what one person learns from the Spirit about the meaning of a portion of scripture may not line up with what another one has learned by the same Spirit because the Lord may reveal differing interpretations and applications of the same scripture. This is to say that not only are there differing interpretations of the same scripture according to 'man's wisdom' but there can often be differing correct interpretations of scripture given by God.

You may recall the famous parable of the blind men and the elephant. Each blind man examined the elephant by his senses of touch and smell and came away with a different report. The thing is that each one was correct in so far as they were able to tell. Yet they could never agree on what the elephant was! They had forgotten something. They forgot they were blind!

The church is in the same position. *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.* And we can never agree on anything because we have forgotten something.

If we look back at our original question:

> "If the bible says that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth, and you people claim to have the Holy Spirit, why is it that you can't ever agree on anything?"

We can recall that it refers to a certain scripture:

> *John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.*

And in looking carefully at this verse there is an alternate explanation of **why is it that you can't ever agree on anything.** The verse says *when he, the Spirit of truth, is come* he will etc. This is your basic *if, then* statement. If and when the Spirit is come, then such and such will take place. For example: If the light is green you can go; this is a basic *if, then* statement. So if you can't go, then clearly the light is not green yet! Likewise if we can't ever agree on the truth, then the Spirit has not yet come! Now some might get upset at this conclusion but it should be obvious. And it's clearly obvious to an unbelieving world.

This is what the church has forgotten. This passage from first Corinthians talks about the same problem and uses terms like *when*, and *now and then* to indicate a before and after condition.

> *1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*
> *10 But* ***when*** *that which is perfect is come,* ***then*** *that which is in part shall be done away.*
> *11* ***When*** *I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but*

> ***when** I became a man, I put away childish things.*
> *12 For **now** we see through a glass, darkly; but **then** face to face: **now** I know in part; but **then** shall I know even as also I am known.*

We have forgotten that we are still in the before stage of this transition. Everyone is claiming to have the Holy Spirit but show me the money!

We have forgotten that what Holy Spirit we have is only a partial fulfillment of the promise. In my article on the Feast of Tabernacles I discussed this partial fulfillment and gave four arguments to illustrate what I meant. I am going to repeat them here because of their importance. They are the analysis of fulfilled prophecy in Acts 2, the word picture of tongues of fire, the word study on baptism, illustrated by the pickle recipe, and the word study on *earnest of the spirit*.

Acts Chapter 2
In the second chapter of Acts, the Holy Spirit comes upon the assembled group of disciples.

> *Ac 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place**.*
> *2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*
> *3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

This is generally regarded as the beginning of the church, the giving of the Spirit and the start of the New Covenant. This is partly true. It was a partial fulfillment for the building of the church, a partial fulfillment of the giving of the Holy Spirit, and a partial fulfillment of the New Covenant. These three ideas here are all roughly synonymous ways of looking at the same thing.

Verse 1 above says "they were all with one accord in one place." The idea here **is unity of the brethren**. So clearly, this is also partial fulfilling of Psalms 133, which speaks of the End **time revival** in terms of the anointing coming upon the head and body of Aaron. It typifies the proper assembly of the head and body of Christ, for Jesus is our High Priest and in him is our place of unity. There we see the blessing come. That blessing is the Spirit, the presence and glory of God, life eternal. It is dwelling in the secret place of the most high as in Psalms 91, who is the way, the truth and the life.

> *Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded **the blessing**, even life for evermore.*

In The Last Days
We said the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 is a partial fulfillment. Peter in his sermon that day makes mention of the prophecy of Joel. He is telling the people that what they are experiencing that day is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.

> *Ac 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*
> *15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*
> *16 But this is that which was spoken by the **prophet Joel**;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;*

> *and they shall prophesy:*

This is a reference to Joel Chapter 2:28-29.

We know it's only a partial fulfillment because the rest of what Joel has to say there still awaits fulfillment in the last days. Look at verses 30-31.

> *Joel 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*
> *31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

A Measure of the Spirit

The description of the coming of the Holy Spirit *as cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them* also indicates a partial fulfillment. It shows that each one received a measure of the Spirit. The had a small flame rest on them. The complete fulfillment will be intensely greater. It will be the Spirit without measure.

> *Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

The Pickle Recipe

A good way to explain this comes from a word study on baptism, as we are looking at the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Some time back I copied the following definitions from the On Line Bible program. This definition of baptism came with a very interesting word study that illustrates what God is about to do in the Church. There are two words closely related to baptism; Bapto and Baptizo.

> Baptizo {bap-tid'-zo}
> 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
> 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
>
> Bapto {bap'-to}
> 1) to dip, dip in, immerse
> 2) to dip into dye, to dye, color
>
> Not to be confused with baptizo. The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.
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> When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. E.g. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle! Bible Study Magazine, James Montgomery Boice, May 1989.

The interesting idea here is that **union with Christ** is what He requires and when this is real, and not just a positive confession, there will come a real, permanent change in us. Like the vegetable is radically transformed, well so must we be transformed.

All the great moves of God in the past, including the book of Acts, have just been bapto's, temporary changes. The revivals of the past have had long term permanent effects of course but the awesome holiness, the irresistible power of the Lord has only lingered on for short periods.

Even this refreshing called the new wine or the river is just a bapto. A bapto is the ankle deep water of the river. The knee deep and waist deep, the chest deep water is still a bapto. At these levels, you can always get back out of the water. When it gets over your head, it's baptizo. See Ezekiel 47:1-5. When you can no longer go on your own way, it's baptizo. When you have to change from walking to swimming, never to go back it's baptizo. It's a permanent change. It's the kingdom of God come into your life and you entering into the kingdom. It's the manifesting of the sons of God.

Like the pickle is changed, we will take on the texture, the color, the taste and the aroma of the Lord God of Heaven. We will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. The world will forget what we were like before because they will see Jesus in us. That's what tabernacles is pointing us toward.

The Earnest of the Spirit

Another way to approach this is to look at what the scriptures say about the Giving of the Spirit.

In Ephesians, it tells about being sealed by the Holy Spirit using the word *earnest*.

> *Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*
>
> *Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Second Corinthians also mentions the earnest of the Spirit.

> *2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*
> *22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*
>
> *2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

So what exactly is an *earnest* anyway? Strong's lexicon gives this definition:

> Earnest - a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest.
> Microsoft Bookshelf [*The American Heritage® Dictionary*] gives this definition.
> **Ear·nest** (ûr^{1}nĭst) *noun*
> **1.** Money paid in advance as part payment to bind a contract or bargain.
> **2.** A token of something to come; a promise or an assurance.

In other words, an earnest is a down payment. It's only part of the payment. And the early church receiving this partial payment in Acts 2 means that it was a partial fulfillment.

The word for earnest is translated *pledge* in the Old Testament.

> *Ge 38:18 And he said, What* ***pledge*** *shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.*

Easton's bible dictionary says this:

> The Spirit is the earnest of the believer's destined inheritance (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14). The word thus rendered is the same as that rendered "pledge" in Gen. 38:17-20; "indeed, the Hebrew word has simply passed into the Greek and Latin languages, probably through commercial dealings with the Phoenicians, the great trading people of ancient days. Originally it meant no more than a pledge; but in common usage it came to denote that particular kind of pledge which is a part of the full price of an article paid in advance; and as it is joined with the figure of a seal when applied to the Spirit, it seems to be used by Paul in this specific sense." The Spirit's gracious presence and working in believers is a **foretaste** to them of the blessedness of heaven. God is graciously pleased to give not only pledges but foretastes of future blessedness.

Ephesians 1:14 describes the Holy Spirit as *the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.* As we are looking at the earnest meaning pledge or down payment, this tells us that the rest of the payment will come at the time of the redemption of the **purchased** possession. This is speaking of the redemption of the church by the full outpouring of the Spirit in the last days i.e. the End Times.

> *Ac 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed **the church of God**, which he hath **purchased** with his own blood*

The Promise of the Spirit of Truth

> *John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.*

The Promised pouring out of the Spirit

> *Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the **latter rain in the first month**.*
> *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

The Promise of a New Covenant

> *Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*
> *32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:*
> *33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD**, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
> *34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for **they shall all know me**, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

This tells us of a new covenant that the Lord intends to make with his people. He will write his law in our hearts. And we shall all know Him. This is part of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Here is another description from Jeremiah 32.

> *Jer 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts,* ***that they shall not depart*** *from me.*

Here we see that this new covenant will make it so that his people will not depart from him. Ezekiel explains it this way:

> *Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*
> *27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to* ***walk in my statutes****, and ye shall* ***keep my judgments****, and do them.*

So here are three promises spoken of in the bible which we have tended to view separately.
The Promise of the Spirit of Truth; The Promised pouring out of the Spirit; and The Promise of a New Covenant
But actually these promises are all speaking about the same thing, just phrasing things differently.

With that in mind, let's approach this question from another direction. We spoke earlier of the natural man and spiritual man. The natural man cannot know the deeper things of God because they are spiritual things and the Spirit of God must reveal them to him. The spiritual man however has ability to know these things because the Spirit leads him into knowledge of the truth. So today's born again Christian, especially those with those who call themselves spirit filled consider themselves spiritual men, able to understand the word. Yet they can't ever agree! They have forgotten something! Isaiah 8 tells us that the word is a sealed book even to the Christian.

> *Isa 8:16 ¶ Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*

The testimony or the law are synonyms for the word, and this tells us that it is a sealed book, even among the followers of the Lord.

Consider these verses which speak of a sealed book [the bible].

> *Isa 29:11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:*
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> *Da 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*
> *Da 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

The book is sealed till the time of the end, and you can find it in revelation 5 depicted as the book with seven seals.

> *Re 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.*

So we are saying that the books, that is the books of the bible are sealed till the time of the end. And no wonder they are sealed! Since it requires the Spirit to understand the Bible, it requires the outpouring of the Spirit to unseal the books.

We know that in the end times, the spirit will be poured out and also that the book will be opened in that day. Let's make the obvious connection. We're talking about the same thing here, just using different wording. For now, we know in part and prophesy in part, because we have a part of the spirit. This image of the book in the *right hand of him that sat on the throne, a book written within and on the backside,* should tell us something similar. The only part of the book that can be read is the 'back side'; the rest is hidden. Likewise we can know only a small portion of the deeper meaning of the bible, without the full pouring out of the Spirit.

Now let's look at this from still another direction. Earlier, in speaking about the gift of the Spirit, we quoted from first Corinthians.

> *1 Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*
> *10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*
> *11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
> *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*
> *13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*
> *15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.*
> *16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Now looking at the first two verses of that selection we read:

> *1 Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*
> *10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

Are we at a place where we can honestly say that God has revealed the things he has prepared for us that love him? Look at the final verse quoted above:

> *16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.*

Are we at a place where we can honestly say that we have the mind of Christ? If not then we must consider this passage of scripture to be unfulfilled. Even though all the verb tenses are past or present, it is written from a future viewpoint. The truths and attitudes expressed here can only come having already experienced the fulfillment of the promise. They apply to the end time church for whom the books are open and the understanding is granted.

Here is another passage which is written in the present tense yet actually speaks of a future occurrence, a promise yet unfulfilled.

> *Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Once again this brings me back to our original question.

> "If the bible says that the Holy Spirit will lead you into all truth, and you people claim to have the Holy Spirit, why is it that you can't ever agree on anything?"

Have we managed to answer this in any way? We can note that the easiest thing for a Christian to do is find the speck in his brother's eye. We can say that our claim to the Holy Spirit is a bit exaggerated. It's like the juvenile son of a rich man, who only gets a small allowance till he reaches maturity, yet boasts of having the entire fortune at his disposal. If this is the case, there is another claim we need to make, and another fact we need to own up to.

The inability to agree, and the great confusion that results from that is of the nature of Babylon. In fact *Babylon* means confusion. What we need to own up to is exactly what Daniel prayed when he was in Babylon.

> *Daniel 9:8 O Lord, to us belongeth* ***confusion*** *of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee.*

Who Is Able To Discern The Times And Seasons
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32 men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do-200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command; 1 Chronicles 12:31-33.

"I tell you that this is the beginning of the end. When have the winds blown as they have during the last ten years? When have governments toppled and rose again to take another form as they have before? When have families been torn apart as they have? When have wars and rumors of wars occurred? I tell you that the floods have come and the winds have blown. The earth has shook, and it will continue to shake until I return. Will there be a rebuilding of these things? I tell you that everything that can be rebuilt will be temporary. "

"After the onslaught of those days, I will come to rebuild my kingdom. Never again will the earth go through the turmoil that it is going through now again. The enemy will come to power, but he will be defeated. He will arise from the east, and he will persuade many with his smooth words. Woe to those who follow after him."

"But I will bring my people to places of safety. I will snatch them out of the hand of the enemy. I am gathering a great harvest until the end, and I am in the process of bringing that process to an end. For the end of days is at hand. Who is there who has been able to discern the times and seasons? Who is there who would stand upon the walls and warn the people? Behold, I am coming soon. Be warned and be ready for those things that are coming."

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Stick To Foundational Issues
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14Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Eph. 4

3As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer 4nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work-which is by faith. 5The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 1 Timothy 1:3-5

"I tell you that there are some who scoff at the idea that we are living in the last days. There are some who say that these things are far off into the distant future. I tell you that the future is NOW. I tell you that these are the days that many of my prophets had looked into. They wanted to discern and understand the days that you are now living in. "

"There are many in my church that know and understand that these are the last days. They know and understand these things because they are plainly seen in the events that are taking place around them. But even so, they may not know Me as intimately as they should. While these things are important it is far more important to know Me. Who is there among you who knows Me and yet is preparing the people? "

"I also say that this is a time of great confusion for some within the body of Christ. For there are many among you who argue about controversial matters. You argue about "when" I am coming back and "how." Some of you split hairs about these doctrinal issues. I tell you my people, stick to foundational issues. Stick to those things that are rooted and grounded in Me. And then you will not be carried away with strange and unusual teachings."

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My People Suffer For Lack Of Knowledge
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(The Lord spoke this to me today because there seems to be a problem in this area of properly judging prophetic words. To be sure, there is a great need for "true discernment" during this time. However, we need to not only use the scriptures when we're doing this properly, but we also need to listen to His voice when discerning. We need to step into that chamber of His spirit so that we can judge rightly.)

My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children. Hosea 4:6

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, Hebrews 6:1

22 Let a cry be heard from their houses when you suddenly bring invaders against them, for they have dug a pit to capture me and have hidden snares for my feet. Jeremiah 18:22

"My people suffer for lack of knowledge. My people suffer because they look to the ways of tradition. Very few know how to judge rightly. Very few received the words of Jeremiah when he was alive. Even those who think that they know how to judge are judging according to their own devices. Was Jeremiah received or was he thrown into a pit? There are many in this hour who speak words of edification and comfort, and that is well and good. But who is there among you who would judge those words that go beyond these parameters? It is well and good to judge according to my word, but when judging prophetic words that go beyond these, you must enter into that secret chamber with Me. You must listen to my still small voice. Many of you are like the Pharisees when you judge these things. For you follow the letter of the law; and then you say that if you cannot find this prophetic word in my scriptures then they are false. I tell you that you are judging by appearances. Am I saying that there is no need for discernment in this hour? I tell you that there is a great need. But when you are discerning these things you must step into communion with Me. Very few do this. You have your pet teachers and your pet prophets. You have your favorite books that you read. When the time comes, and it will, I will say that I never knew you. Would you go onto maturity or would you stay in your childish ways? "

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Why I Am Not Praying For Obama

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> In the musical Fiddler On The Roof, there is a point where the village rabbi is asked to pray for the Russian Tsar, their oppressor. What he comes up with is a sort of politically correct bit of lip service and sarcasm. He says:
> *May The Lord God bless and keep the Tsar - - - far from our village*.

In the aftermath of this election, much of the leadership is calling us to pray for Obama as we are commanded to in the word. So how can I have a problem with that, you may ask?

I feel we must consider the whole counsel of God. In other words it also says in the word to pray the prayer of faith, and that without faith, it is impossible to please him.

It also says that the word must be mixed with faith to be profitable, and that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word. The word I am hearing is to cry for mercy.

If I am praying dry legalistic prayers, and do not have unfeigned faith, then I'm just making a lot of noise. I am become as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.
And whatever is not of faith is sin.

> *James 5:15 And **the prayer of faith** shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.*
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> *Hebrews 11:6 But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*
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> *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*
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> *Romans 10:17 So then **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.***
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> *1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is **charity** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of **faith unfeigned**:*
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> *1 Corinthians 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become as **sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.***
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> *Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for **whatsoever is not of faith is sin**.*

Summary

To be brutally honest, I am not walking in pure charity. And I do not have the faith to pray as we are being told it's our responsibility to pray for our rulers. So why should I pretend?

Wise Counsel
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WISE COUNSEL
When I ask to be a part of your life, it is not intended to cause you strife. When I grant you My mirror of what I see, it is not meant to cause shame in thee. When I send you My wisdom of what could be better, it is not given for you to walk in law or letter.

The dots and tittles of your life are finely honed from My carving knife. Not for pain, not for gain, yet for Me, just the same. I want you to be, all that you can, as you stand in My image, and as a man.

I want to send you My helpers from men and angels. They will give wise counsel to keep you from danger. Trust Me to cover the places that are blind with team work and graces to help you refine. You were not meant to build all alone, but in harmony and blend of perfect tones. Your notes shall resound for greater impact. My provision will be plenty, you'll not suffer lack. Embrace My wisdom and counsel from afar, and you shall succeed in all that you are. As My builder and craftsman I will give you My tools, I shall set you on My rock with borders of jewels.

For what you have spent is planted in the sky, to rain upon the earth multiplied blessings in disguise. A harvest is prepared for these My children. And you shall rejoice as you see them win - the race that is set before them to run. Their destiny is waiting, their victory to be won.

So let My wisdom and counsel reign from above, as you humble yourself and receive from My dove. I have called you My own, chosen among many this day, to be My ensign, in My army to pray. To pull down and root out and build and repair. It's My kingdom on earth as you rule from your chair. The Spirit of Might is upon your shoulders. It bursts from within as you grow older. Let My power come forth from your mouth and your hands - as you speak My Word and issue commands. It's not in your strength to make things occur. Only in My blood will things be procured.

Let My kingdom rule take place in your heart, then My kingdom on earth is birthed as a start. It's not with observation to the naked eye, but as you yield to Me all that can die. You have done well My child, My chosen one. I give you My resurrection power, your work has begun.

Isa 11:2-5 2 NKJV
The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth , And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

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Duty Or Passion
Sandy Warner

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DUTY OR PASSION
Long I have waited for a generation of lovers who would serve Me out of their passionate hearts, birthed from intimate and genuine two way relationship. My people know Me as Lord and Master. To serve so duty bound is to choose a life imprisoned in performance.

They have yet to know Me as Lover and Husband. How I long to connect and establish bridges of communications that cross their boundaries of fear and mind-sets and normalcy where all things are decently in order! True passion is rarely in order, dear ones. True passion breaks all boundaries of cultural decency. True passion only knows one way, get to what matters and die for it when necessary.

The passion I speak of is much deeper than an emotion of the moment. It comes from a fire deep inside where the truth burns and builds, ever stretching to find a way towards expression. It is in its expression that our mutual joy is known to the fullest. This brings the consummation of what you yearn for. I will have a people who will so love Me, their torches will so love Me nothing will stand in their way towards expression.

Duty leads to burn out. It always did, it always will. Passion leads to My never ending eternal flame.

Hos 2:14-16 NLT
"But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her out into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. "In that coming day," says the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband ' instead of 'my master.'

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Learn To Delegate
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LEARN TO DELEGATE
I have sped up the time clock and am moving the pace forward. This is moving things more rapidly into place and My people are feeling the pinch of too much to do and not enough time to do them. Listen beloved ones, LEARN TO DELEGATE. Pray first and then delegate spiritual helpers to bear the load. You will find tasks get accomplished in less time when you have heaven's angelic helpers paving the way, bringing you details you overlooked and generally moving things into place. Then ask Me to draw your attention to tasks that people can do in your stead. Release them to do these things for you. They will receive promotion and reward and you will be released to prioritize your time as pleasing Me. It is time to get into a new synch with a new pace..

Eph 5:15-16 AMP
Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

Our Boundaries For Love
Sandy Warner

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Our Boundaries For Love

You are the God that settles all accounts.
Not phased by degree or any amount.
There is nothing that You can not do.
When we yield and become dead too.

In time we will see Your justice and truth
Defend your bride who was sent uncouth.
Vessels of honor and vessels of shame
Are glory in Your house, used just the same.

It is only in the minds and hearts of man
To see a distinction between the span.
Men wash their cups and their platters.
Tis not the shell but the heart that matters.

These frames are weak and return to dust.
What matters to Him is absolutely a must.
He tests and measures our boundaries for love
Sending the dishonored as gifts from His dove.

We push and shove and wrestle with them
But when it is God we will not win.
Our mind-sets, offsets and all sets crumble
As He breaks our hearts to become humble.

And when it is over and the unlovely are removed,
Will we rejoice or will we be moved
To press in closer to remove the distance,
To knock on their door to gain entrance?

For when we are loved by the unlovely in deed.
We find our missing piece, we find what we need.
And when it is gone we are left alone.
To think and chew and spit out our bones.

Rom 9:19-21 NKJV
You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

2 Tim 2:20-21 NKJV
But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

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The Missing Link In Belonging
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THE MISSING LINK IN BELONGING
Dear ones as you seek to come into alignment with My purposes and will for your life, one vital piece is missing. There are those who are left outside in the dark and cold places, without understanding and purpose for they do not know their calling. There are those who have troubles in their family lives because they do not know how to keep their focus on Me and settle their differences as they line up with My purposes. There are generations of people who are struggling with discomfort and old wounds and have yet to find their places in My family of love.

One vital piece is missing to this puzzle. It is intercessory prayer. Pray, pray, pray. Ask Me to release the birthrights and callings over all your loved ones. Angels will be sent upon the requests and authority of your prayers. They will line up circumstances that will bring My family together and usher them into alignment and position to grow up into their callings and destinies. Come dear ones, and pray. It is My kingdom in heaven that must be birthed through your permission and authority on earth through prayer, declaration, faith, stand, worship and intercession. Release these in your stands of faith and I will dispatch the supernatural help to bring you into place.

1 Sam 1:27 NKJV
For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition which I asked of Him.

Neh 4:13-14 NLT
So I placed armed guards behind the lowest parts of the wall in the exposed areas. I stationed the people to stand guard by families, armed with swords, spears, and bows. Then as I looked over the situation, I called together the leaders and the people and said to them, "Don't be afraid of the enemy! Remember the Lord, who is great and glorious, and fight for your friends, your families, and your homes!"

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What Is Coming Will Astound Many

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MUCH OF WHAT IS COMING WILL NOT FIT YOUR PRECONCEIVED BOXES!

"Beloved ones, do not be overcome with what is coming! Do not seek to figure it all out before embracing what My Spirit is doing in the earth!

Do not sit by the banks of the River while it flows right on by! Jump in and embrace what is happening! Willingly embrace what My Spirit is doing!

There is much coming that will not "fit" into your preconceived boxes and ways of thinking!

Come to Me and receive life for I desire to see life flowing in the Bride and to see the Church rise up and walk out the abundant life!

UPHEAVAL! UPHEAVAL! EVERYTHING IS IN UPHEAVAL!

THE SHAKING IS REMOVING ALL THAT IS NOT OF ME!

UPHEAVAL! UPHEAVAL IS NOW COME UPON THE CHURCH!

"Beloved, there is much, much upheaval in the earth!

The only thing that is not being shaken is that which belongs to the Lord!

All that flows from Him He sustains! All that He brings to existence He holds in the palm of His hand!

All that belong to Him, are refined and purified in the fire of His Love and they too are sheltered in His hand!

In the midst of great upheaval, those that are His will be kept secure!

The upheaval will uproot the very things which have beep overlaid on the original foundations of the church!

That which is of man is being torn down! That which has been influenced by the evil one is being thrown down!

That which has stood against the flow of the Spirit and of life is being cast aside!

THERE IS A MIGHTY UPROOTING TAKING PLACE!

YOU SHALL NOT RECOGNIZE THE CHURCH WHEN MY SPIRIT IS THROUGH SHAKING THE CHURCH TO ITS FOUNDATIONS!

"The uprooting of those things that seemed neutral to you, are not neutral in My sight!

That which is not clearly for Me is against Me!

That which is born from the flesh can only be sustained by the flesh!

Much of what is part of the church is as much a part of Ishmael!

Ishmael has taken what belongs to Isaac, and Isaac can only be born of the Spirit of God!

Only that birthed by the Spirit of God shall stand and last through this great shaking and upheaval!

All ministries and all things, even good things which men and women brought to existence through the arm of the flesh, these things shall come down!

They shall come down for no flesh will stand in the holy presence of the Lord!

Only that which has come from the Lord shall stand.

Many ministries and many people called of God shall need to get their houses in order, for the shaking is coming fast upon the Bride of Christ in this day!

It is a shaking that only that which is of the Lord will be able to endure to the end.

BUT THIS MIGHTY SHAKING IS A GOOD THING, FOR IT WILL RESTORE THE CHURCH TO IT'S APOSTOLIC AND PROPHETIC CALLING!

"Beloved, all this shaking is a good thing.

It is a move of the Spirit that will restore the Bride to her First Love!

It is movement that will restore the passion of the Bride for the Bridegroom!

It is a movement of the Spirit that will over-rule the spirit of man that has brought so much control over the life of the church.

This movement more than anything, this movement of the Spirit shall restore the functional ministries of the five fold ministries.

It is a relational restoration and functional restoration that is needed in order to restore the resurrection power that once flowed in the early church!

STRUCTURE AND FORM ALWAYS FOLLOW FUNCTION!

THE RENEWED FUNCTIONS OF APOSTOLIC AND PROPHETIC MINISTRY WILL UNLEASH GREAT CHANGES IN THE STRUCTURES AND FORMS OF MINISTRY!

"Beloved, form and structure always follow the function!

The relational aspect of church governance must be restored, and it will not be restored until the five fold and the priesthood of believers find their place within the renewed body life of the church.

When this happens, great change will come and will usher in great revival in the nations!

DO NOT TAKE OFFENCE AT WHAT IS COMING!

MUCH OF WHAT IS COMING WILL NOT FIT YOUR PRECONCEIVED BOXES!

EMBRACE ME AND EMBRACE MY SPIRIT!

AND, BELOVED, EMBRACE THE NEW EXPRESSION OF CHURCH AND BODY LIFE THAT IS NOW COMING FORTH!

GALATIANS 4:19
my little children, of whom again I travail in birth, till Christ may be formed in you,

Why I Don't Do Conspiracies

Bill Somers

> *Isaiah 53:1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

My approach on the End Time Prophetic Vision website is to focus on what God is doing and not what the enemy is up to. That’s why you will find little if any material on the identity of the anti-christ, or the mark of the beast. The same goes for the conspiracies: the new world order and the Illuminati and such. We also avoid occult topics and weird supernatural goings on like UFO's and the nephilim.

We feel that all this stuff is just the 'words of the strongman' who wants to put people in fear. Whose report will you believe? Believe not the 'evil report'. We will believe the report of the Lord, and he says Fear Not! Did you know that the exact phrase *fear not* is found is 63 verses in the KJV bible. And besides when we study the conspiracies to gain understanding of how to pray, isn’t this leaning on our own understanding?

Now let's look at what can happen to those who follow after the evil report.

> *Numbers 13:30-32*
> *30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it.*
> *31 But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we.*
> *32 And they brought up an* ***evil report*** *of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature.*
>
> *Deuteronomy 1:27-30*
> *27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.*
> *28 Whither shall we go up? our* ***brethren have discouraged our heart****, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there.*
> *29 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.*
> *30 The LORD your God which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes;*

Now the evil report may well seem to be true, but the report of the Lord is that He can make a way where there is no way, and we will trust in Him!

The Conspiracy Theory

A conspiracy theory takes the other approach and if you fall for it, your confession may well turn out to be: our **brethren have discouraged our heart**!

The Wikipedia says this:

> A conspiracy theory usually attributes the ultimate cause of an event or chain of events (usually political, social, pop cultural or historical events), or the concealment of such causes from public knowledge, to a secret, and often deceptive plot by a group of powerful or influential

> people or organizations. Many conspiracy theories imply that major events in history have been dominated by conspirators who manipulate political happenings from behind the scenes.

A Look At The Conspiracy Artist

The conspiracy artist preaches to those who want to believe in the conspiracy, so he is relieved of the burden of proof. He can make any outrageous claim he feels like, and it is never questioned by his dedicated audience.

He operates in a spirit of pride, pride in knowing. Also he uses an appeal to the pride of his readers or listeners, letting them feel that the average person is just an ignorant or apathetic boob, while we who are aware of this conspiracy are really the only ones in the know. Implying that we are better than the average Joe. We have inside knowledge. We are special.

The bible warns us about pride that comes from knowing things, or from thinking we know things.

> *1 Corinthians 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.*

The conspiracy artist has a wide range of tools to use in his craft. For example, appeals to pride, and arrogance. He makes full use of: accusations, slander, exaggeration, innuendos or derogatory insinuations; rumors, misquotations, half truths, dubious statistics and outright lies. Logical fallacies such as invalid conclusions, jumping to conclusions and wild generalizations are his stock in trade. A common tactic is the 'argument from authority'. This is where you are told to accept someone's opinion because just they are an **expert** in some area. This is a way of bypassing the need to prove what you claim.

They will make long lists of items with even the remotest connection to their subject. The longer the better, so the reader is overwhelmed by what they claim to be a body of evidence. And if the reader thinks about checking the facts, it's hard to tell where to start, even if there were an easy way to verify what is being claimed. Great use is made of words with negative connotations: *alleged*, *supposed*, *so-called* and so on are used to imply falsehood. They ignore any contradictory data. Some of what they say will be true, but the level of mixture is usually pretty high.

Blaming It All On Them

Another tactic of the conspiracy artist is placing blame on some whipping boy, or large organization, or secret society. The oil companies are to blame for high energy costs for example. Frequently these boogie men are also accused of attempted secrecy. The conspiracy artist will make himself look and his readers are assured that he is presenting facts that 'they don't want you to know.' Or they will tell you that the government or news media is lying about something. But the last person they will blame is the devil.

All Eyes On Man

To get your eyes away from Jesus, every freak event in nature is somehow caused by man. One of the recent disaster movies made plain statement that 'Global Warming is not an act of God, it's caused by man!' They will find a way to blame even seismic events on man. Astronomical events are of course blamed on Planet X! God is never taken into consideration.

Finally, as you look into a number of conspiracy sites on the web, you will find a fair number of them are anti-semitic, blaming the conspiracy on the Jews. Here is what the Wikipedia says on this point.

> **Anti-Semitism and conspiracy theories**

> The contemporary form of anti-Semitism is identified in Britannica 1911 as a conspiracy theory serving the self-understanding of the European aristocracy, whose social power waned with the rise of bourgeois society.
> Antisemitic conspiracy theories have been conceived throughout history. According to Kenneth S. Stern,
> "Historically, Jews have not fared well around conspiracy theories. Such ideas fuel anti-Semitism. The myths that Jews killed Christ, or poisoned wells, or killed Christian children to bake matzo, or "made up" the Holocaust, or plot to control the world, do not succeed each other; rather, the list of anti-Semitic canards gets longer. The militia movement today believes in the conspiracy theory of the Protocols, even if some call it something else and never mention Jews. From the perspective of history, we know that this is the type of climate in which anti-Semitism can grow."

Some justify involvement with conspiracy theories by claiming that we need to know what is really going on in the world. But what is really going on in the world doesn't matter! What we really need to know is found in these verses:

> *Matthew 8:24-26*
> *24 And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.*
> *25 And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.*
> *26 And he saith unto them, **Why are ye fearful**, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.*
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> *Isaiah 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*
>
> *Philippians 4:7-9*
> *7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
> *8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, **think on these things**.*
> *9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*
>
> *Romans 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*
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> *2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*
>
> *Ephesians 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.*
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> *Isaiah 8:11-13 “For the Lord spoke this to me with a strong hand, and he instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people saying, “Do not say, “A conspiracy”, to all them to whom this people shall say, “A conspiracy”; neither fear you their fears, nor be afraid.” Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.”*

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Walking in Eternal Life

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God's end-time people will "end time." What I mean is that, as we near the end of the age, we will increasingly learn how to walk in eternal life, abiding above the boundaries, constraints, and the pressures of the realm of time. We'll see what's coming and either avoid it or announce it, but we won't be limited by it.

Jesus taught that those who come to Him "have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Right now, we have eternal life in our spirits. Yet, how do we access the timeless place of God's presence? This is a serious question, for we have become more "time conscious" than "God conscious." Schedules, meetings, appointments, and deadlines all fuel our anxieties and compel us to live horizontally, instead of vertically in the Presence of God.

HOW DO WE ACCESS THE TIMELESS PLACE OF GOD'S PRESENCE?

The Lord seeks to deliver us from anxiety, but that can only happen if we truly learn to walk in the Holy Spirit. The sad fact is, most Christians fail to spend time with the Holy Spirit. We pray, even calling upon the Lord, but few are they who have cultivated moment by moment openness to the Spirit of God.

"But, when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." **John 16:13 NASB**

The Holy Spirit "will guide . . . He will speak . . . He will disclose" to us what we otherwise could never know or attain. To guide, speak, and reveal are forms of communication. Clearly, the Father sent the Holy Spirit to talk to us.

"THE SPIRIT OF REALITY"

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. There are issues in our hearts that the Holy Spirit alone can reveal and remove. Listen to Him; like Christ, He does not come to condemn but to save. His voice is Salvation speaking to us.

Jeremiah said that the heart is deceitful above all things. We cannot objectively know ourselves. Yet the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of Truth, sees and understands our ways. Trust Him, He cannot be deceived. Indeed, the ancient Greeks used the same word for truth as they did for "reality." Thus, we could accurately say that the Holy Spirit is the "Spirit of Reality." He shows us the reality of our need and the reality of God's answer. To hear Him is to hear the voice of eternal life.

Jesus lived in union with the Holy Spirit continually. The miracles He accomplished came through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit He saw the things the Father was doing; He heard the words the Father was speaking.
Every strategy we may come up with pales in comparison to seeing God and doing what God does, and hearing God and saying what God says. You see, Jesus lived in the dimension of time, but was not limited by it. His consciousness was always aware of the eternal realm.

Even the urgent news of Lazarus' illness did not make Jesus move anxiously. As right as it seemed to rush to Lazarus' aid, Jesus was aware of another reality. He was conscious of the heavenly Father. Because He knew that the Father was about to raise Lazarus from the dead, He lived without hand-wringing or being driven by anxious thoughts or pressures.

Oh, how we need to walk in the Spirit today. In every situation, we would consciously be aware of God's involvement in our lives!

HE INVITES US TO ABIDE WITH HIM!

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." **Isaiah 55:8-9 NASB**

God has a system of thoughts and ways that are totally on another plane, yet He invites us to abide with Him!

Beloved, we are not mere human beings. We each are a temple for the Holy Spirit, but we must cultivate a listening heart if we will do the things that God is doing. A Christian is not just someone living out a natural life, hoping that God will bless him. No, God has more for us than that. Jesus set the standard, and He's given us the Holy Spirit so we can follow Him.

SPIRIT-FILLED?

When we are born again, we begin a journey with the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us gifts to help us grow; He baptizes us in power to increase our effectiveness. All of this is to lead us until we are actually filled with the Holy Spirit, where we think and act like Jesus.

Many of us think we are already filled with the Spirit, but we are not. We have three quarts of self and one quart of the Holy Spirit, and we think we have a gallon of God. There is still too much self ruling in our hearts.
In America, some pastors identify themselves as being Spirit-filled and say they pastor Spirit-filled churches. To be perfectly candid, I have never attended a church that is truly Spirit-filled. In the Book of Acts, we see a picture of a Spirit-filled church. The leaders met daily for prayer, and on the way to prayer, their shadows healed the sick! Their offerings went to feed the poor. Out of their sense of love and community, they held all things in common. In that atmosphere, the church grew exponentially.

I know some are thinking, "My church is getting close to this example." Oh, I forgot to mention, in a Spirit-filled church, if you lied, you died (see Acts).

You see, let's not accept that we are further along spiritually than we are. God desires to take us further, deeper into eternal life. Having a spiritual gift doesn't mean that you are filled with the Holy Spirit; being born again does not mean you are also Spirit-filled. I have never met a truly spiritually mature person who was anxious; no one who is nervous about time can truly be led by the Holy Spirit.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In our quest to walk in eternal life, we must allow the Holy Spirit to excavate our hearts of self. If we want to tune into the God channel, we must tune out the "self channel," where the anxieties, fears, and sins exist.

I want a heart that can hear God; I want perception that can see God. We are too much like the world. How do we break this? Spend time with the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to talk to your heart and then write down what you feel He is saying. If we want more of God, we must cultivate the awareness of His Presence, and especially listen for His voice.

We must also take faith and believe that the Spirit is here to help. Zechariah 4:6 teaches us that it's not by our might or power, but it is by the Spirit of the Lord that we succeed. Acts 2:17 tells us that in the last days God seeks to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. I love the words "pour out." We must stop thinking "thimble" and think Niagara Falls!

It's time to step out of the box called "time," and live in the Spirit. I'm not suggesting that you become unreliable or are late for your appointments, but that you give yourself to learning how to hear God's voice and how to live in His presence. If you are one of God's end-time elect, then it's time to rise above the pressures of time and walk in the eternal life of God.

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I Will Double You
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Much of the work God does guiding us to our destiny unfolds in our lives unnoticed until the time of its manifestation. Seemingly insignificant aspects of our lives suddenly bloom into profound realities, filling our consciousness with the fragrance of the Lord's presence. The natural is transformed by the supernatural, leaving us forever changed.

These "God-moments" reveal that the Lord has been intimately aware of us and, long before we recognized Him, He had been working in our lives. I've told the story before, but it's worth repeating. It was in the spring of 1971 when I had a most significant encounter with the Lord. It was at this time that He first spoke to me of my future. It began with a life-changing dream. In the midst of great darkness, the Lord revealed there would be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The next morning, as I contemplated the vision, for the first time in my young Christian life I read Isaiah 60:1-3 and then Matthew 14. Both these texts confirmed in dramatic detail the truth of my night vision. The Isaiah text spoke of nations coming to Christ while Matthew's story chronicled Jesus feeding the multitudes with the bread and fish.

The God-moment peaked as I read that Jesus had blessed and broke the bread. Suddenly, it occurred to me that my last name, Frangipane, actually meant "to break bread." Throughout my life this long last name had been a nuisance. Yet now, coupled with the dream and the promise from Isaiah, the story of Christ taking "broken bread" to feed multitudes became a personal encouragement to me.

Later that morning, I related the vision and the Lord's promise from Isaiah 60 to my wife, Denise. I then told her about the feeding of the five thousand, mentioning that God would use us like Jesus used the loaves and fish to feed the multitudes. I also explained that Frangipane, in fact, meant "to break bread." Since she now had my last name, God had included her in my calling. In childlike wonder, she replied that this destiny would not only be about me. She then informed me of the meaning of her maiden name, Piscitelli. It meant "little fishes."

Those Whom He Foreknew

The fact that the Lord would quietly orchestrate our lives, and then confirm His promise in the very meaning of our names still fills our souls with awe. I imagine that a similar sense of awe struck King Josiah when, as a young man, he discovered his name in the scriptures. Indeed, his kingship had been foretold 350 years previously by a prophet in Israel; the man of God even described the actual tasks Josiah would fulfill (1 Kings 13:2). The revelation of having been foreknown by God caused Josiah to become, perhaps, the most zealous of all of Israel's kings.

This same awe must have struck King Cyrus of Persia when he discovered that the God of Israel had foretold of his leadership, by name, 150 years prior to his birth (Isaiah 44:28). The knowledge that we have been predestined by God to accomplish great things for Him, that He actually calls His sheep by name, adds great zeal to our souls.

Certainly, David must have felt this sense of awe when he wrote,

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways . . . Behold, O LORD, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psalm 139:1-6).

Whether or not your name has a significant meaning in it, however, is not the issue. You are significant. God chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world; He has written your name in heaven (Eph 1:3; Rev 21:27). Even at this very moment the Holy Spirit continues to work in you His predetermined plan. At the proper time, the miracle of God's activity will emerge in your life like precision clockwork.

Recent Elections

As we approached elections in the USA, it struck me as inconceivable that the destiny of President Bush would not also have been foreordained by the Almighty. I noticed that he is often identified by his middle initial, "W." Yet, even as I listened to the President's supporters chant, "four more years," it occurred to me that the President's middle initial, "W," when spoken phonetically, actually says Double You, as in "I will double your time in office four more years."

Of course, the Lord didn't need a prophetic play on words to escort this President into office. Yet, with the re-election of President Bush, I've realized something else: he was given four more years on the strength of evangelical Christians. In fact, "moral values" was the leading reason people voted for President Bush! In the midst of a shaky economy and a difficult war in Iraq, the desire for righteousness determined the outcome of this nation!

Many politicians on both sides of the aisle have ignored the traditional values of faith and family. Sen. Dodd, D-Conn., admitted, "We have lost the ability to connect with people's value systems and we're going to have to work to get that back." Rep. Pomeroy, D-N.D., said "I think that the Democratic party nationally is perceived as being out of step with mainstream values. I want our party to do a better job of speaking to matters of faith and family."

I think it is vital that evangelical Christians divorce ourselves from gloating or any expression of self-righteousness. It is imperative that, while others are searching for answers, we truly represent Christ's heart. Let us speak with humility of our values and then, with wisdom, lead others to Jesus, our source of all virtue.

Beloved, both Republicans and Democrats, as well as the news and entertainment media, are all realizing that something powerful is awakening in America. They had a first glimpse when The Passion of the Christ came out; they were staggered by the effect of praying, voting Christians during this last election. Now, it is time to pray this advance forward.

As I've often said since January, 2004, we are in a year of release. The constrictions we been experiencing are not death throes, but birth pangs; they are not part of what restricts us, but releases us. Indeed, there is a destiny unfolding, not just for George W. Bush, but for the body of Christ in America. I believe that the Lord is in the process of answering our prayers and increasing our effectiveness. Concerning His anointing on our lives, He says, "I will double you

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War is HERE!
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Ps 27:3-5 NKJV Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; Though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident. 4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.

"I heard shouts in the camp of " Prepare for War " says the Lord. But the WAR is here. It has been here for a long time, and it never ends till the LAMB is Ruling and Reigning forever and the enemy subdued.

I have poured out My gifts. I have poured into you Strength for the day of battle. But you say, " I feel so weak, Lord !" But that is when I CAN BE STRONG. That is when I will be PRE-EMINENT, and you will be only a vessel of MY glory ! But know that if you are weary, that I will come, and I will restore your fight. For I the LORD, am a Man of War, and I will no longer allow the enemy to overcome you. When I come, I will remove all his roots in your hearts, and you will fight with MY SPIRIT OF MIGHT. You will no longer doubt, or hesitate.

You will no longer hesitate or doubt, because you will KNOW MY LOVE FOR YOU. It will not be a theory in your mind, or a knowing in your heart, but will CONSUME all of you ! You will flow in My love and power because of the Consuming FIRE I AM will consume YOU and you will fight the way I fight. You will love the way I love. You will not draw back in unbelief anymore.

You will no longer resist My love, but receive ALL I have to give you. You will no longer be DISTRACTED by so many things because all the things of this world will pale in comparison to the manifested love of the FATHER.

FEAR NOT ! For Your King comes to you riding in GLORY and POWER and MAJESTY. Enter in My belovedenter in to My gates with PRAISE and My courts with WORSHIP and watch, and see what I DO for MY BELOVED !

A RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS IS COMING. COME IN, FOR I AM CALLING YOU ! COME IN, FOR I AM DRAWING YOU. LISTEN FOR THE STILL SMALL VOICE ! LISTEN ! DO YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF MY WHISPERING ? DO YOU HEAR THE SOUND OF MY LOVE SONNETS ?
DO YOU HEAR THE SONGS IN THE NIGHT ?
The Great LOVER of your souls is at the door and knocking and bidding you to come in ! Come in, for the day of My wrath is coming. You must hear My voice and listen to my secrets. Come away with Me My darling bride. Come and dance with me. I want to hold you in My arms of love.

Rainbows In The Sun
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I heard "rainbows in the sun".

Then,..."I have not called you to depression, or destruction, or to fear. I have made many promises and I am calling you NOW to stand on these promises with expectation in your heart of them being fulfilled in this hour.

I see the beginning and the end. I see the battle before it comes. I see the end of that thing and what is coming afterwards. There is timing you have no idea of, in implementing MY plans. I know what it takes to produce warriors and kings. And I am forming and molding and making you to come forth as GOLD !

Now is the time to lift up your unsaved loved ones. Now is the time to reach out to your neighbors. I am answering the prayers of My children and I will encourage your hearts and pour out JOY and LOVE and PEACE, and HEALING. You know that I am the Resource of all you need, so keep coming.

Keep asking NOW. It is a time of RESTORATION and breathing LIFE, MY LIFE into situations, lives and conditions of this world. Come in FAITH and EXPECTATION. HOLD on to FAITH. For it is diminishing in the world. AND MY children should be an example of faith in a world that is dying. I AM Your REAR GUARD. I AM the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, and I HAVE MADE YOU TO BE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. So do not hide it under a basket, but let it shine for all the world to see. They are desperate. They are hungry.

They are thirsty for what I have given you. Do not be like a miser who hoards it all to himself, selfishly counting what he has, but unwilling to share it with the poor and needy ! It is a FREE GIFT I have given you of My Spirit. It is a free gift, I have given you of my LOVE, JOY, PEACE in salvation and healing. Freely I have given so freely GIVE TO THOSE around you, all that I have given.

As you come to me daily, I will give you MY PLAN for the day if you ask. I will give you all you need to fulfill that plan. Arise and shine, for Your light is come and the GLORY of the LORD will be seen upon you ! REACH OUT YOUR HANDS in FAITH.

Just as the innkeeper opened the cave where cattle and sheep slept to My Son, and gave what he had available. I am asking YOU to give what you have. I am not asking you to give something you don't have. I am not asking the impossible. But I am asking you to move in the opposite spirit in this season of the APATHY and COMPLACENCY, and GREED of this world and to GIVE from what you do have.

I am asking you to give the greatest gift of all to those who are in great need. I see ALL their faces daily. I see all their needs daily. I see all their awful situations daily. THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT I AM THE SOLUTION. I will draw those to you whose hearts are prepared, if you will but ASK !

Keep building in your spirit, the TRUTH of the WORD. If you only read it, what good is that to you ? I have called you to ACT upon it, not just to read itbut for it to become alive in your hearts, that you may LIVE IT ! Keep your hearts free from the love of the world, for in this hour, I am bringing judgments that will turn men from the world to ME. Keep watching for I am about to sweep you off your feet and then some !

Be open to the NEW THING I am about to do in your hearts and lives. Do not disdain what you don't understand, but ask and you SHALL receive understanding and wisdom from above ! Come to me, and I will give you all you need !"

I saw a golden locomotive engine with billows of smoke coming out and surrounding it in glory. Upon the sides of the locomotive were angels with trumpets and they were blowing them loudly, as the train passed. It was weaving in and out of cities, and states, nations and flying across the ocean, not like a train that needed tracks, but did have a path to follow. As the trumpets blew people were drawn, as if to a siren and flying in the air, and entering the train in a most supernatural manner through it , like when Jesus walked through the walls to appear to the apostles.

As they entered the train, they sat in seats, and on the inside everything was pure gold. There were tables at some seats and people were reading the Bible and then they would be excited as if something amazing just happened and they were thinking now , how to share this with others, and Some had laptops and would type in things they were getting in revelation from the word and posting it on internet. Some were taking the revelation and writing it down. Then they would fly off in some direction and take this information and preach it/teach it to others in some far off land, then return to the train. And although the train may have moved, they always knew where it was, and flew back to ride some more. It was as if the Lord Himself was the train somehow, and this was the place of rest for in between assignments for His people.

Some were sleeping in births and listening to music, and some were playing music on instruments, and singing. They all seemed to know each other and to be able to communicate without any animosity or irritation. They seemed in harmony with each other.

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A Song to My Beloveds
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I come to sing a song of love to My beloveds
A song of hope and glory, a song of pain and joy.
The time is coming to a close, and everybody knows
That joy and laughter, mirth and gladness
Flee in the depths of hate and darkness
Except in the hands of one who understands
That freedom is not abundance of things
But freedom is being in a state that sings
Of love and joy, of peace and of hope
Of lives healed and dead bodies raised
To linger on the earth in a glorious phase
For the sake of bearing glory for the Ancient of Days.

I come to sing a song of lament
For lives full of darkness and times not well spent.
I come to sing a tune of a dirge
For to the earth I am coming to purge
The work of demons, and foul things of the earth
The things that maim, and steal all mirth.
The things that kill the soul of a man
The one full of evil will not long stand
For the Glorious One Who holds the earth in His hands
Has come down to share in the battle, and to save the lands
Before all is destroyed by the father of lies
And before the bells ring, and the man of sin decries.

I come to sing a song of JOYS
For birthing is coming and a release to all the ploys
Of the enemy to keep My beloveds from their hope
For nothing can stop what I have in My scope.
I'm joy and I'm gladness, I'm love fully restored
I've treasures in darkness I want employed
To work for the King and to serve Him with might
Truly their love will give satan a fright !
I'm coming down in the cool winter wind
Midst the storms and the clouds, his decrees I'll resind !
His spirit grows strong in the violence of earth
Lawlessness rushes in on the skirts of dirth

But I am not weak as some men suppose
To all the dirt and the muck I will give you a HOSE !
Power and glory descend now from above
On the gentle wings of the snow white Dove.

His power is much more than men have given Him credit
And to the mocking and scorning He will make a great debit.
For sons and daughters who've been far away
Will get revelation of the brand new day !
Their eyes will be opened and hearts renewed
I will come down and answer prayers accrued !
Suddenlies will break forth in the desert times now !
Miracles will come to raise the furrowed brow .

I will have My way midst the mayhem and storms
I will set the enemy running and the veils will be torn
That have blinded nations and blinded men and women alike
To the serpent of old will I give a good HIKE !
A price will be paid, about which you've read
For blood will be spilled in many a bed !
Many martyrs will speak out in the dread.
For in their death will I bring life instead.
Life and love to nations will I pour out in the valley of decision
The enemies will be left in the dust of the vale of derision.
Transformation is coming to the church which exalts ME.
So don't give in to sadness, but dance and sing with GLEE !

For in the end, the earth will finally be made FREE !
For all will come and worship ME.
From lowest to highest in the order of man
Will they come from near and far to express joy in the land
The King of Kings will rule in reign on the earth
And times will be so different, full of joy and mirth !
Even as the seasons change,
to all hearts will I rearrange.
Hearts will be filled to the full with My love
Hearts will skip and dance and enjoy all from above.
Men will be changed, and children will dance
There will be no end to the Divine Romance !

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Why Islam Is Disrespected
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IT WAS front-page news this week when Newsweek retracted a report claiming that a US interrogator in Guantanamo had flushed a copy of the Koran down a toilet. Everywhere it was noted that Newsweek's story had sparked widespread Muslim rioting, in which at least 17 people were killed. But there was no mention of deadly protests triggered in recent years by comparable acts of desecration against other religions.

No one recalled, for example, that American Catholics lashed out in violent rampages in 1989, after photographer Andres Serrano's "Piss Christ" -- a photograph of a crucifix submerged in urine -- was included in an exhibition subsidized by the National Endowment for the Arts. Or that they rioted in 1992 when singer Sinead O'Connor, appearing on "Saturday Night Live," ripped up a photograph of Pope John Paul II.

There was no reminder that Jewish communities erupted in lethal violence in 2000, after Arabs demolished Joseph's Tomb, torching the ancient shrine and murdering a young rabbi who tried to save a Torah. And nobody noted that Buddhists went on a killing spree in 2001 in response to the destruction of two priceless, 1,500-year-old statues of Buddha by the Taliban government in Afghanistan.

Of course, there was a good reason all these bloody protests went unremembered in the coverage of the Newsweek affair: They never occurred.

Christians, Jews, and Buddhists don't lash out in homicidal rage when their religion is insulted. They don't call for holy war and riot in the streets. It would be unthinkable for a mainstream priest, rabbi, or lama to demand that a blasphemer be slain. But when Reuters reported what Mohammad Hanif, the imam of a Muslim seminary in Pakistan, said about the alleged Koran-flushers -- "They should be hung. They should be killed in public so that no one can dare to insult Islam and its sacred symbols" -- was any reader surprised?

The Muslim riots should have been met by outrage and condemnation. >From every part of the civilized world should have come denunciations of those who would react to the supposed destruction of a book with brutal threats and the slaughter of 17 innocent people. But the chorus of condemnation was directed not at the killers and the fanatics who incited them, but at Newsweek.

>From the White House down, the magazine was slammed -- for running an item it should have known might prove incendiary, for relying on a shaky source, for its animus toward the military and the war.

Over and over, Newsweek was blamed for the riots' death toll. Conservative pundits in particular piled on. "Newsweek lied, people died" was the headline on Michelle Malkin's popular website. At NationalReview.com, Paul Marshall of Freedom House fumed: "What planet do these [Newsweek] people live on? . . . Anybody with a little knowledge could have told them it was likely that people would die as a result of the article." All of Marshall's choler was reserved for Newsweek; he had no criticism at all for the marauders in the Muslim street.

Then there was Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who announced at a Senate hearing that she had a message for "Muslims in America and throughout the world." And what was that message? That decent people do not resort to murder just because someone has offended their religious sensibilities? That the primitive bloodlust raging in Afghanistan and Pakistan was evidence of the Muslim world's dysfunctional political culture?

No: Her message was that "disrespect for the Holy Koran is not now, nor has it ever been, nor will it ever be, tolerated by the United States."

Granted, Rice spoke while the rioting was still taking place and her goal was to reduce the anti-American fever. But what "Muslims in America and throughout the world" most need to hear is not pandering sweet-talk. What they need is a blunt reminder that the real desecration of Islam is not what some interrogator in Guantanamo might have done to the Koran. It is what totalitarian Muslim zealots have been doing to innocent human beings in the name of Islam. It is 9/11 and Beslan and Bali and Daniel Pearl and the USS Cole. It is trains in Madrid and schoolbuses in Israel and an "insurgency" in Iraq that slaughters Muslims as they pray and vote and line up for work. It is Hamas and Al Qaeda and sermons filled with infidel-hatred and exhortations to "martyrdom."

But what disgraces Islam above all is the vast majority of the planet's Muslims saying nothing and doing nothing about the jihadist cancer eating away at their religion. It is Free Muslims Against Terrorism, a pro-democracy organization, calling on Muslims and Middle Easterners to "converge on our nation's capital for a rally against terrorism" -- and having only 50 people show up.

Yes, Islam is disrespected. That will only change when throngs of passionate Muslims show up for rallies against terrorism, and when rabble-rousers trying to gin up a riot over a defiled Koran can't get the time of day.

Witchcraft In The Church
Charles Newbold

Chapter 14 - The Harlot Church System

What could the practice of witchcraft possibly have to do with the church? Much in many different ways. William's experience is one example.

William had been called by the church officials to pastor their little independent fellowship. After much prayer and consultation, he and his wife agreed. They left their home community to face the challenges of this new work. He tells about it this way:

I knew from the beginning that Stella was in control of this church, I guess I ignored the red flags. This little group of people had unanimously decided it was God's will for me to be their pastor and after much prayer, I accepted. It was deceiving at first, because my initial contacts were with her husband and another man. Then it happened. One incident after another. She came against everything I did. She resisted my preaching. She controlled the finances and the Christian school the church ran. She did it all through her husband. He was her voice.

Then the church officials called a meeting with me. I could tell something was wrong when I walked in. They said they wanted me to be at the church every morning by six o'clock to handle the daycare when the children came in.

"I thought you wanted me to pastor the church--to spend time in prayer, study, and ministry. The daycare was never mentioned," I replied.

They answered back, "There's not any men down here. We need somebody down here if light bulbs need to be changed."

"Wait a minute," I said, "I didn't come here to change light bulbs." I knew then they didn't want me around anymore. So I asked them if they believed God had sent me here. I challenged them to think about it before they answered. I asked each one in turn and they each replied, "No." "Then we don't need to carry this meeting on any further," I told them.

Stella's husband said, "Well I'm sure we can work out something."

"Brother," I answered, "you just told me that you didn't think God sent me here. If you don't think God sent me here, then why would you want to work things out?" This was the demise of that relationship. We were fired just one month after we had moved on the field.

Stella wanted William to pastor her church as long as she could control and manipulate him to do what she wanted done. Trouble broke out between them, however, anytime he did anything or said anything that threatened her hold on things.

She operated in the Jezebel spirit and her husband perfectly played out the Ahab role. When they brought their manipulations and control issues into the life and affairs of the church, they practiced witchcraft in the church--witchcraft being: anything we do to manipulate other people to do things against their wills in order to achieve our own self-centered desires. Wherever it is practiced, or however slightly it is practiced, witchcraft is still witchcraft.

WITCHCRAFT IN THE CHURCH

People practice witchcraft in the church as thoughtlessly as they do in everyday life. It is an abomination to God when it is practiced in any arena, but more especially when we practice it among one another in the family of God.

Jesus is the head of His body, the called-out-ones. The Holy Spirit is His administrator. **Those who follow Jesus are obedient to His Holy Spirit.** The Holy Spirit establishes the Kingdom of God. It can never be established by the hand of self-strength and the practice of witchcraft.

When men assume headship over Christ's body and people submit to that false headship, the flesh rather than the Spirit of Jesus is operating. The fact that such terms as ambition, impatience, competition, success, promotion, contention, contrariness, argumentativeness, divisiveness, and unyieldedness are commonplace among those who rule the churches and abide in them is evidence enough that they are operating in the flesh.

The flesh nature of man is controlling and manipulative--thus, it engages in the practice of witchcraft. When what you have is headed by man (or woman), it will always be under the rule of witchcraft--men building their own kingdoms under the pretext of being the Kingdom of God.

The structures of denominations and institutionalized churches are headed by man; therefore, they are out of scriptural order. Those who rule the churches may say that Christ is the head of their church, but He is not. He cannot be the head of many different bodies. He is the head of His body. There is only one body of Christ. If Jesus were in charge of these man-ruled organizations, there would be no need for men and women to politic for positions. If He were the head of the churches, there would only be one church because there is only one body of Christ. On the contrary, the churches are divided one against the other.

It is an alarming thing to realize that this Thing we call church is not ruled by the Holy Spirit, but by witchcraft. In the street-savvy words of Bob Hughey, "Everything that is called Christian and Holy Spirit, ain't. Be warned."

SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT

Self-seeking people who rule the churches are typically fueled by the need to increase themselves in power, position, riches, and domination. **They are Nicolaitans who are prodded by the Jezebel spirit.**

They garner large sums of unrighteously gained tithes and offerings to build elaborate edifices for themselves **rather than beautifying the Lord of glory and His bride.** They seduce others to join them rather than joining others to Jesus Christ. They devise schemes, programs, and marketing plans complete with logos and slogans to entice people to join them. They inspire loyalty and commitment to themselves and their vision rather than to Jesus and His vision for the bride.

They bind people to their own laws and phony doctrines. **They guilt-provoke people to sign pledge cards, causing them to make oaths that God has not asked them to make**. They build their identities around their names, positions, clerical collars, titles, denominations, traditions, doctrines, and heritage. They deceive people into thinking that busyness is godliness. They use their power to endow other people with power, that they might ally those other people to themselves. They give the more honored seats to the persons who come in wearing the gold rings and costly apparel. James 2:2. People, their money, and their talents are rungs on the ladder they use to climb to the heights of their own ambitions which are fueled by their imaginations.

Personal Hidden Agenda

Self-seeking people who rule the churches have personal agendas. Self-seeking personal agendas conflict with God's agenda. Their agendas are often hidden. Different people have different agendas. Bishop Pete built a new sanctuary out of his need for identity. Father David entered the ministry to please his dad. Reverend Dan earned a doctoral degree to receive recognition and better positions. Dr. Anthony was committed to writing a new book every year just to maintain his popularity.

People with hidden agendas need supporters to carry out their plans. They may want increased church memberships, newer and bigger buildings, inflated reputations, or better salaries. They need noses and nickels to achieve their desired high standings. They know that "bigness" impresses people. They have taught each other that. So the bigger they get, the more impressive they think they will become. The more popular many ministers become, the more riches people lavish upon them.

Their agendas must be kept hidden from their supporters, for the truth would result in a loss of support; therefore, they seek to gain loyalty and support by provoking fear, condemnation, guilt, emotionalism, and by falsifying reports.

APPEALS FOR MONEY

Self-seeking people who rule the churches depend upon other people to make themselves and their churches successful. Naive and unsuspecting "partners" or members are deceived into believing that giving to these ministries or churches ruled by people with personal agendas are "as unto the Lord." These ministries often make people feel guilty if they do not give as much as they might freely choose to give. They extract tithes and offerings from their constituency, deceiving them into believing that they are "seeding" into the Kingdom of God when, in fact, they are empowering the kingdoms of men.

They appeal to their supporters' emotions in order to persuade them to give to their ministry or church. If they are TV personalities, they may promise to send their supporters a free gift for their donation: books, tapes, prayer cloths, anointing oil from Israel, or some other token. Their mail-outs are carefully, professionally designed to tug on the heartstrings of donors, manipulating them into giving money.

They falsely teach that their churches are the storehouses for those members who "belong" to them. Many of them accumulate wealth and lavish it back upon themselves in the building, maintenance, and preservation of their organizations and institutions while the poor around the world go without food, clothing, shelter, and the gospel of the Kingdom of God. Jesus never even slightly suggested that, "Inasmuch as you build your buildings and preserve your institutions, you have done it unto Me." Rather He said that inasmuch as we feed the hungry, give a drink to a stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned, we are doing these things to Him. Matt. 25:35-40.

ANGER AND RAGE

Some of those self-seeking people who rule the churches may be insecure control addicts who need to maintain a sense of order in their lives to feel safe. They may be perfectionists who impose their standard of perfection upon others. When others fail to meet their standards, they become frustrated and rageful. Rage is part of their arsenal of weapons to manipulate others into conformity. Pastor Daniel was such a one.

Pastor Daniel's church--and I emphasize that it was "his" church--served as a showcase for his drive to perform. He was an accomplished orator, avid reader, and had a winning personality. His setting was exquisite and his staging was professional. He attracted crowds and multiplied members, but he could not keep them. "Why do people go out the back door as quickly as they come in the front?" he asked.

He did not want to hear the truth. He wanted it to be "their" fault, not his. People left because of his misuse of authority. He was spiritually and emotionally abusive. It was, after all, "his" church and no one was permitted to do anything unless invited to do so. His church was his theater, his pulpit was his stage, and he was the show. Those who had the slightest thought of contradicting him, especially if they had been given a place of leadership, became suspect. They had to be dealt with, usually tongue-lashed.

Leaving his church was not a pleasant option. Those who tried were often threatened by the suggestion that they would be out of God's will and bad things would happen to them. The loyalty of many within his membership was based on fear and intimidation.

His Jezebel wife fueled his feverish manipulations with her own. She ruled surreptitiously behind his throne. Most everyone knew that, but no one dared to speak a word. "Hush" was the operative rule in this extended dysfunctional family he called a church.

FLATTERY

Self-seeking people who rule the churches often flatter their prospects in order to win them in. "You two have so much to offer. It's a shame you aren't involved in a church somewhere." That one has been used on my wife and me a few times. We were said to be the poster couple for one church we attended. I think it was meant to flatter us, but it did not.

Flattery is enticing, seductive, and deceitful. When we fail to see what is happening to us, we are taken in by it. It has the deceitful motive of complimenting us in order to win favor from us. A true compliment does not have an ulterior motive, but those who flatter are putting on the charm in order to get something from us for themselves. They are like the adulterous woman in Proverbs 7:4-5 who preys upon believers who lack discernment: "Say to wisdom, You are my sister; and call understanding your kinswoman: that they may keep you from the strange [adulterous] woman, from the stranger who flatters with her words."

Flattery is an appeal to the flesh for greatness, grandeur, sensual pleasure, success, and riches--all having to do with things in the world.

POSSESSIVENESS AND OWNERSHIP

Self-seeking people who rule the churches are typically possessive and claim ownership over their constituency. If they own you, they can control you. If they cannot control you, they will disown you.

Membership in the churches is a claim of ownership that the churches have over a set number of people. All churches and denominations do it. Pick any. In 1997, the Southern Baptist Convention reported 15,891,514 members and 40,887 churches. 3 {22} Why do we need to know how many people belong to us? Why do we need to know how many people were in Sunday School and worship services? Why is it important to compare this figure with "this time last year"? Who are we counting for? We count because we measure our success with numbers.

I was in a meeting as a new believer and decided to count the attendance. A still, small voice in my spirit interrupted and said, "Don't count. You don't know who counts." I found out in time, as people came and went, how right that was. Besides, are we not counting the tares along with the wheat? Jesus told us that the wheat and the tares grow up together. Matt. 13:24-30. We do not always know who they are. If we need to count noses and know that we are including tares in that number, then we need to know that we are not counting as God counts. We are counting something for Self.

Perhaps we count to determine how strong we are. The Bible records three times when a census was taken of Israel. The first two times, God ordered it. God commanded Moses to take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel from twenty years and older, numbering their armies. Num. 1. The second time, the LORD told Moses and Eleazar to take the sum (census) of "all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel." Num. 26.

The third time is when King David ordered a census on his own. 1 Chronicles 21 tells how Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel. 2 Samuel 24:1 reports this story saying, "the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, 'Go, number Israel and Judah.'" The key to what is going on here is found in verse two of both passages. David ordered the census saying, "that I may know the number of people." God was greatly displeased with David and sent a plague upon Israel killing seventy thousand men. David's desire to count his increase resulted in great losses. He put his confidence in the strength of numbers, rather than in God. It was good for God to count Israel. Israel belonged to Him. It was not good for David to count Israel. Israel did not belong to him. David sought ownership of the citizenry for himself. It was something Satan put in his heart to do.

We are fascinated by numbers. We build our significance upon how big we perceive ourselves to be. Size is a matter of opinion. In order to determine how big we are, we have to compare ourselves with others. Comparing ourselves with others is a prideful and competitive spirit which has no place in the Kingdom of God. Church rulers relate to "their" church members as extensions of themselves. They validate themselves by their statistics. They feel they must possess people in order to keep them.

Sonny was at the ball park with his kids one steamy, summer night and saw Pastor Gene. Sonny asked, "Do you have someone here?" "All of mine are here," he answered. Sonny was puzzled by his answer. Sonny knew Pastor Gene did not have children of his own playing ball that night. Pastor Gene explained, "If they are a member of my church, they belong to me." Sonny regretted later that he had not asked him at the time, "Do you really want that responsibility? They are not your sheep. They belong to Jesus."

Taking possession and claiming ownership of God's sheep is a very grievous thing to God.

HYPE

Self-seeking people who rule the churches often hype things up to make themselves look good. Hype in this context is trying to make the Holy Spirit "happen" in self-strength. Hype is what leaders do to pretend the presence of God. These leaders have to make their services look like God is moving in their midst whether He is or not. He is not, so they substitute hype for Spirit. They try to make things happen that are not happening, or try to make it look like things are happening when they are not.

Hype is the practice of witchcraft. We see and hear it in many "charismatic" church services, conferences, and meetings when the praise and worship leader prolongs the energized music for an hour or so, pretending that the Holy Spirit is present or hoping to invoke His presence. When the Holy Spirit chooses not to manifest Himself, the congregation may be brow-beaten for not singing loud enough, clapping their hands long enough, praying hard enough, or dancing in the Spirit wildly enough. "Put your hands together and give the Lord a clap offering." "Somebody give me an amen!" We are manipulated to do and say things that we do not want to do and say--things that are not in our hearts to do and say. We fake it anyway because we do not want to stand out in the crowd, to be thought of as rebellious, or to be accused of quenching the Spirit. When we fake something, that makes us a fake--Pharisees.

Those who practice hype, such as we often witness on so-called "Christian TV", falsely measure the Holy Spirit's presence by the loudness of the music, the emotional fervor of the audience, the fancy footwork of the preacher, the religious prompting of amens from the crowd, or the number of persons slain in the Spirit--"doing carpet time" as they say. Some ministries look to these things to validate themselves.

PERFORMANCE MENTALITY

Many self-seeking people who rule the churches have turned their churches and ministries into entertainment centers and seek ministers who are crowd-pleasing showmen. Their theater-designed church auditoriums and "entertain-me" hungry congregations demand this performance mentality.

"Christian" entertainment is big business today. The self-seeking, secular-owned executives within the so-called "Christian" music industry are driven by the corporate bottom line. If that which we call

"Christian" can become an industry, it is not the real thing. Christian "artists" (the big ones are called "stars") are the product of this profit-driven industry and are themselves often driven by the need for popularity, money, and possibly winning the coveted Dove award. I suppose this award is considered Christian because of the dove which symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Why do so-called Christian entertainers even want a trophy? Who are they performing for? Do they have a special cabinet at home in which to display them? Is their motivation to gain fame and fortune the same as those in the world? Or is it a sacrifice of praise to the Lord without regard for personal gain?

Authors, Bible teachers, TV personalities, evangelists: Are your efforts entirely to serve the Lord, or to serve Self? If for the Lord, then they are Holy Spirit inspired. If for Self, then they are driven by witchcraft.

FALSE ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

Self-seeking people who rule the churches dispense a false assurance of salvation.

In spite of the fact that Christians own the churches, many who belong to them are Christian in name only. They have only a religious relationship with God. Their real relationship is with their religion and their church. God is distant to them. They go to these things we call church because it makes them feel righteous. They have performed their religious duty. This gives them a false assurance of salvation. Church leaders foster this sense of false assurance of salvation by making people feel they are okay because they attend and support their church. People are made to feel guilty when they do not.

Dennis Loewen wrote me:

Years ago I heard a tape by Leonard Ravenhill. He told of having lunch with a pastor who was one of the recognized national leaders of the American church. He asked the question, "When will the church start ministering the salvation found in Jesus Christ?" The pastor replied, "We are ministering salvation!" Ravenhill disagreed, "No, you are ministering the assurance of salvation."

Ravenhill had it right. "Assurance" is being dispensed weekly for an hour's attendance and a few dollars in the collection plate. This, by far, is the main product being sold by the present-day church. This is their bread and butter, and nobody better mess with it.

Had Jesus only cleansed the Temple of the selling of merchandise (our present-day Jesus junk, the equivalent), it would have made them mad. However, His ministry threatened to take away their main and most profitable product--that the people had to achieve rightness with God by coming to the Temple.

Jesus capsulated this message to the woman at the well. John 4:20-24. He told her that the hour comes when men will no longer have to go to Jerusalem to worship the Father. We have all seen the ugly jealousy of the modern churches in guarding their self-proclaimed commission as the modern Temple where people have to come to be "right." When the Jews saw and heard Jesus, they knew their scheme was over, so they had to kill Him.

So it is with this message. If we speak against the lesser physical and materialistic implications of the modern shameless merchandising of the gospel, we'll make some enemies and maybe even a few friends. But, if we speak to the spiritual root, look out, because most churches are dispensing assurance, and teaching that their organization is the place to receive it.

Jesus promised we would be hated and despised for the sake of the gospel. He knew the world would not be the main threat any more than it was for Him, but that our enemies would kill us thinking they are doing God a service.

American Christianity is no less apostate than the Babylonian (Talmud) mess Jesus encountered in

Jerusalem. It's undeniable. Churches are doing a brisk business in the souls of men dispensing the assurance of salvation and making the process so easy that nobody has a chance to become poor in spirit or mourn for their sins. Paul said, "It is with much tribulation we enter" (Acts 14:22) and "without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness." 1 Tim. 3:16.

When we get into their faces and tell them they can no longer deceive the people with this false assurance of salvation, all of the promises of Jesus about being a persecuted disciple will be made manifest.

Of all of these ways in which we practice witchcraft in the churches--self-aggrandizement, hidden agendas, appeals for money, rage, flattery, possessiveness, hype, performance, and false assurance of salvation--legalism is by far the more cunning enemy to the body of Christ.

Footnotes
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For the rest of Charles' book go to www.meatindueseason.org

What Is Really Going On

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This past week a reader wrote in and expressed astonishment at the level and nature of the accusations coming out against the Lakeland Outpouring. They wrote that some of what is being said is really over the top, even outright lies.

So what is really going on to produce such a surge of criticism? To put it briefly,
The Devil is Hoppin' Mad, that's what.

This year the Jewish Passover took place on April 20, 2008. This was also the time when a major event took place in the heavenlies.

Now many writers are speaking of the church turning a corner, entering a new phase or era, or making a great transition. Here are a couple for example. There are many others.
Lakeland - Transition Church Age To Kingdom Age Clay Sikes Jun 17, 2008

The Kingdom Age The Fulfillment Of The Church Kriston Couchey July 20, 2008

Lakeland And His Kingdom Deborah Cozzetti 05/27/08

In his article posted on the Day of Passover, Revival And Healing In Florida Todd Bentley 04/20/08, Todd had this to say.

> Written April 16, 2008
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> Dear Friends,
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> As I write this, just two hours ago at 2pm, the Glory fell on me; I've been weeping and praying about what is happening here in Florida. I honestly have never felt such a manifest presence. People are saying they feel the glory 10 miles away from the meetings, it's that tangible.

Bentley also made reference to a Prophetic Word Spoken over Todd Bentley and the Nations by Rob DeLuca of New Zealand from March 8, 2008. Rob said about Todd:

> I see something BIG in Florida. Then I saw the Lord turning you into a human nail, you know, like a spike nail. I saw the hand of God, I saw the Father hit this hammer and it hit you and it went straight into the ground of Florida. I saw a scroll attached to this nail and it said, "**The Kingdom of God has now come."**

In another posting on the same day, River of Fire being Released Christine Beadsworth wrote this:

> Apr 18, 2008
> Dear saints
> Recently, in worship, I saw a river approaching very fast and it was burning with fire. The outpouring is one of both fire and Spirit-empowered water of the Word in a way never before seen in church as we know it.

She went on to say:

> While watching the meeting on 17th April via the internet (www.freshfire.ca) in Lakeland, Florida with evangelist Todd Bentley, the Spirit of the Lord spoke a message through me to the Body of Christ and His Bride. **He is doing a new thing in the earth**. We have not experienced this before. Rivers are springing up in the desert, deep hidden reserves of the **revelation of Christ** and His glory are being released from within the Rock and **the latter rain is being released** from heaven simultaneously.

She also gave a spoken prophecy that was posted the following week. River Of Fire Christine Beadsworth 04/28/08, which said:

> April 17, 2008
> (This is pertaining to the revival that's happening in FL via Todd Bentley) The Lord says, you call this revival and you call this a new visitation but I say unto you**, this is not a visitation, this is habitation**! For I the Lord, will dwell in the midst of My people and I shall be a wall of fire round about her and I shall be the glory in the midst of her for I have come on the throne of My glory with My many angels and I am separating the sheep from the goats, says the Lord, and for those who are the sheep who have followed My voice and who know Me. I say to you, **inherit the kingdom** that was prepared for you from before the foundation of the world

Then in May, Christine wrote the following.

> ## Witness For The Prosecution?
> ## Christine Beadsworth
> May 15, 2008
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> > *Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
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> When the accuser of the brethren is cast down, the kingdom of God comes on the scene in power. This verse tells us that Satan accuses the brethren day and night before the throne. The only way he is able to do that is by finding someone in the Body who is willing to voice his accusation.
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> It is time for the unmasking of the accuser of the brethren in the midst of the Body of Christ. He is not wearing horns and a forked tail. He is dressed in the most respectable religious garment and is often heard at prayer meetings saying “thank you Lord that I am not like other men…” He is always praying ‘them versus us’ kind of prayers, pointing fingers at sectors of the Body that are in some way spiritually inferior. Are you willing to cast him down?

Then on July 9 came a very interesting revelation via Mitt Jeffords.

Lakeland - 7 Seals - The Revelation of Jesus Christ Mitt Jeffords 07/09/08

Mitt went to Lakeland to see for himself what was happening. Here are a couple quotes from his article.

> Once I arrived back from Lakeland, I began to seek and ask the Lord for understanding of this dream, and why did he give it to me in Lakeland. The first thing the Lord said to me was this: “**Judgment has now begun in the house of the Lord**”. I then said: “Judgment? What kind of judgment?” In the three days that I was there in Lakeland, and in the many times that I had watched this revival on God TV since, I did not see or perceive that I was witnessing anything that resembled what I would call “the judgment of the Lord”. Then the Lord said, “Where are my prophets and my apostles who understand judgment, seeing that this is the hour that I have appointed to judge the house of God? This is the hour that my people, from the least to the greatest, are going to be judged on how they see and on what they have believed concerning me; for this is the hour of the “**Revelation of Jesus Christ**”; the revelation that is going to judge my church. Do you see me? Do you know me? Do you believe on me? Have you seen me in Lakeland?
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> This is the hour of fear and dread; for **this is the hour that Satan and all his demons have feared and dreaded** since the beginning. Satan and his demons have known from the beginning that their kingdom would only be allowed to continue in this fallen world until I returned in the fullness of the glory of my Father’s love; that which the revelation of Jesus Christ

> is bringing on earth. This is the hour that the revelation of Jesus Christ is going to judge the kingdom of Darkness, to destroy it. This is the hour that the Darkness of all vanity and lies is going to be revealed by the Light. This is the hour that many will run from my face rather than repent. I tell you that **my people may not yet fully understand and comprehend what has started in Lakeland, but Satan and his demons certainly do**. **It is for this reason that Satan has now been stirred up to come forth against the inhabitants of the earth with wrath, and against the saints to conquer them with deceitful lies.** That which I have begun in Lakeland is not just a healing outpouring and neither is it just a revival, but **this is the opening of the first of the seven seals**, that which will begin to finish the victory that started when my Father's love sent me into this world. **The revelation of Jesus Christ brings forth the revelation of God; and the revelation of God brings forth the kingdom of God; and the kingdom of God brings forth the demise and end of the kingdom of this fallen world.** Just as light brings forth a demise of the darkness, so also does "seeing" bring forth the demise of blindness, and so also will righteousness bring forth an end to sin. Blessed are all those who will see me, receive me, and believe on me in this hour, for they shall be filled with the glorious revelation of Jesus Christ. Woe to those who see, then reject and scorn the revelation of Father's love that has now begun, for they shall be filled with same fear and dread as their father the Devil is filled with.

All of these articles and prophecies mention several themes that are closely related. The Revelation of Jesus Christ, the Latter Rain, The Kingdom of God and so on.
Notice that Rob DeLucca mentioned **"The Kingdom of God has now come."** This is just what is said in the verse Christine quoted

> *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come** salvation, and strength, and **the kingdom of our God**, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

This puts us squarely in the middle of the Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ. Lets look at the rest of that chapter.

> *Revelation 12:10-17*
> *10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*
> *11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*
> *12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the **devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time**.*
> *13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.*
> *14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.*
> *15 And the **serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood** after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*
> *16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.*
> *17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

So what is happening now is seen in verse 12.

> *Revelation 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*

Saying the devil is having great wrath is the same as saying he is hoppin' mad. So what does he do? Check out verse 15.

> *Revelation 12:15 And the serpent* ***cast out of his mouth water as a flood*** *after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.*

Now remember any thing that comes out of Satan's mouth is going to be a lie. So what is really going on is that he is casting out of his mouth a flood of lies, accusations and slander.

Now it seems that there are some who have issues with Todd Bentley.
Or there are some who have issues with Todd and his mentors Patricia King and Bob Jones.
Then there are some who also have problems with the apostolic elders who have endorsed Todd; Peter Wagner, Bill Johnson, John Arnott, and Che Ahn.
Of Course there are some who have issues with the entire prophetic movement.
And some have issues with the entire Charismatic movement.
Some have a problem with the complete Pentecostal movement.
Others have issues with the whole evangelical movement.
Some have a problem with the protestant reformation.
Some have issues with all of Christianity; Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and whatever else.
Others have problems with all of the Judaeo-Christian culture; Judaism and Christianity.
And some have issues with all of humanity. This goes back to Genesis 1 when God said this:

> *Genesis 1:26 And God said,* ***Let us make man in our image****, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*

So it's no wonder that these same have issues with healing the sick, raising the dead, cleansing the leper and casting out devils.

Starting with Todd Bentley, we have traced back an ever widening group till we see all the human race, with good old Todd at the point of the spear. This means the Todd is God's point man of the hour. And just as in actual ground combat, the point man is the one out front taking the hits. Initials TB could well stand for 'Targeted Big-Time.' Then good old Todd needs prayer covering, big time.

So let us agree with the word of God, that *the accuser of our brethren is cast down.*

> *Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

Wolves In Sheep's Clothing

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Recognizing a false teacher by specific characteristics
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I am not one to see a legion in every pig or a snake in every garden. But through studying the Word of God and observing many modern preachers I can boldly declare in the full confidence and blessing of God that there are wolves disguised as sheep amongst our flocks!

Though there are many wolves in the woods and fields of secularism and false religions, I am afraid that there are some who have wandered out of those territories looking for food and have entered into our own pastures.

False teachers can be distinctly defined because their characteristics are obvious enough and are clearly outlined in scripture. Yet it seems that so few believers recognize them in these modern times. The True Shepherd spoke much on this issue, yet it seems to be a greatly neglected subject today as though our generation is exempt and our Churches are not in any danger of false teachers.

Many Churches have let down the walls of discernment and thus become spiritually broken down cities being trampled upon by the enemy. Our hearts must become as Jeremiahs who said "My heart within me is broken because of the prophets". (Jer 23:9).

Every single minister must be measured by the Word of God and not by their degrees or popularity. No minister should be exempt from this. No other tool can adequately measure a minister then the Holy Scriptures. We should be so familiar with the truth that when false teaching and false teachers are seen and heard by us they will stick out as black sheep and be automatically recognized. If we do not know the Word of God we will not recognize the lies of Satan. Many modern ministers would certainly be in big trouble if those in the pews actually started reading their Bibles as they should.

Ezekiel's ministry was sure not to be a popular one when he was told to "prophecy against the prophets...who prophesy out of their own hearts." (Ez 13:2). It's time that we also risk our reputations and "prophecy against the prophets" that appear to be helping the body of Christ, but when in actuality they are gravely hurting the body of Christ. This is not a "naming names" article - there would be too many names to name, but it clearly reveals scriptural characteristics to equip every Christian to individually examine ministers.

While working on this message I awoke in the middle of the night after tossing, turning, and even sweating under the fear and torment of the thought that I myself was a heretic for writing a message such as this. Then I realized that this overwhelming fear was the handiwork of the accuser. I began to rest in the fact that all the points made are backed up by the truth of the Word. It is my hope and prayer that this message hits the devil hard and that it becomes a thorn in his side.

Their appearance:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." (Matt 7:15)

"Oh I'm not too worried about false prophets. I'm sure I'll recognize them when I see them" someone might think to themselves. You don't know the nature of deception. Recognizing false teachers is not easily done, considering that they have the appearance of being sheep.

The mission of a deceiver is to deceive. Deceivers will not always appear deceptive, or else they would never be able to deceive anyone. Their lies will always be disguised as truth. Beware because their charm will be enticing and their glamour blinding for those who refuse to be discerning.

The neighbors of caught serial killers always say "I just can't believe that he could commit such a horrendous act. I knew him personally; he was such a nice guy." Likewise when a nice, friendly, commercial smiley preacher teaches doctrines which are contrary to the Word of God, his followers defend him by saying "Oh but he's just so sincere and genuine." Be careful.

Appearance can be quite deceiving. "Never judge a book by its cover" and never judge a man by his outward appearance. (John 7:24). He may look like a fellow believer outwardly, but inwardly he is a wolf who is out for himself and not for the flock. Often they will look better and more successful than everyone else, portraying the image that everyone would want to be like. Their grass many look greener and their water clearer, but they are poisoned with lies and seasoned with deceit.

Their reputation:

"Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Lu 6:26)

It would seem that the very ones that the earth respects and adores are the very ones that Heaven rejects and abhors. You must always be cautious when you hear men highly singing the praises of a certain minister and telling you how wonderful he truly is. There is a problem if all men speak well of him. It seems to be often that those whom everyone speaks nasty of are the ones that I find uncompromisingly preaching the Word of God. The top concern of a false teacher is to please man while the interest of a true and faithful witness is to please God. Those who please man often do not please God, and those who please God often do not please man.

The popular minister is not like Christ who was thrown out of the synagogues, who even foretold to those who follow Him "They will put you out of the synagogues" as well. (John 16:2). All of God's greatest men have been some of the most hated men. Martin Luther who started the Protestant movement, John Wesley and George Whitefield who founded early Methodism and sparked some of the great revivals of history, William & Catherine Booth who formed and led the Salvation Army - were all people who were kicked out of the established Church of their day. If a "good" name or a "good" reputation automatically meant a good preacher, then what about the early Church that was "spoken against everywhere"? (Acts 28:22)

Consider the perception of the people who observed both Jeremiah and the false prophets. While Jeremiah shouted "violence and plunder" (Jer 20:8), the false prophets gently spoke of "peace, peace". (Jer 6:14). How odd, how strange, how abrasive, Jeremiah must have appeared to the onlookers. He was wrongly thought of as being negative, condemning, and judgmental compared to the easy, tolerant, smooth talking prophets of his day. Jeremiahs spoke the words that shattered like a hammer.

The false prophets spoke soft words that couldn't prick even the strongest conscience. Their messages may drip honey and their words are smoother then oil but their feet go down to death and their doctrines lay hold of hell.

I am thoroughly convinced that a minister will be rejected by Heaven if he is accepted by the world, "for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?

(2Co 6:14) I can not think of a single minister of God in the New Testament that got along with the world. Most of them ended up being martyred. Those who get along with the world must not be getting along with the God who the world has rejected. A false teacher will be allowed to preach even on the vilest of TV channels.

You can expect to find their books even in secular stores and hear their messages of "How to never be hurt again" and "Walking in the anointing of wealth" on secular channels like I have seen. A false teacher will have the stamp of approval of the devil, the stamp of approval of the world, but will not have the stamp of approval of Heaven. The only thing Heaven will stamp on them will be the words "Depart".

The false teachers will reign high and lifted up on the mountains of acceptance while the true and faithful are forced into the desert of rejection, soon to be imprisoned and beheaded. Even the most bizarre "prophetic" words are being well received while the foundational and biblical message of "repent" is entirely neglected and largely ignored. Rather then being salt we have many candy-land preachers who are serving the never-satisfied bellies of men. "The prophets prophecy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and my people love to have it so." (Jer 5:31).

Their message:

"For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, Saying, Peace, peace! When there is no peace" (Jer. 8:11, Eze 13:16)

Jeremiah's message and the message of the other prophets stand in sharp contrast. As Jeremiah shouted his message of "violence and plunder" for Israel if they didn't repent and turn back to God, the other prophets came with a message of peace and prosperity for the wicked and backslidden nation. They became very popular. They gave false hope and false peace... They make those who are in terrible danger of hell feel as though they were in secure safety on a cruise ship to Heaven.

The refreshment which they give is a delusion and the comfort they give is imaginary. They will prophecy lies and deceit to sooth those who are on their way to eternal destruction.

In David Kirkwoods book called "The Great Gospel Deception" he wrote, "Of course, no teacher in the church is going to stand up and declare that what he is teaching is contrary to the New Testament. Rather, he will neglect certain important scriptures and twist others to persuade his constituency that he is teaching the truth."

The deceptive part is that they will appear to be preaching grace, but it's another grace. They appear to be preaching the gospel, but it's another gospel. They appear to be preaching Christ, but it's another Christ. The subtlety is so deceptive that few are able to make the distinction.

A false teacher will tell his people whatever it is that they want to hear. They will play the chameleon and will always be politically correct. They avoid any truth, no matter how important, that could be controversial or could rock the boat. They are peace-keepers, not peace-makers. Their messages keep the peace between themselves and men rather then creating peace between men and God. Their messages are always pleasant and easy to swallow, intentionally avoiding the heavy and hard Scriptures in the Bible.

A false teacher goes with the crowd. God's men, more often then not, go against it! A great preacher once said "heresy is highly exalting one biblical truth over the rest, so that other biblical truths become neglected.

"False teachers speak only of blessing, prosperity, and the favor of God but will not touch on Gods righteous wrath or His holy indignation. They promise an easy life, Christ promises a crucified life. They serve the flesh as opposed to serving The Spirit. They appeal to the greedy heart of man as opposed to the conscience.

The days in which Paul warned about are devastatingly upon us, though few seem to recognize it. "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. " (2 Ti 4:3-4).

Their messages will manipulate Scriptures to mean the exact opposite of what it was originally for. "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap" (Gal 6:7) is often used when a preacher is begging for money. However in context this particular scripture has nothing to do with money but everything to do with death and life.

The following verse says: "For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." (Gal 6:8). Whatever happened to freely giving and expecting nothing back? Modern preachers will teach "give and expect your blessing back!" Giving to get is greedy giving.

How many of these hot-shot prosperity preachers can say with the great Apostle Paul, "To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed, and beaten, and homeless"? (1 Cor 4:11)

So rather then preaching life eternal, many are preaching life enhancement. Rather then preaching deliverance from sin and hell, they preach deliverance from suffering and hurt. Ray Comfort wrote "The modern gospel has degenerated into means of happiness, rather than one of righteousness."

Their audience:

"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many." (Mt 24:11)

The pulpit-less street corner preachers are often viewed as being false preachers while those with large mega churches are thought of as having "the blessing and anointing of God". This again is judging by outward appearance and by the worldly standard of success as opposed to judging the content of their message by the Scriptures. If John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, or Jesus Christ came preaching on the hill top, or the Apostle Paul came preaching in the market place, I wonder what modern Christianity would think of them? It says that "many" false teachers will "deceive many". This means that they will have many followers, even enough to fill a mega-Church. If we measure a man's anointing or the blessing of God on a ministry by how many people believe in the message and the messenger, then the false prophets in the Old Testament would be from God and men like Jeremiah would be considered a liar.

"For false christ's and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." (Mr 13:22) A false teacher will deceive both the sinful and the uneducated. Their audience will be made up of both sinners and saints. They appeal to the sinner because sinners never are made to feel bad about their lifestyles, but rather are given false hope and false peace.

They appeal to the saint because they appear to be the real deal; they are wearing sheep's clothing though they are wolves. "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light." (2 Cor 11:13-14) May this ring in our ears and sting in our hearts!

Their Motive:

"Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?" (Ezekiel 34:2)

A false teacher has an eye on people's bank accounts while a true preacher has his eyes on eternity.

False teachers may have the appearance of loving people, yet they are truly only concerned about themselves to further and enhance their own processions and careers. They feed themselves when they need to be feeding the flocks. They skin the sheep alive to clothe themselves, leaving the sheep beaten, battered, and bloody to die. Paul was "poor, yet making many rich" (2 Co 6:10) while these men are rich by making many poor! With their manipulating words and twisting of scriptures they ransack and plunder the pockets of unsuspecting people to line their own.

Leonard Ravenhill wrote: "Preachers who have homes and cottages by the lake, a boat on that lake, and a big bank balance, still beg for more...These dear, doll-like preachers-boys no longer change their suits once a day, but two or three times a day. They preach the Jesus of the stables, but themselves live in swank hotels. For their own lusts they bleed the audience financially in the name of the One who had to borrow a penny to illustrate His sermon. They wear expensive Hollywood suits in honor of One who wore a peasant's robe... How fearful will all this be in the judgment morning?"

A true preacher speaks for God while a false preacher speaks for himself. "There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof." (Ezekiel 22:25). The ingredients that make up their ministries are: greed, covetousness, jealousy, lies, and selfishness. Because they are self seeking and self serving, their followers are the same.

A false teacher may preach a message saturated with truth, but it will be seasoned with lies. They will use the Bible and speak the name of Christ. Their Christian language will be the same as ours, and that is their deception. Even the devil lies with half truths!

These men may encourage people to go after God, but will not convict people of their sin. A preacher is "to exhort and convict those who contradict." (1 Tim 1:9). They never warn people that their sin is destructive to their life, deadly to their soul, and disgusting to a Holy God. A watchman that does not blow the trumpet when the sword is coming must either be sleeping or not love the city!

Their results:

"And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?" (Lu 6:39)

The sad truth is that many modern preachers are empty wells, spoiled milk, and broken bridges. They are captives who promise freedom, slaves who guarantee liberty. "Both prophet and priest are profane; yes, in my house I have found their wickedness' says the Lord." (Jer 23:11) They have a reputation among men for being alive but are just as dead in their sins as the worst of men in the eyes of God.

If they were of God, they would be like God. If they walked with Jesus, they would preach like Jesus. A false teacher will give birth to false converts. "But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings." (Jer 23:22).

They will never, or rarely, speak on the anger and wrath of God because they risks becoming unpopular, so those who sit under these men feel that God accepts them just as they are, and that there is no need for repentance. Many today are being sold forgiveness but not at the cost of repentance. They are promised Heaven yet without holiness. Men need medicine but are receiving candy. "Because with lies you have made the heart of the righteous sad, whom I have not made sad; and you have strengthened the hands of the wicked, so that he does not turn from his wicked way to save his life." (Ezekiel 13:22).

A false teacher will turn the grace of God into licentiousness by teaching that God came to save men in their sin, not from their sin.

"For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ." (Jude 1:4). These men ultimately say "Enjoy your sin and enjoy Jesus too". This is the old destructive lie which says Jesus can be your Savior but doesn't have to be your Lord; God is pleased with you even in disobedience. This truly is the modern heresy which has inebriated many. This is the despicable message of freedom to sin rather then freedom from sin. They speak death disguised as life. They lead to bondage cloaked as freedom.

A true shepherd will lead the flock to the pastures of God's word for nourishment, yet these shepherds lead the flock to the slaughter house of false doctrine. A true preacher will lead people to rivers of eternal life to freely drink. Martin Luther wrote: "Those who preach something else than the gospel... may indeed praise themselves ten times with the name of the Apostles, adorn themselves with the name and title of the Christian Church, and even raise the dead.

Actually they are horrible wolves and murderers that do not spare the flock of Christ, but scatter, torture, and slaughter it."

The Answer

"But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry" (2 Tim 4:5).

It was as if Paul was saying "yes, men are preaching lies and will continue to deceive the multitudes. But as for you, preach the truth".

We can constantly judge and condemn other ministries, or we can have ministries of our own. It is the truth that will prevail against lies!

David Wilkerson said "We are in a famine in this land. A famine of hearing the Word of the Lord and it's going to get worse, it's going to rage, and many are going to starve spiritually and fall by the wayside on the right and on the left...Name me one Jeremiah type preacher on television. Name me one man who stands unashamedly, not afraid of his income, not afraid of anything!

Name one in the media now who's standing up like Jeremiah or John the Baptist! Where are they? Where are the voices? ...The pulpit was meant to be a burning bush, where a fire was never to go out. And the man who stood in that sacred pulpit is suppose to be a man shut in with God, a man who waits on God, in God's presence until he hears the Word of the Lord, until he hears from the throne of God. And he comes out before the people with the mind of God. He's to speak with plainness the Scriptures said, his speech not in the wisdom of man. He's to speak with spiritual authority. He's to be absolutely fearless. He's to name sin. He's to be the voice of the living God in these last days! This is a burning bush!"

If you want to be a true and faithful witness, you must seek to serve the glory of God and not the glory of yourself. You must be out to expand the Kingdom of God and not to expand your own wallet with earthly treasure that will perish anyway. You must be a salty preacher causing mouths to thirst for righteousness and cuts to burn with conviction.

Vance Havner said "God's preacher is not popular...The King sent Micaiah to prison with hard fare prescribed, bread and water of affliction. True prophets are not always rewarded with an increase in salary and a Church downtown. Many of God's Micaiahs still eat his fare."

To answer the well known question of, "Can't we all just get along?" The answer is no. The only way that the world will accept you is if you accept the world. Christ came to cause division. (Matt 10:34). We must be completely for Christ, we can not have any side loyalties to the world. If you want to follow in the way of the Master, kiss the world good-bye!

Throw reputation out the window for the sake of the truth. Endure afflictions, overcome any hardship; persevere through any tribulation to recover even one sheep that has wandered off. Count it a blessing and a joy when you are hated, rejected, spoken badly of, persecuted, and even killed. Live your life with your heart for God's glory. Even if people do not care for you or your message, care for people and their souls. So then, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

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Who IS the 5-Fold Ministry?

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There are many teachings on the order of the Lord, especially relating to the 5-fold ministry. In my deep desire for truth, which can only come from the Spirit of Truth, I have sought the Lord regarding this subject. In doing so, I had to lay down all the various teachings, including my own concepts/ideas and seek the Lord anew.

I sincerely respect and honor the Lord's ordinance, which is what made me want to understand it so, but according to the ways of the Lord. To know that the Lord truly does have an ordinance, that is to be honored, yet see how much this so called 'order of the Lord' has deeply wounded so many, can truly cause one to stay before the Lord for some serious answers. In doing so, I would humbly like to share what the Lord has been teaching me regarding the 5-fold ministry. (Note: emphasis on any Scriptures are my own)

Jesus IS the 5-Fold Ministry!!!

All ministries come from Jesus! He is the Head of HIS body and all functions within leadership are to be recognized, in as much as they follow Christ, Who is the Leader. Paul even said, "that people should follow him inasmuch as he was following Christ." It wasn't due to his title, status or position. The only position we truly should acknowledge is our position IN CHRIST.

Jesus said unto him, "Let the dead bury their dead; but you go and preach the Kingdom of God. (Luke 9:60)

And daily in the temple and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. (Acts 5:42)

For we PREACH NOT OURSELVES, but CHRIST JESUS the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus’ sake. (2 Cor. 4:5)

Everything points us back to Christ. The only message that was preached drawing many to the Lord was "Jesus and the Kingdom of God." That was the message. We are to preach Jesus and His kingdom, not ourselves. I have read and heard more teaching on where leadership fits in the church then I have on Christ and His church.

I have been in this very discussion numerous times and each time I try to take the message back to Christ, they ignore it, continually going back to sharing on the place of leadership in the church. It simply grieves my heart.

I love the way Graham Cooke describes the 'function' of the 5-fold ministry...As Midwives. Following are a few other comments that he made, which I believe worthy of sharing:

"If we are wedded more to the structure than we are to the Lord, then we have made an idol of what we have produced. It will have to come down, for God will be against it! Anything that prevents God from moving amongst His people will be overthrown by the Holy Spirit. This happens when God demonstrates through willing people all that He wants to do and be to His bride. Sadly, these are the very people that are labeled disruptive, unteachable, and rebellious." (Graham Cooke)

"It is clear that the Lord is doing a new thing; He is presenting the Church with more new wineskins." When the Lord says "new," He means exactly that...NEW! When He declares an end to one thing and the beginning of a new order, He is deadly serious. (Graham Cooke)

"The biggest danger to the new move of God is the last move is still working! God obeys His own word. He turns His back on the old things and begins to look and speak into the new thing. The three most maligned people groups in the Church are...prophetic people, intercessors and worshippers. They will be the ones that will immediately cross that line and stand under the smile of God. They have to be where God is looking at and speaking into." (Graham Cooke)

"If we fail to reposition ourselves before the Lord, we will water down the challenge of the new word to make it compatible with what we have already received in times past." (Graham Cooke)

"If we fail to move, then our capacity to understand what God is saying and doing is diminished. Staying on the side of the line with the 'former' things will put us at a disadvantage in receiving the new things that God is releasing." (Graham Cooke)

As I read the comments Graham Cooke made, they fit right in to what the Lord is teaching me. Those of us that have been called out of the "corrupt" church system are seeking truth as the Lord reveals it, not as man perceives truth to be. I recall when I left the system several years ago, that Truth was all I cried out to the Lord for.

Jesus said, "I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE! No one comes to the Father, except through ME." (John 14:6) Jesus is Truth! The Holy Spirit always leads us back to Christ, who is the Mediator of the New Covenant. We are now under the 'Law of Christ.'

The Holy Spirit of Truth is Who leads us to ALL TRUTH and Jesus said, that "He is the Truth." Therefore, the Spirit of Truth leads us to Jesus. We are seeking the Way, which is found only in Jesus, Who is The Way.

You never truly realize just what really rely on, including the church, fellowship with other believers, money, etc., until the Lord removes it from your life. Then, you come to know what your true dependence has been in. The Lord wants first place in our lives in everything.

Each member of the body is just as important as those called to the 5-fold ministry. When we truly fear the Lord and recognize the anointing He places on a life, no matter where it fits in the body of Christ, then we will want to recognize each one according to that anointing. Those in leadership will not attempt to touch "any area" the Lord placed on another within the body.

We are only going to be fit together as one body, as each part DOES what they are anointed to do and not what man thinks they are to do. This gives honor to the Lord, Who alone does the anointing.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into HIM in all things, which IS the HEAD, [even] Christ: from Whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, ACCORDING to the effective working by which EVERY PART DOES ITS SHARE, CAUSES GROWTH OF THE BODY for the edifying of itself in love. (Eph. 4:5-6)

As we come to fear the Lord and truly come under His authority as Head of His body, we will begin to understand the ways of the Lord in respect to His ordinance. I really learned a lot from the following Scripture by what king David said, when they were taking the Ark to Jerusalem.

"For because you (priests and Levites) did not do it (carry the Ark of the Lord) the first time, the Lord our God broke out against us, because we did not consult HIM about the proper order (ordinance)." (I Cor.15:13)

They did not CONSULT THE LORD about the proper order. This is the king of Israel that ruled according to the Word of the Lord. David was anointed "by the Lord" to be king, but he feared the Lord so much that he wanted ALL things done in the order "of the Lord." He too was to submit to a proper order, which meant that he did not assume all the important functions as his own. He gave honor to ALL those that the Lord had chosen to anoint in a particular role.

It is not the place of the king to decide a matter, but the Lord's alone. All areas within the body are to be respected as unto the Lord within His body. David did not usurp the place of the priests simply because he was the king; nor did he choose the priest, but he knew to consult the Lord, having the Lord decide all that pertains to His Kingdom.

The following Scriptures are another example regarding another king of Israel:

But when he (Uzziah) was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. So, Azariah the priest went in after him and with him were eighty priests of the Lord -- valiant men. And they withstood king Uzziah and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have transgressed! You shall have no honor from the Lord God." Then Uzziah became furious; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar. (II Chron. 26:16)

Now, the Lord raises up men/women anointed to 'function' within (not over) the body as leaders. Yet, all was to be done as unto the Lord. Anything that we do in the Name of Jesus is to be done in the "Character of Christ."

There are many teachings on the subject of 'resisting those in leadership.' However, upon reading Scriptures relating to the New Testament church, you will find that when others did not listen to the words of those "anointed" to function in a leadership role (apostles, prophets, teachers, etc.), they were rebuked for 'resisting the Holy Spirit,' not man or leadership.

The Lord told the prophets that it was not them that were being rejected, but it was the LORD the people were rejecting and HIS Word.

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, right before being stoned said, "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT; as your fathers did, so do you." (Acts 7:51)

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied TO THE HOLY SPIRIT and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? (Acts 5:3)

Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to GOD. And he was eaten by worms and died. (Acts 12:23)

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption--that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory IN THE LORD." (I Cor. 1:30-32)

Thus says the Lord, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, that understand and knows ME, that I Am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD. (Jer. 9:23-24)

For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to Whom be glory forever. Amen! (Rom. 11:36)

The Lord is looking for a place that He can lay His Head. We must come to a place of knowing God and His ways, honoring Him in every area of the body. We must know and understand that He is God, there is NO other and He is ALWAYS in control.

As we come to fear the Lord in a holy reverent fear, then no man will attempt to do as Uzzah did when he put forth his hand (strength) attempting to steady the Ark of the Lord. All that the Lord does cannot be touched by man. As we truly recognize and give the Lord ALL GLORY and HONOR due Him, in ALL things, we will be humbled, knowing that the entire body of Christ functions only because of HIM and through HIM...as THE HEAD of HIS body.

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What Is The Image Of My Son?
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> *9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Col. 3*
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> *Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. I Cor. 13:12*

"I tell you, my Son gave his life as a ransom for all. He paid the price so that you would not have to. He lived His life and gave it up for all. But I ask you, what are you doing with what He did for you? Have you accepted the fact that He died and rose again? If you accepted the fact that He died and rose again, then you would know that you will be raised up. In the coming ages, my sons and daughters will sit as judges in my kingdom. In this life you will have many trials and tribulations, but I will see you through them. "

"I am working on the perfecting of the saints. I am bringing them unto myself so that they would be changed into the image of my Son. It all about being changed from glory unto glory. If you don't come unto Me then you will be changed into the image of the enemy. What is the image that you would want to remain? You look in the mirror each and every day and you see the appearance of your features. But what is the image that you portray unto others? "

"What is the image of my Son? Do you see Him as just the meek and mild Jesus? Do you not know that He is coming back with a sword to judge the world? His appearance will be like the sun and the lightning. Do you know Him as the true and faithful judge? Truly, He is coming back to judge the world, but I tell you that judgment has begun. You have seen the judgment in terms of the wind and other catastrophic events, but you will see it as nations topple. You have entered into a season of divine judgment. You have entered into a season when many will scoff at my name. This is the season when many will wring their hands in fear. For the safety net has been taken away from your country. I tell you, is this the image of the meek and mild Jesus? But I tell you that judgment has come, so that you might come to Me. "

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What Is The Latter Rain Anyway

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> *Isaiah 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*
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> *John 16:24-25*
> *24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.*
> *25 These things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.*

What is the Latter Rain?

Briefly, the Latter Rain is the Holy Spirit coming down, without measure, on God's people in the end times just preceding the Harvest.

The great Pentecostal Movement or revival began in 1901. There have been three teachings or doctrines closely connected with this movement. They are known as the Latter Rain, the Manchild, and the Manifested Sons teachings. Some refer to these as Pentecostal Theology.

We have focused on the Manchild at ETPV lately. Now I want to look at the Latter Rain. I have written a lot about it already, and believe it is more comprehensive and foundational. Later we'll look at the Manifested Sons.

I considered doing a study giving the historical background and development of these teachings. But as I looked into it, most of the material I found was hostile, and confusing. Many sources in the internet consider these teachings to be among the blackest of heresies. While there is some interesting writing available on these topics, making sense of it all was just confusing. So we are just going to look at what the Bible says, and share as the Holy Spirit has given us understanding.

The Harvest

> *Matthew 13:39 … the harvest is the end of the world; ….*

The first mention of Harvest is found in Genesis.

> *Genesis 1:11-13*
> *11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*
> *12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.*
> *13 And the evening and the morning were the third day.*

The Last mention is in Revelation 14.

> *Revelation 14:15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe.*

Hebrew definitions from Strongs show the former rain to mean the autumn showers and the latter rain to be the spring rains. Also the spring harvests are connected with the spring feasts. Passover is the time of Barley harvest and Pentecost is the time of the wheat harvest.

So the idea of latter rain is connected to the harvest as it comes later in the Jewish secular year. It is also linked to the idea of the latter days. Strongs gives last days or end days as synonyms.

To sum this up, the Lord is using a figure of speech here. There is a comparison or analogy between the agricultural harvest and the spiritual harvest. Just as liter rainfall of water is needed for crops to ripen and be ready to harvest, so there is a need for a full pouring out of the Holy Spirit for harvest of souls to be made ready. So any place where the latter rain is mentioned in the bible has a spiritual application to the end time harvest of souls.

First let’s look at the scriptures which directly mention latter rain.

> *Deuteronomy 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

The Latter Rain enables the harvest.
Here we note first of all that the rain comes in a due season. Secondly the Rain makes it possible to gather in the crops. And thirdly they are said to be corn, wine and oil. The Corn the Oil and the Wine are mentioned together in 18 old testament verses. In other verses, bread of wheat occurs instead of corn which can mean any kind of grain. There is a spiritual meaning to each of these. The clue is found in Psalm 104.

> *Psalms 104:15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.*

Oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The application of oil is anointing and forms the meaning of Messiah or Christ, The Anointed. Wine that makes us glad, speaks of the Joy of the Lord. And bread, made from grain, speaks of the word of God, the Lord Jesus who is the bread come down from heaven. So our quote from Deuteronomy 11 is telling us that God will provide us the Joy of the Lord, The Word of the Lord, and the Power [anointing] of the Lord in our harvest time.

> *Job 29:23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.*

The Latter Rain is **the promise of the Father**, that all the nations will be blessed.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Here God is telling us that to wait on the Lord is to wait on the Latter Rain, which is to say, **He is the Latter Rain**.

> *Proverbs 16:15 In the light of the king's countenance is life; and his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.*

Here God is saying **the Latter Rain is having favor with God**, and having his face to shine on us bringing life.

Repentance is required.

> *Jeremiah 3:1-4*
> *1 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? but thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.*

> *2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with. In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.*
> *3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no* ***latter rain****; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.*
> *4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?*

Here God is saying that without repentance there will be no latter rain.

> *Jeremiah 5:24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now* ***fear the LORD*** *our God, that* ***giveth*** *rain, both the former and the latter, in his season: he reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.*

The Latter Rain Is Fear Of The Lord

And in Jeremiah, he is telling us that Fear of the Lord is to accompany the Latter Rain.

> *Hosea 6:1-3*
> *1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will he* ***revive*** *us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to* ***know the LORD****: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

Judgment, Then Revival At A Set Time

In Hosea, the Father is saying that judgment will come first, then revival. And that we must follow him to truly Know Him. The phrase *his going forth is prepared as the morning* speaks of his coming at a set time, a scheduled or appointed time, the fullness of time. Then he will come to us as the Latter Rain.

> *Joel 2:23-25*
> *23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*
> *24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.*
> *25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpiller, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

The Latter Rain Is Harvest Plus Restoration

Here in Joel, we see the Lord speaking of a Harvest of Corn, Oil and Wine; plus a restoration of all the enemy has stolen. And this is associated with the Latter Rain.

> *Zechariah 10:1 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.*

We Need To Ask For The Latter Rain

Zechariah 10 is showing us we need to ask for the rain in the latter days.

> *James 5:7-8*
> *7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*
> *8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

The Latter Rain Is The Coming Of The Lord Spiritually.

James 5 gives us a clear link between the Latter Rain, the Harvest and the Coming of the Lord.

Rain in General

Now we'll look at some scripture using just Rain as a figure of the Holy Spirit instead of Latter Rain.

A Rain Of Righteousness.

> *Hosea 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and* ***rain righteousness*** *upon you.*

First there is a mention of breaking fallow ground. This continues the agricultural parallel speaking of plowing up hard ground. But it is mainly speaking of righteousness and mercy. The rain to come down is not just water but the water of the Word. And the Word is The Lord; one of his names is the Lord our Righteousness.

> *Psalms 72:1-7*
> *1 <A Psalm for Solomon.> Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son.*
> *2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment.*
> *3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, and the little hills, by righteousness.*
> *4 He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor.*
> *5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, throughout all generations.*
> *6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: as showers that water the earth.*
> *7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.*

Righteousness And Peace

This quote from Psalm 72 mentions righteousness and peace, which are aspects of the Kingdom of God. Also it compares the Lord coming down as rain or showers.

Favor Of The King

> *Proverbs 19:12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion; but his favour is as dew upon the grass.*

Here the dew upon the grass, which is another form of water coming down, is compared to the favor of the King.

Showers Of Blessing In His Season

> *Ezekiel 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.*

Here note the mention of the shower to come in his season, again speaking of an appointed time.

> *Isaiah 32:15* ***Until the spirit be poured*** *upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.*

> *Acts 2:17-18*
> *17 And it shall come to pass* ***in the last days****, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*

> *Joel 2:28-29*
> *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your*

sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids ***in those days*** *will I pour out my spirit.*

A New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-33
31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a ***new covenant*** *with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*
32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Clothed With Righteousness

The Latter Rain is a rain of righteousness. This is synonymous with Salvation.
Let’s consider some verses relating to being clothed with righteousness or salvation.

Psalms 132:13-16
13 For the LORD hath chosen ***Zion****; he hath desired it for his habitation.*
14 This is my ***rest*** *for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it.*
15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with ***salvation****: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*

2 Chronicles 6:41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with ***salvation****, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness.*

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come ***salvation****, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

Psalms 118:21-26
21 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my ***salvation****.*
22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.
23 This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD: O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the LORD: we have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.

Isaiah 61:10-11
10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of ***salvation****, he hath covered me with the robe of* ***righteousness****, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.*
11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause ***righteousness*** *and praise to spring forth before all the nations.*

Take note of how the mention of righteousness and salvation in these last 5 quotes is accompanied by mention of gladness, rejoicing and praise.

Putting On Christ The New Man

The idea of being clothed with salvation is expressed in the following verses as putting on Christ or the New Man. He is the second man, the second Adam. When you put him on you become a new creation.

> *Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*
>
> *Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.*
>
> *Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

There is much more that could be said. The Latter Rain relates to the river of God, the waters to swim in, the wind of the Spirit, and the Baptism of Fire.

First Peter mentions salvation coming in the ‘Last Time’.

> *1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

The Latter Rain is that Salvation.

A Tale of Two Spirits
Bill Somers

Two Spirits At Work In The End Times.

There will be two spirits at work in the end times; Spirit of Fear and the Holy Spirit of God. You will either yield to one or the other.

It’s the Spirit of Fear that Satan uses to keep men in bondage.

> *Hebrews 2:14-15*
> *14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the* ***devil****;*
> *15 And deliver them who through* ***fear of death*** *were all their lifetime subject to* ***bondage****.*

Overcomers in these end times will be those who get the victory over this fear. Others will be subject to it.

> *Luke 21:25-26*
> *25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth* ***distress*** *of nations, with* ***perplexity****; the sea and the waves roaring;*
> *26 Men's hearts failing them for* ***fear****, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the* ***powers of heaven*** *shall be shaken.*

Consider that men’s hearts fail them for fear because a Spirit of Fear abides in their hearts.

The Holy Spirit of God delivers us from fear.

> *Psalms 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.*

2 Timothy describes The Holy Spirit, given by God, as He gives the Kingdom. Power, Love and A Sound Mind stand out in great contrast to the Spirit of Fear.

> *2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of* ***power****, and of* ***love****, and of a* ***sound mind****.*
>
> *Luke 12:31-32*
> *31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
> *32* ***Fear not****, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to* ***give you the kingdom****.*

We mention **power** as it is the power to obey and do the Lord’s will. The ability to **prove what is** that good and perfect, **will of God** is the same as ability to demonstrate the Kingdom of God. For to say, *thy kingdom come* means the same as *thy will be done here on earth as it is in heaven*.

> *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may* ***prove what is*** *that good, and acceptable, and perfect,* ***will of God****.*
>
> *1 Corinthians 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in* ***power****.*

Sometimes this is spoken of as **grace**. The Holy Spirit is Grace or the Spirit of Grace.

> *Philemon 1:25 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.*
>
> *Ephesians 1:2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*
>
> *Hebrews 10:29 … the Spirit of grace ….*

We mention **Love** as it gives the Power to overcome fear.

> *Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the* ***love of God*** *is shed abroad in our hearts by the* ***Holy Ghost*** *which is given unto us.*
>
> *1 John 4:18 There is* ***no fear in love****; but perfect* ***love casteth out fear****: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

How does perfect love cast out fear? The Lord does this by entering your heart, driving out fear and taking it’s place when you yield to him completely. He stands at the door and knocks.

We mention having a **Sound Mind**. That is to have a mind transformed into the Mind of Christ.

> *Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye* ***transformed by the renewing of your mind****, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
>
> *1 Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the* ***mind of Christ****.*

The unsound mind is subject to fear, delusion and self destruction.

> *2 Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

These are like the swine entered into by unclean spirits, they destroy themselves.

> *Mark 5:13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and*

> *entered into the swine [unclean persons]: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

In this verse from Mark 5, the phrase two thousand is a clue to an end time event, something to happen 2000 years later.

Several of the epistles open with a salutation like this one from Ephesians. It’s the Lord’s prayer and will for us.

> *Ephesians 1:2* ***Grace be to you****, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Let’s yield to the Holy Spirit fully in these times. His grace will see us through any storm.

> *2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me,* ***My grace is sufficient*** *for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Where Is The Lord God Of Elijah
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I believe the prophets and those prophetically gifted are about to receive increase and are now in the place of war over new mantles and increased authority. You may have been sensing intense opposition, discouragement or frustration and even had desires to quit. I have learned that when I get in this season of discouragement and frustration, it is usually an attack on the prophetic gift and sent to distract me from prayer, prophecy and intercession. I encourage you to press in to hear the Word of the Lord, to see what He would promise in this season and to activate what you have been shown. Wait patiently before the Lord. He wants to release revelation and strategy in an increased measure. Don't give up. We are going somewhere!

There is beginning to be a release of seeing and hearing by the Spirit that surpasses anything we have experienced. Many who are prophetically gifted have recently had physical problems in the area of eyesight or hearing. It is an attack in the physical to what God is getting ready to do in the spiritual. Ask and believe for the seer's anointing. Yahweh wants us to hear with precision, to clearly see His purpose, His plans, His revelations and His strategies. He wants us to see beyond the natural into the supernatural. He desires to move us into increased power and authority which requires increased prayer time, faith and complete obedience.

There is a process to mature us. We are a progressive work. Don't become weary in the process. The Word of God tells us that we are being changed from glory to glory, being transformed into His image. We are being trained to reign, learning to be over-comers, and rising to the call to be more than conquerors. We have tests and trials, and possibly scars to show that we are in a process. We are enduring that which is designed to build godly character. God is about to raise up and set in place more prophets who have been in training and have submitted to the building of their character. These will come out to confront sin, idolatry, corruption, and even the corrupt religious systems.

God is awakening watchmen in this hour. There is a release of the seer's anointing and the call to watch is being issued. Because Elijah waited in prayer and communed with God, he was able to see what God was going to do. He spoke with expectation that God would perform His word! Elijah was sensitive to the timing of the Lord God. The watchmen are getting ready to see more clearly than ever before, but they must be prepared to go forth in a pure obedience with what they have seen and heard. God wants us to see as He sees and use it to advance His Kingdom on the earth. He wants us to be prepared by spending time in prayer and fellowship with the Almighty. The watchman has the ability to see approaching trouble and bring warning. The true condition of the church is about to be unveiled to prophetic intercessors and prophets.

The watchmen are to hear what God is saying and speak whatever He commands them to speak. They are to see what is coming, to warn both the wicked and the righteous of sin, and to call people to repentance (Isaiah 62:6-7). God will use His holy watchmen to wake up His people and to cleanse the house of God.

Judgment always begins in the house of God because we are to be an example to the lost and dying world. A cleansing fire is about to be released again. This fire will make the way for the signs and wonders, the miracles, and the power of God to return to the Body of Christ. This is a time when the true prophets of God will emerge and shine. They will not compromise! These will deal with idolatry, with sin, and with pollution. Study how Yahweh used Ezekiel. Read Ezekiel Chapters 1 through 36 to get a deeper understanding of what type of prophet I am referring to. They will not be moved by the opinion of man, by the hardness of men's hearts, or by fears but they will only operate in pure obedience to their God.

We live in a society that is spiritually deaf. We have surpassed Sodom and Gomorrah and the Days of Noah with our wickedness. Sin goes unacknowledged and permeates society from the old to the young. Where is the Lord God of Elijah? Well, where are the prophets who will confront sin and wickedness? Who will destroy idolatry? Who will take on the spirit of Jezebel and the corrupt religious systems so that the power of God will fall on the church? Come out of the cave. It is time for some Mount Carmel showdowns.

The refiner's fire is coming again to the church. The fire of Holy Spirit is coming to burn out impurities. The Spirit of Truth is coming like never before. The hidden will be exposed; and the covered will be uncovered. Get ready. This is to prepare us for the unleashing of the supernatural back into God's people. The power gifts will be restored to the true believers. No longer will people be able to call themselves Christians and not represent the one true God. You will suffer if you call yourself a Christian and continue in adultery, pornography, lusts of the flesh, or other sinful selfish practices. We owe it to Our Beloved to be the glorious church, the spotless bride (Ephesians 5:26-27).

The early church was powerful because they practiced what they preached. They were not tied up with meetings on doctrines, theories, ideas or man's methods. The apostles did not set up meetings to explain the experience of the upper room. They didn't debate the speaking of tongues on the day of Pentecost. They were more interested in the power they had experienced and the fact that they were equipped to do the works of God. After they experienced this move of Holy Spirit, they went to heal the sick, cast out demons, and to see souls saved. They were busy doing the work God had called them to do. They went from house to house spreading the word of God and doing what He called them to do. God wants action. The day of staying in the safe confines of the church building is about to come to an end.

God is about to give honor where honor is due (Romans 13:7). To exalt those who have humbled themselves and bring low those who are proud. We are to honor those in authority but not be controlled by man. It will be dangerous in this season to put any man on a pedestal. God is the only one we worship. Jesus set the example of the relationship with the apostles by living WITH them not above them or separate from them. We should be comfortable around those who lead us. If you are fearful of those you serve under there is a problem. God is dealing with Fear of man and the man pleasing spirit in a big way. The only fear we can afford to have now is The Fear of the Lord!

Holy Spirit is preparing us for more. God wants to advance us into that place of exercising our gifts with power and great faith, expecting Him to move. We need to press in to see the move of Holy Spirit like never before and to see Yahweh's power unleashed again. Signs and wonders, miracles, words of knowledge, etc.

The reason we are feeling opposition so strongly is because increase is very close. The voice of the prophet is going to be heard. God is dealing with the hearts of many leaders who have rejected or neglected the prophets. True apostles will seek out the prophet and honor them. The five fold will be established and in operation before the power will return to the church. This is God's order. Church government is about to change. Pray for and command the church to wake up and to repent. Make declaration, proclamation, speak faith, go to war. We have to deal with lukewarm ness. Cry out for passion for Jesus and everything He represents! The Laodicean church thought they had need of nothing! They were half-hearted about the things of God and their commitment to Him because they had worldly goods. Repent for lukewarm ness, complacency, hypocrisy, coldness, immorality, profanity and worldliness.

God's power will be operating through those who have made a commitment to Holiness. He is looking again for those who are wholehearted with commitment to Him and are free from selfish motives. Many want God to move but have selfish motives. The fire that is coming to the church will separate the true from the false. It will separate the hypocritical, lukewarm Christian from the true follower of Jesus Christ. God is looking for the prophets who will turn the hearts of God's people back to Him. These prophets will be about true Holiness and they will expose the imitation and the false. This will make way for the glory of the Lord. The call to repentance is being issued again.

God is speaking today loud and clear. He speaks through His word, His Spirit and His prophets. He wants to use the prophets in this hour to prepare the church for His Second Coming and to release the church into her destiny. These prophets will call for change, and for shifting. They will exhort, warn, command, rebuke, encourage and correct in the love and because of the love of Jesus. They will not be man pleasers but will be bold to press past man's reward system, popularity, position, titles or man's acceptance. This will release the people to see the true condition of their hearts by bringing forth the Word of the Lord.

Prepare to receive a new prophetic mantle. Are you ready to confront corruption and deception? Can you be used to expose sin, pray for the spiritually blind and deaf, break man's traditions and false doctrines? Without holiness, no one will see the Lord (Hebrews12: 14). Are you prepared to stand against the powers of darkness that have been used to war against the church? Can Yahweh use you for restoration and revival? Can God use you to be a prophetic voice that cries for change? This calls for a bold people filled with courage because they are hearing the Word of the Lord and have hearts of obedience.

We have the choice in this season to become like Eli or like Samuel. Nathan had to confront a King. We have to be willing to speak about the true condition of the church. Remembering always, God looks at the heart. When we acknowledge there is a problem then we can pray concerning the solution. God is getting ready to shake the old, the dead, and the dry in order to bring in the new, the alive, the refreshing. We have to operate in the fear of the Lord and move with passion for Jesus and compassion for the lost. God is about to turn the eyes of the church off of themselves and back to Him and those who need Him. God wants to prepare the church for what is ahead and to get us on a secure foundation.Him! Remember 2 Timothy 3:1, there will be tough times ahead. We have to examine ourselves and make sure we are not the people mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 but be the Isaiah 61 people of God.

Let us become the people that declare as Elijah did, "Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word." Elijah was not concerned about pleasing people or proving his power as a prophet. He wanted to display the power of God and see His glory manifested to show He is the all-powerful God.

After the altar of the Lord was restored, the fire of God fell from heaven to consume the sacrifice. Elijah had prepared the altar in a fashion that God's power could not be denied. Everything was consumed. The supernatural power of God was displayed for the unbeliever. The response was then and now will be, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God."

Can you agree in prayer with me for the Spirit of Elijah and for the rebuilding of the Altar of God?

1. Worldliness to be exposed and dealt with and a standard of holiness raised up
2. The fear of the Lord to replace the fear of man
3. Dependence of God instead of leaning on the arm of the flesh
4. Worship in Spirit and in Truth; move past spectatorship and entertainment
5. Die to self and self-centeredness
6. A new burden, passion for the unsaved
7. Passion to replace complacency
8. Show us where we have been half-hearted; replace it with true dedication
9. 100% obedience instead of partial obedience
10. Hatred for sin and the ability to not compromise
11. Humility instead of pride and self-exaltation
12. Unselfishness and a servant's heart
13. The Spirit of Elijah to confront the Spirit of Jezebel

Where is the Lord God of Elijah? Could He be waiting on the prophets who will be bold enough to call down fire from heaven? Could He be calling out the Elijahs, the Samuels, the Nathans for today's generation? Ask!

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Walk In The Light Of His Presence

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These are days of great change and of great decision. All that is true must be decided upon and adhered to. Even the truth will not help you, unless it is applied and allowed to work it's work within you. A knowledge about Me will not save you nor sustain you. You must abide in Me, and know Me. This is the hour to walk in the Light of My Presence.

No longer can a head knowledge or even a heart knowledge be enough. You must intimately know Me. You must be transformed by Me, to fully walk with Me. For My Word must be ingrained and burned into you and allowed to bring you into My Image. I AM the Life of all men, but all men do not want to live or to be Mine. You must be united in Spirit and Truth with Me. For I am the only one that can truly change you and cause you to become one with Me.

Unless My Word abides in you, and I become all things unto you, then you will deny Me in the end. I must be your absolute Source and Lord. I cannot be second place or even an optional way out. I know those who are truly Mine, and many say they are Mine, but are not. The days ahead will sift those out and it will be evident who has My Light and who does not.

Take heed to yourselves and check yourselves.

I must be seen within you and through you. Is it My voice that comes out of your mouth? Is it My eyes that look through yours? Is it My Hands that touch through yours? Is it My Heart that beats within yours? If not, then you have not truly died to yourself and have not fully allowed me to bring you to new life. You must change. If one spot or percent of you is not fully given to Me, then you are not truly fully Mine. You cannot withhold anything from Me and truthfully say that you are Mine. Either I am truly all to you, or I am not.

Walk in the Light of My Presence. Allow My Word to be a lamp unto your feet. Do not go your own way and lean to your own thoughts and understandings. Do not continue to rise up and go throughout your day, and then finally late at night acknowledge Me, if you even remember to. You must commune with Me and abide with Me continually. You must eat My Word and cleave unto it. My ears will not be attentive to those who do not care nor desire to know Me. I will not be mocked.

Fear will prevail and trust will not be seen among the ones who have not My Light. Many will run rampant looking for solidity and will not find it. There will be no stability outside of Me. For I AM the Light and the Life of men, and those who refuse Me, will live apart from Me and from My Truth. Unless a man falls upon the rock and dies and allows it to bring change to them, then it will fall upon them and crush them and over take them and they will be void of understanding and of Light. They will grope about looking for help and find none.

The Black Winds have begun to blow and the hearts of men will fail, but Mine will stand and be sustained by Me, for their delight is in Me and they love the Truth. No darkness is found in them, nor can it over take them, for I Am their Light and Life. All who are not Mine, who do not have My Blood upon them will perish apart from Me. For the Destroyer will reap his fill of the rebellious. Lay aside everything that causes you to stumble and to waver and come to Me now.

My Hand now passes over again, what will you do?

Walk in the Light of My Presence, or walk in the darkness.

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What Is The New Covenant

Bill Somers

Recently I saw an article where the writer was commenting on the problems with the modern church. One of these was the ‘clergy vs. lay people’ system. His thought was that the clergy/laity system in an unfortunate carryover from the old covenant to the new. That is the system was part of the practices of ancient Israel erroneously adopted by the early church. This of course assumes that ancient Israel was under the old covenant and the early church was under the new covenant. My thought is that you can just as easily see this as indicating that **we are still under the old covenant**, not the new. Now I realize that this can sound a bit radical. In fact it represents a great departure from traditional teachings. So for this article we are going to see what exactly the bible says on the new covenant and see if we are under it or not.

The idea that is commonly taught is that the church began on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2. When the Holy Spirit came, the new covenant took effect and we are no longer under the old testament and it’s law. We are said to be under grace. We need to look at that a lot closer to see what’s really involved.

The Millennial Kingdom

Let’s take side trip here; another example of a common teaching that doesn’t hold up too well when closely examined.

> When Jesus returns to earth, he will set up his kingdom in Jerusalem, and reign for the next 1000 years on the earth. This is the beginning of *the millennium*, which is the 7th millennium and the *third day* of prophecy.

This is based on the following verse from Revelation 20. [The general context of Revelation 20:1-7 describing things after Jesus’ return also supports this idea.]

> *Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

To see where this fails to hold up compare it to these following scriptural passages:

> *Revelation 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.*

This is saying his second coming will clearly be visible to all.

> *Luke 17:20-21*
> *20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*
> *21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

And now this is saying that the Kingdom of God is not something visible but it’s within a person.

> *Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.*

And here it tells us the coming of the Kingdom is tied to events in Revelation 12, the birth of the man child and casting down of the accuser. It’s linked to salvation.

> *1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be*

> *revealed in the last time.*

And it’s linked to strength and ‘the power of his Christ’; it’s the day of thy power from Psalms 110.

> *Psalms 110:2-3*
> *2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy **strength** out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.*
> *3 Thy people shall be willing in the **day of thy power**, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

The kingdom of God, then is not something visible, as the Second Coming of Jesus will be. And it comes at a point in time earlier than the Second Coming. So this common teaching about the Kingdom being set up when Jesus returns in Revelation 20 does not hold to further examination of the scriptures.

Understanding prophecy about the end times depends on your understanding the usage of God’s prophetic week, where the *third day* is also the *seventh millennium*, or *the millennium.* As you search the scriptures you can find there are a great many references to this. [See my article *Rethinking the Millennium*.] Some are direct and others allegorical. Many of these describe things that must happen *in that day* or *on the third day*, before Jesus returns. One of these is the new testament.

Where We Are Going

Now just to make it perfectly clear what we are trying to show here, I’ll spell it out carefully before getting into it any farther.

The Christian church operates under the idea that we are under the New Testament or the New Covenant. And that the old Testament or covenant was only with ancient Israel. We assume that the new testament took effect with the death and resurrection of Jesus. This is based on scripture such as these:

> *Luke 22:20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*
>
> *Hebrews 10:12-14*
> *12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;*
> *13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.*
> *14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.*

What we want to show here is that the New Covenant does not take effect until the end times. Therefore the church is still under the old covenant law, not new covenant grace. Of course this depends on what you mean by saying ‘under a covenant’. The basic idea is that under the old covenant means under the law. Under the new covenant means under grace.

Salvation Under The Old Covenant

One problem with our current view is how did someone get saved under the old covenant, since we know that no one can be saved by works of the law as we see by these verses following.

> *Hebrews 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.*
>
> *Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

So knowing this, how could someone be saved in old testament times, before the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Under the Law, the old covenant, no one could be saved. And if the new testament has not taken effect, then how can anyone be saved? We read in Romans 4 as follows.

> *Romans 4:2-3*
> *2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.*
> *3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.*

Salvation By Faith

Abraham was justified or made righteous by faith. He believed God. His faith was in the promises of God. Even though he had no knowledge of Jesus Christ, somehow the 'faith of Jesus Christ' is part of the promises of God. Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, mentions Abraham and the long list of faithful ones. It tells us they had faith in the promises but never received them during their life times.

> *Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

> *Hebrews 11:39-40*
> *39 And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:*
> *40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*

In Genesis 49, Jacob says this.

> *Genesis 49:18 I have waited for thy **salvation**, O LORD.*

The word for salvation in Hebrew is *Y'shua*, the name of Jesus! The same word is used here in Isaiah 56.

> *Isaiah 56:1 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my **salvation** is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.*

The word Christ means the Messiah; that is the anointed or consecrated one. So we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah. Or we are saved by faith in the promises of God just as faithful Abraham.

So you can be under the law, but not saved by the law. But you can be under the law, and saved by faith in the promises. We are also told we are saved by grace. Can you be under the law and under grace at the same time? Let's look at what Ephesians 2 say.

> *Ephesians 2:5-9*
> *5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*
> *6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*
> *7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*
> *8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*
> *9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Here the idea of salvation, as a gift of God, is conveyed by the key phrase *For by grace are ye saved through faith.* So there are three ideas here Grace, Faith, and being Saved. They are related but not identical. The relationships between the New covenant, and the promises of God, and being under grace are quite involved and require especially close examination. We will try to lay out the important scripture for you as we go along. You'll find that the new covenant is not always described in exactly the same way whenever it's mentioned. And that there will be places where it's referred to but not expressly called a new covenant yet the idea is the same.

The New Covenant In The Old Testament, The Hebrew Part Of The Bible.

The first place you find it called a new covenant is Jeremiah 31.

> *Jeremiah 31:31-34*
> *31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*
> *32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:*
> *33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; **After those days**, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and **write it in their hearts**; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
> *34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

There are several important things to notice here.
Verse 32 is careful to make it clear that this new covenant is clearly different than the one God made after the exodus on Mt. Sinai.
Next the use of the phrase *After those days* is a clue that he is talking about the end times.
Thirdly he lists several key features of the new covenant. These help us identify and define it.
1. the law will be put into us and written in our hearts
2. He will be our God, and we, his people
3. We all shall know him
4. He will forgive our wickedness and forget our sin.

While the new covenant is first so called in Jeremiah 31, we find mention of the same idea way back in Deuteronomy. You can refer to this article by Barbara Di Gilio who provides some interesting ideas on this subject. Did God Give Moses Two Covenants? Barbara Di Gilio - http://www.mayimhayim.org/Moses2.htm

We said above that God is careful to make it clear that this new covenant is clearly different than the one he made with Israel on Mt. Sinai [Horeb] after they left Egypt. Here is a mention of it in Deuteronomy 5.

> *Deuteronomy 5:1-6*
> *1 And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.*
> *2 The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb.*
> *3 The LORD made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day.*
> *4 The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,*
> *5 (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,*
> *6 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.*

He is talking about the old covenant here and makes it clear that this is not the covenant made with the Fathers, i.e. the patriarchs. This covenant was only with those who were at Mt. Sinai when He came down and the mountain burned with fire. Moses is speaking these words to Israel after they have completed their 40 years wandering and are then encamped in Moab. They are just about to cross the Jordan and enter the promised land. At this point God makes a second covenant with them. And this time there are a couple important differences.

> *Deuteronomy 29:10-15*
> *10 Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel,*
> *11 Your little ones, your wives, and **thy stranger** that is in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:*

> *12 That thou shouldest* ***enter into covenant*** *with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee* ***this day****:*
> *13 That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy* ***fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob****.*
> *14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;*
> *15 But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and* ***also with him that is not here with us this day****:*

Let’s make note of some key elements here.
1. Those entering into the covenant include the strangers in the camp, i.e. some gentiles.
2. This is a covenant entered into on that day especially
3. He will be our God, and we, his people
4. This covenant contains the same promises as he swore to the fathers
5. This covenant is not exclusively with just those present there at that time but with others as well.

Then in the following chapter a promise is spelled out.

> *Deuteronomy 30:6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

Here he is saying something about operating on our hearts. He promises to put the Law in our hearts. See how the law is expressed here: “*love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul”*. This is just what Jesus is saying in Matthew 22.

> *Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*

Another aspect of the new covenant is spelled out by the final phrase in verse 6, *that thou mayest live*. This new covenant imparts life, the old one, only death.

This covenant given in Moab, [seed of the father], is the same new covenant the mentioned in Jeremiah, except that in Jeremiah he says ‘after those days.’ So what is he getting at here? Lets look at the full context or our quote from Deuteronomy 30

> *Deuteronomy 30:1-6*
> *1 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,*
> *2 And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;*
> *3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.*
> *4 If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:*
> *5 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.*
> *6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*

Verse 6 here contains the promise of the new covenant. The previous 5 verses put the fulfillment of that promise clearly into the end times. Then Israel will return to him when He gathers Israel from the nations and redeems Jacob from his troubles. This also is clearly an end time context.

There is also some prophetic typology here. Israel’s crossing the Jordan, and entering the promised land is a prophetic picture of the end times. This has been widely recognized. We won’t go into details on that topic here. The key point is that this Covenant given in Moab includes the promise of the New Covenant. And secondly that it comes at time that prophetically speaks of entering the end times.

The promise to the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was a promise of inheriting the Land. And it was a promise of a blessing to all the nations. Prophetically, entering the land of promise speaks of entering the time and place of the blessing. The time is the end times and the place of the blessing is Mount Zion.

In the article we did on the feast of tabernacles, [Tabernacles by Bill Somers] we noted that when Moses came down from Sinai the second time he has the second set of stone tables with him. This is prophetic of the second or new covenant. The same holds true here speaking of the covenant given in Moab. It too speaks of the new covenant given to the Israelites as they enter the promised land, the end times.

Looking ahead in Jeremiah, we see the new covenant described again.

> *Jeremiah 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.*

Here the key aspects are these.
1. The new covenant is an everlasting one, not one that will pass away
2. The Lord will not turn away from us
3. He will do us good
4. He will impart his fear, the Fear of the Lord into us with the result that
5. We shall not depart from him.

The Fear of the Lord is one feature of the Holy Spirit as spelled out in Isaiah 11.

> *Isaiah 11:2 And the* ***spirit of the LORD*** *shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the* ***fear of the LORD****;*

Then in Isaiah 59 the covenant is mentioned again.

> *Isaiah 59:19-21*
> *19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*
> *20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.*
> *21 As for me, this is my* ***covenant*** *with them, saith the LORD;* ***My spirit that is upon thee****, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*

This passage from Isaiah is the one quoted in Romans 11 which tells us that the promise of this covenant will be fulfilled in the end times when the fullness of the Gentiles comes in.

> *Romans 11:25-27*
> *25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.*
> *26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*
> *27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

So once again the scripture is saying the new covenant takes effect in the end times.

Ezekiel 36 has this to say about it.

> *Ezekiel 36:24-28*
> *24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*
> *25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*
> *26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*
> *27 And* ***I will put my spirit within you****, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*
> *28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

Lets list the key elements here:
1. The lord gathers his people from all countries
2. He cleanses us from our sin
3, He gives us a new heart and a new spirit
4. He puts his Spirit within us to cause us to obey his law
5. He gives us the promised land
6. He will be our God and we, his people.
Now in this case it’s clearly stated that he puts his Spirit in His people.

Much of this is repeated here in Ezekiel 37.

> *Ezekiel 37:19-28*
> *19 Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.*
> *20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.*
> *21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:*
> *22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:*
> *23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.*
> *24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.*
> *25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.*
> *26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.*
> *27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
> *28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.*

One added feature is that he will set his sanctuary or tabernacle in the midst of his people forever. This is mentioned in Revelation 21:3, an end time context.

> *Revelation 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself*

> *shall be with them, and be their God.*

Ezekiel 39 also pertains to the new covenant, though it’s not specifically mentioned.

> *Ezekiel 39:25-29*
> *25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name;*
> *26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made them afraid.*
> *27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations;*
> *28 Then shall they know that I am the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen: but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.*
> *29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for* ***I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel****, saith the Lord GOD.*

So far we have seen several places where the new covenant is linked to imparting the Holy Spirit. This last one from Ezekiel spells it out clearly in verse 29.

Joel chapter 2 also prophesies that the Lord will pour out his spirit in the end times. This was foreshadowed by a partial fulfillment in Acts 2.

> *Joel 2:28-32*
> *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will* ***pour out my spirit*** *upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I* ***pour out my spirit****.*
> *30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*
> *31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*
> *32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.*

Hebrews 8 has a long passage which is quoting from Jeremiah 31.

> *Hebrews 8:6-13*
> *6 But now hath he [*Jesus*] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.*
> *7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.*
> *8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:*
> *9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*
> *10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:*
> *11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*
> *12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*
> *13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and*

> *waxeth old is ready to vanish away.*

This last verse 13 here mentions that the new covenant makes the first one old and ready to vanish away. But this also carries the idea that the old covenant is still in effect until the new one comes in, which means it’s still in effect now!

The Promise to The Fathers

In Galatians the Lord speaks about the promises to the patriarchs and then relates them to the new covenant. First look back at the promise in Genesis.

In Genesis 12 the Lord makes a multi part promise to Abraham.

> *Genesis 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:*
> *2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:*
> *3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and* ***in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed****.*

Notice the final part of that promise, the blessing to all the earth. Galatians 3 makes reference to it as follows.

> *Galatians 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*
> *8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the* ***gospel*** *unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.*
> *9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.*
> *10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*
> *11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*

Here the meaning of the blessing is spelled out. That God would justify the heathen by faith. Also in verse 8, this promise is described as the gospel! [In old testament texts you will find the phrase glad tidings.]

The gospel, then is a promise to the nations that they would be justified and receive this blessing, if they have faith like Abraham. For Abraham believed God and this was accounted as his righteousness, verse 6.

The Blessing Of Abraham

Galatians 3 speaks of the blessing of Abraham as The Promise Of The Spirit in verse 14, a very interesting connection. In verse 17, the Lord refers to the law as the covenant that came 430 years later, saying it could not cancel out the promise.

> *Galatians 3:14-17*
> *14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive* ***the promise of the Spirit*** *through faith.*
> *15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.*
> *16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.*
> *17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*

Galatians goes on to talk of the promise and relate it to the two covenants.

> *Galatians 4:21-26*
> *21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?*
> *22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.*
> *23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *24 Which things are an allegory: for **these are the two covenants**; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.*
> *25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.*
> *26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.*

Now verse 24 gives us the idea that the promise to Abraham is also related to the new covenant or new testament. The two mountains, correspond to the bond woman and the free woman; the old covenant and the new covenant. Scholars like to make lists of multiple covenants. You hear about the Adamic Covenant, the Noahide [?] covenant, the Abrahamic covenant, the Mosaic covenant, the Davidic covenant, and on and on. This only brings us complication and confusion. Galatians 4:24 tells us that there are just two covenants. They are described and compared in differing ways throughout scripture. Still there are just two, just as there were two trees in the garden. You can see their contrast laid out in Hebrews 12.

> *Hebrews 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,*
> *19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:*
> *20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:*
> *21 And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)*
> *22 But ye are come unto **mount Sion**, and unto the city of the living God, **the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the **new covenant**, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

Note that here the mountain that burnt with fire is the Mt. Sinai; and Mount Zion is the ***heavenly Jerusalem,*** *Jerusalem which is above* as mentioned in Galatians 4.

In Mathew 24, this promise is clearly linked with the end times.

> *Mathew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*

The promise that the nations would be justified is called the gospel of the kingdom. The terms ‘nations,’ ‘heathen,’ ‘Gentiles,’ and ‘families or tribes of the earth’ all mean the same. In Revelation they are spoken of as of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation. Today missionaries speak of them as people groups or ethnic groups.

The promise given to Abraham and the fathers is the gospel of the kingdom. The fulfillment of that promise is the new testament.

In Romans 8 the two covenants are explained as laws. One is the law of sin and death, the other is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

> *Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

Being free from sin and death is the liberty that comes in Christ. Second Corinthians 3, in talking about the ministration of the spirit, concludes with these verses.

> *2 Corinthians 3:17-18*
> *17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*
> *18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Colossians 1:13 contrasts the two covenants another way, likening the new covenant as the Kingdom of God.

> *Colossians 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

Results

The New Covenant has an end time fulfillment which we have found mentioned or implied in six different places.

What Is The New Covenant?

We have seen so far that the New Covenant means that the law will be put into us and written in our hearts. He will do this by putting his spirit into us, in such a degree that it will give us the Fear of the Lord. This will cause us to obey with the result that we shall not depart from him.

This is like saying we will automatically know his will and it will be impossible for us to sin. Now that’s pretty amazing. The full impact of this will prove to be totally awesome.

So are we under the law, old covenant, or under grace, the new covenant? What does the bible say?

> *Romans 6:14*
> *14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

Here Romans 6 is saying just about what we said above. That is those under grace do not sin. A lot of people want to take this verse, Romans 6:14 and run with it. But if you check out what it says in Galatians 5, you will see that there is a condition for all this, being led by the Spirit. The text in Romans is addressed to those led by the spirit.

> *Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

So the safe conclusion is this: In so far as you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. When the Spirit is poured out in the end times, those who walk in it will not be under the law. As the Holy Spirit moves in our lives before that time, we have a foretaste or sample of the New Covenant. That is, **insofar** as we are led by the Spirit, we have a foretaste of the New Covenant. In the End times when we are to be led by the Spirit on a continual basis, that will be the fulfillment of the New Covenant.

Now to put it another way, for clarity’s sake, the promise of a new covenant has been with us since Genesis 12, the promise to Abraham. We are still waiting in faith on that promise. Let us not confuse the promise with the fulfillment. By faith in that promise, we have a hope of being saved by grace. The fulfillment of the promise, is the confirming of the covenant, the salvation revealed in the last days. This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

> *1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*

The New Covenant As Covered In The New Testament!

In the New Testament writings, the Greek part of the bible, the effects of being under the New Covenant are described in a great many more ways. All of these are a part of the new covenant and will be aspects of the end time church.
We are going to summarize these quickly and skip the usual scripture references. This will let you get a quick idea of the many things that are included in the new covenant, which still await their end time

fulfillment.

Summary

To be under the New Covenant includes the following ideas; and lots more besides.
The Law is in your heart, so you cannot sin.
Sin has no dominion over you.
You are dead to the flesh; dead to self.
You are not under the law [the fig tree], you are under grace.
Perfect love casts out all fear.
You have reached maturity of the believer and have put away childish things.
You are crucified with Christ.
You are in Christ therefore You are a new creation, old things have passed away.
You have the mind of Christ.
You have entered the Kingdom of God.
You are ruling and reigning with him in heavenly places.
You are hidden in Christ.
You have become a member of the Body of Christ, assembled and fitted into your proper place.
You are part of the Bride of Christ.
You are the temple of the Holy Ghost.
You belong to the household of God.
You have the Fear of the Lord abiding in you.
You have gone through the baptism of fire, and you are baptized into Christ.
You are partaking in the Divine Nature, and the Holiness of the Lord.
Righteous, peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost are your continual companions.
You have become a Son of God.
You are free from sin and death through life in Christ Jesus.
God is dwelling in your midst.
You have been made perfect in obedience.
You belong to the General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn.
You have gone up to the mountain of the Lord, Mount Zion, the Holy Hill.
You are resting in the Ark of Safety, the ship of the Lord.
You have come to God’s resting place and entered into his rest.
You have been clothed in righteousness, the full armor of God.
You have ceased from your own works, the dead works of the flesh.
You have been conformed to the image of his son; going from glory to glory.
You shall be like him, for you shall see him as he is.
You have hidden the word in your heart. Christ in you, the hope of Glory.
You have reached promised land, the place of the blessing, The Blessing of Abraham, the fulfillment of Psalm 133.

> *Psalms 133:1-3*
> *1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

One more thing needs to be emphasized pertaining to the New Covenant.

> *Revelation 1:1-3*
> *1* ***The Revelation of Jesus Christ****, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*
> *2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.*
> *3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

What Is The Spirit Of Elijah?

Jill Austin

It is a prophetic anointing that would come in and shift things to make a difference. It's an anointing that would legislate from the heavens. When I am talking about the Elijah anointing, I really feel that is what God wants to release in this hour on nameless, faceless people with the power and government of God backing them up.

The Power of the Secret Place

Elijah was a man who was formed in a secret place, and then, he suddenly came on the scene. When he suddenly came in (from a place of hiddeness), he came in front of a governmental king, King Ahab, who was married to Jezebel. Both of them had terribly compromised and were worshipping Baal, as well as, being involved in heavy sexual perversion and dealing with sacrificing children. It was all very demonically inspired.

But when Elijah came, it says in 1 Kings 17:1, "Before the Lord God in Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word." He was a man who was formed in the secret place of intimacy and prayer.

Elijah's Mandate from God

A suddenly of God ushered him into the world scene of dealing with a global mandate! What was Elijah's mandate? It was to turn a whole people group -- Israel -- back to worshipping their God instead of worshipping the rain god, Baal. Elijah stood in his authority and legislated governmentally from Heaven to earth.

What I love about Elijah is that he came from the secret place of standing in the counsel of God, so when he went before King Ahab, it was already done in the Spirit. He was able to say, "There will be no more rain!" He was able to confront an evil power and principality that was working through Ahab.

God's Question to America

It is not a surprise for you to hear me say that America is in a very critical and strategic time right now. We are standing in the balance as the Lord asks us, "Is there going to be righteousness in the land?" How do we deal with perversion? How do we deal with pornography? How do we deal with immorality? How do we deal with the enemy as he comes in and shakes and shifts the very moral fabric of our nation?

The enemy also challenges who we are, which has opened up gateways for the demonic to come in and infiltrate how we think and how we feel. Every arena of our lives -- our education, our medical, our business, and our governmental systems -- is being put on a demarcation line. Are we really willing to stand for righteousness? Will we stand for the place of God? It will cost you to do so, but it will cost you more if you don't!

God's Callings in This Hour

There is a strong call to holiness now, isn't there? There is a call to stand against wickedness and perversion like never before. There is a call to stand in that solidarity of loving the Lord your God with all your heart. There is a call to deep, personal intimacy. Will you come into the secret place and seek His face with 100% of your heart?

Quote from Lou Engle's "Extreme Disciples" CD :

"When we are talking about America, it is very similar to the days where Israel was at that time. The spirit of Jezebel had swept that nation into sexual perversion and immorality. She destroyed all the prophets in the land. Only 10,000 prophets were left; all the other 10 million people had bowed their knee to Baal. The land was under a curse. But you see, this man, Elijah was consumed with a holy jealousy that would return the hearts of the fathers to the children. Therefore, Elijah arose to confront Jezebel.

"We are in a season where we need radical revival. If you look at Ezekiel 37, you see Ezekiel going in to this valley of dry bones. That really is the state of how the church is in many places. We need a fresh wind and a fresh breath of God to blow once again to bring those bones together as a mighty, mighty army.

"The reason we are so excited about Elijah is because Elijah was able to confront things in society and to change a whole society back into following the Lord. We need this throughout the world, not just in America!!!"

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Walking In The Wilderness

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A Word For Those Walking in the Wilderness

"Do not allow yourself to be bound to perceived limitations. Soar above them, refuse to step into that box. Remember you can do ALL things through Me. You have yet to realize that it makes no difference what the limitations of the body are because the spirit has no limitations, the soul can soar as high as its dreams, the heart is not tethered, your vision is not blurred. Set your vision higher, where My grace is needed to take you. Don't settle for crumbs when a feast awaits you. You are not a dog that needs to fight under the table for the crumbs of My affection, or for the bread of My Presence.

I know this sojourn in the wilderness has seemed endless and all you seem to see ahead of you are mountainous sand dunes - one relentlessly following after another. The air seems to be biting, dry and gritty and the farthest thing from a refreshing. But remember the word I gave you. I am in the wilderness with you Dear One. It is only for a season, it is for a good purpose, a great purpose - for you to be made ready - for your faith boots to be tested and tried, for them to feel comfortable, like a second skin. To walk by faith and not by sight, to walk by faith and not by feeling, to walk with a knowing.

You have not been placed on a shelf, though to some it may appear so. Rather, you have been placed in My fire, so the colors of My love can be more perfectly engraved upon your life. They are becoming beautiful. You want to argue with Me, but don't. Your eyes are on the dross, the flaws and imperfections in yourself that you still see. I am not impervious to them but they do not disgust Me as they do you. For I see the potential under the dust and scratches. I call you not marred, but MARVELLOUS!! I have washed you, and day by day as you seek to draw close and as you cry out for Me to change your heart, I am working in your inner being. My Hand will be gentle, for I love you and I would not wound you intentionally, though there will be pain associated with the revelations, as they surface from deep places within. You will walk in a new liberty!

Be encouraged that I have much for you and am proud of you. Truly you are My delight. Everything about you is dear to My heart. I am enamored of you. Do not call unworthy one I chose to die for!! Do not call unworthy the one I have chosen for My Bride, do not call unworthy the one whom I have chosen to be a jewel in my crown. I have raised you up to be seated with Me in the Heavenlies, I am training you to reign with Me throughout eternity. I am preparing a place for you in glory but I am also preparing a habitation for you on the earth below."

(1 Cor 2:9) "However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"

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What Is This You Are Building

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The Lord asked...What is this you are building?

Today in a vision I saw myself (as representing the body of Christ)
pushing a heavy, fully heaping wheel barrow of nice smooth bricks. I was struggling under this load and seemed to be pushing it up hill. I then heard the Lord say as He walked beside me (notice He wasn't in front of me!)....What is this you are building? I heard the correction in His voice. I was immediately aware of how smooth and polished and man-made the bricks were and at the same time was remembering the Lord's command to only build with unhewn stone. Exodus 20: 24-25

Unhewn stone is wild! Man has not formed it, but only God's hand and
the forces he has put into play to chip and break and crack and melt even. Brick can be made even of mud. It starts out loose and has to be put together and worked again and again. In primitive form it is even stomped barefoot--Now man has new ways to build bricks in the developed countries but it is all really the same- still man-made and contrived.

The Lord then continued to speak to me and reminded me of David and
Nathan. 2 Samuel 7 David compared his palace to the tent of meeting for the Lord and David was grieved and wanted to build the Lord a "proper" palace for His presence. He asked Nathan what he thought about the whole idea and Nathan said "Whatever you have in mind go and do it for the Lord is with you." Later that night the Lord spoke to Nathan and said go back and tell David you are not to build my house. (Read the whole thing ...wonderful promises for us today!)

Whose blue prints are in your hand? The Lord says give them back to Him
because He has a better plan and He wants to give you NEW blue prints. You are trying to build on your own! Your plans are feeble. Your plans are small. Your plans are flawed!!! He has THE PLANS. His plans are without defect or hidden weakness as no man's hand has touched or formed them. No mind has undertaken to construct this thing. Your man-made buildings will fall---and injure many as the foundation they are built upon crumbles. Yes...they crumble and fall apart for your own good!

I had a dream a couple weeks ago. I was at a woman's retreat and was
issued a blue gown which I had to pay a deposit on. It kept being stolen from me. It was repeatedly stolen over and over. I would go to the desk and report it and the lady there (authority) would not believe me. She would say each time. "Your robe is not being stolen! No one is stealing your gown! You are just going to have to pay that ten dollar fee again. I paid it over and over in the dream. When I woke and remembered it I thought it was a strange dream and even laughed at the injustice of it all. I then asked the Lord...WHO was that that was stealing my gown? I was shocked when He said..."I stole it!" "I wanted to see how you would react. Would you react in love and patience (I didn't) when there was no way to prove your innocence? Would you continue to love and bless that woman at the desk? (I didn't and even now ask for another chance for my heart to be changed.)
There are unknowns in our lives we must trust the Lord with.

Some reading this have recently had the rug pulled out right from under them. The Lord would say "I am pulling that rug out. I am bringing change which will be good for you because your little dreams and plans are too small. LOOK UP!!!! COME UP...raise your eyes UP HERE for I have new plans for you. Your little rug may have been comfortable and perhaps smelled even sweet to you but to me it has the stench of man-made all over it and I will replace it with priestly, heavenly garments to wrap you in and I will put gold under your feet instead of that dusty old rug!!!! TRUST ME with your future!!!! I don't give you heavy bricks to bear but I give you eagle’s wings to fly with!!!!"

May God Bless Us with His plans and purposes for our lives in the name of Jesus Christ
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What Is Violent Praise

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Dear Victorious Worship Warriors:

In this fourth year of the seven-year war cycle, this is a year to bring God's ***victorious sound*** from Heaven into our atmospheres. How we establish an atmosphere of victory around us sets our course **for the next three years**. This is a season of victorious sound that will break old cycles, cause us to advance, and enlarge and define our boundaries for days ahead.

But What is VIOLENT PRAISE?

I am getting several questions about Violent Praise!
Violence means "vehement, forcible, or destructive action, often involving infringement, outrage, or assault."
Matthew 11:12-13 says, ***"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (NKJV)***

In the phrase, ***"the kingdom of Heaven suffers violence,"*** a share in the heavenly Kingdom is sought for with the most ardent zeal and the most intense exertion. The NIV reads, ***"The kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it."*** There is a sound and expression that will help you attain God's best and wrest all of what God has for you from the enemy's hands.

Praise comes from a Latin word meaning "value" or "price."
To give praise to God is to proclaim His merit or worth in every situation that we find ourselves encountering.
You can shout "Glory!" You can release blessing! Your heart can express thanksgiving!

This is the year of ***Samehk Hei***, which embodies the expression of "hallelujah" or "Praise the Lord." In other words, this is a year that we must bring praise and the acknowledgement of God into every circumstance of our life. If we do this, God will enthrone Himself in the midst of our circumstances, and He will take on any strategy the enemy is using to bind, block, and captivate us. ***This is a time to remove the enemy's upper hand from controlling our inheritance.***

WHAT PRAISE INVOLVES - SACRIFICE OR PHYSICAL MOVEMENT OR SILENCE; TESTIMONY, PRAYER, AND A HOLY LIFE

Praise includes offering of sacrifices (**Leviticus 7:13**), physical movement (**II Samuel 6:14**), silence and meditation (**Psalm 77:11-12**), testimony (**Psalm 66:16**), prayer (**Philippians 4:6**), and a holy life (**I Peter 1:3-9**). **Each one of these expressions can become violent when you are determined to advance in God's Kingdom plan.**

Praise is linked to music, both instrumental (**Psalm 150:3-5**) and vocal. Praise includes spontaneous outbursts of thanksgiving for some redemptive act of God (**Exodus 15**; **Judges 5**; **I Samuel 2**; **Luke**

1:46-55, 67-79). Praise also includes formal psalms and hymns adapted for corporate worship (**II Chronicles 29:30**) and church (**Colossians 3:16**). ***Praise should be a heart expression and not only an outward show*** **(Matthew 15:8).**

This is Not a Season for the Body of Christ to Be Passive.

Here are some great examples where the Israelites expressed violent praise:

- The Israelites expressed violent praise at Jericho.
- Gideon expressed violent praise over the Midianites.
- Paul and Silas expressed violent praise that shook them out of prison.

Don't worry about what to say -- just let your heart respond to God for He IS Worthy! **Psalm 81:10** says, ***"I*** **am** ***the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." (NKJV)***

The restoration of David's Tabernacle is advancing in the earth realm in this generation. You should read **Amos 9** as well as **Acts 15**, and then the book of **Revelation**. One expresses prophetically, another expresses historically, and the latter reveals to us the present expression of the war in the heavens.

When you read more closely, you see how we, as God's army in the earth, will co-labor with the Host of Heaven to express a Holy God's overcoming power throughout the nations of the earth. This will unlock a global harvest. ***Your violent praise is preparing a storehouse for Kingdom harvest.***

As you ***praise "violently,"*** you are ***releasing the Roar of the Lord that has been held captive in God's people***. Let me explain the ***"Roar of the Lord."*** God's sound permeates from Heaven and orders much of what goes on in the earthly realm. When He is ready to bring restoration to Earth, He releases His sound. Judah goes first! Judah roars! The roar of God is within us. Judah means ***praise Yahweh***.

Do not resist the major shift that is recreating the way we worship and acknowledge God corporately. Yahweh signifies the God of covenant. This is a time when God values our worship. Also, this is a time when we begin to value the covenant that He has allowed us to enter into with Him. What a price He paid to give us access to the Throne Room. Our worship will take on great covenant significance at this time. Our worship will release great blessings into the earthly realm. The redeemed of the Lord will say **"SO."**

This is a time when the burning bush, "I AM" type of worship is coming into the midst of God's people. This is going to release a deliverance call across the Earth. When the ***ROAR of the Lord*** goes forth, a prophetic mantle falls (**Amos 3**). ***Let the Roar of the Lord loose that which is deep within you.*** This will enable you to hear clearly for your future. There will be an anointing to open your "ears." You will sense the Lord break hidden grief that has kept your joy capped. ***Shout "Glory!" Release blessings! Express thanksgiving!***

Declare Victory Seven Times!

Declare victory completely in your thought processes. Allow the Lord to draw out old desires; He will remove some and activate others. Your thought-life can be revolutionized during this time. ***Stick close***

to the Lord and develop a prayer shield around you.

This is a month for a new level of discernment to be released. Stay in the Word and pray in the spirit. The Lord will uncover some key issues related to the blood of Jesus, the glory, and physical healing. ***Celebrate, and you will break through the "blood barrier" of old thought processes.***

Death strategies and assignments will break. No longer do you have to be hung between two opinions. Break double-mindedness. ***Bring your faults, failures, and everything about you into the Throne Room.*** This will be a time to push forward quickly through intersections.

Memorize Psalms 127 and 121.
He will make Himself available in night-seasons through dreams and visions. He will be very near to those who seek Him while He is near. ***Expect abundant grace and mercy to be poured out, and watch transformation occur.***

WHY WAR THROUGH "VIOLENT" PRAISE THE NEXT THREE YEARS?

In seeing what has happened in England over the last month, we must remember that the United States has a very strong covenant with God. This antagonizes the anti-Christ forces in the earth realm. The enemy is plotting and planning to bring terror and destruction that will cause God's people to retreat.

He would love to terrorize us to keep us out of subways, airplanes, malls, and so on. I do not see that smaller cities in our nation are more exempt than the larger cities in our nation.
But God!
God has a violent praising people that are more violent than the enemy. ***Everywhere you walk, from this day forward, release an atmosphere of praise that will defeat the enemy!***

Blessings,
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When Judgment Is Mercy

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> *Daniel 9:5 We have sinned, ….*

This will be a short look at some scriptures dealing with Mercy and Judgment.

Judgment is mercy when:
It leads to people learning righteousness
It brings redemption to God's people
It produces blessings
It makes the Lord better known and understood
It establishes the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Examples
It leads to people learning righteousness

> *Isaiah 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.*

It brings redemption to God's people

> *Isaiah 1:27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.*

It produces blessings

> *Haggai 2:17-19*
> *17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labours of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD.*
> *18 Consider now from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider it.*
> *19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, hath not brought forth: from this day will I bless you.*

> *Psalms 103:6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.*

It makes the Lord well known and better understood as it the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

> *Psalms 9:16 The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands.*

It establishes the Kingdom of God here on earth.

> *Psalms 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.*
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> *Isaiah 16:5 And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.*
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> *Isaiah 28:15-17*
> *15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves:*
> *16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*
> *17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.*
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> *Psalms 133:3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.*

Righteous Judgment

Judgment is Mercy when it is Righteous Judgment.

> *John 7:24 Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*
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> *Revelation 16:7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

We Love Because He First Loved Us

Francis Frangipane

Do you love Jesus Christ? Is there a part of your heart that not only intellectually accepts Christ's death for you, but actually loves Him for the price He paid?

Do you love His word and appreciate the many times He's rescued you from difficulties and battles, many caused by your own sin or foolishness? Do you love how He accepts you unconditionally when you turn to Him? He has forgiven every sin you have ever committed. How can you not love Him?

For too many people, knowing Jesus goes no deeper than agreeing to the historical fact of His existence. However, loving Him is a distant, almost unnatural reality for them. They take His name in vain or anger and, incredibly, use it as a curse. However, when you say the name of Jesus, its very sound calms the troubling in your heart. They mock His righteousness and delight in lawlessness. Yet, you love righteousness, even if you fall short of your own spiritual aspirations.

The fact that you possess love for Christ, even if your love is imperfect, proves something vital about you. The very existence of your love has been cultivated and awakened by God's love for you. The living Christ has actually approached you and revealed Himself to you. As it is written, **"We love, because He first loved us" (I John 4:19)**.

"Never Wonder if God Loves You. Rather, Look At Your Heart"

Today, Christians argue about doctrines and divide over eschatologies. Yet, let us look at the deeper issue: do we each love Jesus Christ? If so, our love for Him is the result of His love for us. You see, the proof that we truly know Jesus Christ is not measured by the degrees we post on a wall, but the degree of love for Him that burns in our hearts.

Do you love Him? If so, it is because your love is a response to the relentless warmth of God's love for you. His love has proven itself irresistible. He says, **"You did not choose Me, but I chose you" (John 15:16)**. Again, He says that **"No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him" (John 6:44)**. Even our coming to Him is a product of His love for us.

When I say, "I love You, Jesus," it is because, at some point, long before I knew Him, before I could discern His voice or recognize His influence in my life, His love was drawing me to His heart. Yes, I know I am not worthy, but still Christ loved me. True, I have no righteousness of my own, but I imagine there was a moment in heaven when the Son turned to the heavenly Father and said, "I love Francis. I will bring him to Myself, show him My ways and become the strength of his life."

Never wonder if God loves you. Rather, look at your heart. Do you love Him? If so, your love for Him is proof of His love for you. We love, because He first loved us.

Heavenly Father, help us to pause, to absorb into our consciousness the impact of Your purposed love for us. Let this wondrous love influence everything we think and all that we do and become: I am my Beloved's and He is mine. Your banner over me is love. Let my life be flavored by Your unfailing mercy until, with all my heart, I love You, even as You have loved me.

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When Love Waxes Cold

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> *Matthew 24:11-13 (King James Version)*
> [11]*And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*
> [12]*And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.*
> [13]*But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved*

Why does the love of many wax cold? Clearly it states that it is because INIQUITY SHALL ABOUND! What does that really mean?

It means that there will be **contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness** that will not only be around but will abound! The law is for the safety of all the society. Israel had laws that protected all of the society and respect was given to the law as a guide to good and acceptable behavior. Their lawgiver was Jehovah.
Today in our society we have seen it creep up on us where more and more the law of the land was disrespected and outright held in contempt. Leaders who have been placed over us to guide us are in held in contempt as the administrators of the law and in some cases the enforcers of the law of the land.

We have heard the term “law abiding citizen”. The law is only good for the masses if there is respect for the law. Otherwise the law will continue to be broken and be held in more and more contempt.

Most of the free world’s laws of the land and over the people have its base in the 10 commandments of the Lord. How those commands were meted out by authorities may vary, but the foundation is there. In Matthew verse 12 it says in the last days INIQUITY (contempt and violation of the law) will abound. That means it will increase **and multiply.** It didn’t say it would get more orderly.

Because the Law is in place as a schoolmaster to teach right from wrong according to the will of God, many will lose their compassion for one another. They will blame God for the many things that they see being done on the earth. Because of this lawlessness the LOVE of MANY shall be WAXED COLD.

What expression of the word love is being used in this scripture? It is **brotherly love, affection, good will.** We will see it in manifestation with people less willing to reach out and help others. More people will stop giving where they have been known to give. Others will lock their doors and take in no strangers because they have had a bad experience before and won’t trust enough to have a new one.

> *Acts 28:26-28 (King James Version)*
> [26]*Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive:*
> [27]*For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.*
> [28]*Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it*

We have to be careful as the Church of Jesus Christ that we don’t have dull ears and closed eyes to what is RIGHTEOUS in the Lord. If we do, the Lord will take his salvation elsewhere. Now some will think that he won’t do that because it’s something that is forever. It is. However salvation is for the NOW. It is our healing NOW, our prosperity NOW, our divine protection NOW! Consider making salvation (the Word of God) of no effect. I don’t think that is what anyone would want in these troubled times.

Remember the last verse of Matthew. He that endures until the end the SAME shall be saved. We have to endure the unendurable. That is what separates the sheep from the goats.

> *Acts 13:45-47 (King James Version)*
> [45]*But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.*
> [46]*Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.*
> [47]*For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth*

As Paul said to those who spake against the things that was spoken by Paul, being contradictory and blaspheming, that they would turn to others who were not of the household of God to bring them the message of salvation and would receive! Why? That sounds so cold and loveless! No. Paul said “you put it from you and JUDGED YOURSELVES UNWORTHY of everlasting life.”

What is the right judgment? It is bringing justice into the earth as God would have it. Not the justice of man. But the GOODNESS of GOD. God judged Jesus as a worthy sacrifice for sin! How are we to judge? We are to judge as Jesus would judge.

> *1 John 1:5*
> *This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

Here is JUST ONE of the judgment RULES set out by the Lord God for us to follow. Read all of Leviticus 19 for more understanding. But before considering the below scripture, understand the meaning of judge as applied in the King James.

Judgment, justice, ordinance

a. judgment
    1. act of deciding a case
    2. place, court, seat of judgment
    3. process, procedure, litigation (before judges)
    4. case, cause (presented for judgment)
    5. sentence, decision (of judgment)
    6. execution (of judgment)
    7. time (of judgment)
b. justice, right, rectitude (attributes of God or man)
c. ordinance
d. decision (in law)
e. right, privilege, due (legal)
f. proper, fitting, measure, fitness, custom, manner, plan

When the Lord judges (and we should follow his example), He judges in righteousness.

> *Psalm 9*
> [8]*And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.*
> [9]*The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.*
> *Psalm 37:32-34 (King James Version)*
> [32]*The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.*
> [33]*The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.*

> *[34]Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.*
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> *Psalm 72:4*
> *He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor*
>
> *2 Chronicles 19:6*
> *And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment.*

How much MUCH MORE could be said about judgment. Judgment is not the same as condemnation. Judgment is the making of a right decision, as God would make it. Condemnation and death and destruction are from the devil. He twists the law of God in the ears and eyes of men. God weighs and decides based on His law for the benefit of the earth and those in it. God did not condemn men to hang on the tree-CURSED. He brought forth a plan of atonement that men could forever be at peace with God. Let us not forget the salvation that has been sealed in Christ for us, for ever.

> *Leviticus 19:14-16 (King James Version)*
> *[15]Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.*
> *[16]Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I am the LORD.*
> *[17]Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.*
> *[18]Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.*

Will we judge the poor, the widow, the fatherless, the household of God, the wicked as God would? Do we judge righteously? When the love of many grows cold, will God's love toward us also grow cold? Of course not! We must continue in right judgment to do these acts of God first in our hearts and into the world as He commands us to do. The commandment of love is NOT a suggestion but a requirement to endure through the darkness. I have personally heard much about those who are lazy, who are only seeking to go to church to marry, etc etc. Imagine if we judged rightly the changes that would occur in the earth! However we condemn and fail to bring forth His Justice on the earth. Thinking more highly of ourselves than we should. Any of us can be poor at any time, very quickly. It is not by our strength alone that we have wealth. God gives us the wisdom to get wealth. Are we connected to right judgment to make Godly decisions of giving that it may be given unto us PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER? Remember what ever you decide to judge and the manner of heart you judge it in, you will receive back PRESSED DOWN, SHAKEN TOGETHER, AND RUNNING OVER.

Love covers a multitude of sin. It sure covered mine on the cross!

Remember as dark days fall on the world to continue to speak LIFE into situations of death; speak LIGHT into dark places. Speak MERCY in places of CONDEMNATION; speak RIGHT JUDGMENT into places of CHAOS and DIRE CONDITIONS. Endure until the end that you may be saved.

> *MATTHEW 24*
>
> *[13]But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved*

What is that which we MUST ENDURE?

- Endure the hate of men for the sake of Jesus (Matt 10:22; 2Tim 2:3)

- Endure until the end of the lawlessness and of hearts waxing cold (Matt 24:13)
- Endure offenses of others because of the Word that is brought (Matt 4:17)
- Endure SOUND doctrine (2Tim 2:4-3)
- Endure afflictions (2 Tim2:4-5)
- Endure fear (Hebrews 11:27)
- Endure the contradiction of sinners (Hebrews 12:3)
- Endure chastening of God (Hebrews 12:7)
- Endure Temptation (James 1:12)
- Endure grief and suffering wrongly if for the conscious toward God (1 Peter 2:9)
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> *· James 5:11*
> *Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy*
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> *Romans 12:21*
> *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good*
>
> *2 Peter 2:19*
> *While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage*

Do we want good in our world? Then we must overcome the evil in our world by GOOD. Do not let yourself be OVERCOME by cold hard hearts, poverty, despair, ingratitude, doubt, and the like, for what overcomes you, has taken you into captivity and bondage. Remain Free! Over come these with love, giving, hope, thankfulness, faith and their like!

> *Revelation 21:7*
> *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

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The Power of Holy Ghost Tears
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Scriptures
Psalm 6:6
I am weary with my groaning; all the night make I my bed to swim; I water my couch with my tears.

Psalm 39:12
Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were

Psalm 56:8
Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?

Psalm 126:5
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

· 2 Kings 20:5
Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

I have often wondered why it is that when the Spirit of the Lord comes upon me during worship or prayer, why I don’t laugh, or jump, or shout. I weep with deep groanings. I’m personally not sad. But HE is expressing his compassion through me.

Have you ever thought God don’t care? Look into the eyes of a weeping gap stander, you will be looking into the eyes of Jesus in that very moment. You will see that those tears are for you. He still weeps for you. He expresses it through imperfect, emotional deficient, earthen vessels who in a moment are yielded to Him. He’s not always weeping because you are far from Him or unrepentant, or a terrible sinner. He often will weep because HE FEELS YOUR CONDITION.

In a previous study last year we looked at bearing one another’s burden’s and what it meant for any two TOUCHING anything really meant. We found out touching meant, we had to be connected up with it on all levels. We couldn’t be emotionally devoid of the one we are agreeing with in prayer. We must become as one to agree. That is perfect intercession. That is the Holy Spirit bearing, or TOUCHING the “ thing” with you. He is totally engaged in it!

I had a word given to me of the Lord tonight. He said “ Fire. Tidal. Tears of Fire. Tidal Tears of Fire.” Wow I was overcome with the meaning in my heart however I was having difficulty relaying the power of those Holy Ghost Words.

I want to go back to a statement made to me years ago. It was said that our tears don’t move God, only faith moves God. But tonight, I was shown that tears do move God, but they have to be Holy Spirit tears. Tears of Fire truly illustrated that to me. For us to truly see the miracles that we desire to see in the lives of others, we have to get much more “ real” in our intercession. Truthfully we can’t do that, unless the Lord anoints us for that mission. You can’t stir that one out without soon being found out we are a “ fake”. It must be agreement between YOU AND HOLY SPIRIT. You both must be touching the thing. Can these DRY BONES LIVE? Yes. Can I feel the heart of God? Yes, if He trusts you with His heart. He wants to express his deepness. Shut him down, and you wound Him. He will retreat from you. He’ll not depart, but he will move back. Wouldn’t you if you were told to stop it?

Jesus was often MOVED WITH COMPASSION before a miracle occurred. He TOUCHED the THING before he even was physically INVOLVED in the thing. It was the BELIEF in HIS LOVE that rose faith up in those who would receive.

When Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus, I believe there was a few things happening. I am sure he wept at the lack of faith in those gathered around. I am sure he was heart broken that they did not understand the promise of God standing before them. There is now a new thing I have discovered through the Holy Spirit. Jesus wept in intercession. He touched the thing. Through His tidal tears of fire, he cried out “ Lazarus come forth”. This tidal wave of tears swept away any care of anything else, any distraction, and purified the moment for total focus IN FAITH to speak LIFE into those bones. A miracle happened. Faith worked by love. Did other’s believe he could raise Lazarus? Not really. How did the faith of Jesus overcome all the doubt in the house this time? Before he had to chase other’s away that their doubt did not stop the healing or rising up from beds of illness. This time it was different. Jesus was given the fullness of intercession through Tidal Tears of Fire. He knew He would face what Lazarus was now in circumstance of: death! He could touch the thing!

Consider these things carefully. Be careful not to mock God with crocodile tears because it may look “ spiritual”. Don’t tempt the Lord in matters of compassion, or any other matter. Ask for this gift of tears. It’s a new thing the Lord is doing. This is His New Thing. More is coming. Perhaps when released I will share on those things as well. The anointing to share that is not fully present as yet. Ask the Lord to give you Tidal Tears of Fire. Watch the anointing BREAK the yoke.

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Tempting God

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What does it mean to Tempt God?

The Word TEMPT means*: try presumptuously, provoke someone to do something through (often false or exaggerated) promises or persuasion.*

What does it mean to TRY PRESUMPTUOUSLY? That is where the word tempt becomes interesting. Try means to:

- put on trial or hear a case and sit as the judge at the trial of
- put to the test, as for its quality, or give experimental use to
- give pain or trouble to
- test the limits of
- take liberties or act with too much confidence, to act without permission,

So in other words when it says in Deuteronomy 6:16 ye shall not tempt the Lord your God. You can understand it this way

YOU SHALL NOT PUT ON TRIAL , PUT TO THE TEST, EXPERIMENT HIS USE, TEST THE LIMITS OF, ACT WITHOUT PERMISSION, OR GIVE PAIN OR TROUBLE TO YOUR GOD THROUGH PROVOKING YOUR GOD WITH EXAGGERATED PROMISES OR PERSUASION(argument, reason or entreaty or on personal belief that is not based on proof).

There are many scriptures regarding temptation. I have just done a short word search on the word tempt itself without its variations.

Exodus 17

[1]And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink.

[2]Wherefore the people did chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore do ye tempt the LORD?

[3]And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst?

What happened here that Moses said the people were tempting God? Chide means to censure sharply or to criticize, rebuke. So the people were speaking very disrespectfully to Moses and were trying God. He had just shown himself strong on their behalf, but now they are grumbling that they were brought out of Egypt to be killed. They were using manipulation and sarcasm to push the Lord and Moses into doing something in their time table.

Numbers 14:22

Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;

Deuteronomy 6:16

Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

Of course I needed also to know what happened in this place called Massah. Here is the account:

Exodus 17:6-8 (New International Version)

[6] I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. [7] And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Amalekites Defeated

[8] The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim.

Footnotes:

a. Exodus 17:7 *Massah* means *testing* .
b. Exodus 17:7 *Meribah* means *quarreling* .

Exodus 17:7
And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

It really sounds as though these people were determined for God to perform to their liking. It sounded as though they were lacking patience in waiting for the Lord’s deliverance. In the following scripture found in Psalms explains what happened here a little more clearly. Where did they tempt God? In their HEART by asking MEAT for their LUST. They had been provided food. Yet they wanted it their way. This is more that lusting for food. It is a condition of the heart. Do we ask for manifestation for the lust of our heart? Are we expecting God to perform like a dog for a cookie for our approval and acknowledgement?

Let’s look at the word Lust and what it means in our day to day language. Lust means: *have a craving, appetite, or great desire for.* Now, what can meat mean? It can mean: *the choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience*
I believe most of us know the most carnal parts of lust. Lets go deeper. Lets get into the issues of the heart. Do we today have a craving or appetite to be fed the choicest or most essential part of an idea or experience?

Psalm 78:18
And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

Isaiah 7:11-13
[11]Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.
[12]But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.
[13]And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?
This is an interesting scripture from Matthew that gives us relevancy as it pertains to the words of Jesus. Jesus perceived the wickedness in their question. These ones TEMPTED the Son of God.

Matthew 22:17-19
[17]Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?
[18]But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?
[19]Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny
Tempting can come in the form of lying. You can even agree to tempt the Holy Spirit of the Lord! How many of us are doing this? I’m certainly looking at my own life in the midst of this article and asking myself these questions.

Acts 5:8-10
[8]And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.
[9]Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.
[10]Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.
This next scripture in Acts 15 blew me away. It says in verse 10 that we can tempt God by putting a yoke upon the neck of the disciples of Jesus. Those who are learning from Jesus.

Acts 15:9-
[9]And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

[10]Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
[11]But we believe that through the grace of the LORD Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

We often wonder what happens if we do tempt God. This scripture below speaks of what happens when we tempt Christ. They were destroyed of serpents! I would caution those who would think that serpents in this scripture is literal serpents even though it certainly is that also. If we look at our understanding of Genesis we understand the serpent in the garden was the beguiler. The trickster. Let us not tempt Christ (the anointed one and HIS anointing- even those he anoints) that we be destroyed by the serpents of darkness.

1 Corinthians 10:8-
[8]Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.
[9]Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
[10]Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

Wailing Mourning And Flooding Is Coming To The UK

Obii Pax-Harry

24th October 2005

I write with heaviness of heart, total humility, and fear of God. I urge you to read carefully what I am about to share. On the 9th of October I was awakened by the Holy Spirit, and given several messages, instructions and insight into future world events.

Processing Divine Revelation:

The Lord made clear He is not allowing His “pearls” to be cast before “swine’s”. Prophets will no longer prophesy to the stiff necked, cynical minds destined for destruction; those who have rejected the Lord and His word. As a matter of fact, I was instructed in very clear words by the Lord “You are no longer to warn them of the times”. I was given until 31st of December 2005 to send prophetic words through emails. I know believers in the U.K are not used to this type of word but PLEASE believe that the END OF TIMES IS UPON US! We must now reject enticing words of human wisdom and call for keys to interpret the times.

We are the season of the 5 wise, and 5 foolish virgins (Matt 25).

WARN THEM!

The Lord spoke to me as I prayed last night seeking interpretation of the panic I sensed in the spirit. He spoke of the hour to reveal we are in the season of Luke 17.

Jesus spoke to His disciples about the time you and I are in today in, Luke 17:26-28 “And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man”.

They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all”.

The Lord revealed His messages must now be processed in four categories because we are in a season of separation. He is now speaking to four categories of people.

1. People that are asleep
2. People awake but stagnant
3. People awake and mobile (moving on with the Lord)
4. People who have accessed a season of fullness of His Spirit living

A Time of Mourning

NIGERIA:

Shortly after speaking with a dear friend last night (22nd October), I suddenly saw (in the spirit) a plane crash. I went into a panic and prayed. I was worried because she had just bored her flight to USA. I had only just said goodbye at the instruction of the pilot of her plane.

About 30mins later, as I spoke this time to a friend local to me (England), I suddenly experienced a panic attack. I quickly shared what I was experiencing with her, and had to go off the line to pray. I needed to know what the Lord was revealing. I later found out a plane had crashed that very moment in Nigeria killing another dear friend and several other government officials.

My friend who had boarded her flight to the USA is married to a top government official. He had also boarded on a flight from Lagos to Abuja. He had taken the earlier flight (from Lagos to Abuja) and had sat on the exact same aircraft that crashed hours later. Incidentally I had given her and another top government official the word of the Lord that “October 2005 would be a month of mourning and to watch over the 22nd October 05”.

Nigeria has now gone into a season of mourning having lost 116 people in a plane crash on the 22nd October 05, along with the wife of President who died following surgery in Spain on the same day. Nigeria is also in season of judgement, another prophetic word that I have been speaking to government officials in Nigeria since 2003.

BRITAIN:

As a result of the tragic events in Nigeria, I am compelled to speak up for fear of coming under judgement myself. Britain appears to be on the same timeline as Nigeria. With the benefit of prophetic signs and strategic natural occurrences, timelines of nations can be read for strategy.

Britain is in a season for:

Wailing:

Whilst in Israel during September 05, the Lord revealed the season that has beset the U.K. He said, “I want you to pull on the ancient anointing that is in My Holy land, the places I prayed, the places I taught, the places I healed, and the places I walked”. From place to place we pulled on the anointing having heeded the warning “you are not to see yourselves as tourists”.

The Lord then spoke clearly, that the strength to intercede for Britain cannot be drawn from Britain in the season that began 16th September 2005.

He said “A season of wailing” has come upon us. The instruction was to:

“Consider and call for the mourning women, that they may come; And send for skilful wailing women, that they may come” (Jer 9:17).

Mourning:

For months I have been unable to beautify my hair or treat my hair. I have also to my dismay been led to wrap my hair in a scarf as the mourning women would do in Africa. I did not know I was living through the sign of the season….mourning! There will be mourning for spiritual and natural deaths in the land. Many will mourn for loss of material things too.

Flooding:

Several prophetic voices including Sue Mitchell, Victor Lorenzo, Martin Scott, and Sharon Stone have been warning of flooding coming to London and the rest of the nation. I had the word given to me on the same subject of flooding cited on the Women Arise web site since 2004. Please see prophecy page (see Flood Alert & also Word for Nation Pt 1& 2 on www.womenarisepray.org).

On Tuesday 18th October, the Lord spoke to me at our church's weekly prayer meeting to watch for 21days from then (18th) for His voice through cosmic sign (i.e. flooding) in the land.

On Wednesday, 19th October 2005, (the very next day) I was informed of citings of rainbows by Deborah Smith (my assistant) who was not aware of the word the Lord revealed to me the day before.

Deborah had visited London for the upcoming 'INTERPRETING THE TIMES' training Sue Mitchell (Co-founder of Passion, U.K) and I felt mandated by the Spirit of the Lord to pursue (11th-12th Nov).

Deborah saw on five different occasions, and locations rainbows appear over London, after seeing the 5th rainbow, her husband called her and mentioned there were two rainbows over Birmingham making 7 in total. The Lord then confirmed the word He gave me earlier on in the month of October that, "You have come into a season of 7's; a time of completion".

COMPLETION OF SIGNS:

With the rainbows of the 19th, the Lord said, "There has now been a completion of signs". (7 is the number for completion). The church and nation must now expect to witness great flooding. The sign of rainbows over the head (London) and heart (Birmingham) of England reveals a message to the righteous in England at least, that the Lord will not destroy the righteous (as was with Noah) nor belongings.

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What’s Next
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Shalom Fellow Israelite, August 26, 2005

Well, we all have seen the heart renting scenes of families losing their homes and being taken off in buses during the disengagement. Some went peacefully and others put up passive resistance. Then there were those who came in from the outside and gave the world a thrill as they battled the soldiers and police with oil, water bottles, eggs, sticks and fruit and vegetables. But nothing compared to the stones, firebombs and weapons that the Palestinians use when they decide to resist.

All in all the government, police and military declared unanimously that the campaign to rid the Gaza and Northern Samaria of the Jews, in the process of getting it ready for a free and democratic state of Palestine, was a successful one. One commentator said that this was only the first round of the Disengagement. I wonder who will be next. Ariel Sharon, on the other hand, said that there would be no more evacuation of settlements, while his colleague and member of his government, Shimon Peres, had been saying all along that the only reason he was supporting this government was for this purpose. Peres had also said that he and his party would leave the government once the Disengagement is over (although that remains to be seen, as it isn't so easy to give up a cushy seat). Another left-winger, Dr Yosi Beilin (architect of the Geneva Accords), is planning to present the Knesset with a no confidence vote, in hopes of bringing the Sharon rule to an end. In a Fox News interview with a White House representative, the latter categorically stated that Israel is about to have new elections (and who knows better than a White House representative about Israeli politics?) President Bush, of course, is pushing for the "two democratic states" solution.

But this peace process, which is supposed to pave the way for Bush's dream and vision, will come to a standstill if Israel's government disbands (at least until after new elections take place). In the interim Israel will lick its wounds and the Palestinian Authority will have time to try to persuade Hamas to stop its aggressive policies and come together and join a more pragmatic and peaceful political solution. Unfortunately for the PA, Hamas does not recognize their sovereignty, even though the two groups are not really all that different one from the other. In fact, PA leader, Muhammad Abbas, when addressing his own people (including Hamas) was of the opinion that it was because of the persistent armed resistance that Israel withdrew, although he had other things to say to the rest of the world. He even came and shook the hands of Israel's leaders, congratulating them for taking such a courageous step towards peace. Incidentally, Hamas has just come out with a declaration of war against "Christian Zionists". In view of the circumstances they have been bragging that their god, Allah, and the Koran are greater and more powerful than the God of the Bible and His people the Jews and Christians.

We, of the redeemed remnant that are called out through Messiah Yeshua, must understand that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in Elohim for pulling down of strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of Elohim, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled" (2 Corinthians 10:4-6).

Two weeks ago I mentioned the religious spirits of Jezebel and her daughter Athaliah. Jezebel was ruling in the House of Joseph, killing the prophets of YHVH and she is still active in that house, doing her best to keep true believers (in the churches) from hearing the voice of YHVH's prophets from of old. Her daughter, on the other hand, is dominant in the House of Judah.

It was during the time of the reign of Athaliah, in the House of Judah, that there was a priest whom YHVH raised up to protect the "royal seed". Jehoiada (Yeho-yada, meaning, "YHVH knows") called for "a third of the priests and Levites that have come in on the Shabbat to be the gatekeepers" (2 Chronicles 23:4). Please note the ones that were chosen for this most important position were those who came in on the Shabbat, that is, those who have entered His rest.

Through the Messiah YHVH has returned the office of the priesthood back to the firstborn (ref. Jeremiah 31:9). You are therefore called to come into His eternal Shabbat and become these gatekeepers or watchmen. Many want to be the watchmen on the wall or gatekeepers in the house, but the priests that took up this position were prepared, tested and found faithful in the little things.

The above quoted scriptures (2 Corinthians 10) describe the marks of a priest of the Most High. Such a one has learned to use his spiritual weapons and bring down every thought (in his own mind) and the fortresses of the enemy that have built themselves into his personality. He overcomes the adversary by obedience to the leading of the Spirit of Holiness, which is the life and nature of the Messiah, as Yeshua came to destroy the works of the devil. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of Yeshua, knowing that your labor is not in vain in Him" (1 Corinthians 15:58). Thus this "priest" must be found faithful in his service to YHVH

Ephraim cannot protect the "royal seed" in the House of Judah if he has not learned obedience to the "royal seed" in his own house, "and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled".

To paraphrase a portion of 2 Chronicles 23: "And these gatekeepers shall surround the king on all sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whatever comes into the house that is not of YHVH, let it be put to death. The gatekeepers are to be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out. These priest have been given spears and the large and small shields that belonged to King David and that were in the temple of YHVH."

May it be so in our personal tabernacle and may others in our fellowship be those gatekeepers who would help us guard the "Royal Seed", that He may rule in our hearts.

Shabbat Shalom Ephraim

When, Not If
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In the wake of the recent London terrorist attacks a new catch phrase is being heard from the mouths of politicians, authorities and those who are considered experts in such things. "Not if, but when" has become the word of the hour as high profile leaders tell us that terrorist attacks are now inevitable in many of our cities and nations. As the war on terror spreads wider and uglier, our newspapers and T.V.'s daily deliver newer and graver warnings of potential attacks. In Britain, across Europe, in the U.S.A. and here in Australia we are told it's only a matter of time until the next attack takes more innocent lives and leaves us wondering what more can be done to combat this evil. Despite the best assurances of political leaders that they are ready for the next terrorist assault, and regardless of internet websites defiantly proclaiming "We are not afraid", fear IS growing. I've yet to hear anyone seriously stand up and challenge this mindset of "when, not if" now being spoken forth from international halls of power over our airwaves and into our homes.

The scriptures do tell us that in the end times there will be distress of nations with mens' hearts failing for fear, so the fact that fear is rising in the world should not surprise us. However, we who are in Christ are not of the world, and need not receive its mindset. These words, "not if, but when" are indeed prophetic words, but carry a different message entirely for those laying down their lives daily to follow the Lamb. As I have heard this phrase resounding across the world in recent days the Holy Spirit has been birthing a deeper, more significant message hidden within it - a message the waiting Bride has been longing to hear and which I believe is now being trumpeted from Heaven to those who have ears to hear. The Holy Spirit does not imitate the world in any way whatsoever, but the world without realising it often unconsciously gives voice to things of the Spirit. I have waited on the Lord seeking expression of that which I am sensing in the Spirit. No doubt there are many others hearing this same message, and my prayer is that this word will find witness and confirmation in other maturing, prophetic hearts.

I believe the Spirit is calling the Bridal company to stand up. I believe we are entering a day of both apostolic power and apostolic struggle. There are obviously pioneer servants who have been blazing a trail in that realm for some time now. However, for the majority, that is those who have yielded to the Lord's severe fires of refining and forging in recent years, a new day of corporately expressing the fullness of Christ is emerging. The refinement process will continue as the purest oil is drawn forth from the followers of the Lamb. Remember, it is the Lord's practise to keep the best wine for the end and the best wine is that which has been well matured in the winepress.

In nations where the church does not repent of her slothfulness and love of comfort, persecution is set to increase. For those who have lightly esteemed the spiritual freedom bought for them by the Blood of the Lamb, the civil law of the land shall become as a rod to teach them the meaning of grace. By this I mean that the present trend towards extreme political correctness in Western nations will continue to grow, seriously impacting on the western church's freedom to express her beliefs. Many believers will find themselves in a position of choosing between compromise or prosecution by civil authorities. The Cross looms heavily on the skyline and many in the church will flee from it. Those who have already set their faces to the Cross will demonstrate the Spirit's power in signs and wonders, but just as importantly, the Spirit's power will also be demonstrated through the preaching of the Word of Truth with ALL boldness.

The Spirit says we are not to fear, for though persecution will be great, so will grace. The fires that He will start will not be quenched, for when one fire is snuffed out, another will spring up in a different place. There will be so many Holy Spirit fires burning at once that the world and the antichrist system will be at a loss to know how to deal with them. Imprisoning the firestarters will not stop these fires, nor will killing them. These spiritual fires will spread from one servant to another like wildfire, and there will be so many carrying the fire of the Spirit nothing either from earth or from hell will be able to control them.

At the beginning of 2005 this ministry released a word to the Body called Days of the Spirit and the Bride, in which I stated : "In the days ahead the Spirit and Bride together will go forth across the nations, bearing manifested witness to the resurrection life of Christ. The Holy Spirit will unveil an elect company of living sacrifices that are the true Bride of Christ. As the "wife of the Lamb" yields in total submission to the holy governance and sweet fellowship of the Spirit of God, the Spirit will adorn her with the glorious reflection of the Bridegroom, revealing to the world the treasures of the knowledge of Christ that have been hidden within the Bride."

Manifested witness is the tangible power of the risen Christ. And the Spirit and the Bride say "Come". So be it.

Let us hear now what the Spirit says to the Bride:

WHEN, NOT IF
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Do you hear what the world is saying, Beloved? They do not know the truth they're speaking and they do not know it's meaning. The real question is this: "Do you hear what the Spirit says to the church?" Don't think it strange that the world echoes the Spirit, for the Spirit of God can cause even a dumb animal to speak for Him if He so chooses. In the beginning the Spirit hovered over the waters. The Spirit now hovers over the waters of mankind, brooding, bringing forth the Word of the Father. A Bride is forming in the nations. A Bridal company arises from the waters of humanity. Tribal borders, ethnicity, diverse tongues and customs - these are no barrier to the Spirit Who hovers, brooding, drawing and giving form to the great Bridal company who follow the Lamb.

This is the "when" of the Spirit. This is the "now" Heaven and creation have long awaited. The word of the hour is "when" - there is no longer any place for "if" among you.

Do you hear, My Beloved? I said "when, not if". Now is the hour of our "when" together. Now is the hour the Father has promised Me. Now is the hour I have spoken of to My Bride - first there to my disciples gathered on the shores of Galilee, and in the desert places of solitude, then down through the ages to trusted and faithful servants, forerunners in My great Bridal company, and now to you. I say to you the "now" has arrived. This is the hour of Yes and Amen. You have known My constraining Hand upon you, but no longer. You have groaned to be sent forth to manifest My fullness on the earth, but no longer. You have wept in hidden places of loneliness and sorrow, but now your sorrow is to be turned to joy.

Now there will be a proclaiming to the nations of My Power and My salvation. Now I say that you will demonstrate the Spirit's power - even the little children among you I shall anoint with miracles, signs and wonders to increase My glory on the earth. The power of My Name shall be shown by My Bride to those who sit in palaces and high places of political power, as well as in remote and isolated tribal villages, for I am no respecter of persons.

I say this world is talking about "when, not if", and I will show the world and those who decree such things the true meaning of those words. I say as My Kingdom manifests among them they shall truly know what I mean when I say "when, not if", for together we shall turn those words to herald the breaking forth of My Kingdom and the rising of My glory on My Bridal company. To those in the world who prophesy fear and doom, I shall show a new kind of fear, for the fear of the Lord will be known once more in the hearts of men. Don't think you shall be exempt from that yourself, Beloved, for if you think you can walk in My glory and not in My fear you are already walking in deception.

I said blessed are the servants who are watching when the Master comes. I said I am coming at an unexpected hour. That's a when, not an if. I said the hour would come when true worshipers will worship in the truth of the Spirit. That when is now. I said the hour would come when the dead will hear My Voice and live. I said the hour would come when you will stand before kings and rulers to give witness of Me. I said you will be beaten, betrayed and delivered up so that My Spirit will speak through you. I said there will be those who think they do God a favour by killing you, did I not? I tell you, it is no longer "if" but "when" for those who follow Me to the end.

I said you will see the Son of Man coming with the clouds in all His glory at an hour you think not. I said the hour will come when men will not endure sound doctrine. I said beware the hour when they say "peace and safety" for sudden destruction will fall on them. And I said when that which is perfect shall come, that which is in part will be no longer.

Now understand, Beloved, this is no longer about "if" you are ready. It is about Me being ready. No more "if" you feel like it, or "if" you don't. It is I that determines times and seasons and I say "if " is finished and "when" is here. Therefore gird yourself, beloved. The days of My knocking, imploring you to open to Me are behind.

The days are upon us when we shall go forth to the fields, for My desire is towards you. Too long you have been dreaming of Me - of being with Me, moving with Me, being fulfilled in all My promises to you. Now I speak words of release to you as I call you to follow Me with joyous abandon, unrestrained and unstoppable. You have sung your songs of love to Me, now I sing over you songs of deliverance, songs that will release you into all I have said to you. You will run with the limp of one who has contended with Me and yielded. You will go forth leaning on Me as one who has surrendered even her very identity to Mine. You shall be known by the seal I have placed upon you. No, my beloved, you may think you are not ready, but I am ready. When you hold back you will lose sight of Me, but when you lose Yourself in Me I will show You Who I Am. Do not hold back. It is the "when" of our running together. Let us show the world together what "when, not if" really means.

"Who is she who looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, awesome as an army with banners?" Song 6:10

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"I have but one passion - it is He, it is He alone." Count Zinzindorf

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We Need Some Kind Of Warning

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I can still recall where I was sitting, on the morning of September 11, 2001. I was in Kansas City, Kansas, watching the impact of two aircraft on the world trade towers, the aircraft plummeting into the Pentagon, another seemingly on it's way to Camp David crashing into western Pennsylvania. As the day unfolded my heart was deeply moved.

I felt the same frustration, that same whispering in my spirit as I did on Christmas day, 2004 - after the Asian Tsunami. The voice of the church had been almost totally silent prior to this national tragedy. Why was there no warning of the events? Or indeed, the tidal waves that hit P.N.G. in 1998, or of the explosion of Mt St Helens the first time?

The nation of Canada has an early warning defence system. It was constructed in the 1940's to ready the people for incoming attack aircrafts. The sirens, air horns, warning systems and wiring still stand today. You can go to any major city in Canada and see these massive horns on stands, street corners, roofs and shopping centres. This system was tested in late 2002 and guess what they found? Less than 10% of the system is still functional. For the most part, these air raid sirens have become nesting places for birds, squirrels and other animals.

An early warning system

Tornadoes are a really good example, of an event that we are naturally able to give warning about. Whilst we still do not understand them, we can predict their coming fairly accurately.

Some years ago there was a movie in the box office called "Twister". In one scene a town was destroyed by a tornado. A woman was talking to her 'twister chasing' niece and she remarked, "Jo, we just didn't have any warning. No broadcast, no phone call, nothing! The sirens went off and seconds later we were hit... you've got to do something to give us more time!" When I first saw the movie, this line made me weep. I was grieved and deeply moved - in the same way as the events of Christmas Day moved me.

The eyes of the body

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, and the glory of men to seek it out (Prov. 25:2). Why is it then that so much of what God has concealed remains concealed? Consider Christ's warning that: "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness" (Luke 11:34). If the gift of prophetic insight is not alive and well in the church, the whole body will be in the dark, or at least partially blind.

We see a perfect example of the way an early warning system functioned well in the New Testament, in the ministry of Agabus. Agabus came from Jerusalem to Antioch and warned them of a coming famine - he blew the trumpet, he said what he saw and they listened. Thankfully they also responded. Everywhere the disciples went they took up offerings for the church in that region, preparing them financially for the famine that came just as Agabus had declared (Acts 11:27-30).

In the church, our early warning system is the ministry of the prophetic. Just as in the movie, our 'systems' are not providing warning of real danger. God lamented so long ago to His servant that, "I sought for anyone among them who would repair the wall and stand in the breach before me on behalf of the land, so that I would not destroy it; but I found no one" (Ezek. 22:30).

The prophetic is not completely non-functional. It has provided good insight to the Scriptures, it has been leaned upon in matters of church government in some quarters and it has been thoroughly overused in the realm of personal prophecy. But the prophetic should provide some warning of national and impending disaster. The Lord told Ezekiel, that the people should take one of their number as a sentinel, it was his job to look for judgment coming, for impending incidents.

That sentinel had two options if he saw something. He could blow the trumpet, or decide not to if he was unsure of what he had seen. Should the trumpet be blown, the people had two options when they heard the trumpet. They could respond or decide not to (Ezek. 33:2-6).

Why is our warning system, why are our watchmen largely silent?

1. Cry wolf syndrome

Sadly the prophetic has done itself a great disservice in crying wolf. Consider the history of prediction, the track record with episodes like this:

- Y2K and the predictions of destruction that filled the church; - 9/11 and proclamations that this was not judgement; - Iraq and Afganistan being invaded by the USA, with many in the prophetic movement supporting war.

Leaders learn to ignore the constant warnings given them by messengers because they have failed to get it right in the past. We must take responsibility for this, repent and endeavour to get it right in the future. Immature, untrained, self appointed or eager ministries have also discredited the prophetic with much 'doom saying' and 'date-setting' that again and again turned out to be wrong.

2. We do not want to hear bad news

In the church today many have swung out to an excessive or extreme position in the prophetic. Many today will not receive a 'bad report'. We seek only positive confession, only good news and therefore lean toward those messengers who tickle our ears. In Jeremiah's day the Lord said "Blow the trumpet through the land; shout aloud and say, "Gather together, and let us go into the fortified cities!" Raise a standard toward Zion, flee for safety, do not delay" (Jer. 4:5). Sadly the leaders of Israel at the time took Jeremiah's report rather poorly, and did not respond to the warnings.

3. Abuse

In some quarters we have abused our watchmen. Many of them have either been asked to leave, or have left voluntarily. There are good reasons behind asking some to leave, as outlined above. There are also some good reasons why valid prophetic ministries would decide to leave and remain silent. Men like Jeremiah, who gave true warning to the leaders, was abused by his 'church'. "Pashur struck the prophet...and put him in stocks"! (Jer. 20:2). To the warning of danger, they retorted, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied like this?" (26:9). Jeremiah earnestly wanted his city to be prepared, but they continued in their unbelief.

Conclusion

The Body of Christ functions best when it's eyes and ears function. We not only need to restore the watchmen to their place on the walls, but to also heed their advice rather than rejecting them. The report they bring to us may not always be a good report. But still we should not stone the messenger for the message they bring. We should take careful note, get further confirmation and then take action.

The other side of the coin is for prophetic individuals to understand that without the Body, they are nothing. Their ministry is without effect unless they are rightly attached to Christ- and His Body. The watchmen need to take care and only say what they see, endeavoring not to manipulate leadership with 'a word' and not falling into despair when things do not work out the way they had anticipated.

I look forward to the time when the congregation of the saints can say, "We are in fear of nothing for the Lord has appointed watchmen for our walls, and they provide good testimony of the coming of God and the movements of our enemies." Leaders, servants, prophetic persons and all the Body must work together in this effort if it is to succeed. We should pray that eye salve be brought, that we may restore sight to the blind, and that we remove our hands from over the eyes and respond willingly to what the eyes are seeing.

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Word And Witness

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In this essay we will look at a couple of major sources of error and confusion in biblical teaching.

One is the failure to have two witnesses, another is the failure to see the timing of a scripture's fulfillment, a third is the failure to see multiple fulfillments in prophetic scripture. These are not exclusive but usually interrelated.

The Need for Two Witnesses
Let's look at the idea of having 2 witnesses.

> *De 17:6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.*
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> *De 19:15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.*
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> *Mt 18:16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.*
>
> *2Co 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.*

Here we have 4 verses relating to the idea that 2 or more witnesses are needed to prove something. In the old testament verses, they are witnesses in a case of a capital crime. The 2 witnesses are needed to establish the guilt of a guilty party when there is a death sentence possible.

In the case of the new testament verses, capital punishment is not the issue; the principle is applied much more broadly. It covers any situation where positive proof is needed.

Early in my Christian walk, I was taught that these verses were the foundation of a principle of Bible Study. That is they are generalized to means that in order to prove or establish a teaching or doctrine, you needed to find 2 verses of the bible that said roughly the same thing to support whatever you were trying to prove.

Well this made some sense, and nobody questioned it at the time. It was one of those things you were taught as a baby Christian and never gave much thought to. So what's the problem with it, you ask? Well, everyone gave this principle 'lip service' but nobody really applied it for real. It's one of those things that you can use for emphasis when you have 2 verses that support what you're trying to say. But when you don't have 2 verses, well, 1 will do just fine. That is to say, everyone said they agreed with the 2 witness, 2 verse theory. But nobody actually applied it in any honest way. I have never heard any teaching challenged because the teacher failed to supply 2 verses to make his point. We all operate on the basis that if you can find it in the word of God, then that's enough proof. God only needs to say something once. After all the word is considered infallible and without error. So if God said something, even if only once, it's still something that God said, and has to be true. After all do we go through the bible and rip out every verse that doesn't have a backup somewhere else in the bible? Of course not! So what's wrong with this picture? Why does God say to establish every word by two witnesses. Is this meant to apply only to specific situations where witnesses are called to testify? Is it a mistake to apply this to the word of God itself? Does the Word of God need 2 witnesses before we believe it? Or rather does the Word of God require 2 witnesses before we can understand it?

We find the 2 witness idea repeated several times in the bible, so it must be important; yet we're not sure how to apply it. The reason is we are looking at the matter in an entirely wrong way.

Just recently, I got some new revelation on the matter. We were in a discussion with a skeptical young man about some issues of the bible and faith. I had challenged him to puzzle out the events in John 8: 1-11 on the basis of some background info about the Pharisees, and some verses from the law of Moses. One of these was De 17:6 quoted above. His comment about it really opened my eyes to what the real issue was here. And I found it tied in perfectly with my thinking in preparing this essay.

What he said was: *Moses is calling for 2 or three witnesses here. But the only witness that I have that this is really the word of God is Moses*. Well, I had never thought about it that way! It's like we take it for granted that the words in the Bible are the words of God which the Holy Spirit spoke to the various authors. Then these authors, like Moses, went and wrote them down. So Moses is the witness. When we read the word of God at the hand of Moses, Moses is the witness that this is what God said. Even if we find 3, 4 or 5 verses that support one of our ideas, there is still only 1 witness! And that witness is Moses. So my friend says, here I am taking Moses word that this is what God said. But Moses is still just one witness!

So I explained to this young man how I understood the inspiration for the bible works. As I did so, the understanding came to me, even while I was talking, that the second witness has to be the Holy Spirit! Here is how I presented it.

The Bible says that 'all scripture is given by inspiration of God. '[i.e. the Holy Spirit]

> *2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, ….*

Now this works two ways. Like in the case of Moses, the Lord said to him, take and write these words in a book. Well the Lord appears to Moses and tells him, or he speaks the words directly into his mind. And Moses writes down exactly what God says. He doesn't need to understand what God means by any of it. All he has to do is write it down exactly as given to him. That's the first way that scripture is given by the Spirit.

A witness is someone who gives testimony. A biblical writer is giving his testimony that he has written what God told him to write. And a testament is another word for testimony. So the bible, new and old, is just a series of testimonies. It's one witness, the Spirit is the second one!

The second way the Spirit gives scripture is by giving it to the reader! As the reader is reading in the bible, the Spirit will give him bits and pieces of it. He opens the understanding of the reader so that it makes sense. If you're reading parts of the bible without the guidance of the Spirit, you just won't get it. Get it?

So in reading Moses or Matthew or any book of the Bible, the first witness is the bible itself. You're reading a long, confusing, vague and sometimes boring and sometimes puzzling book that claims to be the word of God. That's your first witness, the book claims to be the word of God. Now along comes the Spirit and takes the long, confusing, vague and sometimes boring book, and brings it to life by showing you what things mean. That's your second witness. And with these 2 witnesses you can prove things. The written word by itself is just a dead letter. The letter kills but the Spirit Gives Life. So the letter plus the Spirit gives life. That's two witnesses. That's the word mixed with faith!

So the implication of this is that without the Spirit, no word can be established. The Spirit is our proof, not man's wisdom. It don't mean a thing if it ain't got the Spirit behind it.

False Witnesses

Well so far, so good. But what if you have false witnesses? When Jesus was brought to trial there were many false witnesses against him. The odd thing was that none of them agreed with each other. Here is a case where false witnesses were used that makes an interesting allegory.

> *1 Kings 21:7-15*
> *7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the*

> *Jezreelite.*
> *8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.*
> *9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people:*
> *10 And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme God and the king. And then carry him out, and stone him, that he may die.*
> *11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.*
> *12 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people.*
> *13 And there came in two men, children of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial witnessed against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with stones, that he died.*
> *14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.*
> *15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.*

Now the allegorical part of this is found by looking at names and symbols. *Naboth* means fruit, and the *vineyard* is a symbol of the church, and or Israel. Jezebel is a wicked spirit who aims to hinder or halt the flow of the prophetic word. What this story is saying points to the church in the end times. The spirit of Jezebel will use various false accusations to try and take over the church and kill off the fruit. But we also know this;!

> *Isaiah 59:19 …. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

Faithful Witnesses
What we need in seeking out two witnesses are faithful witnesses. Jezebel used false witnesses and got away with it. Proverbs has this to say.

> *Proverbs 14:5*
> *5 A faithful witness will not lie: but a false witness will utter lies.*

This is the underlying idea in courtroom tactics when an attorney will attempt to undermine the character of a witness. Once the integrity of the witness is removed, their testimony can be discounted. The kind of witness we need to have is one whose integrity is unquestionable. Note these verses from John chapter 5.

> *1 John 5:6-10*
> *6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.*
> *7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.*
> *8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*
> *9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.*
> *10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.*

> *John 5:36-37*
> *36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.*

> *37 And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.*

> *John 8:17-18*
> *17 It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true.*
> *18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me.*

So the witness you need if you are to handle the Word properly is not a fallible human witness.

> *Romans 3:4*
> *4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

> *1 Peter 4:11*
> *11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

The witness you need if you are to handle the Word properly is the witness of the Spirit If the word being preached is not backed by the Spirit of God, it will not be mixed with faith in the listener. And therefore it will not do them any good.

> *Hebrews 4:2*
> *2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

Could this be why so much preaching is ineffective?

Can the word preached be a lie?
Take a look at this passage from first Kings. Elijah had been staying at the home of this woman, and one day her son dies. Elijah then prays and raises the dead son to life.

> *1 Kings 17:23-24*
> *23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth.*
> *24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.*

Here is a case where the power of God was demonstrated and it became a witness to the integrity of the Prophet.

> *1 Corinthians 4:20*
> *20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.*

The important point for our study is this: *that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth*. What this implies is that there can be times when the Word of the Lord can be spoken, yet not be the truth. If the word is misused, misunderstoon, or misapplied, there will be no truth in it. It will just be a case where the word, i.e. the letter of the law, kills.

Are we saying the bible is untrue? No, of course not. We are pointing out that in specific cases at certain times some one can be teaching or preaching from the bible and there will be no truth in it. These are times when there is no witness of the Spirit to back up the word being shared.

When you hear someone tell you, “The bible clearly teaches such and such” be careful. You could even say the bible doesn’t teach anything! Man teaches from the bible, and the Holy Spirit teaches from the bible. If a man’s teaching is not by the Spirit, there just might be no truth in it. The word of the Lord in his mouth will not be truth! This applies to more than just teaching.

> *2 Timothy 3:16*
> *16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

It also applies to exhortation, intercession, praise, worship and spiritual warfare.

The Timing Of A Scripture's Fulfillment
Let's look at a famous text that mentions the Timing of Fulfillment.

> *Luke 4:16-21*
> *16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.*
> *17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,*
> *18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,*
> *19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.*
> *20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.*
> *21 And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.***

This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. What is going on here? What did it mean to say the scripture is fulfilled? It meant that at the time Jesus stood up and read it, the word of the Lord in His mouth was truth. For anyone else, at any other time, to get up and read those verses would have been a lie. More exactly, the reader would have only been reading what it said, with no idea or intention of being taken seriously or having any truth. If you or I got up and read those words aloud, and the Holy Spirit was not leading us, it would just be a lot of noise.

> *1 Corinthians 13:1*
> *1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as **sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal**.*

One of the special things about the bible is that you cannot draw any conclusions based on the tense of a scripture. The example from Isaiah above was written in present tense, but from Isaiah's viewpoint, it pointed to something to happen in the future. From our viewpoint, it points to something that happened in the past.
When John wrote *I saw* it's past tense but points to the future. Here he is seeing into the future, but it is written in past tense.

> *Revelation 21:2*
> *2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

Here's an example of something written in present and future tense, but has already past.

> *Genesis 6:17*
> *17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.*

The quote from Revelation has not been fulfilled yet. The one from Genesis has. Now look at this one.

> *Hosea 11:1*
> *1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.*

The quote from Hosea was fulfilled in Exodus, yet according to Matthew it was fulfilled centuries later in the life of Jesus. This is a case of double fulfillment.

> *Matthew 2:15*
> *15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

Here's a case where it's not so clear as to fulfillment.

> *1 John 3:2*
> *2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

Suppose someone preached and based a teaching on the 'fact' that Now we are the sons of God. After all, they could claim, the bible says Now and that means now! Right. Well is this scripture 1 John 3:2 fulfilled or not. See what it says in Romans.

> *Romans 8:14-16*
> *14 For as many as are* ***led by the Spirit*** *of God, they are the sons of God.*
> *15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
> *16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

There is a catch here isn't there. You have to be led by the Spirit. And the Spirit has to bear witness with us. A teaching based on the 'fact' that Now we are the sons of God, depends on the teacher and the listeners being led by the Spirit. If that's not the case, then there is no truth in it. We're not talking about being able to hear from the Spirit, or having a Gift from the Spirit. We're talking about being led by the Spirit on a full time basis; 24 by 7 by 365. You can't be a Son of God one day and revert back to your old self the next. That's not being led by the Spirit.

> *John 3:5-8*
> *5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
> *6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
> *7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
> *8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

To be a Son of God, you have to be dead to the flesh, and born of the Spirit; This is the Kingdom of God.

So the verse that says Now we are the Sons of God is not yet fulfilled. You may find as you look through First John, that it is written in present tense, yet it speaks of a future condition or time.

Another good example is those who say we are not under the law, we're under grace. What does the bible say?

> *Romans 6:14*
> *14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

A lot of people want to take this verse, Romans 6:14 and run with it. But if you check out what it says in Galatians 5, you will see that there is that same condition, being led by the Spirit.

> *Galatians 5:18*
> *18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

So are we under the Law or not? Perhaps Romans 6 has not been fulfilled yet.
Here is another passage in present tense that is not yet fulfilled.

> *Hebrews 12:22-24*
> *22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,*
> *23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,*
> *24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

Multiple Fulfillments
New testament scriptures taken at face value, speak of things in the present tense. We take them on faith, but do not see them in reality. The catch is that the New Testament church in the writings of the New Testament is primarily a type of the end time church. And many of the scriptures describing New Testament happenings are only partial fulfillments, or not fulfilled at all. These scriptures will not be finally fulfilled till the end time church comes into being. The chiefest of these is in Acts 2.

> *Acts 2:16-20*
> *16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:*
> *19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*
> *20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:*

The gift of the holy Spirit on that day was only a partial fulfillment of Joel, and obviously they did not see the wonders in heaven or signs in the earth. The Day of the Lord did not come in their time. The gift of the Spirit on that day was only a measure of foretaste of the spirit. These next quotes speak of the earnest of the Spirit. This means a partial payment or token.

> *2 Corinthians 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*

> *Ephesians 1:13-14*
> *13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of* ***promise****,*
> *14 Which is the* ***earnest of our inheritance until the redemption*** *of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Notice that Ephesians 1:13-14 mentions the promise and looks ahead to time of the redemption. The fullness of the Spirit will come with the complete fulfillment of Joel 2.

> *Joel 2:28-31*
> *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*
> *30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*
> *31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

Our problem comes when we assume that the partial fulfillment is the one and only fulfillment. Then we get into preaching and teaching on scripture that is not yet fulfilled. And people wonder ‘What’s wrong with this picture?’

So if you hear claims that :
we are a new testament church
we are under grace, not the law
we are the sons of God
we are spirit filled and spirit led
we belong to the kingdom of God
we are crucified with Christ
we are walking in newness of life
we are a new creation
we have the fullness of the five fold ministry
and so on, look for the witness of the Spirit. Because although those making these claims mean well, there may be no truth in them.

> *Matthew 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*

Winds Of Change

Judith Grobelny

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This morning as I prayed, I felt the Lord both showing and saying the following:

STRONG WINDS

Strong winds blew across St. Peter’s Square in Rome as the Pope’s funeral took place.
They were the winds of change and they will continue to blow. Great things will result from this grain that has gone into the ground. I felt the Lord saying that this man had answered His call, and had learned the secret of humility even when exalted by the Lord.

HUMILITY

Humility remains the key to survival in this time. I see heat sun, wind, rain – rapidly changing spiritual seasons. Previously there were long periods of time for seasons in our lives. These will now change rapidly.

FLEXIBILITY

Flexibility will be the key to survival. It will be important to remain flexible in the Lord’s hands.

NO ISLANDS

The battles in the heavenly realms are becoming intense and widespread. Nowhere is far enough removed so as not to feel this. We will no longer look at a battle taking place ‘over there’. We will know we are at war.

BEAMS OF REVELATION

I saw beams of clear light coming to specific places on the earth, as when the sun breaks through cloud. There will be times and places of amazing revelation. This will be notable for its clarity and purity. The Lord will not be speaking with symbols or parables, but with extreme clarity.

THE LORD IS BUILDING

I saw well dressed people in business suits. They had shovels and were trying to dig and build, but were barely able to turn a clump of earth. ONLY those who dig for God’s heart and desire intimacy with Him will see movement and fruit. The season has changed and the Lord is now the builder of His House. The grace has lifted off the attempts of man.

TUMULTUOUS WEATHER

I saw strong winds and rough seas, very tumultuous weather patterns. It felt like the earth being ‘tossed to and fro’ as a result of double-mindedness. I felt this had been brought about by nations of people who say one thing but do another, who speak strongly but are weak in faith and belief. The conditions will REQUIRE change in order to survive, and the outcome will be good.

TENDERNESS OF THE LORD

I saw the Lord with His arm around the shoulders of a young girl. He was stroking her hair with love, tenderness and reassurance. So it will be for those who are truly His. He draws near and watches over those who are His.

NEW ZEALAND

I saw the nation covered in a pink haze – I believe the Lord was indicating that those who are digging for His heart are moving closer to Him.
I saw people digging with great energy and they were in a furrow so deep now that it was impossible to see over the sides.
He indicated the need to climb up onto the dug out earth from time to time and look around to see what else was happening out there. There was a need to be aware of both areas. He was indicating that great progress had been made.

I found myself, in the spirit, lying in the finely tilled earth. It was crumbly and quite warm. There was a feeling of totally belonging here. It is good to be in the land.

I felt great heat on the land. The digging has been good preparation. The Lord reminded me that desert creatures go underground to stay cool. This was a time to:
Keep digging
Stay low
Stay down.

The Lord is stirring over the nation. This will break through apathy and will not allow settling, which will cause discomfort to some.

At the end of showing and speaking what is above, the Lord gave the following scriptures for reading and consideration:
Isaiah 24:6 Matt. 23:11 Psalm 118 Revelation 10-12 Joshua 6:10

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Winds of Change

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Again I say get ready, get ready, get ready for great change is coming to the earth realm. Great change is coming to My people all over the earth.

For I have dispatched the angels of change, both large and small and the wheels are turning faster and faster (I saw angels in the Heavenlies standing by wheels that they had pushed to gently start turning and as the Lord commanded they would push on them again and the speed would accelerate each time they pushed on them.) Even now they watch with anticipations the events that are unfolding both below and before them. For they have seen Me patiently waiting and brooding over the welfare of man. Were it not for those who pray after My heart, I surely would not have waited this long. But time now grows short and the enemy continues to use every means possible to gain access to My throne and My people. For he seeks to gain all he can before the end. Thus, he will not give up and to ignore him and his minions or to think that if you do not bother him, he won't bother you - is foolish and ignorant. For he is the enemy of your soul, and he will use that, which you so foolishly believe, against you to destroy you. You have been put on this earth for a time such as this to be part of the end-time battle and to be a warrior for My kingdom. Do not believe otherwise.

You say that you are tired and weary of battling. I say, "RISE UP MIGHTY WARRIOR! Know that I AM GOD, that you only need to call on Me and you will not be tired or weary , but have the strength and courage to go forth in battle as I've called you to.

Come, spend time with Me, that you would rest at My feet to gain strength, wisdom, knowledge and understanding for the days ahead, for what is coming.

For the whirlwind of Katrina is nothing compared to the wind of God that will begin to blow over this nation and the world. Again I say, Mountains will fall, the ground will shake and the sea will roar, with a force that is incomprehensible by man's standards.

Pray for wisdom, mercy, and understanding. That you will change, as I change the earth, that you will come forth into what I have called each of you. For the shofar has blown. Can you not hear the call to battle?

Can you not hear the thundering hooves of the horses and the shouts of the warriors as they cry out in anticipation of the battle that is coming? (I looked up and could see millions of riders on horses, in full battle armor, milling around in anticipation – some were thundering across the ground practicing battle maneuvers and several were on horses on the hillside blowing their shofars. Angels were standing on the ground, mounted on horses and some were flying overhead, as they'd been dispatched to different parts of the earth with messages or to fight.

Again I say, do not fear this time of battle. Do not fear. For I, will not abandon or forsake you. I have your back and I know your future. I have no plans for you to perish but many plans for you to live and prosper, for I take care of what is Mine and love that you are willing to sacrifice yourself for My cause.

Now rest in the folds of My garment. Spend time with Me that I might fully prepare you for the days ahead.

Word For 2005

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Get ready for the storm of glory and the wave of His presence and of souls. They can bring either great blessing or great destruction depending on whether or not we are ready. The storm will bring great blessings, the wind of the Spirit, an outpouring of knowledge, and great enlightenment. Your house must be ready to withstand what is to come. Make sure that all things are in their proper place. Seal all leaky places of your life. Prepare a place to contain the rain of my blessings when it falls. The wind of My Spirit will blow away all that has not positioned itself on a firm foundation.

A wave is coming! A wave of souls - they are coming hungry for Me. Get your structure in place. This is vital for your survival. Waves of finances, waves of direction, waves of wisdom and waves of favor are all coming for my people. It will be felt all over the world. Everyone will know. Miracles! Dig the wells of faith lest you be overtaken. The time is now - don't wait.

Father, show me how I must prepare.

Let My words dwell in you richly. Be bold and courageous. Be instant in season and out of season. Know my voice and be obedient.

I will send those who will help you to fulfill the vision. They will have everything you need. They will be from far and near. Be alert to recognize them as they come. They will have my heart and yours. Don't worry. Trust Me. This is what you have waited for.

You shall write much this year. Last year caused you to put things in order for production. The word shall get out and will be in demand far and near.

A wave and a rain cloud are both releases of what has been collected and stored up. The wave represents what comes from the natural - people, finances. I have held back and stored up for a time such as this. Don't fear what your eyes see in the natural for it is coming.

The clouds are the things that come from My throne room - an outpouring from "above". It is every spiritual blessing from the high places - My presence, My Word, My Spirit. They will cause supernatural growth.

A Visit from the Wolf;

A Word for the Pastors

Bill Somers

> **The test of the true shepherd is how he reacts when the wolf comes.**

During a recent worship service, one of our songs was This Joy That I Have. The lyric includes the lines, "The world didn’t give it to me and the world can’t take it away."

As we worshipped with this song, the Lord gave me a word for Pastors.

First I imagined that Jesus was singing the song. This is fitting since He endured the Cross because of the Joy He saw ahead. Then the lyric changed to This Church that I have, the world didn’t give it to me, and the world can’t take it away.

This brought to mind a passage from scripture:

> *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:*
> *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*
> *My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.* John 10:27-29 (KJV)

Now the sheep are the church, and they are given to Jesus by the Father and no one can pluck them out of His hand. So He can say the world didn’t give it and the world can’t take it away!

Next thing is to apply this to each pastor in the church. His flock is given to him by the Lord, not the world, not his own efforts. And the world can’t take them away. They may leave on their own, but if they are hearing the voice of Great Shepherd through their pastor, they will follow.

The test of the true shepherd is how he reacts when the wolf comes.

> *But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.*
> *The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.* John 10:12-13 *(KJV)*

The hireling flees while the true shepherd remains faithful.

What else does the bible have to say about hirelings?

> *And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee be waxen poor, and be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bondservant:*
> *But as* **an hired servant***, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee, and* **shall serve** *thee* **unto the year of**

> **jubilee**:
> **And then shall he depart** *from thee, both he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return.* Leviticus 25:39-41

This tells us that a hired servant shall serve until the year of jubilee, and then he shall depart. In other words **the hireling will depart during the year of jubilee.**

> *And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.* Jer 3:15 (KJV)

Now jubilee is a time of great rejoicing and celebrating. It speaks of End Time Revival and Harvest. But as we read in the passage from John above, The Hireling only flees when he sees the Wolf coming.

In other words The Hireling **doesn't** flee **till** he sees the Wolf coming.!

Now put two and two together and you will see that in the jubilee {Revival] you can expect **a visit from the wolf** [Judgment].

This idea of joy in the midst of judgment is expressed in many various ways in scripture. For instance.

> *But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:*
> *So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.* Ezra 3:12-13 (KJV)

And

> *He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.* Ps 126:6 (KJV)

This last verse is a picture of the true and faithful pastor.

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Word of Promise, Spirit of God, Hope of Man
John Piper

Romans 15:7-13

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. 8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." 10 And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." 11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." 12 And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." 13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The question I posed last time from Romans 15:9-13 was how the awakening and strengthening of hope happens. I argued that the main point of verses 9-13 was indeed to produce overflowing hope in the church, and that this hope was based on Jesus Christ, the root of Jesse, the ruler of the nations (v. 12), and that this Christ-based hope is for the glory of God (5:2), a new heavens and a new earth (8:20-21), and new bodies (8:23) with no pain and no sin. Then I asked: How does it work? How does God, through the apostle Paul, bring about abounding hope? That is today's question.

Seasons of Suffering and Relief

As I prepared this message on Friday I took time out to pray through the pastoral email I got about some of the suffering in our church. A mom of six dealing with chemotherapy for breast cancer, another mom having abdominal surgery this Wednesday and in the hospital over Christmas, a couple trying to adopt two children from Russia and needing thousands of dollars, a woman recovering from radiation therapy at home, a young wife with unexplained fever for weeks, a woman recovering from painful inner ear surgery, a family whose son may have surgery in January for seizure activity (in fact, we have two families like that), and a 92 year old saint who is hospitalized with pneumonia. And of course there are the hundreds of others who have more or less pain that just happen not to be on the list this time.

What made this more immediately relevant for me as I prepared this message on hope was that I was sick a couple days this week. And as I lay there shivering under the covers for only 12 hours I was thinking how this message would work for someone in that condition or any of these conditions—especially if it lasted for weeks or months or years—and if it turned out that this was the terminal illness and that the doctors said: We don't think there is anything we can do. I tried to be utterly realistic. How would hope feel in this sickness, and how would it rise in my heart?

A couple things were clear: There were hours when I could not read—all I could do was close my eyes, hold still and try not to throw up. I hate to throw up. Therefore, reading the Bible at that moment was not going to happen. Neither my mind nor my body in those hours were able to read or think anything extended. But there were thoughts. They would come and they would go, and they made a difference in how I felt emotionally and spiritually, not physically. Physically, I was nauseated, feverish and miserable. But the thoughts that Christ died for me, and that my sins are forgiven, and this misery was not the wrath of God, and that Christ has all authority over sickness and Satan, and that he has promised to work everything together for my good, and to die is gain—those thoughts preserved my hope. They did not make me feel good physically. But they were like an anchor to keep my boat from being swept out into the sea of despair while I was seasick on board. I knew I would not perish in the abyss. And that made a great difference.

The reason I mention this is so that when I show you how God causes hope to abound you will not think me—or him—naïve. I am going to make a great deal out of the word of God as the ground of hope, knowing that often, when we need hope most, we have the least ability to read the Bible. For most of us God gives us seasons of relief and seasons of suffering. The seasons of relief are the times when you should use all the means God has given to prepare you for the seasons of suffering. Those hope-giving thoughts were in my head because during the seasons of relief I have savored the preciousness of God's promises. I hope you will do the same.

So please know that what we are about to see in this message is God's method to give you hope in the seasons of suffering if you will embrace the method in seasons of relief.

How God Produces Hope: Six Steps

There are six steps in this passage of Scripture that describe the way God produces hope in our lives.

1. The first and most fundamental is God himself identified as the God of hope.

Verse 13: "May *the God of hope* fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Everything starts with God. If there is hope for joy that is deep and eternal it will be hope that is founded on God. Any other foundation will fail. God is, and God is a God of hope. This we must believe. Hebrews 11:6 says, "Whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." That is, we must believe God exists, and that he exists as a God of hope. That's the first and most fundamental step toward hope. God.

2. Second, the God of hope speaks words of promise.

There are four of them in verses 9-12. After Paul says in verse 9a that Christ became a servant so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy, he says in the middle of verse 9, "As it is written . . ." Then he quotes Psalm 18:49 (=LXX 17:50) in verse 9b: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." Then he quotes Deuteronomy 32:43 (LXX) in verse 10: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." Then he quotes Psalm 117:1 in verse 11: "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And finally he quotes Isaiah 11:10 in verse 12: "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

What's remarkable about these four Bible quotes is that only the last one is an explicit promise. Verse 12: The root of Jesse *will* come. He *does arise* to rule the Gentiles. In him *will* the Gentiles hope. The middle two quotes in verses 10 and 11 are commands or exhortations to the Gentiles: "Rejoice with God's people . . . Praise the Lord . . . Extol him." And the first one in verse 9b is a testimony of a Jewish king standing in the midst of Gentiles, "I will praise you among the Gentiles." But Paul quotes all four of these divine words to give hope. Evidently, once Paul knows the big picture of what God's going to do in history—namely fold the Gentiles into the covenant people—he sees hope for the Gentiles wherever God witnesses to them or woos them.

But the most important thing to see here is that Paul is quoting Scripture. When he is on his way to pray for the abounding hope of the church he precedes that prayer with God's word of promise. Don't miss that. It is going to prove absolutely essential when we get to step four.

So step one: the God of hope. Step two: God's word of promise.

3. The third step is the Spirit of power—the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit.

Verse 13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that *by the power of the Holy Spirit* you may abound in hope." Hope that is based on Christ and has the glory of God for its hoped-for treasure is *not* the product of the unaided human will. If you hope in Christ today and not in money and health and friends and joy and government, that hope is the work of the Holy Spirit. You did not create it.

By nature our will is at enmity with God. We are born depraved. And the essence of our depravity is self-exalting, self-reliant self-determination. Therefore, if the glory of God is going to become our highest hoped-for treasure, and if we are going to hope on the basis of Christ's righteousness and not ours, we must be born again by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:6-7 says (literally), "The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind of the flesh is hostile to God." In other words, the way we are by nature—by mere flesh—is hostile to God. Only the Spirit of God can change that. Or Paul says it another way in 1 Corinthians 2:14, "The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned." Or he says it another way in Ephesians 2:5, "We were dead in our trespasses."

Therefore the third step in awakening hope is the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of power. First, the God of hope. Second, the word of promise. Third, the Spirit of power. These first three steps are all objective realities different from ourselves. They are not our experience: God, Word, and Spirit exist whether we do our not. They do not depend on us. We depend on them. They are not shaped by us. We are shaped by them. Now come three more steps and all three of these are experiential steps inside of us.

4. Step four: Faith.

I put it that simply because that is how simply Paul says it in verse 13: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace *in believing*, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." The God of hope works joy and peace leading to abounding hope *as we are believing*. Here's the key question: How does the power of the Holy Spirit connect us to the word of promise so that it produces joy and peace and abounding hope? Answer: the Holy Spirit does it by creating faith.

Picture it this way. Before we are converted there is our spiritually dead heart. Then by God's grace, in some way, our spiritually dead heart is presented with the word of promise—the gospel of Christ. What happens? Maybe nothing. But if the Holy Spirit comes and gives new birth—new life, new spiritual perception—to our heart, suddenly we see Christ in the word of promise for who he really is. And when our born again heart sees Christ for who he really is faith receives him, embraces him, closes with him, links with him, unites with him. And this link, or union, with Christ in the word of promise is the conduit—the channel, the connection—through which the joy-giving, peace-giving, hope-giving power of the promises flows to us.

So you can see the crucial connection between step two and four: The word of promise and faith. Saving, hope-giving faith is never a vague positive attitude in the Bible. It is very focused trust in God's blood-bought words of promise. It is what happens when you read verse 12 and the Holy Spirit awakens a sense of the truth and beauty and reality and value of what God says: "The root of Jesse will come (Yes! Praise God my King has come!), even he who arises to rule the Gentiles (Yes! My King rules over all the nations!); in him will the Gentiles hope (Yes! I will hope in him. He is my Savior, and my Lord and my God!).” That is the work of the Holy Spirit as he awakens faith in the word of promise.

5. Step five we have already mentioned, namely, the awakening in our hearts of joy and peace.

Verse 13: “May the God of hope fill you with *all joy and peace* in believing.” Joy and peace flow from the word of promise through the connection of faith by the power of the Spirit into the soul of the believer. Which leads finally to the surprise step six.

6. Step six is abounding in hope.

Verse 13: “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit *you may abound in hope*.” The reason I say this is a surprise is that surely hope is what prompted the joy and peace. Surely when we saw the word of promise what it awakened in us, coming from the *God of hope*, is hope. And hope gave rise to joy and peace. But now Paul ends by saying that joy and peace *result in* hope. God fills you with joy and peace in believing “*so that* . . . you may abound in hope.”

The point is surely this: the fullness of hope never reaches a limit in this life. It can always grow and always abound more and more. And Paul is pointing out that one of the ways it grows is by feeding off its own fruit. Hope in the promises of God produces the fruit of joy and peace. But joy and peace in the promises of God are glorious evidences that we are born again, and every evidence that we are born again stirs up more hope (see Romans 5:3-5), and more hope wakens more joy and peace, and so the graces of God continue to “abound” more and more.

O Bethlehem, in this advent season, give yourself to the word of promise. Pray to the God of hope that he will pour out his Holy Spirit and enable you to see the truth and beauty and preciousness of Christ there, and be filled with joy and peace so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Wounded Or Corrected?
Sandy Warner

Jan 17, 2005

There are times when you bare your soul before men that you receive backlash. Accusation, misunderstanding and judgment leaves you feeling naked and shot. Worse yet, in your wounded state, it leaves you feeling like a bad person. This erodes and seeps down into your soul to further your decay of failure into self rejection. Precious One, listen to ME. This is not My good gift.

Yes, I feed tenderhearted correction into your life as you need it. Yes, I use circumstances to form you into My image. And, yes, I bring everything into your life and turn it for good. But do not think that I AM judging you, stripping you naked and shooting you over your failures. I AM not rejecting you, dear one, and neither do I ever point a finger to condemn you. I weep with you as you mourn over your mistakes, I weep even before you know you make them.

My beloved child, would I severely discipline a child who earnestly wants to please Me and seek My way? I AM only stern to the rebellious who defiantly turn from My loving and gracious heart. I AM full of compassion over you who fall and tremble at My Word. And how it moves My heart to wild rejoicing as I see you willing to stand up and try again! How proud of you I AM, dear one, to see you keep on keeping on. Now, let My love wash and cover you. You are not naked, you are clothed in My forgiving and pure white garment of righteousness.

NIV Romans 10:4
Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

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What Goes Around Comes Around
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Plant a seed and reap a harvest. Always know that My mercy covers you when you continually humble yourself and seek Me concerning your failures of flesh. If My people were to truly reap the crop of what their flesh has planted, no one would be able to endure it, let alone you.

So trust Me, dear heart. I may grant you a small portion of reaping in order to help you break free from a continual fleshly pattern that has been stuck in the rut. Sometimes this has to be a learning process through experience. You may know the right way, but until you live it, you remain blind and only fool yourself. There are times when I allow you to stay blind and walk through a painful experience, just for that climaxing moment of revelation. It is that moment when suddenly you see the way you were treated are the seeds you, yourself. have planted in your flesh. When the blinders are taken from your eyes and the moment of revelation impacts you, it is in that place of learning that you will be able to stay committed to resist your flesh and make a different decision to stay out of the rut.

Gal 6:7-10 NKJV
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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Teach Me To Pray
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Oh Lord, when I give You little time,
Tell me, how can I expect Your prime?
Yet waiting to listen from afar,
Faithful as always, yes, there You are.

My life blurs before me in a hurry.
How can I pray when I am unworthy?
That is just the point that You try to say.
It's not what I deserve, it's what I pray.

You long to give me the desires of my heart.
Yet wounded from delay I'm unable to start.
I've learned to cope with a limp in my walk.
I've learned to withhold my heart from deep talk.

Teach me to pray and to become really real.
You said to believe and I'd have what I will.
So please still remind me always to ask.
As I learn to lean and take off my mask.

You said to confess to one another,
Our weakness, our need, to our brother.
The prayers of the righteous do avail much.
Teach me to receive their gracious touch.

Draw to the surface what needs to discuss.
Lance all the wounds and draw out the puss.
It hurts, this I know, to be real and raw
But that is grace, the other side of law.

Oh to be free to tell it like it is!
This is not a test, this is not a quiz.
It's just simple sharing what I need most,
And then You dispatch Your glorious host.

Either from my requests or from my brother.
You hear it all as we tell one another.
Thank You, dear Lord, as You teach me to pray.
As I lean and unveil my heart this day.

James 5:16 TLB
Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results.

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Worsted Weight
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Main Entry: **4worst** Function: *transitive verb* : to get the better of : DEFEAT

Heb 12:1-6 NKJV The Race of Faith
Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 The Discipline of God (Prov 3:11,12)
For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. 4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;
6 For whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."

" I AM the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I am the One Whose name is above all names. I AM the KING of KINGS and the Lord of LORDS. Am I now not able to chasten My own ? Am I not the KING of the UNIVERSE ? Am I a weakling and permissive God ? Do you not see that My judgments are My love that is greatly provoked and jealous for My creation to know that there is but ONE GOD in the universe ? Have I not said that when My judgments are in the earth, the people will learn righteousness ? Those who are stubborn & hardened will not learn anything. They are unteachable idolaters. But those who do not have reprobate hearts will learn to lean on ME."

Isa 26:9 NKJV With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Ps 119:20-21 NKJV My soul breaks with longing for Your judgments at all times. 21 You rebuke the proud — the cursed, Who stray from Your commandments.

Ps 10:5-7 NKJV His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them. 6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity."
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and iniquity.

"The winds have been loosed, and the earth groans. Judgments will bring righteousness and healing and yet many will still scoff and fight with their Maker ! Mockery grows strong and the antichrist spirit pervades the lands, but I have said, that the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth, like the water covers the seas. STAND in the midst of battle My people. For I AM a JUST JUDGE. I stand at the door and knock ! I AM the DOOR OF SALVATION to all Who come to Me. As it is with the world it is with prophet and priest, pastor and teacher ! Some think that the prophets speak much ado about nothing. But I tell you the truth: Every knee will bow or be broken. Fall on the ROCK or it will fall on you."

Rom 9:33 AMP As it is written, Behold I am laying in Zion a Stone that will make men stumble, a Rock that will make them fall; but he who believes in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him] shall not be put to shame nor be disappointed in his expectations. [Isa 28:16.]

" As I remove the worsted weight of this nation I will pour out MY weight in GLORY upon those who are My bride. I will exchange ashes for beauty. I will pour out LOVE that casts down all fear. I will break off the chains of bondage and religion and a new church will emerge from the ash-heap of society where people will know that they are their brother's keeper. They will know that LOVE is the greatest. They will have learned the TRUTH of what is important is people, not things. Idolatry will flee, and all wickedness will be purged from the earth in the coming days. I have a controversy with the nations. I will not relent until I fulfill My goal in making My bride spotless and pure of heart.

You think you know what methods I will have used. But when judgment comes, then comes righteousness. Have I not been convicting My own and bringing cleansing to all who will press in for it ? It is only in MY PRESENCE that you will find what you need. It will not come in the abundance of things.
It will not come with power, and position and titles. It will not come with WORLDLY ways of “success”. Real success comes to those who become smaller in their own eyes. To go higher in My kingdom, you must bow lower and become more humble for to the humble it is granted to be lifted up.”

James 4:10 NKJV Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Mark 4:18-19 TLB "The thorny ground represents the hearts of people who listen to the Good News and receive it, 19 but all too quickly the attractions of this world and the delights of wealth, and the search for success and lure of nice things come in and crowd out God's message from their hearts, so that no crop is produced.

John 3:28-30 TLB The crowds will naturally go to the main attraction — the bride will go where the bridegroom is! A bridegroom's friends rejoice with him. I am the Bridegroom's friend, and I am filled with joy at his success. 30 He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.

2 Cor 3:4-5 TLB We dare to say these good things about ourselves only because of our great trust in God through Christ, that he will help us to be true to what we say, 5 and not because we think we can do anything of lasting value by ourselves. Our only power and success comes from God.

“The earth is about to cough up salvation. Are you ready for harvest ? Because it will come like a flood when I bring this final blow to bring down the pride of America: it’s arrogance and hatred towards Me. Complacency will be removed. Greater problems however will ensue. You must be strong in the power of MY MIGHT – NOT YOUR OWN MIGHT ! DEPEND ON ME for advice and opinions. I AM WISDOM. I AM LOVE. I KNOW all things.
I AM the Creator of heaven and earth and nothing is hidden from My view.
I love mankind but I will not continue to allow him to destroy each other without consequence. The highest form of witchcraft is to disdain human life. Know that MY GLORY is coming and you will be transformed, even as My glory sanctified the first temple. It will sanctify the temple of those who are My church. Pray for your shepherds.”

Luke 4:32 AMP And they were amazed at His teaching, for His word was with authority and ability and weight and power.

2 Cor 4:17 AMP For our light, momentary affliction (this slight distress of the passing hour) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory [beyond all measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcendent glory and blessedness never to cease!],

Rev 16:21 NKJV And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

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Wind Of The Spirit

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Urgent Call to Parents and Church Leaders

When I was recently in Australia, I was awakened up by a wind in my hotel room. I sat up in bed, and I immediately saw this same wind come upon many children all over the world. I saw them laying in bed, just as I was, and then this same wind woke them up. They were immediately wide awake.

These children heard the voice of the Lord and began to prophesy and see visions of things that were to come. I saw adults look their way, but not take them seriously. The adults continued with what they were doing. Many revivals have started with children.
Over the last 35 years, we have seen many thousands of children with a powerful anointing, prophesying, praying for the sick, and many miracles happening. So in a sense, what I saw was not *new,* but the wind that came began to touch children and youth who were not so familiar with the anointing and power of God.

I have seen judgments released, as children have prophesied. You do know that God's judgments lead to life? I have been with children who have prophesied about the closing of a church. They prophesied that the church had rejected a move of God, which they had actually prayed for. They prophesied that the pastor was about to leave his wife and family, and that the church would close in three weeks. They prophesied that someone would take the money. When they were through, they asked if they could "go and play now." Let me tell you, within three weeks, it (had) all happened.

The religious spirits doesn't like to hear these things. "Oh, let the children play; they can get serious about God when they are older." I wish the devil would see it that way. Well he doesn't; he is after your children before they are born. The enemy has an abortion program in place, and if that doesn't work, he will use demonic activity through toys, games, TV, and movies. Don't get me wrong, I am not advocating paranoia, but we as parents have to be watchful. God doesn't see age.

As my husband David says, "Children do not have a baby or junior Holy Spirit; they have the same sized Holy Spirit as you or anyone else." God is not interested in age. There is no age, time, or distance in the Spirit realm.
Someone got upset recently because my husband mentioned "hell" in a children's meeting. "Don't tell them about things like that; it will give them nightmares," they said. Well you know what? God has given children visions of Heaven and visions of hell. It dramatically changes their lives. If you had a vision of hell, it would make you a lot more concerned about the unsaved. Often in the meetings, when the kids have seen such things, an anointing comes strong, and there is strong intercession for the souls of the lost.

So now is the time to prepare them. Children and youth, prepare your church, the parents in your church, and the children's pastors. When the children are anointed (and you are supposed to bring them into the anointing), it's no use giving them a few coloring books.
How many more times do they need to hear about Daniel in the lion's den? Daniel is a great inspirational story, but they also need to be equipped in the power of the Spirit. Make sure they have their own experience of the power and presence of God; get them filled with the Holy Spirit. Teach them about the gifts of the Spirit. Teach them how to pray in the Holy Spirit -- with power and anointing.

A child's dream saves a village. A man we knew, years ago, had a great prophetic ministry. He lived in the US, but in his dad's village, in Europe, a young boy had a dream. In the dream, God told him to tell the Christians in the village to move out of Romania, as there was severe persecution coming. The church elders listened to the young boy, and they left, somehow managing to get to England. Well you know the story of Romania under communist rule; very severe persecution came, and many Christians were imprisoned and killed.
I have thought sometimes, "Suppose those elders had not listened. Suppose they were like many church leaders who want to keep the kids in the playroom and give them little stories and coloring

books and think they were not spiritually relevant because they were children." But what did Jesus say?
"I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, You have hidden these things from the wise and the prudent and have revealed them unto babes." (Matthew11:25).
"Let the little children come to Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. Assuredly I say to you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." (Mark 10:14-15)

Children Need to be Equipped and Anointed

The enemy's army is being trained. When my husband David first began to bring children into the anointing, he had a vision. He saw in this vision, young Muslim boys 8-years-old and up, being trained with weapons, grenades, guns, explosives, etc. Then, he saw western church children -- especially American children and teens -- hanging out, being entertained with videos, games, pizza parties, etc. The Lord spoke to him and said, "The enemy is training his army, and My church is entertaining her children."
These children he saw in the vision are today's terrorists. As most of you know, David has spent over 15 years endeavoring to give a vision to churches about God's destiny on the Children.

Children need their own encounter with God. Children need to be Equipped in the Anointing. Children need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and move in the Gifts of the Spirit. Children need to be taught to be powerful and strong in the Spirit.

These children are God's arrows, which we are to sharpen. The Bible says that the arrows are to be fired into the city gates. The city gates represent the places of authority, for it was where the elders sat.

"As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are children of the youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127: 4,5)

God's answer has always been a *baby*. When the Children of Israel were in bondage, under Pharaoh, God did not send a mighty army to deliver them, but He sent a mighty deliverer in a little basket -- Moses -- who led them out of captivity. When Israel was captive under Rome, God didn't send a mighty army, but He sent a mighty babe in a manger -- Jesus!

Jesus was anointed and appointed to bring deliverance to the captives. We must learn to see as God sees. When Pharaoh's daughter saw Moses, she saw a cute little baby. But when God saw Moses in the little basket, He saw Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, and Leviticus. God has a big vision.

When Adam sinned, God didn't go back to the drawing board and build a bigger and better Adam, did He? He brought forth a baby -- Jesus. That's why the devil tried to destroy Him, through Herod's "slaughter of the innocents."

Well Mom, Dad, Children's Pastors, and Senior Pastor, what do you see when you look at the kids in your church? Do you see sweet, bothersome little kids, who can't do much? Do you see a cute little kid who needs to be put in another room, with a coloring book and a cookie, so they don't disturb anyone? Or do you see what God sees?

God has a replacement program. God's answer to that ungodly TV anchor women is one of His arrows, one of His replacements. That ungodly Congressman will be replaced by one of God's arrows that is being sharpened in the Spirit, even now. God always has a replacement program, if only we can see it.

Children do not have a junior Holy Spirit. They have the same Holy Spirit as in anyone else. Sure they can't do much in the natural, but under the anointing, they are just as powerful as anyone else. They can prophesy the word of the Lord, they can lay hands on the sick, and they can cast out devils. Oh yes, we have seen children cast devils out of people. We have witnessed kids being caught up into Heaven many times, powerful intercession happening through them, and many miracles.

Move over, Church, God wants His church back; and that includes the children. Some of the most powerful intercession meetings I have ever been in (and I have been in some pretty wild ones) have been with children and youth.

My own young daughter saw in a vision, the downing of an American plane in the Gulf war. She saw the pilot parachute out; she saw him in the desert, looking for somewhere to hide from the enemy troops nearby. She was praying in the spirit for him the whole time. She saw an American plane coming, looking for him. As she prayed, she saw the plane locate his beeper and pick him up. This pilot's testimony was in Readers Digest 2 years later. God is placing kids in the ranks of His army, some of them on the front lines.

God told me He is placing the young people -- those who are trained and sharpened -- in the **ranks of His army**. I saw some of them being placed in the front row. God has used my daughters in intercession and in visions to save the life of someone. God doesn't think the children are too young to be used. The devil doesn't either. The devil doesn't say, "Oh, they are so cute; I won't bother them now. I will wait until they are older."
No! He is after them before they are born. The enemy has a good program going called abortion. If that doesn't work, he will try and overtake them with occult cartoons and ungodly teachers.

I am not saying there is not time for coloring or playing; of course, there is. But I am saying, that can't be all. They need to be equipped in the power of God and walk in their spiritual inheritance. Their inheritance is not religion but the supernatural realm of the spirit.

So, let me ask you, what are you believing for in the children? I always believed that God was very interested in my children. I believed that He wanted to make Himself known to them, so I released my faith and believed it.
When my oldest daughter Faith was four years old, two angels came and took her into Heaven for several hours. She saw and heard things that there was no way she could know in the natural. She came back speaking in tongues and prophesying and seeing visions. Jesus baptized her in the Spirit in Heaven.
My youngest daughter Lisa had supernatural experiences of her own, when she was very young. It has never been a question of only her "Mom and Dad's" God. God spoke to our kids and showed them the realm of Heaven. We taught them it was normal.

Miracles and the *laying on of sticky fingers*, is how my spirit is stirred up today. Don't be blind to the purposes of God and ignore one of the most powerful weapons God has made available to your church. Through the *laying on of sticky fingers,* as David calls it, you will see more miracles happen in your church, than ever before.
As you let the kids be equipped in the anointing, the prophetic word will reach a new level. We want to help you train your mighty young (and older) warriors and bring them into the anointing. Maybe you will host a conference for youth in the area. We need people who will catch the vision and step out in faith to facilitate what God is doing, right now. **It is God's time for this!**

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And the hand of the Lord shall do mighty things as I walk through the land in this season. For the work is great and that which I will establish, I will quickly establish. For I have sent forth angels even sent from my presence that all my counsel and my purpose may be set in place.

And I shall develop and I shall build and I shall train my army and I shall set forth men and women, both, that shall not look to the left nor the right, but they shall be focused on the task at hand.

For my work and the work of the kingdom which must be accomplished shall be accomplished. I will let all men know and see that the very hand of the Lord is moving in this season.

That which the enemy has robbed, that which the enemy has stolen I shall restore in this month of January says the Lord. For I will not leave my sons or my daughters without a witness.

Their light shall shine forth in this day and there shall be a mighty cleansing and my compassion shall go forth in the land and many shall turn to me and I will work a work of the heart says the Lord. I shall change the hearts of men. And they shall turn towards me by the multitudes says the Lord.

For I am raising up even out of the camp of the Lord, those that will march forward and do battle in my name. And they shall not be ashamed says God. But I will establish their goings and I will go before them and I will make the crooked places straight for them and I shall make rough places smooth and the high places shall be brought low and the valleys shall be exalted in this season says the Lord.

Look up, look up my sons, look up my daughters. For I will do great things and I come quickly and you shall see many signs and wonders, for I come quickly.

I shall bring my people into a new place. Even a place, that they have not been before and they shall worship me from that place. For as I have spoken so shall I bring it to pass and the Words from my mouth shall not be hindered.

I will place in the hand of my key ones even the plan which comes from heaven. And I shall release strategies, in this month and plans that will cause there to be a great shaking and a great awakening amongst my people.

So I say my sons and my daughters. Go forth, conquer, build, develop, work. There shall be many that shall come forth in this month of January, to be released.

I say unto my children release them and move forward. For all I have planned for you and all that I have ordained for you, eyes have not discovered.

I will reveal my secrets unto my servants the prophets. And I will raise up a prophetic voice and I will raise up a prophetic flow, even a prophetic move that shall not be hindered and can not be stopped.

And I will bless and pour out blessings and I will change the raiment, and those who have come out shall move into position and they shall go in to possess the land that I have ordained.

And so I say unto you, look up, look up, for the life that I release in this month of January comes from above. Look up for the life which I impart is imparted from your God.

In this month I shall erase your debt and many shall have their debt paid, for I will provide abundance and I will provide an overflow and as you shall seek me I shall prosper you says the Spirit of God and I will reveal to you secrets even the secrets to my wealth says the Lord.

And there shall arise challenges from the west and out of the west shall come clamor and out of the west shall come a boisterous voice against the children of God but I shall cause it to be silenced and I shall galvanize my people even in that region and they shall stand united and they shall stand as one says the Spirit of God.

For as the stream begins to flow and is dried by the heat of the sun so shall I dry up the flow of all of those that shall stand against my people. And I walk in their midst to establish them in that hour and my hand will reach forth, and I will rearrange political leadership and I will change even the complexion of cities in that region says the Lord.

For I have set forth my hand and I will visit that land even the land of New Mexico, California and Nevada in the days ahead says the Lord. And I will cause there to be a stirring and a moving upon my people like they have not seen and there shall be a buzz concerning the things of God. There shall be an excitement as they prepare themselves for the harvest that I will release.

And so yes there will be challenges coming from the west but I say unto you, hold fast, stand your ground for the harvest of the Lord shall come quickly and shall be sure.

For in this month I shall release a new anointing upon many and crowns shall be released over them. There shall be a set of parameters that I will establish with my people and the voice of my leaders and those that I have raised up shall cry forth and one shall cry in one place and in another place another shall cry and his words shall be exactly as the words cried by the one.

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War Of The Worlds
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Thoughts have origins. They come from a spiritual realm, either the human spirit, or the Holy Spirit (or God's angels), or from unholy spirits (demons) who hate God and want to destroy mankind which is made in God's image. Thoughts may come as arrows fired from a distance. If we are not fortified with God's Word and faith in Jesus our Savior, poisoned thoughts may become lodged in our mind and make us thing wrongly about ourselves, about God, or about our purpose.

Unsaved people have no shield of faith or bedrock of true knowledge to protect their minds. Church-going people have the Bible, unless they have weakened the Scriptures with man's traditions.

Wrong thinking produces chronic doubt, which is ingrained unbelief. Evil spirits especially like to pervert holy truth and gut the gospel of its sacred anointing. We are in a war for how we are to think or to live. That's why Jesus came: to destroy the devil's works, starting with saving us from our sins; to deliver people from the devil's grip on their minds or their emotions or their families, and to invoke the power of his kingdom to transform nations.

What manner of enemy would thwart such a holy cause? What methods might he use?

Like birds of a feather flocking together, demons congregate. They are attracted toward authority; they gather for greed; they linger around lust; they covet control. Wherever the carcass is, there the vultures are. Whenever civil or spiritual authority becomes corrupted by carnally-minded men, flesh-eaters find a feast. Flying in to feed, they unpack their bags, invite their friends, and set up house for a very long stay.

Arriving at church, Jesus found foul spirits infesting the flock. "And Jesus entered the temple area and drove out those who were buying and selling in the temple…" (Mt. 21:12). He turned the tables on the merchants of mercy. He knocked over the seats of those who had enthroned themselves as arbiters of Moses' wisdom (vs. 12). He scolded them all saying, "My house shall be called a house of prayer!" (vs. 13)

In anger, Jesus displayed genuine emotion against usurpers whose presence defiled worship and kept his kingdom from coming in power. Their behavior mocked the holy nature of a generous Father. Like a surgeon removing a tumor, Jesus delivered the temple by removing the diseased parts. The cure wasn't just to drive them out (Greek, *ekballo,* as in "*expel* unclean spirits"), but to replace the stale air that smelled of death with a fresh breeze of spontaneous praise. Even the children danced for joy!

After canceling their franchise to merchandise salvation, Jesus reasserted the rights of grace over law, sonship over structure, holy presence over empty performance, by doing something that had never before been done in the temple: he *healed* people. "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them." (vs.14) God's kingdom had come in power to the temple.

Of course, never to be outdone, the senior pastors and theology professors were properly indignant about this departure from orthodoxy, this deviation from tradition. By claiming offense at the children's boisterous praise, they cleverly disguised their jealousy that this unknown outsider, this non-ordained, non-clergy, non-minister, (a carpenter, of all things) this itinerant street preacher, had done something they couldn't do: he *healed* people. Moreover, he did it on *their* church property. Who authorized this outburst?

What was he thinking? They didn't know him. He didn't get their permission. Nor did he allow them to bask in the glory. I mean, surely he knew that religion wasn't about results, didn't he? It was about the *effort*, not the *effect*. It was about form, not substance. It was about the temple's dignity, the crowds of people, the appearance of religious decorum, the sacred traditions, not about seeing the reality of God's power displayed, wasn't it?

It was like their religious world was invaded by someone raised in the marketplace where real results counted, not someone trained in seminary where eloquent sermons counted. The scribes and Pharisees thought *good intentions* were enough; not quantifiable, measurable, demonstrable testimonies of grace that could stand up under scrutiny.

This was upsetting to their status quo. Their place of honor was being threatened! Their share in the temple offerings was being threatened! Their lifestyle was being threatened! This was not good! Surely, God would justify their anger at such disorderly conduct.

Since the time of Augustine, the orthodox church of modern history right up until today has turned away from thinking that prayer has a purpose, that is, to affect change and deliver people. Now, we assume prayer is merely a pious discipline. It sounds right to say, "Prayer doesn't change God, it changes us." That's true, but it isn't all the truth. "The primary purpose of prayer as illustrated throughout Scripture is precisely to change the way things are. Crucial matters, including much of God's own activity, are contingent upon our prayer." (God at War, Gregory Boyd, Intervarsity Press, 1997, page 204)

When Jesus entered the temple, a war between worlds erupted. Jesus displayed spiritual assertiveness. He went in to take back what the enemy had stolen. He didn't fit the religious mold of his day but rubbed religious fur the wrong way. Prophets do that. It is a dynamic of the tension that always exists between what is and what should be, between order and liberty, between Word and Spirit.

This was the clash of spiritual realities where invisible agents of an evil domain were exposed and expelled. These spirits had become quite comfortable in a religious setting where men's extra-biblical rules had become common substitutes for faith in God and obedience to the Lord's revealed word. People had quit obeying Father's voice and had started obeying the dictates of men. These evil entities had insinuated their thoughts, their motives into good people, putting blinders on the leaders and leading the flock into confusion. That is, until Jesus walked in the door.

To this day, lying spirits are deceiving misguided people into thinking that bad things come from the providential hand of a distant God, while if anything good happens— like something beyond human explanation, a miracle or an answer to prayer— it must be occult or more likely, a coincidence. The devil has made us afraid of God or caused us to doubt his mercy, all the while robbing us of our birthright; the power of his holy kingdom displayed on earth to praying people who love his name.

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Watcher Over Men

Kathleen Pirl

Because you are precious in my sight I jealousy guard over you!
I will not give you to just anyone for I have set you apart for my purposes!

WATCHER OVER MEN
Watch Me do this!

The leadership I am about to overthrow.
They have until Yom Kippur to repent.
The Houses of Saul if they do not repent I will shut them down.
I will throw them away like a bloody foreskin.
If they repent I will humble them.
I will cause them to have the great privilege of serving those that have served them
for thereby will I work my salvation into their hearts.
I am about to change the order of my house.

Watch Me do this!

I am the Watchman!
I place those in their positions of watchmen.
I place them in their watches.
I remove them from their watch.
I remove them as watchmen.
I AM the Watcher Over Man!
I can raise up one and humble another!
There is no one like me!

Watch Me do this!

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Wonder Of Wonders
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Again we want to thank all those who have been praying for Rimona, our two soldiers, and myself while I was away. A couple of weeks ago, I mentioned that a door was open to go into Great Britain to share in the life of our Redeemer, and to preach the message of the “Gospel of the Kingdom” from the Torah and the Prophets. I was greatly blessed to meet those who gathered in homes, and were engaged in intercession for the land and for the restoration of all Israel. YHVH poured out His Spirit and thus there were ears to hear and hearts to understand the mysteries of His Kingdom, His redemptive plan for Israel and the creation. I am very grateful for His grace, as He moved before me to prepare the way. I am also thankful to those who hosted me so graciously in their homes.

Everything went so smoothly and purposefully, that I was in awe at the answers to prayers. Just to cite one of those examples: When Stafford, a dear brother and true intercessor with whom I had initially stayed, looked at my train schedule for the journey down to my next destination, he said that it would take a miracle if I were to get there as planned. I had four trains to catch, with the arrivals and departures being within ten minutes of one another. Stafford added that he and the others with him would be in prayer, and wonder of wonders, all of the transportation ran on schedule and I arrived safely and amazingly on time.

At one point Rimona called and said that YHVH had started answering a prayer that has been on our hearts for a long time (years), but which recently has occupied a few of us with a greater intensity. As a result, we have been feeling that the Father was authorizing us to establish a center in Jerusalem. But even so, we still did not have a solid and clear word as to His precise intent regarding this place, until at one of the last meetings He gave us the following scriptures: *"The Spirit of the YHVH is upon Me, because YHVH has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of YHVH, and the day of vengeance of our Elohim; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of YHVH, that He may be glorified"* (Isaiah 61:1-3). In light of this word, we realized that it was more than a center solely for Ephraimites, but for preparing for the reunification of both houses of Israel (Ephraim and Judah). Others, who had also been seeking Him, confirmed that scripture too. At the same time we also realized that this was the portion that Yeshua read in the synagogue in Nazareth, after He was filled with the Spirit of Holiness and was tested by Satan (ref. Luke 4: 1-20). We reasoned that since He indwells us, He would be using us, the redeemed remnant, to do that which He had been anointed for.

While I was away, some from this little group went to look for a place, and as it turned out, did not have to look long. Upon examining the very first house that was on the real-estate list, they immediately knew that it was “it”. By the way, the number of the house is 12 and the street name is also prophetic. In addition, when approaching the house one sees a large sticker on the garage door which reads: “Moked Tehila”, and even though this is the name of a security company, its literal meaning is “focus of praise”. Interestingly, during prayer time, just before signing the contract, the scripture, “You shall call your walls Salvation” came up. The next day, when checking that scripture for its full context, this is what Rimona read: “You shall call your walls Salvation, and your GATES – PRAISE” (Isaiah 60:18). On Tuesday, after unpacking my suitcase, we drove up to Jerusalem to meet one of our friends at the house. We walked through the gate and on the sidewalk there was a large yellow cardboard sign (advertisement) that someone threw over the fence. It read: “No Compromise Please”!

Interestingly, the Swiss fellowship, which helped us take care of most of the initial rental expenses, is called “Stand Up”. This is what Yeshua did that Shabbat in the synagogue, when He read from Isaiah (Luke 4: 16). It is also what the dry bones of Ezekiel do when breathed upon by YHVH:
“Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says YHVH Elohim: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, ***and stood upon their feet,*** *an exceedingly great army”* (Ezekiel 37:9-10).

We are all very thankful to our Heavenly Abba for His “wonder of wonders,” and we look forward to what He will do next.

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Why Prophetic People Get Different Words

Kathie Walters

Why Do Prophetic People Get Different Kinds Of Words -- All At The Same Time?"

This is a letter I wrote to a friend because a lot of people were asking me why I and some other internet ministries were not giving "judgment" words -- so here is an explanation that may help people understand why every prophet or prophetic-type ministry does not say exactly the same thing. This is a letter I wrote to a good friend who didn't understand why God didn't tell me exactly what He told her -- I hope it helps YOU.

UNITY BRINGS POWER

When I was writing this letter last night (Jan. 6, 2005), I got little pieces of diamond specks on my left hand. When I asked Bob Jones about it today, he said it had to do with writing. I have had this diamond thing before, several times, when I had been praying under a strong anointing, but have never had it on my hands.

We must understand one another to have unity. In my room last night, a very huge angel came and stood at the foot of my bed (he was dressed like a Roman soldier); he reached out and touched my right foot. I asked a prophet friend of mine what this was all about.

The answer I received was, "He is inviting you to join his battle and he is reaching for the righteousness and justice within you."

It's time to reach out in faith and take the kingdom. Jesus said, " . . . the violent take it (the kingdom) by force" so the warrior within must arise now -- it's time to have an understanding and maturity in the realm of the Spirit. Via a copy of this letter, here's my offering to all the friends of the prophetic.

"THE BODY OF CHRIST HAS MANY PARTS"

Dear Joan (not her real name),

Thanks for your note! I appreciate your heart so much. I appreciate getting your words and revelations and I believe they are from God.

The Body of Christ has many parts, but let me explain further. God has put many parts in the Body and we don't all have the same ministry and impartation. The Body of Christ would look very weird if it did, wouldn't it?

Let's say we all had a burden for evangelism and everything we saw had to do with evangelism -- the Body would have a great three foot arm and the other arm would be shriveled up! If the Body had 97 eyes all over the Body, it would look very weird. If the Body had 62 ears that would look very weird, too.

You are an "ear" (and an awesome ear), and you are called to listen in certain areas and to let people like me know, because I have so much outside contact around the world with the Body of Christ.

You can only do what God has called you to do; we only have anointing for that which God has called us to. You can't operate in my anointing, and I can't operate in yours, but you need me and I need you -

- that's what the Body of Christ is all about. All the different members working together and edifying itself (the Body) in love.

MY FUNCTION IN THE BODY

The Lord has called me to bring liberty and to break off religious Spirits who are interfering with the revelation of God's love and grace. The Body of Christ has very little revelation of the grace of God, and that in itself is keeping people in bondage and control and religious mindsets, robbing them of that intimate relationship with Christ. How can you have a very intimate relationship with Jesus if you are not sure of His love and grace?

Still, people feel they have to "qualify" to be accepted by God and to be used by God. That's what He's called me to do and impart -- break bondage and show His love and grace.

Often, before judgments come to a place, there is revival and an outpouring of the glory of God. That's to keep God's people secure in Him.

God's Glory sometimes falls before persecution. Did you ever read the book about the revival in Cambodia? It was about an awesome outpouring of the Spirit in a land where fierce persecution came shortly afterwards. People had such an encounter with the glory of God, that they had an incredible manifestation of God's power and glory in the midst of the persecution and death.

Whatever our callings are, we aren't supposed to lose our joy in God. I was delivered, years ago, from several religious spirits. One of them was a spirit of false responsibility. This spirit makes you feel responsible for things and people you can do nothing about. It put me under a heaviness that wasn't from God and I lost all my joy. False Burdens is also a spirit, and it does the same thing, only heavier. It makes God's people sour and heavy.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Regarding intercession, my responsibility when I pray is to stay in the anointing and yield to the Holy Spirit. He knows what to pray and when. So, when I yield to Him, He takes over. I might weep, I might speak in tongues, I might do some declaring; I might do some warfare, I might laugh (God looks at His enemies and laughs). One thing I know, the power of God shows up and things happen and peoples' lives are changed forever, when I obey Him.

But, I can't make people do anything; it's not my responsibility to try. He is the one who changes hearts. Our responsibility is to offer what we have, that's all. You and I can't change anyone's heart -- only God can do that.

Do you know that Jesus only ever did three things? He did what the Father told Him to do, He went where the Father told Him to go, and said what the Father told Him to say -- and that's ALL HE EVER DID. He was not need-oriented, and He didn't run around Jerusalem trying to meet everyone's needs. He ministered to the Father and, as a by-product, many needs were met.

Jesus stayed in the power of the Holy Spirit, but the power of God did the work -- and it was released by His staying in the anointing. The devil doesn't care how many prayer meetings and Bible studies we go to, as long as they keep us busy and as long we don't get into the anointing. It's only the anointing that breaks the yoke.

The devil's kingdom is not affected by our religious information, nor is God's kingdom affected by our good religious information. The devil's kingdom and God's kingdom are affected by the ANOINTING OPERATING IN OUR LIVES; and the anointing comes when it's not us, BUT HIM, when we rest and yield to the Spirit, and get out of striving and trying.

YOU AND ME . . . WE AREN'T GOD

The famous Welsh revival of 1904, when the glory and power of God fell on Wales, was an incredible and marvelous event of history -- but it only really lasted nine months. Why? Because the young man, Evan Roberts, who was so powerfully used to bring that glory of God into Wales, got into a spirit of false responsibility, and when people didn't respond how he thought they should, then he would close the meetings or scold people or just leave.

But, you see, He wasn't God and the people's response was not his responsibility. He couldn't change anyone's heart, nor make anyone do anything. THAT IS UP TO GOD. When we try and take the place of God, everything gets out of whack.

We are to be led by the Spirit -- not by anything outside. You can't manufacture the anointing.

WHAT THE LORD TOLD ME . . . AND DIDN'T TELL ME

A strange thing happened to me on September 11, three years ago. The night before, I had had a powerful meeting in Philadelphia and the power of God was flowing and people were getting delivered.

The next day, this terrible thing happened and I was stuck in a hotel room in Philadelphia. I was sitting on the bed, watching in horror, the news on the TV. All that devastation! I started praying, and then, all of a sudden, my back felt like it had been crushed. The Lord spoke to me, "Leave it alone."

I was a bit stunned, but I shut up praying. After a while, because of what I saw with my eyes, I started praying again. I felt the same crushing sensation on my back (like I had in Wales, when the Lord showed me about Evan Roberts). The Lord said to me, again, "Leave it alone."

Well, I don't understand that wholly. I'm not God and I can't do everything; if I try, I'll end up with a nervous breakdown, so I have to be Spirit led, even if I don't fully understand -- at least my mind doesn't.

WHAT SOME OTHERS WERE EXPERIENCING AND HEARING THE SAME DAY . . .

That same day, September 11th, a Pastor friend of mine in Atlanta told me his wife, awake at 5 a.m., was walking around the bedroom with her hair in curlers, saying, "Get up, we have to pray. Something terrible is going to happen."

He told her to go back to bed, but she kept on, saying, "Get up, something terrible is going to happen."

Another lady had her little grandchild staying with her -- she was three years old. The child came to her room and shook her about 6 a. m.: "Nana, it's a bad day today."

"No," the grandma said, "It's going to be a great day! We are going out."

"No, Nana, its very bad day. A very bad day today."

Some other friends were in an airplane on an early flight, about 7:30 a.m. For no reason that they knew, they both started weeping.

Well, God certainly had the Spirit moving on people all over the world. Why didn't He give something to me? I don't know -- I'm not God, I can't tell Him what to do. He gives me lots of other things -- words, visions, etc. He allows me to bring His glory. He has called me to set His people free, so they can be truly Spirit-led and not oppressed by religious spirits, whose desire is to take them OUT OF THE ANOINTING.

You have to do what God tells YOU to do.

I wanted to send money to the victims of the flooded areas, but when I got up, I started weeping for Kenya and God told me to send money there. So, as my good friend, John Scotland, says, "What can you do?"

GOD'S PERFECT PLAN

If we are all Spirit-led, and we all do what God is calling us to do, the BODY WILL WORK AS IT SHOULD AND ALL THE NEEDS WILL BE MET, and it will be HIM. You aren't called to do what I do, but if you were in some of my meetings, you would sure appreciate the manifest Presence of Jesus. I appreciate the words and revelations that you have, and I take them to heart. In fact, you sent me a confirmation about being in the right place. We had been seeking the Lord on that issue.

Love to see you - I can only be what He called ME to be and do what He called ME to do. Remember, the angel came to my house and gave me honey and, for three hours, I was lifted up in the Spirit realm over Ireland, Wales, and Scotland and saw the call of God come back to Wales. Jesus said He was going to pour honey (revelation) on the Body.

Blessings! Our God is an awesome God, is He not?

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Which Path Will You Choose

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For even in the days ahead there will be great light and great darkness – yet there will also be that place of compromise, that place where man travels much to keep those around him happy or satisfied.

But those who walk in My truth and righteousness will refuse to walk there. They will see the mist and shadows that cover the evil. They will know and recognize evil for what it is. For they already know that there is no room for even a small amount of evil in My kingdom. For they know and have seen a small amount of evil grow into something much larger.

For they will have walked in darkness, they will have known and been delivered so that they too can reach into darkness to pull others out. For they even now see darkness around them and in the eyes of man. Yet they know and are learning discernment more clearly day by day. For they have asked for wisdom. They have asked to see through My eyes, and they have asked for understanding and great grace.

For they have stood before judgment many times, and it is not their heart to judge man; rather to free man so that man might walk in greater truth and righteousness. For they know what it is like to have been captured by evil, for they have been freed from it by My grace and mercy.

The path is wide before many now; yet I say to you, there are two paths. Choose the narrow path, for My Name's sake. Choose the narrow path that you might walk with Me, that you might talk with Me, that you might commune with Me. Did I say it would be easy? No, rather to choose My way is more difficult. For once you have chosen My way or the narrow way, the enemy will seek to have you compromise in some way to divert you off the narrow path, so that suddenly you look down and see that it has widened, that it has changed. Seek Me then, that you will know what needs to be changed, what needs to be altered, so that you might again traverse the narrow path.

Choosing Me and My ways will not be easy. But it will be the best thing you ever do for yourself.

So which path will you choose?

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Seek Me

Beverly Juelsgaard-Fischer

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This day again I speak to you of the future: of mountains falling and seas roaring, of rivers overflowing. For without this coming forth on the land, My people will perish. For it will take these things to cause them to realize that they need Me. For you are a proud people and, even though there is gratefulness in your hearts, there is not heartfelt thanksgiving to Your Father. For I have given you everything, yet many want more, more, MORE. Do you not know I will supply your needs and, yes, I will even give you more than that? For I take care of what is Mine. Yet, I say, many have become greedy and gluttonous. For where is it in My Word that one should keep everything, and not share? For have I not given to man freely? Yet freely, too, I will take it away.

Man has become needy. “I want, I want, I want” is heard in My courts. Yet My heart is oftentimes not in the “I wants”. My heart has been abandoned or set aside that man would be able to keep up with their friends and family, so that, instead of what a man may need, or what your Father wants, it becomes your perception of what you want. When will you put your wants aside and ask Me what I want for you? When will you take your time to spend with Me, to seek My heart for your life? When will you stop what you are doing to spend time with Me, Your Heavenly Father?

For I want you to spend time with ME. I want you to know Me as you never have before. I do not want to cause destruction and disaster to come against you. Yet, for many of you, that is the only thing that causes you to come running to Me, to seek Me for My grace and mercy. Why do so many persist in being hard-headed and hard-hearted?

WAKE UP, AMERICA! WAKE UP, PEOPLE OF THE EARTH! For time grows short. Come to Me, Your Heavenly Father. Seek Me for everything, for there is nothing too small that I would not take great delight in counseling you. For I see and know everything, even before it happens. Though you may not be prepared, I have already made a way. I have prepared and I am waiting for you. I am waiting for you to seek Me and to know Me for who I am.

Will you do this for Me? Will you begin to seek Me daily? Will you begin to spend time with Me, that I might share My heart with you? Will you quit putting Me on the shelf, so that you can do what you think is “more” important? Am I not important to you?

Know this: The enemy does not have an open hunting season on you. Much of what happens is the consequence of you own actions, or you are reaping what you have sown. There have also been times that I have allowed him to interfere in your life, for did I not allow him to interfere with Job’s life, who was righteous before Me? There is so much you do not know. There is so much I want to teach you and reveal to you. Yet, how can I, when you continue to put your things / thoughts ahead of Me / Mine?

I call again to this nation and to all nations. You must begin to seek Me as you never have before. For I AM the way, the truth, and light to all who come to Me. Come to Me, that My light might begin to shine in you more clearly. Come to Me, that I can teach you and prepare you for the days ahead. For much is coming forth in the days ahead. Should you not have a relationship with Me that is deep and true, you will run and hide. I am the “cure” for all that ails man. I am the one who is in control, for I AM GOD.

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We Shall All Be Changed In A Moment

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We Shall All Be Changed In A Moment, In The Twinkling Of An Eye

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The Lord has been speaking to my heart lately concerning the “MOMENT.” He has made it clear that we do not have tomorrow. All we have is right now, this very moment. The purpose of God for His people is for them to have joy and gladness in their hearts so that they may be Glad and Rejoice fearing nothing. This joy and gladness cannot be put off until tomorrow when the promotion comes, the newborn babe comes, the mate comes, the money comes, the car comes or the health, but must be received right now. The purpose of the enemy is to push each one outside of the moment. Consider each moment to be a bubble. As long as you are within that bubble everything is like the Garden of Eden, like a land flowing with milk and honey. Once you are moved outside of that bubble everything becomes like a land with thorns and thistles, filled with curses, pain and brokenness. As long as you are within the bubble you are prepared for the great moment that we have all waited for which is the CHANGE IN A MOMENT. If the enemy can push us outside of each moment and get us into fear, doubt, anxiety and the like he has succeeded in keeping us from experiencing what God has intended. Every second that is spent outside the moment is an opportunity to miss it. Seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, decades, centuries and millenniums are all spaces of time in the earth realm, but the MOMENT is eternal, never ending. We are called to live in the realm of the moment wherein the presence and power of God is. If we live in the realm of earthly time we will be subject to delays, disappointments and distractions. We will always be looking to some future time when everything will be just right. The truth is tomorrow never comes. Also, everything you have ever desired is contained within the moment you have right now and if you will walk into it you will find the peace and joy and contentment you have always longed for. We find moments within moments, or bubbles within bubbles. We all remember the soap toy where you would blow bubbles into the air; the trick was to get a bubble into a bubble. This is the same principle in the realm of the moment. There are moments within the moment, much like there are levels of glory; FROM GLORY TO GLORY. Within each moment there is an open door to another experience with God. As we REMAIN within the MOMENT we no longer look for things to come or events because within each moment are events and things that God desires to give or reveal to us. The ultimate effect of living within the moment is that IN A MOMENT, WE SHALL BE CHANGED! So let us, each one be sure to LIVE within each moment that we have, for there is no promise of tomorrow, even as our Lord has declared; Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day [is] the evil thereof.

The Scripture declares that there will be TIME NO MORE! This truth can be received as we learn to walk in the moment NOW! What is the moment? The Greek definition for Moment in 1Corinthinas 15 is ATOMOS. It means; CANNOT BE CUT IN TWO. INDIVISIBLE. UNDIVIDED. A moment is a whole that fills up all time and space and gathers in all things both which are in heaven and upon the earth. It is said that “That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things

in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; [even] in him: The phrase FULNESS OF TIMES means;
a) a fixed and definite time, the time when things are brought to crisis, the decisive epoch waited for
b) opportune or seasonable time
c) the right time

The right time is right now! The opportune time is right now! The fullness of times is that moment which is available right now to whosoever will. Another way of saying this is that we are called to walk in the Spirit. As we walk in the Spirit we are subject to divine activity, spiritual activity. The Spirit is a person who leads us into a realm called the spiritual realm. As we are led by the Spirit we are the sons and daughters of God. Each MOMENT in the Spirit is an opportunity for an encounter with God, yet even without an experience it is still the realm of God. The difference between walking in the Spirit and the flesh is that the walk in the flesh is filled with anxiety while walking in the Spirit, even while there seems to be no present activity, provides peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit. We are moving in the Spirit to a Moment, even though we are already walking in a moment to moment experience. We are traveling through time and space having an experience with God and will suddenly, in a moment, experience the greatest of all known experiences which is the complete transformation of our beings, the outworking of the metamorphosis that has been at work within us since the day we believed. While there is so much more to say and we could turn this short teaching into a book, I would close with this thought and exhortation to all those who are alive and remaining at this Moment; Let us all be diligent to be found of Him in PEACE! There is nothing more that a believing man or woman could do in this present moment than to rest, count it all Joy, and be glad and rejoice, for this is the will of God for all of His people. Everything that needed to be said concerning the times we are in has already been said, and now we are left to this moment wherein the grace and bounty of Almighty God is expressive and unrestrained for those who would enter in and receive it. We are, no doubt being called to ENTER INTO HIS REST at this very moment. If this moment passes with us at complete rest and peace, and we here the voice of the Spirit calling us and leading us into another moment before that great moment, then we shall be obedient to His voice and leading and do what he say’s. However, we know now that this moment is a place of peace and rest, so may each one of us receive the blessing of rest and peace at this very moment and may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ richly bless you with His presence and fullness of joy

Merry Christmas

Where's The Double Portion?

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I have heard much in the praises of men (prophets) and their prophetic insight concerning New Orleans. Well, everybody and their brother (and sister) has known that New Orleans was doomed sooner or later if a moderately strong hurricane came ashore. I personally do not believe that New Orleans suffered this tragedy and devastating losses due to God's judgment. Look, we are all sinners saved by grace, lest one should boast. This event is a by product of what was spoken by judgmental men and women and these words were possessed in the spirit realm by the enemy and his hordes. Likewise, the words that have NOT been spoken have allowed the enemy to lay siege to a city and oppress its people to the point of insane activities.

The power of life and death is upon the tongue of mankind...Especially God's people. I am still hearing words of "works" and words of "judgment", but I am not hearing a prophetic voice arise with a sound of faith and ABUNDANCE at the "city gates." New Orleans and the spiritual forces, both good and bad; that are over the city are activated to move upon the words of God's people. The question we must ask ourselves is: Are they words of self-righteous "We told you so?" Or, are we (as a prophetic voice declaring the Lord's heart and best for New Orleans and the rest of the Gulf coast?

The Biblical story below illustrates the Word of Lord for this hour and the posture we must take as a prophetic generation and church.

"And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and one-forth of a kab (about a half of a cup) of dove droppings for five shekels of silver." (2 Kings 6:24-25)

This is one of the most DESPERATE situations that I have ever read or heard about. Ben-Hadad was waging war on Israel and had finally pushed to the capital of Samaria. What is interesting is that some time prior to this (2 Kings 6:8-22), Ben Hadad attempted to conquer Samaria -- only to have his band of raiders blinded by the prophet Elisha. These blind men were led into Samaria and instead of being killed, they were given GRACE in the form of a meal and sent home! This is incredible -- considering these were enemy combatants! Why did Elisha direct the king to let the Syrian raiders go? I personally do not know and can only speculate. However, there IS a prophetic word for the body as we continue in this story.

First of all, we need to understand what a siege is. A siege is when nothing gets IN and nothing gets OUT. (I am sure you can see the parallel in the church) Your enemy camps outside your walls and essentially starves you to death or surrender. Nothing or nobody is allowed to get into the city and nothing or nobody is allowed to leave. You are put into a DEFENSIVE POSTURE. I would assume that this famine was much more severe than your "average" famine. The Bible says that this famine was "great." The situation concerning this great famine within the city walls was so DESPERATE that to buy a donkeys head for food would have cost you about $10,000.00! And a half a cup of bird droppings would have cost you a mere $800.00. I can only speak for myself, but I am not real found of "head cheese." Carole and I have horses here at the farm and know that there is not a lot of meat on a horse's head. As for the bird dung, I cannot even imagine! This was a DESPERATE situation; however, it gets even MORE DESPERATE!

"Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help my lord, O king!" And he said, "If the Lord does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress? Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' And I said to her on the next day, "Give your son that we may eat him"; but she has hidden her son."

The situation had become so DESPERATE that there was not even a morsel left on the threshing floor. The granaries were empty and the winepresses were dry. Water at this time was being cut off from the city and people were moving into areas of insanity. People were actually eating their own children for survival. I know this is hard to digest or even read, but it is in God's Word. We need to understand what the Holy Spirit is speaking to us and why Father chose to put this desperate and almost unbelievable situation in His Word. What is amazing is that this woman, even after having an entire day to reflect upon her actions, did not show remorse or repentance! I see many times in society this same mindset. People, and even believers, are willing to "DEVOUR" others for their own perceived survival. Humanity's greatest weapon in killing or devouring the hope and dreams of another are the WORDS that are spoken against them. The church and the media are crying out words of despair and starvation and the enemy of our souls is possessing these words of "faith."

"Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath he had sackcloth on his body. Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!" (2 Kings 6:30-31)

We can see that the situation is becoming worse and more and more DESPERATE! We read that the prophet Elisha, the one who may have had the words and answers from God to save the city, was a marked man! The king most likely was recalling back to when he had the Syrian army within his city walls, blind and at his will to be killed. We recall that Elisha commanded they be released. This must have angered the king to the point of rage, especially after witnessing what he just heard from this woman who along with another ate her own child. Beloved, this is an incredibly desperate situation. But it gets even MORE DESPERATE!

Elisha prophetically knew that the king was on his way with an officer to take his head off! Elisha in his DESPERATION had to come up with something quick! "Then Elisha said, "Hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord: 'Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, at the gate of Samaria.'" (2Kings 7:1) Elijah (Elisha's spiritual father and mentor) prophesied both drought and rain. So here we are in a famine with no rain, no food, and people eating each other under a siege by a pagan nation. Elisha's prophetic gifting was still intact in that he knew the king was coming to take his head off, but where was the "double portion" of Elijah's mantle to bring rain and relief? I believe it is clear. It wasn't until Elisha became DESPERATE that he brought the true word of the Lord! It wasn't until he was desperate that God took ownership of his words. I believe like most of us, Elisha became complacent until he truly realized how desperate the situation really was. Is it today?

It is interesting that Elisha was just casually sitting with the "elders" of the church while people were desperately eating themselves (both in word and deed). Is the prophetic voice today striving for approval by speaking elementary words of self righteous judgment? When will the prophetic voice mature to speak the heart of God and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and lead humanity to their Redeemer and Savior? We would rather prophesy about angels doing "cartwheels" over the capital than prophesying the Lord's purpose and mandate over the capital. It is no wonder the world thinks we are a bunch of flakes and hypocrites. Where is our relevancy and application to a real and starving world that is existing with ETERNITY in the balance? Where is our priority? It is locked within our words and actions!

The story continues with the officer's rebuttal to Elisha's prophetic word: "So an officer on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, "Look, if the Lord would make windows in heaven, could this thing be?" And he said (Elisha), "In fact, you shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it."(verse 2) This man obviously did not believe the words of the prophet and his fate would be sealed by his lack of FAITH. As I have stated in another article, your chances of seeing a prophetic word fulfilled in your life can be as much as 100% or as little as 2 in a million. Only 2 out of a million coming out of Egypt (Joshua and Caleb) would witness the prophetic word of a promised land fulfilled in their lives. Two men, regardless of the situation or what they saw in the natural, believed God and had faith that He would fulfill His promises! God has promised an abundant life to every individual in New Orleans. It is our position to prophetically PROCLAIM it and believe it by faith. The story does not end here, it gets even more DESPERATE!

"Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, "Why are we sitting here until we die? If we say, 'We will enter the city,' the famine is IN the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come , let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die." (2 Kings 7:3-4)

What we have here are four pitifully desperate leprous men. They cannot go into the city for there is nothing or nobody there to help sustain them. Beside that, they were considered "unclean" and would have to beg in their desperate condition which was no different from those inside the city. So, here we have these pitiful men standing with their backs against the city walls with the Syrian army facing them as if they were "sitting ducks." These men were at a point of such DESPERATION in their lives that they felt they had nothing to lose and everything to GAIN! (These desperate men went right into the heart of the enemies camp!) It would be this mind-set that the Lord would use to bring to pass the words of the prophet! God would use the most DESPERATE of the DESPERATE to fulfill His purposes. God would use four desperate leprous men who were completely reliant and broken to extend His grace and kindness to a disobedient and rebellious people.

These four leprous men arose at TWILIGHT to go to the Syrian camp. As they came to the outskirts of the camp, they were surprised that no one was there. The Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and horses of a great army. The sound was so tremendous that the Syrian army thought that it was not only one, but two of the greatest armies of the world in that time - the Hittite and Egyptian. (see 2 Kings 7:5-8)

The Bible continues saying that the Syrians fled in haste and fear -- leaving food, clothing, and provisions at "TWILIGHT!" You see, for every step that those desperate leprous men took at twilight, their steps were as the sounds of a GREAT ARMY! It would be through these desperate and reliant men that the words of a desperate prophet and the purposes of God would be fulfilled. Sure enough, just as the prophet spoke -- the officer saw the abundance of food at the city gate, but was trampled to death by the people and would not partake of it because of his lack of faith in what God could do. (2 Kings 7:17-18)

The situation in Samaria as described in 2 Kings was a terrible time in history. Many prophetic lessons are to be gleaned from this story. Israel (and New Orleans)was warned prophetically that national disobedience would reduce the people to these terrible acts (see Leviticus 26:29 and Deuteronomy 28:53, 57). We learn from these leprous men that good news and good fortune are meant to be shared (see Proverbs 15 and 21). We witnessed tragedy unfolding and continuing to worsen as the prophet sat in a comfortable position. We see that it is through desperate and reliant men and women that the Lord delights and fulfills His purposes on the earth -- through their WORDS.

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A Response To "Where's The Double Portion"
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Dear friends,

I normally do not post responses to our articles, however, I sense the need to post a letter that I sent to a list member's response to our article, "Where's The Double Portion." Although all of the responses have been wonderful and well thought...some did not entirely agree with my position. This is wonderful in itself! It shows that God's people are becoming "Berean" in nature and seeking the Lord's Word and voice for themselves upon hearing the "words of man."

We all see through a glass dimly and prophesy in part. I believe that the prophetic ministry is vital to God's plan that we see more clearly...A more clearer image of the heart and mind of Christ. Please read below my response to what has captivated both the nation and the church. Again the purpose and prophetic declaration of "Where's The Double Portion" was a clarion for the church to check her true heart condition and her propensity for "judgment." Especially one another!

Jesus Christ is the Spirit of prophecy and prophecy should therefore reflect the heart of Christ. To prophesy judgment without a prophetic declaration of intercession beforehand...Is "flesh" at best. dk

Yes, I understand your reply and I appreciate it. I knew that this was going against the grain somewhat, but I must post what I believe that I am hearing from the Spirit of God. My first response would be "judgment" based on a biblical model. The hurricane that came ashore devastated an area over 4 states. With that said, were all 4 states being judged? Many communities suffered greater losses than New Orleans per capita...Does this make these communities more sinful, thus, the sin and judgment must have been greater?

If we are looking at the gambling boats, Mardi Gras, homosexuality, ect. as the means of what propagated what many to believe as divine judgment exercised by God; then we must ask ourselves several questions:

Did Jesus come to condemn the world or to save the world? What is His heart for humanity? It seems that the church's true personality comes out at the slightest natural disaster. We simply love JUDGING others...Even our own within the church. I believe that we need to get our hypocritical house in order before we self-righteously proclaim what can only come from the hand of God. Until I hear the "prophets" have the guts to confront the church's sins and grossly religious and irrelevant system, I simply cannot believe that Father would reveal such matters (if it were true) because we have not been faithful in addressing our own junk with a repentant heart. (In the smaller things)

As long as today's prophetic movement continues to "sell resources" that are prophetic (Words that are from the Father Himself) I account them as slanted and mixed. God has never put a price on the grace of His words. It has always been freely given and a gift lest anyone should boast. The gall to "send $15.00 to hear the rest of this prophetic word and teaching" voids the credibility of this individual and prophetic ministry in my eyes. Again, the only price that Father requires to receive His words is simple faith to believe. Real prophets need to get a real job and support themselves and their ministry. To rely on God's people is a definite conflict of interest...Prophesying to those who are paying your light bill is ridiculous at best. To summarize, I take a prophet's word with a grain of salt if supported by selling what he or she states to be "prophetic" (A genuine word from the mouth and heart of God).

Note: I love and adhere to the offering of resources to enhance our Christian walk of faith. These are necessary in the continued financial support of those called to these ministries. However, when we take and move (and many times casually) within the prophetic calling, we have come under an ordination of grace and reliance to God because we have chosen to speak the words that have already been purchased.

Secondly, most of the sin that is coming out of New Orleans is corporately based and has its ROOTS in Las Vegas and California. Why would God spare the real perpetrators of gambling and decadence and destroy the common person just trying to make a living? Was it a sin to be born and raised in New Orleans? Was the entire city's inhabitants sinful? I seriously doubt it. I believe God would have spared it from judgment if there were just 10 righteous people. It seems to me that these were the type of people that Jesus liked to hang out with and speak the good news. It was the self righteous that Jesus had a hard time with.

Yes, the prophets spoke words of impending judgment. However, there is a biblical model that we must adhere to. Hurricanes and typhoons are normal events that are happening all over the world as we speak. Are we going to proclaim judgment over the entire coasts of the earth? I believe we need to stand in the gap and intercede for the kingdom of God to manifest on Earth as it is in Heaven. The Lord spoke to the prophet Ezekiel and said, "I have not found anyone (INCLUDING EZEKIEL HIMSELF!) who would (build a wall) pray and stand in the gap for humanity. If the church and prophets were so knowledgeable about a divine judgment coming to the gulf states -- then why wasn't there a proclamation and season of intercession (the building of spiritual levies) proclaimed for its inhabitants? Again, it simply shows our true heart condition.

I look forward to your response. We appreciate your very dear friendship and love for our Lord.

Danny

Rags To Riches

Danny Korakas

Aug 30, 2005

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." (Ruth 1:16)

Many times our hearts are warmed by stories that end in a "Cinderella" type way. What is so neat about this story is that it is true. It is an exciting story of hope and provision. It is a story told by God Himself to give us assurance and confidence that He will meet our needs. The story of Ruth takes place in the time of the Judges in biblical history. As I stated in another article, this was not a time in history in which we see much spiritual growth. Actually, it was quite the opposite. We see the nation of Israel backsliding as it partook of the worldy influences of its neighbors.

The first step in this wonderful story is that Ruth chose to follow Naomi and the God she served. There was something in Naomi's life that must have been attractive and inspiring to Ruth, even the midst of all the tragedy that they would have to endure. Before we go any further, I feel it is important to understand the prophetic "types" that Boaz, Naomi, and Ruth (the main characters of this story) represent. Boaz - the "kinsman redeemer", represents Christ our - Redeemer. Naomi, represents the Holy Spirit in that she led Ruth (a gentile, to her redeemer), and Ruth who represents you and I.

"Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of BETHLEHEM, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. The NAME of the man was Elimelech, the name of his wife was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. And they went to the country of Moab and REMAINED there. (Ruth 1:1-2)

One thing interesting about the book of Ruth is the precision in listing everyone by name. There seems to be a concerted effort to mention every person in this story by personal name except one, whom we will read about later. Another, is that the name "Elimelech" means: "he who trusts in God." Bethlehem means: "House of Bread." So here we have a man who's name means to literally "Trust in God", moving from the "House of Bread" to the pagan land of Moab! Even in the midst of famine conditions (both naturally and spiritually) we can have assurance that God will meet our every need. He has PROMISED in His Word to not only teach and comfort us by His Holy Spirit, but to feed, clothe, and to provide shelter to all who TRUST in Him. (spiritual and natural provision)

Elimelech did not live up to his name and moved his family to a land that was founded on sin and rebellion. Moab as you may remember was the product of incest and deceit. After Lot and his daughters escaped Sodom, the daughters spoke amongst themselves and the firstborn said to the younger, "Our father is old, and there is no man the earth to come into us as is the custom of all the earth. Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him and preserve the lineage of our father." (see Gen. 19) The fruit of this incestuous act of deceit would give birth to Moab, the son of the eldest daughter, and Ammon to the younger. The ancestors of these two brothers would plague the Israelites and the people of God to this very day.

The bible goes on to say that the sons of Elimelech and Naomi took for themselves Moabite women as wives. It wasn't long before Naomi's husband and two sons died within the ten years that they were living in Moab. Naomi arose with her two daughters in-law to tell them that she was going to return to Bethlehem because the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread. Naomi spoke to her daughters in-law to, "return each to your mothers house. The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." So she kissed them and they lifted up their voices and wept. And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? Turn back my daughters, go - for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, If I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the lord has gone against me!" Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she (Naomi) said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law... (Ruth 1:3-17)

Ruth chose to follow Naomi. a "type" of the Holy Spirit to her God and home. Ruth was confident that the Lord, in whom she had come to trust through Naomi's witness , would take care of her future. Orpah. on the other hand, returned to the "world" around her including her "gods." Ironically, we never read or hear of Orpah again. Naomi tested the commitment of both of these young women as the Holy Spirit will with us. It is of tremendous importance to understand that God WILL test us. This validates our commitment and confirms VICTORY in our lives. It was only after Ruth was DETERMINED to FOLLOW after Naomi, that she was permitted to enter into the House of Bread. The decision of Ruth to follow after God would change her life forever as well as ours as we will see later!

"The Lord repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge." (Ruth 2:12)

As soon as Ruth arrived in Bethlehem (House of Bread), she went out into the field of Boaz to glean for herself and Naomi among the reapers. Boaz, upon meeting Ruth in "his" field instructed Ruth not to glean from another field and to, "stay close by MY young women." Boaz assured Ruth that as long as she was in HIS field and among HIS people, that nobody would harm her. This is a wonderful picture of Father's PROVISION and PROTECTION. Ruth would respond to Boaz, "Let me find favor in your sight, my lord; for you have comforted me, and have spoken kindly to your maidservant..."

Ruth returned to Naomi with an abundance of provision and purpose! Ruth told Naomi of all the wonderful news of her day, and Naomi would respond, "Blessed be he of the Lord, who has not forsaken His kindness to the living and the dead!" And Naomi said, " This man is RELATION of ours, one of our CLOSE RELATIVES." Chapter 3 continues with Naomi telling Ruth, "Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact He is WINNOWING barley tonight at the THRESHING FLOOR. Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor..." (Ruth 3:2-3). Ruth obeyed and said, "All that you say to me I will do." The

Holy Spirit in our lives is continually giving us direction to go to the threshing floor to meet our kinsman-redeemer.

The "Cinderella story" begins here, with Ruth's OBEDIENCE to follow the direction of Naomi. The bible says that Ruth obeyed without a second thought! This really is what PURPOSE and destiny is all about. We read and hear so much today about a "purpose-full life." We have books, resources, and conferences attempting to tell us what our purpose is. This generation more than any other in history is searching for its identity and purpose. Most are going through the only LIFE they will ever have, just to hang on. Nothing eternal to live or die for. The answer for purpose WILL NOT be found in a book or a conference. The formula has always been the same - They are the words of Jesus to "Follow Me." Those who choose to follow Jesus in obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit will find destiny and purpose!

"Now it happened at midnight that the man (Boaz) was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet. And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your WING, for you are a close relative." Then he said, "Blessed are you of the Lord, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. And now my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request...Now it is true that I am a close relative; however there is a relative CLOSER than I. (Ruth 3:8-12)

This "closer relative" is the one I was talking about earlier. Out of all the names mentioned in this book along with the importance of this individual as one who might perform the duty of the "CLOSE RELATIVE"(vs.13), you would think a name would be mentioned. Prophetically, the name does not belong to a person! This "close relative" is RELIGION! In Chapter 4 the book closes with Boaz going to the city gate, "and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by."(4:1) This "close relative" was willing to redeem Ruth as long as there was something in it for him (religious system). But as soon as the RELATIONSHIP was offered with Ruth, a rejection quickly came. This is exactly what religion desires! It want's and desires what you can GIVE it financially, in attendance and in dead works without RELATIONSHIP. This close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself. (religion can never redeem) Buy it for yourself. (see Ruth 4:5-8) And this is what Jesus, our Redeemer did.

He PAID the ultimate price with His life. It was Boaz that desired Ruth stay the night at His feet. It was here at the THRESHING FLOOR that Ruth would sit at the feet of one who would redeem her without condition. Boaz covered her with his shawl and generously provided and blessed her. The question of why a wealthy man like Boaz would sleep on the threshing floor is easy to answer: It was a priority for Boaz to watch and protect His HARVESTED crop! Boaz was protecting his harvest and the labor of those who "worked in the field." Boaz stayed CLOSE to what was His, so that no THIEF of robber would steal any part of it!

"So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife..." Ruth, a gentile (you and me) in a far and away pagan land followed Naomi (a type of the Holy Spirit) to Boaz, her kinsman-redeemer (a type of Christ) where she found purpose and destiny at his feet. As her bridegroom he imparted into her a future that would effect every preceding generation up to this day. Ruth would give birth to Obed, who was the father of Jesse, who would be the father of King David. Out of whose lineage the Christ, Messiah would be born. This should give us tremendous hope, for we now realize that this poor and widowed woman from Moab would be brought into the Messianic lineage. This is the picture of God's grace -- to take us as sinners from rags to riches!

Any of you who may be reading this, who are widowed or have been abandoned by a spouse: I have given you Ruth as an example and model of My desire for your life. I know your pain and have walked with you as I reached for your hand. All I ask is that you close your hand in mine, and allow Me to lead you into the life that I have laid out for you. There are many like Ruth who need to came back to the House of Bread. Lie at My feet and I will cover you and give you rest. I will comfort you and call you My own. I will give you hands full of purpose and provision - this is My promise.

This is a tremendous story of "rags to riches" through a woman's desire to sit at her redeemers feet. It was here that the "alabaster box" of a broken life was broken at the feet of Jesus by a broken woman. Religion has been a close relative for many, for to many years now. This close relative will demand much from you and give you little in return. This IS a close relative if you find yourself striving for spiritual approval. Religion will have you in program after program, singing in the choir and every function there is to sing in, committee after committee, teaching class after teaching class and so BUSY that you have no personal and intimate RELATIONSHIP with Jesus.

Everything is DEAD WORKS without a love relationship with Jesus. The bible says that many will come to Him in the last of days and proclaim all of their great "WORKS," only to hear, "Depart from Me. I never KNEW you." Our Redeemer is desiring an intimate relationship with you today. He desires to give us purpose and provision, just as he did Ruth. The word for you who are seeking their purpose in life is simple. "Follow Me!" No man, book, or formula can give you purpose in life - it comes from Him who designed it and He desires to lead you into it!

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When the Lord Builds His House

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It is possible for Christ's church to be so properly aligned with heaven that the Spirit of the Lord actually displaces the powers of darkness over our cities. To the degree that the church is so joined to God, the Lord's Presence guards the city: crime and immorality proportionally decline; revival begins to spontaneously break out. But be forewarned, only if the Lord builds His house will He then guard our cities (Psalm 127:1).

The Corporate, Citywide Church

"And the house, while it was being built, was built of stone prepared at the quarry, and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was being built" (I Kings 6:7).

During these past years God has had His church "at the quarry," shaping the leaders, preparing their hearts to become part of the house of the Lord. Under the hammer of the Word, many pastors and lay people have had their rock-hard religious and doctrinal opinions shattered. God has been reducing their definition of Christianity to the biblical proportions of simplicity, purity and devotion to Christ (see 2 Cor 11:3). At the same time, the Lord has also laid His axe to the root system of jealousy and selfish ambition (see James 3:16).

All across the world holy men and women of God are being fitted together into a living temple for the Lord. Burning in their hearts is a new vision for a united, citywide church. Together with their congregations, these servants of God are building their churches, not upon the typical American base of self-promotion and human enterprise, but upon a substructure of corporate, citywide prayer and Christian love. With great passion and deep humility, their singular goal is to see Christ Himself formed in the church (see Gal 4:19). In so doing, they are laying the foundation for the house of the Lord. It is a testimony to Christ's wisdom and power how graciously these "living stones" accept one another and fit together. The Scriptures tell us that when Solomon built the house of the Lord, "there was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the house while it was being built" (I Kings 6:7).

These men and women, often of very different church backgrounds, are finding themselves kneeling in one another's buildings and praying at each other's side. Their common prayer is that the Almighty might unite them in Christ and finish the house of the Lord - that Christ Himself might heal their cities.

God will answer their prayers. The house of the Lord is beginning to emerge upon the building site of the praying, citywide church. The time of devastation and shaping, of being hammered and cut to size, is nearly over. The day of *power* is at hand.

The Obedience Of Christ

This is not a work born out of compromise. It would be an error to assume the goal of this moving of God was unity. No, our objective is obedience. Out of obedience to God in prayer and true desire to be Christlike, a new meaning to unity has come.

Our focus is upon Christ. Paul instructed the church to take "every thought captive to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor 10:5). The areas of our thought-life which are not captive to Christ, are the areas where we are losing our battle against hell. But when our vision is focused upon the Lord and becoming like

Him in obedience, the conclusion of what Paul spoke shall be fulfilled: "And we are ready to punish all disobedience whenever your obedience is made complete" (2 Cor 10:6).

It would be presumption to speculate on all that this verse means. We know that Paul was not referring to flesh and blood; he was not warring according to the flesh (see Eph 6:12). The implication here is that *when the obedience of the church is made complete* there will be an unleashing of the mightiest display of spiritual power the world has ever seen.

This revelation of power was *not* attained in Paul's day. The provision was there in that the prince of the world was "judged," "rendered powerless" and "disarmed" at the cross, but obviously, "all disobedience" was not punished in the first century.

Let us ask the Lord Himself: *Is there something yet to come forth through the obedient church that will bring judgment upon spiritual wickedness and disobedience, which will also deliver many cities?*

When The Lord Guards The City

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Before we discuss this verse, it is important to explain a particular characteristic often found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Often the Old Testament writers communicated truth by repeating two views of the same thought. We see this especially in Psalms and Proverbs. An example would be: "With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied with the product of his lips" (Prov 18:20). The same concept is presented twice in two ways. Another example is, "I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old" (Psalm 78:2). Truth is conveyed utilizing a poetic rhythm that is both beautiful and functional - a way to compress two corresponding thoughts into one idiom.

In this regard, when the Psalmist admonishes, "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman keeps awake in vain," he is saying the same truth in two ways. The work of the Lord is a bridge connecting these two thoughts: the house He builds will stand; the city He guards will be protected.

How can the Lord guard the city? The house of the Lord is a house of prayer; intercession brings the presence of God into the city. Let me say this another way: *When* the Lord builds the house, *then* the Lord will guard the city. The specifications of His building plans require His people to be praying, loving and investing themselves into their cities, empowered by His anointing. The house of the Lord will change our communities!

Jesus confirms this in His promise that "I will build My church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18 KJV). He is stating that when His house is built in obedience to His Word the strongholds of evil over individuals and cities will be broken.

When there is revival in a city, what happens to the powers of darkness in the heavenly places? Where do they go? The answer is: *they are displaced by the fullness of God's Spirit in the regional church!* Paul tells us that it is "through the church" that the manifold wisdom of God is revealed "unto the principalities and powers in the heavenly places" (Eph 3:10). And what is happening in the spirit realm? The church is blessed with "every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ" (Eph 1:3)! The prevailing influence upon society in this case comes from heaven; the Lord guards the city!

When the church is not built according to Christ's directives but remains selfish and divided, the principalities and powers have access in a greater degree to the souls of men. In such cities, spiritual wickedness guards the city.

One does not have to be very discerning to see this is true. On your next drive from the country into a city, you will notice a distinguishable cloud of oppression as you enter the city. That invisible barrier is the range of influence of the ruling spirits which weigh on the community. The demonic power of that area is the "strong man, fully armed," who "guards his own homestead"; whose "possessions are undisturbed" (Lk 11:21).

But when the church is obedient to Christ, it will be united with other believers and unstoppable by the powers of hell. Through the church - its prayer, love and action - the Lord will guard the city.

Whatever You Bind Will Be Bound

Let me explain the interaction between the spirit world and the thoughts and actions of men. As I see it, the spirit realm can be accessed and occupied by either angels or demons, depending upon the attitude of man upon earth. Although the earth is the Lord's, He put all things under man's feet; that is, under man's responsibility.

When Satan tells Jesus that all the world and its glory "has been handed over to me" (Lk 4:6), he is speaking a half-truth. The world has indeed been given to the devil, not by God, but by *man!*

We have wrongly assumed that the devil has divine approval to attack our neighborhoods and cities. Satan has access to the domain of darkness, but he can only occupy those areas where mankind, through sin, has allowed him.

Thus, Jesus tells the church, "whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt 16:19; 18:18KJV). Notice that Jesus gave the same instruction for two seeming different situations. The context of Matthew 16:18-19 deals with the devil, while the focus of Matthew 18:15 is sin. These realms are interconnected. The sinfulness of mankind, his evil thoughts, words and actions, is itself the very shelter of the devil over our cities! Since this is true, then *righteousness* in the church proportionally displaces the devil in the spirit realm, offering Satan no hiding place. He may tempt, but he cannot abide. Indeed, when the church truly draws near to God, the devil flees.

A New Vision

If we work together to build the house of the Lord, our strengths will be amplified rather than diminished. One of the pastors in my city has been used by God to picket abortion clinics and stores which sell pornography. Before the churches began to pray together, the most people he ever mustered for a protest was 120. However, because a larger number of churches united with him in prayer, over 4,000 people came to stand against abortion! Since that time, the local television and newspapers have been far more sympathetic to the cause of the unborn.

Where the churches are united, the benefit upon teens will be wonderful. Imagine how it would be if there were a citywide youth group where large numbers of Christian teens could meet and unite. Older teens could develop leadership skills and pastoral care over younger teenagers.

Without limiting their overseas missions, pastors are realizing the *first* mission field they need to support is local. Ministers in churches are beginning to build together, training individuals from their congregations to go to other churches in the city where together the entire local Christian community is being built up.

Ultimately, how will the house of the Lord differ from current Christianity? Although the Lord has visited the church with revival in the past, He will *dwell in power* in His house! Healing and deliverance will be commonplace; holiness and grace will fill the atmosphere. *Where the house of the Lord is built, the protection of the Lord will be felt.*

A Living Testimony

Our ministry is located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. When we first started praying together with other pastors and intercessors in the city, the state of Iowa was experiencing an 11 percent increase in violent crime. During this same time, however, in Cedar Rapids violent crime *decreased* 17 percent. FBI files confirm that Cedar Rapids became the safest city of over 100,000 people in the United States in 1988-89. In spite of the enemy's counterattack, Cedar Rapids remains one of the safest cities in the nation. We continue to experience many wonderful and significant breakthroughs in our city.

To the degree that the Lord's house is established in our cities, lawlessness will proportionally decrease. The time is soon upon us when, unless we are building the Lord's house, our labors may actually be in vain. But the Holy Spirit's encouragement to us is unwavering: *When the Lord builds the house, then the Lord will guard the city!*

Lord, thank You for Your dealings in my life. Thank You for shaping my heart to fit in with other believers in my city. O God, increase Your work in this region until Your entire church is one body, one force, one weapon in Your hand against evil! Build and then enter Your house, Lord Jesus. Open the door of Your house, and step onto our streets. Guard our cities with power. In Jesus' name, amen.

Worship Teams Report For Duty

Chad Taylor

We Need Worship Teams And Prayer Warriors To Report For Duty Now!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all... - Eccl 9:11

Jan. 1st 2006 will be a landmark in America as 3 more 24/7 prayer and worship locations are birthed and come to fruition making a total of four 24/7 tents up and functioning in the Gulf Coast region marked forever by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. New Orleans, LA., Bay St. Louis, MS., Port Arthur, TX., and finally Thomasville, GA. which lastly will operate as a staging ground and preparedness for revival training and sending teams. This Sunday morning as we ministered in the host church appropriately named Hebron in Thomasville, GA. people literally jumped into the baptismal during the service! It was unprecedented as the entire congregation cried out to God for His Person and presence with vehemence and resolve. It has begun! Mark it down the lines and boundaries of revival have been marked by God and the gates of hell cannot prevail.

One Pastor in California summed it up nicely when he commented, "Chad we don't hear anything about New Orleans and the Gulf Coast anymore, as if everything is ok now, is it?" It's not, it's far from it as hundreds of thousands are still displaced and cities are completely demolished and far from recovery. Really the opportunity is more strategic now as families begin the journey home to find devastation and hopelessness; we need to fill the vacuum with praise and worship and be ready to receive them into a atmosphere charged with God's presence versus hopelessness and despair. Will you and your church or ministry team/group come and help in this massive endeavor? The plan is to circulate teams through the 4 locations of 24/7 prayer and worship starting at Thomasville, GA. when feasible and then move down through the I-10 corridor to Bay St. Louis, New Orleans and finally Port Arthur, TX. We are already scheduling teams as far in the future as March of 2006.

We have seen a very real response to the 24/7 prayer and worship opportunity but it's also alarming how many churches and Christians are simply unwilling to take 2 or 3 days from their hectic schedules and come to a historical crossroads and lift up Jesus. It only goes to prove that we are often so entangled and engaged with other things that when such a divine opportunity arises we are completely unable or unwilling to respond. We are extending a nation wide invitation to any worship team, healing team, evangelism team, counseling team, outreach team, or facet of ministry to come to the Gulf Coast. Will even make it easier than that, we can accommodate any number and house you, feed you and give you a complete platform to minister. Each tent is equipped with a sound system, PA, instruments and a steady flow of people in crisis. The question is, will you answer the call?

There is also endless opportunities to serve in the distribution area, serve hot meals, go into neighborhoods to minister and even help rebuild. You are not under qualified! If you have a heart to serve and pray then you are indispensable my friend. Don't procrastinate, maybe you have been reading these reports for months now from the front lines and have been asking yourself how you could help? Make contact with us RIGHT NOW and let's begin to plan! If you are simply unable to travel here then at least email us and we can give you creative ideas how you can help. Presently we are in great need of any kind of running operational vehicles to accommodate the teams that are overseeing these 24/7 tents and outreaches. I can stress this enough, we need vehicles for team leaders that have come as far away as Canada to serve indefinitely. If you have any kind of vehicle please, please contact us today! chadtaylor@consumingfire.com or 229-672-1008

Please visit our Operation Rescue page at Consuming Fire dedicated to continue to lift up and maintain awareness for the Gulf Coast and the ongoing revival we are experiencing.
www.consumingfire.com/operationrescue.htm
We need continued financial support to sustain this 24/7 effort. Yesterday another team left from our home town in Thomasville, GA. from Hebron church. Please don't hesitate to donate and help supply the frontlines. We need you...

List of immediate and critical needs:

1) Generators for outdoor music equipment
2) Vehicles to transport our teams
3) We need one more outdoor tent for Port Arthur, TX even if we only use
4) Any kind of musical equipment i.e., keyboard, guitars, PA, speakers, monitors etc. please NOTHING is too small contact us now
5) RV/camper/5th Wheel for Port Arthur, TX. location. We don't need to keep just use.

INTERCESSORS TAKE HOLD OF THESE NEEDS WITH US AND LETS BRING THEM INTO THE REALM OF REALITY! THERE ARE MANY UNLISTED BUT GOD KNOWS BEFORE WE EVEN MAKE REQUEST.

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Watershed
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The ocean side of the mountains, where rain and river waters are abundant, is favored by many people. The shortsighted exploit the lowlands with little thought of tsunami threats, unprepared to survive a tidal wave. Seaward land is often divided from an inland plateau by hills or mountains. The rivers in the seaward lowlands and the upland plateaus often flow in opposite directions, creating two *watersheds* separated by a divide, such as in the American Rocky Mountains. The few people who opt for the more challenging life in the tsunami-safe uplands of less plenteous rainfall and smaller rivers grow in strength and persistence.

There is a spiritual principle that horrendous natural divine interventions (such as tsunamis, earthquakes, hurricanes…) are often followed by colossal spiritual developments in the heavenlies. *(1 Cor 15:44-50)* Before Christmas '04, world-wide there was an abundance of Holy Spirit watering of flesh-pleasing 'Churchianity.' Many people lived carelessly in the isles and on near continents In these low lands of human desire and abundant fellowship.

Water is good, people need it to survive, so many settle where it is plentiful. On the other hand, a flood of 'good' water drowns an unprepared, unwarned people. (Remember Johnstown, PA 1889?) Some tried to warn on the internet of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami, but no one was listening. Thousands of doomed people partied on the beaches.

A parallel tsunami from Heaven now spills over the earth to bless the upland remnant, but lowland 'Churchianity' failed to prepare or recognize the threat of God's judgment. Great suffering will come upon the myriad who have failed to make the strenuous climb to higher spiritual ground before the waters become too strong to leave. There is still a little time before complete judgment falls upon God's house. This message of warning is for those who haven't yet cleaved to their holy Bridegroom, to Jesus Christ, who saves us from calamity if we obey Him.

Jesus calls for uncompromising righteousness to fuel unconditional love He told us to come out of her (The Whore, Mystery Babylon, Churchianity, Institutionalization), to flee to the mountains when we see the abomination of desolation *stand* in the holy place. The holy place today resides in the spirits of Jesus' Bride, the holy Temple of God that is even now filling the earth with His glory. (Mat 25:15) Compromise between the Bride and the world is the abomination, the sacrilege that makes the Holy Temple desolate of God's Spirit. To come out is to leave the denominational and non-denominational institutions who all compromised with world economic powers to together become Mystery Babylon. This whore is even now riding the seven-headed, soon to be ten crowned horned beast, believing that she will never see sorrow. (Rev 17,18)

Just as sorrow came suddenly to Indonesia and the surrounding lands, so will the institutionalized be suddenly drowned by the coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The same spiritual tsunami will only serve to invigorate the remnant already in the uplands of life, the holy Bride of the King of Heaven and Earth. Those who are praying for revival in their low land 'Churchianity' will get what they ask for, but like when Israel demanded a King, the results of God's coming powerful anointing on their chosen leaders will destroy their denomi-nation. May your spiritual eyes and ears be open to what the Lord is doing today! Cross the divide into your inheritance in the uplands and offer a message of joy and hope.

Jeremiah's failure to find one righteous man among God's Chosen People in Jerusalem should be a solemn lesson for all of us. After searching among the poor, he went to the spiritual leaders of the day, but all had turned to self-serving lowland works. At the end of the Chapter (5) Jeremiah recognizes an appalling and horrible thing. The prophets were false, the priests ruled without God's authority, and God's people loved it this way. Jeremiah asked: What will you do in the end of this? No one listened, and Jeremiah was imprisoned. Not long after Israel ceased to be sovereign nation!

Have we imprisoned the true prophets of today? Are they not shouted down by myriad seminary trained pastors who preach 'all is well" to large congregations who love their messages? Modern 'Churchianity' errors include: {having a form of godliness 2 Tim 3:5}; {proudly denominating and employing a professional clergy who claim that they are rich spiritually and in need of nothing more Rev 2:6; 3:15]; {fleshly worship/preaching/teaching Jude 10-13}. Many more errors could be cited that have produced the carnal/demonic mixture which will soon come to sorrow.

It seemed right to me that God would choose Christmas '04 as the wastershed moment. Tradition has made Christmas a celebration of fleshly appetites rather than recognition of the world's most significant single event, the birth of Jesus Christ. Many years of warnings and gentle divine interventions into 'Churchianity' affairs have only served to strengthen the will of its advocates to build in the flesh. Yes, there have been moments of blessing for many, but overall things are about as dismal spiritually as they were 100 or even 1900 years ago [See John's messages to the churches in Rev 2 & 3].

Jesus is asking each Bride member: "What will you do now that the end has come?" Will you cling to fleshly, self-serving works, or will you cleave to Him if love and obedience? The natural tsunami is past, but the spiritual tsunami is forming. Tsunamis are preceded by earthquakes, by great dislocations in the earth. There will likewise be great spiritual dislocations in us, because we are made of earth. The earth never returns to its pre-earthquake structure. Likewise, we will be permanently changed if we come out to Jesus, or drowned when the spiritual tsunami comes if we remain among 'Churchianity'.

Where is *out of her*? It is in the world-encompassing fellowship of the Bride of Jesus, among the obedient ones who know no other King. Jesus won't accept anyone who expects another person to speak for them, or joins some group to get control of their flesh. Marriage to the King of Heaven will be a One-to-one relationship that honors Him in all of His glory. His betrothed on earth today should constantly practice listening to His voice and obeying His guidance in His great upland watershed. This is a personal matter that at times may include relationships with other people. Let the Lord fill the earth with knowledge of His glory through you! I pray that you will hear and obey His voice!

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Warning To The Remnant

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You’ve gone thru a severe breaking at the hands of our Lord. This breaking was necessary for ridding you of garbage that would hold you back, trip you up and exalt itself before your king. To say it’s been hard is undermining the process. It’s been a hell on earth.

Many of you have lost family, jobs, health, homes and other worldly possessions, identities. You felt as though every fiber in your being was being ripped apart, and it was. God has dug deep, way deep, untangling cords of strongholds in your life getting to the root to pull out cancers. All to prepare you for his anointing, prepare the vessel to house his glory and power.

And in this breaking you learned humility, great humility. Of course you have, you’ve been broken not only in the spiritual realm, but broken before all man. This breaking was not a private matter; you went thru it with the world watching. You were on stage during this time with all the spotlights on you as you stood completely naked. This painful experience is still fresh in your mind.

And it is with this breaking the Lord has gotten you ready for this last great outpouring of his spirit.

Joel 2: 27 Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. 28 "And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams; your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

But where you are now is a very tenuous place, a place where you can get tripped up if you drop your guard.

We tend to think in the natural mind that we have somehow ‘arrived’. Most all that needs to be changed has been changed. All that needs healing has been healed. All darkness now must run and flee screaming in terror from us because of the anointing that the Lord has given us. So we start relaxing thinking the enemy is at bay. And for a season he does back off. But do not underestimate your enemy. He is calculating and very serious about tripping you up.

1Peter 5: 8 *Be self-controlled and alert. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

We need to remember though we are getting deeper into the things of God, the enemy will still try and seduce you with lies. It is pride that says you can’t be tricked or seduced by the enemy because you have so much of the Lord in you. That you completely understand your adversary and his ways. Scripture tells us the devil even tried to trip up Jesus and he’s God!

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Luke 4:1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, 2where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The enemy was here long before mankind, and has had a long time to study us, generation after generation. He knows our inherent weaknesses. So he sits and watches us, waiting for the time to subtly slip in.

Going deep in the Lord means you will be experiencing many things new to you. These gifting and anointing will be unlike anything seen.

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

John 14:12 I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

All the while the enemy will try to take the focus off of the Lord whispering to you thoughts like, “Whoa, look what you just did!” “You’re really something to receive this power, why look how humble you must be, no pride in you.” “Wow, did you see what he just showed you? That really makes you special, not everyone gets the experiences you get.”, and thoughts of this nature. Subtle seduction, Most of the time we do not recognize who‘s planting these thoughts, we assume it‘s us .

It’s what we do with these thoughts that leads down a road. Sometimes we may dismiss them, but then again there are times we entertain them, and that is when pride can creep in.

2 Corinthians 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

There are many faucets of pride; the deception is so slick and slippery. Pride in being part of the remnant. Pride in ‘your’ gifting, power and supernatural experiences with God. Pride in making it thru the breaking. Pride in even being part of the body of Christ. Once you relax and think you have ‘arrived’ you open yourself up to that old temptation to look at ones self and exalt yourself, the gifting or experiences, not the one who supplies all.

I see in the body a rising faucet of pride. But this pride has slipped in unnoticed among many of his chosen ones.

We need to remember we are merely vessels, mere vessels that by the grace of God have been put in this place and time. Nothing we did. We are a work in progress and still susceptible to the cunning ways of the enemy. You cannot figure out the enemy’s way in your natural mind, and when you believe you can and have you’ve opened yourself up for pride and impending disaster at the hands of your adversary.

All thru scripture we are warned about our adversary and PRIDE. Do not think any of us are immune from either. Remember that God gives the anointing and he can remove it also. He will protect your soul from even yourself , for those submitted to him and his will. If the anointing will cause you to err and fall into a deception, God will deal with you to get you back in the place he wishes for you, many times removing the anointing

Daniel 5:18 "O king, the Most High God gave your father Nebuchadnezzar sovereignty and greatness and glory and splendor. 19 Because of the high position he gave him, all the peoples and nations and men of every language dreaded and feared him. Those the king wanted to put to death, he put to death; those he wanted to spare, he spared; those he wanted to promote, he promoted; and those he wanted to humble, he humbled. 20 But when his heart became arrogant and hardened with pride; he was deposed from his royal throne and stripped of his glory. 21 He was driven away from people and given the mind of an animal; he lived with the wild donkeys and ate grass like cattle; and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until he acknowledged that the Most High God is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and sets over them anyone he wishes.

Yes, we have been thru a great shaking, fire and breaking. But this is just the beginning. Humility is a must, don't forget the lessons you have learned. For lesson learned and forgotten will be repeated. It's is and always will be all about Jesus!

Lord Jesus Christ, we want to be a *'it's all about you Jesus'* people, not *'it's all about you Jesus and what you can do for us'* people.

We ask you keep us humble, and alert us to the slick sly deception of the enemy. We admit king, we are powerless without you, powerless without your knowledge and wisdom and guidance. Our little minds cannot even try and fathom you. We in ourselves have no wisdom.

We fall on our faces before you Jesus, broken and submitted and give you permission to do whatever you need to do to keep us humble before you. For our only goal is to be pleasing onto you. Guard our minds Lord, guard our hearts and guard our souls, they belong to you and you alone.

Your will be done Jesus in our lives, may we please you king.

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Wake Up Arise And Possess The Kingdom

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If you are reading this, you are privileged to live in one of the most dynamic times of change upon this planet. The core of reality as has been practiced in the church is changing. In 1990 God spoke clearly to me, one of His nobodies, and said, "Church is over." I replied, "What does this mean". I quickly heard, "Church as you have known it is over". Fifteen years ago that was an astonishing word to me and did get me into a heap of trouble when I dared to share it with a few others. I do remember being preached at from at least a few pulpits.

This word was preceded several years earlier by a life changing response to another question that I had asked God in 1985. I had simply asked, after beginning again to read the gospels, "God what does this word kingdom really mean? Why did Jesus speak of it so much?" I was quickly within an open heaven as God poured revelation of His Word into my astonished soul. Many of my religious views and formulas began to dissolve as truth became reality.

My grave concern of being the only person I knew who was hearing this (though there were others unknown to me) was soothed by an assurance that He was also giving this revelation of kingdom truth to others around the world and eventually it would "come up like grass in a field". The resulting rejection by all religious organizations, friends, and family was most painful but there was no possible turning back from the revelation and call of God.

Today we are alive in a day when the gospel of the kingdom is being preached widely and the great transition of the church from the church emphasis age to the church of the kingdom emphasis age has begun. Many have seen and are moving into the experience of the reality of the manifest presence of God changing the people of God (the church) to change the world. Religious pomp and ceremony are, over time, being replaced by the reality of the joy, power and love of intimate relationship with God and with one another. The focus on "me" and "my needs" is becoming a focus on God and His desires. Our will is fading into His will. Our ways are beginning to transcend into His way.

We must fully awaken from the soul sleep of religion to the purposes of God to establish the kingdom of God as a practical reality; eventually ruling and reigning over all the earth. God has not sent angels or any other beings other than mankind to possess the kingdom of God. Only man is made in the image of God and today can be filled with the life of the Spirit of the resurrected Christ. Only man has the God-given place to rule and reign with Christ on earth.

Sons must arise from the limitations of fallacious doctrines of demons and traditions of men to the reality of Almighty God and His truth. All things are possible to him who believes. Believe false limitations and it is possible to limit the life of God in and through you. Believe the truth and it is possible to become as Christ in the world. The question is not whether you will believe or not. The question is "Whose report will you believe?"

The world is in great darkness. And sadly many people of God who are called by His name are in much darkness as well. Many leaders are stumbling in darkness even in the noon day of the light of God coming forth. Spiritual blindness will be broken as the people sitting in darkness see and begin to move toward the great light of the gospel of the kingdom manifesting in the holy humble servants of God filled with the power and love of the resurrected Christ. Christ living within them is beginning to possess that which was created for God and redeemed by Christ at the cross and now must be possessed by the life and power of the resurrected Christ living through mature sons of God.

It is not going to happen some other way. There is no plan B. Sons and daughters of the most High God fall on your face before Him. Let His manifest presence of ultimate fire burn everything from your life and refill you with only His life, His love, His ways, His power, and His wisdom - pass through the dark night of the soul of death and then ARISE IN HIS GLORY! ARISE IN HIS LIFE AS CHRIST IN THE WORLD. Speak carefully, speak only His words from His Spirit within. Speak with the authority of Christ. Destroy the works of the enemy. Instruct and bless your brothers and sisters.

Light come! Will of God be done! In the name of Jesus.

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Walking Uprightly and Steadily

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Jude 24; “…Him that is able to keep you from falling.”

Ro. 4:20 “Abraham staggered not at the promise of God.”

“I not only keep you from falling but from stumbling and staggering. If you yield to Me, get in the yoke with Me – connected by the yoke to Me – walking in unison with Me, keeping in step with me – I will keep you from stumbling. I will keep you from staggering.

“Don’t think you cannot do what is to be done. Don’t consider it as too hard. No! Those thoughts will overwhelm and cause staggering. Rest in the knowledge that we are yoked together. I am here to hold you up. I am here supporting you. I will carry the load. You are not alone.

“As you walk in greater maturity, as you accept more responsibility, as you accept more assignments you will be held to a higher and higher standard. It is a growth process. As you mature and experience what your faith can accomplish, as you walk yoked to Me you will learn to become more watchful, more alert to the stones in your path that could cause you to stumble. I will teach you to watch what you hear, to listen for words that could cause you to stagger. Keep your focus on Me, but keep an eye on the path for the banana peels of temptation, the potholes of discouragement, and the stones in the path of relationships. Be alert and on guard against the all the snares of the adversary.

“I will always be here - right beside you, to guide you and to carry the load. Lean into Me. Train your eyes to watch for those things that could hinder and stay yoked to Me. Watch even as you talk to Me.”

"... that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints..." Eph. 1:17-18

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White Unto Harvest

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Across the nations of the earth, people are nearing the time Jesus prophesied about in John 4:34-38 concerning the End Time Harvest! Those who have been "listening" to the Holy Spirit over the last twenty years have known this as a sobering reality...but as current global events have heated to the point of drawing the nations of the world into the boiling controversy concerning the Middle East, few Christians can deny that the "time of the end" has drawn critically closer. There is no more time to slumber spiritually! God's people are called to the front lines of the Spirit to be AWAKE and ALERT in these perilous times! We have a job to complete, and it is a glorious one!

Jesus spoke to his disciples in John 4:34-38 saying: "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work! Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored, others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.'"

My heart is clearly "hearing" the phrase "white unto Harvest". The scriptures from Mark 4:26-29 continue to confirm this information to listening hearts.

"And Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he, himself, does not know how. For the earth yields crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come!"

The signs of the head are evident...and the full grain is about to be revealed! When the grain ripens, we will see a "short harvest time" that will happen immediately by the Hand of the Lord.

This was confirmed to me recently through an internet article by a present day minister named Bobby Connor from Moravian Falls, NC. He wrote some insights called "Harvest Time is Short" and they were inspired by the well-known evangelist, Billy Graham. The two men were sharing a return flight from Moscow, after being together in a recent Moscow Crusade as they talked some 33,000 feet above the earth! As they spoke together about this time of global harvest, Bobby said, "I will never forget the love and compassion streaming from the voice and eyes of this great man of God as he placed his weathered hand upon my shoulder and looked so deeply into my eyes. His words shot to the very depths of my soul, saying, "Son, I was reared on a farm, and one thing I have learned about harvest time is that it is short! Never forget: Harvest time is a short time!"

Then Dr Graham quoted the words of warning concerning delay given from the lips of the Master Harvester, our Lord, in John 4:35 where He spoke of the fields as being white unto harvest! We do not have time to waste, nor is there any excuse for waiting!

The Scriptures declare, "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation," 2 Corinthians 6:2

The reason we are still here on earth is to share the gospel. Look at what we have to tell: GOOD NEWS! Do not be deceived into thinking that people do not want to hear what we have to report. We have good news to share with them! The Holy Spirit will anoint YOU to be a real witness of Jesus and His marvelous power and grace to save!

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved!" Romans 10:13 The word "whosoever" includes everyone and excludes no one! Through the cross of Christ, the door of salvation is open wide for all to come to new life in Jesus. The problem with the harvest is not in the invitation, but in the proclamation! If people are going to be saved, they must "hear" the gospel. We have been given a commission by the Lord Jesus to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, that I have commanded you!" Matthew 28:18-19.

The Apostle Paul reminds us that we should always be ready to tell others about Jesus, "Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season! " 2 Timothy 4:2. God's heart is to see a great harvest saved! We are to give a clear message about Christ, yet with a humble and right attitude.

We must make certain the gospel we share points to Christ and to Him alone. "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved," Acts 4:12. Christ is ready and able to save any and all who will, by faith, come to God by Him. "Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them," Hebrews. 7:25. Jesus has made the way!

The harvest is not just coming...it has begun! People are NOW hungry to hear about Him though they are rightfully skeptical of those who come peddling man-made programs with puffed-up personalities. People want to hear about Christ and His power to save, heal, and restore!

We must pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to fall upon our hearts and give us compassion for the lost. "Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him," Psalm 126:5. Glory, hallelujah!!!

Have you wept recently over souls? Have you poured out your soul in prayer and intercession for the lost? Will you answer the call, saying, "Lord, here am I. Send me!" Jesus declares that the harvest is ready! The harvesters are what is lacking. "Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.' Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest," Matthew 9:37-38.

We must be about the work that God has left us here to do..., planting precious seed, witnessing to a lost world. Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you," John 15:16. Ask for souls for Jesus!

Harvest time is short! It is urgent that we ask the Father to help us bear good fruit, the fruit of increase for His kingdom. Let it not be said concerning our generation, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved," Jeremiah 8:20.

We are to "be doers of this word...and not hearers only," James 1:22. The full grain is ripening in the head of the wheat. When the sickle swings...it will be an immediate move, and we will see the harvest gathered in before our very eyes! We are the generation that will not only see it...but experience it as well! This is not a new message...but it is a message whose time has come! Go forth proclaiming!

Wake Up And Shake It Off

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Listen to My heart - listen not to the heart of man, for it rings falsely in your ear. But listen to My heart that I have placed within you - faithful and true; for the battle is about to heat up greatly about and around the world; for Leviathan is about to rise up greatly in the nations, that it will cause division among nations, churches and families.

Beware of those who speak with a forked tongue, as the serpent is slithering among many who know not that he even exists. For many do not acknowledge he is able to do what he does and pass it off to bad luck. But I say to you that he ever schemes to destroy those who I have chosen to draw closer to Me, so that they would be able to see more clearly and fight more precisely. For precision and marksmanship will be highly valued in the days ahead, for it will be those who work in these gifts and use them who will be successful in the fight that is ahead.

Oh, My children, do not think that the enemy ever sleeps. For know you not that, even while you sleep, he is prowling, plotting, and planning his next moves? Do not think that he rests a minute; for just as I never rest, neither does he; for though I have won the battle, he does not believe it and seeks to ever destroy you and to pull you to his side.

For though many believe they are righteous, they have surely walked into Leviathan's trap. (I saw Leviathan with his mouth open and groups of people were walking right into his mouth as if they didn't know what they were doing - some in ignorance, some in a stupor, some oblivious to what was going on around or before them. As they went further in it got darker and darker, but they didn't know it. It was as if they were full after a heavy meal, or satisfied, and they didn't know it, and they just fell to sleep in his belly, not knowing what they were doing. There were hideous forms in the darkness that I couldn't see clearly, but I could see their forms and knew they were evil and very much there in the belly of Leviathan with the ones who had just walked in and fallen asleep.)

Oh wake up, My children - see what is around you that you have embraced. Wake up, that you would know what is of Me and what is not. Wake up, that you would see what is before you, that you would not walk blindly into a trap. Wake up and shake loose the shackles of religion and legalism that have been placed on you by man and the world. WAKE UP!

Do not sit idly by while others around you sleep. Do not let the enemy catch you unaware. Be ever watchful, be ever ready to fight. Be waiting and be ready so that you would know what comes before you - even before it comes. Seek Me, seek Me, seek Me.

Do not wait for someone else to do it for you. Do not think that you cannot hear from Me, for you have heard from me before and can do it again - PRESS THROUGH - PRESS THROUGH - PRESS THROUGH; for the enemy seeks to put up roadblock after roadblock to stop/delay you so that you would get distracted or diverted from My plans and purposes for you.

I say to you FIGHT - DO NOT GIVE UP - FIGHT - for it is your very life that the enemy seeks to have and to destroy. FIGHT - DO NOT GIVE UP - FIGHT. Shake off the shackles that bind you so tightly that they restrict you from moving forward into MY glory. Shake off the grave clothes of the past that cover your eyes - that keep you in past glories, but do not let you move into My future now. SHAKE IT OFF! SHAKE IT OFF! SHAKE IT OFF!

Then praise Me with all your might. Praise Me and give Me the glory. Praise Me, and step forward into My Light, and declare to the enemy that he won't have you - that you have been chosen by Me to be My servant, and that you won't be his.

Know this - that the enemy ever seeks to destroy you. Know also there are times that you walk in your own consequences of what you have said or done, and that I allow these times so that you would learn from your mistakes. Learn that you would not have to repeat this lesson, for time grows short, and I need you to be fully armed and dangerous - not to just know enough to be dangerous, so that you walk into a trap unknowingly because you didn't take the time to finish the lesson and learn everything there is to learn from it.

Know again, My children, I want ALL of YOU - not just some, ALL, that you would walk in my glory and fulfill My destiny for you, not the enemy's.

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Let Go
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Oh, My people, know that the time is coming for great change, for again I say the mountains will shake and fall, and the sea will roar as I show My power to the peoples of the earth. For though there are many that believe - there are many more unbelievers, many of whom are hard of heart and mindset. For they believe not and say, "Show me this God of yours. Show me His power and His might, for I believe it not." For they have walked in ignorance, pain, and great hurt from the hands of those around them, that they do not feel that there is anything that can help them. They have felt so helpless and desperate at times, not knowing what to do - they have let anger and bitterness settle deeply in their hearts. For they feel that everything and everyone is against them, and that they can only depend on themselves. Thus they have become their own savior. Woe to those who worship themselves. Woe to those, even more, who know Me, yet worship themselves. For have I not said, "Thou shall have no other gods before Me?"

I say to those who have placed themselves above Me - woe to you who seek fame and fortune. Woe to you who would step on others so that you would feel more important yourself. Woe to you who have let pride into the doors of your heart. Woe to you who judge without Me, for you have built your own monument stand under you. You have called yourself important - you have held yourself up high and said, "Look at me, look at ME." Woe to you, for you have not seen the plank in your own eye. Woe to you.

Listen to the cry of Your Father's heart. Listen and know I weep for you, even now that you have turned your back to Me; that you refuse to listen, because you already know you are right. Do not let pride speak for you. Listen to My cry.

To those who have not known Me, who have built a wall of granite and steel around themselves and have embraced the ways of the enemy through their hurt and pain, I say, "You too, will fall as the mountains fall and the sea rises up over you." For you shall see and feel My might and power - you shall know who is God as you see your empire that you have built destroyed around you, for you are hard-hearted and hard-headed.

But I say to all, even now, I have not turned My back on you. Cry out to Me, your Abba Father, for forgiveness, mercy and grace. Cry out to Me that My heart will be softened toward you, that what you have opened the door to and welcomed will not have its full consequence against you. For even though you have opened the door to it through your own deeds, I can and will hold some of it back, were you to repent of your ways, were you to ask for My grace and mercy. Do not think that you have embraced so much evil that I could never forgive you - for did I not forgive the thief on the cross beside My Son, as He was crucified for your sins?

To all I would say, let go of the ways of man and turn to My ways, that you may more fully know Me for who I AM. Turn your hearts to Me and let go of the things and people of the past who have hurt and rejected you through their own ignorance and pride. Turn to Me, that we might walk as one in the Spirit, that I may begin to reveal Myself to you even more fully, that you would let go of the things of man and walk in My ways. Let go of that which you hold so tightly, so there is nothing for pride, hurt, pain, or independence to hang on to; that you become dependent on Me and Me alone.

Come to Me as your Abba Father. Crawl up into My lap and whisper in My ear. Let Me hold you in My arms as My child - let Me comfort you. Let Me pour My strength into you. Let Me hold you while you rest - for the battle is not over yet. Let Me become your Abba Father as I have to many others. Come, let Me hold you close - that I might whisper in your ear of My love for you and My heart for you - that I would reveal what it is you need for your future, so that you could walk with Me always. Come - let Me pick you up and gather you into My arms. Come, let Me hold you as I long to hold you and love you, as only I can provide and give you all the love and everything that you will ever need. For I AM God and I AM the one who provides everything that is good for you - for I love you more than any man or woman, regardless of what you have done.

Let go of the things and people from the past, that you might come closer to Me - that the hurt, pain, bitterness, unforgiveness, pride, and independence that you hold so tightly will no longer be between us. [I saw a person holding onto all these presents in boxes, but the boxes/presents had labels. Some of them read: hurt, pain, suffering, self-indulgence, self-pity, pride, unforgiveness, bitterness, independence, etc. The boxes/presents were brightly wrapped with beautiful paper and ribbons to be disguised, so that the person didn't recognize what they were. And, thinking they had something wonderful in them, the person didn't want to give them up to anyone - because the packages looked so "good/inviting.] Beware of that which you hold on to so tightly; it may be the snake that bites you. [Truly, the person held so many packages before them, they couldn't see the Lord's arms reaching for them; so they turned away from Him, thinking they weren't going towards Him, but going someplace else. The brightly packaged boxes were void of anything from the Lord and deceived the person so that they went away from the Lord, rather than drawing closer to Him.]

I say again, let go of the past, that you can come forward into My future - into My plans and purposes for your life. LET GO.

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Wake Up Church!

Julie Volby

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John 5:8-9 – Jesus saith unto him, “Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.” And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked; and on the same day was the Sabbath.

I don’t know how it is for you, but it seems that as I walk with the Lord, the seasons change as He takes me from glory to glory and faith to faith. Within these seasons there seems to be different ‘themes’ that He highlights or brings to my attention. In most cases, these ‘themes’ seem to go along with what is manifesting in my own life. Perhaps this is His way of getting my attention or opening my eyes. I do know the power of the word of testimony, so I understand that to become the message is much more powerful than to simply be a messenger.

With that said, I have been ‘fighting’ some sort of flu bug along with another strange infirmity that has been plaguing my body off and on throughout the years. I have found that in times of suffering God is usually trying to get my attention and reveal something more of Himself. So in these times, He has trained me to look to Him for peace, comfort and understanding, rather than dwell on the infirmity, which only brings discouragement. I am learning to do as Paul said in 2 Corinthians 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” However, this time, in my prolonged discomfort, I found myself crying out for healing. What I heard in response was what I have been hearing over and over in my spirit in this current season. The response was “REST”. Now of course this can be taken as an outward meaning of Him saying to rest my body physically, which is what I have been doing as well.

But as I continued to struggle with the infirmity inwardly, the Lord opened my eyes and I realized that the ‘theme’ in this moment was not only REST, but also HEALING. In recent days, many of my close friends have also been dealing with sicknesses and infirmities in their physical bodies. I have found myself praying for their healing, along with my own. Suddenly, the light bulb went on and the Lord gave me John 5 to study. I realized that it was the same Scripture my friend, Christine Beadsworth, had been given recently. From it she wrote an excellent article exhorting the church, “It’s time to get up.” I do not intend to repeat the truths Christine has already laid out, but feel the Lord desiring to add another layer or dimension of understanding to this passage for our growth together in Christ.

In John 5 we have the story of the man lying at the Pool of Bethesda. The Word tells us in verse 3 that, “there lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water” near the Pool. This Pool was by the Sheep Gate and had five porches. The people that lay here were waiting for an angel or messenger to come at a certain time to stir the water, so that whoever stepped in first would be made well or receive healing.

So, we see from the beginning that this man was not alone in his desire to be healed. He laid in wait at the Pool of Bethesda. Bethesda in the Greek means “site (house) of mercy”. It is no surprise that he and the others waited at the ‘house of mercy’ to receive deliverance from that which tormented them. In theory, this man was no different than the others as he waited at the pool for some type of relief. He shared in the commonality that they were all suffering in some shape or form. However, there was one problem. Verse 4 tells us that ‘whoever stepped in first, after the stirring of the water, was made well of whatever disease he had.’ Because of this man’s infirmity or weakness, which is not fully described, this man was not able to make it into to the pool first. The Scripture does not tell us that he was lame or not able to walk. It only tells us that he had an infirmity for thirty-eight years. So, it is clear that he had been suffering for an extended period of time.

It is apparent that suffering is a part of life on earth. One does not have to look far to see death and destruction all around them. If not directly in their lives, just a flip of the TV switch will bring the evidence of the fruit of sin, which is death, right into one's living room. So, the idea of the suffering of humanity is nothing new. Therefore, I believe it is safe to say that this great multitude lying near the Pool of Mercy could represent you and I, the Church, and all of humanity for that matter. All are waiting for healing and restoration, but sadly, many are too blind to even know they are in need of it.

With that said, let's take a look at what happens next. Day in and day out the people lie in wait for the stirring of the water. The Greek word for stirred is 'tarasso'. It means to trouble, disturb, throw into confusion, to be disturbed, terrified or confused. Already in a state of suffering, it seems they are waiting for or expecting some type of confusing or terrifying disturbance to bring them to life. They had the right idea that something needed to be stirred up, but unfortunately only the 'first' made it into the pool in time to receive their blessing. Meanwhile, the rest continued to sit in agony, dying a little more each day as they lie in their state of misery. Many may have been tormented with worry, anxiety, fear and condemnation wondering what they were doing wrong that they could not seem to be the first to enter in at the appointed time to receive their healing.

One day something new and different happened. Someone named Jesus came on the scene. In John 5:6, we read that Jesus had already seen the man lying there and knew that he had been in that condition for a long time. Jesus asked him, "Do you want to made well?" Or in the KJV He asked, "Do you want to be made whole?" Notice how different Jesus' approach to healing was compared to the 'stirring of the waters' in the Pool. He didn't ask the man how he had acquired the infirmity. He did not stir up condemnation or cast blame on him for being ill, causing confusion or terror. He also did not say that the quickest, brightest, smartest, or most gifted would make it in. He simply asked if the man wanted to be made whole.

And what was the sick man's response? Instead of the resounding 'yes' that we might expect, the man proceeded to tell Jesus why he could not make it into the pool first. Some would say his answer was an excuse and that he really did not want the healing and that Jesus was testing him. I would like to take a different approach to this and say that the man must have wanted healing in some way or he wouldn't bother coming to the Pool in the first place. He said in verse 7, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." Perhaps he somehow inherently knew that 'faith without works is dead' (James 2:17). So, he activated his faith as he tried to make it to the Pool by himself. He tried to get to the place of healing in the only way he knew how, by relying on his own physical strength to get there. However, his failed attempts eventually brought him to understand that he was not able to enter the Pool on his own. This brought him to a place of humility and surrender. The man had been doing the best he could to make it down to the Pool first, but even in his best efforts to abide by the prescribed method of healing, he sadly fell short. In his current state, he would never make it into the Pool of Bethesda first. At least not by the old, designated methods.

When all hope seemed lost, Jesus stepped onto the scene. He came not to destroy the old methods or FIRST COVENANT or law, but He came to fulfill it! The truth was that Jesus was the ONLY MAN qualified to be the FIRST to enter into the waters of mercy, because He was the living, breathing HOUSE OF MERCY, which triumphs over judgment. Matthew 5:17 summarizes this well as Jesus said, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets, I did not come to destroy but to fulfill." Because love is the fulfillment of the law (see Romans 13:10) and God is love (see 1 John 4:8), it is clear that Jesus is the walking, breathing fulfillment of the law.

While others waited for the appearing of the messenger to stir up the waters or an outward sign of God's presence, this man instead had a Divine personal encounter with God Himself! The presence of God in the human vessel of Jesus stirred up this sick man's faith and he was able to see that in his current state he could not enter into the fullness of God without help. This was his appointed day of deliverance. And who better to usher him in to the Father's presence, than the Son of God Himself?

Now let's look at how the man was healed.

John 5:8-9 – 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk." 9 And immediately the man was made well, took up his bed and walked. And that day was the Sabbath.

The Greek word for 'rise' is egeiro, which means to arise, to stand from a prone or sleeping position, to wake from sleep, to restore from a dead or damaged state; to heal, raise to life; to cause something to exist; raise up (give birth to) a child. Notice the first word Jesus spoke was "RISE" or "ARISE AND COME TO LIFE". It reminds me of God's first words in Genesis 1:3, "Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light.'" God divided the light from the darkness. This is very similar to Jesus speaking life into this man's being. When Jesus spoke, "Rise", He was not only saying, "Get up from your lying down position and be healed from your physical infirmity." He was saying, "WAKE UP! COME TO LIFE! BE BORN! BE AWAKENED! RISE UP IN YOUR SPIRIT! PASS FROM DEATH INTO LIFE!" It was like a Trumpet blast from heaven saying, "NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION" (see 2 Corinthians 6:2) for "YOUR SOUL HAS BEEN RESTORED" (see Psalm 23:3).

Notice that in verse 9 it does not say that the man took up his bed and then was healed and walked. It says that IMMEDIATELY the man was made well or whole, THEN he took up his bed and walked. The reality is that the man was already made whole the moment Jesus spoke into him the word "RISE" or "WAKE UP" out of your spiritual slumber (death). Jesus was basically speaking RESURRECTION POWER into this man's soul. To be healed does not only mean to display an outward manifestation of wholeness in one's physical body, which is merely an earthly vessel, though that is a facet of it. To be made whole is a healing or resurrecting of one's soul from the grave of sin and death, being brought to LIFE by the Creator Himself who speaks those things that are not as though they were! The man taking up his bed and walking was simply an outward manifestation of what had ALREADY taken place WITHIN HIM by placing his faith in Jesus!!! This is the fullness of the Gospel of the Cross of Jesus Christ! We are already made whole in Him! Those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ no longer need to wait for a messenger to come and stir the waters of the Pool, but we have the Pool of Mercy, Jesus, living in us through His Holy Spirit! If that's not good news, I don't know what is!

And what was the timing of these healing events? Was it the 'end times'? Was it in a time of war, a time of tribulation, a time of world famine? Well, yes and no. It may or may not have been an earthly time of war, tribulation or famine in the natural world. But it was certainly a time of death, destruction and decay inwardly as these people lay near the Pool in hope of deliverance and salvation. The Word tells us exactly what time the healing took place. It occurred on the Sabbath Day!!!

And what does that mean to us? Well, we know that the Sabbath prophetically represents the rest of God as spoken of in Hebrews 4. What does the rest of God entail? Without going into great detail, it can be summarized in verse 10, "For he who has entered his rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His." Am I saying that we should sit around waiting for something to happen and not walk by faith? NO! What I am saying is that resting in God involves deep trust in Him, knowing, understanding and believing that all the work for our redemption was already completed in Jesus Finished Work on the Cross. When Jesus said, "It is finished", He was speaking the truth because He is the Truth. Hebrews 9:13-14 explains this further, "For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall be the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The only thing that stands between us and walking in the fullness of the promises of God's rest is one man, the man of sin, also known as the flesh or Adamic nature we were born with out of our earthly mother's womb. It is the consciousness of dead works that must be left behind. However, because "we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (see Hebrews 4:15), we have the hope that we too can walk in the place of victory over sin, death and the devil. Jesus, the Divine Forerunner, already demonstrated the walk of victory as He walked the earth in the form of a man. It is on the Sabbath or by entering into the rest of God that we recognize the wholeness we ALREADY HAVE IN CHRIST. This is the purpose and promise of the NEW COVENANT Jesus made in HIS OWN BLOOD.

Hebrews 8:13 says, “In that He says, ‘A new covenant,’ He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.” What is vanishing away my friends in this moment of time? It is the old Adamic mindset that relies on the First Covenant or law to perform fleshly works to gain entrance into heaven. We must understand that the First Covenant was only a type or shadow of what was to come in the spiritual through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, made possible by Jesus Finished Work on the Cross. It is the law that strengthens the flesh to act on its own behalf to cause one to believe that they have any kind of righteousness of their own (see 1 Corinthians 15:56). The good news is that we are living in the dispensation of time when the understanding, that the veil of flesh has already been removed, has become and is becoming a living reality for a generation who has heard the call to WAKE UP, RISE UP AND COME UP HIGHER. These are those willing to not only hear the Word of God, but are willing to keep it, thus taking up their beds and walking!

What is the significance of Jesus commanding the man to take up his bed and walk? The Greek word for ‘take up’ is ‘airo’, which meant to take up, take away, remove, carry, borne, loosing, to put away. This same Greek word is used in Luke 5:24, where Jesus heals a paralyzed man. Even before the manifestation of his physical healing, Jesus tells the man his sins are forgiven him, signifying that the spiritual healing that Jesus manifested was foundational and much more important than the physical or outward appearance of healing that was to follow. Surprisingly, the word for ‘take up’ can also be found in Luke 9:23-24 which says, “Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.’”

So, what exactly is being ‘taken up’? Is Jesus saying, “Come to life! Be awakened, so that you can carry the weight of the sins of the world and your own personal sin upon your own back to be reminded daily of what I did for you.” Is He saying, “Give up your life, your dreams, everything you hoped and wished for and carry the weight of the world upon your shoulders, just as I did, so that humanity can be set free.” Or is He yet saying, “Run away with Me from temptation, by hiding out alone, shut in from the world around you. Stay away from anything and anyone that you do not see as holy, that would cause you to fall into sin.” The answer is no, no, and no!

What He is saying is this, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28-30). When He says ‘take up your cross’, He does not mean for anyone to take it upon themselves to overcome sin or the flesh life on their own. What He is saying is, “Wake up to your new identity in ME! Be BORN AGAIN, not of the flesh, but of the SPIRIT! Take up your cross, which is the Cross I already bore on your behalf. Because WE ARE ONE, the victory that I WON is ours to share! You are holy because I am holy. You are found hidden in Me and My righteousness is now yours. Do not give up your hopes and dreams that I have given you. But let go of all that was birthed out of the carnal, fleshly desires of your old man (Adamic nature). Lose your carnal life and gain my ETERNAL LIFE!” If that does not describe a life of FREEDOM and WHOLENESS and HEALING, I don’t know what does!

Now that we have been AWAKENED by the trumpet blast and correctly understand our identity in Christ, so we can properly take up our cross, what else are we commanded to do? WALK! We are called to walk according to the Spirit in complete liberty, free from the condemnation of the flesh (see Roman 8:1). Continuing with the prophetic picture in John 5, the first thing the man encountered after picking up his bed and walking was an accusation. The accusation in verse 10 was, “It is the Sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your bed.” Ah, that old religious spirit comes back to haunt us. It comes as an angel of light, containing a piece of the truth, for it is indeed the Sabbath or day of rest in God, which we were given access to the day Jesus died on the Cross and the veil of the Temple was torn from the top to the bottom. However, it lacks correct understanding and we are confronted with the law that we are not to carry our beds. Hmmm…. our first test.

What was the healed man's response? He reiterated to his accusers Jesus' words after speaking life into him, to take up his bed and walk. He was simply obeying the One who had healed him. Though the man did not fully understand who Jesus was, the Word tells us that Jesus later found the healed man in the temple and told him to sin no more. This is God's same exhortation to those have entered into His rest and commune with Him in His Temple. To cease from one's own fleshly works is to sin no more. To live is Christ, having one's mind purged of sin consciousness by realizing we already have the mind of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 2:16). To die is gain, having died to the old carnal way of thinking. To live in God's eternal presence is to have a continual consciousness of His holiness and His righteousness. I am not saying this gives anyone the license to sin, but to be in His presence continually does not involve 'sin management' as my friend Doug Fortune puts it. Instead it involves experiencing the fullness of God's grace as we sit with Him on His throne of grace as joint heirs in Christ!

Because the lamp of the body is the eye (see Matthew 6:22), if all we see is God's glory before us, then this is what we will manifest within our own lives. Blind eyes made whole in Jesus see how glorious life really is because He has become their life! In John 10:10 Jesus says, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." Jesus came to give us life! He came to give us His life in exchange for Adam's life or our flesh life. That was the purpose of the Cross! He came that we would no longer have to let the thief or the Adamic nature steal our joy and peace. We are made alive because the old man was crucified at the Cross through Jesus, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin (see Roman 6:6-14). We have been offered eternal life through the indwelling Spirit of Jesus Christ.

After the man's healing, the religious continued to persecute the Son of Man and the persecution has continued throughout the history of the Church to the present time. They continue to accuse the One who fulfilled the Sabbath of breaking it, just as those who have tasted of God's fullness throughout history have been accused of blasphemy, hypocrisy and the like as these pioneers have moved outside of what is 'normal' in the religious church. These peculiar ones seemingly break all Church laws, bylaws or what have you. Surely, this cannot be of the Lord!

But I say to you that there is a generation that God has been nurturing and feeding straight from His throne that is alive and well on earth today. They have learned to come directly to His banqueting table for nourishment and fellowship. These have not passively sat in the organized church pew waiting for the stirring of the waters by the messenger. They are also not interested in the latest trends or craze in the Church or the latest stirring of the waters. Rather than sit around and wait for someone to tell them about their experience watching and waiting at the Pool, these are those who have desired to personally meet with the House of Mercy Himself. Table scraps and second hand knowledge are not enough for them anymore. They want to taste, touch, feel and know the Lord of glory for themselves! Knowing Him is their greatest pleasure and desire! To bring Him glory is their life purpose! Their heart beats with the words of Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:7-11, "7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted a loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

Therefore, it is time for the Church to WAKE UP! It is time to awaken from sleep and slumber for the Bridegroom cometh. “And do this, knowing the time, that it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light” (Romans 13:11-12). It is time to be filled with the Spirit and not drunk with the cares of the world. It is time for the Church to fully enter into the Sabbath rest of God in wisdom and understanding as a Corporate Body. When she does this, the following promises will manifest fully in her life both individually and Corporately.

Isaiah 58:13-14

13 “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath,
From doing your pleasure on My holy day,
And call the Sabbath a delight,
The holy day of the Lord honorable,
And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways,
Nor finding your own pleasure,
Nor speaking your own words,

14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord;
And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth,
And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.
The mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

WAKE UP BRIDE OF CHRIST! TAKE UP YOUR CROSS! WALK IN THE SPIRIT! GO FORTH INTO THE NEW DAY THAT HAS DAWNED! THE TIME IS NOW!

Wake Up Sleeping Beauty

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To The Church In The Hebrides And The Church At Large: "Get Prepared For The 'Wedding Supper Of The Lamb'"

Over the last few years I have had a stirring in my heart about being prepared for the "wedding supper of the Lamb," spoken of by Jesus in one parable about the end of the age.

It all started with a recurring dream about going to Scotland. I asked the Lord about a year and a half ago, if He really wanted me to go, where was He sending me, and what was the message or purpose? To my surprise, I heard a clear word that He was sending me to the Hebrides Islands and the message was "preparation for the wedding supper of the Lamb." Both of these were unfamiliar to me.

It is much too long of a story for an email post to describe the process of how I came to the understanding and timing of at least some of this message . . . but I know that this is the year He is sending me to the Hebrides and this is the time to prepare for the wedding supper of the Lamb. I gave a detailed prophetic word to our community of faith about this in March this year. The following is a summary of what I believe the Lord is saying to the church in the Hebrides, and also to the church at large.

"BRIDAL LOVE"

This is a year the Body of Christ will see an acceleration of being prepared as a bride for the Bridegroom. Many will be awakened and fall in love with Jesus in a radical way. Not only will this love cause people to come to an abandonment in following the Lord, but it will set people free from fears and the identity crisis so many have had that has kept them from loving obedience to Christ.

There is a love called "Bridal Love" that is supernatural, which God gives the church for the Son of God. It is a passionate, pursuing, radical love and devotion that nothing can stop. We have seen this kind of love and abandonment in forerunners and heroes of the faith in the past, and in some today. But I believe God is releasing this like a fire that will spread and cannot be put out in this lifetime. It will start with an awakening of the church to who she is as the Bride -- even a future queen. It will survive testing and, in the end, give way to a company of people who will follow the Lamb wherever He goes in life or death.

"WAKE UP, SLEEPING BEAUTY"

Much like the Sleeping Beauty in the childhood story, the church has been asleep and unaware of her destiny. Our immaturity and lack of identity and purpose in Christ has kept us from seeing the greatness that is upon us and how near our lover is to coming for us.

In the childhood story, the prince, her future husband and king, woos her and comes to her rescue when she falls asleep. He kisses her and she awakens, finding her true love. Get ready for a big kiss from Jesus this year. Get ready to fall head over heals in love with Him. And get ready to be united with Him in life and death in these crucial last days of both trouble and harvest. God is about to open portals of Bridal Love and glory in many places this year.

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Part #2:
A Word for The Pacific NW -- Opening a Gateway in the Heavenlies Over the Columbia River Basin and the Northwest Region

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"[In a vision, I was shown] There was an exchange, in the past, of grain (like corn) for guns that created an unholy alliance in the spirit realm. [This had to to do with the Native Americans in the NW Columbia River Basin]. **This alliance clouded the spiritual atmosphere, and still does to this day, in the Columbia River Basin.**
"The Columbia River Basin is -- I believe I was shown again by the Lord -- a gateway in the heavenlies for the Northwest region, and this issue is important concerning revival.
"It needs to be cleared up somehow so the gateway can be open again in this region."

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Woe Unto You Lawyers

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> *Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered. Luke 11:52*

In 2004 I posted an article titled *The Key of Knowledge* which used this same scripture for an opening quote. The ‘lawyers’ are the legalists or literalists. And there we focused on the idea that Literalism was how The Key of Knowledge is withheld from believers. At that time we wrote as follows.

> **Literalism Is The Problem**
> A great number of bible scholars and teachers tell us that the proper way to understand the bible is through consistent literal interpretation. This is expressed as The Law of Literal Interpretation. This law says:
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> > Always interpret scripture literally wherever possible.
> > **"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."**
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> Now what’s most unusual about this is that there is never any scriptural justification offered for adopting this principle. You will find many reasons offered, and all of them sound logical, but no bible verses. It’s not so much what they are telling us to do, but what this law is telling us not to do? It’s telling us not to seek; **seek no other sense**. That is not to seek any further than the literal meaning of scripture. But what does the bible say? It says just the opposite. It tells us to seek, long, hard and diligently. We must seek after wisdom with a passion.

Other problems with literalism.

Now I would like to focus on another part of that verse which says: *ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered*. What exactly is the Lord speaking of in saying ye entered not in. They entered not into what?

A quick glance at similar verse from Matthew easily clears this up for us. It is speaking of entering into The Kingdom Of God.

> *Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

So how does this happen? We can see from the discussion in John 3 that entering the Kingdom is a matter of being led by the Holy Spirit.

> *John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

If you hold to the law of literal interpretation, it will stop you from seeking deeper meanings in God’s word. And what does it take to seek these deeper meanings? In first Corinthians 2, we see that it requires the Holy Spirit.

> *1 Corinthians 2:11-14*
> *11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
> *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*
> *13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

And in Genesis 40 we are told that interpretations belong to God.

> *Genesis 40:8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.*

Literalism will tell you not to use the Key of Knowledge, which is to seek for it. It's this same key that can open your way into the Kingdom of God!

Consider that the bible gives one of the names of God as **The Lord Our Righteousness.**

> *Jeremiah 23:5-6*
> *5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.*
> *6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

To seek the Kingdom is to seek the King
Now look at Matthew 6:33.

> *Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

What all this means is that to seek the Kingdom of God is to seek his righteousness. And since Jesus is our righteousness, you can conclude that to seek the Kingdom is to seek the King or to seek the Lord.

Since Literalism will keep you from seeking the Lord, then it will keep you from entering into the Kingdom Of God and being led by the Spirit of the Lord.
Selah.

The Holy versus the Profane.
We hear a lot of talk in certain circles about keeping God's Law or as some say, Keeping Torah. Unfortunately this is usually accompanied by a literal understanding of Torah, or Literalism. To some legalists, keeping Torah means making a big issue of not eating pork. The notion is that the gentile church is profaning themselves by *eating 'swine's flesh'*.

A literal understanding of Torah is that it means The Law of Moses. There we read that the swine is unclean.

> *And the swine, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcase. Deuteronomy 14:8*

To go beyond the literal meaning of this you can check out what it says in Ezekiel 44.

> *And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. Ezekiel 44:23*

There the Lord makes it clear that the terms *clean* and *unclean* are types of what is *holy* and *unholy*, or *profane*.

What the Lord is doing here it to contrast Holy and Profane with Clean or Unclean. Seeking The Kingdom and it's righteousness can also be contrasted with self justification and self righteousness, which are filthy rags in the sight of the Lord, unclean and speaking of sin. Leprosy speaks of sin, and is used as a type of sin. The leper is considered unclean.

> *And the **leper** in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, **Unclean, unclean**. Leviticus 13:45*

Eating 'Swine's Flesh'

I found it hard to accept that some people were making a big issue of eating pork. Can they be serious? Was it such a big deal to have a piece of bacon or a Bob Evans bratwurst? After all, didn't Jesus say in Matthew 15:

> *Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. Matthew 15:11*

Then the Lord showed me that I had profaned myself by eating 'swine's flesh'. But it was not from having a ham sandwich. First of all, *eating* can mean *consuming* or *partaking of*, or *enjoying* something. And swine's flesh can mean anything unholy. Watching certain kinds of movies or reading certain kinds of books fit the bill perfectly. I had just recently read a 'political action thriller' novel that was filled with violence and brutality. Now you can justify this to your self by calling it harmless entertainment, but when you are enjoying something unholy, you are becoming unholy! So the legalists can keep kosher and still be partaking of swine's flesh.
Selah

An End Time Application

Here's another example of *swine* used to mean unholy.

> *Mark 5:9-13*
> *9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.*
> *10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.*
> *11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.*
> *12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.*
> *13 And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

Something in this story does not add up. These unclean spirits seek some place to dwell.

> *When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Matthew 12:43*

If the unclean spirits seek a home to dwell in once they are cast out, why would they enter into the swine and immediately cause the destruction of their new home? This kind of puzzling feature is one of the things the Lord puts into the bible to cause the curious to seek for deeper meaning. Here is one the Lord showed me.

In this story of the devils entering the swine the number of swine, 2000, becomes an important clue. The 2000 speaks of the 2000 years of the so called church age, and gives it an end time context. What God may be saying here is at the end of the 2000 years, he will allow the heathen, represented by the unclean swine, to become thoroughly demonized leading to their destruction in the tribulation. This is analogous to the 'gross darkness' coming on the people spoken of in Isaiah.

> *Isaiah 60:2 For, behold, the* ***darkness*** *shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*
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> *Revelation 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of* ***darkness****; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,*

For the legalist, the death of the swine would be the end of the story. They would never seek the Lord for greater understanding, and remain in darkness [clueless] themselves.

> *2 Corinthians 6:17-18*
> *17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*
> *18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*

Selah

Who Wants A Piece Of Holy Spirit Pie?

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Everybody loves a piece of pie. Come on admit it, if you didn't have to worry about your waistline you'd be helping yourself to as much of it as you could. If someone invented a pie that was sugar free, and instead of making you fat, made you healthy, full of joy and was the ultimate source of strength and vitality, was absolutely free and the more you ate of it the healthier you became, then you would eat as much of it as you could wouldn't you? On top of this, if you could get this pie in unlimited supply, didn't have to pay for it and knew that the more you gave away the more you would get, then you wouldn't be afraid of giving as much of it away as you could would you? Well here's the good news, God has baked such a pie. It's called "Holy Spirit pie." In fact God has made so much of it that He doesn't know what to do with it (He does really obviously, because He's God). He's going to have to start giving it away to everyone because the storehouses of heaven are overloaded with it. He said "In the last days I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh."

It's the same with bread. Jesus said "I am the bread of life." In the building I live in, we have been getting an unlimited supply of bread because there is a warehouse that can't sell it all and someone in the building knows someone who has access to it. It's good healthy bread. Do you know anyone who has an unlimited storehouse of bread that He wants to give away? I think you do don't you, you little tinker. :) His name's God.

Last night I was at a meeting and during the ministry time as we were waiting on the Lord, I heard the words "Holy Spirit pie." Then I saw a big hand reach into it, grab a load of it and start throwing it all over the place into peoples faces. As it hit them, they started laughing hysterically and pretty soon a food fight started. People were throwing pie all over the place and the room was filled with joy and laughter. Every time I though about this I started laughing and the anointing of the Holy Spirit came upon me even stronger and I knew He wanted me to give it away. Then, this morning it happened again. As I yielded to the Holy Spirit, it became more and more intense and I couldn't stop laughing. I'm sure at the wedding supper of the lamb, at the end of it, Jesus will say, OK let's have a big food fight. I can't wait.

Did you know that Jesus is the least religious person in the universe? He really is. A few years ago I was sitting in my living room waiting on the Lord and I heard His audible voice. He said to me "Don't be scared my child." I'd been asking Him to come and sensed that He was going to appear to me in the room. So when I got to thinking about it I thought to myself, "What if he really did appear to me in the room? I'd probably jump through the ceiling." When he spoke though, it was like the very words went through my entire being. At the same time I had an incredible revelation of what He was really like. It was like He could travel anywhere in the world at the speed of light. He was also the most joyful, carefree and least religious person you could ever wish to meet, while at the same time being totally in control and having full authority over the universe. It was great. After I got over the shock of it all I just sat there 'gobsmacked' as we say in England, and all I could say was "I didn't know you were like that.

I didn't know you were like that." It was amazing.

The Holy Spirit is the same. He's full of joy also and He has the function and ability of spreading Himself all over the world en masse, as well as in and through you.

The pharisees and religious people of the day didn't recognise Jesus as the Messiah, because they expected Him to come as a legalist like them. They had tremendous zeal for the law, but it made them blind to what He was really like as a person. It's the same today with some of us. We either ignore the Holy Spirit all together or we've been taught to mix grace with religious legalism and so miss out on a lot of what He wants to give us. Our pride and false sense of guilt cause us to think we have to earn something from Him, that really, He wants to give us for free.

Question : How much religious legalism is good for you? Answer: NONE!

One of the reasons the world and even some of the church look for joy and pleasure in other things is because they don't know there is a better alternative. Anyway enough of that.

The lord wants to freely give to you the joy of the Holy Spirit so that you can freely give it away to others today. So here's what I want you to do. Sit quietly for a while if you need to and wait on the Lord. Then ask Him to hit you in the face with a piece of "Holy Spirit pie." Then ask Him for more. Then when you've received it go and hit someone else in the face with a piece. He'll tell you when and what to do. Pretty soon it will spread. You don't have to live in fear and sorrow all the time. If you ask Him, He will come. He promised us "In the last days, I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh."

Prayer.
Lord I pray right now that you would anoint these words and touch people with the power of your Holy Spirit. Ignite our faith and quicken our spirits so that we can receive what you want to give us for free. Lord you said "It's not by might and it's not by power, but by My Holy Spirit" so release it to us right now. Break off pride, break off fear and break off deception that might stop us from believing and receiving from you. Let there be a transferable anointing released again today. Do it now and spread it to others through us. Multiply yourself through us. In Jesus mighty name. Amen.

More pie anyone?

Wrestling With Demons
Sandy Warner

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WRESTLING WITH DEMONS
So often you are unaware that the lack of peace you have in your relationships is actually that you are actually wrestling with demons. There are demons that take up resident in lives even in the womb and have lived out their personalities within people. They so masquerade themselves that even the person does not understand that the nature of their true personality and what they are feeling is not really their own. I see these things, dearest. I understand the wars that go on.

Your highest calling is to love, forgive and pray for those you love. As you learn to love those who are captive to demons, it releases them to overcome and become like Me. When you judge, criticize and argue with them, it only wounds their already wounded soul and brings them into worse captivity.

Lay down your contention. Lay down your striving and bring all soul wrestling to a close. Pray and take authority over the demonic, but do not use the weapons of flesh with people. Do not allow the demonic to steal your own peace. When you wrestle in our own soul over someone else's demons, you lose your peace. So repent of your ways, come into alignment with My heart so that you may find your peace and release others to find theirs.

Rom 16:20 NKJV
And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

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Perfect Faith Quenches Backlash
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PERFECT FAITH QUENCHES BACKLASH

I have taught you so much about demonic backlash and how to avoid this in following your conscience. These issues are much deeper than disobedience and sin. When you do not suffer backlash and yet nurture doubt and fear, it is only because of My grace that you do not suffer backlash. When you do experience painful backlash, I have allowed this teaching to draw you to another place where you can war safely. It is called the harmless room.

Yes, there is a harmless room that I would like you dwell in. It is a room of innocent faith where your simple child like trust in Me quenches the fiery darts of the wicked one. In that room, you may war and stretch your boundaries in perfect safety. In that harmless room, fear, doubt, unbelief, and wavering do not dwell. You will learn that each of these open a revolving door into backlash. Loved one, how I long for you not to go in and out but just stay in that harmless room.

Matt 10:17 NKJV
"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

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Who Will Go For Me?

Lanna Perry

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I have been deeply grieved the past few days because of what the Lord has shown me.

Jesus came to me in a dream, and spoke to me. The sadness He expressed was indescribable. He came to me, and said to me:

"Who will go for me? Who will stand in the gap?"

Those words continued to just be repeated over and over in my dream. The voice of the Lord booming in a way that I had never heard.

I then awoke with a sadness and longing for the body of Christ to rise up like never before, that I have not experienced.

I felt the Lord's heart in this. The Lord's heart is grieved for so many within the body of Christ are busy doing other things. Burying the dead, building a house etc. Matthew 8:20-21

I believe the Lord is calling His church to re-examine their hearts and priorities. Church, what are we really living for? What are we really desiring in our lives?

Are we on guard ready to go for the Lord when He says? Or are we too pre-occupied with things of our own lives?

It's time for the church to rise up. It's time for the church to make a decision, "who will you serve? Will you forsake all for Christ? Will you stand in the gap?"

I believe this is a challenge for us all. The Lord is grieved. I cannot express to you the burden placed upon me through this visitation. The Lord has not spoken this to bring about condemnation, but to bring about conviction and repentance from the body of Christ.

The church has become so distracted with other things, that we have lost our focus. The focus of being completely dedicated to Jesus, and placing Him above all. We have become complacent as a church – and it's time to repent church.

The Lord has so many wonderful treasures and plans awaiting each of His children, all of us, if we just take the step forward and be willing to go for Him, and to stand for Him.

Fear, insecurity, doubt keeps us from our destinies. We are not called to live in the 'what if's', we are called to live in 'obedience'.

The Lord is wanting to move in great and mighty ways but are we as a church being faithful in interceding for our leaders, for nations, for churches? Do we really want to see a mighty move of God?? Then we need to get on our knees and stand in the gap.

The Lord is not condemning us, for the Lord does not condemn, but the Lord is grieved.

Church, we really need to take our stand. Will we go for God? No matter where He calls, or what He asks us to do? No matter what He asks us to leave behind? We need to continue to ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate this attitude within our hearts.

Are we REALLY desperate to see a move of God in our churches, our towns, our cities, our nations? Are we desperate enough to stand in the gap?

It's time for us church, to stop being distracted and mucking around and start focusing on what really matters. We need to get our priorities right. The church has shamed God for too long. It's time to stand up and let the Glory of the Lord been seen in greater ways than ever before.

The Lord wants to usher forth His Spirit in greater ways than we could ever dream of, but are we willing to pay the price to usher His heart in?

Let us not find the Lord speaking of us as He did in Ezekiel 22:30

Let us not grieve His heart anymore and truly seek Him and serve Him, and we will see Him move in ways we've never dreamed of.

As we repent He is going to restore in amazing ways.

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Weakened Warriors - How To Inherit His Promises

Rick Joyner

How To Inherit His Promises

As we study how the church will cross over and begin to possess its Promised Land, we will look at the first great event after crossing the Jordan, which we see in **Joshua 5:2:** ***"At that time the Lord said to Joshua, 'Make for yourself flint knives and circumcise again the sons of Israel the second time.'" (NASB)***

Circumcision was a ritual performed that speaks of the removal of the flesh or carnal nature. As we read in this chapter, this was done because those born in the wilderness had not been circumcised. This was a basic ritual that distinguished God's people from all others.

As we discussed previously, one of the ways we know the church is indeed crossing over to inherit its Promised Land will be the re-emphasis of the cross or the crucified life. Immediately after this we can expect a re-emphasis of the removal of the carnal nature or the deeds of the flesh, which is described in **Galatians 5:19-21**:
"Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (NASB)

Spiritual Circumcision

The children of Israel could not possess their Promised Land until this was done just as Paul wrote, ***"those who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."*** Think about that! We will not inherit the kingdom of God as long as we practice these things. As the Word of God is also clear, those who are indeed in the Lord's will behave like it. They are different. They have the fruit of the Spirit, and they are devoted to living godly, righteous, holy lives. Again, those who do not walk in this way will not inherit the kingdom of God.

In our times, righteousness has often been associated with legalism or even having a religious spirit, but those who have overreacted to this have usually fallen to another evil that is just as deadly -- lawlessness. There is a ditch on either side of the path of life. If we live as reactionaries, we will likely end up in one of them or going from one to the other most of our lives. Let us take a look at spiritual circumcision and how it is accomplished in our lives, as we read in **Romans 2:28-29, 7:18, 8:5-9**:

Romans 2:28-29
"For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

"But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter; and his praise is not from men, but from God." (NASB)

Romans 7:18
"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the wishing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not." (NASB)

Romans 8:5-9
"For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so; and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you." (NASB)

Made Weak, For A Greater Purpose

Recent studies have shown that of those who claim to be born again, evangelical Christians are no longer distinguishable in their general behavior than with non-Christians -- including basic issues of morality and integrity. This is why the heathen continue to refer to Christians as hypocrites.
Certainly a good case could be made that in the church's wilderness journey there has not been much emphasis on the spiritual circumcision that is required to inherit our promises. However, we can count on this becoming a major emphasis in the immediate future. We will not go any further until the flesh or the carnal nature has been cut away from the lives of those who will inherit the kingdom.

Like it or not, the works of the flesh are going to be exposed and cut away from all who want to be numbered with the household of faith. It is noteworthy that for Israel this was the first thing which was done immediately after they had entered the land, and it was done right in the sight of the people on the walls of Jericho. This was not something the Lord had done secretly in the wilderness, but they were humiliated and made weak, right within sight of their enemies!

Our Humility In This Is Preparing Us To Be Able To Receive The Grace Of God

One lesson we can learn from this is that the Lord is not nearly as concerned about our reputations as we tend to be. In fact, we can count on Him dealing with that pride very quickly. We think if our problems are waved in front of the world we will lose our "witness," but the Lord cares very little about that. In fact, such a witness will not lead anyone to the Lord, but is what we try to use to lead people to us.
The only thing that will truly lead people to the Lord is the conviction of their sin by the Holy Spirit, and the comprehension of the atonement that Jesus made for that sin, which is the only remedy for our guilt. It is about Him, not us.

If we are indeed coming to this time, we can expect the carnal problems of the church to start being exposed very openly. This is going to be done so that they can be done away with. Of course, this has been going on for sometime now, but it is obvious that the job has not yet been completed. We can count on our enemies seeing this and probably gloating over it, but our humility in this is preparing us to be able to receive the grace of God, which He will only give to the humble. The victory over our enemies will come in due time, but for now the best thing we can do is embrace the humility and let the evil ways that we have clung to be cut away.

For this reason we will also examine these works of the flesh in a bit more detail. This is going to be painful, but we can do some things that will greatly lessen the pain. As we are told in **I Corinthians 11:31**, ***"But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged" (NASB)***. If we would deal with these things, the Lord would not have to do it. If we will humble ourselves, He will not have to humble us.

"No Pain, No Pain"

As I have shared before, my motto is "No pain, no pain." I do not like pain, so I want to make this as painless as I can. It is far better for us to fall on the Rock to be broken than to have to have Him fall on us and crush us into powder! So if we deal with these things ourselves now, we can in fact escape the more painful and public humiliation.

Even so, there is a more righteous motivation that we should have, and hopefully we will mature into this. We must do this for the Lord's sake -- in order to please Him. However, until the flesh or carnal nature is cut away, it is hard to have such godly motives. So even if we want to rid ourselves of the flesh or carnal nature from a selfish motive of wanting to get out of this pain as easily as possible, this reason is still better than not doing it at all. But know for sure that it will be done before we can go any further. We can also know for sure that the pain will result in gain for us.

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What Would Jesus Do?

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If you wear the bracelet, you get off easy. If you walk the talk, you'll stir up a hornet's nest.

Years ago as a young believer, naïve and full of zeal, I came to think that being like Jesus meant we should battle in prayer to heal, deliver, and encourage hurting people. That's what my ministry beginning was like. Somehow I've gotten away from it and I confess that I miss it greatly.

I assumed then that everyone who claimed to be a Christian   and certainly every pastor   would be delighted to see more people becoming more like Jesus and doing more of his works. Before I became a paid professional pastor, that's what I used to do. Then I found out that doing the works of Jesus had a lower priority in the religious world than having big crowds, fancy buildings, and keeping every body under control of the system of our unspoken expectations.

It's not the written expectations that hold us back   nobody would dare put on paper what is wordlessly communicated. For example: Don't get too passionate for Christ or too burdened for souls, it may become emotionalism. Don't hold small prayer meetings in your home, it may get out of order if an elder isn't there. Don't prophesy out of turn, it may be imperfect or you might miss the mark. Don't pray for the sick, only the elders are authorized to do that. Don't attend other meetings across town, they may have error. Don't plant another church or preach elsewhere unless we've sent you, or else you will be in rebellion.

How can obeying Jesus be rebellion? To this day, the seat of Moses has not lacked a Pharisee to sit in it and issue new decrees.

There's something about the clerical collar that chokes the spiritual life out of good men who used to be spiritual sponges. All of a sudden they know everything. The spirit of adventure, of learning, of lowering themselves to admit their need, departs. They quit humbly spreading the kingdom to small circles of intimate acquaintances and start managing the crowds, building the facilities, raising the money, holding advertising campaigns to reach the world. I'm saddened by this outcome of our success.

We've become "professional clergy" instead of men who simply follow and imitate Jesus. Our prayers get pious; our demeanor gets cynical; our preaching gets hard; our family life suffers. People around us feel used instead of treasured. How do we get out of this trap? We turn and we bow down at the feet of Jesus. He hasn't changed… we have.

The road back to reality is the road of repentance. It is the way of honesty and humility that first gave us our taste of salvation.

As I read the New Testament concerning the life of Jesus, it seems to me that he led a fully balanced life. Yes, he went to temple when he was young, but he also preached in the streets to the unsanctified throngs, mingled with sinners, and held small meetings frequently with confidants who followed him to learn his ways.

They knew what Jesus would do because they watched him, shared life with him, and knew that he walked his talk. That's the definition of integrity: it is the same through and through. Even the traitor Judas would later confess, "I have betrayed innocent blood."

One of Jesus' ways was secret prayer. He was always moving from one prayer meeting to another. He talked with God like He was his Father. Why, he even prayed with his eyes open! In between times of prayer, he was fellowshipping with real people. And along the way, he stopped to heal people, to forgive sin, and to break oppression off of them. Sounds like fun to me. Does it to you?

This company of un-churched, un-bathed non-religious pioneers ate together, drank together, sat around the fire talking, rode through storms on rough seas, and then worked miracles outside the sanctuary under the noses of the Pharisees. "Hypocrites, white-washed tombs, murderers of the prophets," Jesus named them and shamed them.

Those same ordinary men watched Jesus demonstrate God's kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit. He demonstrated it by driving out demons, forgiving sins, curing diseases, and encouraging beaten-down people. Why, he even prophesied to blatant sinners! That, my friends, is the kingdom of God in a nutshell. We need it today.

The food, fun, and fellowship along the way turned out to be the icing on the cake. A bond of covenant love knitted their hearts together. No formality, no religious piety, no rigid rules, no legalistic "thou shalt nots." Just men and women being progressively liberated and becoming whole, and in the process, doing real damage to Satan's realm as many victims were set free. I like the thought of it, don't you?

This band of brothers also saw Jesus get roaring mad at religious leaders who burdened people with rules but never lifted their loads. In church circles, honest emotion isn't allowed. It isn't sweet. You can't do that here. Not right, you know.

Later, after training by doing (not lectures), Jesus sent his disciples out to do what he had been doing. "You go do it, too," he was saying. He didn't keep the authority to himself. He delegated to them the power to drive out devils and heal diseases. He shared his anointing with them. He made every person who believed in him an agent of his kingdom. He didn't create a new elite priesthood who alone had the franchise; instead, he distributed gifts freely to his whole body.

Recently I had a conversation with an experienced supervisor at one of the world's largest and fastest growing companies. He told me that his purpose was to help the people under his care develop, to use all of their gifts and talents, and to be promoted beyond where he was. He said if they succeeded, then he was a success.

My heart cried silently inside. This secular manager knew more about God's ways than most preachers. I said in my heart, "If only every pastor viewed every person on every pew as a soldier in the battle and would not rest until everyone under his (or her) influence was equipped to wage war and to win in the name of our King!"

My brother Don was recently sharing fond memories of us growing up in Carpenter's Home Church in Lakeland, Florida. He said Pastor Strader fostered the attitude of "Go do the works of Jesus. If you mess up, we'll clean up your mistakes after you." In that kind of healthy atmosphere, young laborers in God's work could experiment and could learn to stretch their wings and soar.

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War With My Enemies

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I am going to rend the heavens and the earth. I am going to make war with My enemies at this given time. I have come to set the captives free and to bring liberty to the poor. I am the Alpha, Omega, the Beginning and the End. I am the Almighty One and I fail not. Hinder! There will be no one that will hinder this move of mine. Absolutely no one! I have spoken so many things and very few have listened. I have come after My people many times, but My people were not ready. Now I must move! Now I must do the mighty works that I have foreordained to do. There is a great works for My people to do, if only they will stand up and be counted among the worthy. But My people still have not chosen whom they will serve. My people are still playing with their false idols. For some it is too late. For others, this will be an event they will never forget. This life is all about choices and I allow My people to choose whom they will serve. The antichrists are all around and My people are blinded to this fact. The false prophets have already arisen on the scene and My people cannot discern true from false. Woe be unto those who have chosen the path of Baal, for their lot has already been cast. I am calling My true body to come up hither and sit with me in the heavenly places and be instructed by Me at this given time.

Who Will Really Trust Me

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I Am That I Am, I am a righteous God. My eyes are going over the earth searching for those who will really trust me. I see many of you, my children, pointing your fingers at the rest of the world, there where bad things are going on…. You are judging other people and you think you know why these bad things happen. You are telling others, "This is the judgment of the LORD." BUT I Am The I Am. Although I love my children very much, I must tell you "aren't you forgetting something?" Does it not say in My Holy Word that judgment will begin in My own house first? So why are you telling each other what is wrong in the world, although you are not listening to My voice telling you that you must arise, shine and stand up? So I, your Father, am asking you now—where are you? Where is My body being one with each other? Instead you are fighting, and striving with each other. Where are you in being pure and worshipping Me instead of building your own kingdoms? In fact, you are the ones to blame. Have the ones that are living in sin seen My body? Have they heard my message? Have they felt my love? Many of you are worshipping My wonders and my signs and I tell you satan can do all of these things too! But he has no love at all only darkness. I Am is telling you that many people can remain living in sin is because My body is still sick, or not working in the proper way. I ask you again, I Am is asking you again, give me EVERYTHING. Let Me be the center of your life, of your congregation, your conference and let Me do what I want to do—that is reaching for souls. Stop striving with each other! You are hurting the heart of your Father! Stop building your own kingdoms my dear children, it is not about you, it is about ME!

Where you there when I created the world? Did you hang on the cross? Did you drink from my cup? You know the answer. Stand up, repent, ask each other for forgiveness, stop striving, and let me send you instead of sending yourselves. Let Me have your little kingdoms and instead I will give you Mine. I promise you My children, the choice is yours today, come with Me and I will make you a fisher of men and you will be serving Me. If you continue building your own kingdoms, having your own miracles, striving with each other doing your own business, you will be serving yourselves and out of your own heart and not serving me Me, and ministering to my heart. Remember there is coming a time very soon you will stand before Me. Do you want to hear, "Depart from Me, I never knew you?" The choice is yours.

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Study from Susan Vannice
Judges 8:24

Yet Gideon said to them, "I would request of you, that each of you give me an earring from his spoil." (For they had gold earrings, because they were Ishmaelites.) [25] They said, "We will surely give *them.*" So they spread out a garment, and every one of them threw an earring there from his spoil. [26] The weight of the gold earrings that he requested was 1,700 *shekels* of gold, besides the crescent ornaments and the pendants and the purple robes which *were* on the kings of Midian, and besides the neck bands that *were* on their camels' necks. [27] Gideon made it into an ephod, and placed it in his city, Ophrah, and all Israel played the harlot with it there, so that it became a snare to Gideon and his household.

Here in the book of Judges our beloved brother Gideon has gone in the power of the Spirit and strength of the LORD and defeated the kings of Midian. Wow! What a great celebration that must have been. Most of us have read the story about how Gideon won this battle with 300 men against a great host of Midianites.

I read in earlier verses that there were two kings of Midian. Midian means strife and contention. Was one named strife and the other contention? I believe that is exactly what these men represent. Gideon fought against much strife and contention and by the Spirit of the LORD, he prevailed. Are any of you battling against these guys? These are not actual people today, but evil spirits sent by our enemy. He sends these spirits to us so that we will put our focus on them instead of the great commission.

How did Gideon defeat these evil men? He followed the directions that God gave him. He had a 300 man army that God selected for him. Then he was instructed to take only a trumpet, a pitcher, and a lamp. What does this mean? How can you defeat the kings of strife and contention in your life?

The trumpet is the shofar of your spirit—your voice. Use your voice to sound the battle cry. Use your voice to shout to the LORD. The Israelites blew the shofar of their spirits when they shouted down the walls of Jericho. Shout from the north, south, east and west. Shout! Where are the intercessors to cry aloud and weep for God's people? Where are those who will pour out their hearts like water before the LORD with weeping and wailing?

The pitcher is the vessel of your body. When Gideon's army surrounded the Midianites, they broke their vessels and created a great noise. When was the last time you broke your vessel? If you want to defeat the strife and contention in your life, you must break your own vessel. Have you fasted? Have you prayed? Have you offered up a sacrifice of praise unto the LORD? Or like most people do you stay focused on the strife and contention? Our brother Paul said that if we mortify or kill the deeds of the flesh we shall live. We must put to death every earthly desire and fleshly intention. Only those with clean hands AND a pure heart shall come to the Holy Hill of the LORD. Break your vessel.
What happened when the vessels were broken? It made a great noise that confused the enemy. Can we as a body, break our vessels and confuse the enemy? Can we die to self long enough to will this battle of contention and strife in our Fathers house? There is an enemy encamped in the land our Father gave us—His land. Let's face it, there is strife and contention in the church. Not only strife and contention but a host of other ungodly, unholy spirits as well.

The light or lamp that Gideon took is a picture of the Holy Spirit and the Light of God's Word. We must not fight with our own words, sending ourselves, but fight with the Word of God. The light confused the darkness and where the light is, the darkness must flee! Are things a little dim around you? Get more oil in your lamp and light it up! Let the Light arise and shine forth! Are you lighting up the darkness? Does the room brighten up when you walk in? Are you penetrating the darkness with the light that is within you? Can they see your light? If you are contentious or have strife in your heart, you are a part of the darkness. Darkness and light have no fellowship.

The enemy awoke out of their sleep to an explosion of sound, light and movement coming at them from every side. Strife and contention thought they were surrounded by an army even bigger than they were! Even though Gideon's army were just a few, they followed the directions of the Holy Spirit and prevailed. The purple robes of royalty that rested upon the shoulders of strife and contention were stripped and laid at the feet of their conqueror.

What was the error of Gideon's ways here? He erected a monument or a memorial to remember the battle. He should have built an altar and offered up a sacrifice of praise, but instead he chose to remember what was behind. The Israelites began to worship the emblem of the battle instead of the Deliverer. God's directions for building an altar are simple –make a pile of rocks and sacrifice there. The focus is not to be on the altar, but on the receiver of the sacrifice. Let's keep our focus totally on HIM! Do not get caught up in the past—move on to your future in God!

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What Will The Citywide Church Look Like

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When Christ ascended, "He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (Eph 4:11-13 NASB).

The ascension-gift ministries of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are given to bring the body of Christ to the fullness of Christ's stature to a corporate maturity, manifesting all Christ's character, authority, and power culminating in the 'transfiguration' of redeemed humanity.

This is where God is heading. Therefore, the true measure of an Ephesians 4 ministry is the degree to which they are releasing the whole church toward the whole purpose of God *"the full stature of Christ"* to maturity.

God is raising up a citywide church for a citywide revival - a global church for a global revival. True Ephesians four ascension-gift ministries are not given to a particular church or denomination for their own aggrandisement, but to the entire body of Christ for its edification. They are called to the universal church to the church of a city, a region, a nation, or nations, according to their sphere of God's sovereign assignment and their measure of grace, serving the whole church, "preparing God's people" (v 12), regardless of denominational tag. The reaching of the goal is reserved for the whole church, not just a part, or a spiritual elite. The coming worldwide awakening will be so extensive, and so intensive, that one group will not be able to handle it. In fact, it will demand a new wineskin the emerging *city-church.*

But what will this look like? The emerging city-church will simultaneously become larger and smaller. It will not only gather for massive citywide celebrations filling the largest sports arenas and public parks, but from house to house where they will break bread and fellowship. There will be a restoration of both *temple worship and house fellowship. Vast urban populations will be harvested through 'a church without walls'.*

Institutional and denominational definitions of the church will become obsolete as only geographical ones stand. Civil and local government jurisdictions will determine the church's boundaries, not schismatic or sectarian ones. This is already occurring, embryonically, in many cities around the world as pastors and intercessors transcend denominational loyalties to pray and intercede for citywide revival and transformation.

In my city of Melbourne, for example, God is raising up a citywide movement of pastors and intercessors committed to praying for an outpouring of the Spirit. With a population of 3.4 million the city is divided into 31 municipalities in each of which, at the date of writing, there is a trans-denominational praying group of pastors. Through a process of prayer and relationship, facilitated through an annual prayer summit, a servant-leader team has been recognised and released to nurture the unity of the pastors and the emerging city-church.

Paul exhorted the church of the city of Ephesus to both maintain and attain unity. First, to "maintain the unity of the Spirit" (Eph 4:3), and secondly, to "attain the unity of the faith" (Eph 4:13). In our pursuit of city-church catholicity it is important to distinguish between things that differ. In this case between two dimensions of unity, unity of the faith and unity of the Spirit.

Unity, first of all, is of the Spirit. It is both a sovereign and supernatural gift and therefore cannot be attained it cannot be organised or manufactured. It can only be recognised and maintained. No citywide strategy, event, or formula can produce it. It has already been given to the church and only a sovereign relational process led by the Spirit will bring the gift of unity to full expression. He will lead the church of a city on its own unique journey of learning to live in love.

We tend to forget that Paul's exhortation to maintain the unity of the Spirit is introduced by his exhortation to "be completely humble and gentle… bearing with one another in love" (v 1-2). True unity can only flow from a heart of humility - a heart conquered by the love of God. So when the gatekeepers of the city, the pastors and spiritual leaders, humble their hearts before the Lord and toward one another human agendas will no longer matter. Their hearts will become one as God's presence, and therefore his purpose, invade not only the councils of the church but entire cities and nations. In the light of his glory our offences and opinions will fade into insignificance.

And with the unity of the Spirit, the way will be made for the unity of the faith for the emergence of a truly catholic and apostolic church. Through a revival of the love of God, of the unity of the Spirit, we will ultimately come to the unity of the faith, to one apostolic church. Because of broken and purified hearts God will finally be able to entrust his people with the apostolic authority to pastor whole cities and nations.

God will not ignore a broken and contrite spirit. When we embrace brokenness on earth God will release openness in heaven. Across our cities a new apostolic church will emerge. Just as Jesus prophesied, *"there shall be one flock and one shepherd" (Jn 10:16 NIV).* His high priestly prayer *"that all of them may be one"* will be answered. There is only one reason we refuse to believe this - fear - *"Don't you know that it's been like this for 2,000 years! How do you think you're going to change the entrenched attitudes of millennia? Have you any idea what this will cost us? What about our program …my ministry… my position…. my salary … I might even have to humble myself and be reconciled with Pastor…!"*

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Who Was That Masked Man

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Joshua and the Angel

Let's take a look at a short but very interesting passage from the Book of Joshua.

> *Joshua 5:13-15*
> *13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?*
> *14 And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?*
> *15 And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.*

So our question is **who was that man**?
Some commentators say it was an angel, some say it was the Lord himself, others have no clue at all. These days having a clue speaks of knowledge, and being clueless speaks of ignorance.

So what is a clue? Encarta says this:

clue [kloo] (plural clues) noun
1. aid in solving mystery: something that helps to solve a mystery or crime

> Encarta® World English Dictionary ©

So a clue is not the answer, but an aid to finding the answer. Something that points to the answer is a clue.

In our example there are several clues for those who notice them.
1. Speaking of Joshua, it says *he lifted up his eyes*.
2. Also in verse 13, Joshua goes up to the man and speaks to him as someone he already knew. He does not ask who he is but what is he doing there. With a drawn sword.
3. Next in verse 14 the man gives an answer that reveals something about himself and just who he is.
4. Upon receiving this revelation Joshua does three things, he falls face down to the ground,
5. he worships and
6. he addresses the man as Lord, and the one who he serves.
7. The man tells him to loose his shoe
8. and the man tells him he is on holy ground.
9. Joshua instantly obeys.

To support the idea that this man is the Lord, lets look at each clue from the viewpoint of a believer.
1. He was looking up, speaks of being mindful of heavenly things, and seeking the Lord.
2. He knows the man, but only somewhat, after all Joshua spent a lot of time in the tabernacle in the

Lord's presence so he knew him up to a point. Joshua knew the Lord already.
3. He asks what the man is doing, because he held a drawn sword. The Lord was preparing for battle against Jericho.
3. The man reveals something more of his nature, he is a war leader! This is like the Revelation of Jesus Christ.
4. Joshua falls on his face in awe at the new revelation. John in the final book of the bible, the revelation of Jesus Christ knew Jesus very well. But in the first chapter of Revelation, Jesus appears in a totally unfamiliar form. John is awestruck, and falls over.
5. Joshua worships this man. Only the Lord is to be worshipped.
6. Joshua acknowledges him as Lord. So this identifies the man as the Lord.
7. He is told to loose his shoe just as Moses was before the burning bush, this also identifies the man as the Lord.
8. He is told he is on holy ground, also as Moses was in Exodus when the Lord spoke to him.
9. Joshua's obedience is the expected behavior of someone receiving such revelation.

Now let's look at the clues from a skeptical point of view.
1. Joshua was looking heavenward: All this means is Joshua was wondering about the weather.
2. Joshua knew lots of men,
3. he was just wondering why the sword was drawn.
4, 5, and 6. Joshua here is really worshipping an angel by mistake. It's some warrior angel, that is no proof that he was the Lord.
7, 8. and 9. In Exodus, Moses was only worshipping an angel too. So none of this really proves beyond a doubt that the man was the Lord.
To be even more skeptical you could say this.

And besides that it doesn't prove the man was an angel either. If the Bible says it was a man, then is has to be a man. As for Joshua's actions, he could have been drunk or high on loco weed.

OK so what's the difference between the believer and the skeptic. The believer takes the clues which are not really proof, just aids in solving a mystery, and then he gets a revelation from the Holy Spirit. And it's the revelation that makes all the difference. The skeptic has the same clues available to him, but he is not looking for clues, not really paying attention to what he reads, and so the written word of the Lord doesn't sink in because of lack of Faith.

> *Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.*

The skeptic is a victim of spiritual blindness. Is it any wonder that someone can study the bible for years, and still not be able to answer Jesus' question, **Who do you say that I am?**

Part Two

Joshua Meets The Man or
What's It All About Alfie

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> *Exodus 3:8 And* ***I am come down*** *to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.*

Picking up from *Who Was That Masked Man*, let's ask ourselves the next logical question. What is he doing here?

One way of inquiring of the Lord when it comes to bible study, is to keep asking questions.

Our first question is why is he here? To get to an answer, there are some intermediate things we can ask.

Why does this take place before Jericho?
Why does he have his sword drawn?
If Joshua knows him, why does he ask him, whose side are you on?
If Joshua approaches him as an old buddy, why does he suddenly fall on his face and worship at his feet?

The book of Joshua on the surface tells of how the Children of Israel entered the Promised Land and drove out their enemies and claimed their inheritance. The deeper meaning of the book relates to the end times and the church entering the promised kingdom of God.

The 40 years wandering in the desert represent 4000 years since Abraham, the 2000 cubits in Joshua 3:4, speak of the 2000 years since the time of Jesus. Crossing the Jordan represents death to self. The circumcision of the people is the cutting off of the flesh. This story of Joshua Meets The Man expresses some of the same ideas in a condensed form.

Why does this take place before Jericho?
This takes place before Jericho because it illustrates what must happen before we become ready to fight the end time battles.

Why does he have his sword drawn?
The sword is the word of the Lord. Seeing that the sword is withdrawn from it's holster tells of the revelation of the Word. You don't really know what a sword looks like while it's still in the scabbard. It's the same with the word of God. You won't know the inner meaning till the Spirit reveals it. This is seen figuratively as the opening of the sealed book, mentioned in Revelation 5. It speaks of The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

What is the significance of him holding the drawn sword in his hand?
We have a similar scene in 1 Chronicles 21 that gives the meaning. In this context the Lord is bringing judgment upon his own people at Jerusalem. So this relates to Judgment beginning at the house of God, and the fact that God's people are witnessing these judgments being carried out. Notice where David and the elders fall on their faces, once they see this, like Joshua did. The sackcloth here is a sign of repentance.

> *1 Chronicles 21:16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.*

If Joshua knows him, why does he ask him, whose side are you on?

There are two ways to answer this.

One speaks of division in the church where the denominations are at war with each other. [Civil War in the Church] So the question becomes what denomination are you with? And the Lord's answer, Nay, but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come, is a way of saying I'm not here to take sides, I'm here to take over. It is also a way of saying I'm not for **any** denomination, I'm here to take charge and eliminate the denominations to bring my body into unity.

Two is the idea that God's judgments against his own house will be severe like they were against Jerusalem in David's time. This will be to the point where we will wonder if in fact God is for us or against us.

Fear of the Lord
If Joshua approaches him as an old buddy, why does he suddenly fall on his face and worship at his feet?

Joshua now sees the Lord in a completely new way, and acquires a profound **Fear of the Lord**. That is Joshua [as the church] receives a deep and profound revelation of the Lordship of Jesus. It is this Lordship of Jesus which is the rock upon which the church will be built. The revelation of Jesus Christ.

But how can we talk about the church, and turn around and say the church has yet to built? It's one of those elements they call paradoxical truths.

Here are other questions that express similar problems.
How can we talk about the Kingdom of God, when the King is not around and everybody does just what they feel like? Or How can we claim to be the Family of God, when we're just an episode of Family Feud? And how can we be the Sons of God, when we do not honor the Father's name or reveal his nature to the lost world? Or can we fight the battles as the army of God, when nobody in hearing the General's voice? How can we be the body of Christ when the parts are not assembled and not attached to the head? Or how can we be the temple of the Holy Ghost, when we ignore or reject him? And how are we to be the spotless, chaste Bride when we will do anything for money? All of these have one answer. We must receive the Fear of the Lord and this comes with presence of the Lord.

All these elements are basically the same. The Church, The Kingdom, The Family, The Army, The Body, The Bride, The Temple, The Sons of God, The congregation of the Lord, the Called out ones, the chosen generation, the Holy race, the peculiar people, the new Jerusalem, the spiritual Israel, the heirs of the promise. It's looking at different aspects, or expressing truth in different terms. Each one is connected to another like a side of a polygon, or facet of a jewel.

Why does Joshua say *What saith my lord unto his servant?*
Here Joshua's immediate reaction to the New Revelation is a desire to serve the Lord. Paul had the same reaction on the road to Damascus when he says *Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?*.

Why does Joshua worship at his feet? And why is that holy ground?
The bible speaks of worshipping at his feet, a place of holiness.

> *Psalms 99:5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.*

Exodus 3 tells of Moses seeing the Lord and being told to loose his shoe because he is on holy ground. Also see Exodus 3:8 quoted above which mentions that the Lord is now come down. .

Why does the Lord say *am I now come* when we know he is always with us?

Here it means the Lord is coming in a new and powerful way. This is not just a visitation but the beginning of the habitation. This is the start of a permanent manifest presence. It’s the Latter Rain coming, that must happen before Jericho, the end time battles. He comes to judge, purge and purify his people to make them ready by dwelling among them. This is the beginning of the Kingdom here on earth. He will use the fear of the Lord and the revelation of his love to eliminate all the paradoxes we mentioned.

This is how he will put his family in order.
This is how he will muster his army.
This is how he will build his church on the rock.
This is how he will take back his Kingdom and reign as King.
This is how he will assemble his body.
This is how he will inhabit the Temple, his place of rest.
This is how he will make his bride holy and pure.
This is how he will make us become the Sons of God.
This is how he will conform us to the image of Jesus.
This is how he will get us to where we delight to do his will.
This is how he will bring in the harvest and redeem his people Israel

Recap

Before God’s people can fulfill their destiny in the end times certain things will have to happen.
When [and only when] the Church sees God’s judgments actually being carried out, she will begin to truly inquire of the Lord. Then the Lord will reveal himself with awesome power and irresistible holiness. This brings the church into the Fear of the Lord. This is a place of repentance, worship, holiness, joy and obedience. It’s the true beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth, and the millennial reign.

When Will You Go?

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My precious, precious people, how I adore you and love you so much. How much I loved the day when you came to Me, and you sought Me. The day you confessed with your mouth, and believed in your heart that I, the Lord your God, is the One and Only Living God.
What great blessings I have brought to each of you. What a great love I have brought to each of you, that has truly set your hearts on fire, that has given you a reason to live, a reason bigger than yourself. My precious people, I adore you, I love you.
I died so we may have relationship. I died so that you may spend eternity with Me. I died so that you may be forgiven of all your sins and your name written in My book of life. I have called each of you My own, and have loved each of you with an everlasting love. I knocked, and you answered. I love you My people. I treasure the relationship I have with each of you, for I am the God of relationship.

Time is running out My people. Time is getting short, and many still do not know Me. Many still do not know My matchless name. Many have turned from Me from once knowing Me, and many have not truly heard.

Each of you, I have called to proclaim My message, My Gospel, My Good News.

My Spirit is crying out to each of you, when will you go? When will you go? How long will you wait? When do you feel is the right time to share My message, My Gospel?

Do not be ashamed of Me, and do not allow fear to stop you from proclaiming My truth. Many of you are waiting to be ‘sent out’ yet look around you. Look at those around you that still need to hear My message. Look around you.

In your everyday life speak My message. Do not wait any longer My church. When will you stop sitting in your seats on a Sunday, and get out into your everyday lives and proclaim My message?

You are living in a dying world. Those who do not know My name are going to face an eternity of death. I do not want this.

Many of you say "but Lord, I know not what to say!", My precious children, I say unto you, I will give you the words. As you listen to My Spirit, I will show you what to say, and how to love. Yes, how to love. Not with your love, with My love, the everlasting love and penetrates all areas of a persons heart.
As My church steps up to the plate, and takes the church to this world, signs and wonders will follow

you. You will prophesy to the unsaved, you will speak healing to the unsaved in My name.

You must step up My church. For I will hold everyone accountable for not speaking My Gospel.

So many of you My people have your eyes on yourself. Your eyes are on your lives, and what your hearts desire, My church, step out. Place your eyes on others. Love others.

Ask Me to give you My heart for the lost and I will. Ask Me to give you My compassion for the lost, and I will.

No more excuses My church. No more excuses. There are no excuses for not sharing My Gospel.

Many are dying without hearing the Word. You are not to proclaim My Word out of fear or condemnation for that is not of Me, but proclaim My Gospel out of LOVE, out of COMPASSION for those around you who do not know Me. Proclaim My Gospel out of wanting to give to others what you have received.

You have been blessed so you may bless others.

I am calling many to prepare the path for My return. Go out My church. My people, go out into your lives and proclaim My Word. Do not walk on eggshells anymore, but out of love, proclaim My truth to your circle of influence.

The captives will be set free, the blind will see, the oppressed will be lifted, the lost will be found. This is My heart church. Partner with Me. Fulfill My commission. I love you.
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Will You Be Ready?

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> *[36]like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. [37]It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. [38]It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. Luke 12:36-38*

"I tell you that the time has come for my people to prepare for the days that are to come. You have seen the devastation that has come to the people of the south. You have seen the tsunami that hit the people of Malaysia and other areas as well. But I say that you will see other things like this come in the coming months. I say, to watch California. Watch and wait. You have heard some say that the big one is coming. I tell you that a big one is coming. A time will come when the entire state of California will be cut off from the rest of the United States. Beware and get ready. You have seen the plates move but they will move further than they have ever moved! You will see the signs of these things intensify."

"Woe to those who extort funds and take advantage of the needy. For the money that you take from them will be taken from you. The state of the economy will fall. The balancing scale will be tipped. The treasury will fail. Who will you run to in those days? Is there a disaster plan set in place? I tell you that I am the only one that will save you. "

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Your Appointment Awaits You

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Appointed Times

In spite of escalating turmoil in our world, there still remains one last, great outpouring of mercy before the time of the end (Matt 24:14; Acts 2:17). This supernatural season is not something for which we must beg God. No, its coming has been predetermined. It is the "appointed time" of the Lord.

For those unaware, an "appointed time" is, in truth, an open display of the sovereignty and power of God. In it we discover with absolute certainty that nothing is impossible for God. It is a season when God fulfills the hopes and dreams of His people. The Psalmist wrote, "But You, O LORD, abide forever, and Your name to all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion; for it is time to be gracious to her, for the appointed time has come" (Ps 102:12-13).

During an "appointed time" it's as though the Lord physically rises and moves in unfailing compassion on behalf of His people. It is the time when divine promises, dreams and spiritual hopes are fulfilled. Recall: Abraham and Sarah had waited in faith for a quarter century for the promise of God. Finally, as they neared one hundred years of age, the Lord told Abraham, "At the appointed time I will return to you . . . and Sarah will have a son" (Gen 18:14). One year later, "at the appointed time" (Gen 21:2), Isaac was born to aged parents!

While there are, indeed, appointed times of judgment (Mk 13:33), the phrase most frequently represents a time, preset by God, when He invades mankind with "wonders, plans formed long ago, [that unfold] with perfect faithfulness"(Isa 25:1).

Demons may stand arrayed against the Lord; nations may align themselves to fight Him. It does not matter. He who sits in the heavens laughs. For He makes all things His servants (Ps 119:91), even His enemies' plans for evil are reversed and made to serve the purpose of God (Gen 50:20; Rom 8:28; Acts 2:22-24).

If God gave you a vision, a spiritual hope or dream for your future, there will be an appointed time when that which God spoke comes to pass. Thus the Lord assures us, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the *appointed time*. It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay" (Hab 2:2-3).

If you have a vision or promise from God, that vision also has a time of fulfillment. Though it tarries, wait for it. For it will certainly come to pass at the appointed time.

Appointed Servants of God

Prior to the unveiling of an appointed time, God has, of course, been actively working in hiddenness. When He rises and moves, He is moving the power grid He laid in secret. The work manifests suddenly, but the preparation may have taken years. Likewise, the Lord also appoints people. He predestines the time of their breakthrough in advance, even as He works silently within their hearts in preparation.

Consider the Lord's word to His disciples. He said,

"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain" (Jn 15:16).

I'm sure the disciples felt that they had chosen Christ. Yet, the deeper truth is that God chose us before the foundation of the world and predestined us to come to Christ (Eph 1:3-5). We could not even come to Christ had not the Father drawn us (Jn 6:44). So, let us make no mistake: God chose us. *Yet, He who chose us also appointed us to bear fruit.* The same power that worked in us surrender and then inspired our faith continues to work in our hearts throughout our days, appointing us to bear fruit.

You may look at your life and feel unfruitful. But God is not done with you yet. Do you believe God has chosen you? Then believe also that He has appointed you to bear fruit. The same power that drew you to Christ is now working to conform you to Him as well.

The Enemy's Work

One may argue, "But I know people who were good Christians who have fallen away." Yes, but in most cases you will find that, at some point, they fell into deep disappointment about some failed spiritual expectation. Disappointment is not just a sad emotional state of mind; deep disappointment actually can sever our hearts from faith. It can "*dis*-appoint" us from our appointed destiny.

I have known many who were doing well, moving toward their appointed destiny. The future God had for them seemed almost close enough to taste. Then they became disappointed in someone or something. By accepting dis-appointment into their spirits, a bitter cold winter took over their souls and their faith turned dormant.

When one is dis-appointed, he is cut off from his appointment with destiny; the appointment remains in the heart of God, but the individual is isolated. It is here, even in the throes of disappointment, that the righteous must learn to live by faith (see Hab 2:1-4).

I, too, have been through disappointment. Indeed, the promise of God was so distant that it seemed like a foolish spiritual fantasy. For nearly three years I had not been involved in pastoral ministry. No doors would open. God was doing a work in my soul to cause me to trust Him, but I felt abandoned and cut off from my calling. In a moment of abject honesty, I prayed, "Lord, you promised that those who believed in You would not be disappointed. Master, You know all things. Look at my heart. I am full of disappointment."

The Lord simply replied, "You're life is not over." Of course, I knew that. I was a healthy young man not older than forty. Yet, the spell of disappointment had flooded my soul with darkness, causing me to conclude erroneously that God was done with me.

Listen well my friend: *Satan can stop our destiny if we accept the power of disappointment into our lives.* Once we accept the heaviness of a deep dis-appointment, backsliding is often not far away. You see, dis-appointment cuts us off from our vision and without a vision people perish.

Therefore, let me ask you: are you carrying disappointment in your heart? Renounce it. Forgive those who have let you down. Have you personally or morally failed? Repent deeply and return to your Redeemer. Right now, I ask the Holy Spirit to remove disappointment's paralyzing sting! Beloved, the Spirit of God has come to release you of the effect of the dis-appointment. He reminds you, "Your appointment with your destiny is still set.

Holy Spirit, I confess that disappointment has crept into my soul. I forgive those who have disappointed me and release them back to You. I also forgive myself for accepting disappointment. I renounce unbelief and submit again to Your call on my life. Lord, prepare me again to move into the future You have appointed for my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

You Are Coming To A New Day
Musa Opiyo

Apr 28, 2005
My people you are coming to a new day. You are turning a corner this day says the Lord and it is the passing of one season to the next. In this season you shall hear My voice with greater clarity than before because it is My desire to speak to My people and show them the mysteries that have been hidden from them. It shall be a time of great seeking, for many shall desire to know what I am saying to My church at this hour and at this time.

I see many of you running to and fro asking what I am saying, and while I have anointed and placed before you Apostles and Prophets who shall bring strategic revelation to move My church forward, it is also a time of grace where I have given you the Holy Spirit who shall speak to you and show you of the things that are to come. Many of you believe that I am silent yet I am speaking to My people to come to Me while there is time.

You are also coming to a time when you will see great natural disasters occurring in different places across this earth. I have said before that I would shake the heavens and the earth, and this is when I am pulling My people together to pray and intercede for My people in these areas. To those prophets who would use these natural disasters to say 'I told you so' to elevate themselves as hearing from Me and who would cry 'judgment' and speaking from a critical and bitter spirit, I say, do you know not what spirit you are of? It is true that I am bringing judgment to the earth, but judgment begins first at My house, then does it proceed to the nations of the earth. While some have cried judgment, where are those that would stand between the porch and altar and weep for what is to come? Did not Jeremiah weep at the foreseeing of the destruction of Jerusalem?

Yet in this age of grace I bring judgment that repentance and a change of heart would follow. Truly in this day I am moving in My church across the nations and bringing into alignment that which was out of place. I am speaking to My people and causing you to walk in a new level of holiness and faith. To those of mine that fear My name, the Sun(Son) of righteousness shall rise with healing in his wings. To those that are walking away from Me or opposing My ways, I will bring a humbling that I may gather you together even as a hen gathers her chicks.

You are indeed coming to a new day. A day where you will walk and not stumble. Where you shall run and not faint. For as you walk with Me, you will hear My voice saying 'This is the way, walk in it'. This is also a time of reckoning. The seeds that you have planted are coming to fruition. Remain in Me and let My Word remain in your hearts. Turn your ears to Me and listen, for I am indeed speaking to My people says the Almighty.

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Return To Your First Ministry
Musa Opiyo

May 23, 2004

I hear the Lord asking many to return to their first ministry: intimacy and true relationship with His Son Jesus Christ.

Many people, especially ministers the Lord says, have become so engrossed and involved in their own ministries and all that entails it that they have forgotten their first and foremost ministry; intimacy with their Lord and Saviour. Because of this they have experienced frustrations and problems to which have dialed 911 to Heaven's throne asking what is going on.

I hear the Lord replying: "Many have forsaken drawing from the well that is found in My presence that by the time you go and minister to My children you are dry because you cannot give what you yourself have not received. Lean on Me. I am the one who anointed and gifted you in your area of ministry and service to My children. I will equip you and I will give you the tools and resources you need. When you give time devoted to Me, I will extend time as I did with My servant Joshua so that you can and will accomplish that which I have sent and commissioned you to do."

"And yet there are some of My children who have forsaken the ministry because of discouragement and weariness brought on from the enemy. When you said yes for Me to use you I did not promise you a smooth road. In fact, if anything I promised that you would have tribulation moments where your faith would be tested and tried. It would be the enemy's delight to see you throw in the towel and give up, yet I say give him no quarter. Pick up again your mantle and go forth knowing that the I AM who called and anointed you shall go forth accompanying your words with signs and wonders. I AM with you."

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Child of God, the Almighty has not given up on you. Don’t give up on him. What he has spoken shall come to pass for his word shall not return void.

Blessings,
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You Are My Silver Bird

Susan Waldrop

FEAR NOT for I am WITH THEE. I am the one that will carry thee through this time of trouble, sorrow, and weeping. I am on your side, through the darkness, the tears, the friendless times, I am your bridge, I am your fortress, I am your comforter.

Oh my dear, you MUST WALK... in WHO YOU ARE. I did not create you for defeat, but for victory. Though death be all around, STILL, walk. Your time has come, and you are about to shine, and the dreams are on the rise.

DO NOT LOSE HEART, for the troubled water will pass.........it will ALL PASS....for nothing lasts forever except LOVE.....and THAT, is WHO you are, WHAT you are, YOU ARE NOT SMALL, but GIANT in MY EYES.

HOLD FAST to everything you know is ME, what I have told you, for it SHALL COME TO PASS EVEN SO you shall see it physically

EVEN NOW, as the evil passes, and pain is all around, RISE UP, for you are........MY SILVER BIRD; and I AM SAILING RIGHT BESIDE!

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You Are Now Moving Into My Day

Jeremy Lopez

"You Are now moving into My day, says the Lord. The day that I have longed for you to see. The day that I have prepared for you My people. The Sabbath day has now come upon you. On the Sabbath is when I performed many unlawful things for those that were hungry for Me. Those that asked of Me for healing in there body and a miracle in there life did not care what day of the week it was. For they had come to a place of desperation to see Me move. What was unlawful for man to do on the Sabbath is lawful for Me, says the Lord. For I am the Lord of the Sabbath. For I will bring forth a demonstration of My power that the earth has never seen. This is the day where much possibility awaits you.

The movings and shiftings are coming to My church.

You will begin to see My glory reside in your presence like the glory cloud of old did for the children of Israel. I will begin to bring forth, like a child from the womb, the Elisha Ministry into the earth to crush the power of the Jezebel spirit.

Take Heed

My prophets will begin to see a pattern change in there vocabulary. For I will breathe a word from My throne that will come forth like a rod in their mouths. This word will not bring forth peace but will bring forth a sword! For I did not come to bring peace but I came to bring a sword to cut asunder between soul and spirit. This cutting will begin to penetrate the very soul of your being. This is the day where My prophets will begin to declare righteousness and holiness back into the earth. For I will cause My prophets to begin speaking into the lives of individuals in governmental positions and those that hold power over nations.

Those From The Fire

I am moving suddenly and quickly to establish My kingdom in the four corners of the earth. For I would say there shall be a violent people arising in the midst of My church. A people that will put AIDS to flight. For as you see many deadly diseases arise; I will call out those from the fire of tribulation and give them an impartation to combat the spirit of infirmity that the world has never seen before.

Mysteries are Beginning To Unfold To Us

I will cause My prophets to speak mysteries beyond the natural understanding of man and My sons and daughters to possess My mind again. Yes, says the Lord, My day is at hand! Even as the man of old stretched forth his hand to be made whole again. I will begin to stretch forth My hand into the earth and unfold purpose and success to My people that will bring divine healing to there instabilities.

Global Move Upon The Internet

For I am beginning to pour forth My anointing on the Internet and birth forth strategic global plans in My people to reach the masses of those who have not yet heard of Me. Was it not I who said that I would cover the earth with My Word even as the waters cover the sea? You will notice global ministries arising in this day like never before. Passion for the nations will begin to swell up in the hearts of My people. Did I not say that I would give you the nations of the earth as your inheritance? Take note My people that the Lord of the Sabbath is arising. For the process has already begun to gather My harvest in the earth."

"You Are Now Moving Into My Day"

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You Are Not The Defeated One

Sherie Trahan

My precious children, don’t you know you have a Father that loves you so much that I withhold nothing from you? Don’t you know that it is I who causes you to walk in complete victory in every fiery trial of you life? Am I a God that lies? Does a mother forget to nurse her child? I sent my beloved Son to embrace evil, lies, curses, illness, deception, all forms of rejection, fear, anger and confusion and completed the work at Calvary’s cross so that you will have everything necessary to be the victor, not the defeated.

Thus says the Lord God - your Lord God, that “FEAR IS FALSE EVIDENCE APPEARING REAL!” This fear will destroy and bring utter destruction to you. What you fear you will serve. I am a jealous god and I say unto thee that I WILL have a people that serve Me only. I tell you that there is NOTHING impossible for me that I won’t do for those whose hearts are truly mine. Hear my word today that you are not defeated! Satan is the defeated one. You have not fallen, Satan has. I myself - The Lord God Almighty kicked him out of heaven, stripped him naked, and disarmed him. Yea, I have raised you up, clothed you in robes of fine linen, armed you for battle, crowned you in My glory and given you all authority to conquer and push back the enemy through the name of My Son and through the power of My Holy Sprit.

Listen and you will hear, receive My teaching and My word and not another’s. You are precious to me and I am jealous for your heart. I say unto you this day that Satan has caused some of you to believe the lie that the darkness you are facing will remain dark. I speak to you now - Hear My heart and heed My words for they will bring life to you. For with me there is no hopelessness, for I am the God of all hope. Satan has deceived you into thinking that I have not heard your prayer, that I will not turn your trials around, that I will not speak to you, and that I am far away. I say to you this day that I have heard your cries, and am very near to those with a humble heart. I will turn your turmoil and torment around and all will know that your Father is faithful and true and I keep my promise to My children. I will turn your weeping into joy and all will know that no human flesh could do such mighty wonders, that YEHEW - Jehovah God - The ONE true God is able to scatter your enemies with one blast of My nostrils this day. I say only for you to turn from the lies, doubt and unbelief. Today let go of all bitterness, fear, oppression and know that this thing is from me. I will purify you and raise you up in the midst of your darkness. You shall not be defeated or fail if you TURN your eyes on ME. Embrace the cross for which My Son willingly laid himself down to die that you may rise up and live. Let faith arise in your soul and know that I am an unchanging God and My arm is not short that I cannot save.

My children, I know you are weary and the dark clouds surround you. When you come to the end of yourself and recognize that you cannot overcome or endure any longer on your own arm of flesh, you will then surrender your will under the blood of my Son, THEN you will see victory and receive the answers to which you seek and you WILL hear my voice. I tell you this that I do not delight in the strength of the horse. So turn from your circumstances that hold you in bondage, turn from the lies the enemy has told you, turn from your own understanding. I am the GREAT I AM.

I declare to you this day that I desire to see into your eyes and hear your lovely voice. I desire to reveal the mysteries of my heart. I DO have a plan and a future for you and it is good. So look up to Me and turn your eyes away from the raging storms.

I speak the truth today that some have forsaken spending time with Me, and shifted your time and your heart to another. Look to Me and I will draw you into myself. It is time, yea the time is very short to not let the lies of the enemy and the cares of this life steal you away from My presence any longer. For it is in My presence that you will receive strength for the battles now and afar. I love you with an everlasting love. Come to Me where in my presence every demon has to flea, the darkness turns into light, mourning turns into gladness, and problems vanish. In My presence I will direct you and give you understanding. I will give you wisdom, revelation, and endurance to overcome. I will show you my heart in this that you face and I will fill you with Myself like you've never known possible. Turn to Me with ALL your hearts and I will show you what has separated us. I am gentle, compassionate and longsuffering, not harsh. I sent My Son to bind up your broken hearts, I beseech you to come today and do not be afraid. I will answer! I will help!

I tell you again, that time is short. You must learn to battle and to stand or you will be consumed by the fires. I say to you that these trials you face are not as they seem. I have a greater purpose that you know not of. This is a battle that is not of flesh, yea, as My Word says, it is a battle of wicked rulers and principalities in high places. Turn to Me and I'll drop the scales from your eyes and will train your hands for war and your fingers for battle. I will cause your enemy to scatter and to be no more. I will confuse and confound your enemy and he will raise up for his own destruction. I will cast down every proud thing and lift up the humble.

Turn, do not be consumed, but be purified. Break up the follow ground of your heart and do not be stiff-necked. Wipe away the dross and receive My truth. Put on discernment and recognize error. I will lead you by my right hand and nothing will harm you. For I the Lord take pleasure in My people and will beautify the humble with salvation this day. Trust with an abandoned trust and though you go through the fires, you will not even smell of smoke. You will come through to the other side and you shall not be cast down any longer. You will be My glorious bride clothed in sparkling white garments and we shall finally be together for all eternity.

I PET 2:25 For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

IS 30:15 For thus said the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

IS 43:1-3 But now thus saith Jehovah that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am Jehovah thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour; I have given Egypt as thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in thy stead.

Zep 3:17 Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing.

Sherie Trahan
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You Are Not Rowing Alone!

Judy Bauman

In regard to your prayers: You may feel that you're isolated and in a boat rowing in circles. The enemy has tried to influence you into thinking that you are ineffective and all alone. But take heart! There are others on the boat rowing with you. Even if you can't see them, they are there. God's intercessor's are praying the Father's heart and taking the boat in the same direction. You will reach the same destination because it is He who is directing the boat. The Holy Spirit is with you!

A few years ago I was at a woman's conference, and out of the 9000 women, there was a large group of 900 who had gone to one specific break-out session. It was on prayer and intercession. Just before the speaker took the platform, the Lord spoke to my heart and said, "Look around at this large number of women." I turned around and looked from the front of the room to the back and was surprised to see the room had become totally packed with standing room only. He said, "When you are in your prayer closet, you think you are all alone and that you are only one voice trying to make a difference. You feel like you are not breaking through the darkness and reaching Me. Know that if I have you praying for something I have others praying for the same thing too. So don't feel you are alone - as you are all seated together in Christ right now. When you go home you will feel alone, but you won't be. Understand that if you are the only one who obeys My command to pray, I will hear your voice even if it is the only one speaking My heart. The prayers of the righteous avail much."

I pray this encourages you today!

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The Little Girl by the Pool'

Judy Bauman

This vision came to fruition as I was relaxing in my room. We had a swimming pool at our Florida home where I saw this. That whole week I had 'seen' this little girl, but hadn't recognized she was a vision. I would look out at the pool and not see anyone (in the natural) sitting there, so I disregarded it. As I was resting one afternoon, in my mind's eye I saw the girl again. I looked out at the pool and no one was there, but that is when I realized the Lord was trying to reveal something to me. So I shut my eyes and let the Holy Spirit teach me. This is what I saw and heard:

A little girl was sitting on the steps by the side of the swimming pool. In the palm of her left hand she was carefully holding a pile of sand. In her right hand she was meticulously and painstakingly picking one grain of sand at a time between her forefinger and her thumb, and placing it in the pool. She looked so sad and lonely just sitting there dropping the sand into the pool one grain at a time. In the water there was a much smaller pile of sand than the one in her hand. Her sad eyes glanced at me briefly, but she continued to methodically take a grain of sand and drop it into the pool.

As I wondered why she was doing this, I intently watched her sway forward, bent over the warm water with a grain in between her fingers, drop it in the same place as the last, and then lean back again to look up and glance at the pool. The tiny grains of sand were so insignificant that as she dropped them into the pool there was not even the slightest hint of a ripple. With a disappointed look on her face, she would reach back into the mound in her left hand and cautiously pull out another speck of fragmented stone and bend forward once again and toss it in the water. Each time the results were the same.

I heard a voice ask me, "Do you see what she is doing?"

"Yes," I replied, "but I don't understand why is she putting the sand in the pool?"

"The sand is not really sand. The sand is symbolic of *things*."

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Each grain of sand represents a possession -- like a dream home or a fulfilling job. The sand can be relationships with different people like a spouse, a lover, a friend, a parent, or a child. It could be a boat or a car, a plane, a yacht, or it could even a pet. The sand is also symbolic of anything a person tries to use or to do to fill a hole in their heart. It could be jewelry, furniture or clothing. It could be food, drugs or alcohol -- or even good deeds or works of charity. There are many things each grain of sand can represent, as numerous as the sand on a beach."

"Well, I still don't understand why she is putting them in the pool." I questioned further.

"The pool is also symbolic. The pool is like a big hole in each person's heart. There is only one way to fill it, and 'things' will never work."

I felt I was beginning to understand. "So you mean each grain of sand is something significant in her life? Is she trying to fill a hole in her heart that she can never fill?"

"That is exactly what she is trying to do. Because each grain can be something that takes much time, effort and expense, she could spend her entire life placing grains of sand in the pool. However, as you can clearly see, when she looks up after dropping the grain of sand in the pool, the water has not even moved. She could even try to take handfuls of sand at a time and throw them into the pool, but she will not ever fill the hole in her heart with things."

The explanation continued, "I show you a pool, as it is easier for you to envision, but the hole in each person's heart is as vast as all the seas on earth put together. No 'thing' can fill the immense void that is in every human soul."

As I pondered this further I concluded that no person wants sand in their pool! I also realized that the pool was already filled -- with water. Water in a pool is there to enjoy, to swim in and to relax. The water is there to bring pleasure. Sand in a pool only brings aggravation. I wondered why she would want to put sand in a pool of refreshing water, and why her thoughts were fixated on the sand and filling the hole her heart that way. The little girl was not enjoying the pool as was intended. She was also frustrated with her inability to control it.

Then I heard, "I Am the only One who can fill that hole, for it is a God-sized hole. I fill the hole with Living Water! I have come to give her life and give it to her in abundance. ... Go tell her!"

Now I clearly understood the meaning of the vision and it is my prayer that it speaks to you too. Jesus is the Living Water and we will only be satisfied when we are full of Him.

In His mighty grip,

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The Cat and the Mockingbird

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The cat lay lazily on a warm summer’s day
A peace all around him was there on display
As the mocking bird chattered, scolded and squawked
The cat lay there without a care or a thought

The bird angrily swooped and tried to distract
But the furry little feline did not react.
Louder the bird clamored as he tried to persuade
The cat merely blinked and ignored his charade

"God is that You?" I exclaimed with a start!
The cat ignored my query as he played his part
He lay on the driveway enjoying the sun
Noise all around him the racket he shun

Not that the cat was God you do see,
But his lesson of peace was the missing key.
We let life's distractions lead us astray,
Yet here was a cat not rubbed the wrong way.

Are distractions -- some that even seem right
Merely to keep us from God's perfect sight?
Do things look so fuzzy that we do not see
God’s plans are such that we need not flee?

His plans are often hidden from view
Distractions keep us out of balance too
But if we take life as does this cat
Then we will find peace... and that is a fact!

You Are The Starting Point!

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This word was spoken to me during worship on Sunday and is humbly submitted for your consideration. For several months I have been sensing a ‘breaking’ coming to the Church (universal). Understand this, it is not something that is going to happen somewhere else. This is going to happen in you. This is going to happen in me. The breaking must start in each of us!

6/5/05

“My heart is grieved at the division in My Church.”

“Striving [for position], gossip, jealousy, and division plague My Body.”

“You cry out to Me to revive the church, but yet I strive and wrestle with you to get you to obey My written Word. Even My Rhema Word is quickly overlooked and forgotten.”

“Do you want revival? YOU ARE THE STARTING POINT! Ask for the breaking to start in you. Ask Me to reveal your areas of weakness and sin. Let Me break you! Let Me cause your heart to break.”

“It is too easy for you to see this in others and forget it is still in you.”

“I Am Holy and I Am not going to strive with you forever. I will not strive with flesh forever. You are My servant and you must not strive.”

“Come to Me all of you who are weary with religion and works, who are called by My name. Rend your hearts, repent and turn away from your sin and I will heal you, your church, your land. Thus says the Lord your God.”

Because of the widespread misuse of this statement, I hesitated to write, “Thus says the Lord your God.” So I stopped and asked the Lord if He really wanted me to end this word in this manner and He said, “Yes, write down, “Thus says the Lord your God.” I tell you this because it is not something I take lightly.

Upon reflection of this word I have become acutely aware of the Lord’s broken heart over His Body’s disunity. We say we want to see people saved, but then we strive with one another. How can this be?

Why would anyone want to become a part of Christ’s Body, when the Body is at war with itself? We need to stop the internal fighting and come into unity by being obedient to God’s Word, His will, and His ways.

Gal 5: 13 For you have been called to live in freedom – not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom to serve one another in love. 14 For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if instead of showing love among yourselves you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. 16 So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

25 If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. 26 Let us not become conceited, or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another.

If you would like to pray, let us now go boldly to the Throne of Grace. Father God, we come to You in the matchless and mighty name of Your Son, Jesus. Reveal in us where there is both hidden and known offenses. Reveal the thorns in our hearts and remove them. We know that this cannot be done without repentance, so we willingly repent of holding bitterness and resentment towards our brethren. [Speak specifically to the Father about whom and what has offended you, or whom you have offended.] We ask You, Holy Spirit, to remove the infection that these thorns have caused, and for You to apply Your healing Balm of Gilead to these wounds. Break our hearts of stone! Graft the skin of Your heart over our hearts, Lord, so that what is imperative to You will be transplanted into us. May areas of weakness become areas of strength and unity. Let us cast our care upon You, for You care for us. Vengeance is Yours, not ours. Let us be reconciled to You and to one another! Let us cry to You, “Not my will, but Your will be done, Father!” Amen

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

In His great love,
Judy

You Can Make It

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I don't care what they've told you. I want to tell you that you can make it.
They've told you . You cant do this. You cant do that but I come with the voice of the trumpet tonight to tell you that you can do it. It doesn't matter what it may look like. May be it doesn't look right but I wanna tell you that my God is gonna lift you up. Just wait a minute for something good, something great is coming your way.

It doesn't matter what it may seem to look like right now. God is going to make a way for you. I don't care how old you are. If Moses could be used and made by God at the age of 80 then you can make it. A man made his first million after retirement so you don't have excuse. You can aspire to be great and you can get there. just aspire to be great. Think of a dream.

Dream big. Think wide for a future too wide for you to handle is coming. It's too big, bigger than you think. It's gonna take you up and catapult you into a whole new realm of glory and you shall be where God has destined you to be. Its your destiny, my brother. It's your place my sister.
I am talking about a place in glory specially carved out for you and for me. Where we can sit down and call it our own. God wants to take you there and before you know it, You've forgotten about where you are right now. Your fears have flown away and a new light has begun to shine. Remember this is the way. Walk ye in it and be thou perfect. God is gonna lift you up. Somebody shout Allelujah!

Glory be to God! Alleluyah for you. For u are alive and fine. U know its takes a miracle to stay alive and God has given that to you. I tell u its more than just being alive to stay alive. It takes a miracle. God took you out of the pit and gave u a new name. Hephzibah, that's what u shall be called for he has given u a new name. Your land shall be called Beulah and he's gonna turn things around. Look at u now. You are just a shadow of what u shall be in the future. Little by little God is fashioning u to be what he wants u to be. U are a miracle and u are getting there.

Do u know that God loves u so much that he thinks about u all the time? The bible says his mind is full of you. He thinks about u all the time and his thoughts towards u are just so much that if u could count them they are far more in number than the sand on the sea-shore and the stars in the sky. He loves u so much. His thoughts towards u are thoughts of peace and his got it all fixed up. You don't have to worry and u don't have to go thru that trouble any more. He is got it all fixed up. Just wait on him, trust in him and he will see u thru. Remember he is fighting your battle. Shalom

Your Fruit Is Fully Ripe

Judy Curmi

11-9-2005

I received this message almost two weeks after rioting begun by North African immigrants rocked the whole of the French countryside with violence. Cars, busses and buildings burned in the fiery milieu.

Those who fight against me have no idea whom they are dealing with. I am not a weak and wimpy God. I am not weak kneed. I am not a patsy you can push around at will. I AM the Great I AM, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and Ending of all things. Without me man would cease to exist. The earth would cease to exist. Even the universe itself would cease to exist!

I have given man plenty of time to change his ways and repent. I have given plenty of time for restoring that which man has broken, but instead, man's rebellion against me continues to harden.

As it was in the days of Noah so it is again. The earth is full of violence and the earth is full of wickedness.* The good is mocked and evil is elevated and idolized.

Your fruit is now fully ripe, Oh earth, and you have begun to eat of it. It is not from the Tree of Life, because you have rejected my teachings and my life. You have chosen death and destruction instead, so this is what you will receive.

Every tree bears fruit of its own kind in its season and the season for eating is here.** I have proclaimed it. Your fruit stands as a testament or a testimony to what you have chosen to replace MY Truth. The birth pangs have begun and will continue to intensify. Your King is coming and you are not ready, Oh earth!

Daddy

**Gen. 6:11-13 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them from the earth."* [NKJ]

***Prov. 10:16 The labor of the righteous tends to life; the harvest of the wicked to sin.*

Isa. 3:10-11 Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them; for they shall eat of the fruit of their doings. Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Jer. 17:10 I the Lord search the heart and try the reins, and give every man according to his ways and according to the fruits of his doings.

Jer. 32:19 Great in counsel and mighty in work, whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings.

Your Manna-Fest Destiny

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SCRIPTURE VERSE

I have read and heard many wonderful teachings on the revelatory significance of "Manna." The word "manna" is primarily an Old Testament word or symbol associated with the Lord's provision and one of three items that were placed within the Ark of God's presence. Today, you and I are the fulfillment of the ark that carries the presence and Spirit of God in fulfilling His purposes in the earth. The Lord in His great majesty and power has incredibly chosen man for the most part to work through in touching the lives of humanity. This is why it is essential that we understand that our relationships with each other is a true reflection of our relationship with God. The most awesome judgment that I can find in scripture (Matthew 25) other than the Apocalypse will center and focus not so much on what we "did", (the sin of commission) but what we "didn't" (the sin of ommision. How we met the emotional and physical needs of each other and those in need will be laid out and proclaimed from the rooftops.

Destruction and even death occurred when the Ark of God's presence was carried upon the work and creation of man's hands (an ox drawn cart). The Lord designed that His presence be carried upon the shoulders of those called to the priesthood of all believers. (You and I – the creation of His hand). The commandments held within the Ark represent the fruit of obedience to God's Word in the life of a born again believer. The Staff or rod of Aaron represents the authority and power of God that He has empowered us with through the infilling of His Holy Spirit. What is locked within the jar of "manna" is what I believe has been overlooked and holds a prophetic key to an abundant and victorious life.

First of all, we know that the manna "came" from heaven. Those who choose to walk with God, whether we are in a season of doubt, trial, or even suffering -- The Lord has promised to always supply us our daily BREAD. As a believer in Christ you have this eternal promise of nourishment to meet both of your natural and spiritual needs.

Therefore, I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; not about your body and what you will put on...Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow or reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow...Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown in the oven, will He not much more clothe you...For all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:25-34 abbrev.)

Likewise, Jesus, the bread or manna of life "came" from heaven to be our source of health and healing – naturally, emotionally, and spiritually. You are not reading this by accident. Whatever your needs are this day, whether it be provision of food, shelter, companionship (Lonliness is rampant in the body of Christ. I pray that this message will be a source of hope and confirmation that the Lord is drawing you ever closer to your covenant partner or even restoring your marriage to Christ centered intimacy), and finances in general – Your Father has promised to provide you the means of an abundant and fulfilling life from heaven. He gave the best that heaven could offer in His very own, our Lord Jesus Christ to pay the price of your needs. It only requires a mustard seed of faith and a commitment to live a life worthy of that price.

This means that we have a RESPONSIBLE part to play if we are to receive God's best for an abundant life. For instance, many have preached, taught, and received that if you just sow a "seed offering" in faith…The lord will "open up the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing." However, the Bible also states that if we are LAZY, both naturally and spiritually – We will go hungry and be in need or want. It requires both faith in God's Word and promises, and also a responsible and well stewarded lifestyle (according to God's Word) on our part.

The manna also "came" at night. Although the desert nights were cold and dark, God's people could rest assured that the manna from heaven would be there in morning. At least 12 million pints of manna everyday would be waiting for the children of Israel at the start of each day. This paints us a picture of the abundance that is in Jesus Christ. The fires of revival and the tremendous growth of the church in third world countries is fanned by a people who are RELIANT upon the Lord for their very existence. It is within reliant faith that the Lord provides the greatest and most abundant of all gifts to mankind – eternal life or the salvation of our family members and neighbors souls in the night-time hours of their lives.

"Our fathers ate manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

Likewise, Jesus "came" as a gift from heaven at night in the small town of Bethlehem. Jesus – The Light of the world came to expose the works of darkness in the world and in our own individual lives. An essential ingredient to living an abundant and prosperous life is allowing the light of God's truth to invade the dark or night-time areas of our own heart. True and genuine humility, and the power of grace moves through our lives when we allow the Lord to draw to the surface the dark areas that we hide in the recesses of our soul.

Sanctification hinges upon our "willingness" to allow the Lord to shine the light of His love upon the dark and hidden areas of our heart. Our willingness to move into righteous obedience and to have a teachable spirit is proportionate to our willingness of allowing our hidden sins to surface for the purpose of healing and forgiveness. Human nature from the very beginning in the Garden of Eden, was to run, cover, and hide from the Lord in our shame and guilt of being exposed. The Lord is truly faithful to forgive us if we confess our sins and shortcomings with an exposed heart.

In my own life, I went for years hiding the embarrassment of my past. I always presented a spiritual front that portrayed no weakness or hurt. The truth is that I was simply hiding years of rejection and did my best to be affirmed and approved by man rather than resting in my position and acceptance as a son of the Father. I have found freedom and an increased anointing in allowing the Lord to use my weaknesses and willingness to be more transparent. I have also found healing and deliverance by not walking away from the mirror of who I really am and my willingness to expose my struggles and shortcomings to His light and even others.

The manna from heaven was provided to a people who were walking in a wilderness experience. The children of Israel were delivered from the bondage of oppression and were set on course through the wilderness to a promised land that flowed with provision and abundance. A prophetic declaration and promise of an abundant life was prophesied through the prophet Moses. Once again, I must stress "our" part that we must possess and act upon if we are to live in the fullness of God promises of an abundant life.

At least 2 million people received the prophetic word and promise of an abundant life flowing with milk and honey. However, this Word only came to pass and was experienced in the lifetime of two men (Joshua and Caleb). We could say that this Word had a "two in a million" chance of happening at the time it was proclaimed. The Word was for all 2 million. But only two men "really" believed God's Word and promises. If you are in a wilderness place – whether it's natural, financial, emotional, or spiritual; our Father desires to meet you and provide manna from heaven to sustain you if you will simply believe. Like the children of Israel, we are pilgrims or aliens passing through the wilderness of a sin soaked and stained world. The Lord desires that today would be the day that you allow Him to lead you by a pillar of fire by night and the cloud of His glory by day. It is by His Spirit that moves and guides us toward our "promised" land that soon awaits us.

As the bread of life, Jesus was led into a wilderness experience as well. It was here that the battle of temptation became a source of tremendous victory and an eternal testimony of the power of God's Word. It is no mistake that Satan would "first" tempt Jesus with turning the stone into "bread." However, the "real" first temptation in the wilderness was very subtle and the same one that the enemy attempts to pulls us down with today: "If you are the Son of God…" If the enemy gets us to doubt this, we, like the unbelieving and doubting children of Israel, forfeit our inheritance as children of God. If you are in a wilderness place in your life; the Lord has already given us the armor and weapon for success

– His Word and a birthright to it!

The manna "came" to Jews (God's people). The Lord, in His love and care for His people would provide for their needs on a daily basis. Those who followed the Lord would receive clothes, shoes, shelters and nutrition that would never wear old or spoil. It was only when the people (yes, God's people) began to complain and rebel did the Lord's best for abundant life become a shade of grey in their sight.

The Lord in His mercy and compassion would hold true to His Word and provide for their daily basic needs. However, the promise of God's best would never be realized in their generation because of their constant complaining, criticism, backbiting, and unbelief. I believe that the Joshua's and Caleb's (an older generation) are arising to lead a younger and prophetic generation into their promised inheritance by the example of unwavering FAITH and the power of God's Spirit exhibited in their lives.

The Bible says that you and I are Jews inwardly and that we have been grafted in as God's children and a people called by His name. Jesus is still coming to us as His people. The manna of the Old Covenant sustained and nourished a living people from dying. Jesus, the bread from heaven came to us when we were dead to give us life. Those who ate the manna of old died in their wilderness season. Those of us who partake of the bread of life will live forever.

And finally, the manna "came" to where they were. It didn't matter where the people were on their journey through their wilderness experience - The Lord's provision would never fail to "manna"fest.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me." (Revelation 3:20)

If you are in a wilderness place or have tremendous needs, I want you to know that I have already prayed for you and I am believing with you that in the morning a new day will shine forth with the glory of God's provision upon you to meet your every need. God sent Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life to meet all of our every need. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, Please say this simple prayer and you will experience the eternal and abundant life of salvation through Jesus Christ. You will also have the love of a God and Father who cares deeply for your every need and well-being.

Lord Jesus, I ask you to come into my life this day to be my Lord and Savior. Please forgive me of my sins and trying to walk through life in my own strength. Lord, fill me with your Spirit and empower me to live a life that will make a difference in the lives of others by the example I now choose to live. Lord, I surrender all, and give you control of my life from this day. In Jesus name, Amen.

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You Faced The Devils Now Enter New Levels

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You have heard it said that when I bring you to new levels you must face new devils. In 2004 I promised you more, and you did have more. You were faced with great challenges that tested your faith. You were tried and found faithful. Those who did not faint although there was much trouble and adversity, you will be reaping the rewards of your faith in this coming year of Grace. This is not true of all, but to those who have been obedient to Me. Those who would not let go of the vision. You have become Israel. You have struggled with both God and man and you have prevailed. Now it is time to begin to receive the blessing that was spoken into you.

The year 2004 was a time wherein I created within you a new heart. You were faced with ME recreating My image in you. You were faced with overcoming all those false thoughts of who you were according to the sayings of your families, your churches, and your friends. You came into a greater understanding of who you are In Me and although you looked bad to others for many reasons, you never left Me for long. You examined yourselves and found that you were wanting. You came to me in humbleness and asked me to change you. You received more than you thought you could handle. At times it seemed that you would lose faith altogether, but I knew you. I knew that you would examine yourself in the midst of the shaking. You found out what was of vain imagination, and what was Truth. You now are ready to move on from Creation to being Blessing.

There were many things that you had sown in 2004 that you are unaware of at this moment. You will see the reaping of those seeds in 2005. To those who have said, even if God doesn’t deliver me, I will still worship God: I tell you I walk through the fires with you and you will not be harmed. I HAVE walked through those fires with you. The plan has been established. Set your face like flint and act as I tell you for your will have your deliverance. You will have those things which I promised you. I AM FAITHFUL.

Many of you are now understanding what it means to be called You are now understanding that it is more blessed to give than to receive. For it is more blessed to give ME your problems than to receive them. It is more blessed for you to give up rather than to give in! For you will reap Peace for your mind and Body. There are many ways to give and you have discovered through Me those ways which are not your ways.

To those who were not obedient in 2004, fear not, for I will use what the enemy intended for harm and turn it to your advantage. I AM always willing to show forth mercy. You have been given another chance to be obedient. I know your heart breaks within you because you desired obedience but failed in attaining it. So now will you let go of your religion and let me lead you by my Peace? Will you NOW REST in me and let me lead you by the still waters? In your striving to obey, you have failed to obey for you did so by works without faith, and some by faith without works. You deserve nothing but I have provided everything. You cannot work you way into the arms of God, it must be because you desire me because you have known Me and My Ways. Use the lessons of 2004 to enter of time of spiritual blessing which shall strengthen you. Those areas you failed in last year, you will abound in this year if you will cease to strive and to only listen and obey without pomp and glamour. Look for your reward from me. If you are actively willing, I will turn this around for you and get you to the next level, but you must be prepared for the trial by fire this time. You must stay in the knowledge that my Grace is sufficient for you.

Boldness, Courage And Confidence
Carla Rickard

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Scripture taken from Amplified

Psalm 138:3
When I called, you answered me; you made me **bold** and stouthearted.

Proverbs 28:1
The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as **bold** as a lion.

2 Corinthians 3:12
Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very **bold**.

Proverbs 14:26
[26]In the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge.

Hebrews 13:6
[6]So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?

Bold means fearless and daring. It is not another word for arrogance. For to be fearless and daring implies there must be danger of some form present! There must be a real or perceived risk for one to assume to be fearless and daring. If there is no danger, there needs to be no boldness.

Often times courage and confidence is exchanged for the word bold in scripture. Courage means **:** a quality of spirit that enables you to face danger of pain without showing fear

Courage is the ability to confront fear in the face of pain, danger, uncertainty or intimidation. As stated in the encyclopedia. In many New Testament scripture the Lord spoke against those who were cowards.

Revelation 21:8
But as for the **cowards** and the ignoble and the contemptible and the cravenly lacking in courage and the **cowardly submissive**, and as for the unbelieving and faithless, and as for the depraved and defiled with abominations, and as for murderers and the lewd and adulterous and the practicers of magic arts and the idolaters (those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God) and all liars (those who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed)--[all of these shall have] their part in the lake that blazes with fire and brimstone. This is the second death. [Isa 30:33]

I thought this subject would be good to cover right now, mostly for my own learning as I have recently been experiencing a boldness like I have never experienced in a very long time. It's a boldness which speaks " no turning back"; it speaks, " I'm not putting up with lies and games". At first this newness of being bold concerned me as I thought perhaps I was losing my ability to remain patience and steadfast. When I began to consider it more closely, I realized that it is the Holy Spirit within me that is rising up and taking control of a situation wherein the enemy may have put a stumbling block in front of me. What I find most interesting, and I am sure that the reader will as well, is before this boldness took form, I was struggling with the desire to faint. As we seen the scripture quoted from Revelations, that is not what the Lord would have us do!

Have you ever felt like you don't have the time or desire to play children's games? This is likely due to the fact that you are maturing in the Lord. I believe that Paul reached this stage in his maturing as a Christian. He said,

1 Corinthians 13:11
When I was a **child**, I talked like a **child**, I thought like a **child**, I reasoned like a **child**; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.

A child will remain in an argument until he gets his way. A child will pout when he is denied his desire. A child will use emotional manipulation to get his need or desire met. This is not boldness but rather tactics. Boldness comes with knowing our authority and most of all the Love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts. Boldness requires that we face down anything that threatens us without showing fear. Not as a bully would, but as someone who is confident in the Lord taking care of us. The battle is the Lord's. If the Lord is for us , who can be against us?

When do we lose confidence in the Lord not taking care of our problems? This usually occurs when we are too sin conscious. We must confess our sin. Yet the Word says that when we do so, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin! Knowing His love for us produces boldness!

Ephesians 3:17
May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in **love** and founded securely on **love**,

Therefore we should OPERATE in boldness at all times. Boldness tells the enemy " BACK OFF". Boldness tells sickness " OUT OF MY HOUSE NOW". Boldness works together with authority. For when fear is present, it is boldness that must respond!

Some believe that boldness is shouting, yelling, screaming, etc. However God's kind of boldness is one such as found in Jacob.

Genesis 32
[24]And Jacob was left alone, and a Man wrestled with him until daybreak.
[25]And when [the Man] saw that He did not prevail against [Jacob], He touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him.
[26]Then He said, Let Me go, for day is breaking. But [Jacob] said, I will not let You go unless You declare a blessing upon me.
[27][The Man] asked him, What is your name? And [in shock of realization, whispering] he said, Jacob [supplanter, schemer, trickster, swindler]!
[28]And He said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob [supplanter], but Israel [contender with God]; for you have contended and have power with God and with men and have prevailed.
[29]Then Jacob asked Him, Tell me, I pray You, what [in contrast] is Your name? But He said, Why is it that you ask My name? And [the Angel of God declared] a blessing on [Jacob] there.

Boldness is not letting go of the Truth. Boldness IS steadfastness. It is not about an emotional reaction. Its about “ standing” fearlessly against the pressure to bend other wise. It is not about being rude. It is about being decided, determined, settled with the issue.

Sometimes emotions will seem to rise up with boldness as the gas needed to be taken seriously. However emotions are not the source of boldness. The source of boldness is the Truth of God. Knowing that you know that you know, will produce this boldness. Knowing you are to be and are, dead center in the will of God will produce this boldness.

Ephesians 5:17
Therefore do **not** be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the **Lord** is

Nothing and no one will deter you. You will not need to convince others of your conviction, for the purpose of boldness is to bulldoze down all those obstacles that are places in your way. Faith is the fore runner of Boldness. Once faith is established it must then incubate until boldness is birthed to get the job done.

Boldness is the took needed to overcome factors of fear such as intimidation, rejection, physical and emotional danger of all types and sorts. Fear paralyzes, boldness energizes!

The Lord has not called us to be cowards. The Lord has called us to be bold. For the Lord fears nothing, for the spirit of fear does not come from God!

May the Lord increase you in boldness, teaching you all things through His Spirit who knows all things.

Your Hour Is Now

Luz Cintron

This is for the people who have been at the end of the line for a long time. They have always stepped back so that others may get blessed, they have interceded for others even laying aside their own needs, they have pushed forth the kingdom until they feel they had no strength left. They have given without expecting and they have embraced loss for the love of Christ when they could have won. They are well seasoned believers mainly intercessors that have placed themselves on the gap without romanticizing what that means, paying the price in silence and obscurity. To those I speak today in the name of Abba.

This is what He says to you. "Your hour is now and not a minute later. I have seen, I have heard, I have noticed. You are established in a place that no one can take away from you because you have persevered without expecting rewards." Listen to what He says, "I am your shield and your great reward." Remain humble because His glory is about to pass your way and all that is lifted in the land will be brought to naught. Your day of visitation will be in consolations and strength." Lift up your head, you are beloved and His love waves upon you as a banner through the battles you have endured. He sees, He knows and He beholds your history with Him as precious, holy you are unto Him, for Him you are holy because you have become His treasure. You are Beulah unto Him. (Isa 62:4) An increase in discernment is being assigned to you, Remain in the heart of the Lord.

Your Hour Of Triumph

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Father is there something you would say to the church in this hour?

Rise up church! Rise up in My Might and My Power. Never allow the enemy to see you defeated. You have ALL power and authority to overcome the enemy at every turn. Now is the hour and the time to use the authority I have given you Church to rise above the ash heap and conquer on all sides. Now is the time of My complete Glory to be seen throughout the earth through My church. Church, you are victorious. Go forth as that victorious church. My Holy Angels have been given charge over thee and they shall come to your assistance and they shall prevail.

Kingdom shall rise against kingdom, but My church will be the victorious one. She shall go forward clothed in My glory and My honor and she shall prevail at every turn. This is your hour of triumph children, walk yea in it. For I am the creator of all things and I have created you for such a time as this.

Many shall walk the path of righteousness at this given time and many shall call upon the name of the Lord and many shall see My Glory being shed abroad all across the land. You church, you rise up and you spread this Glory for Me, for I have a great and mighty works for you to do at this given hour. Oh, you shall be victorious and you shall go forth with the joy of the Lord and you shall slay the giants in the land and you shall know what it is to wield the sword and come forth more than a conqueror.

The enemy has had his day, but now it is the day of the church arising up out of the ash heap and revealing the Glory of the Lord to a lost and dying land. You shall eat of the honey and you shall drink of the living waters. Go forth church! Go forth and conquer on all sides.

You Have Turned A Corner

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You Have Turned A Corner! Now Is The Time!

BIBLE: Genesis 19: 17
17 When they had them outside, Lot was told, "Now run for your life! Don't look back! Don't stop anywhere on the plain--run for the hills or you'll be swept away."

Isaiah 41: 17
17 "The poor and homeless are desperate for water, their tongues parched and no water to be found. But I'm there to be found, I'm there for them, and I, God of Israel, will not leave them thirsty.

Isaiah 32: 17-19
17 And where there's Right, there'll be Peace and the progeny of Right: quiet lives and endless trust. 18 My people will live in a peaceful neighbourhood-- in safe houses, in quiet gardens. 19 The forest of your pride will be clear-cut, the city showing off your power levelled.

John 17: 1
1 Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said: Father, it's time. Display the bright splendour of your Son So the Son in turn may show your bright splendour.

YOU HAVE TURNED A CORNER!

"Beloved ones, know that now, from this day, you have turned a corner! You have heard of the day coming, of a new day, a day where My life, and My grace and power will flow and overflow in the lives of those who are called after My name. It is a day in which YOU HAVE TURNED A CORNER!

"Beloved you need to grasp the reality of "turning a corner"! Many in My Kingdom have been looking back as far as their heart can see! They see the failures! They see the pain and the sorrow in their wake! They see the rejection! They see the brokenness! They see the heartache of their past! All of this holds them back from fully embracing the "NEW DAY" and the "NEW PLACE" I am placing them into!

"When you "TURN A CORNER" you cannot look back other than to the place where which you have just turned. When you look back, ALL you see is that corner where you turned. All you see in the spirit is that place where you had that encounter in Me, where you turned a corner in the spirit. When you turn a corner, you can only see as far as that corner! You cannot go any farther back!

"Now beloved, forsake that which has held you back! Forsake the pain and the sorrow and the anguish! Don't become paralyzed by your past, but bring it to My feet, and let it go! Turn the corner on that which has held you back from your destiny in Me!

"I declare over you! I declare that you have now, by faith, "TURNED A CORNER"! You have removed yourself from the bondage of the past! You have embraced the present, the TURNING, to now embrace a fresh new future in Me! Come beloved ones, "TURN THE CORNER"! Move into that place I have for you!

NOW IS THE TIME!

"Beloved ones, "NOW IS THE TIME"! The Son spoke to the Father and said, "Father, it's time. Display the bright splendour of your Son So the Son in turn may show your bright splendour."

"The Father desires to display the splendour of the glory of the Son in the Son's Bride! He desires to see Son manifest in those who are called by His name! "NOW IS THE TIME"! beloved ones! NOW IS THE TIME!

"The Father desires to see the coming of all things together for the advancement of the Kingdom in your hearts, lives, and communities! You must seize the moment!

HARMONY OF THE HEART OF THE FATHER WITH THE SAINTS

"There is a DIVINE HARMONY and UNION of hearts and minds taking place in the Kingdom! There is now a great realization of the TIME and SEASON that the Body is in harmony with the heart of the Father!

"Embrace this moment! TURN THE CORNER! IT IS TIME! COME IN ALIGNMENT AND HARMONY with the heart of the Father! Come beloved! Come unto Me! Embrace Me! Embrace your destiny!"

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You Have the Advantage

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No matter what situation brings, you still have the advantage. The Lord Jesus has give us His Word that all things will work together for our good. Things that look like a disaster, and things that make us feel terrible, and hopeless and lost for a solution will work together for our good.

They make us come to God. God is the single source of all of our needs.

God heard us pray the prayers we prayed today before we were born. He has heard your cry for help before you were born. God is in the eternal realm that covers the past presence and future.

There is already an answer and the help you need to handle your situation.

You won’t see or feel it in the natural. You have live by faith. Faith says that God shall supply all of my needs according to His riches in glory. Faith says that No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper. Faith says that by His stripes I am made whole. Faith says that I am made righteous and accepted by God through Christ Jesus.

The one called satan is a liar and a deceiver, no matter what was said about you or what has happened to you.

Your earthly record is what you have done and are doing in this world. The new creature that you are is perfected and completed in Christ Jesus. God has great plans for your life that He has created for you and you alone.

He knows where you are now. He knows every thought that you will think from the beginning of your life until the end of this earthly life.

He knows how many hairs are on your head.

Some things that happen to us are to bring chaos to separate us from the thing that may stand between us and God.

Now you must know that every Christian is a city set upon a hill, and it cannot be hid. The light of the world is you in Christ. The Lord said that you are peculiar and Holy (separate from the common) royal.

You work and live out of your spiritual life which is an extension of Christ Himself.

You have the victory!

Your prayers are heard through the perfect blood of Jesus. God sees you through the perfect God blood of Jesus. You are in the family. You are a true son and daughter.

There is nothing between us to separate us from God. Jesus was the One that sealed our relationship with God the Father.

He will not hold anything back. You have the greatest parent in the universe and so much more.

God says that you are engraved on the palms of His hands.

There is no changing His mind about you, He loves you with an everlasting love. Don’t become anxious and don’t worry. He sees you. Come to God with your uncertainty, with your doubts, fears, anger, frustration, pain, and guilt, and He will cleanse and help you. He doesn’t want you to run the other way.

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Your Inheritance is Available Now
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The word inherit means: to receive from a person by legal succession or will. To receive genetically from an ancestor.

Property can be passed down as an inheritance. Something handed on from past generations or legacy. To accept as true and correct, to fulfill or obtain.

Galatians 4:1-7
Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age , he does not differ from a slave, although he is master (lord) of all the estate; You are lord of all with Christ, the Lord of lords.
But he is under guardians and administrators or trustees until the date fixed by his father.
So we also when were minors, were kept like slaves under the rules of the Hebrew ritual and subject to the elementary teachings of a system of external observations and regulations.
But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the regulations of the Law.
To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us (and be recognized as God’s sons).
And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba or Father!
Therefore you are no longer a slave (a bond servant) but a son; and if a son then it follows that you are an heir (an equal heir or co-owner, a co-ruler) by the aid of God, through Christ.

I John 5:13-15
I write this to you who believe in (adhere to, trust in , and rely on) the name of the Son of God (in peculiar services and blessings conferred by Him on men), so that you may know (with settled and absolute knowledge) that you already have life, yes eternal life.
And this is the confidence (the assurance, the privilege of boldness) which we have in Him: (we are sure) that if we ask anything (make any request) according to His Own plan (His last will and testament, His final written and spoken will for us the benefactors), He listens to and hears us.
And if (since) we (positively) know that He listens to us in whatever (anything, that covers anything), we ask, we also know (with settled and absolute knowledge) that we have (granted us as our present possessions) the requests made of Him.

He hears us through the God blood type of Christ Jesus. The blood that is uncorrupt and perfect and sinless.

Hebrews 2:11-12
For both He Who sanctifies (making men Holy) and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren;
For He says, I will declare Your (the Father’s) name to My brethren; in the midst of the (worshiping) congregation I will sing hymns of praise to You.

You are a brother of Jesus through His blood.

John 17:22-23
I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one (even) as We are One: I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and (definitely) recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them (even) as You have loved Me.

Philippians 3:20-21
But we are citizens of the state (commonwealth, homeland) which is in heaven, from it also we

earnestly and patiently await (the coming of) the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) (as) Savior,
Who will transform and fashion anew the body of our humiliation to conform to and be like the body of His glory and majesty, by exerting that power which enables Him even to subject everything to Himself.

Galatians 3:8-9
And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (declare righteous, put in right standing with Himself) the Gentiles in consequence of faith, proclaimed the Gospel (foretelling the glad tidings of a Savior long beforehand) to Abraham in the promise, saying, In you shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.

BLESSED MEANS:

To Honor, to make Holy, to sanctify, to help, to call divine favor upon, to confer well being or prosperity upon, to prefer and hold in superior regard, to bestow an act of kindness upon, to approve.

Galatians 3:18-19
For in the inheritance (of the promise depends on observing) the Law (as these false teachers would like you to believe), it no longer (depends) on the promise; however, God gave it to Abraham (as a free gift solely) by virtue of His promise.
So then, those who are people of faith are blessed and made happy and favored by God (as partners in fellowship) with the believing and trusting Abraham.

Acts 17:28

For in Him we live and move and have our being; as even some of you own poets have said, for we are also His offspring.

Ephesians 1:3, 5-6, 7-8, 11

May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us (already done, already completed the bestowment of favor) in Christ Jesus with every (every, all the total number of blessing we have allotted to us) (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!
For He foreordained us (destined us, planned in love for us) to be adopted (revealed) as His Own children through Jesus Christ, in accordance with the purpose of His will (because it pleased Him and was His kind intent-
So that we might be to the praise and the commendation of His glorious grace (favor and mercy), which HE so freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. (The family membership of God Almighty).
In Him we have redemption (deliverance and salvation) through His blood, the remission (forgiveness) of our offenses (shortcomings and trespasses), in accordance with the riches and the generosity of His gracious favor,
Which He lavished upon us in every kind of wisdom and understanding (practical insight and prudence),
In Him we also were made (God’s) heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His (Own) will,

Colossians 3:24
Knowing (with all certainty) that it is from the Lord (and not from men) that you will receive (and have received) the inheritance which is your (real) reward. (The One Whom) you are actually serving (is) the Lord Christ (The Messiah).

I Peter 1:3-6
Praise (honored, blessed) be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (The Messiah)! By His boundless mercy we have been born again to an ever-living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

Born anew into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay (imperishable), unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you.
Who are being garrisoned by God's power through your faith (till you fully inherit that final) salvation that is ready to be revealed (for you) in the last time.
You should be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations.

John 8:36
So if the Son liberates you (makes you free men), then you are really and unquestionably free.

Galatians 3:26, 29
For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.
And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed), then you are Abraham's offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise. You have the same inheritance as Jesus as well as Abraham. You have all the same benefits and the right standing of the Lord Jesus Himself.

Jesus Is The King of kings (us), and the Lord of lords (us).

Genesis 17:2, 6
And I will make My covenant (solemn pledge) between Me and You and will multiply you exceedingly.
And I will make you exceedingly fruitful and I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you.

Genesis 18:17-18

And the Lord said, shall I hide from Abraham (My friend and servant) what I Am going to do
Since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty, nation and all the nations (all, all the nations) of the earth shall be blessed through him and shall bless themselves by him?

Philippians 4:6, 19
Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.
And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

According to the standard of God's riches which are far beyond the standard of man's estimation of riches. God's standard and measures are much greater and more glorious than man's standards. There is a no comparison.

II Corinthians 1:20
For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their Yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it done or accomplished) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency) to the glory of God.

Job 22:28
One of God greatest promises to us as heirs with Jesus is this one:

You shall also decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light of God's favor shall shine upon your ways.

The word decree means:

An authoritative order having legal force, (when a king makes a decree, it becomes law),

It means to establish, to ordain, to set, to decide, to divide, a judicial judgment, to set in a secure position, to found, to create, to prove, to cause to be recognized or accepted, to fix, to hold in place, to settle, to set a direction of a thing.

Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, (the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things we do not see with the physical eye and the conviction of their (faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses.

Hebrews 6:17-18
Accordingly God also, in His desire to show more convincingly and beyond doubt to those who were to inherit the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose and plan, intervened (mediated) with an oath.
This was so that, by two unchangeable things (His promise and His oath) in which it is impossible for God ever to prove false or deceive us, we who have fled (to Him) for refuge might have mighty indwelling strength and strong encouragement to grasp and hold fast the hope appointed for us and set before us.

II Timothy 2:13
If we are faithless (do not believe and are untrue to Him), He remains true (faithful to His word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself.

John 10:35
So men are called gods (by the Law), men to whom God's message came-and the Scripture cannot be set aside of cancelled or broken or annulled.

Romans 4:16-17
Therefore, inheriting the promise is the outcome of faith and depends entirely on faith in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendents- not only to the devotees and adherents of the Law, but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, who is thus the father of us all.
As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. (He was appointed our father) in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that He has foretold and promised as if they already existed.

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Your Just Like Your Father
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Jul 22, 2005The often heard "God is in control" is a both a statement and a belief. What I have found to be interesting, is that most of time when this sentence rolls off the lips of a believer, it is in the midst of some type of adversity or a "comfortable" source of council from another who has no clue what you are going through. However, this statement of faith holds tremendous truth even though it may seem like everything is out of control.

As a natural father, I will certainly experience my children making decisions at some point that are in their own strength, immaturity, inexperience, or just plain bad. But you know, sometimes the best thing a father can do is to let their child feel the heat and learn the principle, "you will reap what you sow." Understanding this with clarity is vital to a life of maturity and integrity.

It is the same with our heavenly Father. God is in control of your situations as His child. However, He will allow us to walk into difficult circumstances or encounter difficult people for the purpose of growth and the learning of spiritual principles. (His ways are not our ways…His desire is that they would be) As a natural father, I desire that my children do things right not "because I said so." But because I desire that they reason for themselves that it is wrong or a bad choice. God is in control, but if God keeps us from suffering the consequences of our choices, we will never mature to walk in the spirit and truth of godly discernment and accurate decision making on our own.

As a natural father, I must admit that it is often times difficult not to discipline my 2 and 4 year old out of anger. It seems that many of us make the mistake of take…take…take until we explode or discipline in a state of anger. I must constantly remind myself that discipline is not a type of "punishment" although it might involve the rod of pain. Discipline designed by God is for the purpose of loving and caring CORRECTION.

Correction is vital in the life of a natural child and a child of God. Sometimes, the greatest punishment isn't physical but having certain privileges taken away. It is biblical that the Lord does not take away or rescind a spiritual gift. (This verse has been greatly abused to justify many warped and perverted doctrinal viewpoints) Nonetheless, the verse is God's Word. However, the Lord can take away our privileges by taking away the people and opportunities that the gift is intended for. The Lord brings correction in our lives in the same way that we should for our children – so that they will not suffer in a much greater measure the behavioral patterns that would have developed without correction if these behaviors or choices continued.

One of the greatest "strengths" that a father can exhibit is his ability to express and admit "weakness." The greater degree of humility in our life equates to a greater degree of grace in our life. When we walk in the anointing and power of grace, we walk in the favor of both God and man. Great grace provides us a life of forgiving others and the reciprocation of being forgiven. In other words we move into the BLESSING aspect of reaping what we sow. So much of the time this eternal and spiritual principal (reaping and sowing) is conveyed in a negative connotation. However, our humility and openness to our weakness allows the Lord to become strong in our lives for the purpose of blessing.

Jesus set the standard or model for natural and spiritual fatherhood in the humbling of Himself to the point of death and hanging on the cross for our sins and weaknesses. He counted Himself of no reputation and gave glory to His Father. Simply put, Jesus became "weak" that we would grow and move in the "strength" and power of His Spirit. Our ability to be vulnerable and transparent will be the hallmark of our true character as fathers and a witness of Christ as the days become darker before us. Our light will shine bright and haloed in humility as we live before our wives, children and the world in our willingness to admit our weaknesses and that we might have been wrong.

Our Father came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ. And with that coming came a mission that was focused and steadfast. Besides the saving work through the shedding of His blood, the Lord came to present His church, children and bride to the world. So often we fail to look at ourselves (the church) as a gift to the world from heaven – after all, this is our commission. Likewise, as natural fathers, we are to present our families to the world as a witness and gift of the love and grace from God.

Sadly, most men put so much effort, time, and energy in the work place or hobbies of interest that they have little left at the end of the day for their children. It is difficult to present something of value and beauty if we spend little time molding and shaping it. Children know and understand at a very young age that we spend time on what is most important to us. Come on, let's face this truth and reality head on and get our priorities right as fathers. If we have children at home, it is our primary ministry to spend time and take an interest in their life. If we are going to "die to ourselves for another", there is no better place to start than to your children. Please remember that you are never too old to be great father. As long as you have children (regardless of their age) you are still their father and the Lord has given you time for redeeming your fatherhood.

Moses received a tremendous calling, commission, and anointing to speak liberty and freedom to God's people under the yoke of bondage in Egypt. All seemed well as Moses and his family were traveling to Egypt to fulfill the purposes of God. However, the Bible states that Moses was just about to be struck dead by the Lord, and most likely would have if not for the discernment of his wife Zipporah. Moses had become so consumed with the "ministry" that God had called him to in Egypt that he neglected the greater calling and ministry to his family. Moses was so consumed with the needs in Egypt that he failed to circumcise his own son. Moses' wife would go on to save his life by performing what he should have done as a father and threw the foreskin of his son at his feet. Real fathers understand and know their real MISSION.

When the heart of God is manifested in the father / husband, he will place his wife as the apple of his eye. Our children will value the relationship of marriage through what they experience in their parents relationship with one another. The husband / father is to initiate and set the tone of the covenant and commitment within the marriage relationship. If the husband truly meets the needs of his wife as the head of the home, she will in turn meet his needs. With this said, it is imperative that men understand that they have no claim as the head of their home if they are not willing to be "first" in the meeting of his wife's needs. It is not a 50-50 deal. It is 100% of the man's responsibility to "first" meet the needs of his wife and family. They, in turn, will "then" meet his. It is not the other way around like so many men seem to believe abd expect.

Divorce is running rampant through the church and on par with the world because of a man and a woman feeling that their needs are not being met. I know that there are exceptions, however, the majority of divorces are based on the expectations and failure of having our needs met. Sadly, I must say that this has been the greater fault of men in their selfishness and conditional love. In other words, "I will meet your needs when you meet mine." Or, "I will meet you half way." Is this the condition that our Husband and the lover of souls places upon us as His bride? No, He initiated an everlasting covenant of love by sacrificing His own life for the life and well-being of His bride.

The are many good books on "fatherhood", but I believe the best fatherhood learning experience is simply looking at the Father through the life of Jesus Christ -- our eternal and loving Husband. We have a tender and loving God that no other false religion can claim. We have a Father and Husband who speaks affectionately and passionately to us. Studies have proven that children starved of a father's love will search for it...many times in destructive ways. The Father is sharing and speaking His love for us today. How about you dad? Have you told your children that you love them today? Better yet, have you shown them?

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Your Life Will Come Alive
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"2005...Things in Your Life Will Come Alive"

2005 will be the year where things in your life will come alive. I am breathing on dead situations, dead dreams, dead hopes plans and desires, yes even breathing new life into areas you thought forgotten.

I am doing a new thing, now it will spring forth, I am making streams in your desert, I am sending my life to influence your life. I give waters in the wilderness, rivers in your desert, to give drink to you, My chosen.

I, I am He who blots out your sins for My own sake, and will not remember your sins.

But now so says the Lord who created you, and He who formed you, Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; nor shall the flame kindle on you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Nations for your ransom,
Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life.
Fear not; for I am with you. I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west.
I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Do not keep back; bring My sons from far and My daughters from the ends of the earth; everyone who is called by My name; for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Bring out the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears.
You are My witness, says the Lord, and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He.
Before Me no God was formed, nor shall there be after Me.
I, I am the Lord; and there is none to save besides Me.

I have declared, and have saved, and I have shown, when there was no strange god among you; therefore you are My witnesses, says the Lord, that I am God.
Yes, before the day was, I am He; and no one delivers out of My hand;
I will work on your behalf, and who will reverse it?
I speak life into your life.
Your Father

(Isa 43:1-13)

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Year of Ministry and Mysteries

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2005 would be a year for ministry and for mysteries. Its a time to reach out to people. Its a time to serve God with all of your heart and be lost in him. Let go. What are you holding on to. In 2005 only those who rely on God will prosper, for those who rely on their own strength will fail.

The book will be opened and you will see. Mysteries you would see. Unbelievable signs and wonders will occur.

Get ready for harvest as the people of the Lord comes into intimacy with the Lord. The glory will increase and the flames of fire for miracles and saving of the soul will increase.

Be ware of fake ministries! but behold the true(and the truth) as I split them open for you to behold.

God would bless you beyond your expectation as you learn to give your all. Dont withhold. Give it all to Jesus and he would bless you without measure. Selah.

Year of The Benjamite Portion

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2005 - Year of The Benjamite Portion

2005 is The Year of The Benjamite Portion. The Lord will generously bestow upon those who answer to the name He gave them, 5 times more in this season. It will be very obvious. For example: those who earn $5 per hour could very well see $25 per hour. What takes 5 hours to complete will only take 1 hour. There will be a very definite manifestation of a 5 -fold blessings in the basics.

The Lord is saying some will be shifting out of "survival mode", in to "abundance mode" as He is our source of all that pertains to life and godliness. This dynamic will thrust the kingdom forward and much ground will be gained in 2005. For far too long highly gifted and anointed people have been held back due to their own mentality of self-preservation and coping skills with lack. This year marks a release of this mental and emotional stronghold. This does not hinge on the economy. This Benjamite portion hinges on the heart of God toward those who are called by the name He has given them in spite of the economy.

Benjamin was the only one of the twelve sons who was named by his father not his mother. He was born during the journey that Jacob and his family took from Padan Aram to Canaan. His mother Rachel named him "Ben-oni" meaning "Son of my sorrow," before she died during childbirth, but Jacob called him Benjamin. The name Benjamin means "Son of my right hand." Sound familiar?

Jesus now sits at the right hand of The Father, on the throne. (Romans 8:34) As He is, so are we in the world. (1 John 4:17) Benjamin means a covenant position!

This explains the authority that is being given in this season. Benjamin is a type of emerging leadership who is not named by its mother-"the ministry who birthed you in pain and died", but rather directly by the Father; receiving both calling and commissioning from above. There are men and women who have refused to receive their titles & commissioning from a system, which was weak and bleeding. These people are not rebellious and illegitimate. They are obedient and viable, with ears to hear their Father-God in a still small voice. Deep within they hear " This is my son in whom I am well pleased. Come now and rule together with me in the third heaven, far above all powers and principalities."

When Jacob blessed his 12 sons, in Genesis 49:27, he describes Benjamin as a wolf that prowls, devouring his enemies in the morning and dividing up the spoils in the evening. King Saul, and Judge Ehud, were descendants of Benjamin, as was Paul and the prophet Jeremiah. In the days to come we will see kings, judges, apostles and prophets rise up from the results of The Benjamite Portion.

THE BENJAMITE PORTION

Genesis 43:34 When portions were served to them from Joseph's table, Benjamin's portion was five times as much as anyone else's.

Genesis 45:22 To each of them he gave new clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred shekels of silver and five sets of clothes.

Notice in these scriptures, we see provision is made through Joseph to support Benjamin with food, clothing and money. Joseph is often seen in scripture as a type of Christ.

Most believers have learned that Christ is our Eternal Healer. This year many will also discover him as "their Joseph"; they're Provider, liberating them from anxiety and lack in order to build and increase!

One of Jesus' names is the "Everlasting Father" (Is. 9:6) when we've seen Jesus; we've seen the Father. This year, those who understand their sonship will see "the Father" through Jesus. He is our Healer and Provider! Know it!

Luke 12: 22- 34 Then Jesus said to His disciples (apprentices): " Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. .Consider the birds .God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!.. "Consider the lilies.. how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!

BENJAMITE SIGNIFICANCE

Paul belonged to the elite of Israel. The tribe of Benjamin had a special place in the history of Israel. Benjamin was the child of Rachel, the wife of Jacob, and of all the twelve sons he alone had been born in the Promised Land (Genesis 35:17-18). It was from the tribe of Benjamin that the first king of Israel had come (1 Samuel 9:1-2), and it was no doubt from that very king that Paul had been given his original name of Saul.

Under Rehoboam, the kingdom had been split up, ten of the tribes went off with Jeroboam and Benjamin was the only tribe which remained faithful with Judah (1 Kings 12:21). When they returned from the exile, it was from the tribes of Benjamin and Judah that the nation of Israel was formed (Ezra 4:1).

The tribe of Benjamin had the place of honor in Israel's battle-line (Hosea 5:8). In the book of Esther the central male figure of that story was Mordecai, a Benjaminite. When Paul said that he was of the tribe of Benjamin, it was a claim that he was not simply an Israelite belonged to the highest aristocracy of Israel.

The first king of the Jews was Saul a Benjamite. A close alliance was formed between this tribe and that of Judah in the time of David ((2 Sam. 19:16, 17), which continued after his death (1 Kings 11:13; 12:20). After the Exile these two tribes formed the great body of the Jewish nation (Ezra 1:5; 10:9), and to this day the other ten are referred to as the lost tribes of Israel.

The tribe of Benjamin was famous for its archers (1 Sam. 20:20, 36; 2 Sam. 1:22; 1 Chr. 8:40; 12:2) and slingers (Judges 20:6).

The gate of Benjamin, on the north side of Jerusalem (Jer. 37:13; 38:7; Zech. 14:10), was so called because it led in the direction of the territory of t tribe of Benjamin. It is called by Jeremiah (20:2) "the high gate of Benjamin"; also "the gate of the children of the people" (17:19). (Comp. 2 Kings 14:13.)

The High Priests would were an breastplate with 12 stones for each tribe. The opal was the stone for the Tribe of Benjamin. This is the only stone which possess all colors. Just as Bejamin was the only son of Jacob born in the Promise Land. This stone of many colors exemplifies the spectrum of splendor which awaits us 2005. The splendor of the Benjamite Portion!

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Your Running Days Are Over

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My glory is about to burst upon you and you will know freedom and joy and healing. I am about to open you up and lay open the darkness and disease of your soul. And you will be healed and set free and walk in a new light and new revelation after the cleansing of your soul. I will expose roots of madness and lies. I will expose everything that's not of Me and when I'm done you will be a new person for all to see. Do not be afraid for I am a skillful surgeon. Weeping may last for a night but a shout of joy comes in the morning. You will not have to bear more than you can handle. I hold your hand and I comfort your brow. I dress your wounds, but know this that the advent of pain is the advent of victory. It's the precursor to joy.

I am come upon a steed swiftly to your side and I bring a banner of love and life eternal. I come with the wind and with the dawn. I ride out of the mists to you and for you for I am King and Lord and God and Father. My ministers come riding with Me - myriads of angels - to take the ground that was given to Me. You are mine oh watered and fragrant garden. The time is near and the battle is ready. None can stop Me. None can have their way save Me. I have apprehended you and surrounded you. You cannot run. Your running days are over.

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You Thought I Was Just Being Poetic?

Carla Rickard

To the Prophets and Prophetesses of the God of Israel who have been called in the Name of Love to the Nations Who know where and to whom they have been called to effect that purpose that God Almighty has placed in their hearts to bring forth His Kingdom Come.

JEREMIAH 1

[3]It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.
[4]Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
[5]Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

As I spoke in my own tongue yesterday the Spirit of the Lord fell upon me with fire and great authority. " What I have said, that I will do". Let no man deceive you for I am the GOD of the NATIONS. Whom I will send, the same shall go!"

[6]Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child.
[7]But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and **whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak**.
[8]Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

And the Lord said to me, " I have heard the prayers of the people who have cried out for their country and their inheritance of children. You have asked for the healing of your land from foreign gods and I tell you now IT IS SO."

[9]Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
[10]See, I have this day set **thee** over the nations and over the kingdoms, **to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.**

" I have commissioned you by faith and prayer and knowing my righteousness and holy judgment to root out the wicked, pull down the principalities, destroy the face of other wooden idols and vain imaginations, throw down every thing that exalts itself above the NAME OF THE LORD, YOUR GOD, and BUILD and PLANT the seed of righteousness in this nation. But first must come the rooting out, pulling down, destroying and throwing down. This is what I have commissioned THEE to do. I have set YOU over this nation and the nations within this nation, and kingdoms within this kingdom. THEN will I build my house and plant my vineyard and you will see the goodness of the husbandman."

[11]Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree.
[12]Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: **for I will hasten my word to perform it.**

"Do not doubt what you have heard! For what I have said, that I am doing. I know the hearts of men and their plans and devices for wickedness. There is work to do. Everything is in its proper place. I am GOD, I cannot lie, nor can I fail. I laugh at the derision of the wicked for I see their end!"

[13]And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.
[14]Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north **an evil** shall break forth upon **all the inhabitants** of the land.
[15]For, lo, **I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north**, saith the LORD; and **they shall come**, and **they shall set every one his throne** at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah.
[16]And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

The Lord commands the wickedness in high places found in the hearts of men to kneel down and worship at the feet of the righteous for He has loved them! The plans of the wicked fail now! Evil intentions and plans are rooted out says the Lord and cast into the fire of condemnation! Their plans and purposes over the livelihood, well being, peace, and kingdom purposes of God's people are CUT OFF now for they are under a curse. REPENT of your evil doing NOW before you are destroyed in your doings!

[17]Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: **be not dismayed at their faces**, lest I confound thee before them.
[18]For, behold, I have made **thee** this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.
[19]**And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.**

I asked the Lord, but what do you mean? Shall I pray? What is it that I am to do? The Lord said to me:

"Do as I say to do when I say to do it. Listen to me always. Look neither to the right nor to the left. For I have SET you OVER the nations and the kingdoms. You are positioned. Now is the time when you will fight, but not only with words or with prayer but with faith, that I AM who I AM, will deliver you from evil. It is My Kingdom. Did you think I was just being poetic when I say these things to you? *Real men*, and *real women*, are placed in *real positions* in the earth *outside of the walls of the church* to bring righteous judgment into the earth. You are MY government on the earth. It is you I charge with

KNOWING MY WILL and executing the decree, and obeying the charge to GO. These are not pretty words of someday, but are real meat for real situations that are happening around you right now. You will encounter in the flesh *real faces that have set themselves against you*. They will use every means at their disposal to fight against the change that is being brought forth in the earth by My Prophet the DOERS of the Word. Why would I tell you they will not prevail? Because they will attempt to stop what I HAVE DETERMINED TO DO through the prayers of MY righteous. When they look you in the eye and you are hit with the spirit of fear attempting to weaken you at the knees and cause you to flee, remember, if you are not dismayed, THEY WILL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST YOU!"

and furthermore

JEREMIAH 18:8-10

[8]If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
[9]And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;
[10]If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.
BUT IF THEY DO NOT!

JEREMIAH 22
[13]Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, **and his chambers by wrong**; **that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;**

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Your Window Has Now Become A Door

Susan Cummings

Greetings,

The Lord has given me a word for Gods' people, through experiences that have happened to us this week.

We have come through a time of testing, sickness, and waiting. During this time, the Lord brought forth circumstances that we could not stop nor alter, but had to acknowledge that we were in His Hands. We just had to trust and leave the outcome to His Plans.

Our house is over 100 years old in the main part, and has been in need of much repair, but we have had to wait and see what the Lord would bring. It seems that our lives have mirrored the house, as we have waited for years for the promise to come forth. This is the hour that God is opening the door for the long awaited repairs, the new births, the restorations of the waste places, and the Glory to break forth.

We have had a huge bay window that has been literally falling out of its frame, torn out two days ago and a huge sliding glass door put in. It is so big that the installers said, that it is the biggest they have ever put in. Only God knew why He made it that way, but in this word you will see the Lords reasons and see yourself in His Plans.

This whole scenario came about by Gods miraculous provision, and His Grace. As the Lord has aid, our lives are an open book for all to read and for all to grow by, and may our lives be the mirror through which He is seen!

This whole week has been one of trials and struggle, but through which this word is birthed forth, will be the answer to many who will read this.

Your Window Has Now Become A Door

Your window which has been torn out today, has now become a great door through which I will enter but also through which you will now go forth. For you have stood waiting upon Me, and have watched and waited and longed for this hour in which lies before thee. You have many times, became despondent over the seeming slowness of My response, but you never walked away from Me.

That is why through the tests, you have stood, because of your love for Me. It is that love that has kept you until this hour. It is that love that is your foundation and your strength. It is that love that has brought you each day, further into understanding. I take note of this. For I look to see who is searching for Me. I look to see who is calling after Me and who reaches out in spite of their failures and humanness.

What you thought was only a dream or a fantasy is actually what I have brought you into. I told you that I would bring you forth. I told you that you would stand and see this day come. I told you that I AM more than enough for you. It is I that lives within you. It is I that has brought you up to this point, even in the darkness that has been your constant buffeter. I know what you suffer and what you endure, for I laid your course.

The time has come to change your direction. The window has now become a door of opportunity for you. My Word is true, and I will do through you all that I have shown you. It is time. It is the hour for you to stand. It is the day of your release, but not only that, it is the day of new understandings. I AM opening your eyes and your ears.

I will show you what you have not discerned, and you will see why I have taken this long to break forth through thee. I AM always moving. I AM always perfecting that which concerns you. I AM always working out My Promises in your life, as you follow Me. Do not doubt, but believe. Do not think that all will remain as you see it now, for suddenly it will be new, for the old is passing away, even as surely as this night that I come to you.

For I have said that I am breaking forth. It is true. I am breaking forth, and you must boldly walk forth into the new areas that will open before you. Do not fear the path, but fear Me. For I Am the Lord your God, that keepeth thee. I AM faithful to you, you see. Nothing is impossible for Me. For I hold time and eternity, and have wrought all things and birthed them forth from Me.

Give Me your hand, and move now. Reach forth, and take the handle of the door and step forth. What was barred and latched closed, is now opening for thee. For I have determined My Justice for thee. I have already given you the scroll and the keys. It is time for you to begin to speak as I direct thee. All is in readiness, all is in order, all is laid out before thee.

What I have shown you through this event, is what I am doing within you and to those who are to be sent. You are an example for all to read, as your life has been given to those who are in need. What I work within you, is what I will bring forth through them, and all that is seen is what I have ordained. For you are included in My Body, and what I do in you, I do in them, and all that is yours, have I also given unto them. For all partake of Me, and all partake of each other, as I AM formed within the brethren.

Transparency is what I desire and truth on the inward hearts. It is the key to the door that lies before thee. That which you have laid before Me, I have both seen and have heard, and what you have given to Me, I will surely birth. Take no thought for these offerings, for I will surely move, trust Me with your course, and now onward move.

Within My hands are the offerings you have given, and all that is within them is seed sown for the nations. For every sacrifice that you sow, comes forth from within, and is issued forth from My Spirit that resides within. Life begets life. What is given will go forth. What has been sown will now live again.

Each vision that dies is sown unto Me, when given with a heart of humility. My eyes have seen the deaths that you have endured and have allowed to consume the root and the fruit. For I placed that desire within your heart, for I knew this day that has now come, would only come as you walked this course. For all that is given and left upon My altars, is held in My Hands, and given to My Father.

The vision will no longer tarry, nor will it falter, for the time has come for the vision to live. The window that you have stood before for so long, has now become the door through which you will now be flung. Do not fear, that pace at which you will now run, for it is ordained by the Father and the Son. You will run upon the heights and run with the Son, and in your hands will be the fire of the Lord. Your heart will break with the passion of My Heart, as the issues pour forth, it will set many fires a start. Do not fear the day, for this is the hour for which you were born. Many will run with you, as you follow My Son.

Suddenly, it will come, as one day dawns upon the other, but you will be bold, and will not care as the path narrows. For your eyes are set upon the course and you will run with the Fiery Hosts. Chariots of Fire have been released in the earth, for my servants to ride, as they ascend to My Throne. Come up Here, and receive! For now, will I surely release My Word through thee, which has been tempered and refined in the fires of My Holiness. Great fires will be ignited as you obey My Voice, and touch My people, and give your life away. For I have called you to pour forth all that is within you, and to see My People raised up and awakened to their destinies.

Great trials are already begun, in this hour of travail. Men are awakening to the shaking and the changing world, but have not chosen to acknowledge that I AM. My People will reveal Me, as they run with My Word, and men will know that it is Me that they have withstood. For I require blood for all that has been shed. Justice has cried out and will be repaid. All that is not given unto Me will now be weighed and reaped.

This is the day to which you are called. I am raising up many who will stand as you do, and who will not bend nor bow, but who will run with My Word, and freely give to those who hunger after Me. Great darkness will envelop the lands and the seas, but all who trust in Me, will stand in My Light and will see. All that is Mine, is hidden In Me.

My Word is the lamp that will go before thee, and cause you to burn and run with My Fire ignited within thee, and great will be the fields through which I will pass through, as My Vessels of Glory shine forth with My Glorious Hues.

Look, with new eyes, and trust what I show thee. Do not doubt, but trust Me. For surely this Word will be heard and seen, as My Own stand up across the Land, and move forth as I have spoken unto thee. For the eyes of My Spirit hath rested upon thee, and have caused you to now walk in new liberty. For the Spirit of Truth will now illuminate thee. And all who hunger and thirst after Me. For that is the door that now stands open before thee.

My Truth is the only Door through which men can walk and truly enter into Me. For My Blood atoned for all who would seek, and all who would cry out for liberty. Great now, is the Door that is fully released and through which I will come forth, as a Fire burning upon those who have bent their knees. For I come to those who have tarried and have obeyed Me.

Listen, and look, and mark what I have said, for even in the dreams which I have spoken to you upon your bed, are nothing compared to what I will now do, for all is in readiness, for those who will choose. This is the time to step through that door and never look back, or remember the score. For all is removed and accounted to you as faith, if you will say yes, and embrace your race.

So, arise, with My wind upon your face, and cast yourself into My embrace, and run with Me, as I show forth My Grace. I am removing the veil from your face, and with open eyes you will behold My Face, and will reflect My Glory, as you step into My day. It is the day of My Voice and My Works, as I show Myself through my handiworks. The heavens do declare My Glory, and so do the seas, but all that I have held back will be seen through My Jewels who are now thrown forth from Me.

“That which was, and that which is, and that which is to come, now shall be, for now the Father will be glorified through thee.” These words have I spoken unto thee. These words have I burned into thee. These words are what I will do, and what men will see. For I will be seen in the earth and in My Vessels in this hour, and I will be Glorified and will reap that which is Mine. For it is time.

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You Will Know Me

Bill Burns

August 1, 2005: Are you not My children? I have spoken it to you, and it is written in the Holy Scriptures. You, My Beloved, are about to enter a new season of divine restoration in which you will experience great joy and absolute liberty of My peace. In the days ahead, I shall continually lift you into the heavenly place and set your feet in the Valley of Vision, and I shall cause you to walk in the cool of the Garden with Me again. It is My desire that you know Me, that you know My voice, that you know My touch, that you know My love, My peace, and My joy. A father loves his children, and I have loved you with a heart that burns with zeal, for I am a jealous God who is jealous for you. Would you now become jealous for Me, says the Lord? In these days, I shall walk with you as never before, and I shall speak to you with greater clarity than before, and I shall open your eyes wider than before, for these are the days of revealed glory as I manifest among My children the greatness of My kingdom. I have desired this Day and the coming of the Day of Christ that I might pour out My Spirit upon you in such a magnitude of glory that you will no longer be troubled by the things of the world or abide in anxiety or fear. You will know Me to such an extent that nothing will hinder you, says the Lord. Rise up now in faith and enter in to My throne room.

Marsha Burns

August 1, 2005: My children, you have come to My table where I have supplied the great delicacies of the revelation of My word, and you have hungrily eaten and yet have not become full. You are still hungry for new delights. But, now is the time to indulge again in things you have already tasted. You did not eat to the full satisfaction or get the full revelation of some of what I have given you. I will take you back to places that you need to reconsider. Do not think of this as regression, but know that there is more understanding to be gleaned in this place of greater maturity.

Beloved, do not become mired in regret for things that might have been or could have been that were not. Refuse to allow the hopelessness and sorrow that follows regret to gain a stronghold in your life. Today is a new day in which you will move forward. You cannot fix that which has caused you to grieve. Rise up, put off the sackcloth and ashes of mourning, and move bravely and boldly into the future. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

August 2, 2005: The sound of your praise will set up a spiritual atmosphere that will make the enemy flee. You underestimate the power of your worship. Rise up in the power of praise and declare the glory of your God! Rejoice in the benefits of the kingdom and in your eternal destiny. Be done with grumbling and complaining and, instead of looking at what is wrong in your life, express thanksgiving in all things. *Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.*

August 3, 2005: Do not be dismayed or lose heart at the breakdowns you are experiencing. Your tendency is to get overwhelmed with trying to repair all that is broken, but I tell you, take one thing at a time and be led by My Spirit, says the Lord. There are things that need to be dealt with before you can go progress. There is spiritual significance to what is happening to you in the physical realm. Come away from the turmoil and confusion and quiet your soul in My presence to receive instruction. *Ecclesiastes 3:3b A time to break down, And a time to build up.*

August 4, 2005: Don't be surprised when you suddenly gain insight and clarity that will help you make decisions that have heretofore evaded you. You are being released into greater understanding and vision, which will actually remove hindering elements that have kept you from taking the next step. Don't be afraid to make decisions, for I am with you to give you wisdom and to guide you, says the Lord. Be bold!

August 5, 2005: When breakthrough begins it will be sudden and will be like a dam breaking allowing the flow of the Spirit to once again have His way in your life. And, I say, that breakthrough is imminent. You will be greatly relieved and refreshed like a great rain ending the drought. It will also be like waking up from a dream, and difficult days will soon be forgotten. This iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant. (Isaiah 30:13). Believe and rejoice. Liberty is yours!

Zacchaeus Come Down to Love

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At such time as this, Christians cannot spiritually survive without humility! In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encouraged blessed are the meek and in many other places, the Holy Scriptures wisely advise to walk humbly with your God, even to seek lowliness, and be clothed with humility towards others. Now our Lord was famed for His matchless strength of character, so similarly humility is not being like a doormat, nor is it about repetitive self-degradation. True humility, an unequivocal necessity for a Christian, is demonstrated by practicing utter reliance on our Almighty! Living in a constant awareness of one's own need for His unconditional mercy! Goes without saying, what spiritual paupers we all are without the daily grace of God extended to each of us! I will divulge three secrets for remaining humble, for not being wise in one's own eyes: remembering one's very breath is sustained from above; living not by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God; and continual asking our Omniscient One for wisdom!

A Divine light of insight illuminated the account of Zacchaeus as one such exhortation about humility and the perils of pride. In Luke 19, we read...

Luke 19:1-10 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see Him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' " But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Zacchaeus the zealot for Jesus, been a common recollection. Indeed, his admirable eagerness to meet Christ be a powerful lesson in itself and should spur us to seek His face with such ardor! Really wanting to see someone is akin to saying that they well worth getting to know better! What an understatement of our Lord and how true! In preparation for a bird's eye view, Zacchaeus expending valiant energy was rewarded, as he won personal attention from the God Almighty of the universe! However, upon reflection, surmising it was more than just curiosity and even more than his small stature that drove Zacchaeus up the sycamore tree. I offer for further consideration that possibly pride may have fueled his fire, fanning the flame of his ulterior motivation to make sure he stood out in a multitude of onlookers!

In this passage of Scripture, what we first learn of Zacchaeus is his occupation as a chief tax collector, which indicates he held a place of influence and wielded authority. With him being described as wealthy. we are also given a glimpse into his well-to-do lifestyle. And since tax collectors of that day were known to be extortionists, we can assume Zacchaeus had long lived deluded into believing that true prosperity meant getting richer and richer at the unjust expense of others and even by oppressing the poor! As was he extremely deceived to presume he could carry on in his cunning ways without any form of retribution, be it from earth or from above. He understood not that his fraudulent tenure was a premonition for his eventual deposing and of looming constraints on his own coffers! Living on a shoestring budget may be to keep the believer humble and dependent on God, however some, not all, financial troubles are because of carnal living. Sin will lead to a thin pocketbook! Zacchaeus' seeming success and increasing luxury had enshrouded his morals, blinded him with greed, and made reverting to more honorable, but less lucrative business procedures totally unenticing. His good judgment was dulled to the fact that candor counts much higher in God's book than Zacchaeus' fudged collection ledger could ever number. Even though character holds far more everlasting value than fleeting mammon, for some the love of money, the mountain of materialism, and the vivaciousness of vainglory override the eternal treasure of maintaining one's integrity.

Zacchaeus' riches could also have referred to an overabundance of self-righteousness which was what erroneously railroaded him in attempting to re-establish his tarnished creditability. As dubbed in the community gathering, the people already had lowered the disdaining societal status boom upon him calling him a sinner and even he himself implied that he had cheated unsuspecting citizens. Incidentally, the consequences of willful sinning against God and others be manifold. Two certain, swift results include a convicted, guilty conscience and a bad reputation! In dealing with both issues, one would feel very downcast, depressed, and defensive. Unconfessed sin, not to mention continual and intentional rebellion would drag one spiritually low, deflating one's self-esteem and squelching one's self-respect. Brokenness and reverent repenting obviously the wise and only right responses. Though in a futile last ditch effort, some do take the high-minded road of pride, attempting to justify themselves and prove they are indeed righteous, despite the blatantly bad fruit in their life that been witnessed. They want to feel better about themselves, so In order to save face, they scheme to raise themselves up in the eyes, in the estimation of others somehow, even if only by physical elevation. Exactly what Zacchaeus did! As the townspeople would have watched him shinny up and perch himself above them, he climbed atop a fig tree trying to redeem himself in their sight! Knowing that in public he had a bad name, he was more than likely weighted down by heavy burdens of personal shame and disrepute. So his being higher up in altitude than the crowd would have given him a false sense of superiority, of a superficial liberty! Striving to regain the favor of men, forced him to go to vicarious heights to do such vanity and almost prevented him from meeting his Savior!

Same goes for those in the world and even for some believers who deem themselves to be wealthy in righteousness, while at the same time, they deflect the spotlight to the sins of neighbors and to a diversity of supposedly grandiose injustices. All to distract from taking responsibility for their actions. They claim to be Christian, yet in superficial piety they flee from cultivating a deeper personal, life-transforming relationship with Jesus and from meeting Him face-to-face in the secret place of prayer! Rather than racing to see Christ, they run in the opposite direction to avoid His piercing eyes of conviction that compel them out of their spiritual complacency and self-sufficiency. These carnal states of mind only cement their unwillingness to change habitual ways and entrench their obstinate refusal to come down from their self-exalted tree. They chafe at any correction, instead of responding in gratitude for being shown the truly Higher road. They balk at humbly asking for forgiveness and buck being upheld by the victory of our Lord's crucifixion on the Tree of all trees, the Cross of Calvary!

Having surely heard Jesus' standards of righteousness, am certain Zacchaeus was already feeling Divine pressure and thus viewed the tree as his scapegoat of albeit brief relief to get out from under such persistent prodding to reform. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, though seemingly only at a comfortable, non-confrontational distance! As our Lord Jesus taught, the Kingdom of righteousness is within the human spirit, yet Christians and non-Christians alike try to elude our Omnipresent God who can speak absolutely anywhere to their very hearts!

While probably much to Zacchaeus' surprise, he gained the indescribable blessing and privilege of fellowship with the King of kings, he actually first garnered more of a rebuke! Though at a quick glance and because of the grace in Christ's words, it may not seem like a reprimand at all! In Luke 19:5 we read:

Luke 19:5 When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

This sounds more like a stern command of Jesus than a congenial invitation to supper! Am deducing His calling down Zacchaeus was urgently necessary, as pictures of gangly looking sycamore trees boast only lofty branches. The law of gravity requires no testing, guaranteeing that the higher one climbs, the harder and more life-threatening their earthy spread-eagle would be. So it is feasible to assume that Christ clearly recognized the completely unaware Zacchaeus to be in imminent danger of physically tumbling from his self-promoted position. Prideful people surely do raise themselves to proverbial places for which they have neither God's anointing, nor spiritual maturity, nor experiential knowledge to support themselves and their shallow roots. In their craving for the spotlight, they end up out on a shaky limb, seeing not that their folly is openly revealed. So as pride goes before a fall, would certainly seem Jesus was speedily trying to spare Zacchaeus both personal harm and unnecessary public humiliation. Had a branch broken or in his overconfidence he lost his footing, sending him in the blink of an eye to the ground, Zacchaeus could have incurred serious injury and possibly hurt those standing nearby. Plus him landing with a noisy thud in a groaning, bewildered heap, as such a prominent Visitor passed through, would have earned him more ridicule and been further embarrassment in front of a crowd who already despised him! Hence, if a rebuke seems rather authoritative and directive, heed it at all costs! Remember that obedience to our Omniscient God is not optional! Reproofs are Providentially timed, sent to preserve your person, your peace, and your prize of Divine presence!

Maybe the intensity with which our Lord spoke to Zacchaeus was to ensure he got the seriousness of His message in that moment! Christ's word of choice "immediately" and am sure His tone of voice would have implied instant adherence or else dire consequences! Jesus had been specifically sent to minister to Zacchaeus, so now that He was right there, no time would be wasted. Zacchaeus could either obey and be brought closer to King Jesus or he could rebel and be left fending his own battles. Christ Jesus would not linger with someone unreceptive, so He gave Zacchaeus His undivided attention to help him make the most of his appointment!

Even of more significance, our Lord would have keenly discerned that in the fig tree, highfaluting Zacchaeus was actually exalting himself in defense of his being conscience-stricken and bearing the stigma of a bad reputation. Jesus would have also known that Zacchaeus probably foolishly thought if he put himself out of reach, he could then at least temporarily escape even the Most High's Hand of discipline and the subsequent need for a complete overhaul of his ethics. Now to Zacchaeus' credit, his instant obedience, reaffirms and even overshadows his renown zeal! The Holy Scriptures forever record that...

Luke 19:6 So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly.

Practicing to joyfully obey God Most High is surely another winsome nugget to well remember from this account! Zacchaeus' quick humble submission shows his reverence that Christ was One who spoke to him with true unquestionable authority from on High! A majestic regality not to be resisted, nor challenged in the least. Fears of manipulation and ill will did not appear to cross his mind, as they would have been completely unfounded anyhow. Zacchaeus' intuition must have told him he could trust such commanding instruction from this Jesus. Obviously, insubordination to our Lord of the universe should be rightly unthinkable and this was certainly what Zacchaeus needed to learn, as do multitudes in the world and in the church today, especially in positions of leadership! To comprehend that power and the facade of control through riches do not give them unlimited license to live above any and all laws, but rather they should uphold them. True authority comes only as bestowed from heaven and is maintained through good stewardship and close-knit Divine communion! Zacchaeus' placement was to be a trustworthy overseer, helping to prevent and punish any fraud, not to be a gloating perpetrator of extortion. So just as Zacchaeus, as a chief tax collector, was suppose to supervise and discipline those he led, he arrogantly forgot that Someone greater than he, the Sovereign Almighty, could and would dethrone his racketeering reign. Zacchaeus' loveless rebellion would have wreaked havoc and seemingly was causing a bitter uprising that was heard in the high skyward courts! Be forewarned those at the church helm and in ministries, when God's People grieve under legalistic pastor-ships, He surely tunes His ear to their pleas!

In his sycamore tree solitude Zacchaeus could have been actually taking refuge from the crowd that was probably loudly nattering against his presence. Hence, his making such a compelling descent from his lonely perch! Zacchaeus was gladly coming down to the neighbourly love that Jesus had expressed towards him! Our Lord acknowledged him personally by name and demonstrated a sincere willingness to fellowship with him, which must have astonished him! Though Zacchaeus was a shady tax collector, he still had an as yet unsatiated thirst for love and more so due to his proud, insolent induced alienation! In any case, Christ knew that Zacchaeus needed a huge outpouring of unconditional acceptance. All the more, to follow our Lord's selfless example in how He altruistically interacted with people. He affirmed their very person and got into eye-to-eye contact with them in their trying circumstance. He was, what I describe as confrontationally compassionate! Jesus didn't mince words, giving stern admonishments, where essential, meant to promote His ultimate abundant life that will flow profusely with wholehearted adherence to Him! Whether it be because of sin or situation, to those that were downtrodden, Christ surely showed gracious kindness and mercy, as He did to a solitary, seeking Zacchaeus.

Notice that in obeying Jesus, Zacchaeus hesitated not one iota! He didn't procrastinate, nor formulate good excuses, nor respond with a deluge of catty remarks, nor suspicious questions of his own, such as why did Jesus choose him and not someone else? or what would He of him once Zacchaeus disembarked from his tree house? Pride will make some people combative, belligerent, and resistant to love, but not Zacchaeus, his heart was too thirsty! He didn't indifferently brush off a sincere invitation to love, and nor did he pretend to ignore an unfathomable privilege of a lifetime! Zacchaeus instinctively knew that there was something radically different about this poignant Stranger! Instead of proud and negative retorts, with simple, yet wise submission, Zacchaeus gladly and respectfully received the King of kings, who had accepted him unconditionally. In doing so, am certain Zacchaeus had already realized that Jesus wasn't just inviting Himself for a mere supper, but was beckoning and urging him to a whole new way of truly righteous and fulfilled living! Our Lord's love is what made Zacchaeus so willing to bow to a reformation that would do him good!

So duly recognize that putting off repentance and obedience to Divine leading will postpone the manifest jubilant Presence, favor, and freedom of our Almighty for one to readily enjoy! Untold blessings left unwrapped, undiscovered, and restored self-worth made elusive, all because of ego. How much better to put off the shackles of pride, than senselessly avoiding such bliss and liberating release, awaiting in the wings!

Was only right for the townsfolk to be bitter towards Zacchaeus. He being the community criminal, who won the audience of the All Wise God! We read of these perplexed people:

Luke 19:7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'"

Though they had good reason to mutter, their murmuring actually indicates they were as self-righteous as Zacchaeus started out to be! The people seemingly presumed themselves to be less sinful than him and esteemed themselves more worthy to host this prestigious, miracle-performing Christ! As they were openly grumbling about Zacchaeus being such a lowly sinner, their evident envy and offense spotlighted their own sanctimony! Rather they should have rejoiced that Jesus was going to meet with him and set his crooked ways aright! Yet blinded by their own snobbery, they knew not that they were in as much desperate need of the true Savior, as Zacchaeus was! Am certain our Lord well discerned the vain gloriousness of the crowd. Many, like the Pharisees, would have welcomed Him into their home only for notoriety's sake with absolutely no intention of wholeheartedly following Him, nor continuing to obey His teachings after He had left. They selfishly sought a societal momentary praise of men, being oblivious to beholding the enduring glory of the Messiah in their midst! Their complacency in temporal pleasures made them dull to truly hearkening unto eternal truths and timeless treasures!

This next verse implies that Zacchaeus could hear his jealous jeerers muttering that he was without question a sinner. We read in...

Luke 19:8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

The word "But" seems a sharp and double-edged sword. One side cutting to the very core of the contention, Zacchaeus' fraudulent business practices of which his God-given conscience had already perceived as unethical. In my opinion, this word "But" is Zacchaeus' unspoken acknowledgment that what the communal jury said about him was indeed true. To the captive people, he didn't contest, but confessed to having lorded financial oppression over them and was identifying with the hardship he had caused them. Then on the other side of the sword, Zacchaeus boldly stood up to defend himself, as if to say he really did know the difference between right and wrong. This begs the question why? Since Zacchaeus had a sense of morality to begin with, why did he stray from higher ethics? Suffice it to say that maybe because of his small stature, he felt insecure within himself. In his life, he had probably been provoked a lot and mistreated by condescending people, which would have magnified his inferiority, thus spurring him into power tripping and the limelight of the wealthy and maybe even into legalistic politics. He may have experienced much unjust rejection. So in his wounded ness and to feel better about himself, even to make others think more highly of him, Zacchaeus turned to the love of money and materialism to obtain substitutes for what he was missing. He could have been trying to fill the deep relational void in his heart with money and trying to impress his counterparts with wealthy accolades. His recourse for being mocked because of his height that he could do nothing about, may have been manipulation of the tax system. As multitudes do with similar and many other physical fixes, vain activities, and vengeful schemes, Zacchaeus could have been attempting to get redemption for past hurts. Perhaps, his emotional need for gaining approval and vindication overcame his scruples. He erroneously assumed that power and wealth gave him opportunity to be his own judge, living by his own rules, and fulfilling his own interests. Yet instead of finding greater self-worth and true love, the corruption of his morals ate away at his community connections and made him even more despised and an empty hearted outcast, feeling invisible. This goes to show that whether in Bible times or in present day, obviously, breaking the laws of the land and the Divine law of love isn't the right way to go about seeking justice, nor quenching one's thirst for social acceptance and meaningful relationships.

Again, why did Zacchaeus stray away from what he knew to be truly right? The answer I believe is because of his identity that seemed rooted in the variance of the temporal, such as on his finite self and his fickle feelings, on the vainglory of society, on his outward appearance, and on his wealth. Zacchaeus based his personal value so heavily on what others thought of him, that he would do anything, even going to unjust monetary lengths to increase his showmanship. This put him on a worrisome, stomach-turning, nonstop rollercoaster ride finding only fleeting superficial highs and disorienting lonely lows. Many others like Zacchaeus need to know that their significance does not come from people, nor from the abundance of what one may possess, nor should it be affected by what one doesn't have. Zacchaeus didn't find acceptance, so he conformed to the elite world around him, which wasn't working either.

Jesus surely appeared on the scene to enlighten all that every person is a priceless good gift despite the bad choices they may have made. One's identity comes from being made in the very image of God to carry out His loving goodness! Each one of us is created in Christ Jesus to do good works that God has prepared in advance for us to do. People lose their self-respect and the respect of others when they don't do the good that they were foreordained to do! Zacchaeus may well have been a sincere do gooder yet still been rejected, which may have hardened him and made him think that he could rise above the law too, even though Divine good is the highest road to stay on! His insecurity about his personal value led to his shifty moral standards. He let self and society's vain measuring stick override his God-given conscience!

Nonetheless, we find Zacchaeus defending his obvious change of heart. He could have jumped up to try and downplay, even deny his cunning tax customs. He was quick on his feet, so could have made a run for it, instead of taking responsibility for the grief others endured at his hand. Yet since meeting his loving Lord, Zacchaeus now too, was filled with the same kind mercies and was no longer controlled by his selfish ambition, nor hiding behind his hurt and vain pride! In his bid to prove his renewed benevolence and more importantly to please the present Christ, Zacchaeus was eager to show his inward, truly indelible transformation and did even better by leaping into immediate action, repaying generous restitution to those he had swindled. Thus, redeeming and vindicating himself in front of his reproachers!

Under the mighty Hand of God, Zacchaeus had humbled himself by coming down from his self-righteous tree and because of his repentance he was lifted up, being regrafted into the True Vine of approval. The dignity that he had strived for was instantly granted to him, as Zacchaeus' obedience helped restore his reputation among these very people in his hometown. Now not just deeds brought him back into the favor of God and men, but also and more significantly, it was his kind heart that re-warmed others up to him! They and Jesus could see that Zacchaeus was motivated by neighbourly love! Self-righteous deeds are done for the promotion of self and bear the fruit of pride and folly, whereas Divinely applauded good deeds are done for the benefits of others and bear the fruit of wisdom and love to the glory of God! Glorifying Him is our purpose in life and is certainly redemptive!

In the last verse of this humility parable, the Scriptures exhort...

Luke 19:9-10 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Again to his credit, Zacchaeus continued to immediately obey Jesus, drawing His personal and direct commendation, plus much needed spiritual reaffirmation. In the verse above, Christ saying "this man, too,..." strongly implies that the infamously and supposedly incorrigible Zacchaeus had been previously deemed beyond salvation by the crowd. Take this to dear heart that, generally speaking, no one is ever out of the reach of Jesus, of His love, and of His saving power! As in one moment, a malevolent Zacchaeus was miraculously reconfigured from a dejected sinner into a son of Abraham in whom all nations would be blessed! Oh what an indescribable promotion!

Our Lord discerned He could trust a new-hearted Zacchaeus in his financial post with his true authority restored. Zacchaeus would not only conduct his business in a way that would bring bliss to the people of the land, but also he would share his faith of eternal salvation, transcending peace, and fullness of life that he had discovered in Christ! His now honest tax collecting procedures would be Divine in the sense that his integrity would promote trust within his township. As other tax collectors followed suit after their chief and reformed their shady practices too, rippling effects of tranquility would as well be experienced in nearby areas. Certainly, our Lord Most High commands His blessing where brethren dwell together in unity!

As a chief tax collector, Zacchaeus was Providentially and specifically given a leadership position with the potential, whether positively or negatively, to influence multitudes. However, instead of doing good by upholding the laws of the land, he blatantly abused the power that had been bestowed upon him and took advantage of others, most likely including the poor. In addition, he probably corrupted his subordinate tax collectors, making money off them. In doing so, he lost a lot more than what he thought he was profiting, as without him noticing, his Divine favor was revoked for good reason. Zacchaeus' ethical compass had gone awry and long left callously unadjusted. Him being his own navigator hardened by sin, pride, and mammon. This led to the waning and eventual evaporation of both his self-respect and public dignity. He held a place of authority to bless many people, yet he did the opposite, so he was reaping just repercussions, especially social ostracizing! To a community that had lost its camaraderie, one might say that Jesus showed up just in the nick of time to avert a town mutiny against their chief tax collector! Christ finding Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree was no small coincidence, but was a foreordained appointment for a lost man in his miserly monopoly!

Jesus calling Himself the "Son of Man" conveys His compassionate identification with humankind when indeed they strive to regain their lost self-respect and struggle to re-establish their peer dignity, especially in their moral decline, ostentaciousness, social alienation and overall spiritual depravity. Christ sees through their pretentious smokescreens and flaky facade, understanding that they thirstily seek for unconditional love; sincere, meaningful relationships; and the truly high life found in Him! Our Lord also certainly knew what it felt like to do good yet even still to be mocked, rejected, scourged, and forsaken! People persecuting us with their cantankerous words is only a taste of Jesus' sufferings as He was crucified to bear our very griefs and sorrows! Look into those passionate eyes of Christ Jesus who seeks you out and allow Him to melt your pride that is well worth losing! A great exchange for being ushered more closely into His powerful presence! Whatever you have lost, be it love, liberty, lowliness and or loftiness, you will surely find at the feet of our Lord Jesus!

Zion Ablaze

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God called Abraham out of Ur, in the Chaldees and gave him a promise. He called him to leave one place in search of another. The transition thus involved two elements - a promise and a cost. All promises involve cost. Abraham went searching "for a city whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). His eyes were on Zion.

Zion, though being an actual hill in Jerusalem and the location of David's tabernacle, also became analogous to the City of God. It was a poetic term, a point of focus in the Old Testament for promises fulfilled. It was the "code word" for the Church. John says the Bride is the City of God descending from above (Rev. 21:9). What about the Bridegroom?

Pictures of Jesus

What is your view, what is your image of Jesus? Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, holding a lamb over His forearm. or crucified Jesus, weeping on the cross for your sins. or religiously clad Jesus preaching a sermon from the hillside. ? All these are valid, reasonable and far short of the Jesus you and I will meet in heaven.

John knew Jesus better than anyone. In his old age, he met the resurrected and glorified Jesus. His eyes are full of fire, His feet were like burning bronze. He looked like He had been "refined in a fire" (Rev. 1:7). John the Baptist introduced Him that way - as a Man who would baptise us in the Holy Spirit and with fire! (Matt. 3:11,12), and in Whose hand a winnowing fork is grasped.

So we are Zion, the City of God, the Bride and here is our flaming lover, with fire in His eyes. Look! Here comes the Father of the Bridegroom, what do you imagine Him to be like? The One who will preside over the wedding of the Lamb? He will shake the heavens, and the earth. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken, for He (also) is a consuming fire (Heb. 12:26-29). Sounds like a "hot" wedding!

Understanding Zion

There are 160 references to Zion in Scripture. Many of them are literal references to the Mount in Jerusalem. But about half are allegorical. They speak of the City of God, the Church resplendent, and waiting for the coming King. Scripture adjures us to consider her, to look for her.

"Your eyes will see the King in his beauty; they will behold a land that stretches far away. In that day your mind will muse on the terror" (Isa. 33:17,18). The day of terror - that's our day. Your eyes will see a land far off and there you will. "Look on Zion, the city of our appointed festivals!" (Isa. 33:20). In this day of terrorism, in this day of war and rumor of war, our eyes should be straining for Zion. Yes in the midst of battle God prepares a banquet for his beloved.

On the way to worship

Baca is the name of a valley near Jerusalem. It was the 'valley of weeping' for it was lined with tombs of the deceased. Psalm 84 gives us a very powerful description of a person forced to go through a time of weeping, of dryness, of thirst who finds God. His tears are turned to pools or wells to draw water from. He goes from strength to strength, until he comes to Zion. "Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion" (Psa. 84:5-7).

Happy are those who pass through weeping. Secure are those who see terrorism. Their hearts are established on Zion. They can be sustained in the place of dryness because they have found the Source. They are on a journey, they are heading for the promise, they are paying the price. They are embracing the cost, and sing, "Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King" (Psa. 48:1,2).

But there is more to that story than first meets the eye. Keep reading, and a disturbing connection is made. "Let Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments" (Psa. 48:11). Wait a minute! The destination is the wedding, the object, Zion. now here is the price paid by those on this pilgrimage. They must endure judgment. Remember Jesus, "who looked like he had been refined in a fire". So does His bride!

Rejoice because of judgment

There enters now, a very difficult thought. Judgment is something to be rejoiced about. Judgment is a good thing. Just read that sentence again - the word judgment and the word good should not be in the same sentence! Yet there they are.

David wrote something more difficult, "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psa. 19:9,10 NJKV).

Judgment is to be desired more than fine gold. It refines the soul of a man, and that is more valuable than riches. God sits as a refiner, and takes us through the fire again and again, until we shine like burning bronze - just like His Son (Mal. 3:3).

He wants a perfect Bride

God's eye is on us, and our eye is on Him, seated in Zion. Our vision, like Abraham's, is cast upon a City whose builder and maker is God. We are sojourning, on a pilgrimage. On this journey we will face bitterness, walk the valley of Baca, and be refined.

"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. Our God shall come and not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous around Him" (Psa. 50:2,3 NKJV). God is in the house, a devouring fire and a mighty tempest. It is hard to stand in such an environment - but it creates the perfection of beauty, the beloved out of whom God shines forth!

Remember the Father of the Bridegroom? He is a "consuming fire", and here Isaiah tells us He is a "devouring fire". Devouring what, pray tell? "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: I will now refine and test them, for what else can I do with my sinful people?" (Jer. 9:7). He is devouring sin, He is stripping away flesh; He is making perfect.

Keep your eyes on the prize

There is one member of the Trinity we have not considered yet. Is He too, like these others? What is the Holy Spirit doing during all of this? "Whoever is left in Zion. will be called holy. the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a Spirit of judgment and by the Spirit of burning." (Isa. 4:4,5). Oh dear, He's fire too!

He is the Spirit of judgment, refining His people; the Spirit of burning, removing bloodstain and sickness. It is this Spirit with which we are baptised. As John clearly said, Jesus brings a baptism of fire! As an aside, have you ever wondered why there are three baptisms? The water for death of the flesh, the Spirit for making alive the spirit of a man and the fire. the fire is for the soul of a man.

Here then, is the cost. "Whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it." (Matt. 10:38,39). The word "life" translated here is psuche - otherwise translated soul. We must take up the cross, and die, losing our soulish life and rights.

But keep your eye on the reason we are doing this. "Then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Over all the glory there will be a covering [canopy]" (Isa. 4:5 NKJV). In Zion, there is glory.

Over every home, a manifest God, presented in glory. Over every assembly, every congregation there will be a canopy of glory. There will be a glorious, triumphant Church in the midst of the darkness of the end times. Yes, eating from the banqueting table, in the midst of her enemies.

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